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# ABOUT THE COVER

The cover for this issue eloquently conveys the message – alumni homecoming, the annual ritual of graduates going back to Fort del Pilar. It has become not only a cherished tradition, but an obsession of sorts. Those joining the trek back home this year will surely see dear old landmarks – the Fort del Pilar Gate, the PMA Chapel, the Shako, Borromeo Field and most unforgettable of all, Melchor Hall, where cadets struggle for academic survival.

For sure, there are numerous additions to these landmarks, most of which are contributions of PMA Classes. To name a few, these are the PMayer Monument of Class 1981 and the signages of the Plebe Song and Alma Mater Song located along the roads from and to Fort del Pilar Gate and the inscription on a pedestal erected recently in front of the Long Gray Line Wall containing the Cadet Honor Code which says *“we the cadets do not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate among us those who do.”*

Surely, the Cadet Honor Code remains the strongest bond among cavaliers which should be their guiding light even in the outside world.

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**Theme for the next issue: New graduates, new hope.**

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



## Welcome home, cavaliers!

This issue is the last for AY 2016-17 and this is therefore my last column as Chairman of PMAAAI. So, on behalf of the Board of Directors, may I take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to our fellow Cavaliers for allowing us to serve our Association in this capacity and for supporting us without reservation during our incumbency. Together, we have continued to make the PMAAAI as vibrant and relevant as ever.

The theme for this issue has been selected in consonance with the two major events during the period which are very important to us: our Annual General Membership Meeting (Convention) on 28 January 2017 at the AFP Theater, CGEA, with Vice President Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona-Robredo as Guest of Honor and Speaker and our Alumni Homecoming



on 18 February 2017 in PMA, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as GOHAS.

Talking about going home, we would like to share with you two significant quotations:

*"Travel does not exist without home. If we never return to the place we started, we would just be wandering lost. Home is a reflecting surface, a place to measure our growth and enrich us after being infused with the outside world."* - Josh Gates

*"Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to."* - John Ed Pearce


Every year, Cavaliers, with wives and children in tow, come to the PMA in droves to attend the alumni homecoming. Much like a child being away from home, the anticipation and excitement build up leading to the day they get to come home again.

Months before the event, class meetings, and even fund-raising projects, are held to discuss and plan the class activities, billeting, uniforms and the like. Differences in opinion and bickerings are sometimes inevitable but in the end, everything falls into place.

Having spent their formative years together, the bond that is developed in the Academy will always remain strong among cadets, particularly among mistahs. They become not just lifelong friends but family. They form a special bond that will never be broken no matter what. We may come from far and wide, from different backgrounds and ethnicities, but at the end of the day, we are all brothers molded and nurtured by our alma mater. It is in this institution where we started us boys and let out into the world as men.

But just like any other family, sometimes our members get tangled and embroiled in controversies. Sometimes we fight amongst ourselves. Sometimes we become rivals, mistah being pitted against another mistah. Some go through crisis in their careers and families. But never has our home turned us away. It is always comforting to come home to where we will always belong and will always be welcome.

As our own Class 1967 celebrates its 50th year as graduates of the Academy, we can say that we have come full circle. We may be long retired from the service but we are still strong, alive and kicking, and still together. As this year's Golden Jubilarians, we look forward to going back with our wives, our children and our children's children. We may have reached the far ends of the world, we may have achieved the high positions in the land, we may have received the high honors and accolades, but coming home takes us back to where we all began. It reminds us of our humble beginnings, where we all started on equal footing.

And so we join the leadership of the PMA, the PMAAAI Board of Directors and the organizing or host classes in greeting all the PMAyers "Welcome home, Cavaliers!" 



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



## PMAAAI accomplishment report highlights

**Editor's Note:** *Annually, the President of the PMAAAI is mandated to render a report on the accomplishments and activities of the Association to the general membership during the annual convention held on the fourth Saturday of every year. Below are the highlights of this report during the last Annual General Membership meeting at the AFP Theater, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo on 28 January 2017.*

### 1. THRUSTS

The main thrusts of the PMAAAI are to promote the interest of the PMAAAI members and address concerns affecting the Association and members.

### 2. ORGANIZATION

The management of the affairs and business of PMAAAI is vested in the board of directors consisting of 19 members. For Association Year 2016-2017, the Chairman/CEO is Cav Anselmo S Avenido, Jr '67; Vice Chairman, Cav Melchor P Rosales '68, and President, Cav Eric A Kagaoan '87. The other officers/directors are: Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88, Cav Christopher T Calulut Sr '90, Cav Eliezer R Galam '87, Cav Rodolfo R Rabago '68, Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55, Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66, Cav Jaime S Delos Santos '69, Cav Danilo M Servando '81, Cav Demosthenes C Doplayna '82, Cav Cesar Hawthorne R Binag '87, Cav Jess G Estoesta '87, Cav Rolando D Legaspi '87, Cav Ramon Evan T Ruiz '87, Cav Alberto A Cruz '88, Cav Edgar P Nigos '88 and Cav Allen T Paredes '88.

### 3. APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

During the year, the Board held 12 regular Board meetings and numerous committee meetings. During the regular meetings, the Board approved 67 Resolutions, among the most significant of which are (1) Adopting President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as PMAAAI Honorary member upon recommendation of Classes 1966, 1967 and 1988; (2) Conferring the Association Awards (Outstanding Achievement Award and Cavalier Award) to distinguished alumni; and (3) Approving the release of P4,954,000 from the Special PMA Payback to support priority projects of PMA.

### 4. OPERATIONS

a. Support for PMA. Through the Payback fund, the PMAAAI supported projects with a total cost of P7.244M. Among these were purchase of 75 desktop computers and other equipment for computer laboratories and the library and procurement of

additional equipment for use during alumni homecoming and other activities.

b. Mutual Relief ("Abuloy"). To assist bereaved families of deceased alumni, P50,000 is given immediately after their death is reported. From 01 March to 31 December 2016, the amount of P1,605,000 had been spent, charged from the Association's Special fund for Mutual Relief.

c. Medical Assistance. From its Special Fund for Medical Assistance, the Association gives members undergoing medical treatment for life-threatening illness, a maximum amount of P50,000. For the period, P845,000 had been spent from the Fund.

d. Selection of Recipients of Association Awards. The Association follows a stringent process of selecting alumni who have demonstrated outstanding performance of duties and who were appointed/elected to highest positions. For the Association Year, seven alumni were recipients of Outstanding Achievement Award (given during the General Membership Convention on 28 January 2017) and the Cavalier Award in 12 categories (to be awarded during the Alumni Homecoming on 18 February 2017). See pages 6-8 of this issue.

e. Consultation Meetings and Courtesy Calls. On 19 October 2016, the PMAAAI Board scheduled a consultation meeting with representatives of major service chapters, affiliate foundations and classes to get their opinions and comments on alumni matters. In addition, the Board scheduled courtesy calls on the CSAFP, CGPA, CPNP, CPCG during the year. Due to their hectic schedules, only the Courtesy Call on CPCG Cav William M Melad '83 on 18 October 2016 materialized.

f. Testimonial Dinners. The Association tendered a Testimonial Dinner in honor of the following newly elected/reelected cavalier legislators: Sen Cav Panfilo M Lacson '71, Congressmen Cav Romeo M Acop '70, Cav Amado T Espino Jr '72, Cav Leopoldo N Bataoil '76, Cav Raul C Tupas '94 and Cav Gary Alejano '95. Another Testimonial Dinner was held, also at the AFPCOC on 6 December 2016, in honor of SND Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73, NSA Cav Hermogenes C Esperon '74, CPCG Cav William M Melad '83, CSAFP Cav Ricardo R Visaya '83 and CPNP Cav Ronaldo M dela Rosa '86.

g. Cavalier Family Sports Festival. This year's Sports Festival was held at the HPA Parade Ground at Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on 4 December 2016. The games played were fun games and participants included dependents. Players were grouped according to cadet companies, not major service chapters. Delta Company emerged as

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# SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



## Homecoming

Like a mother who longs for her children's return to her folds, the Academy specially prepares its ground for them to gather once more in her name. The old and familiar faces of fellow alumni beam with excitement as we all "come home" to rekindle good old memories and be reunited with our mistahs, upperclassmen and underclassmen.

For four years, the Academy gave us a home and its protective walls became our solace. In her bosom, we shared laughter and sadness, trials and triumphs, and even heartaches and frustrations. Whatever happened in the barracks and classrooms became part of what we are today. From its experiences and teachings, we became strong to face all challenges in the outside world.

But with the myriad of changes in physical, military, and academic landscapes of the Academy, a graduate finds himself a stranger to what is presently happening inside its four walls. Overwhelming as this realization may be, the Academy has certainly undergone a tremendous transformation since the time one can remember.

With the many new things in the Academy, I encourage you, my fellow cavaliers, not to allow yourselves to be engulfed by these developments. I also encourage you to have a deeper appreciation of their *raison d'être*. In the past year that I have been the Superintendent, I was deeply overwhelmed by how time has changed the Academy. Challenged by a curriculum we knew in the past that is so stringent and technical, the Academy has embarked on reviewing them to conform with the trends of modern day education. From overcrowded barracks when we were but cadets, we now see a spacious modern complex that has today provided relief from the previous tight living quarters of cadets. From a small Cadet Corps, the Academy's student population has increased to more than a thousand. With this growth, facilities have not only increased but have been enlarged

and modernized, contributing to an environment conducive to learning.

Despite these physical changes, the Academy remains the same in spirit and purpose. I therefore exhort each one of you through the breadth and depth of your consciousness to find the semblance of the PMA we knew and the PMA today. I ask each graduate, each cavalier to be open-minded to the things that have overtaken our times. There is a need for us to accept the ever-changing environment where the current generation of cadets belongs. If there is one thing that truly amazes me during our homecomings, it is the fact that although PMA's different classes



are separated by time, the old and young generations of Peemayers closely share the resoluteness of the time tested virtues of PMA- courage, loyalty and integrity. We have kept these virtues because these are the very reasons why we have become the men and women we are all today. They undoubtedly molded us to be fine leaders who truthfully and loyally serve this country.

There is a more profound meaning to our "coming home". The setting of our foot on the same ground that witnessed many of our struggles, fears, sacrifices, and joys gives us a new strength. It gives us the determination to adhere to the same core values PMA has instilled in all of us. As we look back, I certainly hope that we will veer from the shallow understanding of what homecoming is. I also hope that every time we visit our Alma Mater, will be an opportunity for us to retrace our roots and to keep alive our *esprit de corps* and camaraderie. May homecoming be an occasion to share our experiences with the younger generations of cadets and inspire them to hold dear the ideals which bond Peemayers. Lastly, let's impress on these young cadets that we the alumni care for the Academy and the Long Gray Line. After all, they are the country's hope for a brighter future and a better Philippines. 🇵🇭



# Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

## Homecoming and the Payback Scheme

Unknown to many alumni who have not been religiously attending annual conventions and homecomings, is the existence of the PMA Payback Scheme which was formulated by the PMAAAI Board of Directors during Association Year 2010-2011, with Cav Rodolfo G Biazon '61 as Chairman. Its purpose is to raise funds to support vital projects of the Academy which are not funded by government appropriations by tapping the help of the alumni. Its basic assumption is that graduates nurture a deep sense of gratitude (an admirable Filipino trait) to the Alma Mater for giving them that kind of education and training not usually found in other educational institutions, and they are only too willing to reciprocate. Under the Scheme, donors contribute monthly, or give one time donations (the amount varies depending on their rank and duty status) to the PMAAAI which earmarks funds for projects according to priorities of PMA.

The assumption has been proven to be valid. From an initial contribution of retired alumni amounting to P250,000, the Payback fund has grown to more than P20M (most of which had already been used by PMA). It has continued to grow, thanks mainly to donors in the active service who agreed to have their

appropriations, hence not subject to auditing. But come to think of it, the alumni have been paying back their Alma Mater for quite sometime now. A look at Alumni Homecoming Programs and Annual Reports of PMAAAI Foundations (PMAFI, most notably) will show that early on, the alumni individually, or as a Class, have been "repaying" the Academy, through various means – like modernizing decrepit classrooms, beautifying certain areas in Fort del Pilar to attain tourist class standard and donating Professorial/Endowment funds to assist PMA in enhancing the quality of education and training of cadets.

To name a few of these early alumni contributions (for sure, there are just too many and could not be contained in this space): Grove '55, Plaza '57, Amphitheater '59, View Deck '62, View Deck and Model Classroom '66; Magilas '76 Visitor's Center, PMayer Monument, Class '82 Clubhouse, Picnic Area 98 and the latest, Class '66 signages of Plebe song and Alma Mater Song and Cadet Honor Code marker and Class '76 signages of Cadette Girl. During the February 2015 Homecoming, Golden Jubilarian Class '65 donated a Model Classroom while Diamond Jubilarian Class '55 donated a Solar Powered Lighting System. Not to be outdone in



monthly contributions deducted from the payroll. Donor retirees are not also lacking, even if it means shelling out a minimum of P5,000 or P10,000 one time donations. The response of the alumni is indeed heartwarming.

Cadets and members of the faculty are mostly benefitted. Among those that had been supported by the Payback fund was the repair of two water pumps (addressing the perennial water problem in the cadet barracks and academic building), and the purchase of 75 laptop computers for use in the classrooms and laboratories.

The preferred mode of the Payback Scheme is cash donation, for ease of programming by the PMAAA Board and expenditure by PMA since money used does not come from government

2016, Diamond Jubilarian Class '56 gave P500,000 to the Payback Scheme, while Golden Jubilarian Class '66 donated P250,000 Endowment Fund to PMAFI and P90,000 to the Payback Scheme. Although not jubilarians, Tanglaw-Diwa Class '92 and Sandigan Class '82 modernized two classrooms. Surely the jubilarians for 2017 have prepared their own versions of payback which participating cavaliers will not fail to see during the homecoming.

The Alumni Homecoming is therefore no longer a simple coming home journey to the Academy to participate in the alumni parade and relive their cadet memories. Unconsciously, they are paying back their Alma Mater, especially the jubilarians who want to make their trip more meaningful by giving something concrete for all to see. 🇵🇭





**LtGen Miranda designated PA chief**

LtGen Glorioso V Miranda '83 has been designated PA chief, vice Gen



**Miranda**



**Vingson**

Eduardo M Ano '83 who had been appointed as AFP chief of staff last 8 Dec 2016. Miranda was replaced as AFP vice chief of staff by LtGen Salvador Melchor B Mison '84.

RAdm Narciso A Vingson Jr '85 has replaced Mison as the deputy chief of staff (TDCS), AFP. And LtGen Mayoralgo M dela Cruz '83 has replaced Vingson as the inspector general (TIG), AFP. Vingson used to be the commander of the Naval Education and Training Command



**Amba**

(NETC) before he was designated TIG. RAdm Rene V Medina '86 has replaced Vingson as head of NETC.

Later, Medina has swapped positions with RAdm Jorge F

Amba '85, commander of Naval Forces Western Mindanao Command.



**Dela Cruz**



**Galvez**

Replacing Dela Cruz as Western Mindanao Command chief is MGen Carlito G Galvez Jr '85, formerly commander of the 6th Inf Div, PA.

BGen Arnel B dela Vega '85 has been designated to replace Galvez as 6th Inf Div commander. Dela Vega only recently

was designated as commandant of the AFP Command & General Staff College.

He has been replaced as AFPCGSC commandant by MGen Herminigildo FC Aquino '84, the former commander of the PA Training & Doctrines Command (TRADOC).

**PDir Apolinario elevated to PNP deputy chief for operations; PDir Mendez, chief directorial staff**

PDir Ramon C Apolinario '85 has been elevated to the No. 3 position in the PNP as deputy chief for operations, replacing PDir Magalong who retired.



**Apolinario**



**Mendez**

Apolinario has been replaced by PDir Fernando H Mendez Jr '86 as PNP chief directorial staff. Mendez used to be the chief of the PNP Directorate for Personnel & Records Management (DPRM).

The following have been designated chiefs of directorates in the PNP National Headquarters: PDir Ramon O Purugganan '86, DPRM; PDir Jose V Ramos '86, Directorate for Logistics; PDir Archie Francisco F Gamboa '86, Directorate for Comptrollership; PDir Camilo Pancratus P Cascolan '86, Directorate for Operations; PDir Edwin C Roque '86, Directorate for Plans;

PDir Nestor F Quinsay Jr '84, Directorate for Intelligence; PDir Noel G Constantino '84, Directorate for Police Community Relations; PDir Augusto M Marquez Jr '84, Directorate for Investigation; PDir Napoleon Taas '84, Directorate for Info & Communications Technology; PDir Rene D Ong '83, Directorate for Research & Development; and PDir Keith Ernard L Singian '83, Directorate for Human Resources & Doctrines Development.

PDir Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 has been designated as the deputy inspector general of the PNP.

**BGen Duco designated J1, AFP**

BGen Arnel M Duco '86 has been designated as the new deputy chief of staff for personnel, J1, AFP, vice RAdm Allan B Rosal '83 who retired. Duco used to be the senior military assistant (SMA) to the secretary of national defense.

BGen Ronald C Villanueva '85 has been designated as the new ISAFP chief.



**Berroya**

**PCSupt Berroya appointed as LRTA administrator**

Retired PCSupt Reynaldo I Berroya '69 has been appointed by the President as administrator of the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA). The LRTA is an agency under the Dept of Transportation.

**MGen Rosales elected PMAAAI chairman; PDir Leuterio, president**

During the organizational meeting of the new board of directors, following the annual general membership meeting and election of the PMAAAI on 28 January 2017, the board elected retired MGen Melchor P Rosales '68 as the new chairman and CEO of the Association for AY 2017-18.



**Rosales**



**Leuterio**

In the same election, PDir Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 was elected as the new president and COO for AY 2017-18. Both were the vice chairman and vice president, respectively, during AY 2016-17.

The other newly elected officers of the Association are: retired LtGen Jaime S delos Santos '69, vice chairman; Col Edgar P Nigos '88, corporate secretary; and retired RAdm Rodolfo R Rabago '68, corporate auditor.



# ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

## 2017 Cavalier Awardees and other Outstanding Alumni

By Cav Melchor P Rosales '68  
Chairman, Awards Committee

The Board of Directors of the PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) has selected as Cavalier Awardees for AY 2016-2017 twelve alumni who, after a stringent selection process, have been found to have the most outstanding performance in their respective fields. The Board has also selected seven other alumni to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award. They have brought honor not only to themselves but also to our Association. Besides exemplifying the Academy's motto of Integrity, Courage and Loyalty, they have distinguished themselves among equally competent and outstanding alumni-achievers. The awardees, who merit our snappy salute and highest praises, are the following:

### 1. CAVALIER AWARD

#### For Command and Administration:



**Kintanar**

**Cav Galileo Gerard R Kintanar Jr '85, PAF** has excelled in his military schooling, having graduated on top of his class in his pilot training, intelligence officer course, squadron officer course in USA, and command and general staff course. He successfully finished his MBM at AIM and MPA from PCU. As a testament to his competence and professionalism, Cav Kintanar held

key positions in the AFP. He has demonstrated outstanding performance as the incumbent commander of the Air Education & Training Command and former commander of the 15th Strike Wing. His administrative ability has been shown as former chief of air staff, and chief of the AFP Office for Special Studies.

#### For Staff Functions:



**Molina**

**Cav Guillermo A Molina Jr II '86**, as the incumbent DCS for Plans, J5 and chief strategic planner of the AFP, has been instrumental in developing inputs to top AFP and DND leadership, like the concept paper on Tri-Nation Combined Task Force which led to the Framework Agreement and SOP, and eventually to the signing of Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement among

governments of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines to address growing KFR threats in their maritime borders; key recommendations on implementation of EDCA between the Philippines and the U; the validation of the Philippine External Defense Plan and completion of its Annexes; the review of the AFP CONPLAN and the MNCC; the final completion and subsequent approval by the SND in 2015 of the 25-year delayed AFP Future Force Structure; the publication of the RAFPMP Quarterly and Year

End Reports; and the painstaking determination of the Horizon 2 and Horizon 3 List of Defense Equipment needed to modernize the AFP from 2017-2028 under RA 10349; and the continuous fine-tuning of the AFP Strategic Basing Plan. In addition, he facilitated the US DoD's requests for project lists from the AFP, for the years 2016 and 2017, to be funded under the US Maritime Security Initiative, totaling almost US42M out of the US50M for the year 2016 alone. He earlier served as ACS for Plans, A5, PAF where he pushed for the formulation of vital plans for the PAF such as the Air Defense Strategy and the PAF Flight Plan 2028.

#### For Police Operations:



**Fajardo**

**Cav Roberto B Fajardo '87** is being awarded the Cavalier Award for Police Operations for his outstanding accomplishments as director of AKG where he effectively decreased kidnapping for ransom cases (KFRC; and neutralized 42 KFR suspects and filed 32 KFR cases at DOJ, thereby greatly diminishing the KFRC in the country. His major accomplishments as regional chief, NCR CIDG were the arrest of Benito and Wilma Tiamzon, top ranking CPP/NPA/NDF in Carcar, Cebu. He investigated the 1,004 missing AK-47 rifles which ended up in the hands of the CPP/NPA/NDF which resulted in the filing of cases in the Ombudsman against senior officers in the PNP. He led operations against erring fellow CIDG personnel involved in extortion and illegal arrest, resulting in the filing of appropriate cases.

#### For Army Operations:



**Babac**

**Cav Felix Ronnie B Babac '93**, barely a month as commander, his unit the 73 IB decisively encountered GF75 killing 11 and recovering 9 FAs; and after five months, he caused the dissolution of GF75 after his adept application of lines of operation that degraded rebels' will to fight resulting in their abandonment of the armed struggle. At the end of 2016, 106 rebels surrendered to 73 IB. He shared his best practices (Success Story of 73IB) 17 times to the all battalion and company commanders of the Phil Army during battalion and company commanders' symposia. As commander of the 8th MIBn, the unit captured 6 ranking rebels and recovered 8 high powered firearms.

#### For Naval Operations:

**Cav Ernesto O Baldovino's** distinct service in naval operations contributed significantly to the attainment of the AFP-DND mission, and his outstanding service reputation has conspicuously





**Baldovino '91**

enhanced the institutional prestige of the PMA and its graduates. His exemplary portfolio of missions accomplished in territorial defense, force level command and control, humanitarian assistance and disaster response, civil-military operations for national development, and international defense and security engagements, immensely advanced the Navy's mandate of protection of the country's national sovereignty and territorial integrity, thus, resulting to the enhanced collective security and general welfare conditions of Filipinos in a maritime defense environment.

**For Air Operations:**



**Carangan**

**Cav Fermin M Carangan '92**, as A-3, orchestrated the successful conduct of the 69th PAF Anniversary celebration. He is a recipient of various awards, namely: Bronze Cross Medal for his acts of heroism involving risk of life as group commander, TOG 8 and Gawad sa Kaunlaran for his meritorious and achievements through the conduct of HARDR operations in areas affected by Typhoon Yolanda and community projects and CMO activities which encouraged stakeholders' participation and cooperation. As Deputy A-8, he co-chaired the Air Force Working Group responsible in the development of existing bilateral activities with Southeast Asian nations. Further, he formulated the Quarterly Unit Assessment Scorecard and Accomplishment Report (QUASAR) which accurately measure the performance and accomplishment of PAF Units by ensuring that flying training are properly conducted, monitored and evaluated.

**For Coast Guard Operations:**



**Coyme**

**Cav Joseph M Coyme '94**, as the incumbent commander of the Coast Guard Ready Force, manages the entire PCG ships, to include the shipboard career of officers and non-officers. He is a Command-at-Sea Badge holder after successfully commanding the DA-BFAR MCS-3004, BRP Romblon (SARV-3503) and BRP EDSA (SARV-002). As CO, SARV-002, he courageously completed a critical mission in Bajo de Masinloc against aggressive actions by Chinese patrol vessels in 2012. As commander, Task Force Maharlika, he orchestrated the successful rescue of 111 survivors of the ill-fated MV Maharlika 2 in Surigao Strait in 2015. He was also instrumental for the safe release of the two abducted PCG personnel in Jolo. Moreover, as chief of the exercise directorate of the PCG contingent, he contributed immensely to the success of Exercise CARAT 2012, a joint sea exercise between Philippines and US, wherein Navy and Coast Guard ships were involved.

**For Special Operations:**

**Cav Reynir S Nirza '02**, known in the AFPJSOG counter terrorist operators community as "Wa'y Kurat", is a true-blooded scout ranger, airborne free-faller, counter-terrorist operator and sniper. He was the lead planner of JSOTF-Vector that led the rescue mission in the Zamboanga Siege of 2013; lead planner of the AFP-PNP Interagency Critical Incident Response Force during



**Nirza**

APEC 2015; and leader of the force tasked to protect the Presidential and Vice Presidential Certificates of Canvass and Election Returns during the 2016 National Election. A highly-motivated SOF operator with exemplary work ethics who knows mission accomplishments come from being well-prepared, hard work and strong determination.

**For Public Administration:**



**Mison**

**Cav Siegfred B Mison '87**, a respected public servant and a strong-willed leader, was appointed Commissioner of Bureau of Immigration in July 2013. He was highly regarded as a game changer who instituted major reforms and initiatives that led to the highest revenue collection and highest number of deportations in the Bureau's 75-year history. He fought hard to restore honor in government service, and succeeded in his vision of leaving a bigger, better, and brighter Bureau. He is a gem sparkling with brilliance for his innovations, and is a servant leader that inspired others to live up to the true meaning of providing quality public service.

**For Private Enterprise:**



**Avenido**

**Cav Mario A Avenido '81** is the president of Public Safety Mutual Benefit Fund, Inc. (PSMBFI), a private corporation providing insurance protection to its members. He is responsible in making the company a reliable partner of the PNP and other public safety agencies. His flexibility and innovativeness led to the implementation of several programs and projects which redound to the benefit of the general membership of PSMBFI. With his prudent management, the financial position of the company was further strengthened with a 21% increase from the time he assumed the office in the first quarter of 2014, allowing the company to provide more benefits to members over and above its contractual obligations.

**For Alumni Affairs:**



**Lapus**

**Cav Jose C Lapus '65** has been very active in PMA alumni affairs having served as director and corporate auditor of PMAAAI, and chairman of its Ethics & Professionalism and PMA Alumni Center Renovation Committees. He is presently the vice chairman of PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI), president of PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI), corporate auditor of PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI) and treasurer of PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI). He has performed his duties in these organizations outstandingly well. Cav Lapus is a donor to the PDFI Special Scholarship Fund and the PMAFI Professorial Chair Fund, and a contributor to the Special Fund for PMA Payback. His contributions to alumni affairs have gone a long way in making the PMAAAI a more responsive, supportive and caring association to PMA graduates and their dependents.

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over-all champions.

**h. Cavalier Magazine.** This is the official publication of PMAAAI and is published bi-monthly. Effective November 2016, the Editorial Board implemented a new set of Editorial Policies to govern types of articles for publication and related matters. For this year, it has published six issues. Copies are either mailed or can be read at the new PMAAAI website.

**i. PMAAAI Website.** The official website of the Association has been changed from pmaaaai.com to pmaaaai.net. The Cavalier Magazine, Minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting, PMAAAI Board Resolutions and other alumni related matters can be accessed through the website.

**j. Integrated Personnel Management System.** The PMAAAI continues to update and integrate the computerized database system in encoding monthly dues of members.

**k. Transient Officer's Quarters.** This building located at the PMA Alumni Center compound serves as a temporary billeting facility for alumni coming from field units without residences in Metro Manila. It has been recently repaired and charges a minimal fee for maintenance purposes.

**l. PMA Alumni Center.** This houses the PMAAAI Secretariat which provides day to day administrative services to the Association. It was recently repaired/renovated and now has a library with a conference room, a corporate boardroom and an office for the President and Executive Director.

**m. Fund-raising.** The Association usually conducts fund-raising activities to raise funds to support its project. For this Association year, the PMAAAI and Philippine Army Cavaliers, Inc., jointly conducted the 5th Heroes Run on October 30, 2016. The share of PMAAAI was P125,300. Another fund-raising scheme is the "Battle of Classes" Golf Tournament which is managed by the Class celebrating its 25th graduation anniversary (Class 1987). Part of its proceeds goes to the PMA Payback Scheme. This year's tournament will be held as part of the 2017 Alumni Homecoming activities.

## 5. FINANCE

The PMAAAI Board manages the Association funds prudently, guided by the principle of safety of the principal, primarily and rate of return, secondarily. From March 1, 2016 to 31 December 2016, total assets of the Association stood at P121,867,255. Gross

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### For Special Field (Literature and Literacy Advocacy):



**Pangantihon**

**Cav Vicente C Pangantihon '68** (deceased) was among the few military professionals who are prolific writers. He devoted his literary talents to the upliftment of impoverished sectors of society especially among indigenous tribes. It was his belief that insurgency is a result of dysfunctions in society, hence cannot be solved with guns and bullets and only thru education and literacy can ignorance and poverty be eradicated. He launched a Panay-wide literacy program to combat insurgency. The young and adults were taught literacy and numeracy, in addition to livelihood skills. He supported the education of orphans and indigent students thru his foundations. He helped defray the educational expenses of indigent students. On his literary talents, he published three


revenues for the period totalled P15,031,563. With total expenses amounting to P12,360,671, the Association realized P2,670,892 as excess of revenues over expenses. (For details please refer to pages 18-20, PMAAAI AY 2016-2017 Accomplishment Report)

## 6. AFFILIATE FOUNDATIONS

**a. PMA Educational Foundation, Inc.** - Provides educational assistance to children/siblings of deceased or disabled alumni, in the elementary, high school and college levels.

**b. PMA Foundation, Inc.** - Assists the PMA in enhancing the quality of education and training of cadets, through research grants, scholarship grants, among others.

**c. PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc.** - Assists alumni in becoming more gainfully employed and provides business loans to those engage in business.

**d. PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc.** - Provides legal assistance to alumni who are facing criminal, civil and/or administrative charges for acts committed while in the performance of their duties. 



books, namely: Kinaray-a English Dictionary, Thinking Aloud, and Karay-a Rice Tradition Revisited. He wrote many articles on historical heritage and cultures of indigenous and cultural minorities. As a lawyer, he extended free legal assistance to the poor in the barrios.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Outstanding Achievement Award is given to the following alumni who have distinguished themselves by being elected or appointed to high positions in government:

**Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73** as Secretary, DND, 30 June 2016 to date.

**Cav Ricardo R Visaya '83** as CS, AFP, 1 July 2016 to 6 Dec 2016.

**Cav Eduardo M Año '83** as CS, AFP, 7 December 2016 to date.

**Cav Edgar R Fallorina '83**, as CG, PAF, 9 March 2016 to date.

**Cav Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83** as FOIC, PN, 12 Nov 2016 to date.

**Cav Glorioso V Miranda '83** as CG, PA, 9 December 2016 to date

**Cav Ronald M Dela Rosa '86** as Chief, PNP, 1 July 2016 to date. 



# Philippine Military Academy thru sixty years we hail your name

By Cav Dionisio S Tan-gatue Jr '57 &  
Cav Tagumpay R Jardiniano '57

And so it came to pass that the fateful days of the EDSA Revolution in 1986 placed the illustrious class of 1957 in pivotal, history-changing situation. It was a shining moment for the nation, and in its own unique sense of unity amid diverging opinions, the Class of 1957 shone just as bright, displaying an inherent class trait forged from years of service and camaraderie. Their unequivocal sense of national interest over personal affiliations was displayed.

That shining moment on EDSA would define the succeeding roles of Class members. As the restored democratic government faced threats from disgruntled sectors, the Class "held fort" for the Filipino nation. If the Class did support these coups, Filipino history would have taken a different turn. Consider that during those tumultuous years, members of the Class held crucial strategic leadership roles: CG, PA; CPC later to become CSAFP; DCSAFP; FOIC PN; Army Division/Brigade Commanders; Regional Command Commanders. Even the intelligence community and the training sectors were held under their control.

The Diamond Jubilee Story of Class 1957 is a series of shining moments. It started one fine morning in Baguio City. At around 0930 16 April 1957, at the grassy Borromeo Field at Fort Del Pilar, seventy-two (72) shakos were tossed into the air. This marked the last parade of the Class of 57 as cadets.

At around 1130 that same morning, in Jurado Hall, seventy-two (72) white caps were pitched aloft as the class members were declared graduates. They were subsequently appointed as Second Lieutenants of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

On February 18, 2017 at the PMA Alumni Homecoming ceremonies, the physically able surviving members of the Class will join in trooping the cadet line as Diamond Jubilarians. This will mark the last time the members will march as a Class on Borromeo Field. The spirit of those who cannot join and of those who have been recalled earlier by their Creator will keep in step.

As they march, every beat of the drum will echo nostalgic memories and every note of the martial music will recreate images of how it all began sixty-four (64) years earlier.

## THE CADETS

Many aspired. Only a few were chosen. Of the 1190 applicants who took the entrance mental examination, only 175 passed. After rigorous and uncompromising physical and medical examinations, only 105 qualified to enter PMA on 1 April 1953. The rigors of the so called "Beast Barracks" left only 102 to be appointed as cadets of the Philippine Military Academy of the AFP.

Except for a few who knew each other as classmates in one or two universities, all the rest did not know each other from Adam. Also, except for a handful, the rest came from the lower-middle class of society. Eighteen came from the Ilocos region; 21 from Central and Southern Luzon; 16 from Metro Manila; 6 from Pangasinan; 11 from the Visayas; 3 from Bicol region; 1 from Mindanao. All the rest represented other regions as "At Large".

Clearly, they had brought with them varied cultural orientation, family upbringing, religious beliefs, and dialects. How does one mold such an amorphous collection of personalities into a desired level of cohesion, behavior, thinking, and orientation?

To paraphrase the assuring promise of the First Captain that "received" our Class, he said, "The Academy will dismantle the years of your physical, mental, moral, and spiritual being and reassemble you into a new creature."

Indeed, from the very first day we stepped into the Academy grounds, the socialization process began. A well-calculated mixture of military drills, physical activities, mental and intellectual exercises, practicing discipline and obedience left us no time to think of family, of home, of friends we left behind.

Almost imperceptibly, gradually a new norm of individual and collective behavior was taking shape. This found expression in seemingly trivial gestures of one helping another with his academic difficulty or in cooperating by giving his things neat and clean as well as his area in the room to avoid demerits for the one in charge for the day; or even of a classmate who would "smuggle" leftover food from the mess hall to help feed hungry roommates. The laxity of one was felt by all.

In no time at all, a new moral formation was taking place - that a cadet "does not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate among us those who do."

Having weathered the shocks of dismantling and discarding old ways and habits, Academy life settled down to the routines. Academics. Military training. Physical activities. Spiritual formation. Living up to the moral norms. Imbibing the rights and privileges of seniority. Even submission to "corrective hazing" had become routinary.

Before we knew it, we were the "Immaculates".

The exacting cadet life claimed heavy toll on our Class.

From the original 102, we were reduced to 59 "originals". By a series of additions, we were 72 by graduation time, the biggest in that decade

The tragic accident that killed President Ramon Magsaysay moved our Graduation from the usual March Week to April 1, 1957. We "inaugurated" him at the Luneta with a parade as "plebes" and "buried" him with honors at the North Cemetery as "First Class men".

## THE OFFICERS

After a very short break the whole Class was ordered to join a Special Company Officers' Course (SCOC) in Fort Bonifacio together with Advanced ROTC graduates. This somewhat dampened our spirit. We expected the usual post-graduation break prior deployment to our respective Major Service assignments.

Upon completion of the SCOC, the members were dispatched to their respective chosen Major Service. Twelve to the Navy. Eight to the Air Force (however, after the initial phase of their training and qualification, 3 joined the Navy). Two to the Constabulary. All the rest, 49 joined the Army.

# THE CLASS OF 1957



**WE CONTINUE TO TOIL, HOPE AND PRAY "TO SEE OUR COUNTRY FREE"**



**FOR THEM "THE BELLS ARE RUNG AND LAST TAPS IS SUNG"**

All those assigned to the Constabulary and the Army were forthwith assigned to the Army operating units. They were engaged in the then de-escalating campaign against the Hukbalahap, mostly in the Sierra Madre mountains from Central Luzon to the Southern Tagalog region. Some in the Army and Constabulary were sent to Jolo in the campaign against Moro bandits. In this campaign, one Constabulary lieutenant member of the Class carried a bullet in his breast and lived through until he reached star rank. One Army lieutenant was killed with his company as they stood their ground to the last man.

Of those who joined the Air Force, one was killed with his Mustang fighter plane and another, a naval pilot crashed into the sea. Then one in the Army was killed in an ambush in the Bicol region. Others who joined the Air Force became transport and jet fighter pilots. The Navy group produced 8 ship captains that patrolled our seas.

Soon the AFP changed to conventional mode. As lieutenants, we were prime movers in the change of face of the Army from rugged BCTs to conventional Infantry Battalions and we were

trained to move, shoot, communicate as part of "regular" Divisions. Still lieutenants, we were Company Commanders and Battery Commanders then engaged in yearly joint training and maneuvers with the US Third Marine Division based in Okinawa. Our firing batteries matched theirs in precision shots at Taklang Damulag and at Crow Valley.

Shortly afterwards, in a separation of rosters, 16 joined the PC, 35 remained with the Army.

While still engaged in the peace and order campaign in the country, classmates volunteered for service as Advisers to Vietnamese units in PHILCON, others as Company Commanders and Civic Action Team Leaders in the hamlets of Vietnam with PHILCAGV 1 and PHILCAGV II securing engineer work parties in Tay Ninh province.

When the Huk problem ebbed, the AFP faced new internal security concerns: a renewed communist insurgency and Muslim secessionist movement in Mindanao. The Nation faced extreme danger at the sudden outbreak of war in Sulu and Central Mindanao. The members of the Class by then were

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# The makings of PMA “Dimasupil” Class 1967

By Cav Mariano R Santiago ‘67

**T**he PMA “Dimasupil” Class 1967 will be the Golden Jubilarians during the Alumni Homecoming in February 2017. It is with pride that we present the Class story.

In late 1962, more than 3,000 young men between the ages of 17 and 21 years took the entrance examination for admission to the Philippine Military Academy. The examination was topped by **Caesar P. Baula** who, together with 17 other military “brats”, made it to the final list of 110 new cadets to enter PMA on 1 April 1963 per announcement by General Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines on 27 March 1963.

They were joined by an American cadet, **William B. Geier, Jr.**, and thirty (30) turned-back cadets from Class 1966 for a total of 141 fourth class cadets. Of this number, only 55 of the original 111 new cadets were able to finish in four (4) years and, together with the 30 turned-back cadets, they graduated on 19 March 1967 in a ceremony attended by President Ferdinand E. Marcos as guest of honor and speaker.

Cadet **Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr.** from Bohol topped the class and received the Presidential Saber. He also garnered most of the awards such as: Academic Board “Star” for academic excellence, Vice-Chief of Staff Award for having the highest rating in Military Engineering, Deputy Chief of Staff Award for highest rating in Mathematics, Philippine Constabulary Award for highest rating in Social Sciences, Philippine Navy Award for highest rating in Natural Sciences, Philippine Air Force Award for highest rating in Mechanics, Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Award for highest rating in Military Art, Leadership and Aptitude, JUSMAG Military-Professional Award for highest rating in Military Professional subjects, United States 13th Air Force Award for highest rating in Social Sciences-Humanistic field and Chief of Services Award for highest rating in Humanities.

Cadet **Alberto F. Salomon** received the Secretary of National Defense Saber for graduating second in his class and the Philippine Army Award for highest rating in the field of Military Instruction; Cadet **Clodualdo R. Francisco** received the Chief of Staff Saber for graduating as First Captain of the Cadet Corps; Cadet **Arturo G. Aruiza** received the Commandant of Cadets Award for highest rating in Military Efficiency; Cadet **Nicetas C. Pareña** received the Dean, Corp of Professors Award for having made the greatest improvement during the four-year course at the academy; Cadet **Manuel C. Feranil, Jr.**, received the National Defense Press Club Journalistic Award for having rendered the most service to Journalism, and Cadet **Victor N. Corpus** received the Mayor of Baguio City Saber for the most valuable service in the field of Athletics.

The class had three “starmen” for academic excellence: Cadet Anselmo S. Avenido Jr. (3CI, 2CI, 1CI), Cadet Alberto F. Salomon (3CI, 2CI) and Cadet Rufino G. Ibay Jr. (2CI).

After graduation, 58 “Dimasupils” joined the Infantry, four went to the Corps of Engineers, three to the Signal Corps, two to the Ordnance Service, while 16 went to the Philippine Navy. Fourteen of the infantry men eventually went to the Philippine Air Force for flying training and became military pilots while 25 opted to join the Philippine Constabulary. One “Dimasupil”, **Teodorico A. Aquino**, failed to be commissioned because of a heart ailment. He was subsequently placed on complete disability discharge (CDD) status.

**GRADUATE AND POST GRADUATE DEGREES.** - Thirty two (32) members obtained graduate and post graduate degrees, namely: **Leopoldo S. Aliac**, MPA; **Santiago S. Aliño**, MNSA; **Jose S. Andaya**, MA Ministry; **Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr**, MPA, MBGA, MMAS; **Lorenzo B. Ballecer**, MBM; **Victoriano C. Buaquen**, MNSA; **Teddy S. Carian**, MPA; **Mariano Cordero**, MBA; **Victor N. Corpus**, MPA; **Abraham M. Din**, MNSA; **Felix V. Duenas Jr**, MBM; **Manuel C. Feranil, Jr**, MA (Journalism); **Clodualdo R. Francisco**, Ph. D., MA Eco., MS Opns Research; **Santos B. Gabison, Jr**, MPA; **Orville**



**G. Gabuna**, MM; **Rodolfo G. Gaerlan**, MBA; **Victor U. Garcia**, MM; **Lucio T. Ibañez**, MS (Management Engineering), Ph. D.; **Rufino G. Ibay, Jr**, Ph. D., MNSA; **Benjamin N. Libarnes**, MNSA; **Ruperto C. Molato, Jr**, MM; **Romeo O. Odi**, MBA; **Virgilio A. Odulio**, MBA, MNSA; **Lyle V. Paraz**, MA History; **Nicetas C. Pareña**, MBA, MDDS; **Eliezer N. Pinto, Jr**, MA Eco; **Benjamin A. Samonte**, MBA; **Mariano R. Santiago**, MS (Transportation Systems); **Rosauro V. Sibal**, MM, MBA; **Constante E. Torrechante**, Ph.D., MA Mathematics; **Diony A. Ventura**, Ph. D., MPA, MNSA; and **Romeo S. Villanueva**, MBA.

**GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.** - The “Dimasupil” Class of 1967 produced twenty eight (28) general and flag officers led by Director **General Santiago L. Aliño**, Chief of the Philippine National Police, with four stars; five (5) three-star generals in the persons of Lieutenant General **Edgardo V. Espinosa** of the Philippine Marines, Deputy Director Generals **Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr**, **Edmundo I. Larroza**, **Roberto T. Lastimoso** and **Romeo O. Odi**, from the Philippine National Police; eleven (11) two-star generals composed of Major Generals **Rolando C. Bautista**, **Santos B. Gabison, Jr**, **Victor U. Garcia** and **Benjamin N. Libarnes**, from the Philippine Army; **Felix V. Dueñas, Jr** and **Santiago R. Madrid, Jr** from the Philippine Air Force; Rear Admiral **Sesinando G. Perez, Jr** from the Philippine Navy and Directors **Jose S. Andaya**, **Orville G. Gabuna**, **Rufino G. Ibay, Jr**, and **Diony A. Ventura** from the Philippine National Police; and eleven (11) one-star generals, namely: Brigadier Generals **Victor N. Corpus**, **Cesar F. Ilano** (Posthumous), **Nicetas C. Pareña** and **George O. Vallejera** from the Philippine Army; Commodores **Julito M. Casillan, II** and **Lamberto R. Torres** from the Philippine Navy; Chief Superintendents **Rogelio C. Aguana**, **Teddy S. Carian**, **Federico R. dela Cruz** (Posthumous), **Alejandro F. De Guzman** and **Virgilio A. Odulio**, from the Philippine National Police.

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**CIVILIAN POSITIONS.** - The class also produced one (1) cabinet secretary in the person of **Anselmo S. Avenido Jr**; three (3) undersecretaries composed of **Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr**, **Rosauro V. Sibal** and **Diony A. Ventura**; and four (4) assistant secretaries or bureau directors, namely: **Orville G. Gabuna**, **Rufino G. Ibay Jr**, **Roberto T. Lastimoso** and **Mariano R. Santiago**.

As if those were not enough accomplishments, two (2) members of the Class were successful in the political arena. **Manuel A. Dalipe** became mayor of Zamboanga City, while **Ernesto G. Dionisio** served for several terms as councilor of the City of Manila and is presently its majority floor leader.

In the academe, four (4) became professors in prestigious institutions as follows: **Rodolfo G. Gaerlan**, Jose Rizal University; **Rosauro V. Sibal**, Ateneo de Manila University; Constante E. Torrechante, University of the Philippines; and **Romeo S. Villanueva**, Philippine Christian University.


**CAVALIER AWARDEES.** - Eleven (11) "Dimasupils" received the prestigious Cavalier Award as outstanding alumni of the PMA in various fields: **Arturo C. Aruiza**, Alumni Affairs 1982; **Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr.**, Public Administration 2002 and Alumni Affairs 2015; **Cesar G. Averilla**, Combat Operations 1972; **Jacob G. Caruncho**, Combat Operations 1972; **Julito M. Casillan II**, Pollution Control 1979; **Felix V. Duenas Jr**, Public Administration 1979 and Staff Support 2000; **Rufino G. Ibay Jr**, Public Administration 1983; **Conrado G. Tanabe**, Combat Operations 1972; **Romeo O. Odi**, Command and Administration 1989; **Mariano R. Santiago**, Public Administration 1981; and **Rosauro V. Sibal**, Air Operations 1974.

**IN MEMORIAM.** - Combat casualties took its toll on some members of the class. The first to be felled by enemy bullets in an ambush was **Martin V. Boquiren** on 30 November 1967, barely

eight (8) months after graduation. Through the years, twenty seven (27) "Dimasupils" joined our Creator in the great beyond, namely: **Romeo A. Abendan**, **Teodorico A. Aquino**, **Arturo G. Aruiza**, **Cesar C. Averilla**, **Caesar P. Baula**, **Luis P. Bautista**, **Rolando C. Bautista**, **Martin V. Boquiren**, **Teddy S. Carian**, **Federico R. dela Cruz**, **Napoleon M. Diaz**, **Felix V. Dueñas Jr**, **Arturo Y. Endaya**, **Manuel C. Feranil Jr**, **Medardo S. Francisco**, **Cesar F. Ilano**, **Santiago R. Madrid Jr**, **Marlo T. Mensalvas**, **Arnold P. Obillos**, **Fabian E. Panelo Jr**, **Lyle V. Paraz**, **Manuel A. Reventar Jr**, **Noli F. Rimando**, **Alberto F. Salomon**, **Conrado G. Tanabe**, **George O. Vallejera** and **Emory A. Vila**. Of the 27 who passed away, nine (9) died while in the active service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

**Norma Aliño**, **Emma Carian**, **Vicenta Diaz**, **Emma Endaya**, **Catherine Francisco**, **Nieves Ibañez**, **Pilar Ilano**, **Remedios Madrid**, **Lorna Molato**, **Esmeralda Obillos**, **Edna Paraz**, **Nita Sadiarin**, **Evelyn Santiago** and **Lorna Torrechante**, the better halves of fourteen (14) members of the class, also went ahead of us.

**ADOPTED MEMBERS.** - The class grew in number as 30 distinguished military officers and civilians were adopted as its members. The most prominent among the adopted members is **Rodrigo R. Duterte**, then Mayor of Davao City and now President of the Philippines, who was adopted in 1994. It was, however, **Fr. Martin Ramsauer**, an Austrian Jesuit priest who was assistant PMA chaplain and who provided spiritual guidance to the "Dimasupils" during plebehood and subsequent years, who was the first to be adopted and he was later named an honorary member of the PMA Alumni Association Inc..

Fifty years after graduation from PMA, we are proud to claim that the "Dimasupil" Class 1967 still remains unconquerable. 

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Battalion Commanders or Provincial Commanders in the PC. Many battalions with Class '57 members in command, were newly formed or redeployed to stem the simultaneous attacks by the MNLF that overran many towns in Mindanao. We made a difference.

Soon, we were Brigade Commanders and Regional Commanders in the PC.

In a reversal of roles at the Academy, 1 classmate served as Superintendent and 2 as Commandants of Cadets. Others served as instructors and tactical officers. One joined the Corps of Professors.

The Class' diligent involvement in these anti-insurgency and anti-secessionist movement must have somehow distracted us from the deteriorating conditions in the country: in the military, malpractices in promotion, rewards and punishment system; corruption in government; social injustices; worsening economic conditions; people's losing faith in government and its leaders; capped by the assassination of Aquino.

What all these needed to explode was a spark.

A small band of reformists headed by a charismatic alumnus provided the flash. This would be known in history as the EDSA People Power Revolution of 1986. The Class found itself in opposing sides. Somehow the Class spirit prevailed in the end.

Two years later in April 1988, forty-two (42) members of the Class were retired en masse. Among us were the FOIC, PN; CG PA; and 37 generals and commodores. Only one was retained as he had to complete his tour of duty as AFP Chief of Staff.

### **THE RETIREES**

Retired at the average age of 54 years, members of the Class were still in the prime of their mental and physical capacities. Perhaps, realizing this, the national leaders tapped the services of a number to continue service to the nation. Two as SNDs, and later to become Executive Secretaries; Chairman/President, BCDA and PNCC; MARINA Administrator; Postmaster General and EPZA Administrator; LWUA Chairman; General Manager, PPA and PVAO Administrator; 2 as PNOG Chairmen; Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Representatives and other civilian positions. Of 2 classmates who retired earlier, one headed an IT company, and another, as College President.


Others joined the private business as participating partners or successful independent entrepreneurs.

One became an international pilot, 2 were pilots for private companies.

At least four explored the uncharted field of politics. Two succeeded. One considered his a misadventure.

For the majority, retirement is making up for lost family time spent when they were in the active military service.

Another generation followed in their footsteps to become active brats in the military service. Others are successful in their respective chosen professions. But that is a different story.

Without exception, these Diamond Jubilarians are now a batch of first-rate doting grandchildren spoilers. 



# The story of PMA Class '92: The Silver Jubilarians

by Cav Leo M. Francisco '92

**“We** are the men full of hopes for our future... And strength of conscience ...With ever-burning faith that we should all be united as one ... We follow the path where only the BRAVE dare tread...And as we follow the road less traveled, We all say **...FROM THE RANKS WE EMERGE, TO THE RANKS WE RETURN AND FROM THE RANKS...WE SOON SHALL RISE AGAIN.”**

This journey of a thousand miles started on April 1, 1988, when Three Hundred Fifty Three (353) dashing young men coming from all regions of the land were appointed as cadets to join the **PMA Class of 1992**. From then on, the greatest CHALLENGE bound to alter the course of our destiny was etched in our mind... **“to graduate from the PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY”**. We were armed with nothing except the RAW determination to survive. After the first year in the Academy, we were reduced to about three-fourth of the 353 who took the oath. The yearling year or the “yellow insignia” was the biggest challenge in and out of the classrooms. This was the period where we learned that the deficiencies were inversely proportional to privileges and leaves. The “red insignia” manifested responsibilities and accountabilities. It was the time when mother Earth shook Luzon, finding ourselves in the mainstream of responsibility not only for our squad mates, for our alma mater but to the people of Baguio City. It was a harsh realization from an ideal mind that such horrible scenarios would unfold in any given time and in a manner so swift where every structure kissed the ground and devastated many lives. As classes were suspended for months, the “COWS” continued to exhibit leadership in all fronts manifesting our readiness to lead the CORPS. This was the “IMMACULATE YEAR”, in its ultimate FORM and SPLENDOR. The year was the preparation for our officership in the regular force of the AFP and admittedly, in the PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE.

After all the failures, defeats and sacrifices, on February 16, 1992, Two hundred one (201) out of the 353 careless youth, graduated as members of **PMA “TANGLAW-DIWA” CLASS OF 1992**. It was indeed a TRIUMPH of our humble beginnings.

Four (4) who graduated from foreign Allied Armed Service Academy in the same year joined the class, bringing it to 205.

**CLASS TRIVIA:**

No. of Graduates	201			
No. of Grads from Foreign Academy	4			
		ACTIVE	RET/RES	D
PA	95	67	22	6
PAF	36	18	17	1
PNP	25	20	3	2
PN	27	15	12	
PN (M)	11	7	2	2
PCG	10	8	2	
CORPS OF PROF	1	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>

One hundred forty-four (144) graduated with the original class, with fifty-seven (57) who came from classes of 91,90,89 and even earlier.

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

The class has four (4) Magna Cum Laudes: Wayne Avestruz-PAF, Sidney Hernia-PNP, Aldwin Almase and Eugene M. Mata of PA. Six (6) were Cum Laudes: Antonio G. Mangoroban JR of the PN(M), Medel M. Aguilar, Edmundo G. Peralta and Dennis V. Pastor all of the PA, Pablo E. Rustria Jr and Pedro S Francisco III of the PAF.

For excellence and valor, there were three (3) who were given the most coveted award any graduate of the academy aspire for, the CAVALIER AWARDS, namely: Col JESUS P. Durante-Philippine Army in the year 2003, PSSUPT LEO M. Francisco-Philippine National Police in the year 2011 and Capt ROLANDO L. Punzalan Jr-Philippine Coast Guard in 2014. As of this writing Col Fermin Carangan-PAF will be the fourth Cavalier Awardee of the Class.

In the same manner, the class has two (2), THE OUTSTANDING PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS (TOPS) awardees, in the persons of Col ANTONIO Z. FRANCISCO JR-PAF in 2012 and Col ELIGLEN F. VILLAFLORES-PA in 2016.

Not to be outdone are our courageous last of the mojicans, seven of our policemen were the recipients of COUNTRY'S OUTSTANDING POLICEMEN IN THE SERVICE (COPS) awards. They were PSSUPT RONALD O. LEE-2008, PSSUPT ERIC E. NOBLE-2009, PSSUPT LEO M. FRANCISCO-2010, PSSUPT SIDNEY N. VILLAFLORES-2010, PSSUPT STEVE B. LUDAN-2011, PSSUPT BERNARD M. BANAC-2012 and PSSUPT BELLI B. TAMAYO-2012.

Indeed we have so much to be proud of. Aside from these achievements, we can also highlight the heroism of Col Boysie Carangan who was the personification of courage during the onslaught of typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban City. We are also proud of the valor of many unsung mistahs who silently exhibited the true breed of a member of Class 1992 without the fanfare of the limelight. For all these achievements, we thank you for doing this in the name of our class. Let us carry on.

To date, the class leadership under the baton of the snappy and forever Class President, Cav STEVE LUDAN is in good hands. Steering the class to its present height is an accomplishment worth praising, deserving of a standing ovation. Also worthy to mention is the chairmanship provided by the Chairman Emeritus of the class, Cav Johnnel Estomo. Without his big-heartedness, it will be difficult for us to attain this kind of “freedom”.

**CLASS ROLL CALL**

**In the Philippine National Police:**

Stationed at the National Headquarters in Camp Crame are the following Pulis Nyo Po: John Atela-Anti-Cybercrime Group; Boss Jonnel Estomo, Boss Steve Ludan and Boss Matt Baccay-Directorate for Comptrollership as Chief-Management, Budget and Fiscal; Boss Mar Reyes-Budget of the DL; Bernie Banac-CO of 14th Finance Service; Bellie Tamayo-C,NCRO,CIDG; Sid Hernia, Mafe Bazar, Uly Cruz and Mar Pungtilan - Regional Comptrollers of PRO2, PRO3, PRO4B and PRO9. In South of Manila, Tony Cirujales and Eric Noble-Provincial Directors of Albay and Cebu.

In the North of Manila: Bong Caramat, Patrick Obinque, Pudras Lee, Paco Francisco and Tateng Nartatez - Provincial

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Directors of Bulacan, Tarlac, Pangasinan, La-Union and Ilocos Norte, while Sidney Villaflor-City Director of Angeles. Maeng Yu - Masteral Degree at the Development Academy of the Philippines.

Laurence Sison recently retired and has been enjoying his vacation sincerely, although forever. Ka kru De La Cruz – Australia and Jude Javier - US. Jorge Francia (+) and Ronald Lorenzo (+).

**In the Philippine Coast Guard:**

We have eight (8) snappy coast guards: Captains Art Abu, Timmy Borja, Joeven Fabul, Mon Lopez, Doy Punzalan, Jojo Ramos, Rudyard Somera and Chris Villacorte; Jhun Gilbang -Canada and Jing Baldonado - US .

**In the Philippine Air Force:**

The eighteen (18) active members are occupying significant positions in the force: Mel Roldan- C, AFSMO; Pedro Francisco is the Deputy of 580ACWW; Erick Escarcha is the Executive Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the President; Aris Gonzales- Deputy, A5, HPAF; KC Casaclang- Deputy, A-7, HPAF; Johannis Dimaano – Chief AFRMO; Pablo Rustria – Deputy for Operations, 250 PAW; Eco Canaya – Director, PAF PIO, HPAF; Gerold Gagan – Deputy, A-8, HPAF; Jules Llarenas – Director for Operations, 15th Strike Wing, Cavite City; Tony Franciso – D,PIO, HPAF; Malaya Francisco – Director for Operations,570 CTW; Boysie Carangan is the A-3, HPAF; Edgar Torres- Deputy for Operations, 600ABW; Josel Zuniga – Commander, TOG9; Bagets Vilela is the A-1, HPAF; Bert Masuda – Director for Operations, 710th Special Operations Wing, Camp Oddonel Tarlac and the reliable Miko Okol – A/U PAFPMC.

Other mistahs: Mike Villaroel, Teo D Valdez, Rey Manongdo, Twit Benitez, Jet Estoesta, Bong Velasco, Wawee Penamante, Ruben Palecpec, Donald Madarang (Cebu Pacific and PAL) Jam Mariquit, Ronald Villapando, Jet Llopis, Wayne Avestruz,



Glenn Dublin, Loy Silva, Resi Manzo and Luth Cuenco –different endeavors.

**In the Philippine Army:**

For the Philippine Army, there are Sixty-seven (67) active mistahs. At the GHQ: Rey Barroquillo-HEA, OCSAFP; Efren Morados-Chief, ROD, OJ3; Dodoy Yecla-Chief, PPD, OJ3; Eugene Boquio – Dep Chief, Opns Div, OJ3; Alvin Flores – Chief, SPD, OJ5; Ferdie (Salamat) Dela Cruz and Dick Balaba – ISAFP; Rolly Dumawa – Head, RSSC, AFPCGSC; Paul Guerrero – Head, AC, AFPCGSC; George Banzon – HHSC, AFP. In DND and Unified Commands; Dondo Landingin – DND; Rommel Almaria – U2, CENTCOM and Medel Aguilar – U7, CENTCOM. Bob Huet -Haiti (MINUSTAH).

At the HQ, PA: Arvin Lagamon – SGS; Edmund Peralta – XO, OG2; Eugene Mata – Dep, ARMO; Rey Alemania – EX-O, MFO; Naz Floresca, Chief, IB, OIG; Dean Mark Mamaril – Dep, ISG; Roleen Del Prado - CS, ASR; Archie Pel – Dir, NETC, ASR. At 1st Inf Div, Zamboanga; Tani Danao - G2; In 2nd Inf Div, Rizal;Ariel Mabagos – G1; Jeff Gallenero - G2 and Willy Isaac – G3. In 3rd Inf Div, Capiz; Aldwine Almase - G2; Ariel Reyes – G3; Chris Sab-it – G4; Gemic Ramirez – G8; Dodjie Belloga – CO, 471B in Bohol and Audie Mongao – CO, 151B in Lanao Sur. In 4th Inf Div,Cagayan De Oro City; Julius Tomines – G1, Lynart Castisimo – G4, Manny Boy Orio – G7, Boyet Sendaydiego – CO, 4MIB, Emil Cruz – CO, 231B in MisOR and Bukidnon, and RJ Rojas – CO, 31B in Surigao del Sur. In 5th Inf Div, Isabela: Gil Noora – CO, DTS; Arn Real - CO, 771B; Gambit Senires – CO, 501B; In 6th Inf Div: Mike Santos – G1 and Dundee Gumiran – CO, 381. In 7th Inf Div, Ft Mag; Lito Montiel – G8. In 8th Inf Div, Samar: Dindo Dacumos – G1; Lito Pangatungan – G3; and Seigfred Tubalado – CO, 461;In 9th Inf, Div: Red Cabanizas – CO, 21B in Masbate. In 10th Inf Div, Compostela Valley: Mitch Anayron - CO, 671B.



In Mechanized Inf Div (MID), Tarlac: Pete Balisi – G3; Andre Santos – Chief, ACDO; and Yuri Batayola – CO, 1st Cav Squadron; In Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija: Noly Mapili - G3; Glenn Villaflor – CS, SFR(A); and Meme Ragudo – CO, 1st SR Bn in Sulu;

At the ASCOM: Jeff Grapa - CO, 7th FSSU in Cebu; Timbong Escalante – 4th FSSU in Lucena; and Leo Caranto – Dir, RDC based in Quezon City.

At PSG and PMA, respectively: Khris Mortela – G3, PSG; Jess Durante – CO, PE, PSG and Ferds Napuli – CO, Spt Grp, PMA.

The following are taking-up their MNSA Course: Freddie Dela Cruz, Feng Lacadin, Ricky Laniog, Jong Lorenzo, Harold Pascua, Dennis Pastor and Demar Pauly- China.

Retired Army: Jovy Pelias, Grafex Grafilo, Randy Foronda and Ringoy Lloren-USA; Nelson Figueroa-UK; Edwin Velasquez-BGC; Jick Labajo-UN; Jun De Vela-GI; Sam Sagun -DOJ; Toto Lumogdang

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# Quo vadis after 30 years, hinirangs?

By Cav Sergio S Sarno '87

“Growing older is certain; growing wiser is harder and optional.”  
— Debasish Mridha

**30th Anniversary** is identified with “pearl” and it was chosen because pearls take many years to grow inside the mollusk. They form by adding layers over time, growing stronger and more durable and these added layers and formation begin when a foreign substance slips into the oyster between the mantle and the shell, which irritates the mantle. The oyster’s natural reaction is to cover up that irritant to protect itself and perhaps it’s just right that pearls signify the 30th year celebration since those 30 years past just like pearls, represent the gamut of challenges and controversies that confronted us but have skillfully honed and made us more mature in dealing with them as we built our own protective barrier to face head on emotional, spiritual, physical and psychological stresses brought to us. And as one saying goes “We don’t grow when things are easy but we grow when we face challenges!” - (author unknown)

Come February 2017 Alumni Homecoming, Hinirang members would have lived 30 years since we left the portals of the Academy on that memorable day of 22 March 1987. Now we look back, to see what happened to our significant “numbers.”

### PMA Class 1987 Personnel Accounting (regular members):

- No. of Cadets appointed: 309 - No. Graduated: 149
- Original Class Members graduated: 98
- Foreign Service Academy Grads: 2
- Medal of Valor Awardees: 3 (the most in any PMA Classes!)
- Graduates with the Air Force: 13 with just 4 remaining
- Graduates with the Navy: 26 with 1 Foreign Service Academy Grad
- Graduates with the Army: 60 with 1 transferee to the PC and 35 still in the service
- Graduates with the PC now PNP: 52 with transferees from the Army & Air Force (1 ea)
- Retired/outside of the service: 41- No. of Deceased Members: 19
- No. of Star ranks as of Jan 2017
  - o PAF: (1 of 4 remaining) Nic Parilla
  - o PA: (2 of 35 remaining) Jun Caparas, William “Bill” Alunday
  - o PN: (8 of 15 remaining ) Joby Bacordo, Rommel Ong, Romel Galang, Bert Mogol, Martin Villasan, Toto Parcon, Nat Casem, Erick Kagaoan
  - o PCG: (3 of 3 remaining) George Ursabia, Lyndon Latorre, Roland Legaspi
  - o PNP: (12 of 33 remaining) Al Corpus, Ray Malenab, Lorgi Eleazar, Tom Apolinario, Bong Fajardo, Toto Aspera, Jigs Coronel, Mao Aplasca, Cesar Binag, Cliff Empiso, Jonas Calleja & Arnel Escobal
- Those who have served/are serving in the government (with positions):

- o Atty Siegfred Mison – former Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration
- o Nongnong Nagrampa – former Director, National Printing Office

What have those 30 years brought to the members of Hinirang? Here’s a summary of “let Hinirang records speak for Class 1987”:

### Three (3) Medal of Valor Awardees:

*Prominent members have brought glory and prestige not just to the Class and PMA but to the AFP as well. Among them are our MOVayers namely: a) the late Edward Lucero (“The Hero of North Cotabato”) who commanded the 6th SRC, FSRR which launched an attack against more than 400 MILF rebels who were poised to occupy the town of Carmen, Cotabato. They foiled the enemy plans, saved the town and its people from harm. This operation cost him his life as he was killed by a sniper bullet. b) Lito Sobejana led a platoon of Scout Rangers in a fierce four-hour gun battle against more than 150 Abu Sayyaf terrorists in Sitio Caro, Barangay Lower Kapayawan, Isabela City in Basilan in January 1995. His unit killed about 30 Abu Sayyafs but Capt Sobejana’s arm was almost severed when he was hit 3 times by enemy fire. c) Jun “Parcs” Parcon led the 61st Marine Recon Company which rescued a kidnap victim during a series of encounters against 46 heavily armed Muslim kidnapers at Barangay Kapayawan, Isabela, Basilan, from 7 to 15 May 1993.*

### PMAAAI Cavalier Award Recipients

1. Jun Parcon (1997)
2. Lito Sobejana (1997)
3. Erick Kagaoan (2012)

### Ten Outstanding Philippine Soldiers (TOPS) Awards by Metrobank Foundation:

1. Jun Parcon (1994)
2. Lito Sobejana (1995)
3. Edward Lucero (1996) +
4. Louie Dagoy (2009)
5. Nat Casem (2010)
6. Erick Kagaoan (2012)

### Country’s Outstanding Police Officers in the Service (COPS) Award by Metrobank Foundation-Rotary Club of New Mania East:

1. Guillor Eleazar (2000)
2. Rey Lawas (2003)
3. Alfred Corpus (2005)
4. Wed Iglesia (2006)

Below are some Hinirangs who are now occupying different positions of responsibilities and now Brigadier Generals and Chief

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Supts with a good number of them “waiting-in-the-wings” (kahit di naman Air Force lahat!) to be promoted to the star/flag ranks (don’t blink your eyes for they will be promoted deservingly in a wink!):

Nic Parilla	C, 220AW	Joby Bacordo	C, NavForSol
Guillor Eleazar	QCPD	Loumer Bernabe	C, NavForCen
Tom Apolinario	SPD	Albert Mogol	C, FMRF
Bong Fajardo	NPD	Mart Villasan	C, Cbt Serv Supt
Bde Jigs Coronel	MPD	Lyndon Latorre	C, CGWV
Rene Aspera	Chief, PSPG	George Ursabia	C, MLEC
Cesar Binag	Chief, FEO	Roland Legaspi	C, PCG NCR
Mao Aplasca	C, AvSecGroup	Nat Casem	C, 3MBde
Al Corpus	ED, I&CTM	Rommel Galang	C, Littoral Cmbt Force
Rey Malenab	Attache, Washington USA	Francis Lardizabal	DAFA, South Korea
Erick Kagaoan	C, NavForces NL	Eric Vinoya	C, 403Bde
Lye Carrabacan	Chief, WCPC	Lito Sobejana	C, 601Bde
Cliff Empiso	RCD, NCRPO	Toto Parcon	C, 2MBDE
Jun Parlade	C, 203Bde	Tyne Banas	C, 1002Bde
Ramie Rey	C, SF	Nixon Fortes	C, 102Bde
Noli Samarita	C, 602Bde	Bill Alunday J	C, 2MechBde
Fernan Trinidad	VC, 903BDE	Sean Villa	C, Offshore Patrol
Nixon Fortes	C, 103Bde	Louie Dagoy	SMA to the President
Jojo Vera Cruz	Ex-O, Dir for Comp	Vir Bartolome	Dep, Army Art. Reg.
Erwin De Asis	C, Army Artillery Reg	Jun Caparas	ADC, 3ID
Errol Gironella	ADC for Reservists, 5ID	Andro Baclayon	TF Malampaya
Cliff Empiso	RCDS, NCRPO	Rommel Ong	AJ3
Ding Carreon	C, TF GenSan	Jess Estoesta	AJ1
Toinks Valencia	AJ5	Wilson Reyes	IG, 3ID
Ely Galam	CO, PA Finance Center	Rey Lawas	DRDO, PRO7
Jim Hidalgo	C, GSMO, 3ID	John Luglug	Dep, ASG
Jonas Calleja	Ex-O, Dir for Log	Ringo Licup	Ex-O, Dir for Opns
Mon Rafael	DDO, CIDG	Mon Linasan	Dir. LWC, TRADOC
Debold Sinas	SDS, Dir. Staff, PNPHQ	Tyrone Masigon	RCDS, PRO10
Jose Briones	DRDA, PRO12	Allan Cuevillas	DRDO, PRO8
Greg Lim	DRDA, PROCAR	Sagat Bongolan	C, SDU, HSC, GHQ
Raul Cestona	C, GSMO, 10 ID	Reno Tolentino	Ex-O, OJ1
Mon Ruiz	C, AREO	Henry Robinson	DC, HHSB, PA
Caloy Corpus	Deputy, TCE	Noel Detoito	Ex-O, TCE
Raul Vinoya	C, GSMO, 7ID	Romy Basco	Ex-O, OJ8
Bert Ancan	CS, 3ID	Noel De Vera	CO, HSG, HPN
Chet Valencerina	Head, Acad Grp, PMA	Jojo Bueno	CS, SOCOM
Raul Toinks Valencia	PRO3	Gochin Zaragosa	C, 401Bde
Arnel Escobal	DRDA, PRO6		

Also, these past years, Hinirangs served the AFP and the PNP in different capacities. They have brought honor and prestige to the offices where they have been assigned and to the men they led. Hinirangs participated or even led different water search and rescue missions, relief and recovery operations in areas hardest hit by numerous devastating typhoons such as those code-named as Sisang, Reming, Uring, Sendong, Frank, Ruping, Pablo and most prominently, Yolanda. Hinirang leaders were also in the thick of disaster operations in areas hit by severe earthquakes and other natural calamities. This included the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti where Mistah – Louie Dagoy led a UN contingent in the relief and recovery operations despite scarce

resources and personnel. Our Hinirang members in the National Police have been reliable partners of the government in its quest for peace and order, even to the point of sacrificing their careers in the police service. We all know how precarious the work of police personnel in undertaking peace and order duties. At times, they could not avoid stepping on “powerful toes”, and this could affect their career in the police service.

**Honorary/Associate/BIRC Members:**

To bring additional “strength” and prestige to the regular Hinirang members, the Class adopted honorary and associate members who also brought honor and prestige to the Class as they have served or are serving in different gov’t positions. Among them are: Honorable Chiz Escudero – Senator of the Republic of the Philippines; Atty Arnel Casanova – former President, BCDA; AFP Reservist: BGen Peter Suchianco (JAGS) Reservist Brigade Commander.

Our lawyer members are Atty Ariel Nepomuceno – current Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Customs; Atty Mike Delmendo – Legal Counsel (Land Registration Authority); Atty Boyet Lacson who’s into NGO work and Arnel Alambra – both private practitioners; Atty Amber Pagtalunan in the Shipping Industry (Baliwag Navigation legal counsel), Atty Mike Delmendo with legal office of LRA (kalaban ng mga pekeng property owners and land-grabbing syndicates);

On law enforcement: Mike Agoncillo – Chief, DPMU, SPD; Dante Novicio – COP, Navotas Police; Nelson Bondoc – Chief, LP&P, Dir for Log; Joel Ceballos with the PNP AKGas well. Some have joined the security industry in different capacities. In the leisure and tourism industry: Wed Iglesia in his Boracay jet-ski biz; Bob Lardizabal at Fairmont Hotel and Raffles Residences and Caloy Gadapan with San Miguel Corp in Boracay (what a way to do security duties while basking in Boracay’s wind and sun); Gerry Josue as Sales & Mktg Boss, G4S; Capt Ross Sarmiento (Ret) with 2Go Grp as VP for Security; Nick Sotelo as VP for Opns, Zadok Consulting; Lasmar Edullantes KMLR Business Strat & Solutions, Inc.; Jett Duque as private security consultant; Sergs Sarno at ABS-CBN (no passes, please!) in the media industry. Ray Liwag as security consultant to PCSO last time I heard.

Our high-flying pilots: Pitong Plamenco (Air Juan aviation helo); Cebu Pac – Joey Absalon, Ronnie Nieva, Dante Andres & Gerry Cunanan, Gilbert Bartolome (Air Asia), OJ Ramos both with Asiana, Sonny Saclayan (PAL Ex) & Fred Mison as PAL executive in the airline industry; Wally Partosa works in an investment



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company in Ayala; Bernie Miaque in health and wellness industry, as well as Caloy Villareal with his on-call massage team; Ariel Agtay actively looking for new engagement and “on call” while doing some consultancy services and Dong Sermenon in construction biz; Nick Sprite as Sup with Alriver Export Corp; Joel dela Torre & Ariel Emock with the City Government of Navotas handling traffic as well as consultants on Risk & Disaster Mgmt; Jumar Tajon recently retired with Araneta Properties; Magic Salamanca with the BOC’s Enforcement Group as well as Jess Tabor. Al Bernardo as Supply Chain Director of Ecosential Foods Corp - affiliate of KOPIKO Group. Jim Bustamante – Bureau of Immigration (Tech Asst for Warden & Protection Unit); Welsie Lopez in his private capacity as Customs consultant.

Foreign-based mistahs in USA: Rico Magsino, Gerry Gerodias & Benjie Gonzales as health care pros in California & Virginia, USA; Rhyss Hizon & Manny refugia with the US Navy. Who would not forget our mistahs with the United Nations in different capacities – Arnold Altuna, Lito Bermudez, Eugene Gepte among others. Recently retired Stephen Ramos who shuttles back & forth to USA & back here; Robbie Go who has been in the USA for the longest time. We also have Carlo Papica

- PILOT, Hawaiian Air; Antonio Santos - Technical Consultant, Software Engg, MASTERCARD and Jun Villajuan - Consultant, IBM USA. Roel Bael A.

We have become more financially and emotionally stable and contented with what we have achieved now. Early on in our lives, we were unsure and had abundance of what-ifs in our minds. As we grew older, those significant uncertainties have been resolved and we have become more certain, less stressed and more sure of ourselves.

Why not look for another 20 years or more with the confidence we now have and the kind of brotherhood we have established since those barracks days of squat-thrusting, “mase-mase”, sharing boodles and sharing “kamalasan” from shabby and magan upperclassmen!

Next month will be the culmination of our Pearl Anniversary as Senior Host Class out there in Borromeo Field! March proudly and with self-assurance that we – Hinirangs, have done glorious deeds individually and collectively. With chest out, stomach in and with heads held high, we shall salute snappily, prouder as ever!

MABUHAY ANG HINIRANGS! MABUHAY ANG PMA! 🙏

**The story of PMA... from page 14**



– Pepsi Cola, Inc; Mars Lacbain – Del Monte Pineapple in Bukidnon; Sherwin Lambio-City of Dreams; Vic Sarap- Ayala; Danny Sotto-Cagayan de Oro City; Joey Jabido-Gensan and Dennis Quiano-Zamboanga. Conrad Dieza-Northern Luzon. As usual, Vic Catalla and Peter “Early Seven” Borja have yet to pop out.



-UP; Allan Bolado-US; Gen Generale -Zamboanga; Natz Guanzon -Bataan; George Dominguez -LRMC; Sam Pallorina -New World Hotel; Joel Simbulan -PAL.

**In the Navy:**

We have twenty-two (22) active Philippine Navy: Doods Albalate - US; Manny Bello-AFP Finance Center; Dado Caluya-Director, NRMO; Lem Espartinez -Superintendent, FTDC; Kokok Escalona -NSSC; Edward Arriola -IC6, NSC; Bronx Gabor -MC2, PMC; Greg Hernandez-Deputy, N-2; Chuck Mangoroban-NS for Logistics, N-4; Mac Racacho-AC of NS for NSE; Eric Macaambac -Deputy Commander, NISF; Frank Tagamolila-Division Chief, O/J3; Jo Orbe-AFPCGSC; Ted Quinson -Division Chief, O/J5; Badong Lavapie-Head, Department of Naval Warfare, PMA; Bimbo Quemado-Executive Asst to COMNOLCOM; Willy Chavez -Chief of Staff, NAVFORSOL; Lloyd Casis-RSPN; Rey Lopez- RSPN; Richard Gonzag-LD-602, PT-PAL , Indonesia; Alan Javier-Commander, Fleet Support Force, Philippine Fleet and Noel Rodriguez-Executive Officer, OTIA

Others: Earl Pabalan- Detroit; Nap Suarez-California; Shariff Calon -CA; Paul Jimenez -US; Dodong Gonzaga- Australia; Genesis Dolojan-Afghanistan; Bong Noceto-Vietnam; Jules Advincula

**In the BIRC:**

The BIRC is busy with many class endeavors especially class fund generating activities. Magaling silang maghanap ng additional “income” for the class. Mistah, we are thankful for all your support, understanding and of course for “BEING ONE of US”: Allan Cayetano- Senator, Republic of the Philippines, Bong GO- Special Assistant to the President; Ricky Panes - MERALCO; Erwin Ceasar Rivera-PNB; Roger Lizardo- Consultant; Roland Ong-Manager; Percy Condes-PSMBFI; Nathan Ledesma-Businessman; Erwin De Vera -USA; Cicero Ariola – PAGCOR; Marino Bautista-GSIS; Atty. Gel Bongngat, Board Member; Jun Llave-Contractor; Bobby Almario -Director; Francis Chan-Manage; Godo Senires-CGEA; Rico Lavallo-Manager and James Maranon-Cokes.

Indeed we have come a long way in our journey. After all these years, we have realized that life is always a learning process. There is no hard and fast rule. The academy’s motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty shall be our guiding principles in the arena of life. Good luck to each and every member of Tanglaw Diwa and see you again on our Thirtieth-Year.....May GOD BLESS US ALL. 🙏

# There is life after retirement

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

*(Speech of Cav Alquiza before the Association of Defense Comptrollers or ASDEC on 5 Dec 1995 at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, QC.)*

I would like to thank you for inviting me as your Guest of Honor and Speaker during your meeting today. When your president called me up last Wednesday to extend the invitation, at first I was hesitant, because of the short notice, but I finally accepted it, realizing that it will give me the rare opportunity and privilege to renew old acquaintances and revive memories of my personal involvement in the ASDEC.

*I am glad to see that this association, which I helped organize about 20 years ago, is now led by officers whom I have the chance, one time or another, to work with. Your chairman, your vice chairman and I work together in the Jacinto group of companies for over 13 years. And your president worked with me in the AFPCGSC and later in the AFPMBAI where he served as my vice president for finance and treasurer.*

I cannot forget the time when BGen Remy Tigulo '62 and Col Lito Cabusao worked with me in 1985 in that management audit team, ordered created by the then acting AFP chief of staff, Gen Fidel V Ramos, to audit the AFP financial institutions – the AFPMBAI, AFPSLAI and AFPGIC.

I must commend these two very competent officers for their uprightness and courage in standing up with me, despite strong pressure, in exposing the anomalies and irregularities, which resulted in the ouster of the then AFPMBAI president and the installation therein of management reforms.

I have also worked with Col Joe Foronda in the AFPOVAI, where he is now the treasurer and I, the chairman.

With these officers at the helm, it is no wonder that ASDEC has become a strong organization that it is today.

Well, it is also nice to see old officemates in OASCOM. I understand some have already retired, like Messrs. Evangelista and Bravo. But the old reliables are still around, like Josie Nieva, Lydia Aricheta, Baby Panuelos, to name a few.

## Reminiscences of ASDEC

With your indulgence, ladies and gentlemen, let me turn back the clock of time and reminisce the early days of ASDEC and my personal involvement therein.

Not many of you, especially the younger members, know that ASDEC started very informally, as the DND Comptroller Family. It was organized in the early seventies by the then Asst Secretary for Comptrollership, DND, BGen Rodolfo B Muyargas '53. He is the father and founder of ASDEC. The DND Comptroller Family was organized to promote fellowship and camaraderie among its members, thereby enhancing cooperation and coordination among them in the performance of their duties. Its purpose is also to promote professionalism in the field of financial management. The purposes for which it was organized 20 years ago, I am sure, are still the same purposes ASDEC aims to pursue today.

In 1976, I proposed to make the organization more formal, by changing its name from DND Comptroller Family to Association of Defense Comptrollers, or ASDEC for short. I prepared its

Constitution and Bylaws, which provided for the usual positions of President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary, in addition to the position of Chairman which was to be held by ASCOM in an ex-officio capacity. With the adoption of its Bylaws, yours truly was elected as the first president of ASDEC. I held that position until 1980 when Col Joe Bello '56, the then Chief, Management Division of OASCOM, succeeded me.

I am very proud to have been associated with this prestigious organization, and even prouder to have served as its first president.

I'll always cherish the memory of the early days, or rather years, of ASDEC.

## Life after Retirement

On this occasion, I would like to talk on the subject "Life after Retirement". You might be interested in this topic, for some of you are now nearing retirement, like your vice chairman. And the truth is – all of you will also retire, unless you get out of the government service earlier, through resignation.

One month or sooner after you retire, you will find yourself bored doing nothing. You will then have to decide on what you want to do with the rest of your life.

Your financial condition at the time of retirement may determine or at least influence your decision. If you are well off, i.e., if you have saved enough, or if you have a rich wife, then you may not have a need to work again. So you can just enjoy life by playing golf every day. If you don't engage in sports, and you just stay idle at home, like the PNB's – "palaging nasa bahay" – you will age faster. I am sure you will not like that.

So, the desire to have another job is dictated, not only by financial necessity, but by the need to keep fit, physically and mentally.

*In my case, when I retired in 1985 at the young age of 53, I wanted to work, for both reasons. I had to work to support the education of my children who were then still in grade school. Well, I was lucky because in February 1986, immediately after the EDSA people power revolution, I was offered the presidency of the AFPMBAI, which I gladly accepted.*

A military retiree who wants to work again can either join the civilian government service or the private sector as an employee, or can organize and manage his own business as an entrepreneur.

What are the prospects in the civilian government service? Well, you can run for an elective office. Be a senator like Gringo Honasan '71 or a congressman like Roy Golez '70. Or you can run for governor or mayor. Or you can aspire for an appointive position, like Secretary Greg Vigilar '52 of DPWH; or you can be appointed in DND, like your chairman, Commodore Vic Buenaventura '57. I do not have to tell you what it takes to run for an elective office or to get appointed to a government position.

How about the private sector? The opportunities are there, but then the competition is quite tough. The officer-retiree will be competing with the young and highly educated for the executive or managerial positions. His edge is his discipline and his experience in handling people.

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## PAF Chapter conducts Christmas party

By Cav Isagani F Quiming '01

On 13 December 2016, the chapter conducted its Christmas party at the VIP Lounge, PAF Gymnasium, Villamor Air Base, Pasay City. Coupled with yuletide spirit, the air was filled with fun and laughter as the air cavaliers interacted with each other.

Aside from merriment, the event became a venue for air force cavaliers to take a break from their busy schedules and unwind. Since there is no established PAF subchapter in Villamor Air Base yet, the gathering became a good opportunity for older graduates to meet other cavaliers, especially the younger ones. Members of different classes attended the party which made the night even more special. Raffle prizes were given away and everybody was able to bring home a prize. There were guessing games with questions related to the customs and traditions

of the Academy. The answers were based on the surveys conducted with the younger bloods as respondents. After the fun games, the older cavaliers were happy to find out that the good practices and lingos in the Academy are still carried on until today.

The occasion was even made more special with the presence of the Commanding General, PAF, CAV EDGAR R FALLORINA '83, who has been very supportive of every endeavor of the chapter. CAV ROZZANO D BRIGUEZ '86 and CAV NICOLAS C PARILLA '87, Chairman and President respectively, were satisfied with the outcome and were thankful to the cavaliers who voluntarily shared the expenses for the event. Not a single centavo came from the chapter's funds. The affair was funded through the untiring efforts of the Ways and Means Committee. 



### *There is Life after ... from page 18*

Military retirees usually land in security agencies or as security officers of large private companies. That is because many of these retirees have no specialties or expertise other than purely military skills. But for those with MBA's especially those who get out of the service early, they have very good chances of being appointed to executive positions, like Administrator Rene Valencia '63 of the SSS, who was earlier pirated by Ayala after he finished his MBM from AIM.

To enhance your chances of getting appointed to managerial positions in private companies, you must prepare yourself, even before you retire, by pursuing a masters degree in business management or by finishing an accountancy, engineering or law degree. Passing the board or bar certainly will make you in greater demand.

Another factor employers consider is age. Most companies prefer to get those below 40. So if you wait until compulsory retirement, you will be diminishing your chances. Given the opportunity, it might be more advantageous in the long run to opt for optional retirement or even resignation, just like what Rene Valencia did.

If you don't want to work again under somebody else, why not put up your own business and be your own boss? The only problem here is you need capital. You can generate this from your savings, if any, the commutation of your 36 months pension, or you can borrow from the AFPRSBS or PDFI. Be sure, though, to have a good project feasibility study to ensure success of your business. Otherwise, you may literally end up losing your shirt.


If you fail to land a full-time job either in government or in the private sector, and you don't have the capital to run your own

business, you can still derive an income in some other gainful activity. You can be a consultant in your own field of expertise. Or you can be a real estate broker or agent, or an insurance agent. Just imagine, if you can sell a house and lot for P10 million, you can get a commission of from P300,000.00 to P500,000.00.

To prepare yourself, all you have to do is to attend a real estate seminar, periodically being given by REBAP and PAREB, or a general insurance course being conducted by the Philippine Insurance Institute. After that, all you need to proceed with your business is a telephone and a lot of contacts.

***A very important way of preparing yourself for a profitable life after retirement is to establish and maintain contacts with the outside world. Those who served in the AFPRSBS, like your vice chairman, are lucky in this regard. By the nature of RSBS' operations, they have plenty of contacts with the business world, especially the financial community. These contacts certainly will be of great help to them when they look for a job upon retirement.***

Getting contacts can also be attained by joining civic and professional organizations, like ASDEC. In my case, I got my present job as President of Fidelity Insurance Company when a member of its board recommended me. He happens to be a fellow member of the Philippine Insurers Club, which I joined years back. So I would suggest that you join any of the civic organizations, like the Rotary, and/or professional organizations of which you are qualified to be a member, like the PICPA. You will find it rewarding.

Ladies and gentlemen, **there is a very fruitful life after retirement waiting for you.** You should now plan and prepare for it. 



# CLASS CALL

Oh, proud and bold you stand  
Bright beacon of the land...

...May thy sons ever be  
men of integrity,  
courage and loyalty...



I write this article to keep this column alive and to tell all and sundry that the BANATS are still kicking, holding on to dear life in the reality of the spirit willing and the body, "trying hard". Also I find it embarrassing to see a reserved space in the Class Call empty which could mean that the lead post-war class has stopped leading.

I cannot commit myself to writing regularly for this column. I am not a prolific writer – just a "practicing" writer trying hard to apply quite late what I learned in English 101 in 1945.

I was also told that writing is a good mental exercise to prevent Alzheimer's. It will be most heartbreaking not to recognize our wife and children.

As a child, I was curious, if not intrigued by the motion of the pendulum of my grandfather's clock. My eyes would follow its perpetual swinging motion accompanied by a familiar "tick and tock" to indicate that the time has advanced by one second, and also lost one second.

We take for granted the meaning and significance of time, but if we reflect deeply, that one second taken collectively will have moved the planet one second forward, and no power could reverse it except God. The total impact of that one second could encompass the realm of the possible and impossible, the growth or the decay of civilization and the unending challenge to man's humanity.

We are entering the cyber age and its kinetics and we who are "illiterates" could only ponder of what will be next. Knowing man's limitless ingenuity, time as in the pendulum could be the next variable. Who

knows that like the movie "Somewhere in Time", civilization will have its own MENU and one can tap on the generation and time that he wants to live again.

How do I relate the motion of the pendulum to the BANATS? Many? The swinging motion is an emotional experience. At the ripe age of '89 or '90, the BANAT finds the motion an unfolding of his life like in a passing parade. For physical activity is unavoidably reduced and reminiscence takes over the vacuum. But his physical weakness is also his strength for wisdom is great in maturity.

For the BANATS, who are over-staying, and fortunately could still recognize their wives and children, life is a swinging motion between living and existing. For the few who retired in comfort, the pendulum still swings to its peak, but for the others who may not be so blessed, the motion may be down and down.

But we see in the BANAT a common inner satisfaction transcending material comforts that all of them had given their share of their lives for their country, more than what is expected from its citizens. To this their lives are like the pendulum swinging but more of the past remembering their wealth of memories and the contradictions and choices they had made while waiting in God's time for the end of their earthly journey. But the pendulum of my grandfather's clock still continues to "tick and tock" for "Whom the Bell Tolls".

To end my fantasy, let me give our "Morning Report" as submitted by First Sergeant Mike Villamor.

"Report undated. Applicable to yesterday, today and tomorrow, no birth, no death, no sick call. PWD 95% (KISS)"

As I end this fantasy, let me recount with you two stories of love and devotion that only spouses of the BANATS can exemplify. First is the love affair between Myrna and Apin Aguirre. Myrna has gone beyond her oath to love Apin "till

death do us part." For her love for Apin knowns no death but forever. November 8, 2016 was the birthday of Apin and just like when Apin was still alive, she invited friends, relatives and classmates to a lavish dinner at her home in Alabang to pray and remember in sweet sadness her wonderful life with Apin and their enduring love. As we felt his presence with us, we know that Apin was enjoying himself playing golf somewhere in eternity.

The other love story is that between Thelma and Mario Espina. They were so much in love. It was touching how Thelma showed a lot of caring, compassion and concern when Mario's health was failing. His death was devastating to Thelma. In her sadness however, she found more strength and faith and the spirit of oneness with Mario even in death. As a gesture of remembering Mario on his death anniversary, she hosted a Chinese Lauriat for the BANATS and friends at the luxurious Gloria Maris Restaurant in Greenhills. Mario was a good man and a good friend. He was one of my classmates that I still hold in highest esteem.

The last news is the most anticipated annual convention of the PMA First Fur on November 30 to be held at the Camp Aguinaldo Commissioned Officers Clubhouse. The host class is Class '53, the richest class in the group. Expect lots of food, red wine, fun and laughter and horseplay. For the "special desert" there will be a lot of "chississ". I can bet my used t-shirt that DE5 will be in the agenda. Class '53 committed 2 food baskets for each attendee. See you guys!



For PMA '52, the year 2016 ended with (a) the PMA First Four Annual Fellowship held last 30 November and (b) the CI '52 Christmas Luncheon Meeting last 18 December.

The PMA First Four Annual Fellowship was held at the AFPCOC (Patio), Camp Aguinaldo last 30 November. It was well attended by the members of First Four classes PMA '51, '52, '53 and '54), their spouses, widows "brats" and guests. All



told, a total of 103 were present. Each alumni family received a “take home” Christmas food basket. The fellowship started with a Mass followed by lunch. The four class presidents rendered their respective reports, after which several Christmas packages were raffled off. The occasion was much enlivened with the presence of no less than Former President Fidel V. Ramos, (USMA '50) and adopted PMA '51) who walked from table to table to personally greet all present. The highlight of the gathering was the awarding of a Plaque of Appreciation to PVAO Administrator LtGen Ernesto G Carolina, PMA '70, for his outstandingly dedicated and persistent efforts in pushing the legislation and timely release of veterans' benefits, particularly those among the senior citizen's bracket. After the singing of the Alma Mater Song, everyone went home with at least one gift package.

The CI '52 Christmas Luncheon was held at Annabel's (Morato) last 18 December. Present were Ed Arciaga, Delfin & Enid Mendoza, Lolong & OP Nuguid, Cesar & Lily Pobre, Vigi & Sol Vigilar, Cora Gatmaitan, Charito Melchor, Letty Meim, Manding Pacleb, and Nene Del Mundo. Also present were CI '52 Brats: Joy Arciaga, Vikai Balanon-Soto, Irene & Len Pacleb and Pia Mendoza. Main events of the gathering were:

1. A sumptuous Annabel's Morato lunch
2. Report of the Class President:
  - a. Promotion of Cetong Pacleb's son Tim (PMA '86) to PNP Director (BGen) PNP;
  - b. Demise of Cetong & Manding's eldest son, Aniceto Jr, who passed away on the same day when Tim received his promotion;
  - c. Demise of Tacquo & Letty Meim's son, Fr. Daniel Dennis;
  - d. To date, there are ten (10) surviving members of the class: 5 in MMA (Mente Brazil, Delfin Mendoza, Lolong Nuguid, Cesar Pobre and Vigi Vigilar); 1 in Iloilo City (George Gaona); and 4 are US –based (Rey Alcaez (USNA '52), Enting Angeles, Eddie Arciaga and Dante Simbulan);
3. Exchange of gifts and raffling of Christmas Packages;
4. Discussion of plans for the forthcoming 65th graduation anniversary of PMA '52 in March 2017;
5. Acknowledgment of the following:
  - a. The efforts of OP Nuguid, Letty Meim and Cora Gatmaitan in planning this

meeting and soliciting of the gift packages which were raffled off.

b. Everybody's effort in coming to this gathering.

c. Special appreciation was expressed about the presence of the CI '52 “brats” (Joy Arciaga, Vikai Balanon-Soto, Pia Mendoza, Len and Irene Pacleb). Vikai and Joy were given the responsibility for mobilizing greater “brat's” participation in subsequent CI '52 meetings/gatherings.

With the singing of the Alma Mater, the meeting ended with everybody wishing each other a joyous Christmas and a Blessed and Productive New Year 2017.



**On Christmas party**

Let me greet every cavalier a Happy and Prosperous New Year! We wish 2017 will bring peace and good health to everyone, especially the members of the class and their ladies.

As its last activity in 2016, the class held its Christmas party on Sunday, 11 December at the Federal Seafood Restaurant in Makati. It was a very successful affair, managed by the second

gen members, with 14 members of the class, their ladies, and the second and third generation brats attending. Plus two guys from our adopted class of 2005.

The party started with a thanksgiving mass and a prayer for the deceased members of the class officiated by Fr Armand Tangi from Lubang, followed by a short program and then buffet lunch. Everybody, even the seniors, I mean the elderly, savored the lechon. Plenty of food and fruits like oranges and grapes.

After lunch, the second gen, led by RJ Alquiza and Teng Zaide-Garnace, as emcees, conducted the program and parlor games, which included a bingo. Not only the children but also the young once participated in and enjoyed the games. Plenty of prizes for the winners. And a bag of goodies, including a kilo of ham, was distributed to each member of the class and to each widow. There were singing of Christmas carols and photo sessions for the various groups: members of the class, the ladies, and the second and third generation brats. Then our class prexy Buddy delivered his Christmas message. And just like in any alumni gathering, we sang before we parted the PMA Alma Mater song.

The 14 members of the class present were: Betong Alfabeto, Poncing Allanigue, Ros Alquiza, Abe Baladad, Rene Ecarma, Dante de Guzman, Buddy Mison, Muni





Class 55 2nd Gen Brats



Class 55 3rd Gen Brats

Munoz, Tante Ochoco, Fel Parado, Johnny Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina and Rene Tanseco.

And the ladies were: Grace Alcaneses, Maudie Alfabeto, Sally Arceo, Joven Cordero, Zeny de Guzman, Arfeli Ecarma, Tess Isaac, Letty Jotie, Eva Miranda, Ione Mison, Ondette Munoz, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Pilar Sanchez, Georgie Solina, Terry Suarez, Mila Tanseco and Gigi Zaide.

The second gen brats present were: Aaron Allanigue, RJ and wife Teena Alquiza, Babot Baladad, Leo and wife Didi Baladad, Jun and Freddie Mison, Dean Carlo Rivera, Bobby and wife Carol Sanchez, Yvette Solina, and Teng Zaide. And from our adopted class were DJ Sumayo and Joey Plan.

#### On birthday party

Unscheduled was a birthday party of Muni, the only December-born, held at the Palms Country Club in Filinvest City, Alabang on the 28th. Only Betong & Maudie, Ros, Dante & Zeny, Eva & Inday, Tante, Lolit, Vangie, Romy & Georgie, Terry, and Rene & Mila attended. Muni explained that he could not invite all classmates especially the widows, as he was limited to only 30 invitees, in the absence of his son Bok, the sponsor member, who is out of the country. Well, mistah, happy birthday!

And the next class affair will be a lunch on Friday, 27 January, to be held at the Vikings in SM Aura in Global City. The hosts are the January-born: Fel Parado and Romy Solina. See you all there. /raa



The class Christmas/ year end socials was held at the Romulo Café at Sgt. Lascano St. at the T. Morato eatery area in QC on 10 Dec 2016. The affair was hosted by the December Group of the class compose of Paul Canalita, Mel Goyena, Tom Manlongat, Guzz Mateo under the chair of Levy Malto (the PC old foggies).

The chosen lunch setting was the former family residence of Secretary Carlos P. Romulo who had served the government in various high positions and a former President of the United Nations, known thereat as the Pilipino little giant. As a student, he was the captain of the undefeated UP Debating Team that toured the USA to compete with their counterparts in leading American universities. He is also a general who had served as a staff of Gen. Douglass MacArthur in WWII. The cafe is now run by a grand daughter.

A total of 39 members, class ladies and widows (the Aparris, Bellos, Coracheas, Davids, Farolans, Goyenas, Lazos, Lukbans, Macabascos, Maltos, Manlongats, Mateos, Paisos, Bambi Villanueva, Cecil Ampig, Mila Barlaan, Tess Calip, Nita Canieso, Betty Filio, Nelia Lopez, Lily Pio Roda, Juliet Suarez and Plet Brillantes plus 2 alays for the handicap ones) attended the affair. As usual, many brought Christmas gifts for the raffle that piled in front of the already crowded function room making restricted movements for everyone.

Guzz Mateo, the Cyrano de Bergerac of the class, though having difficulty in walking and slightly shaky hands, still managed to go up front to say the lunch prayer, reminiscent of his grand mason days.

After lunch, the raffle of donated gifts was held under the care of Mel Goyena and Tom Manlongat. All the donors of gift packages (the Aparris, Coracheas, Farolans, Manlongats, Maltos, Cecile Ampig, Nelia Lopez and Juliet Suarez) were called successively to draw the lucky recipients of their gifts. After the packaged gifts were doled out, the raffle of 24 cash gift envelopes from the Davids and Goyenas, took place to give every lady member or widow at least a cash envelop. With the prevailing Christmas spirit of generosity among the members of the class, it's so nice to see and feel that all the attendees are going home bringing at least 3 packaged gifts and one cash envelop with them.

Not to be outdone with the gift giving, our class president, Ching Corachea assisted by his snappy (daw) sexytary, Levy Malto, distributed the traditional PHP2,000 cash Christmas gift to every member and widow present in the salo salo. Thereafter, Ching delivered his traditional year end message which is very brief - to say merry Christmas and announce that the next class affair to be hosted by the April Group will be held on 1 April 2017 at the Gloria Maris Resto at Greenhills to celebrate the class GDay at the PMA (71 years ago).

The affair ended happily with a good meal, the class singing the alma matter song and bidding each mistah, lady and widow a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

On 3 January 2017, tragedy struck the class with one of its lady, Lourdes Paiso, nee Serafica, had been reported to have suddenly passed away while attending the 5:30 a.m. mass at the St. Francis Church



in Mandaluyong City. Barely a month ago, she was enjoying the company of the members of the class in her usual humble and quiet way. She was cremated and rendered memorial services on the 4th and 5th of July at Chapel C of the Christ the King church in Green Meadows, Q.C.



**PMA Annual Meeting (28 Jan 2017)**

Hope to see you all at the AFP Theater, CGEA, QC 0800 Saturday, 28 Jan 2017.

**PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 Feb)**

Those who will join PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (17-18 Feb) please text or confirm by email ASAP. We have booked 7 rooms and so far, only 4 (Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Nick Festin and Garrick Garcia) confirmed.

Mike Abaya confirmed but said he has one of the DBP cottages and can even take in 2 mistahs if necessary. By the way, Mike is a new DBP member of the Board. Congratulations Mistah!!! Enjoy the perks!

**Class fellowship lunch**

A class stag lunch meeting was hosted by Del Abaya at HAI SHIN LOU, PASAY RD MAKATI on 23 Nov. Those who attended are as shown in the below photos: Max Dumlao, Timmy Imperial, Nick Festin, Jackie Desquitado, Eddie Garcia, Del Abaya, Paco Francisco and Chuck Agustin. At the last minute, Buster Arrastia, Benny Lomotan and Jess Alcordo withdrew for various reasons.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary**

The Francisco children, including those US-based, were all there. Of course because parents Andrew and Carmel Francisco had completed 50 years of blissful union and invited all of us to their big celebration at the NAB Chapel, and reception at the Grand Ballroom, Resort World Hotel on 26 Dec 2016. It was great fun, per those who made it. Unfortunately, because of the long Christmas holiday season and its proximity to Christmas Day itself, many also could not make it. To the left and



Max Dumlao and Timmy Imperial



Nick Festin and Jackie Desquitado



Eddie Garcia, Del Abaya and Paco Francisco



Nick, Jackie, Chuck, Eddie, Del, Max and Timmy



Francisco family photo



Francisco family with grandchildren

Below are photos taken of the wedding anniversary event:

Son Pho-Pho Francisco's transmittal of the photos gives the list of attendees from the class:

My Mom and Dad told me that you requested for 3 photos from their Golden Wedding Anniversary. It was held at the Our Lady of Loreto Chapel in Villamor Air Base and at the Diplomatic Hall of the Marriott Grand Ballroom in Newport City, Pasay City on 12/26/2016. The event was well-attended and a big success.

Those members of the PMA Class '59 family who made it to the event were:

1. Tita Alice Casas and Jojo Casas
2. Tito Jackie and Tita Sol Desquitado
3. Tito Bobby Fernandez and son Xerxes
4. Tito Nice Festin
5. Tita Edna Garrido and Bing Garrido
6. Harriett Peralta-Tan and Jerry Tan

I really would have wanted to send you photos of members of the PMA Class '59 family, but they are not yet accessible at this time. That is why I am sending you only three photos taken of our family during the event. The files are large, and I hope you can convert them to the memory size that you can use

Pho-Pho



**Dec 7 2016.** Greenside Dining, VABGC. The class had our traditional Christmas party. It was a well-attended affair. The 13 couples were Loven and Jenny, TG and Lina, Nonoy and Joan, Pete and Mameng, Joseph and Boots, Orly and Inday, Sting and Fannie, Ernie and Amy, Jess and Vangie, Nani and Dot, Pong and Jessie, Fred L and Lydia, Tony L and Nelia. On solo were Ike, Logic, Fred R and Jun B. Widows in attendance were Glo, Juliet, Cathy, Chit, Lilian, Myrna, Monchi and Malou. We distributed Christmas baskets full of goodies, fruit cakes, etc. We raffled of 4 Christmas baskets among our drivers, waiters, PAF string members, to share our blessings.

A special mention to Pete and Mameng Sistoza who arrived from the USA in time to attend the party. Logic and Joan whom





we have not seen for a long time surprised us with their presence. We thank Orly and Inday and the generous contributors who made the party a rousing success.

Sting Carino announced that should his new house in Ayala Geenfield Estate be finished on time we will hold our Class anniversary on April 26 there. Orly will make the necessary announcement.

Orly has updated our class roster. If you do not have a copy yet, get one from him. It is good source of information like contact numbers, addresses, birthdays and the like.

**19 Dec 2016.** Makati Shangrila. Tony Leviste hosted a merienda cena buffet at the lobby. In attendance were Loven and Jenny, Joey and Boots Asanza, Orly and Inday, TG and Lina, Nani and Dot, Pong and Jessie, Pete and Mameng, Rex, Tony, TP, Jun B, Chit P, Glo B and Lilian K plus a few daughters of the widows who drove their moms. As expected we took pictures with the beautiful Christmas décor as background. Thank you Tony for the treat.

We are very happy that most of the time, unless they have apostolic duties, our class widows in country attend class activities: Cathy Abañó, Myrna Apolinario, Glo Banaticla, Christy Capa, Lilian kintanar, Miidred Yamzon, Monchi Sta Clara, Mildred Yamzon and Juliet Yap. Loven C Abadia



**W**e observed that Linda Villanueva observed her birthdays with dinner and ballroom dancing at Club Filipino in San Juan City. Last November 30, she again invited the class for that seemingly traditional affair. Those who were able to defy the terrible traffic to be with her on her much cherished affair were Ed and Claire Domingo, Ernie and Beng Tan, and Bert and Nini Rodriguez. Betty Dumlao also attended accompanied by her son. The traffic problem prevented most of our classmates from attending, however our spirits were with those who personally extended their best wishes to Linda.

Our Class Christmas party last December 13, 2016 at the Philippine Navy Officers Club was not quite well attended. Those who were able to make it were Ernie and Cey Calupig, Tony and Mar Suratos, Alex and Chit Aguirre, Ed and Claire Domingo, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Jorge and Auring Lagera, Manny and Yayat Lukban and Rey and Xeny Jarque. Limon Agustin escorted

Doris while Nick Rodriguez attended alone for the first time. Vic Escala who lived the farthest was the earliest "bird" but was also alone. Monchie came alone because Pong was confined in the hospital probably because of too much golf. We were all delighted to see Flora Marcelo, Fely Codera and Betty Dumlao.

To make up for the low attendance our classmates from the Ilocandia, Nick, Ernie and Limon took on the floor to sing several Ilocano songs. Not to be outdone, Vic and Bert also braved the challenge of the Ilocanos and sang songs, Cebuano favorites like Usahay and "matudnila". Ed Cabanlig joined both groups because he can sing in both dialects, although with an Igorot intonation.

Ernie and Beng invited a guitarist who accompanied both groups. He also helped the class and attendees sing Christmas songs in keeping with the occasion. There was indeed much fun as we sang many selections that befitted the celebration.

After dinner the class requested Alex to give his personal impression on the governance of President Rodrigo Duterte. He shared his observation which seemed to be quite optimistic as far as the war on crime and corruption is concerned. He hopes that the ambiguity of his public pronouncements would be clearer in the months to come.

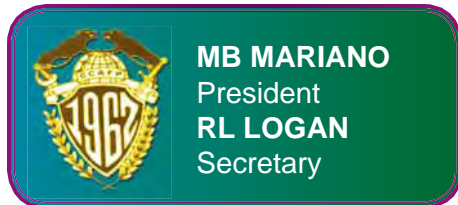
We also asked Nick to give encouraging remarks on how the class could meet more often. He lamented that compared to the other classes, our fellowship gatherings are very seldom. He suggested that our adies plan and take the lead on the matter. The affair was sealed with a Christmas message from our class president. His message was for us to make our homes founded on love. We ended up at exactly "taps"

The class golfers had their last game for the year 2016. On December 16, Vic Mamon joined his family in Canada and Cesar Fortuno who is under order of Mayor Erap were absent. Conspicuously, present was Ray Jarque who only played 6 holes because he had to meet with his "constituents" This year we did not miss him during our Christmas affair. He said that he will no longer have to travel to Negros Occidental for his very important year-end meetings with his so called constituents.

Our first game for the year 2017 was held on January 6. We were surprised that



Vic Mamon was able to attend. He said that the temperature in Canada was 20 below zero and had to rush home to enjoy our golfing weather. Cesar Fortuno had to beg Mayor Erap so that he could join Vic Escala who was also celebrating his birthday. All did not play well because of the long period of inactivity. Ed Cabanlig routinely scored below his age on our first outing for the year. We hope that we could all catch up with our individual talents again.



**C**lass '62 starts the new year more cheerfully. 2017 is our emerald anniversary, fifty-five years since graduation. And celebrate we will in Baguio during the alumni homecoming in February where we are one of the host classes though a minor host only.

**Herman S. Valera.** If we are happy at this year's start, we ended 2016 with a sad note. For we lost another classmate, Herman "Vale" Valera last 2 December. Classmates were advised that he was confined at the National Kidney Center in critical condition but he expired shortly thereafter. His classmates in the Air Force and classmates from Delta Company paid their last respects to him at Funeraria Paz at Manila Memorial Park, Paranaque. Among those who visited him were Boy Abadia, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Nano and Lolit Mariano, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Manny and Vicky Salimbangon, Nani Jover, Ray Logan, Rene Motus, Dave Alimorong, Mau Evangelista, Silver Silverio and Charlie Tanega. He was interred at the Manila Memorial Park on 6 December. Vale's military stint is short. Upon graduation from PMA, he earned his pilot wings at the PAF Flying School in Lipa, Batangas. He was an air transport pilot and later returned to PMA where he served as a tactical officer. He opted for early retirement as a Major and joined the Philippine Air Lines. At PAL, he rose to become a captain of the AVRO and DC-8 and after many years he retired as a captain of the Airbus A-300. Vale lost his wife Lalen in 2009 and lived what he called "a simple life" with his granddaughter, Jorgiana Neri. Vale and Lalen are survived by their children Anna Marie V. Sta. Maria, Patricia Anne V. Tambuyat, Jerome John D.

Valera, and Karla Regina V. Chua.

**New class officers.** Monday, January 9 at the Closed Mess, AFPCOC. One of the agenda of the class meeting was the election of officers. With fifteen classmates present (J Hinlo, W Cruz, Rimando, Dauz, Alimorong, Evangelista, Luis, Cortez, Ramiscal, Salimbangon, Alcudia, Fernandez, Meana, Kagaoan, and Tong), Joel Hinlo, class VP and presiding declared a quorum. For class president, Manuel "Nano" B. Mariano was nominated and unanimously elected president. Upon another motion, all other class officers were approved to serve another term in their present positions. However, Joel requested that another take his place as class vice-president. So Amaury Evangelista was nominated and approved to be the acting vice-president in addition to his other position. The new class officers thus are: Nano Mariano – president; Maury Evangelista – acting vice-president and treasurer; Ray Logan – secretary; and Quintin Alcudia – auditor. Tito Rimando was also requested to continue writing for the Class Call in the Cavalier.

**Class to celebrate emerald (55th) anniversary in Baguio.** Anticipating that many of us may not anymore be able to march and troop the line five years hence during our diamond anniversary, the class decided to go up and participate in the PMAAAI alumni activities on 17 – 19 February this year. Amaury has lined up our activities and arranged for hotel accommodations. Azalea Residences will be our class official hotel and quite a few have already made reservations through Maury. Friday the 17th of February or earlier, we go up individually to Baguio. We register in our hotel, settle down, and enjoy the Baguio weather. In the evening, we will have a class dinner at Rose Bowl Restaurant. Saturday, 18 February, we will go as a group to Fort Del Pilar in a chartered bus by Maury. We visit Academy facilities and cadet barracks if early enough for the open house, or we go directly to the grandstand where we find our places. After the parade, we all take lunch in a restaurant at PMA again coordinated by Maury. Free time, shopping, revival of memories of Baguio follow before we motor down to Manila. So let's all look forward to an enjoyable emerald anniversary and the year-round class activities which certainly will be forthcoming under Nano's presidency.### (JRRIMANDO)



**G**reetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963. On our 4th year after our Golden Anniversary, we bid farewell to the year of the Fire Monkey "Hou" 2016, a leap year and we welcome the Year of the Fire Rooster "Ji" 2017. We also would like to greet everyone a happy peaceful, prosperous and exciting new year. We also would like to extend our warmest greetings to the Diamond Jubilarians – the Class of 1957, the Golden Jubilarians – the Dimasupil Class of 1967 and the Silver Jubilarians – Tanglaw-Diwa Class of 1992.

Below were our activities from the Corporate Secretary's logbook of events:

**25 November 2016** was the Annual Membership Meeting and Election of AGFO. Cav Ed Batenga was elected as the new AGFO Chairman and President. Present during the membership meeting/elections were Cavs Ed Batenga, Pert Andaya, Francis Mallillin, Bill Ruiz and Rolly Espejo.

Likewise during the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 General Membership Meeting and Election held at PNGC, NS Jose Francisco (BNS), Taguig City at 11AM, Cavs Ebor Ebro, Rudy Javier and Tony Sibayan were reelected (2017-2019). They will be joining Cavs Danny Delgado, Bill Ruiz and Ding Salipsip (2016-2018), and Cavs Pert Andaya, Francis Mallillin and Bob Manlongat (2015-2017) as members of the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 Board of Trustees for 2017.

Our class fund is about P900K. Our Treasurer Rudy Javier will be collecting P5,000.00 for our yearly socials funds collectible Jan-Feb 2017.

**04 December 2016** was the PMA Matindi Class 1963 Christmas Party and 4th Quarter Socials at 6PM in PNGC, NS Jose Francisco (BNS) Taguig City. It was Sunday. The Philippine Marine Quartet courtesy of Class President Bill Ruiz provided the music for ballroom dancing and singing. Terpsichorean skills were displayed by the Class couples.

The attendees are the following: Ebor and Flor Ebro, Pert and Inday Andaya, Tony and Norma Sibayan, Rolly and Luz Espejo,



Reggie and Marga Lacson, Frank and Susan Catibayan, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Pert Casaquite with daughter Karen and grandson Karl, Gaps and Susie Sabarre, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Rudy and Offie Javier, Bayani Leoncio with Dianne Marie and Adrienne, Bill and Norma Ruiz, Ardy and Beth Abaya, George and Gee Aquino, Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano, Danny and Nena Delgado, Ide Tillah and son Abdel, Amy and Angel Ylagan, Arnie Acedera, Aida Mayo, Naty Laput and Ching Saavedra.

Earlier at 7AM was the PMAAAI Family Sports Festival held at the PA Grandstand.

Cav Ebor Ebro represented the Class.

**12 December 2016** was the AGFO Christmas party and Induction of Directors held at the Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, CGEA, Quezon City at 1800H. Joining Cav Ed and Jenny Batenga were Cavs Ebor and Flor Ebor Ardy and Beth Abaya, Bob and Yayang Manlongat. Cav Ed and 14 others were inducted to office as AGFO Officers and Directors for 2017.

**19 December 2016** was the 75th birthday of former CSAFP and former PMA Matindi Class 1963 President (Diamond Jubilarian) Arnie Acedera, held in Manila

Polo Club, Makati City at 7PM. Joining Arnie were Ebor and Flor Ebro, Pert and Inday Andaya, Jimmy and Brenda Iletto, Monette and Ester Ong, Rudy and Offie Javier, Bob and Yayang Manlongat. Coming in stag were Dan Pizarro, Gaps Sabarre, Francis Mallillin, Maning Estrada, Bill Ruiz and Beth Arevalo. Arnie was assisted by Marlyn and his Airforce friends who joined us for cocktails, dinner and singing to Arnie's delight as a Diamond Jubilarian.

**26 December 2016** – Boy Orevillo informed the class that Lulu Serquiña Orevillo passed away at 8:24A.M. at the Medical City, Ortigas. She lied in state at the Heritage Park Chapel, Taguig City. She would have turned 74 on 3 February 2017. Sincerest condolences were extended to Boy, Glenn, Janice, Gem, spouses, four grandsons, the granddaughter, other family members and relatives. Friends from the Philippine Navy and UCCP – Ellinwood were present likewise

The PMA Matindi Class of 193 wishes to extend our warmest greetings to the class celebrants:

**January 2017** : Amy Calibuso (+) 2, Josie Bumanglag 4, Luz Espejo 11, Pert Andaya 16, Rolly Espejo 18, Lina Medina 19, Ild Dulinayan 20, Claire Mallillin 26, Ester Ong 27 and Offie Javier 28.

**February 2017:** Lulu Orevillo (+) 3, Ting Tigas 3, Lou Pizarro 7, Tony Sibayan 7, Gil Domondon (+) 10, Bill Ruiz 10, Billy Enerio 13, Bumi Bumanglag 17.

The following are the dates to watch:  
**28 January 2017**, Saturday, the PMAAAI Annual General Membership meeting at the AFP Theater/AFPCOC, CGEA, Quezon City. GOHAS will be Vice President Leni S Robredo.

**17-19 February 2017** – The PMA Alumni Homecoming 17 Feb Battle of Classes Gold Tournament; 18 Feb Parade and Review with PRRD as GOHAS; 19 Feb Religious Services and Canteen Cup Football. (18121605)





**CP MARIANO**  
President  
**OT CABANLIG**  
Secretary

The class '64 ladies have been actively organizing their own get together and on trip lately. Last November 28, 2016 through the invitation of Nene Ison who is residing in Brooks Point, Palawan, some of the ladies went to Palawan, some of the ladies went to Palawan. Among the ladies who joined the group were Ellen de la Cruz, Emmet de Guzman, Mini Bas, Lina Pilapil, Mrs. Reyes among others. Members of class '64 who accompanied their wives were Terry de la Cruz, Rey Reyes and Abe de Guzman. The group enjoyed the beautiful Palawan sites and delicious Palawan dishes.

Abe and Emmet de Guzman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Clark Air base last December 01, 2016. Classmates who attended were Rey Reyes, Jorge Agcaoili Terry de la Cruz, Jimmy Valeros and Winston Arpon. Congratulations and best wishes. To both of you (Abe and Emmet)!

The traditional class Christmas Party was celebrated at Bonifacio Global City SM Aura at Vikings Restaurant. The affair was orchestrated by Rey Reyes and Terry de la Cruz. The affair was well attended. There were eleven (11) class '64 members and eleven (11) ladies present. Among some members present were Clem Mariano, Rey Reyes, Orly Cabanlig, Terry de la Cruz, Abe de Guzman, Louie Barong, Tony Aguilar, Jorge Agcaoili and Billy Villareal, Winston Arpon, and Homer Ortega.



Clem Mariano took the opportunity for a meeting to the class. Matters taken during the meeting were status of class fund, attendance to PMAAAI home coming and

subsidy to the class '64 golf club members. Class '64 extend its condolence to the death of Emily Cruz, wife of Jun Cruz who passed away last January 03, 2017.



**MA LEONARDO**  
President  
**EP NARTATEZ**  
Secretary

Greetings from the PMA Mulawin Class of 1965!!!

As we bid goodbye to 2016 the year of the Fire Monkey, we welcome the new year 2017, year of the Fire Rooster with great hopes for better and continued blessings of good health and excellent wellness. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

While 2016 brought a lot of good things and marked by a combination of great celebrations and isolated tragedies brought about by Typhoon Nina which did not,, even for a moment consider to spare us, as it was Christmas and all of us Christians in this part of the world were at the height of our celebrations for the memorial of that great happening 2000 years ago in Bethlehem when a CHILD was born in a manger signifying the coming, of the Lord and the sending of GOD's only son to save the world, not only Christians but everyone in the universe. Cheers for this great happening!!!

But of course the year 2016 may not

at all as we had expected as , as early on in the year the Class suffered a great loss with the death of our very capable, efficient and effective Class Vice President, COLONEL EDGARDO Q ABESAMIS USMA 65. It was an unexpected death and we were all shocked upon learning of its untimeliness. This great loss was followed with the death of one of very limited only associate members of the Mulawins-- MAJOR GENERAL SAMUEL DUNQUE, who himself was one of the few selected graduates of the Officers Cadet School in Portsea, Melbourne, Australia. And later on in the last quarter of 2016 we suffered a couple of losses, the death of two of the





fine ladies of the 65ers, COLONEL JUANITA TOLENTINO SOLQUILLO (Ret.) the OAO of Mulawin MAJOR GENERAL JOSE MARIA GEPULLE SOLQUILLO and LETICIA MANUEL PADIERNOS, who was just widowed more than a year ago by Mulawin LT GENERAL ROMEO ARANDIA PADIERNOS. (I think they had an agreement that she was to follow Romy soon. But Please dont quote me I have no solid evidence on this) . Actually the death of Letty surprised us all .The time of her death was when the class was at the height of its Christmas party celebration at Discovery but the info was relayed only when we were already leaving the party.

The Class celebrated its traditional Christmas party with a dinner-dance at the Magellan Hall of the Discovery Suites located at the tri-boundary of Pasig, Mandaluyong and Quezon City last December 10, 2016. We had a good

number of turnout that our LMS and Class Treasurer for life Tisoy Rosal kept on reviewing our contract with Discovery baka daw mag-exceed ang kanyang reservation eh, baka wala na siyang pambayadl. He was pacified by our President for Life too, Mike ALONZO LEONARDO (relative of our reigning MISS UNIVERSE),, who assured him not to worry at all as the funds of the class can still very comfortably bring us to our Diamond jubilee celebrations.

The turnout of twenty one (21) Mulawins and sixteen (16) Mulawiness indeed brought out great joys and fun and cemented further the bonds that have brought us together for many many years. It was great too, listening to the endless songs of Gerry who himself enjoyed entertaining us and refusing even to hand over the microphone to the next eagerly awaiting bogobogos Tisoy Rosal and Pat

Duque their turn to belt out naman the songs they have prepared for this once in a year occasion. Sayang kung di napagbigyan si Pat, imagine he even almost got lost in locating where The Discovery Suites is located! His predicament was save with the map reading assistance of Tirso. Likewise, the music provided by the Los Caballeros Combo of the Philippine Army (courtesy of Mulawin Jomari) was fundamentally and in jibe with the dancing abilities of the great 65vers and their ladies. But only Willy Nicolas and his OAO Ching and Rogrer Bergado with his Gloria were the only couples who were able to be precise with their tango steps. But it was only Janette Lapus who almost did not miss any danceable music by the Caballeros.

The thirteen (13) couples in attendance were 1. Ofring and Lita Marcelo; 2. Pepe and Lyn delos Santos; 3. Jess and Boots Candelario; 4. Tates and Lynn Nartatez.; 5. Willy and Ching Nicolas; 6. Roger and Gloria Bergado' 7. Boy and Virgie Turingan; 8. Bert and Donna Acenas; 9. Joe and Janette Lapus; 10. Ricky and Paloming Papa; 11. Enri and Celia Bulan; 12. Lito and Mely Tapia; and 13. Pat and Baby Duque.. Coming in solo were Benson Rimando; Rolly Cauton; Gerry Guzman; Egay Velasco; Tirso Rosal; Honey Fernandez; Malu Alejandro; Melinda Perena; Jomari Solquillo; and coming with a very young partner was Rex Robles. Apo pala niya !!!

Just today January 19, 2017, the class officers met at Shakeys in Katipunan Ave., QC and it was decided that for all the blessings to the class as a whole or to the individual members during the previous year a mass will be offered at Camp Gen Emilio Aguinaldo Cathedral this Saturday, 14 January 2017 at 6:00 pm and this will be followed with a get together thanksgiving buffet dinner at Saisake, Dads EDSA. The mass offering is also for our hopes and intensions for better health and further blessings in 2017 and beyond.

Birthday greetings to all the Mulawins and ladies celebrating their natal days tbs January and February: Ed Abesamis (+) - Jan 3; Warren Capitan - Jan 4; Lito Tapia - Jan 5; Robert Bruce - Jan 6; Ladio tangan - Jan 8; Ofring Marcelo - Jan 10; Vickie de Leon - Jan 12; Boots Candelario - Jan 17; Doming Habos - Jan 21; Emil de Leon (+) - Jan 29; Susan Abadilla - Feb 1; Ces Flor -- Feb 1; Steve Solis (+) Feb 3; Susie Cauton - Feb 10; Vicky Guzman - Feb 18; Ellen Rimando - Feb 20; Celia Bulan - Feb 25;



Janette Lapus - Feb 26; Vi Santos - Feb 26; and ROSE MONTA - Jan 19. TO ALL OF YOU FELLOW HOLDERS OF DUAL CITIZENSHIPS, HAPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!/epn



**PAMBUNGAD**

Nadagdagan na naman ng isang taon ang ating buhay. Nangangahulugan na tayo ay pinagpala ng Panginoon at muli Niya tayong binigyan ng pagkakataon upang maging bahagi ng mga pangyayari at mga mangyayari sa 2017 at mga taon pang darating. Maraming magaganap sa mga sumusunod na buwan, ngunit ating munang sulyapan ang mga naganap noong nakaraang taon na hindi pa naiulat sa Cavalier Magazine.

**CHRISTMAS 2016 PARTY**

On 11 December 2016, a Sunday, the sixty-sixers held their traditional Christmas Party at the Unilab Corporate Center, Unilab Compound, United Ave., Mandaluyong City, starting 10:00 am up to late afternoon. It was one of the most-attended Christmas affairs of Class 1966 in memory, if not the most attended, with 32 sixty-sixers and their spouses, not counting children and grandchildren. Once more, President Noli Espejo hosted the event and made coordination with Unilab for the use of its brand new Corporate Center where the annual meeting last May 2016 was also held.

We always give credit to those who took time off their own Christmas preparations to attend this Class activity – by citing their names. Those who were around and participated in the fun-filled program (not in any order) were: Noli and Leonor Espejo, Temi and Tess Arugay, Bert and Portia Varona, Fred and Paz Bautista, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Jimmy and Agie Bantolo, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Margie and Bay Galon, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Pons and Cena Millena, Vic and Tita Belo, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison, Edna Gopilan, Nena Atienza, Tess Reyes, Beth Payumo, Glo Domingo, Dee Cagurangan, Tony Santos, Toots Totanes and Manong Garcia.

There was the usual program which was started by the invocation and prayer before meals led by Sylvia Agudelo,

followed by a sumptuous lunch sufficient enough even for take-home packs. After lunch, there were raffle draws, gift-giving and adult and children’s games managed by the ladies. Each family went home with Christmas gifts bought by some of the ladies who braved the trips to Divisoria, with Mara Espejo as the uncomplaining driver. The lucky ones won extra door prizes by having their numbers drawn. The luckier ones won gift certificates for dinner or one night stay-in at Diamond Hotel donated by generous Leo Alvez. The other lucky winners, both spouses and children/grandchildren, got cash gifts donated by Glo Domingo and Tess Reyes.

During the occasion, the attendees had the opportunity to look at drafts of the Golden Sword which were brought into the Corporate Center by the printer. The more meticulous edited their four pages of the Golden Sword to insure that there were no mistakes, omissions or unwanted additions. As expected there were many corrections made even after the editing during the party, which Editor-in-Chief Bert Sabularse patiently followed up at

Max’s Restaurant Sunday coffee meetings. Bert Sabularse scheduled meetings with the printer at Noli Espejo’s office at APSA, Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City to insure that there would be no more typographical errors before final printing. Tentative distribution date: On or before the alumni homecoming on 18 February 2017 (Negotiable).

**PMA PAYBACK SCHEME, PART II: CLASS 66 MODEL**

Remember that during the 20 February 2016 Alumni Homecoming, the Class donated P90,000 to the PMA Payback Scheme (courtesy of Edd Santos) in addition to the donation to the PMAFI Endowment Fund in the amount of P250,000 (courtesy of Louie Fernandez and Noli Espejo). This donation was acknowledged by PMAFI Chairman Cav Anselmo Avenido ’67 during the alumni parade with an exhortation addressed to all PMA classes to follow the example. These were done by the Class in continuation of its observance of its 50th anniversary of graduation. That was Part I, PMA Payback Scheme, Class ’66 Model.



*They can still smile. Front row (l-r): Jimmy Bantolo, Pons Millena, Bing Rivera, Noli Espejo, Bert Varona, Viusy Dauz, Bay Galon, Temi Arugay. Back row (l-r): Tony Santos, Bert Sabularse, Fred Bautista, Menong Garcia, Toots Totanes and Vic Belo. Not in the picture: those who left ahead.*



*The ladies of Class 1966 present during the Christmas Program. Front row (l-r): Agie Bantolo, Mercy Dauz, Portia Varona, Tess Arugay, Leonor Espejo, Sylvia Agudelo, Glo Domingo, Fe Cuison, Fe Sabularse, Nena Atienza. Back row (l-r): Susan Gador, Beth Payumo, Margie Galon, Tess Reyes, Dee Cagurangan, Edna Gopilan, Tita Belo, Cena Millena and Paz Bautista.*





## PMAAAI CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS ( 27-28

### A. FIREARMS REGISTRATION

1-2. Side event of the 2017 Alumni Convention: Registration of FAs by PNP FED Mobile Team, courtesy of PMAAAI Director Cav Hawthorne R Binag '87, on 27 January 2017 at PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo.

### B. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (at the AFP Theatre)

3. The registration of PMAAAI members for the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting at AFP Theater on 28 January 2017 proceeds smoothly, supervised by the Convention Committee, chaired by Cav Jess G Estoesta '87.
4. (Top row from left to right) USND Cav Cardozo M Luna '75, PMAAAI Vice President Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 and Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73, talk with cadette usherettes prior to the start of the convention.
5. CSAFP Cav Eduardo M Año '83 (2nd from left) and Cav Lorenzana (3rd from right) pose with early cavalier registrants at lobby of AFP Theater.
6. CSAFP Cav Año '83 and Cav Lorenzana and other cavaliers are captured for a pose by a cadette usherette. At extreme left is Cav Rufino C Ibay '67, President, AFP Theater followed by Cav Restituto L Aguilar '78, Chief Military Shrines, PVAO.
7. PMAAAI grand old man Cav Vicente F. Alhambra '42 (2nd from right), the oldest alumnus at 101 years, enjoys a lull during the Convention together with some directors of the Board.
8. Attendees solemnly sing the National Anthem before the start of the convention proper.
- 9-10. PMAAAI Chairman Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 calls the meeting to order. Flanking him at the presidential table are PMAAAI President Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87 (to his right) and PMAAAI Corporate Secretary Cav Cristopher T Calulut Sr '90 (to his left) (9); report of the President follows. (10)





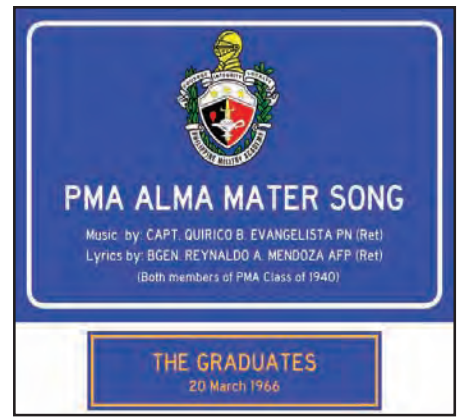
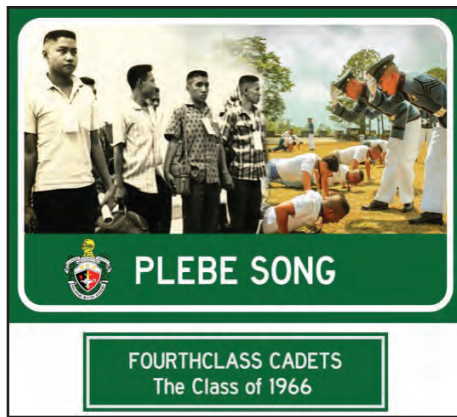
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- 11. Cav Avenido declares a recess in preparation for the arrival of the GOH, Vice President Leni Robredo; Cav Lorenzana and PVAO Chief Cav Carolina take time to greet Cav Alhambra.
- 12-13. Cav Lorenzana and Cav Avenido welcome the GOH, Vice President Leni Robredo upon her arrival at the lobby of the AFP Theater (12), and given a bouquet by Cav Avenido at the entrance of the AFP Museum.
- 14. Cav Lorenzana and Cav Avenido escort the VP through rows of cavaliers to the center stage. At bottom left is Cav Francisco T San Miguel '51, most senior by class present during the convention.
- 15-21. VP Leni Robredo, assisted by Cav Avenido and Cav Kagaoan, presents the Outstanding Achievement Award to Cav Lorenzana (15), former CSAFP Cav Ricardo R Visaya '83 (16), CSAFP Cav Año (17), CG PAF Cav Edgar R Fallorina '83 (18), FOIC, PN Cav Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83 (19), CG, PA Cav Glorioso V Miranda '83 (20), CPNP Cav Ronald M Dela Rosa '86, rep. by Cav Jose Ma. Victor Ramos '86 (21).
- 22. The Outstanding Achievement Award recipients (l-r): Cav Miranda, Cav Fallorina, Cav Año, Cav Visaya and Cav Mercado. (not in the picture, Cav Lorenzana and Cav dela Rosa).
- 23-24. The cavaliers present are in awe as a smiling and pretty lady Vice President delivers her speech in Filipino, expressing her high regards for them as alumni of the PMA, praising them for their sacrifices in serving the country and urging them to be true professionals in the performance of their duties.
- 25. Cav Avenido and Cav Kagaoan present "The PMAyer", Association memento designed for distinguished personalities, to the Vice President.
- 26-27. Before the conclusion of her speech, the Vice President acknowledges the presence of Cav Alhambra and, escorted by Cav Lorenzana and Cav Avenido (26), proceeds down the stage to where he is seated for a handshake (27)

**C. FELLOWSHIP LUNCH (At the AFPCOC)**

- 28-29. From the AFP Theater, the participants continue the affair at the AFPCOC for the fellowship lunch and raffles. Cav Avenido and Cav Kagaoan are seated at the VIP table, together with the honorees (28); they then present a special gift (TV set) to Cav Alhambra, in recognition not only of his presence but also of his longevity (29)
- 30. The most awaited part of the fellowship: raffle draw for numerous major door prizes. Cav Lorenzana draws one of the majors.





Inscribed on the base of the pedestal of St. Ignatius de Loyola are the words of the Cadet Honor Code: **We the cadets do not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate among us those who do.**



New features of the PMA Chapel – statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (left), Blessed Virgin Mary (right) and St. Ignatius de Loyola (center).

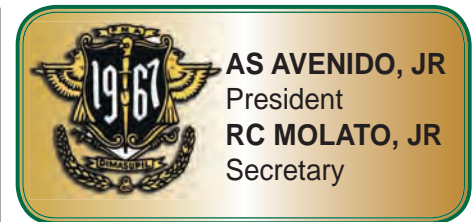
There is however a Part II, which the Class feels that it is a continuation of the commemoration of its Golden Graduation Anniversary in February 2016. This is the undertaking of a joint project with PMA involving: (1) The Putting up of 10 signages containing the lyrics of the Plebe Song and 14 signages for the Alma Mater Song. The first 10 are located on the road going up to the PMA Chapel from Fort del Pilar Elementary School. The Alma Mater Song signages are placed starting from the road junction near the Alumni Memorial and Relics Point going down to Fort del Pilar Gate; (2) the erection at the PMA Chapel of statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (left front) and Blessed Virgin Mary (right front); erection of statue of St. Ignatius de Loyola after the last step of the stairs from the ground below leading to the chapel doors; and (3) Putting up of a small monument in front of the Long Gray Line Wall containing Class Crests, with an inscription of the Cadet Honor Code.

The signages are a joint project with PMA undertaken by Class 1966 through the sponsorship of members. The new features of the Chapel were sponsored by the Fernandez and Balagtas families. All these were conceptualized by Cav Luisito Fernandez former FOIC, PN as Project Coordinator – a continuation of the Golden Jubilee projects for PMA, a small tribute to the Alma Mater after 50 years.

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

There is too much to tell about recent Class activities but we may be exceeding our allotted Class Call space. Before exceeding our space, let us, as usual, recognize our birthday celebrators for January and February. For January: Paz Bautista and Malou Catral. For February: Leo Alvez, Vic Belo, Rene Dado, Bert Jabile, Pons Millena, Jelly Nicolas and Beth Payumo.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens! May the new year bring you to the door which opens to many more happy years.



#### CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the November – December 2016 period:

**7 November** – Upon his invitation, President Rody Duterte hosted a dinner in Malacanang for our Class Officers and Committee Chairmen. Jun Avenido gave a briefing on the PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 wherein the Dimasupils would be the Golden Jubilarians and PRRD the Guest of Honor and Speaker (GOHAS); the proposal to adopt him as Honorary Member of PMAAAI; and the Class activities in Baguio. Then the Class presented to him the Plaque of Recognition which had been prepared upon his assumption of office as President, together with his Class uniforms for the Homecoming. In his remarks, he thanked the Class for the plaque and uniforms, accepted the invitation as GOHAS in the Homecoming, expressed his willingness to become Honorary Member of PMAAAI, offered to host a dinner for the Dimasupils and their families on 18 February, and expressed the hope for more meetings with the Class.

**16 November** -- Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was hosted by Cords-Mina Cordero, Ben-Lea Libarnes, Bernie-Aying Patino, and Vic-Eve Villacorta at Buffet 101, Robinsons – Magnolia, QC. This was also a joint birthday celebration of Bernie (3 Nov), Ben (14), Vic (23) and Cords (27).

**15 December** – Our last activity for the year was our Remembrance Day in honor of the departed 27 Dimasupils (out of 85 graduates), 7 Adopted Members,



and 14 Spouses. We started the day with a Holy Mass officiated by PNP Chaplain Fr Lorenzo Ruga, upon coordination made by Jun and Ronnie Ibay, in Jalandoni Hall, PA Officers' Club, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Then, we had lunch and forum in the same venue. After that, the Ladies took over for our Christmas program, with Bernie Patino as the emcee. The PA Los Caballeros Bravo provided good music for us. We extend our thanks to MGen Robert Arevalo and his brother Col Armand Arevalo, son-in-law of Jun and Agnes Avenido, for the availability of the venue, band and sound system.

**B.** Watch out for our schedule for January – February 2017, onwards, as follows:

**10 January (1100H)** – DMF to be hosted by Jun – Agnes Avenido, Vic – May Garcia, Bobby – Penny Lastimoso, Edsel – Toto Salvana, and Joseph – Reina Young at Passion Restaurant, Maxim Hotel, Resorts World, Pasay City.

**13 January (1800H)** -- BIRCI Annual Membership Meeting and Election to be held in Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. Attire: Polo barong or long-sleeved shirt.

**28 January (0700H)** – PMAAAI Annual Convention to be held in the AFP Theater and AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. Attire: Working long-sleeved barong.

**17- 18 February** – Alumni Home coming in Baguio City. On 17 February, at 1545H, our Class is enjoined to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Alumni Memorial in Fort Del Pilar, followed by the PMA Superintendent's Reception at the Lopez Hall of Leaders. On 18 February, at 0900H, the traditional Homecoming Parade will be held. We will have our Class Lunch (instead of Picnic) after the Parade in Fortune Restaurant, Baguio City, to be hosted by the families of Jun – Agnes Avenido and Diony -- Bennie Ventura. Dinner for our Class and our families will be hosted by President Rody at the Mansion. Attire for the different activities will be our Class uniforms as earlier agreed upon. Other details will be disseminated later.

**March** – DMF to be hosted by Manny-Maryrose Dalipe, Jun-Ronnie Ibay, and Nic-Glo Parena.

**April** – DMF to be hosted by Alice Averilla, Ernie-Dinsay Dionisio, Orville-Linz Gabuna, Rudy-Gracie Gaerlan, Mar-Mely Gatmaitan and Bert-Ruby Torres.

**UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS**

Manny Dalipe successfully underwent three heart bypass procedures last 24

November at St Lukes – BGC. We pray for his early full recovery.

Congratulations to Bobby Lastimoso on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Philippine National Railways (PNR)

During our last Remembrance Day, Andy and Meds Reyes assisted by Glo Parena administered anti – pneumonia vaccine to the Dimasupils and Spouses who had earlier signified to avail themselves of the discounted rate. Andy reminded everyone to take care of his/her health always.

**UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES**

We extend our heartfelt condolence to the family of Ching and Papoose Ballecer on the death of his eldest sister Maria Ballecer – Llanza, due to diabetes complications, last 11 December in Silang, Cavite. The burial was in Nabua, Camarines Sur. We pray for her eternal rest with the Lord.

Congratulations to May Salvana – Unchuan, daughter of Edsel and Toto, on her recent well-deserved appointment as Regional Director, Department of Tourism – Region 10.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who are celebrating their birthdays in January and February: Myrna Espinosa (1 January), Hedy Duenas (2), Bobby Lastimoso (4), Lita De Guzman (5), Queenie Enriquez (6), Pert Molato (8), Cora Tomas (9), Edsel Salvana (14), Warlie Sadiarin (16), Joseph Young (16), Myrna Cordero (20), Roy Aguana (21), Ernest Escaler (23), Jun Avenido (24), Maryrose Dalipe (26), Ernie Dionisio (3 February), Myrna Andaya (5), Fernando Suarez (7), Lou Ibanez (11), Bay Obillos (18), Diony Ventura (23) and Linz Gabuna (26).

Please let us know if there are celebrators we have not mentioned or if there are wrong data so that we can correct our Class records accordingly.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Class has requested Bobby Lastimoso to manage our Golden Golf Tournament to be held soon after the Alumni Homecoming. Sergs Austria and Joy Casillan have already volunteered to help Bobby. Those who want to join his team are most welcome.

Happy Golden Anniversary to all Dimasupils!



**T**he class held its Annual General Membership Meeting and Election/ Christmas Party on December 4, 2016 at the Assn of General and Flag Officers Center in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Rudy Rabago took charge of the preparations for the activity including the venue, entertainment/sound system and catering. In attendance were Class BoT members Mel Rosales with Millette, Willy Nuqui with Isay, Art Carrillo, Sonny Penilla with Lut, Abe Abiol with Roxanne, Nory Azcueta with Candy and Jing Caballero, Class Auditor Dante Ruiz with Julie, Volts and Rhodie Gazmin, Rudy and Arlene Rabago, Bobby and Purita Santiago, Boyet and Dolly Lim, Oskie Cabaron, Cris Francisco, Rene Santos, Arthur Juan, Patrick Madayag, Tess Pangantihon, Evelyn Erolin, Celia Canson, Shirley Costales, and Tess Diamanté with son, Jolo.

The program which was prepared Art Carrillo, started with a Thanksgiving mass celebrated by the AFP Chief Chaplain and immediately followed by the sumptuous dinner. Proceeding to the General Membership Meeting, President Mel called the meeting to order. With 17 members present and proxies sent in by absent members, Sec Art reported the existence of a quorum. The class treasurer, Abe Abiol, thereafter presented the Statement of Class Fund for the period January to December 2016, expressing confidence that the said class fund can very well support the initially programmed expenditures for the class Golden Graduation Anniversary in 2018. After the Treasurer's report, Mel delivered his President's report and enjoined all class members and ladies to support the class preparations during the year 2017 for the completion of the Coffee Table Book project and the Golden Anniversary in 2018. Both the Treasurer's and President's reports were subsequently approved by the body. The General Membership meeting culminated with the Ratification of all acts and decisions of the 2016 Board by the class.

After the adjournment of the meeting, the class president requested the officially



designated Chairman of the Election Committee, Jing Caballero to preside over the nomination and election of the class Board of Trustees for the year 2017. Nominated and subsequently elected members of the 2017 BoT were incumbent members Mel Rosales, Willy Nuqui, Nory Azcueta, Sonny Penilla and Abe Abiol. Bobby Santiago and Arthur Juan were elected new BoT members. The newly elected members of the 2017 BoT were sworn into office by Election Committee Chairman, Jing Caballero capping the Class Election.

Class activities for the 1st quarter, 2017:

Class members are encouraged to attend the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting on January 28, 2017 at the AFP Theater and AFPCOC. Registration starts at 7 AM. Attire will be working barong. Vice President Leni Robredo will be the Guest of Honor and Speaker. There will be a class meeting during the lunch at AFPCOC.

Class members and ladies are likewise encouraged to attend the PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 in Baguio

City. The Alumni Battle of Classes Golf Tournament will be on February 17, 2017 starting at 6 AM at Camp John Hay. The Alumni Parade will be on February 18, 2017 with Registration starting at 7 AM and Arrival Honors for the GOHAS at 8 AM.

The 49th Class Graduation Anniversary meanwhile will be on March 24, 2017. How this will be celebrated will be among to be discussed in the forthcoming Class Organizational Meeting on January 11, 2017 at the PMA Alumni Center.



truly, Mon, Jake, Chris, Luz L., Vikki B., Jus and Ellen, Garrick and Lily, Vic T. and Inday, and Boy, Amy, and Chelsy. It was the first time for most of us at the hotel so it had a novel vroom-vroom appeal.

Vikki, a nurse, is taking a course in acupunctre/non-traditional medicine in far, far away Q.C. (traffic-unwise) and shared some thoughts on the practice and the oft forgotten adage that "as inside, so outside". Jimmy and Lulu shared the bounties from their farm with Lulu sharing much more with these wise words, "Eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure".

And love without measure Benjie did just a couple of days after when he sang into his Manang Miriam's ear the songs of their childhood. I was teary-eyed thinking

how many of us could claim having a brother who would give the gift of music as a precious "pabaon" for the journey of journeys to our home in the great beyond.

Our prayers are for her and those she left behind. Too, our prayers are for Norma Viado, Jimmy's sister, who passed away in the USA.

On October 7th there was another reunion of friends and family at the Manila Memorial Park for the 3rd anniversary of Larry's going back to his real home. Jake and Sarla, Ike and yours truly, Jus, Mon, Vic T. and Quincy, Katy Katigbak and family, Jess and Olive, Garrick and Lily, Greg and Jepoy, and Boy, Amy, and Chelsy were there and so were Rey and Fin Velasco and other friends from the military. Yeyet expressed the family's appreciation of everybody's

**W**e, Filipinos, must hold the record of the longest Yuletide celebration which commences in SeptemBER and culminates in DecemBER even beyond. We have a long warm-up for the season which the Suaviters took to heart with Benjie Defensor's natal blowout at the F1 Hotel at the BGC on September 27, 2016. The energy-packed breakfast ala carte or buffet style was enjoyed by Jimmy and Lulu, Jess and Olive, Ike and yours



The Suaviters enjoying their breakfast at F1 Hotel at BGC; at the background is Benjie who was the host.

The Fortiters at the October 2016 breakfast meeting at Holiday Inn hosted by Jus, Lulu and Sarla.





Breakfast meeting at PNGC in November 2016 hosted by Jess, Mon and Bingbo.



Host Inday with other Suavitters during the Class Christmas Party at the Swimming Pool area of Tuscany Condo along Ayala Avenue, Makati

presence in behalf of Sol and her family.

Still in OctoBER, it was a Holiday Inn and Suites breakfast for the class hosted by Jus, Lulu, and Sarla. There to take pleasure in it with the hosts were Ellen, Jimmy, Jake, Benjie and Meg, Garrick and Lily, Chris, Mon, Willy, Ike and yours truly, Jess and Olive, Joey, Vic, Inday and Quincy, Boy, Amy and Chelsy, and Luz L. A special project and details of the Christmas party were discussed by the class while the ladies were riveted to their seats listening to Meg's sharing.

NovemBER came around for Greg's birthday dinner celebration at his home on November 12. Garrick and Lily, Jimmy and Lulu, Benjie and Meg, and Jess and Olive made it to his party while we got held up by the EDSA traffic and did not make it.

Some days later Mon and Jess and Bingbo treated the class to breakfast at the PNGC. Of course, we feasted on "pinaksiw na tanguinge", "daing na bangus", "tapa at tocino" and our fave "rebosadong saging at kamote". It was also the final meeting for the celebration of the year- CHRISTMAS!

It was on DecemBER 5 when we gathered once again at the poolside of Vic and Inday's abode to celebrate at party they hosted. Quincy was there, too, to welcome the class and their families. The kids happily played in the playground, climbing, sliding, and enjoying the swings and the monkey bars. The band Inday hired played the tunes of our time so some of us could not help but exercise their vocal chords as well in songs.

The weather went from wet to dry

and back until finally the buffet was set at the poolside. The array of food was delish with a "lechon" to add to our choices.

There was the traditional exchange of gifts and a raffle with Mon winning the top small prize. The grandkids then lined up to get their moolah from Santa Jus with the kids following them.

It was an evening of friendship, fun, and food which, hopefully, did not cloud the deep meaning of Christmas- that the manger is linked to the cross so we all may have salvation.

May 2017 bring all of us meaningful peace, prosperity, and love.

Class 69 Scoop! Rey Berroya had just been appointed as Administrator of the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA).

Congratulations and carry on!



**First Class Meeting of 2017**

The Magitings had their first class meeting of the year last 14 January, attended by twelve members. After a round of golf and a good lunch of *adobong kambing*, *sinampalukang native na manok*, and grilled samaral, class president Roy Cimatu started the meeting which tackled mainly the Foundation Day plans. Because of conflicting schedules where a number of the class members have to attend a function on the same day as the Alumni Parade, it was decided that the Baguio trip be made optional. Those going will still be able to avail of the class-subsidized two-day hotel stay. It thus looks like we will have only a few marchers on the 18th of February. Hopefully, it will not just be

the cadet bearer of the class banner who would be marching in Borromeo Field! Roy highlighted the need to start this early the groundwork for our 2020 Golden Anniversary to ensure a well-prepared commemoration of our milestone 50th . Among the more important to-do's in the next three years are the fundraising for the activity and the printing of the Golden Sword (the sequel). The generation of funds and the content and format of the GS will be worked out in subsequent meetings. Present at the meeting at the Aguinaldo clubhouse Matikas Hall was Ernie Del Rosario who is vacationing from freezing cold Toronto and making most of the weather here hitting the fairways. He is going back by March. Others who attended were Bang Adriano, Nesty Carolina, Glenn Rabonza, Clyde Fernandez, Vic Signey, Boots De Veyra, Primo Esguerra, Eloy Garcia, Dionet Santiago and Rudy Garcia.

**Magiting Ladies Helm Christmas Party**

The Christmas party we had last 7 December was by far the most organized

and fun-filled get-together we have had in the recent past. The Magiting ladies enthusiastically took on the challenge to take charge of the planning and organizing for the party and, wow, how well they did it! The Mas Magiting team put up a lively, entertaining Hawaiian luau program that rolled from start to finish with much fun and gaiety. There was never a dull moment with the fun games, the dancing and singing, the raffles and exchange gifts. The usually laid back husbands gamely joined the fun games and had great fun as did everyone else. It was, by the way, also a night of pleasant surprise for the Magitings and their ladies. Loretta Baquiran, wife of our late Mistah Rex, and their daughter Aniwai, who arrived from the US, attended the Christmas affair after being missed for many years! It was the first time she had joined a Magiting gathering and reconnecting with her after her decades of absence gave the Christmas celebration added meaning. Present in the party were couples Roy and Ning, Clyde and Susan, Egay and Nene,

Jack and Len, Ensong and Nancy, Gojs and Remy, Eloy and Ludy, Dodong and Fely, Julius and Tess, Tagoy and Monang, Pete and Tess, Glenn and Josie, Boots and Emy, Ed Calvo and Josie, Vic and Marilen, Nesty and Au, Bobby Turla and Joy and Rudy and Cecille. Jessie Israel, Dina Gaerlan, Neneng Daluyaya, Amy Villanueva, Bang Adriano, Nes Santillan, Willy Parayno, Mike Coronel and Maning Reyes were singles for that night. Magitings, hats off to all of our ladies for a wonderful, memorable night of merriment and bonding! It was a superb team effort. Special thanks must go to Dina Gaerlan for the Hawaiian luau theme, decor and leis, Tess Atienza for the program, Ludy Garcia for the entertaining fun games, Au Carolina for the venue arrangement, Ning Cimatú for the food, Joy Turla for the Navy Seabees band, Susan Fernandez for the raffle and exchange gifts, Emy for the prizes, Jessie Israel for the emceeing and to all our other ladies

for pitching in and giving a spectacular show of hula dancing.

**Corps of the 70's Golf**

Our golfers are still a force to contend with. In the last edition of the Corps of the 70's golf tournament they bagged third place, behind first placer Class '80 and second placer Class '74. It was a five to count, handicap play tournament. Only four points separated us from the second placer. The 9th edition of the PMA- DICOM '70 friendship golf game was held jointly with the Corps of the 70's tourney.

**Events Coming Up**

Friday, 20 January will be another get-together time for Magitings and their ladies as Glenn and Josie Rabonza host a belated birthday and thanksgiving mass and lunch. The special mass will be held at 11:30 at the newly built church beside Avida condominium, Uptown Bonifacio Global

City, officiated by Fr Betbet Rabonza, Glenn's cousin. Lunch follows at Fely J, Uptown Mall, BGC.

The ladies' Wednesday Group will be visiting the Cottolengo Orphanage in Montalban, Rizal on 1 February to spread cheer among the abandoned children with special needs housed in the facility. The ladies have arranged for a Jollibee party for the children which will feature meals, mascots and prizes for the kids. The orphanage has sent their wish list, mostly clinical items, vitamins and medicine. Since this day falls on a first Wednesday, Fr Stefan, head of the orphanage, has offered to say mass before the start of the children's treat.

February 18 marks Nesty and Au Carolina's daughter Anya's coming out party. How time flies. The cute baby girl has now blossomed into a lovely, young lady. Happy 18th Anya!

Till the next issue, here's to a blessed, healthy and prosperous 2017 to all! Cheers!



*The Magitings in their not so Hawaiian outfits*



*The Mas Magitings: still beautiful after all these years*



*"Gift-wrapping" game: doing it with tied hands*

**LB SILLONA**  
President  
**JC LALISAN, JR**  
Secretary

**Happy New Year to all!**

**The year 2017 is the Year of the Fire Rooster**, according to the Chinese Zodiac. The rooster represents fidelity and punctuality. Punctuality, in the sense, that it wakes people up. Based from my Google research, people born in this year are "beautiful, kind-hearted, hard-working, courageous, independent, humorous, and honest". On the other hand, they "might be arrogant, self-aggrandizing, persuasive to others and wild". According to the Zodiac predictions, the year 2017 will be "a powerful one". Sticking to practical

and well-proven paths to ensure success is advised rather than to take risky ones. Hopefully, we take heed to this warning.

**Golf Project**

Our golf fund-raising project last November was a success not only because it was well-attended but also it has garnered enough funds to support

our class projects like our assistance to PMAAAI and its affiliate organizations, medical financial support to mistahs who are in need, and other class activities. The Golf Committee headed by Rey Acop would like to thank all the sponsors, donors, solicitors, and players who participated in this endeavor for a good cause.







**Class Meeting, Christmas Party, and Fellowships**

Last 9 November, 2016, a class officers' meeting was held in Valle Verde IV to discuss primarily the Golf Fund-Raising Preparations. Wency Cruz, VP for the PN, presided over the meeting in the absence of Bert Sillona, who was sick at that time. Others present were Egay Aglipay, VP for the PNP, Joey Lalisan, Rey Velasco, Doy Francisco, Art Lim, Rey Acop, chairman of the Golf Committee, Boy Castellano, and Dong Tabamo. Other matters discussed were the Christmas Party and the definition of the NGS or GS status of a class member.

Last 2 December 2016, the Matatag Golfers joined in the 4th Quarter Corps of the 70s Golf Fellowship held in the

Villamor Golf Course. Those who played were Egay, Beloy, Rey A, Doy, and Joey.

Last 6 December, the class had its Christmas party which was held in the residence of Egay and Mawie. The party started at 5 pm with a mass offering followed by an early dinner. There was an exchange of gifts and Egay, the ever-gracious host, gave each Matatag a white jacket with a class of 1971 stitched on the left breast. Sara Paredes took charge of the parlor games with cash prizes in the offering. With the presence of two DIs, the attendees had some line dancing and Zumba workouts while some brave ones had a one-on-one dancing lessons. Before the night was off, Egay and Mawie gave each couple boxes of fruits and toothpaste and shampoo products to the delight of all. Those who attended were couples Bert

and Marmie, Egay and Mawie, Wency and Puring, Rey and Fim, Ruben and Fe, Aris and Nina, Joey and Celia, Art and Annie, Dick and Dra. Annie, Tito and Dra. Nona, Boy and Barrie, Twiggy and Perla, Mel and Hazel, Rollie and Malou, Atot and Sara, Dong and Lulu, Marte and Tetet, Romy and Elbe, and solo attendees EQ, balik-bayan Doy, Forong, Verna, Lita Alca Gil, Jennie Domingo, Lulu Runes, Aleli Belonia, Ruth Viduya, and Tet Domingo with her daughter who sang several songs for the class.

The Matatag golfers had several golf fellowships in Aguinaldo, Navy, and Villamor golf courses. Before Doy left for Canada, a golf *despedida* was given to him at the Navy fairways. Doy has improved his game and his swings. *Medyo bawas na ang binabayad niya...ha ha.*

Last 9 January this year, the Matatag golfers treated US-based Totoy Rivera to a golf welcome game in Villamor. A long hitting golfer, Totoy played with Ed Mati, Teody, Rey A, and Boy Caste jet lag notwithstanding. *Ang importante, may pambayad siya.*

**Congratulations to Red Kapunan!**

It was announced last December 2016 in the media that our mistah Red Kapunan was appointed by the President to be the ambassador to Myanmar. This is another feather to the class that we have a second ambassador in our midst, the first one being Amba Jun Paynor, a veteran in the diplomatic field. Our good wishes to Red and we hope he will get some "extra instructions" from Amba Jun.

**Plans for the First Quarter 2017**

The class will have a Valentines Party before the February Homecoming trip to Baguio. The class officers and the ladies planned to have the Valentines Party on the 14th of February in Valle Verde. Rey Velasco, our class treasurer, already booked some rooms in Micro Hotel, for those going up to PMA. Egay Aglipay prepared to give some jackets for the mas-Matatags who will join in the Homecoming Trip On 18 February 2017. Other plans will include improvement of the Class 71 rooms in the VMCM and PMA, our support to the professorial chair of the Academy, to increase or make 100% our class memberships to PMAAAI affiliate organizations, and our donations to PEFTI and the Foundation.

**QUOTE FOR THIS ISSUE**

If you can't say anything nice...Give your mouth a day off. (Facebook) JCL/01/09/2017





**LD EBUEN**  
President  
**CG CASTRO**  
Secretary

**Warm greetings to all**

The past years went too fast and we don't even know where they are now. What we know is that, the passing of years made us older as manifested by the additional wrinkles over our handsome and beautiful faces(thanks to the advent of cosmetology, he, he, he). Getting older makes us wiser and it helps widen our perspective as decision makers, advisers, problem solvers, consultant, you name it. Who are afraid of getting old anyway? We must bear in mind that many great things are products of older and wiser people from past and present generations. And mankind must be grateful to them.

**Goodbye Monkey; Welcome Rooster:**

The year 2016 was a great one for Masigasig as we enjoyed various class

activities and relished every moments together that linked us closer with each other. We are so thankful to the Lord for the yearly blessings as we fervently pray for His love and care in the years to come.

As we bade goodbye to the Year of the Monkey, we welcome 2017(Year of the Monkey) with great hope and full of optimism. A Chinese Feng Shui expert has a good forecast for those born in the year of the Rooster. He describes them as sharp, wry and mentally cute. They look good and not dowdy but attractive. They will rarely have problem with money because they are imbued with spotty eyes to see every good opportunities that will come their way.

We are celebrating our 45th Anniversary at the Year of the Rooster. By this time we are already inside the portals of Fort del Pliar mingling with other alumni for the homecoming. For the record, this is one of the biggest attendance we ever mustered, reminiscence of the 1997 Alumni Day when we celebrated our Silver Jubilee as Senior Host Class. With God's grace we expect more Mistah to attend the

most awaited 50th Golden Anniversary in 2022. So folks. let us be merry and stay healthy.

**News tidbits:**

Dony and Rosie were in town last November and hosted the 100th birthday celebration of Rosie's beloved mom in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya last Dec 10. Probably, Rosie's mother is the first among our mothers to reach the 100 years mark. Through the personal invitation of Dony and Rosie, we (Efren & Lorna Abu, Bing & Yolly Valencia, Pepe Vidad,,Fe & yours truly) took our time out and endured the long trip to Solano. The trip was an exhilarating experience for us with beautiful sceneries along the way. The long and winding road to Dalton Pass(highest point) at Sta Fe was exciting. We used to traverse this path before, when we were assigned in Cagayan Valley years back. Our hosts, pampered us with original Ilocano dishes and kakain, brewed high land coffee and fruits. Pepe Vidad, a pride of Solano hosted a snappy breakfast for our group at his ancestral home. He took pride in showing us where he studied as he recalled his escapades as a young boy. We left Solano after 3 days like contented cows after 3 days of hectic gastronomic sessions. We promised Dony and Rosie that "we shall return" with or without their invitation.

Manong Ben de Leon, our special friend hosted a Post Christmas/New Year dinner exclusively for all Masigasig at his residence in GSIS Village, Brgy Toro, Project 8, Quezon City last 05 Jan. In his short welcome message, he told us that the lighting of the entire house with 10,000 Christmas lights has been going on every year in memory of his beloved wife who never fail to decorate their house every year when she was still alive. Mang Ben carries this tradition over as a "panata" in memory of his wife. We enjoyed viewing the Christmas light and of course the fellowship and foods, courtesy of our kind host, who promised that from now on this special occasion will be a yearly activity for the Class. Those who shared the moment with De Leons were: Efren & Lorna Abu, Rock & Nina Tor, Eric & Marivic Aurelio, Ogie & En Alino, Babes & Lucille Flores, Art & Carol Alabanza, Queck & Faith Ebuén, Art Lomibao, Odette Bibit, Orly & Marido Ambricio, Pepe & Ludy Vidad, Fe and yours truly. We thank Manong Ben and his children for that wonderful evening.





**Words of Thanks & Appreciation:**

The Class expresses its thanks and appreciation to Prez Queck for his invaluable contributions to the Class as outgoing President. All of these, contributed immensely to the successful conduct of various activities. His hands-on approach ensured that the Class deserved the best in terms of health care, social activities and morale. Equally deserving of our of praises are the ladies of social group headed by Faith who were directly responsible in the

overall planning and conduct of all social events. We also thank and acknowledge the Class Officers for their unwavering support all the way. Mabuhay kayo, salamat at napa-ligaya ninyo kaming lahat.

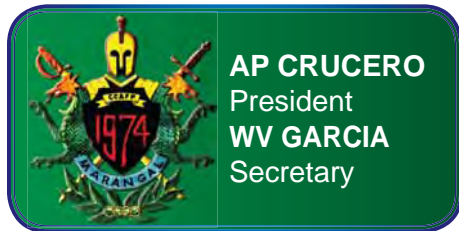
Congratulations to Pepe Vidad, our new President. Rest assured of our unconditional support. Good luck Captain.

**Birthday Greetings:**

Belated happy birthday greetings to the following celebrators: Cora Oliveros,

Vic Carag, Elmer Romano, Ed Adan, Manny Teodosio, Mol Sales(dec), Beth Adan, Sheryl Luga, Pogs Santillan(dec) and Cris Balaoing. Greetings also to our February celebrators: Ping Berroya, Albin Rivera, Gay Concha, Pol Lacerna, Lorna Abesamis, Rudy de Castro, Bobby Del Pilar, Ludy Vidad, Ogie Alino, Manding Naval, Lily Romano and Babes Flores. Pagpalain kayo ni Lord,

Till next class call. Happy reading and **HAPPY 45TH ANNIVERSARY TO ALL..oslec.**



**A**s we bid goodbye to the year 2016, let us welcome 2017 with great optimism and hope. We wish to greet everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the Lord continue to bless us all with healthy, happy and peaceful life. Cheers!

What a wonderful year that was for the Marangals. 2016 will be remembered as a banner year for us. So many good things happened during the year. We had a successful fund-raising activity for the benefits of classmates in need, widows and their dependents. We have participated in all golf tournaments sponsored by other PMA classes and Corps of 70s. Above all, we have reinvigorated the PMA class '74 spirit more than ever along with stronger bond of brotherhood and camaraderie.

**Christmas Party and Fellowship**

Among the Christians, Christmas is the most celebrated and anticipated event of the year. As Christmas is fast approaching, it is but fitting to thoroughly think about

what Christmas really means. To some, it may mean feast, food and lots of eating. To others, it is the time when they travel back home to have a grand reunion. To most, Christmas is a time to receive gifts and bonuses. But Christmas is more than this. To the Marangals, it means anticipation of celebrating together a Christmas party as one big family.

The class celebrated this year's annual Christmas Party at the Philippine Army Golf Clubhouse on 10 December 2016. It was a big success in terms of attendance, merry-making and other activities. As in previous year, the sumptuous dinner, drinks and wines, graciously prepared by Pons and Marilou Crucero, were served to the satisfaction of all. It was a night full of fun, jokes, dancing and singing.

Bepbep de Luna: To the Marangal Class and ladies, we thank ourselves for the enjoyable Christmas Party; It was really great to be with classmates once again just to reminisce the nostalgic, sweet memories of the past as we listened to the Beatles songs interpreted by the Buenaflor et al combo. The food and drinks were all delicious. The food was superb with the variety of cuisine which were meticulously selected for active seniors. Almost all those who were there danced continuously to different beats – a good sign that we are

healthy in body and spirit. Kudos to our President and all officers and to all of us. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Eugene Cedo:** *For me, I cannot find anymore a good company except my classmates in the Academy. No amount of almost standstill traffic, distance and other inconveniences would prevent from seeing (at least) my bunkmates Bobby, Bepbep, TP, Ace and know their status. And I was happy.*

**Jun Esperon:** *Nothing beats partying with 74!*

**Danny Abinoja:** *I fully agree and was only there for a short while but it's really nice to see our Mistahs. Merry Christmas to all!*

**In attendance were:**

Lito and Cristine Gamit; Willy and Hazel Garcia; Jun and Lorna Esperon Danny and Sim Abinoja; Benny and Jo Cabrieto; Ramby and Edith Ramboanga; Boy and Chato Bernal; Pons and Marilou Crucero; Lito and Marilou Gutierrez; Romy and Jeng Tolentino; Rogie and Melie Calunsag; Buddy Esguerra; Jun Lopez; Gene and Bong Cedo; Gani and Gail Galang; Bepbep and Cecile de Luna; Tony and Bechic Romero; Butch and Elsie Maglaya; Amy and Winnie Tolentino; Sonny Razon; Pete and Long Fernando; Romy and Chu Buenaflor; Ace





and Ellen Tolentino; Oca and Agnes Valenzuela James and Grace de Guzman Alex and Marian Pamplona Fidel Sy Pete and Tess Tan; Ed and Maricel Doromal Tato Salud; Junards Junio; Bong and Malou Franco; Bert and Mylene Sylim; Nick and Mila Radovan; Damian Carlos; Allen Querubin; Manny and Annie Carta; Beckie Aromin; Buroy Bayona; Nick Manalo; Jun and Tess Abueg; Ricky and Mitz de la Paz; Dobbit Palacios; Sonny Tolentino; and Lorna Cabayao.

We are missing badly our Mistahs from:

**USA:**  
Vlady Punto, Pards Espejo, Larry Doria, Ching Lagrimas, Tony Ramos, Mar Laurico, Owen Luistro, Pete Cruz, and Charlie Luis.

**Mindanao:**  
Nick Pasinos, Albert Mabaquiao, Tito Cagurangan, Tan Ju, Rene Elumbaring, Tony Enteria, and Willy Dormitorio.

**Luzon:**  
Oca Guzman, Oca Marinas, Rey Varilla, Errol Pan, Boie Seville, Stanley

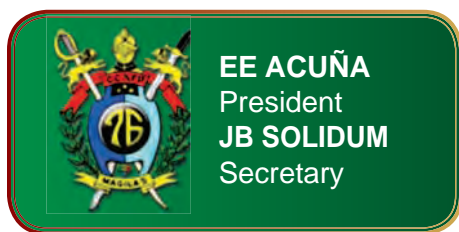
Pagdilao, Dante Rellorta, and Jack Binuya.

Wishing you all the best and hope to see you all soon!

**Birthday Greetings**

Warmest Birthday Greetings to all November and December born mistahs. May you have many many more years of happy and healthy life.

Willy Garcia, Ernie Belen, Nick Radovan, Pete Ramboanga, Vic Franco, Charlie Luis, Errol Pan, Larry Doria, and Mar Laurico.



Happy New Year to everyone!

**General Assembly Meeting**

Fifty-five (55) Magilas gentlemen attended the Class General Assembly held at the Philippine Army Officers' Clubhouse on December 11, 2016. Through the intercession of our two former CGPA and CSAFP, Bong and Onay, the class was charged gratis for the use of the Ricarte Hall of the PA Officers Clubhouse as well as the sounds provided by the Los Caballeros.

**President's Report** – Ed Acuna summarized the accomplishments of the Association for CY 2016. These are; instituting new membership policies, successful celebration of 40th Ruby Anniversary, publication of the Magilas Story Book, hundreds of beneficiaries through the Bridges of Hope Program, successful conduct of the Magilas Charity Golf Tournament as well as the resource generation efforts of Company

Supervisors and sound investment of our funds in solid financial institutions.

**Treasurer's Report** – Gerry Defensor updated the class on the status of fund resources by presenting a tally between the money going into the class coffer as against the expenditure to support class activities and projects. We are actually negative in this aspect but the golf fundraising activity and contributions by some members put us on the green. Kudos again to Jojie Fojas for the success of the Magilas Golf Tournament 2016 and also, for the donations of the following members; Hermie Esguerra, Philip Natividad, Wilson Young, Tangol Gatdula, Congressman Pol Bataoil, and Sandy Javier.

All board resolutions and acts of

management as enumerated by the Class Secretary Joe Solidum, were ratified by the assembly.

**Magilas Visitors Hall** – Pat Labiano's request for support for the repairs and maintenance of the Magilas Center at PMA particularly the comfort rooms and wall tiles was approved by the assembly.

**Homecoming 2017** - Abner Cabaquinto, Chairman on the Committee on Homecoming, announced the 2-day PMA Homecoming will be on Feb 17-18. Following tradition, we will stopover in Pangasinan on the 17th for a visit at Our Lady of Manaoag Church followed by lunch at the residence of Mayor Boying and Sally in Laoac, Pangasinan. The PNP Group will host dinner at the Manor in Camp John



Mistah Rev. Paul Mata delivered another touching invocation to start the general assembly meeting.





Hay upon our arrival in Baguio. Reveille will be at 6am the following day for an early breakfast to avoid the rush to PMA for the registration and alumni parade. We will then have our lunch at the Magilas Visitors Hall and to witness the awarding of deserving members and oath taking of the new class officers.

**New Member** - Dominic L. Sytin took his oath as member of Magilas Class 76 Asso. Inc. Welcome Dominic to the Magilas Clan! We look forward to seeing you active in our class activities.

**New Board of Trustees** - The 2016 Class Assembly was highlighted with the election of a new set of Trustees for CY 2017-2019. Election Committee Chair Joe Solidum declared the following 11 incoming members of the Board of Trustees: Romy Hilomen, Doo Maligalig, Ely Dela Paz, Bong Ibrado, Abner Cabalquinto, Joey Paz, Vic Boco, Cholo Carlos, Epoy Marayag, Jogie Fojas, and Gerry Defensor.

**Magilas Christmas Fellowship**

As in previous Christmas fellowship, this year's yuletide celebration was filled with fun and enjoyment. The 32 Magilas ladies who attended the fellowship were all smiles as they received envelopes from Treasurer Gerry Defensor and gift bags from Abner Cabalquinto. Some 15 of them got even luckier by winning gas stoves raffled off by Eric Espina. Dinner served was great and the music provided by the Los Caballeros played almost endlessly while the Magilas and their ladies are enjoying the dinner. Kudos to the conjugal effort of Pompe and Beth for leading the Christmas committee. Thanks to Olga Nano and Babeth Narcise for their help in choosing the best caterer, food, and dance instructors which the ladies appreciated so much. Thanks also to Cong PolBat, Mayor Boying, Romy Hilomen, and Jess Verzosa for bringing some stuff which intoxicated a good number of us including President Edong.



**Congratulations**

After 40 years of flying military and commercial planes for a total of 26 thousand flying hours, Cholo Carlos finally retired on 01 Oct. 2016. He is now confined to quarters with Cory by his side. Congratulations also to Joey Salvacion for having been elected President of Bank Security Management Association of the Phils last 03 Jan 2017.

Meanwhile, Alex Onay was pulled out from retirement and now doing consultancy work for ABS-CBN. Louie Ticman is still pretty much active with the Rotary Club after serving as Charter President and District Governor in Rizal. Doo Maligalig is now full time on his apostolic work after eight years of consultancy job with the Lopez Group of Companies. Under the same category are Sammy Narcise, Art Segovia and Epoy Lagdamen who have all retired recently from their civilian posts.

**Birthday Celebrants**

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: 6 Jan - Mel Dilodilo and Tess Rodriguez; 7 Jan - Lou Gaboy and Beck Perez; 9 Jan - Ramon Dela Cruz; 11 Jan - Vic Boco and Femar Defensor; 12 Jan - Bebet Ibrado; 24 Jan - Anavelina Loyao; 27 Jan - Eleonor Legaspi and Myrna Divinagracia; 28 Jan - Sandy Javier; 29 Jan - Sammy Tayag; 30

Jan - Allan Bontuyan and Eleonor Soriano; 1 Feb - Emil Lucero; 4 Feb - Corina Carlos; 5 Feb - Olive Solidum; 7 Feb - Nong Ikbala; 13 Feb - Joey Salvacion; 15 Feb - Armand Rodriguez; 18 Feb - Robert; 19 Feb - Vel Cabalquinto; 20 Feb - Karen Javier; 24 Feb - Pajie Pajarito.

Again, wishing everyone a happy year 2017. As we look forward to another 365 days, may we never cease to thank GOD for the gift of life. GOD bless everyone.



**RA DAVID JR**  
President  
**DM PEQUIRAS**  
Secretary

This year's alumni homecoming marks the PMA Masikap Class of 77's 40 years of existence since they left the Academy's portal as commissioned officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Filled with the ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, each of us went on our separate ways to fulfill our sworn duty to serve our country as professional soldiers. Along the way, some of us chose other careers but majority made it up until retirement their days.

In retrospect, let's see how we fared for the last 40 years that we spent behind us: We graduated 125 strong with one Singaporean classmate, Mistah Lim Kah Kee, leaving the rest of us distributed by draw lots to various Major Services of the AFP: Army - 45; Air Force - 20; Navy - 22; and Police - 38, where Mistah Eric Javier from West Point joining them making it 39.

Sadly, we have already 17 mistahs who have gone ahead to meet our Creator, the latest of whom was Commodore Teddy O Pan. May they all rest in peace!

On the lighter side, most of our classmates who spent their military



service to the fullest made it to the star ranks where we have produced two Chiefs of Staff, AFP - Nes Ochoa and Ric David and a PNP Chief – Raul Bacalzo. On this 40th year anniversary or Ruby year, everyone is already a card bearing senior citizen. Despite that realities, some of us are still gainfully employed both in private or government entities. Let us call the roll and see where the rest of our mistahs are currently situated:

**The Army Group:**

Vixi Abat is still in QC frequenting the GHQ grounds spinning on his bike; Manny Andaya is enjoying his retirement after his stint as NPO head,; Nur Askalani is crisscrossing the seas in Zamboanga and Jolo; Larry Atendido is tending to his apos; Rannie Austria is still connected with the Alphaland business ventures; Cris Avelino, Rolly Cabanban, Zaldy Damazo, Ernie De Guzman, Spade Espadero, Jimmy Garingo, Ronnie Javier, Chay Taganas, Weewee Tan, Raul Ticman and Gil Villa are all based abroad; Rey Bangit is still in San Mateo and from time to time attends the regular Masikap chicken club; Jimmy Bernal is lording it over in Cebu as a security professional; JB Buenaflor is just lurking around Marikina Antipolo area; Joe Burgos is still our Ambassador to Brazil; Dan Casabar is our Class Treasurer worrying where he could billet all of us

during the homecoming; Nes Castro has not been seen lately after his stint at DND; Henry 5 and Yazdi Diaz loved Cag de Oro very much; Johnny Corcha is staying in Natonin, his hometown; Ogie Dahan is busy with his cellphone loading machines; Ric David is Undersecretary of National Defense and our current Class President; Joone de Leon is enjoying his retirement after his stint at NDCP as president; Dads Domingo, our Class VP, is a consultant at AFPSLAI after being its president for one term; Chito Mangubat has not been active lately; Dick Morales concentrates on his hobbies of flying and biking; Nes Ochoa is honing his golf proficiency after his stint as an Ambassador to Greece; Raffy Pabustan is still a consultant of his previous office AFGIC; Omech Roderos manages a resort hotel in Boracay; Zards Simoy is hibernating in his residence; Butch Supapo tends to his grand business ventures in Iloilo and Alex Taguinod is still busy sending inspirational and religious text messages. ( RIP: Ferdie lleto, Rolly Cruz, Nes Sadiarin, Vic Riblora and Alex Tan)

**The Air Force:**

Roy Camagay has mastered the business of insurance and is busy visiting his clients; Art Carolino, Manny Cataluna, Nic Corpuz and Jomas Masferre are all based in CONUS; Cidoh Gadjali and Rod Cornelio have not been sighted lately;

Sayong Del Rosario, Percy Padla and Arman Taluban are still flying the big commercial planes; Dan Ferrer settled in Cagayan de Oro from his hometown in Bayambang, Pangasinan; Nong Gammad is silently working at the Department of National Defense; Ned Goseco is with Volkswagen Philippines, an Ayala group member; Lino Lapinid is at Perpetual Help University System practicing his PhD as Chief of Staff; Art Mancenido is connected with the water utility company managed by RSBS; and yours truly, Sunny Pequiras writing this issue. (RIP: Jol Edris, Jen Ferrer, Buddy Lopez and Butch Lacson)

**The Navy:**

Art Hontanosas is just around Bohol Republic so busy with his profession thereat; Vic Agdamag is still very busy as USec at NSA,; Bobby Nobols Noblefranca, Jess Melegrito and Bal Balocating have not been seen around lately; Mar Catacutan is within Metro Manila,;July Moreno, Dan Jimenez, Arnel Carolino, Lester Igama are US-based while Mike Onate is in Australia based.; JP Bondoc is busy with his consultancy firm,;Nes Bontol is still at Lexmark in Cebu, Ed Caumeron joined the security professional after his retirement; Dan Cortez, after his stint at OPAMA as its head, is busy with his business ventures that include farming; Mon Espera enjoying his retirement days at his residence; Bob Estioko is the newly designated president of National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) and Benhail Sevilla is seriously doing “apostolic” works. (RIP: Jun Arancon, Dan Del Rosario, Benjie Saculles and Teddy O Pan)



**The Police:**

Only Raul Bacalzo, Roxy Roxas and Mike San Miguel opted to be based abroad; Irene Bacolod is a security consultant based in Mindanao; Benjie Belarmino is still honing his singing career planning to



launch a solo concert; Lino Calingasan has not been seen around lately so with Jake Cataluna, Nic Divina, Rox Maranon, Piloy Melliza, Don Minano, Per Palad, Art Quilop, Jun Serapio, Pete Tango, Du Terte, Bal Tira, and Ric Ver.; Andy Caro heads the Security group of Security Bank; Fidel Cimatu is the Mayor of Bangui, Ilocos Norte; Gani Cuevas is still in Iloilo; Dan Desuasido is cooling it off in Baguio; Dan Empedrad is now a farmer/golfer in Cagayan de Oro; Gatsby Gatan is perfecting his tennis strokes; Pitong Heredia is expanding his resort business in Laguna; Eric Javier is studying more on how to capture Masikap activities in his cellphone camera; Irene Manaois from Pangasinan loved so much the siling labuyo he settled in Sorsogon; Jamangs Manga stays in Bicol but frequents badminton games at PA gym in Bonifacio; Eugene Martin is improving the developments in his PUGAD( PUGO ADventure) resort in Pugo La Union; Miles Milla tends to his prized roosters in Bicol;

Ric Padilla, is the newly elected mayor of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija; Orly Pestano is enjoying travel from Cebu to Manila and vice versa; Sandy Boy San Diego is also enjoying the cool weather in Baguio while Angel Sunglao spend most of his time in Zamboanga developing the cacao industry. (RIP: Rene Cruz, Sprite Espiritu, Leo De Guzman and Jess Seblario)

Worthy to note also are our Mistahs who were not able to join us in the graduation rite but are very much Masikap in heart and in spirit. Foremost, of course is Nebu Alejandrino, now the Executive Assistant of SND; Louie Serquina, a real estate practitioner, who is just around when the Class would need his support; Eric Camba, Ric Sarmiento, Roger Tabuco, Ed Masancay and Rene Marco, who tried their best to establish contact with us.

The Masikap held its Christmas Party last December 2, 2016 at Philippine Navy Golf Club. Games and raffles prizes abound.

To keep the Masikap physically and mentally fit thus preventing the onslaught of arthritis and the like, we engaged in various games like golf, biking and badminton. In fact, many are already enjoying golf as they have already broken the 100 score. Others suggested engaging also in games using bigger balls such as bowling, which is very much suited to seniors who cannot walk even the par 68 golf course or could hardly hit the shuttle cock in badminton.

By the time you receive a copy of this, chances are you are already registering or have registered for the alumni parade, but at any rate, we are still including here the agreed uniform for our alumni parade which is the dark 3-button coat with beige or khaki pants, blue shirt inside without necktie, shiny shoes with black socks, dark sunglasses if you wish. Head gear will be provided by Nebu Alejandrino.

Happy 40th Anniversary to all Masikaps and ladies!



**VM PORTO**  
President  
**VEC MARTIR**  
Secretary

A peaceful and prosperous New Year to all Makatarungans! We capped the year 2016 with a Christmas Thanksgiving and Fellowship last December 3, 2016 at the Villamor Air Base Golf Club which was attended by 70 mistahs and spouses (Photo -1). The event started with an Invocation led by Efren T. The program officially started with a welcome remarks by Class VP Boysie R (Photo 2). It was followed by the oath-taking of the Makatarungan 1978 Association, Inc. Board of Directors with our mistah Honorable Alex L Quiroz, Associate Justice, Sandiganbayan as inducting officer (Photo 3). Our Class President Vic P rendered his comprehensive 2016 annual report (Photo 4) followed by the Chairman of the Board Oca R's Christmas message of being JUST (Photo 5). The 6-hour (10:30 am to 4:30 pm) gathering provided the usual fun-filled nostalgia with the oft-repeated hilarious and amusing cadet-days stories and experiences as junior and later as general and flag officers. Of course, exchanges on tips to better health have always been part of our chats after everybody has acquired senior citizenship.

The catered lunch (shouldered by the attendees) was sumptuous enough with much to spare (servers were ready with take-home plastic bags) for dinner. Thanks to our mistahs who kind-heartedly donated additional delectable food for the occasion: Rene O (P10K worth of

drinks), Chay H (lechon), Ernest V (lechon), Raquel D (turon), Marivic T (pancit), Cora R (pasta paella), Mimi D (oranges), Gigi P (pomelo), Lorna A (malunggay) and Leila Griffiths (P3K). We also thank our generous mistahs who donated raffle prizes: Ernest V, Olive O, Raquel D, Gabby



*Makatarungan attendees*



*Board of Directors' Oath-taking*





VP Boysie R's Welcome remarks, Pres Vic P's annual report and Chairman Oca R's Christmas message

Sun Yee and Portia's Housewarming and Belated 35th Wedding Anniversary

G and Stella M. We thank our energetic emcees, Sam T and Malou L, for ensuring the lively progression of the activities (Photo 6). We also thank the PAF String Ensemble for providing soothing music for the occasion. Most of all, we thank all those who attended: Rolly A, Lheng/Pecos A, Daisy B, Odette B, Mae C, Art/Celia C, Jim/Jean C, Mario/Minda C, Tom D, Rollie/Mimi D, Carlux/Raquel D, JoGav, Gabby G, Rommel/Gay G, Arnel/Marivic G, Bob L, Pompeo L, Nestor/Juliet L, Romy/Malou L,

Rody/Neni M, Ray M, Bing M, Rey M, Jean M, Vic/Stella M, Rey/Olive O, Greg/Melda P, Louie/Lorna P, George/Gina P, Vic/Gigi P, Romy/Lilian P, Alex/Evelyn Q, Oca/Jocy R, Buddy R, Boysie/Cora R, Cho/Irene S, Rollie S, Herbie S, Cesar S, Celso S, Art/Amie T, Efren/Marivic T, Sam T, Ralph/Blandie V and Ernest V.

The first social activity of the year was held last January 2, 2017 where 30 mistahs and their ladies attended Sun Yee and Portia's Housewarming and 35th wedding

anniversary celebration at Manhattan Square, Salcedo Village. The gathering was highlighted by a "Kaydet Girl" serenade for Portia and the ladies by the Makatarungan gentlemen.

For the first quarter of 2017, we plan to embark on two CSR activities (possibly orphanage and hospital visits). We hope more of our mistahs will be able to join. We will be providing more details of this effort in the days to come. To God be the Glory!



**NA BARTOLOME**  
President  
**NC LLENO**  
Secretary

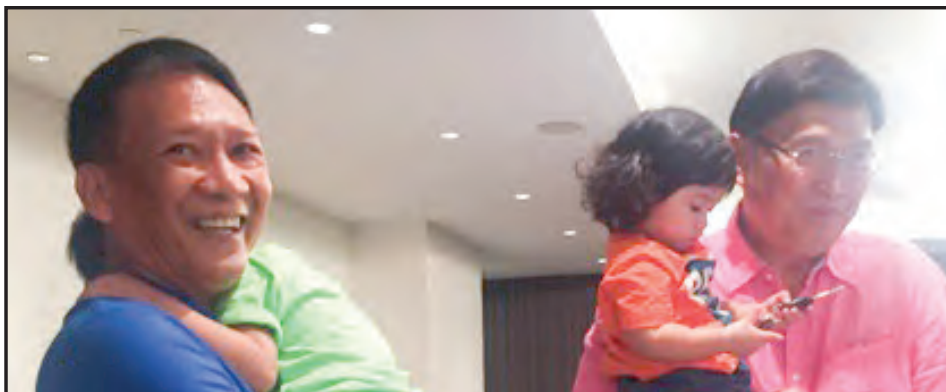
**B**reaking News. December 18, 2016. The Mapitagans together with their wives converged at Oakwood, not for a coup but for the pasko hehe.

The reigning president, Jayvee Javier, surrendered his seat and a new one was elected, unanimously and unopposed. We were all very happy to see Dipon

and Paladaon. Paco misses Faji so much! Vic Caragan welcomed Bato (1st row rightmost). Thanks to our elder statesman Tony, as Onell calls him, and to the whole Baraquiels: Neva, Angel, Trina, Sunshine and Jabi for pitching in their talents, time and efforts. Thank you to the outgoing president and his lady, Jojo, as emcees – for maintaining the pace of fun and enjoyment. The event was a gathering of kumpares and kumares y lolos and lolas, no longer anymore as classmates. Time and temperature have aged and bonded everybody so well . . .







Anybody who wants a respite, join him in his “Novena” at Manila Bay. Just tell him. You can signify with Tanjo or Ige.

I will not tell you anymore about our preparation for homecoming because you

will be reading this on that day, February 18, 2017 – exactly our 37th graduation anniversary. “Thank you Lord for letting us reach this far, where one by one of us is acquiring his senior citizenship. Amen”

Three more years and we shall be Ruby Jubilarians; then, Golden Jubilarians on February 18, 2030. Kitakits tayong lahat dyan sa araw na yan ha? WALANG INDIANAN!

Watch out for these people as they climb the ladder of success tracing our footsteps, the next generation of Mapitagans. Guess whose children they are? A twin US Coast Guards, a US Air Force jet fighter, a MAC officer, a J6, JAGS, the first lady candidate for major general, 3 aspiring FOICs, 3 aspiring CGPAF, 3 aspiring CGPA (not in picture, the son of Rainier) and we have 9 chances of having a Mapitagan-born be a CSAFP someday. Mukhang walang gusto mag pulis sa lahi natin. Bakit kaya?



**AG VIDAD**  
President  
**OP LOPEZ**  
Secretary

**40th Year...**

2017 is a big milestone for the Dimalupig for two reasons – it is the 40th year since we entered as Plebes in 1977 and, it is the 1st year since 1977 that we have no more active

member in the Armed Services, at least in the Philippines. Technically though, we still have one Mistah, Gen Thawip Netyom, who is in the active military service in the Royal Thai Armed Forces but he is due to retire by September this year.

2016 was the beginning of a new lifestyle for all of us. We have seen an increasing interest in Golf among us. Naturally, most of the Class activities revolved around golf. We have forced ourselves to learn a second language called Golf Language since it is the only

language that is being used in every gathering nowadays.

2016 was punctuated with a big, colorful and full of fun Christmas Party. But of course, there was a Christmas Golf Fellowship before that. Let me skip the golf and just talk about the Christmas Party.

The Party was a showdown of Dimapulig generosity. We were able to collect cash donations of P74,000 for the said event – P47.5k from the gate receipts and P26k from the cash donors (AlmusA, PhilR, BongM, ObetS, RexD). Also, we had some generous Mistahs who donated lechon baka (GregC), 2 lechon pig (DonM, JollyM) and hot darn (YersonD).

Raffle prizes and giveaways were overflowing. Many thanks to the following Mistahs who donated them: ArtV, NapE, PompomE, DigoyR, LitoyC, ElyR, ReneS, AlexM, BobotL, AlanL, BoyD, Joels, SonnyT, JonasS, SonnyM, TonyH, MannyBote, LeoF, EdwinR, BoogieDV, BabbetaA and BernieM.

Thanks also to BeloyG for providing the place and some boodles and drinks, the Manlulupig Ladies (CecilleL, NenengV, BabyleneS, Christiel, WengG, BethL, and the others I forgot) for the Party preparations, decorations and programs.

Thanks also to the Dimalupig Brats for executing and running the Party (the Vidad, Luga, Jueves, Lopez BRATS).

For 2017, there are many more activities that are on the line. The Thanksgiving Golf and Dinner on January 21 in honor of all Mistahs with second careers in the Government led by three USECS (MannyBau, LitoyC and WilsonV), BID Commissioner BongM, NICA Chief






AlexM, BOC Dep Comm BoyingE, and all the other ASecs and Directors like BobotL, LeoF, EdwinR, OmecP, etc. Congratulations mga Mistahs.

The Alumni Homecoming is around the corner. By the time you read this, you might already be in PMA for the said event. Welcome Home Mistahs. Forty (40) years after we first stepped at the

portals of the academy seems like only yesterday. And now, we are still carving a new chapters for each and every one of us in honor of the PMA Class of 1981 called the "Dimalupig."



**FA UYAMI, JR**  
President  
**BGC CASIS, JR**  
Secretary

**THE CLASS @ 35**

Most graduate of the Academy consider the PMA Alumni Homecoming a very important event. It is usually held during the second week of February and graduates of this premier military institution including members of PMA Sandigan Class '82 treat it as a must-attend activity. As such, the different classes take great pains in preparing for it such as fund raisings, class uniforms, transportations, billeting, fellowship dinners and inauguration of class projects at the PMA.

Of course, the homecoming is a perfect time to visit the Academy, our home, our alma matter. It is a time to reconnect with our past as cadets. Just seeing the Melchor Hall, Central barracks, Mess hall and the Borromeo field brings us lots of memories about our cadet life. We always feel happy meeting again a mistah, an underclass or an upperclass whether in the same squad, company or battalion and when we form and march as a class in the Borromeo Field, we cannot help but feel proud being sons of the Academy.

Since our graduation in 1982, our class has never failed to join this yearly activity. We experienced attending it as Junior Host Class in 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and during our Silver Jubilee Anniversary in 2007. We

also became the Senior Host Class in 2012. Significantly, most members of our class had been attending homecomings while still in the active service. This year or after 35 years, almost all members of the class except three will attend same already retired from the service.

The existence of our class started in 1978 when 324 fearless young men out of the thousands of applicants had passed the rigid mental and physical examinations for cadetship and reported to Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City to compose the PMA class of 1982. After four years, 191 successfully completed the course and graduated in 1982. Trained as leaders and due to our burning desire to serve the Filipino people, we joined the Armed Forces of the Philippines thru the Philippine Army, Philippine Air Force, Philippine Navy and Philippine Constabulary (PC). The PC was later dissolved and reorganized as the Philippine National Police.

Moving forward in 2017, change has indeed become part of who we are today. Three (3) members of the class are still in the active service while most of our mistah have retired.

On record, the PMA Sandigan '82 had produced a total of 100 gallant Generals from the AFP, PNP and Coast Guard. The breakdown is as follows:

Four-star generals (2) - PDG Ricardo Marquez (ret.), former CPNP; Admiral Rodolfo D. Isorena (ret.), former Comdt, Coast Guard; Three-star generals (10) - LtGen Jeffrey F. Delgado (ret), former CG, PAF VAdmiral Ceasar C. Taccad, former FOIC, PN and VAdmiral Jesus C. Millan (ret), also former FOIC, PN, VAdmiral Alexander S. Lopez (ret), former Cmdr, Wes

Com, LtGen Nicanor Vivar M. Vivar, former Cmdr, Cen Com, LtGen John S. Bonafos (ret), former VCSAFP, LtGen Aurelio B. Baladad (ret), former Cmdr EMCom, LtGen Felicito V.M Trinidad Jr., former Cmdr, Nol Com, PDDG Danilo S. Constantino, former DCA PNP and PDDG Francisco A. Uyami Jr, DCA PNP.

Two - star generals (30) - PA (8), PN (4), CG (1), PAF (2) and PNP (15);

One - star generals (58) - PA (18), PN (2), PM (4), CG (2), PAF (5) and PNP (27). Total - 100.

However, not all of us became the man we wanted to be when we grow older. We are proud to have heroes in the class who indeed lived and served God, country and people. They fought and perished while fighting the enemy of the state. Their courage and sacrifice symbolize the character of a nation with a long history of patriotism and valor.

Further, some have been successful in their respective chosen careers. Recently, we have mistahs appointed in different civilian government positions under the President Rodrigo Duterte administration based on the exemplary service and dedication they have shown during their active days in security force or law enforcement sector. They are: PDir Jorge Corpuz, Chairman of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO); Commodore Ed Gorgona, Undersecretary of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources; and Lt. Gen. Felicito Trinidad, Assistant Secretary under the Department of National Defense.

The remaining three (3) active generals are set to retire this year. They are MGen Rolando Picar and PDir Federico Castro Jr.



who will both retire on February 2017, and PDDGen Francisco A. Uyami who will retire on March 19, 2017.

As individuals who were used to waking up early in the morning to go for work, some of our mistahs sought employment to various private companies. On the other hand, most of them appreciated the pleasure of travelling around the world especially just after retirement . You see them posting their pictures in the face book taken at beautiful spots in different parts of the globe. Likewise ,some had retreated to the provinces and embraced the gift of nature by farming. The hum of farm tractors or chirping sounds of chickens became music to their ears . Still , most of our mistahs enjoy the delight of playing golf on a regular basis. Lately, a number of our mistah went to Iloilo city to play golf last January 21, 2017. They brought along their lovely wife in time to watch also the Dinagyang Festival . The most commendable act however goes to some members of our class who are performing "APOstolic work" (alagaan ang apo) with their loved ones.This is a sure way to preserve the tribe .

Being members of the PMA Sandigan Class of 1982, we are like the stars shining brightly in the sky, guided by our universal thrust and are challenged to work hard in this life's journey, and practice credibility at any rate.

We will continue to nourish the camaraderie among members of the class and we will always stay united whether in good or difficult times.



CSAFP turn over



Matikas ladies during CSAFP, CGPA, FOIC thanksgiving party



Golf with G. Sacramento and E. Lasam



**RJS MERCADO**  
President  
**AV ALVAREZ**  
Secretary

It's the year of the Rooster, but that does not mean that Lito Labador and the other Matikas boys who cannot seem to stop calling out "My chickens!!" will be enjoying sincerely. (Go to their farms and verify their warrior birds in what they call their "flying schools".)

To say that time flew is an understatement.

The time came for Ed Año to assume where Bong Visaya left off and now, the AFP is being supervised by the men of

Matikas, starting with Ed, followed by Dovie Miranda as CGPA, Gary Fallorina as CGPAF and Ronnie Mercado, our class President, as FOIC, PN.

But as this is also the year when many more of the Matikas men will be hanging up their uniforms, this will mean quite a transition to the private and government sector for a new set of duties.

Please take note of the following dates, relevant to retiring mistahs for the first quarter:

- BGen Allan F. Martin 18 Feb 2017
- MGen Andre Costales 22 Feb 2017
- PCSupt Sammy Sylim 20 March 2017
- PDir Rene Ong 23 March 2017

- MGen Gerry Barrientos 27 March 2017
- BGen Mar Mejia 31 March 2017

If you are on the Viber eGroup, you will be notified of the testimonial parades and fellowships as they are announced. Though I am sure the testimonial golf announcement is preferred!

However, the command and control of the golf courses are already in the hands of the Matikas whackers, namely: Blue Azul, the GM of the PAGC, Abe Bagasin, the GM of the CAGC, and all the way in Mactan, Eme Magnaye is improving his game at the MIGC. Don't be surprised if there will be an interclub tournament one of these days - spearheaded by the newly founded



Matikas Golf Club, which is being directed by the founding Club President, Allen Bantolo, when he is not busy consulting for his clients and driving his ladies around town.

Not to be left behind, the Matikas (Badminton) Shuttlers have revived the former group that used to go to the Army Gym and the Matikas bikers are beginning to tune up their mountain bikes again.

By the way, some US mistahs flew into town for the holidays. Prime Gopo initiated a golf fellowship for visiting Ed Lasam and Gel Sacramento at the PNGC. Poor Ed, he ended up “donating” to Allen B’s golf foundation. Gil Fernandez was also here but his schedule was quite hectic;

he managed, though, to pay a call to his company mate, the CSAFP.

In this day and age, when PCs, laptops and other devices are the necessities of the day, we are surprised to find out that there are yet a great many among us who are still refusing to embrace the technological advances that allow for better connivance.

The class Viber eGroup, administered by JQ Quilicot, has yet to be completed because there are so many who are “magan” and have not downloaded the app and registered. You are missing out on soooo much coordination - specially retirement ceremony schedules, get togethers and the most prevalent subject: golf game coordination.

Please reconsider your position on this, as you stand to lose more if you are not part of the mobile egroup.

Do not be surprised if there will be corporate announcements appearing on this Class Call page. As it is, there are already mistahs being absorbed by corporate groups around and we suspect there will be more.

Looking forward to this new form of accounting in the issues to come.

P.S. The Corps Magazine (Life after Loakan) is now online - [www.thecorpsmag.com](http://www.thecorpsmag.com). It is an initiative of former Corps Magazine editors and writers. Somehow, someone found himself included as one of the Editors for the section entitled “Corps Values”. Drop by when you have time.



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Class Historian

*“Your journey has molded you for your greater Good. And it was exactly what it needed to be. Don’t think that you’ve lost time. It took each and every situation you have encountered to bring you to the now. And now is right on time.” - Asha Tyson -*

The previous year resulted to great changes for the class. Changes in our class organization and some mistahs have retired. This includes the change in the Administration of our government last year. The rest continues to carry on in serving our people and our Flag, while others give their best in the private sector, both local and abroad. This is the time to renew our camaraderie and friendships to forge a stronger Sandiwa Class. This would also be the right time to be positive of our goals and targets for the New Year – 2017!

Our current Class Officers, who have been busy in coordinating and planning most of our activities, are the following:

- Chairman:** Mel Feliciano
- Vice Chairman:** Gener Del Rosario
- President:** Elmer Beltejar
- Vice President:** Tony Treñas
- Secretary:** Vic Tomas
- Auditor:** Gino Hermogino
- Treasurer:** Mon Ochoco
- Class Historian:** Mon Mamaril

**Major Services Representatives:**

**Army:** Mel Feliciano & Gener Del Rosario

**PNP:** Danny Macatlang & Ed Nemenzo

**Air Force:** Tj Tanjuan & Resty Padilla

**Navy:** Mon Ochoco & Gino Hermogino

The class held its Christmas “Hawaiian” Party at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame, QC, which was very well attended affair as shown below:

Sandiwans Updates-PA Group: Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Benjie Madrigal-Cmdr, 4ID located at Cagayan de Oro City with Mon Mamaril, as the Division IG, Jonas Becios, Henry Chiu, and Ariel Hernandez, who is for adoption of the class; Bong Aguinaldo-

ADC, 5ID; Charles Galvez-Cmdr, 6ID; Dave Diciano-ADC, 7ID; Raul Farnacio-Cmdr, 8ID with Cesar Idio as the ADC; Chad Isleta-ADC and Nonong Perfecto-IG, both of 9ID; Danny Pamonag-Cmdr, SOCOM with Mon Yogyog as the Deputy Cmdr (DC); Macky Macario-Cmdr, LRR; and Filip Bejar- Cmdr, 51st EBde.

Balong Arevalo-CS, PA; Joey Reyes-TIG, PA with Armingol De Guzman as the Ex-O; Rodol Alarcon-Cmdr, HHSg; and John Pulido-assigned, OCG, PA. Jack Bareng-Cmdr, 101st Bde; Tommy Donato-Cmdr, 104th Bde; Ely Losanes-DBC, 301st Bde; Arnie Matanguihan-Cmdr, 302nd





Bde; Jonks Delfin-Cmdr, 303rd Bde; Roy Devesa-Cmdr, 503rd Bde; Larry Casis-Cmdr, 703rd Bde; Jun Mendoza-Cmdr, 802nd Bde; Mario Lacurom-Cmdr, 803rd Bde; Ric Nepomuceno-Cmdr, 1003rd Bde. Alan Pajarillo-DC, FSRR; Ted Dizon-Chief, OACOCS; Rey Lanuzo-Dir, ALDEC, TRADOC; Amor Agpalo-IG, ASCOM, Jess Dosado-HHSG, PA and Joey Villanueva is Dean of Academics, PMA.

Boni Cebrian-AJ2, AFP and Chi-Chi Logronio-Ex-O, OJ2, AFP; Noel Clement-J3, AFP; Mel Feliciano-J7, AFP; Arnel Dela Vega-Cmdt, AFPCGSC; Jorge Lomboy-Ex-O, OTIG, AFP; Rolie Bautista-Cmdr, PSG; Gener Del Rosario-Cmdt, CCAFP, PMA; Jun Cabading-Chief, AFPMFO; Dinoh Dolina-Chief, OLA, AFP; Jayvee (Anfra) Javier-Chief, AFPPS with Byron Calimag as the Asst Chief; Boboy Pabayo-Chief, ODR, DND; Sid Purisima-Chief, AFPCC; Ronnie Villanueva-Chief, ISAFP with Ric Santiago-GSMO; Jess Manangquil-DC, WESTMINCOM; Reuel Sorilla-TAG, AFP; Emil Hulipas-DAFA, Timor Leste; Tony Tayag-DC, AFPMCC; Raul Bautista-GM, AFPCEs; Chito Limuaco-Deputy, TQMG and Vic Tomas-DC, JTF, NCR.

Those who retired are Rico Rivera, Dennis Cacanindin, Tino Gonzales, Dax Daquipil, Louie Binwag, Bong Bolina, Vic Bayani, Ed Clerigo, Ed Davalan, Vic Tan, Nick Alarcio, Gerry Dida, Gil Loquillano, Henry Bumiltac, Jonas Suizo, Rolly Cailing, Eugene Metrio, Ed Caga, Tony Trefias, John

Tarrosa, Oca Solomo, Edwin Lopez and Jun Bisnar of Ayala Land. Toy Santos, Nick Guevarra, Ronald Manahan, Joe Barallas, Oca Singson, Bob Tagal, Benjie Legaspi, Julius Flores and Boy Villa are all abroad.

For the PAF, those still in the active service: Jun Kintanar-Cmdr, AETDC; Arnold Mancita-Cmdr, Airforce Logistics Command; Tj Tanjuan-J6, AFP; Enry Reyes-Cmdr, 1st Air Div; Resty Baclayon-a/u PAFPMC; Sai Espino-CO, AFRDC; Miles Milo-WC 205th THW; and Resty Padilla-AJ7, AFP. Those with the Post Military Service: Art Apud, Tom Bustos, Jimmy Garcia, Ronnie Go, Bert Lambot, Ernie Fonbuena, Rick Milan, and Relly Sapo.

For the PN: Elson Aguilar-Cmdr, NFEM; Jorge Amba-Cmdr, NFWM; Boy Vingson-Cmdt, NETC; Max Ballesteros-DC, PMC; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-DC, NSSC; Mon Ochoco-TNIA; Virme Torralba-Cmdr, NSSC; Ty Salamat-Asst Supt, PMA; Raul Ubando-TNIG and Elson Hermogino, Cmdr, Coast Guard Fleet, PCG. Those who already retired are Rudy Quinto, Pi Piernes, Jun Ballesteros, Ernie Ochoa, Benhur Batoon and Jun Bucayan.

**Updates of the PNP:** Mon Apolinario-Deputy Director (DD) for Opns, HPNP; Pete Cabatingan-Director, IAS; Bob Quenery-Director, HS; Atty. Sonny Phillipps-Director, HSS; and Tony Taylan-Director, ES. Reggie Catiis, Vert Chavez, Alex Roldan, Dennis Siervo and Ed Tinio are assigned with

the OCPNP. Boyet Balagtas-DD of DHRDD; Arnold Gunnacao-DD, DPL; Atty. Edwin Nemenzo-Director, ITMS (CS); Eric Reyes-DD, DIDM; Atty. Eric Velasquez-DD, DPCR; and Ric Zapata-DD, DICTM. Benjie Hulipas-DD, DIPO, SL; Bart Tobias-DD, DIPO, Visayas; Marlou Chan-DD, DIPO, EM; and Danny Macatlang-EX-O, DIPO, WM. Atty. Jun Garado-Deputy Regional Director for Admin (DRDA) and Rolie Nana-Deputy RD for Opns, both of NCRPO; Greg Pimentel-Regional Director (RD), PRO1; Frank Mabanag-DRDA with JJW Santos the Regional CDS, PRO 2; Aaron Aquino-RD, PRO3; Atty. Wilben Mayor-RD, PRO4B; Sheldon Jacaban-Dep RD for Admin, PRO7; Elmer Beltejar-RD PRO8; Billy Beltran-RD with Jonathan Ablang-DRDA, both of PRO9; Atty Jayvee Javier-Acting RD, PRO10; Manny Gaerlan-RD, PRO11 with Arnie Palomo-Chief, RID; and Rolie Felix-RD, PRO13; Rene Gumban-RD PRO18; and Benjie Lusad-Director, SAF.

Those who retired are Conrad Capa, Peter Guibong, Ted Quiaño, Mon De Guzman, Bernie Reamon, Pete Obaldo, Wilson Caubat, Joji Castro, Manny Velasco, Fred Siwa is in the US and Joe Cunanan is in Sydney, Australia.

A Peaceful and Prosperous 2017 to everyone!!! Happy Alumni Homecoming 2017 also to all Sandiwans and Cavaliers!!! Finally, all Sandiwans can send their updates: **Mon Mamaril @ 0917-728-1985 or e-mail at filemonagile44@yahoo.com.** (FDMJr/VGBT/ECB/MLF)



**H**inirang Oh Hinirang! Tunay kayong anointed! Pag di maposisyon, more likely "hinarang"!

Well, mga mistah, kumusta na at how have we been doing until end of 2016?

To cap the year end, just lemme summarize some of the major activities and "happenings" we had,

- Last February's Alumni Homecoming attendance was a barometer to our Pearl Anniverary (30th Year) and a good sign as a good number of "never-been seen" class members have joined.

- Sen Chiz Escudero's Donated Class

Projects: Three projects - a 10-Bay Firing Range, View Deck and Picnic Grove are being rushed to be completed before February 2017 Homecoming and let's cross our fingers that at least one of them can be had in time for our trek to our Alma Mater.

- PROMOTIONS to Star/Flag ranks: First promotees from the Police – Csupt Al Corpus and the AFP – BGen Nic Parilla. Later, stars have fallen on the following: CSupts Ray Malenab, Lorgi Eleazar, Tom Apolinario, Bong Fajardo, Toto Aspera, Jigs Coronel, Mao Aplasca, Cesar Binag & Cliff Empiso. The military members won't be left behind with Jun Caparas, William "Bill" Alunday, Joby Bacordo, Rommel Ong, Romel Galang, Bert Mogol, Martin Villasan, Toto Parcon, Nat Casem & Erick Kagaoan. Coast Guard members have Lyndon Latorre Roland Legaspi

- NEW ASSISGNMENTS: The following

were appointed to the following positions:

- POLICE hierarchy District Directors – Guillor Eleazar (QCPD), Tom Apolinario (SPD), Bong Fajardo (NPD), Jigs Coronel (MPD), Cesar Binag - FED Chief; Mao Aplasca – C, AvSecGroup; Rene Aspera as Chief PSPG; Cliff empiso – RDCS, NCRPO; Bong Dickson as Dep Dir for Admin PRO IV-A; Al Corpus as EX-O, DICTM; Lye Carrabacan – C, WCPC; Ray Malenab as Attache, Washington;

- ARMY Hinirangs assumed command of the following units: Jun Caparas as ADC, 3ID; Poopsie Alunday as C, 2MeBde; Fer "Trining" Trinidad as C, 903Bde; Ramie Rey as Special Forces Commander; Noli Samarita as C, 602Bde; 103d IB – Nixon "Putoy" Fortes, our "d breecher" Ace "Desuahh" de Asis of the Artillery Regiment; Eric Vinoya as C, 403Bde; SJ Sobejana as C, 601Bde; Jun Parlade as C, 203Bde; Tyne Banas as C, 1002Bde; Ely



Galam- Army Finance honcho(kinakalyo kabibilang ng pera);

o **AIR FORCE:** BGen Nick Parilla as 220th Airlift Wing boss; Andro Baclayon as C, TF Malampaya; Jess Estoesta – AJ1

o **NAVY:** Marines Nat Casem as C, 3MBde; Mart “Kuyang” Villasan as C, Combat Service Support Brigade (CSSB); Joby Bacordo as C, Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NavForSol); Albert “Mogs” Mogol at the Fleet-Marines Ready Force (FMRF); Romel Galang as C, Littoral Combat Force(LCF); Erick Kagaoan as C, NavForces Northern Luzon (NavForNol); Romel Ong as AJ3;

o **COAST GUARD's** George Ursabia as C, Maritime Law Enforcement Command (MLEC); Lyndon Latorre as C, CG Western Visayas (CGWV); Roland Legaspi as C, PCG NCR

• **BIRC:** DepCom Ariel Nepomuceno still at BOC; Ex-BID Com Fred Mison has just joined another company; Al Bernardo as newly appointed Supply Chain director of Ecosential Foods Corp (Kopiko et al); Atty Amber Pagtalunan still as Chief Legal of Baliwag Navigation; Atty Mike Delmendo now with LRA, Caloy V with his on-call massage biz, others are with the security industry like Sergs at ABS-CBN; Caloy Gadapan at Shangrila Boracay, Bob Lardizabal at Fairmont Makati, Lasmar

Edullantes and Wildie Balbanero both doing security consultancy works. At LGUs, we have Ariel Emock and Joel dela Torre at the Navotas CDRRMC while also doing traffic and Dong Sermenon as well in his native land – Ilo Ilo. Others are involved in their private capacity in the business sector and other worthwhile endeavors.

• **BIRTHDAYS Trivia:** All of the Hinirangs have now become members of the “Golden Age” Club now that the youngest of the class members – Bong Dickson turned 50. In the next 35th year Anniv, there will only be 3 last men standing in the active service and that would be Jojo Vera Cruz and Bong Dickson with the PNP and Erick Kagaoan with the Navy. Might as well call them the “Three Muskeeters” or perhaps Ronnie Nieva has another monicker for them??

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:**

Donning of Ranks: on different times and dates, the newly promoted mistahs have donned their ranks in the presence of their families and the Class is mighty proud of you guys!

**Christmas Parties:** Last Dec 3, 2016 was one the last of the major activities of the Hinirangs as we had our Class Christmas Party still held at the PAF Museum courtesy of BGen Nick.

Attendance was great and far better than the Christmas Parties held years earlier as about 65 Hinirang Families attended. Hinirang Families had their bondings and new friendships have been developed among the brats and the wives as well. Raffle prizes were given away courtesy of some mistahs notably the major prizes from Atty Peter Suchianco and DepCom Atty Ariel Nepomuceno, Mao Aplasca & Ronnie Nieva and many other prizes from the Air Force Group. Pork Lechons abound from Prez Nick, DDs Tom Apolinario and Dr SSupt Rey Lawas and lechon baka from DD Guillor Eleazar; Of course, we also had our “exchange gifts” portion and truly the Hinirangs enjoyed every minute of that celebration of Christmas spirit.

The last of the Class Activities was that of the BIRC Christmas Party held in Alhambra Resto Bar. Attendance was limited to the gentlemen of BIRC but it was a whammy as well since the “kwentuhan at inuman” extended way beyond midnight and stories of the night’s banging and clanging of beer bottles and pulutan plates were the talk of the town (at least to those who attended) until the following year (BIRC meeting last 11 January 2017). Watta way to start the year with fond memories of Christmas Parties gone by!

**Cavalier Awardees:** This coming Alumni Homecoming, two of Hinirangs will be given the prestigious Outstanding Alumni Awards namely: CSupt Bong Fajardo of Northern Police District fame for Police Operations while Atty Siegfred Mison formerly Commissioner of Bureau of Immigration and Deportation for Public Administration.

Mga Mistah – come Feb 18 next month, let’s all be there with our families at the hallowed ground called “Borromeo Field” to celebrate our 30th Anniversary as well as savor the joy of seeing two our Mistahs receiving that coveted Alumni Awards!







**Christmas Season and the New Year**

The Christmas Season came and went like a breeze for Maringals. The class and chapter parties were aplenty and became a venue to really catch up on things. Both regular and adopted members of the class came to these activities with a heart of gold and a generosity beyond the ordinary. When the New Year arrived, each member have had time well-spent with family and friends. More importantly, the holidays afforded each one a much-needed rest and hence, everyone was ready for the work of the new year.

**Birthday Celebrators**

As of this writing, the most celebrated birthday celebrator for the year 2017 was established to be Bernie Castro. It was rumoured that a hefty discount in their Meralco electric bills awaited those who greeted him. It was even said that a one-minute electric shut-off was done to commemorate his birthday.

There were other celebrators in the month of December which included Fiscal Gagal, Razzie Razalan and Dennis Basngi.

Bocherbs Cerbo, Melgibs Guevarra and CJ Cartujano also celebrated birthdays.

**Social Networking**

The viber group became the dominant forum of the class. There is the Maringal 88 account where ALL members, regular and adopted, aired their news, their triumphs, their challenges, their opinions and what-nots. There is also the Champions Maringals account where the golfers connect with each other to announce the latest tournaments and/or their latest low scores.

The chapters, of course, have individual viber accounts to serve their own unique purposes.

In these viber accounts, one finds Kenneth "Justice" Ybañez who might just be the latest addition to the group. He is presently with the NLRC of Quezon City. Alex Barros sends his regards from the cold of Canada where "white christmas" is still

obtaining. Asec Roger San Jose recently joined. He may not be too familiar with everyone now but, he is soon to host an MGA Leg together with Kirk "the tires king" Cabalza and Mike "the IT" del Carmen. SecJun Abaya, whom Mad Max Mejia indorsed as driving a 5-series BMW even in the '80s can also be found in our vibe accounts. Mon-mon "Solar Energy" Mitra, also posts intriguing messages and videos. Edgar de "Boogie" Leon, is an administrator of the Maringals 88 viber account and dishes advice on how to "manipulate" the settings. Cisco Santiago, was last read as practicing his golf swings while naked in a desperate effort to ape the post of a similarly and naturally clad female. The visitor of the year award may likely be won by Conrad "the Kangaroo" Delvo who came up from Australia, hosted several lunches with mistahs like Ninoy and Alyeng Alesna, and went around the country. It must be mentioned that during one of these lunches, the Marikina Squad of CJ Bahan was present and the stories about the laxities of plebehood were exchanged. Casmot is awaiting our arrival in the Cordilleras for the homecoming. Tonton Ponce still had his annual pilgrimage to the Philippines specifically in Iloilo.

Also to be found in the Viber forum are Boy Tolin, Nato Salvaleon, Gerry Saguin, Max Mejia, Robert Pel, Erik Gloria, Boyet Burgos, Lito Daniel, Henry Doyaoen, Brando Perez Corly Vinluan, Rwin Pagkalinawan and Ono Daway who, as usual, had a coming out party last November 1.

It was in vibe that we found out that Jerics Herico did not attend the New Years Call on the FOIC-PN even as Resty Bilbao, RR Enriquez, Ferdie "Fragie" Friginal, Bords Bordado and Abet Cruz represented him to that activity.

**Promotions**

Dionard "the spokesperson" Carlos has submitted his folder for his star rank already. Same is true with Meejay Mijares (DRDA PRO3) and RJ Hinanay who is the Ex-O of DPRM. Ben "the baron" Basiao, Buboy "Dragon" Pabayo, JB Ramos and Ezra James Enriquez were given their Brigade commands and are on their way to one-star rank. Pio Diñoso is still in the effort to pacify the central visayas area. Erwin "the mate" Neri is with TF Davao. Gilbert "the guillotine" Saret visits him once in a while as he is assigned somewhere in

ComVal. There was a recipient of his two-star rank among the Maringals with Bong Leuterio receiving his promotion last January 6, 2017 to start the parade of stars among the Maringals which is expected within the next few days. Allen "cute" Paredes received his first star, as he drove the President around the country in his airplane.

**Announcement**

This writer enjoins everyone to show up in the different vibe for as of the Maringals so as to be updated of the goings-on in the class and of the individual members of the PMA Maringal Class of 1988.

Happy, Healthy and a Prosperous New Year 2017 to all!!



**Sambisig Remembering Its Music in Life**

As members of "Sambisig" is on the threshold of stepping up into the ladder of military big league, we tend to remember the past career and personal life challenges that we have hurdled during those yesteryears and paved the way where we are now. It is a validation that we never compromised professionalism and we just comforted ourselves with simple life, simple living.

In our own unique way of searching for fame and glory, Sambisigs during our "salad days", where everything we is pure youth exuberance, we decided to enter the Academy. We weighed the pros and cons, asking ourselves, "do we really want to enter the academy?" Sometimes, it's not easy to make decisions, but that decision we made then, propelled us into the future.

Some would say that the pursuit of fame and glory at the highest level, is not for the faint-hearted. Because the demands it makes, are so extraordinary that there is no room for those who find the mental edge rather elusive. Sambisigs we are, we survived and marched forward.

But then again, quite often, it is not our "battle" itself that is crucial. The more significant one is the one to be



fought within. It would take extraordinary courage and fighting abilities to win our battles and find the strength to carry on as Sambisigs.

Most of us grew up in an environment that is not as rosy as the month of February. During those years, our hometowns do not have malls, no baywalks. Probably some never had the luxury of riding a jeep, much more a school bus or a taxi, and much more, owning motor vehicles. The best thing we got as a means of transportation is a cart. Also back then, we don't have any kind of appliances, not even a television set to watch some of our favorite shows.

We were graduates of the so-called old school-type of discipline. Our parents served both as "teacher" and "farmer", learning the rudiments of the two of the noblest professions. We grew up under their "scrutinizing eyes".

The happy carefree abandon of our childhood gave away to the more serious concern of highschool. It was during this period in our lives where we learned a lot of things. Highschool is the crossroad since we are no longer children, adult not yet.

From highschool teenagers, soon we were off to college. we were all excited to enter college and taste the sweetness of freedom and independence of having no parents around to constantly remind us of the things we have heard a countless times. But for some of us, college was beyond the horizon. Those who had the privilege in going to universities in Baguio City, it was there that the interest in the military was reawakened from its deep slumber, because highly most likely, most have encountered PMA cadets somewhere or have been a witness to the Cadet Corps marching in perfect cadence. Again for some, what precipitated the plan to enter PMA, is not those chance encounters and privileges of witnessing parades. But by the fact that our parents are always having

financial challenges and so, we took the PMA written entrance examination and fortunately, we pass and then took the required medical examination in V-Luna Hospital. Then, as others would say, the rest is history.

After graduating from PMA, we pursued various military career path culminating in taking the "AFP General Staff Course" or its equivalent foreign courses and ultimately the regular and executive courses of Masters in National Security Administration. As my active duty in the military and the military service will eventually come to a close and join our Sambisig brothers who have left the service ahead of us and became successful in their own right, some have and others continue to occupy government positions, we are of firm resolve, as we always have been, that we will maintain our untainted service record, preserving our humble beginning and living up to the ideals of professionalism that the Academy have imparted on us and molded us into who we are now.

But we should not forget the trees that gave us simple happiness, no matter how fleeting it is. Just like the song, "it will fortify the thousand dreams we have dreamed and the splendid things we have planned". It will make the music of our life continue playing and we will never see how the years have ran away.

Looking back and contemplating on the song, "yesterday when we were young, the taste of life was sweet". We should continue to love our place of birth as good as we should have and hold it as often as we could have. "Little things we should have said and done, we never took the time. We should always have it on our mind." We should also remember the sound of bells that remind us of the soul of our Sambisig brothers that has gone home in the great beyond.

Sambisigs, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, let us always listen to the "sounds of life" that can be as happy as we want it to be or as painful to bear at times.

In the next "Class Call", we will learn more about the career status of each Sambisig who are still in the active service and those in the retired sector who are equally successful as well.



There are sayings in many languages about the difficulty of changing long established habits. As it is, "You cannot teach an old Dog new tricks". Father, old habits are hard to break, new ones are harder to learn, and sometimes we don't want to do either, this saying is from John 3:1-8,13-16.

**Tanglaw-Diwans**, belated Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to each and everyone of us. The Class as a whole had a great year in 2016 and it ended with a happy Christmas Party last December 18 at Villamor Swimming area in Pasay City. It was an evening of Fun... Fun... and ...Fun. Gone were the days of free flowing hot darns, unlimited boodles, too much bolahizing and kayahizing. Almost all of us, were watching each "diets" amidst our "maintenance" and contented watching our sons and daughters doing the things we usually do when we were younger. And realizing it, mixed emotions can be seen in our faces. We now pause, think and sometimes stared on something and noticed things we barely pay attention during our younger days. From checking our DOR or DIR (automatic- No Change) during "those times" to checking our E-mails, face book or twitter "now" is one of the adjustments in our lives. We can vividly observe things in our surroundings like the laxities of our subordinates to the mistakes of our children albeit, sometimes our wives. We are more "concern" or masyadong maramdamin now compared twenty-five years ago. Things have really change, the serenity and tranquility of our environs are our solace nowadays.



These mixed emotions, are but the signs, indicators and symptoms of having been in the service for Twenty-Five (25) years. MISTHAs, WE ARE NOW...“ SILVER JUBILARIANS”, admit it or not, some of us are now entering the Sergio Osmena (50 pesos) stage. While it is true with some of us, others are approaching this stage of our lives. Let us learn to appreciate the simplest thing, be the captain of our SHIP, rowing it gently to a feat we rightfully deserve and Love ourselves for this is the greatest of them all. Remember that there are things that need to be done in their pace and not on our own. MISTAH, sooner we will bid the service goodbye and the best things to remember is our contribution and influence to our society as a leader and as a human being.

**IN THE NAVY:**

We have twenty-two (22) active **Philippine Navy**; **Doods Albalate** - US; **Manny Bello**-AFP Finance Center; **Dado Caluya**-Director, NRMO; **Lem Espartinez** -Superintendent, FTDC; **Kokok Escalona** -NSSC; **Edward Arriola** -IC6, NSC; **Bronx Gabor** -MC2, PMC; **Greg Hernandez**-Deputy, N-2; **Chuck Mangoroban**-NS for Logistics, N-4;**Mac Racacho**-AC of NS for NSE; **Eric Macaambac** -Deputy Commander, NISF; **Frank Tagamolila**-Division Chief, O/J3; **Jo Orbe**-AFPCGSC; **Ted Quinzon** -Division Chief, O/J5; **Badong Lavapie**-Head, Department of Naval Warfare, PMA; **Bimbo Quemado**-Executive Asst to COMNOLCOM; **Willy Chavez** -Chief of Staff, NAVFOR SOL; Lloyd Casis-RSPN; **Rey Lopez**- RSPN; **Richard Gonzag**-LD-602, PT-PAL , Indonesia; **Alan Javier**-Commander, Fleet Support Force, Philippine Fleet and **Noel Rodriguez**-Executive Officer, OTIA.

Others: **Earl Pabalan**- Detroit; **Nap**

**Suarez-California**; **Shariff Calon** -CA; **Paul Jimenez** -US; **Dodong Gonzaga**-Australia; **Genesis Dolojan**-Afghanistan; **Bong Noceto**-Vietnam; **Jules Advincula** -UP; **Allan Bolado**-US; **Gen Generale** -Zamboanga; **Natz Guanzon** -Bataan; **George Dominguez** -LRMC; **Sam Pallorina** -New World Hotel; **Joel Simbulan** -PAL.

**IN THE PHILIPPINE ARMY:**

For the Philippine Army, there are Sixty-seven (67) active mistah. At the GHQ, AFP, the ff: are occupying significant positions; **Rey Barroquillo**-HEA, OCSAFP; **Efren Morados**-Chief, ROD, OJ3; **Dodoy Yecla**-Chief, PPD, OJ3; **Eugene Boquio** – Dep Chief, Opns Div, OJ3; **Alvin Flores** – Chief, SPD, OJ5; **Ferdie (Salamat) Dela Cruz and Dick Balaba** – ISAFP; **Rolly Dumawa** – Head, RSSC, AFPCGSC; **Paul Guerrero** – Head, AC, AFPCGSC; **George Banzon** – HHSC, AFP. In DND and Unified Commands; **Dondo Landingin** – DND; **Rommel Almaria** – U2, CENTCOM and **Medel Aguilar** – U7, CENTCOM. Bob Huet -Haiti (MINUSTAH).

At the HQ, PA; **Arvin Lagamon** – SGS, HPA; **Edmund Peralta** – XO, OG2; **Eugene Mata** – Dep, ARMO; **Rey Alemania** – EX-O, MFO; **Naz Floresca**, Chief, IB, OIG; **Dean Mark Mamaril** – Dep, ISG; **Roleen Del Prado** - CS, ASR; **Archie Pel** – Dir, NETA, ASR. At 1st Inf Div, Zamboanga; **Tani Danao** - G2; In 2nd Inf Div, Rizal;**Ariel Mabagos** – G1; **Jeff Gallenero** - G2 and **Willy Isaac** – G3. In 3rd Inf Div, Capiz: **Aldwine Almase** - G2; **Ariel Reyes** – G3; **Chris Sab-it** – G4; **Gemic Ramirez** – G8; **Dodjie Belloga** – CO, 47IB in Bohol and **Audie Mongao** – CO, 15IB in Lanao Sur. In 4th Inf Div,Cagayan De Oro City; **Julius Tomines** – G1, **Lynart Castisimo** – G4, **Manny Boy Orio** – G7, **Boyet Sendaydiego** – CO, 4MIB, **Emil Cruz** – CO,

23IB in MisOR and Bukidnon, and **RJ Rojas** – CO, 3IB in Surigao del Sur. In 5th Inf Div, Isabela: **Gil Noora** – CO, DTS; **Arn Real** - CO, 77IB; **Gambit Senires** – CO, 50IB; In 6th Inf Div: **Mike Santos** – G1 and **Dundee Gumiran** – CO, 38I. In 7th Inf Div, Ft Mag; **Lito Montiel** – G8. In 8th Inf Div, Samar: **Dindo Dacumos** – G1; **Lito Pangatungan** – G3; and **Seigfred Tubalado** – CO, 46I; In 9th Inf, Div: **Red Cabanizas** – CO, 2IB in Masbate. In 10th Inf Div, Compostela Valley: **Mitch Anayron** - CO, 67IB.

In Mechanized Inf Div (MID), Tarlac: **Pete Balisi** – G3; **Andre Santos** – Chief, ACDO; and **Yuri Batayola** – CO, 1st Cav Squadron; In Special Operations Command (SOCOM), Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija: **Noly Mapili** - G3; **Glenn Villaflor** – CS, **SFR(A)**; and **Meme Ragudo** – CO, 1st SR Bn in Sulu;

At the ASCOM; **Jeff Grapa** - CO, 7th FSSU in Cebu; **Timbong Escalante** – 4th FSSU in Lucena; and **Leo Caranto** – Dir, RDC based in Quezon City.

At PSG and PMA, respectively: **Khris Mortela** – G3, PSG; **Jess Durante** – CO, PE, PSG and **Ferds Napuli** – CO, Spt Grp, PMA. The ff: are taking-up their MNSA; **Freddie Dela Cruz**, **Feng Lacadin**, **Ricky Laniog**, **Jong Lorenzo**, **Harold Pascua**, **Dennis Pastor** and **Demar Pauly**- China.

**IN THE BIRC:**

The BIRC is very active in many fronts, class endeavors and fund generating activities. They make it a point to participate in all class meetings. Thank you for being one of us; **Ricky Panes**, **Allan Cayetano**,**Bong GO**,**Erwin Ceasar Rivera**, **Roger Lizardo**, **Roland Ong**, **Percy Condes**, **Nathan Ledesma**, **Erwin De Vera**, **Cicero Ariola**, **Marino Bautista**, **Atty. Gel Bongngat**, **Jun Llave**, **Bobby Almario**, **Francis Chan**, **Godo Senires**,**Rico Lavalle** and **James Maranon**.

Let us do the following; **THANK GOD** for all these years (we are still alive), **APPRECIATE** every single moments being with Mistah, **NURTURE** companionship with Mistah, **GIVE** prayers for our departed Mistah, **LOVE** every mistah, **APPLAUSE** our achievements, **WIN** (again) the hearts of our love ones, **DYNAMIC** to all endeavors, **INSTILL** into our hearts the tenets of our Alma Mater, **WARMHEARTED** to all people around us and be **ABSOLUTELY** beautiful inside and out... **TANGLAW-DIWA**





**RM BAUTISTA**  
President  
**IV SAN JOSE**  
Class Historian

**Graduation, Parties, Interviews and Hawking**

As 2016 ended, the Class saw the graduation of the members of the Best Class from AFPCGSC, and by press time, most of them are deployed to new, more challenging assignments. A lot of them bagged laurels for Marilag but, most importantly, they are now equipped/qualified to lead battalions. By the way, it should be noted that the Class held its Christmas party on 4 December 2016 at AFPCOC. Because of the generally jovial and successful activity, the Class snaps its salute to HE Bote, HE Richard, Cocoy and Joy for the preparations, tons of raffle prizes and giveaways, and the last-minute venue. As of this writing, by the way, HE Joy Darilag is the new Army Group President. It should also be recalled that near the year-end were interviews for the next CGSC class that, while waiting for turns, Von practicing his salute in the comfort room and reminding each other not to say "reporting for oral", certain characters of Marilag were accidentally unraveled. For instance, one fondly [heart emoticon] recalled how John Gabun took time to buy him a nameplate in a greatly unfamiliar Cubao, commuting from Bonifacio, during our Captain promotion interview. Other stories during the lull time also found the Marilag funny bone but the writer cannot make sense of his sloppy notes: "three 1lt rangers at old Bonifacio hospital – nurses", "Jack – chikinini", "Cubao sauna?", among others. Anyway, to cap this call, as the writer is obviously just hawking the issue, presented are the Hunters of the Best Class.

**Hawk Company, the Hunters**

Alexandrius A Alba C – 8298/O – 11989 is a Romeo with many talents, quotes Milton: "He who reigns within himself, and rules passions, desires and fears, is more than a king."; Oliver D Almonares C – 8911/O – 11936 – sincerely to the max, shares: "Good are men who thought and tried to be on top, fortunate are those who were born to be on top,



*Thirty-one Marilag strong of AFPCGSC Class 61*



*Not so-sober Marilags cheering for blessings during the Christmas party*

but the greatest men are those who were from the bottom and made it to the top (ed)."; Elmer Jay C Anibigno II C – 8919/O – 11858 says: "To love and be loved is the greatest happiness of existence."; Roderick T Azuirin C – 8585/O – 11948 shares: "Controlling other people's lives is many a leader's trait, but serving other people's needs, the Lord considers great."; George M Bergonia C – 8951/O – 11859 one of the best technical men, good, happy-go-lucky, and an expert in drills, quotes Matthew 6:34: "Do not worry therefore, in view of tomorrow, for tomorrow will have its own anxieties. Each day's peculiar troubles are sufficient for it."; Normandy U Biagtas C – 8333/O – 11824 is a hip – hopper, identifies himself with the master rapper, wacky, outrageous, mabangis and a walking appliance store, says: "The sincerely you are, the properly you will be."; Randy G Buena C – 8959/O – 11880 says "There is nothing wrong in trying even if it is difficult and harder."; Manuel G Cabochan C – 8339/O – 11923 is simple, gentle and a true friend, affirms "Ako – para sa iyo, sa kanya, sa lahat – sa Inang Bayan."; Sandy C David C – 8989/O – 11984 quotes Proverbs: "Intelligent people want to learn, but stupid people are satisfied with ignorance."; Raymund F Enfestan C – 8689/O – 11890 – a workaholic, dedicated boxing coach and always late for mess, says:

"I regret having but oneself to serve God, my people and my family. Only one life to loose for my country."; Franklin F Fabric C – 9039/O – 11975 is sturdy, solid, heavy, the rock, dedicated, hardworking, athletic and cool, affirms: "To live a worthy life, you should be flexible in facing the obstacles of life."; Carlo A Ferrer C – 9047/O – 11917 – a good leader, reader and warrior, says: "Life is like an ocean, so wide that there are still places left unexplored, which in our lifetime may remain to be so, so to make the best in life, we should maximize in what we have for now and strive further to improve it."; Eugene Louie Gonzalez C – 8723/O – 11838 loves his bunks so much and very talented, agrees with Bro. Louie: "If you believe strong enough, pray hard enough and worked long enough, believe me, anything is possible."; Alvin M Hate C – 9071/O – 11900 says "What I am is God's gift to me and what I can be is my gift to God."; James A Layug C – 9086/O – 11851 is big, smart and tough, epitomizes the future navy, hard-boiled but gentle, quotes Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things in the Lord who strengthens me."; Romulo T Lazo III C – 8749/O – 11826 should not be the one to sleep with, irons somebody's uniform and posts someone as FI, affirms: "If you don't understand, you will never understand, this is the military."; Fermin M Mabulo C – 9100/O –



12003 prays Matthew 26:39: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but Your will be done."; Joe G Macapili C – 9102/O – 11976 - tall, dark and a cadet, says: "The only leader worth following is the leader who is following Christ."; Russel V Mascardo C – 9118/O – 11872 affirms Salmo 6:62: "Tanging sa Diyos, namahinga ang aking kaluluwa. Sa kanya lamang ako nananalig. Siya lamang ang aking bato at aking tanggulan. Ang aking muog, kailanman hiindi ako magagapi." George C Mojica C – 9126/O – 11922 advises "In everything you do, put God first and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." Norman A Mutia C – 8449/O – 12001 is allergic to parades, says: "Courage is not the absence of fear but the mastery of it."; Gerald J Narvasa C – 9135/O – 11915 advises: "A little encouragement can spark a great accomplishment."; Rhodyn Luchinvar O Oro C – 9147/O – 11897 is punk – looking, 100% heterosexual, with ideas on sensuality and stupidity, encourages: "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it – and graduate."; Jones Brisal P Otida C – 9150/O – 11924 is a perennial exploder, says: "A good leader not only knows the way but shows the way."; Jovito P Palo III C – 8462/O – 11820 says "Life has its calling, it is in fact a call. Heed to that call!"; Jenner M Peteza C – 9173/O – 11879 believes "Success is not won by miles, it is won by inches. Win an inch now, and win another later."; Ulysses S Reambillo C – 9181/O – 11833 is inspired by the New Testament: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."; Arthur S Veloso, JR C – 9236/O – 11990 – cool, un-pressured and maximizes slumber, believes "Nothing is impossible with God."; Samuel G Yunque C – 8897/O – 11945 has the looks of Mao Tse Tung, tactics of Sun Tzu, eloquence of Lincoln and the attributes of a future leader, affirms: "You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however."

**I did; I did not.**

Not because they are identical, my apologies for last call's description of HE Bote being that of Cadet Unay. So, of the Gallants - Ronald M Bautista C – 8950/O – 11949 is bold, outspoken, surprising, spontaneous, dramatic, sensational,

grover, friendly, generous and a lady's man, says: "Sa bawat hakbang ay may patutunguhan, ngunit pakakaingat lamang nag di malihis ang daan."

Happy homecoming, Marilag ! IVSJ



**H**arken ye back twenty summers ago when we dwell in the Land of the Kings...

Happy Homecoming to all Kalasag-Lahi! At this time of the year, we always find time "amidst the noise and haste" to reminisce our confusing, challenging, yet, hilarious days as Ducrots, up to the time when as Immaculates, our mere presence shines like the rays of the sun in the CCAFP ranks, NAKS! This year is particularly significant considering that we now had officially rendered twenty fruitful and wonderful years of service as the Shield of our Race (Kalasag-Lahi).

Looking back at those twenty years, we can see how much we have literally grown in size (majority have already outgrown their Dress Coats and are now considered as "well-rounded" Officers), and how our Class had also grown in number. Judging from the number of dependents you have signified for your luxurious (and expensive, thanks Red!) billet rooms, our brood indeed has outnumbered the remaining folic hairs of Tatang Cru and JB Gastardo. More importantly, we have proven our worth as dedicated and dependable leaders and followers, not only in the AFP but also in other fields of endeavor such as in the civilian sector (security, airlines, etc), sports (Pereña, Ballena – Iron Man; Martin-various local & int'l shootfests), education (Course topnotcher-Eugene; Masteral courses; AIM - Monoso, Red and Baron) and public service (PDEA, NBI, PCG).

**Where are we now?**

Class '97 presence is felt in almost all areas: from the garrisons to the field, up in the air and in the seas; among topnotch people securing VIPs, or among the ordinary soldiers leading them in combat; racking brains in offices or relaxingly sipping coffee elsewhere.

**For the Army bugs** – forty active *giyera con soldado* remain, namely: HPA Bugs – Gel Gabi (OG3), Bong Manangan (OG4), Papa Pecson (OG7), Ray Rosario (OACE), Ray Tiongson (OACPA) & Vicky Agoncillo (GAD-ness); Bong Manangan (OACOCs), Hon Pascual (J2); Eugene Lague (Cmdt, SSTS, ASCOM); Bingbong Arbolado (CS, CMOG); SOCOM – Ralph DM (G8, SOCOM), Zanjoe San Juan (G2, FSRR), Junie Agoncillo (G3, FSRR), Philip Fagel (G8, FSRR) & Ed Martin (XO, 2SRBn). Field Duty - Archie Ares (1FAB); our grumpy resident muscleman Wiliboie Manalang (7MIB); Arnold Gasalatan (XO, 201IBde/CO, TG Bonpen); Simba Onggao (TF-Sulu). GHQ/AFPWSSUs – JJ Dator (OJ2) and Hon Pascual (OJ2); Japoc Palma (OJ4); Totoy Pereña (OJ5); PSG – Noel Abello, Willy Borgonia & Toto Dela Cruz; PMA – Elson Ballena (SPDU), Rex Bolo ("G" CTO), Charles Calucag (s22K), Julius Librada (DL, HTG), Leah Santiago (STO) & Jason Saldua (Dep, OMA1); ISAFP – Albert Flores, Isagani Nato & Don Templonuevo; AFPCGSC – Jonas Templo & Criz Fernandez; Eugene Cabusao (AFPFC/PSG); Carrie Carandang (XO, JSOG); Sonny Mariñas (AFPRMO); Gerald Monfort (G1, 9ID) ; CGSC Candidates: Carrie Carandang (XO, JSOG) and Philip Fagel (G8, FSRR). Foreign Posting – Elmer Boongaling (UNMOGIP). Associate Member – Lakanni Hidalgo (ARESCOM). BIRC - Nineteen left the service for various reasons, namely: Antalan, Aquino A, Aspiras, Baltar, Buyuccan, Cruz R, Dagupon, Evangelista, Firme, Gay, Gemoto, Obillos, Oliveros, Ongue, Orejana-Trillanes, Patindol, Plaza, Salvador and Uy-Cabasan. Previously, the Army Group's motto was "Hakuna Matata" given the jungle fighter mentality prevalent then; however given our new body sizes and social preferences, it has now been amended to "I live in the city, I stalk in the malls."

**The Navy and Marines** are praying for fair winds and sunny skies as they command battle ships sailing towards Westeros and King's Landing. Phil Fleet – Ariel Palisoc (CO, PS20); JJ Sumpay (CO, LC297); Miljun Peñaflorida (CO, LC299); Elmer Toriado (XO, LS507); Dom Tulen (XO, PS28); Elmer Base (XO, PS11); Nerry Martinez (XO, PS20) and Misha Martinez (XO, LC289); Monching Ramon (XO, AS71) and Peter Tolentino (XO, FF16). HPN – Atty Ariel Halasan (DC, NAG); Greg Fabic (CS, OCF PHILFLT); Jim Razo (CO, Dive Unit NAVSOG) & Marcus Bartolome (Dir, NRTDC, NSSC); Marines – Ramil Densing (CO, MBLT-3); Neph Padua (CO,

MBLT-12); Blad Caluya (CO, SSBn); Joel Bonavente (CO, AABn), Ronald Virtudazo (XO, AABn) & David Hontiveros (TNIG). GHQ boys – Mike Barrion (CO, 12FSU) and soon to be Atty Chris Agbayani (OPAMA); New CGSC Class 61 graduates – Oliver Reforba (newly assigned as Director Naval Operations Center) & Remuel Jardinero (now assigned in HQS, Phil Fleet). BIRC - Ten left the service for various reasons, namely: Abendan; Alzate; Cruz N; Landingin; Obra; Quinto; SWAGmen Amindalan, Ancheta, Camino and Galicia.

**Air Force updates:** HPAF – Oliver Banaria (OA6 HPAF); Neil Bugarin (ALC); Ken Manglicmot (PAFPC); Rhad Peña (ADW). Field Duty – Randy Bance (15th SW); Jerome Santiago (250th PAW); Ed Cervantes (Ofc of the Pres); JB Gastardo (MNSA Student); New CGSC Class 61 graduates – Bon Nunag-Castillo (Silver Medalist), now the new Ex-O, PAFPMC; Melvin Banua (Honor Student), now assigned at 1AD; Gubi Gubantes, now the WESCOM's U6; & Dante Aquino (Gold Medalist), now assigned in AFPPS. BIRC – Twenty-five left the service for various reasons, namely: Alviar, Austria; Calsado; Canamaque; George Dela Cruz; De Leon; Encarnacion; Feria; Gardiola; Gomez; Lindog; Okko; Padere; Picar; Solomon; Caoile; Tecson; Monoso; Yadao; Macasaet; Taunan; Tolentino Crizer; Cromwell Reyes and Airen Somera-Reyes; & Villagarca.

**What to expect in 2017?**

Will this be the year when we will have our very first O-6? Go for it, Chris Meniado! By the by, Doods is now assigned at HPCG. Likewise, more mistahs will be burning the midnight oil as they join CGSC Class 62.

**Awardees and Achievers Galore:**

Warmest congratulations go out to the following mistahs for the “non-touring” individual awards they have received: Cavalier Awardees – Reforba (Navy, 2008) and Bance (Airforce, 2008). TOPS Awardee – Bance (2008), Banaria (2016). Legion of Honor – Hontiveros (2016). Misha (TOWNS 2016 awardee). Apura (+) – Distinguished Conduct Star (2001). Fabic (Distinguished Service Star). Officer of the Year – Martin (2ID, 1999); Templonuevo (2ID, 2000); N. Agoncillo (FSRR, 2001); Nato (2ID, 2003); Orejana-Trillanes (PMA, 2003 & 2005); Dator (PSG, 2009); Librada (PMA, 2015). Major Service Anniversary Awardee – L. Santiago (Army, 2014); Manalang (Army, 2016). Bance (Outstanding Son of

Capiz Province, 2011). Tiongson – Best Performing Information Officer (PIA-WV, 2015). Civilian education – Manangan and DM (Magna cum Laude, MDM, UC); and Fagel (Cum Laude, UB). There are a lot more to mention, however, most are too shy to share their achievements. Still, all of you have made the Class proud.

**Publication of Orders**

Attention to announcement, Sirs!

All porsman are required to change to formal black suit attire immediately after the Class Picnic and proceed to Camp John Hay Convention Centre to attend the Red Carpet Class Party hosted by our mistahs, Red and Portia Cruz. Everyone is reminded to bring his/her spouse (bringing of “alternate” is discretionary depending upon the approval of the primary) and their children garbed in gala attire.

**Who art thou....**

Trivia *pa* more: Who is this bug from 1st Battalion that took life shining his shoes during his open time wearing only a white shirt and nothing else. As it is a Class Period, the angelic Lady Tac-O assumed that no one is present in the barracks as she inspected all the rooms thereat. Without knocking, she immediately opened the room that surprised the bug causing him to stand “at attention” along with his junior “bug.” The surprised and harried Tac-O immediately closed the door while screaming, “si \_\_\_ walang brief!” Thus, Class '94 tagged our red-faced mistah as the “Mexican Black Snake.” Clue: he is a Major Service all to himself.

Again, Happy Homecoming, fellow platinum host! Enjoy your stay at the Academy and *huwag ma-confuse* kung i-tackle ka ng STO. Mistah *yan!*

Mabuhay ang Kalasag-Lahi 1997!



**M**istah, let us hear from our respective group marchers. Battalioooooonnnnnsssss! Attention!

**Army Group Update**

I am wishing you all an extremely strong-willed and proactive 2017 and at

the same time congratulate the members of the ARMY GROUP for a wondrous 2016.

We look forward to in 2017 as a greater year for the Masikhay community. With our ability to go very far in terms of producing a brand that is strong, solid, and capable, we embrace positive leadership qualities, as symbolized by a “Fire Rooster”, which espouse excellence at work in many ways.

Our mistahs have definitely demonstrated excellence in their fields of expertise. The ARMY GROUP is proud to have Ryan N Severo as our contender for Cavalier Award for Army Operations. Ryan bespeaks a true Masikhay warrior in the field of intelligence operations. He is also a graduate of CGSC and Masters in Military Arts and Science - General Studies at Command and General Staff Officer Course at US Army Command and General Staff School. The ARMY GROUP is also honored to have Michael T Aquino as our nominee for Cavalier Award for Special Fields. Mike has distinguished himself as a professional, outstanding, and word-class Civil-Military Operations (CMO) officer.

Members of our class have also notably serve our community with passion. Ed Talaroc has been steering the class in a very smart and professional manner and Roger Nuylan is efficiently managing our resources in a precise and transparent fashion. Of course, who will forget our very own mistah, lawyer Rhio Nuylan, a Chevening scholar, who graduated with distinction and was awarded as top performing student for the Master of Science in Law and Finance in her post graduate studies at Queen Mary University of London.

But the wondrous 2016 reminded us of the word “grief” with the loss of someone who was dear to us. Hector Dongail, a loving friend and mistah, met a tragic incident while scuba diving. We remember him as a strong, solid, and capable officer.

Guided by our goal and commitment to serve our mistahs, the ARMY GROUP provided medical and financial support to Enrico Iletto, Julius Managuelod, Tristam Tolentino, Judel Social, Exiquel Tidor, and Alex Salcedo.

With the same vigor and gusto, let us continue to be the brand of a strong, solid, and capable Masikhay class as we braise the greatness awaiting us in 2017.





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**Air Force Group Update**

Will give brief assignments and whereabouts of our Air Force Mistah: from the HPAF- Dennis Hindang and Marlon Hardillo-OA8; Vito Sarmiento OA-4; John Paul Trajano - OA-5 with Marvin Suficiencia and just like me we will be dealing with our GSC by first week of March. AF safety Office Rodel Lamsen: Cecil Bernabe-Frias- Chief of Historical Administration; The SAS himself - Justin Ramolete; Sherwin Agag - 250 PAW; Laurence Naldoza - Finance Center; Lee Sarpamones -300AISG.

In GHQ: Christopher Fredeluces-OTDCS; Joshua Leones –Registrar, CGSC School: Nomer Alinsangan-OJ5; Peter Gelicame - AFP,MFO. Tracing back our flight school days, assigned thereat are Jackray Mososmos, Claro Tamayo, Peter Eslava. In Clark, LJ Sevillo; BasA Boys: Maynard Mariano and Thomas Ryan Seguin.

Central Philippines -Ian Earth S Lamzon and Jason Lacida in 220 AW. Armand Enriquez in EAAB..

Commercial Pilots, JM Dichoso, Louie Prado, AJ Alejan-Somera, Eman Martinez and Amorelle Mackay-Martinez and George Berneaza. Further our Mistah busy in their own fields Homer Casauay in Clark: Faye Gomez-Micor and Janete Mabalo - Cebu; Ashley Acedillo-consultant; Jong Ferrer and Darwin Sacramed recently left the PAF. Billy Pascua- Tactics business; Gerard Marin in ADB; Eugene Estana and Bruce Palafox in Africa; Sound off – Ryan Rojo, Ernest Jonathan Sta Maria, Toto Alberca, Edwin Rivera; Jonel Pogoy works as security officer.

As we continue with our journey, let us remember our Mistah who joined our Creator ahead of us - Reynaldo Gerodias, Enrique Corpuz, Pako Francisco, Vincent Ong, Neil Tumaneng, Cadong Mercado, Adrian De Dios and Jayson Pagcu.

**Navy Group Update**

In the armed profession, being home will make us feel good. No amount of

stresses, dangers and workloads will ever bring us down for as long as we get home or even just having the thought of us going home. A number of active Navy Masikhays are back on board the different Navy and Marine vessels and units scattered in different areas of the archipelago. We can just feel how much they are longing to be home.

We want our mistahs feel that they have a home to go to after a tour of duty. Aside from our respective families, we have our own home in the cuddles of the Philippine Military Academy, our beloved alma mater, from where we were born embracing the profession of arms. Consequently, we were all adopted by our class, the PMA Masikhay Class of 1999 as our true family that witnessed what each one of us had gone through in our respective fields. And of course, we have our mistahs as our brothers and sisters who are always willing and excited to cheer and see us back home.

Soon, the navy will have new capabilities that will make the organization more relevant and the Filipino people prouder for what they are. Yet, this will mean that our mistahs might be away for longer times as responsibilities are getting tougher. We need to remind everyone that wherever you are right now or in the future, there is always us – mistahs and our alma mater – waiting for you to come back home. Let us all come home together during the Alumni Homecoming 2017 for we are all eager and excited to listen to your vault file and new stories.



Welcome home fellow Banyuhayers. Here under are the updates of our Mistah. - Coolmaxx

**AIR FORCE Updates**

“Season well spent”. This is an Epoxy Banyuhay shout out that sums up the busiest quarter of 2016. From each of their field of expertise in challenging deployments and demanding offices,

to their expecting families at home, the Banyuhay spirit has truly overcome the rigors of the season along with the responsibilities as the country’s servicemen.

Mistahs have dominated more than 75% of the flying units of Philippine Air Force! Banyuhay group proudly presents the kings of PAF Flying Squadrons! “Gims” Guillermo of the breeders, 210th Tactical Training Squadron (still the “quiet-but-not-shy” type); “Sam” Molve of the Hornets, 206th Tactical Helicopter Squadron (still craves for flight runs and marathons), “Fong” Hibionada of the Stingers, 207th Tactical Helicopter Squadron (still working out on his biceps); “Jotabs” Tabigue of the Daggers, 208th Tactical Helicopter Squadron (still “funny-no-matter-how-serious-he-gets”); “Besoy” Besorio

of 221st Airlift Wing (still chubby but snappy). He is the only C295 pilot of the class; “Yambs” Yambing of 252nd Presidential Airlift Squadron (the ultimate IFR guru of Bell412); “Papapars” Parcia of 20th Attack Squadron (parang kabayo pa rin kung makapagbasketball); “Mike” Mallari of 17th Attack Squadron (Brace up pa rin ang posture kahit daddy figure na); “Tadz” Tadeo of 18th Attack Squadron (Hari ng mga Agusta and a loverboy turned Dad). Meanwhile, the following are the aces of various support units: “Stephen” Calizo is the Group Commander of 521st Support Group, 520th ABW (Busiest man of Villamor); “Papa M” Magbanua is the Squadron Commander of 452nd Field Maintenance Squadron, 205th THW (the best Nintendo player); “Noy” Bugash is the Squadron Commander of 256th Security



Squadron, 250th PAW (cool na cool pa rin); “Maggie” Solis is the Squadron Commander of 482nd Supply Squadron, 250th PAW (still single!); “Tikoy” Quirante is the Deputy Group Commander of 550th Air Base Group, AETDC (still slim and sexy); “Baquing” Baraquiel is the Director for Operations of 590th Air Base Group, 15th SW (a proud soloist of MG520 who used to fly the OV-10 Broncho. Truly a die-hard combat attacker); “Carvs” Carvajal-Montallana is the Director for Operations of Basic Military Training School, AETDC (a mom of 3 but still pretty and sexy); “Perot” Perez is the RMO of 3rd Air Division (still a homebuddy); “Stax” Estoque is the Director for HAS and Executive Officer of 7th Tactical Fight Squadron (the only FA-50PH fighter pilot of the class); “Tom” Tomas is the Director for Resource Allocation, AFRMO (nalulungkot pa rin s HPAF dahil sya lang mag-isa dun); “Vergs” Vergara is the Admin Manager of AFCOC (still wondering if abs really exist); Lakay Felix, enjoring the cool weather of US. Owen “the best post-up player” Florenda, soon to enjoy the weather of US just like Lakay, “Somar” Ramos is the Director for Intelligence of 250th PAW (seryoso sa pagpapapayat); “Guanix” Guanzon is the Assistant Diector for Material of 250th PAW (May laban na sa putukan); “wafu” Pua, wafung wafu pa rin; “Maky”

Macaranas is the Chief of Wing Operations Center, 250th PAW (kumakapal ang kilay); “Monet” Ramones is the EX-O of 207th Tactical Helicopter Squadron (lagi pa ring wala sa fellowship gatherings ng mga mistah); “Kilabot ng kolehiyala Bravo”, nagpapakadalubhasa s Ateneo ng kanyang masteral and “Macoy” Marquez is the Chief of Travel and Training Branch, CMD, OJ1 (the snappy class marcher who doesn’t give up on PMA Class 2002 goals). Enjoying coffee at 35,000 feet with gorgeous flight attendants of Philippine Airlines are “Cala-j” Calaunan (di pa rin nagbago size ng ulo kahit pumayat na) and “Batman” Battung (bagong “Cool na Cool” Martin ng PAL). With plans of settling into the peaceful and serene civilian world, is “Cary” Carandang who keeps the smile despite the odds. Finally, the Deputy Director General of PDEA Region IV-A is “Murlak” Montallana (Ang kilabot ng mga adik).

It is also worthy to note that three of our members have been awarded the following significant awards: Philippine Air Force Officer of the Year 2016, “Mike” Mallari; 15th Strike Wing Officer of the Year 2016, “Tadz” Tadeo and AETDC Officer of the Year 2016, “Carvs” Carvajal-Montallana. Indeed, Each of the PMA CL 2002 members has done outstanding jobs in each of their fields of expertise.

2016 is whole of a year well spent by the dedicated, hardworking and responsible Banyuhay parents, spouses, aviators, commanders and servicemen. May God be with all the Cavaliers always! – sexytary ‘Gilay’

### NAVY Updates

JP Alcos and WB Buntag are set to return back to navy control after a successful bayad utang @ AFPCGSC. Newly report is Jimboy Alagao, congrats bok for hurdling the CGSC abroad (Australia lang naman, bangis). Nilo Siddayao @ AFPCOC as lucky charm finance manager. Mr. Loverboy Pelonia @ PVAO. Outside the country are the ff: Ry Tlcc and Tacorts conquering the lovely place of Japan. While, Azdi is currently station in Singapore (fusion center ba bok??). Namocs pagkaalam ko outside the country din. Babes na pabalik na galling UN post. Tatang RiÑon- US based. Badz and Ron Diso still in the Senate vicinity lang. Frank Madduma still in Zambales as a disciplinarian tac-o aka Com. Charlie D. Customs na kasama si Patrick Y. Marineth @ PN PAO, may order na ba bok ng transfer? Charity Gimz @ PMA as Prof. Baranda, masteral ka dib bok? Brazal (Ingat yaman, MFO b bok (hugot)? Pagaling @ EASTMINCOM, Salvan na huling kita ko sa Palawan. The rest of Navy Mistah no change daw. Mahirap hugutan ung mga assignment nyo bok kaya regards ko na lang kyo (Api, Arabe,Cagi, Calutz, Fugz, Lints, Lozi, Panol, Pobee, Rosalejos,TaÑedo,Umali,Uy). Sa nakalimutan ko mistah pasensya na. – Coolmaxx (papalipat na ko ng Navy nito, hehehe)

### Army Updates

First, we would like to congratulate our dear Mistah CAV REY NIRZA for being the CAVALIER AWARDEE FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS 2017. The Army Group successfully conducted the first PMA BANYUHAY CL 2002 Army Group GOLF Tournament last 27 October 2016 at Eastridge Golf Club with special thanks to Randy Galiza the organizer, Francis Cuntapay the Chairman for the ways and means of the army group and our friend Ellery Mark Temeña the grounds manager of Eastridge Golf Club. The group held the Christmas Party at the Army wellness grounds with Francis Espiritu as the host. It was a productive Christmas Party/ Group meeting. – Army Marcher (Uy).





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**It's good to be back home Mandarangans!!!**

**A**s we journey towards the path we chose to take, we take time to reflect on the things we have done so far. Time and again, we look down where we stand to ensure we are standing

on a ground worthy to uphold our being. We make sure that the next step is on a solid foundation in a direction we intend and for a purpose we firmly believe to be right. Most especially, we look back at our past where we learned the lessons in life and how we value the mold that formed ourselves as we are today. In this manner, we can renew our strength and vigor to stand for what we are made for and trained to be and continue to march on as courageous as ever before.

As the Mandarangans gather again to commemorate the foundation of our alma

matter, let us enjoy sharing stories with our mistah, brats, direct commanders, underclassmen and upperclassmen. This is where good ironies comes to life when we laugh so much at the hardest times we had in plebehood and take pride at times when we were at the lowest in spirit and able to get through. Indeed, time can make many miracles because through the years, most bitter memories in the past become the best laughter for today and shall continue to be so in the years to come.

In this significant commemoration, let us also remember Frederick Tapawan, a brother, a cavalier, a brave fighter, and a mighty Mandarangan. He joined our Creator on 19 May 2016. We will never fail to remember the mistah of 2003 who gave their lives for their country and loved ones. During this homecoming, we offer our prayers to the Almighty for their eternal rest and to our Alma Matter the Courage, Integrity and Loyalty they exemplified.

It is likewise worthy to recall the best things brought individually and collectively by the members of the class in 2016. These are achievements and success stories which the Mandarangan as whole take pride and shall continue to uphold and nurture.

**Mabuhay ang Mandarangan!!!**  
**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

We also join our mistah in merriment and gratitude to the Almighty for another rewarding year of their lives (Alonzo & Guevara – 21 Jan, Cotoy Carmelo – 20 Jan, Michelle Crue – 14 Feb, Lapada – 3 Jan, Madduma – 17 Jan, Manalo C – 14 Jan, Talmeng – 1 Jan, Paski – 12 Jan, Sabax – 25 Jan). Happy birthday mga Mistah!!!

Let us make this event as meaningful as the moment we first set foot on the hallowed ground of PMA. As true cavaliers, we should relentlessly pursue the quest for higher ideals to become worthy of the country's expectations of us. Let our sweat and tears which filled this ground be this country's treasure as we continue to become worthy servant of this nation. We shall not tarnish the reputes which our forefathers brought to our alma matter. Let us stay safe and happy as we journey back home once more. To God be the Glory...

Happy Birthday to our beloved Alma Matter, PMA oh hail to thee!!!

**Happy New Year Mandarangans!!!**  
**May the FORCE be with us!!!**



2016 Gatherings



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81st AFP Day Awardee



Fellowship Games





# LAST CALL

**T**he PMAAAI Board of Directors conveys its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved families of the following alumni who recently passed away. We pray for the eternal repose of their souls. And may they rest in peace.



**BGEN HONESTO M ISLETA '58 PA (Ret)**  
**20 April 1933 –**  
**17 December 2016**

BGen Honesto M Isleta '58 died peacefully in his sleep on 17 December 2016 after years of fighting a kidney problem. He was 83. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on 20 December 2016. He is survived by his wife Patrocinio with whom he had three children, two of whom are PMA graduates, Cavs Danilo Chad Isleta '85 and Dennis Roman Isleta '88.



**CPT CLINTON L CAPIO '06 PA**  
**10 October 1982 –**  
**12 January 2017**

Capt Clinton L Capio '06 was Commanding Officer of the 1st Special Forces Company, SFR, Philippine Army. He was killed during the encounter against the Abu Sayyaf terrorists in Basilan on 12 January 2017. President Rodrigo Duterte posthumously promoted him to Major during his visit to his wake in Fort

Bonifacio. Capt Capio who was a native of Buguias, Benguet left behind his wife, May Shiel and a three-year old daughter.



**CAPT LUCIO T TELEG '66 PN (Ret)**  
**27 March 1940 –**  
**16 January 2017**

Navy Capt Teleg graduated with PMA Class 1966 on 20 March 1966. A native of Camarines Sur, he chose the Navy as his Major Service and was assigned aboardship after taking up the Naval Officer Qualification Course in Cavite. During his shore assignment, he served with the PN Inspector General Service and had the opportunity to pursue a Master of Economics degree. With his credentials, he was recruited by business minded alumni to work with them at Galaxy Catering Services which operated in Saudi Arabia, resulting in his early retirement from active service. He was married to the late Minda Teleg with whom he had four children, namely: Franklin, Woodrow, Samantha and Dasalia.



**PSSUPT WILFRED A NICOLAS '65**  
**13 May 1941 –**  
**22 January 2017**

PSSupt Nicolas passed away on 22 January 2017 and was buried in Laoag City. He was a recipient of the Cavalier Award for his outstanding accomplishments in

Private Enterprise. He was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Northwestern University, Laoag City. As Chairman, he led the directors in instituting plans and programs to further enhance the status and credibility of the school as a leading institution of higher learning in Northern Luzon. Northwestern University is a private, non-sectarian educational institution and is committed to provide a learning environment geared toward excellence and prepare students to be world class citizens. While in the active services, he initially served with the Army, got assigned with the 27th Inf. Battalion in Lanao del Norte. In 1967, he was transferred to PC, had stints as Provincial Commander and RECOM commander. After retirement, he headed the Economic Intelligence and Information Bureau. He was married to Concepcion Samonte-Nicolas and their marriage was blessed with three children, namely Maria Cecilia, Maria Carina and Ferdinand.



**PCSUPT GERARDO C HILOMEN '74**  
**15 September -**  
**26 December 2016**

PCSupt Hilomen graduated with Class 1974 and was assigned with the PC. During his active duty days, he got assignments with the then PC Metrocom, Region 3, Region 4 and NCR DND and Civil Security Group at Camp Crame. In this assignment, he was promoted to Chief Superintendent. He was married to Maria Fe A. Hilomen with whom he had 5 children.





# Maligayang pagbabalik, Cavaliers!


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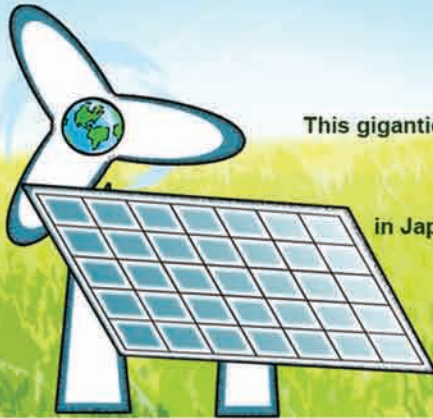
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