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the latest scoop on the hottest poop for the West Point Class of 1967 . . . Unsurpassed!

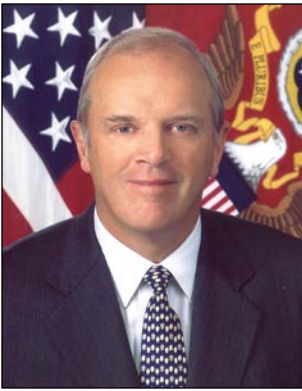


▲ Tom White, Distinguished Graduate of the Military Academy and Savior of The Oppressed Everywhere



▲ Mark Hamilton, Distinguished Academician and Mule Skinner

TOM WHITE NAMED A DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE OF THE MILITARY ACADEMY



▲ The Honorable Thomas E. White, 18th Secretary of the Army and USMA Distinguished Graduate

Once again a member of the Unsurpassed Class has been selected to join the Pantheon of West Point heroes: our own **Tom White**, the 18th Secretary of The Army, has been named a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy, joining **Tom Dyer** and **Tom Schwartz** in that small and very elite fraternity. Throughout his adult life, from commissioning on June 7, 1967, through 23 years as a commissioned officer, becoming the first general officer for the Class of 1967, followed by a successful business career and then subsequently as the 18th Secretary of the Army, Tom has personified the precepts of Duty-Honor-Country and selfless service to the Nation.

Tom will receive his Distinguished Graduate Award at West Point on Tuesday, 18 May. The program includes the alumni exercises and wreath laying at Thayer Statue, a parade, at which each DG receives their awards, followed by a luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall. The cost of the luncheon is \$21 per person. If you plan to attend this great party, especially the luncheon in the mess hall, and you want to be seated with your classmates, you need to register with the AOG. You can/should do this on line. Go to the AOG website www.westpointaog.org. On the right side of the home page you'll see a box called Events. In that box click on the link to

the Distinguished Graduate Award. Just follow the written instructions for registering (I realize this will be a huge technological challenge for many of you, but I'm sure your grandkids can figure it out for you).

After the luncheon, Tom will be hosting a reception at Herbert Hall (the alumni center) from 1400-1600. Please, if you plan to attend this, and I hope you all will, **let me know ASAP**. Make sure to tell me if your spouse/mistress/girlfriend/partner/all of the above/children, etc will accompany you. This will help Tom plan for the reception. I'm trying to give him accurate numbers. Of course, I also have to factor in the expected consumption rates for people. For example, if **Bob Lenz** attends, enough scotch for five guests will be required. If **Ed Dewey** shows up, the need for very rough, cheap wine increases significantly. **Ranger Hale** will require several times the normal allotment of ham & lima beans.

Also, you need to remember that class reunions will be going on at that time and graduation is the following Saturday, 22 May, so hotel rooms will be at a premium. If you're coming and need a room, get it now, and be prepared to cast a wide net (remember, Chez Winkel on Washington Road has closed for the season). Don't ask me for a room; Dewey beat you to it. He doesn't realize yet that it is a field cot in the basement, next to the furnace and water heater, which I'm sure Janet will really appreciate.

Hope you all can attend this special event. It will be a proud day for the Unsurpassed Class.



▲ Tommy White in his alter ego: A-Man

MARK HAMILTON RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA



Mark Hamilton has announced that he will retire as President of the University of Alaska this June; what I haven't heard is what he intends to do next, other than spend more time fishing for salmon and halibut.

Mark has left an indelible mark (no pun intended) on the UofA. Following is an article that appeared on the university's web site a while back:

"Mark Hamilton has rejuvenated the University of Alaska since he stepped in as the 12th president of the UA system in 1998.

After years of budget cuts and program reductions, UA under Hamilton has emphasized a can-do "grow your own" culture to produce Alaska graduates for Alaska jobs. Support from elected

◀ Mark Hamilton, President of the University of Alaska

officials and business leaders has increased markedly, with favorable budget support from the governor and Alaska Legislature, a major increase in the number of donors to the university, and a coordinated and successful research program relevant to Alaska's most pressing challenges, including global climate change, energy in the Arctic, and biomedical health sciences.

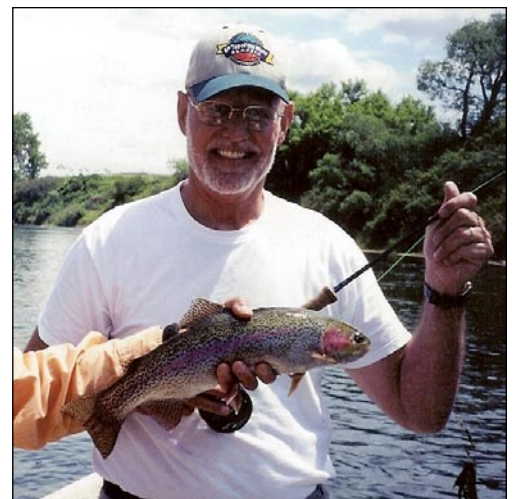
This increased investment in the university system has allowed for expanded degree options for students, much-needed improvements to facilities and increased enrollment. UA enrolls more than 32,000 students each semester, employs over 8,000 faculty, staff and student workers, and has an FY10 operating budget of \$823 million, including state, federal and private funds.

The following are some highlights of the university during Hamilton's tenure:

- Roughly half of all academic awards (degrees, certificates and endorsements) in the institution's history have been made during Hamilton's term as president.
- The UA Scholars Program, which provides an \$11,000 scholarship to the top 10 percent of each graduating class of every high school in Alaska, has enrolled a total of 4,200 students who earned more than 1,200 degrees through FY08. Currently, more than 1,800 UA Scholars attend one of the system's campuses.
- The share of Alaska's recent high-school graduates who come directly to UA has increased from 40 percent in the mid-1990s to over 63 percent today. Scholars represent a part of this growth and serve as ambassadors to other students within their home communities. Almost one in three recent Alaska high school graduates now attends UA, compared to one in five in fall 1996.
- Private giving to the university has increased more than 75 percent from FY04 to FY08.
- Federal funding, primarily through competitive research grants, has increased since FY98 by more than 60 percent, an increase of approximately \$70 million.
- State general fund support has doubled, from \$165 million in FY98 to \$313 million in FY09.
- The number of degrees, certificates and endorsements awarded is up nearly 20 percent from FY98 to FY08, reaching record high of more than 3,500 last year.
- The number of first-time freshmen attending UA reached record levels at more than 3,000 in fall 2008. This is nearly one-third more freshmen students, approximately 750, compared to fall 1998.
- The number of first-time graduate students is also at record levels, with more than 500 in fall 2008 – up 70 percent from fall 1998 levels.
- A record number of degree-seeking students now attend UA. For the system as a whole, the proportion of degree-seeking students increased 23 percentage points from fall 1988 (39 percent) to fall 2008 (62 percent). In fall 2008, there were more than 20,000 degree seeking students---the highest number and proportion on record.
- Freshmen-to-sophomore retention is at an all time high - with more than 67 percent retained in FY09, nearly 22 percent more than in FY99..
- The number of Alaska Native students enrolling at UA has grown more than 25 percent since fall 1998, with 4,300 Native students now attending."

Congrats on a job well done, Mark. Enjoy the afterlife. I understand Mark & Patty would be thrilled to have lots of visitors to their Anchorage home, especially during salmon season. Tell them Freed sent you.

► Mark Hamilton doing what he does best: showing off a dead fish



DYER DOODLES, or a message from Tom Dyer, aka the Class Prez



Congratulations Tom White!! What a wonderful honor to a most deserving "hero".

Soldier, Business Mogul, Father, Friend, Classmate – You have all our respect and admiration. Tom, you have always been unsurpassed. We can't wait to celebrate with you next month. You and Susan make all of us proud.

The accomplishments of members of this Class are boundless. Thanks so much to Freed for keeping all of us informed through this wonderful medium.

The Class Reunion Committee is hard at work preparing for what may be our best gathering yet. A Spring reunion should be fun; we expect much more flexibility in the schedule which will allow quality time to enjoy catching up with classmates. Activities will be scheduled so that we can enjoy ourselves without feeling like we're back in "Beast"!!

Thanks for your tremendous response to the discussion regarding the latest class gift. The insightful and respectful questions allowed all of us to become well aware of the wishes of all who participated. By the time the voting ended on 31 January, 282 classmates had voted, which represents 53.8% of living classmates. With the exception of those times when the majority of the class was gathered in one place – class reunion business meetings – this represents the largest voter participation on any motion of any type that has been put before you. Clearly, you were energized by this debate.

The motion carried by a vote of 203 in favor; 79 opposed, with 8 abstentions; this equates to 72% in favor of the gift.

The Association of Graduates has proffered the gift of \$500,000 to USMA for use by the Center for Oral History. The contract

has been executed with the Documentary Group in New York for the production of the documentary "Born into Fire," featuring many in our class as it examines how the Viet Nam conflict influenced classmates' lives as they influenced social, political, military and economic development of our nation.

The contract provides for periodic reviews by an oversight committee made up of members of our Class. A report of progress will be shared with the Class as the project unfolds.

Please take time periodically to pray for classmates and their family members who are suffering from sickness or loss. The list grows daily. We all need the support of each other.

There are some great pieces of news in this issue. Enjoy the zest for life that is still so evident in these stories.

Have a wonderful Spring. I hope to see you all at West Point on May 18th to celebrate with Tom and Susan White.

None Shall Surpass
God Bless you all,

Tom

FREED'S FULMINATIONS, or Miscellaneous Gibberish from Lowrey



Welcome to *Pooper Scooper Lite*

Some of you may recognize some significant differences in this issue of the *Pooper Scooper*. For one thing, it's a lot shorter than usual and a number of sections that are usually included aren't in this one (not a single dead fish flick!). Also, those who receive the snail mail hard copy will notice that the front and back covers are black and white; color is too costly.

Were it not for the generosity of four or five classmates you wouldn't be receiving this one, which would be a shame because there are some important news items the Class needs to be aware of. Reunion planning and prep is going to start eating up our class admin fund pretty soon, which means the *Pooper Scooper* might be going into hibernation for a while. Unless, of course, a few more generous classmates step forward ☺.

Plans for the 45th Reunion are Moving Ahead

Here is a re-print of the most recent class electronic mailing regarding the 45th reunion. Yes, I know this is redundant, but many of you need to be continuously hit on the head with blunt objects to get your attention. Also, the plan is to conduct all class reunion communication and registration electronically, but there are a bunch of you (about 80) for whom we have no e-mail address. The list of those names follows the letter. If you get this and want to come to the reunion, please provide Bob Lenz (rlenz1967@att.net) with your address ASAP.

Subject: 45th Reunion

From: jrm4081@juno.com;
 dgblanch@verizon.net
 To: Class of '67
 Date: February 23, 2010

Wow! Here we are, nearly 43 years after graduation and already thinking about the 45th Reunion. There is much to be thought through, talked about and digested before that good week comes.

This note is the opening salvo in preparation. If you receive this message, we have an email address approved by you. And our class techies, John James and Dan Jinks, have done a superb job making it possible for us to correspond electronically. If you know of anyone not receiving this message, have them contact us.

As you can see Bob Lenz has stepped down from the magnificent role he played as the class reunion coordinator. In fact he did such an outstanding job it will take two of us to cover his territory!

After much discussion among the class officers, the 2012 reunion will be held from Wednesday, April 25 to Sunday, April 29 at West Point. The Hotel Thayer will be our headquarters. All rooms will be ours with spillover to the Holiday Inn Express in Fort Montgomery. Once registration is opened at the hotel, it will be important to get your registration in early. We expect that not to be

until early 2012, so no hurry and we will notify you when and how to register. Do not call at this time – they are not ready! We look forward to working with you. Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we progress. Thank you.

Jeff Madsen, Dave Blanchard
 Reunion Coordinators

Here are the folks that don't have e-mail addresses on file. Please help us out and provide the info. If you don't want to be on any class distro list other than reunion info, that's fine; we'll keep your address off all other lists.

Altieri, Richard T.	DeSantis, James P.	Kurtyka, Steven T.	Shotwell, Rand K.
Alvarez, Manuel	Ellis, David R.	Langlois, William M.	Smith, Colin C.
Ankener, Richard A.	Francisco, Thomas R.	MacFarlane, F.S.	Smith, Kenneth W.
Avard, John J.	Frazier, Gary L.	Marshall, Jr., John E.	Socher, Gordon A.
Barney, Michael L.	Graham, John M.W.	Matulys, Joel T.	Still, Thomas R.
Behrens, Jon S.	Hadorn, John R.	McConnell, Todd L.	Streit, Charles W.
Berthelot, Henry J.	Hall, Gary L.	Mikula, John E.	Theis, Joseph C.
Bohn, II Bartholomew B.	Heimann, Roger T.	Miley, James M.	Thomas, Frederick H.
Bondurant, Jimmy N.	Hernandez, Charles P.	Mills, Charles J.	Thompson, John E.
Bowen, Carl A.	Hertzfeldt, Donald C.	Mohler, Ralph G.	Threadgill, Gerald G.
Buccieri, David J.	Hikes, Dale J.	Obert, Jr., Jack E.	Tieman, Marvin L.
Cassity, Martin M.	Hill, Richard M.	Osborne, James D.	Vance, James O.
Cole, Douglas E.	Hill, Thomas R.	Platt, William T.	Viney, George S.
Colella, Louis J.	Hohman, II Loren H.	Purcell, Roger J.	Visconti, Jr., Joseph
Cortese, Anthony H.	Horton, David D.	Rothrauff, Jr., Thomas C.	Warren, Michael H.
Cullen, Jr. Thomas J.	Hubert, George P.	Sakas, Karl D.	Weakley, Jr., Benjamin L.
Cusack, Jr. William F.	Jackson, James F.	Sargeant, James R.	Younkin, Derek L.
Dean, Ward	Kasper, Lewis P.	Sharkness, William W.	Ziemke, Jack A.

Jane Lascher to Donate Mike's Class Ring to the AOG for the Ring Melt Program

Back on 2 March I received an e-mail from **Mike Lascher's** sister, **Jane**, asking for ideas about what to do with Mike's class ring. When I explained the AOG ring melt program to her, she thought it was a great idea and now intends to donate Mike's ring to be melted down and added to the gold used to make the class rings for the Class of 2017 - which will be our 50 year affiliation class. I think that's very cool, and tip my hat to Jane for such a great plan.

For those of you not familiar with the ring melt program, it has become very popular since it was started about 10 or so years ago. Each year donated rings, usually from family members of deceased graduates, are melted down and the gold from these rings is added to the gold used to make the new Senior Class's rings. This is done in a formal ceremony and as I said is very popular, especially with cadets. The idea of being forever connected to the Long Gray Line by the gold in your ring really resonates.

Here's a brief story that was published in March about the program:

"Ring melting connects past, present"
 By Teresa Garofalo

"Warwick, R.I.— It's an annual tradition at the Pease & Curren refinery in Warwick: The ring melting ceremony for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. This year, 20 class rings were donated to be melted down. The gold will be used in the forging of new rings for the West Point Class of 2011. The tradition symbolizes the link between the past and the present. Family members from across the country, who donated the rings, attended Monday's ceremony. Many shared memories about the loved ones who'd owned the rings.

One ring belonged to the late Col. Richard Bauchspies, a West Point Class of 1958 graduate from Portsmouth. Another ring was donated by the family of the late Col. Richard P. Foss of Massachusetts, who graduated from the Academy in 1951.

The oldest ring being placed in the crucible this year belonged to a member of the class of 1929: Colonel Elmer E. Kirkpatrick, Jr.

Some living graduates also donated their own rings as part of the ongoing tradition. Watch here: http://www2.turnto10.com/jar/news/local/article/ring_melting_connects_past_present/32240/

Corrections, or mea culpa

As shocking as it might sound, I made a mistake in the last issue; I misspelled Tom (Trey) Sayes' name (I spelled it Seyes). It took him about 10 nano-seconds to let me know it, too. My apologies to one and all. To make up for it, here's a lovely photo of the Sayes clan.



▲ Tom Sayes and his family

In Memoriam

BE THOU AT PEACE

Tragically, we have lost two classmates and a class daughter since the last issue of the *Pooper Scooper*.

✧ MARVIN LAVERNE TIEMAN ✧

Marv Tieman actually died on 23 April 2009, but no one in the class knew about it until **Gary Downs** discovered the news on 20 March while searching for an e-mail address for Marv. Here is brief obituary that appeared in the local (Morrison, TN) newspaper last April.

“Mr. Marvin L. Tieman age 64 of Morrison, TN passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, TN. Born on January 19, 1945, in Quincy, Illinois, he was a nurseryman, horse breeder, and a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a decorated Army veteran of the Vietnam War, received a Bronze Star Medal with Valor, a Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star, and Air Medal. He



▲ Marvin LaVerne Tieman

was also a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. Mr. Tieman was preceded in death by his parents Lyndel Francis and Sarah Elizabeth Howren Tieman.

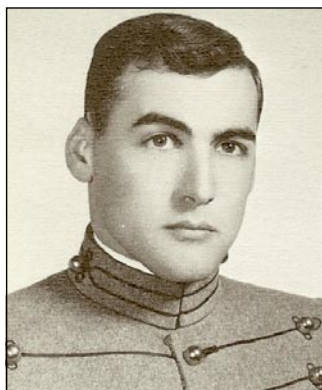
Survivors include his wife of 41 years Mary Diann Tieman of Morrison, TN, his five children Kelly and husband Kevin Dowling of Albany, GA, David Tieman of Nashville, TN, Michael Tieman of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Rachael Tieman and Andreea Tieman both of Morrison, TN, three grandchildren Sarah Elizabeth, Amanda, and Christopher Dowling all of Albany, GA, and sister and brother-in-law Francis Lynn and Tom Horrace of O'Fallon, Missouri.”

Graveside service and interment were at 2 P.M. Sunday, April 26, 2009, at Viola Cemetery. Military grave rites were administered by American Legion Post 173 and V.F.W. Post 5064.

✧ DAVID LEWIS POWERS ✧

Dave Powers died of pneumonia following a lengthy battle with prostate cancer, in Portsmouth, VA, on 20 December 2009. **Paul Kern** was the first to learn of Dave's death from Dave's son John, an NCO in the 82d Airborne Division who had just returned from his 2d tour in Iraq. Here is the obit that appeared in the local newspaper:

“David Lewis Powers, 64, of Vacation Lane, died Dec. 20, 2009. Mr. Powers was born in Washington, D.C. He was president of Challenge Constructors Inc. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., he served in the U.S. Army including a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 11th Cavalry Division. He was a member of



▲ David Lewis Powers

Green Acres Presbyterian Church and was an avid boater. Survivors include his wife

of 37 years, Margaret Wittig Powers; his daughter, Kathryn Powers-Morris and husband David of Alexandria, Va.; his two sons, David Thomas Powers and wife Loretta of Portsmouth, John Wittig Powers of Fayetteville, N.C.; two grandchildren, Maggie Powers and David Powers; a sister, Mary Kay Hasseman and husband Dean of Tomball, Texas; and a brother, Robert Carney Powers of Portsmouth. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, in Green Acres Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Walter C. Hunting. Memorial donations may be made in his name to the church, 3135 Hanley Ave., Portsmouth, VA 23703. Foster Funeral Home, Portsmouth, is handling the arrangements.”

In Memoriam

BE THOU AT PEACE

Tragically, we have also lost a class child. **John & Susan Montanaro** lost their daughter Kimberley very suddenly and unexpectedly on 3 January. Here is the obituary that appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

✧ KIMBERLEY ELEANOR MONTANARO ✧

Kimberley E. Montanaro, 36, a partner in the law firm of Anticouni & Associates, LLP, Santa Barbara, CA, passed away unexpectedly on January 3, 2010.

Kimberley spent her formative years in Pacific Palisades, CA, graduating from Palisades High School. She obtained a BS in Journalism from University of Colorado at Boulder and her Juris Doctorate from University of Denver, College of Law.

During her too short life, Kimberley held a variety of jobs ranging from Los Angeles County lifeguard to publicity assistant for the television show Baywatch. Following her admission to the California bar, Kimberley worked as a civil litigation attorney with firms in Santa Monica, Malibu, Ventura and Santa Barbara. At Anticouni & Associates, she was primarily responsible for the



▲ Kimberley Eleanor Montanaro

firm's class action practice. In addition to her work as an attorney, Kimberley stayed true to her lifelong commitment to help disadvantaged children. Over the course of the last decade, she worked as the director of a non-profit foundation for homeless and disadvantaged youth, interned for

the National Association of Counsel for Children, provided pro bono legal services at the Alliance for Children's Rights, and was a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Santa Barbara.

Kimberley is survived by her parents, **John and Susan Montanaro** of Malibu, CA and Aspen, CO, her brother Jon and his fiancé Shannon Wells of Hermosa Beach, CA, her maternal grandmother Alice Boehler of Hingham, Ma, many uncles, aunts, cousins, friends and her beloved dog, Casey.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made in Kimberley's name to CASA Santa Barbara, 118 East Figueora Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101." Please keep the families of all our lost loved ones in your hearts and prayers.

CLASS HEROES, ONCE AGAIN



▲ Barbara Lau, 2d from right, Executive Director of Cause, at the 2009 Cause Gala in DC

Cause is Looking for a New Executive Director

Here's an e-mail I received from **John Caldwell** on 25 March; it's self explanatory. This is a great opportunity for someone in the Class Family who has time on their hands and wants to continue to serve in a meaningful way. We all know what great work CAUSE has done over the last seven + years.

"Freed,

Please see the attachment in the forwarded message. It contains a job description for the next Executive Director of Cause.

Barbara Lau has given her heart, soul, blood, sweat, tears, etc to Cause since its founding and she wants to step out of the Executive Director position this fall. She will remain on the board of directors.

It is my task to find Barbara's successor.

Within the board, which includes **Ron Naples** and **Harry Jorgenson** and two of the founding '67 wives, we strongly favor Barbara's successor having some

connection to our Class of 1967. We have not specified that connection (child, grandchild, class member, etc).

Freed, I would appreciate it if you could put this description into wide distribution within the class (Pooper Scooper, Assembly article, e-mail, etc). I would like to get recommendations NLT the end of June, but will welcome them immediately. Contact information for response is:

LTG (R) John S. Caldwell, Jr.
7902 South Run View
Springfield, VA 22153
(703) 455-0550 (home)
(571) 232-3122 (cell)

I really appreciate your assistance. This is very important to our class and especially the Soldiers Cause supports.

None Will Surpass!
John Caldwell"

Here's the job description:

Comfort for Americas Uniformed Services (Cause) -- a nonprofit organization that provides recreation and entertainment programs to members of the US military recuperating at military medical facilities -- is seeking an Executive Director to lead the organization from its solid base to new levels of growth and effectiveness.

The Executive Director collaborates with the Board of Directors to set organizational goals and establish strategic priorities and works with staff to conceive, develop and implement programs for wounded warriors, their family members and their caregivers. He/she will oversee the overall management of the organization, be responsible for its financial strength and integrity, and lead its promotional and fundraising activities.

Competitive market salary. Flexible start date. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé to jobs@cause-usa.org.

LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure that goals and priorities set by the Board of Directors are executed in a timely and effective manner
- Oversee, inspire, and guide staff, committee chairs and program managers to accomplish organizational goals
- Ensure the financial health of the organization through careful stewardship of existing resources, adherence to nonprofit accounting standards, and proactive fundraising activities

RELATIONSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and maintain relationships with chain of command and other influential persons at military installations where Cause currently has programs or plans to install programs in the future
- Develop and maintain relationships with foundations, corporations and individuals able to provide resources to support Cause programs and operations
- Develop a close working relationship with the Cause Board of Directors to ensure a thorough flow of information and collaboration on organizational, programmatic and fundraising initiatives
- Develop relationships with individuals who through their influence and circle of contacts can help advance the Cause mission

PROGRAMATIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review and assesses programs and associated activities for effectiveness, popularity, and wise allocation of resources
- Appoint and collaborate with committee chairs to ensure the successful completion of committee mandates
- Work with program managers to ensure that programs are properly resourced and are aligned to the Cause mission

MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

- Hire and train staff, conduct performance reviews, set compensation levels and determine benefits
- Review and approve contracts, work product, and invoices of outside vendors and contractors
- Work with staff to develop policies and procedures governing key administrative functions and systems for ensuring that functions are properly executed
- Ensure that staff members have a clear understanding of their respective responsibilities
- Work with the office manager and accountant to ensure that funds are properly allocated and accounted for; that nonprofit accounting principles are followed; and that IRS and state legal requirements are met

DESIRED SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & ATTRIBUTES

Demonstrated leadership capacity
Prior experience in nonprofit and/or entrepreneurial management
Thorough knowledge of budgeting, audit, and nonprofit regulation
Demonstrated ability to maintain financial solvency and attract financial resources
Extensive experience in managing complex projects and building teams
Good oral and written communication skills
Ability to network with key stakeholders
Collaborative, flexible, creative work style
College education and a reasonable degree of computer literacy, plus familiarity with social network communications
Some military affiliation highly desired

BACKGROUND

Cause is a 501 (c)(3) organization registered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Founded in 2003 by West Point graduates who served in Vietnam, Cause has grown from a small local organization with a handful of volunteers into a national organization with more than 300 volunteers and an annual operating budget of \$750,000 with programs reaching approximately 30% of the wounded warrior population.

Carl Savory, Jim Balkcom and Jimmy Walden Donate Pavers for the National Infantry Museum.



▲ The National Infantry Museum in Columbus, GA

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center opened its doors in Columbus, GA, on June 19, 2009 before a crowd of several thousand people. General (Retired) Colin Powell, the guest speaker for the Grand Opening, captured the historic moment this way: *"This is what we owe to those who went before. This is the place. This is the home. This is their legacy. May God bless all those who have worn the crossed rifles over the years."*

One of the fund raising strategies employed by the museum has been to sell 4" x 8" granite pavers with space for three lines of text, for \$250 per paver. Along the 20-foot wide, flag-lined walkway there are pavers honoring Soldiers, Soldiers' wives, mothers, fathers, siblings and children.



▲ Class of 1967 pavers at the National Infantry Museum, provided by Carl Savory, Jim Balkcom and Jimmy Walden

Even though the Museum and pavers have already been dedicated, Carl very much wants to have a Class dedication ceremony at the paver site on Monday, 7 June of this year. Here's a note I just received from Carl: **PAY ATTENTION HERE: THIS IS IMPORTANT!** "The class dedication ceremony will be on 7 June at 11 AM... the 'mobile' Viet Nam wall memorial will be there as well. We will have a reception/lunch (no host) following the short service....then a special tour of the Museum, which is superb. I will have a reception at my home on Sunday evening 6 June for anyone attending and arriving the day before. I will have 500 invites printed next week. I will need RSVPs."

So, mark your calendars everyone and plan on being in Columbus, GA, for a very important ceremony on 7 June.

I am proud and honored to report that our classmates **Carl Savory, Jim Balkcom and Jimmy Walden** donated the funds to purchase 30 pavers, one for each of our 29 brothers killed in Vietnam and one for the class as a whole. These pavers were installed along the Ranger Walk of Honor outside the museum. As you can see from the photo, all 30 pavers are placed in a group.



▲ Classmates gathered for the dedication of the pavers at the Infantry Museum: Fred Shremp, John Cunningham, Anson Ramsey, Carl Savory, Jim Walden and Chuck Stancil

◀ Pavers along the walkway outside the National Infantry Museum

Rob Herb Continues his Quest to Find and Honor Lost Class Surviving Family Members

In his never ending, tireless quest to find as many surviving family members as possible and bring them into the Class Family, Rob Herb continues to perform miracles. His most recent success has been finding surviving family members for **John Brown**, who was KIA in Vietnam on 21 May 1968. Rob was able to track down and talk to one of John's sisters, Beyrl Grabenhorst, who lives in Oregon. Beryl is very interested in receiving one of Rob's Class Crest wood burning plaques.

The person that made all of this possible is a lady named **Gail Morris**, who lives in Sparta, NJ, only about 80 miles from West Point. Bob tracked her down based on a posting about John Brown she put on the VVMF Virtual Wall. Gail provided a host of information about John's family; this grew into a very poignant e-mail exchange between Gail, Rob, **Brian Hayes** and a couple of other classmates. It's worth sharing some of those reminiscences, so with their permission, here are some of Gail's and **Dean Risseeuw's** Gail's memories of some dark days for all of us in 1968:

From: Gail Lh@verizon.net; Freed Lowrey; usma 1967
Subject: Re: John Brown

"Brian,

I live in northern NJ about 50 miles from NYC and 80 miles from WP, Sparta NJ (973 729 4567). I am divorced and live with my disabled son; he had a severe anoxic brain injury 9 years ago. He is 26 and slowly healing.

John and I started dating just as I turned 18 at the end of my freshman year of college. I lived in NYC and commuted to college (Queens/CUNY) so John and I were able to see each other often until his graduation. I had to work during the summer to pay for college expenses so I was unable to go out to Oregon after graduation. John's parents came East for graduation but his sisters were still in school and stayed in Oregon.

We were able to see each other down in Benning and Bragg in between Basic, Ranger, etc. John talked often about his family to me but the opposite was not the case. He preferred to keep his love life personal. He asked me to marry him at Thanksgiving but I thought getting married at 19 was a poor decision. We were still having that conversation in March. He thought I should live

in Oregon while he was deployed as my parents were an emotional disaster on a good day. My Dad was a terrible drinker.

*John always had a plan. Unfortunately, we had this very irrational argument sitting in the Fayetteville house he had shared with **Ron Frazer** and **Earl Hughes** (they had been airlifted to Nam days before and their cars and stuff were still all around).*

He was trying to protect me and I was rejecting the plan. We broke-up in March right before he was deployed and given leave. That was his decision. I wrote to him and gave him instructions to survive but did not speak to him before he left.

He was only in Vietnam for 11 days and was listed as MIA for two weeks due to Army regulations. He was technically still part of the 82nd while on leave and did not join the 101st until arriving in Nam.

His parents wrote to me after they were notified of his death but I did not receive the letter until the night before his burial. I spoke to his father Don that night, but there was no way I could get there in time. I couldn't even rent a car as I was too young.

I did not know what to do with myself so I went up to the Academy and sat in the Old Church and prayed while Riddle, Oregon drove to Roseburg to bury John. Afterwards, I aimlessly walked around the cemetery and came upon Ron Frazer's grave. He must have been buried a few days before (he had taught me how to waltz and we use to share books, we were both futurists).

*At the end of the summer I went out to Bend, Oregon to pay my respects to his family. The night I arrived his family received a call notifying them of **Dan Neuburger's** death. I had been delayed in Chicago due to the riots at the convention. I was just at O'Hara but the National Guard was being deployed so everything was bizarre. Those were very difficult times, as we all know too well.*

John had dated one of Beryl's college roommates while on leave before deployment. His family had become very close to her and her family (they were neighbors). It became very clear that I was supposed to play the role of old friend from the East and nothing more. I kept in casual contact with John's mother on and off for twenty years but really had little to no contact with his sisters. John's family was always very nice to me but it was a strange relationship. It was my decision not to marry and I had to deal with its ramifications.

I was super-familiar with John. I dearly loved him and would have said yes to marriage if I was a bit older. His voice has kept me sane in my darkest times. Alex, my son, was in ICU for 5 months and hospitalized for a total of 14 months before I could take him home.

After coma he was blind, could not speak and needed support to breathe and eat. He is still confined to a wheelchair but his cognition level is close to normal and we can have great talks. I have a daughter who is 28 and lives with her husband in NYC.

I go up to the Academy in May each year and put yellow roses on Ron Frazer's grave and tell him to share them with John and Dan. Never forgotten.

Thank you for your efforts. Gail."

From: Dean Risseeuw [mailto:dean.risseeuw@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:16PM

To: Gail Morris; kjeleonardi@comcast.net; Rob Herb; dgblanch@verizon.net; Freed Lowrey; usma 1967; B Hayes

"The Ron Frazer connecton:

*Because the 101st Airborne Division deployed to Viet Nam in 1967, all of us on orders to Fort Campbell were reassigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. I arrived at Fort Bragg in December and became Acting Brigade Adjutant for the 3rd Brigade, commanded by COL Alexander R. (Bud) Bolling. Among other duties, I arranged for twelve incoming lieutenants to 'call on COL Bolling' at his home each Tuesday evening. I met COL Bolling's daughter and we dated; that lasted until **Ron Frazer** called on the Bollings and Ron and Kathy began spending time together.*

*The 3rd Brigade was alerted for deployment and the next day (14 Feb 68) I took-off for Viet Nam with COL Bolling and the 20-man Advance Party. Ron's battalion deployed shortly thereafter. By April, I transferred from HQ to an Infantry Platoon. In May, COL Bolling's helicopter landed at my platoon and he took me for a (short) walk to tell me that **Jimmy Adams** had been killed. A few weeks later he landed again, this time with tears in his eyes to tell me Ron had been killed: "What am I going to tell my wife? How do I tell Kathy?"*

Thank you, Gail, for remembering Ron, and the others, each year. You are unsurpassed.

Dean Risseeuw"



CLASS HAPPENINGS:

We're Still Having More Fun Than We Deserve

2010 Ski Reunion and Dewey Purple Butt Award Contest

OK, sports fans, the 2010 Ski Reunion and Super Bowl Debauch are in the history books, and as in all past years a great time was had by one and all, although attendance was down a bit this year. Here's the after action report, courtesy of this year's host **Carol Swanson**:

"It was a pleasure to host the annual ski reunion this year. From the first event the camaraderie and the 'war stories' were priceless. Wish you all could have attended. Photos were sent to the class (suggest those of you with digital photos of other events also send them to Kodak or another service so we can all share). **Ray Winkel's** retirement comes to mind! Here is a summary of the activities:

- Pre-weekend ski day at Kirkwood-**Tom, Robert & Michelle Parr** skied with **Chuck** at our ski-in ski-out condo.
- Evening "reception" hosted by **Bill & Regina Groman** in their suite. Bill Groman provided vino/beer gratis which was eagerly consumed by one and all as they all felt that the 'Price was Right.' **Doug Pringle** told us what to expect at our ski outing the next day!
- Friday ski and tour day to Alpine Meadow hosted by Doug Pringle. Doug Pringle, President, Disabled Sports USA Far West and Alpine Meadows provided a lakeside bus ride and lift tickets at this fabulous Tahoe Resort. Doug gave us a history of the program, equipment and his involvement (extensive and impressive) for this disabled ski program. It supports wounded warriors in a variety of mountain summer and winter activities. Check out the web site: www.disabledsports.net. Unfortunately Doug had some bad Chinese food the night before and ended the trip at the hospital with his private physician, Tom Parr.
- Friday Evening Dinner at the Forest Suites Resort. We had a great buffet again with vino, etc. Another chance for the priceless camaraderie and the "war stories."
- Saturday snowy ski day via the gondola at Heavenly with lunch at the "Lake View." Some of us chose to ride down in the Tram rather than ski back to Nevada. **Jean Cain** got a ride on the ski patrol's snowmobile after our orthopedic surgeon checked out her injuries. Fortunately, the ride was just to the Tram with Mike who escorted her by taxi back to their suite. (FREED NOTE: Jean Cain was the winner of this year's coveted Dewey Memorial Purple Butt Award)



The Debauched Ski Groupies
at this year's ski reunion





▲ The ski patrol at Doug Pringel's Disabled Sports USA headquarters

- Saturday evening Dinner at Staterline Brewery & dessert back at Forest Suites. We ordered off the menu and food, wine (Bill's private stock with a corkage fee) and good conversation were enjoyed by all!
- Sunday skiing at Heavenly, prior to *Sunday Super Bowl Party* at **Chuck and Carol Swanson's**. Yeah Saints! Jean Cain was 'awarded' the Purple Butt

award for falling down while stopping and injuring her calf muscle. We sure gave Tom Parr some consults this weekend. Photo was in the batch sent to the class.

- Monday Skiing at Diamond Peak. It was a *sunny* day with FREE skiing for vets and \$18 for over 60 crowd! The Parr and Cain parties joined Chuck and Carol.



▲ The ski patrol enjoying the Super Bowl party. Front left: Jean Cain proudly displays her Purple Butt Award

- Again the photos can be viewed at <http://www.kodakgallery.com/gallery/creativeapps/slideShow/Main.jsp?token=994008331310%3A1959410990> Michelle Parr says you can load them from the site...just need to join.

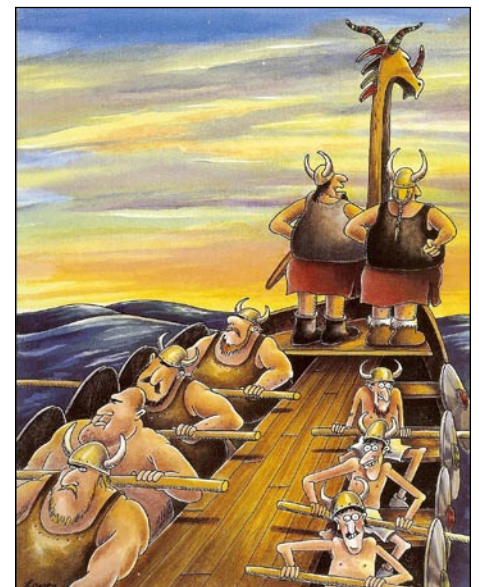
- NO volunteers to host next year's event. Super Bowl is Sunday, Feb.6th, 2011. How about YOU?!!

By the way, in the photo of the group at Disabled Sports headquarters you'll notice a plaque mounted on the wall. The inscription of the plaque reads:

In Memory of Advisory Board Member
CLAUDE HERMAN
and our Classmates who died
in Service to our Country
WEST POINT CLASS of 1967

This was put up when the building was built in 1992 due to the contributions of our class.

The Class Mediterranean Cruise is Right Around the Corner



▲ "I've got it, too, Everett...a strange feeling like we've just been going in circles"

That's right, Sports Fans, only a couple of weeks until the Unsurpassed Cruisers hijack the MS Westerdam and wreak havoc on the natives of several Mediterranean countries. Here's the latest update from our class Cruise director, **Ev Lucas**:

"We're coming down to the wire for the much anticipated Class Reunion Cruise

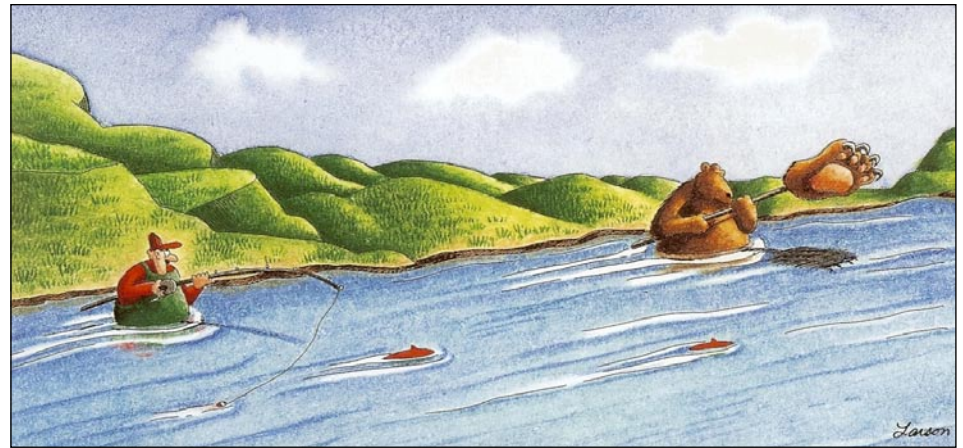
from Venice to Barcelona, 15-28 May. Our group has 61 signed on and from the latest email traffic it is apparent the excitement is growing as the start date nears.

We will be enjoying two cocktail parties, dining as a group, on-board credits, dinner for two in the Holland American Pinnacle Grill specialty dining room, and hours of 'war story' time getting reacquainted with our classmates. Most of us will also be enjoying more quality time on guided tours reserved for our Class group to Pompeii, Rome, Florence and Pisa. The next issue of the *Pooper Scooper* we will share photos of this wondrous event.

While it may still be possible to join our cruise group, you must contact Everett Lucas (everettd.lucas@verizon.net, 732-542-1641) ASAP so that he can check availability, price, and ensure you are added to our group, that is, assuming space is still available. For many of us this is a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed." (Freed note: If that doesn't work, you can always try stowing away in **Randy Pais's** cabin; he doesn't take up much room. Speaking of Randy, let's hope he's better at staying on board a ship than he is staying on a horse.)

One unfortunate thing about the cruise is the fact the dates conflict with **Tom White's** Distinguished Graduate Award ceremony. A lot of folks who would have been here at the Sacred Soil for that event will instead be fighting hangovers and sea sickness in the Med.

Annual Class Golf Ball Hunt Scheduled for July



As I reported last time, the 2010 Golf Reunion is being hosted by **Leslie Nelson**. It will begin in Breckenridge, CO, on 12 July (arrival day and drunken welcome orgy). The practice round will be on the 13th followed by 4 days of competitive play. The shopping, eating and drinking will be continuous. The outing will end on Sunday, July 18th. Here's the latest report from Leslie;

"This will be the 10th anniversary of the outing and many of our charter members will be in attendance along with a whole lot of wonderful new people that we have picked up over the years. The latest tally of those attending is 49.

Plans are well underway at this point. I've scheduled all the golf events and I'm now working on dinner plans. Once this outing starts, it's just like a big reunion ...it takes on a fun life of its' own! Poof! And it's over, but oh what a great time we've all had!

Our final night will be held atop North Peak at Keystone at the 5 star Alpenglow Stube. We'll be dining in style at 12,000 feet! At this time we will be joined by 3 fishermen, **Mike Norton, Mac McMillan** and **John Murrell** who will be off the next day to join the other fishermen at **Tom Petrie's** ranch near Kremmling."

Yes, sports fans, as you can see from Leslie's last comment, the timing of the golf reunion is very fortuitous, for the end date is 18 July which is the start date of the....

Great Adventure Fishing Platoon Assault on Tom Petrie's Ranch

...which starts on 18 July. This will allow those Rangers who also like to hunt golf balls to participate in both enterprises this year.

As with all previous class fishing expeditions, this one promises to be a non-stop exercise in survival and adventure for the 20 stalwarts that made the cut. Tom has arranged a great schedule of events, including guided fishing on great trout water, post-fishing blasts where we get to see how far a skeet launcher can throw **Randy Pais** and how many guys can hit him on the wing, along with excursions to remote waters in the high country and evenings chock a block full of fun and games. And, of course, endless wine and booze. And to make things really interesting, the cooks for this week of fun and games are Tom Petrie's wife **Jane**, son **David**, and my wife **Vicki**. We shall eat like kings.

CLASSMATE COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Hampton Roads, VA, Clan Gets Together to bid Farewell to Ed Locke

I received the following e-mail from Gary Downs on 20 February: "Freed, We held the first Greater Hampton Roads Mini-Reunion this afternoon. We all gathered at Schlesinger's Steak House in Newport News to bid farewell to **Ed Locke**. He is moving from Virginia Beach to just outside

of Coeur d' Alene, Idaho this coming spring to live with his son. The affair was hatched by **Mike Shelton** but he says that **Ken Harris** did all the grunt work. It was a great time.

Attendees: **Ed & Ken Locke, Rick & Caroline Grube, Dean Risseuw, Jim & Margaret Tankovich, Mike & Mary Shelton, John & Barbara Garay, John & Gen Hart, Ken & Lynn Harris, Gary & Cindy Downs, and Jeff Stark.** **Denny Huyck** and **Ed Moore** were unable to attend. We plan to hold more of these get togethers periodically. The next will be this coming summer.



▲ Hampton Roads, VA, gathering to farewell Ed Locke: Front row: Jim Tankovich, Ed Locke, Jeff Stark, Back row: Ken Harris, Mike Shelton, John Garay, Dean Risseuw, Rick Grube, John Hart, Gary Downs



▲ Hampton Roads, VA, gathering to farewell Ed Locke: Front row: Mary Shelton, Ed Locke, Lynn Harris, Back row: Barbara Garay, Caroline Grube, Cindy Downs, Margaret Tankovich, Gen Hart

Skiers get Together at Beaver Creek, CO, for Some Schussing and Debauching



▲ Rich & Debbie Adams, Bill & BJ Brigadier, Don & Sarah Wolfe, Macy & Laura Brown enjoying an après ski feast in Beaver Creek, CO.

Here's a note I received from **Rich Adams** back in early February: "In mid-January, an impromptu mini-ski reunion was called at Beaver Creek, CO, attended by **Bill & BJ Brigadier, Don & Sarah Wolfe, Macy & Laura Brown, and Rich & Debbie Adams.** A very special thanks to Bill Brigadier who paid for the exquisite meal at the Golden Eagle Restaurant out of his largess, the rest of us having misplaced ours..."

Class Winos Sample Some of Oregon's Finest Healing Waters

Back in October a group of five classmates got together to travel through the Oregon wine country and do some serious tastings of the local products. Apparently these guys do this frequently – sort a regularly scheduled mini-reunion of wine common sewers. I think **Bill Cates** puts these excursions together. They have to keep the time, date and places secret out of fear **Ed Dewey** might show up.

Here's a photo of this year's coven, taken at the Youngberg Hill Winery and B&B. Well, that's very convenient: you just drink until you pass out in your own bed.



▲ John Severson, Rick Hausman, Bill Cates, Don Nelson and Pete Economos enjoying some of Oregon's finest healing waters

Bill Freccia Planning an Alaska Fishing Trip and wants Some Company

Here's a note I received from Bill on 7 February. Looks like a great opportunity for some male bonding by manly men.

"Dear Classmates:

On July 24, former SF Colonel (Retired) Don Latella from Fayetteville and myself will be flying to Anchorage and then driving 2 1/2 hours down to the Kenai Peninsula for a week of salmon and halibut fishing, with possibly a day of fly fishing (catch & release) for trout. The salmon fishing will be for kings, sockeye, and silvers. Don and I bring empty 5 day coolers with us and usually bring home about 100 pounds of fresh vacuum packed frozen fish which keeps in our home refrigerator freezers until consumed.

Here's the deal. We are staying at Drifter's Landing which you can Google for all the information. Cost is \$2100 for seven (7) nights which includes lodging, food, and guide. This is a highly sought after week on the Kenai. We have two (2) spots available before they go to unknowns. Please contact me if you are interested. Don and I are flying out of Fayetteville on Saturday morning, July 24 and on to Atlanta and then Anchorage. We depart Alaska late Saturday evening, 31 July and arrive back home Sunday morning, 1 August.

Please let me know if you are interested in going to the Kenai with Don and me. I have been there twice - once with my son in 2006, and again in 2008 with my son and two sons-in-law. However, because of time constraints, never at this peak week at end of July. As ever, Bill"

Al & Glenna Seyfer Discover a Plaque Honoring Doug Gray

On 16 February I received the following:

"Dear Classmates: Glenna and I recently visited Dahlgren Naval Base and discovered the attached plaque outside Gray's Landing - the US Navy Dining Room. Our classmate Doug Gray was from Dahlgren, Virginia and was a great guy. I thought that this would be of interest to those of us who had the privilege of knowing Doug. (Freed Note: Doug was KIA in Vietnam on 9 Dec 1969) Al"



▲ Plaque honoring Doug Gray at the Dahlgren, VA, Naval Surface Warfare Center

Classmates and Wives Gather in Santa Barbara to Remember Kimberley Montanaro.

On Saturday, 3 April, classmates gathered in Santa Barbara, CA, from as far away as Alaska for a memorial service for **John & Susan Montanaro's** daughter **Kimberley**. I received a beautiful

note from John praising the Class Family for their support. Here's part of what he said: "Freed: We had a celebration of Kimberley's life in Santa Barbara on Sat. You would be one of the few who could believe how many classmates came, from near and very far. Freed, ever since that terrible day, Jan.3, I have been constantly held up by our classmates. I am so proud and lucky to be counted among such men. I am so glad I brought my children to our last reunion. Thank you for all your support and sensitivity these past months.... John"

While the group was in Santa Barbara, **Brick & Cindy Anderson** hosted a get together at their place; here are a couple of photos of the folks who made the journey to honor Kimberley. You'll notice a lot of football players.



◀ Classmates gathered at Brick Anderson's home in Santa Barbara: Front row: Brick Anderson, Mike Neuman, Dick Black, Barry Nickerson, Dean Hansen, Tom Schwartz, Ed Beck, Joe Hardin & Dave Rivers. Back row: Townsend Clark, Mark Hamilton, Bob Sellars and Ed Dewey

► Better halves at the Anderson get together: Front row: Edie Sellars, Beverly Hardin, Emily Rivers, Julie Hansen, Sandy Schwartz, and Cindy Beck; back row: Cindy Anderson, Patty Hamilton, Mary Black, Virginia Neuman, and Pam Nickerson



Jim & Suzanne Saine's Christmas Letter News

Bad news first: in August, Jim was diagnosed with leukemia, which caused him to miss the first month of teaching his high school classes. He's being treated at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Ft. Gordon, GA. Things are going well, but as of the date of the letter there were still many test results pending. Keep Jim in your thoughts and prayers.

Good news: last May Jim & Suzanne were presented with their first grandson, Joshua Samuel, by their son & daughter-in-law Sam & Stephanie, who live in Suffolk, VA. Sam pinned on his LTC leaves in July, and this coming summer they'll head to Ft. Sill where Sam will take command of a Field Artillery battalion.

Charlie & Marissa have moved to Charlotte, NC, where Charlie is procurement chief for Polymer Group, Inc. They've got two daughters, Victoria, 5, and Lauren, 2.

Ben & Laura are in San Antonio, where Ben works for USAA, and they also have two daughters, Joy, 6, and Abby, 4.

Elizabeth and Mitch both graduated from medical school last may are now both doing their residencies (in internal medicine) in Burlington, VT.

Dick Gooding Has a TV Show Honoring Veterans



▲ Dick Gooding, TV personality

Here's an interesting article I pulled off the Internet back in January.

"Honoring veterans with their stories"

By Helen Prunty Krispien/Crier correspondent
GateHouse News Service

Posted Jan 29, 2010 @ 12:01 AM

There is a steady swirl of headlines regarding the two wars this country is currently involved in, but despite the controversy of the wars, the men and women who risk their lives and serve deserve recognition. That holds true for all veterans, past and present. Who are these brave veterans who proudly served their country? In the HCAM program, "Veterans Remember," a local veteran and talk show host **Dick Gooding** answers that question in an informal conversation with veterans about their military service. According to Gooding, Hank Alessio, an active town veteran, is the backbone of the program. "My involvement in 'Veterans Remember' came out of a couple of lengthy discussions with Hank and the guys at HCAM where we shaped the format and began the series," Gooding said. "Hank and I go back 25-plus years and share a passion for our veterans, particularly our Hopkinton vets. I think my townie roots made me a natural selection in Hank's eyes since I know personally many of the World War II vets from my childhood in Hopkinton." Gooding, a graduate of West Point '67, points out, "growing up in Hopkinton in the 50's, when the population was between 2,000 and 3,000, was a kinder and gentler time when everyone knew everyone, and these guys (vets) were the fathers and uncles of my friends," he said. The preparation of the show's format is pretty straightforward. "Hank does the phone screen and gathers information about the vet's childhood and military service," said Gooding. "I then jot down bullet points to explore during the taping. The idea is for it to be a conversation; not an interview with questions and answers. My chore is to make the vet feel comfortable and to be himself

during the discussion. I think it has worked out quite well." "Our hope is that it will provide a visual history for children and grandchildren to see what their fathers and mothers went through to keep the country and their family safe and free. Many were heroes who went through some harrowing ordeals, and the series gives them a forum to tell their story to the people of Hopkinton. "The rewarding part of my participation is to hear the stories directly from the veteran. Many have not talked much about their service, but this forum has seemed to work for them, and perhaps I am able to make them feel comfortable. Family members and friends alike have contacted me after watching the DVD to thank us for the series and allowing their loved one to tell their story. "Many indicate that they had never heard some of the things that came up about wartime experiences. Giving the quiet, unassuming military veteran this kind of stage is very gratifying to me," he said. Although some wartime experiences can be painful to recount, "generally, the vets are willing to talk," said Alessio. "For the most part, they talk quite willingly. One guy hedged about his involvement, and one guy refused to talk." Since many veterans have photos of their military service, and the photos are historically significant, a photo gallery is a natural outgrowth. "The origins of the photo gallery began some seven or eight years ago with Cindy Chesmore and Sally Almy at the Senior Center," said Alessio, who was in the Army Signal Corps. "They thought it appropriate for locals (vets) to have a free dinner and scheduled an annual Veterans Day dinner. With each year the event became bigger and bigger until it now virtually fills the hall at the Senior Center," he said. "One of the vets, the late Rosemary Lynch, was stirring up interest to look at pictures of so and so when they were in uniform and now the veterans photo gallery is a key backdrop at the veteran dinner. "At present, there are 350 photos in the gallery with veterans who have served in peace and in conflict from the Spanish American War to Afghanistan. "People relate directly and get excited about it. These activities are investments in the pride of Hopkinton's military heritage. We hope this can be used as a teaching tool as kids learn about Iwo Jima and Korea. "I would hope that one person becomes more sympathetic to appreciate what the vets have done for them. These guys and gals are my heroes; they put it on the line. Many may not have been in a foxhole, but in a Cold War that can turn to hot." "Veterans Remember" airs on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 1:30 a.m. Veterans Remember cable TV series of one-on-one interviews can also be seen at www.hcam.tv/series/vets_remember/video.shtml To access the Photo Gallery go to www.hopkinton.org/community/veteran/slideshow.htm.

Larry Izzo Named to the Sports Illustrated All Decade NFL Team



▲ Little Larry Izzo, an NFL Player of the Decade!

That's right, sports fans, our own Class Son Little Larry Izzo has been named among the best of the best NFL football players for the first decade of the century. On 8 December 2009 Peter King, one of the premier NFL sports journalists of Sport's Illustrated, wrote the following about Larry on the SI mobile website, naming the best of the best for the preceding decade; Larry was chosen as a specialty player as kicking coverage on Special Teams:

Larry Izzo

Teams in 2000s: Dolphins, Patriots, Jets
Seasons in 2000s: 8

The eight-time captain of the New England special teams led his team in special-teams tackles six times in the decade, and set the tone for the Patriots' blue-collar attitude. It's pretty easy to bring new players to training camp and show them how you want things done when year after year the guy who's doing things the most unselfishly is a moderately paid special-teams captain."

You can check it out for yourself by going to the link here.

<http://m.si.com/news/to/to/detail/2090189/full;jsessionid=6F44C657235F6257A113788214A2C1B5.cnnslb>

Denny Coates has an Article in Basil & Spice About Integrity



▲ Dennis Coates, Ph.D.

Here's something I stumbled across by accident on 7 April – it appeared in the West Point version of DoD's Early Bird news releases. *Basil & Spice* is a web-based news and opinion journal (www.basilandspice.com)

Integrity: Living The Truth

By Dennis E. Coates; *Basil & Spice*, 06 April 2010

"When I was a West Point Cadet, integrity was embodied in the Cadet Honor Code, which stated, 'A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do.' Honor violations were reported by fellow cadets and thoroughly investigated. Cadets found guilty were dismissed immediately. I had a classmate who broke the rules by getting married while he was a cadet, a fact which he kept secret. The problem was, he signed a statement every time he returned from leave declaring that he wasn't married.

Eventually, this lie bothered him so much that he turned himself in the day before graduation. It was an honorable thing to do, but he wasn't allowed to graduate or to be commissioned as a second lieutenant.

But that didn't stop him from serving. He joined the Army and earned a commission through Officer Candidate School (OCS). He became a helicopter pilot, but he was killed soon afterward in Vietnam when his aircraft was shot down. I grieved his death along with more than 30 of my classmates who paid the ultimate price there.

'Honor' and 'integrity' are common terms, but I've found that most people have a vague understanding of them. For example, I hear the terms honesty and integrity being used interchangeably. Sure, they're closely related, but to me they're two different things. Honesty has to do with communicating the truth—what you say. Integrity has to do with living the truth—what you do.

So I believe it's important to define 'integrity.' The more clearly you understand what it is, the more likely you'll be to act honorably and the less tolerant you'll be of people who act dishonorably.

I'll start by putting my working definition on the table: Integrity is doing what you've led others to believe that you'll do. This definition applies whether you sign a written contract, make a verbal promise, or present yourself to others as someone who lives according to your core values or a recognized code of ethics. It applies whether your actions are consciously planned or triggered by impulse or emotion. I think of integrity as a personal strength because doing the right thing often means doing the hard thing. It may be inconvenient or difficult to keep your promise. You may be tempted to do something else.

Here's a question for you. What would you do if no one was looking? Would you do the right thing even if you knew for sure that no one would ever know the difference?

Say you're at a convenience store and you buy a lottery ticket for a dollar. You hand the clerk a \$10 bill. Distracted by her conversation with the other clerk, she puts your money in the register, gives you the ticket and then counts out \$19 in change. Clearly, the honorable thing is to point out her error and get the correct change. But many people would rationalize that no one is harmed by the error and that it's a bit of luck that balances out all those past lottery losses. Integrity hangs in the balance."

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Ron Naples Visits West Point and Manages to get his Mug in the Pointer View Newspaper

Back in early October, **Ron**, in his capacity as a member of the AOG's Campaign Cabinet (the group of dedicated and committed volunteers providing guidance and assistance to the AOG in its new \$350 million comprehensive fund raising campaign for West Point) came to West Point for a cabinet meeting. The day included exposure to many of the programs that private funds support at West Point. The following blurb and photo were published in the local rag (doesn't Ron look Strac in that steel pot!):

"Cabinet Display:

EECS cadets and faculty (Freed note: that's the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, the modern version of the Juice (*shudder*) Department) recently hosted distinguished alumni volunteers serving on a West Point Association of Graduates-organized council devoted to developing future opportunities for cadet education through external financial support. The purpose was to inform and inspire members with regard to the modern Military Academy's academic program. Cadets showed early work on Senior Design and other projects. There were many chances for hands-on experience guided by cadets and faculty. At right, volunteer **Ron Naples**, West Point '67, learns about using head movements to control a camera mounted on an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle. Cdt. Mike Weigand built the system. Core Information Technology showed off the hands-on technology learning that every cadet masters prior to graduation, and the department's research centers showed how they're wired into cadet academics, too.

EECS is all about new friends!"

◀ Ron Naples playing with Army toys



OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHEIVEMENTS DEPARTMENT



Mike Mullane and his Son Plan to Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, and are Looking for Other Fools to Join Them (why?)

Here's what I received from Mike back in January. It seems to me that those sado-masochistic dudes that re-do the Plebe Hike every year might want to take advantage of this opportunity to excel. Or not.

"Dear Classmates,

My son and I are planning on hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro this July. It's high (19,000 +) but it's not a "technical" climb. The climb is 6 days with guides/porters carrying pretty much everything you need. Cost will be about \$5000 plus travel. I imagine some of you have already done the climb, but if anybody else is interested in joining us, let me know. The dates of the hike are: start July 18, end July 24th.

Here's wishing everybody a belated Happy 2010!"

Jim & Linda Allen's Son Becomes Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Army

OK Sports fans, hot off the press, here's a very cool press release that hit the wires on 20 April. Congratulations to Jim & Linda Allen and their son Jimmy.

WEST POINT, N.Y., April 20 -- United States Military at West Point issued the following news release:

Head men's basketball coach Zach Spiker has announced the hiring of Jimmy Allen as an assistant coach at Army. Allen joins the Black Knights' staff after serving the six previous seasons as the head coach at Averett University in Danville, Va.

Allen's hiring represents a homecoming for the Black Knights' newest addition. His father, James, graduated from West Point in 1967 and later returned as a chemistry instructor. During his father's tenure as a professor, Allen attended West Point elementary school for three years and James I. O'Neill High School through the 10th grade.

In his six seasons with the Division III Cougars, Allen posted a 97-70 (.581) overall record, guiding the program to three 20-win seasons, three USA South Athletic Conference titles, three USASAC tournament championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

A three-time USA South Coach of the Year (2005, 2007, 2008), Allen inherited a team that was 0-25 the season prior to his arrival and posted a 13-14 overall record in his first season. The next year, the Cougars won 20 games and captured a share of the conference regular-season crown. In 2006-07, Allen's charges went 20-7, winning both the USASAC regular-season and tournament championships and earning the school's first NCAA appearance since 1990. While the team's overall record slipped to 14-15 in 2007-08, the Cougars made a run in the postseason to capture the league tournament and earn its second straight NCAA berth. The 2008-09 squad returned to the 20-win plateau and not only won a conference regular-season championship and its third straight league tournament crown, but also scored its first NCAA Tournament victory since 1990. Allen's 2009-10 team went 10-16 overall and advanced to the semifinals of the USASAC postseason.

"I am extremely excited to be joining Coach Spiker's staff and becoming part of the West Point basketball program," Allen said. "As the son of an Academy graduate who grew up at West Point, I obviously have tremendous respect for the Academy and its mission. I really believe that West Point basketball is on the verge of doing special things under Coach Spiker's leadership, and I am confident that my experiences can help the program."

In addition to the team success, Allen mentored 13 all-conference performers in his six seasons. One of those players, Jonathan Rumley, is the school's only first-team National Association of

Basketball Coaches All-America selection. Allen helped develop Rumley into the schools' all-time leader in steals per game (2.9). He also finished his career ranked fifth all-time at Averett in scoring (1,186) and fifth in rebounds (511).

There was also no shortage of off-the-court accolades for Allen's program during his tenure at Averett. The Cougars earned the USA South Athletic Conference Sportsmanship Award three straight times from 2007-09. The team was also honored with the Community Youth Service Award by the Dan River Center for Voluntarism in 2007 and in 2008 received recognition from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Danville. In the classroom, 18 of Allen's players were named to the conference all-academic team.

"We are thrilled to have a coach of Jimmy's caliber join our staff," Spiker said. "His experiences in various roles on staffs at the collegiate level will greatly benefit our program. His time as a head coach and his knowledge of recruiting to a service academy will be a tremendous asset to our staff. We are happy to bring someone with such strong ties to the Academy back to West Point, and his appreciation of our values makes him the great fit for our program."

Prior to his arrival at Averett, Allen spent 11 seasons as an assistant coach, including eight at the Division I level. Before taking his first head coaching position, Allen worked for two seasons as the associate head coach at Wofford College where the 2002-03 squad won six games against the RPI's top-ranked non-conference strength of schedule.

Allen got his first taste of coaching at a service academy while spending six years as an assistant at Navy under Don DeVoe from 1996-2002. During his tenure with the Mids, Navy won the Patriot League championship and earned NCAA Tournament berths in 1997 and 1998. Allen helped the Mids to three 20-win seasons in his six years in Annapolis.

Prior to his stint at Navy, Allen began his coaching career at Emory & Henry, his alma mater, working with the Wasps from 1993-96.

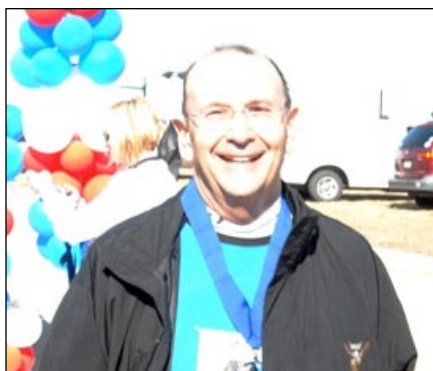
A 1993 graduate of Emory & Henry with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Allen played in four consecutive NCAA Tournaments during his undergraduate career. The Wasps won 20 games each of his four seasons and advanced the "Sweet Sixteen" of the NCAA postseason on two occasions.

A four-year starter at point guard, Allen holds the program's record with 117 consecutive games played and ranks second on the school's all-time assist ledger. He was inducted into the Emory & Henry Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

Allen and his wife, Katie, have one son, James. He will begin his duties at West Point immediately. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email: - htsyndication@hindustantimes.com

Bob LaRaia Walks a Marathon, and Lives to Tell the Tale

I received the following cyber-fart from Bob on 12 January: "Freed, I have some news. I walked a marathon on Sunday the tenth of January. It's my first and my shins hurt and. I have a colorful toenail. But I did it! Bob"



▲ Bob LaRaia proudly shoeing off his marathon finishers medal

Well done, and pop up that scrawny little chest.

Tim Gilbert and Ed & Susie Moore Excel in Orienteering

Tim Gilbert, and Ed & Susie Moore took part in the Sycamore Scramble Orienteering Event at Omstead Park, Raleigh, North Carolina, Feb. 19-21, 2010. This was a three-day event in which Tim took first place in his category and Ed was happy to complete his courses on Friday and Saturday. Susie (newly recovered from two knee replacements in 2009), had just completed her first orienteering course at the beginner level. Ed & Susie were there with the Fork Union Military Academy Orienteering Team which Ed helps coach. Tim was representing the Quantico Orienteering Club (QOC).



▲ Tim Gilbert and Ed & Susie Moore after competing in the Sycamore Scramble Orienteering Event

Class Niece on the USA Winter Olympics Team

Back in February I learned from **Rob Herb** that Morgan Arritola, niece of our classmate **John P. Brown** who was KIA in Vietnam, was on the cross country ski team and competed in several events.

Here's her bio, from the US Ski Team web site:

Biography

Cross country racer Morgan Arritola left soccer in high school to ski and she's churning her way toward the same goal - i.e., elite success - but with a different World Cup.



▲ Morgan Arritola, John Brown's niece, on the US Olympic Cross Country Ski Team

Update

As far as her coaches are concerned, in 2009 Morgan bridged the gap between her strong performances as a junior and where she needs to be this coming February in Vancouver. She finished fifth in the pursuit race at U23 World Championships in France prior to a 22nd place finish in the 30K freestyle event at the FIS World Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic. Morgan is training well and is gearing up for strong performances for 2010.

Olympic Season

As the Olympics approach, Arritola looks to peak in February as her results predicted with a fourth and a seventh at the ConocoPhillips U.S. Cross Country Championships in Anchorage in early January, improving her National Ranking. Arritola, as she raced for an Olympic Bid, also had a top 35 finish on the World Cup Circuit this season.

First Tracks

Born in Bend, which has a strong nordic community - but she grew up in Salem, which doesn't. So, when she moved to the Sun Valley area as a high school freshman, she'd never skied. "I had some friends from the soccer team who skied cross country and they convinced me to practice with them, and I've kinda kept going." (So, she gets a gold medal for understatement, too.) She was the J1 5K FR champ in 2004 and Older Junior 10K FR champ at JOs in '05; Arritola also was on two Junior World Championships teams.

I Am

Harry Potter fan...Also concedes "Dumb and Dumber" would be on any list of her favorite movies...She has three dogs - two yellow Labs and a black Lab (Bruno, Hurley and Tucker) plus a cat named George...Favorite food? Cookies and milk...

MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS,

or short bursts overheard while standing in line waiting for health care

CLASS KID NEWS AND KUDOS

Bob & Roni Lenz's Son Promoted to LTC



▲ Bob Lenz and his daughter-in-law Tara pinning LTC leaves on Bob, Jr.

Bob, Jr., was promoted to LTC on 5 March. Bob & Tara live in the greater DC metroplex where Bob works in Crystal City, though his job takes him frequently to Iraq and Afghanistan for months at a time.

Tyler Donnell Home from Iraq

Great news in the Donnell household: in the wee morning hours of 26 December son Tyler returned from his third tour in Iraq. This seems to be a resonating theme among our classmate's kids. While we're on the subject of classmate's kids in harm's way, I also just learned that Doc Wentzel's son **Sam** is on his **eighth deployment** with the 2d Ranger Battalion, this time to Iraq.



▲ The Donnell clan at West Point last June. Tyler, on the left, just returned from his third deployment to Iraq

Colin Mahle Assigned to the Ranger Regiment (Hooahh)

Here's a note I received from **Emmett Mahle** on 22 January: "Sorry to clog up our site, but since we are discussing Ranger stuff, I need to share. Our son, Colin (VMI, 2000) who made Major last month, is in the Ranger Regiment, just finished Pathfinder School this morning, and will deploy for three months in February, and then come back to be the S-3 Air for the Regiment. He has 55 jumps on his way to his Master Blaster wings. Thanks for listening. Emmett"

Tom Sayes' Daughter Graduating from USAFA

I received the following tidbit of kid news from **Tom (Trey) Sayes** on 12 April:

"I'd like to announce that my daughter Morgan K. Sayes is graduating from the United States Air Force Academy on 26 May 2010 with a B.S. in Meteorology. Following graduation and leave, she will report to the 47th Flying Training Wing, Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, Texas for pilot training.

Oh, she recently became engaged to Second Lieutenant Jared Consolo, USAFA '09. Jared is presently training to be a Combat Systems Officer at Randolph AFB near San Antonio, Texas."

So maybe in the next issue of this rag we'll have some Ball & Chain news to report on. And I promise to spell everyone's name correctly.

Ed Dewey's Grandson Retrieves the Army Kicking Tee at the Army Navy Game

I actually reported this in the last issue, but now I've got some neat photos to share of young Ryan's big day. To remind: Ed took Ryan to last year's Army - Navy Game, his first one. Thanks to **Brick Anderson's** eagle eye, Ed learned that the Athletic Department at West Point was auctioning off the opportunity for a youth under the age of 14 to be the person to run out onto the field and pick up the kicking tee after Army's kickoff, either at the beginning of the game or the second half, whichever time Army kicked. Ed was the high bidder, and young Ryan had the thrill of a lifetime before 78,000 fans in the house and worldwide TV audience. Very cool.



▲ Ed Dewey's grandson Ryan retrieves the army kicking tee after the 2d half kickoff in last year's Army Navy game



▲ Young Ryan with the Mule Riders at the Army Navy game

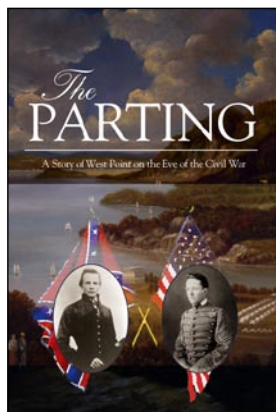


▲ Ed Dewey and his grandson Ryan at last year's Army- Navy game

Rich Adams Finds a Publisher for his Book

After several years of writing, and at least a year of looking for a publisher, **Rich Adams** has finally hit pay dirt. Here's the news I received from him on 28 January:

"My novel, *The Parting*, West Point on the Eve of the Civil War, is going into production at the publisher's!! Attached is the tentative book cover treatment. The background painting is courtesy of **Tom Petrie**, who read and very much enjoyed the book. **Tommy Dyer** gave me the same feedback. Wow, am I humbled to finally get to this point. Below are snippets of feedback from the publisher's editorial review board:



▲ The cover of Rich Adams' book "The Parting"

Conflicts abound in this novel—both on a micro level between the characters and on a macro level as the issue of slavery divides the country. We follow the story of the main character, John Pelham, as he attends West Point, falls in love, and is caught up in the Civil War.

...The point and focus of the work are presented clearly, early in the novel.

Regarding the tone and language level, the author has professional and impressive writing skills. He manages to bring the period and all its details to life. His love for West Point and history rings through loud and clear.

The novel, as a whole, is very appealing and well executed.

...The plot and structure will definitely hold the reader's interest throughout.

...The characters are realistic, flawed, and so very human.

John Pelham is an especially appealing hero. Readers will be caught up in his story, rooting for him, and admiring him.

***The overall impression given by the Editorial Review was:

This impressive book of well-researched historical fiction is a delight to read. The history is fascinating and accurate.

Set against the backdrop of West Point right before the Civil War, the story also brings to life wonderful characters and their personal conflicts.

This novel is a treasure — one the author can well be proud of. It will educate, entertain, and move its readers."

Well done, Rich, pop up that scrawny little chest. I'm sure every classmate will really appreciate the autographed copy you're going to send each of us for Christmas.

TRANSITIONS

Mac & Janice Hartley Move to Boise, ID



▲ The Mac Hartley clan, Christmas 2009

Their new street address is 8153 W. Ringbill Lane; Boise, ID 83714-1383; their mailing address is PO Box 140777, Boise, ID 83714. Home phone is 208-377-7717; new e-mail is ringbill@q.com. Pay them a visit, they're itching for lots of free loaders. Tell them Freed sent you.

John & Sheila Rollow Move to Silverthorne, CO

I got the following scoop on the Rollows from **Jerry Misurek** this past January: "I spoke with John and Sheila Rollow over the holidays. He was my Beast roommate and best man at my wedding. He has sold his dental practice in Colorado Springs, moving to Silverthorne, CO and opening a new practice. They still have a house in Colorado Springs. I tracked him down through **Gordy Rankin**, who is still one of John's patients. Here is their new address: PO Box 1548, Silverthorne, CO 80498.

Dean Risseuw Has a New Job

Dean is now the Director of Business Development, Army Programs for Chenega Technology Services Corp., based in Alexandria, VA. His new business e-mail is Dean.Risseuw@chenegatechnology.com; his office phone is 703-822-2801. Call him up during business hours and chew the fat with him for a few hours.

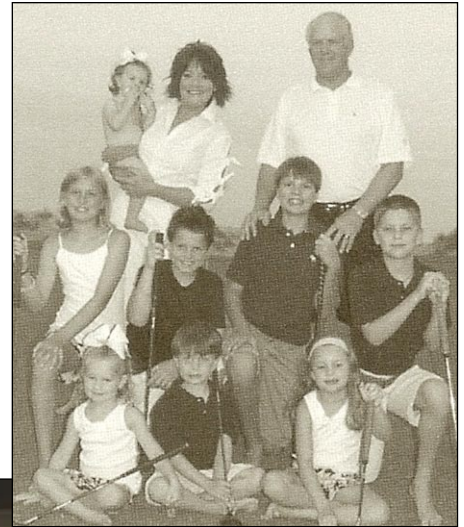
Bob Shaw is Still Doing Work for the Air Force

Latest input from Bob, as of 18 March: "You might not remember, but I think the last time we met you were in the G3 Shop in Alaska and I was a reservist (that was in 1983). You helped me with my active duty time. Since then, I went to work for the Air Force (Civil Service) at Eielson AFB as Chief of Design; the Air Force started moving me around like I was a Blue Suiter, and I retired out of the 45th Space Wing (Eastern Space Range) at Patrick AFB, Florida, as Chief of the Engineering Flight. Since then I've worked primarily on DoD Contracts including three in Iraq. Bob lives in Melbourne, FL.



◀ The Balkcom Battalion, Christmas 2009

► Dave Rivers and his gaggle, Christmas 2009



...And so is Steve May

Steve is the Manager, International Business Development for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc, in Poway, CA. Here's the latest input I got from him in February: "Hi Freed, Now that you've got my personal information, holler if your donor-seeking activities ever bring you this way. I'd be happy to show you around the best part of la-la-land (meaning San Diego). I can also give you a tour of our plant where we're making the Sky Warrior UAS (soon to be the grunt's best friend) for the Army, and Predators and Reapers for the Air Force. You'd find it interesting. Steve"



▲ Naples, FL, Founder's Day: Jim Milliken, Freed Lowrey and Al Olson. Lowrey gets around, doesn't he. Looks good all dressed up, too.

Christmas and Founder's Day Photos

Here are a few lovely photos that have found their way onto my hard drive in the last few months. We're still looking good.

► Classmates at the 2010 Houston Founder's Day: Tom White, Zeke Wimert, Freed Lowrey, Al Nahas, Bob LaRaia, Randy Pais, Rich LaBouliere, Tom Parr and Jerry Walker





*OK, Back by popular demand, one of **Paul Haseman**'s delightful stories of cadet life, back when men were men, cadets marched in four parades a week, the Hellcats included piccolo and flute players, women were our dates, not our classmates, and uniforms were made of wool thick enough to stop a caliber .50 round.*

Rienzi Salute

We have lots a visitors to West Point and one of the more memorable was COL Tom Rienzi, a Signal Corps officer stationed at Ft. Monmouth. As a grad he had been a great Rally speaker and was there often enough with such an outrageous personality that he became easily recognized. One of his flamboyant idiosyncrasies was his salute. For us cadets, you saluted crisply with your hand flat as a straight extension of your forearm held stiffly at a 45° angle (no bent wrists or outward facing British palms). But COL Rienzi's salute was quite a bit different and it warmed the heart of any cadet who yearned for a maverick flare. His salute was almost comical – he would lift his hand casually with fingers spread and mildly cupped and then push it away from his forehead a foot or so and then gently lower it as nonchalantly as a parachute coming to rest. Outrageous! And he was a colonel – and got away with it !! For many cadets who were always out to 'beat the system,' this was great. Several of us would practice Colonel Reinzi salutes in the hallways with great laughter. But we would never dream of saluting an officer that way – that would be about the surest invitation to marching countless hours on the Area as one could conger up. You wouldn't think of even trying it on an officer . . . well, except for maybe on COL Rienzi, himself.

This very thought grabbed me one day walking through Central Area as a Cow. Kind of like a sudden seizure of idiocy. As COL Rienzi came walking in my direction, this thought zipped through my head in four nano-seconds completely bypassing that part of the brain dealing with common sense and avoiding danger, and coming to stop at the brain portal marked "Stupid." As he got within saluting range (about three strides away), I did my best Colonel Rienzi salute and said a crisp, "Good morning, sir!" And kept on walking while holding my breath. As the seconds passed I was beginning to feel safe when those fateful words from plebe year, "HALT, MISTER!" echoed in my ears and reverberated across deserted Central Area.

In the shadow of Central Area's four-faced clock, I quaked at rigid attention after a well-executed about-face. COL Rienzi strode up to me eyes blazing. He said, "Let me see that salute again, mister." And as perfect a military salute as could be given was executed immediately. COL Rienzi was not satisfied. He instructed me to bring my hand up to my hat brim. Again my fingers were extended as straight as Diagonal Walk (where at that moment I wished I was walking). Then he said, "No, no, no – spread you fingers – yeah, that's better. Now let the fingertips droop a bit more. Yeah, I think you've got it. Okay, POST MISTER!!!" I saluted Rienzi style, did another about face and headed out with a grateful grin knowing that COL Rienzi was just as likely to remember THAT salute as I was.

An interesting postscript. Years later as a Captain stationed in the Pentagon, I waited in line in the bus tunnel for a military shuttle bus when I notice now-General Rienzi also waiting about ten people back in line. One of Rienzi's other famous quirks when extending a greeting was to say, "How's your mother?" instead of "Nice to meet you." We knew this even as cadets and again my mind was in overdrive because you only get to mix in Rienzi's outrageous aura just ever so often. So as the bus rolled up, I boarded and quietly but quickly instructed the PFC behind the wheel to say, "How's your mother!?" to the general about to board. He looked at me with a grin as I headed for the nether reaches of the bus. Sure enough, General Rienzi steps up into the bus and the PFC loudly inquires, "How are you doing, General? How's your mother?!!" Rienzi stood thunderstruck and then bellowed, "Who told you to say that?" as he gazed around at the nearly full bus. I had my head lowered taking in the whole show but this time my brain was on "smart" and I kept it that way. Rienzi stalked down the aisle trying to catch the guy that had "got him back" but he didn't this time!

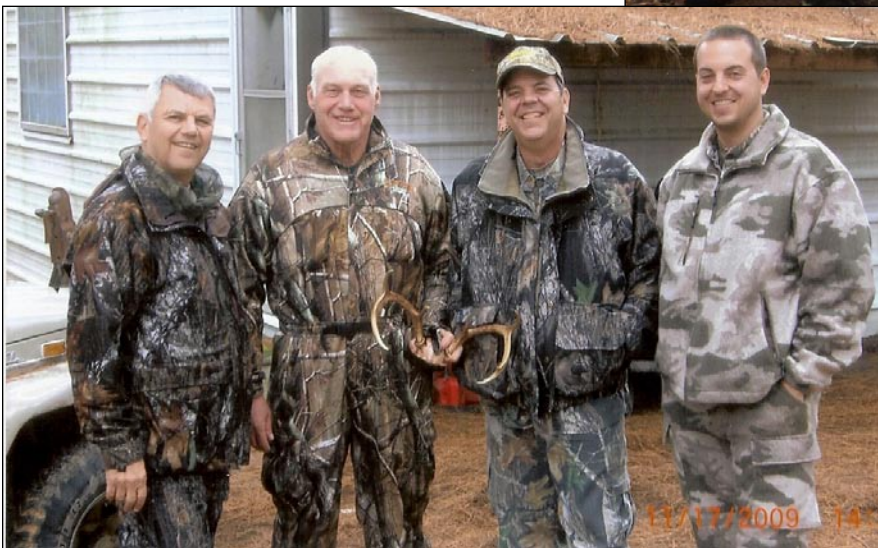
COL Reinzi was one of the many memorable officers at West Point.

SLAUGHTERED BAMBI FLICKS



Quell horror! No dead fish flicks this time, but I do have a couple of slaughtered Bambi pictures for your enjoyment. It's springtime, folks; get out there and snag a fish or shoot something, and send me your photos. Enjoy and admire.

► Johnny Morris-founder Bass Pro Shops & host, Carter Green (Jim Balkcom's 11 year old grandson), and Jim Balkcom with a 12 point monster buck taken by Carter on opening day weekend (Nov 15) near Springfield, MO.



◄ Ray Jones, Jack Wood, Jim Jones (Ray's brother) and Jayce Jones (Ray's Nephew) proudly showing off some shed antlers they found in the woods of Arkansas while stumbling around looking for grubs

EPILOGUE

OK, mes amis, that's enough grist for this mill. I had to forgo some good stuff this time around. Hopefully by August we'll be in a strong enough financial position to do this again and stay on track for three issues a year.

Hang in there and stay together. The older we get, the more important that becomes.

Go Army – Beat Navy!

Freed

MORE BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Since **Paul Haseman's** *Mule Memories* are great trips back to the halcyon days of our cadet and early Army development, I'm continuing that theme with some photos from those early days. A couple of months ago we had a great few days of story-telling on the class e-mail net, first about our cadet cars, then about Ranger School. This prompted a couple of you to send me some photos from both ranger school and our days in Vietnam. Damn, we were Soldiers once and so young I think I know who most of these skeletal apparitions are, but there are some faces I just can't identify. Maybe someone out there can fill in the blanks; I'll give a valuable prize of my choice to whoever can name all the faces correctly.

► More Ranger School survivors. This has been a really tough one to ID; I've asked the intrepid members of the class Fishing Group Ranger Platoon for help. Here's what we've all come up with.

Back Row: Bill Pollitt?; Jack Boyt; Bob Whaley; Carroll Howard; Unknown; unknown; unknown. Front row: Jimmy Adams; Bill Groman? or Rich Altieri? or Steve Kujowski? (I think it's Groman); Marc Ducharme? or John Hadorn?; Walt Mather?; Ranger Hale; Steve Frankiewicz; unknown.

Anyone want to wade in on this?



▼ Ranger School survivors. Back row: unknown, Jack Boyt, Dave Rivers, Tom Schwartz, Marty Harmless; kneeling: Steve Kujowski



▼ Ranger skeletons: Joe Casey, Dave Rivers, Mike Hood, Jack Boyt



◀ Classmates celebrating their arrival in beautiful downtown Vietnam.

I don't who the guy on the left is; I think the next four are Jan Askman, Jim Cali, Joe Hardin and Rich Anastasi.

Anyone want to fill in the blank?



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