



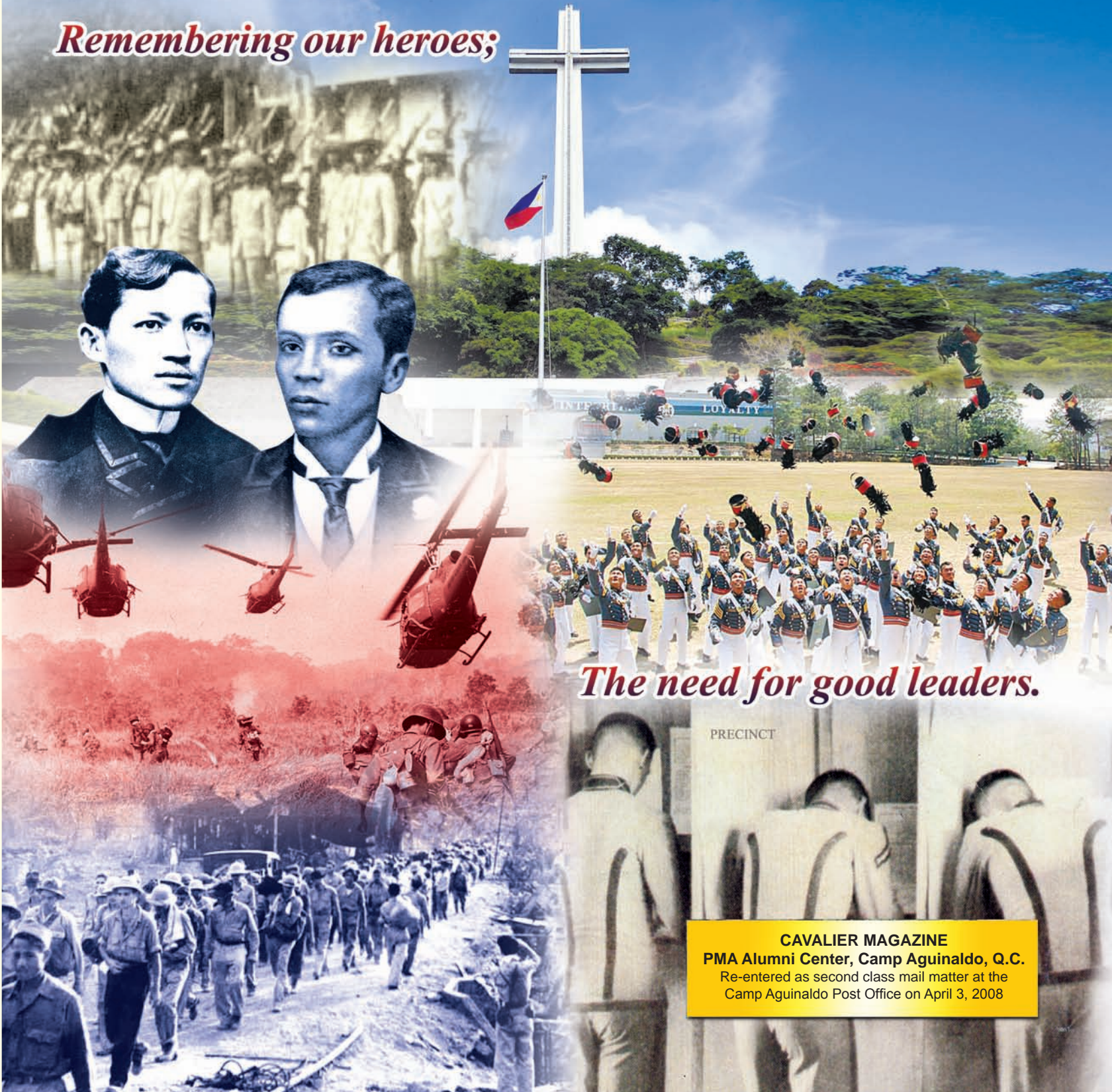
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Our country does not lack heroes ever since. During the fight for independence against Spain and the US, heroes emerged. At the outbreak of World War II, young PMA graduates, undergraduates and ROTC cadets fought the Japanese invaders at Bataan and Corregidor. When American commanders surrendered, these young men continued the fight – as guerrillas, one unit of which, the famous ROTC Hunter’s Guerrillas was organized and led by our own alumni. They fought without any thought of remuneration or reward.

Although remembered and extolled as heroes for several days in April each year, with culminating ceremonies at the Dambana ng Kagitingan in Bataan, most of the time, they are forgotten. Many of them died without enjoying the full benefits promised by government leaders. Even up to now, they have yet to receive what are due them. Post war veterans – those who fought against communist and secessionist insurgencies are likely to suffer the same fate as their senior comrade in arms.

They therefore look forward to the results of the incoming national elections, hoping that this time, true leaders who have the interest of the country above all and who know how to take care of the common people and their veterans, will take over the various echelons of government.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



Remembering our heroes; the need for good leaders

This is my “maiden column” in the Cavalier Magazine as Chairman of the PMAAAI. So please allow me first to express that it is both an honor and privilege to be serving our Association in this capacity. I will work side by side and hand in hand with the other officers and members of the Board for the fruition of all our goals and plans for this year. As I stated during the symbolic turnover of the PMAAAI management on 1 March, the new Board will run the affairs of our Association in the usual professional manner.

It is highly propitious that the selected theme for the first issue of the Cavalier Magazine during our term is “Remembering our heroes; the need for good leaders.” These two phrases are not really distinct; they are in fact closely related. Significantly, we are now in the season for remembering and honoring our heroes and also for selecting our national and local leaders.

Speaking of heroes, every year, veterans, government officials and foreign dignitaries flock to the Dambana ng Kagitingan in Mt. Samat in Bataan to commemorate “Araw ng Kagitingan” or Day of Valor. However, with each passing year, the number of veterans attending the said event gets less and less. Is this a sign of the times that heroes are now a dying breed?

Growing up, we probably have had our own personal heroes -- pop heroes, sports heroes, super heroes. We also have heroes among us: the child who saved his younger brother from their burning house; the cab driver who returned the wallet left by a passenger with all the money intact; the father or mother who single-handedly supports and nurtures his or her family; the OFW who works far from his or her family; the public school teacher who teaches in a far-flung barrio; the cop who saves civilians from criminals; the soldier who sacrifices his life in the fight against insurgency and terrorism; and many, many more. They are all heroes.

The marker of “The Fall of Bataan” encapsulates the heroes we are honoring every 9th of April. It reads: “Sealed in blood the permanent ties of friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and the United States. This marker is dedicated, 9 April 1952, in the memory of the gallant Filipino

and American soldiers, as well as civilians, who fought and died side by side in the defense of democracy.”

General Douglas MacArthur best described our soldiers' heroism: “The Bataan force went out as it wished, fighting to the end its flickering forlorn hope. No Army has ever done so much with so little . . .”

So many mothers and wives have lost their sons and husbands to that war and other wars and armed encounters. Their sacrifices are not and should not be in vain. It is the duty and obligation of all Filipinos, especially the Cavaliers, to protect the freedom that our heroes have unselfishly bequeathed to us and never to be oppressed by the enemies of state.

And how do we do this? One good way is by choosing our leaders well.

Incidentally, our National Elections are coming up in May. There is a need for good leaders for our country, now more than ever. It is time for all citizens to speak, be heard, be counted and make a difference. That is what freedom of speech and of expression and democracy are all about. We are at a critical stage where we are being assaulted and harassed on all fronts, physically, emotionally, spiritually. To the Cavaliers who are running for elective positions, please always bear in mind what have been inculcated and ingrained in us in the Academy: integrity, courage and loyalty. Use these values as guides in all your dealings as leaders and you will never go wrong. To the Cavaliers who are still in the active service, the Filipinos expect you to be apolitical and just do your duty professionally.

We all need to be alert and aware. “May pakialam.” The worst we could be is to be indifferent. That moment when we stop caring is the moment we allow our country and countrymen to go to the dogs, so to speak. We owe it to our forefathers to protect what they died fighting for. And we owe it also to our descendants who will bear everything long after we have all come to pass.

So let us go out and exercise our right of suffrage. And choose and vote wisely! 🇵🇭



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



Leadership and heroism among cavaliers

The theme: “Remembering our heroes, the need for good leaders” reminds me that a hero and a leader both have something in common. They possess noble qualities – bravery and capacity to guide – which are essential in steering a nation toward peace and prosperity.


In revisiting the past, we see that our national heroes distinguished themselves due to their acts of selflessness and patriotism. Because of our heroes in the past, we now enjoy what our country is today, a democratic country where people have rights and freedom to choose their destinies.



Time and time again however, threats against our security and sovereignty endanger our quest for lasting peace and progress. Fortunately, we are not lacking in dedicated men and women who are ready to keep our flag flying up high no matter what the cost is on their lives and limbs. My salute goes to our fallen heroes for their efforts against insurgency, terrorism and encroachment to our security. I remember them deep in my

heart. It is my hope that our people will likewise remember them, not only occasionally, not only in words.

This year the country is facing changes that come with the election period. It is another opportunity to wisely veer this nation to the right direction with a new leadership. Becoming a leader comes with giving up the right to think of one's own self-interest. Leadership comes with responsibility and personal sacrifices. Our support as alumni of the Academy, many of whom are apolitical, is crucial to the interest of our nation and people.

Fellow Cavaliers, let us take a moment to find courage and dedication to inspire others by setting example. We must continue to strive for honor and excellence. Together, let us serve with pride our God, country and people. 



The Dambana ng Kagitingan in Bataan, a symbol of Filipino heroism.



SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Gaining ground: Our commitment to fortify the long gray line

An African proverb says that it takes a village to raise a child, we answer by saying that it takes a whole community of cavaliers, and other stakeholders – individuals and organizations alike to produce leaders of character.

Through all of our challenges in life, it is important that we stop to reflect, make a resolve and take action. Through the years, the Academy has produced cavaliers who build and maintain camaraderie and uphold the highest standards of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. The high turnout of attendees during the alumni homecoming goes to show that our commitment remains at the highest level to these precepts that we share.

The graduation of the sixty three (63) strong PMA Gabay Laya Class of 2016 and the reception of the three hundred ninety five (395) plebes of the PMA Class of 2020 revitalize our pledge to carry on molding these in individuals into becoming responsible leaders in service of our nation especially in trying times.


It is our goal to increase the success rate of our system and sustain our current programs in the forthcoming years. This will be reflected in the number of graduates we produce and their responsiveness to the current operational environment. Team PMA aims to accomplish this by undertaking the following: 1) Continuing study of the PMA curriculum; 2) Increasing the competency of our personnel; and 3) Sustaining the improvement of processes and mechanisms. The Academy will ensure that it will maintain its momentum in redefining our brand of developing individuals from all walks of life.

Cadets are only as good as the instructors who handle them, and our pool in the Academics and Tactics Group is envisioned to be the center of gravity of this ideal. Let me take this opportunity to thank individuals and institutions who help us realize this resolve, first, the Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Incorporated which has been generous in granting members of the Academy the opportunity to take various post-graduate schoolings. This endeavor is one of the building blocks in our unrelenting determination to spark change from within. Second, our pool of consultants from the College of Education of the University of the Philippines, experts in curriculum design and development who have given time to study the current curriculum to measure its responsiveness to the changes in the educational system of the country.

In the coming years, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) will implement the College Readiness Standards (CRS). This implies that many of the basic or foundation courses will no longer be taught in college. Specifically for PMA, remedial courses in Communication, Mathematics and Sciences will be absorbed by the Grades 11 and 12 curricula. Further, certain specialized academic courses of PMA exceed that of the required General Elective (GE) courses, thus rendering portions of the present GE program irrelevant.

Notwithstanding the expected effects of the K +12 program, PMA ensures that its curriculum will focus on being able to produce leaders of character who are proficient in the broad and basic military skills to be nurtured and strengthened by their respective branches of service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the future.

As part of sustaining the gains we have achieved through the years, the Academy is currently working on its quality management systems re - certification. The ISO 9001 Certification started as a project of the Department of National Defense (DND). It was pilot tested with the Headquarters Academic Group and is already due for recertification this year. The Academy is set to review not only its cost effectiveness but more importantly, its relevance towards the attainment of our vision. Compliance and certification focus on the improvement of systems as noted in the audit done by a third party certifying body (in this case, Tuv Rheinland). According to an array of studies, it is has been noted that organizations which have gained ISO Certification have also registered growth as an institution as a result of increased operational performance. Also, they have gained improved international recognition. Studying the efficacy of the implementation of the different programs vis-a-vis the leaders we produce and their responsiveness to the needs of the service remains to be the keystone in this endeavor.

All of these efforts cannot be accomplished by an individual or by our Alma Mater alone. The accomplishment of our mission, the accomplishment of our future graduates would be a product of what each and every cavalier contributes. More importantly, it is with deep gratitude and appreciation that I thank cavaliers who remain to be role models to the future members of the long gray line, who embody the ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. 



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editorial ♦ Comments

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Heroes in our midst, good leaders inspire

By the time this issue of the Cavalier Magazine is out, one drama dear to the hearts of the alumni and other veterans would have unfolded, and one exercise eagerly awaited by the nation would be in the horizon. The first pertains to week-long events to commemorate Arawang Kagitingan, which will be celebrated at the Dambanang Kagitingan in Bataan where heroes of the last world war would be remembered, extolled and placated with endearing accolades and promises to ameliorate their welfare. To those who put their lives and limbs on the line for the country, words uttered during these occasions would be heart-warming, but sadly lacking in intent, content and action beyond the historic sites.


While the first is mainly symbolic and ceremonial, the second is admittedly more important to the life of the entire nation – the national elections. Once again, voters will flock to the polling places to perform an act sacrosanct to a citizen – write the names of the next President and other political leaders who will be the next main actors in a real to life reality show in the next three to six years. It is only in this political exercise where the nameless, faceless, unemployed, insignificant and poor Filipinos combined will wield more power than the rich and powerful (if not cheated, or hoodwinked).

In the meantime, postwar veterans who also put their lives and limbs in defense of the country against external, internal and environmental threats will cross their fingers, hoping that good leaders would take over and give them the long-delayed benefits already bestowed to them by appropriate laws. In fact they have been enjoying them under previous administrations, albeit not fully. In their hearts is a prayer that these would be given soon enough before they reach the twilight of their lives so they would not suffer the same fate as the World War II veterans who are in their late eighties and nineties. True, those who are in their late eighties are now enjoying the so-called Total Administrative Disability (TAD) pension although too late (it should have been given at age 70) and too little. From pronouncements of a number of government officials and civilian critics it appears that they do not know that

the retirement benefits carried under the AFP Budget is different from the old-age pension (upon reaching 65 years of age) and TAD pension, both of which are administered by PVAO.

Also in focus here are (1) the unpaid arrears in pension increase differentials of post war veterans since 2000 which have ballooned to more than P20B for failure of government to include them, even partially, in annual appropriations in spite of urgent requests from veteran/ retiree organizations and (2) removal of the provision for automatic indexation of their pension in the proposed Salary Standardization Law of 2015, a right already earned and enjoyed under PD 1638 which took effect in 1979. The usual reason: lack of funds. Yet there are savings and programs like DAP, PDAF, CCT, etc. For sure, the veterans are aware of legal doctrines that laws shall be faithfully implemented by government, that rights already earned cannot be removed and that new laws are prospective in implementation.

Even those still in the active service may soon realize that they too may be shortchanged in Executive Order 201 which will implement the Appropriation Law of 2016, which already contains the outlay for the first tranche of the increases in the basic pay, yet they will be merely paid allowances which are not included in the computation of their retirement pay when they say goodbye to the service. Already, there are moves to question the constitutionality of said Executive Order.

Recently, the Class of 2016 joined the ranks of the Regular Force. Fresh from leaving a very ideal environment, they would soon understand the post-retirement difficulties of veterans created by an indifferent government bureaucracy and leadership at echelons higher than what they see and feel from a comfortable zone, like PMA. One thing is sure, at a young age they could teach their elders what good leadership is all about a balance of accomplishing the mission and attending to the welfare of people they are leading. 

CAVALIER

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza ' 55

NEWSLINE



LtGen Fallorina appointed CG, PAF

LtGen Edgar R Fallorina '83 has been appointed by the President as the new commanding general of the Philippine Air Force, replacing LtGen Jeffrey F Delgado '82 who retired upon reaching age 56.



Fallorina



Mison

MGen Salvador Melchor Bueno Mison '84 has replaced Fallorina as the deputy chief of staff (TDCS) of the AFP. Mison has been replaced as commander of the Air Education and Training Command by MGen Galileo Gerard R Kintanar Jr '85, who himself has been replaced as chief of air staff by BGen Rozzano D Briguez '86, who used to be the commandant of cadets of the PMA.

LtGen Miranda and LtGen Tanalgo swap positions



Tanalgo

LtGen Glorioso V Miranda '83 and LtGen Romeo T Tanalgo '83 have swapped positions.

Miranda who used to be the Nolcom commander has taken over as the new AFP vice chief of staff, vice Tanalgo who took over as Nolcom commander, replacing Miranda.

Tanalgo, a PN Marine officer, is believed more suitable as commander of Nolcom which has operational jurisdiction over North Western Luzon facing the West Philippine Sea, although Westcom reportedly has operational jurisdiction over the entire West Philippine Sea.

MGen Lactao is new TIG, AFP

MGen Oscar T Lactao '84 has been designated as The Inspector General,



Lactao

AFP, vice LtGen Benito Antonio T de Leon '81 who was compulsorily retired from the service.

MGen Benjamin R Madrigal Jr '85 has replaced Lactao as commander of the 4th Inf Div, PA. Replacing Madrigal as chief of staff, PA is BGen Robert M Arevalo '85.

MGen Leandro A Loyao III '84 took over as the new internal auditor, AFP.

Earlier, BGen Harold N Cabreros '84 assumed as commander of the 3rd Inf Div, PA vice MGen Rey Leonardo B Guerrero '84 who became commander of the AFP Eastern Mindanao Command.

MGen San Juan assumes as PMA superintendent



San Juan

MGen Donato B San Juan II '84 has assumed as the new superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, replacing LtGen Oscar P Lopez '81 who was compulsorily retired just a week before the PMA Alumni Homecoming on 20 February 2016.

San Juan has been replaced as commander of the Special Operations Command (Socom) of the Army by BGen Danilo G Pamong '85, who used to be the commander of the Light Reaction Regiment.

PDir Vargas designated head of PNP Directorate for Plans



Ignacio

PDir Noel Lazarus C Vargas '82 has been designated head of the Directorate for Plans at the PNP National Headquarters, replacing PDir Alexander Robert C Ignacio '83 who was reassigned as chief of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations (DIPO) in Eastern Mindanao.

Meanwhile, PCSupt Melvin Ramon G Buenafe'86 has assumed as the new training director of the Philippine National Police Academy (counterpart of PMA superintendent). He used to be the PMAAAI president.

PMAAAI chair administers membership oath to Class 2016

PDDGen Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67, PMAAAI chair, administered the oath of membership of the 63 members of PMA Class 2016 during their graduation last 13 March.

All of them have paid their Association membership fees of P500 and signed authorization to deduct from their pay their monthly dues of P100, plus another P100 monthly contribution, as 2d lieutenant/ensign, for the Special Fund for PMA Payback. They have also all paid their membership contributions of P2,000 to each of the four affiliate foundations, namely: PETFI, PDFI, PMAFI and PFTJI.

In Memoriam

The PMAAAI board of directors conveys its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the following alumni who have passed away on dates indicated:

1Lt Daisyree Lyn V Martos '08	8 February 16
Col Manolo Diamante '68	23 February 16
Cpt Rogelio B Jaramillo '61	6 March 16
Cpt Joevy D Cabayacruz '07	11 March 16
CSupt Dictador L Alqueza '64	12 March 16
Col Edgardo Q Abesamis '65	17 March 16
VAdm Mariano J Dumancas Jr '60	2 April 16
Maj Heherson T Layugan '97	3 April 16

The PETFI offers a scholarship to help in the education of qualified children of married deceased and disabled alumni and younger siblings of those unmarried. To qualify, their alumnus-parent/brother must have been a regular member of PETFI and regular member of good standing of the PMAAAI at the time of death or disability.

The qualified children or the widows and parents concerned may get in touch with Maribel or Rhodelyn at the PETFI office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo or by Tel 421-2807, Telefax 911-7642 or by email at petfi@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing on the Amended New Bylaws of the PMAAAI, specifically Article II (Membership), Section 2 (Eligibility), subsection b (Associate Members), which states :

“Any former cadet who was separated from the Academy after one (1) year of cadetship: Provided, that he was not separated for violation of the Honor Code or of an offense involving moral turpitude: Provided, further, that he should be admitted as a member before the 25th graduation anniversary of his former class;”

The first provision relating to the Honor Code is laudable but not the second. I brought this out earlier in the concluding part of an article I co-authored jointly with a former classmate, Cadet Ernesto F. Foronda (PMAAAI, hello and goodbye? – The Cavalier, July-August 2015) who was denied associate membership on account of this particular provision. We wrote:

“To its lasting credit, the PMAAAI held the long view when it allowed former cadets to be admitted as members of the alumni association. Regrettably, it fell short when it set a time limit. Shortening time and the opportunity for former cadets to be considered for associate membership is short-sighted, no pun intended.

“.....by bringing this matter out to the kind attention of PMAAAI members through this article, I wish and hope that this particular provision be revisited.”

Six issues of The Cavalier later, it is evident that my hope may have been misplaced. So, I am writing this letter to The Cavalier, this time addressing the general membership through the illustrious members of the Board of Directors.

This is no politics, but as in politics, associate membership ought to be addition, not subtraction.

Cav Winston G. Arpon '64

Dear Editor,

I am writing to show my concern over two full-page paid advertisements which appeared in the Philippine Star dated 31 March 2016 (page 6) and Philippine Daily Inquirer dated 29 March 2016 (page6), paid by the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP). Both advertisements glorify the late Ka Roger, a high CPP leader when he was alive, as a hero. To me the real heroes were those who defended Bataan, joined the Death March to Capas (like my late father), fought the Japanese as guerillas, and fought against insurgent and secessionist forces.

I did not fully realize that the CPP and its legal front, the National Democratic Front (NDF) could now move around freely and take advantage of this country's democratic institutions, like the press, among others. They could also put up candidates

for government elective positions. With the repeal of RA 1700 (Anti-Subversion Law) early on during the presidency of the late President Corazon C Aquino, the CPP is no longer illegal, notwithstanding the glaring fact that it is still a primary threat against national security because of its avowed objective of replacing our democratic government with a Communist one by armed means, through the New People's Army (NPA).

As a result, government forces are now addressing the threats to national security on two fronts – above ground (CPP/NDF) and underground (NPA). It is not hard to see that the AFP and PNP are fighting enemy forces with one hand tied.

When will our government correct the situation? Perhaps, it is high time for Congress to enact a new Anti-Insurgency Law, to cover both insurgent and secessionist threats. It is the least the government could to enable our troops to risk their lives from a position of strength.

Cav Ponciano S Millena '66

Dear Editor,

Once a year during All Saints Day, a number of Class 66 graduates visit the Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB) to render prayers, flowers and candles to departed classmates thereat. During said visits, we have the same observation: the LNMB as a whole needs sprucing up, not only the Generals' Row and Dignitaries Section. Not only during All Saints Day, but throughout the year. We hold that keeping the graves well-maintained is not the duty of relatives, many of whom live far away or are themselves dead.

Of particular interest to the Class is the grave of the late former Undersecretary of National Defense Eleuterio Adevos, Class of 1944, who organized and led the ROTC Hunter's Guerrillas, together with other alumni and ROTC cadets during WW II. His grave is adjacent to that of a young graduate who is the son of a former mistah. From all indications, his burial site has been neglected, with uncut grasses atop of it and without evidence of being cared for.

To us, the living, this is not the way to treat the grave of not only a dignitary, but more importantly, a war hero. This observation had been relayed to the AFP leadership through the PMAAAI. Lack of funds within the AFP is not acceptable. How about help from civilian sectors of the nation which owe a lot to these heroes? We know that there are NGOs which are willing to help, but nobody has reached out to them, ready to convert LNMB to a world class memorial. We envy the way the US military treats its veterans in death, as reflected in one article in the March - April 2014 issue of Cavalier Magazine written by Cav Mark A Payumo '06 about his visit to a military veteran memorial in Los Angeles, USA. He noted that graves and crosses were well kept and maintained, the pavements paved and of uniform design.

Our class hopes that our observation will once more be relayed to the DND/AFP, for concrete action.

Cav Alfonso O Rivera '66



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI Awards: Rules and Criteria

By Cav Melchor P Rosales '68

Chairman, PMAAAI Awards Committee

Pursuant to Sec 3, Art. IX of the PMAAAI Bylaws, the Association shall confer the Cavalier Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award to qualified regular members for distinguished, exemplary and unblemished service and outstanding performance of duties. The following rules govern the selection of PMAAAI awardees for Association Year 2016-17.

A. CAVALIER AWARD

1. Number of Awardees - The Cavalier Award shall be given to twelve (12) outstanding members of the Association, in various fields of endeavor as enumerated in paragraph 2 below. At the discretion of the members of the Board of Directors, PMAAAI, the number may be less, but in no case more than twelve (12).

2. Fields of Awards - The Cavalier Award shall be given to those selected as the most outstanding members in the following fields of endeavor:

2.1. Military/Police/Coast Guard Service in:

2.1.1 Command and Administration - for commanders of AFP/PNP/PCG units with TO rank of Brig General/Commodore/Chief Superintendent or higher, except AFP chief of staff, PNP chief, PCG commandant and AFP major service commanders.

2.1.2 Staff Function - for staff officer positions in the AFP/PNP/PCG units.

2.1.3 Operations - for officers holding the positions other than those covered under para 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above who are directly engaged/employed in PA, PAF, PN, PNP, PCG and Special Operations. There shall be one awardee per AFP major service, PNP and the PCG, each being considered a separate field. The awardee for Special Operations may come from any of the five services.

2.2 Private Enterprise - for members in private enterprise who are either entrepreneurs or managers.

2.3 Public Administration - for members in government agencies and in government-owned and/or controlled corporations.

2.4 Contribution to Alumni Affairs - for members who have made invaluable contribution and/or services to the PMAAAI and/or the alumni.

2.5 Special Fields - for members who have outstanding achievement in sports, arts, literature, music, science and technology or in other endeavors which at the discretion of the

Board of Directors deserve the Cavalier Award.

3. Qualification and Eligibility - To be qualified and eligible to receive the Cavalier Award, a nominee must satisfy the following criteria:

3.1 Is a regular member in good standing of the Association and preferably a member of all the four affiliate foundations;

3.2 Has faithfully lived up and adhered to the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty; and

3.3 Has an honorable and unblemished record and whose reputation is beyond reproach. (Any act of commission or omission that tends to cast doubt on the nominee's reputation shall be sufficient ground not to consider the member for the Award.)

4. Disqualification - The following shall be disqualified from receiving the Cavalier Award:

4.1. Those who received the Cavalier Award during the last five (5) years preceding the year of Award; and

4.2. Members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors and Awards Committee during their tenure.

5. Criteria for the Awards - The Award shall be based on outstanding, distinguished and exemplary achievements worthy of emulation, personally and directly attained or done by the member during the last five (5) years in any of the fields enumerated above, that have:

5.1 Enhanced the prestige of the PMA and the PMAAAI;

5.2 Contributed significantly to the attainment of the AFP/PNP/PCG mission; and/or

5.3 Resulted in the improvement of the general welfare of the community or country.

6. Selection Process - The selection process shall be from as wide a zone of consideration as possible. All members of the Association are qualified and should be considered for the Award, except as earlier provided for.

6.1 Nomination. Any PMAAAI member, Class President, or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than 29 July 2016. The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the PMAAAI Board of Directors (Attn: Awards Committee), or e-mailed to pmaaaai@yahoo.com. The nomination shall specify

the field of award and shall include the following:

6.1.1 Curriculum vitae of the nominee;

6.1.2 Authenticated description or summary of nominee's achievements or accomplishments;

6.1.3 Justification for the Award; and

6.1.4 A write-up of the nominee's accomplishments in not more than 100 words for possible publication in the Cavalier Magazine.

6.2 Search Committees. The different chapters of the PMAAAI shall conduct an extensive search for outstanding alumni deserving of the Award. For this purpose, all chapters, whether service or fraternal, shall create their respective Cavalier Award Search Committees. The Committees shall make a thorough search for nominees.

6.3 PMAAAI Awards Committee. The PMAAAI Board of Directors has a standing Awards Committee composed of representatives from the various service chapters and chaired by a member of the Board. The Awards Committee shall evaluate the qualifications of the nominees in accordance with these rules. It will submit to the Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Magazine the names of those favorably considered after the initial screening, together with their respective write-up of accomplishments, for publication in the September-October issue.

The names of nominees are published in the Cavalier Magazine to solicit comments or reactions from members of the Association, for or against the nominations. Screening and consultations with Class Presidents and Personnel Chiefs of the AFP/PNP/PCG and other resource persons shall be completed by the PMAAAI Awards Committee by the 1st week of December. The final list of qualified nominees, indicating the principal and alternate in each category of award, shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in time for its last meeting in December.

6.4 Deliberation of Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the nominees and select the Cavalier Awardees during its meeting in December. Approval of any of the awards requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote or 13 of all the voting members of the Board. The Board shall limit its deliberations only to those nominees submitted by the Awards Committee. The list of Cavalier Awardees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine's January-February issue.

7. Presentation of Awards - The Cavalier Awards shall be presented to the awardees during the Alumni Homecoming Parade in February 2017. The order of presentation of the awards shall be from the most senior awardee by class to the most junior.

B. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This Award shall be given to a regular member of the Association who has rendered at least fifty (50) years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country. The award will be given during the Alumni Homecoming Parade in February 2017. Any PMAAAI member, Class President or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than 29 July 2016.

C. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This Award shall be given to regular members who have distinguished themselves by being elected or appointed to high positions in government, such as, but not limited to, President, Vice President, Senator, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Ambassador, Department Secretary, AFP Chief of Staff, PNP Chief, PCG Commandant and AFP Major Service Commander. The Award will be given during the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting in January 2017.

D. VALOR AWARD

The Valor Award shall be given to regular members of the Association who have been recipients of the Medal of Valor.

E. TIMELINES

1. 1 April to 29 July 2016 – PMAAAI members, Chapter and Class Presidents shall conduct a search of nominees for the Awards.

2. 29 July 2016 – Deadline for submission of nominees to the PMAAAI Awards Committee. Screening by the Awards Committee starts.

3. 2 Sept 2016 – Submission of list of qualified nominees to Editor, Cavalier Magazine for publication in the September - October issue.

4. 2-16 November 2016 – Awards Committee receives comments on the nominees from cavaliers

5. 29 November 2016 – Finalization of the list of nominees by the Awards Committee by categorizing them as Principal and Alternate by field of award.

6. 7 December 2016 - Submission of the Awards Committee's recommendation to the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Outstanding Achievement Award
- c. Cavalier Award
- d. Valor Award

7. 3rd Week of December – Meeting of the Board to select the awardees.

8. 28 January 2017 - Presentation of the Outstanding Achievement Awards during the PMAAAI General Assembly Meeting.

9. 18 February 2017 – Presentation of the following Awards during the PMAAAI Alumni Homecoming:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Cavalier Award
- c. Valor Award

The PMAAAI Awards highlight the various significant contributions of the cavaliers to national security and development. We therefore enjoin everyone to participate in the search for awardees.



Be relevant; think out of the box, love your country

Speech delivered by Ambassador Marciano A Paynor '71, Guest of Honor during the PMA Alumni Homecoming Parade at PMA Baguio City on 20 February 2016

I really had second thoughts of accepting this difficult task of speaking to an illustrious group of alumni precisely because of the conditions we have here today. And that is that we have here a group of cadets, 494 of them. We have here a group of about 2,000 alumni with their families. That is about 5,000 people who I cannot speak to directly.

Therefore, the challenge is how do you convey a message to a group of people whose attention span is all of two (2) minutes. It is because of this reason that I would like to assure you that my speech today would be very short.



CAVALIER MANNY ESPEJO, Chairman and CEO of the PMAAAI (Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated), CAVALIER JUN AVENIDO, Vice Chairman and Incoming Chair, the Superintendent MGEN DONATO SAN JUAN II, who I understand is hosting his first official function as superintendent of PMA, all the officials of the Philippine Military Academy, the Chief of Staff, GEN IRIBERRI, and all of the major service commanders, GEN RIC MARQUEZ, and all the Philippine Constabulary of the Philippine National Police officials here, GEN WILLIAM MELAD of the Coast Guard, the cavalier awardees, their families, friends, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

Compared to my other speaking engagements in the past and compared to various different groups and numbers, this is the most challenging of the speeches that I have had to make for the reasons that I already said.

Every year we celebrate alumni homecoming for the purpose of strengthening a sense of school pride. And I hope that the cavaliers from the side, both left and right and those here in the grandstand, can hear me so that I can at least make myself relevant for the few minutes that I am here speaking to you.

It is precisely the word "relevant" that I'd like to say is the most important word that we all ought to be concentrating on in this particular day and age.

In my particular case, 47 years of government service: 17 in the military, 30 years in the foreign service, and now two as a retired foreign service officer, altogether 49 years, how can we be relevant in 49 years?

How can you cadets be relevant from the day you graduate up to the time you retire when

you are 56 years old? How can you, alumni, be relevant even now as you stand there listening to me when from the beginning had you not known that I was the one speaking "Sino ba iyong guest speaker? Hindi naman pinapakinggan yan."

I have three (3) interconnected points to share with you.

The first one is choose to improve yourself. What does that mean?

When I say choose to improve yourself, you continue to read and read especially that in this day and age the digital age imposes on us to be multifunctioning individuals.

You have to choose to be able to articulate yourself in every way. By this I mean, at some point, we should forget cadet lingo. Personal experience of mine was I was in front of several media personnel and I told them "Why are you conglomerating in that area? It is prohibited." when I meant, "Why are you congregating there?". You see the difference – conglomerate and congregate? The difference is the same! See they are tired, these people cannot laugh at my joke.

Develop strategic thinking. We cannot develop strategic thinking when all we do when we come for reunions such as this is to discuss and to relive plebe year. I don't say that it is wrong. It's in fact one of the best things that we could do, but perhaps part of the time, let's discuss about West Philippine Sea. Let us discuss forward deployment of troops. Let us discuss current issues. Let us express our opinions and respect the opinions of the others.

Think of the big picture. Think out of the box. Always find solutions to problem that you find daunting. In fact, be a solution looking for problems to solve.

Do the best you can 100% every single time without waiting to be recognized because being recognized is being part of what we call PR. But Public Relations is actually 90% doing good and 10% talking about it. So whoever talks 90% when it's only 10%, then the guy is not doing what he is supposed to do.

So after you shall have improved yourself, and improving oneself does not only involve those of the cadets but every single person here, you now forget yourself. But isn't this an oxymoron, improve yourself then forget yourself?

Forgetting yourself means to not be afraid to lose your job because you will do a good job out of it. In other words, when you are asked to do something, you do it with the best of your ability as part of your improving yourself. When you are doing your job, you do it with the objective in mind and not your own vested interest. By that, you will develop an attitude. An attitude where you do not just give lip service to the saying "Love your country."

Love your country not because it is the only one you got. We have dual citizens. But for those dual citizens, in your heart of hearts, this is the one and only country that you know of.

Love your country because there is a direct correlation between corruption and the lack of patriotism - the lack of love of country. You want to do anything for your sole vested interest.

Forget yourself. Think of your country. Think of the others.

Finally, leave yourself. Decide on what legacy and life footprint you want to leave behind. Decide what you want to be known after you shall have gone.

Leave yourself. And this is something that every one of you can decide on.

Improve yourself, forget yourself and leave something of yourself behind.

I would be remiss if I do not acknowledge the help and support that I have gotten all though this 49 years that I had been a professional soldier, diplomat and government functionary. I would like to acknowledge the full support of my wife, Mrs. Tessy Paynor, who is here today. My family had stood second fiddle to my career because this is what we were taught when we were cadets—country first, family second. Or am I wrong? I may be wrong but that was my understanding of the lessons I learned while I was dozing. Second, I would like to thank my official family, all of those who worked with me, all of those who I have worked for, and all of those who will continue to be with me as we continue to make sure our country will be recognized in the community of nations.

I would also like to recognize here and I am glad because I am within my time, I have two more minutes, the role of particular officer and gentleman who was actually my role model, COL CESAR POBRE who is here. He is the former dean of the PMA. Mrs. Pobre happens to be the younger sister of my mother. Therefore I have had a lot of interaction with COL POBRE. Many of the things I have told you today are the lessons I have learned from him from the day I interacted with him and so on. I would also like to thank my honorary aide-de-camp, LT Cirunay, who is here for the singular reason that I have never made it to star rank and therefore I am not entitled to have an aide-de-camp. Therefore, to have an aide-de-camp and a lady for that matter is an honor. And of course my executive assistant who helped me compose what I was going to tell you today.

I feel kind of gratified that I think you all listened. You all know that I spoke about improving yourself, about forgetting yourself, and leaving yourself. And I have to repeat this seven times because in order for something to stick to your neurons, it has to be repeated at least seven times.

Improve yourself, forget yourself, leave yourself.

Improve yourself, forget yourself, leave yourself.

And finally improve yourself, forget yourself, leave yourself.

I am now at the sunset of my professional career. I think I have done all three. You cadets, you have everything in front of you. Will you stand up to the challenge? Will you remember that on this day I said "Improve yourself, forget yourself and leave something of yourself"?

To the alumni who are here, to my upper class, my classmates, my underclass, will you accept the challenge of being relevant? I guess the answer is up to you.

Thank you very much.

PAF Chapter resumes Family Day games


On 07 February 2016, the PAF chapter conducted its Family Day at PAF Gymnasium, Colonel Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City. The affair was led by the chapter's Chairman, Cav Jose P Tanjuan Jr '85 and President, Cav Rozzano D Briguez '86, with no less than the then PAF Commanding General, CAV Jeffrey F Delgado '82 as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.

The occasion was attended by about two hundred PAF



cavaliers aside from their dependents. The fellowship, with the theme "Mingle with Mistahs and Families", successfully achieved its objective of gathering PAF cavaliers with their families in one place for wholesome fun games under the Academy's spirit of brotherhood, camaraderie, and sportsmanship.

The cavaliers and their dependents were divided into battalions during the fun games. After eight events, 1st Battalion, under the leadership of Cav Emerald C Magnaye '83 and Cav Raul L Del Rosario '84, emerged as the overall winner.

PAF Family Day has not been held for a long time and its resurrection was initiated by Cav Tanjuan, Cav Briguez, the Board of Directors and Sports Committee, with the guidance and support of the then CG, PAF, Cav Delgado. 



A success story: Battle of Classes 2016

Traditionally, the Alumni Parade held every Third Saturday of February, has been the centerpiece of homecoming activities. During this occasion, outstanding alumni are awarded the prestigious Cavalier Award in various fields and silver, golden and diamond jubilarians are given due recognition for surviving 25 or more years of life after graduation by the PMAAAI and PMA. But perhaps, the most awaited portion of the parade is the Trooping the Line where the participants get the chance to march near the watchful eyes of the cadets in formation. (Surely, many of them are "gripping" because of the lengthy ceremonies, just like the alumni "during their times.")

But unknown to most of the 2,000 or so who attended the homecoming 2016, there were several activities which have also become traditional but which involved only particular classes or individuals. These were the Wreath-laying Ceremony for deceased alumni, the Inauguration and Blessing Ceremony for model classrooms renovated by some classes, the Alumni Eco-Trail Run, the Open House, the Alumni Basketball Tournament and the Battle of the Classes (BOC).

In particular, the BOC 16, captured the imagination of the PMAAAI Board and PMA for a highly successful golf tournament attended by a record number of 216 participants from 24 classes who have made the sport a main feature of their

wellness program. The big story for this year's BOC was the end state of the activity. The organizing class, led by Class 91 with Cav Antonio I Bautista as Tournament Director was able to raise P1,506,700 in gross revenues. After deducting expenses of P797,388, the net profit amounted to P709,312, fifty percent of which would be donated to the PMA Payback scheme, a PMAAAI program which supports infrastructure projects of the Academy.

Below is the honor roll of winners in the different categories:

- Over-all Champion – **Class 81**
- Regular Category Champion – **Class 87**
- Senior Category Champion – **Class 84**
- Super Seniors Category Champion – **Class 64**
- Low Gross Champion – **Cav Andres '97**
- Low Net Champion – **Cav Fernando G Sevilla '84**
- Class A Champion – **Cav Goody Ignacio '78**
- Class B Champion – **Cav Benjamin R Gorres '79**
- Class C Champion – **Cav Emmanuel Luis D Licup '87**
- Ladies Category Champion – **Cav Malvar-Schultz '06**
- Super Seniors Category Champion – **Cav Reynaldo Reyes '64**
- Guest Category Champion – **LtC Jun Romero** 



CLASS CALL

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

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

Sauro and Lily Guiang, Romy and Laura Cabantac, Miling and Adel Melendres, Vic and Telly Hans, Mert and Malou Bocanegra, Vic Custodio and daughter Bambi, Nena Sembrano and daughter Grace. It was a big crowd for PMA Class 53.



MM VILLAMOR
President

Morning Report as of 17 February 2016 read: Of 62 graduates, 15 accounted for: ABAT, Tony; AGUIRRE, Apin; BELEN, Titoy; CASTRO, Delfin; DIZON, Jess; ENRIQUEZ, Eddie; ESCUDERO, Larry; FERRER, Turing; GARRUCHO, Andy; MIEL, Cesar; REGIS, Bebs; SAN MIGUEL, Mike; SANTIAGO, Mading; TONGSON, Vic; and this reporter, VILLAMOR, Mike! 2 USMA: MAGSINO, Flor and RAMOS, Eddie; and 2 Adopted Classmates: BAÑEZ, Arnie and COJUANGCO, Danding Jr, makes 19 complete our Roll Call!

Of 19 cavaliers, only 7 couples are within Metro Manila: Tony & Cora ABAT; Apin & Myrna AGUIRRE; Delfin & Cora CASTRO; Jess & Lily DIZON; Turing & Rosie FERRER; Bebs & Elna REGIS; and this reporter with wife, Tess! While 6 cavaliers usually come w/o partners: Ttoy BELEN; Mike SAN MIGUEL; Vic TONGON; Flor MAGSINO; Eddie RAMOS; and Arnie BAÑEZ! Whereabouts: Delfin CASTRO more often at Zamboanga City; Eddie ENRIQUEZ residing at Cebu City, his son, Commodore Ernesto is Dep J2 brought him to join our PMAFF Fellowship last 30 November 2015; Cesar NIEL at Cagayan de Oro City always first to respond in cash contributions to Class Affairs; Mading SANTIAGO still at Baguio City at sick bay we are praying for his fast recovery; while Larry ESCUDERO and Andy GARRUCHO have not visited us from US of A for several months now!

Last 17 February 2016 was our 65th Graduation Anniversary! We prepared a Family-style Lunch and Fellowship at the main dining room of Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club just like what we did a year ago;

Of 7 couple within Greater Manila area, only 3 couples made it "Jess & Lily DIZON; Turing & Rosie FERRER, this reporter and wife, Tess! While 5 of 6 "usually single" cavaliers attended: We missed our Most Distinguished Classmate: Prex Eddie, due to prior important engagement! 3 Pretty BANAT Ladies: Alvie ALCOSEBA; Lucing dela CUESTA, and Bening MONTOYA who was accompanied by her equally pretty Grand-daughter, made-up for anticipated BANAT ladies.

We asked 2d generation to accompany their parents and very happy to welcome at this fellowship: Erwin (PMA '79) Son of Jess DIZON; Ramil, son of Mike SM; and Patrick, son of Vic Tongson. Most welcome were George and Angie, children of the late-Benchoy and Andrea KINTANAR with our prayers for fast recovery!

Happy, happy Sapphire Anniversary!
God bless!



For the month of February 2016 PMA Class 53 had two (2) ladies who celebrated their birthdays. Pepay Pattugalan celebrated it at Four Seasons in Cubao on 17 Feb 2016. It was attended by members of her family – 6 children and several grand children. A big crowd of relatives and friends also attended. Members of PMA Class 53 who attended were – Romy and Laura Cabantac, Sauro and Lily Guiang, Mert and Malou Bocanegra, Vic and Telly Hans, Nena Sembrano and daughter Grace and Mely Corpuz.

Lily Guiang had her day on 27 Feb 2016 with a luncheon party at Magnolia Robinson in Cubao. Only members of PMA Class 53 and their ladies were present –

The '54 Clan including 2nd generation celebrated the 62d Graduation Anniversary of Class '54 on March 15 at the Club Filipino Cabana, courtesy of Club member Pat Lomongo.

A week before that, Class Secretary Gopeng Gorospe texted all Clan members to be at the Cabana by all means--- by wheelchair, push cart, stretcher, or hospital bed. It was effective. Twenty-five showed up, one in wheelchair, two with baston.

Teng Elvas opened the occasion with a prayer. All dutifully stood up mumbling the prayer while their thoughts wandered in the firmament.

Mante followed with his presidential speech. He traced the roots of Class '54 from the time we assembled at Camp Murphy barracks for the "reception." One member interpreted it literally and reported with his tuxedo. The upperclass receptionists let him wear it without the pants and told him to march up and down the aisle while eating the suman he also brought along.

Mante's brain recall is astounding. He developed it while doing 70 or more hours of punishment tours at the parade ground compacting one side and leaving the middle bulging. He said it leveled the cadet formation during parades wherein the tallest cadets are at the sides and the shortest at the center.

Mante is our class historian and folkloean.

After his talk, Mante conferred the Class '54 Golden Medallion to Lydia Santos. She was absent when the medallions were given in Ft Del Pilar in 2004.

Joe Sorreta extended his invitation to the Class to visit Moscow, where his son "King" is the Philippine ambassador, in May or June giving enough time for the takers to obtain their passport and visa

and to raise the \$600 round trip fare. By the way, Baby Sorreta passed away lately, making Joe the 5th living widower of the Class after Noy Gacis, Jun Borromeo, Cabby Cabinian, and Mezach Corpuz who has remarried.

Dony Guzman talked about his impressions of Moscow when he was the military attaché to Russia while Pike Depakakibo who was not moving pretended to listen.

Rex Resurreccion's bulging tummy limits his movement. Tita had to serve him his lunch. We wonder how he can cut his toe nails.

The anniversary gathering proved that Class '54 is still bullheaded and that no one is affected by the zika virus.

Last January, Sammy and Nena Ramos treated the '54 Clan to a lunch at the Vikings Restaurant at SM Marikina. It was Sammy's 85th BD anniversary. The place overlooks the statues of carabaos idling along the Marikina River. The Vikings, the carabaos, and some members of Class '54 have one thing in common: they have horns./gopeng



SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

On Class gatherings

This year's class gatherings started on 17 January at the usual venue, the Federal Seafood Restaurant at the back of the Allied Bank building in Makati, where our class president holds office as president of Basic Holdings, Inc. The lunch was hosted by the January born, Fel Parado and Romy Solina.

This was followed on 21 Feb 2016 by a post-Valentine's affair at the same venue, hosted by the ladies whose birthday

falls in February led by lone Mison, Terry Suarez and Gigi Zaide. After savoring the sumptuous lunch prepared by the ladies, some games were played officiated by Vangie Rivera and participated in by both the men and the ladies.

The April lunch will be hosted by Muni Munoz and Rene Ecarma. The date and place will be announced later.

On Class Foundation annual membership meeting

The PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc. held its annual membership meeting and election on 20 March 2016 at the Federal Restaurant. The lunch was graciously hosted by DQ & Zeny de Guzman.

There was a quorum, with 22 regular members present, out of 42. So president Buddy Mison proceeded with the business. Approved were the minutes of last year's meeting. Then he gave his report, followed by the financial statements presented by treasurer Ros Alquiza. Against total revenue of P0.978 million, expenses totaled P0.813, mostly medical and burial assistance, generating an excess of revenue over expenses of P0.165 million. Total assets increased to P8.964 million as of 31 Dec 2015.

The significant acts and resolutions of the board and management in 2015 were ratified by the members. Included are amendment of the Bylaws, extension of acceptance of second generation as associate members to 31 Dec 2015, grant of medical and burial assistance, and support for attendance of the class as diamond jubilarians during PMA alumni homecoming.

The incumbent members of the board were all reelected. Same with the officers of the Foundation, namely: Buddy Mison, president; Johnny Sanchez, vice president; Ros Alquiza, secretary-treasurer; and Muni Munoz, corporate auditor. The external auditor was also reappointed.



Under other matters, somebody recommended increase in the amount of medical assistance considering the high cost of medical treatment and hospitalization. The president cautioned that we have to balance our revenue and expenses, otherwise the funds of our Foundation may soon be exhausted to the prejudice of our future beneficiaries. Anyway, he said the matter will be studied by the board.

Regular members present during the meeting were: Ed Alfabeto, Poncing Allanigue, Ros Alquiza, DQ de Guzman, Armin Gatmaitan, Buddy Mison, Muni Munoz, Tante Ochoco, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina and Rene Tanseco.

Representing their husbands were Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera and Pilar Sanchez. And the widows: Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Remy Facto, Tess Isaac, Eva Miranda, Estel Silva and Gigi Zaide. Ernie Ravina Jr, now a regular member, also attended.

Present also were the wives, who are not regular members: Maudie Alfabeto, Zeny de Guzman, lone Mison, Ondette Munoz and Mila Tanseco. Some second generation members were also present. Among them were RJ & Teena Alquiza, Aaron Allanigue, Bing Miranda, Facto children & granddaughter, and Munoz children & grandchild. Representing our adopted class of 2005 was LCdr Domingo Sumayo Jr.

Before adjournment, the president distributed to every member an umbrella (which can be used as a cane) bearing the words "PMA CLASS 1955, March 21, 2016, 61st anniversary".



FC CORACHEA
President
LM MALTO
Secretary

Of the 26 surviving members of the class, 14 (with wives) were able to attend the celebration of their Diamond Jubilee at the PMA during Alumni Day on February 20, 2016. Present were the Apparis, Arevalos, Canalitas, Caniesos, Coracheas, Davids, Farolans, Goyenas, Lazos, Lukbans, Macabascos, Maltos, Manlongats, Paisos and widow Juliet Suarez. Including associate members former congressman Bernie Vergara and

Patricio Lucero, some siblings, apos and apos sa tuhod, the class total attendance was 70 (excluding the Arevalo clan).

Upon arrival on the 19th, the attendees were treated to a welcome dinner at the Baguio Country Club by Filo and Norma Arevalo who were just too glad as usual to see old familiar faces. After the good food and fine cognac served to induce happy moments to savor and remember, the class presented two beautiful vases to the couple as its expression of thanks and gratitude.

For the big DDay, the class in 16 vehicles with appropriate placards trekked to the academy under PNP escorts and were unloaded at the footsteps of the grandstand to wait, see and participate in their last parade and review with the cadet corps. Ten daring members aged 81 to 86 (Arevalo, Corachea, David, Farolan, Goyena, Lukban, Macabasco, Malto, Paiso and Vergara) trooped the corps line and successfully returned to the grandstand with no mishap amidst the hoorahs and applause from the alumni.

The star of the class was Filo Arevalo, his wife Norma and their 5 peemayer sons who were properly recognized and identified at the grandstand by PMAAAl. As the family's gratitude to the PMA, they handed a PHP 500,000 check donation as their pay back to the academy's role in educating and molding the Arevalo sons into responsible and progressive citizens. In hindsight, Filo and Norma are the class holders of the following unbeatable records: 1. They were the first of the class to get married just 3 days after graduation on 4 April 1956; 2. They were the class topnotcher in raising 11 children-6 boys and 5 girls; 3. They have 5 peemayer boys, still unequalled by any alumnus couple; 4. Norma holds the academy record of slipping the ring during Ring Hop, on 6 graduating cadets (her husband and 5 sons); and 4. The couple had now amassed a human resource asset (including in-laws) of 3 doctors, a captain pilot in an airline, 4 lawyers, 5 AFP career officers.

As the stars of the class, Filo and Norma continued celebrating their best day by getting Mario's to cater lunch for the class and their caboodles at the Visitors Hall near the grandstand but bid excuse not to attend the class dinner in the evening at the Manor Hotel, that was hosted by the class golfers (with a bill of PHP65,000 shared by Malto with 21k and Corachea, David, Goyena and Paiso with

11K each) due to their big family reunion where Filo is expected to tackle his 5 family plebes for not visiting them often. Patot volunteered to provide the 14 hats worn by the jubilarians for them to look snappier, but some said it was meant to protect the bald head from the sun.

The success of the class Jubilee celebration was due primarily to 2 mistahs: Romy David, as the manager of the affair and Levy Malto who provided all the necessary spade work. Last but not least is the class legacy of PHP 500,000 worth of Professorial Chair and Endowment Fund now appropriately inscribed in the right wall panel of Melchor Hall, PMA.

The 24th golf game between 56 and 57 took place on 27 August 15 but considered a no-count game due to lack of quorum at 4:4 golfers each- David, Goyena, Malto and Paiso vs. Ermita, Jardiniano, Musico and Templo. The score was 399 vs. 404 in favor of 56. Paiso was the best player of the day with a 92 followed by Goyena with a 93. It pushed thru on 25 February 16 with only 5 golfers from 56 and 6 from 57 but Roger Dayan pilled off after the first 9 due to physical weakness. The 56ers (Corachea, David, Goyena, Malto and Paiso) with a total score of 509 were walloped by Ermita, Jardiniano, Musico, De Villa and Templo of 57 with a total of 497. Best scorers of the day were David and Paiso with a 93 trailed by Goyena with a 94. Class 56 as losers paid for the lunch and will give a lunch treat for 57 after March 20, 2016, after Rene De Villa's eye operation. The total tally now in 24 games is 13 wins for 56 and 11 for 57.

To share their good fortune and extend their goodwill to their former trainers, Class 59 invited the class golfers to play on 3 Mar 16, at the Royal Northwoods Golf Club at San Rafael, Bulacan (20% owned by Del Abaya) with Chuck Agustin leading the way to the club and later playing as the lone golfer of 59. Somehow he was able to capture Robert Manlongat of cl 63 (who claims to be the snappier brother of our Tom Manlongat) to join his team. Del Abaya with Ridel Garcia (the No.1 in their CGSC class doggedly trailed by Ros Alquiza of cl 55) joined the golfers for lunch, specially prepared by the club on orders of the big boss. The meal seemed endless with stories being told with out mercy until someone reminded the group that it is already 3 p.m. and time to go home. We bid our snappy hosts many thanks and goodbyes for a wonderful day spent in the domain of class 59.



One Family, Two Elections

Cavaliers '57 Inc. – The SEC-registered organization of PMA Class '57 held its election of officers for the current year in the afternoon of 27 February 2016 at the Executive Lounge of the Aguinaldo Golf Club. Elected were the following:

Chairman/President - Jun Tan-Gatue
Vice Chairman/Vice President - Frannie Dumpit
Treasurer - Onchie Mendoza
Secretary - Jardie Jardiniano
Auditor - Ador de Guzman

As if to underscore and tell the whole world that the same spirit binds children and parents, the PMA Class '57 Brats Association, Inc. – the SEC-registered organization of the children of PMA Class '57 members elected their own Board of Directors in the evening of the same day of 27 February 2016.

2016 First Quarter Birthday Celebrators

January, February and March marched out of the calendar pretty quietly. But they did not fade out unheralded. In their own private way, the following thanked God for adding one year to their already-blessed lives:

January – Pat Jardiniano
February – Linda Dilan, George Templo, Letty Ramos, Jovith Balbanero
March – Jardie Jardiniano, Naty Gomez, Tom Dumpit, Velia Altuna, Merle Basco, Baby Cabrera, Roger Dayan, Chini Ramirez, Nene Singson

Valentine's Party

The Charlies and Charlettes celebrated Valentine's Day at the Singson residence. The flavor of the occasion was Jovith, who earlier in the day, was honored by her children with a lunch in MOA. The recalled how Pete used to mark Jovith's birthday by hosting a dinner or lunch for the whole class in Baguio during Foundation Week.

'56 – '57 Golf Fellowship Rolls On

The 24th game between golf Team '56

and Team '57 was played at the Navy Golf course last 25 Feb.

This time Team '57 prevailed. The running tally now shows Team '56 with 13 wins and Team '57 just two games behind at 11. And catching up!

Best scorers for Team '56 were Patot and Davou. Team '57 leaders were Ed and Jardie.

BRATS' CORNER

After weeks of preparation, the PMA Class '57 Brats Assoc., Inc. successfully hosted a get together at the Philippine Navy Golf Club in Fort Bonifacio on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The purpose of the event was multifold: to recap the group's progress, achievements and future goals since its inception in 2011, to get new brats members better acquainted with active members, and to have fun during the evening!

Around 45 people were in attendance, which included many children of the esteemed PMA Class '57 mistahs, plus a smattering of spouses and friends. The occasion was made even more special with the presence of Titos Ed Ermita, Rene de Villa and Jardie Jardiniano, who all gave messages of support and encouragement. Notable attendees were brats members who have followed in their fathers' footsteps: Jun Padilla, now BGen Restituto Jr. and Cesar, now PN Flag-Officer-In-Command, Vice Admiral Taccad.

After an opening prayer, the short program included an introduction of everyone present, games, speeches, an avp screening of the group's events and fundraisers of the last 5 years and the impromptu election of 7 new brats core members which include Jun Padilla, Agnes dela Cruz, Thelma Dumpit, Annie Pia Limpin, Lorraine Dator Banta, Jorge Javier and Omar Taccad. They will be joining the 8 original core group members led by new president Dr. Gigi Ledesma Pereira, Melissa Pizana Cruz, Jo Tan-Gatue Sarte, Jenee deVilla Maravilla, Jenny Avila, Lisa Ermita Abad, Ricky Cabrera and Joey Ancheta. A sumptuous buffet dinner and animated conversation was then enjoyed by all.

The evening was deemed a success and everyone agreed that from now on, this would be an annual event. More power to the PMA '57 Brats! -Ricky Cabrera.



2016 Alumni Homecoming

Only 3 '59ers attended the 2016 PMA Alumni Homecoming at Fort del Pilar on 20 Feb 2016 - Nick Festin, Chuck Agustin and Eddie Garcia, augmented by Charie and Lara. They stayed at the Microtel at Upper Session Rd.

They saw our firsties, the Class of 1956 with spouses receive their Diamond Anniversary Medallions and march, with 10 of them in formation: Mel Goyena, Patot Paiso, Tony Lukban, Mon Farolan, Ching Corachea, Levy Malto, Fred Macabasco, Fil Arevalo, Vergara and Romy David. That's a difficult act for us to follow in 2019.

Fellowship Lunch at Northwoods GCC

We invited the Class of 1956 for a fellowship lunch with golf hosted by Ridel Abaya at Royal Northwoods Golf and Country Club, San Rafael, Bulacan on Wednesday, 2 Mar. Five '56ers joined: Romy David, Patot Paiso, Ching Corachea, Levi Malto and Mel Goyena. With only Chuck able to represent '59 we shanghai'd Willy's younger brother Bob Manlongat to join. Our firsties had no objection because Bob also represents Tom of '56.

Chuck told the 56ers he wanted to show the rest of us (59) that our elders were still strong and able, and we should strive to equal if not better their 2016 Diamond performance in 2019.

Romy Arnaez, 78

After about a year of dealing with some kidney ailment Romy Arnaez passed away on February 29, 2016.

The wake was held at Santuario de San Jose in Green Hills until Friday night, March 4 and Necrological services held at 6pm, Saturday, March 5, at the Villamor Air Base mortuary.

Among those who communicated to express condolences: Mike Abaya, Del Abaya, Jess Alcorido, Ronnie and Lydia Baccay, Kumeh Comendador, Eddie and Chari Garcia, Jackie Desquitado, Max Dumlao, Custer and Precy Castro, Jim Zumel (from faraway Calif.), Nick Festin,

Bobby Fernandez and Chuck Agustin and through the latter, Ding Adriano'58, who was both a PAF and a PAL colleague and an eulogist during the necro on 5 Mar at VAB Chapel.

Prior to visiting the wake on March 3, Del Abaya invited all available to meet for dinner and Chuck suggested Angel's Kitchen at 57 Connecticut in Greenhills. Only 5 usual suspects made it: Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Nick Festin. Art (with Precy) Castro and Eddie Garcia (with Chary and Lara). The group motored to the nearby Santuario de San Jose and came in just as the mass and novena started.

PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 Feb)

We tried to book rooms at the JH MANOR already for Alumni Homecoming 2017, but were informed to do it after a month. Hope we can get enough rooms. "Let us to see..."

Need New Class President

Chuck is requesting to be relieved as Class President. Will address this in the next meeting,



Feb 23, 2016. AFP Theater. Camp Aguinaldo. PMAAAI annual convention. The following class members attended: Loven, Pong, Sting, Orly, Ernie, Manny and Pete.

The Guest of Honor was Justice Antonio Carpio. He gave a very thorough presentation about the history of our claim in the Spratly. It was full of history, facts and figures that the speech was too long and overwhelming. I do not know. Have they ever watched TED TALKS? The standard has become 18 minutes for a great speaker to hold the attention of the audience. Speaking for myself, only three things I was able to absorb from the talk of Justice Carpio. One, China by sticking to its 9-Dashed Line is simply ignoring international law and other agreements she is a signatory to. Two, the Philippines will lose 500,000 square km of our EEZ if we cannot stop China. Three, China is seriously engaged in arming to implement militarily its 9-Dashed claim.

What is the PMAAAI Board thinking? The body was supposed to approve 15



board resolutions. What the hell! The members simply did not have the time to read and digest as the papers were not distributed beforehand. My attendance would have been worth my while if the board had a resolution to implement the Supreme Court decision on PD 1638.

I do not understand why the PMAAAI are awarding plaques to the winners of the Medal of Valor. I am sure they have been awarded in more appropriate ceremonies. To me personally this gesture of the PMAAAI board is degrading rather honoring the Medal of Valor awardees.

31 Jan 2016. Pete Sistoza celebrated his 77th birthday in Club Filipino. Classmates in attendance were Loven and Jenny, TG and Lina, Pong and Jessie, Sting and Fannie, Manny and Sylvia, Orly and Inday, Jess And Vangie, Ador and Dang, Ike and Violy, Ernie and Amy. Andy K, Nonoy, TP, Juliet, Nes L, Cesar, Glo, Chit. Malou and daughter Eryn Grace. Pete and Mameng should have left for the USA but they changed their schedule to be able to celebrate his birthday with the class and their friends here. How sweet naman!

Andy and Lina Kagaoan are in country. Andy attended Pete's birthday party but Lina was in Coron Palawan enjoying the sights. Julpha Maniquiz is also here visiting many tourist places with her UP friends. Tomorrow, 9 Feb 2016 Julpha and three of her UP friends will be going to Cebu.

Tomorrow also the class excom will be treating Andy and Lina K to lunch in the East Café in Rustan, Makati.

Info for retirees. The favorable Supreme Court decision in favor of the late Col Carolino is applicable only to those who retired under RA 240. They will be returned to full pension status beginning Feb 2016. I still do not know the mechanics how they can recover the money deducted from them. There will be no change of status for those who retired under PD 1638 promulgated in 1979 I think.

On 9 March 2016 the PAF had a new Commanding General, Lt Gen Edgar Fallorina, PMA 1983. Jenny and I attended the PAF Change of Command Ceremony in Fernando Air Base presided over by President Benigno Aquino III. Jenny is very happy about it because Gary is a blood relative of hers. When I was wing commander of the 205th Helicopter Wing, Gary was one of the lieutenants flying the Huey helicopters. Now he is a 3-star generals. How time flies.

Eryn Grace Laforteza, the daughter of Lafo and Malou has earned her commercial pilot license. I fully expect her to sit as co-pilot in one of the PAL commercial flights soon.

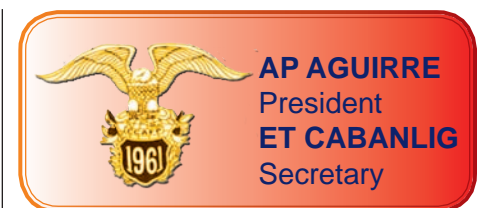
Nestor Lim is very proud of his grandson Jason Lim Cheung for his academic and athletic school achievements, always landing on top of his class. Jason recently

won his school's spelling bee contest and will be competing nationally. Jason is the son of Nestor's only daughter Rowena who is a registered nurse married to a Chinese-American lawyer Ace Cheung.

I can also boast of my grandson Mark Lorenzo who almost was not accepted at La Salle Zobel in Ayala Alabang for being a few months under age. He surprised everybody by getting 100 % in 3 subjects in his first grading period. This is a surprise for us because before a student can only get 99 % like my son Lindsley in San Agustin.

Jun Balbas celebrated his 80th birthday (Feb 17, 2016) at HS Lordship Restaurant, in Berkeley California. About 50 guests attended. Classmates in attendance were Nestor and Edith Lim. Bill and Norma Iban.

8 March 2016. The excom : Loven and Jenny, TG and Lina, Sting and Fannie, Pong and Jessie treated Julpa Maniquiz for lunch at Lugang Restaurant, SM Aura in BGC. Bill and Norma Iban joined us. Bill is here for the annual PAL golf tournament.



Our planned class activity that may have served as our last for 2015 but was postponed twice finally took place last January 16, 2016. It was a lunch fellowship held at Camp Aguinaldo Officers Club. But on the date of the second postponement, a group gathered at a chinese restaurant at the Fort last December 30, 2015 for lunch. The group was composed of Ernie and Beng Tan, Ed and Claire Domingo, Ray and Xeny Jarque, Monchie Biazon, Betty Dumlao, Flor Marcelo and Fely Codera.



They could not accept that the class would allow December season to end without gathering to at least say hello.

However, the class event in January 16 was a well attended one, because to most of us, it would be our first for the year 2016 as we look in anticipation to our 55th Graduation Anniversary. The couples who were present were; Alex and Chit Aguirre, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ed and Claire Domingo, Jorge and Auring Lagera, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Roy and Xeny Jarque, Manny and Yayot Lukban, and Ding and Lucy Simon. Without partners were Zaldy Ventura, Ernie Calupig, and Romy Sanga. Limon Agustin came with a "caregiver" while Nick Rodriguez with a lawyer. Monchie attended without Pong. The widows who came were; Dolly Nazareno, Cecille Aquias, Linda Villanueva, Fely Codera, and Flora Marcelo.

After a very hearty lunch, a video presentation of the class from the time we reported to the Academy to the last fellowship gathering was shown. The video clip was ably assembled by Alex from his collection of pictures. After the show, a guessing game took place where our ladies were asked to guess who appeared on a selected video shot. They indeed knew us very well as they correctly guessed the persons as they appeared. Prizes were given to the winners while tokens were distributed to all present courtesy of Alex and Chit.

Alex subsequently announced that he was ready to be relieved as Class President. Everybody wanted him to continue, since he was doing a good job especially in collecting our receivables. But he pleaded because he had to attend to the needs of his law firm. Conceding to his request, the class nominated two very active members of the class in the persons of Ray Jarque and Ernie Tan, from whom to choose from. They were chosen because of their keen interest to sustain class activities. However, Ray offered to Ernie whom he endorsed as more deserving. This way of selecting a leader is genuine consensus building process that could serve as a model in Philippine Politics if only to ensure unity as a Nation of the US primaries select candidates by consensus where party mates support their chosen candidates- walang laglagan.

In Ernie's acceptance speech, he thanked the class for the trust and confidence extended to him. He

pronounced as a standing policy that henceforth, the ladies will play an active role in planning and directing class activities. This policy is inspired by past roles of ladies in the preparation of events. We acknowledge the efforts of Beng Tan in the coordination of activities while Flora Marcelo in food and venue preparation. We look forward to more activities that would be properly planned and supervised by the ladies. Ernie also informed the class attendance during the annual business meeting and the Alumni homecoming.

Because of the reminder, we had a large attendance in the business meeting of January 23. Eager to listen to the discourse of Justice Antonio Carpio on the West Philippine Sea issue, the following attended; Bert Rodriguez, Gerry Estrada, Cesar Fortuno, Ed Domingo, Nick Rodriguez, Zaldy Ventura, Manny Lukban, Liby Manuel, Ed Cabanlig, Jorge Lagera, Lito Santos, Vic Escala, Alex Aguirre, Ernie Calupig and Ray Jarque.

For the Alumni Homecoming Nick Rodriguez, Ed Domingo, Ernie Tan, Ernie Calupig, Manny Lukban and Zaldy Ventura made the Baguio Trek. A utility Van was rented to transport them to Loakan at the residence of Flora Marcelo for billeting. All the six joined the alumni in the traditional parade of classes with our class color. Ernie Calupig was absolutely right in suggesting our attendance in the annual event because the class is a secondary honoree. The PMA Class 1956 observed their diamond anniversary and we marched beside them. We were just so glad to meet our fellow golfers who did not use golf carts this time.

And speaking of golf, our Thursday fellowship at the Philippine Navy Golf course has been sustained enthusiastically with six players attending consistently. If ever Ray Jarque is permitted, he joins us rarely. On our first golfing day for the year 2016, Boy Escala scored a rare feat of back to back birdies. The first was the 100 yards hole number 16 were he used a seven wood instead of his usual driver. He hit the half so good that it stopped within a foot from the hole which he tapped in for the birdie. On the next hole, he used the driver for a distance of 160 yards. He drove the ball within six inches from the hole which he tapped in for his succeeding birdie. The next golfing day, Vic Mamon also scored his second birdie after his retirement from

the Naval Service. Over-all, our group has been improving in our game, perhaps really to challenge the group from older classes. There is nothing we can do against younger classes as of the moment.

As far as physical fitness in concerned, Lito Santos at the age of 76 joins competitive marathons and triathlon competitions. Rogie Jaramillo at 77 years also joins 20 mile marathons in Los Angeles U.S.A. Celso Gironella also runs 10 kilometers long distance runs, Boy Escala runs one hour daily except Thursdays.



Class Diary 2016

23 January 2016. This Saturday morning is the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. As we were always wont to do, classmates always looked forward to this annual meeting of cavaliers. Those who attended the meeting were class president Boy Abadia, Maury Evangelista, Roger Luis, Silver Silverio, Freddie Filler, Gerry Kagaoan, Ed Fernandez, Tito Rimando, James Ramon, Nani Jover, Rami Ramiscal, Ray Logan, and Dave Alimorong. After the meeting, we went to the alumni lunch at AFPCOC where some of us won raffle prizes. Advance copies of the Class 62 Golden Sword were also passed around for everyone's appreciation.

19 February 2016. On the third Saturday of February each year, the PMA alumni troop to PMA for the annual PMAAAI homecoming. Only three classmates were able to attend this year. Ruben Cruz and James R even trooped the line with other alumni. Maury E opted to watch them from the grandstand. Lunch for the three was hosted by Ruben.

25 February 2016. The much-awaited Class 62 Golden Sword has finally arrived! This Friday is the 1986 EDSA Revolution Day and Boy Abadia called for a class meeting primarily to distribute the Golden Sword. Those who came to this lunch meeting at the Army Golf Club Restaurant at Fort Bonifacio were Boy A, Manny Salimbangon, Rami R, Joel Hinlo, Roger L, Freddie F, Dave A, Romy Meana, Tito R,



Class 62 enjoying camaraderie during the PMAAAI Annual General Meeting



Class 62 president Boy Abadia presents Plaque of Recognition to former class president Charlie Tanega



Classmates celebrate with Orly and Mau Soriano their golden wedding anniversary" Thanks. Gen Rimando

Maury , Ernie Daus, Gerry K, Paco Atayde, Ed F, Mitch Templo, and Charlie Tanega. Maury was tasked to distribute the Golden Sword. As per policy, only those who have paid P10,000.00 except for widows were given their copies. Additional copies may be had for P4,000.00. Paco brought a bottle of red wine. Charlie also brought a delicious fish dish called boquerone. During this meeting, Boy presented to Charlie a plaque of recognition as former class president which was awarded during the incumbency of Nano Mariano.

5 March 2016. Congratulations to Orly and Mau Soriano on their golden wedding anniversary. The whole class was invited to

the holy mass where they again exchanged "I do's) at the Parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Antipolo; thence to the reception at the Valley Golf and Country Club. In the affair were Perot and Chona Perez, Tito and Heidi R, Nano and Lolit M, Ed and Glo F, Rene and Cynthia Motus, Evelyn Maniago, Ray Logan, James R, and Dave A.

8 March 2016. Class get-together t AFPCOC Closed Mess. Lunch. KKB. It was International Women's Week and aptly as Willy Cruz put it, the get-together was graced by three ladies - Mau Soriano, Anne Cusi, and Marsha nee Bringas who came with her husband Jun and their

baby. Maury continued his distribution of the Golden Sword but even those who have already gotten theirs enjoyed the camaraderie of our infrequent socials. Aside from the ladies, those who came around were Nano, Manny S, Willy Cruz, Tito, Ray, Rami, Remy Tigulo, Ed, James, Dave, Maury, Gerry K, Rene, and Paco.

Plans. Some classmates have suggested that we celebrate our 55th (emerald) anniversary during alumni homecoming in Baguio February next year. We are also among the host classes. Those who have seconded the idea also commented that let's go up while we are still strong and can troop the line along with the others. Boy said we will discuss this matter in another class meeting this April. (JRRIMANDO)



Greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 as we celebrate our third Jubilee after our Golden Anniversary. Seven years to go before our Diamond Jubilee. "Talagang Matindi ang Class 1963." We also witnessed our favorite plebes, the Class of 1966 celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

As we celebrate the Lenten Seasons and the Summer of 2016, let me remind you of what "Matindi" means.

- M - Mga
- A - Anak na may
- T - Tapang
- I - Integridad
- N - Nacionalismo
- D - Dangal ng
- I - Inang Bayan

Our Class logbook has recorded the following events:

23 January 2016

It was the PMAAAI Annual General Members Meeting with Hon. Antonio T Carpio, Senior Associate Justice, Supreme Court as Guest of Honor and Speaker held at the AFP Theater and AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City with the theme: PMAAAI: The Guidon to National Security and Development. The GOHAS talked on what is happening at the West Philippine Sea.

Present in the Annual General Membership Meeting were Bigboy Adriano, Ed Batenga, Nola Laput, Ed Resos, Bob Manlongat, Rudy Javier, Bill Ruiz, Tony Sibayan, Danny Delgado and Ebor Ebro.

24 January 2016

It was the joint birthday celebration of the Espejos: Luz (January 11); Rolly, sons Albert, Roel, and Ronan (all January 18); together with daughters Cybelle and Kareena, respective spouses and their grandchildren. This was held at the McKinley Room, Manila Polo Club, Makati City.

The following mistahs and their ladies joined the Espejos: Maning Estrada, Francis Mallillin, Pert Andaya, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Bill and Norma Ruiz, George and Gie Aquino, Rudy and Offie Javier, Venny and Eve Venadas (Home leave, USA), Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano, Gaps and Susie Sabarre, Boy and Lolu Orevillo, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Kid and

Lina Medina, Tony and Norma Sibayan, Aida Mayo, Naty Laput, Jimmy and Brenda Ileta, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Billy and Rose Enerio, and Ebor and Flor Ebro. Friends and classmates of Rolly and Luz both from high school and college were in the event.

We were entertained by no less than Willy Nepomuceno who came from the side door posing as P-Noy, also the late President Marcos and to top it all Dolphy.

10 February 2016

It is the Diamond Jubilee (75th birthday) of my favorite Marine, our Class President Bill Ruiz. He was assisted by his loving wife, one and only Norma Ruiz and their four children Yvonne, Karen, Billy and Joel respective spouses and their grandchildren.

The event was started by a holy mass with Rev. Father Beni Franco Rada, Chief Chaplain of the Philippine Navy. Since it was Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten Season, he gave us Ab solution



and blessing since most of the attendees were senior citizens. The host and hostess were joined by Ebor and Flor Ebro, Kid and Lina Medina, Aida Mayo, Jimmy and Brenda Ileta, Rudy and Offie Javier, Tony and Norma Sibayan, Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano, Amy and Angel Ylagan, Ding and Tony Salipsip, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Gaps and Susie Sabarre, George and Gie Aquino, Rolly and Luz Espejo Francis and Sandra Catibayan and Francis Mallillin.

Among the other guests were former Marine Commandants and their beautiful wives, the Vice Chief of Staff, former Sec of National Defense Rene de Villa and friends and colleagues from two companies managed by Bill Ruiz.

Bill received most of the accolades, the standard Ilocano ways. We were also entertained by the grandchildren manang mana kay Bill, the singing marine. Of course there was dancing and those with terpsichorean skills enjoyed the music. The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 thanked Bill Ruiz as we celebrate his Jubilee.

20 February 2016

Cav Marciano A Paynor, Jr '71, Undersecretary, OP and Director General APEC National Organizing Council 2015 was the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the PMA Alumni Homecoming at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City.

Only Ebor Ebro and Frank Catibayan joined the parade and review, the third for Ebor Ebro after our Golden Jubilee.

26 February 2016

This is the 77th birthday of Cav/Dir Honesto P Bumanglag held at Sun Hwa International Academy in Antipolo City. Only Rolly and Luz Espejo, Aida Mayo and Naty Laput made it to Antipolo City. It was also the SHIA Foundation Day.



01 March 2016

The PMAAAI Board of Directors 2015-2016 led by Cav Noli P Espejo '66, CEO turned over the repair and renovated PMA Alumni Center Building to the PMAAAI Board of Directors AY 2016-2017 led by Cav Jun S Avenido, Jr '67, CEO in a simple blessing ceremony. Please come and visit our renovated building with ample parking space on the southside.

Extending warmest birthday greetings and a lot of blessings to all birthday celebrants for the 2nd quarter of 2016. May you have many, many more birthdays to come "Matindi" talaga. Cheers! (18121605).



During the meeting which was presided by Clem Mariano, the following were taken up:

- a. Approval of Board Resolution Designating Terry de la Cruz, Orly Cabanlig and Rene Garcia as official signatories to AFPSLAI class account.
- b. Secretary Certificate on the official signatories on AFPSLAI Account to be prepared and submitted to AFPSLAI .
- c. The class also discussed alternatives on the investment accounts with ACE as to how to recover cash equivalent.

In attendance among the class members were: Clem Mariano, Rey Reyes, Orly Cabanlig, Terry de la Cruz, Pady Padilla, Jorge Agcaoili, Body Peran, Tony Aguilar and Homer Ortega.

Class 64 ladies present were: Merriam Agcaoili, Susan Arevalo, Mrs. Rey Reyes, Mrs. Jun Cruz, Lina Pilapil, Mrs. Aster Bas.

Congratulations to the class 64 golfers who represented the class in the class

PMAAAI club tournament held in Baguio Country Club in February 2016. The team was able to garner the overall champion in the super Senior Category. This is the second time that class 64 got the overall champion, the first one was last 2014. Rey Reyes garnered the individual champion and Rene Garcia as the runner-up in the same category. Representing the members of class 64 team were: Rey Reyes, Rene Garcia, Arfs Arpon, and Guzi de Guzman. Again congratulations mistah's for bringing glory to class 64.

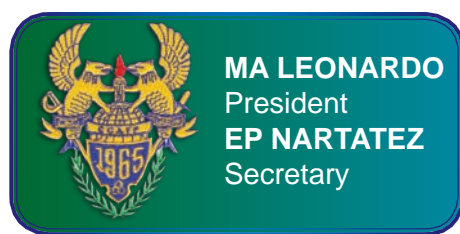
The PMAAAI alumni homecoming last Feb. 17-20 for class 64 attendance were represented by: Rey Reyes, Rene Garcia, Arfs Arpon, Guz Guzman and Jimmy Valeros. Thanks mistah's for the representation.

Happy Birthday to our March-April Classmate Celebrants:

1. Homer Ortega – March 10
2. Nonong Saludares – April 06
3. Buddy Peran – April 21



The class members and some class 64 Ladies had lunch at 101 Buffet in Mall of Asia last March 10, 2016. The affair was the first get together of the class for the year 2016. It was also the first formal class meeting for the year and welcome lunch for Pady Padilla and Jorge Agcaoili together with Merriam who are here on vacation from Canada and USA respectively.



SUMMER GREETINGS FROM THE PMA MULAWIN CLASS 1965!!!

Summer has arrived again and considering the El Nino phenomenon we are in an almost unbearable temperature conditions that even as early as the first week of February our golf courses are not as playable as during the last quarter of the year anymore. Its no wonder that its only the three-some of Class President Mike, Ricky Papa and Noli Fabic who have continued to make golf widows Elvie, Paloming and Chit,

respectively. The other golfers of the class, Willy Nicolas, Rolly Cauton, Ed Abesamis., Jess Candelario, Joe Lapus, Ofring Marcelo, Jomari Solquillo, Mon Azurin are now inactive sa paglalaro ng golf!

There were three fellowships, all to welcome our balikbayan classmates who recently were in town during the first quarter of the year. The first was to welcome Ces and Baby Flor; Doming and Mimi Habos and Pat and Baby Duque who all arrived in the country almost at the same time..The fellowship lunch was held at Tong Yangs Resto at Centris corner EDSA/Quezon Avenue. It is almost five decades that Ces and Baby Flor have not been seen by the class as it was the first time that they returned after leaving the country to settle in Canada many years back. It was great seeing them and they still are looking great too and quite young.

They were so thrilled and happy and thankful to the class for the sumptuous lunch prepared for them and had they known before that the class has always programs and activities to welcome balikbayan classmates they would have scheduled their visits more frequently. The second fellowship was held at Something Fishy Restaurant in Eastwood, Quezon City. It was also a great lunch to welcome Robert and Lorna Bruce as well as Andy and Bing Superable. Super is here on a medical tourism program as he is regularly having a thrice weekly dialysis at the Kidney Center. The class did not know that Super have this ailment of the kidney. But Super, despite his condition still looks good and great and. If not for the evidence of having just undergone the dialysis procedure no one won't know that he is suffering kidney problem.



The third luncheon fellowship was held on March 4, 2016. at Dad's Mega Mall and it was to welcome Mon and Nory Azurin who also are both looking great and with good health. They are also very much excited and happy and appreciative of the class for our warm welcome and camaraderie and active participation in our class activities.

Practically all the local based classmates showed up in the three fellowship luncheons prepared for our Balikbayan classmates, namely : Mike and Elvie Leonardo; Tirso and Margie Rosal; Ofing and Lita Marcelo; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Pepe and Lyn de los Santos; Dianne Malig; Bert and Dona Acenas; Lito and Mely Tapia; Doming and Mimi Habos; Rolly Cauton; Mon and Nory Azurin; Egay Velasco; Willy and Ching Nicolas;

Ricky and Paloming Papa; Jess and Boots Candelario; Pat and baby Duque; Ces and Baby Flor; Noli and Chit Fabric; Enri and Celia Bulan; Gerry Guzman; Roger Bergado; Benson Rimando; Linda Perena; Susan Abadilla; Vi Santos; Rex Robles and Joe and Janette Lopus.

Best wishes to the following Mulawins and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in March and April---- Mon Azurin - 22 March; Jun Arque - 15 March; Pepe Delos Santos - Msarch 10; Frenzy Fernandez (+) - 18 April; Romy Padiernos (+) - 31 March; Igna Santos (+) - 10 March; Jomari Solquillo - 22 April; Ching Nicolas - 11 April; Thelma Umali - 2 March ; Aurora Baby Duque - March 9; Tita de Guzman (+) - 2 April and Lyn Delos Santos - 25 April. HAPPY BIRTHDAY fellow holders of dual citizenships!!/epn.



MP ESPEJO
President
FS BAUTISTA
Secretary

INTRODUCTION

The Class Call of this issue of the Cavalier Magazine shall focus mainly on the Class participation as golden jubilarians in the February 2016 Alumni Homecoming at PMA, Fort del Pilar. Because of space constraints, only salient points shall be presented but the whole gamut of the three-day event shall be discussed in the GOLDEN SWORD, complete with pictures showing the members of the Class and their retinues in various poses.

This episode in the history of the Class is a proof that given the support of the members, any objective could be attained. One objective was to attain maximum participation, including those residing in the US as citizens or immigrants, and children and grandchildren. In the process of planning for the participation, the planners showed that they still possess the leadership and managerial skills they learned as AFP officers. More importantly, as participants in the homecoming, they rekindled the old flames of camaraderie and friendship which were strong during our junior years.

FROM DREAM TO REALITY

Interest to attend the 2016 Alumni Homecoming started as a dream – by members of the Class Board and other sixty-sixers regularly or irregularly attending coffee sessions, annual meetings and Christmas programs. They were inspired by other classes which told success stories of their participation as jubilarians.

During the Class Board meeting in early January, 2013, the first small steps to prepare for the homecoming were made. Planning committees were organized to handle class uniform, billeting and transportation. But with a Class fund of about P3,000 only, obstacles toward PMA appeared insurmountable – even when they agreed to ask each member to contribute one month old-age pension (P5,000) per year, from 2013 to 2015 (a total of P15,000 each).



faces and body language. Hopefully the pictures shown below would portray a better story telling, given that a picture is worth a thousand words.

GOOD BYE REGGIE

The last recollection the Class had of Reggie was sometime late last year when he and Vilma dropped by one Sunday Morning at Max Resto, Bonifacio Global City. He revealed he was suffering from an illness but did not appear very sickly as he was his usual self. His attendance and that of Vilma in the homecoming was even included in the transportation, billeting and other plans of the Homecoming Committee. Reggie however, sadly breathed his last on 2 February 2016 while still in the US.

Together with spouse Vilma, Reggie nevertheless was with us in the alumni homecoming, albeit in a different form after being cremated at the US.

As a fitting recognition of his service to the country, he was given by the Navy Necrological Services at the BNS Chapel, BNS in the evening of 24 February 2016. With Temi Arugay doing the coordination, the Philippine Navy which Reggie served up to his retirement, provided all the ingredients of a traditional military ceremony starting with the Arrival Honors, Mass and Singing of the Alma Mater Song by mistahs present during the occasion. Those who delivered eulogies were Capt Bernardo Patiño PN (Ret), Commo Edgardo Gallos PN (Ret) and Col Manuel P Espejo PAF (Ret). The speeches delivered relived happy memories of Reggie, thanks to the witty style of Bernie Patiño and Noli Espejo. For the family, son Rommel Regalado delivered a response. To end the evening, a dinner was served, hosted by Louie Fernandez.

To Reggie, our salute. To the family, our condolences.

Then in the 04 June 2014 annual membership meeting, Louie Fernandez volunteered to head the Class 2016 Homecoming Committee. With him at the helm, actions were intensified. Soon pledges form well-endowed mistahs came pouring in, with Louie Fernandez and Class President Noli Espejo resorting to “speeches to convince”, sometimes subtle “arm twisting”. Problems on billeting, transportation, meals, organized dinners gradually disappeared. Credit is given to Louie Fernandez for the many coordinating conferences he called and the trips he made to Baguio City to insure that everything will fall into place when the time comes. Recognition is likewise due to the major donors and other members of the class who pitched in additional support, in cash and in kind to make the “second to the last hurrah of the Class (The last hurrah is the Diamond Jubilee in 2026),” a resounding success. The full details of the various contributions and efforts shall be revealed in the GOLDEN SWORD to be published by December 2016. By January 2016, it was ALL SYSTEMS GO. The rest is history.

Liner tourist buses (paid for by Ding Wenceslao), participation in the annual affair was virtually an ALL EXPENSES PAID affair. They checked in at Hotel Elizabeth (paid fully by Leo Alvez as early as June 2015), with a few at Ridgewood Hotel. From these two hotels, the sixty-sixers were present in all the major activities as golden jubilarians – wreath laying at the Alumni Memorial for deceased alumni, alumni parade, awarding of medallions to the sixty-sixers by the spouses, alumni picnic, mass and breakfast with the cadets, open house of cadet barracks, silent drill exhibition and tree planting. Children and grandchildren, and associate members present surely had an idea of what kind of life the sixty-sixers had as cadets.

After the awarding of golden medallions, the Class President Noli Espejo, donated a check worth P250,000 to PMAFI as Endowment Fund, jointly established for the Class by Louie Fernandez and Noli Espejo. PMAFI Chairman Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 (then PMAAAI Vice Chairman, received the check and right there, exhorted all classes witnessing the event to follow the move of the Class.

The page allocated to Class 66 Class Call cannot capture the homecoming events in their entirety, much more show the various emotions reflected in their

AT PMA AND ONWARD TO 2026

When the main body of the Class homecoming delegation moved to Baguio City on early morning of 19 February 2016 aboard private vehicles and two Victory



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

For the summer months of March and April, we have many birthday celebrators. For March: Temi Arugay, Charlie Atienza, Romy Bruce, Joe Escarcha, Bay Neis, Jun Teleg, Fe Cuison, Rhoda Parreñas, Susan Gador, Mercy Dauz and Leonor Espejo.

For April – Mars Cordova, Gerry Cunanan, Rudy Eco, Herc Galon, Luz Baylon, Edna Gopilan, Fe Sabularse and April Fernandez.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens.

P.S. During the PMAFI Annual Meeting on 4 March 2016 at the AFPCOC, Class President Noli Espejo turned over to the Foundation a check worth P100,000 intended for the PMA Payback Scheme, courtesy of mistah Edd Santos, President of the Maritime Academy of Asia and Pacific.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the January – February 2016 period:

23 January – Twelve Dimasupils attended the PMAAAI Annual Convention at the AFP Theater and AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. Our delegation was very much bigger than those of most of the other classes.

26 January—Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF), hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, was held at Vikings Venue, MOA Complex, Pasay City. During the meeting, we agreed that the new Class Jacket, to be issued by the Uniform Committee, would be the attire for the Homecoming Parade on 20 February 2016.

20 February – Twenty-six Dimasupils, mostly with their ladies and some with their children and grandchildren, joined the Alumni Homecoming. The occasion was made more memorable with the presence of balikbayans Pol Aliac, Araw Bernabe, Libbie and Arlene Brawner, Oying Pinto, and Warlie Sadiarin who brought with him Mila whom he introduced as a new member of the Dimasupil Family. Diony and Bennie Ventura hosted the

lunch after the Parade (in lieu of the Class Picnic) at Fortune Chinese Restaurant. This has become a tradition for them to celebrate in advance Diony's birthday (23 Feb) in Baguio with the Dimasupils. In the evening, we had our Post-Valentine Dinner at Golden Pine Hotel. It was another Homecoming to remember. (We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PMA Superintendent and his staff, particularly Col Pedrito Dulanas Jr, MA3, for detailing a shuttle bus for use of our Class in going to PMA and back to the hotel during this Homecoming.)

B. Watch out for our schedule for the March – April 2016 period, onwards, as follows:

10 March – DMF to be hosted by Manny-Maryrose Dalipe, Jun-Ronnie Ibay, and Nic-Glo Parena at Buffet Asia, West Ave, QC.

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

May—DMF to be hosted by Joy Casillan and family.

June—DMF to be hosted by Walter and Sonia Briones.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

Our congratulations to Jun Avenido on his election as Chairman of the PMAAAI for 2016 - 2017 starting 01 March. He was the Vice Chairman of the PMAAAI the previous year.

Our congratulations also to Jun Avenido and Jun Ibay on their reelection as Chairman and President, respectively, of the PMA Foundation Inc (PMAFI) for 2016-2017.

Rody Duterte, instead of running for reelection as Mayor of Davao City as earlier announced, has finally joined the race for the Presidency with the basic platform of federalism and anti-criminality. For other details, please contact our Liaison Officers Joy Casillan and Bobby Lastimoso.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We pray for the early recovery of the following members of the Dimasupil Family: (1) Papoose Ballecer – who underwent surgery of her fractured upper left arm humerous bone in February; (2) Yoly Encarnacion – who suffered a mild stroke in January; (3) Mely Gatmaitan – who underwent a procedure involving the removal of her right kidney in January; and

(4) Ruby Torres – who also suffered a mild stroke in January.

Last 30 January, the Class joined the family of Ted and Emma Carian in commemorating the first death anniversary of Emma at Sofitel Plaza Hotel, Pasay City.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in March and April: Sonyang Austria (4 March), Lea Vallejera (5), Ching Aguana (8), Josie Dela Cruz (12), Nic Parena (20), Jun Ibay (21), Bennie Ventura (21), Mely Gatmaitan (30), Manny Dalipe (31), Alice Averilla (9 April), Mila Pinto (9), Nenie Abendan (12), Carol Rigor (12), Baby Alino (13), Bert Torres (16), Eve Villacorta (17), Rudy Gaerlan (18), Orville Gabuna (20), Mar Gatmaitan (26), and Dinsay Dionsisio (28).

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

We are now making arrangements for our billeting during our Golden Jubilee Homecoming on 17-18 February 2017. Please let us know (c/o Jun Avenido) NLT 31 May 2016: (1) If you will attend the Homecoming; (2) How many will you be in your group; and (3) How many rooms will you need.

CLASS TRIVIA

(This portion of our Class Call is contributed by Bernie “Uncle Bobo” Patino. The opinions expressed herein are solely his and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Class or this magazine. So, beware!)

Ascientist and inventor in the later part of the 19th century, whose name sounded like our own Sergio Padua Austria, declared with conviction that “everything that can be invented has already been invented”. How wrong he was! (Well, anybody with that kind of name will always be wrong.) The advancement of science in the field of Information Technology has been amazing. I have heard that an IT company will soon come out with a cellphone that looks like a watch and can be worn around the wrist. The beauty of this gadget is the fact that the battery can be recharged while the user is manipulating his or her own genitals. This cellphone is unisex, but

I expect that more females than males will be wearing it. I am sure that a classmate who goes by the initials . . . (wag na lang, baka magalit!) will have a cellphone that is always fully charged!

The newest vogue in the IT world is internet shopping. This is practicable because we do not have to get out of our houses and mingle with the hoi-polloi in malls to buy what we want. Our Marine classmate loves the practice of internet shopping. In fact, he orders his supply of blue pills and sex toys through the internet. One time, he saw an advertisement on a penile enlargement gear. Because he feels inadequate in that department (sinukat siya ngunit kulang), he immediately ordered one to be delivered COD. He was aggrieved and at the same time humiliated when he opened the box, because it was a plain magnifying glass!

So long Dimasupils and other Cavaliers. May the good Lord keep us safe always.




MP ROSALES
President
AB CARRILLO
Secretary

The holiday season at the end of the year continues to encourage Filipino families to get out of their abode to tour, go on vacation, visit relatives here or abroad or simply stay home and get out of their usual routines and enjoy some peace and serenity and be back in time for the PMAAA Convention in January. Those who attended the convention this year were lead by no less than the Class President Mel Rosales. The highlight of the convention was an exhaustive and well researched presentation on the West Philippine Sea/Spratly Islands dispute by Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio. After the convention, the class attendees met to strategize the class activities for the 2016 PMA Alumni Homecoming in Baguio on 18 to 21 Feb 2016. Among those who were present during the convention were; Mel, Volts, Willie, Norie, Sonny, Oskie, Bobby, Dante, Jing and Norman.

The 2016 alumni homecoming was well attended. We missed SND Volts and Rhodie who were out of the country for an official mission. Nonetheless, the trip to Baguio remained enjoyable

and memorable. SND Volts made sure that accommodations at Navy Base and Cabinet Hill were made available to classmates who attended. USND Norie and wife Candy played host to classmates in the DND facilities. Class President Mel and Millette led the Class 68 delegation. From abroad, Emjay De Leon and wife Bernie flew all the way from Virginia, USA to attend the reunion. Other classmates who attended were Willy and Isay Nuqui, Bobby and Puring Santiago, Oscar and

Gigi Cabaron, Alex and Shirley Costales, Rudy and Arlene Rabago, Dante and Julie Ruiz, Evelyn Erolin, Celia Canson, Tita Pangan, Tess Pangantihon, Hilda Fajardo and son, Sonny Penilla, Norman Samonte, Abe Abiol and Art Carrillo. Congratulations to Mel who was sworn in as Vice Chairman and Rudy as Corporate Auditor of the PMAAAI Board of Directors. The Class had its usual Friday welcome dinner and luncheon after the alumni parade at the Baguio Country Club. Class members



PMA Alumni Homecoming

1. Two-side events of the Alumni Homecoming – The Battle of the Classes at Camp John Hay and the Alumni Basketball Tournament at the Jurado Hall, PMA from 18-19 Feb 2016. Golf aficionados and basketball enthusiasts are at opposite ends of the physical fitness spectrum – from slow to fast.
2. PMAAAI Chairman Cav Manuel P Espejo '66 is Guest of Honor during the Wreath Laying Ceremony to honor deceased alumni at the Alumni Memorial, Fort del Pilar, on 19 February 2016. With him is new PMA Supe Cav Donato B San Juan II '84.
3. Members of Tanglaw-Diwa Class of 1992 give a preview of what they will do for Homecoming 2017. The Class “donates” to PMA Supe Cav San Juan, the modernized Tanglaw-Diwa Class 1992 Model Classroom on 19 February 2016 during its inauguration and blessing ceremony. Also inaugurated and blessed afterward is the Sandigan Class of 1982 Model Classroom.
4. The Guest of Honor (GOH), Cav Marciano A Paynor, Jr. '71, Undersecretary, OP, arrives at vicinity Melchor Hall/Sundial for the Arrival Honors on 20 February 2016. Escorting him is PMA Supe Cav San Juan.
5. At the grandstand of Borromeo Field for the Alumni Parade, GOH Cav Paynor Jr is flanked by (to his right) PMAAAI Chairman Cav Espejo, Asst. Supe Cav Herminigildo FC Aquino '84, Cav Delfin C Castro '51, oldest alumnus present; and (to his left), PMA Supe Cav San Juan, CSAFP Cav Hernando Delfin Carmelo A Iriberry '83 and the youngest alumnus present, Cav Joel E Beran, Jr '15.
- 6-7. The Cadet Brigade Commander prepares the Cadet for the ensuing ceremonies, after which, the PMA Supe Cav San Juan delivers his Welcome Remarks.
8. The GOH, Cav Paynor Jr., is accompanied by PMAAAI Chairman Cav Espejo, PMA Supe Cav San Juan, as he presents to outstanding alumni the prestigious Cavalier Award at Borromeo Field. The awardees are accompanied by their spouses.



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9. At the grandstand, the GOH Cav Paynor, Jr. presents symbolically a medallion to Class President Fortunato C Corachea of PMA Class 1956, diamond jubilarians who are celebrating the 60th year of their graduation. The others receive the medallions from their spouses. Giving more meaning to the occasion, is the Class donation of P500,000 to the PMA Payback Scheme from Cav Filoteo S Arevalo '56 and five alumni sons.
- 10-12. At the grandstand, GOH Cav Paynor symbolically awards the golden medallion to PMA Class 1966 President Cav Espejo (left inset), the rest of the Class receive the medallions from their spouses below the grandstand. To give significance to this milestone, the Class donates P250,000 to the Endowment Fund of PMAFI to its Chairman, Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 (right inset) who exhorts the other Classes to follow the examples of Classes 56 and 66.
- 13-14. In great numbers, in solid formation and matching attire, the silver jubilarians, Class of 1991, receive their medallions from their spouses, followed by hugs and kisses. PMAAAI Chairman Cav Espejo delivers his valedictory as outgoing chairman, (upper inset) and later, he introduces the GOH Cav Paynor '71 (lower inset). The GOH exhorts the alumni to think out of the box, think of the big picture, find solutions to problems and BE RELEVANT.
- 15-16. As a tradition, ceremonies are not complete without mementos. The GOH receives a memento from PMAAAI Chairman Cav Espejo while Mrs. Teresita B Paynor receives another one from Mrs. Leonor Espejo.
- 17-18. Classes of 1991 and 1983 show their marching prowess during the much-awaited portion of the Alumni Parade – Trooping the Line where they have the chance to ventilate their “yearling spirit” at the uncomplaining cadets (so we think).

and ladies who attended chipped in to have a catered dinner during the last night at the SND Quarters on Cabinet Hill. The attendees who signified their intention were provided the comfortable coaster transportation by our generous classmate Boyet Lim. The passengers really had a good time going to and from Manila and Baguio engagements because they exchanged a lot of stories and jokes making the more or less five hour ride go unnoticed due to the merriment.

On February 24, 2016, our classmate who is a graduate of USMA, Manolo Diamante passed away. Class members and some ladies attended the wake and the necrological services. Bobby delivered a eulogy for the class, having been together in some units of the AFP. Manolo is survived by his wife Tess Romero Diamante and their children. His interment was on March 01 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio. Our deep sympathies and prayers are offered for the eternal repose of his soul.

Come 20 March 2016, the PMA Class 68 will hold its 48th graduation anniversary. The celebration will start with a thanksgiving and memorial mass at the Bishop's chapel at the Logcom Area in Camp Aguinaldo. The mass will be at 1600H. Since it will be a Palm Sunday mass, class members and their ladies are expected to play some parts during the Lenten rites. A class dinner will follow at the Gloria Maris restaurant in Greenhills commercial complex. As of this time, we are anticipating another well attended anniversary celebration with the attendance count running now at about 40 attendees



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President
JL REGALA
Secretary

January 11, 2016 was the special celebration of Garrick RJ's natal day at the PNGC. Benjie and Meg; Jess and Olive; Boy, Amy, and Chelsy; Ellen; Vikki; Vic E.; Mon; Chris A., Ike and yours truly joined him and Lily to celebrate. The surprise couple, Cleo and Vivs, was also there.

The gents tackled their agenda for the class while the ladies discussed the Family Code, the traffic, and traveling. Photogenic Meg shared the secret of coming out pretty in



February 2016 class breakfast/meeting at the Polo Club hosted by Joey.



The Suaviters after a hearty lunch at the PN Golf Club restaurant hosted by RJ.



Four Fortiters and their respective Suaviters at the Baguio Country Club during the 2016 PMA Homecoming.

photos. Well, the ladies could not have been more attentive to the instructions. Really, the conversations were so engaging that what should have been just lunch segued to a "merienda ng rebosadong saging at kamote" accompanied by perk-me-up coffee.

Joey Syjuco's birthday breakfast treat to us was "champion". It was held at the Trophy Room of the Manila Polo Club on February 3, 2016. There to wish him all that's best in life were Jess and Olive, Benjie and Meg, RJ and Lily, the Maligaligs, Vic E., Jimmy, Mon, Ike and yours truly, and Luz Lagman. On the Suaviters' agenda were the cooperative discussion and the Baguio trip. For the Fortiters the talks swirled around travel (again!) and grandma duties. I was privileged to hear from Amy some funny and interesting stories about her dutiful Chelsy when she was a child. But for best effect you would have to hear them from Amy herself. Thank you RJ and Joey for our scrumptious breakfasts.

Baguio beckoned so on February 18, 2016 Jimmy and Lulu, Ike and yours truly, Jake and Sarla trooped to the Pine City to represent the class at the PMA Week. Benjie and Meg followed on the 19th. Our golfer companions did not miss the opportunity to hit and follow tiny white balls at John Hay and the Baguio Country Club.

It was a lucky day for Ike at the golf tournament. As the four gentlemen were dwelling on the 69ers who had gone ahead and those who are still around, his name was called. He won a sleek 12 cu.ft. refrigerator during the raffle at Baguio Country Club! Needless to say, he was confronted with the challenge of how to bring home to Manila the prize he won. No problem. His son, Richie, who is into logistic ably solved it for him. In no time at all it was in Manila and at home the day after.

Friday also found us shopping at the PMA commissary and beating the big crowd that was expected on the day of the parade. Lulu,

Sarla, and I were Kaydet Girls so we eyed the tees that had Kaydet Girl on them. Since I was there to get my grandchildren some T-shirts I passed on that one. Cute “sana kung isang lola ang pagalagalang suot yun.” We started early on Saturday to avoid the traffic to Loakan. The effort paid off allowing us to walk leisurely to the grandstand to find some seats.

One of us commented that the corps is so much bigger now, but that some cadets were not so tall. No problem. “Not so tall, but dark and handsome just the same” it is for them. As the parade of classes began I urged our 4-Wonder Women strong contingent (as in I wonder where I placed my keys according to Sarla) to cheer our boys with all we had got. Lucky for us the Class 83 ladies in front of us volunteered to cheer with us to amplify our vocal power. Thank you ladies.

We were glad to see the Suaviter’s new class crest on the wall of class crests, but even gladder to be in the gathering of so many Peemayers- a golden opportunity to reconnect with friends in the military. Thank God for friendship.



Reminiscence of 50 Years Ago

On April 1, some fifty years ago, 113 clueless teenagers left aboard a bus early morning from Camp Aguinaldo and debarked at the fringe of the Borromeo Field parade ground. It was then about one o’clock and they marched under the heat of the afternoon sun towards the parade ground fronting the grandstand. Told that there was going to be a “reception”, many had thought some welcoming cold drinks and food were to be served. Were they to be woefully disappointed and shocked, as events, far from their expectations, subsequently unfolded! They watched in awe as the cadet members of the plebe detail marched down from the grandstand and assembled in neat formation in front of them. Ah, they looked immaculate!

Then that unforgettable command cracked: “Take Charge!”. All hell then broke loose and everything became a blur.

The Magiting Class relived the memories of this fateful day, Day One of their plebehood, the start point of their Academy years last 31 March- 02 April. Twenty-two Magiting couples, four solo ladies with three US-based Mistahs: Paco Francisco, Flor Domingo and couple Oca and Ding Mauricio gathered in Baguio to witness the Reception of the incoming plebes of Class 2020 and reminisce what transpired 50 years ago.

The Class members started arriving at the Baguio Country Club after lunch of 31 March. Dinner that evening was at the Rose Bowl restaurant, hosted by Clyde and Susan Fernandez. It was an early celebration of Clyde’s 01 April birthday. Following day was the big day. Some adjustments in the original schedule were made, mainly on the time of the Reception which was moved earlier to 10:30am instead of at 1:30pm. The PMA bus was ready to pick up the group from the hotel at 8am. Arriving at the Academy, Maj Gen Donato San Juan, PMA Superintendent, personally welcomed the Magitings. He escorted the group to his Office for the customary courtesies. From here it was back to the steps by the flagpole for the oath-taking of the new cadets: a pledge to adhere to the ideals of the Academy and to persevere, to not quit. Before proceeding to the Parade grounds for the Reception, the Class with their families, toured the facilities for a glimpse of the current state of the education and training of the Cadet Corps.

Watching the reception was the highlight of the day. Memories of our own experience, the jolting initiation into a totally new world, must have flashed in every Magiting’s mind. Every year this ritual goes on. The tradition, only one among many that makes the Corps distinct, strongly endures. Fifty years ago we were the double-timing “colloids” on those same grounds. That was the day that jumpstarted the process which produced a Class that served the country faithfully and well.

Now, after this, it’s time to think about the Golden Anniversary of our graduation four years from now.

The Bataan- Subic Golf and Road Trip

What was supposed to be just a delayed holding of a golf tournament evolved into an enjoyable overnight trip of several Magitings joined by their ladies in the Bataan-Subic

area last 27-28 January. The Magiting golfers and their partners checked in at Subic’s Poco a Poco Hotel and after lunch, all raring to go, the golfers were off to the well-kept fairways of Anvaya Cove Golf Club in Morong, Bataan. In the evening it was dinner at Subic’s Seafood Restaurant by the Bay. The following day, the group went into a sightseeing tour at the beautiful Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Bagac and from there to the Dambana ng Kagitingan in Pilar where they were given a tour of the Shrine by Nesty’s very able staff. Those who joined the tournament were Clyde Fernandez, Primo Esguerra, Eloy Garcia, Egay Galvante, Vic Signey, Romy Gojo, Roy Cimatua, Jack Ligot, Nestor Santillan, and Boots de Veyra.

Mao and Ding’s Visit

Mao and Ding Mauricio were in town mid-February for the reinterment of their WWII veteran Dad, Col Eugenio Mauricio, last 20 February at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Several Mistahs were there to join the members of the Mauricio family at the ceremony. A few days after, on 22 February, before they returned to the US, Mao and Ding were treated to dinner at the XO Bistro and Resto at the SM Aura. Capping the night was the serving of good ol’ favorite ChocNut, which tastes just as good as in the old days even if it has shrunk in size. Enjoying the food and the pleasant evening with Ding and Mao were couples Ensong and Nancy, Roy and Ning Cimatua, Willy and Alice Parayno, Glenn and Josie Rabonza, hosts Nesty and Au, Josie Calvo, Emy de Veyra, Amy Villanueva, Dina Gaerlan, Godo Olores, Bang Adriano and Rudy Garcia. It originally was planned to be a ladies-only affair but the guys insisted in joining in. Mao said he’d be so bored being left at home, so “sama na lang kami”. A very pleasant night that was. Thanks Nesty and Au!

Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament

The 1st Quarter edition of the Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament hosted by Classes ’72, ’75 and ’78 was held at the Navy Golf Course last 11 March. CI ’74 bagged the championship with a score of 317, followed by CI ’72 with 326 and CI ’75 and ’76 scoring identical 327s. The Magiting golfers were at a distant 9th, never mind the score! Rounding up the trophy winners: Class A Champion: Noe Wong ’75, Class B Champion: Dennis Regis ’80 and Class C Champion: Teody Viduya ’71. Ernest Villareal ’78 posted the Lowest Gross score and Gene Cedo ’74, the Lowest Net prize. Keep on golfing Cavaliers!



Magitings and their ladies by the flagpole



At the grandstand to witness the reception of Class 2020



RM SACRAMENTO
 President
JC LALISAN, JR
 Secretary

The Matatags and Mas-Matatags had a very hectic activity last February and March. This is a welcome development since the more fellowships the merrier will the class be. We hope that this will be the trend for the year 2016. Ayos!

Exhumation and Cremation of the remains of the late mistah Franklin Brawner

Upon request of Cynthia Brawner, Frank's widow, the remains of Frank was exhumed from the Libingan ng Mga Bayani last 9 February and a mass was offered at the mortuary Chapel before the cremation in Loyola Memorial in Guadalupe. After the cremation, the ashes will be brought by Cynthia to the US where the Brawner family is residing. Those present during the mass were Egay and Mawie, Bert and Marmie, Aris and Nina, Totoy and Benjie, Oca and Jinggoy, Lita Gil, Doy, Joey, Wency and Puring, Dan and Charito Perico, Dong Tabamp and Romy Dominguez. Com and Mrs Bejar, our former Academy professor, and Percy Brawner, Frank's younger brother and other relatives were also present. The Matatags rendered their last snappy salute to Frank and sang the PMA Alma Mater Song.

Pre-Homecoming and Post Valentine Party tendered by the FBMs

Last 16 February 2015, the foreign based mistahs and their respective mas-Matatags hosted an Appreciation Dinner for the Philippine Based Matatags and Mas-Matatags at the residence of Amba Jun and Tess Paynor in Quezon City. The FBMs present were Totoy and Benjie Rivera, Tess and Manny Foronda, Doy Francisco, Archie and Rose Almario, Dania and Chato Perico, Stan and Lolit David, Bobby and Josie Laciste, RP and Rose Santos, and Dong and Consul Lulu Tabamo. The RP based mistahs and their mas-Matatags enjoyed the delicious dinner, the songs, and the raffles. Aris won



the tablet top price. Those who were present were Egay and Mawie Aglipay, Atot and Sara Paredes, Oca and Jinggoy Martinez, Wency and Puring Cruz, Bert and Marmie Sillona, Verna and Jerry Albano, Joey and Celia Lalisan, Rey and Fim Velasco, Rex and Jane Piad, Boy and Barrie Castellano, Mel and Hazel Acosta, Aris and Nina delos Reyes, Marte and Tetet Chioco, Lita Gil, Lulu Runes, Jennie Domingo, Art Lim, and Rey Acop.

Golf Fellowship in Baguio City

Matatags golfers played last 19 February in Pinewood Golf Course in Asin, Baguio City. The 9-hole golf course was quite challenging due to its narrow and OB-filled fairways plus the presence of sand traps in-between holes. Those who played were Rollie Garcia, Ed Matillano, Dan Belonia, Rey Alcasid, Rex Piad, Bob Sacramento, Archie Almario, Rey Rivera, and Joey Lalisan. After the game, Ed Mati invited all players for lunch in his town house just outside the Pinewood Golf Club.

Matatag Class Dinner

The Matatags and Mas-Matatags had the traditional class dinner in the Legacy Hotel in the evening of 19 February. The opening prayer was led by Mel Acosta and after which, Rollie Garcia emceed the affair. The local based Mas-Matatags presented a modern Singkil Dance con todo costumes to the delight of the crowd. The dancers were Celia Lalisan, Mawie Aglipay, Lita Gil, Barrie Castellano, Puring Cruz, Lulu Tabamo, and Jinggoy Martinez. Not to be out done, the foreign based Matatags and Mas-Matatags presented a lively cha-cha line dance

led by Totoy Rivera and Tess Paynor. The other dancers were Archie Almario, Bob and Josie Laciste, Benjie Rivera and Tess Foronda. Those who graced the occasion after so many years were FBMs Rolly Degracia, Bob Laciste, and RP Santos with their respective mas-Matatags. Those present also were Egay and Mawie, Rollie and Malou, Dong and Lulu, Amba Jun and Tess, Mel and Hazel, Manny and Tess, Stan and Lolit, Joey and Celia, Oca and Jinggoy, Jun Fabros and Judy, Jerry and Verna, Gatz and Cecille, Wency and Puring, Lita Gil, Bob Sac, Bert and Marmie, Rey Alcasid, Rey V and Fim, Teody Viduya, Marte and Tetet, Aris and Nina, Doy, Dania and Chato, RG Domingo, Rex and Jane, Rudy and Malou, and Romy and Elbe. The crowd enjoyed the music of the 60s and 70s very much. Sen Greg Honasan also attended the affair and said a few words about his campaign platform.

Alumni Homecoming and Parade

Last 20 February, 34 Matatags joined the traditional parade in the Borromeo Field. Amba Jun Paynor was the GOH and speaker while Egay Aglipay and Rey Velasco were both recipients of the Cavalier Awards. It was a proud moment for the Fabled Class of 1971. Vice Presidential aspirant Greg Honasan and Senatorial aspirant Ping Lacson led the Matatags during the trooping of the lines. Those who were also present were Bert Sillona, Bob Sacramento, Dick de Leon, Bob Laciste, Boy Castellano, Ben Domingo, Aris delos Reyes, Marte Chioco, Rey Alcasid, Totoy Rivera, Romy Dominguez, Rex Piad, Jerry Albano, Joey Lalisan, Doy Francisco, Teody Viduya, Atot Paredes, Dan Belonia, Wency Cruz, Dan Perico, Red Kapunan, Jun



Fabros, RP Santos, Bob Laciste, Stan David, Archie Almario, Dong Tabamo, Rolly Degracia, and Rollie Garcia. Honorary member Bob Fermin was also present but was seated with the mas-Matatags during the program.

General Assembly Meeting and Election

After the Homecoming Parade, the class had a general assembly meeting and election at the residence of Mawie’s brother near the Loakan Airport. The out-going Class President, Bob Sac thanked the class for their support during his 2-year stint. The incoming president Bert Sillona presided the meeting and moved that the same officers be re-elected. This was seconded by Egay and since there was no objection, the motion was carried. Thus, the class officers for the years 2016 to 2018 are as follows: President- Bert, VP for the PNP- Egay, VP for the Navy – Wency, VP for the Army- Bob ec – Art Lim, Treasurer – Rey Velasco, Auditor – Doy Francisco, PRO – Ruben Cabagnot. Prexy Bert announced that mistah Rey Acop is assigned as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Egay remains as the Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee while Rey V as Chairman of the Finance Committee. More than 30 Matatags attended the general assembly meeting and election.

Meantime, the Mas-Matatags had also elected their own set of Officers. Elected president was consul Lulu Tabamo. The VPs elected were Sara for the PNP, Jinggoy for the Army, Barrie for the Air Force, and Puring for the Navy. Jennie Domingo was elected as Secretary and Elbe Dominguez as Treasurer.

Trip to Sagada

Some mistahs and their ladies made a trip to far-flung Sagada to visit the Church where the class donated some materials for its improvement. Those who went there were Tess Paynor, Sara and Atot Paredes, Lulu and Dong, Tess Foronda, Totoy and Benjie, Archie and Rose, Puring and Wency, Jinggoy and Oca and , Rolly Degracia and bunkmate. It was a long, bumpy, and winding drive there and the group enjoyed the view along the way.

Special Class Meetings

There were two special class meetings held this March. The first one was about EO 201 that was issued where some of the class members questioned the term “provisional monthly allowance” and its legality and implications. The second meeting involved the discussion on a legal opinion derived from a lawyer. There were pros and cons discussions on the issue. Another topic taken up was the designation of survivor officers per branch of service. It was moved by Egay that all the VPs will be designated as survivor officer per branch of service which was approved unanimously. Oca Martinez volunteered to get the requirements for the AFP members while Egay volunteered Joey Lalisán to gather all service records and

requirements for the PNP. The ECI Consultancy will be the depository of records in digitized form. Office Manager Art Lim was designated as the OPR for this project. The timeline for this is May 2016.

Corps of 70 Golf Fellowships

Last 11 March, The Matatag golfers participated in the Corps of 70 tournament held in the Navy fairways. Seven members, namely Bert Sillona, Boy Caste, Rey A, Teody, Joey, Totoy, and Rollie joined the quarterly event. Teody won as the Class C Champion while the class team was 5th out of the 10 teams that played. Being the winner, Teody was designated to speak for the class during the fellowship. His joke about the “pato” winning in a cockfight earned rowdy laughter from the crowd especially when he likened a player winning in golf. Nananalo rin pala ang pato sa golf, he mused.



Warm greetings to all. Here are the highlights of the Class activities for the 1st quarter of this year:

2016 ALUMNI HOMECOMING:

The Masigasigs has never been outdone by other classes in terms of attendance and enthusiasm and 2016 was no different from the previous homecomings. A total of sixty four (64) Mistah and ladies and dependents trekked to the City of Pines to join other alumni for the traditional festivities in Fort del Pilar. Our very own Mistah Vic Carag from USA was also in attendance. As usual everybody wore the never fading Class jackets over the issued Tshirts (lacoste kono, he he) that signify the Masigasig

trademark of humility and simplicity. This year’s alumni celebration is even more significant simply because our Mistah/Gov Espines was awarded the coveted Cavalier Award for Public Administration for his outstanding accomplishment as Governor of Pangasinan. Unfortunately he wasn’t able to receive the award personally due to urgent matter he has to attend to. Be as it may, Gil Batestil received the award in his behalf. Everything done(long and tiresome rituals) at the parade ground, the Masigasigs inched their way to our Bahay and partook the sumptuous lunch.

After the usual fellowship and “bulahan”, Gil Batestil, the out-going Class Prexy presided the class meeting principally to elect the President-in-Waiting (CY 2017-2018). Pepe Vidad was nominated and elected to the position. The construction of handrail leading to the entrance of Bahay Masigasig and additional rest room up-stair where taken up as suggested by Vic Carag who volunteered to mobilize our overseas Mistah for possible financial support (voluntary basis of course). It was also suggested to institutionalize the Class communication network through Viber, emails, facebook and cellphones. Incoming Prexy, Queck Ebuén noted the suggestions for consideration of the incoming Board.

The traditional Post Valentine Party was held in the evening at the Benjamin Hall of Crown Legacy Hotel. A mass was celebrated before the party to thank the Lord for the blessings we received and to remember our Mistah and Ladies who joined our Creator ahead of us. Ludy Vidad single-handedly emceed the program as we enjoyed the group games and inter-company singing competitions. Notable among the singers was Vic Carag whose handicap during plebe year was singing. That’s why dumb guards Espino, Tor, Senga and Agustin rotted miserably as Vic’s tablemates. Ay Naku. By the





Updates:

1. Happy birthday to February born mistahs:

- Feb 1 - Oscar de Guzman
- Feb 7 - Horacio Tolentino
- Feb 9 - Edgardo Doromal and Hermogenes Esperon Jr.
- Feb 11 - Benny Cabrieto
- Feb 13 - Romeo Mayo
- Feb 14 - Owen Luistro
- Feb 17- Bert Sylim
- Feb 18 - Romy Carlos and Rene Rieza
- Feb 20 - Joselino Tan
- Feb 26 - Oscar Valenzuela and Pipes Valerio

May the good Lord continue to bless you with good health, happiness, and long life.. so that you may continue to make a difference and change the lives of other people everyday!

Jun Esperon, Ed Doromal, Ace Tolentino and Benny Cabrieto hosted a mini golf tournament with lunch at the Philippine Navy Golf and Country Club, Pasay City, while Bert Sylim celebrated his birthday also with a golf tournament and lunch at the Capitol Golf and Country Club in Quezon City. Marangal golfers participated in both mini golf tournaments: Jun Esperon, Pons Crucero, Ricky dela Paz, Jun Noble, Amy Tolentino, Gene Cedo, Ed Doromal, Rene Rieza, Lito Gutierrez, Pete Ramboanga, Rody Obaniana, Vlady Punto, Tony Ramos, Damian Carlos, Ace Tolentino, Romy Tolentino, Romy Buenaflor, and yours truly.

2. Congratulations to Jun Esperon, Ricky Dela Paz, and Jun Noble for making the class proud again for winning in the recent Aldub Golf Tournament at PNGC:
 Jun Esperon - 2nd Runner up Class A
 Jun Noble - Most number of pars
 Ricky Dela Paz - Lowest Net Champion

3. The class also welcomed the balikbayan mistahs who are based in the United States namely, Vlady and Jojie Punto, Tony and Nanette Ramos, Larry and Boots Doria, Owen and Marvis Luistro, Pards and Edile Espejo, and Ching Lagrimas. Jun

way his signature and favorite song was “ Dying Lizard” his version of Dying Liza popularized by Liza Minnelli, a hit during our rotting days at Summer Camp. Remember?

We extend our thanks and appreciation to Prez Gil for his commendable and splendid performance during his watch. Kudos also to Neriz and other ladies for a job well done. To Prez Queck, rest assured of our full support as we look forward for another banner year during your term. We also express our thanks and gratitude to Mistah/Gov Espines and Mely for their unconditional support(free lunch and dinner, shuttle bus and the Band).

1ST CLASS MEETING: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

Prez Queck presided the class organizational meeting last February 26, 2016 at PN Golf Club to elect the new members of Board of Trustees and Class Officers. Nominated and elected were: Queck Ebuena, President/ Chairman, Pepe Vidad, Vice President/Vice Chairman, Pol Lacerna, Manding Naval, Simeon Dizon, Gil Batestil, Ric Nobleza, Auditor, Bing Valencia, Treasurer and Celso Castro, Secretary. Vic Carag was nominated as overseas Class Coordinator. The new Directors approved Resolution Nr 2016-1 designating Queck Ebuena and Pepe Vidad as Principal and Alternate Signatories of Class financial transactions in Landbank of the Philippines, Camp Crame effective February 26, 2016. Bing Valencia, the Class Treasurer stays as one of the Principal Signatories. Other matters that were discussed during the class meeting in Baguio will be tackled during the next BOT meeting.

CLASS RECOLLECTION, A SPIRITUAL RENEWAL:

The traditional Class recollection was held last March 1, 2016 at the PNGC as part

of spiritual enhancement for the advent of the Lenten season which was organized by the ladies headed by Faith Ebuena. Thirty nine(39) Mistah and ladies attended the event. It was a real success with Fr. Jerome R. Secillano, the Parish Priest of Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Socorro, Sampaloc, Manila as Spiritual Speaker. The sharing of experiences among Mistah was very enlightening and touching, and all agreed that God has plan for all of us to do good and shy away from evils.

NEWS UPDATES:

Last February eight (8) Mistah from US were in town for a visit. Rudy and Baby de Castro, Jimmy Viernes, Vic Carag, Willy Mejia and Tony Villarosa arrived separately for various personal reasons. Of course Elmer and Renee Ignacio are always here yearly to get rid of winter(di maka-golf) in California and to play golf with me and Efren Abu. Vic Carag purposely came for the homecoming, while Tony Villarosa surreptitiously arrived and left in a hurry. They are definitely coming next year for the homecoming. The Air Force guys had a fellowship and get-together dinner at Lorenzo’s Way, Boni High St, Global City last February 26 with Dionix Dionisio (die -hard Air Force guy who joined the PC) as special guest.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Warm birthday greetings to the following celebrators: APRIL; Lorna Abu, Nap Castro, Marvin Concha(Dec), Gigi Tagamolila, Edgar Paguio, Art Sabado, Molong Narcida, Rico Teves, Alyn Lacerna, Nina Tor, Ressa Reyes, Ed Sta Clara, Johnny Salvana, and Bert Tagamolila. MAY; Cely Nobleza, Amy Brillantes, Lucille Flores, Lino Caringal, Angelito Santos(Dec), Marivic Aurelio, Nene Pestano, Roger favis and Ed Gador.

Till next class call. Happy reading to all.....CGC.

Noble hosted a dinner for Vlady Punto and Tony Ramos at his residence in AFPOVAL, Taguig City, while Oca Valenzuela hosted a dinner for Pards and Edile Espejo at Elias Restaurant Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Amy and Winnie Tolentino had a separate dinner for Vlady and Jojie Punto, and Tony and Nanette Ramos at Mango Tree Restaurant Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Later on, the class spearheaded by the PAF mistahs (Ace Tolentino, Ricky dela Paz, Lito Gutierrez, Romy Villafior, and others) hosted a lunch at Villamor Golf and Country Club for Owen and Marvis Luistro. Food, wines, and beers flowed to the satisfaction of everybody. It was a day of fun, jokes, and never ending stories and anecdotes about life inside the PMA and of course the travails encountered by Marangal golfers in the golf course.

4. Excerpts from Class 74 Viber group: About the class exploits and experiences in the battlefield upon graduation in January 1974:

Ruben Garcia:

"Mistah Pons Cruscero, you stated it very well that it cannot be said any better. Marangal Class 74 individually and collectively added shining moments in the page of Philippine military history. The medals alone will not tell the whole story nor recognize every individual feat of glory. The records may be inadequate; those who

witnessed the acts of heroism may have opted to be silent in their own admiration, but nothing and nothing can be taken away from the truth that our mistahs did what they had to do simply because they did not want to put the class down. Then and now, our class have answered the call. Perhaps, what counts after all is - we can look at everybody straight in the eye."

Pons Cruscero:

"Maraming hindi narecognize, Hansel Yen, too. My buddy Raposo, too. Sheer guts and determination in combat, all in the name of their men, to save them. We have but only memories and stories to tell their courage in combat far beyond that what is given now in recognition of bravery/heroism. I can tell about Raposo and his bravery/heroism in combat if we have opportunities to tell each other. During those days, we lived one day at a time. Now we can tell each other the sacrifices made in the name of our country."

Edgar Peralta:

"Mistah Franklin Nerez died at Mount Sinumaan, Jolo Sulu. Nerot was deserving of all combined medals that were awarded to any or all of those who participated in that September 1975 operation. I do not remember he received posthumously what he deserved. To my knowledge, his bravery in action was and is unparalleled up to this day."

5. PMA Class 74 mourns the demise of an adopted brother

The class mourns the death of Vice Admiral Eduardo Alvarez PCGA, an adopted brother of the class. A joint Memorial / Necrological Service was rendered by PMA Class 1974, Metrobank Corporation, Philippine Coast Guard, and Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary with the following program:

- Welcoming Remarks -* Major General Alphonsus Cruscero AFP (ret)
- Reading of Poem -* COMMO Oscar T Garcia PCGA
- Eulogies -* ADM Danilo A Abinoja PCG (Ret) RADM William M Melad PCG Commandant
- Response from Family -* Madame Marissa R. Alvarez
- Closing Remarks -* VADM Valentin B Prieto JR PCGA
- Masters of Ceremonies -* Mr. Rene Rieze and COMMO Gerry P Reyes PCGA

Excerpt from Eulogy of Admiral Danny Abinoja:

"...and now I will miss all these moments. The moments that he unselfishly shared to me and I'm sure to all of you in different and varying ways. Days will pass, months, years, but we will always remember those moments that he unselfishly shared with



us. He is gone but will not be forgotten. Today my grandchildren will see our pictures together and ask, "Who is this man?"; and with a freak smile and with invisible tears because a heart was touched, I will say with strong word, "HE IS ED ALVAREZ IT WAS WITH HIM THAT I HAD SOME OF THE BEST MOMENTS OF MY LIFE."

And to show you that Ed wants me to deliver this message to you, after I have drafted this Eulogy, my highschool classmate Ado Ocampo, who incidentally is Ed's classmate in UPCBA Batch of '73 sent me a viber message. And the message is exactly what I was writing about - Moments.

And this is Ed's message to all of us here. Life is just we then should do good in every moment. We should think good in every moment. And we should thank God for every moment.

Let us live it.
Let us love it.
Let us enjoy it.
And let us cherish it.

In closing let me quote Sonia Ricotti who said:
"Surrender to what is.
Let go of what was.
Have faith in what will be."



EE ACUÑA
President
JB SOLIDUM
Secretary

There was excitement and blissful hope in the early morning of 19 February as the Magilas Class and bunkmates travelled to Baguio City. It was the eve of the 2016 Alumni Homecoming and everyone's mind was focused of the big event the following day, especially



because the class would be celebrating its Ruby Anniversary, that is 40 years after graduation and the beginning of new and challenging life as commissioned officers of the AFP and PC/INP.

The class made a stop-over in Pangasinan, where some mistahs and their spouses heard mass at Our Lady of Manaoag Church. Thereafter, the class trooped to Mayor Boying's place in Laoac Pangasinan. Sally, the First Lady of Laoac, prepared a hearty lunch and irresistible native delicacies. Just before Paul Mata could deliver prayers before partaking of the food, Tangol Gatdula distributed shirts for everyone which became our uniform for that day. Hats to be worn in the Alumni parade, courtesy of Louie Ticman, were likewise distributed and worn immediately by most of us.

Eager to reach Baguio as scheduled, the class motored from Laoac via Marcos Highway as Kennon Road was closed for road repairs. Arriving at the Manor where the whole class and their bunkmates were billeted, they rested for a while and freshened up as they waited for the class dinner hosted by the PNP Group at the Forest Lodge. The Class Secretary accounted 61 Magilas present, 54 of which were joined by their bunkmates. Three Mistahs and their spouses based abroad were also present for the Ruby Anniversary, namely, Gerry Tenazas and Caloy Caaganan from the U.S. and Tui Deamongkol from

Thailand. Gerry brought his whole family, Caloy tagged along his wife Mely, and Tui was joined by his wife Nids. Emil Lucero who promised to attend was a no show.

After dinner, a short program was held with the opening remarks delivered by Bong Ibrado. To bring fun and enjoyment in this momentous gathering of mistahs and their ladies, a joke tournament conceptualized by Joey Salvacion was incorporated in the program. As judged by the Ladies; Bebette Ibrado, Girlie Tenazas, Mely Caga-anan and Bing Dacanay, the winners of the tournament were as follows:

- 1st Place - Bravo Company - delivered by Abner Cabalquinto, Adiong Abadiano (intellectual joker) and Joey Salvacion (slightly green jokes)
- 2nd Place - Charlie Company - Air force jokes delivered by Cholo Carlos
- 3rd Place - Alfa Company - Del Pomposo and Congressman Pol Bataoil
- 4th Place - Delta Company - dished out by the Tatlong Itlog (Gerry Defensor, Jogy Fojas, and Mel Dilodilo)

Epy Marayag, editor in chief of The Magilas Story Book, discussed the difficulties and constraints he encountered and thanked the class who heeded his call to submit their individual portions in the MSB to enable him to come up with the book in time for the Ruby Anniversary. Thereafter, Epy presented the MSB to the Class President. Gay Viduya widow of Mistah Alvids received the first copy



followed by Company Supervisors who received copies for their respective companies. Before we called it a night, Tui Deemongkol and Nids gave away souvenirs from Thailand. Tui promised to come again for our 45th in 2021.

On D-Day, the class wearing their newly tailored suits boarded the bus at 6:30 am for the trip from Manor to PMA. All ladies complied on their attire by wearing ruby colored dress or blouse with signature Ticman Hats. The Magilas registered at the Melchor Hall, had breakfast at the Magilas Visitors Hall and roamed around the facilities at PMA until it was time to proceed to the Borromeo Field. The class had to tolerate and survive the very long speeches that ensued under the scorching heat of the sun. But during the most awaited alumni parade, the Magilas marched tall and proud jubilarians in their newly tailored coats and signature hats.

After the parade and picture taking in the middle of Borromeo Field, the Magilas proceeded to the Magilas Visitors Hall for lunch. The Magilas Hall is a tangible legacy of Class 76 to the Cadet Corps.

Immediately after lunch, a short program ensued with a touching opening prayer by Paul Mata. It was followed by the presentation of plaques of appreciation and recognition to mistahs who have greatly contributed to class projects and activities, namely:

Epoy Marayag- for editing and publishing the Magilas Story Book

Abner Cabalquinto- for the Alumni Homecoming Preparations

Jogy Fojas- for the successful holding of the fund generating 2015 Magilas Golf Tournament

Jess Verzosa- for the innovative strengthening of membership policies

Gerry Defensor- for the strict implementation and overseeing of membership policies during his incumbency as Chairman

Retep Labiano- for the repair, renovation and maintenance of the Magilas Visitors Center

Mon and Ching Punzalan- for chairing the Ruby Homecoming Uniform Committee

Del and Beth Pomposo- for the 2015 Christmas Fellowship preparation

Sonny and Alexis Cachuela- for the conjugal preparation of 2014 Christmas fellowship

Louie and Ruby Ticman- for yearly providing the class with the Alumni Homecoming hats

Prez Acuna thanked each and everyone for an enjoyable and memorable homage to our Alma Mater. He reminded everyone to actively participate in future class activities.

WELCOME NEWS

Ely Dela Paz and Tyrone Ong were finally granted their appeal for bail last March 9 after 30 months in detention. A gathering of Class 74 and Class 76 was held at PNGC on 14 March to celebrate the occasion dubbed as Araw ng Kalayaan Fellowship. All the best Mistahs!, as Toto Golez would say . .Hataaaaaaaw!

BIRTHDAYS GREETINGS

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Petty Caballes – 1 March, Delia Gamos – 2 March, NicaTeodoro – 3 March, Gina Bataoil, – 4 March, Ann Dolorfino – 5 March, Hermie Esguerra -7 March, Bong Ibrado – 10 March, Paul Mata – 11 March, Olga Nano – 16 March, Tyron Ong – 17 March, Sally Alarcio and Len Calderon – 24 March, Delia Bontuyan -3 Apr, Jun Sanchez – 8 Apr, Alexis Cachuela – 17 Apr, Imelda Agcon-18 Apr, Arlene Zerrudo – 22 Apr, Zaida Labiano – 27 Apr, Jesus del Mundo – 29 Apr. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.



The PMA Alumni homecoming last 19-21 February 2016 was attended by the following Masikaps: Ric & Lulut David, Danny & Lina Cortez, Dads & Tess Domingo, Eric & Mylene Javier, Art & Farah Mancenido, Bob & Cecille Estioko and Ted & Eva Pan. That is 7 Masikaps and 7 Masikap ladies... so I reckon 77 representatives pa rin ang representatives ng class! 3 Navy, 2 Army, 1 Air Force & 1 PC/PNP- all major services represented. In the afternoon of 19 Feb, the foursome of Ric, Danny, Art and Bob hit the links at the Baguio Country Club golf course. The Masikap group was not in the final round of the "Battle of Classes" golf tournament at Camp John Hay golf course because the class did not participate in the eliminations in Metro Manila golf courses. Camp John Hay was the venue

for the finals. In the evening of that Friday, five of the Masikap couples dined at the Baguio Country Club. Dan Jimenez aptly described them as "honeymooners!"

Tess Domingo reported that "Seven supportive ladies, me included, sat out the 5-hour PMA alumni homecoming ceremonies under the pine trees near the grandstand. This was for the love of our husbands who represented the Class to join the long grey line. It closed with the touching singing of the PMA Hymn by the gathered alumni in front of the grandstand." I echo Jomas Masferre's reply "To the Masikap ladies ... thanks for the love, patience and support for our mistahs." Thank you Tess, Lulut, Lina, Mylene, Farah, Cecille and Eva! Tess assured us "maasahan yan sa lahat ng ladies. may practice yell na kami for the Masikaps in next year's march." As to our next year's homecoming, Dan Jimenez is very confident "Reinforcement coming next year!" And Bobby Ribay "is sure the next one will be a big one." Irene Manaois challenged Jomas "to have 77 members of the class attend." Violy Bernal and Virgie Espadero already committed that they together with Jimmy and Spade will attend next year. So the countdown to our being senior host class again in PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 begins!

April 1, 1973 – Reception day for PMA Masikap Class of 1977 at the Borromeo Field, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City. Do you remember mistah? This is what is written in our yearbook, The Sword.

"Then with the band playing you alighted from the bus. Things happened fast. You heard a command then a roar from the immaculately dressed upperclassmen. Confusion took its throne. You were running all around, shouting, sweating, without really knowing what was happening. You felt the shortness of your breath. Trees were moving in circles. You winked your eyes to hold the daylight. You saw yourself falling and you shut your eyes. From far away, a voice was shouting. They were grave threats. You didn't mind it but the voice was becoming louder every second. You felt yourself standing and then running again, exercising and sweating. In your consciousness you wished it would be evening soon. And with an effort, you looked at the sun but it was the moon you saw.

Taps was sweet. You climbed your bunks and pulled the woolen blanket to your head. You were in a new world. Everything you had was new. The longest day you ever experienced was ending. Tomorrow, you might wake up and find it was all a dream. You worried about that. It would be unfair. Then you felt the touch of the white cotton sheet on the shaven part of your head. The long hair was gone. You sighed. That was no dream. You let the heavy eyelids fell. A fitful and tired sleep come your way. You needed it for tomorrow."

President Benigno Aquino III appointed our mistah and my summer camp squadmate, Felizardo Serapio Jr. as a new commissioner of the National Police Commission. NAPOLCOM is the overseer of the Philippine National Police. Both Aquino and Interior Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento signed Serapio's appointment order



last February 11. He will serve until 2022. Jun, who headed the elite police unit Special Action Force (SAF), represents the law enforcement sector at the NAPOLCOM.

Before his appointment at NAPOLCOM, Jun was the undersecretary and head of the Law Enforcement and Security Integration Office under the Office of the Executive Secretary in Malacañang. He was also the Executive Director of the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime. Jun also served as head of the Interpol National Central Bureau Secretariat, officer-in-charge of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Senior Official on Transnational Crime-Philippines, and head of the working group on Trafficking in Persons, and Asean Senior Official on Transnational Crime.

From your Masikap family - Congratulations Jun! Keep up the good work! We know that you will perform your duties and responsibilities as NAPOLCOM commissioner to the best of your abilities, silently & without fanfare, as before. We are proud of you!

The class wishes the following April and May birthday celebrators a Happy Birthday! Apr 04 Jomas Masfere, 05 Irene Manaois, 06 Ares Balocating & Orly Pestano, 07 Dan Casabar, 08 Manny Cataluña, 12 Andy Caro, 15 Alex Taguinod, 18 Omec Roderos & Per Palad and 29 Pete Tango; May 02 Dan Empedrad, 09 Manny Dahan, 20 Cidoh Gadjali, 22 Dan Desuasido, 26 Percy Padla & Lim Kah Kee and 30 Teterts Terte.



The February 20, 2016 Philippine Military Academy Alumni Homecoming was a well attended affair with Loyal Eagles and their families, some with their grandchildren, around to keep this yearly tradition of paying homage to our alma mater. As usual, the



program was very long, an issue that was unavoidably discussed by Cavaliers while standing under the heat of the sun in the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field. It was just consoling to listen to the "how to be relevant" speech of the Guest of Honor, Cavalier Ambassador Marciano A. Paynor '71, one of the most relevant sons of the Philippine Military Academy who distinguished himself in various fields in his 49 years in the government service. His advice to Cavaliers: Improve yourself, forget yourself and leave yourself is very enlightening to us who have retired from the military/police service and are still looking for opportunities to remain relevant.

The day earlier, February 19, 2016, the Matapat Golf Team participated in the Battle of the Classes at Camp John Hay Golf Course. This power team led by Rollie Anonuevo is a veteran of numerous battles fought in various challenging golf courses where they won consistently. Rollie Anonuevo, Bumi Bumanglag, Benjie Gorres, Frank Manalo, Tony Villarete, Rey Lanada and Zaldy Tungala came to Camp John Hay Golf Clubhouse early morning, calm, cool and confident. They left the Golf Course battered, though, by younger classes. We have to heed the advice provided by one of the plebe knowledges we were compelled to commit to memory: "Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth".

No, we did not come to win; we came to enjoy the game and the camaraderie. And yes, we did not sleep empty handed. Benjie Gorres went back to his hotel as the Class B Champion and the winner of the Grand Prize in the raffles.

The Matapat Park '79 is one of the best parks and interesting places in Fort Del Pilar. It is surrounded by the oldest pine trees you can find inside the Fort. It is



located adjacent to the two holiest places in Fort Del Pilar, the PMA Catholic Chapel and the PMA Evangelical Church. Ironically, it is also next to a ravine after the Nakar Hall, the PMA visitors billeting facility where occupants have a lot of creepy stories to tell. And this is where the Loyal Eagles gather every year to rest, eat their lunch, renew friendships, plan and to just merely endlessly reminisce their cadet years.

The fellowship lunch was an opportunity to talk about the future. We talked about the future as a Class and the future of our country. Among us Loyal Eagles are sincere, dedicated and benevolent public servants who did not stop serving our country even after they were compulsorily retired from military/police service. **SIR TSIP SAMMY PAGDILAO** is running for Senator after his successful stint as a Congressman. **LEO "TAGOY" SANTIAGO** is a nominee of the **Agham Party List**. **BUMI BUMANGLAG** would like to serve his home city, Baguio, as a councilor. One of the Loyal Eagles ladies, **CHAY PAGDILAO** is a nominee of the **ACT-CIS Party List**. One of our honorary members, **BONG BONG MARCOS** is running as vice president of our country. The PMA Matapat Class of 1979

is proud of these worthy members and is looking forward to fully support them in their quest for a better country.

Congratulations to Mon Liwag for the flawless swing of an iron club which resulted to a hole-in-one at hole 12 of the Villamor Air Base Golf Course last 03 March 2016. I am sure bet was cancelled between him, Benjie Gorres and Rey Lanada on that beautiful golfing day. It is the dream of every golfer to have at least one hole-in-one in his lifetime.

For comments and or suggestions, please email to: tete41@yahoo.com.



Just a brief note... for now.

Maharlikans Homecoming 2016 activities went well as planned with the able leadership of Cav Jiri Amanti hosting a class dinner on 12

Feb at Newtown Hotel. A horde of Mistahs came to join the dinner and the next morning's Alumni march. During said affair, Jiri A announced our two upcoming fund raising projects this year: the "Maharlika" Cup Golf Tournament set tentatively in June; and, the "Maharlika" Shootfest that will be held of course immediately after election. Organizing committees shall be set up to do all the preparation and coordination. So, once again, let's join hands to make both these events well attended and successful. Incidentally, where's Millet J, the Maharlikan version of Asia's Song Bird? Mukhang absent sa Newtown dinner.

Wait, RT Sindac (our Secretary) is suggesting we come up with a new Class uniform for the annual event. He recommends a black coat (blazer for the ladies) with an embroidered logo or Suarez – made class insignia (maybe 3 – 4 inches) that we can just clip on left breast pocket. Under the blazer / coat, we can wear any color long sleeve shirt (with tie if occasion requires) with a matching dark pair of pants. This way, we not only standardize our attire but also save hard earned money. Sounds perfect, Mistah! Should there be any comment, suggestion or violent reaction, please text Jiri or RT himself.

Congrats!!! to single handicapper Ding Sevilla for being the Champion of the Battle of the Classes 2016 Senior Category. He likewise garnered the Lowest Net Champion.

Because PMA is now under the control of the Maharlikans in the person of its new Supt, former SOCOM Commander, Donato San Juan, who took post exactly a week before the Homecoming, our Class picnic was held at Ato's official residence on Signal Hill complete with a combo. The ever-gorgeous, new PMA First Lady, Doc Marivic, was of course in-charge. A lot of photo ops followed immediately after the sumptuous lunch. Center of attraction was our 1960's matinee idol, Bing Banta of Alfa Company, who entertained everybody with his usual gimmicks. Ayy guuu (Korean word for Ay Naku!)...Astig pa rin talaga!!! Wala bang pang himagas diyang, Bok? Everybody was happy taking selfies and groupies with Bing as the photo bummer (sic). Brotherly advice lang po mga Mistahs, baka maging viral ang pix niyo at maging product endorser na rin kayo. Oooooorah!!!

Another Mistah who miraculously showed up in the picnic was Asiana Airline Pilot, Jhong Arevalo, as he rarely joins class activities due to his hectic flight schedule. He came with his almost 6-footer, 2013 world champion golfer-son, Kristoffer. Jhong look the same pa rin. A Top Gone... Gun pala...hehe. The whole Arevalo family led by the highly distinguished patriarch from Class 56 came to officially turn over a donation to the Academy. To note, aside from 56, we also have Arevalo's in Classes 82, 85, 90 and 91, making a total of 6 bugo bugos.

Thanksgiving parties and dinners are everywhere now with the series of promotions to 07, 08 & 09 of our Mistahs, a clear sign that we are already in the peak of our career. Newest in the 07-list are Jiri and Jaja J. In PAF, with pilot Dino D's first star, all Maharlikans are now in flag rank. Same is true with our PCG trio of Bay Y, Dan U and PT Gonzales. Next on the list (probably within this semester) are Army warriors Jess Alvares, Eric Uchida and Yahweh Monilla. To 08 we have Navy Paeng Mariano with Bani Gaerlan; and, Army men Job Y and Pikes Depakakibo. Going 09 next to Rey G, are newly installed IG AFP, Oca L; PMA's Ato SJ; and, TDCS, Badong Mison. Siempre, worthy to note again is the role played by Banj Ramos in the confirmation of promotions of our Mistahs. Banj is the right man in the right job and in the right time as Chief of AFP OLA (Office for Legislative Affairs), a very sensitive, demanding and influential post.

Almost all in our PNP chapter are also in star rank. In 08 alone since last year, we already have: Jon Jon Miano, Gene Cerbo, Gani Nerez, Dan Pelisco, Joel Pagdilao, Moro Lazo, and Nap Taas.

So, Cheers to all!!!

Though in low profile, SOSIA Chief, Noel Constantino kept on doing wonder greats for the PNP after his outstanding stint in PNPA. During the seminar for private security operations he recently conducted in HPNP early this year, he drew the admiration and respect of all the attendees composed of owners / executives of security agencies that include elderly Cavaliers. The feedback was very positive. "It's a Job Well Done for Noel," said a retired LTGEN. Everybody including his own organizing staff is really impressed with Noel's deep sense of professionalism, selfless service and foremost, untarnished

integrity. A young PNPA staff added: He is a no-non-sense officer we idolize! One civilian participant commented: Maghipit but tama siya. When Noel said during his lecture "If there is confusion, there is corruption," reaction of many, "This is the right guy." So, keep up the good work, Mistah!

Similarly, our police Mistahs Richard Albano, Joel Pagdilao and Jon Mianski are equally doing unprecedented records of accomplishments as RD PRO4, CNCRPO and Operations Director, PNP, respectively. Also silently making big marks in PNP are Gene C, the police J2, and Nap Taas, both contributed significantly in the success of APEC 2015 last November. Btw, Richard's very supportive and energetic deputy is Ronnie Santos, a graduate of Marine 3-month airborne training BAC21 (1985) with roster number 11 (Wang-Wang).

Meanwhile, as remaining Mistahs in the service started occupying senior key positions, our BIRC chapter is gradually growing in number as well. Last 02 Feb 2016, Paul Miciano retired. Soon-to-be BIRC this year are: Richard A (15 April 16); Art Orticio (18 Mar 16); CRS Boss Joe Kaks (April 16); Ed Maningding (Sept 16); and Aaron F (November).

Mistahs, should you have more information re others, please let us know thru text or emails. As per guidance, only positive citations / activities that promote class unity, family values / bonding, and the PMA motto can be considered.



"You may not always have a comfortable life and you will not always be able to solve all of the world's problems at once but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own." -- Michelle Obama

Hinirang Oh Hinirang! Tunay kayong anointed! Pag di maposisyon, more likely "hinirang"!

Well, mga Hinirang Mistah, how have we been doing for the past months of 2016?

Last Alumni Homecoming 2016 we saw a good attendance of some Mistahs who have been absent for quite a while and a good

sign that next year 2017, as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary (SENIOR host class!), we can expect the best attendance among the Hinirangs as that would be the last when most of the members in the active service will still don the uniform. We'll only have about 3 Hinirangs by 2022 that will still be in uniform by then. Our golfer team of Hinirangs Bong Dickson, Ringo "Cuplinks" Licup, Jojo Vera Cruz, Lye Carrabacan, Mao Aplasca, Erick Kagaoan and Nick Parilla emerged as the Champion in the Battle of the Classes 2016. Next year eh sa Senior Classes na tayo! Urghhhhhh! Reality bites and it bites deeply!

PMA Projects: our most revered Honorary Hinirang member Hin Sen Francis "Chiz" Escudero donations to the class will be concretized into a 10-Bay Firing Range, View Deck and Picnic Grove expected to be completed before the year ends and in time for our hosting next year.

This early year saw major achievements that came in the form of "falling stars" that landed on the shoulders of our Hinirang brother Mistahs. The first PNP star-ranked is Hin CSupt Alfred Corpus and just lately Hin CSupt Reyland Malenab. The AFP did not come so late that Hin BGen Nick Parilla had his followed by Hin BGen Jose "Juncaps" Caparas; Of course the other "stars" natin have been those with the Coast Guards – Commodores Hin George Ursabia, Hin Roland "Legs" Legaspi and Hin Lyndon "Bilbil" La Torre.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS AMONG THE WHO'S WHO OF THE HINIRANG BREED: When "anointment" comes (read appointment), from the PNP side: Hin Cesar Hawthorne Binag - FEO Chief; Hin Guillor "Lorgi" Eleazar as PNP Anti-Cyber Crime Grp head (lagot kayo mga cyber criminals); Hin Bong Dickson as CS of PRO 3. **ARMY** Hinirangs assumed command of the following units: late last year were Hin Lito "SJ" Sobejana and Hin Fernan "Trining" Trinidad as Brigade Commanders; Hin Ramie Rey as Special Forces Commander; 102nd IB – Hin Nixon "Putoy" Fortes, our "d breecher" Hin Ace "Desuahh" de Asis – Commander, Army Artillery Regiment; Hin Ely Galam – Director, Finance Center Philippine Army, the Finance Service provider of the Philippine Army as the Finance honcho (kinakalyo kabibilang ng maraming pera na d kanya hehe); Hin Erick Vinoya – Chief of Staff, 41D, PA based at Cagayan de Oro City. **PAF:** Hin BGen Nick Parilla as incoming Wing Commander; **NAVY:** Hin Joby Bacordo - Commander, Naval Forces Southern Luzon (NAVFORSOL), Bicol; Hin Albert "Mogs" Mogol in Navy Ready Force; Hin Romel Jude Ong as AJ3; **BIRC:** Ex-BID Commissioner Hin Fred Mison has just joined another company.

2016 BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATORS: January: Hinirangs Rey DL Cruz, Jonas, Calleja, Reno "Tintoy" Tolentino, RomelOng, Albert "Almogs"

Mogol, "Jambo" Jambora. **February** were Hinirangs Jigs Coronel, Romel "Magic" Salamanca, Joel DL Torre, Francis "Lardi" Lardizabal, Tom "Jeoff" Apols. **March** were, Hinirangs Mando "DoMan" Lagiwid, Caloy "Tatang" Corpuz, William "Poopsie" Alunday (I wonder how the name came about hmmm), Henry Dar, Eugene "Gepz" Gepte, Loumer "Bourning" Bernabe, Boyet Sotelo. And those who recently joined the Golden Age group as we are all now. **February:** Hin Erick Kagaoan (the last man standing for the Hinirang in the AFP, especially in the Navy by the 1st Qtr CY 2022) and **March:** Hin Jojo Vera Cruz and Hin Bong Dickson (the last man standing in the Hinirang breed to retire on the 1st Qtr CY 2022).

"If we want to avoid the suffering of someone leaving us, we will never experience the joy of loving. And love is stronger than fear, life stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of loving is always worth taking."-- Henri J.M. Nouwen

SAMUT-SARI: the hubby & wifey team of Rey & Dr Janine Lawas graduated as Summa Cum Laude for PhD in Public Administration (Super!); Bong & Tess Fajardo celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary (Wow!). Pres Nick's daughter is concluding her medical internship and will take the Board Exams this year (Good luck!); Yambix vibered his invite to Hinirangs na magtampisaw sa Donsol. May resort ang sister – AGM Beach Resort;

To all Hinirangs Mistah who is celebrating their birthday this year not being mentioned in this class call, let's greet each other Happy Birthday & many more birthdays to come our way! As we continue to move on with the coming Natal day this year, onwards, we are now preparing ourselves for the opening of another school year for our Hinirang brats, goodluck kids on your schoolings, like your Hinirang fathers, make a difference too in your own way so that we the Hinirangs will surely be very proud of your accomplishments in schools. Our rejuvenated new President hoping to surpass the 25th Silver Anniversary record of Hin Guillor Eleazar, our very dear 1st Star Rank in the AFP & PAF, El Presidente Hin Cav Nick Parilla is steering the Hinirang Officers to come up with a festive celebration for our class to remember during our 30th Founding Anniversary by 2017 during the Alumni Homecoming 2017. Let's look forward with this very important year of our lives that we have made ourselves very very proud because we are about to reach the pinnacle of our active service for Hinirang Mistah who are still young and kicking and doing a good name for our class until the last Hinirang man standing by 2022.

May GOD richly bless our Hinirang brotherhood together with our families and beloved loved ones as we continue to live

our ALMIGHTY GOD purpose driven life. As the saying goes, **"We only pass this way once, for we shall not pass this way again."** So let's live to the Will of our GOOD & GREAT GOD and thank HIM all the time for giving us new blessings under the guise of our birthday celebration with our families and beloved loved ones to partake.

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something - your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life." -- Steve Jobs

Mabuhay Hinirangs '87!
GODSPEED!



Greetings to all MARINGALS!

Congratulations to everyone who made it to our Alumni Homecoming 2016. It was well attended, in particular is the presence of Nato Salvaleon who flew directly from the US of A. Congratulations also to the PA chapter leadership and the people behind the scenes who made our Alumni Homecoming successful. Special mention goes to Maringal Monico Batle and the couple Maringal Punky and Hope Rivera who made extra effort to provide us with the best hotel accommodation, fellowship dinner, and class picnic. They were presented with the plaque of recognition during the fellowship dinner. There was also a concert provided by our Maringal

cadet combo that complemented the superb band we hired from Baguio City who entertained us while we are enjoying our sumptuous dinner. The evening affair was capped with the symbolic giving of scholarship check to the student/dependents of our departed Maringals.

The next day was our Alumni Parade which saw us in our usual white shirt jock barong and dark pants, but this time (through the initiative of Maringal Boyet Burgos) we have our white cowboy hat to block the scorching rays of the sun. It was followed by our class picnic with the inauguration of our Maringal Pavilion (thanks to Maringal Albert Ignacio) at the picnic grounds. Noticeable during our picnic are our dependents who are already on their teens, an indication that we are already progressing in time.

Maringal Anniversary

Our class anniversary is one of the most significant events for the period. We celebrated our 28th class anniversary last 12 March 2016 with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani with the members of our class in Bush Coat attire to honor our fallen Maringals and remember their contributions to the peace and security of our country. We were also joined by the families of Maringals Lopez and Cabula. It was followed by the blessing and offering of flowers to the resting places of Maringals Buenafior, Gabol, Fernandez, Lopez and Cabula. A fellowship breakfast immediately followed. The event was highlighted with the official turnover of Maringal leadership from the PA to PNP. The PA chapter under the leadership of Chairman Boy Faustino and President Boyet Burgos would like to express its gratitude to all Maringals who supported our class project and activities during their term. The PNP chapter under the leadership of Maringal Tagoy Santiago has





accepted the challenge to continue on with the class projects initiated by the PA chapter.

Of course, the day will not be complete without the fellowship golf tournament. The Pasky golf leg has drawn 27 Maringal golfers with Maringal Pasky who came from the US of A as our generous sponsor.

Class Update

For the period covered by the PA chapter leadership, we have witnessed the promotion to star rank of our PNP Maringals Tagoy Santiago and Bong Leuterio and the assumption to office of Maringal Allen Paredes as Commander, Presidential Airlift Wing (a star rank position). Congratulations and may your tribe increase!

Maringal Golf Association

Our MGA top players have exerted all their efforts to defend our Championship Trophy and Title during the Battle of the Classes Golf Tournament held at Camp John Hay last Alumni Homecoming. Unfortunately, the love of the game has prevailed than winning... Gentlemen of the MGA, we have a year to prepare to regain the title and championship trophy.

Finally, some of our mistahs are now starting to occupy O-7 positions and stars are already falling on their shoulders. We are now on the final stretch in our service, let us finish strong and keep the MARINGAL spirit alive!

CV LAGASCA
President
RVT TRINIDAD
Secretary

“Beyond the Silver Horizon”

On behalf of the members of PMA “Sambisig” Class of 1991, I would like to express our endless gratitude to our parents and foster parents plus our respective families and love ones, to all our mentors, our former instructors in PMA, our former tactical officers, to all our upperclassmen and underclassmen whom we have the privilege of “meeting in the hallway”, to all our other senior officers and junior officers and peers as well, to all the “manongs and manangs” during our cadet

days, to all our friends and acquaintances, and to all the countless persons that made our “25 years journey” inside and outside of the military service after 17 February 1991 a positive story. We are eternally grateful for your support, guidance, inspiration, wisdom and challenges that contributed immensely to the successful conduct of our personal missions in life. If not for your meaningful part in our lives, even if we are oozing with “courage, integrity and loyalty”, we could not have hurdled the odds successfully. Above all, thank you to the All Mighty Creator for providing the endless blessings.

Yes, it was MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. We have reached this far, 25 years of fruitful and honorable service to our country and people. Not even the occasional, but most of the times constant



encounter with various challenges in life and the ever presence of administrative issues and concerns, could reverse our course in fulfilling the ideals taught to us in the Academy.

With all of these and with the feeling of fulfillment and satisfaction knowing that in our own humble way, we were able to contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the mission of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and in nation building, we are even more encouraged to continuously embark on similar successful path in the future and continue being a Sambisig in words and in deeds.

But we are aware that success is no ordinary stuff that could just be polished to showroom quality overnight with just a flick of a finger. But rather, it demands the harshest road to glory and so, as a Sambisig, we will constantly carry out personal improvement without waiting for extra ordinary time to do extraordinary things. On top of these, Sambisigs will always uphold the fundamental principle of honesty in search for "fame and glory". It is true and quite often, it is not "our battle" itself that is crucial but the more significant is the one to be "fought within". So the class will never compromise professionalism, honor and idealism in its pursuit of excellence.

Although our base course is teaming with hazards in life and our personal and professional missions have its ups and downs and pressure-packed challenges, which can easily make others politely edge away, Sambisig that we are, we will continue to shine, rise to the challenge with the exuberance of youth and keep that burning passion of service and become a standard of excellence.

Paraphrasing a portion of the book of 2 Timothy chapter 4, "...we have fought the good fight...we have kept the faith". So, from here on, the Armed Forces of the Philippines together with the "boss" of our classmates equally performing excellently in their respective fields outside of the military, police and coast guard service, could expect fascination in advance that the Sambisigs will never be silent spectators, but rather your constant source of pride, "wherever, whenever". We will keep on following a steady course and we will keep faith in the well-established system, because we know that a glorious moment is just basking beyond the "25 years horizon", waiting to unfold before our very eyes.



This Alumni Homecoming the class turned over Room 307 Melchor Hall as its adopted model classroom. The newly installed PMA SUPT MGen San Juan led the blessing and turn over of the newly renovated room together with members of the class, the Commandant of Cadets and Chief Acad. Funds generated from previous fund raising activities were used to renovate the room and equipped it with latest in audio visual technology.

Finding out the current status was a formidable task since some mistahs invoked personal privacy and utmost confidentially, and others cited matters of National Security and constitutional right against self-incrimination to avoid divulging classified information. The status update includes as much as possible the location and current position held at respective units. Likewise, the extracted Facebook account data of social media enthusiastic mistahs were utilized to validate the gathered information. Finally, after a long period of individual self-reflections and unforced hibernation, our class presents status update of its members.

PHILIPPINE ARMY

For the Philippine Army, there are only 70 active mistahs still making headlines at their respective workstations.

Just last September 11, following ten mistahs graduated from MNSA with flying colors: Jules Tomines – Gold Medal for Best Thesis; Gene Mata – Bronze Medal for Academic Excellence, Alvin Flores; Ferdi Napuli – Gold Medal for Best Thesis;

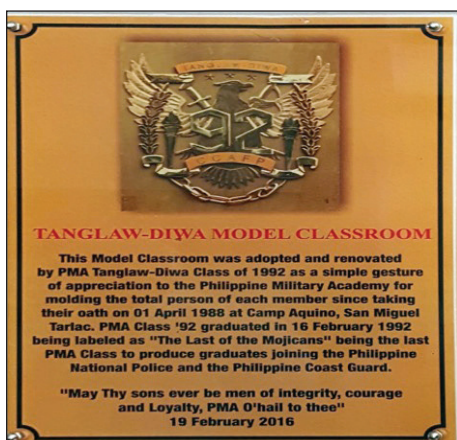
George Banzon; Efren Morados – Silver Medal for Best Thesis and Leadership Award; Willy Isaac; Paul Guerrero; Jeff Gallenero; and Dindo Dacumos. Moreover, Rey Alemania, Naz Floresca, Arvin Lagamon and Dodoy Yecla have joined the ongoing MNSA class.

At General Headquarters, AFP, following mistahs have occupied significant positions: Efren Morados – Chief, MOD, OJ3; Paul Guerrero – Faculty, AFPCGSC; Demar Pauly – Faculty and Head, Dept. of Policy and Strategy, AFPCGSC; Edmund Peralta – Commandant, SITS; George Banzon – U5, SOLCOM based in Lucena City; and Rommel Almaria – U2, CENTCOM based in Cebu City. At Headquarters, Philippine Army, Jules Tomines assumes as Deputy Director, Army Personnel Management Center (APMC), Gene Mata takes over as Executive Officer, Army Resource Management Office (ARMO) and Ferdie De la Cruz continues to reign as CS, Intelligence and Security Group (ISG). At the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), Alvin Flores has been designated as Deputy Director, Training Development Center while Red Cabanizas is the G5.

In the different field units all over the country, diligent, dependable and dynamic (3D) mistahs continue to exceptionally contribute to the holistic and people-centered approaches in reducing enemy strength and operational space. At 1st Inf Div: the silent working Tani Danao - G2; the reliable Yegor Baroquillo - G3; and the sociable Audie Mongao "Sultan of Panay", the CO, 1st Civil Mil Opns (CMO) Bn has periodically appeared on Eat Bulaga delivering collected plastic materials for fabrication as school chairs. In 2nd Inf Div: Jeff Gallenero - G2; Willy Isaac - G3; while Ariel Mabagos is still CO, 4th Inf Bn based in Mindoro Occidental.

In 3rd Inf Div: Aldwine Almase - G2; Chris Sab-it - CO, 3rd Div Trng School;





Ultra Marathon veteran and consistent champion Dick Balaba - CO, 3rd Mil Intel Bn; Ariel Reyes - CO, 12th Inf Bn based in Aklan and concurrent Task Force Boracay Commander; Dodjie Belloga brings 47th Inf Bn to Bohol; and Harold Pascua - CO, 79th Inf Bn based in Negros Oriental. For those planning to spend precious time with their families during the Yuletide Season in our country's world-class beach resorts, you can reach out to our 3ID mistahs for security assistance and entertainment.

In 4th Inf Div: Boyet Sendaydiego - G2; Dondo Landingin - G7; Lynart Castisimo - CO, 23rd Inf Bn based in Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon; the dignified Rolly Dumawa - CO, 26th Inf Bn based in Agusan del Sur; Manny Boy Orio - CO, 29th Inf Bn based in Agusan del Norte; and RJ Rojas has just assumed as CO, 36th Inf Bn based in Surigao del Sur.

In 5th Inf Div: Arn Real - CO, 17th Inf Bn stationed in San Mariano, Isabela; Gambit Senires brings down from Abra to Kalinga his 50th Inf Bn; and Gil Noora - CO, 41st Inf Bn based in Lanao Provinces. In 6th Inf Div: Bob Huet -G8; Mike Santos - CO, 6th Inf Bn based Lanao Provinces; and Dundee Gumiran - CO, 38th Inf Bn overseeing the entire 6ID AOR.

In 7th Inf Div: Dean Mark Mamaril - CO, 7th Mil Intel Bn; and Lito Montiel has

recently been designated as CO, 81st Inf Bn (Retraining at Fort Magsaysay). In 8th Inf Div: Lito Pangatungan - CO, 63rd Inf Bn based in Northern Samar; the versatile Dindo Dacumos has recently assumed as CO, 8th Div Trng School (DTS); and Seigfred Tubalado was dispatched to Compostela Valley to take over as CO, 46th Inf Bn.

In 9th Inf Div: Dennis Pastor - G2; Ricky Laniog - CO, 9th Mil Intel Bn; and Medel Aguilar - CO, 49th Inf Bn based in Camarines Norte. In 10th Inf Div: Krish Mortela - G3 (slated as EXO, OG8, PA); Jong Lorenzo - CO, 10th Div Training School (concurrent G1, 10ID); and Mitch Anayron - CO, 67th Inf Bn based in Davao Oriental.

In Mechanized Inf Div (MID): Andre Santos - CO, Aviation Bn based at Ft Magsaysay; Pete Balisi - CO, 1st Mechanized Bn based in Maguindanao; Yuri Batayola - CO, 1st Cavalry Squadron based in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur; and Lakay Lacadin - CO, 2nd Cavalry Squadron based in Lucena City and Emil Cruz is expected to report to Hq, MID.

In Special Operations Command (SOCOM): Noly Mapili - G3 and Ferdi Napuli -G7, both based at Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija; Freddie De la Cruz - CS, First Scout Ranger Regiment based in San Miguel, Bulacan; Meme Ragudo and Eugene Boquio - CO, 1st Scout Ranger Bn based in Sulu; Jess Durante - CO, 2nd Scout Ranger Bn based in Davao Region; and Glen Villaflor - CO, 4th Special Forces Bn based in Basilan;

At Army Support Command (ASCOM): Jeff Grapa - CO, 7th Forward Service Support Unit (FSSU) based in Cebu; Leo Caranto - CO, 10th FSSU based in Cagayan de Oro City; and Dingdong Escalante - G4, ASCOM based at Fort Bonifacio.

Archie Pel - Director, NET Center; and Roleen del Prado has recently assumed as the Chief of Staff, Army Signal Regiment (ASR). Geminic Ramirez is the CO, 7th Field

Artillery Bn (FAB) based in Carmen, North Cotabato.

Retired Army mistahs have maintained close contact with the class Officers: Jovy Pelias, Graftix Grafilo, Randy Foronda and Ringoy Lloren - based in USA; Nelson Figueroa - roaming around France; Edwin Velasquez - in Myanmar doing what he does best, providing security advice; Jick Labajo - United Nations Offices exploring Africa and the Middle East on a three-month rotation basis; Sam Sagun - persistently monitored in Tarlac; Toto Lumogdang - Pepsi Philippines, Inc; Mars Lacbain - Del Monte Pineapple, Inc. in Bukidnon; Sherwin Lambio - Security Officer, City of Dreams, Pasay City; Vic Sarap - with Ayala Group of Companies; Danny Sotto - established a Tennis Equipment Store in Cagayan de Oro City; Joey Jabido - last seen in South Cotabato; Dennis Quiano - settled down in Zamboanga City; and Bob Espinosa - recently retired and based in Quirino Province. The elusive Conrad Dieza is contemplating on running as Governor or Congressman of Kalinga in the next elections. Vic Catalla and Peter "Early Seven" Borja are either at large or have yet to log in for accounting purposes.

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Once again I'm doing my familiar compliance for the class and it won't be long that my place will be taken by a more snappy mistah and better capable also to handle this same predicament in the succeeding issues to come, but first and foremost for the news that is wanting by everybody. The year 2016 started with a big bang for the class and everybody is in high spirit to do their respective contribution to the society and the motherland in general. Since most of the members of AFPCGSC Class 60 who recently graduated last December 2015 were 49 strong Bantaylayans and are now poised to take the throne of being in the billet of major commands as battalion commanders and ship captains, for those in office position or related degree

it's a critical position to pose. In short placements of bantaylayans at this point in time requires boso nodding and it's a major, major responsibility so to speak.

As I browse the facebook page for the Bantaylaga group, it appears that Batcoms in the Army is slowly being taken by these mababangis. Take for example in Eastmincom area, seven or eight army battalions are now under those pinagpala guys. In the area of Wesmincom same case were seen, whereby five or six bantalayans were given the critical position to command battalions even in the volatile place of Sulu and Basilan. Visayas area also saw the widespreading of Bantalayans operational leadership from 3rd id to 8th id. Luzon area has a better population of these warrior guys.

Not to be outdone, the Airforce guys also occupied critical TOG positions and several HPAF central staff deputies I think, TOG 1,2 sultaw and the like. Of course the navy brothers had their share same acollades. Gray ships, roaming the country's vast waters chances are you can see a mistah commanding. They were also installed as ship captains just recently. For the marines most of them were already graduates of being a batcom except for a few like Giram Aragones who was just been installed as such. For the Army I think Alvin Luzon has just graduated and he passed the baton of the unit to Jun Hamos. AJ Lamaton and Gilbert Ruiz will follow suit. They were the first batch of Bantaylayans from the Army who were given the chance to command.

For the others, we can only surmise. However, the Coast Guard is slowly creeping their way to the top. Singer Coyme is leading the pack. For the Corps of Professors, they have a good batting average of accomplishments and may soon find their way rewitting the cadets curriculum in not so distant future. As to the outside of the service procopios, they are making good in their respective endeavor. Like managing their business, protecting VIPs and vital company assets, hauling people and making sure that they have a safe air travel. Those who were lucky enough to be good citizens of other nation, I could see a good family picture and a blissful life out there but always happy to host any mistah that will come to visit by chance.

Last February, our number one, Gene Menor initiated a plan for the good of the

class. He introduced a cooperative business plan for us to take into consideration and for our class to grow business wise, as long as it can be manage properly. I guess it is doable and the market is very robust for such an initiative since competition is still not a cut throat scenario. Exploring it may be of good benefit. This should be the better alternative for class meeting. At least there is a direction, but I leave this to the b o t since they are the ones entrusted with this kind of wisdom for our class fund to grow.

Happenings also last February was the alumni homecoming where a small representation of Bantaylayans went up to the hallowed grounds. Some golfers also ably represented the class for the yearly golf battle of the classes were our class was lucky enough to be qualified during its pre tournament in the golf courses of Aguinaldo and PNGC. But due to long excitement of playing they forgot to attend the parade. I guessed they were just there to play and to play only, nevermind Borromeo Field. But the surprise of the occasion was the cadets who joined the class picnic. There were already products of 94 inside. Cadets Flores, Orosco, Ventura and Omar. Cadet Agatep supposed to be with them but joined the us Airforce Academy instead.

Kudos to the newly promoted Bantaylayans, some were promoted to Ltcol(sa Army lang ata) others were in Col or O-6 rank. O-6 rank at present are, Agtoto, Luna soon to follow Villacrusis and Popa, what an amazing percentage for the COP. For the Coast Guard is Coyme and soon Burgos and Andal. Airforce have Menor on their wings, more to come for them this year. For the Navy, hmmm, soon to be this year hopefully. For the Army, it's a very long and arduous journey. masalimuot ika nga unless something is done quickly to fix the challenge posed by promotion system.

Nevertheless, Army has already advance the O-6 of some of our classmates like Amaro, Cana, Bongosia, Dy in features, see the head just like Col already. Others went to retire earning their O-6 rank by way of one rank promotion like Capt Oropesa, Capt Deliva, Col Sibayan, Col Barizo. At least they made it to that rank. They earned it anyway so whats the qualms. To others who have steady their feet towards the goal up to the bitter end, just stay focus, it will just fall, not just the sun but also the star.

So mga boss paano yan hanggang dito na lang ang inyong abang lingkod, I hope I made my small and humble contribution. It may not be the best to others but I tried the best that I could to. I may not reach the expectations of the majority but I tried anyway to keep the faith. Ryan Sonza will be doing the next issue and he will be doing the transition. So see you along everybody.



As the summer heat starts to pierce the ultra-sensitive skin of the members of the Best Class, one cannot help but long for the cool weather of Baguio - of alumni homecomings and some memories of Loakan, and activities with mistahs that, aside from also distressing the humid Manila because of the antics and anecdotes, serve to honor fallen brothers and their families. The Class should note that, as of this writing, Marilag is already 21 year old as cavaliers. Congratulations, mga Bok !

Alumni Homecoming and the 9th Carlo's Cup

Last 20 February 2016, around twenty Marilag families, trooped to Baguio for the alumni homecoming. They, in black jackets and trousers, save for those assigned in PMA who were in their service blouses, again, proved the natural tendency of the Class to annually bond. Some faces really are vaulfile while others unusually show up from time to time. Perhaps, such is a primal need to be with people that reminds how noble lives can be. For the preparation, the Class is patting the back of Janong who, despite his traffic management and camp beautification tasks, managed to prepare a snappy picnic at the ever accommodating TMC area, the gargantuan streamers and several others in camp and along the way.

On 5 0800 March 2016, the Air Force Group and the Castellanos also spearheaded the 9th Carlo's Cup at Villamor Air Base. The badminton tournament honoring Carlo Castellano had men's doubles, women's double and mixed double. Participants, in dri-fit shirt,



The gentlemen posing for posterity with two cadets props



The great women who captured and guard Marilag hearts.



The second generation Marilags, probably seeing how they have grown - up fast

were also treated with other giveaways, a raffle and dinner during the awarding ceremony. Snappy.

1 and 3 April Activity

By press time, it is presumed that the Class-planned activities shall have already been undertaken. By 1 April 2016, most are expected to be at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo for a boodleflight cum fellowship. The activity hopes to continue a tradition started years ago, which revelries the rotting and memorable 1 April 1991. Immediately following will be the Breakfast IHO of Fallen Marilags on 3 0800 April 2016 at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio. The latter will offer an ecumenical mass, visit to

the graves at the LNMB and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and a breakfast. This year's activity will be sponsored by the PAL Boys of the Air Force Group. As practiced, the activity will accept pledges – the ultimate objective of which is to finance the families of the fallen Marilags during the 25th year anniversary activities of the Class by 2020. Thanks a lot for the support, Mistahs.

Of SLL, Plebe Song and Bawl Outs

Now, now. While watching the graduation rites last March, Marilags will probably be transported back to time – during our own parade and, later, as segunda camotes. Some will be able to recall that a particular mistah, serving

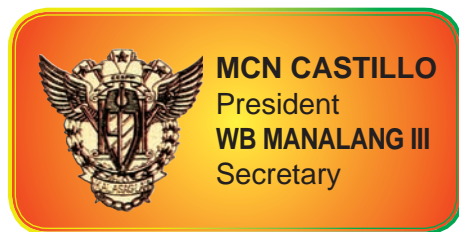
unfinished punishment tours on D-1 from after morning mess to the dawn of D-Day lest he will not graduate, appealed to the one next to him in the phalanx during the graduation parade that they switch positions. The severely exhausted mistah reasoned that he might bog-down and with no one to prevent his possible fall to the left, being at the edge of their line. The other, in an admonishing tone replied, "Tuyo ! Apat na taon kong pinaghirapan 'tong slot na to !", thus started a battle of SLL of two from a company reminiscent of the Wild Wild West.

And so they graduated, and the Army Group were given reception by PA top brasses. As in today, bosses required the lieutenants to render a song with the combo. One particular member of the joker company really had no song in mind, probably he really was not a music lover. So, the considerate Chief of Staff just asked him to sing the Plebe Song – and, thus everybody seemed confident that he could pass his ordeal. Cavaliers, however, wondered why, at some four times, he kept on repeating only the first stanza. He later confessed that he forgot the lyric of the song being intimidated by the presence of the magan CSPA that time. Really, one should empathize with the mistah's worries as such would really have been stepping with the wrong foot at the start of one's career not knowing the Plebe Song, and such phenomenon being disseminated throughout the whole Army ! Of course, this guy has since then been an expert of the revered song – offering, from time to time, some analysis of the tone, the faults on orchestration, the proper inflection, some literary discourse of the lyric, even the literary device used, etc.

And then, another of the company of the national bird, newly-minted 2LT, wearing sharply ironed GOA and properly creviced hop shoes, donning starched shoulder loops, went to the Army Provost Marshal for some clearance. To his dismay, the soldier at the reception desk, in half uniform and wearing a giveaway white shirt from some hardware store, probably unshaved too, seemed unmindful of his presence and acting arrogantly towards an officer. So, as officers should, he proceeded to lecture the guy on military courtesy and discipline, proper bearing, work ethics, etc. The poor receptionist would probably had the bawl-out of his lifetime

until he introduced himself as a colonel ! I imagine that this bold Marilag probably approaches reception desks with caution now while orchestrating operations of the AFP at the GHQ.

To be updated of the Best Class, visit our facebook pages. Enjoy your summer, Mistahs ! IVSJ



Back to barracks

The PMA Alumni Homecoming was well attended by twenty-nine (29) mistah all splendid in their neat as a new pin black jacket and blue polo shirt courtesy of the Army Group. After the parade, we were treated to a sumptuous lunch on the site where we will eventually erect our Class picnic grounds. More on that later. One of the highlight of our reunion was the Saturday dinner sponsored by our mistah, Redentor Cruz at Azalea Hotel and Residences. Admittedly, majority of those who signified to attend the said occasion were only expecting a simple get-together but we were pleasantly surprised that it was a highly bongacious event with an ala-Star Wars theme. Red and Portia Cruz outdid themselves as they provided all participants with shirts, costume, light sabers, giveaways, raffle prizes and a stomach-filling, taste-loving feeling dinner. Lotsa fun and games with a live mannequin ensued. Kudos and special thanks to our designated emcee: JJ "Jar-jar Bonks" Dator and Lawrence "Chewbaba" San Juan. May the Force be with you.

For next year, a more simple yet extravagant event is being planned by the Cruz family with a "Kingsman: The Secret Service" theme. Meron daw red carpet entrance as each couple will be made to wear formal black suit attire kaya kanya-kanyang rampahan yan. So be sure to join our next year's 20th Anniversary celebration as you will miss a lot if you don't. To our foreign based mistah, back to barracks na 'ta, bok!

Army updates

Finally, congratulations are in order to the Army Group as thirty-one (31)

was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Congrats also to Rex Bolo and "Zanjoe Menudo" San Juan for being promoted to the rank of Major. Class Boodleflight na! Get well soon, Sonny Layugan...

Likewise, congratulations to the members of the Army Group that participated in the 5x5 Basketball Tourney as part of the PMA Alumni Celebration, namely Wiliboie Manalang, Joseph Manangan, Elmer Boongaling, Julius Librada, Peloy San Juan and Phillip Fagel; "coached" by JJ Dator. We placed fourth among eight Cavalier teams as we no longer fought for the Bronze as the "spirit is willing but the body is weak" being the most senior class that participated. Besides, we already bested the eventual third placer during the Elims so we no longer have anything to prove. We hope that we will have a more complete team (with Class uniform na sana) come next year's Alumni at Host Class tayo.

Leon Onggao went back to PA from PMA and he is now in 8ID. He is replaced at PMA by Rex Bolo from PA however he is currently taking up his SOC course at SOS, TRADOC, PA.

Golf, golf, gulp

Congratulations to our Class Golf Team (Warren Dagupon, Benjie Andres, Don Templonuevo, Adrian Picar, Chris Agbayani, Sonny Marinas and Honorato Pascual) that played during the last Cavalier's Cup for placing fourth over-all in the team category. Benjie Andres also placed first over-all (champion) in the individual awards category.

Likewise, the PMA Kalasag-Lahi 1997 Charity Golf Tournament was a successful event that was held last 29 January at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. This event was held to provide assistance to our ill mistah. Congrats also goes out to Carrie Carandang for being awarded as "The Most Exercise Player." Salamat sa mga Major, Minor and Hole Sponsors to include Ariel Quinto and our BIC brothers led by Benjie Andres. Kudos also to PNP Kapanalig Class of 1997 led by P/Supt Dominic Baccay for the support.

Other updates

Mistah taking up their CGSC that opened last 8th March are Oliver Reforba and Remuel Jardinero for the Navy while Bonbon Nunag-Castillo, Melvin Banua,

Dante Aquino and Gubi Gubantes from the Airforce. Good luck, study well and ingat sa late lights. Watching hawk-like over them are their stern CGSC staff-mentors Mike Barrion and JB Gastardo.

Our class proposal to erect the PMA Kalasag-Lahi 1997 Park has been approved by the PMA Superintendent, LTG Lopez prior to his retirement. The class was represented by JJ Dator during the MOA signing. It will be erected at the back of the old hospital beside the OMA2 office. Our goal is to have this completed and inaugurated during the 2017 Alumni Homecoming, our 20th year anniversary. So we enjoin everyone to contribute in any size and form (btw, we prefer cash pledges, hehe) in the successful completion of this project.

From the Class Prez Bonbon: Please signify / re-signify to your respective service presidents (puwede rin thru FB, bok) the actual number of attending "immediate" family members with ages of kids. Please also indicate number of extended family/helpers going with you, but please be guided that you may have to shoulder additional expenses (i.e. extra bed/room meals) for the said extra persons apart from your immediate family members.

That's all for now, mga mistah. Wiliboie signing out.



**Taken from the State of the Class Address (SOCA) delivered during the PMA Alumni Homecoming on 20 Feb 2016*

State of the Class Address

The President of our country holds his State of the Nation address every year. So, I thought, maybe I should deliver a State of the Class Address or SOCA to update you on the things rlated to our Class - meaning what we have done so far, and what we need to continue doing in order to realize the goals that we have set when we took office in April last year.

When my fellow officers and I took oath, I announced during my speech that the Class will not embark on fund raising projects, but rather we would work on ensuring that we recover the proceeds of



our past projects. Well, we have already done that. Letters have already been sent to our mistahs who handled previous projects that need updates, and we are now waiting for appropriate actions from them. For those who were given letters, kindly give your feedback as soon as possible.

In July of 2015, we have started our regular class meeting. Despite our busy schedule, though (***always positive!**), we still have an average attendance of 10 to 15 every month. The meeting is held every third (3rd) Thursday of the month at 1900H and hosted by the Groups on rotation basis. The last meeting was held on January 14, 2016 in Camp Aguinaldo. The next one will be hosted by the PA Group in Fort Bonifacio. Schedule of meetings are announced via text brigade and on our Facebook page. I hope you can

attend in the succeeding months. It is an occasion for us to strengthen our bond as brothers and sisters...and let us do this for our Class.

The present Board of Trustees has already passed a total of 17 Board Resolutions so far. These resolutions are crafted so we would be guided accordingly, and for the benefit of those who would succeed us, as well as for transparency purposes. I hope you would take time to read them when they are posted in our Facebook page, and give your feedback, if any.

I am also pleased to report to you that we have started proper recording and filing of documents related to the Class, including Minutes of Meeting, Attendance Sheets, and Treasurer's Reports.

Also, we contribute articles to the CAVALIER Magazine regularly...maybe

many of you have read what we have contributed in the past issues of the magazine. I encourage you to send updates that we can include in our Class article.

Mistah, we have a Facebook page – the PMA “MASIKHAY” CLASS of 1999 – and I encourage you all to become members of this page to be updated and also to participate in our discussions and projects, as well as to give feedback. I assure you that each and every member of the Board is always available 24/7 for any concerns, professional or otherwise.

Let me also **take this opportunity to thank you for willingly supporting and participating in our first investment effort.** Rest assured that the proceeds from any investment that we make will be invaluable to our beneficiaries.

Finally, I am very pleased to report to you – two most relevant accomplishments that we have done for the Class just very recently. **The first one is the release of our new SEC Registration.** Since we could not recover documents related to our previous SEC Registration, we were advised to apply for a new one. So, in all our legal documents, we will use the name: “Philippine Military Academy Solid Masikhay Power Alumni Association, Inc.” However, our letterhead and other internal documents, we will still use our previous SEC-registered name: PMA Masikhay Class 1999. We are now working on our Mayor’s Permit for the BIR Registration and the printing of Masikhay Official Receipts.

Now, in view of the matter, I would like to ask each and every one present here today to sign in the membership book and also on the copy of the class by-laws which are going to be kept by your respective class marchers. The membership book was issued by the SEC as part and parcel of our Registration. Only the members of the Masikhay Class are given the exclusive privilege to sign in that book.

Also, keep in mind that all the contents of our By-laws are duly recognized and sanctioned by the SEC, so let this be our guiding light in everything that we want to do for and in connection with our organization. So, kindly write your name and affix your signature on the spaces provided for in both books.

And Number two, we have already transferred our Central Fund from the Philippine Navy Finance Center Credit Cooperative to the AIR CAVALIERS CREDIT COOPERATIVE (ACCC). PhP150,000.00 is

Time Deposit, while the PhP39,000.00 is in our Savings account. Let us hope to raise the amount soon.

That, in a nutshell, is what is happening in our Class at present. There are still a lot of things in the pipeline which we need to work on together. And just like our investment, our projects will be for the good of our beneficiaries, especially the children of our deceased members...and of course us, and our family.

On a personal note, I would like to say that I am truly glad that we are gathered here today. So let us continue to work together to showcase our #SolidMasikhayPower. And see you again on March 28, 2018 for our anniversary celebration.

Thank you at Mabuhay tayong lahat!



15 Years Stronger

To celebrate their 15 years of faithful and honourable service in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, 102 strong Kaakibats took part in this year's alumni-homecoming that served as a ground for the renewal of each member's commitment to service, as well as the restoration of the honor they give to the very institution that moulded them into what they are now: ONE solid breed of cavaliers. It was attended by 49 cavaliers from the Army, 26 from the Navy, 23 from the Air Force, 1 from the Corps of Professors, and 3 from the BIRC (hopefully, my accounting is correct as I might be reported for rendering false report).

Our class, in my opinion, has the greatest strength in terms of the number of attendees during this year's homecoming which was evident during the "trooping the line." We have literally produced a "long gray line" because of our gray suit which was tailored by Onesimus. This was by far the biggest number of attendees of the class. There were even those who came for the homecoming for the first time since 2001 which made the event extra special. As a matter of fact, during lunch, we even reached almost 500 headcounts, which exceeded our initial estimate of 350 attendees, indicating how we have grown bigger and stronger as ONE big family. Luckily, our caterer which for so long

has provided the class with our catering needs was able to miraculously stretch the food to the satisfaction of all our guests. Notwithstanding that, we had a late lunch and everyone was very hungry. Thank you very much Vizco's Restaurant and Cake Shop.

Kaakibat Fellowship Night

The fellowship night with our loved ones made the celebration more memorable. It was a night spent not just for socializing and reacquainting with one another, but for reconnecting as a class along with our loved ones and getting to know each other even more. The Army Group, led by **Cavalier Mendong**, made the commendable effort in preparing the requirements for the venue and the sumptuous dinner for the event. We would want to commend our instant emcees, **Cavalier Jerome** and **Cavalier Jelson**, who made the event a night to remember. Likewise, let us extend our appreciation to **Cavalier Fara** and **Vangie**, for preparing the raffle prizes and also to **Cavalier Cath** and **Cavalier Francis** for sponsoring additional raffle prizes. Special mention goes to **Cavalier Ric** and his wife **Shirley** for a very powerful and inspiring message. Mabuhay ka, Mistah!

Command and General Staff Course

The class welcomes back and congratulates **Cavalier Dennis** for completing his CGSC at National Defence University of Malaysia with flying colours. **Cavalier Dennis** is currently assigned at AFPCGSC as Staff for Plans and Programs. To the single ladies out there, you know where to find him.

Likewise, the class is anticipating the graduation of 2 other snappy "mistahs" this year: **Cavalier Rowan** at Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force Command

and Staff Course and **Cavalier Jewel** who is currently in Spain.

On deck are **Cavalier Al** and **Cavalier Spoks** who replaced Cavalier Dennis in Malaysia. Shout out to **Cavalier Toto** and **Cavalier Joe** who are currently eating kimchi and "samgyupsal" while learning Hangeul in preparation for their CGSC in South Korea.

O five na!

Congratulations to our young and dashing **Lieutenant Colonels Tabutol** and **Askalani-Candelaria** for a well-deserved promotion. Back in the time when we were cadets, or plebes for that matter, we thought that we were to consider ourselves old if we reached that rank; however, you have proven us wrong for you still look as young and as dashing as you were when we were lieutenants (though you remained to be dozing like a plebe). For the rest of the Kaakibats, let this be an inspiration to all of us as we hope for our second sun to shine on our shoulders before the year ends.

M&M

Congratulations to Cavalier Mickey and Millet for finally tying the knot last February. May your marriage be showered with blessings and KaakiBrats as well! To **Cavalier Dennis**, we commend you for being the last man standing.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all of the Kaakibat members who were responsible for the successful conduct of our various projects to support our expenses during the homecoming activity. Let us also commend those who have contributed immensely to the success of our homecoming activity. To the Army Group who spearheaded the success of the "1st Kaakibat Golf



PHOTO-OPS by KAAKIBAT Ladies during the Fellowship Night



Cavalier Spoks Calilan and Cavalier Al Pola



Cavalier Toto Hechanova and Cavalier Jotavs Tabo

Tournament” held at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course last 29 November 2015 as well as the “1st Kaakibat Invitational Shootfest” conducted on 09 August 2015 at SEG Firing Range, HPA, Taguig City. The blocked screening of Mission Impossible V (MI-V by MMI) last July at SM Mall of Asia was also successfully conducted courtesy of the Navy Group.

Let us take this opportunity to applaud our class marchers, **Cavalier Jinggoy**, **Cavalier Joel** and **Cavalier J Sayong**, for their dedication and selfless service to ensure the success of our every endeavour as a class, for you have given more than what is expected of you as marchers.

To the class president, **Cavalier Lito**, we appreciate your effort in scheduling emergency meetings to make sure that our projects are being implemented right on time. We were supposed to have a selection of new sets of class officers, but maybe, due to the splendid performance of the current class officers, they might be extended for another year or two.

To every member of the class who came from the land of kings, este their respective unit assignment and took time to hike the plains of Luzon and hurdled the mountains of Baguio just to reach their precious destination and celebrate

as a class, I humbly commend you all. Your mere presence in the event is enough to make it successful. Special mention sa mga umakyat ng puno na muntik nang mahulog para lang magsabit ng mga tarpaulin ng Onesimus. Let us follow-up preparations made last night and continue to support each other and all the endeavors of our class, all for the love of our alma mater the AFP, our country, and the Filipino people. Finally, to our Lord who never ceases to guide us and continues to shower us with abundant blessings, to You we give back the glory.

Mabuhay and Long Live KAAKIBATS!



MAU RUBY
President
MR GARGAR
Secretary

Greetings of Peace and Prosperity from the Mandarangans!!!

The 2016 Cavaliers Alumni Homecoming is the most significant activity for the first quarter of this year. It was attended by 31 members of the Class (Warren, Dennis, Wani, Mark,

Mabix, Acong, Ruel Sabax, Gemi, Owen, Al Herbert, Rene, Julius, Rio, Larry, Jebb, Tanjo, Ryan, Reynante, Tonton - sino to?, Jie, Marlou, Ramil, Rey, Pablo, Myrvin, Goofy, Sprites, Nick, DR, small Cotoy, big Cotoy) and was spiced by recollection of reminisced pasts (mostly plebehood endorsements and malacities).

Among the most stazm highlight of the event was the Mandarangans winning the Championship Trophy for the 2016 Alumni Basketball Clash of Classes. It was a product of tough sacrifices of the class’ basketball enthusiasts. Kudos mga Mistah!!! No amount is’t not!!!

And of course, the attendance of the Mistah during the homecoming cannot be possible without the support (and permission) of the lovely (synonym ng magan at siga) Mandarangan ladies who have always been supportive to the class’ endeavors (wish ko lang lahat sila ganun). Our salute (and handsback) to the Mandarangan ladies (Sheena Ante,Rebekah Tan, Grace Capili, Donna Sabaten, Katherine Ruby, Ivy Maborrang, Armi de Ramos, Jewel Ombao, Flordeliza Gemino, Marinell Paclibar, Lei Espiritu, Katrina Mallanao, Roenna Gargar, Reiel Reyes, Cynthia Moga, Christine Carag, Mica Santos, Rustica Cendana & Joy ni Arvin). Mabuhay kayo!!!

The traditional class meeting was conducted after the ceremonies and parade which included the election (appointment) of new class officers. We welcome the new set of class officers which will rot for the years 2016 – 2018 (President – Mark Ruby, VP – Rod Gemino, Treasurer-Nick Ombao, Auditor – Mabix Maborrang, Secretary – Myrvin Gargar).

The Mandarangans thank the class officers of 2014-16 for their extraordinary





efforts and remarkable accomplishments (and immeasurable attyud) of the past officers (President – Goofy Abalos, VP – Mark Ruby, Treasurer- Nick Ombao, Auditor – Rod Gemino, Secretary – Belay Cayton) which brought the class to its present bangisity in terms of cohesiveness and resource standing. Nice bark Goof (inside bunks!!!)...Mabuhay kayo!!!

Special thanks are also accorded to snappyng snappy bok Reynante, Jebbs at

Ryan for their amazing efforts in arranging the billeting, catering and super special place for the lunch...napaka galing nyo bok. One leg up!!!

We also join our mandarangan brothers in thanking the Almighty for another fruitful year of their lives (Alonzo-Jan 21, small Cotoy- Jan 20, Michelle-Feb 14, Guevara-Jan 21, Orville – Jan 3, Lauron-Feb 25, Madduma-Jan 17, Charles-Jan 14, Jaicris-New Year, Paski-Jan 12, Sabax-Jan 25)

This is the beginning of the year, a horizon worth exploring is ahead of us... let us take one sure step at a time and make our goals a reality with might and vigor (Lets proceed to mess...Mark R, Mabix, Rod and Galang take charge!!!) . God bless us.

Live long and soar proud Mandarangers!!! May the FORCE be with you!!!



DB SUMAYO JR
President
FD VILLAVIZA
Secretary

Every start of the year, all of us Sanlingans are in anticipation of “hiking the plains of Luzon, hurdling the mountainous ranges of Baguio, just to reach our precious destination, our beloved Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy. What was significant in this occasion? Well, aside from the fact that alumni are able to recharge themselves with the cool and pine-scented breeze of PMA, our mistahs had the opportunity to return back to their feeling-like-CSI operative modes, in solving the mystery of “the cadet who was wearing improper uniform, that is wearing only one dress shoe during Alumni Homecoming Parade”. The proud members of the Class who were able to comply doing the “trooping the line” during the PMA Alumni Homecoming parade are the following...Afterwards, the mistahs with their families spend their time bolahizing and groupie pics with a sumptuous lunch at the Grove 55. The Class President, Cav Roberto “Digoy” Rodrigo bid farewell to his post and thanked the Class

for the full support rendered in his term. The helm of leadership was then given to the Navy Group which chose Cav Domingo “Deej” Sumayo Jr as President, Cav Marlon “Bambam” Bambico as Vice President, Cav Froilan “Puroy” Villaviza as Secretary, and Cav Augustus Liberator “Nonoy” Amatong as Treasurer. Furthermore, the Navy people volunteered Cav Herbert “the Aviator” Estabillo as Navy Marcher and Cav Mark William “Mcoy” Concepcion as Navy Treasurer. The Airforce and Army mistahs maintained the people leading their respective groups. At the end of the day, attending mistahs and some of the their lifetime partners/wives/bunkmates celebrated fellowship at Cordillera Bar, Baguio City.

Holding the line, securing the land is the Army Group under the snappy leadership of Cav Kenny Rae “Zonti” Tizon

who is finding his luck with the UN Military Observer Course. Few unit transfers like Cav Mark Francis “Garic” Garcia who left Tabak Div in Mindanao for the Jungle Fighter Div in Luzon, joining him is Cav Sanji Sangatanan from Kampilan Div. Cav Rito “Yangku” Petinglay went to Panay Island Spearhead Div with Cav Jonas “Esca” Escabillas, Cav Rizza Mae “Alco” San Agustin @ DND, Cav Jeorge “Jallo” Jallorina is currently posted at the O/CSAFP, Cav Haydee Tabangay @ O/J1, Cav Volts Purugganan also inside GHQ, Cav Tommy “Preamble” Bertoldo @ O/G4, hailing the grounds of Borromeo Field is the newly promoted MAJOR Cav Jhonna “Blanza” Gualberto, with her is the 42k Marathon Finisher Cav Ella “DP” Dela Paz, Cav Paul “Ranger Soms” Ramos, Cav Joshua Lim, with Prof Cav Bambam and Navy Cav Christian Paul “DJ” De Jesus, paparating ay



si Cav Jover “Tuts” Tutanes. Other mistakes are pakalat-kalat sa archipelagic country of ours, for info. Teka, congratulations to Cav Joseph “Jo” Aldanese for the safe delivery of their new born baby girl “Nathalie”, another inclusion to the ranks of the energetic Sanlingan Brats! At this moment, the Army Group has been patiently waiting and praying on the majority’s well-deserved promotion to MAJORS soon. Special thanks goes to our very own soon-to-be declared Cav (expectantes confirmatio) Reyn Laboy for his undying support to the Army Group and the whole Class as well.

Patrolling the future are our Sailors, Aviators, Marines, and hooyah Frogmen! Cav Leuckenwealth “Luke” Ubod @ O/FOIC, Cav Ian “Nai” Sagge @ O/CNS, Cav Elmer Bryan Bilangdal @ NRMO, Cav Harvey “Harvs” Lustre and Cav Bryan “Esway” Sy @ O/N1, Cav Edgar “Sarge” Sargento @ O/N8, Cav JP “Popo” Rañola @ HPN-HSG, mistakes @ Bonifacio are Cav Jason Andrada @ BNS, Cav Mcoy @ FMWC, Cav Joseph “P-Man” Palattao @ CMOG, Cav Lloyd Ayonayon and Cav Modesto “Angel” Ancheta @ NISF and Cav Deej @ PNPC. Cav Chris Cargo @ DND, Cav Chris “Ur Ice” Matammu @ PSG Warfighting gentlemen from the South are Cav Lester Mark “Baks” Baky, Cav John Paul “Jackling” Jacla and Cav Gus Bercades.

Still at Cavite are Cav Micah Bautista @302CO, Naval Aviators Cav Jovy “Aviator-Bride2be” Iringan, Cav Abe Ginete, Cav Eric Keith Elumba and Cav Palawan Lover Rolly Bio @ NAG. Frogmen Cav Joey Plan and Cav Rod “Friday” Viernes are pencil-pushing @ NETC, Cav Riz Dikit @ SMDC. Other mistakes are either experiencing cloud nine after receiving the sun as LEIUTENANT COMMANDERS/MAJORS... Congratulations! With the immediate processing of the Third Long Pay Orders... another Congratulations!

Our One-Year old Air Force MAJORS who were soaring high above our national territory sends no less than our first ever female pilot to be a PIC of C130, Cav Marjorie Mukay. Cav Manuel “Pong” Ponce will be shedding off his Man of Arms uniforms, Cav Michael Angelo “Mike” Patron took matrimonial vows with his ex-girlfriend, Cav Alvin “Matsing” Matienzo is awaiting schooling Overseas, Cav Leonides Martinez still roams around Basa Airbase, our Cav Carol Ena “Sabi-J” Santos passed her FLQC and T41 TPQC and first the

female Test pilot of AETC. Wherever you may be other brothers and sisters in the Air Force Service, may you enjoy flying high.

At the end of each day in our lives, may each of us, members of the illustrious PMA Sanlingan Class of 2005, keep in our hearts and minds the camaraderie and esprit de corps which bound us into one common band of brothers and sisters! May all of us have fair winds behind us, clear skies for us to enjoy, and following seas to journey peacefully in this glorious service to our country and people.



Bagong Kawal na May Iisang Lakas “BAGWIS” CLASS 2012: CLASS OF SERVICE

In the entire stay of the class inside the portals of the Academy, each and every member of it absorbed a lot of the values inculcated by the members of the Long Gray Line and the training staff as well. Of course, Honor was never a question to the members of the class as it became a way of life but the value that would best represent the Bagwis Class of 2012 is their service to the country and its people. This all started in 2009 when the class served as yearlings of the Corps.

As a yearling, you are the first line supervisor of the corps. You are given a plebe or two to supervise, groom and sharpen so that the plebe will be a snappy upperclassman one day. Checking and giving those plebes constant follow up with regards to their academics, physical conditioning and conduct is one of the yearlings’ abundant load of tasks aside from studying for its tedious and terror subjects and a handful of guard duties.

As the class of 2013 came, the members class of 2012 were very happy that they will be able to handle men and women and also be able to apply the different leadership styles that they have learned. The class was also glad because the arrival of the next class was sort of a promotion as they will no longer be the workhorses of the Corps. But to the class’ surprise, the next batch of cadets had a smaller number. They were just around half the strength of 2012. Having this scenario is very unusual for the Corps because most of the time it is the other way around.

To cut the story short, Bagwis was tasked to share duties with the plebes. The yearlings included themselves in the rotation

of duties with plebes. They helped with plebe tasks such as barracks upkeep and worked hand in hand with the plebes with their other duties as the main work force in the Corps of Cadets. They did these tasks while supervising these plebes and not taking themselves for granted. Rate of attrition from both the yearlings and the plebes was minimal after the calendar year, showing how the Yearlings managed to both serve the Corps and lead the new batch of cadets. Of course with the help and supervision of the upper classes, mission accomplishment for the corps was achieved.

There’s a saying that “Rank has its Privilege”. But the class of 2012 believed and took it by heart that “Rank has its Responsibilities”. Yes they may not have enjoyed all the privileges of a yearling but they embraced this role because this is what the Corps asked out of them. Most people would be dejected and not function properly in an organization such as the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines but not the class of 2012 as they embraced this role and did great. In an early stage of their careers, they believed that it is not what they will get or receive out of the situation, but it is what they can give for the situation. After all, privileges, awards and commendations are just temporary but the satisfaction in rendering service can last a lifetime and be remembered for ages.

As young lieutenants, the class continues to serve in their respective fields. It is delighting to see that the class works hand in hand every time the need arises. In the recent typhoon Yolanda, the members of the class were deployed in various areas to help those who suffered during and after the calamity. In the recent Zamboanga siege, members of Bagwis were there to help in the situation. As of today, those in the Army currently serves as Company Commanders in the different areas in the archipelago fighting and trying to solve insurgency. Majority of the Air Force serves as co-Pilots of the airplanes manning the Philippine Territory and helping the ground troops for the better meant of the land. And majority in the Navy mans the Western side of the country in the recurring problems in the West Philippine Sea.

As of today, the class has 2 casualties. But that hasn’t stopped the class in their thrust of giving service to Filipino people. As junior officers, these fine young men and women are bombarded with duties, tasks and other jobs from field work to office admin works. But when you encounter a BAGWIS, expect them to ask you with a big smile and a helping heart “Good day sirs and ma’ams, how may I help you?”



LAST CALL

CAV DICTADOR L ALQUEZA '64

4 September 1938 – 12 March 2016
Last rank held: CSUPT PNP

Eulogy by Cav Jorge P Agcaoili '64



I was the last of PMA Class 64 to have seen Dick Alqueza alive. I therefore consider it my very special privilege to speak before you this evening. It is also very special

to me because I feel I owe it to this dear departed classmate, who I've respected and admired since the days he was a yearling in Charlie company, patiently tutoring me, his plebe.

Eulogies are usually narrations of happy events, recollections of happy memories. On this score, I must beg your pardon because much of what I will say here and now are far from happy. In fact, they are, for the most part, quite the opposite. But they are my fond memories that verily serve to accentuate and immortalize the goodness, the extraordinary virtues and the fine qualities of the man to whom we pay our last respects tonight.

Dick joined the Philippine Army, then the PC, the PC-INP and the PNP while I spent the entire 30 years of my active military service as a Philippine Air Force officer. Our official and personal circumstances were so different that only in one instance very briefly were we in close proximity to one another.

In 1988, a classmate of ours made an appeal for financial assistance, claiming that if his problem were not resolved within 3 days, it would ruin not only his person but also his military career. Since

the financial assistance would come from the class fund, it was a collective decision for the class to make. The appeal, for one reason or another, was met with hesitance and skepticism. It was Dick who stood up strongly for this classmate in distress, eventually swaying the class opinion: the help requested was promptly granted.

After I retired in 1994, our paths crossed only a few times because I lived mostly abroad. Once, while on vacation here, I learned that Dick was confined in a military stockade. I could hardly believe that a classmate, a general officer, was in a stockade. It was shocking news to me. I visited him on my first opportunity. Anyone in his predicament would be despondent but not Dick. His demeanor was totally positive. He was jovial and in high spirits, expressing complete confidence in his innocence. What impressed me even more was the fact that he uttered no words of derision against those responsible for his incarceration. What I expected to be a harrowing experience of spending a day with a man in a stockade turned out to be a day with a man who exhibited strength and in full control of himself and his destiny.

Two years ago, our class was billeted at the Baguio Golf and Country Club hotel where our class held a Valentine party at a facility adjoining the hotel on the eve of the formal ceremonies honoring Class 64 as Golden Jubilarians of PMA. The last to leave the party, my wife and I were about to climb the stairs leading up to the hotel when we saw Dick and his wife Estela midway up the stairs. Dick was obviously having difficulty breathing. Finding his breath back, he confided he had already a condition for sometime. Thinking ahead to the event at PMA the following morning, I expected him to consider not joining the traditional alumni parade.

Boy, was I wrong! Call it pride, stubbornness or whatever, but Dick joined us for assembly – determined, committed, courageous – and, march he did with us and other fellow alumni trooping the line. Of course, to the cheers of our underclassmen who lined up the route.

In October last year, Dick suffered a stroke and was hospitalized in St. Luke's. One of our classmates, Winston Arpon, visited him. He distinctly remembered that Dick could not talk, but they still managed to have a good conversation between them. Dick had to write his responses.... "and what he wrote showed without any doubt that he was still the same feisty and no-nonsense Dick we all knew and respected."

Again here on vacation this year, I received the terrible news in an email that Dick was in a terrible shape in a Los Banos hospital. I visited him last March 2nd. Conversation was not possible. He could barely open his eyes, but I believed he did recognize and could still hear me. It's so remarkable that when I shook his hand, he held onto mine for an entire 10 minutes or so, not letting go of it even for a moment. On several occasions, he squeezed my hand strongly, as if trying to say "I can defeat this illness, I will prevail." I had to pry his fingers off my hand when it was time for me to go.

I visited him again exactly one week later. He was evidently much weaker, but visibly still trying to survive. In both visits, it was my good fortune and privilege to see Dick's courage, his strong determination to live; amidst the labored breathing, I knew that his never-say-die attitude was more than a cliché to this man.

The curtains fell on Dick, two days later.

Tonight, each and every one of us has some final thoughts. Allow me to share mine with you:

It is said that in life we all get to choose the roads to travel. Some lead to ambition and fame, others to wealth and success. In his retirement, Dick went for a life of austerity and humility, an odd choice in a material world yet remarkably consistent with the life he had led as a soldier.

Goodbye Dick, goodbye beloved classmate, goodbye dear friend. May you now rest peacefully in the presence of our Lord, together with 17 of our classmates who had gone ahead of you. 🙏



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