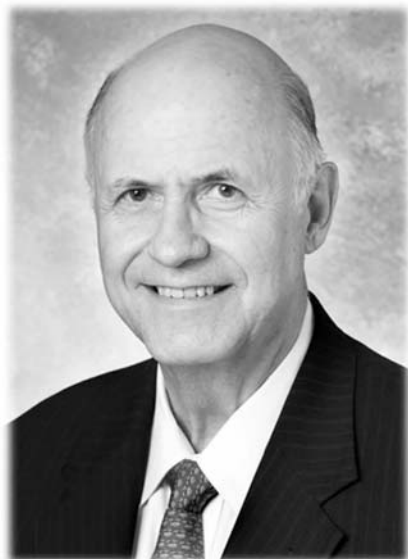


John Wayne Cooley Memorial Service September 12, 2009



In Loving Memory of
Honorable John W. Cooley

Born
October 28, 1943

At Rest
July 21, 2009

CADET PRAYER

O God, our Father, Thou Searcher of human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country. All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of all. ~ Amen.

Jacks service filled the chapel on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. There were many speakers sharing words of remembrance. When Paul Schultz shared memories of Jack's time at West Point and in the Army, he noted that it was remarkable how Jack's lifelong contributions really matched the predictive words of the Howitzer:

Jack is not the type to "Take Things By Storm," for such would be out of character. Through his mild manner and his ability not to jump the gun, which are in perfect keeping with his ways, he has achieved a position that very few cadets are able to

obtain throughout the years of “cadetship” – and that is respect. The “Padre”, his smile, his manners, and his abilities will always be a credit to our class.

Ken Yoshitani also spoke in recognition of Jack’s literary and musical talents. At the end of the remembrance, Paul read a letter from Terry Ryan which described the recent discovery of the lost 100th night show files. Jack composed all the music for our show, and also some of the lyrics. A copy of the original manuscripts was given to Christina and John in tribute to their father. Paul noted that Jack’s signatures were present throughout the documents, and this could be Jack’s first musical.

The Class of 1965 was well represented at the service by the following attendees:

Denny and Kathy Coll
Tom and Anna Croak
Dave Hopkins
Ed and Susie Knauf
Tom and Marilyn Kovach
John and Carol Roseburg

Paul Schultz
George and Jill Seaworth
Rick Shinseki
Paul and Nancy Singelyn
Ken and Izumi Yoshitani
Duke Wheeler

Other Remembrances really illustrated Jack’s remarkable capabilities, many included music, singing, laughter and seriousness. Some of the insight that which supported the Howitzer’s predictions were:

- * Jack authored 18 books, many setting the professional standard on arbitration.
 - One was about the first female First Captain at our Alma Mater.
- * Jack was part Cherokee; his gggrandmother was Squaw Chestnut.
- * He appeared on the Ed Sullivan show twice (with the Glee Club).
- * Jack's humility was a recurring topic - his adult niece never knew he was a judge until just before he passed
- * Jack took (and passed, I assume) his LSAT's in a foxhole in RVN.
- * A good friend who was in Jack's jazz combo came over to play some music for Jack during his last days. Both Jack and the friend knew that the friend was not in Jack's league as an accomplished musician. The friend asked Jack what he wanted to hear on the piano, and in "typical Jack fashion," Jack requested a song that he (Jack) knew the friend could play well, not a song that Jack might have wanted to hear for himself.
- * Christina read portions of Jack's unpublished essay on "How to be an effective
 - o father". It was quite moving.

After Words of Remembrance, all Graduates stood and sang the Alma Mater. The end of the service included the military ceremony of Folding of the Flag and Taps. The ashes of Jack and Maria will be buried together at West Point Cemetery in October.

After the Service Addendum

After the very nice Service and Reception was over, Dave Hopkins and I stopped At Pete Miller's Bar and Grill which was known as Jack's "Second Home".

It has a great Jazz Band + good food and many friends.

The staff at the restaurant had made a memorial to Jack.

Jack's bar stool had a bronze tag on the back with his name. His unique place setting was decorated with items from the Memorial Service and Reception. The staff said the place setting included his "Holy Trinity", a glass of Chardonay, a glass of water, and a decaf coffee.

What a Great way to honor a great man!!!!

Respectfully Submitted

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