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ABOUT THE COVER

The fighting in Marawi City is still going on at this time. It is an example of asymmetric warfare, one in which a strong force is pitted against a smaller and weaker one but which uses unconventional and terrorist tactics. To wipe out this unconventional force, the whole might and fire power of the armed forces are employed, destroying structures and large swathes of communities. No doubt, the government will win the battles at a tremendous cost in terms of lives and resources, not to mention the economic cost of rehabilitation.

Sympathetic sentiments and anger against the terrorists may condone, for the moment, the destruction in the city, but not for long and not for similar situations which may occur in the future in other areas. This should be a trigger for DND/AFP planners to restudy, if not reengineer the military education and training system. But to accomplish this, there is a need for a pool of experienced thinkers and strategists whose only task is to translate experiences in combat into sound education and training doctrines which will produce leaders and warriors for all seasons, who have new skills for a new combat environment in the likes of the arena in Marawi City.

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Theme for the next issue: Addressing emerging security issues

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Cav Melchor P Rosales '68



Rekindling the warrior spirit

The protracted and ongoing Marawi City siege, the Zamboanga City attacks, the assault on Ipil in Zamboanga Sibugay in 1995 and the more recent attacks by New Peoples Army in town centers are portent of the way of lawlessness and terrorism.

The casualties suffered by the fighting troops and the massive collateral damages to cities and innocent civilians caught in the situation engender the need for a reorientation of the Armed Forces of the Philippine's (AFP) capability to fight and defeat the enemies in the new battlefield. The AFP must have this additional focus of improving its capability against urban terrorism which has become a very serious threat to national security. That need becomes more imperative if you factor in the huge cost of operational combat; rehabilitating the damaged areas and the bigger cost of rebuilding the cities and lives of those civilians displaced by the fighting.

The National Government and the AFP, in particular, cannot afford to continually sustain losses of this kind and magnitude. It must therefore realign its current approach. Its level of preparedness to confront these security challenges has been continuously shown to be in need of improvement. There is no

The Philippine Military Academy, can do its share in initiating this training reform by putting more emphasis on this orientation in its military science and tactics curriculum. Studies of lessons learned from different situations of armed conflicts, in built up areas, should expose, familiarize and enable cadets to fight in all kinds of hostile environment. Regardless of the branch of service they will be joining upon graduation, cadets should be oriented that they will be expected to lead and do the fighting and winning those battles. An expanded and deeply-internalized consciousness that they are joining the noble profession of arms paves the way for the establishment of a warrior culture.

The AFP's elite fighting units like the Philippine Army's Scout Rangers Regiment and Special Forces Regiment, Philippine Navy's Special Warfare Group (SWAG)/ Marine Recon and the Philippine Air Force's Special Operations Wing must be fully equipped with this kind of special operations skills and competencies to increase AFP's readiness to address and combat these urban battles. The Armed Forces must develop a training complex simulating an urban battle area.



denying that the competency of fighting this type of battle is not so well-ingrained and inculcated among the AFP's troops.

The focus-driven change must start at the basic or entry level of training with the instilling of the warrior spirit. Any soldier must have the mindset of fighting and winning first and foremost. It behooves therefore upon all military education and training centers to have a reorientation or reinforcement of the AFP's capability to fight not only in conventional or jungle warfare but more importantly in urban terrain operations. Fighting in built-up terrain certainly requires a different set of skills. Hence, training centers must introduce this concept in its basic and advanced training programs and ensure acquisition of these specialized skills and commitment with a significant level of proficiency.

In advanced career courses in the Army, Air Force and Navy, education on the decision-making at the operational level must be enhanced. This decision-making skill should also be reinforced at higher education levels like the AFP Command and General Staff College and the National Defense College of the Philippines for operational decisions. Decisive tactical and operational actions emanate from commanders' directives and instructions.

While the AFP is called upon to help or be engaged in operations other than war, such as; disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and support to civil authorities, campaign against illegal drugs, peacekeeping, law enforcement and other nation-building endeavors, it should never forget that its primordial duty is to fight the armed enemies and to win. This is its primary mandate and *raison d'être*. 🇵🇭



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88



Outsourcing the training process

It is time, perhaps, to challenge, what for me, is at the very least, a prevailing “myth;” or, at its very best, a saying that has been proven wrong with the passing of time. This is being mouthed by certain quarters who, when asked, could not state with certainty its authorship or its authority. It is a paradigm which says that “...training and education is a function of command...” I googled the internet trying to find out who authored this and could not find any information about it. I also wanted to find out when such a belief became ascendant within the uniformed service organizations to no avail. The need to challenge this comes at a time when certain organizations seem to be moving towards the direction where training and education will be absorbed in their structure and in their daily functions. I have attended Committee Hearings of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, where this preference had been so stated. Some “thought of” advantages are, of course, being bruited about loudly and forcefully. It is amazing how this thinking has grown in dominance. It is but proper, if only to add to the conversation, to put in an opposing point of view, albeit, supported by some examples of success stories supporting the contrary.

Universally, the prevailing practice of “outsourcing” has become a dominant management tool. Organizations, both corporate and government, are benefitting from the practice of concentrating on their core functions. The Philippines is a beneficiary of this as it has become the largest Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) state, at this time. In 2012, Global Outsourcing revenues of the top 100 companies were estimated at \$1.6B growing at an estimated 6 percent per year. Accenture, Infosys and HCL Technologies rank as the top 3 BPO providers worldwide. Even training is being outsourced nowadays. Outfits like hurlixdigital, UPSIDE Learning, NetCom and learning factor provide top class training service to Fortune 500 corporations. Outsourcing has allowed organizations to focus both on their core functions and on their core competencies. It has freed these organizations from entangling their manpower and

other resources to functions which they were not trained for; where more superior arrangements, resources and proven best practices are available.

It is in this light, that the challenge to the above-stated view, that training needs to be a “...function of command...” is put forth, advanced and forwarded. It is a perspective viewed from this perch that contravenes the prevailing thought on the matter especially where the uniformed services, both the AFP and the PNP, are concerned. We have to believe that the “...Jack of all trade, master of none...” would not be a beneficial practice for these organizations especially in the light of the rapidly changing environment, the increasing complexity of the challenges to peace and security; and globalization, in general. Humility should make us accept that everyone falls into the “laws of diminishing returns.” We cannot do everything and expect the graph of performance efficiency to retain an upward slope. I am reminded of the Prayer which says, “...Lord, give me the courage to change the things I can; the humility to accept those I cannot; and the wisdom to know the difference...”





SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Sports and physical development: A cornerstone of PMA's education and training

Much has been written and said about how cadets are developed holistically inside the Academy. All four aspects of PMA education are treated equally and one does not and must not undermine the others. But of all the four aspects, distinct as they are, one is said to be the foundation of all- Physical Development.

The mind and body are one entity and anything that happens to one will affect the other. Empirical studies have shown that sports and physical training of cadets, as well as their overall well-being, positively predict their mental strength, increase their ability to cope with the rigors of military training, and develop their character and leadership skills. But despite its established importance, sports and physical development has often been neglected as evidenced by the inadequate resources the Academy has to allocate to support the various activities of cadets.



For the past years, the improvement and maintenance of sports equipment and facilities have invariably become a low priority in budget allocation. While we bemoan the consistently low results of outside athletic competitions, as well as the poor performance of cadets in physical fitness tests, we have not addressed the root cause.

Just recently, we have sought the support of the PMAFI for a professional chair grant that aims to create an activity manual in sports and physical development course. The purpose of the manual is to provide precise and methodical information pertaining to physical fitness

training in order to help cadets cope with their rigid and strenuous activities.

But even with this manual, our cadets would have a hard time attaining lifetime fitness without them being provided and equipped with ample resources. Until today, the Academy contends with inadequate sports facilities. While we have improved the Jurado Hall with the help of the alumni payback scheme, the amenities inside it remained the same. Although we have slowly purchased gears and equipment such as those needed in combative sports, the growing number of the cadet corps poses a greater challenge for us to provide even more. Another example is the swimming pool, which I describe as an all-weather facility. It caters to swimming classes which are conducted regardless of Baguio's harsh weather conditions. Who would not like to dream of seeing an indoor pool which would open the door for sports opportunities that can be enjoyed by the cadets throughout the year, without worrying about the adverse weather conditions, such as cold temperature, high winds, lightning, and rains.

It is in this light that I encourage the PMA alumni to continue helping us beef up our sports and physical development facilities to make our cadets ready for the rigors of the battlefield. We have a long list of projects in terms of upgrading our sports and physical training facilities and equipment and truly, we greatly count on your support for the improvement that we envision in the Academy. 🇵🇭





Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Education and training in focus

There was a news item that may not have been captured on TV and by the print media, the Philippine Daily Inquirer and Philippine Star included. This was about the field report aired by DZMM radio on 27 July 2017 about the activation of an Army ready reserve battalion in Iligan City, presumably for its defense, including that of surrounding areas. The activation of an entire reservist battalion was triggered by the intense fighting against terrorists in Marawi City which constrained the AFP to send more and more regular forces from various areas of the country. In the process, there emerged defensive voids in AORs of redeployed AFP units which were taken advantage of by the NPA and the BIFF among other threat forces.

The decision to activate a ready reserve unit to be assigned a mission should be a welcome news for advocates of utilizing the reserve force, most especially, ready reserve units. These are supposed to be in a higher state of readiness for employment compared to standby reserve units which are mostly organizations on paper. It is high time for the DND/AFP leadership to recognize the important role of the reserve force as envisioned in the Constitution and Republic Act 7077. In fact, it is quite late.

The Marawi fighting and before this, the siege of Zamboanga City staged by renegade MNLF elements sometime in late 2013 should be a spark for the organization, training and equipage of ready reserve units on a phased basis throughout the various AORs of the armed forces, rather than recruiting more regular soldiers and organizing more units which shall farther exacerbate pension requirements when they retire. They shall fill-in the defensive gaps created by the redeployment of regular forces elsewhere to contain threats thereat. The recent attack of the Maasin, Leyte Police Station by the NPA after the infantry battalion in the area was moved to Marawi City clearly showed that the enemy would surely exploit the situation. Not long afterward, other NPA depredations followed, the most recent of which occurred in Legaspi City, Agusan Del Sur, Quirino and even in Pangasinan where the insurgents are relatively not very active.

Possibly, other ready reserve units, not only from the Army but also the other services, would soon be organized in anticipation of more depredations by the NPA and terrorist groups. It would be disastrous if these units would be fighting the enemies who are well-versed in guerilla and terrorist tactics and who enjoy the advantage of time (when to attack) and place (what to hit).

It therefore makes it necessary for the AFP to reengineer and refocus its education and training program if necessary, to give more weight to training reservists as individuals and as units. For too long, the reserve force development program has been placed at the bottom of the priority ladder. Had the program been faithfully implemented with the passage of the AFP Modernization Act of 1995 (22 years ago), the country should now have a truly

Citizen Armed Force, composed of a small base of regulars (30%) and the rest, citizen soldiers (reservists on active duty).

For the regular force, some valid observations could be made from the battles in Marawi and Zamboanga Cities. One, marksmanship training is defective. TV footages showed soldiers firing fully automatic at unseen targets. Bullet holes all over walls of buildings where the enemies were positioned are glaring testimonies of the soldiers' propensity to fire fully automatic, instead of placing well-aimed single shots at identified targets, like what snipers do. Truth to tell, firing in full volume gives soldiers psychological courage in a firefight. Military analysts, both active and retired, agree that the AFP now should include in its unit training program, Close Quarters Battle, as the PNP calls it, and Urban Fighting tactics. Admittedly, ranger and jungle operations in which ground units are competent would not be as effective in a built-up area, like Marawi and Zamboanga Cities.

Then comes the restoration of the ROTC Program. It is almost a cinch that it would be back as a mandatory course in the educational curriculum with the strong pronouncement of the Commander-in-Chief. If the ROTC Program is restored, it should not be along the old post-martial law lines. It should be adequately supported by the AFP and not an additional burden to the parents. It should be so designed that it would be a challenge and acceptable to the youth who have enjoyed modern amenities, like cell phones, computers, malls, etc. To top it all, the products, as reserve or regular officers and the rank and file, should fit in into the Citizen Armed Force.

The PMA for its part, should set the example in spearheading reforms in the military's educational system. Although it has its own charter and not under supervision of CHED, it has been adjusting its curriculum in line with the K-12 Program of government. So far it has maintained its reputation as the country's premiere leadership and character development institution. Its graduates are well-educated and well-endowed with superior leadership qualities. Early on in their career, they possess the strength and stamina to lead men under the most adverse terrain and conditions, qualities developed under an intense physical development program for cadets.

But there is one observation that is puzzling. In a study conducted by the Army Graves Registration Unit covering a two-year period, it was established that many military personnel interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, many alumni included, died before age 70 or even 60, for life-style illnesses. How come the alumni could internalize, as a way of life, character and leadership principles from junior ranks, to field and senior grades, even beyond retirement? Ironically, how come they failed to carry on their health and wellness regimen developed as cadets late in their career and throughout their retirement, resulting in life style maladies?

Could this irony be addressed by a revitalized curriculum in PMA and in the major service training institutions?



Gen Santiago appointed chair of Dangerous Drugs Board

Retired Gen Dionisio R Santiago '70 has been appointed by the President as chairman of the Dangerous Drugs Board.



Santiago

He used to be the director general of the PDEA.

Retired Gen Emmanuel T Bautista '81 has been designated the executive director of the Security, Justice and Peace Cluster of the Cabinet, and retired PDir Alex Paul I Monteagudo '81 the NICA director general.

Retired Commo Eduardo B Gongona '82 is the national director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources. Retired PCSupt Rodolfo J Garcia '69 is the general manager of the MRT 3. Capt Jason Laureano Y Aquino '91 has been designated administrator of the National Food Authority, while retired MGen Rodolfo Demosthenes C Santillan '83 is the deputy administrator for operations of the Office of Civil Defense.

Several retired PMAYers designated directors of GOCC's

They are: Gen Benjamin P Defensor Jr '69 – Clark Development Corporation (CDC), LtGen Raul S Urgello '66 – Philippine Sugar Corporation, LtGen Samuel B Bagasin '73 – John Hay Management Corporation, VAdm Ferdinand S Golez '76 – Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), LtGen Reynaldo B Mapagu '78 – North Luzon Railway Corporation;



Defensor

Commo Adolf P Borje '65 – Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC), LtGen Oscar H Rabena '78 – PNOC Exploration Corporation, MGen Jonathan C Martir '79 – DND Government Arsenal, PCSupt Francisco J Villaroman '79 – Clark Development Authority, MGen Romeo V Poquiz '81 – BCDA, and Col Bruce S Concepcion '90 – PNOC.

Ambassador Paynor appointed Malacanang protocol officer

Retired LtCol Marciano A Paynor Jr '71 has been appointed by the Duterte administration as the Malacanang protocol officer. He holds the rank of undersecretary in the Office of the President. He used to be the consul general in Los Angeles, USA and ambassador to Israel. Retired PCSupt Anselmo Simeon P Pinili '83 has been designated as special envoy on transnational crime in the Office of the President.



Paynor

MGen Pamong designated SOCOM commander

MGen Danilo G Pamong '85 has been named the commander of the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) of the Philippine Army. The SOCOM is composed of the Scout Ranger Regiment and the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne). Likewise, MGen Elmer C Pabale '83 has been named commander of the Army Support Command (ASCOM).



Pamong

New Army infantry division commanders named

The Philippine Army has ten infantry divisions, seven of which have relatively new commanders. They are MGen Rolando D Bautista '85 of the 1st Inf Div, MGen Rhoderick M Parayno '85 of the 2nd Inf Div, MGen Benjamin R Madrigal '85 of the 4th Inf Div, MGen Arnel B dela Vega '85 of the 6th Inf Div, MGen Angelito M de Leon '84 of the 7th Inf Div, MGen Raul M Farnacio '85 of the 8th Inf Div, and MGen Manolito P Orense '83 of the 9th Inf Div.



Bautista

The 1st Inf Div, the 4th Inf Div and the 6th Inf Div are all stationed in Mindanao.

RAdm Cusi designated as CNS, PN

RAdm Allan Ferdinand V Cusi '86 has been designated as the chief of naval staff of the Philippine Navy.



Cusi

Cusi has replaced RAdm Gaudencio C Collado Jr '86 who moved over to the Philippine Fleet as commander vice RAdm Bayani R Gaerlan '84 who retired.

MGen Kintanar appointed Westcom commander

MGen Galileo Gerard Kintanar Jr '85 has been appointed by the President as commander of the AFP Western Command (Westcom), based in Palawan whose area of responsibility is Western Philippines. He replaced PAF LtGen Raul L del Rosario '84, who retired from the service.



Kintanar

Kintanar used to be the commander of the Air Education Training and Doctrines Command (AETDC) stationed in Lipa City and before that he was the chief of air staff (CAS). He is the son of the late BGen Galileo C Kintanar Sr '60, who served as chairman of the PMAAAI in AY 2009-10.

MGen Tanjuan assumes as AETDC chief

MGen Jose P Tanjuan Jr '85 has assumed as the chief of the Air Education Training and Doctrines Command, replacing Kintanar.



Tanjuan

Tanjuan has been replaced as deputy chief of staff for communications, electronics and information systems, J6, AFP by RAdm Jande S Francisco '85.



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI membership facts and figures

by PMAAAI Secretariat

Attention all Cavaliers!

If you have been regularly attending annual membership meetings of PMAAAI and its chapters and class organizations and understanding their respective Association Bylaws, you should now be familiar with the terms: members in GOOD STANDING (GS) and members NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS).

A member in good standing, as defined in the Bylaws is one who has paid his membership fee and regularly paying his monthly dues. He is therefore entitled to all the rights, benefits and privileges due to a member. With these funds, together with those generated through fund-raising activities, the PMAAAI throughout these years was able to build a fund base of P110.5M as of 15 July 2017 and attain its goals and objectives for the benefit of the members. The Association could have done more, had more alumni joined the ranks of GS.

The briefing on 27 July 2017 by Cav Diosdado M Domingo'77, PMAAAI Executive Director, during the PMAAAI Consultative Meeting with Officers of the Chapters, Class organizations and Affiliate Foundations at the AFPCOC, may serve as a wake-up call for concerned cavaliers.

The Figures

FULLY RETIRED CLASSES (1942-1982)

As of 15 July 2017

CLASS	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	TOTAL	% NGS	% GS
1942-1957	156	0	156	0.00%	100.00%
1958	24	2	26	7.69%	92.31%
1959	19	1	20	5.00%	95.00%
1960	30	4	34	11.76%	88.24%
1961	27	0	27	0.00%	100.00%
1962	43	1	44	2.27%	97.73%
1963	43	3	46	6.52%	93.48%
1964	17	0	17	0.00%	100.00%
1965	33	0	33	0.00%	100.00%
1966	42	1	43	2.33%	97.67%
1967	57	1	58	1.72%	98.28%
1968	35	0	35	0.00%	100.00%
1969	22	10	32	31.25%	68.75%
1970	52	1	53	1.89%	98.11%
1971	90	2	92	2.17%	97.83%
1972	79	1	80	1.25%	98.75%
1973	48	0	48	0.00%	100.00%
1974	46	46	92	50.00%	50.00%
1975	30	45	75	60.00%	40.00%

1976	65	0	65	00.0%	100.00%
1977	86	23	109	21.10%	78.90%
1978	46	69	115	60.00%	40.00%
1979	43	67	110	60.91%	39.09%
1980	19	78	97	80.41%	19.59%
1981	71	67	138	48.55%	51.45%
1982	88	90	178	50.56%	49.44%
TOTAL	1,311	512	1,823	28.09%	71.91%

CLASSES IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE (1983-2017)

As of 15 July 2017

PMA CLASS	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	TOTAL	% NGS	% GS
1983	54	121	175	69.14%	30.86%
1984	90	107	197	54.31%	45.69%
1985	129	65	194	33.51%	66.49%
1986	101	54	155	34.84%	65.16%
1987	100	33	133	24.81%	75.19%
1988	87	36	123	29.27%	70.73%
1989	75	28	103	27.18%	72.82%
1990	87	50	137	36.50%	63.50%
1991	154	49	203	24.14%	75.86%
1992	141	53	194	27.32%	72.68%

1993	120	62	182	34.07%	65.93%
1994	160	69	229	30.13%	69.87%
1995	103	101	204	49.51%	50.49%
1996	69	36	105	34.29%	65.71%
1997	83	48	131	36.64%	63.36%
1998	105	48	153	31.37%	68.63%
1999	148	51	199	25.63%	74.37%
2000	193	38	231	16.45%	83.55%
2001	154	35	189	18.52%	81.48%
2002	119	15	134	11.19%	88.81%
2003	81	11	92	11.96%	88.04%
2004	128	10	138	7.25%	92.75%
2005	138	3	141	2.13%	97.87%
2006	291	19	310	6.13%	93.87%
2007	268	11	279	3.94%	96.06%
2008	212	4	216	1.85%	98.15%
2009	176	5	181	2.76%	97.24%
2010	215	6	221	2.71%	97.29%
2011	88	104	192	54.17%	45.83%
2012	100	87	187	46.52%	53.48%
2013	103	18	121	14.88%	85.12%
2014	197	24	221	10.86%	89.14%
2015	34	136	170	80.00%	20.00%
2016	13	50	63	79.37%	20.63%
2017	167	0	167	0.00%	100.00%
TOTAL	4,483	1,587	6,070	26.14%	73.86%

BIRC (For Fully Retired Classes As of July 15, 2017)

PMA CLASS	NGS	GS	TOTAL	% NGS
1960-1982	509	1,112	1,621	31.40%

Collectible after July 1

Class 1969- 1972	P 18,000.00 x 14	=	P 252,000.00
Class 1974- 1977	16,000.00 x 114	=	1,824,000.00
Class 1978-1982	14,000.00 x 371	=	5,194,000.00

Total: P 7,270,000.00

FOR CLASSES IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE (1983-2017)*

<u>PA CHAPTER</u>		AMOUNT
PMA CLASS 2011	June 2011 to January 2015	P 444,400.00
PMA CLASS 2015	June 2015 to February 2017	191,100.00
PMA CLASS 2016	June 2016 to February 2017	29,700.00
Total arrears:		665,200.00
<u>PAF CHAPTER</u>		
PMA CLASS 2012	June 2012 up to date	232,200.00
Total arrears:		232,200.00
<u>PN CHAPTER</u>		
PMA CLASS 2012	June 2012 up to date	296,100.00
PMA CLASS 2015	June 2015 to February 2017	94,500.00
PMA CLASS 2016	June 2016 to February 2017	15,300.00
Total arrears:		405,900.00
TOTAL Arrears from BIRC and PMAAAI CHAPTERS: P 15,641,300.00		
<i>*Partial collectibles only</i>		

Facts and Figures: Their Meaning

For one reason or another, like not being aware that members have to pay dues, or they could not come to the PMA Alumni Center to pay, there is a huge amount of collectibles (arrears) as shown below by Chapter and Class:

BIRC* (For Classes still in the Active Service)

PMA CLASS	NGS	GS	TOTAL	% NGS
1983 - 2017	589	233	822	71.65%

Collectible after July 1

Class 1983-2017	P 12,000.00 x 589=	P 7,068,000
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Total: P 7,068,000

**BIRC- Business Industry and Retirees Chapter (Retired/ Resigned Alumni)*



The Good News

As a result of letters sent to Chapter and Class organizations informing them of their members not in good standing, there has been a recent influx of cavaliers reporting to the PMA Alumni Center for the payment of said arrears. This indicates that the alumni truly care. Hopefully this article will spur other members not in good standing to settle their arrears and be counted in the efforts of PMAAAI to payback their beloved alma mater and provide more benefits to less fortunate alumni through the Mutual Relief (abuloy) and Medical Assistance Programs. With increased collection, the Association could sustain the increase of mutual relief of families of deceased members in good standing, from P50,000 to P60,000. 🙏

EO 201: Discriminatory against uniformed services personnel

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

In the 16th Congress, both the Senate and the House of Representatives tackled the proposed Salary Standardization Law which would increase the salary of all government personnel. The bills in both houses were substantially similar. Both had a provision discriminatory against uniformed personnel of the AFP, PNP, PCG, BFP, BJMP and NAMRIA, hereinafter referred to as uniformed services. And that provision is: the increased rates of base pay of the uniformed services personnel provided therein shall not be the basis for the adjustment of the retirement pension of the retired uniformed services personnel, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

We opposed that discriminatory provision. In December, 2015, both houses of Congress approved said bills on 3rd reading, until then Senator Juan Ponce Enrile moved to convince his fellow senators to reconsider their approval on 3rd reading. He succeeded, and the Senate approved his revised version of the bill without the discriminatory provision cited above. The Enrile substitute bill would allow the adjustment of retirement pension of retired uniformed services personnel to the increased rates of base pay provided in the bill. That resulted in different versions of the Senate and House bills. In the bicameral conference committee, the Senate and the House panels could not agree, insisting on their respective versions. It ended in a deadlock. Hence, the proposed Salary Standardization Law was not passed by the 16th Congress.

Meanwhile, the General Appropriations Act for FY 2016 had already been approved, including the outlay for the increase in salary of all government personnel, in anticipation of the approval of the Salary Standardization Law.

On 17 February 2016, then President Aquino issued Executive Order No. 201, which mandates the increase in the salary of all government personnel effective 1 January 2016, to the rates of pay as proposed in the un-approved Salary Standardization Law. In implementing EO 201, instead of increasing the base pay of the military and uniformed services personnel, government merely granted them provisional allowance and officers' allowance, the amount of which equals what should have been the increase in base pay. Smart move of the authors (Aquino and Abad) to deprive the retired military and uniformed services personnel of the increase in their retirement pension. But there is a collateral damage to the active military and uniformed services personnel; they are also deprived of the increase in their hazardous duty pay, longevity pay, flying pay, sea duty pay and instructor duty pay, all of which, like the retirement pay, pursuant to law, are adjusted or indexed to the base pay.

The uniformed services retired sector "rose up in arms". Then AGFO chairman and president retired LtGen Edilberto P Adan convened the leaders of uniformed services organizations to address the issue. Those who participated and joined Ed Adan were retired PDDG Anselmo S Avenido Jr, PMAAAI chairman; retired MGen Melchor P Rosales, BIRCI chairman; retired BGen Rosalino A Alquiza, HRDFI chairman; retired Commo Amado A Sanglay, NARAA president; retired MGen Rodolfo G Garcia, FORVETS chairman; retired LtGen Raul S Urgello, Kampilan

president; retired BGen Miguel C Sol, KKM treasurer; retired PCSupt Van D Luspo, PRAI chairman and president; retired VAdm Ariston de los Reyes, PMA Class 1971 representative; retired Col Ernesto T Tan Jr, Retirees Affairs Movement chairman; retired Col Simplicio F Duque, AFPREVA president; and Ms Marietta P Gazo, PAWSPO president.

The body decided to organize themselves informally on 24 June 2016 as the **Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations** or **CONUSA**, with Ed Adan as the lead convenor.

CONUSA wrote on 1 July 2016 the new president, Rodrigo Roa Duterte, recommending amendment of EO 201, particularly Sections 7 and 9 thereof, to provide increase in the base pay of uniformed services personnel instead of the provisional allowance and officers' allowance. The proposed amendment will not deprive nor reduce the increase in pay of government personnel, including the military and other uniformed services personnel, as provided in the EO 201. As proposed, it will only convert the provisional allowance and officers' allowance into increase in base pay.

Six months later, on 1 January 2017, the CONUSA submitted another letter to the President reiterating the proposed amendment of EO 201. During its recent meeting on 14 June 2017, it was the consensus of the body to request an audience with the President, to appeal to him to help the men and women in uniform, who are fighting (and dying) to defend this country and people, and to preserve democracy and freedom in our land.

CONUSA is also considering, as a last resort, legal action questioning the constitutionality of EO 201, but it will resort to this only, and only, if it cannot get relief from the President. The EO 201 violates the equal protection of the law, as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. It is also a class legislation, in that while the uniformed services retirees are deprived of the adjustment in their retirement pension by non-increase in the base pay of uniformed services personnel, the base pay of the judiciary and the Constitutional Commission personnel are increased, thereby allowing the adjustment of pension of the judiciary and Constitutional Commission retirees to the increased rates of pay of those in the active service. The EO 201 has categorized the retired military and other uniformed services personnel as a class which is being discriminated against. In view hereof, EO 201 is considered a class legislation, and therefore unconstitutional.

The problem of CONUSA in challenging the constitutionality of EO 201 before the courts is lack of funds. Given the funds, it wants to file a case before the Supreme Court for certiorari with mandamus to compel the President to amend EO 201.

In the meantime, the Dept of Finance and the Dept of Budget and Management are thinking of how to address the so-called huge funding requirement for the retirement pension of the uniformed services retirees. As far back as 2013, when the PMAAAI board of directors made a courtesy call on then President Aquino, we asked him to cause the release of funds for the payment of the AFP pension adjustment arrears, then amounting to more than P18 billion. He blurted out that the problem is the huge and increasing military retirement pension requirement, that there

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PCAI inducts new officers

by Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88


The Police Cavaliers Association Incorporated (PCAI) elected its new set of officers of the Association Year 2017-2018 last 9 February 2017. Elected were the following: Cav Edwin C Roque '86, Chairman; Cav Peter Rosano P Donato '84, Vice Chairman; Cav Rene P Pamuspusan '88, President; Cav Jose Chiquito M Malayo '89, Vice President; Cav Alex G Recinto '98, Corporate Secretary; Cav Rommel Francisco D Marbil '91, Treasurer; Cav Oliver A Enmodias '90, Auditor and Cava Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 and Rodolfo S Azurin '89, PMAAAI Representatives.

PDG Ronald Dela Rosa, CPNP and a member of the PMA Class of 1986, officiated the induction of the new set of officers. In his message, the CPNP exhorted the PCAI members to uphold the values taught by their Alma Mater in order to effectively support

the "...war against illegal drugs...."

The PCAI has lined-up its thrusts for the year which includes the re-visitation of its Constitution and By-Laws, conduct a Sports Festival and some fundraising activities and holding of financial management seminars for its members.

The PCAI also intends to increase its participation in PMAAAI activities, especially, membership and support of the affiliate foundations and submission of candidates for the Cavalier Awards.

PCAI continues to aspire for performance excellence in the PNP aware that many of its members are occupying most of the key positions in the police organization and are at the forefront of all major law-enforcement operations of the police. 




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will even come a time when it will surpass the outlay for salary of the active personnel. (Anyway, thanks to President Duterte, under the present administration, some P2 billion of the P6 billion budgeted this year has been released to pay partially the pension adjustment arrears.)

Relatedly, to address the issue, we wrote an article in 2013 published in the *Cavalier* magazine, which pointed out that adjustment of military retirees pension to the rates of base pay of those in the active service pursuant to PD 1638 is not the only culprit that is causing the huge military retirement pension outlay. There are other several factors and several possible solutions to the problem, some requiring legislation, others mere executive action.

In the 16th Congress in Dec 2015, Senator Antonio F Trillanes IV introduced SB 3031 the main thrust of which is a provision that the retirement pension of the retired uniformed services personnel shall no longer be adjusted or indexed to the rates of pay of those in the active service. In the hearing, we expressed objection to that provision, emphasizing that any right or benefit being enjoyed under existing law should not be repealed or terminated, and we recommended that if such provision should be passed into law, it should be implemented prospectively and not retroactively. Other attendees agreed. Apparently convinced, Senator Trillanes later filed a substitute bill, SB 3088, providing that the controversial provision shall apply to the new entrants, those entering the uniformed services after the effectivity of the law. We agreed. It was passed on 2nd reading, but then it was overtaken by the adjournment of the 16th Congress.

If the present administration is thinking of how to address the so-called huge and increasing military retirement pension requirement, we suggest Congress, the Office of the President, and the DND-AFP leadership to consider the recommendations mentioned in our article titled "**Addressing the huge and increasing military retirement pension requirement**", published in the *Cavalier* magazine September-November, 2013 issue and reprinted in the July-August 2016 issue, in response to and as a possible input into studies being made by the present administration, to address increasing pension requirements of the armed services.

Back to the controversial EO 201, we appeal to President Duterte, whose heart is presumably bleeding for the military and police personnel, who are fighting and risking their lives and limbs for our country and people, especially in Marawi, to kindly amend the said Executive Order, as requested above, which would benefit not only the retired but also the active uniformed services personnel. 



Nurturing the Filipino strategic mindset

by Cav Francis D Alaurin'84

Two foreign policy decisions recently undertaken by Philippine governments have transformed the Filipino into a maturing global strategic actor and, arguably, one of the most important political entities of the contemporary times.

These decisions are retrospective of how modern foreign relations should be conducted and pursued in strengthening norms, rules of conduct and political intercourses between and among sovereign nations if they want the often pernicious 21st Century geopolitical competitions re-shaped, re-directed and effectively navigated in maintaining a peaceful, stable and prosperous world. These decisions are, likewise, reflective of how the innate intellectual virtues of the Filipinos have evolved in years, and, definitely, are hallmarks of a "good global citizen."

First is the January 23, 2013 filing of the arbitration case leading to the July 12, 2016 landmark UN Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling.

Seeking the intervention of the United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) was, indeed, the Filipino's unqualified commitment to a rules-based international system. Where the inviolability of our sovereignty and territoriality was being tested and compromised, we were clear on what rights are guaranteed under international laws, and which of such rights cannot be the object of negotiation or compromise. We asserted, as paramount to the integrity of our nation, that we be treated as sovereign equals with all states, regardless of their strategic heft, size, and geopolitical reach and influence. Seeking the international arbitration sets the limits of actions of each state on what "red lines" cannot be stepped on or transgressed.

The brief Scarborough Shoals standoff in April 2012 was the microcosm of the volatility of the larger South China Sea dispute. It highlighted 19 other violations of China since it occupied the Mischief Reef in 1995. Manila served Beijing and its Embassy in Manila a diplomatic protest for each of those violations, all of them being unanswered and ignored. It was not right for China to break agreements with the Philippines, that both their navies leave the Shoal to prevent further the escalation of the standoff only to return and occupy it up to this date. With more than a dozen Chinese ships tightening control of the Shoal, the Philippine government was more than convinced that all diplomatic remedies were exhausted. It resorted to seeking the arbitration of an international body, hoping to dissuade China from asserting its expansive nine-dash line claim.

The rest of the arbitration case and the affirmation of the international court of our sovereign rights in this contested region is history.

Foremost, the Philippine government pursued the PCA intervention as a test case of the efficacy of UNCLOS, ITCLOS, and other international laws, rules, principles, protocols and conventions founded on the belief that, if they cannot apply in the West Philippine Sea dispute, then, they cannot apply in any other maritime row in the globe. An abiding faith to these international laws, rules, principles, protocols and conventions

primed up our decision to seek legal remedies in spite of the repeated pronouncements from China that it was not taking part in the litigation of the case, more so, accept any PCA ruling.

Manila was aware of the political and economic costs that went with pursuing a legal loggerhead against economic giant China. The United States, a strong supporter and ally which could have peddled an outright influence to secure a decision favorable to the Philippines, made clear that it was staying neutral and not taking sides in the arbitration case. ASEAN likewise, was divided within itself, incapable of making a stand on the issue so much so that an opposition from Cambodia - which is not even a founding member of the bloc nor a party to the dispute, nor a recognized regional leader - was enough to block the passage of a consensus highlighting support for the UN-backed ruling against China's claims and militarization on the SCS.

The specter of international isolation awaited the Philippines for seeking judicial remedies against a rising global power. Not because it lacked the strength of merits on the case, but because, traditionally, political intercourse dictates that smaller nations are "only seen, not heard, can only be aligned with the bigger ones, not go against them."

While the outcome of the case was a legal milestone that further upholds the rights of all countries, parties and non-parties to disputes alike, what we pursued was not only to seek an international guarantee and protection of our rights. Neither was it intended only for the other claimant countries and the Filipino fishermen who lost their fishing grounds and livelihood, but, most importantly, for, according to Hugo Grotius in 1609, "mankind to which the oceans and seas belong."

Ours was a duty to the community of nations, the survival of humanity.

Second is the adoption of an independent foreign policy by the Duterte Administration.

This new policy direction veers away from more than a century of the Philippines' reliance to and vassalage of the United States. Moving from "right of center" towards the "center" upholds the fundamental precepts of a bilateral relation - peaceful, mutually beneficial, non-confrontational, and not directed against a third party. It makes one sovereign nation "an enemy of no one but a friend of all." President Duterte abandons old models of zero-sum games of power politics where the strength of one equates further to the insecurity of another. He chooses not to submit to the pervading realities of geopolitics that have kept nations in constant distrust, and led them to open armed conflict even when their national interests oppose it. He deviates from aiding further the marginalization of one rising power in favor of a dominant one he sees as would not even risk of going to war in defense of the Philippines, notwithstanding the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty. Verily, he puts an end to the RP-US combined military exercises that are intentionally held in disputed waters of the South China Sea, clearly an affront to China's territorial and sovereignty claim on it.

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Pagpapahalaga sa Wikang Pambansa

by Cav Fredelino S Bautista'66

Hanggang ngayon, marami pa rin ang tumatangi na magkaroon ng Pambansang Wika. Ang dahilan, ito raw ay base sa Tagalog na siyang ginagamit sa lalawigan ng Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite at Quezon. Hindi raw kailangan na magkaroon ng Pambansang Wika dahil mayaman ang ating bansa sa iba't-ibang wika, tulad ng Bisaya, Ilonggo, Waray, Ilocano, Kapangpangan, Maranao at iba pa. Isa pang argumento, hindi rin ito



Pangulong Manuel L. Quezon

nakapagbibigay ng pagkakaisa sa bansa.

May batayan ang kanilang di pagsang-ayon at matagal pa marahil bago matapos ang debate sa paksang ito. Ang mahalaga ay ipagpatuloy pa rin

ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino ang kanilang layunin na itinakda ng batas. Matatandaan na sa bisa ng Seksyon 6, Artikulo XIV ng Saligang Batas ng 1987 na pinatutupad ng Atas Tagapagpaganap Blg. 335 (Executive Order Nr. 335) na nilagdaan ng Pangulong Corazon Aquino noong Agosto 25, 1988, ang **Filipino** (masdan ang baybay), ang itinalagang Wikang Pambansa. Iniatas din ng batas na ito na dapat payabungin at itaguyod bilang medium ng opisyal na komunikasyon at wika sa sistemang pang-edukasyon.

Sa kabila ng di pagsang-ayon ng marami, mapapansin sa mga balita sa TV at radio, na kung saan, ang mga taong kinakapanayam ng mga reporter, bata man o matanda, sa ilang na pook o sa kabayanan, ang ginagamit na wika ay Filipino (Sa kongreso lamang marahil na higit na marami ang nagsasalita at sa mga silid-aralan ng Ingles).

Para sa dagdag kaalaman ng mga bumabasa ng sanaysay na ito, ang Wikang Pambansa ay hindi **Tagalog**, kundi **Filipino**. Ito ay pinayamang wika na kinabibilangan ng mga salita na hango sa iba't-ibang wika sa bansa. Huwag ding kalilimutan na ang Pangulong Manuel L Quezon na ipinanganak noong Agosto 19, 1878 sa Baler ang siyang kinilalang Ama ng Wika. 🇵🇭

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President Duterte has demonstrated how significantly impactful sovereign nations can become when they genuinely work on common interests and refuse being defined simply by the geopolitical duels and competitions of the bigger ones. He redirected the course of international relations towards what truly serves a regime of genuine peace, trust, cooperation, unity and stability, and defuses enduring global and tensions. He aimed for the destruction of the pervading consequences of a US-UN centric unipolar world, a tacit acknowledgment that the emergence of a new world order where the occurrence of multiple power centers is not far distant and remote, so that governments could diversify alliances and relationships, and freely articulate their agreements and disagreements.

These policy decisions have, without a doubt, elevated the Philippines in the stature of the global order. They effectively reigned on the two superpowers underpinning full respect to legal and diplomatic processes, and the preservation of international order founded on what is peaceful, fair and justiciable to all nations. What the Philippines demonstrated was a resolute boldness with complete disregard of what may have been unpopular for any government to risk about.

Today, the Philippines is no longer just seen, but heard, revered and respected.

These are foreign relations milestones that have shaped and redefined the contemporary Filipino mindset and, clearly, provided an understanding of himself. Reflecting on the following questions make the Filipino an active strategic actor, and better prepared for the 21st Century challenges:

Who is a Filipino? What constitute his mind? What makes him proud? What are the things important to him? Does he see himself in the same way others see him? What is he willing, or unwilling, to negotiate for? What will make him go to war? What makes him respected? Why would other nations trust him? What is his value-added to the contemporary regional and global order?

This should be the predominating mindset in the Philippine government's regular ASEAN engagements and even beyond the 2017 Philippine ASEAN Chairmanship. The challenge at hand remains dealing with a regional bloc that is divided against itself. We host the bloc's member states of divergent interests which cannot, fundamentally, keep to terms, particularly, on the most enduring security issue - the South China Sea - and continues to be a venue of major power's geopolitical contest. Today, the Philippines is well positioned to influence, if not demand, from the other member states similar foreign policy thrust, co-optation and performance to realize ASEAN's founding principles of "One Vision. One Identity. One Community." 🇵🇭

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Re-imagining PMA: ROTC units in state universities as PMA Extension Centers

by Cav Ronald Jess S Alcudia'93

Background

The Philippine Military Academy (PMA) is regarded as the premier military training institution in the country. PMA traces its roots to the short-lived *Academia Militar* that was established on October 25, 1898, and thereafter, the *Officer's School of the Philippine Constabulary* established on February 17, 1905 (The two forebear institutions were created for contrasting purposes. But that is another story.) The basis for the PMA, as it has been known since the Commonwealth era, is the National Defense Act (NDA) that was approved on December 21, 1935 of which Article IV, Section 30 mandated that *"There shall be established a military training school to be named the Philippine Military Academy, for the training of selected candidates for permanent commission in the Regular Force. The student body in the Military Academy shall be known as the Cadet Corps of the Army of the Philippines."*

Since the passage of the NDA more than 80 years ago, the Philippine military has faced the challenges which emerged after the Second World War. These are the Huk rebellion, decades of communist and Muslim separatist insurgencies, episodes of military adventurism, international peacekeeping commitments, and more recently, an active territorial dispute in the West Philippine Sea, a dormant territorial issue in North Borneo, southern tri-border security concerns and transnational terrorism, and the threat of Climate Change. Amidst this diverse range of security challenges, legislative moves to review and update the NDA has maintained the view of having a baccalaureate-degree granting PMA as the primary source of commissioned officers for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).¹

PMA, however, is facing many serious challenges to its mandate. In 2016, the Class of 2016 saw the smallest number of PMA graduates in 40 years with the commissioning of only 63 new officers. This has directly impacted on the ability of the AFP to increase the tempo of operations for Territorial Defense, Security and Stability and other Defense Mission Areas. Related to this, the complementary AFP officer recruitment programs have also been constrained with the implementation of R.A. 9163 or the

National Service Training Program Act of 2001 that made the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) optional and voluntary, a by-product of the AFP's own failure to invest in, and effectively manage the ROTC Program.

Of late, PMA and the entire AFP officer recruitment program are in the midst of major revamps as a result of Republic Act 10533, or the Basic Education Program of 2013 that changed the educational landscape of the country with the implementation of the K-to-12 program. In the current Duterte Administration, two recent developments will undoubtedly impact on the AFP's officer recruitment program. First is the planned return of the mandatory ROTC program in the Senior High Schools, and several bills are now pending in Congress. The second is more subtle but already identified as a challenge to the efforts of PMA to recruit the 'best and the brightest' from among the Filipino youth²— the pending Affordable Higher Education for All Act that will provide free college education in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Local Universities and Colleges (LUC) and government-run vocational schools.

With these challenges and the long overdue review of the NDA, this article aims to put forth the idea of an AFP officer recruitment and training scheme³ that departs from the PMA tradition and the ROTC program that we have been accustomed to. In summary, the concept merges the PMA's foundational Summer Camp and periodic summer training programs, the four-year academic training rigor of top performing Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and the officer development training of the Officer Candidate Course (OCC) and Officer Preparatory Course (OPC) programs. The proposal also offers a new recruitment option to develop and nurture well-rounded 21st century officers for both the AFP Regular and Reserve Forces.

Major Service Officer Recruitment Programs

Across the Major Services, there are three (3) sources of commissioned officers as briefly differentiated below:

<p>PMA</p>	<p>PMA is a Special Public Higher Education Institution¹ (HEI) where cadets undergo a four-year academic training program towards a general Bachelor of Science degree and an officer's commission. Military training is primarily conducted during the Summer Training Period (April to June) although Military Science subjects and Conduct are incorporated in every Academic Semester for Leadership, Character and Physical Development.</p>
<p>OCC</p>	<p>Officer candidates are baccalaureate degree graduates who undergo a 12-month officer training for commission as regular or reserve officers. ROTC is preferred but not required.</p>
<p>OPC</p>	<p>Entrants are Advance ROTC and baccalaureate program graduates who completed the four-month Probationary Officers Training Course (POTC) to gain commission as reserve officers. OPC is a six-month officer training program after a reserve officer is called to active duty.</p>

National Timeline for the Proposed AFP Officer Recruitment Program

Period	Activity/Event	AFP Actions
Preliminary	Memorandum of Agreement with selected State Universities (SUs) for an Enhanced ROTC Program	Develop and pass needed legislation Design the Off-Campus PMA Curriculum in conjunction with the Commission on Higher Education and SUs Develop, organize and establish ROTC Units in SUs as PMA Extension Centers (PMA-EC)
September-October	Entrance examination for selected State Universities Ex. UP College Admissions Test (UPCAT) in Oct 2017	To consider these examinations as equivalency for PMA Entrance Examination
December	Announcement of results of collegiate entrance examinations. Added consideration for initial selection: Student's Degree Program in relation to AFP human resource needs	Send invitation letters to selected incoming freshmen (with same basic qualifications as PMAEE examinees) to undergo Physical-Medical Exam (PME) at AFP Medical Center (or AFP Military Treatment Facilities or MTFs in the different regions)
January	Conduct of PME at AFPMC or AFP MTF	Ensure same medical, physical and neuro examination standards
January-March	Conduct of background investigation and other required clearances for all successful candidates	
February to March	Final selection of PMA cadets	Determine Service needs, projections, and regional distribution. Facilitate enrollment of all incoming PMA cadets in SUs where they are accepted.
<p><i>Note: PMA is studying the possible shift of its academic calendar from a June to March schedule to an August to May schedule to synchronize with the ASEAN academic calendar. In the PMA Superintendent's Report, the traditional April 1 reporting has forced incoming plebes (mostly college students) to cut short their 2nd Semester courses resulting in less 'academically-mature' fourthclass cadets. If this pushes through, the proposed scheme will enable PMA Extension Center cadets (Advance ROTC cadets) from the different regions to consolidate and undergo June -July Summer Camp Training activities in Fort Del Pilar or AFP Joint Training Areas.</i></p>		
Last week of April	Reporting to Fort Del Pilar	In-processing of all incoming PMA cadets
May to June	Eight-week Basic Citizens Military Training (BCMT)	Conduct BCMT. Successful completion – Basic ROTC graduate/AFP reservist
July 2018	Start of Academic Preparation Program in PMA. Continuous military indoctrination	Basic ROTC graduates now Advance ROTC cadets to be enlisted as E-3 and will receive pay and allowances as student incentive
3rd week of July	Reporting to respective SUs	Cadets to be under the administrative control of ROTC Units as PMA Extension Centers (PMA ECs)
August to December 4th CL Yr	1 st Academic Semester (Freshmen/ Plebe Year)	Appropriate Leadership, Character, Physical Development Program administered by ROTCU-PMA EC.
December -January	Semestral/Christmas break	Orientation Tour and AFP Unit visits.
January to May	2 nd Academic Semester (freshmen/ plebe year)	PMA cadets as Tactical Officers of the weekend mandatory Basic ROTC Training Program
June-July	Mid-Year Summer Military Training at Fort Del Pilar (or AFP Joint Training Areas)	Consolidate all cadets of a "class" to undergo the current PMA Cadet Summer Programs for 3CI, 2CI, 1CI.
<p><i>Subject to periodic assessments, qualified/promoted cadets will follow the August to December (1st Academic Semester); December to January (AFP unit visits); January to May (2nd Academic Semester) and June to July (Mid-Year Summer Military Training) schedule for the next three (3) years. Cadets will also perform expected roles as upperclassmen to the underclass cadets in the same campus</i></p>		
June (after completion of academic program)	Graduation from State University	Direct Commission of Advance ROTC graduates as a 2LT/Ensign in the AFP Reserve Force
July	One month academic break	
August to December	Conduct of Officer Preparatory Course (OPC) in Fort Del Pilar	Consolidate all new 2LTs/Ens then call to active duty to undergo OPC
January	Deployment to AFP units	

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Rationale

On the Academic Program. Excerpt from the PMA Superintendent's Report to the PMAAAI General Assembly 2017 – *“For many decades, PMA has banked on the premise of offering free education as a primary motivation of candidates. This may soon be challenged by the government's efforts to provide free education to all state universities and colleges. To pro-actively face this, PMA will have to offer a more competitive academic education, and other opportunities to project itself as a worthy destination of our country's best and brightest.”*

PMA's classification as a Special Public HEI empowers the PMA Academic Board to implement a curriculum that confers a Baccalaureate degree with less academic units compared to CHED-approved curricula in civilian HEIs. The previous grant of Academic Majors (i.e. BS Management, Engineering, ICS) to PMA cadets in the mid-1990's and early 2000 classes was discontinued for several reasons including discrepancies in the number of academic units completed for those pursuing Board examinations. Currently, with the four academic strands in Senior High Schools – Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM), Accountancy and Business Management (ABM), Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) and General Academic Strand (GAS) -, PMA will have to design a new PMA entrance qualification standard, and an inclusive curriculum that can cater to the four academic strands



instead of just one. At present, PMA graduates are conferred Bachelor of Science degrees Major in the management of major service (Army, Navy, Air Force) operations.

This proposal argues that outsourcing a competitive academic education provided by Philippine HEIs that have achieved international ranking status is a more cost-effective option to confer recognized baccalaureate degrees to PMA cadets.¹

On the Military Program. The current PMA professional military training covers character development, leadership, and physical training of the cadets. Well-supported ROTC Units in state universities as PMA Extension Centers led by a Commandant, tactical officers and NCOs who pass the same scrutiny as personnel assigned to PMA's Tactics Group can deliver quality training to these off-campus PMA cadets. Indeed, while the future and direction of the mandatory Basic ROTC program is still in the air, and the free college education in SUCs and LUCs will offer stiff competition to PMA recruitment, this proposed officer recruitment scheme through the Advance ROTC program in civilian public HEIs can offer something new, innovative and inspirational to high-potential and promising college students. Quality military training embedded in a university education

program that offers a direct path to an officer's commission will be an enticing proposition to attract the best and brightest from among the Filipino youth to want to join the AFP officer corps.

Moreover, for an Armed Forces that has been immersed in internal security throughout its history, the atmosphere and exposure afforded by a civilian university education will enable the prospective military officer to be more socially-aware of the causes and dynamics of Philippine historical conflicts. In the years ahead, awareness of the issues and social linkages developed with peers and contemporaries in the universities will enable the soldier to link with civil society and government bureaucracies to confront and address long-standing problems with public and private institutions, and within the framework of democratic processes.

On Cost Efficiency and the PMA Mission. This article will not go into the details of cost comparison between producing one PMA graduate vis-à-vis commissioning an officer through the ROTC, OCC or OPC programs. However, it will simply state that with the same budget allocation that produces less than 200 PMA graduates annually, the "Off-Campus Academy" scheme can generate almost four times the annual PMA output. From this greater number of commissioned officers, the AFP can implement an early transition scheme where company and field grade officers can transition from the Regular Force to the Reserve Force in order to populate AFP Ready Reserve Units with officers possessed



with active service and operational experience. The proposal, if adopted, will also address the long-neglected mandate of the AFP to develop its reserve forces as a critical component of the Citizen Armed Force, an off-shoot of generations of collective fixation with the Commonwealth-era PMA concept.

While others may see this scheme as comparing apples and oranges, arguably, the preservation of PMA as the bastion of the Philippine military elite came at the cost of a level professional playing field, healthy competition and senior rank diversity within the AFP Officer Corps, and a credible Citizen Armed Force.

Conclusion

This paper proposes an alternative solution to the perennial problems of declining or erratic success rate that has led the PMA to fall short in providing the sufficient number of commissioned officers for the AFP. It also seeks to challenge the long-held view that the cloistered, generalist, 'jack-of-all-trades-master-of-none' Bachelor of Science PMA remains to be the relevant template to develop and nurture the 21st century AFP officer.

In closing, this article will quote from the submission entitled "“Outline of a Proposed Revised ROTC Program” by then Major

Some historical notes: a tribute to heroes

By Cav Crisogono R Francisco '68

Independence Day Celebration

The 119th Independence Day celebration of our country on June 12, 2017 was an event that shall not be forgotten in contrast to past celebrations. The center of celebration was in Marawi City which has been devastated by Muslim terrorists who claim allegiance to the ISIS. The city, although partially recovered by the combined forces of the government, is far from being completely under control. It would take a long time to put it back to its original state after so much damage in terms of lives and destructions. The nation mourns the loss of lives of soldiers, police, government forces, and civilians who were made hostages and killed in the crossfire. These are unquantifiable damages not only in terms of lives and properties but on our honor as a nation and people. The Commonwealth President Manuel Luis Quezon emphatically pronounced that "he is not fit to live without honor. A person who has no concept of honor, not knowing that honor is above material life must never wear the uniform of a soldier...". The late Secretary of National Defense, Angelo T. Reyes also clearly said that "death is bigger than life without honor". How much more for a nation; because a nation that has no honor is not worth existing on the face of the earth and is doomed to be enslaved by foreign powers.

These words of wisdom we have to remember in our present generation. It is our task to instill among the coming generations the great sacrifices of our heroes to make this country free from foreign domination. But foremost, we should be wary of the enemies from within. Dangerous ideologies are now allowed to breed and multiply in our very accommodating and compromising society where there is a very fanatical obsession for freedom of expression and open market of ideas.

All able-bodied citizens are soldiers as mandated by our constitution; the defense of the state is a prime duty of the government and all citizens are required to render personal, military, community or civil service. Our reservists must be harnessed for national defense and security especially in times when the very foundations of our democracy are in danger. They must remain organized and ready at all times for deployment in support of the regular forces. Our national leaders must lead the efforts to make the armed forces capable of defending our country and sovereignty. Those who think they are real patriots should go to the countryside where people are terrorized by threat forces (for example, Marawi City) and be of help, in ways more than one. The crusade for a genuine nationalism must start from early grades toward the secondary and higher levels of education where the ROTC curriculum may be included once again, and where love of country may be developed. Even those who are exempted from physical training must undergo the classroom instructions about military duties. It is very important to imbibe in the mind a genuine love of country.

Some Historical Flashbacks


While we now recognize June 12, 1898 as our Independence Day, it was earlier than this date when the revolutionary hero Andres Bonifacio first proclaimed our independence from Spain in 1896. The Katipunan, a secret society, was established by Bonifacio in July 1892. No eloquent words can describe the level of sacrifice of our early heroes. History to some extent has been adulterated to hide the truth including the severe infighting and struggle for power that led to the assassination of our heroes like Bonifacio and General Antonio Luna. According to some undocumented historical records, Bonifacio and his brother Procopio were sentenced to death by a kangaroo court of General Emilio Aguinaldo. Before he was killed and his body mutilated, his wife was allegedly repeatedly raped by the men of Aguinaldo before his eyes. The same fate also happened to General Luna who was then the commander of the revolutionary forces under Aguinaldo. General Luna was also assassinated by the latter's men. What were the real reasons? These should be the concern of present day historians – unravel the truth. This was the picture of disunity that characterized our early struggles for freedom more than a century ago.

Likewise, we recall another Filipino patriot, Diego Silang who first proclaimed Ilocandia independent from Spain. His very own close associate and friend, Miguel Vicos and some associates killed him right at his house in Vigan, Ilocos. The rest is history; his widow Gabriela Silang continued to lead the revolt. In Aklan, General Francisco Del Castillo, the commander of the Katipuneros who attacked the Spanish garrison in Kalibo in 1897 was assassinated by Illicito Moises, a local Filipino sacristan who was hired by the friars to kill him. Moises, the assassin was believed to have discovered the 'anting-anting' or amulet of Del Castillo. He lived up to 95 years of age. His tomb is located in the cemetery of Banga, Aklan.

The Country is at War

The on-going fighting in Marawi City and other parts of Mindanao is not an intramural game of warfare. The defense and security sectors declared it as an open rebellion with features of invasion by a foreign power which constrained the President to declare Martial Law in Mindanao. Expectedly, there are elements in government composed of grandstanding politicians and left-leaning groups who are against the decision. By contesting the declaration of Martial Law, they are in effect giving morale support to the enemy. How about the Human Rights Commission? Has it denounced the atrocities of the Maute and ISIS terrorist groups? In times of war, giving aid and comfort to the enemy is high treason punishable by death.

The United States, although not invited to help, has done what is right to extend assistance to an ally. We have an existing mutual defense treaty. The US in many occasions declared that it is committed to this treaty. To help fight very dangerous international terrorists like the ISIS has become a united effort of civilized nations. Commitment to the provisions of a treaty

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is tested in times of crisis. Our allies and friends will respect us if we honor our treaty obligations. President Duterte has the distinction of garnering the highest plurality of votes in presidential elections. Even before he took his oath of office, he had already expectations of what the opposition would do during his term of office. In the crisis the country is facing now, in the fight against illegal drugs, criminality and corruption, he deserves the support, not only of the people who voted for him, but all Filipinos.

Remembering our Heroes

At this time of severe crisis, we are reminded by the treatise of Thomas Paine entitled, "The Crisis". Thomas Paine is considered the father of the American revolution in 1776 where many Americans were on the side of colonial master England. **He said: "These are the times that try men's soul. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman..."**

We have seen and witnessed the honors and recognition of casualties of our soldiers, police, government forces, civilians and families right in Marawi City where Independence Day was celebrated on June 12, 2017. Words cannot fully express our sentiments and admiration of their heroism. This was a very significant occasion but a sad celebration of our Independence Day. Those who fought there, are the real heroes and heroines

on the ground, not demagogues and those who opposed the government's move to resort to drastic measures to confront a drastic situation in false defense of democracy, freedom and human rights. It is difficult to distinguish a traitor-villain from a patriot, because a villain can use the power of rhetorics to make evil deeds appear glorious and beautiful. Indeed, a demagogue is an agent of the devil and spokesperson of international terrorism.



And who is a great citizen and patriot? The bible has spoken: the person who offers his/her life to save a soul is the greatest. Our Marawi heroes and heroines are the greatest; they deserve the love of every God believing Filipino. 🇵🇭

Editor's notes. This article is an extract of a longer work submitted by the author, which was edited for space.

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Emmanuel Martin PA in 2000:

"... It will take time for people to seriously consider this but the advantages will be tremendous. Aside from the enormous savings for the Government and PMA, it will integrate the officer corps of the AFP as it has never been integrated before without sacrificing the individuality of the different ROTC schools. We can liken this revised program to a tree, with the roots composing the people, specifically, the studentry. The trunk is the Revised ROTC Program, providing a unifying training system from which the branches will emerge, representing the different branches of the military service. If implemented, it will no longer matter whether you are a graduate of the PMA, ROTC, Flying School or PMMA. Because all of you came from the same source --- the revised ROTC Program. The perceived discrimination being felt by some officers will, to a great degree, be eliminated or minimized. Truly, this is the epitome of the old saying, "Unity in Diversity" ("Pagkakaisa sa Pagkakaiba"). 🇵🇭

End notes

¹ There are two bills filed in the 17th Congress that seek to update the NDA of 1935, both with exactly the same provision as regards PMA. In Section 63 of Senate Bill Nr 675 authored by Senator Jinggoy Estrada, and in Section 53 of House Bill Nr 1255 authored by Rep. Ruffly Biazon, "The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall operate the Philippine Military Academy that shall provide the formative education for cadets chosen to become career military officers."

² Superintendent's Report to the PMAAAI Annual Convention, 25 January 2017. Another challenge identified is the "...increasing attractiveness of para-military academies because of the financial privileges and the quality education that they offer to their students."

³ Writer's Note: This idea is not original but is derived from three previous concept papers

a) "Outline of a Proposed Revised ROTC Program" by Major Emmanuel C Martin PA in 2000;

b) "DND-AFP, UP, UPVI ROTC Pilot Project Concept Paper" by Vgd Roland Rodil in 2006; and

c) "An Off-Campus Military Academy" by BGen Fredelino Bautista AFP (Ret), Cavalier Magazine, Sept. 2012.

(Editor's note: This study was submitted to J1, J8 and J3 in 1997 before it was published in the Cavalier Magazine in Sept. 2012)

⁴ **Special Public HEI (SP)** - A category of public organizations offering higher education programs related to public service in pursuance of the basic mandates of their parent agencies, and are operated and controlled in accordance with special laws that created them. They provide special academic, research and technical assistance programs such as public/business management, internal security, military science, and national defense [Commission on Higher Education (CHED), 2008].

⁵ See 2017 Philippine University Ranking and League Table, accessed at <http://www.4icu.org/ph/>. Among the factors that impede the PMA aspiration of providing a competitive academic education are budget constraints, slow process for curriculum development and relatively low compensation of highly competitive professors. See also "An Off-Campus Academy" by BGen Fredelino Bautista AFP (Ret) in 2013.

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CLASS CALL

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

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



MM VILLAMOR
President

Most often we tend to honor the dead than the living. This is understandable knowing our culture, our sensitivity or sense of humanity to share the burden of grief of the deceased family, and an unwritten code not to write or say anything adverse to the deceased.

For a change only for the class call, I will feature the eleven surviving original BANATS to let the whole world know who and what they were in both their professional and personal lives. I don't believe in eulogies, I would rather pay my tribute to them while they are still living.

I regret that I couldn't include the adopted and associate members of class '51. I lack the capability to research, interview, or tap the internet. In featuring only the "origs", I will just extract the information from the three publications of the class – "The Sword of 1951", "The Silver Sword" and "The Golden Sword".

As a format, I will write the forecast of the man as published in the yearbook and what he was 25 years and 50 years after graduation, respectively.

Fortunato Abat y Ubuñgen
The Forecast

"Tony", that's how they call him! He is that kind of a guy who easily finds his way into the winding trail that leads directly into one's heart and women too, although, his nature would certainly revolt at that additional 'necessary' remarks.

Humble – shy in a sense – capable of doing big things from little beginnings – that's him. His smiles are rare as ever, but when they show on his face, they usually

succeed in charming even the most stubborn of his radical subordinates.

Before he entered his twentieth year, he already could boast of a few years of experience in the battlefield having played the role of a guerilla during the war. Indeed – it is too much to say that Tony is a self-made man with a promising future – gained alone by his grim effort and determination to make good. "

From the "Golden Sword" – The Man, 50 Years and After (In his own narration)

"I returned from the military service in March in 1981. I was recalled to serve in the Ministry of Human Settlements as Deputy General Manager for Mindanao of the Human Settlements Development Corporation from July 1981 to March 1982, continued on as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China up to April 1986 and then retired again. I was called back to government as Administrator of Veterans Affairs in September 1986, appointed Undersecretary of National Defense in February 1987, reposted in 1989 as Deputy Director General of the National Security Council where I retired again in December 1990. Then I joined Miriam Santiago's Movement for Responsible Public Service which later became the People's Reform Party under which I ran for the Senate in 1992 and lost. In July 1994, President Ramos recalled me to chair the government panel negotiating with the military rebels, and concurrently in October 1996 to chair the panel to monitor the implementation of the GRP-MNLF Agreement of September 1996 and to handle the talks with the MILF. I relinquished my chairmanships in the peace process when I assumed the Defense Portfolio in 1997."

Again, for limitation in space, I could not include his equally colorful and outstanding military service. It is sufficient to say that his last military assignment was as Commanding General Philippine Army.

Now, for the Morning Report – No

death, no sick call, no birth, percent PWD-99.

Myrna Aguirre celebrated the first year anniversary of Apin's death on 5 June 2017 at her residence in Ayala Alabang with a mass and sumptuous dinner. Only 2 couples of '51 attended. Mike and Tess Villamor, and Jes and Lily Dizon.

– JT DIZON



GR VIGILAR
President

DS MENDOZA
Secretary

With deep sadness, we report the passing of Mariano "Nano" Imperial. He was hospitalized a month ago for a bout with pneumonia, but was sent home after a few days. He suffered a series of seemingly minor strokes shortly afterwards, was in a coma for about a week, and passed away peacefully on 19 July 2017. He was cremated at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat, after mass and the rendering of full military honors on 23 July 2017. Nano is survived by his wife, Minda Orteza Tiangco, their seven children, 17 grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Nano was an honorary member of the Class of 1952, and was a very active member in practically all CI'52 activities. He had a very colorful service record. After obtaining an AA & BS Commerce degree at Ateneo de Naga, he passed the Co Officers Course, Intelligence School, Ranger and Basic Airborne Training, Command and General Staff College (Ft Bonifacio), Civil Defense College (Battle Creek, MI), International Defense and Resource Management course (US Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, CA).

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Star, Bronze Cross w/one Anahaw Leaf, Wounded Personnel Medal, Military Commendation Medal, Long Service Medal with four clusters, and Campaign Medals for the Mindanao-Sulu and Central Luzon Anti-Dissident Campaigns. He also was awarded the Presidential Plaque of Merit, the Presidential Unit Citation Badge, the US Parachutist Badge and the Republic of China Parachutist Badge.

He served with the Presidential Guard Battalion; was Special Assistant to the Deputy Director General of the Presidential

Economic Staff; Senior Military Assistant/Aide-de-Camp to the USEC, DND; Senior Military Assistant of the Executive Secretary, Office of the President. He served as Deputy Zone Commander, IV PC Zone; Deputy Regional Commander, PC/INP Recom 9; Group Commander, Civil Relations and Information Group; Deputy Chief of Constabulary, PC.

Upon retirement, he was VP for Management Services, Philippine Aerospace Development Corp; President, Galaxy Development and Management Corp; and President, First Imperial Rent-a-Car Inc.

PMA CI' 52 loses one of its stalwart members with Nano's passing. We salute you, Nano, and may you rest in peace.

Except for Nano's passing, there is no change in our class morning report. We presume everybody is as healthy as they were the last time.



SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

Necrological Services

The necrological service for the late Virgilio "Guzzie" de Guzman, who died on 27 May 2017, was held

at the Loyola Marikina mortuary in the evening of 30 May. Among the speakers were class vice president Johnny Sanchez and Ros Alquiza.

The other members of the class present were Buddy Mison, Abe Baladad, Poncing Allanigue and Rene Tanseco. The ladies present were Grace Alcaneses, Pilar Sanchez, Mila Tanseco and Vangie Rivera.

Ros, the treasurer, gave to the widow Lynn P70,000 as the abuloy from the Class 55 Foundation, plus P5,000 as additional medical assistance. Actually, the abuloy from the Foundation is P100,000, but Guzzie had gotten P30,000 as advance.

Almost two months later, Moy Rivera, who had been confined at the VMCMC for more than a year, passed away on 14 July. A necro service was held at the LNMB mortuary on 16 July, with Muni Munoz and DQ de Guzman among the speakers. Ms Siony Mendoza, one of the PAGCOR employees who worked under Moy, disclosed on how Moy had inspired her and other employees to work hard with efficiency and integrity. Moy worked with PAGCOR for almost 20 years, first as head of security department, then as branch manager of Casino Filipino in Olongapo and in Angeles and finally as consultant to the PAGCOR chairman. Ros acted as the emcee. On the following day, Moy was finally laid to rest

Other than the speakers, present during the necro were Buddy and Lone, Johnny and Pilar, Rene and Mila, Abe, Zeny, Grace, Estel Silva and Norma Padiernos. During the interment the following day, only Buddy, Muni, Rene and Ros were present, with Pilar, Grace, Terry and Remy Facto and daughter.

With the passing of Guzzie last May and Moy in July, there are now only 17 surviving members of the class – one in New York, another in Iloilo City and 15 in Metro Manila, one of whom commutes between Gerona and Pasig..

On class gatherings

Johnny invited the class, their ladies and the 2nd generation to his birthday party last 25 June. It was held at the Aruga Restaurant at the Rockwell Center in Makati. His guests were headed by former senator Johnny Ponce Enrile. Other guests were classmates and their ladies, Buddy and Lone, DQ and Zeny, Betong and Maudie, Rene and Mila, Romy and Georgie, Poncing, Porfing, Lolit, Ondette, Gigi and Ros. From the second gen were RJ and Teena, Binky and Levi, Leo and Didi, Teng, and Minjo. From Johnny's family were wife Pilar and children Lubang mayor Bobby and Carol.

The July gathering hosted by Betong and Maudie was held on the 16th supposedly at the Golden Sky (new name for Federal) restaurant, but was moved to the LNMB mortuary, where Moy was lying in estate. Ten members of the class and their ladies were there to also pay their respects to Moy, namely: other than the hosts, Buddy and Lone, Johnny and Pilar, Muni, DQ and Zeny, Abe, Rene and Mila, Romy and Georgie, Poncing and Ros. Other ladies were Sally Aceo, Joven Cordero, Remy Facto, Letty Jotie, and Gigi Zaide. And the second gen members were Binky and Levi, Leo and Babot, RJ, Aaron and Minjo. Widow Vangie and the children of Moy, namely: Ricky, Mark, Dean Carlo and Gem, and other relatives were on hand to welcome the guests. The lone daughter of Moy, Joy, arrived from the States in time for the necro the following day.

The next class gatherings will be on 20 August to be hosted by Ros and on 10 September by class prexy Buddy. Most likely, the venue will be at Golden Sky restaurant. /raa



Lunch at LNMB



Johnny's party at Aruga



With Rod Gutang and Joe Bello passing away early this year, there are now only 23 left out of the original 54 (including 2 from USNA and 1 from USMA) comprising the class roster. Of the 23, 5 could not attend the regular class socials scheduled for April, August and December annually due to the far distance of their residence from Manila (Fil Arevalo in Baguio, Al Neis in Cebu and Danny Pantaleon in USA) and 2 are confined in quarters due to heart problems (lover boys Ralph Mangonon and Rod Ordoyo in QC). All living members of the class have their own respective residencies now emptied of children and are mostly living alone in the same way that they had started their families. The oldest survivors at 87 years are Mike Aparri, Rudy Tolentino, the Athletic Saber awardee of the class now moving in a wheel chair and Ching Corachea, still playing 18-holes golf weekly. At 83 to 87 years old, all kinds of maladies are presently being encountered which should aptly be dubbed as the last war of 56, the struggle to move on against all odds to survive!

The 18 active members of the class are living in residences in the MM area with 10 in QC (Tolentino, Corachea, Mateo, Lukban, Macabasco, Malto, Manlongat, Lazo, Farolan and Fernando) 3 in Muntinlupa (David, Goyena and Lara),

2 in Taguig (Aparri and Villanueva) and 1 each in Pasig (Paiso), Antipolo (Canalita) and Mandaluyong(Almonte). Only 5(Corachea, David, Goyena, Malto and Paiso) are still engaged in class athletics by regularly playing 18-holes golf every Wednesday, alternately at the PN and Camp Aguinaldo Golf Courses and to connive during lunch. In fact, the group, tired of taking "ala Loakan mongo stew" lunch at the golf clubs are now roaming around the restaurants in Greenhills and Global City for a change in the menu.

CCAFP-wise, the survival rates of the original 51 grads are: Alpha Co.- 3 of 11 or 27% (Aparri, Goyena and Pantaleon); Bravo- 8 of 13 or 62% (Corachea, Malto, Manlongat, Mangonon, Neis, Lara, Paiso and Villanueva); Charlie -7 of 13 or 54% (Arevalo, Canalita, Lazo, Lukban, Mateo, Makabasco, and Ordoyo); and Delta- 5 of 14 or 36%(Almonte, David, Farolan, Fernando and Tolentino). Notably, the shorter men of the class from Bravo and Charlie Cos. are sturdier and abler survivors than the taller ones from Alpha and Delta.

AFP-wise, the survival rates are: PA- 10 of 28 or 36%; PC- 6 of 12 or 50%; PN - 2 of 7 or 29 % and PAF -4 of 7 or 57%. It appears that the safest service is the PAF due perhaps to the few planes available during their time which allowed our mistahs to fly balls in the golf courses in all their major air bases. The PN seemed to be the most hazardous service but none of our mistahs died or drown at sea. All of them died inland after retirement, including Allen Barlaan whose cadaver remain entombed in the earthquake-

ruined 5-star Hyatt Regency hotel in Baguio, where he was serving as the chief security officer of PAGCOR.

Of the 52 wives (Cesar Ignacio and Carolino Encarnacion died as bachelors),only 6 (Mimi Deveras, Tess Fernando, Lolly Paiso, Linda Ribo , Ellen Laroya and Puring Santos) had passed away leaving 46 still alive, 25 of which are already widows. Only 10 of them(Cecile Ampig, Mila Barlaan, Minda Bello, Tess Calip, Nita Canieso, Lory Galang, Nelia Lopez, Lily Pio Roda, Juliet Suarez and Plet Brillantes) are actively participating in class affairs. Like their male counterparts, the ladies are also suffering from all kinds of old age maladies. To heighten their attendance in class affairs, the class had approved their request that good food, better than those served in their households and sit-down lunches be prepared. It's already agonizing for them to stand, queue, select their food in buffet tables and bring the plateful of food back to their seats.

To test his driving skills not in the golf course but in motor vehicles, Boy Paiso recently drove his car (accompanied by his son Gerry, a PAL regional pilot, to insure that he didn't fall asleep) from his place at Pasig to Ormoc City in Leyte to inspect their farm and returned to their residence thereafter. Quite a daring feat for a 83 year old guy.

Levy and Nora Malto with 3 children and 4 apos went on a short trip toTokyo, Japan on 7-11 July to feel the onset of summer there and observe the Japanese work force swarming like bees in and out of the metro area during work days.



Class fellowship lunch meeting (17 Jul 2017)

DEL ABAYA reiterated his oft-repeated suggestion that we should have a monthly class lunch meeting, so we agreed to have the July meeting on 17 July at the Makati Shangri-La. Seven Mistahs confirmed but only 5 showed up: DEL ABAYA. CHUCK AGUSTIN, BUSTER ARRASTIA, EDDIE GARCIA and NICK FESTIN. BENNY LOMOTAN and MAX DUMLAO



(who was also trying to convince PABLING ONG and MANING DIZON to join, missed the event although they were originally confirmed. Benny got the date confused while Max had a conflict with church

activity. Charge to senior moments. Max did text EDDIE that he would try to make it next time.

ART CASTRO is checked in at VMMC per EDDIE GARCIA. Art is a little reclusive

but Eddie is positive that he is OK. We pray and hope that Art will get well soon.

JESS ALCORDO was out of town and RONNIE BACCAY replied by asking that his greetings and well wishes be relayed to all the Mistahs but that he could not leave Cebu and that is understandable. ANDREW FRANCISCO, meanwhile left for the US with Carmel the previous week for the regular visit to kids and grandkids in Colorado and elsewhere.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2018

We have reserved 8 rooms for the 2018 PMA Alumni Homecoming. Unfortunately, it is not at JH Manor but at Microtel. We will do better in the next one.

Those interested to attend please inform Chuck ASAP so we can determine if we need to increase the number of rooms. The Class of 1958 will have their 60th next year and we follow in 2019 so that is something we need to plan for in advance as well.




OB SALIENTES
President
MP PANES JR
Secretary

Orly and Inday Salientes just arrived from a trip abroad. Orly's experience should be a lesson for all old fogeys who travel aabroad. Orly had some sort of medical problem that the attending doctor had him confined in the hospital against his wishes. The medical bill was quite hefty. Fortunately they bought Blue Cross insurance. Should you travel abroad please bother to buy medical insurance. Your medical problem may not kill you but the your medical bills will !

The class trip to Matabungkay and Fortune Island offered by Tony Leviste did not push through for the second time. Personally it is telling me to forget about it. Many years ago just after I retired we planned a vacation for Jenny's parents at Amanpulo. Her father got sick on the day of our departure. We planned another trip. Again her father got sick. That's it. We never went. A third try was tempting the Fates. Just the same we thank Tony Leviste for his kind invitation. As an aide, his daughter the equestrienne Toni Leviste is back on the saddle. It her life's ambition to

win the first gold medal for the Philippines in the Olympics. We wish her luck.

12 July 2017. Niu Vikings Retaurant, SM Aura, BGC. The class treated Julpha Maniquiz and Lenny Balbas to lunch. It happened to be Julpha's birthday too. Since Myrna Apolinario happens to fall on July too, both had free meals. In attendance were Loven and Jenny, Pong and Jessie, Orly and Inday with grandson Enzo, Jun and Lenny Balbas, Tony Leviste, Ike Reconquista, Juliet Yap, Lina Fajardo, Chit Paredes and Myrna Apolinario. Julpha was with her granddaughter Chamina who is seeing the Philippines for the first time.

Eryn Laforteza, the daughter of Lafo and Malou is now a rated commercial pilot. She is now in South Korea checking out as a co-pilot in PAL's newest plane the Boeing 777. We wish her all the luck in her new career. Lafo must be smiling in Heaven.

Sting Cariño is abroad again visiting his daughters and grandchildren. His new house is not finished yet.

Julpha Maniquiz is accompanied by her granddaughter Chamina (I hope I spelled it right). She wants to acquaint her with her Ilocano roots.

JOKE TIME. A wife of a classmate asked Jenny her secret about her flawless skin. Jenny said she uses Vitamin E cream. She misunderstood it to be Vitamin A. She

complained that it is not working for her. Of course not. E not A. Ha Ha Ha.

Orly is again exhorting everybody to prepare for our diamond jubilee. Since we got a hefty amount in our pension differentials, he wants everybody to chip in 10,000 pesos NOW to our class fund. Should you be unable to attend the diamond jubilee, the 10,000 pesos will be refunded to you.

Loven C Abadia'60



ET TAN JR
President
ET CABANLIG
Secretary

Our class reporrter wishes to apologize for the oversight in our May-June class call where the class was caught "sleeping on post." The draft on the report was hand written but your reporter forgot to encode it in the computer. All the time he thought that it was e-mailed to the Cavalier editorial staff. Lesson learned is not to expect much from a 79 year old reporter as "father time" has caught up with him. What was featured in that post was the joint birthday party of

Pong and Monchie Biazon that was held in a restaurant at the SM Mall in Las Pinas City. Those who came to express their best wishes to were, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Ernie and Beng Tan, Ed and Claire Domingo, Ray and Xenia Jarque, Manny and Yayat Lukban, Liby and Nining Manuel, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Eddie and Lina Cabanlig, Jorge and Auring Lagera and Tony and Mar Suratos. Those who came stag were Nick Rodriguez and Limon Agustin. The widows present were Dolly Nazareno, Fely Codera and Flor Marcelo.

Nick Rodriguez had just arrived from a long vacation in the United States. We asked his daughter if he was on "Apostolic Mission" but were told that he was sent by his children to keep him out of trouble. The food served was a welcome to him as it was wholly Filipino." Present also was the son of Pong and Monchie, Rino, who came all the way from Canada to wish them on that special milestone in their life. Billy and Flor Marcelo's son Sam was also present and savored heartily on the food served.

The daughter of Vic Escala called up to inform the class of his untimely demise on the early morning of Sunday, May 28, 2017. The cause of his death was Cardiac Arrest. Untimely indeed because he just played a round of golf two days before. Ed Cabanlig was not feeling well on that Friday morning and called up the group to cancel the usual Friday fellowship. Vic felt uneasy for not being able to play so he called up Vic Mamon asking if they could play. They did play that morning without any

unusual incident. In fact, Vic Escala saw his doctor in the afternoon for his scheduled consultation. Again, nothing was found unusual. Divine checked her had the next morning and found him lifeless.

His remains initially was laid to rest in state at Saint Peters Mortuary in Noveleta, Cavite. Immediately, Vic Mamon paid his respects on Monday, May 29, 2017 as he felt guilt for playing golf with him. Manny also paid his respects that day. He has a special fondness for Vic Escala because they were roommates in the Academy and he was relieved by the latter as the regimental Operations and Training officer of the Corps. The next day Vic's golf mates Ed Cabanlig and Bert Rodriguez paid their respects and coordinated with the family the planned Necrological Services on Sunday, June 4, 2017.

The Necrological Service was held as scheduled at the Philippine Navy Chapel in Fort Bonifacio. Those Present in the event were Ding and Lucy Simon, Tony and Mar Suratos, Jorge and Auring Lagera, Manny and Yayat Lukban, Vic and Biyette Mamon, Gerry and Ching Estrada, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Liby and Nining Manuel, Ed and Claire Domingo, Ernie and Beng Tan, Pong and Monchie Biazon, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Rey and Xenia Jarque and Alex and Chit Aguirre. Those who came alone were Nick Rodriguez, Limon Agustin, Cesar Fortuno and Zaldy Ventura. The widows who attended were Flor Marcelo, Dolly Nazareno, Babe Payaoan and Linda Villanueva.

Ernie Tan paid tribute to Vic Escala as a loyal member of the class who exuded remarkable spirit to attain class unity. His presence in almost all activity will certainly be missed by the class. Pong on the other hand highlighted Vic's professionalism as a worthy Navy Officer. He commanded major commissioned ships of the Philippine Navy in many challenging situations in his career. He also was able to succeed in saving his ships in the worst typhoon while sailing on the West Philippine Sea while serving the Marines deployed in the Kalayaan Island Group. Lastly, Ed Cabanlig covered the mundane aspect of his life. Sports to Vic is a serious undertaking which he pursued up to his last breath. After the services, guests were treated to a hearty dinner prepared by Flor Marcelo and Beng Tan. We were expecting a light snack but our able coordinator served a wonderful and delightful dinner.

The golfers in the Class will surely miss Vic. He was never absent in all our games. Even if he lives in Novelta, Cavite he almost always arrived first. He arranged for our breakfast after the first nine holes and our "halo-halo" merienda after the 18th hole. The golf fellowship is left with 3 players. Vic Mamon left for Canada to be with his family. He said he will return next year after ensuring that his status as a Canadian resident is assured. The standing rule is that if we cannot gather 3 players for a game, our schedule is automatically cancelled.



REMEMBERING ORLY SORIANO

Orly has been gone for a year. But it would seem that he has never left us. He was the guy who was everyone's friend – among his classmates, with fellow Cavaliers, and with his seniors and subordinates in the Army. Last 24 May, classmates and military associates again gathered together during the commemoration of his first death anniversary to recall the man. Mau Soriano's invitation was for lunch at the PA Officers Club at Fort Bonifacio.

The affair started with a holy mass at 11:30. Thereafter a sumptuous lunch designed for seniors was served. The affair served to be another fellowship gathering for the class. We counted twenty classmates and/or ladies who joined Mau and family in remembering Orly. We had class president Nano Mariano and Lolit, Budge and Alma Madamba, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Roger and Hedy Luis, Manny and Beth Salimbangon, James and Vicky Ramon, Benjie Valenton, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Alex and Lorna Bacalla, Quintin and Luz Alcludia, Divine and Marian Divinagracia, Freddie and Methy Filler, Ernie and Hazel Dauz, Romy and Linda Meana, Glo Adiong, Mara Enrile, Felix Tong, Mau Evangelista, Rene Motus, and Dave Alimorong. Among the friends, peers, and fellow officers who came to the

gathering were Generals Jose Magno, Boysie Braganza, and Romy Dominguez.

FLASHBACK

"In the series of Class officers meetings since the year started, one of the main agenda was the revival of the quarterly gathering (Lunch or Dinner as the case maybe) which in previous years was hosted by the birthday/wedding anniversary celebrants of the quarter. Various opinions, observations and suggestions were discussed and finally the conclusion was "revive the quarterly gathering (renamed fellowship) on a KKB scheme"

Thus it was that we celebrated the 1st quarter fellowship. Whoa!! Nano hosted it because it gived with his birthday, March 25, and a day before our class Emerald anniversary. (so libre pa rin tayo. He he)"



Seated near the center attired in dark blue is Dr. Gerrie Mariano, the Guest Speaker of our 2nd Quarter Fellowship Party who talked on "Stroke Awareness".

END OF FLASHBACK

Our second quarter fellowship lunch was held on June 10 at the Lakambini hall, AFPCOC. Due to faulty dissemination of information regarding the affair (kasalanan ng class secretary) many of our classmates were not able to attend. It was a sumptuous lunch and we had a Guest Speaker in the person of Ms Geraldine Mariano, a top notch practicing neurologist (she had speaking engagements not only

in the country but internationally as well) Her topic was "stroke awareness". We learned so many things about what is considered one of the leading causes of death everywhere. After her presentation, Geraldine being an elusive bachelorette, Amaury dubbed her "the sweetheart" of Class 1962 and presented her with our Class '62 pin. (naalaala pa ba ninyo?)

Amaury also announced that Geraldine can be consulted by members of

the Class and their loved ones "pro bono" or at very minimal cost if at all.

The roll call on this occasion is as follows: Nano & Lolit; Quintin & Luz; Joe & Marian Divinagracia; Romy & Linda Meana; Joel & Rio; Glo Fernandez, Manny Salimbangon, Charlie, Paco, Amaury & Ray; Geraldine Mariano (Guest Speaker) and Mr Santos (escort of GOHS).

Whoa!! (again) Amaury paid for the lunch, I don't know if he is going to charge or collect from us. (sana makalimutan na niya.)

A sizeable number of our classmates also attended a very special presentation on the "Government's Peace Talk with the MILF & CPP/NPA/NDF" during the AGFO fellowship on June 22, at the AGFO Social Hall. The GOHS was none other than the Honorable Secretary Jesus G Dureza, the Presidential adviser on the peace process.

The roll call on this occasion is as follows: Nano, Kintin, Charlie, Paco, Manny Salimbangon, Pengot, Joel, Rene Candones, Freddie, Willy, Mitch, Dave and Ray.



GR RUIZ
President
RLP EBRO
Secretary

Greetings from the PMA MATINDI CLASS OF 1963. We look forward to our Emerald Anniversary (55th year) in February 2018, 6 months from now. Our current board is preparing for this event.

From our corporate secretary logbook our activities were as follows:

22 June 2017 – AGFO fellowship meeting with Secretary Jesus G Dureza, Presidential Adviser on the peace process as guest of honor and speaker. He spoke on the government's peace talk with MILF,

& CPP/NPA/NDF. This was held at the AGFO Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Earlier Col Luis Vincent A Tacderas PA (GSC) talked on the pension differential arrearages update. Also USEC Ernesto G Carolina discussed about PVAO matters and Dr. Dominador Chong, Jr on VMMC Services, medical exam & consultation. Cavs Bill Ruiz, Frank Mallillin, Danny Delgado, Ebor Ebro, Andy Abaya and Bob Manlongat, joined Cav Ed Batenga Chairman & President of AGFO.

04 July 2017 – Golden Wedding Anniversary (50th) of Danny and Nena Delgado. Held at Sofitel, Philippine Plaza Pasay City. Danny and Nena Delgado were joined by Tess Delgado Kelley and Jim, Julie Delgado Atienza and Bonggoy, May Delgado Earle and Erron, Jun, Salee Delgado. Also present were the 8 apos namely Savannah,

Julia, and Rafael and the Degados, Joshua, Trine and Jacob.

Representing the class were Ebor & Flor Ebro, Rudy & Offie Javier, Pert & Inday Andaya, George and Gie Aquino, Billy & Rose Enerio, Kid & Lina Medina, Ed & Josie Resos, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Amy & Angel Ylagan, Bill & Norma Ruiz, Ardy & Beth Abaya, Reggie & Marga Lacson, Bob & Yayang Manlongat, Dan & Lou Pizarro, Ting & Warlie Tigas, Jimmy & Brenda Ileteo, Ide Tillah & Ardel, Beth Arevalo & Jun, Arnie Acedera & Marlyn, Gaps Sabarre, Ching Saavedra, Naty Laput, Estela Andaya, Aida Mayo and Boy Orevillo. Danny's friends from the GHQ, J-4, PNSLAI, relatives from Cebu, Cadiz, Negros Occidental also joined the celebration.





There was a short program by the children and apos and video presentations. To everyone surprise Nena was Danny's cadet girl when the AFP cadet corps visited Cebu in 1960. It is a long story.

27 July 2017 PMAAAI Consultation Meeting – PMAAAI reserved the Tejeros

Hall AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo for this year's consultative meeting. Class President and 3 members of the class were invited as well as Chapter President, members of the PMAAAI foundations as well as AGFO Foundation. Plans of the 2017 – 2018 PMAAAI Board were discussed, briefing of the new executive director, a joint briefing of the PMAAAI Foundations and open forum.

After this event a testimonial dinner for DENR Secretary, Cav Roy Cimatu'70 and Chief of Staff AFP Cav Eduardo M Año '83 followed after the cocktails.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION JULY – AUGUST 2017

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend our warmest greeting, good health and good life to all birthday

celebrants and may you have many more birthdays to come.

July: Judith Valdez -2, Zeny Salipsip -5 Dodong Saavedra (+)-5, Dick Flores -17, Ed Resos -17, Danny Delgado – 21, Jimmy Iletto -26, Anabelle Adriano -26.

August: Lita Mendoza –2, Ed Batenga -3, Bayani Leoncio – 4, Cora Blancas – 7, Vicky Agaab -10, Dan Pizarro-12, Frank Mallillin -21, Flor Ebro -24.

To quote Rev Fr. Mario Jose Ladra – Pray straight from the heart because God listens. Unquote: To all members of the PMA Matindi Class of 1963, be active and let's keep in touch, let us prepare for our Emerald Anniversary 2018. Of course our Emerald Graduation day (55th year) will be on 24 March 2018 (1821605)

CP MARIANO
President
OT CABANLIG
Secretary

For the summer season of 2017, class '64 members did not have much activities. This maybe due to budget constraint as well as classmates spending their time with their families and/or visiting their love ones abroad. Some of

our classmates abroad spent their time here in the Philippines during the summer period. Worth mentioning are Winston Arpon, Arbe de Guzman, Louie Bareng who opted to permanently stay in Manila, and Jorge Agcaoili.

The class '64, ladies however had their lunch get together last Jne 13, 2017. Mrs. Reyes and Mrs. Dela Cruz were the coordinator of the affair. Rey Reyes and Terry dela Cruz joined were the class '64 members present.

Rey Reyes our publisher of class '64

Golden Sword is again busy compiling files for our prospective Diamond Sword. For those classmates who may contribute possible files for the 64 Diamond Swords, please coordinate with Rey Reyes.

There has been some issued regarding class funds. In one of the meetings last 2016, policy on class fund have been formatted. As a matter of guideline, let us enumerate the policies;

- 1) Class '64 fund shall no longer provide financial donations (e.g. golf tournament, scholarship, etc...)
- 2) Traditional Cash Gift of P5,000.00 given to members during Christmas Party is cancelled.
- 3) Existing one time support for hospitalization still remain.
- 4) One time "abuloy" support of P50,000.00 for departed members and spouses still remain.
- 5) Participation of the class in PMA Alumni homecoming shall be on the members individuals expense. Streamers however will be supported on the amount of P10,000.00

The class '64 Golf Club have not been meeting practically for the previous 2017 months. Rene Garcia seems to be the only one playing with other classes at the Navy Golf. Maybe this is one reason why the class lost it's being Senior Champion during the Alumni Tournament in Baguio. Happy Birthday to the following members: Jorge Agcaoili - July 04

Tagoy Diño - July 25
May you have many more Birthdays to come!





PMAAAI A
(27 July 2017)

CONSULTATIVE MEETING

- 1-2. Alumni representing Chapters, Foundations and Class organizations register for the consultative meeting and wait for the start of ceremonies at 3:00 P.M. at the AFCOC – which started with the singing of the national anthem.
- 3-5. PMAAAI Chairman Cav Melchor P Rosales '68 bangs the gavel to open the meeting; PMAAAI President Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 delivers the opening remarks as the other participants brace for a long afternoon.
- 6-8. Among the highlights of the afternoon are the briefing on PMAAAI membership and financial status by Cav Diosdado M Doming0 '77, Executive Director (inset) and the affiliate foundations by Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55, Chairman PMAFI, PFTJI and PDFI (inset)
- 9-12. PMAAAI Vice Chairman/BIRCI Chairman Cav Jaime S Delos Santos '69, presides over the Open Forum. Among those who raised questions and recommendations are Cav Amante S Bueno '54, Cav Anselmo S Avenido '67, Cav Celso G Castro '72, and Cav Oscar H Rabena '78.
13. The open forum is followed by the awarding of Plaques of Appreciation to the Directors and Officers of the PMAAAI 2016-2017 Board, headed by former Chairman Cav Avenido. Flanking him are President Leuterio (left) and Chairman Rosales (right).
- 14-16. Other PMAAAI 2016-2017 Board Plaque awardees present for the occasion (l-r): President Eric A Kagaoan '87, Cav Demosthenes C Doplayna '82, Cav Mariano R Santiago '67

TESTIMONIAL DINNER

17. From the Consultative Meeting, the participants proceeded to the Tejeros Hall, AFCOC at 6:00 P.M. for the Testimonial Dinner for the CSAFP and Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources. PMAAAI Corporate Secretary Edgar P Nigos '88 greets senior cavalier Eduardo R Ermita '57 who is among the first to arrive as Chairman Rosales and President Leuterio (extreme right) look on.



ACTIVITIES
7, AFPCOC)

18. Chairman Rosales with President Leuterio, welcomes CSAFP Cav Eduardo M Año '83 at the AFPCOC main lobby.
19. Next to arrive is DENR Secretary Cav Roy A Cimatu '70 who is likewise welcomed by Chairman Rosales.
20. Joining the Testimonial Dinner and adding weight to the occasion is SND Secretary Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73; is welcomed by Cav Año.
21. Dignitaries at the VIP table smartly salute and sing the national anthem. From left to right – Cav Delos Santos, President Leuterio, PN FOIC Cav Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83 Cav Año, Cav Cimatu and Cav Rosales.
22. Adding solemnity to the occasion is the recitation of the Cavalier Prayer with Cav Jose Maria G Solquillo '65 in the lead.
23. In the traditional Academy way, Cav Mercado gives a testimonial rendition (also known as "roasting") for Mistah Cav Año.
24. PMAAAI Chairman Rosales (center), assisted by President Leuterio, presents the Testimonial Award to Cav Año.
25. Cav Año delivers his response; thanks his Mistah for the "roasting" and the PMAAAI for its support and recognition of his accomplishments as a military professional.
26. Members of the PMAAAI Board join the PMAAAI Chairman and President for the presentation of a symbolic check representing the Association's P500,000 donation for the soldiers fighting in Marawi City.
27. Cav Rodolfo C Garcia '70, BIRCI President delivers a testimonial speech for his Mistah Cav Cimatu.
28. PMAAAI Chairman Rosales presents the Testimonial Award to Cav Cimatu as PMAAAI President Leuterio (left), looks on.
29. Cav Cimatu delivers his response, talks about his almost not making it as a cadet for an inborn defect and his early travails as DENR Secretary.
30. The formal finale of the evening affair, the closing remarks of Chairman Rosales.
31. Sidelight of the evening: Four former CSAFPs pose with the incumbent: From left to right – Cav Victor S Ibrado '76, Cav Alexander B Yano '76, Cav Cimatu '70, Cav Año '83 (incumbent) and Cav Hernando Delfin Carmelo Iriberry '83.



MA LEONARDO
President
EP NARTATEZ
Secretary

As we start the 2nd half and 3rd quarter of 2017, we realize how fast time flies indeed. And we mentioned in our Class Call article in the last issue of The Cavalier that there are thirty four (34) still remaining and in the running for the position of LMS of the PMA MULAWIN CLASS 1965. With the death of MULAWIN RAdm Manuel I “Bang2” de Leon (Ret.) last May 24, 2017, only 33 now remaining candidates for LMS.. Bangbang’s death was not yet mentioned

in our class call article in the last issue as he was very much alive yet at the time we submitted our article to pmaaaai@yahoo.com although sa Last Call page of said issue of The Cavalier (May -June 2017), nakasama siya.

The death of Bangbang was still a shock and a sad news to all of us remaining members of PMA MULAWIN CLASS 1965 and our respective families . Bangbang was the 25th member of the class who have gone ahead to compose the advance party for the 33 Mulawins still remaining. While most of us were not able to attend his wake and burial at Dausi, Panglao, Bohol we condoled with Sonyah and children Marie Antoinette, Manuel Jr and Noelle Marie. Those who made it to the wake and burial and represented the class were Tirso Rosal, Noli and Chit

Fabio and Rose Monta..But in the Special mass offered by the Class in memorial of the death of Bangbang at St Ignatius Cathedral, CGEA, QC, and which was followed with a class get together buffet dinner at the Something Fishy Resto at Eastwood, Quezon City,the attendance of the class was almost perfect if we consider that we are all locally based.. Aside from the family of Bang2, Sonyah and children Marie Antoinette,Manuel Jr and Noelle Marie, those who attended the Memorial mass and Dinner were Class Prexy Mike Leonardo and Spouse Elvie; Offring and Lita Marcelo; Pepe and Lyn Delos Santos; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Rolly Cauton; Joe and Janette Lapus; Tirso and Margie Rosal; Noli and Chit Fabio; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Jess Toling; Rose Monta; Melinda Perena; Dianne Malig; Enri and Celia Bulan; Gerry Guzman; Vi Santos and Egay and Dina Velasco.

And by the way, it was due to the persistent efforts of Tirso in bringing to the attention of the authorities concerned and to Maj Gen Ramon J Farolan “56 (Ret.) in his “Reveille Column in the Daily Inquirer, that Cebu Pacific, a Chinese owned Airline Company was compelled to reconsider its previous position of not extending the legally prescribed Senior Citizen’s discount when booking a flight on-line.The denial of Tirso’s entitlement to a SC discount came about when he, together with Noli and Chit Fabio and Rose Monta who are obviously SC already booked on line for their trip to Bohol last May 30, 2017 to attend Bangbang’s wake and burial. Thank you Tirso and Gen Farolan, Sir, for taking the cudgels for us , your fellow Senior Citizens!!!

Best wishes to the following Mulawins and Spouses who celebrate their birthdays in July and August: Susan Abesamis - August 11; Norie Azurin - July 24; Virgie Bruce - July 24; Guy Camacho - August 22; Warly Chee - July 22; Tony Daza - July 31; Bang2 de Leon (+) - August 15; Sammy Dunque (+) -- August 30; Pat Duque - July 13; Joe Lapus -- July 9; Elvie Leonardo - August 29; Lita Marcelo - August 14; Joey Mendoza -- July 19; Lito Monta (+) -- August 1; Linda Perena - July 17; Bing Superable --July 29; Boy Turingan -- July 29 and Roger Umali (+) --July 20.

Kindly go over the list and let us know if there are celebrators we have missed or if we mentioned wrong dates so that our Class records can be corrected accordingly/// epn





PAMBUNGAD

Tag-ulan na naman. Pagkatapos ng tag-init ay mukhang mas mainam ang tag-ulan sa simula. Sa katagalan, muli nating gugustuhin ang tag-init. Ano ba talaga, pare ko? Sa totoo lang higit na maraming hindi kanais-nais ang tag-ulan. Mahirap mag-biyahe. Kung mamalasin, lalabas ang mga tulo sa bubong. Hindi maka-pamasyal, mag-shopping, mag-golf. Sa dakong huli, isipin na lang natin na kailangan ng mga magsasaka ang ulan upang magkaroon tayo ng bigas, mais, prutas at gulay.

Agosto nga pala ay buwan ng pambansang wika- Filipino (hindi tagalog). Nakakatuwa na kahit saang sulok ng Filipinas, bata man o matanda, halos lahat ay nagsasalita na sa Filipino. Subalit marami pa ring Filipino (pwede ring

Pilipino) ang hindi nagsasalita sa sariling wika, sa Kongreso at Senado, halimbawa. Sa TV at radio, Filipino na ang usapan.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

We have two big activities that were not reported in the month of June. These were the birthday anniversary celebration of Lil Santos and Golden Wedding Anniversary of Louie and April Fernandez. Both were full of fun, entertainment and, most important of all fellowship of friends and former comrades-in-arms. Fond memories of yesteryears came into mind with pictures of the principal characters in their younger days. It is a pity the cellphones, tablets and high tech cameras were not yet available then. They could have captured the events, the youthful faces and bodies and the surroundings for a better appreciation by the future generations of their forebears. In both occasions, friends, relatives, former comrades in arms, classmates, including some sixty-sixers and spouses were around to greet the celebrators.

July 4 is the original Independence Day of the country when the Americans

granted the Philippines its political independence. This was symbolized by the economic flag-raising ceremony at the Luneta Park on July 4, 1946. For Ding Wenceslao, our Associate Member and PMAAAI Honorary Member, July 4, 2017 is a memorable occasion. He celebrated his birthday on this date at ASEANA PARK, with some sixty-sixers, attending, namely: Temi Arugay, Bing Rivera, Ben Espejo and Menong Garcia.

Another natal day celebrator was Bing Rivera. On 2 August 2017, he celebrated the occasion with his walking buddies at Larry's Restaurant, Hi-street Bonifacio Global City.

SIXTY-SIX VETERANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

By now, most if not all sixty-sixers are familiar with SIXTY-SIX VETERANS AND ASSOCIATES INC. in which all members of the Class have become members when we reached 60 years of age. The membership dues were paid by the Class. On 27 July 2017, the Association conducted a Medical Mission at the Outpatient Center, Veterans Road, Veterans Center, Taguig City. During the occasion, medicines and eye-glasses donated by Fe Cuison for senior citizens were distributed. The members of the Board who are exerting efforts to help uplift the well-being of our veterans are the following: Michelangelo Siscar, President; Filomeno Garcia, Vice-President; Artemio Arugay, Auditor/ Acting Corporate Secretary; Romeo Ucag, Treasurer; Fredelino Bautista, Director; Ruben Espejo, Director; Ponciano Millena, Director; Alfonso Rivera, Director and Pacifico Lorenza, Director. Some widows are already members. The membership is now open to all retirees, including widows.

We thank BGen Joel Cabides AFP (Ret), Executive Trustee of Veterans of World War II Board Trustees, who provided the necessary assistance to make the medical mission successful.

The pictures below tell much more about the class activities.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Before we close, let us recognize those who first saw the light in July and August.

For July: Jimmy Bantolo (25 July), Rod Clautero (27 July), Troy Dumadapat (20 July), Gene Parrenas (10 July), Ding Wenceslao (4 July), Higido-Gay-ya(?), Cel



(From left to right) Menong Garcia, Bing Rivera, Temi Arugay and Fred Bautista, during Bing's birthday



April and Louie Fernandez shown above with children and grandchildren, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last 25 June 2017 at Shangrila Hotel Makati



Doctors and Nurses provided by BTVWWII examine veterans, later give free medicines (left frame). BGen Cabides AFP (Ret), pose with some members of the Board of Directors (right frame).




Ret. BGen Joel Cabides (4th from left), Executive Trustee BTVWWII, awards a Certificate of Recognition to Mistah Charlie Batayola, Founding President of Sixty-six Vets (seated). Others in the picture (from left to right): Pacifico Lorenzo, Pons Millena, Mike Siscar, President, Fred Bautista, Bing Rivera, Ben Espejo, Menong Garcia, Temi Arugay and Romy Ucag.

Espejo (10 July), Iyay Urgello (11 July) and Patri Cordova (21 July)

For August: Fred Bautista (25 Aug), Bing Rivera (2 Aug), Alice Alba (15 Aug), Portia Vorna (22 Aug), and Sylvia Agudelo (28 Aug)

Happy Birthday fellow senior citizens!

Note: Other members of the class had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Kindly submit a short write-up for publication in succeeding class calls.



AS AVENIDO, JR
President
RC MOLATO, JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

The following were our activities for the May – June 2017 period:

26 May – Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF)(Breakfast) was hosted by Joy Casillan and family at the Heroes Grill, VMMC, QC. It was their way of

celebrating with the Class the birthday of Noemi (26 May). She was permitted by her attending doctor to be with us, although in a wheelchair. Upon her entry, the Class sang “Happy Birthday.” After blowing the candles on the cake, she joined the Class in singing some songs. Her recovery is really amazing!

15 June – The “First Dimasupil – Rotary Golf Cup” was successfully held at Wack-Wack Golf Club, Mandaluyong City. Bobby Lastimoso and Abe Din played and won as best players in their respective categories. Jun Avenido presented the awards to the winners. The Class got a substantial share of the proceeds and we would like to thank our Action Officers Bobby Lastimoso, Sergs Austria and Bernie Patino for making this possible.

25 June – Ross and Mandie Sibal hosted our DMF (Breakfast) at Kenny Rogers resto, Katipunan Ave, QC. It was both a birthday celebration of Ross (16 June) and his “pasasalamat” for his fast recovery after he was rushed to the hospital for emergency medical procedures.

Watch out for our schedule for July – August 2017 period, onwards, as follows:

17 July – DMF to be hosted by Letty Baula and Jovy and Baby Sales at Dads Buffet resto, Glorietta 3, Makati City.

August – DMF to be hosted by Sergs – Senyang Austria, Ed – Myrna Espinosa, Vir – Marina Odulio, Mar- Beth Santiago, and Orly – Reem Tucay.

September – DMF to be hosted by Romy and Merle Odi and family.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

Congratulations to Jun Ibay on his recent appointment as Board Director, John Hay Development Corporation. The appointment was signed by President Rody Duterte while Jun was in USA to attend the Rotary International Convention last June as one of the delegates representing the Philippines.

Ed Galang went to the Heart Center supposedly to have a routine check-up. His doctor, after seeing the results of the tests, did not allow him to leave but instead scheduled him for an immediate quadruple heart bypass operation last 21 April. He is now strictly following the protocol prescribed by the doctor for his fast full recovery.

Ross Sibal was rushed to the Medical City last 20 May regarding some problems with his urinary system. After some tests, he was allowed to go home three days later on the condition that he would take a complete rest while taking the prescribed medicines. Take the medicines, he did; but take a complete rest, he did not, because he continued to edit our Golden Sword so it could be sent to the printing press very soon.

Oying Pinto was not able to leave the Philippines and go back to USA soon after our Golden Graduation Anniversary Celebration last 19 March because of a freak accident. While walking the male dog of his relative around the village, the dog saw a female dog a few meters away. The attraction was so irresistible that the male dog, without any prior notice to Oying, ran towards the female dog. This act knocked Oying off-balance. He fell down and his head hit the concrete pavement, causing a cut which needed several stitches to mend. The doctor put him under close observation and advised him not to travel by air yet until given the go-signal.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Mely Corpus was operated on at the National Kidney Center last 20 May for

removal of a malignant tumor affecting the kidney. She is now fast recovering at their home in Manila.

The family of Manny and Maryrose Dalipe distributed additional Dimasupil t-shirts to those who were present during our DMF last 25 June. Since we do not know when giveaways like this are handed out, the advice is for us to be present in all Class activities.

Whenever the topic of ageing is brought up during our forums, the comment of Elen Reventar is very relevant: "There is no need for us to worry about it because we have nowhere to go but age."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in July and August: Reina Young (2 July), Vic Laurilla (8), Alex de Guzman (10), Ben Samonte (15), Tita Fragante (19), Romy Villanueva (20), Oying Pinto (21), Mandie Sibal (22), Pol Aliac (24), Glo Parena (24), Archie Balboa (26), Jovy Sales (28), Aying Patino (2 August), Marina Odulio (3), Serge Austria (11), Orly Tucay (16), Mar Santiago (19), Vic Buaquen (21), Vir Odulio (23), Nanding Perez (25), Ed Espinosa (27), Titong Enriquez (28), and Fred Encarnacion (29).

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

During our Class Forum on 25 June 2017, we agreed to have another fundraising activity through the PAGCOR Bingo to be held in December this year. This would require our energetic participation by selling tickets allocated to us. The more tickets we sell, the bigger our share of the proceeds.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



MP ROSALES
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RP SANTIAGO
Secretary

On May 11, 2017, the BoT together with some CMs helped Art Juan celebrate his 71st birthday at the Summer Palace Restaurant of EDSA Shangri-La Plaza Hotel in Mandaluyong

City. In attendance were the entire BoT members Mel Rosales, Willy Nuqui, Nori Azcueta, Sonny Penilla, Abe Abiol, Bobby Santiago and the birthday celebrator Art Juan. Also present were Volts Gazmin, Alex Costales, Rudy Rabago, Art Carrillo, Rene Santos, Patrick Madayag, Oskie Cabaron, Tony Sierra, and Hector Tarrazona. After the sumptuous lunch hosted by Art J, the attendees held a meeting to discuss the progress on the preparations for the 2018 Alumni Homecoming. Mel announced that efforts are being exerted to persuade all CMs and widows of departed CMs to join the once-in-a-lifetime activity.

The Transportation Committee now headed by Volts Gazmin has started to look for the tourist bus to be hired by the class for use of CMs, ladies and widows which will leave the designated point in NCR for Baguio on Friday, Feb 16, 2018. The bus will be used in all movements while in Baguio and will be used in coming back to NCR on Sunday, Feb 18, 2018. As of last count, 12 CMs and a widow have indicated their plan to bring their own cars going to and from Baguio but will be taking the bus

from BCC to PMA and back on Feb 16 and 17. Some dependents may therefore be accommodated in the bus to and from Baguio. CMs bringing big cars or vans may be asked to let others ride with them in going to and from PMA with Mel securing for them the required car passes. Should the need arise, vans may be hired in Baguio.

During the May 11 meeting, the tailor doing the uniform of CMs brought Abe Abiol's who obliged to wear the same to the satisfaction of CMs present. He also brought the Measurement Form to be filled up by overseas CMs whose measurements have not yet been taken. Because of the various activities to be attended in Feb 2018, an additional khaki pants made of a similar material will be made for the CMs.

Meanwhile, during the June 27, 2017 meeting at PMAAAI Board room in Camp Aguinaldo, the 10 ladies present agreed to adopt the following for their Homecoming attire: Black pants, White Blazer/Cardigan and Gold inner Blouse. The class will provide a Php 5,000 individual subsidy for the ladies attire. Nori Azcueta who volunteered to procure the black hats and



gold neckties of CMs, came up with 40 pieces each just a few days later although 10 black hats remain to be delivered to replace the 10 that came with a different color.

During the June 27 meeting presided over by Willy Nuqui, photographer will be hired during 2018 homecoming. Selected pictures of what he will take will be incorporated in the completed draft of the CTB to be printed in time for the Graduation Anniversary Dinner on March 24, 2018.

Bobby Santiago reported that all the 40 rooms allocated to class 68 by BCC have been reserved by CMs and widows. 34 rooms have been assured to CMs and widows while 6 remain reserved on a priority basis. (The secretary's apologies to Johnson Duque whose name was inadvertently missed in the list published in the Class call of Cavalier Magazine, May-June issue). Because it was made clear that reserved extra rooms shall give

way to other CMs who may still decide to join, those with reserved extra room reservations are encouraged to reserve rooms at the Holiday Park Hotel, Baguio thru Willy Nuqui who has made previous coordination with its management.

Coffee Table Book project update

As submitted by its prime mover, Sonny Penilla, the estimated timelines to be observed to ensure the completion of the project are as follows:

a. June 30, 2017 - BoT/CTB Board gave the corrected 2nd printed draft to Mervin who is currently updating it with the corrections submitted by those who visited the PMA Alumni Center to check the draft particularly the 2-page individual section. A proof reader was hired by the class to help Mervin on this.

b. July 31, 2017 - Mervin to submit the proof-read 3rd printed draft for approval.

c. Aug 31, 2017 - BoT/CTB Board to return to Mervin the refined and approved 3rd printed draft which will undergo 2nd proof reading. Mervin to prepare final draft.

d. Sep 29, 2017 - Mervin to submit final draft to printer upon approval of the BoT/CTB Board.

e. Oct 31, 2017 - Printer to submit bound book dummy for final approval.

f. Nov 30, 2017 - Approved dummy is returned to printer which may opt to start printing while waiting for photos and narratives relative to the Feb17, 2018 Alumni Homecoming.

g. Feb 20, 2017 - Photos and narratives during the homecoming to be turned in, reviewed and approved by the BoT/CTB board.

h. Feb 21-Mar 16, 2018 - Printing proper.

i. Mar 24, 2018 - Book launching



IF BEGONIA
President
JB DULLER
Secretary

Among the ladies conversations swirled around volunteer work as someone in the group is set to do that some months from now. They delved into acupuncture as Vikki is deep into the study and practice of this alternative science.

It is said that behind a successful man is a woman. Well, the reverse is also true for the Suaviters. Sarla D just earned her PhD in Nursing from UP acknowledging that she could not have done it without the help of her researcher, editor, et

Fresh from a long vacation Jess R hosted the June breakfast meeting at the PNGC on June 7, 2017. There to relish the restaurant's best sellers of "pinaksiw na tanguingue", boneless bangus, "rebosadong saging at kamote" and more were Vic E, Mon, Chris A, Jus, Vikki B, Ike and yours truly, Garrick and Lily, Benjie and Meg, Greg, Jepoy and Keon who as an infant must have enjoyed his Lolo whistling the alphabet song to him.



Ike Begonia with Smokey Carino playing golf at Riverview Country Club in Easton, Pennsylvania with "Bugu-bugos" based in the East Coast of the US. From left to right: Nick Rustia HM '74, Pardes Espejo '74, Vlady Punto '74, Ike Begonia '69, Greg Carino '69, Bob Aviso '73, and Boyet Pelias '93.



Greg Carino and Ike Begonia waiting for their turn to tee-off at Weequahic Golf Course. A case of color coding?



Olive and Ingging during the June 7 class breakfast meeting hosted by Jess Regala.



Vicky Brillantes, Lily Garcia, Meg Defensor, Ging Begonia and Olive Regala during the class breakfast Brillantes, Lily Garcia, Meg Defensor, Ging Begonia and Olive Regala during the class breakfast meeting at the PN Golf Club hosted by Jess Regala.



Cris Abanes, RJ Garcia, Jus Manlongat, Vic Erfe, Ike Begonia, Mon Martinez, and the host of the breakfast meeting, Jess Regala.

al- Jake and the Almighty's providence. Congratulations Sarla and Jake!

Just weeks after the breakfast we got news that Vic E was operated on. A trying situation that spurred a demonstration of acts of kindness. Pledges from his "mistahs" and friends poured in

cushioning the effects of that unexpected trial.

Boy M hosted the July breakfast meeting, but that is another story. Meanwhile, Ike had a bonding time with Smokey C and the "bugobugos" based in New York and New Jersey on golf courses

(Weequahic Golf Course in Newark NJ, Riverview Country Club in Easton, Pennsylvania, Blue Hill Golf and Country Club and Broad Acres Golf Club both in Rockland NY) in the East Coast. Their pictures can better tell what a good time they had.



Roy's 71st Birthday Bash

Our class marcher Roy Cimatu had a rousing birthday party last 4 July at the Philippine Army clubhouse, attended by Magitings and their ladies, relatives, comrades in the military and a horde of friends who all came to wish him well on his 71st. The preparations were originally for a hundred and fifty people, but ballooned to about two hundred and fifty well-wishers on the day. Swelling the guest list were invitees from the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, colleagues in government and other sectors. Unlike in his past birthdays which were kept to a tight circle of Magitings, relatives and military colleagues, this birthday filled up the main hall of the clubhouse. There was plentiful food, wine and an entertaining musical program enjoyed by everyone. Late into the night, guests stayed, extending beyond the usual bedtime hours Magitings keep. Present were Ed and Josie Calbo, Willy and Alice Parayno, Egay and Neneng Galvante, Ted and Beth Delarmente, Julius and Tessie Javier, Boots and Emy de Veyra, Jack and Len Ligot, Clyde and Susan Fernandez, Sonny and Tess Atienza, Willy and Nancy Lorenzo, Eloy and Ludy Garcia, Rudy and Cecille Garcia, Ed and Jessie Israel, Dionet and Hermie Santiago, Nesty and Au Carolina, Romy and Remy Gojo,

Dina Gaerlan, Neneng Daluyaya, Malou Visperas, Amy Villanueva, Jun Ebdane, Danny sta. Clara and Bang Adriano. Thanks for the blowout Ning and Roy! And many more productive years at the helm of a vital agency of government Mistah!

Fare Thee Well Josie

We all were shocked that Josie Rabonza, the amiable and soft-spoken stalwart of our ladies' Wednesday Group, had peacefully passed on last 29 June. Josie provided the group with inspired, thought-provoking and insightful thoughts shared during the group's sharing sessions. Au Carolina, in her Facebook posting, which I take the freedom to quote, expresses her sentiments very well: *"Josie won't be there anymore to share her favorite verses from the Bible. I'll miss her beautifully wrapped and well thought of gifts, her elegant handwriting, her sweet smile, her neatly coiffed hair, her crisp Thai silk tops, her soft and soothing voice, her amazing composure, sunny*

disposition, and unwavering faith in God."

We wrap our arms in consoling embrace to hubby Glenn and children Daniel, Michael, and Christina. In her memorial service, Jessie Israel eloquently extolled her kindness, her admirable personality, her strength of character and her abiding faith in God. She was such a loss to all her friends, family, and all Magitings and Mas Magitings. After a graveside ceremony suffused with love, she was interred at Heritage Park last 5 July. Her 40th day memorial dinner was held 6 August at the AFPCOC Dimalupig Hall attended by the Magitings and their ladies. You will be terribly missed, Josie. You're one of a kind.

Testimonial Dinners for Illustrious Magitings

Two testimonial dinners, one on 16 June and the other 27 July, were tendered for outstanding Magitings. The 16 June testimonial was organized and hosted by Mistah Bert Lina for four



Magiting ladies strike a pretty pose

Magitings who distinguished themselves by their appointments in government where they are now making their marks. The honorees were Ramsey Ocampo, VP for Security of Clark Development Corporation who was introduced by Mar Ilagan; Egay Galvante, LTO Chief, who was introduced by his LTO buddy Eloy Garcia; Romy Acop, congressman of Antipolo, introduced by Jun Ebdane; Nesty Carolina, Administrator, PVAO, introduced by Teddy Delarmente; and Roy Cimatu, Secretary, DENR, introduced by Sonny Atienza and Rudy Garcia. Willy Parayno gave the opening remarks while host Bert Lina gave the closing remarks. It was fun listening to anecdotes about our honoree Mistahs, even if already heard a lot of times. Tagoy Santiago did not make it to the honorees list because his appointment as Chairman of the Dangerous Drugs Board came after the testimonial event.

The other testimonial dinner was

tendered by the PMAAAI in honor of Secretary Roy Cimatu and General Ed Ano, AFP Chief of Staff and presumptive Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), who is to assume the position upon retirement this October. Both affairs were well-attended. The first mostly by Mistahs and their ladies, and the second by members of the PMAAAI, led by Cav Melchor Rosales, Chairman of the PMAAAI Board.

On The Golfing Front

Several golfing events were held over the period. The Cimatu Cup, a traditional tournament hosted by Roy as his way of celebrating his birthday was held at the Aguinaldo Golf Course last 8 July. Rufo, Clyde, Ed Israel, Jack, Nesty, Primo Esguerra, Eloy, Toti Tan, Bobby Turla, Yul Lamping, Ely Sevilla, and Roy's DENR USecs played, joined in by guests Gerry Kagaoan and Teody Viduya. Glenn

and Rudy were there too during lunch.

A follow-up event at the Veterans Golf Course was held last 15 July dubbed "Kagitingan at Kalikasan" Golf Fellowship. As you guessed it, the event was a friendly golf game between the Magiting golfers and those of the DENR. Non-golfing mistahs dropped by for the lunch fellowship. Since the game was held in his turf, Nesty Carolina hosted the event. Salamat Nesty. We thoroughly enjoyed it. Sa uulitin! 22 July was a special golfing day held at the Manila Golf. Those who played were Roy, Egay, Clyde, Santi, Boots, Jack, Glenn, and Vic. They were joined by USec Leones, Dir. Ric Calderon, and Dir. Gilbert Gonzalez of DENR, and Uly Sevilla and Gerry Sevilla. The fellowship lunch that followed was attended by several Manila Golf Club members. Ed Chua and Jorge Santos hosted the fellowship event. To them, our thanks for the enjoyable game and the warm fellowship.



Magitings celebrate Roy's 71st



At Josie's memorial dinner

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JC LALISAN, JR
Secretary

Bonding Activities

Having been retired for more than a decade, the members of the class found it necessary to have more bonding activities like birthday celebrations, meetings, travels, and

golfing. Life is short so to speak thus it is better to enjoy the company with mistahs, friends, and loved ones while it last.

Birthdays

Last 9 July, the class had a joint birthday fellowship for all the 3rd quarter celebrators in Valle Verde IV. Mawie and Egay Aglipay were the gracious hosts for the occasion. It was a "pot luck" affair for lunch and everybody enjoyed the food. There were about 40 who attended. Even those who were not able to attend pitched

in like Ed Mati and Elsie who sent sweet dragon fruits while Twiggy and Perla Zubia gave the delicious dinuguan and puto. Egay and Mawie gave small birthday cakes to those birthday boys and girls who blew their respective candles in front of the crowd. Food was teeming such that when the party was over, most of the attendees had pabalot or more when they left for home.

Class Meetings

A 3rd Quarter class meeting was





Travels

Some Matatags and Mas Matatags travelled to Baler, Quezon upon invitation of Twiggy and Perla in their resort there. Those who enjoyed the trip and accommodation were Atot and Sara, Dong and Lulu, Oca and Jinggoy, Jennie, and Lita. The Zubia couples showed some tourist attractions there and the group had fun trekking and karaoke singing. Of course, there were “pabaons”, too courtesy of the generous couple.

Some Mas-Matatags also had a Pampanga tour and even tried the “hilot” in one of the towns. Many Matatags, upon hearing the “discovery” of the ladies signified for the next “hilot” escapade come August.

Golf

Matatag golfers joined the Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament last 27 June in the Navy Golf Course but were disqualified because they did not meet the minimum number of 5 in a team. Only four played namely Rex, Boy Caste (who just arrived from his “apostolic” work in the US), Jerry, and Joey. Our fifth member, Rollie Garcia, did not play but joined the lunch fellowship. Most of the class golfers were either out of town then.

Last 29 June, the Matatag golfers Egay, Jerry, and Joey joined the PCSO-BIRCI golf tournament in the Camp Aguinaldo fairways. Egay, our rep to BIRCI, was a major sponsor for that event. Jerry won the top major prize of a 50” TV while Joey won the class “B” Championship trophy to his surprise.

Quote for this issue:

Friends are the siblings God never gave us. Mencius

held also last 9 July at 10 am to discuss preparations for the 50th class anniversary on 2021. Aris delos Reyes suggested a medallion for the ladies as a token of love and appreciation, however, this was set aside by the body while awaiting for other suggestions from the class. There was also a continuation of the discussion on the commitment of the class to have a 100 % membership in the PMAAAI and all its affiliate organizations. From Rollie Garcia’s proposal for a Class 71 saber to be awarded to a graduating cadet for Best in Conduct, he said that an initial coordination with PMA leadership was already done and

such recommendation will be forwarded yet to the higher ups. On the other hand, based from the Financial Report of Treasurer Rey Velasco, the class fund is in the blue. He reported that there was an amount paid already as reservation fee to a hotel and a programmed budget for a dinner fellowship with the foreign-based mistahs for the 2018 alumni homecoming in Baguio City.

There was a follow-up meeting by the class officers last 18 July and discussed were the preparations for the 2021 Golden Anniversary. Some committees were organized for this purpose.



JP VIDAD JR.
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

THE 2ND QUARTER SOCIAL/FELLOWSHIP PARTY:

The Class held its social and fellowship party for the 2nd quarter last June 25, 2017 at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. A total of sixty one(61) Mistah graced the social event. The Sunshine Ladies spearheaded by our very own innovative and creative First Lady, Ludy Vidad did the planning and organizing of such social event. Early on, the anti-flu vaccinations were administered by Mistah Melba Buenaventura, Pilar Senga, Boots Carag and Lea Santillan. Thank you ladies for the painless and comfortable injections. You made it easy for us. The free vaccination was courtesy of the Class as part of our health and well-ness program. In the same token, we have to recognize and give thanks to the group of Odette Bibit, Cely Nobleza, Alyn Lacerna and Cora Oliveros for their ultimate sacrifice of patiently supervising and manning the registration table during our class activities. Thank you ladies for being dependable and reliable, time and again. Many thanks to our



Mistah who brought hot darns during the party(by the way, we know who they are) and of course to Manong Ben De Leon for the delicious pandesal con hamon. Sana next time ulit, he he he.

For entertainment, we enjoyed listening to the songs of a blind one-man band in the person of RJ del Rosario whose rendition of classical and old time favorites brought us back to our memory lanes. We can't help but reminisce the good memories and happy moments of our past. Relatedly we were also entertained by the invited ventriloquist (Ruther Urquia) and his talkative ward whose antics elicited laughter from the audience specially from the ladies.

The birthday celebrators for the months of March, April, May and June were feted with traditional cheers, songs and greetings from everybody. It was really a wonderful and momentous social event for all of us.

NEWS UPDATES:

The BOT/Class Officers met last 19 July at PNGC presided by our energetic Prez Pepe. The following projects will be funded and to be undertaken by the class are: display of class picture and construction of rest room inside the lobby of Bahay Masigasig and minor repair of the Bahay. It was also decided to hold the Class Christmas Party on Dec 3(Sunday to get rid of traffic) at Villamor Officers Lounge as the proposed venue. The anti-pneumonia vaccination will be administered any time in September, the time, date and venue to be disseminated later. As for the financial report, Bing Valencia made assurance that we have enough fund to support our activities up to December without getting from our capital contributions in PSSLAI.

The Sunshine Committee(Ludy Vidad, Lucille, Flores, Mila Naval and Vangie Dizon) made house visits to Lita Cabrerros,

Christy Galang and Gigi Tagamolila to uplift their morale and bring cheers to them. This is a very laudable efforts on the part of our ladies and; if we may suggest, we must initiate extra efforts to reconnect with some Mistah and their ladies who had been in limbo and conspicuously absent for a long time. Incidentally, they were able to meet and interact anew with Vic and Cheryl Luga who have been absent in our past fellowships. Mistah, we are too eager seeing again in our future class activities.

The AFP Finance Center through PGMC has started releasing the long over due and unpaid pensions for retirees. We had been waiting for this to happen and thanks to Pres. Duterte who ordered the release of fund for this purpose. The pensions were released through your Landbank ATMs(ask your respective wife he he he). In case you don't received it yet, I advise you to make verification at PGMC. Maybe you have to comply with certain requirements or updating of your records.

Vice Prexy Manny Teodosio, Ed Adan, Babes Flores and this writer represented the Class during the consultative meeting between Board of Trustees and representatives of every class last July 27 at AFPCOC. The meeting was presided by Cav. Mel Rosales, the Chairman of the Board. The main purpose of this meeting is for the Board to get feedback/comments and suggestions for the common good of alumni and PMA as a whole. It was also a venue for the Board to brief the attendees on the current activities and accomplishment of the Board. The meeting was preceded by the Testimonial dinner in honor of new Secretary of DENR, Cav. Roy A. Cimatu '70 and AFP Chief of Staff, Cav. Eduardo M. Ano ' 83

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Belated Happy Birthday greetings to



our July celebrators: Elmer Ignacio, Celo Navarro, Mely and Jun Espino, Art Lomibao, Lulu Pecheula, Jay Velasco, Medin Velasco, Gene and Pilar Senga, Mely Hermoso, Rey Ochoza, Orly Lumauag, Beth Navarro, Vic Luga, Celso and Fe Castro and Emily de Leon.

The same greetings to our August celebrators: Tony Simangan, Edsel Lumauag, Melba Buenaventura, Gil Batestil, Orly Ambricio, Rosie Rosete, Freddie Oliveros(RIP), Ed Pimentel, Willy Mejia, Marian Sua, Nanette Valles, Narcing Catalan(RIP), Jacky Lomibao and Jess Albano(RIP).

Happy Birthday folks and may you have more to come. May God bless you always...cgc.

“ A hundred times everyday I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead and that I exert myself in order to give in the same measures I have received and am still receiving”....Albert Einstein.



“THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL”

The **Magilas Class Mid-year Assembly** was held on July 21 at the AGFO social hall in Camp Aguinaldo. About forty (40) members were present including those who in the past were not able to attend for various reasons. Highlights of the affair was **UPDATES** on Class Membership Status, Class Fund, **WELLNESS** and **PHYSICAL FITNESS TIPS** by Toto Golez and Joey Salvacion, announcement of future CLASS

ACTIVITIES, and Tribute to Magilas Class Members who have reached 65 years and Older.

Annual General Assembly and Christmas Fellowship

Class Secretary Cholo Carlos presented the schedule of activities for the rest of the year like the Golf tournament on Oct 9, and the Christmas party on Dec 10, 2017.

The Magilas Charity Golf Tournament is the biggest fund raising activity of the class having contributed adequately to support class programmed activities for the past several years. Golf Tournament

Chairman, Jogy Fojas announced that this year’s event will be held at PNGC on Oct 9. No major changes in tournament rules will be implemented. Company supervisors are again given solicitation letters for distribution and delivery to prospective patrons. **LET US ALL SUPPORT THIS ACTIVITY PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY.** Other Magilas Projects and Member’s Activities

Last June 19, Congressman Pol Bataoil and some Magilas class members led the flag raising, consultative meeting, and inspection of facilities at VMMC. Also on June 28, President Epoy Marayag also led some classmates in visiting the Diabetic Clinic at the AFPMC in VLuna. (another Class project). Last June 16, Edong Acuna also led a group of volunteers to distribute books and school supplies to some barangays in Aurora province under the “Bridges of Hope” program.

All in all, 800 students and 44 teachers benefited from the school assistance mission.

OTHER NOTABLE NEWS.

Pertaining to “Apostolic” duties which





nowadays consume a lot of Value time of class members and spouses, do you know that there are at least 188 grandchildren of the class. WOW! This number comes from the actual database of active mistahs, The number could even reach 200 if all data from other unaccounted mistahs could be updated. Heading the list of high numbers is the late Jun Loyao with 15 apos, and Romy Hilomen with 11 apos. This high number of "Apos" only goes to show the strong genes being spread by our Magilas membership, to our children, and to our children's children. More power to the class. For sure, the MAGILAS spirit will live on for generations to come.

Also, we welcome back Efren Daquil, whome we missed for a while, back to

active status. Dax is at the peak of health, playing a lot of tennis, and revealing to us that he does not take any medications at all, and is normal in all his medical vital signs. Most importantly, at 65, he surprises us with the news that he has a 3 year old son. "Way to go, Dax".

Also seen at last summer's PMA class 2021 Incorporation day was Nanie Perez, who has a plebe son. That's another milestone to our class history and trivia.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Carly Divinagracia for his promotion to Brig Gen in the Reserve Force, AFP.

CONDOLENCES:

The class extends its Heartfelt sympathies and Sincere condolences to

Abner Cabalquinto and family for the demise of Abner's spouse, Velinda. Vel passed away June 30, 2017. A wonderful wife, loving mother, and the sweet grandmother of 5, Vel will be missed by all. Let us continue to pray for her.

Till next time Mistahs, Let's all take care of ourselves and be more active in Class activities and discussions.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our felicitations to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Joe Montelibano – July 3, Ramon Punzalan – July 4, Marlyn Young – July 6, Raul Caballes – July 9, Maning Busa – July 11, Baby Del Mundo and Nelson Allaga – July 16, Tess Cayton – July 18, Dez Lapuz – July 19, Ruby Ticman – July 20, Beth Pomposo and Licinius Abadiano – July 22, Rhia Gatdula – July 25, Jenny Allaga – July 28, Alex Resngit and Ralph Lantion – July 29, Jose Gamos – July 31, Bibits Caringal, Ed Acuña, and Fe Comahig – Aug 1, Tony Fontanilla – Aug 2, Doris Dasallas – Aug 7, Ana Dy – Aug 11, Nanie Perez – Aug 12, Mitz Blancaflor – Aug 18, Eppie Comahig – Aug 21, Edwin Ditangco – Aug 27, and Carly Divinagracia – Aug 30. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

RA DAVID JR
President
DM PEQUIRAS
Secretary

The PMAAAI Alumni Center sent text message for the deadline of the July-August Cavalier Magazine class call and it said the theme is Perspectives on Education and Training.

For us, the retired, the contented Masikap 77 retirees, what is there for

us to educate and train? Learning never stop of course, and for the Masikaps, we still aspire to learn more. In biking for example, then, we are already contented with the typical mountain bike contraption and outfit, now, it has leveled up to some foldable broompton bikes. Then, we just play golf for exercise, now, we have to rent a golf car to complete the course. Then, the regular Chicken Club is for our exchange of unending plebe experiences, now, it has become a venue to celebrate one's birthday. Then, it is our own kids that got our undivided attention, now, it

is our apos who occupy most of our time. We can go on and on with these ' then and now' scenarios, but in the end, we would note that life of the retired continues to be useful and productive. One thinking Masikap mind is grateful to President Duterte's ending of the end do in the workplace. He said that because of it, he is now a regular employee, a regular driver of the family!

Lately, we are proud to know that our snappiest mistah ever, Conrado Don Miñano was appointed as Board of Directors of one of the subsidiaries of





Landbank. BTW, Don is one of the founding fathers of what we have now, the Chicken Club! We, of course, have mistahs still active in government service; Our Class President, Ric David, is an undersecretary at DND,

with Nebu Alejandrino who is the Executive Assistant to SND. This is the reason why they can only play golf on weekends. We still have Vic Agdamag as USec at NSA. Jun Serapio is still a commissioner at NAPOLCOM. Last

time I enumerated all our mistahs here, I still missed 1 or 2 names despite my effort to use the masikap roster. Iyan na muna siguro. I've heard, Dan Casabar is earmarked for the government arsenal in Bataan.



OH RABENA
Chairman
VM PORTO
President
VEC MARTIR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES:

After the hot and dry spell during the past months, we welcome the wet and cooler months ahead as the southwest monsoons bring the temperature to lower levels over the country. Golfing weather prevailed during our golf fellowship and 2nd Quarter birthday celebrations at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club last May 31, 2017. The lunch celebrating the birthdays of our mistahs was hosted by our "Camp Aguinaldo Group" (Ceegee S, JoGav, Romy L and Resty A). Two flights of our "hampas-lupa" mistahs teed off early morning (Photo 1) and were joined by about twenty mistahs and spouses for lunch at the club restaurant to celebrate the natal days of classmates falling in the months of April, May and June. Everybody had a great time during the fellowship. We give our thanks to the active "Camp Aguinaldo Group" who provided their time, effort and resources for the success of the event. As for our CSR activity, the class contributed to our class president Vic P's "Unang Munting Hakbang Project 2017". The project's mission is to provide poor kindergarten pupils with school supplies, bags and slippers. Vic P started the project seven years ago beginning

with less than hundred recipients. Last June 7, Vic P with GiGi P distributed the gifts to 275 needy kids from seven elementary schools in San Juan, Batangas (Photo 2). 275 children joined their classes with the inspiring thought that they too can be successful and generous as the kindergarten pupil from San Juan more than five decades ago who was also in need of these gifts during his first small step as a student. A golf fellowship and lunch was hosted by LNA and Juliet dIC last June 17 at the Northwoods Golf and Country Club in San Rafael, Bulacan. There were to be three flights of Makatarungans' teeing off that day, but only eight golfers were able to delight in a round of golf on the very friendly course of the club, savor a sumptuous lunch and post-lunch chit-chat with San Mig lights and 'tapang usa'. The jolly and satisfied group consisted of host LNA/Juliet dIC, Rolly/Mimi D, Maski, Louie P, Sluggo M and Vic M (Photo 3). Louie P's net score bested all others with protest from Maski. A photo of one of the lectures from days of our summer

camp back in '74 made it in our facebook account "Makatarungan" (Photo 4). It attracted many comments from many mistahs following the site mostly trying to identify the mistahs in the photo. The activity prove our undying interest when it comes to reminiscing our academy days and getting to know our mistahs. We, your class officers, hope that the interest transcends from social media interaction to greater participation during class fellowships and its other activities.

Updates from the Class BoD:

1. Preparations for our fund-raising golf tournament "Golf for a Cause" set to be held at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club on August 17, 2017 is underway. CeeGee S, Chairman of the golf tournament committee, started distributing the tickets and solicitation letters to the designated service-in-charges of ticket sales and solicitations. The designated service-in-charges are: PA/GHQ – Ralph V and JoGav; PAF – Oca R and Jess F; PNP – Sluggo M, Boysie R and Rody M; PN – Vic M and Cho





5. We encourage our mistahs to support this noble effort by soliciting from donors, selling tickets and attending the event.

2. The 3rd Qtr birthday celebration and golf fellowship will be scheduled after the fund-raising golf tournament. There are 36 mistahs who will be celebrating their birthdays this quarter.

3. As for our homecoming preparations, 62 mistahs will have their fitting for the business suit from August to September this year. The class will schedule dates for 3 batches of 25 mistahs during this period. The dates and names will be published in our facebook and viber accounts as well as thru SMS. We expect the delivery of the suits by November this year.

4. The schedule of activities for the US of A Reunion from October 19 to October 25 this year is already published in our facebook and viber accounts. All 21 couples from RP and US of A are regularly updated by Butch S and Vic P thru these accounts.

Many happy returns to our mistahs celebrating their birthdays on the months of July and August!

July – Chay A, Nes L, Ray M, Gil M, Greg P, Boysie R, Leo R

August – Ralph V, CeeGee S, Phil P, Oca R, Louie P, Vic M, Boogie M, Carlis D, Fred F, Gabby G, Chito D, Dado B, Pipes B, Resty A



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President
EI CORVERA
Secretary

CLASS GOLF FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Our Golf fundraising tournament, "MATAPAT FELLOWSHIP GOLF: A Tribute to the Academy" was a smashing success! It was held in Villamor Golf Club last June 7. Pres Tagoy, who's also Chair, Solicitation Committee along with PA/PAF/PN-PCG/PNP Group Presidents were ecstatic about a great turnout of Sponsors. The Police Loyal Eagles led by Rey Lanada manifested their full support by turning in the most number of Golf Sponsors. Tournament Director Benjie Gorres and partners Tattu Sanchez, Rolly Tenefrancia and Rolly Anonuevo oversaw the tournament preparations. Exciting giveaways & souvenirs were provided by Rey Lanada. Other Team MATAPAT

Members were: Publication- Edwin Corvera; Raffles/Prizes- Benjie and Rolly Tenefrancia; Awards/Trophies- Orwen Cortez; Food/Beverages- Tungs Tungala; and Ground Preparations- Tete Villarete and his Flyboys.

Our Class also hosted the 2nd Quarter Corps of 70s Golf Tournament at the PNGC last June 26. We took charge of venue preparation, program and prizes for Special Awards. Again, our Class contributed significantly to its success.

GOLF FOR MARAWI HEROES

Pres. Tagoy spearheaded the Class Golf Fundraising for our Marawi heroes in partnership with Veterans Golf Club under Matapat Fajie Fajardo on July 1-9. Our efforts yielded Php100,000.00. Materially, it may not count much but it's the sincerity and desire to help our comrades-in-arms that count. The little things we can do now to those who face the dangers we once faced for our country will never be measured in terms of money but by that precious feeling of doing something in gratitude to those who stop the danger so our next generation of Filipinos will not suffer.

Many thanks to Mistahs and supporters for your benevolence! May you receive more blessings from our Creator!

FORMATION OF CLASS COOPERATIVE

The interim Board of Directors led by Chair Tagoy agreed to name our budding Cooperative as LOYAL EAGLES MARKETING COOPERATIVE. The 17 Loyal Eagles who attended the PMES at CDA NCR last March 29 constituted the BOD. As agreed, membership will be purely voluntary. Only Mistahs who signified their intention to

join will be accommodated as members. The registration papers are still under process.

GOLF FELLOWSHIP

The Class Fellowship Golf is still held every Tuesday at our Last Watering Hole, the Veterans Golf Club. Fajie is just too happy to meet the Eagle golfers in his favorite golf course. Assembly time is 530Am. Tee off starts thereafter. Just contact Fajie or Benjie, our snappy Sports Coordinator.

AIR FORCE GROUP UPDATE

June was meet with enthusiasm as Diego celebrated his 60th birthday at PAF Clubhouse in Clark. The Flyboys and their ladies welcomed him with boodling, drinking and dancing. The Matapat Golf tournament last June 7 at Villamor was successful. Thanks to full support of Tattu and Cip! Ditto to Noelo, Steve, Tete, Ed, DJ, Ric, and Bong. Our Golf enthusiasts are still actively meeting up with the rest of Matapats at Veterans Golf Club and won't be absent from other Class-sponsored events such as Golf fundraising tournament for "Marawi Heroes".

July and August will again be busy days as we prepare for 3rd and 4th quarter events. Greetings to our forthcoming birthday celebrators Malou Gundao (July) and Vivian Villarete (August). Wishing you both wellness and happiness in your senior years!

ARMY GROUP UPDATE

The Matapat Army bugs under the dynamic leadership of Pres. Mark are busybodies nowadays. They hosted the 2nd Quarter Class Golf and Fellowship last

June 17 at Kagitingan Golfclub. Mistahs and their Kaydet Girls were treated to rounds of golf, luncheon and evening of fellowship and dancing that followed at ASCOM Multi-Purpose Hall. Their latest gathering was hosted by Matapat Anthony at Eastwood City to celebrate the coming of his & Bubbles' first angelic and lovely granddaughter. Alex Estomo also proudly announced his senior citizenship with a birthday bash coinciding with the dedication of his grandchild with Matapat 1979 family and friends in attendance. Go go go, Army!

NAVY-MARINES-COAST GUARD UPDATE

Coastguardsman Mon Liwag produced a new album "Kislap ng Bituin", now ready for commercial distribution. Produced by Monli's Mystic Life Music Entertainment, it contained 5 Original songs, 5 minus ones and one instrumental which he performed with a harmonica.

The first song, Kislap ng Bituin (Jazz) speaks of magnificence of a woman and a man's dream of his love. It was written for the Miss Universe Pageant. The 2nd song, Love from the Sky (Rock) tells about an OFW coming home for good. The third, Traffic (Jazz/Pop) is about keeping your cool to avoid road rage. The 4th, Pangarap ni Nanay (Reggae) is about Mother's greatness and love of her children. The 5th, Hanga Sa'yo (Jazz) tells our own experience of love at first sight. The songs were sung and arranged by Mike Bulaong. It's now available in Itune and Spotify. Perhaps the class can help Mon in selling this album. Grab now your own copy while supply lasts!

POLICE LOYAL EAGLES

The Men in Blue again showed the way! With Pres. Rey actively leading, it mustered its resources and delivered the bulk of Golf Sponsors for our Class Golf Fundraising Tournament to ensure the success of this noble endeavor. Fellow Police Eagle & Class Prexy Tagoy was all too happy about the turnout. Special mention also goes to Edwin, Zaldy, Benjie and Rolly for their role as Golf Committee members and to the rest of PNP Group. The Police Loyal Eagles regularly meet @ the North Park, SM Hypermart in Cubao. When not busy hitting the greens of Veterans Golf Club, the PNP group goes on a golf tour to reach out to class members who have not been heard of for some time.





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President
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Secretary

For the past months, the Dimalupig Class had two major events – The Support our Soldiers Project and the Bangkok Tour 2017.

1. The Support our Soldier Project of PMA Class 81.

This project was actually initiated by the Dimalupig Ladies. The objective of the project was for the Class to show our support to our wounded soldiers, not only from the Marawi conflict, but also from other conflict areas. Almost immediately as it was thought of, our Class Pres mobilized the class and contributions from the members, here and abroad, poured in. It did not take long for sixty five (65) Dimalupig to respond and dig deep into their respective pockets and we were able to generate about P209,000.00 in just a matter of 2 weeks. The funds were used to procure the goods to fill up our Care Packs, and food packs for our intended beneficiaries. There are two sets of Care Packs. The first set contains personal items and bath towels, and a Bible. The second set consists of T-shirts, undergarments, shorts, bath towels and assorted medicines

In three occasions, the Class was able to honor and support our wounded soldiers. On June 28, the Class was ably represented by Cav Rey Ardo and wife Irene, and Cav Felix Castro in the giving of our Care Packs (Set 2) to the WIA confined in Camp Evangelista Station Hospital, H4ID, in Cagayan de Oro City. Again on 4 July, through the effort of Cav Jolly Mabanta, and in partnership with Del Monte Phil., 160 cases of assorted

Del Monte products were turned over to Cmdr, 4ID, Maj Gen Benjie Madrigal for distribution to the troops. The culmination of this class endeavour was the visit of the Manlulupigs and Dimalupigs and kids at the AFP Medical Center (AFP Health Services Command), Fort Bonifacio General Hospital and the Manila Naval Hospital on July 8.

More than the Care Packs, the group offered words of encouragement to boost their morale, and prayers for their fast recovery.

Our Class Prexy, Cav Art Vidad, Cav Alan Luga and Cav Yerson Depayso and a couple of Manlulupigs gave separate messages thanking the troops for their heroism and sacrifice for God, country and people. Our beneficiaries were very appreciative and thankful for our gesture of care and support.

On the same day after our visit to the AFP Medical Center, and on the initiative of another Dimalupig kid, Kim Lagrana, she celebrated her birthday by way of distributing gift packs to the wounded soldiers. She was accompanied by Cav Ric and Violy, and their prayer group. They also offered consoling words and prayers for our WIA.

There were still a lot of items left after the final visitation. We made our last push by sending these goods to Cagayan de Oro, c/o Rey and Irene Ardo, again, for distribution to the troops who are still fighting the enemies thereat. For this, we would like to acknowledge the assistance of a Dimalupig brat, Maj Jomar Manalo PAF, for accommodating the cargo in his C130 flight to CDO.

Kudos to the Dimalupig Class for your generosity and to the Manlulupigs and kids for their active role in this project. The Class extends its heartfelt gratitude to those who shared their financial resources, but also their time and effort. Special mention

goes to Manlulupigs Neneng Vidad, Ces Lopez, Maan Manalo, Beth Luga, Cristy Jueves, Babylynne Servando, Weng Gador, Bles de Vera, and Jean Bernardo for helping out in the procurement and packing of our Care Packs. By the way, Cav James Dullas and wife Chona represented those from abroad during the hospital visitation.

The following are the statistics of this Class Project: 65- Dimalupig '81 Donors; 2 weeks – Preparation; 22 Volunteers; 4 Military hospitals; 495 Soldiers served. What was envisioned to be a small project with estimated beneficiaries of 150 WIA, exceeded our expectations. However, this is just a small token for our troops, who continue to fight for our country. While all of us have retired from the Service, our hearts will always be with them, for their sacrifice and dedication to duty. Hindi namin kayo nalilimutan. Mabuhay kayo!

2. Bangkok Tour 2017 by the Dimalupig, Manlulupig and Brats

About eighty eight (88) Dimalupigs, Manlulupigs and Brats participated in this much awaited event of the year – The Bangkok Tour 2017 – the 2nd time we did this since 2016. The Group was divided into two – The Golf Tour Group (25 Golfers) and the Tourist/Shoppers Group (53 pax). The Golfers prided themselves with being able to play in three different Golf Courses in 3 days – The Riverdale Golf Course in Bangkok, The Royal Military Academy Golf Course, and The Royal Army Golf Course. The golf event was so much fun because it was a Class Golf tournament hosted by Gen Thawip Netnyom. The Group was divided into 4 Teams with six members each team. After days of grueling ball-hitting competition, the BRAVO Team composed of Onyot Mendoza, Art Vidad, Sonny Manalo, Nick Dolojan, James Dullas and Chona Dullas prevailed over the other teams. Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants.





The Tourist/Shoppers Group, on the other hand, were able to tour the world-renowned ruins of the ancient capital of Thailand in Ayutthaya and of course, the big shopping malls (Platinum and MBK) in Bangkok.

Many thanks to Gen Thawip Netnyom and his wife Paew for making this Tour event so much fun and enjoyable. Apart from the regular three buses that were dedicated to the group from July 13 to 16, the couple also provided snappy support staff who acted as coordinators, escorts

and guides. For the golfers, Thawip treated us with wonderful freebies like green fees, caddy fees, golf cart, breakfast and lunch.

Many thanks also to the power couple Thawip and Paew for hosting the dinner at the Time and Tales Restaurant for the whole group. The food was great and the gifts distributed by Thawip and Paew to each and every member of the Group were very much appreciated. The last-day lunch, again hosted by Thawip and Paew at the Royal Army Golf Course

Club House was also great. Foods were plentiful and sooo delicious.

Next activity is the Testimonial Parade and Review for Cav Thawip in PMA in connection with his retirement from the military service on 30 Sept. To the Dimalupig family, please reserve the date – 9 Sept, for this event. This is the time that we can reciprocate the generosity and hospitality that was accorded to us by Thawip and Paew while we were in Thailand. See you there!

Until the next Class Call. God bless to everyone!



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If the kinds of postings made on the class Viber group are an indicator, one would think that a “progressive military career” would inevitably culminate in an intensive interest in golf.

Not a day goes by without a post of a class or company (CCAFP) gathering on the greens on an early morning, to be followed by lunch in one of the courses operated and maintained by the AFP and the various services. Retirement would normally assume a more relaxed schedule, getting up later than usual - not having to attend flag raising ceremonies and other early morning scheduled duties. But no Sir, the Matikas whackers are up early, ready to drive, pitch and putt, by hook or by slice.

When someone suggested that golf already be included in the program of instruction in Loakan, it was met with a roar of laughter. On second thought, he could be right.

If a yearling would start learning the rudiments of the game properly, he would be ready to play at least nine holes by the end of second class year. By the time he graduates, he would have saved enough to buy a working set of clubs and complete a round of eighteen holes with a passable score and a suitable handicap.

By the time he makes Captain/LtSG he would be proficient enough to compete in the battle of the classes during the Homecoming week.

Truly, an idea worth considering by the Department of Physical Education for those who are so inclined anyway. The recent set of retirees - Bill Melad, Louie Tuason, Keith Singian and Raskytoinks won't seem to mind. After all, the after

golf lunch is still a not too serious matter to look forward to.

Having said that, it's not too difficult to account for the classmates now - specially those (still) in uniform. The rest have either resorted to giving their polo barongs a second life with their government postings as previously announced and the others are quite content to remain in their farms and provincial residences, keeping in touch electronically whenever possible.

The last gentlemen standing have been dubbed (by myself and the FOIC) as the Oceans Eleven. Not because they are film blockbuster actors, but they can equal or maybe even surpass George Clooney and Brad Pitt in terms of poggity.



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Yes, the Matikas class is slowly fading away - not into the sunset, but into the dawn of a crisp morning sunlight, with the smell of newly cut grass and dew as they traverse the fairways of the courses.

How the reunions will be like in the years to come is going to be a mystery. Will they be held in the clubhouses of these courses? Or will there be JunGolf tournaments scheduled - not for fathers and sons, take note. These will now be for grandsons and their grandfathers.

Had we been told of the inevitable during our days in the Corps, perhaps it would have been a wise thing to have invested in shares in a golf course that early. A progressive military career, apparently, ends up there.

I know what everyone is toting now - "Fore!"



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"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." – William Arthur Ward –

The presence of the different commanders, the teachers, and staffs of the premier training institutions of the AFP and the Major Services during the Trilateral Staff to Staff Meeting greatly inspired the personnel to work together for better coordination and imparting the same knowledge to our students. The event was hosted by the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) at San Antonio, Zambales on 11 – 12 July 2017. Cavalier Jorge Amba, PMA Class 1985,

Commander, NETC, have envisioned for more exchange of best training practices and trainers/students between the three training institutions including those coming from the AFP Command and Staff College (AFPCGSC), which was recently activated as the AFP Education and Doctrine Command. This momentous event for the training institutions was well attended with the presence of the following: Cav Casiano Monilla, Commander, Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), PA and Cav Herminigildo Aquino, the Commandant, AFPCGSC, both of PMA CI 1984; Cav Jun Kintanar, Commander, Commander, Air Education, Training and Doctrine Command (AETDC), PAF, Cav Mon Mamaril, Deputy Commander, TRADOC and Rey Lanuzo, Director, ALDEC, all of PMA CI 1985; Cav Romy Basco, the Ex-O of OJ8, and Cav Wilfredo Burgonio, Deputy Commander, NETC, all of PMA CI 1987; Cav Ed Libago, CS, AETDC with Cav Carlo Lagasca, N5, HPN, all of PMA CI 1991, were also present. This only shows that most of the cavaliers assigned to the different training institutions put much

premium to the education and training of our personnel in the AFP.

For the Sandiwans Updates-PA Group: Charles Galvez-Cmdr, WESTMINCOM; Jess Manangquil-Cmdr with Vic Tomas-DC, JTF NCR; Rolie Bautista-Cmdr with Tommy Donato-ADC, both of 1ID; Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Jonks Delfin-ADC, 3ID; Benjie Madrigal-Cmdr, 4ID; Roy DeVesa-ADC, 5ID; Arnel Dela Vega-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; Noel Clement-Cmdr, 10ID; Danny Pamomag-Cmdr, SOCOM; Macky Macario-Cmdr, LRR; and Filip Bejar- Cmdr, 51st EBde.

Balong Arevalo-CS, PA; Joey Reyes-TIG, PA with Armingol De Guzman as the Deputy; Rodel Alarcon-Cmdr, HHSG; Jack Bareng-Cmdr, 102nd Bde; Arnie Matanguihan-Cmdr, 302nd Bde; Ely Losanes-Cmdr, 303rd Bde; Larry Casis-Cmdr, 703rd Bde; Jun Mendoza-Cmdr, 802nd Bde; Mario Lacurom-Cmdr, 803rd Bde; Ric Nepomuceno-Chief, AFPC; Ted Dizon-Chief, OACOCS; Byron Calimag-Deputy Cmdr with Amor Agpalo-IG, both

of ASCOM; Joey Villanueva is Dean of Academics, PMA; and Mon Mamaril-Deputy Cmdr, TRADOC, PA.

John Pulido-Cmdr, GHQ and HSC; Boni Cebrian-AJ2, AFP and Chi-Chi Logronio-Ex-O, OJ2, AFP; Sid Purisima-J3, AFP; Mel Feliciano-J7, AFP; Gener Del Rosario-Cmdt, CCAFP, PMA; Jun Cabading-Chief, AFPMFO; Dinoh Dolina-Chief, OLA, AFP; Ronnie Villanueva-Chief, ISAFP with Ric Santiago-GSMO; Emil Hulipas-DAFA, Timor Leste; Tony Tayag-DC, AFPMCC; and Raul Bautista-GM, AFPES. By the way, Jonas Becios is still confined at AFPMC, V Luna Road, QC.

Rey Lanuzo-Dir, ALDEC, TRADOC is set to retire on 01 August 2017 and Dave Diciano on 29 August 2017. Nick Alarcio, Mon Yogyog, Chito Limuaco, Rolie Cailing, Bolines Bolina, Alan Pajarillo, Tino Gonzales, Jorge Lomboy, Ed Clerigo, Oca Solamo, Louie Binwag, Jess Dosado, Jayvee Javier, Boboy Pabayoy, Dax Daquipil, Bong Aguinaldo and Reuel Sorilla had all retired. Ed Davalan is Director, John Hay Management Corporation and Vic Bayani is Executive Director, HERO Foundation.

For the PAF from TJ Tanjuan: Jun Kintanar-Cmdr, AETDC; Arnold Mancita-Cmdr, Airforce Logistics Command, who suffered a big fall is currently recuperating

at PAFGH; Tj Tanjuan-J6, AFP; Enry Reyes-Cmdr, 1st Air Div; Miles Milo-Cmdr, Air Force Reserve Command; Resty Padilla-AJ7, AFP. Sai Espino, Bert Lambot and Resty Baclayon had retired.

For the PN: Jorge Amba-Cmdr, NETC who is set to retire on 24 Aug 2017; Boy Vingson-TDCS, AFP; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-Cmdr, Naval Installation Command; Mon Ochoco-TNIA; Virme Torralba-Cmdr, Naval Service Support Command; Ty Salamat-Commandant, Philippine Marines; and Gino Hermogino-Cmdr, Coast Guard Fleet, PCG. Elson Aguilar, Max Ballesteros and Raul Ubando had retired.

Updates of the PNP from Arnie Gunnacao: Mon Apolinario- Deputy Chief PNP for Administration, HPNP; Greg Pimentel-Director (Dir) for Intel; Benjie Lusad-Dir, PNP SAF; and Atty. Jun Garado-Dir, DIPO, Southern Luzon.

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Those who are set to retire are Edwin Nemenzo-ITMS (CS) on 25 Aug 2017 and Elmer Beltejar-PRO8 on 30 Aug 2017. Those who retired were Atty Boyet Javier; Rene Gumban; Vert Chavez; Lito Santos; Bernie Reamon; Ric Zapata; and Wilson Caubat.

Those back to work are the following: Conrad Capa-Board Member, Phil Coconut Authority; Pete Cabatingan-Director, PNCC; Joji Castro-Business Partner of Palawan Express Pera Padala and President of Go Beyond Expectation Remittance Company; Alex Roldan is Lecturer at NPIT Canlubang; Manny Velasco is Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Alaminos, Pangasinan; Tods Ebon-Chairman, Board of Director of PRO6 Devt Cooperative, Camp Delgado, Iloilo City.

Finally, all Sandiwans can send their updates to **Mon Mamaril @ 0917-728-1985 or e-mail at filemonagile44@yahoo.com.** (FDMJr/AAM/JAMJr/RCA)



In the months that went by even when the class was dozing here in Cav Mag, the class members are “busy as bees and never idle like trees” as we go on performing and accomplishing our various tasks as government servants or as civilians in various capacities.

ON CLASS PROJECTS:

Last July 7, class members and supporters trooped to our venerable alma mater where Hinirang Class '87 just inaugurated a park, a view deck and a 10-Bay Firing Range as class projects donated to PMA through the initiative of our dear Mistah – Sen Francis Chiz Escudero who was the Guest of Honor with former and present Superintendents – LtGen Oscar Lopez PA (Ret) and Donato San Juan PA in

attendance. After the turn-over of these projects to PMA, the class had its 6th Hinirang '87 Invitational Shootfest until July 9 (Sunday) where shooters from different Metro-Manila, Central and Northern Luzon gun clubs and as far as Hawaii took part in the competition. During the Range Officers' night making it an unforgettable one, Pres Albert initiated donation as pot money for the Karaoke Singing among the group. Whoever gets to score “87” will get the pot money that reached 10K and MSgt Ikan of PMA Shooting Club got it!

a. Hinirang Park, b. View Deck overlooking Kennon Road near the Primary Firing Range of our Cadet days c. 10-bay Hinirang Firing Range



b. Here were the list of generous sponsors that made our Invitational Shootfest a resounding success”

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Another Class project still in the pipeline is the “MANONG PLEASEEE” Foundation, Inc. details of which are still being finalized. Some PMA Classes have initially supported the concept and the Hinirangs are confident that once this is adopted by PMAAAI, many more classes will be helping as well.

ON RECENT PROMOTIONS and “PROGRESSIVE” ASSIGNMENTS:

Class ‘87, tunay kang Hinirang! Mga estrelya sa balikat ngayo’y naglalaglagan!!

Sa Police nauna na sina Bong Dickson, Mon Rafael and Debold Sinas.

Elmer Bantog pa at pinaka-latest naman si Highway Patrol Escopunkz!

Sa AFP naman ay latest si Andro Baclayon that prompted Nong Nagrampa to say:

“The speed by which the hair of hinirangs are disappearing is directly proportional to the velocity the stars are falling on your shoulders.”

Of course nauna na si Fernan Trinidad, SJ Sobejana, Noli Samarita, Gochin Zaragosa, Ramie Ray, Bill Alunday, Jes Estoy, Mer Bernabe & Jun Parlade.

In the AFP, There’s Louie Dagoy in the PSG while Toto Ancan took the helm of 1002nd Bde from Tyne Banas (an all llonggo affair). Eric Vinoya took the 403rd IB based in Bukidnon. Erick Kagaon is with NavForNorth.

In the PNP, Mao Aplasca took the leadership of PRO 4 CALABARZON while Rene Aspera is slated to become the highest ranking Hinirang as he assumed the Director for Personnel, PNP. Arnel Escopunkz re-joined the Highway Patrol and this time as its Chief.

ON PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Manong Jim Beam Bustamante has just defended his Thesis en route to his Masters in Public Mgmt in Governance (MPMG) – Universidad De Manila. Is that in Espana? . Kudos to Manong Peter Suchianco for his tireless effort as the Class renamed and registered with SEC our foundation as Philippine Military Academy, Hinirang Foundation, Inc. and the BIR Registration as well. RETIREES: Jun Caps and Noel Detoito from the AFP and Art Asis, Dave Lacdan and Brigz Unay from the PNP.

WHERE THE ACTIONS ARE:

BGen Putoy Fortes took the initial brunt of the Maute rampage and true to the Hinirang spirit – fight, fight fight he did until he was promoted as ADC. Bill Alunday still there with his Mech Bde. Bravery and sterling leaderships these Hinirangs showed and provided to their troops and of course, the 3rd Marine Bde under Toto Parkz came just in time to augment the Army and Police forces initially deployed there.

That’s for the Manongs of Hinirang ‘87 for the meantime and our readers! Til next time here!

“Deliberate with caution, but act with decision and yield with graciousness, or oppose with firmness.” Charles Caleb Colton



The PMA “Makatao” Class of 1989 is rife with excelling individuals and thriving servicemen. This year is currently characterized with many movements towards higher responsibilities and duties. Here is a snapshot of where the gallant '89ers are now.

For the Army group, Ramil Bitong currently serves as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, PA, Alex Luna is the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, G2, PA, Rowen Tolentino is the Chief of the Management and Fiscal Office, PA, Rogelio Migote is the Deputy Chief of the Army Human Rights Office and Leo Ramoran is the Director of the Army Personnel Management Center. Kiram Grajo is the Deputy Commander of the Headquarters and Headquarters Support Group, PA while Omet Brawner has recently graduated from the US War College. Jun Torres is now the Brigade Commander of the 1003rd Infantry Brigade, while Juvymax Uy is the Brigade Commander of the 104th Infantry Brigade. Don Bajao is currently serving as Commander of Joint Task Force GenSan, while George Lalaquil serves as the Deputy Commander of Task Force Davao and Lincoln Tagle is the Deputy Commander of the Special Forces Regiment (Airborne). Efren Baluyot is the Chief of the Governance and Strategy Management Office, MID. Camilo Ligayo is the CUCS for CENTCOM, Manny Sequitin is the Chief of Staff for the 10th Infantry Division, and Dan Barotilla is Assistant Division Commander for RRA, 2nd Infantry Division, As to others, Joey Narciso is the Inspector General of the 6th Infantry Division, John Oberio serves as the Inspector General for the Eastern Mindanao Command, Meanwhile, Joshua Santiago is currently serving as the Commander, NCRCDG with Manny Magpayo as his Deputy. Rodolfo Batang is Commander, 5RCDG. Bert Desoyo is assigned as the Chief of Staff for the 8th Infantry Division, Leomar Doctolero is the Commanding Officer of the 12th Infantry Battalion, 3ID, and Ariel Felicidadario serves as the Executive Officer of the Deputy

Chief of Staff for Operations, OJ3 at GHQ. Elsewhere, Ric Bayhon, Nono Plaza and Marvin Licudine are assigned as the DAFA for Thailand/ Laos, Japan, and China respectively. Meanwhile, the following serves as Deputy Brigade Commander: Bagnus Gaerlan of the 102nd Infantry Brigade, Greg Almerol of the 903rd Infantry Brigade, Mau Licudine of the 401st Infantry Brigade, Wilbur Mamawag of the 602nd Infantry Brigade, and Lowell Tan of the 801st Infantry Brigade.

As to the retired Army mistahs, Alan Borlasa, Joji Raymundo, and Jess Rosete are residing in the United States, while Siony Asuncion, Ricky Carlos, and Bayani Fernandez are currently living in Australia. Alex Tuprio serves as Director for Security at Air Asia, Nick Pongos is flying with PAL, Kiko Baldazo is working with Shell Philippines, Ace Esmeralda works as a consultant for AAA, and Dan Olay is in charge of Safety with DMCI Holdings, Inc. Allan Cordova is living in Dumaguete, Emil De Leon is currently in Canada, Mon Tampil is in Ireland, and Mike Taningco is in Samar doing business.

Among the Navy group, Junjun Unson is with the PMA Corps of Professors, Jun Adaci is Deputy of NFSL, and Abet Carlos is Deputy of NSSC. Nick Driz is the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, J3, GHQ, John Garana is with the AFPPS at BNS, and Dorvin Legaspi is the Deputy, WESCOM. Meanwhile, Rei Picar is with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, J5, GHQ, and Reggie Rapanan is the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Intelligence, N2, PN. Chappy Reyes serves as the Deputy Commander of the Naval Forces West, while Charleston Suniga is relaxing abroad. For the Marines, Ariel Caculitan is the Superintendent of MCTC, Raul Caldez works as the Deputy, CSSB, and Ruben Candelario is Chief, SPS, GHQ. Also, Charles Gaerlan serves as the MCI, Inyong Hernandez serves as Chief of Staff of the Philippine Marine Corps and Nes Marcelino is the Commanding Officer of the Civil-Military Operations Group, PN. For the Coast Guard, Ed Fabricante is the Commander of CGD Bicol, and Willam Isaga is the CCGS. Ferdie Velasco and Angel Lobaton are awaiting designation as of the moment.

For the retired Navy mistahs, Valentin Abellera Jr. has gone abroad, and Rey Barraca and Mael Climaco are still in the United States. Timmy Aurelio works in

Ortigas, and Orville Piol in Australia.

For the Air Force group, the Wing Commanders are Nesty Rayos of the 570th Composite Tactical Wing and Toto Dela Peña of the 3rd Tactical Operations Wing. Connor Canlas is currently the Group Commander of Air Force Research and Development Center, Aldrick Dela Torre serves as the Chief of Staff of the AFP Command and General Staff College, Cris Marquez is the CCS for the Air Defense Command, and Leo Peralta is the Deputy Wing Commander of the 420th Supply Wing while Larry Tianchon serves as the Deputy Wing Commander of the 710th Special Operations Wing.

Among the retired Air Force mistahs, Jerry Cabe is currently abroad, Caloy Cristobal is with PAL, and Paul Mendoza is with Cebu Pacific.

For the PNP group, Manny Abu is CS of the PNP SAF, Ed Acierto is Deputy of the Police Drug Enforcement Group, and Jun Azurin is Chief of SOPPD, DPRM. Sterling Blanco is RCDS for PROCOR, while Jun Borromeo is a pastor. Bart Bustamante is DDDO of QCPD, and Jess Cambay is the DRDO of PRO6. Meanwhile, Ulysses Caton is DDA of HPG, Val De Leon is Chief, FEO with Bert Ferro as his deputy, and Rex Dela Rosa serves as Deputy Chief of PRBS. Also, Jireh Fidel is Chief, SIDD, DIDM, and Uly Gohel serves as the DDA of AKG. Chiqui Malayo currently serves as the Commander of CITF, and Rhodel Sermonia serves as Chief, PPD, DPCR. Also, Mario Sinocruz is DPDA of Cagayan PPO, and Bert Solomon is Director, IG.

Among the retired PNP mistahs, Manny Chu and Hamurabi Geonzon are residing in the United States, Erwin Robles is a businessman, and Edwin Paras is a busy man.

We count our class as very fortunate, and we are very grateful. We look forward to more blessings for the rest of the year.



A blessed day to all Mabikas families! We are already halfway through the year and so many things are already happening for the past few days. From the elections of the new set of officers last April,



our snappy Class President, Frank Molina already had two formal class meetings with matching powerpoint presentations. Key items discussed were about the status of the class fund, its utilization, class by-laws and our preparations for the 25TH Silver Jubilarian Homecoming come 2021. We already started to discuss for our 2021 preparations so that we will have enough time at ng hindi tayo magrally sa preparasyon. Part of the discussions are on how to generate additional funds that will be used for the said occasion. As the saying goes, “daig ng maagap ang masipag” or something to that effect. May we request all Mabikas to be included in the Mabikas viber group so that you can be updated on the ongoings of the class, especially on some important disseminations. Those who are using other than their full names, kindly introduce yourself because some of us do not know your codenames (pangalan pang-chicks hehehe).

Some updates for Mabikas gentlemen who are taking up their CGSC. They are halfway through the course and just came from a one-week midterm break. They are already looking forward to their Foreign Academic Travel that will happen sometime end of September or early October. For the other Army mistahs, they are already preparing for the processing for the next CGSC class (63) for next year. Hopefully, everybody will be accommodated by that time. Also for the Mabikas Air Force bugs,

let us congratulate the newly designated Commanders: Uly Mancao, TOG5, and Tony Abundabar as the new Commander of the 2ND Air Reserve Center. Also, Denis Mangcoy is recently designated as the Deputy A2 of the Philippine Air Force. For the Army, let us welcome back Marlo Jomalesa and our Baron, Rodil Curiba for their recent undertakings abroad. Joma is already with the First Scout Ranger Regiment and is preparing his battalion, the 5TH Scout Ranger Battalion to follow their companies which are already deployed in Marawi. Good luck Joms and happy hunting. For the Navy and Coast Guard guys, no changes as per their last update.

Recently, with the fighting happening in Marawi, let us include in our prayers the officers and men of Mel Brual and the 51ST Infantry Battalion who is fighting for our freedom so that others may live and sleep peacefully in their homes. As of this writing, our forces are still battling it out inch by inch in the area and we can only hope and pray that everything will soon be okay. His unit is in the front lines and if you can call him, it would be of great help to boost their morale. Ingat kayo palagi dyan bok.

Also, prayers be given to Troy Bumagat and his family who were recently hit with a magnitude 6.5 earthquake. As per our FB monitoring, their family is okay and we hope that they can overcome

the challenges that they are facing. Ingat palagi bok and God bless you and your family.

Sa mga mistah na unaccounted, patulong makuha mga contact numbers nila para meron tayong updates sa kanila. We will try to come up with a class directory para meron tayong monitoring sa ating mga minamahal na mistah. To all Mabikas bugs and their families, let us maintain contact with one another and monitor each other’s whereabouts always. You can post your updates at our viber group or you can contact our class president Frank Molina for the updates. Until the next class call. PUERI ULTIMI A CAMPO



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Mabuhay mga mandarangan!!!

Rainy season is here once again. As this season comes, a lot of things are expected to come along with it. This in turn calls us to be prepared to face the challenges ahead as well as to receive the pouring blessings from Up above and the people around us. This wet season apparently brings about heavy rains and flooding which may pose danger against us and our families. As we expect several typhoons, mandarangans are therefore reminded to stay safe and be aware of the changing weather while we are on the road, in our home and at work. Additionally, this season may bring sickness such as common colds, coughs and flu. Having medicines and vitamins at reach is not a bad idea especially for the children.

With the pouring rains, we must also be cognizant of the opportunities and





blessings that come with it. We continue to pray for the Almighty’s protection, guidance and divine providence in every endeavor we choose to take in our service, career and family. Let us continue to take care of each other as family and nurture the camaraderie that our beloved Alma matter brought us. In doing our assigned tasks, let us live up to the standards expected of us in serving God, country and people.

During the commemoration of the 14th year from graduation, the mandarangans chose to offer wreath for our brother heroes who went ahead. Aside from merriments, this is another way of remembering glorious moments, to honor glorious comrades. This is to express our pride and joy having cried, laughed, worked and strived with these heroes of our land. To the fallen Mistah... you will remain in our hearts.

Another significant activity which is invaluable constructive is the marriage encounter which was made part of the summer outing of the class. It was one event which brought numerous lessons and wisdom to the couples who attended. This is how the mandarangan value family as whole and determined to treasure marriage as part of a long journey together. We give due credit to all mistah who made

the event possible and everyone who lend helping hands. Kudos Mabix!!!

The class gives due recognition for again (Jau) and again (Mabix) and again (Mag One) making it to the top in the last three consecutive Staff Officer’s Course. Parang may again pa ulit ito. Congratulations and thanks mga mistah for making it vaultfiles thrice. Likewise, kudos to the Air Force Public Affairs Officer (Galzky). You all made the class as proud!!! Mabuhay ang Mandarangan!!!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

We also join our mistah in merriment and gratitude to the Almighty for another rewarding year of their lives (Bote – 27 Aug, Brandon – 28 Jul, Brey – 21 Jul, Capili – 2 Jul, Cendana – 16 Aug, DR – 7 Aug, Elona – 8 Aug, Sprites & Banong– 20 Aug, Gar – 19 Aug, Jebbs – 26 Aug, Lanzar – 22 Jul, Mabix – 7 Aug, Medallon – 13 Jul, Osias -20 Jul, Paras – 5 Jul, Pyms – 22 Jul, T Jones -25 Jul, Tips -26 Jul). Happy birthday mga Mistah!!!

Let us continue to work towards the betterment of the AFP, our country and our respective families. As true cavaliers, let us live as a good example to our fellow public servant most especially to our children and family. We will always remember the lessons and ideals that our Alma matter

and worthy mentors imparted us. There is no other choice but to improve each day to become better each time as we perform our assigned mandate. Let us stay safe and happy as we serve our country. To God be the Glory...

Stay proud Mandarangans!!! May the FORCE be with us!!!

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PDIR WARIETO “RITO” ALBIA CAPITAN PNP (RET)
4 January 1943 - 2 August 2017



PDir Warieto “Warren” A Capitan is a member of PMA Class 1965. He was assigned at Philippine Constabulary (PC) and served as Provincial Commander of South Cotabato and Surigao del Sur. The key positions he occupied were RECOM Commander of Region 5, 7 and 9. PDir Capitan passed away last 2 August 2017 and was cremated on 6 August 2017 at Cempark Cebu City. He left behind his children, namely: Warren, Mark and Warieto Jr.



LAST CALL

COL ERASMO A RIVERA PAF (RET)
25 November 1929 - 14 July 2017



Col Erasmo A. Rivera is a member of PMA Class 1955. After graduation, he was assigned at Philippine Air Force, became a fixed-wing and rotary wing Pilot. In his senior years in the active service, he served as the

Inspector General of the Air Force. After his retirement, he continued to serve government and was employed at PAGCOR as Managing Head of the Security Department. Later, he was designated as the Branch Manager of Casino Filipino- Olongapo and Casino Filipino-Angeles Branch. From his executive function, he settled into a less stressful job. He serves as a Consultant to the PAGCOR Chairman. Col Rivera passed away on 14 July 2017 and was accorded a hero's burial on 18 July 2017 at LNMB. He is survived by his wife Evangeline and five children.

CAPT FLODELINO B ZABALA PN (RET)
01 September 1938 - 16 July 2017



Navy Captain Florelino "Zaba" Zabala is a graduate of PMA Class 1962. Before entering PMA, he was a valedictorian of the University of the Philippines. As a cadet, he was the Baritone in the choir loft, the Bongo in the

gay and festive combo, the kick in the soccer court and the Force and the logic in radical off-the-record arguments. As a naval officer, he excelled in all his assignments, the last of which was Chief of Military Personnel, DND. His retirement from service did not deter him from pursuing a higher ambition, to be someone

outside the armed forces. Capt Zabala passed away on 16 July 2017. He was married to Nonita A. Zabala with whom they had two children, namely: Melody and Ninay.

LTCOL VICENTE M BALLESTEROS JR. PA
19 December 1976 - 21 July 2017



A graduate of PMA Class Masikhay 1999, he chose to serve his country through the Philippine Army. He earned the distinction of having passed the rigid tests for admission in an elite unit and became a member of

the Scout Rangers Regiment. As a Captain, he led combat operations in Agusan and Surigao, known hotbed of insurgencies in Mindanao. As a Major, he shifted to "operations other than war", heading the logistics arm of humanitarian operations during disasters in NDRRMC OPCEN. In this job, he caused the efficient movement of vehicles, resources and troops to where they were needed most. He was recently assigned at ATMC, GHQ. LtCol Ballesteros passed away on 21 July 2017 and was buried at Libingan ng mga Bayani on 29 July 2017. He is survived by his wife Marissa A. Ballesteros and they were blessed with four children, namely: Victoria Nina, Vincent Alfred, Paolo Miguel and Vicente III.

COL VICTOR M PUNZALAN PA (RET)
08 April 1918 - 25 July 2017



Col Victor "Vic" Punzalan is a graduate of PMA Class 1944. He was a recipient of two prestigious awards given by the PMA Alumni Association, namely: Cavalier Award for Alumni Affairs in 1968 and for Private Enterprise

in 1996. During his military career, he was assigned as Tactical Officer, Instructor, Professor and Dean of the Corps of Professors in PMA. After his retirement, he served as President of Armed Forces and Police Savings and Loan Association (AFPSLAI) and Chairman of the Board of the Grayline Group of Companies. Col Punzalan died on 25 July 2017. He was married to Celia Tadle with whom they had a daughter namely Dulce Blanca.

COL VENANCIO R DUQUE JR PC (RET)
26 February 1946 - 31 July 2017



Col Venancio "Johnson" Duque Jr. is a member of PMA Class 1968. Very active as a cadet, he was President of the Radio and Camera Club and a member of the Baseball, Soccer and Golf Corps Squads.

He graduated at the top ten of his class and joined the PC. He served as a Junior Officer of Rizal Provincial Command, Senior Aide of Chief Philippine Constabulary, Provincial Commander of Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan, and Chief of the Constabulary Operation Center. His last assignment was at the PC Regional Command in Leyte. After retirement, he became Senior Vice President for Administration, then Senior Vice President for Treasury in Armed Forces and Police Savings and Loan Association, Inc. He was a Master in National Security Administration (MNSA) graduate from the National Defense College of the Philippines and earned his Master in Business Administration degree from the University of the Philippines. He died on 31 July 2017 in the United States and was buried at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, New Jersey. He left behind his loving wife Lourdes and their children, namely: Lee, Kara, Benedict and Patty.

COMMO FELICIANO A PARADO AFP (RET)
12 January 1933 - 5 August 2017



Commo Parado was born in the humble town of Bacnotan, La Union. He was a graduate of PMA Class 1955 and was assigned in the Philippine Navy. His last assignment was in the Naval Forces, Southern Luzon

where he got his promotion to Commodore. He was married to Lolita with whom they had three children.

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