

Class Notes, April 25, 2026

From Arcata, California and Fairfield, Connecticut



Sunset in Arcata, California, looking from my abode out over the Pacific

Arcata is about six hours drive north of San Francisco on the coast. It's in Humboldt County across the bay from Eureka. Now it's mostly a college town and the area has been known for its lumber business and its quality marijuana.

After Lynne died at the end of October this last year, I went there for the holidays to be with our two sons and ended up staying the winter and missing a terrible amount of snow and cold here in Fairfield. I'm back here in Connecticut now, getting settled in and adjusting. The deer got into our gardens last winter, but I think the gardens will recover.

From Quakertown, Pennsylvania

Mel and Kay Farrar remain very busy continuing their activities around Quakertown and traveling to visit family. Mel runs a bible study group for his church. I talked to them on the phone a bit and they did sound very well.

From Matthews, s. c.

Chuck and Celia Hansult have moved from Charleston to Matthews, S.C., to be closer to the next generation. Chuck invited me to join a zoom chat with five other classmates a week and a half ago. We were on for about an hour. All seemed quite well. Unfortunately, I didn't write down who was on, but I was told the group started with classmates from Texas and then got into A-2 and now some others come on sometimes, as it is a regular thing.

From Hereford, Arizona

I heard from **Bob and Chris Dey**. You'll see that Bob did something I couldn't come close to doing.



Bob wrote, "My daughter in law Mary Jane Dey nominated me for a "Quilt of Valor" and then did the work to create it as you see in the background. I received it in a short ceremony with other veterans at the local VFW, hosted by the Buffalo Soldiers Association here at Ft. Huachuca.

It was not appropriate to wear a uniform to the VFW among other vets, but because so many family members showed up, I decided to dress in uniform for a next-evening ceremony here at home just to show my respect for the award and to thank my family for the support. My blues were the original Jacob Reed bought in 1958 and retired with me in 1982. I had not worn them in 44 years. Did they still fit? You gotta be kidding. But with a little help from a tailor I got this 68 year old uniform buttoned and could continue to breathe (but not sit down). It was fun with family and I confess I had some heavy feelings to be suited up again after all the years. 58 is great, still. Send us in Coach.



After I got the first picture, I got another note from Bob saying, “here’s another picture that really is a favorite taken with my wife Chris and good friend cat Tiger Lily. I think her feline instincts were telling her to get some cat hair on that blue uniform.”

From St. Charles, Illinois

I also heard from **Ann and Bill Shely** too long ago. Bill wasn’t sure I was doing Class Notes anymore, for good reason, but here we go.

Here are Bill and Ann at their daughter’s Hallowe’en party with two of their great granddaughters.



From Los Altos, California

As we know, **Jerry Lewis** died quite recently, but he had attended Jody Le Towt’s funeral, getting the class flag there and back.



From Naples, Florida

George Lawton sent me a copy of a recent West Point Society of Naples Newsletter. Below you see George, an unidentified grad from another class, George's wife, Mary Jane, and **Charlie Miller** at a March luncheon. Nonie Jaschen was also at the luncheon but unfortunately wasn't included in this photo.



More

Others who I have heard from have been **John and Alice Brinson, Paul Wagner, Chuck Cabell, Andy Andreson, Church Hutton, Jack May, Tom and Connie Cameron, Walt and Josine Hitchcock, Lana Bahnsen, Betty Harrison, Frank and Carole Harlem, Lennie and Carole McCormack, Paul and Evelyn Ciasullo, Mike Mahler, Marcia York**, and others, but I was negligent in not keeping track of my communications for a while.

Two days before he died, **Bill Serchak** had sent me a history of astronomy at West Point, the teaching of it and the club, as well as the award Bill had established for excellence in it. I have a copy on my computer, but it's too long to include here. I could send a copy to anyone who would like it.

On May 17th the class will hold its 37th annual Memorial Service for those who died in Viet Nam together with a luncheon. **Andy Andreson** has all the details and has organized it.