

West Point Association of Graduates



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1958 CLASS NOTES

Wallace Ward Still Going Strong Marching Back 20 Years

8/15/2019



In 20 years of March Backs, **Wallace Ward** has seen it all. In the beginning, the march was 15 miles, now 20 years later it is only 12. Over the years it has moved from taking place in the middle of the night to starting in the morning. There has been rain and thunderstorms that soaked and threatened the marchers. There was a hamstring injury that slowed him down but couldn't stop him.

No matter the obstacle, the distance or the weather, since members of the Long Gray Line were invited to the March Back 20 years ago Wallace Ward has completed every single one. This year as he stepped off from Camp Buckner before dawn with India Company, Ward, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in the Class of 1958, earned the distinction of being the oldest graduate to participate in the annual tradition. He first joined the March Back at 67 and now aged 87 he once again walked the entire

way from start to finish.

"I come back to March Back every year because I love to run," Ward said. "I've participated in 10 marathons and one ultramarathon that was 62 miles. I have been running and walking all my life so when they said they wanted people to hike back with the plebes I thought that was a great opportunity since I love being outside running and walking."

The decision brought him full circle as it was running that first introduced Ward to West Point. A track athlete in nearby Washingtonville, New York, Ward competed at a regional track meet at West Point as a high schooler. He entered the meet with a single goal - earning the one point he needed to secure his varsity letter for the season -- and determined to do whatever it took to secure it. With the finish line nearby and his goal within reach, Ward dove across the line. His last bit of effort earned him his letter, but it also left shrapnel in his left elbow that has served as a, "reminder of West Point for the rest of my life."

It would prove to be the first of many marks West Point would leave upon him as the track meet set him upon a path that eventually allowed him to enter West Point as a prior service cadet after he was not accepted directly from high school and enlisted in the Army in 1951. "I'd never been to West Point," Ward said of that track meet roughly 70 years ago. "I got there and saw this great fortress over the Hudson River and said, 'Wow, this is fantastic. I'd sure like to be able to go there for school.'"

His time at West Point changed the course of his life after being abandoned along with his brothers in a Brooklyn flat by his mother. They bounced through different foster homes before finding stability and discipline after moving near Washingtonville. West Point continued the process of instilling discipline and helped to keep him from becoming, "a kid in New York, running the streets, stealing and things like that, getting in all kinds of trouble," Ward said.

He retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1979 after a career as an air defense officer. Now 61 years after his graduation from West Point, Ward uses his time with the new class during March Back to encourage them and teach them about the place that means so much to him. "We spend half the time (talking), except when we are going uphill. I always tell them, 'Cut if off, wait until we get to the top of the hill. Then we can resume the conversation,'" Ward said. "When we are walking and having a conversation with the plebes we tell them it is going to be a tough year, stick it out, keep your nose clean and work hard and things will come out alright and you will be proud of the fact you went to West Point."

With 20 years and more than 200 miles of March Backs under his belt, Ward hasn't decided if he'll be back for number 21. He said he will have to, "think about it," before lacing up his sneakers and hiking through the woods with another class seven decades his junior even though he enjoys his time spent with the plebes and talking with them as they traverse the hills. "I get the enthusiasm of going back to West Point every year and seeing that great fortress on the Hudson River, meeting old friends and comrades and enjoying the atmosphere," Ward said of why he has come back for the last 20 years.

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1958 Class Notes

Classmates, wives and widows--

7/11/2019

I am relaxing in Michigan, at the family cottage in Epworth Heights, Ludington. The cottage was in Judy's family. In spite of the fact that my brother-in-law and a cousin Alan Sibert from Raleigh NC were here with me, I am finding it lonely without Judy and her sisters and her parents. I long for the good old days, but that is not to be. Life...

In fact, my sister Kathy and her daughter Elizabeth just arrived! For those who do not remember, our Sibert parents had two children, 16 years apart. My line on this is that our parents had two only children. My sister and I overlapped at home only one year, my senior year at Fayetteville High School with **Robert Higgins**. FHS was near Ft Bragg where our fathers were stationed. Sadly, Bob left Ft Bragg when his father was assigned to Japan. We met up again enroute to West Point in July 1954 when we joined that very special group known as the USMA Class of 1958. Kathy came to live with Judy and me when she was age 11 and soon became our first teenager -- I was a grad student at Princeton getting an MSE in Aeronautical Engineering. Time flies.

Deaths among the 1958 family

7/11/2019

Very sadly, I must begin by citing the deaths of two class wives. The first is **Betty Beyea** who died earlier this year on 30 March. They lived in Alexandria. I thank the trusty B1 CCQ **Dick Price** for providing this sad information. Betty's funeral will be on 6 September at Arlington National Cemetery. No doubt all classmates remember that Betty's husband **Dick Beyea** is a retired Air Force Brigadier General. Watch for details of Betty's funeral at Arlington from Dick Price and/or **Jack Downing** (actually **Terry Connell** is the new notifier of classmate deaths and biurial information). May Betty rest in peace and may Dick find some peace and solice.

The second wife to whom we must sadly bid adieu is **Edna Mae Serchak**. Edna Mae was the wife of our classmate and reitred Army Colonel **Bill Serchak**. Sadly, Edna Mae died on 22 June. Funeral details will be forthcoming. I knew Edna Mae and know their daughter Bridget, a frequent attendee at DC area class functions. Bill is fortunate to have Bridget near to help him with his loss. Many received a very warm email tribute to Edna Mae written by Bill.

Chemistry Department Awards

7/11/2019

Ramsden Award. **Jack Downing** sent an email about the award and other awards from the Chemistry Department. I cannot remember for how many years this award has memorialized our classmate and former head of the department, **Jim Ramsden**, but it was well conceived by Jack when he began this project to memorialize Jim.

I have a short list of subjects to cover in class notes. First and most important is that our EC Chairman **Andy Andreson** had surgery on 19 June. I did let you know that Andy was scheduled, but thought a follow-up was needed. I just called Andy. The surgery on the outer portion of his knee went well. He is home and we chatted on 24 June. With continued good progress, he should make the next class lunch on 18 July. Scribe hopes to see a good gathering at the class lunch -- a chance for many to check on Andy's continued progress and see other classmates/wives.

Reminders & Corrections

7/11/2019

Looked over my list and most subjects were covered last time but here they are again for good luck: **Mike Daley** was added to EC. He now has **Jim Morgan's** tailgate spot for home football games at West Point. Think that I mentioned **Jack May's** 1973 Dino and the "Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Dash" -- this serves as a correction because I had the year of his "dash" incorrect last time.

New items from my list will follow here

7/11/2019

First is that the **Capelle Award** which is now endowed and will continue forever and ever, amen. Next is that the **Perpetual Endowment Fund** is set up for its first major distribution at the 100th in 2058. I do not expect that many of us will be there... smile... but some of our offspring may make it. The distributions will then continue every ten years for a long time as in forever and ever, amen. Our **Time Capsule** will be opened by Class of 2008 at their 50th in 2058. Any questions on our Time Capsule should go to **Jack Downing** well before 2058 while we are still above the grass.

Now that I am caught up, time for some new information. Wish I had some information. If you read this as a plea for your being in contact and providing information, you are correct. Found some new info...

Bob Grete sent an email to the class forum. His grandson Robbie Grete, graduated from West Point, class of 2009, and his granddaughter Alicyn Grete just entered with class of 2023. She is to play softball at West Point.

George Lawton sent me a new address for **Norma Lindquist**: 56 Fairview Station, Hartwell, GA 30643. Her phone number is 706-376-2089. Thanks, George.

Norma also told George about donating Bob's ring to the Ring Melt a few months ago. She could not attend the meltdown at West Point, but their daughter, Debra, flew out from Colorado to attend the festivities as did one of their sons, Karl, from Columbia, SC. Norma took the stone, a Black Star Sapphire, from Bob's ring and incorporated it in a necklace she had crafted for Debra. The kids said the ring melt was a fantastic experience and they were glad they went.

Scribe is sure that all remember that our classmate **Ron Turner** (died 29 April 2013) wrote an article for Assembly in 2002 which began the Ring Melt Program.

Jack Downing has a new class responsibility -- he is in charge of silver plates for our graduating grandchildren. Let him know of any offspring in class of 2022 and beyond. Jack's telephone number is 703-569-2887.

John Brinson is Incredible

7/11/2019

He sent an email with a war story from his first assignment after Airborne and Ranger merit badges. Here is the story: "I arrived in Freidberg Germany in late February 1959, home of 1/32 Armor. I was immediately posted to the Tank Gunnery Ranges operated by the British and Germans in northern Germany. I was there until mid-July and before I left, I went into the target impact area and picked up those two 90mm solid shot rounds that I use as bookends. 24 pound bookends!

John continues: "At night, I went into a nice little town (Celle) with the British officers, and drank myself silly. On the weekends it was into Hamburg, and twice, with 5 days leave to Copenhagen. I was in Copenhagen on 4 July 1959 with a Classmate, sitting by the lake in Tivoli

Gardens, when I heard a marching band in the distance. Soon, here they came, right through the middle of Tivoli, playing the 'Stars and Stripes Forever.' It seems like only yesterday, but it was 50 years ago."

Chances are that if Scribe asked John the classmate's name, he would remember that also. Wonder if the classmate who was with John remembers the band and music?

From the West Point Society of DC email bulletin reminds all in DC of Wounded program -- a fantastic program run by our classmate **Lee Miller**. Quoting from the article, "Tuesday, 30 July, 6:30-8:15 PM, **Wounded Warrior Mentor Program New Mentor and Refresher Training** for the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program at Booz Allen, Tysons Corner (8283 Greensboro Dr, McLean, VA 22102). The mission of the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program (WWMP) is to assist Wounded and Injured Soldiers, including Spouses, to transition to a new productive life and profession using education, internships and jobs as the mantle to accomplish this. The WWMP matches volunteer Mentors with wounded, ill and injured at Walter Reed NMMC and Ft Belvoir as well as other locations around the U.S. Contact Lee Miller if you have any questions at cell 240.620.5019."

Wounded Warriors Mentor Program

7/11/2019

Lee and the Wounded Warriors Mentor Program do great work for wounded vets and their wives! So says your Scribe and many others as well.

An email from **Pete Penczer** is an answer to my prayer for info: "I've sent you a copy of a booklet done by **Bibs Reynard** on how to handle yourself in Army society, etc. It's quite good and concise. She sent it to me when I was scribe and was collecting information of authors among the class and our wives. I thought I should send it on to you. Incidentally, Lynne did write and publish a book on the Portuguese immigrant community. It was derived from her dissertation when she got her Ph.D. in Anthropology from Yale and studied the community here in Bridgeport. It turned out to be generally applicable to the Portuguese immigrant communities even though they didn't all come from north central Portugal, as those here do. It has been well received." Thanks, Pete. For the record, Judy and I introduced Lynne and Pete. Think they beat us to the altar 60 or so years ago... all that happened while we were at Ft Belvoir for the Engineer Basic Course long ago and far away. Actually, the proper name was Engineer Officers Basic Course (EOBC). It truly was long ago...

Must check for other emails, but that will be tomorrow because it is late and I am fighting my computer. And losing the fight.

More Emails

7/11/2019

Back again with an email from **Jim Tilley** which provides interesting data: "18 grandkids and two great grandkids. Finally found something I was good at. Stay well." I am well, but Scribe is far behind in offspring count.

Another answer to prayer, this one **Tom Claffey**: "As noted in yesterday's email and obituary from Scott Meyer, Art's son, the Memorial Service for Art will be in Tucson on Saturday 13 July 2019. I will not be able to attend. If one of you will attend (K-2 company-mates), please let me know. Thanks"

SENATE ARMED SERVICES

7/11/2019

Holds a hearing on the nominations of Christopher Scolese to be director of the National Reconnaissance Office; and Air Force General John Raymond to be commander of the U.S. Space Command and commander of the Air Force Space Command. Scolese and Raymond testify.

Location: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room G-50 GEN Raymond is the son of our classmate **John Raymond** who died 1 Dec 2016 and will be watching the hearing from the Ghostly Assemblage. Scribe hopes that mother **Barbara Raymond** was able to attend.

An email from **Stan Bacon** provides some interesting data: "According to WP-ORG's Defender page at <<http://defender.west-point.org/service/taps.mhtml>> **Deceased from USMA Class of 1958 (250)**. That leaves 323. Stan"

Malone Award at Georgetown. George, I thought this would be appropriate for the for the class notes: I added a little history for the award for those classmates that don't remember how we became sponsors of this award.

On 27 April 2019, **John Herren** presented the **Malone Trophy** to Cadet August Iorio at the annual Georgetown U. ROTC dining in. This culminates twenty years of the Class of 58's sponsorship and participation in that event. During those 20 years five classmates from Larry's Company M-2 presented the award: **Pete Brintnall** (died 16 Sep 2017), **Dale Hruby**, **Bob Tredway** (died 10 Mar 2009), **Bob Tallgren** (died 30 May 2017), and **Townsend "Van" Van Fleet**.

John wrote: "Gen Royal Reynolds who Larry was an aide for, initiated the award after Larry was KIA in Vietnam in 1968. Our class became sponsors of the award after the Ranger Company was discontinued at Georgetown ROTC and a new Ranger Challenge Team was formed in 1998.

"Last year at the 50th reunion of the Georgetown U Class of 1968, I was asked to speak at a Memorial Service for one of Larry's students organized by the Georgetown U ROTC class. I got confirmation that they would takeover sponsorship for the Malone Trophy since they were cadets when Larry taught at Georgetown. That will occur this year. So the tribute to Larry Malone will live on at Georgetown for years to come. I would like to thank our class for providing the funds to pay for the trophy and for the enthusiastic support of the presenters, three of whom are no longer with us. John Herren, Class Coordinator for the Malone Ranger Award."

Happy Fourth of July!

7/11/2019

Scribe is departing tomorrow (5 July) for Alexandria, about a 12-hour drive. I was going to send this when home again, but decided to launch it now. Whatever other info I have will have to wait till I get home and attack the next column. HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

I will end with my normal plea for CCQs to send this to classmates not on the unrestricted email list. Good chance for you to be in touch with classmates not on the email list. Off to finish packing and loading my car...

Classmates, wives, widows --

6/7/2019

Extreme frustration on my part. I had about two page of notes disappear into the ether zone of my email. Beats me. I will try again to recreate what I had written. Unfortunately, I deleted the information already used. Woe is me...

Deaths among the 1958 family

6/7/2019

This topic was last addressed in April notes. Now must catch-up again. The first to mention is one of our early wives, **Ruth Ann Wyatt**. She died on 30 April 2019, but I did not know it when the May notes were submitted. She was one of our June Ladies. She had a great-grandson Sawyer. That is correct: great-grandson. Let me hear from other great-grandparents. As Wayne wrote in an email to me years ago, "A head start helps." Ruth Ann also had a submission in "Hearts of '58" about their dating, early marriage and life together. Our ranks among the June Ladies is declining. Their address was/is 310 Chisholm Trail, Austin TX 78717 for those who want to send a note to Wayne.

Another death among our wives was **Marion Fay**. She was married to classmate **Lee** and her death was reported by faithful G-2 CCQ **George Lawton**. My notes do not record when Marion and Lee were married, but it was many years ago. Their address was/is 4403 Granada Street, Alexandria VA 22309 for those who want to write to Lee. She and Lee were members of Washington Farm United Methodist not far from Mt Vernon. Their church information was provided by a non-grad friend of mine who also reported Marion's passing and with whom I served in the Pentagon. We are both in a group of "Pentagon veterans" who meet monthly for lunch.

Based on my personal experience, I can attest that both Wayne and Lee will be lonely without their partners.

Now, since beginning this edition of class notes, we have lost two classmates. The first was **Juan E Villanes** who died on 23 April 2019. I think Juan came to the 50th Reunion, but am sorry to say that I missed him there. Our prayers are with his widow **Carmen**. We are not doing well among our four foreign cadets, having lost two of our four total: Juan and **Luis Mirasol**. Luis was a colonel who retired from the Philippine Air Force. Sadly, Luis died 4 Dec 1998 in Manila. And now we must add Juan to the list of foreign cadet classmates who have died.

The other foreign classmates were both from Thailand: **Pete Kullavanijaya** and **Sammy Sookmark** are still above the grass. Both Pete and Sammy made four stars in Royal Thai Army. I believe Sammy became the Defense Minister and Pete served on the Privy Council.

Our second classmate who recently transitioned to Ghostly Assemblage was **Art Meyer**. Art died on 22 May 2019 and joined his wife **Sue** who died on 17 Aug 2009, almost ten years before Art. He retired from the Air Force as a Lt Col in 1979. Art died in Tucson. They also had an Air Force daughter who was Project Manager of the year in 2008, Lt Col Janet Kasmer, and some point was PM of the year. Fortunately Sue was still around when daughter Janet received the USAF award for her work as a PM.

Army Sports Hall of Fame

6/7/2019

This subject made the May class notes, but it is worth mentioning again. Being nominated to the Army Sports Hall of fame is our Lacrosse All American Goalie, **Ray Riggan**. His B-2 roommate, **Dick Schonberger** is submitting the nomination. Ray was an All American as a

Firstie. This effort was endorsed by a number of classmates, including **Brad Eliot** and **Bob Dey**, but the details are lost along with my earlier effort. Sorry about that.

A spring sport, Lacrosse, was lacking in detail about the 1958 team in our Howitzer. **Phil Gibbs**, one of our gifts to '59, provided me a copy of the write-up from their Howitzer, but that is lost as well. Our Lacrosse players included **Bob Grete, Mike Harvey, John Evans, George Robertson** (of G-1), **Brad Eliot, Dave Depew, Cloin Robertson, Jim Ramsden**, and **Dick Smith**. Sadly, of these Lacrosse players, Mike Harvey, John Evans and Jim Ramsden have died and are playing lacrosse in heaven.

On the subject of **Dick Schonberger** I should mention that he played on the initial Army 150 pound football team. Others on that initial 1957 team were **Brad Johnson** (team captain), **John Brinson, Fred Easley, Ralph Wensinger** (a classmate who was graduated in 1959), **Pete Hidalgo** and **Jude Theibert**. Hope I have the names correct. Think I covered this subject in May notes, but do not think I "named names." The weight for Sprint players has gone up from 154 pounds in our day to over 175 now. More beef, but no less sprint.

Our classmate medical doctors

6/7/2019

My list in May classnotes omitted **Jim McCauley**. The ever-faithful G2 CCQ spotted my omission and sent a prompt correction. Thanks, **George Lawton!** I knew better but still missed one. Sorry Jim. He and I were in the 7th grade together in Alexandria.

I had a call recently from **Lee Miller** who was checking his info on class widows and living classmates. Hope that I was helpful. We have about 148 living widows on our class email list. Difficult to track the widows/wives, living and/or died. I think we have about 107 wives who have died. I need to work on stats for total number of living widows. We certainly had more wives than 255. Something is missing here.

For that matter, we had 573 graduate in June 1958, of whom about 328 are living. I need to check my stats for both living widows and living grads. This is not unlike trying to paint a moving train. I do know that we have lost 9 of the 29 classmates who were graduated in 1959 and we have lost our only contribution to the Class of 1960, **Tom Taylor**.

EC Meeting

6/7/2019

I enjoyed a Class EC meeting at **Andy Andreson's** on 28 May. Andy is the chairman of EC and is having knee surgery on 19 June. He hopes to be up and around for the WPAOG Class Leaders meeting at West Point on 14-17 August. And, he should attend the next EC meeting whenever that is. Sometime in September maybe.

Audrey Webb attended the EC meeting and provided a written report from the widows. She, with the assistance of **Margie Downing** and **Betsy Hall**, are sending 60th Reunion pins to the widows who have not received them. I think that Audrey is a member of the EC -- at any rate, she is a regular attendee.

Mike Daley participated by phone (others joining by phone included **Jack Bradshaw, Mike Mahler** and **Paul Vanture**). Hope this is correct. I think **Bob Hayden** replaces **Paul Vanture** on the EC in October. And, **Mike Daley** was added to the during the meeting on 28 May meeting. Other EC members at the meeting were **Lee Miller** and **Frank Waskowicz**. There were probably more, but my notes are bad along with my memory. **George Lawton** attended representing our Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF). **Lawton**

reported that Lee Miller says we have 328 living classmates while Paul Vanture said the number is 318. I like Lee's number of 328 (1) because it agrees with mine ($573 - 245 = 328$) and (2) is larger, which means more are living. Maybe I got Paul's number wrong. Who knows? Try Paul's telephone number and see if it works and check out the number of living classmates. I do not think he keeps track of wives/widows.

Special Dino. Exchange of emails with **Jack May** contained information about his cross-country record time of 35 hours plus. I think his trip was in 1960-61 or so. No doubt I have the details wrong and will hear from Jack.

There is more, but it will have to wait till next Class Notes. Tomorrow will be 4 June 2019. We graduated on 4 June 1958. 61 years! Hard to believe we were ever that young. And eager. And newly commissioned. With uniforms that fit. Brass shined. Shoes shined. Some off to weddings as grooms. Others serving in the weddings. Long ago...

Must add my normal plea to CCQs

6/7/2019

-- please send these notes to your company-mates who are not on the class list which I use: usma1958@west-point.org -- this is not the one **Jack Downing** uses for death notifications. Jack's has somewhat wider distribution than the one I use for Class Notes. When in doubt, just send the notes to all your company-mates and see what sort of a response you get.

For the record, I have sent notes monthly so far this year, making this the 6th edition: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May and June. If you did not receive them all, send me an email (gsibert@comcast.net) or call at 703-671-1415 and I will send the missing Class Notes to you, or you can read them here: ['58 Class Notes](#). I love phone calls. I have heard from **Bob Shellenger** lately and would love to hear from YOU!

Das ende

6/7/2019

German for "the end" if I remember correctly. Middle of second section of two for German. Think I stood around 67 of 100 or so in German. A linguist I am not... Dumbest thing I did as a cadet was take German and not Spanish (two years in high school). Fortunately I did go to Germany after Engineer Officer Basic and merit badges of Airborne, Ranger and Flight School.

George Sibert, Scribe for USMA 1958

Classmates, wives, widows --

5/6/2019

Scribe sent the April version of Class Notes to WPAOG and immediately had a correction for May notes. I listed the various Ski Reunions since the first one in 1997, but did not understand an email from **Karl Oelke**. He was/is the organizer of all the ski reunions held at Snowmass CO. I listed various others rather than Karl. Hope all involved in skiing at Snowmass understand my correction made now in early May 2019 without a snow flake in sight.

Another correction

5/6/2019

Bob Bethmann was in company F-1 during his cadet days. I knew better, sorry I hit the wrong key.

Relocated Keepsakes

5/6/2019

I just relocated a keepsake entitled "THE ROOT OF THE MATTER" by Charles Densford. Reverse side says "TUIT" -- you guessed it: A Round Tuit. Chances are that I wrote about it at the time it was received, but that was long enough ago that all involved have forgotten the matter in question. Thanks, **Chuck Densford**, for giving me something then that I can write about again now for second time. And, I am glad to have "A Round Tuit" of my very own.

Another thing found from long ago was a statement enclosed in plastic similar to an ID card. It says: "This is to certify, that I, J Charles Luman, do not know everything." It is actually signed by a guy, better known to us as **Joe Luman**. It is unbelievable that Joe would have (1) written such a confession of not knowing everything and (2) would actually sign it. Thanks, Joe for a keepsake, something for your Scribe to have written about then and again now. With friends and classmates such as Chuck Densford and Joe Luman, who could ask for anything more. Surely not your Scribe.

Class Forum Subjects

5/6/2019

Quoting from a **Bill Shepard** email (for those who might be confused: we had two Bills: **Bill Shepard F1** and **Bill Shepherd B1** -- one without an "h" and one with it): this one is from Shepard without an "h" -- quoting from his email: "Commendations to **Terry Connell, Karl Oelke, Bob Dey, Chuck Toftoy, Palmer McGrew, George Sibert, Andy Andreson, Tom Sands** and others for promoting discussions of topics (other than politics) like aging, WW II personal stories, travels, health tips, running one's own university, golf tournaments, and future reunions, on the class networks. Also great thanks to **Andy** for most wonderful week in Las Vegas with free parking and free refrigerator, **Jim Sigler** for stocking Benny Havens, Andy's son-in-law for maintaining law and order in Benny Havens, and **Tank Reid's** son for hosting the rowdy meet and greet cocktail party. And thanks to **Tom Sands** for golf while Thunderbirds practiced aerobatics overhead with Evan Connell, self, and **Walter Barnes** of Palm Desert. Thanks to **Terry** for arranging visit to hospitalized **John Kubiak** in Boulder City followed by climb over Hoover Dam."

Hoover Dam

5/6/2019

An additional note from your Scribe: for the record, my great-grandfather, William L Sibert Class of 1884, was invited to be the chief engineer of Hoover Dam. He declined because in those days he would have had to give up his Army retired pay to accept the position. Not a problem for military retirees today, but it was back then it was, a long time ago...

I also have hiked across Hoover Dam. William L Sibert is listed on some plaque at the dam. My hiking was too long ago to remember what for or why he was on the plaque. He did go on as an engineer, building the Port of Mobile in Alabama which did not involve giving up his Army retired pay.

My great-grandfather was also the first CG of the First Division, but he and GEN Pershing had a disagreement: Pershing did not want an Engineer officer commanding the infantry division, therefore, my great-grandfather came home to USA and organized the Chemical Corps as its first commander. I never knew this Sibert who began our path at West Point. I did know my grandfather (Franklin C Sibert class of 1912) and, of course, my father (Franklin R Sibert class of 1936).

More on our class motto

5/6/2019

A recent email from **Norm Monson** added this information about our class motto: "My recollection was slightly different regarding the class motto. At the time, we were being very closely watched for any sign that there was to be another 'rank-breaking' episode during graduation parade. I know there were a number of talks (lectures?) held on the subject. I can recall several of us displaying a certain, very slight amount of ennui by initiating a class motto with this: Out the Gate with '58. As it now stands, however, that would probably not have been appropriate over the years, so the change to '**58 Is Great!**' actually is a better way to go. BTW, I DO recommend the use of the exclamation point at the end, regardless of the use or non-use of quotation marks."

'58 Is Great! works for your Scribe as our class motto.

Our Quartet

5/6/2019

Your Scribe was listening to the CD of **Norm** (baritone) and three other classmate and Army quartet award singers: **Bob Dey** (second tenor and guitarist), **Wayne Wyatt** (first tenor), and **Pete Brintnall** (bass and now sadly watching us from us from the Ghostly Assemblage) while running errands this afternoon. I have the LP record from years ago, but **Alan Salisbury** had a CD made of the record and I have one. The quartet is truly great and listening made Scribe miss Pete even more. Actually, I miss all four, the three living classmates and one who has transitioned to ghostly assemblage. Retrieved the CD from my car and was able to add their singing parts, however, it did not include the singing award they won from the Army back in 1958. Sorry about that.

Now a few days have passed and it is time for dinner here at Goodwin House Alexandria, which is a polite way of saying that it is time to stop again. Back soon. Need to finish these notes and to get them launched in early May.

Change the name of our planet Earth

5/6/2019

Some dinners later and back to these notes. The class forum had an interesting email from **Jim Seltzer** (actually we have many emails from Jim and all are interesting). In this email he wants to rename our planet, which we know as earth, "Gaia." Jim's rationale is that "earth" means "dirt" and we can do better than dirt. Gaia works for me, but I may be too old to change the name of planet earth. Certainly too old to add anything worthwhile to Jim's effort.

USMA Doctors To Be

5/6/2019

An email from **Tony Smith** is quoted on this subject. "The cadets were very visible at Walter Reed last week, shadowing doctors and so forth. I have always been skeptical about the wisdom of allowing cadets to branch Medical Corps. Seems to me that the USMA Mission is not to give an undergraduate education to doctors. While I appreciate that it's no bad thing to have military docs with some understanding of the military, they take up slots that might otherwise go to young men and women who will make the military side of the military their careers. (I know there are classmates whose judgment I respect who do not share this view.) All this being said, I am always pleased when I am assigned a doc at Walter Reed who is a USMA Grad."

Medical Corps

5/6/2019

Scribe thinks the first from West Point to go into Medical Corps was from our time as cadets: Ron Gooding class of 1957. His father was a classmate of my father's. Another early MD from '57 was Charles Lea (died 8 Oct 2008). They were followed by a number of their classmates and our classmates who became medical doctors -- hope at least one of them saw Tony Smith as a patient at Walter Reed or elsewhere in their service.

Our eight classmate medical doctors include: **Glenn Bugay** G1 #21836 Case Western Reserve 1976, **Dave Clarke** D1 #21763 Univ of Texas 1970, **Jim Corcoran** G1 #21914 Cornell Univ 1966; **Jerry Dunn** K2 #22011 Temple Univ 1968 (died 6 Dec 1997), **Jim Emmons** K1 #22157 Univ of Vermont (died 29 May 2006), **Dick Hirata** L1 #21787 Cornell 1965, **John Ream** L2 resigned Plebe Year to start on path to become an MD Harvard 1964 (died 11 Apr 1988), and **Jerry Noga** M1 #22304 GWU (found in French as a Plebe, graduated in 1959 and died 20 May 2008). Cullum numbers are included so that you can easily find them in the Register of Graduates and Former Cadets.

Army Sports Hall of Fame

5/6/2019

Dick Schonberger is continuing his efforts to have his roommate and our classmate **Ray Riggan**, admitted to the Army Sports Hall of Fame. Ray was Dick's roommate and Goalie on our Lacrosse Team. **Brad Eliot** sent a supportive email and pointed out that our lacrosse team was undefeated -- the only undefeated Army team (any sport) for the last 100 years or more. Unfortunately, the Sports Hall of Fame does not commemorate teams. Of course, this info is NOT in our Howitzer -- Lacrosse was a spring sport and missed it. Must contact **Phil Gibbs** to have him send me the info from his graduation Howitzer.

Brad Eliot is also famous for marrying **Janet**. They dated three years in HS and then four years at West Point before tying the knot in June 1958. Seven years! My notes also reflect that Brad retired as an AF colonel in 1983. Phil Gibbs, one of our gifts to '59, sent an email and will enlist the support of '59 Lax players in this effort to see Ray recognized in Army's Hall of Fame.

Brad Eliot also suggests All American lacrosse midfielders for inclusion in the Sports Hall of Fame: one from our class, **Mike Harvey** (who died 9 Nov 2013) and from one from '59, **Charlie Getz**. Brad recommends them both for this honor. An email from **Cloin Robertson** added information: "During those years, teams were assigned toughness numbers, ie the top teams were worth 10 points and the more top teams you beat would raise your score. Army played more top teams than anyone else so that even Yale cancelling out simply meant if we won all our games, we were the best." **Bob Dey** also sent an email supporting the nomination of Ray Riggan to Army Sports Hall of Fame.

Cadet Glee Club Concert

5/6/2019

"This past Saturday, the 'Contingent' (**Bill & Evelyn Callaghan, John & Judy Galen, Bob & Maureen Gall, Will & Barbara Merrill, and Bob & Margaret Shellenberger**) attended a Cadet Glee Club Concert held in Jacksonville Beach, FL. It was a wonderful experience, and they are without peer. At the end of the performance, 'The Grads' were invited to come on stage and join in singing the 'Alma Mater' -- even me, who flunked 'Glory to God.' It was amazing, how easily the words came, after sixty plus years -- it was a great experience joining all those wonderful young voices. Afterwards, 'The Contingent' went to dinner for 'Lies, Laughs, and Repast.' I must add we have a great deal of Political Incorrectness, which we all savor. We have a great group -- the guys meet for lunch, and the Ladies join us quarterly for Dinner. Keep your sense of humor, and all is well with the World. God Bless." Scribe appreciates the email from

John Galen reporting on the "Contingent" some time in April. The subject of the John's email was "Tidbit from Pontee Vedra FL Contingent."

Strange things turn up

5/6/2019

I just found and tossed a card reflecting who went to Founder's Day in DC on 11 March 2017. Attendees two years ago included **Alan & Florence Salisbury, Pete & Janice Brintnall, Dick & Bibs Reynard, Angela Ganey, Palmer McGrew** and **George Sibert**. This year (2019) our group included only Dick & Bibs, as reported by Dick. He called to check on me because I was signed up but failed to appear. I reported being fine, but sorry I missed the dinner. No excuse, sir. From nine in 2017 to two in 2019. I am putting in a plug for greater attendance at DC Founder's Day next year in 2020, sometime around March 16. Lord willing and the creeks don't rise I should make it. Actually, this is a plug for your attending Founder's Day in your area, whenever scheduled.

Annual Service at the VN Memorial

5/6/2019

Reminder re our class **Annual Service at the VN Memorial** which is coming up on **Sunday 19 May at 1030** followed by lunch at Army-Navy Country Club. This will be the Sunday a week before Memorial Day Weekend. No doubt the DC gang will receive a sign-up email from **Palmer McGrew**. But, if others are in DC that weekend, please plan to attend.

Another reminder

5/6/2019

Butch Saint's funeral will be at **1100 on 14 May at the Old Post Chapel at Ft Myer**. Again, expect an email from Palmer about this affair, which includes a reception at Ft. Myer Officers' Club following the funeral.

Phone Call

5/6/2019

I received a phone call from **Bob Shellenberger** on 27 April or so. We had a nice chat and the best news is that Bob is doing well since being rear-ended on his motorcycle (tricycle: two wheels in front and one wheel in rear). Scribe mentions this (1) to inform the class that Bob is doing well and (2) to encourage others to call your Scribe: 703-671-1415 home or 703-328-5941 cell. I prefer calls on my home phone because I know how to get messages from it in case you miss me and leave a message.

It is late and time to quit for now. There may be some more info before I wrap-up these May notes and launch them in early May.

Email from George Lawton

5/6/2019

An email from **George Lawton** reported on **Fred Goodenough's** funeral on 27 April (died 11 Feb 2019): "Yesterday **Lee Miller** & I drove to Warrenton, VA for Fred's funeral. There we met up with **Joe Guenther** (Fred's roommate for two years), **Frank Franks** (a company-mate), **Walt & Josine Hitchcock** (Walt was best man in Fred & Joan's wedding), and **Stu Willis**. It was a beautiful ceremony and the priest's words about Fred captured him to a 'T'.

"After the Mass we all went to the nearby farm estate of Jeannine Murray, one of Fred's daughters, and her husband, Vincent, for a wonderful luncheon and gathering of family &

friends to tell stories and celebrate Fred's life. It was an enjoyable experience and an opportunity to see classmates again.

Lawton continued his email with info on the group's gathering: "Lee & I had driven to Warrenton from Williamsburg where we had gathered for the semi-annual retreat with our wives, **Mary Jane & Betty**, **Andy & Artie Andreson** and **Jack Gordon**. On Thursday night we were joined for dinner by **Ron & Barbara Bellows**, **Lois Deely**, **Phil Pryor**, **Gus & Toni Gustitus** and **Pete Trainor**. On Friday nite **Tony & Gabrielle Nadal**, **Dick & Jan Price** and **Pete** came over for drinks, snacks and great conversations. The usual golf 'classic' was not held this time because of both bad weather and injured players." Your Scribe is sorry about the weather and injured players! And, sorry I missed the gathering in Williamsburg.

Lou Koster's funeral

5/6/2019

(died 5 Jan 2019). An email to his C-2 company-mates from **Pete Penczer** informs us that "Lou's memorial service will be on June 15th at 2 pm at Rockfish Presbyterian Church in Nellysford, VA. **Frank Waskowicz** will be there to represent the class and will take along the class flag as is usual for funerals. Lou left a daughter, Jennifer Grover, whose contact information is below. She is the one who contacted the AOG to let them know of Lou's death. Lou's wife (Iantha) passed away a couple of years ago. I (Pete) plan to write to her, some of you all may feel inclined to do so too. **Lee Miller** has been in direct contact with Jennifer. He makes arrangements for a gift to be sent in memory of deceased classmates and she has told him to send it to our wounded warrior program. Lee tells me that Jennifer would clearly appreciate hearing from us." Her contact information is as follows: Jennifer Grover, 1327 Baychester Drive, Henderson, NV 89002 702-595-3658 or via email at vegasjenn@gmail.com

Strange subject on Class Forum emails

5/6/2019

"Cow farts". It seem Cow farts are adding to Global Warming. Scribe will not go into this subject in detail, but it did make the Washington Post. And, the subject generated an interesting group of emails on the class net which are not being repeated here. Actually it seems that cows belch more than they fart, but their belching and farting does contribute to global warming. At least that is what I got from the article and emails on this subject. See what you are missing by not being on the Class Forum!

There have been other interesting subjects and emails on the Class Forum. You should join the group. It is easy to delete emails of little or no interest. Contact **Pete Trainor** to join the forum. You may reach Pete via email at PBTrainor@cox.net or via snail mail at 107 Bogey, Williamsburg VA 23188 or home phone 757-345-3564 or cell phone 757-773-4470.

For your calendars

5/3/2019

14 Dec 2019 Army beats Navy in Philly! We have a long way to go to catch Navy's 14 in a row. No doubt there will be a game watching party at **Alan & Florence Salisbury's** on the 14th followed by a potluck dinner. Then on **22 Jan 2020** put down the WPSDC Winter Luncheon (probably at Ft Myer).

My calendar says 1 May, therefore, time to send this email with May Class Notes. Enjoyed seeing **George Lawton** and other grads at the WPSDC "no host" Class Advisors Luncheon yesterday, 30 Apr 2019 at Ft Myer. I am eagerly waiting for your phone calls, emails and/or letters. Always looking for news for these notes.

George, your Scribe

1958 Class Notes

Class Notes April 2019

4/12/2019

Classmates, widows and others on this list--

We did not lose any classmates in March, but very sadly we lost three widows/wives. The first was **Mary Ellen Bethmann** who died 4 March 2019. She was the long-time widow of **Bob H-1**. Bob died 2 May 1972 after having been retired medically on 19 Dec 1958 and subsequently discharged on 27 Nov 1963.

Here is email info from F-1 CCQ **Bob Rhodes**: "I recall visiting Bob in the Fort Sill Hospital in 1958 or 1959 after Bob was diagnosed with a leukemia-like blood diseases. Then off to Germany etc. only to learn about Bob's death on 2 May 1972 while I was teaching at West Point (ESGS). Once I learned of Bob's passing I recall spending time with Mary Ellen and their children (John - 1960, Julie - 1963, Mark - 1965) in White Plains and joining the family for Bob's service and burial at the West Point Cemetery (Section VI, C, 141).

"I stayed in touch with Mary Ellen over the years but was unable to encourage her to attend one of our company or class reunions. For years she served as a school nurse in White Plains, New York and in 2010 developed a blood clot in one of her legs resulting in an amputation." Sibert's notes reflect that Mary Ellen was a "June Lady." She is to be buried with husband Bob at West Point. Contact Bob/Dusty Rhodes for details. Bob Bethmann's memorial article was published in May/June 1998.

Our next loss was **Jackie Mace** on 16 March 2019. Jackie was the widow of our classmate **Art Mace D-2**, who died about a year earlier on 19 Feb 2018. Jackie will be inurned in the columbarium at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery along with Art. Art met Jackie at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Art attended Braden's Prep. Art's father, Ralph Mace USMA 1929, was a general officer. May both Art and Jackie rest in peace.

The third widow to depart us was **Stephanie Raign**, the wife of **Phil Raign A-2**. Steffie died 21 March 2019 and will be buried at West Point on 26 April. Via an email from Phil: "She died suddenly without pain and peacefully from a massive blood clot in her lungs and heart. I was with her along with our daughter Resa and daughter-in-law Kathy.

As many know, Steff was a survivor of two bouts of lung cancer and struggling with Alzheimer's, neither of which took her down. She was conscious and aware of family being present, and knew who we were." Phil, thanks for sharing your very sad news. There will be a funeral at Most Holy Trinity Chapel at West Point on 26 April at 1330 with a reception following at the Officers Club. Contact Phil or **Chuck Densford** the A-2 CCQ for further information.

We also lost a former cadet classmate, **Alan O Beck** Company B-1, about two years ago on 17 Feb 2016. His death generated a great deal of email traffic, mostly on the Class Forum and will not be repeated here because many of you received it. I just sent **Bob Rhodes** an email asking for details about Alan Beck.

And very sadly, I just received an email informing us that we lost another of our June Ladies, **Barbara Hayden**. She was the wife of **Bob M-2**. She died on 13 March 2019. Now four wives/widows in this edition of Class Notes and one former cadet. Many may remember, especially M-2 files, that the Haydens were married by **Chaplain Bean** on graduation day. Barbara was the mother of three, an accomplished artist, active in the Episcopal Church. And

Barbara could out-shoot Bob in skeet. I do not recall where they were in the wedding lottery, but they were certainly among the first married in our class. I even have an old note in my Locator that their service was at 1830. May Barbara rest in peace. I can tell Bob that he will be lonely without her. Bob and I started out together in the Corps of Engineers at Ft Belvoir, long ago and far away...

Locator

4/12/2019

Absolutely do not know what I would do without this handy little book and the notes I have written in it over the years since graduation. Many, many thanks to **Bin Barta, Frank Waskowicz** and **Van Van Fleet** for creating it. And their dedication extended to distributing the book during our June Week 1958. Truly a labor of love on their part. It has been invaluable to this classmate and Scribe over many, many years. Thank you!

Ski Reunions. Here is a list of recent class Ski Reunions and organizers, 2010 through 2020. This info is provided thanks to great deal of help from **Karl Oelke**.

2010, Whitefish, MT, 28 Feb-6 Mar. **Bill Clary**
2011, Snowmass at Aspen, CO, last week of February. **Bill Gillette**
2012, Snowmass, CO. 26 Feb-3 Mar. **Bob Forster**
2013, Durango, CO. dates not available. **Ben Franklin**
2014, Snowmass, CO. **Bob Foster**
2015, Snowmass, CO. **Palmer McGrew**
2016, Park City, UT. Munge Moore
2017, Snowmass, CO. **Chuck & Celia Hansult**
2018, Snowmass, CO. **Jim & Sally Tilley**
2019, Snowmass, CO. **Jim & Sally Tilley**

Karl told me that there were earlier Ski Reunions, dating back to 1997. We had them annually and I can list them, but cannot provide organizers other than the first. The first Ski Reunion was organized by **Palmer McGrew** or else he classmated someone to do it. Scribe cannot remember which. But, I do remember the conversation with Palmer when he complained about the Class Mini in Winter Park in the summertime with no snow and no skiing.

Sorry that I do not have the dates for the 2020 Ski Reunion. Contact Jim Tilley for info or check-out the class web page. For info on the webswite, contact **Pete Trainor**. Again, I will trade information on contacting Pete in exchange for information about yourself! I will trade almost anything for news.

1997, Breckenridge, CO
1998, Alta Vista, UT
1999, Keystone/Breckenridge, CO
2000, Austria organized by Bill Gillette, I think...
2001, Breckenridge, CO
2002, Whistler, BC
2003, Copper Mountian, CO
2004, Park City, UT
2005, Steamboat Springs, CO
2006, Sun Valley, ID
2007, Breckenridge, CO

2008, Park City, UT

2009, Heavenly Valley, somewhere out west in the mountains.

And, I think that is all our class Ski Reunions from 1997 through 2019...

Meanwhile, the Winter Park Class Mini, with the aforementioned no snow, was organized by **Jack Crandall**, 4-7 August 1994. I also remember running into Jack at the commissary at Ft McNair sometime before Winter Park. I asked him how he could be organizing a Colorado Class Mini while in DC. Jack replied that his wife **Linda** had everything under control. Therefor, we know the true organizer was Linda. Judy and I attended the Winter Park Mini. It was a great Mini Reunion. Palmer did not attend and has been sorry ever since about missing it.

I also remember that when Palmer complained about the Winter Park Mini Reunion with no skiing, I challenged him to organize Ski Reunions. I pointed out that many classmates and wives do not ski which more than justified Winter Park in summer. Plus, we had organizers in the persons of Jack & Linda Crandall. Anyway, it took a few years for Palmer to organize the first class Ski Reunion, but we have had them ever since 1997. The number of classmates going to Ski Reunions is declining, however, the group still gathers. Most recently thanks to **Jim & Sally Tilley**. If you want or need more information, contact Jim Tilley by phone or email.

You may call your friendly Scribe (703-671-1415) or send an email to gsibert@comcast.net to get contact information for Jim Tilley and/or Palmer McGrew. I will trade my information for yours -- news about yourself!

Class Motto

4/12/2019

Ours appears to be '**58 Is Great**'. We did not have a motto at graduation. Class of 1960 appears to have restarted class mottos. I have been exchanging emails with Fred Rice '60 on the subject of class mottos. **Frank Waskowicz**, our first Scribe, and **Jack Bradshaw**, our President for Life, have more or less confirmed that we did not have a motto early on, but began using '58 Is Great sometime during the past 60 years since graduation. The 1990 and 2000 Registers both our class motto as '58 Sure Is Great. Not at all clear when it came about. Later the motto was shortened to '58 Is Great, at least by the 2010 Register. Not sure when that happened either. The 2015 Register reflects '58 is Great. The difference being the capital "I" in the 2010 Register which became lower case "i" in 2015 Register. Your Scribe prefers upper case "I" as in '58 Is Great'. Who knows? Who cares? Can anyone shed any light on this subject? You may have noticed that I have avoided putting the motto in quotes -- because of the apostrophe before our class numerals 58. "'58 Is Great" is truly awkward. At least it is on my computer.

Today is 11 April. Past time to lauch this edition for April and begin the one for May. Let me hear from YOU, classmate, wife, widow or children. Another plea for CCQs: please send to your company-mates who do not receive class emails on the unrestricted senders list. This list is a bit shorter than the one used by **Jack Downing** for notifications of class deaths. Anyway, this is it for April. I should get the May notes out earlier. Good time for a reminder: come to the Memorial Service for classmates who died in Vietnam on 19 May at the Vietnam Wall followed by lunch at Army-Navy Country Club. Till then, George Sibert, Class Scribe

Class Notes March 2019

3/8/2019

Classmates, wives, widows and others on the list--

As is too often the case, I must begin with classmate deaths learned about since the February edition of class notes. The first to be reported is **Brian L Koster**, company C-2. He was known as Lou and died 5 January 2019 in Nellysford VA. His wife **Iantha** predeceased Lou on 10 November 2016. I do not have information on services for Lou.

Scribe does have an interesting tidbit on Lou worth repeating. He lost his class ring on/about 1979 and recovered it in a pawn shop in 1983. Other information about Lou is scant because he preferred little or no contact with classmates. Sad way to say goodbye to Lou and Iantha. However, I am sending our thanks to their daughter Jennifer Grover for letting us know that her father died.

Sadly another classmate death to report is that of **William I Murphy**, company D-2, who died on 10 February 2019. Bill is survived by his wife **Mary Alice Kelly** (she prefers using her maiden name). I believe they were living in West Seneca, NY. My notes on them are sparse, but his death generated an email from **George Lawton** who wrote, "what a shame that he is gone. Bill was such a nice guy." What a wonderful way to be remembered!

Scribe does know that Bill began his military service after graduation in the Infantry and later transferred to Transportation Corps. Sorry that I do not have information on a memorial service for Bill. You should be able to contact Alice Mary Kelly at Bill's email address wimurphy@gmail.com or via snail mail at 104 Pinewood Drive, West Seneca NY 14224 or call at 716-674-9255 for more information.

In the words of the Cadet Prayer, applicable to loved ones of both Lou Koster and Bill Murphy, "soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow or suffer." Scribe prays that Lou & Iantha Koster and Bill Murphy rest in peace. And that Alice Mary Kelly finds comfort -- I can tell her, based on my experience since losing Judy, that without Bill she will be lonely.

Frank Waskowicz recently raised the subject of the Bataan Death March with me. He asked whose fathers were on the death march. The only one I know of for sure is **Butch Saint's** father who died when the US Navy sank the Japanese ship Oryoko Maru. Frederick Gilman Saint #9031-1931 died on 9 Jan 45. Butch received the honor of becoming a Distinguished Graduate in 2012. Are there others whose fathers were on the Bataan Death March?

This is a good place to list and remember all our classmates and wives who have died since the 60th Reunion at West Point in April 2018, just about a year ago by the time you receive these class notes. I will include dates of death and cadet companies:

Crosbie E Saint (Butch), 7 May 2018: his funeral will be on Tuesday 14 May at Ft Myer old chapel. (I-1)

Sue Oelke, 22 May 2018 (husband Karl: Sue is also the mother of our Class Godson Karl III, the first class son born after graduation. She is also the sister of **Dan Brookhart**, who died 12 Nov 63) (both Karl and Dan were in B-2)

Donald J Palladino (Don), 27 May 2018 (his wife Martha died 25 March 2009) (F-2)

Betty Donovan, 1 June 2018 (her husband Pat died 4 Oct 2004) (G-2)

Edna Mae Serchak, 22 June 2018 (husband Bill) (K-1)

Harold J Williams (Mac), 25 June 2018 (E-2)

John G Evans, 29 July 2018 (E-1)

John D George Jr, 21 August 2018 (**A-1**)

John W Loffert (Wes), 31 August 2018 (**H-1**)

Judy Moore Schubert, 29 September 2018 (husband Charley Moore was KIA 25 April 1967) (**L-2**)

Charles W Bond, 6 December 2018 (**C-1**)

William L Parker, 2 January 2019 (**H-1**)

and the two mentioned at beginning of these notes: **Lou Koster** (**C-2**) and **Bill Murphy** (**D-2**).

Fourteen in less than a year, but that is our lot in life these days, especially now as our years are increasing. In the words of the Cadet Prayer, applicable to all the loved ones of those named above: "soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow or suffer."

I am losing track so my numbers are flaky, but we have lost along the order of 241 graduated classmates, 9 more who classmates who graduated in 1959, one who graduated in 1960, plus 24 former cadets (more difficult to track), 101 wives and Chaplain Bean. Far too many!

Other Social Events

3/8/2019

First is our **DC Class Lunch** on 7 March. This is our annual affair we have with our Yearlings from '57 at Ft Myer Officers Club (Patton Hall). If I get these notes finished and launched before then, consider yourself reminded. Contact **Palmer McGrew** to make a reservation. You can reach Palmer at 703-323-9671 or via email at palmer2mcgrew@gmail.com. Scribe hopes to see YOU there if you live in DC area.

Mini Reunion. Our next Mini will be 26-29 March at the Park MGM Hotel in Lost Wages, actually Las Vegas, NV. You can contact the hotel at 888-529-4828 for room reservations or for further info contact **Andy Andreson** via email randreson@cox.net or 703-385-2502.

Founder's Day in DC. Our Founder's Day in DC area will be on 30 March at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott beginning with a reception at 1730. You should register with Gabriella Quatse at gquatse@gmail.com or call her at 717-381-7464. Her cell is from Pennsylvania, but she lives in DC. To understand how old we are Gabriella is Class of 2010 -- 52 years ago!

So much for social events -- now for other news. Worth repeating is that **Butch Saint's** funeral will be at 1100 on at Old Post Chapel, Ft Myer on 14 May. Difficult for me to believe that Butch has died (see above).

Annual Event at VN Memorial

3/8/2019

This is also a good point to advertise our annual event to honor those classmates KIA in Vietnam. We will hold the ceremony on Sunday, 19 May followed by Brunch at ANCC.

Chuck Toftoy Featured in Feb 2019 issue of Northern Virginia Magazine

3/8/2019

Chuck Toftoy was the subject of an article in the Feb 2019 issue of Northern Virginia Magazine. This was brought to my attention by **Pete Kusek**. The darned magazine cost \$4.95 and cheapskate that I am, your Scribe did not buy it and, therefore, cannot report on the article. Sorry about that. I will have to ask Chuck or Pete (who told me about the article) to send me a copy.

TOF'S TIPS

3/8/2019

Most recent ones are 112 "Warding Off a Cold," 113 "Keep from Falling---Think Ahead," 114 "Overcoming Back Pain," and 115 "Stay Hydrated or Else!" Number 113 "Keep from Falling" generated lots of traffic on our Class Forum with inputs from **Bob Dey, Andy Andreson, Jack Crandall, Pete Trainor, John Brinson, Alan Salisbury, Jim Seltzer** and **Hugh Fisher** among others. Bob Dey recommends walking with carbon fiber trekking poles with tungsten carbide tips. Apparently, we all are very interested in NOT FALLING. We are well past Airborne and our PLF days. You can always contact **Chuck Toftoy** for more details. Chuck's first TOF'S TIP was posted in 1997 or so.

Here are some recent Class Forum subjects:

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Army B-Ball, West Point Cemetery (expansion or new), Follow the Red Banners, Federal workers hurt, The Speech, Cadet Life, Navy Football, Trump's accomplishments, Branch Choices, Green Madness, Sampson and Delilah, Socialism or Capitalism, A Mention of Heroes, Next Luncheon, Our National Anthem, Poor Knowledge of US History, George Mendosa (the WW2 sailor famous for "kiss" at Times Square), Kim Getting Serious? Scribe recommends you get on the Class Forum. Please keep in mind that it is easy to delete any Class Forum messages you do not find interesting.

From emails received from **Jack Downing** and WPAOG today, 28 Feb. Very sadly we have lost another classmate, **Fred W Goodenough Jr.** Fred died 11 February in Warrenton, VA. I have no other details. Our sympathy goes to his wife **Joan** and their three daughters and, no doubt, grandchildren as well. Fred was in K-2.

Time to sign off and launch these class notes, March 2019 version.. More next time. George as in Scribe

Classmates--

2/15/2019

I must begin with another loss since December 2018 (January class notes) -- I received a call from Don Parker, oldest son of our classmate **Bill Parker**, informing us that his father died on 2 January 2019. The funeral service will be on Friday, 25 February, in Port Charlotte (Florida) following the 0830 daily Mass. Son Don estimated that the funeral should be about 0930 at St Borromeo Roman Catholic Church. Scribe hopes that some classmates can attend Bill's funeral. Bill's wife Claudia predeceased him, dying on 9 Jan 2010. I plan to send these class notes well before the funeral to help spread the word. No doubt you received the email from WPAOG informing us all about Bill's death. And, I must get this sent before Bill's funeral on 25 Feb.

A Scribes Dream

2/15/2019

My dream as Scribe is to write some class notes which do not require anyss and a corrections. This did not happen with the January 2019 notes you recently received -- both a loss (above) and corrections (here). I screwed up with turn-backs from class of 1957 who joined our class. I overlooked or omitted **Chuck Toftoy** who joined us Cow Year from 1957. Chuck, as the 21st turn-back makes my numbers work out correctly. I also failed to mention **Jim Wessel**, who joined our class as a recognized Plebe from the class of 1957. No doubt your are all confused, therefore, I will repeat and correct the infomation on those who joined our class after those of us who entered as Plebes in July 1954.

From the class of 1956 we gained one: **Bud Davenport** (E2). He came to us after having been medically turned-back to the class of 1957 and then academically found and turned-back to class of 1958. Bud joined in August 1956 as a Cow. I first knew Bud as an Army Brat at Ft Leavenworth while our fathers were students at CGSC.

From the class of 1957 most joined us as recognized Plebes, some joined us as Yearlings and some joined us as Cows. I will include the companies so that CCQs can check my information. First the 13 who joined as Plebes: **Bob Baker** (H2), **Tom Cameron** (C2), **Barry Eveleth** (G2), **Charlie Glover** (I2), **Fred Goodenough** (K2), **Jack Halsey** (M1), **Bill McCaffrey** (M2), **Bob Munger** (H1), **Bill Smith** (A2), **Carl Sullinger** (L2), **Jude Theibert** (M1), **Cliff Victorine** (H1) and **Jim Wessel** (I1).

Yearlings when they joined us from 1957 were three: **Rosie Rosetto** (K2), **Bill Shepherd** (B1) and **Bruce Trott** (I1).

Cows when they joined us from 1957 were five: **Gene Fisher** (L2), **John Herren** (G2), **Dave Kyle** (M1), **John McKillop** (B1) and **Chuck Toftoy** (E2). The total turn-backs from 1957 through Cow year were 21. We had no additions as Firsties. We did have five losses as Firsties: three resigned, another was honorably discharged for deficiency in Conduct and fifth was discharged in May. The one discharged was basically for honor but the matter was handled by a board of officers rather than the Honor Committee.

For the record, **Chuck LeMere** was qualified to enter with 1957, but actually entered with us on 6 July 1954. In error I included Chuck with the turn-backs from 1957 -- he actually was not a turn-back, but a late arrival. This helped lead to my omission of **Jim Wessel** among the 21 who entered in 1953 with class of 1957 -- Jim joined us in August 1954.

USMA Registers (little gray paper-backs of which I have five years worth, 1954 through 1958) reflect at total of 573 grads in our class. One joined us from the class of 1956, 21 joined from the class of 1957 and 551 who entered on 6 July 1954 - names above. All graduated in 1958 (over three days in June). We had no additions as Firsties. The USMA Register numbers do add up to 573, which is the number we graduated. I think we had 753 total who entered 6 July 1954. We lost many, gained 22 who graduated among our 573 and gained others who did not graduate. Not sure what the grand total is other than the 573 who graduated in 1958. There were another 28 who began with us and were turned-back. Plus one who joined us from 1957 and graduated in 1959. Of course, there was one who started with us and graduated in 1960. This adds up to a total of 603 graduates who at one time or other served in class of 1958. I believe we entered Beast with 753 cadets. Add to them our turn-backs from 1956 and 1957. I do not have the total number who served with our class. Maybe another day for the total who served in 1958 as cadets.

More News

2/15/2019

Those on the Forum received a great report from **Tony Smith** about the WPSDC lunch at Ft Myer today and our talk from the First Captain. Sorry more classmates did not make it. I do not know how Tony did his email report with no notes. Maybe that is why he was third in the class. The closest I came to Tony was rooming with **Jim Hall** First Class year and during EOBC after graduation. Jim was number four. Tony's email makes being on the class forum worthwhile. Your Scribe gets much of our class news via the class forum.

Battle of the Bulge

2/15/2019

An email from **Bob Rhodes** to **Tom Morgan** on which I was copied contained info on Battle of the Bulge. Bob wrote: "Thought of you during our recent 74th commemoration of the Bulge in DC this past December. We will return to Belgium and Luxembourg this coming December (2019) for the 75th commemoration - God willing! You are the only classmate I know of who is similarly aware of the sacrifices of these nonagenarians who saved the world during the 1944/1945 'Bulge.' Even though we studied the battle in the Military Art classes, I have found no others."

Your Scribe knows that **Bob Higgins'** father was Assistant Division Commander of 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge. Meanwhile my father just missed the Battle of the Bulge because of being wounded and evacuated to Staten Island Hospital in New York. Lucky for him (and me) because his replacement battalion commander was KIA in Europe as was his predecessor shortly after D-Day in Normandy. No doubt many of our fathers were in Europe for the Battle of the Bulge, one of the epic battles of WW2.

A mystery from the 60th Reunion is solved

2/15/2019

Anne Russell is a name on the 60th Reunion attendee list under L2. **Margie and Jack Downing** have run down the connection via **Bob Shellenberger** CCQ of L2 -- Anne is the daughter of **Dave Turner**.

Sprint Football

2/15/2019

Here is info via **Dick Schonberger**, one of our lettermen in 150 Pound Football. "Here's some background that you might find useful. When we played it was '150 lb Football,' it morphed through 'Lightweight Football' and is now called 'Sprint Football.' The weight limit has shifted from 154 Lbs when we played to 178 Lbs today.

"The Coach, Mark West, a 90's-era player and grad (class of 1991 your Scribe thinks), has done a great job with the program and I'm told the 150 Lb/Sprint teams over time have the highest winning percentage of all Army sport teams. One of the things Mark has done is to organize 150 Lb/Sprint reunions each August with lots of social gatherings and featuring a scrimmage between former players and the current cadet team. My introduction was in 2017 following the Class Leaders Conference, when I found myself as the oldest grad attending the Sprint Reunion (by ten years) and found there was a great interest in how the program began since there was little info available. I wound up as the guest speaker at the dinner and my presentation seemed to be well-received.

"During the weekend, I mentioned to Coach West that we got Minor A's when we played (and graduated about seven months after that first season). He seemed surprised and said something like, 'I can fix that.' First he said he would send me a Major A, then reconsidered, and challenged me to get all of our '58 players to the next reunion (in 2018) and he would present them at the team dinner.

"And that is how the Major A's came to be awarded to our five team-mates. **Brad Johnson, Bill Shely, John Brinson and I** attended the weekend last August (2018). **Jude Theibert** didn't make it, and the Coach said he would mail the letter to Jude. What a great moment it was! Following dinner, the Coach called us up to receive our Major A's in front of all those players and families that followed us. Brinson said there were players from 48 different classes

attending. What a great group to recognize and share our unique experience. We were encouraged to submit this to Guinness (sp?) for longest time between winning an athletic award and then receiving it.....61 years."

Scribe is pleased to add, CONGRATULATIONS to our 150 Lb/Sprint team members and their Major A's. Well deserved award even if late delivered. Old expression: Better late than never. And, just in case you did not remember, our Sprint Team defeated Navy that first year! Navy was the strong favorite, having played 150 Lb football for a number of years and were the league champs in 1956 -- displaced by Army in 1957. I am sure that all remember that Army's 1957 season was our first year playing 150 Lb football. In addition to beating Navy, Army won the league!

Distinguished Graduate of AOG

2/15/2019

The past three years our Executive Committee has nominated **Bill Tuttle** for this award. I was just notified by **Jack Bradshaw** and **Andy Andreson** that Bill was not selected again this year. Your Scribe would have voted for Bill, but I did not get a vote. Next year our nominee for Distinguished Graduate will be **Alan Salisbury**. I will keep you posted via Class Notes. If someone can provide the information, I would love to know who our class nominated in the prior years. Pretty sure that **Butch Saint** is a Distin Good excuse for me to call the WPAOG and ask for the information.

"War is hell"

2/15/2019

I just ran across a clipping with a longer quote from William T. Sherman. We are all familiar the shorter quote "War is hell" which comes from a longer remark or writing by Sherman: "I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell." Amen adds your Scribe.

From Tom Morgan

2/15/2019

"Founders Day is upon us and out here at Joint Base Lewis/McChord (JBLM) and it will be 30 March at the McChord Club again. I gave the "Oldest Graduate" speech last year and I suspect that as a former President of our local society, I will be tabbed to give it again. **Palmer**, I used some of the things that you sent me for last year's speech and they seemed to go over fine. Therefore, I am soliciting material from you two *raconteurs* for this year's speech.

"The Army has changed a lot since we 'shed our Cadet Gray,' and I like to remind younger 'grads', even GOs, that they do not know as much about West Point history and traditions as they think they do - in a humorous vein of course. Therefore, if you have anything that you think that I could share with our local Society members, please let me know.

"Just as an aside, I am somewhat surprised at how the Army is 'reinventing' the wheel these days and is bringing back the 'pinks and greens' although they are careful now to call them 'Army greens' because enlisted men never wore 'pinks and greens' in the old Army. And the PT standards are swinging way off the charts again (throwing a medicine ball over the head backwards seem illogical because I always thought that the enemy was supposed to be in front of us.) Also, the new Security Force Assistance Brigades (SFABs) are springing up all over the place and I always thought that was the Special Forces mission. And, they are now considering mounting 155mm artillery tubes on the back of trucks. Wasn't that the idea of the old self-

propelled artillery? Anyway, I always like to hear from you guys so please send me some good stuff. Tom" Thanks to Tom Morgan for great memory (his) and memories (ours).

Your Scribe encourages any classmates who have info about the Army or uniforms or PT tests for Tom, please contact him via his email (tmorgan58@hotmail.com).

From John Brinson

2/15/2019

John has been tracking mortality (longevity) of the class: "Thanks ! I'll try to do an accurate projection. My goal is to encourage our Classmates to take heart and stay in good health. I would love to see a group of us make it to an 80th reunion - even if I'm not alive too see it!"

Your Scribe doubts that many (or any) of us will make to our 80th reunion in another nineteen years, however, I do hope that many make the 70th, only ten years away when we will be our 90s. And some should make the 75th in 15 years when we will be in our high 90s. Scribe hopes to make them both and see John there as well. Who knows?

Oldest Grad in Portland area

2/15/2019

Note from **Tony Smith** to **Terry Connell** on Terry's becoming the oldest grad in Portland OR area: "Thanks, Terry. Congratulations (I think) on becoming the Oldest Grad. One of the benefits of living in the DC area is that '58 is not yet at the front of the Old Grad queue. Warmest regards to you and Harriett, Tony" Please note the double "t" in Harriett.

Actually, the the Connell couple is replete with double letters: Terry, Harriett, Connell. Double "r" (both names), double "t" along with double "n" and "l." Does any other couple in the class have more or even as many double letters in their names? Doubt it. Your Scribe is seeing "double" and may have missed some of their letters. I always have trouble with Terence because it does not have a double "r" inspite of being doubled in our Locator, but not in the Register of Graduates or our various reunion books. It is getting late and this old grad needs his sleep. Stopping for now.

Back at it and this is from the WPSDC flyer

2/15/2019

Tuesday, 5 February, 6:15 - 8:30 PM, Wounded Warrior Mentor Program New Mentor and Refresher Training at Booz Allen, Tysons Corners. The mission of the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program (WWMP) is to assist Wounded/Ill and Injured Soldiers, including Spouses, to transition to a new productive life and profession using education, internships and jobs as the mantle to accomplish this. The WWMP matches volunteer Mentors with WWII servicemen/women at Walter Reed NMMC and Ft Belvoir as well as other locations around the US. Contact POC: **Lee Miller** if you have any questions at 240.620.5019 or mlmiller58@verizon.net. Scribe adds his congratulations to Lee for his great work on behalf of wounded warriors.

Ron Turner lives in the tradition of the annual WPAOG Ring Melt

2/15/2019

Here is what was written about it in an email I received from WPAOG: In the May/June 1999 edition of ASSEMBLY magazine, Ron Turner '58 imagined a new tradition for the West Point Association of Graduates, "...a program whereby graduates may bequeath (or graduates' descendants may donate) West Point class rings for the specific purpose of incorporating the gold into the class rings of future graduates. On November 20, 2000, at a foundry in Providence,

RI, Turner's idea became a reality as 29 rings and portions of two others were melted to begin what has become known as the 'Ring Melt' tradition."

You all know that Ron died on 29 Apr 2013 and his wife **Sue** died on 6 Dec 2013. But Ron's tradition is going strong some twenty years after that first Ring Melt. Quoting further from the WPAOG email: "**West Point Class Ring Memorial Program:** The Ring Melt for the Class of 2020 was on January 25th. For the first time ever, this event was hosted at West Point. Read more about it here: <https://www.westpointaog.org/ring-memorial-program-class-of-2020>. Did you know that we have a form on our website that you can use if you would like to will your class ring to the Ring Memorial Program?"

Your Scribe finds it wonderful to write about two programs begun by classmates **Lee Miller** (Wounded Warriors) here in the DC area and **Ron Turner** (Ring Melt) for the WPAOG.

A great deal of our email traffic has been about Army basketball

2/15/2019

A quote from **John Schaffer** in an email to Tony Smith: "Tony and all: Army also plays nearby on Saturday 16 Feb 2019 at Annapolis against league opponent Navy. We defeated Navy earlier this year at West Point by some seven points. One nice thing this year, we will not have to watch Navy carry the Commanders Trophy onto the court at half time. We did that this year at our home. Go Army!"

Scribe encourages as many as possible to attend at Crabtown to watch Army beat Navy again!

Cadet War Stories from our day...

2/15/2019

Courtesy of **Hal Lyon** (via 1958 Class Forum). "I also explored all the hidden byways from building to building in the sewers and mapped out for our track team group, we called the Tarantulas, who had time to do such fun as we didn't have to march in the band-box reviews. I published an article anonymously in the Pointer about it entitled, "The Tarantulas."

On one occasion we discovered a beautiful bell mounted in the clock tower in Central area and rigged a solenoid from our noted in "Juice" class and at a winter band box Review, as each if the Ruffles and Flourishes sounded, "dum da da dum DUM" we then rang the bell. "dum da da dum DUM" BOING! but no-one even noticed and thought it was just a new way of sounding off the Ruffles & Flourishes.

"On one occasion in North Area while we were all were preparing for a Saturday summer parade when we were cows, I happened onto an unlocked door in our barracks which was ajar, which I had always wondered what was in there as it was usually locked. I opened the door and saw a microphone in the middle of the room. I couldn't resist the invitation it offered me and I knocked on it with my knuckles only to hear a resounding 'Wam' echo throughout all the speaker systems in the area and barracks. That was just too much temptation so I stood up to the mike and said: 'Attention all Cadets, Attention all cadets. There will be no parade today. There will be no parade today.' I then ran back into my room where my roommates were happily taking off their gear. (I believe I roomed with **Frank Waskowicz**, **Lenny McCormack**, and **Dave Swanson**, then but not certain.)

"A huge 'Whoppee' echoed throughout the barracks as the Firsties ran in and started taking off their parade uniforms to head out for weekend in their new cars... until 15 minutes later, Captain Patton's voice boomed much more authoritatively than mine saying, "Attention all Cadets! There WILL be a parade today. I say, again, there will be a parade today!" I confessed my crime to my roommates and then began Captain Patton's investigation. Later heard that Captain Patton

was going to bust the Cadet Officer of the Day, unless he found who made the parade canceling announcement, and fool that I was I wanted to go and turn myself in, but my roommates, talked me out of it. And somehow the Cadet officer of the day was not busted to my relief.

"Later in an unrelated incident when I was walking in the rain with a date, Captain Patton approached me and said in front of my drag, 'Cadet Lyon, You are written up for a disreputable rain coat!' He put his fingers in the small hole by the collar of my raincoat and pulled hard until it ripped a huge hole in it.' I was tempted to say, 'Thank you Sir!' but refrained. Then I learned what real loyalty was when **Tom Carpenter**, who was our Cadet Regimental Commander, stood up for me, and reported this conduct as unbecoming of an officer to General Throckmorton who I understood chewed Captain's Patton's ass. I've always had huge respect for Tom since that day for standing up for one me as one of his undeserving classmates! Best wishes, Hal"

I have more info but it will keep till next month. I hope some classmates can attend the funeral for **Bill Parker** on 25 Feb in Port Charlotte (details in first paragraph). Your friendly Scribe

Classmates and Wives/Widows--

1/31/2019

I went to **John George's** funeral at Arlington on 8 January. The Old Guard and Arlington National Cemetery did a superb job as always. I made it to this one, which I did not do recently for another classmate when I followed the wrong line of cars from the Arlington Admin Building. That error reminds me of the Pennsylvania-Dutch expression "too soon old and too late smart." I, as well as others in DC area, try to make the funerals of classmates buried in Arlington while **Garry and Jill Roosma** are good at attending funerals those buried at West Point. There was a good turn-out from the class yesterday for John George, especially from his Co A-1.

We have along the order of 242 classmates graduated in June 1958 who have died through December 2018. We have more classmates who have joined the ghostly assemblage but did not graduate with us. Nine who entered with us in July 1954 but joined the class of 1959 (28 total 58ers in 1959). There was one who entered with us but graduated in 1960 -- these ten bring out total to 252. And we have lost at least 24 former cadets to add to the list. These guys, the former cadets, are much more difficult to track. And we have lost at least 101 wives who were married to classmates or were widowed when they died. The wives are also difficult for me to track. Former wives (divorced) are not included in my numbers. The only really accurate numbers are the 242 (1958 grads) plus 9 (1959 grads) plus one (1960 grad) which totals 252 who have died since we entered in July 1954.

Those who died before the 60th were listed in the bulletin we used at the Memorial Service on 27 April 2018 in the Cadet Chapel. I will name here those who have died since our 60th Reunion: **Butch Saint** (7 May), **Don Palladino** (27 May), **Mac Williams** (25 June), **John Evans** (29 July), **John George** (21 Aug), **Wes Loffert** (31 Aug), **Charlie Bond** (6 Dec). Of them all it may be said "Well done; Be thou at Peace."

We had 573 classmates who graduated in June 1958. One entered in 1952 (Class of 1956) -- **Bud Davenport**, who joined us after having been medically turned-back from '56 to '57 and then academically turned-back to us as a Cow.

We had 21 in who joined us from the Class of 1957. One, **Chuck LeMere**, was actually admitted with '57, but joined us on 6 July 1954 -- pretty sure Chuck was a true Plebe with us.

Those who joined us as recognized Plebes from Class of 1957 included **Bob Baker, Tom Cameron, Barry Eveleth, Charlie Glover, Fred Goodenough, Jack Halsey, Bill McCaffrey, Bob Munger, Bill Smith, Carl Sullinger, Jude Theibert** and **Cliff Victorine**.

Then three joined as Yearlings from '57, including **Rosie Rossetto, Bill Shepherd, and Bruce Trott**.

The rest of our turn-backs joined us as Cows from '57, including **Gene Fisher, John Herren, Dave Kyle** and **John McKillop**.

I am sorry that there were no classnotes for Nov and Dec. This was not for lack of news, but rather lack of get up and go on my part. On to the news for this edition. First, we had a DC area class luncheon at Ramparts in Alexandria yesterday on 17 Jan. Sorry that I cannot name them all -- I arrived late, no excuse, sir.

Army-Navy Lunch

1/31/2019

However, we had an Army-Navy lunch before the great game (third victory in a row and counting -- only 11 to go to catch-up with Navy and their 14 wins in a row). I have a hand-written list from Palmer McGrew: here goes -- Palmer McGrew, Dusty Rhodes, Joe Luman, Pete Kusek, Bill Serchak, Dick Schonberger, Jerry Mitchell, Chuck Toftoy, Alan Salisbury, Jack Downing, John Schaffer, Frank Waskowicz, George Lawton, Lee Miller, Nels Conner, Jack Gordon, Jim Wade, Phil Gibbs, John Herren, John Nun, Brad Johnson, Andy Andreson, Dick Reynard, George Sibert, Chuck Hansult, Van Van Fleet, Bill Tuttle, Otto Thamasett, Herb Puscheck. Think this is 29 or so plus many wives. Sorry I cannot name the wives, they were not on Palmer's list and nor in my brain.

At the Army-Navy lunch, **Brad Johnson** gave a great run-down on the football team and forecast for the game. One of the Navy types did the same for their side. As we all know, Army carried the day. As I have said, the affair was great as was the game -- wish all classmates could have been there for lunch. I have no clue who attended the game, but am sure there were some hearty classmates who did.

DC Area Functions

1/31/2019

We have about six class functions a year in DC area. First, is the annual lunch with '57, normally in February (coming up on 7 Mar at Ft Myer club). Next we have the Memorial Service in May (Sunday before Memorial Day weekend) at the VN Wall followed by lunch at Army-Navy Country Club when we remember our KIA classmates. And, we have the A-N game watching party followed by dinner hosted by **Florence & Alan Salisbury** If you are in the area, be sure to attend any of the six you can make. Getting the dates is a good excuse to check with your company-mates or with **Palmer McGrew** (703-323-9671 or palmer2mcgrew@gmail.com) or **Andy Andreson** (703-385-2502 or randreson@cox.net) or with your **Scribe** (703-671-1415 or gsibert@comcast.net). It is getting late and I will stop for now. More soon as in next month, February. Till then, stay safe and be healthy! News will have to wait till next month.

George, your friendly Scribe

1958 Class Notes

Classmates

10/19/2018

Must begin with an apology to John W Loffert Jr (#42371-1985), son of our Wes. I failed to comment that our Wes died on 31 August 2018, just after I had sent the August class notes. The info was at the top of my list for September notes, but I failed to report his death. No excuse, sir! Now caught up and no one is authorized to join the Ghosly Assemblage before I finish these notes. Scribe wishes that he could proscribe such transitions for all time, but that is far beyond my power.

Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren who have Graduated from USMA

10/19/2018

I will now continue with a list of sons, daughters and grandchildren who have graduated from USMA or are there now. Scribe had lots of help with this list from **George Lawton** and **Tony Smith**, but any errors are mine. I did not have Cullum numbers for grads after 2015 (last Register available), therefore, only the class is indicated for those beyond 2015.

Paul Johnson L2 (Paul died 20 May 2007): son Jay Kilcrest Johnson #41236-1884

George Robertson H1: son Russell Goodman Robertson #39696-1982 and granddaughter class 2017 Dana Robertson.

Ray Coffey F2 (Ray died 5 Jun 2009): dau Valerie Grace Coffey #41990-1985 and grandson Sean Michael Coffey #69389-2013 and potentially grandson Greg Coffey in Class of 2021.

Aside: Ray was Scribe's roommate in Beast Barracks.

Bob Grete M2: grandson Robert Douglas Grete #65442-2009

Alan Claflin B2: son Robert Alan Claflin #41978-1985

Ron Hudson L2: son Dale Ernest Hudson #42254-1985

Dave Clarke D1: son Timothy Richard Clarke #44046-1987

Mil Pedersen F1 (died 27 May 2014): son William Maynard Pedersen #39460-1982

Paul Bons C1: son Vincent Carl Bons #42960-1986 and grandson Michael James Hill #63503-2007. Sadly, his son Kevin who was a former cadet 1983 who died on missionary duty in Bolivia before returning to West Point.

Bill Gillette D2: dau Deborah Claire Gillette (Nagle) #39309-1982

Bud Moentmann C1: son James Eric Moentmann #38665-1981 and grandsons Thomas Werner Moentmann #66691-2010 and Grant H Peterson #71044-2014

Mike Daley K2: granddaughter Brianna Claire Burnstad #71524-2015.

Fred Kulik H1: son Todd Alan Kulik #40383-1983

Kenneth Stephen Herberger: grandson Christian P Herberger #70690-2014

Melville Anson Drisko Jr: son Michael David Saunders Drisko #47181-1990

John Wesley Loffert (Wes died 31 Aug 2018): son John Wesley Loffert Jr #42371-1985

Claude Belmont Donovan 3d: son Michael Edward Donovan #38305-1981 and grandson James E Link III #70856-2014

Will Garrison Merrill Jr: son Will Garrison Merrill III #40471-1983 and son Michael Francis Merrill #41381-1984

John Wellington Devens: grandson Michael W Devens Jr #69450-2013

Richard Earle Thomas: son Clifton Richard Thomas #42710-1985

Edward Charles Weckel: son Thomas Edward Weckel #41731-1984

Thomas Joseph Kelly: son Kevin William Kelly #37547-1980

Garrett Garrison Roosma: dau Margaret Ada Roosma #42583-1985

Richard Gordan Graves: son William Walter Graves #39323-1982, son Thomas Christopher

Graves #43215-1986 and grandson Colin Walter Graves #67470-2011
Gary Perkins Graves: son Scott Andrew Graves #46221-1989
Robert Griffith Finkenaar Jr: son Robert Griffith Finkenaar III #40186-1983
Lincoln Jones 3d: son Peter Lincoln Jones #42290-1985
Heyward Groverman Hutson: son Heyward Groverman Hutson III #47336-1990 and son Robert Waddington Hudson #47337-1990
Daryl George Jaschen: son Daryl DeFrance Jaschen #39418-1982
Kermit Mandes Henninger: son Kermit Peter Henninger #38461-1981
Edward John Lucci: son Edward Bruce Lucci #40422-1983
Edward G Hale Jr: grandson Matthew Lee Brown #63221-2007
Dale Eugene Hruby: son Dale E. Hruby II #40306-1983 and grandson Christian McKendrick # '16
James Wyatt Peck: son Daniel W. Peck #40546-1983
William Saunders Buchly: son William Parker King #43350-1986
Raymond Forrest Tomlinson: son Roy Carl Tomlinson #43761-1986
Stanley Allen Slater: son Scott Christopher Slater #53668-1996
Richard Elmer Bauchspies: grandson Brandon Bauchspies Lawrence #67661-2011
Richard Lamar Reynard: Grandson Peter Basnight # '16
Ronald Claude Olson: Grandson Jack Fagerland # '16
James Clarence Bishop, Jr: Grandson Logan Comer # '18

Potential Future Graduates:

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Joseph Shea: Granddaughter Autumn Ashley Shea '20

Dale Hruby: Grandson Justice McKendrick '21

Peter Bahnsen: Grandson Peter Echevarria '21

Dick Graves: Grandson Weston Graves '21

Ray Coffey: Grandson Greg Coffey '21

Please send corrections on offspring grads or attending USMA to your Scribe who will communicate with George Lawton and Tony Smith.

And Now to More Regular News

10/19/2018

We will have a DC Class Luncheon on this month.

Here is the poop according to **Andy Andreson** our next Class Luncheon will be at ANCC Arlington on Thursday, 18 October 2018. The Social will begin at 1130. Wine, beer and soda cash honor bar. Sit-down lunch will be served at 1200.

The luncheon entrée is Herb Baked Angus Meatloaf with forest mushroom pan gravy, roasted garlic red skin mashers and buttered English peas, hot rolls and butter, coffee and hot and cold tea. The salad will be Iceberg Wedge Chop Salad with creamy blue cheese dressing. Dessert will be Deep Dish Apple Pie with butterscotch caramel.

Cost per person is \$37, with checks payable to the undersigned "Ronald K. Andreson." Hope you can join the group. Please let me know as soon as you can. Best to all. Andy

Anne Martin (Tredway) sent a note about her sending **Bob Tredway's** book (58 Book or Howitzer, not sure which) to anyone who would like one. Contact Anne via her email <dannemar83@gmail.com>. Here is her note: "Do I remember correctly from previous messages that someone would like a 58 Year Book? I have Bob's and would like to see it passed

to someone who would enjoy it. I also have the large (I think 25th reunion book.) I have photocopied the pages I want to keep and would be happy to, again, pass it to someone else to enjoy." Scribe thinks these books are our Howitzer and 50th Reunion Book, but anyone interested should contact Anne to make sure. Her telephone numbers are (H) 202-484-2981 cell 202-744-6592.

Scribe attended a couple of funerals for classmates at Arlington

10/19/2018

On 4 Oct there was one for **Pete Brintnall** followed by a reception at Ft Myer Officers Club (Patton Hall). The Alumni Glee club sang "Mansions of the Lord" and the Alma Mater at the service in Old Post Chapel. Large turnout including **Bob Dey** who sang with Pete and our famous quartet, which also included **Wayne Wyatt** and **Norm Monson**. **Janice Brintnall** was a gracious hostess at Patton Hall.

The second funeral on 11 Oct was for **Tom Taylor** '60 who died 1 Oct 2017. He began his cadet life with us in July 1954. Tom was one of our three six-year men. I missed the reception by going to Ft Myer club when it was at the Army-Navy Town Club. Truly sorry about that. Tom's memorial service was in California before his funeral in Arlington.

More on our other two six-year men. We are now down to one remaining above the grass, **Bud Davenport** who began with '56 and graduated with us. The third, of course, was **Tom Fletcher** '59 who began with '57. Sadly, this Tom died 22 Sep 1998. For more information on all three six-year men, check out the 50th year book.

Scribe has more information, but that will wait for the next class notes. I need to launch this version to insure all get the reminder about our class luncheon day-after-tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing YOU there. George