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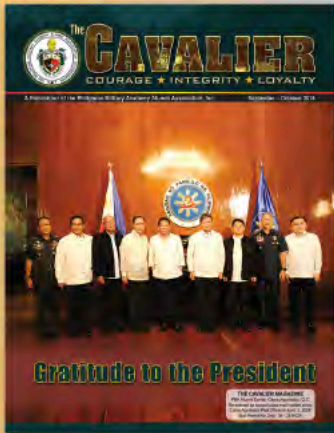


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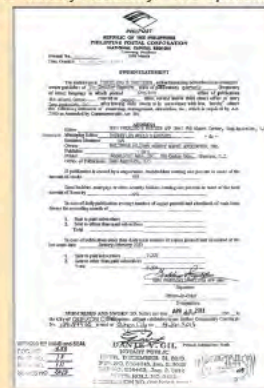
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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

## Gratitude – A Leadership Trait

*(Short remarks of the Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI during the Pasasalamat sa Pangulo last 4 October 2018 at Malacañang Palace)*

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, the Commander-in-Chief, Sec Lorenzana, Sec Año, CSAFP, CPNP, CPCG other heads of Military and other Uniformed Personnel (MUP), Veterans groups, ladies and gentlemen good evening.

Today, we are celebrating a momentous event, the *Pasasalamat sa Pangulo*. I say momentous because for the first time the Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUP) have collectively bonded themselves together with one single purpose, that is, to sincerely thank the President.

The idea of organizing this event emerged in one of the meetings of the PMAAAI. In its history, there was never any serious thought given to the plight of the MUP. It took the heart and commitment of President Duterte with the passion and leadership to initiate an action directed towards addressing our needs and concerns that are long overdue. The rest is history because all these issues have been transformed into reality.

The PMAAAI leadership included all organizations and associations whose members are beneficiaries of the program. After all, we are all brothers, comrades-in-arms, partners with a common shared purpose and advocacy.

This group before your midst, Mr. President, represents a broad cross section of warriors, law enforcers, security and safety officers and crisis managers, past and present, who bear the brunt and burden in confronting all the enemies of the state.

The peaceful and secure environment that the Filipino people are experiencing are the dividends of their sacrifices and tribulations offering life and limb for the sake of survival, freedom, and democracy. It beckons on the dictum *"Freedom your right, our responsibility."*

These groups represent the best traditions of the uniformed armed services of courage, loyalty, integrity, duty, honor, country, patriotism, and nationalism. These core competences that they manifest represent the core ideology of the men in uniform. The foundation that insures, peace, stability, and prosperity.

The benefits due them represent the interests that they have earned by investing life and limb in risky and life threatening

missions. It took President Duterte to actualize their dreams.

In my own personal note, the Commander-in-Chief is a combat and decisive leader, uncompromising when it comes to the interests of the fighting men in uniform. It is said that 100 dogs led by a lion, will fight like lions, while 100 lions led by a dog will fight like dogs. Truly Mr. President, you have rallied the fighting men to fight like lions. He truly inspires and leads.

**The framed letter of thanks follows:**

*"On behalf of all the military and uniformed personnel (MUP), active and retired including the veterans, and their loved ones, Commanders, Heads and Chiefs of Bureaus and Offices, and Board Chairmen and Presidents of the different uniformed services associations express their utmost gratitude for the numerous measures adopted by the President and Commander-in-Chief to promote their morale and welfare.*

*Foremost is the President's approval of the increase in the base pay of the MUP in the active service in lieu of provisional allowance and officers' allowance; thereby, entitling them to corresponding increase in their pay and allowances that are pegged to the base pay, as well as the 36-month lump sum and commutation of leave balance of those who retired from the service effective 01 January 2018.*

*Moreover, the President also approved the resumption of the indexation of pension of retired MUP with respect to the base pay increase, ultimately benefiting more than 220,000 pensioners and their loved ones.*

*Further, the MUP deeply appreciates the President's Comprehensive Social Benefits Program (CSBP) which he approved on 03 November 2016. The Program aims to effectively deliver social services/assistance to the MUP who become casualties in the line of duty and their families, covering the*





period 01 July 2016 onward. The benefits provided under the Program include: special financial assistance, shelter assistance, health care assistance, educational assistance, and employment assistance.

Indeed, the MUP, active and retired including the veterans, and their loved ones are greatly indebted to and will long remember President Rodrigo Roa Duterte for his genuine concern in promoting their morale and welfare.

We have never experienced the demonstration of a deep and sincere caring of a Commander-in-Chief to his troops. Such display of affection has motivated, inspired and moved

us to render the best services needed by our people and our country.

*Salamat sa walang sawa ninyong pagkilala sa papel na ginagampanan ng ating mga pulis, sundalo at iba pang unipormadong tauhan sa pagpapanatili ng pambansang kaayusan at kapayapaan upang matiyak ang kaligtasan ng ating mahal na mga mamamayan at bayan.*

*Salamat sa muli't muling pagpapaalala ninyo na pantay lang naman ang kahalagahan ng buhay ninyo at buhay ng sundalo at pulis at pare-pareho tayong handang mamatay para sa bayan.”*





# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV RODOLFO S AZURIN JR '89

## All Great Leaders are Made

My Lelong Tax and Lelang Paz, and my father– the late Retired Police Superintendent Rodolfo A Azurin Sr, – would have been proud to see me with my new earned rank, but I am certain they are so proud watching me in heaven right at this very moment.

*'ITI GASAT, URAY LISYA-LISYAM, SABAT-SABATEN NA KA LATTA!'*

Dreams really do come true but I am a firm believer that it is achieved through hard work, patience, and determination coupled with lots of competence and character.

Today, let me take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to the people who made and continue to make my journey a very exciting and challenging one.

Let me personally express my deepest gratitude to our President MAYOR RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE for approving my promotion to Police Chief Superintendent;

To Secretary Eduardo Año, OSILG, please accept my appreciation for endorsing my promotion to the next higher rank;

Likewise, to our Chief PNP, PDG OSCAR DAVID ALBAYALDE, thank you very much sir for approving the recommendation of the SOPPB and endorsing it to the NAPOLCOM and CSC for processing;

To the members of the SOPPB, including the Secretariat, thank you very much, Sirs, for endorsing my designation as well as my promotion to the next higher rank;

To Police Director Lyndon G Cubos '86, my present Director at DPRM, my company mate and table commander in Bravo Company when I was a cadet – thank you very much, Sir;

To Police Director Roel B Obusan '86 who has been a big brother, a friend while I'm still a cadet, and perhaps a confidante of my father's dreams and aspirations for me – salamat Sir;

Today, I want to give my appreciation to the people who have been and will always be part of my struggles in my career, in my life and in what I will become in the future;

First are my parents - Mama Linda and Daddy Art for the guidance and caring you did while I was growing.

To my wife, Mary Grace "Gaykee" and my children– Martin (who is in Canada right now), Ninna, and Aaron, who are the source of my strength, my motivation and my inspiration. They continue to be my cheering squad and number 1 supporter

especially during the four - long years of uncertainties after PAOCTF. Thank you for not giving up on me and giving up your life in Canada.

Many say, "*Leaders are born*" but I am a firm believer that majority of them are made". They were made by great leaders who excelled and shared their own expertise for their legacy to keep multiplying.

I am what I am because of the blessings I received from no less than the greatest creator and architect of the universe - our Almighty and the stewards he used to make my path not easiest but manageable and attainable.

Let me then express my deepest gratitude to all the people I personally worked with;

To PDG Raul Imperial '59 – the second Chief PNP, I was his senior aide de camp;

To PDG Panfilo M Lacson '71 – Chief PNP & PAOCTF – I was his Task Force Limbas, four years of my service became uncertain because of my association with him – but up to this day, I have never regretted working with him;

To PDG Jesus A Verzosa '76 – Chief PNP – he gave me a second chance to prove that my loyalty is to the organization not to the person – and I did;

To PDG Nicanor A Bartolome '80 – Chief PNP – from Parang, Maguindanao to PCRG up to this time, I would like to continue to be of service to him and his family because they are family to us;

To the former SILG, Secretary Angelo T Reyes '66 who practically resurrected my career;

To Sir Gilberto C Teodoro, our former Representative of Tarlac Province, he is always there for me specially after PAOCTF;

To my former Directors of DPRM, PDDG Jojo Mendez '86, PDir Chen Purruganan '86, PDir Rene Aspera '87, PDir Dominador Aquino '82;

To my Former Directors at DC – PDir Roque Ramirez '80, PDir Rey Lanada '79, PDir Romy Hilomen '76 & PDir Noe Wong '75;

To my former Regional Directors/Commander – PDir Benjamin B Magalong '82, PDir Isagani Nerez '84, PDir Samuel D Pagdilao '79, PDDG Rey Velasco '71, PCSupt Willfredo Villanueva '61, and personnel of PROCOR, PRO 4A, PRO 1, ARMM (formerly PRO 12);





To my former Directors, NSU – PCSupt Federico Damatac, PCSupt Francisco Altarejos; PDir Romeo Acop '70, PCSupt Renato Paredes '71, PDir Ruben J Cruz '62

To my former PD/CD/Regional Chiefs/Company Commanders – PDDG Rex D Piad '71; Mario San Diego '77; Rolly Purugganan '81; Paterno Hernandez '81; Marcelo Garbo '81; Jun Cerbo '84;

To my former DC Family – PDDG Archie Gamboa '86; PDir Joevic Ramos '86, Jonathan Miano '84, Miguel Antonio '83; Dennis Canoy '83, PCSupt Rene P Pamuspusan '88, PSSupt Erwin Robles '89 and all the DC personnel;

To my former CIDG family – PDir Gil Meneses '80, PCSupt Ben Mantele '80 and CIDG Personnel;

To my former HPG Family – PSS Edgar R Aquino and the Limbas personee;

To my PROCOR Family – PDir Sammy Diciano '80, PDir Eugene Martin '77 and PROCOR personnel;

To my PAOCTF family – PDir Twiggy Zubia '71; PDir Magtanggol Gatdula '76; Jame Melad '82, Michael Rey Aquino '88 and all PAOCTF Personnel;

To my mentor at DPRM PCSupt Rolando J Hinanay (Ma'am Joy) & the whole of DPRM;

To my squad leaders - Rex Tito Acabado '86, Apolinario Lanting '86; Daniel Fabia III '86, Jesus Estoesta '87; Francis

Villanueva '87, Corleto S Vinluan '88;

To my mentor in PMAAAI, PDir Leo Angelo T Leuterio '88; and co-workers in PMAAAI;

I would like also to express my gratitude to the following friends and family;

To the family of Ma'am Marylynn Domondon and the late PDDG Guillermo Domondon;

To PDDG Jefferson Soriano '76 & Family;

To PDG Nicanor & Mayor Noemi Bartolome & Family;

To Admiral Edgar Abogado and Family;

To PCSupt Rhodel Sermonia and Family; To PSS Jesus Cambay and Family; PSS Jojo Acierto and family;

To all members of Class 89; PNP Group of Class 92;

To former Governor B Fongwan Sr and his team;

To Congressman Ronald Cosalan of the Benguet Province;

To our former Mayor Edna Tabanda and her Team in La Trinidad Benguet; and

Again thank you to all the people who continue to join and help me in my journey.

Let me end my speech with a quote from Sir Winston Churchill and I quote:

**“YOU WILL NEVER REACH YOUR DESTINATION IF YOU STOP AND THROW STONES AT EVERY DOG THAT BARKS”.**





# SUPE'S REPORT

CAV RONNIE S EVANGELISTA '86

## Embracing New Systems vs Cherished Traditions

Throughout my journey as a military officer, I had always believed that much is given to those who have much. A huge task has dawned upon me two weeks ago. Along with the rank I carry on my shoulders is the responsibility given to me as the 80th PMA Superintendent. I am truly grateful for the privilege of being chosen as the new administrator of my Alma Mater. Let me take this opportunity to thank the leadership of the Armed Forces of the Philippines for choosing, trusting, and believing in me to lead this premier military institution. Indeed, coming full circle to serve my Alma Mater is an honor and a rare privilege.

I know that the task of being the Superintendent is crucial in the academic, tactical and character development of the future leaders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Great challenges are ahead of me; but I am overwhelmingly grateful for the wisdom and guidance that my predecessor has given me in taking on this immense task. Without his leadership, my transition in taking his place would have been difficult. And as I continue what the men who have come before me have started, I know that the expectations are great, and I desire to meet those expectations to the best of my abilities.

George Bernard Shaw, a great playwright and political activist once said, *"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."* As I lead the Academy, I always remind myself that this transition in my life and career should be embraced fully and without hesitation. For I know that I was called to this profession for a purpose and to effect change in the lives of the people I lead.

I am reminded in Article XIV, Section 3 of the Constitution when it mandated each Filipino to:

*...inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights, appreciate the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country,*

*teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline, encourage critical and creative thinking, broaden scientific and technological knowledge, and [finally, to] promote vocational efficiency.*

These tenets drive our national leaders to help improve the current educational system of the Philippines in both public and private sectors. The implementation of the K-12 curriculum of the Department of Education for primary and secondary level of education is an example of our government's initial step towards fulfilling the mandate of our constitution. PMA has also embraced this change when it transitioned its Bachelor of Science curriculum to the BS Management curriculum, and eventually implement the BS Information Technology and BS Engineering curriculum.

Our role as administrators and educators of the future officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines is to uphold this mandate – by ensuring that what we teach our cadets are all geared towards equipping them to be prepared for the rigors of service, to be patriotic and nationalistic; to be ethically and morally upright; and to be disciplined in all facets of life.

These ideals may seem overwhelming and unattainable; but I strongly believe that these education virtues can be achieved by keeping in mind that we are trying to produce leaders with a solid foundation.

This gargantuan task, however, is shared with all stakeholders. We, in the Academy, cannot do this by ourselves alone. I know how important good relationship is for the success of any desired mission. I thank the members of the Alumni for their continued support to the causes of the Academy and for being one of the Academy's firm solid foundation. 🙏



# EDITOR'S NOTE

CAV ARNULFO MARCELO B BURGOS JR '88

## Professionalism as a Way of Life

Professionalism is conforming to an ethical standard. It is following a set of principles which, when followed, will promote trust, justice and unity. In a plebe's life, it is following the orders of your squadleader no matter how difficult his night went by, complying to the requirements set for the next day. It is showing no sign of complaint despite his aching muscles, sweating body, and trampled ego. It is living one day at a time, looking at the future and aiming to survive, overcoming the thought of resignation from being a cadet. In all the difficulties, it is not apparent, but we are trained to be professionals, true ladies and gentlemen who will serve the people and uphold the Constitution.

To be professional, an academic degree is just a bare minimum. Beyond it, one has to possess more of the enthralling skills and values that bring out productivity and harmony in the workplace. One must have the ability to self-regulate, be competent and honest, and live with integrity.


The ability to self-regulate is to use the best of one's abilities under pressure while being faithful to the values upheld, displaying a high standard of emotional intelligence. Pressure is what we eat for breakfast and our companion during sleep. Pressure to adopt to the military way of life during plebehood, pressure to survive the academics during yearling year, pressure to lead and mentor during cow year and pressure to graduate during immaculate year. We are taught to be deliberate while being deprived of the stillness of the surroundings. The outcome of this pressure is the development of our emotional intelligence which enables us to be cordial while being strict, to be just while having our biases and to understand enough to have the wisdom to know when to set aside some rules.

To be competent is to possess an in-depth knowledge of your profession, the commitment to improve skills and to achieve proficiency in it. Cadets are chosen based on their potential to become military officers and are required to pass the strict qualifications before being accepted to the Academy. To shape one's competence in leadership requires a combination of physical training, academic excellence and

military science. First we are taught how to be physically strong, to have endurance, to possess speed and agility. Then, while developing one's physique, the mind is also being prepared through instructions in technical and social subjects. It does not stop on physical and academics because along with these are military instructions such as drills, weapons handling and survival skills. Training also does not end during cadetship. It is in fact just an indoctrination that to be competent is a way of life and not just a phase. All throughout one's career, an unending number of schooling, seminars and training continue. Evolving with competency is one's integrity, your humility in accepting that there will always be someone better than you, and your belief that nothing can be achieved without hard work and perseverance.

To be honest and live with integrity is to never compromise values no matter what the results will be and to be accountable for the outcome of your actions. It is never a question whether or not a cavalier is molded into an honorable person because from day one, the Honor Code has been the guiding principle of every cadet. Integrity is the core of professionalism. No quantum of competency and emotional intelligence can equate with an ounce of integrity a person needs to declare him/herself a professional.

Professionalism should be ingrained in our way of life. It should not be seen only when in our workplace but equally so in our homes. The values we hold and show our workmates should be the same values we pass on to our families. Our families and people close to us is a reflection of how we value relationships, uprightness and character.

We should all be wary of what to believe and what to ignore. Our professionalism should never be swayed by the dynamics of our society such as politics. Remember that though we might not all be soldiers at present, we are all professionals. Our opinions and reactions should be based on values that have been proven to bring unity to our country. Our actions should be based not on the person that holds power but of the people that we have sworn to protect. 





# CAVALIER NEWSLINE

CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

## LtGen Bautista appointed DSWD secretary

Recently retired LtGen Rolando D Bautista '85 has been appointed by the President as secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.



**Bautista**

## MGen Alberto designated CGPA

MGen Macairog S Alberto '86 has been designated as the commanding general of the Philippine Army, vice Bautista. And BGen Erwin Bernard L Neri '88 has replaced Alberto as chief, ISAFP.



**Alberto**

## PDDG Mendez elevated as PNP deputy chief for admin

PDDG Fernando H Mendez Jr '86 has been elevated as the No. 2 man in the PNP, replacing PDDG Ramon C Apolinario '85 who retired.



**Mendez**

PDDG Archie Francisco F Gamboa '86 has replaced Mendez as deputy chief for operations. Gamboa has been replaced as chief directorial staff by PDir Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan '86, former chief of the Civil Security Group.

## MGen Evangelista designated PMA superintendent

MGen Ronnie S Evangelista '86 has been designated as superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, replacing LtGen Donato B San Juan II '84 who retired.

Evangelista used to be the commander of the Special Operations Command of the Army.



**Evangelista**

## BGen Gloria assumes as J1, AFP

BGen Erickson R Gloria '88 has assumed as the new deputy chief of staff for personnel, J1, AFP, replacing MGen Arnel M Duco '86 who retired.

Marine BGen Edgard A Arevalo '90 has been designated asst deputy chief of staff for civil military operations, AJ7, and BGen Nestor C Herico '88 as asst deputy chief of staff for intelligence, AJ2, AFP.



**Gloria**

## BGen Devesa designated commander of PA TRADOC

BGen Roy T Devesa '85 has been designated commander of the Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), replacing MGen Casiano C Monilla '84, who retired.

BGen Eric C Vinoya '87 has assumed as asst div commander, 3rd Inf Div, PA, replacing BGen Francisco V Delfin '85.



**Devesa**

## MGen Baclayon designated head of Air Mobility Command

MGen Alejandro A Baclayon '87 has been designated commander of the Air Mobility Command based in Mactan.

MGen Pelagio R Valenzuela '88 has been named commander of the Tactical Operations Command, replacing MGen Domingo B Palisoc Jr '84.

BGen Florante M Amano '90 has assumed as commander of the 410th Maintenance Wing, while BGen Augustine Malinit '91 is the commander of the 580th Aircraft Control and Warning Wing (ACWW) based in San Fernando, La Union.

## BGen Hernandez designated commander of 1st Marine Brigade

BGen Eugenio Hernandez '89 has been designated commander of the 1st Marine Brigade of the Philippine Marine Corps.

BGen Dante M Hidalgo '86 has been designated commander of the Naval Reserve Command, replacing BGen Arthur M Biyo '86.

Commo Rey dela Cruz '87 has assumed as commander of the Littoral Combat Force of the Philippine Fleet, while Commo Renato P David '90 has been designated commander of the Naval Installation Command.



**Hernandez**

## Commo Ochoco designated as AFPMBAI SVP

Retired Commo Ramon S Ochoco '85 has been designated as head of Corporate Services Group, with rank of SVP, of the AFP Mutual Benefit Association, Inc., replacing retired BGen Librado B Moog '83.

Likewise, retired BGen Cesar M Idio '85 has assumed as head of Operations Group of AFPMBAI with rank of SVP.

Retired MGen Romeo N dela Cruz '85 (PAFFS) has been elected as president of the company, replacing retired RAdm Primitivo P Gopo '83. /raa



**Ochoco**



**Idio**



## Sama-samang Pasasalamat Para sa Pangulo


The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) spearheaded an event to show appreciation to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte who pursued and approved the unprecedented increase in the salaries of the military and other uniformed personnel (MUP). Dubbed as “Sama-Samang Pasasalamat *Para Sa Pangulo*,” the event was held on 4 October 2018 at the Presidential Hall, Malacañang Palace.

The military and uniformed services personnel, active and retired including the veterans, commanders, heads and chiefs of bureaus and offices, and Board Chairmen and Presidents of the different uniformed services associations expressed their utmost gratitude for the numerous measures adopted by the President and Commander-in-Chief to promote their morale and welfare.

Foremost is the President’s approval of the Joint Resolution (JR) Number 1 dated 01 January 2018 which amended Executive Order Number 201 s.2016 and finally authorizing the increase in the base pay of the MUP in the active service in lieu of provisional allowance and officers’ allowance; thereby, entitling them to corresponding increase in their pay and allowances that are pegged to the base pay such as their longevity pay, hazardous duty pay, flying pay, sea

duty pay, and instructor duty pay, as well as the 36-month lump sum and commutation of leave balance of those who retired from the service effective 01 January 2018.

Moreover, the JR also resumed the indexation of pension of retired MUP with respect to the base pay increase, ultimately benefiting more than 220,000 pensioners and their loved ones. However, the indexation has been suspended for 2018, but the suspension will be lifted effective 01 January 2019.

Present during the event were the PMAAAI Board of Directors, Secretary Christopher Lawrence “Bong” Go of the Office of the Special Assistant to the President, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff General Carlito G Galvez Jr. ‘85, Department of the Interior and Local Government Officer-in-Charge Eduardo M Año ‘83, Philippine National Police Chief Director General Oscar D Albayalde ‘86, commanders, heads and chiefs of bureaus and offices and Board Chairmen and Presidents of the different uniformed services associations. As a token of gratitude, a framed Expression of Gratitude signed by LtGen Jaime S De Los Santos ‘69, Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI was presented to the President. 



# PETFI Relaxes Policy on Scholarship Guidelines

• CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

The new board of trustees of the PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) has relaxed the policy on the qualification of scholars. This is in response to a clamor to also support the education of children of those who are not members of the Foundation. Under a new board resolution, the children of non-members of the Foundation are now allowed to avail of its scholarship, with a token amount of stipend in support to their education.

Prior to this new policy, only children of members of the Foundation, who have contributed to it P2,000, and who have died or been incapacitated, can avail of its scholarship. The new policy will start in the current school year 2018-19. Under this policy, the token financial support to the scholar whose father was not a member of the Foundation prior to his death or disability shall only be one-third of the amount being given to a scholar-child of a member of the Foundation.

The grant of a token amount of support to children of non-members of PETFI is subject to the following conditions: 1) the class to which the non-member belongs has donated to the PETFI scholarship fund at least P200,000; the death or disability of the non-member has happened after the donation has been made; and such other conditions as the board may hereafter prescribe.

The present revised stipend rates per school year of PETFI regular scholars are P18,000 for those in the elementary, P24,000 for those in high school and P30,000 for those in college. Accordingly, the stipend rates of children of non-members are P6,000, P8,000 and P10,000 for those in the elementary, high school and college, respectively.


Adoption of the new policy was triggered by the application for scholarship of the son of the late Cav Roberto R Navida '71 from the PNP, who died in October 2016. It turned out that the payment for his membership was made by a classmate three months after his death. So the application for scholarship was denied. The class, which had donated to the Foundation P300,000 for a scholarship fund, appealed for



**PETFI chairman hands over to new scholar certificate of scholarship.**

leniency on the policy for those whose class has donated to its scholarship fund.

In the last election of trustees of the Foundation, new trustees and new officers were elected. And these new trustees supported the relaxation of the policy on acceptance of new scholars. The new trustees are Cavaliers Jose C Lalisán Jr '71, Ricardo C Marquez '82, Noel A Baraceros '86 and Bernard M Banac '92, all from the PNP.

In the organizational meeting that followed, Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 was reelected chairman and Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 was elected president. Marquez was elected vice president and PETFI representative to the PMAAAI board, while Lalisán was elected treasurer. /raa 



**PETFI board after meeting. From left Trustee Noel Baraceros '86, VP Ricardo Marquez '82, Chair Rosalino Alquiza '55, Trustee Fredelino Bautista '66, Trustee Jose Maria Solquillo '65 (seated), and Pres Anselmo Avenido Jr '67 (back to camera).**

# PCAI NEWS

## Selection of Nominees for Cavalier Award, AY 2018-2019

The Police Cavaliers Association, Incorporated (PCAI) recently held a series of deliberation for the Cavalier Award, AY 2018-2019 to deliberate thoroughly all the nominees qualified for said award. The Board of Directors studied carefully and cautiously all of their accomplishments that embody the PMA ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. Nominees were interviewed by

the PCAI Board of Directors, and the Board strictly followed the criteria and the rating system. The accomplishments of all the nominees were all significant. They showed their dedication to their works with immeasurable contribution to our country that gave members of the board a hard time selecting who to recommend to the Mother Board.



## Promoted Cavaliers to Star Rank

The new set of PNP Cavaliers was recently promoted to Star Rank.

### Promoted to Police Director:

PDir Ericson T Velasquez	-	Class 85
PDir Ma. O Ranada Aplasca	-	Class 87
PDir Lyndon G Cubos	-	Class 86
PDir Guillermo Lorenzo T Eleazar	-	Class 87
PDir Eric Serafin G Reyes	-	Class 85
PDir Cesar Hawthorne R Binag	-	Class 87

### Promoted to Police Chief Superintendent:

PCSupt Filmore B Escobal	-	Class 91
PCSupt Ulysses C Caton	-	Class 89
PCSupt Ferdinand O Divina	-	Class 88
PCSupt Anthony S Alcañeses	-	Class 88
PCSupt Jose Chiquito M Malayo	-	Class 89
PCSupt Benigno B Durana Jr	-	Class 88
PCSupt Rodolfo S Azurin Jr	-	Class 89
PCSupt Bernabe M Balba	-	Class 88
PCSupt John Cornelius A Jambora	-	Class 87
PCSupt Felipe R Natividad	-	Class 90







# The Long Gray Line: “We are our Heroes’ Keepers”

• CAV MARCO ANTONIO A MAGISA ‘03

Before the break of dawn of one cold December morning in the year 2012, hundreds of Army Cavaliers converged at the designated assembly area, standing side by side, keenly listening to the final briefing, eager to lead a throng of thousands of men and women – both soldiers and civilians – who were all suited up, ready to blaze a historic trail for others to follow.

Several moments later, a gunshot was heard followed by the loud roar of a charging phalanx as they crossed their line of departure determined to accomplish their mission.

Several hours after that historic gun-start, the PMAAAI’s Army Chapter emerged victorious because, aside from generating fund to uplift the morale of Army heroes, they have laid down the foundation for what would later on become an annual tradition.

That undertaking was a brain-child of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated’s Army Chapter intended as a fundraiser for the benefit of battle-casualty soldiers who were then confined at the Army General Hospital.

*The engagement area was the Philippine Army’s Parade Ground. The runners were dressed in singlet, athletic shorts and running shoes. Their mission was to launch and complete the first-ever Heroes Run.*



The nobility of the cause emanated from the lofty portals of the Academy where every Cavalier was indoctrinated to look after the welfare of our men.

Bestowed with the ability to see beneath the surface and the discernment of what is truly essential, the Cavaliers recognized the reality that those who wear the uniform do not have the monopoly of heroism, that long after their last taps is played, there is an orphaned family whose future we need to secure for we owe it to the fallen to help them not to fall.

Thus, from donating medical items to AGH, the Army Chapter slowly and deliberately transitioned to donating the proceeds to AFPEBSO and HERO Foundation to help sustain the scholarships not only of Army orphans but also those of their fellow service members – airmen, sailors and Marines – who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Moreover, above and beyond that noble intention, it served as one of those times' limited venues for civilians to express their support and appreciation to the sacrifices of their soldiers for our country and people.

With the passing of years, similar to every Cavalier's trait of being able to adjust to changes brought about by the fluidity of the operational environment, the event expanded from being a single-venue undertaking to a simultaneous multiple-release race held in strategic areas of our country's major island groups.

The "expansion" started in 2014 when Army Cavaliers assigned in Iloilo stepped-up to the challenge to widen the advocacy's reach. Indeed, it was a tall order, however, the positive attitude and indomitable spirit instilled within the Academy's portals allowed them not to falter, to stay the course and to attain the objective.

The success of that year's Heroes Run radiated and touched the sense of volunteerism among the Cavaliers assigned in other parts of the country.

Taking cue from Iloilo, Davao followed suit in 2015, who were then joined by Baguio the following year. Completing the six simultaneous venues of the 6th Edition were Naga and Cebu whose participants comprised a considerable percentage of the 9,585

recorded runners, a whopping 60% increase from the previous year's record.

As if that was not enough, the Army Cavaliers once again pushed themselves to the limit when the 7th Heroes Run last October 7 was held simultaneously in 13 venues across the archipelago – Taguig, Baguio, Isabela, Tarlac, Legazpi, Iloilo, Cebu, Bohol, Catbalogan, Tagum, Cagayan De Oro, Cotabato and Pagadian City – which attracted an estimated number of 13,000 runners, a turn-out that is equivalent to about 500% increase from the recorded participants when the activity was launched in 2012.

Similar to last year, the annual endeavor was broadcasted live to and from those areas using available technology which further strengthened the bond among the fine gentlemen and ladies of the long gray line by giving it a festive mood similar to our annual ritual on the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field.

The innovation was a remarkable display of the unquenchable thirst for continuous improvements and insatiable quest for excellence which our Alma Mater imbibed upon her sons and daughters.

**By leaps and bounds, the 7th Heroes Run was definitely bigger and grander compared to its humble maiden edition.**

**The dignity and honor behind the intention and purpose, however, remains the same – to recognize the heroes amidst the heroes, to become heroes of our country's heroes.**

Riding on the momentum brought about by the success of the Campaign for the Liberation of Marawi, this year's Heroes Run was dedicated in honor of those who fought for the freedom of that Islamic City.

Truly, this tradition – founded by the Army Cavaliers – is a fitting tribute to the brave men and women who leave their families behind, who go where others dare not go and whose greatest honor is to put their lives on the line in the name of service to God, flag, country and people.

Based upon the teachings of the Academy, this is the long gray line's way of saying that we are our brothers' keepers, we are our sisters' keepers, we are our heroes' keepers.







# Federal Form of Government— An Observation

• CAV MANUEL P OXALES '60

For the past 10 years I have been going back and forth to Canada residing in Ottawa, its capital, for as long as six to eight months of the year and I have observed how federal form of government works. These are some of my observations:

1. There has always been continuing conflicts between the federated state (FS) and the central government (CG) on authority, powers and responsibility, on many matters notably on control and sharing of wealth of natural resources, infrastructure development and many other domestic concerns like taxes, health and education. One big issue is the project of the CG on the laying of gas pipes from sources of natural gas that will traverse the lands of the FS and sites of indigenous people. This national project that will increase gas exports has been stalled for many years due to disagreements between the CG and FS. Imagine if our government will put up a railway or additional highways in Mindanao that will traverse the Muslim controlled territories or other infrastructure like an international airport in Luzon. Most likely the regional government or state to be set up will dip its hands on these projects.
2. Conventionally, in a federal form the CG has exclusive power and responsibility over foreign relations and external defense and the FS is concerned on domestic matters. But in actual practice the CG interferes or has some say on domestic matters since it grants or provides support and subsidies to the FS. The latter will always run to the former for more funding to support health, education and other services and particularly in periods/times of disaster and emergency. In a country like ours with very limited funds and resources what will happen is worsening the inefficient and unintegrated rendering of government services. *Kanya-kanyang hanap ng padrino para makakuha ng pondo!*
3. The people is burdened by additional taxes. The CG imposes a sales tax of 12% while the FS collects 3 to 4%. In an economy like ours which is vulnerable to inflation this is an additional expense. It is also possible that the FS in our country will impose other kind of taxes to provide for funds to administer its own bureaucracy, provide services and fund development projects.
4. Despite broad delineation and separation of powers of the CG and FS, there have been disputes between the two even bringing many matters to the courts for resolution. We are known as people with the inclinations and disposition to debates and disputes. In an adversarial society where government officials eyeing for media mileage, fringe benefits and bonanza and lawyers and pseudo lawyers take sides, invariably bring matters to the heavily clogged judiciary which will take years and even decades to resolve. So sound legislations are sidelined and projects that bring benefit the people are delayed.
5. As observed by Senator Angara and further amplified and affirmed by top NEDA and Finance officials, the transition to federal system will cost additional trillion of pesos. The

FSs will be responsible for providing education, health, police and other services to their people in their own states. At present, the national government mostly, if not totally, fund these services.

But a significant and disturbing consideration is that the attention of the national government will be diverted to how to transition to and fund a federal form. Hence matters like anti-poverty programs, generating jobs and solving the criminality and peace and order problems will be sidelined. New positions will be created in the regional state. Many aspiring politicians will see a seat in its legislative assembly. So, more politicians to emerge and more political squabbles to happen. More taxes will be imposed since the members of the new assembly will have their own pork barrel.

I can see those who will benefit in a federal system are the political dynasties who are not entrenched in positions and will lord their respective fiefdoms for generations to come. Lincolnian democracy of a government by, of and for the people will be a dream for most Filipinos.

The salutary benefit of having a federal form is that more

powers will be devolved to the local regional government. Hence the responsibility to initiate, fund and implement projects will be at the this level.

From history, we learned that federal forms of government took centuries to evolve and in certain countries after a violent struggle. U.S. underwent a four-year civil war and suffered some 800,000 casualties before the Union could be firmed up and consolidated. Federal states like Yugoslavia disintegrated along ethnic lines. Quebec, a French speaking province (a sub-state of federal Canada) held a non-binding plebiscite in which its residents were asked whether to secede and be independent. The separatists lost by a slim margin. More recently, Cartagena, a province in a state led by its Prime Minister, wanted to separate and become independent. But Spain, which for centuries was a dominant world power, has enshrined in its Constitution that the state is 'Indissoluble and Indivisible'. Its government had the Prime Minister of Cartagena who sought asylum in Belgium charged and arrested.

Let us continue debating the issue of whether to change from a centralized to a federal form of government for the Filipinos. 🇵🇭



# FEDERALISM





# Is a Military Junta Tenable?

• CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

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This paper will not delve on the legal issues of implementing a military government. It will discuss the foundation of military culture and its response in cases when the political status quo is challenged.

In some of his public addresses, the President expressed his desire to resign. He has further stated that if this situation ever happens, one of the options is to establish and call for a military junta to take over the affairs of the government.

A military junta is a mode that establishes the takeover of governmental functions by a purely military structure or a military-civilian partnership. In both cases, the military authority generally prevails since it has the means to influence and control the situation. It sets the tone of leadership, decision-making and governance.

In a military junta, additional responsibilities is burdened and reposed in the military establishment apart from its traditional roles that include the administration of laws, resolving conflicts among social, political and economic groups, and domestic and foreign relations. It presupposes that it possesses added core competencies and the facilities to rapidly assume an immediate takeover because a lull will spawn emerging conflicting groups to contest any takeover.

The value of the military establishment consists both its core competence and core ideology. Core competence defines the AFP's capabilities where the organization is usually good at. It is a strategic concept. The military's core competence

revolves around its use of force. They are experts in the application and management of conflict and violence. They are responsible in protecting the nation against external attacks, and the government and the people against internal violence.

The military is trained to obey orders that emanates from the Commander-in-Chief down to the chain of command. From the time they take their oath until they shed their uniform after retirement, their milieu is replete with an unquestioned obedience to command. Consciously or unconsciously, they will always follow orders to the latter.

Why is this value essential to a soldier? In war, "There is no substitute for victory," said General Douglas MacArthur. Hesitation to act decisively in combat will result in a disastrous defeat. This mindset is greatly ingrained in every soldier.

The military's institutional strength is based on cohesiveness, monopoly of force, and a stable organizational structure solidified by a chain of command. Another military character is a rigid decision-making process that cannot adjust fast enough to different modes of social, political, and economic developments.

Core ideology is defined as the enduring character of an organization, a consistent identity that transcend across generations, technological developments, management innovation and even leadership personalities. Military ideology comprises the total mindset of the officers and non-commissioned corps towards society and politics.

According to the military scholar Samuel Huntington, the military profession has three characteristics, namely, expertise, social responsibility, and corporateness. Interpreted in more liberal terms, the core ideology of the military manifests stability and shuns compromises.

Are the core competencies and core ideology of the military institution enough to lead the government, if a military takeover ever happens? Government affairs can be too complicated to be assumed by an armed component.

During the Martial Law period, 1972-1986, the military had a taste of limited political governance exposure. But this assumption of civilian posting did very little for the military mindset to be challenged. Proofs of these are the two People Power revolutions. In both cases, the military all had the chances to easily grab power. Instead, they engineered the smooth transition to a new government.

This phenomenon only expresses that its core competence and core ideology remained intact, despite the wide latitude of options to take-over the power structure when given the chance.

After Martial Law, only a handful of retired military personnel were drafted in civilian government, the highest being a cabinet secretary. The performance of these government positions had never been assertive nor imposing. They have remained true professionals. You cannot change a military culture overnight. Loyalty to duly constituted authority are deeply embedded in their value system. A military professional is always expected to carry out the commands of any civilian group that assumes legitimate authority from the state. The military establishment throughout history has always acquiesce to the control of the civilian political leadership. Civilian control has always responded positively to the direction of the civilian leaders of the government. By this nature of military-civilian leadership, the balance of power is assured.

If there are changes in the government outside of the constitutional process through a presidential fiat, the military may take over the executive, legislative, and judicial functions of the government. Some civilians consider any military intervention as illegitimate. By the very nature of this inherent burden, it is preposterous to assume a positive change.

One factor is acceptance. The society, currently populated with millennials who were brainwashed continuously with the negative effects of Martial Law even to the extent of disinformation, has been shaped with this mindset. Clash of generational mindsets will emerge with any option that is tainted with military character. Contending political parties will exhaust all means to ensure that their power will not be diluted.

Power corrupts, and every means to maintain and sustain it will be resorted to by any means. With this scenario, you are starting the new rule with a problem.

Patience is the least of the virtues of a military man. He craves for combat, for action, for active and positive leadership direction. If there is a change in governance outside the constitutional process, violence will erupt. Clash of political interests will emerge. Control will be unpredictable. Military patience may taut the soldier to use force that may create disorder if civilian challenges their authority. The military might interpret non-cooperation and non-conformance as a threat to their newly found role. Threat can feed anger which will escalate into physical confrontation and clash of forces in the streets. Alienation from the people is a strong argument against military rule.

Another mode is military-civilian partnership where important legislative and judicial functions will continue to function with military supervision. This happened during Martial Law wherein military superiors were posted and assigned in essential government agencies and industries. It was effective for a while by transferring military expertise and efficiency into the bureaucracy. It further restored order and discipline and the concept of a law-abiding citizen to society. The factors and situation during that time are far different now.

The President has been very generous and overly gracious to the men in arms. Increase in their salaries have upgraded their social status in society. The newly found position has given them more dignity and honor worthy of being identified as a military professional.

On a personal note, therefore, they can never be coerced or intimidated to initiate the establishment of a military junta. 🇵🇭





# Martial Law as I Saw It

• CAV MANUEL MARIANO JR '75



My daughter asked me why was Martial Law declared by President Marcos? I said, I can only tell you my own version of the story as I saw it. It came into my awareness that with the many stories told about Martial Law, which among them is the truth? The recent burial of the late President Marcos at the Libingan ng Bayani brought about the divisiveness of the Filipinos once again and the young people who were not even born during the period are being dragged into the issue.

## AN EPISODE IN PHILIPPINE HISTORY

To my recollection, Martial Law as I saw it as a high school student in 1965 to 1969, there were already mass rallies and boycotts of classes in campuses. The height of student activism came about when I was in fourth year at the University of Baguio during the school year of 1968-69. Little did I know then that Jose Maria Sison, a UP professor, organized the Communist Party of the Philippines and started mobilizing underground mass organizations to oust President Marcos. In the student/youth sector, the Kabataang Makabayan (KM) initiated the agitation-propaganda activities by street rallies shouting slogans like, "down with Marcos-US dictatorship, stop US imperialism, fascism, feudalism, and bureaucrat-capitalism". Likewise, other sectoral organizations in the Labor, transport, professional, and

even the movie industry, were already infiltrated by communist cell groups in a concerted effort to topple the democratic government we have and change to communism following the Russian and Chinese models inspired by Marx, Lenin and Mao Tse Tung, respectively. Bombing and insurrection were massive and later on these incidents became known as the first quarter storm authored by the communist movement.

But as a 16-year old boy then, I was not truly aware of the real motives and intentions of all these anti-Marcos rallies. I was more focused on finishing my studies and probably get a job for a brighter future. In the first place, I was not so concern about ideology or changing the status quo in society unlike my cousin Abraham who actively joined the KM and heightened his Communist leanings inspired by Joma Sison, Jalandoni, Bernabe Buscayno, Rolly Kintanar and Cesar Taguba to name a few. Nevertheless, unwittingly, I took part in rallies for classes were suspended giving us respite in classroom activities. I then recalled that my cousin joined the NPAs in Cagayan Valley in the early 70s but died in an encounter with soldiers in San Mariano, Isabela.

For me, in my second year as an Engineering student, I became a PMA cadet in April 1971, three months after Lt Victor Corpus, PMA '67 who was then a tactical officer, raided the PMA armory,

absconded the firearms and subsequently joined the NPAs in Isabela on Dec 29, 1970. He was later on tagged as the first rebel soldier of the AFP in the modern era. PMA class 71, where Senators Lacson and Honasan belong, were the graduating class in March 1971. As incoming plebes, our "reception" as the new batch of the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFP) was delayed for four days on April 4, 1971 for reasons not clear to us then. Fresh from civilians with ages from 17 to 22 years old, we had our summer camp training for two months to prepare us for cadet life for the next four years. We were then isolated from the developments outside PMA grounds and focused on our routine of academic training and Saturday parades and inspections. We were not aware that the CPP/NPA/NDF was already advancing their insurgent activities nationwide and the MNLF/BMA under Nur Misuari, a colleague of Joma Sison as professors at UP, too began their armed rebellion to separate Mindanao from the Philippines, as an offshoot of the Jabidah Massacre as alleged. As yearlings (second year) then, we received news that new graduates from PMA '72 were deployed in rebel infested areas all over the country and their first casualty was the late Lt Visayo Luspo PAF who was on OJT with the Philippine Constabulary and was killed in an encounter with NPAs in Sierra Madre in a combat operation to intercept NPA weapons smuggled by MV Karagatan in Palanan, Isabela sometime in July 1972. With these developments, Martial Law was declared on Sept 23, 1972.

Although we were shocked with the news, to our young minds, we were optimistic that by the time we graduate three years later, the situation should have improved by then.

But contrary to our expectations, as first class cadets (fourth year) in 1974, while we were rendering parade in Luneta in connection with the Miss Universe beauty pageant won by Miss Amparo Munoz of Spain, news in the parade formation spread that the Navy group of PMA '74 who were returning from their OJT on ground operations with the Philippine Marines were ambushed by MNLF in Tandu Bato, Luuk, Sulu and several of them were killed as they were to report back to the Navy to pursue their Naval career.

This incident saddened us as news also spread that we are going to be graduated earlier before the end of 1974 to be sent to Mindanao to join the combat operations against the Muslim rebels in Sulu. Plans pushed through but we have to wait until February 17, 1975 for our commencement which was still a month earlier than the traditional March Week ceremony. At least, by the time we received our Diplomas from President Marcos, we became officially members of PMA class 1975 not class 1974B had we graduated two or three months earlier.

Expectedly, we were all sent to Mindanao and for me, as a 22-year old Army Lieutenant, I joined the 24th Infantry Battalion then based in Isabela, Basilan but before I reported there in March 1975, I was told to act as the survivor officer of the late Lt. Michael Omengan PA, PMA '74, and to escort his cadaver to his hometown in La Trinidad, Benguet. Unfortunately, he was my squad leader during our cadet days and seeing him dead at the first meeting after graduation was quite traumatic. I was informed that his own soldier killed him when he tried to pacify the latter but went amuck killing six others before he was subdued. Nevertheless, after his burial, I reported to my Battalion and joined the patrols in our area of responsibility particularly the municipalities of Isabela, Lantawan, Maluso, and my first patrol area was in Tairan, Lantawan as platoon leader of C Coy to run after the MNLF group of Talib Congo and Jerry Salapuddin

(He later became Congressman and Governor of Basilan). About a month later, I heard that my classmate Lt. Edward Tolentino of 36IB died in an encounter with Moro rebels in Tumatangis, Sulu together with our upperclassman Lt. Franklin Nerez of PMA 74. A few weeks later, another classmate Lt George Quisido was also killed in Sulu. After a year of combat operations, three other classmates likewise died in Sulu also namely: Lts. Sofronio Pasillao and Dominador Makinano, both from the Army, while the late Lt. Antonio Viray PC was ambushed in nearby Pata Island. Other classmates who died in other areas included the late Lt. Alberto Villanueva PC who was killed by NPA assassins in Davao, Lt. Jose Monico Garcia PC who was ambushed by NPAs in Zamboanga del Norte, and the late Lt. Sergio Alcubilla PC who was murdered by NPAs in Bataan.

Their deaths while still in their early 20's were the ultimate sacrifice they gave for country and people. Did they fight for a wrong reason for defending a duly constituted government being threatened by Anarchist? Or were they Human rights violators to those Communist and Moro rebels who planned to take over the government? You are the judge.

As these incidents are clear manifestation of heightened rebellion, I can personally attest to the fact that the proclamation of Martial Law was justified. The untimely death of my Mistahs at the start of our budding military career were clear indicators of the existence of a state of lawlessness in those times from 1971 to the early 1980s. It could not be possible that the government or the AFP initiated these fratricidal wars as the real issue was the change of our democratic way of life to communal living espoused by Joma Sison and his Communist cohorts and the Moros under Misuari and Hashim Salamat pursuing their agenda of separating Mindanao from the entire Philippine archipelago.

Martial law thwarted their insurrection and armed rebellion but they went underground and pursued a protracted struggle with the intent of wearing out the fighting will of the AFP and other instrumentalities of our Democratic institutions. Nevertheless, Martial law lasted only for nine years from 1972 to 1981 not 20 years as claimed by the biased media favouring opposing political interest groups in tactical alliance from the leftist sectors of this fractionalized nation.

From my standpoint, I and my colleagues in the AFP served the interest of this Republic by defending it in strict adherence to the rule of law. As a Military officer, when I took my oath of office, it was clear to my mind to support and defend the constitution and protect the territorial integrity of the country. Regardless of who sits in Malacanang, our focus is to abide by the people's mandate and obey the duly elected authorities.

Now you ask me, was Marcos solely responsible for Martial Law? Were there really victims of Martial Law or injustices committed against the people? Marcos is just one man, the implementors like me and the other government institutions just did our share of our respective mandates and we are all aware of these responsibilities. The anti-Marcos group who uses their biased media cannot fool or brainwash society as in the long run the truth will come out. Indeed, the editorial of Business Mirror dated Dec 13, 2016 and the Pilipino Mirror dated Dec 19, 2016 respectively revealed it and I quote:

#### **WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR?**

*Forgive these questions, but we can help but ask them of this country's so-called revolutionaries in the New People's Army (NPA). Recent "Revolutionary" activities of the NPA, the latest in*



the very long list of questionable, if not outright, atrocious acts, make us wonder what kind of guerrilla war they are really doing. So we ask, whose side, which people (in its acronym) and what kind of ideology are they really fighting for? And when do rebels become plain bandits and criminals?

During the recent inauguration of a new power plant in Bukidnon, President Duterte asked NPA rebels not to damage energy and communication facilities in the country if companies refuse to pay their so-called revolutionary tax.

In a story published in this paper last week (Ceasefire Not Working for Banana Plantations in Mindanao), banana growers in Mindanao complained about the extortion activities being conducted by the NPA rebels against them and other agricultural plantations, bus companies, private contractors, quarrying operators, public market store owners and small entrepreneurs, seemingly taking advantage of the government's unilateral ceasefire.

"The amount range from as low as P5000.00 to as high as P5 million a month. If we pay, we will lose our shirts and would be forced to close shop; if we refuse to pay, our lives and that of our family members will be in danger," said a businessman in Toril, a district in Davao City.

The hardest hit are banana plantations, with one banana company having to close its plantation in Surigao del Sur a few months ago after losing more than P20 million to the NPA's in burning their equipment and packing plants since the start of its operation in 2010. The firm's decision expectedly resulted in worsening of joblessness in the area.

Dole-Stanfilco had also shut down its plantation and packing plants in Surigao del Sur after the NPA torched container trucks early this year, because the company refused to pay revolutionary taxes.

We are sure their leaders have an elaborate explanation of their notorious activities, but let's face it, as much as they want to divert it to other issues, this has everything to do about money. It's plain extortion, which the NPA has gotten very good at over the years.

Their extortion activities have hurt the economy and have made investors and businessmen wary of operating outside the country's urban centers because of the risk of insurgent attacks. Ironically, these are the poorest areas that need the most investment and development.

Could it be that the NPA wants to keep these areas poor so they could keep blaming and fighting the government, in order to justify their continued relevance and existence?

Surely, the NPA can't hope to win any kind of sympathy or solidarity to their cause by burning farm equipment, buses, power lines, and cell sites. And surely, the NPA can't hope to get any respect for their armed struggle if they launch offensives and hit businesses, both big and small, that ordinary workers depend on for their livelihood and everyday existence.

Such extortion activities certainly put the name of their revolutionary movement in bad light. If that is all what is revolution all about, then the NPA rebels are no different from thugs, gangsters, terrorists and anarchists.

By the way, where do their so-called revolutionary taxes go anyway? Does even a portion of the money they get from politicians and businessmen go to, say financing livelihood projects or the constructions of waterwells, schools, hospitals or any kind of projects to help the poor masses they are supposed to be fighting for? Because if it just go to the pockets of their cadres,

then, again, it is plain and simple extortion, a protection racket—pay us and you won't have any unfortunate accidents.

The NPAs keep blaming the government for stalled peace talks, but, like the late rap artists Francis Magalona said in his iconic song "Kaleidoscope World" you can't talk peace and have a gun. (Unquote).

## PAGPAPAHALAGA SA MGA KAWAL

By Erwin Tulfo – dated Dec 19, 2016

Sinong sundalo ang hindi matutuwa sa ginawa ni Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte na pagbisita sa mga sugatang sundalo sa Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), Camp Navarro general hospital sa Zamboanga City noong sabado?

Isang araw lang makaraan and kanyang pagbabalik mula sa state visit sa Singapore ay minarapat ng commander-in-chief na sadyain and 18 sundalo na nasugatan sa mga engkuwentro sa ASG sa Sulu. Napakahalaga nitong pagdalo ni Manong Digong sa mga tropa ng AFP lalo na sa pagsapit ng kapaskuhan. Ako ay dating sundalo kaya alam ko kung ano ang kagalakan na mararamdaman ng mga kawal na ito. Ngayon na nalaman nila na hindi sila kinalilimutan ng taumbayan na kanilang pinaglilingkuran. Dapat lang na bigyan sila ng importansya at parangal sa pagtaya sa kanilang buhay para tumupad sa tungkulin sa Inang Bayan.

The country should take care of its soldiers because those left behind can have no peace after experiencing pain and suffering, sabi ni President Duterte. Naroon din ang mga naulilang pamilya ng tatlong sundalo na nasawi sa naturang mga pakikipaglaban at nabigyan ng cash gift mula sa AFP. Masyado nang malaking perwisyo ang ginawa ng ASG na yan na responsible sa mga kidnapping for ransom sa Mindanao. Kaya hindi tatantanan ng AFP ang mga terorista, ayon kay AFP spokesman BGen Restituto Padilla. (column-target on sight).

These two editorials of today are the same issues happening for the past 48 years and even up to now, nothing much has change in the country. Just think about it, Bayan Muna or Bulsa Muna?

## COMMENTS

1. These wars have been going on since 1968 and even before that, the HUKBALAHAP under Jose Lava and Dante Buscayno and the MORO problem are in existence already. Does any writer or historians highlight the editorials above also as issues against Jose Maria Sison, Satur Ocampo, Father Jalandoni, Jose Burgos, Teddy Casino, Renato Reyes, and many more, as authors of a revolution that caused the miseries of the Filipinos for 48 years now? Ideology has always been existing before that but social iniquity is still prevalent up to now. Are the communist insurgents and moro rebels too not liable for human rights violations for initiating these fratricidal wars?
2. Poverty has always been existing before that. Governments have always been addressing poverty since the beginning of time. Meantime, most Filipinos remain poor. Is there hope for the growing population? Is food, clothing and shelter enough to have a happy life? How about housing, education, employment or business opportunities? Who will provide for it? Is it government or private enterprises? The truth of the matter is Philippine politics have always been fractious since the beginning of our American model of democracy

since 1946 and corruption has always been there. The cause of disunity is always blamed to the winning party but the minority wants to rule by blocking all development initiatives of the majority. This situation is the stagnating factor why we are not moving forward as a country and people.

3. Finally, Martial law existed only from Sept 23, 1972 to Jan 17, 1981, a period of nine years only not 20 years. Today, Marcos is long dead and he, the alleged author of Martial Law, is still hounding this nation for acts of human rights violations. Do JPE and FVR who were members of the Marcos government then and are still alive today not answerable too for Martial law issues?

### CONCLUSION

Why Martial Law was declared? I would say, the Philippines may not be as we see it now? If Martial Law was not declared, what could have been the situation today? The CPP/NPA/NDF under Joma Sison should have enthroned himself in Malacanang since 1972 and Nur Misuari and his Bangsa Moro army should now be ruling the Islamic Republic of Mindanao for that long too. However, how many should have died more for a situation to clear counter revolutionaries especially the landed class who will defend their earthly possessions at all cost? Will the suffering majority really achieved the quality of life they want to have? Will social inequity be eradicated and a utopian society emerged under Marxist stewardship in governance?

For one thing, God did not allow these evil intents to happen for a purpose. President Marcos in his watch as the leader of this Republic did right in declaring Martial Law. At present, President Duterte envisioned likewise to bring peace and prosperity in the land. What formula is he adopting? Like President Marcos, he initiated peace talks with all rebel groups, address corruption in

government, eradicate illegal drug and criminality in society and allow peace and development to prevail. How would you like to go for a ride with him and see what miracle can God do for the only Christian Nation in Asia?

Going back to the question of my daughter, I say, thank God for sparing me from harm and giving me a life this long to tell my story. I had my share of sacrifices for 38 years as a soldier for the sake of the future generation and I am proud I made a contribution no matter how insignificant it was. If not for Martial Law, the revolutionaries in Joma Sison and Nur Misuari should have won. Have I not been sent to war in Mindanao, I would have never met my wife and raised children with a breed of Ilocano and Chavacano. You may call it fate or destiny but at least, with many of us from the north who went into these intermarriages, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao became closely bonded by blood and made this splintered country of 7100 islands still intact under one Republic called the Philippines. 🇵🇭

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

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

# CLASS CALL



**MIGUEL M VILLAMOR**  
President  
**JESUS T DIZON**  
Historian

Each column under Class Call is identified by the name of the Class President and the Class Secretary. The BANAT Class of '51 has a loose organization. In a small surviving group of nonagenarians, no one is expected to volunteer to be the class president, and more so as class secretary. So the class adopted the "turo-turo" system of selection such that in any class meeting where the attendance is considered the majority, anyone can point to anyone to take over these two positions. There would be resistance but in the end a kind and brave soul would accept the challenge. Mike Villamor is that one guy. He has removed "NO" from his vocabulary. For this, the class is very grateful and hopeful Mike would be President for life.

There was no taker for the position of Secretary. Every time I received my copy of THE CAVALIER, I would feel a sense of guilt when I see the column reserved for CL '51 empty. I decided to fill the void by contributing an article to the class call on any subject which would interest the members of the PMAFFI. I admit my limitations in writing knowing that my serious attempt was to write the required thesis in two of my past post graduate degrees and to write the speeches of three of my former Commanding Generals.

Since I am not the Secretary of Cl '51, and perhaps for contributing to the Class Call, I received an honorific label from THE CAVALIER as Historian. I am not and I don't deserve the title. There is only one Historian in the entire PMAFFI, and that is Dr. (Col) Cesar Pobre of the "BINANATAN" Class of '52. He is the professionally certified and recognized Historian who has written many books in collaboration with the Philippine Veterans Administration Office of DND. It has been my wish to

acquire even only 5% of his ability to write and his grit to do intensive research work.

On the subject of label, as I received the label of Historian, I also labeled my classmate Cesar Miel as Mr. "Basket Ball" in the July-Aug issue of the magazine. For SAR Miel who is barely 5'5" could out-run, out-jump, out-maneuver the tallest man in the Squad. No basketball game was exciting if SAR was not playing.

I have diverted too long from my preliminaries. In this issue, I will feature the "lover boy" of the BANAT Class- a more interesting and flavor-full label. Brig General Prudencio (BEBS) Regis personifies youth for a man who will be 93 years old on 23 October 2018. What is his secret? He has found his fountain of youth. If by chance any of my readers would take his lunch at the Cp Aguinaldo Commissioned Officers Open Mess where the PMAFFI holds its monthly fellowship meeting, he will not miss this wonderful couple. Bebs would come in escorted by a young, sweet charming, cute "little doll" who can be my "APO SA TUHOD". It is unavoidable that the officers inside would look at the couple with envy and curiosity.

Bebs' label as "lover boy" aptly describes him and is traced back to Pruda, his first wife, his OAO. Bebs is a very religious man and he loved Pruda deeply, truly and devotedly. Pruda was his cadet femme and their love for each other was sealed in the Ring Hop when she put on his class Ring. We thought that they would take the plunge immediately after graduation like our five other classmates but delayed their marriage until Aug. 6, 1951. They were blessed with seven children, two of whom made generals (Better copies than the original).

Then the tragedy of loneliness as a widower when Pruda passed away. It is often said that losing the woman you truly love has varying reactions for men. I can only speculate that Bebs developed a negative feeling to a woman and looked at her only as an object for physical satisfaction. For a virile, hot-blooded WARAY he didn't have to look for them, they would go to him.

But all things come to an end when he met ELMA, the youthful angel in his life who rekindled and reinvigorated his love and devotion to a woman. It is to the credit of ELMA that for all her youthfulness she has adjusted well and socially with the BANAT survivors and their spouses.

Let me backtrack. Who is Bebs? As a cadet, he was active in many extracurricular activities, but more significantly was his membership with the Gymnastics Club and Boxing Club. It was expected that he would choose the infantry as his branch of service. To prepare himself for his stint in Korea, he took up the Scout Ranger Course. He became a platoon leader with the 19th BCT (PEFTOK). Upon his return to the Philippines, he rejoined his Scout Ranger Regiment and later he was transferred to the PMA to assume both instructor and administrative duties.


I see no set pattern in the assignments of Bebs which reflects the character of the man to want to be everywhere every time. How he was able to place himself in all levels of the military hierarchy and DND, including the Mutual Defense Board, perplexes me. Surprisingly, he joined the Philippines Constabulary and became a Provincial Commander, then came back to GHQ, AFP as the "Governor" of Camp Aguinaldo, and Vice Commander of the AFP LOGCOM. He retired as Commandant of the Command General Staff School.

After retirement he resumed his passion to be everywhere. He became VP of JAI ALAI, VP of the Rotary Club, President of the Enterprise Security Agency. He was with the governing bodies of PADPAO, PEFTOK Veterans Association, AGFO and the Class of '51.

Bebs was fortunate as a WARAY during Martial Law. The seat of power was more on the WARAY Camp than in the BATAAC enclave. Bebs as the first post-war general from Leyte, could not be unnoticed by the fabulous IMELDA and the Romualdes clan. Inevitably, he orbited within the group but Bebs never abused his position.

In the Golden Sword of Class '51, Bebs was characterized as one person who

likes taking risks and basks in his success. He talks quietly, smiles frequently, dances gracefully and lives life to the fullest. To the widowers of the BANAT Class, he invites them, "Come, follow me".

On behalf of my class President let me quote his Morning Report. "No change. All with disability and strong in spirit. We will survive". /Jesus T. Dizon 

Miguel Salvador R Gonzales and Lance Dominic R Ordonez, a grade 7 student at Southridge, also delivered their eulogies. Delivering an emotional response was Patricia Yvette R Ordonez, the youngest of five daughters of Badong.



### On class gatherings

The class held its next affair on 16 September at the Golden Sky Restaurant (formerly Federal), hosted by Buddy Mison. Eight members of the class were present. They were, in addition to the host, Ros Alquiza, Betong Alfabeto, Muni Munoz, Johnny Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina and Rene Tanseco. Accompanying their husbands were Maudie Alfabeto, lone Mison, Ondette Munoz, Pilar Sanchez and Georgie Solina. The widows present were Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Remy Facto, Tess Isaac, Zeny de Guzman, Lolit Parado and Estel Silva.

From the second generation were Alan Munoz and wife MJ with son Mateo, Susan Facto, and Yvette and brother Mark Solina.

The succeeding class gatherings will be on 14 October to be hosted by the male second gen members to be led by Leo Baladad and to be held at the Golden Sky resto. And the November affair will be on the 18th to be hosted by Rene and Mila Tanseco at the Milky Way resto along Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road). The class Christmas party will be held on 9 December at the usual venue, the Golden Sky resto.

### May they rest in peace

The class had two casualties in September. Terry Suarez passed away

on the 10th, following a lingering illness, while Badong Regalado succumbed after a stroke some ten years ago.

On the day after her demise, Terry's remains were cremated. Our class president, Buddy, with some members of the class, visited her during her wake at their residence in Marcelo Green Village, Parañaque and gave to her family the class abuloy of P100,000.

On the 21st, the anniversary of martial law, Badong also followed. The Air Force provided military vigil at his wake at Funeraria Paz in Sucat. On the 29th, a necrological service was held there in his honor. The speakers were Johnny Sanchez who represented the class and spoke of Badong as a cadet, followed by retired PAF vice commander MGen Segundo F Dimapilis, a relative and godson of Badong during his wedding.


Representing the CG, PAF was BGen Augustine Malinit '97, commander of the 580th Aircraft Control and Warning Wing (ACWW), the unit of Badong before he retired. Two grandsons, namely Juan

Ros steered the program as the Emcee. At the end, the other classmates, namely: Buddy Mison, Betong Alfabeto, Muni Munoz, Johnny Sanchez and Rene Tanseco, together with the other PMAyers present, sang the PMA Alma Mater song.

The class 55 ladies present at the necro were Grace Alcaneses, Maudie Alfabeto, Sally Arceo, Arfeli Ecarma, lone Mison, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Pilar Sanchez and Mila Tanseco. Second gen members were Leo and Didi Baladad, RJ Alquiza, Alan Munoz, Bing and Sarah Miranda.

On the 30th, Badong's remains were finally interred at the Manila Memorial Park, beside the tomb of his wife Elding who passed away earlier. He was given funeral honors by the Air Force with a shower of flowers. Members of our adopted class of 2005, in their white duck uniform, served as pall bearers

Present from the class were Buddy and lone Mison, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Rene and Mila Tanseco, Muni Munoz and Ros.

Again, we pray for the eternal repose of their souls and may they rest in peace! /raa 







**B**Gen Tony Lukban, our man from Charlie Coy, CCAFP and PAF fighter pilot, died of cardiac arrest on 1 August 2018, a day before his 87th birthday while viewing an interview of Sen. Ping Lacson in his Facebook. His death was nothing special. He just retreated inside himself and spent his last hours with his own private thoughts. As quietly as he left us, the class however paid tribute to him at his necro services on 4 August 18 at the St. Peter’s Chapel in Quezon Ave. emceed by Levy Malto with Romy David as the lead eulogist, followed by Mel Goyena and four members of the family. The response was made by Atty. Gerard Lukban, the youngest son. Ching Corachea, the class prexy, closed the affair by turning over to Tess, the PHP 40,000.00 and PHP 50,000.00 abuloys from the class and PMAAAI, respectively. He left behind his OAO wifey Tess and five children with their respective families. The next day, his body was cremated ready for the 3 pm turnover of the urn and the flag. Full military honors were rendered by the PAF contingent of honor guards and band. He is the first casualty of the class in the current year and the 29th among the 51 that left Loakan in 1956.

With Tony’s passing, the remaining 22 bogos are accounted for as follows: two PN men from the five (Aparri and Lazo); three PAF men from the seven (David, Farolan and Paiso); six PC men from the 12 (Canalita, Goyena, Malto, Manlongat, Mateo and Villanueva) and 11 PA men from the 27 (Tolentino, Corachea, Macabasco, Ordoyo, Almonte, Pantaleon, Neis, Arevalo, Mangonon, Lara and Fernando). At 83 to 88 years old, the survival rate of the class in the AFP services are: 40% in the PN; 41 % in the PA; 43% in the PAF and 50% in the PC.

After golf at the PN Golf Course on 15 August 2018, Ching Corachea, Romy David, Mon Farolan, Mel Goyena, Levy Malto and Boy Paiso proceeded to the Jade Garden Resto at the Glorieta, Makati to have a good meal and to review what’s up in the class. Ching and Levy, class prexy and secretary, respectively, whose services are always indispensable whenever a mistah dies, have voiced the difficulty in getting necro service speakers due to lack of able-bodied

mistahs to do the talking. Many begged to be excused to do the task while others are malingering or confined in their respective homes.

The PAF group (David, Farolan and Paiso) with their attached members from the PN (Aparri) and PA (Fernando) hosted lunch at the Tandang Sora Room of the Quezon City Sports Club on 25 August 2018, attended by nine couples (Aparris, Coracheas, Davids, Farolans, Maltos, Manlongats, Lazos, Macabascos and the Tolentinos) six widows (Linda Bello, Tess Calip, Nelia Lopez, Tess Lukban, Juliet Suarez, and Plet Brilliantes) and three stags (Tony Fernando, Mel Goyena and Boy Paiso) plus four alalays (aides of FWDs). Msgr. Boy Paiso delivered the lunch prayer followed by a series of announcements/talks made by Romy David, Levy Malto and Ching Corachea. Mon Farolan closed the affair by reminding the attendees that regardless of our dwindling numbers, we must keep moving as a class together. At parting time, packs of bring home impanaditas from Penny Farolan were distributed to the guests.

The oldest surviving member of the class is now Mike Aparri who turned 88 last May followed by Rudy Tolentino this August. It seems that Rudy had already changed

his branch of service from Infantry to Cavalry as shown by his attendance in class socials always mounted in his motorized unarmored wheel chair. Three members of the group, Paiso, Farolan and Fernando are the class’ youngest, all born on August, at 84, 84, and 83, respectively.

The children of Lory Galang, wifey of the late BGen Jack Galang, the ala Valentino tango dancer of Bravo Coy, CCAFP, surprised their mom on her 80th birthday by inviting her friends to lunch at their old residence in Brgy. Capitolio, Pasig. While she was attending to their piggery business at the basement office, guests were arriving at the first floor without her knowledge. When everything was ready, she was ushered upstairs to be dazzled by her guests all clapping, cheering and wishing her a happy birthday. Lory was so touched that she could not prevent shedding tears on what her brood did to cheer her up. For the record, what had started as their modest business venture is now operating at the level of 90,000 heads in three hog farms in Laguna and Cavite, ran by Lory and her children.

The year end Christmas party to be hosted by the PC group will be held at the Club Pilipino at Greenhills on 8 December 2018.



**A**s repeatedly announced, Del Abaya has picked Shangrila Makati as our usual class meeting site. Sufficient parking

available and parking pass assured for all. Below is a photo of one of the lunches we had early in the first quarter which we had failed to show.

**PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019**

Reminder:

We are the 60th Homecoming Jubilarians next year, so we’re hoping we can maximize presence.



Over the past five homecomings, we've only averaged 3-4 attendees, but to ensure use of JH Manor, we reserved last 16 Feb and paid for ten rooms for the 2019 PMA Alumni Homecoming. Benny tried to check if the AIM Conference Center has available rooms but learned that they're not taking reservations after May this year, as their contract with JH Manor expires then. Thereafter here's the status of confirmed attendees:

Room reservations for 2019 Homecoming event 14-16 Feb 2019:  
1. Del Abaya

2. Nick Festin
3. Del Garcia
4. Chuck Agustin
5. Jackie Desquitado
6. Jim Zumel
7. Benny Lomotan
8. Jess Alcordo
9. Max Dumlao
10. Ronnie Baccay

Paco Francisco just called last Monday that his plans had changed, and that he will not be able to return from the US early enough to join so that freed one room. Max Dumlao and Ronnie Baccay previously

texted BEST EFFORT but we need them to confirm.

We need Senior Citizens Cards. Those needing two rooms are: Chuck and Ronnie and we have four rooms waitlisted.

Others interested to attend please inform Chuck ASAP so we can determine if we need to increase the number of waitlisted rooms or look elsewhere, such as Microtel. The Class of 1958 had a good small hotel on Military Cut Off Road last February and we can use some rooms from that hotel as well. But we need your commitments NOW. 🇵🇭



**A** count off of the class shows that there are still 31 members standing, just one over 50 percent of the class. We pray that this percentage will hold up to our diamond jubilee less than two years from now. The class is hoping to hold our diamond jubilee a week after the alumni homecoming in February 2020, similar to what we did in our emerald jubilee. There are just too many PMA alumni now that it is extremely hard to get hotel reservations in Baguio City. Furthermore, the PMA grandstand is just too crowded for us old fogeys to get seats there. There is a new hotel to be opened in Baguio before 2020. Orly and Inday Salientes are trying for a reservation there. John Hay Manor is already fully booked for the 2020 alumni homecoming.

A few members of the class treated Joe Filio for lunch at Lugang Restaurant in SM Aura, BGC last 20 August 2018. Despite his frail health he has managed to travel here from San Antonio, Texas. We were happy to see Nonoy Acot attend the gathering despite problem with his right arm. We salute these two for their indomitable spirit. We have not heard anything about Logic. We hope he is still up and about. I learned from his former caregiver that he stays in Bohol. Jess and Vangie Durian have not attended any class gathering for a long time because of the frail health of Jess.

A few members of the class were invited to a party hosted by the Moroccan Embassy and Rustan. We had occasion to taste some Moroccan dishes. Moroccan products were

on display which were quite exotic. All of us had our names printed in Arabic.

We had a belated birthday celebration in our house 10 August as the Excom members made "kantiaw" to Jenny. The main menu was crabs on special order from Kalibo washed down by white wine. Jenny cooked kalderetang kambing,

Chinese style, etc. Fruits were lanzones, atis, mangoosten, mangoes, bananas etc. Dessert was Jenny's famous leche flan. Perhaps the most memorable remark for the evening was that of the drivers. They said it was the first party they ever attended that they ate the same food as their bosses. My answer was that this






was our custom since I became a military commander starting as 6th Tactical Fighter Squadron Commander in 1974. I have found this practice totally effective to build loyalty. In my whole military career only a Lieutenant and a full Colonel did not follow me in harm's way when all our lives were on the line during the 1989 coup d'etat.

Sting Carino is confined in MMC as I write this column. Last 30 August he fell down and broke three ribs. I am not unduly worried. On 11 September 2001 he survived a major operation with the doctor's prognosis of 5% chance of surviving. I am confident he will still be around for our diamond jubilee.

I got a formal invitation to the 80th birthday celebration of Andy Kagaoan, RSVP, to be held in Staten Island, NY on Dec 01 2018. WOW! To get this all the way from the good USA means this must be a slam bang affair. Thank you very much Lina for

the invitation but it has to be regrets for Jenny and I.

As per email from Nestor, the rehab of Edith Lim after suffering a stroke is ongoing with good results.

Remember mistahs. Nobody is allowed to die before our diamond jubilee in 2020. There !!! /Cav Loven C Abadia '60 



Best greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 and we anticipate the start of Christmas songs everywhere. From our Corporate Secretary's logbook we have the following activities:

**26 August 2018** - Earlier we reported the demise of our Baguio based mistah Cav Jaime V Garlejo. He celebrated his birthday last 20 August 2018 and died 26 August 2018. The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 condoled with his wife Rebecca Arenas Garlejo and children Gary, Glenn, Junior, Ian, Roslyn and Eugene (by his late wife Evelyn Atienza Garlejo). He laid in state starting 29 August 2018 at the St. Peter Funeral Homes, Marcos Highway, Baguio City and was buried in Pyramid Memorial Park, Kias, Baguio City on 2 September 2018. Cava Pert Andaya and Tony Sibayan represented the PMA Matindi Class during the wake.

**01 September 2018** - The 71st birthday celebration of Yayang Abaya Manlongat held at the Mt. Zion Rm, 53th Floor, BSA, Twin Tower Hotel, Pasig City. Yayang was honored by the Manlongat brothers, husband Bob '63, Tom '56 and Justo '69 with children Bob, Jr (+) '00, Herbie, Melai, daughter-in-laws and apos, classmates and relatives from Candon, Ilocos Sur graced the occasion. From the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 we have Reggie

and Marga Lacson, Rudy and Offie Javier, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Cora Blancas, Aida Mayo, George and Gie Aquino, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Kid and Lina Medina, Boy Orevillo and Rene Garcia.

**04 September 2018** - Birthday party of Rosalinda "Rose" Enerio who turned 75. Hosts were Billy himself with children Aurora, Anthony, Nilo and Rico. The event was in Garden Rooms 2 and 3, Marriot Hotel Manila, Newport City Complex, Pasay City. The guests were treated to a light cocktails, finger food, little wine and photo booth after which Father Lorenzo was requested for a blessings of the occasion and of the food. Dinner followed after which a video presentation and cake cutting ceremonies. After which, Billy offered a rose to Rosalinda and danced with her as other classmates offered 18 roses to Rosalinda to the tune

of "Kaydet Girl". This was followed by dancing and more dancing. Members of PMA Matindi Class 1963 and their PAFFS classmates 1965 joined the dancing and the line dancing.

Among the classmates present were Bill and Norma Ruiz, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Rudy and Offie Javier, Jimmy and Brenda Iletto, Arnie Acedera and Marlyn, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Pert and Inday Andaya, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, George and Gie Aquino, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Kid and Lina Medina, Tony Sibayan, Boy Orevillo, Gaps Sabarre, Ven Roallos, Aida Mayo, Cora Blancas, Lillian Romero and Baby Domondon. Everyone enjoyed the food and wines prepared by Marriot Hotel for the occasion.

**23 September 2018** - The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 held a no host lunch at Niu **(To page 28)**





# Pasasalamat

4 October 2018,





# sa Pangulo

## Malacañang Palace







Viking, 5th Floor SM Aura, Taguig City. Sixteen classmates attended and enjoyed the fun/camaraderie of PMA Matindi Class '63 members.


### Birthday Celebrants – September-October 2018

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend our warmest greetings, good health

and good life to all birthday celebrants and may you have many, many more birthdays to come.

**September:** Ching Saavedra – 1, Yayang Manlongat – 1, Rose Enerio – 4, Reggie Lacson – 7, Vicky Capada -7, Rudy Javier – 7, Art Capada – 8, Filo Pante – 13, Eve Venadas – 14, Monet Ong – 15, Ding Salipsip (+) – 26.

**October:** Perla Dario – 1, Beth Arevalo – 2, Nick Blancas (+) – 11, Fred Romero (+) – 12, Leny Valencia – 19, Johnny Andaya (+) – 21, Estela Andaya – 21, Gaps Sabarre – 22.

To all members of PMA Matindi Class of 1963 be happy and active as we are all growing old. Let's keep in touch and prepare for our 56th anniversary comes 2019. (18121605) 



Previous months were dull period for the class. This can be attributed to several typhoons visiting the country and heavy rains causing floods due to "Habagat". Some classmates preferred spending the period abroad visiting relatives, and their children. Winston Arpon together with wife Vicky visited their children in USA. Nonong Saludaes tendered dinner for Winston and Vicky during the couples visit at Nonong's place.

Last 28 August 2018, the class had their quarterly socials and meeting at the Vikings restaurant Aura, Bonifacio Gopal City in Taguig. Among those in attendance were Clem Mariano, Rey and Mrs. Reyes, Terry and Mrs. Dela Cruz, Billy and Mrs. Villareal, Tony Aguilar, Ding Odoño, Guzi and Mrs. De Guzman, Mrs. Bas, Mrs Arevalo, and Mrs. Cortez.

Clem Mariano took the opportunity to call for class meeting after lunch. Among the agenda taken up were:





1. Visit of the class in PMA Fort del Pilar on January 18-21, 2019. Several of our classmates have signified to join the visit. Among them are Clem Mariano, Billy Villareal, Rey Reyes, Arfs Arpon, Terry dela Cruz, Guzi de Guzman. Orly Cabanlig. Jimmy Valeros is coordinating the visit in Baguio particularly hotel accommodation.
2. The next class meeting as agreed upon will be last week of

October. This will be in line with the traditional mass offering for departed classmates. The mass will be held at Bonifacio Army Chapel. Rey Reyes and Terry dela Cruz will be coordinating the affair.

The class '64 fellowship club has not been playing during the previous months. This was due to bad weather. The last golf meeting was that sponsored by Arfs Arpon at Malarayat Golf in Tagaytay.

Birthday Greetings to the following September – October Celebrants:

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| 1. | James Valeros | Sept 10 |
| 2. | Santi Bunoan  | Sept 22 |
| 3. | Rey Reyes     | Sept 30 |
| 4. | Jun Padilla   | Oct 01  |
| 5. | Winston Arpon | Oct 05  |
| 6. | Sol Flores    | Oct 26  |
| 7. | Roger Soledad | Oct 28  |



**MIGUEL A LEONARDO**  
President  
**EVERLINO P NARTATEZ**  
Secretary

It's September again, start of the "BER" months and signaling the start of Christmas season in the Philippines (ONLY IN THE PHILIPPINES). There's a song, "See you in September When Summer is Gone..." for the western countries but here in our country this time September has been a series of typhoons, tropical depressions and habagats that brought a lot of rain in several areas in the country, specially the northern, central and southern parts of Luzon. This September alone, three typhoons coming one after the other visited the country with the latest, Typhoon "Ompong" (International name "Mangkut") bringing more misery and devastations to the country. In the aftermath of Ompong, 81 were reported to have perished due to the floods and landslides in Cagayan province and Cordillera, respectively. About a hundred are still missing in Barangay Ucab, Itogon, Benguet where the landslides occurred particularly in an area reportedly where there was uncontrolled mining operation and again the issue of the ban on such kind of operation came to fore. The typhoon before Ompong was named Neneng and in Marikina, where "Ondoy" was most felt when it occurred in 2009, the people described the same as reminiscent of what happened then. Of course, as usual the people always blame others for what has befallen then without thinking that they themselves are partly to blame. There is an ad which ways that *pagtapon mo ang basura indiscriminately, babalik din sa "yo!!!*

With such disasters and calamities which are both natural and manmade, our



Get together, lunch for birthday celebrants



government and people should really work hand in hand to offset and to reduce the risks associated with such occurrences.

It is for the above reasons that during the last quarter, the class had not have any significant activity except for some Mulawins who after retirement opted to join Service NGOs like the Rotary when they do service above self without expecting any reward for doing so. They are just happy and contended to be able to help others who are in need. But as part of our class tradition to further bond ourselves in friendship, camaraderie and fellowship we just have

to meet for a get together lunch at Buffet 101 in Makati with all the July, August and September born Mulawins hosting the affair. And we are more than grateful that two of our foreign-based Mulawins, Jun Tucay and Joey Mendoza are in town to join us. Jun T is visiting the country with his OAO Daisy. Sayang lang, Nory Azurin who was here on the birthday of the late President Marcos left without meeting the class. So again we are asking our foreign based classmates to just give us a ring (09178131865) if they are around and we'll surely arrange a class get together for them.






Actually due to the very bad weather conditions our class failed to join the PMA Class 70 sponsored golf tournament. If not for weather condition and even in the

absence of our golfer Class President the other golfers and aficionados of the class would have joined the tournament. But surely we will be there battling the other

classes come Homecoming week February 2019.

See you all folks and advance MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!/epn 



**MANUEL P ESPEJO**  
President  
**FREDELINO S BAUTISTA**  
Secretary

*Noong sinulat ang Class Call na ito ay nika-limang linggo na ng Setyembre. Samakatuwid ay BER months na at humigit kumulang na isang daang araw na lang at Pasko na. Natatandaan ba ninyo ang 100 Nite Show noong kadete tayo? Bakit kaya tinawag ng ika – 100 night yon? Dahil ba noong nag-umpisa tayong magpraktis ay 100 na araw na lang at Pasko na? O kaya, sa loob ng 100 na araw, graduation week na? Ang sumagot nang tama, ayon sa otoridad, may premyo galing sa Class President.*

### REWIND

We failed to publish in the July-August issue of the Cavalier Magazine, the celebration of the 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary of Noli and Leonor Espejo held at the new UNILAB Corporate Building in Mandaluyong, Metro Manila. Having successfully survived 50 years of marriage, it was really a cause for celebration for Noli and Leonor, and their children and their families who came all the way from abroad.

The Class prepared an impromptu program for the occasion – with a power point presentation, group singing, music and dancing. Relatives, friends, employees

of APSA and PMA classmates and their spouses were around to witness the “repeat performance”, and participate in the celebration. Those who were around: Temi and Tess Arugay, Louie and April Fernandez, Pons and Cena Millena, Edd and Lil Santos, Fred and Paz Bautista, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Serge and Precy Belleza, Bert and Portia Varona, Viusy and Merci Dauz, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Ding

and Sylvia Wenceslao, Vic and Tita Belo, Tess Reyes, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison, Beth Payumo, Susan Gador, Edna Gopilan and Menong Garcia.

The Class wishes the newly-wed again couple, happy anniversary!

### OTHER CLASS EVENTS

For August and September, the Class had a full calendar of activities. Last





August 5, and August 26, Bing Rivera and Fred Bautista respectively hosted the breakfast fellowships at Max Restaurant, Bonifacio Global City. In 31 August, it was the turn of Sylvia Agudelo and son Josylo to host a lunch as birthday celebrators. This time, it was at the eat-all you can Yaki Mix Restaurant at the Bonifacio Global City. The pictures below show sixty-sixers who were around to greet the hosts/celebrators.

It was, however, a different scenario on 28 August 2018, in so far as Temi and Tess Arugay were concerned. On this date, son Albert Arugay and daughter-in-law Kristine Lasam said "I DO", during their wedding at Santuario De San Jose Parish Church at Greenhills, Mandaluyong City. Reception followed at One Shangri-la Palace Towers. Sixty-sixers and spouses who were around to join Temy and Tess – Noli (a sponsor)

and Leonor Espejo, Pons and Cena Millena, Fred and Paz Bautista, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Ding (a sponsor) and Sylvia Wenceslao, Sylvia Agudelo, Tess Reyes (a sponsor), Susan Gador and Fe Cuison.

On 02 September 2018, it was Jacie Aquino's turn to host a lunch at the PN Gold Club. It was well attended by his children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Jacie's birthday affair was one of the most attended events of Class 66 and spouses. The sixty-sixers who were around: Noli and Leonor Espejo, Temi and Tess Arugay, Fred and Paz Bautista, Pons and Cena Millena, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Bay and Margie Galon, Louis and April Fernandez, Bert and Portia Varona, Vic and Tita Belo, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Jimmy and Agie Bantolo, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Sylvia Agudelo, Susan Gador, Tess Reyes and Fe Cuison.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

The Class greets the following sixty-sixers who came into this world during the months of September and October.

**For September:** Jacie Aquino (11), Serge Belleza (9), Ric Tañedo (19), Tita Belo (02), Lulu de Leon (06), Dolly Lachica (20) and Puri Eco (30).

**For October:** Mar Antonio (25), Viusy Daus (20), Roy Nicolas (24), Edd Santos (16), Tess Arugay (03), Tess Reyes (05), Lita Garcia (15), Margie Galon (17), Cel Cunanan (21).

Surely, we have the most number of birthday celebrators during the months of September and October.

Note: Because of the deadline for this issue, activities which occurred in October will be included in the next issue.



**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

A. The following were our activities in August 2018:

**02 August** – We joined the family of the late Orville Gabuna in commemorating his 40<sup>th</sup> day at Cervini Hall, Ateneo de Manila University Campus, QC. After the Holy Mass and before the dinner, Migo, one of the 8-year old twin sons of Orville and Linz, led the novena for him.

**11 August** – We lost another Dimasupil, Diony Ventura PNP. He died at St Luke's

Medical Center, BGC, due to heart attack. Necrological services were held on 17 August at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani (LNMB) Chapel wherein Mar Santiago, Abe Din and Jun Avenido delivered eulogies on behalf of the Class. The following day, Diony was interred at noontime at the LNMB. The Dimasupils walked alongside his casket towards his final resting place. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Bennie and their family.

**12 August** – Serge and Zeny Austria, Fred and Yoly Encarnacion, Ed and Myrna Espinosa, Vir and Marina Odulio, Mar and Beth Santiago, and Orly and Reem Tucay hosted our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) at the Oriental Palace Restaurant, Morato Ave, QC. Marina, Serge, Orly, Mar, Vir and Ed are birthday celebrators on 3, 11, 16, 19, 23 and 27 August, respectively. During the meeting, we talked about our Social Amelioration Fund and the need to raise funds for this project.

B. Watch out for our schedule for September– October 2018 period, onwards, as follows:

**19 September** – Commemoration of Diony's 40<sup>th</sup> Day at the Ventura Residence in Urdaneta City, Pangasinan.

**29 September** – DMF (Breakfast) to be hosted by Romy and Merle Odi and family in Mom and Tina's Bakery Cafe, Greenhills Shopping Center, San Juan City.

**October** – DMF to be hosted by Aging Alino, Joe and Myrna Andaya, Ching and Papoose Ballecer, Vic and Mely Corpus, Andy and Meds Reyes, and Sammy and Cora Tomas.

**November** – DMF to be hosted by Cords and Myrna Cordero, Ben and Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Vic and Evelyn Villacorta.

**December** – Remembrance Day, Christmas Party and Election of Class Officers.

## UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

During the meeting of the Social Amelioration Committee last 01 September, hosted by Committee Chair Romy Odi at the residence of Ross and Mandie Sibal in Marikina City, it was agreed that as a fundraising project the Class would participate in the PAGCOR Bingo on 16 December 2018 at Casino Filipino – Manila Bay, Manila. It was also agreed to request the more fortunate Dimasupils to give some amount aside from the mandatory contribution.

Sammy Tomas volunteered to be the PNP Representative in the Social Amelioration Committee, vice Diony Ventura.

## UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Pol and Norma Aliac on the

death of Pol's father, Luis Manat Aliac, on 17 August 2018. We pray for his eternal rest with our Lord.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in September and October: Arleen Brawner ( 2 September), Elen Reventar (2), Lettie Baula (3), Claude Francisco (7), Baby Sales (12), Jake Caruncho (23), Tina Quiambao (27), Romy Odi (28), Ruby Torres (28), Vic Corpus (4 October), Lulu Larroza (4), Joe Andaya (6), Ching Ballecer (8), Sammy Tomas (9), Toto Salvana (9), Fredeswinda Enriquez (15), Aging Alino (17), Andy Reyes (17), Rudy Ruelos (21), Mely Corpus (22), Norma Aliac (27), Sonia Briones (29), and Ronnie Ibay (31).


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.

## CLASS TRIVIA

Ed Espinosa has just finished reading a book, written by a certain Professor Erap, with the following synopsis: When wife commands, OBEY; when she travels, ACCOMPANY; when she is wrong, DISREGARD; when she goes shopping, PAY; when she loses temper, ENDURE; when she wants intimacy, PROVIDE; and when she is unreasonable, KEEP QUIET. But according to Ed, the author died soon after writing the book due to STRESS.

Nic Parena shares with us the following words of wisdom: *"Huwag umasa kanino man sa mundong ito. Pati ang iyong anino ay iiwanan ka kung ikaw ay nasa gitna ng kadiliman."*

Ching Aguana, after learning of recent deaths and hospitalizations in our Dimasupil family, remarks: "We need prayers because we are not in the pink of health anymore."

Mabuhay tayong lahat! 



The Board of Trustees met on July 6 and again on August 23. Mel presided the meetings attended by Willy, Art C., Art J., Volts, Sony, Alex and Nori. On both occasions, the board took positive cognizance of our highly successful golden anniversary celebration in Baguio and on-time launch of our "50 YEARS AND BEYOND" during our Anniversary Ball on March 24 at Discovery Primea Hotel in Makati. In attendance also were representatives of classes 69, 70 and 71. Some of them had many good words about our celebration most especially the production of the Golden Sword and the manner it was distributed on the day of our 50th Anniversary.

Mel recommended to the members that aside from the Thanksgiving Mass and the Christmas fellowship which is scheduled at 5 P.M. on December 9, 2018 at AGFO Social Hall, the 2018 Annual General Membership Meeting and Election will discuss the following:

- Status of the Class Fund which presently amounts to P1.5 million. The

Class significantly spent less than budgeted for our 50th anniversary events. Class funds however, are no longer deposited in capital contributions due to stricter AFPSLAI and PNSLAI policies and now earn only 3-5% in savings deposits. Projected annual income from the Class Fund is therefore projected to be well below our regular annual budget of around P350,000. These point to the need to raise CMs' contributions, KKBs and pursue other cost savings.

- Decision of the BOT to reduce the grant to heirs of departing CMs from

P100,000 to P40,000. With the PMAAAI 'abuloy' of P60,000, each departing CM will therefore receive a total of P100,000 from both sources. This matter will be submitted for confirmation as part of the President's annual report during the annual General Assembly meeting on Dec 9, 2018. Other options on and aspects of Fund usage are welcome subject to justifications and other details.

Other suggestions for future class activities came from Amy Palmos (as reported by Sony). He suggested for a joint






celebration of annual golden wedding anniversaries and renewal of vows of CMs and their respective spouses as a Class activity. This was considered a good idea but would need more details on their mechanics. Art Carrillo proposed more fellowships especially during CMs' birthdays. Celebrants are encouraged to invite and host/co-host on their own terms.

Joe (or Pete) Salcedo, a former plebe year classmate, expresses his interest to meet with CMs if and when he visits Manila. Art Carrillo will keep us updated.

Those celebrating their birthdays are encouraged to host/co-host fellowship meetings at their discretion and terms. Agenda is open-ended especially on sustaining a good quality of life.

The meeting adjourned after further, informal and lively fellowship discussions on among other things, the hydrology of excess liquidity under time-related conditions, malpractices on plebes which require official PMA action, and where to mount and manage a lively but affordable fellowship event. 



**PMA CLASS '69 MARCHES ON!**

**Class breakfast for August**

The Class' breakfast for August was hosted by **Ike Begonia** to celebrate his nth birthday! He asked that the event be held in one of the conference rooms at the Navy Golf Club as he prepared a presentation to discuss progress of our Golden Sword.

In line with the homecoming preparation also, Dante's, our designated tailor, came to conduct first fitting for mistahs present. Likewise, Jus presented a list of Suaviter ladies who have yet to submit their measurements to Chynna Mamawal, the Fashion Designer preparing the attire for them.

Our Class President **Jimmy delos Santos** next presented the status of transportation, billeting and other matters relative to the General Homecoming from 15 to 16 February 2019. The list of mistahs and ladies/family members numbering 24 who will stay at the Baguio Country Club was presented. Some mistahs and families will provide their own transportation and rent cottages during the occasion.

Jimmy also presented some updates on PMAAAI which he also heads. One major issue being tackled by the Association is the need to review and evaluate its present organization, functions and operations to improve its structural organization. The 3-year phased implementation is designed to merge PFTJI, PDFI and PETFI with PMAAAI and retain PMAFI.

Among others, the planned reorganization will achieve operational and financial synergies. The streamlined group will achieve significant reduction in administrative costs, i.e., meetings and allowances of board members and costs of reportorial requirements. It will also extend

“greater focus on fund generation and wider coverage of benefits and services to Alumni through PMAAAI”.

**Kaydet Girl Sarla Duller gets herself a PhD degree!**

In 2012, deeply touched by the sad state of healthcare delivery in the Philippines especially in the impoverished and perennially ignored barangays of the country, **Sarla** acted upon the challenge of the keynote speaker of an International Nursing Conference she attended right here in Metro Manila.

After passing a rigorous admission process at UP Manila, she resigned as Advanced Practice Nurse in Los Angeles, California and committed herself to pursue a PhD program at UP Manila College of Nursing, her Alma Mater, where she had previously obtained her Master of Nursing degree.

Her vision was to see an all-inclusive preventive-focused and affordable health care delivery in the Philippines. Her goal was to advocate for the legislation and



Seated (L to R): **Luz Lagman, Ging Begonia, Olive Regala, Vikki Brillantes, Amy Maligalig, Meg Defensor, and Lulu delos Santos.**  
 Standing (L to R): **Jus Manlongat, Boy Maligalig, Jess Regala, Mon Martinez, Rene Aguda, Chris Abanes, Ike Begonia, Jimmy delos Santos, and Benjie Defensor.**



**UP Hooding Ceremony for Dr. Sarla Duller & Jake, hubby & over-all support head!**

institutionalization of Advanced Practice Nursing in the Philippines.

Her objective, which actually became the focus of her doctoral dissertation, was to model a barangay-oriented clinic employing the competencies of Masters-prepared nurses trained as Advanced Practice Nurses (APNs) explicitly targeting

adult patients with hypertension.

After a frequent night-candle-burning three and a half years of academics and a year of intensive researches, interviews, writing and re-writing dissertation, she finally graduated in June 2017 and obtained the right of adding a new title, **PhD (Nursing)** after her name – quite an accomplishment considering many odds.



**GrandPa Dan and apo, Kai, sharing memorable moments in Houston, Texas. Nonoy and Mone Carranza's Growing Family in USA.**

A stickler on the belief that “a happy life is a happy wife”, proud hubby **Jake** says, “I have fully embraced my supporting role as her researcher, technical support, typist, recorder, driver, chore-runner, etc. In gratitude to Almighty God’s grace, we are thankful everything worked out the way it did. Now, we are in the process of deciding whether or not to maintain our residence in Chino Hills, California or to fully consolidate our household here in Las Piñas and Iloilo.”

///**Jake**

**Precious time of Kai Reventar with GrandPa Dan & GrandMa Emy Reventar in Texas**

**Kai Reventar** from Great Falls, Va, recently spent a weeklong summer vacation with his grandparents, **Mistah Dan & Emy Reventar** in Houston, Tx.

They enjoyed building sandcastles on Galveston beach and were thrilled to have watched the 4th of July parade and fireworks display. While in Houston, he loved bonding with his cousin Toby from Houston and experienced watching his first baseball game at the Minute Maid Park which played Houston Astros against the Chicago White Sox. Houston Astros won that evening. **Kai was lucky to have caught a baseball** too during the game!

Surely, the visit of Kai (and parents **Kelly & Yoko Reventar**) to Lolo Dan and Lola Emy, though short, was truly a special treat for everybody! ///**Dan**

Mone and I just flew to Colorado Springs this time for the wedding of our second granddaughter, **Mikee Sadiarin**. ///**Nonoy**

**Suaviter Birthday celebrators**

Birthday celebrators for September and October 2018 are **Rene** (5 Sep), **Dan** (7 Sep), **Pacoy** (8 Sep), **Benjie** (12 Sep), **Vikki Brillantes** (15 Sep), **Chris** (16 Sep), **Jake** (22 Sep), **Pol** (23 Sep), **Jus** (17 Oct), **Lulu De Los Santos** (19 Oct), **Nonoy** (23 Oct) and **Sarla Duller** ( 28 Oct).

**Timely & inspiring quote from Fr Jerry M. Orbos SVD of The Inquirer**

Please allow us to share following quote: **“God blesses us, not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us; not by making our path easy, but by making us strong; not by taking away the hardships, but by taking away fear from our hearts.”** Amen! ///**bingbo69**



**Proud to be with our granddaughter, Angela, and Daniel, a USAF serviceman, and of course, Daisy, our first great granddaughter!!!, (writes Nonoy)**





**EDGAR B AGLIPAY**  
President  
**JOSE C LALISAN JR**  
Secretary

**The New Class Officers and Committee Chairmen**

During the third Quarter meeting last 12 August 2018, our Class President Egay Aglipay announced his officers and committee chairmen, after the class has given him the “blanket authority” to choose his team. The following were designated:

- VP for PNP – Efren Fernandez
- VP for PN – Bing Alano
- VP for PAF – Boy Castellano
- VP for PA – Jerry Albano
- VP for FBMs – Rey Rivera
- Secretary – Joey Lalisán
- Treasurer – Rey Velasco
- Auditor – Aris delos Reyes
- PRO – Dong Tabamo
- Sgts-at-Arms – Dan Francia and Rey Alcasid

Our class advisers are the following: Sen Greg Honasan, Sen Ping Lacson, and PPSC President Dick de Leon. Meanwhile, Mistah Atty Oca Martinez has been designated as our Legal Officer.

For the Committee Chairmanships and members, the following have been designated in connection with our preparations for our Golden Jubilee in 2021 as well as in the management of the activities of the class in general:

- ExeCom/Secretariat**  
EQ Fernandez – Chair  
Bing Alano Vice-Chair



- All VPs – members
- All Committee Chairs – members

- Uniform Committee**  
Romy Dominguez – Chair  
Boy Castellano – Vice-Chair  
Doy Francisco – member  
Twiggy Zubia  
Jack Tan – member

- PMAAAI Affairs Committee**  
Aris delos Reyes – Chair  
Dan Francia – Vice-Chair  
Marte Chioco – member  
Wency Cruz – member

- Transportation Committee**  
Rey Rivera – Chair  
Dong Tabamo – Vice-Chair  
Manny Foronda – member

- Ways and Means Committee**  
Rey Acop – Chair  
Rex Piad – Vice-Chair  
All VPs – members  
Treasurer Rey Velasco – member

- Awards Committee**  
Aris delos Reyes – Chair  
Sec Joey Lalisán – Vice-Chair  
Mel Acosta – member  
All VPs

- Baguio Activities Committee**  
Rolly Garcia – Chair  
Jerry Albano – Vice-Chair  
Tex Balmaceda – member  
Nelson Eslao – member

- Security and Safety Committee**  
Rene Paredes – Chair  
Ruben Domingo – Vice-Chair  
Marte Chioco – member

**Aftermath Activities Committee**

- Twiggy Zubia – Chair
- Jerry Albano – Vice-Chair
- Ed Matillano – member
- JB Ramos – member
- Wency Cruz – member

**Other Activities**


During the third quarter meeting, the committee chairs were requested to submit their proposed budget so that the class treasurer can plan out for this. Treasurer Rey Velasco reported that our class funds are okay and some amount have been invested in several financial institutions that are considered stable.

Members of the Uniform Committee had a meeting in Quezon City hosted by mistah Rey Acop. Amb Jun Paynor modeled some proposed uniforms ranging from formal barong to coat and tie. However, since the Chairman, mistah Romy Dominguez, was not present, the recommendations remained “for further study”. Present in said meeting were mistahs Vic Batac, Twiggy Zubia, Tex Balmaceda, Jerry Albano, and Tito Legaspi.

The class golfers participated in the Battle of the Classes sponsored by the PAF Chapter at Villamor Golf Course last 5 September. Egay, Rex, Jerry and this writer participated and as expected, we tried our best but in vain. However, lucky for us, we won during the raffles. Last 6 September, class '71 together with classes '74,'77, '80, and '83 hosted the Retired Cavaliers Golf Fellowship which was held also in the Villamor fairways. About 125 participants registered who enjoyed the minor and big major raffle items. To make it more interesting, bugo-bugos from '83 led by Cav Robert Soriano included in the raffles

some “naughty” items to the delight of the winners. Our mistah Rex Piad received a special prize for having an “eagle” at hole number 2, a 5-par.

**Last 13 September**, Class Prexy Egay treated the Matatags and Mas-Matatags to his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in the blessings of his new garage in Bicutan and a large warehouse in Sto Tomas, Batangas plus the “boodling”. Before going back to Manila, the group visited the Santo Pio

Church nearby for some prayers. Those in the group were Egay and Mawie, Jerry and Verna, Bert and Marmie, Joey and Celia, Wency and Puring, Rolly and Malou, Aris and Nina, Tex Balmaceda, Jack Tan, Lita Gil, Jennie Domingo, Aleli Belonia, and Tess Paynor. The group was happy to receive sports gadgets as “take homes.” Our special thanks to Egay, Mawie, and son, Michael! JCL// 17 Sep18// 



### Warm greetings to all.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter class social/fellowship was finally held last 09 Sept at Villamor Air Base Golf Club after its postponement last 12 Aug due to bad weather condition. The anti-flu vaccinations started at 5pm administered by our very own Dr. Melba Buenaventura and Pilar Senga assisted by Alyn Lacerna, Mel Hermoso, and Fe Castro. As usual, Odette Bibit and Cely Nobleza efficiently managed the registration. They have been doing this for so many years. First and foremost, God is always in our hearts. Like previous class activities we had, we always start with opening prayer and this time Cora de Vera eloquently delivered the prayer that I would like to share to you. It was a very inspiring and beautiful prayer written by Freddie and Cora. “*Lord, we classmates and better halves of PMA Masigasig Class of 1972. And we put ourselves under the mantle of Your presence, as it is You who said that whenever two or three are gathered together in your Name, there you are in our midst.*”

*O Lord, we are gathered for our quarterly celebration.*

*We lift ourselves, especially the birthday celebrators, to*

*You, in jubilation.*

*Three hundred sixty-five days have come and gone,*

*Yet another three hundred sixty five days we face*

*we welcome.*

*Life has shown us its twists and turns, highs and lows.*

*Everyday is a constant struggle, but on, life goes.*

*Life is a wheel they say, and as it rolls,*

*just like us, we’ve taken life’s tolls:*

*Sometimes it’s up, sometimes it’s down; many times we smile, a fewer times we frown.*

*The future is but one tomorrow away, We age, have wrinkles, with our hair turning gray.*

*With contrite heart, for blessings we ask.*

*Grant us your providence, O Lord guide us in every task.*

*Make us channels through which your love flows.*

*For our better halves, our children, down the line it goes.*







*Good health and peace of mind we pray for,  
Goodness and kindness too, if it is not asking for more.*

*TLC and understanding among family and kin;  
Peace and harmony for our country, from without and within.  
Good company, as Mistahs and Ladies together face the sunset;  
The sincere vibes we remember, the misunderstanding we forget.*

*Through all our lives' changes, You have been constant O Lord.  
We thank you, we love You, we believe Your every word.  
For all these, at the very least, O Lord, our gratitude  
We offer praise and glory from our hearts we utter  
These our Father, we pray, through the intercession of the  
Blessed Mother, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Thank you Freddie and Cora for that inspiring and meaningful opening prayer. God bless. Going back to the highlights, 57 Mistahs and ladies graced the occasion. Queck Ebuén and company provided the entertainment pro bono as usual. Coincidentally, it was Queck's birthday so we let him do the singing. We had no choice but to enjoy listening to his version of Elvis and Beatles contemporary songs. Not to be out done, our Masigasig crooners led by Gene, Queck, Ogie and Boogie complemented the band with their

rendition of medley songs. Same with our lady dancing queens who took the center stage and danced graciously in between bingo games and raffle draws. We were happy to see Albin Rivera joined the group singing sans his favorite gadget (camera) since his glamorous days as cadet. It was a positive indicator that he is doing well now. It appears his physical condition is improving tremendously. As an established class tradition, we acknowledged and greeted our birthday celebrators for the months of June, July and August with songs and cheers and shared the slices of cake over cups of hot coffee.

It behooves for us to acknowledge and give credit to whom it is due. To our class Prexy Teody and his bunkmate Choly thank you so much for your guidance and leadership. To Pol and Alyn Lacerna who practically did the overall preparation and coordination of the whole affair to insure

its success. Thanks also to DR. Melba and Pilar for painless vaccination and to Ludy, our emcee emeritus. And to all kind-hearted Mistah who donated raffle prizes: Teody & Choly, Bing & Yolly Valencia, Pol & Alyn Lacerna, Pepe & Ludy, Mel & Emy, Manding & Mila, Queck & Faith, Ric & Cely, Monying & Vangie, Gil & Neris, Cel & Beth, Boots, Johnny & Tess, Freddie & Cora, Celso & Fe and of course to Manong Ben de Leon for consistently bringing ham and pandesal every time we have social gathering. TO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOD BLESS AND MAY YOUR TRIBE INCREASE.


**ERRATUM:** The Quarterly Fellowship of BIRC is a project of the BIRC Board of Directors where Babes Flores is the Vice President of the Board and not BIRC President as stated in the July-August 2018 issue of the Cavalier Magazine.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

Best wishes and felicitations to our birthday celebrators for October: Tess Salvana, Willy & Lennie Mejia, Abe Abesamis, Ed Pimentel, Marian Sua, Nanette Valles, Narcisco Catalan (dec), Jacky Lomobao and Jess Albano( dec). Happy birthday and may have more to come.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:**

*"Life isn't about your age. Life is about living. So when your birthday comes, be thankful for the years just past and anticipate with a happy heart what the coming years will bring"...Catherine Pulsifer.*

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





## CLASS ACTIVITIES:

### 1. AGFO-related Class Activities

The Class attended the fellowship meeting of AGFO on 12 July, at the Ricarte Hall of the Philippine Army Officers Clubhouse with Army Commanding General Lieutenant General Rolando Joselito Bautista of the AFP as Guest of Honor. Present were Pons Crucero, an AGFO officer/director, Romy Tolentino, Bong Franco, Jun Abueg, Buddy Esguerra, Manny Carta and Bepbep de Luna. During this meeting, Bepbep De Luna took his oath as a new member of the AGFO.

Citing the remarks of Bepbep to wit:

*"Salamat po. I enjoyed my first exposure to the AGFO being a new member. It was like a reunion of friends, especially those who I haven't seen for a long time. Complete ang condiments, coffee, sugar, and cream, delicious food, both for snacks and dinner, interesting stories and presentation, and of course good music was also provided by Los Caballeros. Nobody has remained to be young but some still appeared young-looking. Congratulations to AGFO for providing a venue for all of us to continue our service to the nation."*

Class president Pons Crucero announced that the following PMA Class 74 members who are members of AGFO and the



AGFO Foundation are entitled to benefits from the association: Danny Abinoja, Jun Abueg, Ernie Belen, Danny Bocobo, Manny Carta, Pons Crucero, Buddy Esguerra, Jun Esperon, Bong Franco, Pete Fernando, Willy Garcia, Aji Gutierrez, Skeet Nano, Jun Noble, Rudy Obriana, Nick Pasinos, Nick Radovan, Pete Ramboanga, Sonny Razon, Boy Roero, Tatto Salud, Chichoy Tolentino, Romy Tolentino, Sonny Tolentino, Amy Tolentino and Rey Varilla.

We also supported the fund-raising activity of AGFO during its Golf Fellowship Tournament at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club on 22 August 2018. As a whole, the Class is the biggest contributor to this event. Class President Pons Crucero thanked the following Marangals and friends for their all out support: Jun Esperon, Damian Carlos, Buddy Esguerra, Boy Romero, Bong Franco, Ricky dela Paz, Rogie Calunsag, Willy Garcia, Jun Noble, Sonny Razon, Pete Fernando, Jess Crisologo, Harry Limtong, Fidel Sy, Hanson, Jun Abueg, Romy Tolentino, Ace

Tolention Gene Cedo, Jun Lopez, Amy Tolentino, Danny Abinoja, Romy Buenaflor, Pete Ramboanga, Pete Tan, Tato Salud, Ralph Amador, Nap Concepcion, and Nick Manalo.

Several Marangals won special awards as well: Jun Esperon was the lowest Gross Champion; Jun Noble won the lowest Net trophy; Rogie Calunsag won the Most Accurate Drive and; Ricky dela Paz won the Nearest to the Pin.

Even those who did not win special awards did not leave empty-handed as all Marangals who attended won raffle prizes. No one was left out. Over and above all, the biggest winner is of course the camaraderie and fellowship fostered amongst AGFO members during this activity.

We share the vision of AGFO Inc. to be the government's partners in nation-building and to be a strong and united voice in public affairs, especially on matters relating to national defense and security. As retired officers of the PNP and PCG, we possess collective wellspring of intellect and experience essential in furthering public awareness and understanding of important public issues and concerns.

Mabuhay ang AGFO! God bless our nation.

### 2. Golf Fellowship and Tournaments

Marangal Golfers have been very active lately in playing and competing in different golf tournaments and fellowships here and abroad:

#### 1 July 2018

- at Douglaston Golf Club, New York City, Jun Esperon had a fellowship golf with







East Coast based mistahs: Pards Espejo, Vldy Punto and Ralph Amador (adopted member).

**11 July 2018**

- at Berkshire Valley Golf Club, New Jersey. High low match between Pards Espejo '74 and Bobby Aviso '73 versus Sonny Razon '74 and Vldy Punto '74. Razon and Punto won the friendly game.

**12 July 2018**

- at Bay Area, California Jun Esperon and Danny Abinoja played with California based mistahs and upperclassmen: Tony Ramos, Larry Doria, Ray River '71, Archie '71 and Pepo '75.

**1 August 2018**

- at PNGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Corps of 70 and Retired Cavaliers Golf Tournament, Marangal golfers were Pons Crucero, Jun Noble, Sonny Razon, Ed Doromal, Amy Tolentino, Rene Rieza, Willy Garcia and Ricky dela Paz (Team Captain). Best 5 to count, UNHS applied. Class 74 finished at 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**7 August 2018**

- at Beverly Place Golf Club, Pampanga Danny Javier's Par 71 Golf Fellowship, participated by Sonny Razon, Willy Garcia, Ed Doromal, Rene Rivera, Amy Tolentino, and Romy Carlos. Amy Tolentino won the Class C Champion's Trophy.

**22 August 2018**

- at CAGC, AGFO Fellowship Golf. Perhaps inspired by the resurgence of Tiger Woods, on the basis of his strong and superb performance at the British Open and 100<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship, a record number of Class 74 golfers and associates signified their intent to participate in th AGFO Fellowship Golf this past August 22. Players

were listed hereunder not necessarily in the order of handsomity or alent in golf. Romy "Pogi" Tolentino, Totey Cedo, Willy Garcia, Romy Buenaflor, Sonny Razon, Pons Crucero, Rene Rieza, Elbon Noble, Jun Esperon, Sonny Tolentino, Ricky dela Paz, Jun Lopez, Amy Tolentino, Rogie Calunsang, Lito Gutierrez, Danny Abinoja, Pete Ramboanga, Tatoo Salud, Damian Carlos, Danny Bocobo, Benny Cabrieto, Romy Carlos, and Temonts Monte. It was a great day with lots of fun and fellowship amongst classmates, friends and other members of the Association.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:**

Belated birthday greetings to all birthday celebrants for the months of July and August. May the Lord continue to bless us all with good health, happiness and long life.

**July:** Jack Binuya (3), Lito Gamit (22), Nick Pasinos (22).

**August:** Pete Cruz (1), Rogie Calunsang (2), Pons Crucero (2), Lito Gutierrez (2), Jun Abueg (3), Lakay Lagasca (6), Aji Gutierrez (21), and Romy Tolentino (24). 🍷



**"LIFE IS LIKE A MOVIE"  
IF YOU ARE SAD - DRAMA  
IF YOU ARE AFRAID - SUSPENSE  
IF YOU ARE ANGRY - ACTION  
WHEN YOU LOOK  
AT THE MIRROR - HORROR  
NOW YOU ARE SMILING - THAT'S COMEDY**

Greetings of peace to Magilas mistahs and family!

BER Months already. Time seems to fly so fast. Let us enjoy life, Bond more with each other, be ACTIVE and take care of our health and physical well-being, as well as that of our partners and families.

Our next class activity will be the MAGILAS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT on October 8, 2018 at the Philippine Navy Golf Course. Let us all contribute support to make this major activity a big success. Advanced congratulations to Golf Chairman

Vic Boco for the preparation and conduct of this tournament.

Also put in your calendars our Year-end General Assembly and Christmas party to be held on Dec 9 at the Philippine Army Officer's Club. This year's affair will be handled by Sammy Narcise as the overall party coordinator. There will also be an election of NEW CLASS OFFICERS. Comelec chairman Joe Solidum will be preparing the new rules concerning this.

**DISSEMINATIONS:** Mistahs, aside from our Magilas Yahoo group wherein Birthdays, class activities, emails, and Class Calls can be read, we also have our Magilas Viber group, and Magilas Facebook Messenger group. We encourage all members to post significant news, announcements, messages, and decent photos. Jokes and spiritual messages can also be posted as long as they are not too long and corny. Always check so that you will always be updated in class activities and news. Thanks.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Our felicitations to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Gloria Goltiao – **Sept 1**, Sendong Ferrer - **Sept 5**,

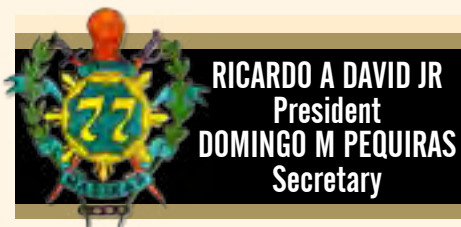
# CLASS CALL

Chris Tanabe – **Sept 11**, Cynthia Verzosa – **Sept 12**, Mary Ann Lino – **Sept 13**, Grace Acuña – **Sept 14**, Cholo Carlos – **Sept 16**, Joel Goltiao – **Sept 19**, Retep Labiano – **Sept 23**, Alice Hilomen – **Sept 28**, Myrna Divinagracia – **Sept 30**, Lourdes Ramirez – **Oct 1**, Tui Deemongkol – **Oct 6**, Cecille Boco – **Oct 7**, Ely

Dela Paz – **Oct 9**, Ariel Zerrudo – **Oct 9**, Abner Cabalquinto – **Oct 9**, Rose Gurrea – **Oct 9**, Louie Ticman – **Oct 10**, Tess Calderon – **Oct 10**, Malou Esguerra – **Oct 13**, Ed Gurrea – **Oct 15**, Bing Dacanay – **Oct 16**, Shirley Golez – **Oct 17**, Maria Montelibano – **Oct 17**, Alex Yapching – **Oct 18**, Wilson Young – **Oct 18**,

Jojo Maligalig – **Oct 19**, Pol Bataoil – **Oct 22**, Raffy Dacanay – **Oct 24**, Efren Veran – **Oct 28**, and Joey Paz – **Oct 31**. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

REGARDS AND BLESSINGS TO ALL. 



### RECENT ACTIVITY:

The Masikaps have been in hibernation mode the past months, brought about by the frequent rains and even typhoons. The usual outdoor activities were hampered for those engaged in biking, golfing and walking. However, most of them are pre-occupied in tending their beloved ‘apos’, the ‘apos’ tolic work, as they say, which, of course are very most welcome by their children. Lolos, and most especially lolas, are much more caring to their apos than their own parents. Not all

of us are blessed with ‘apos’ but the same, we have to keep ourselves moving by taking various exercises that can be done indoors.

We have to keep ourselves healthy as always, fellow Masikaps! Recently, we learned that Nes Castro has to stay in his home province in Pangasinan to take a respite from the city life due to some material fatigue in his body component. So, with Sayong del Rosario, who has to forego his plan of starting to have a golf driving lesson, due to same reason as Caster. Recent update from these two mistahs revealed that they are already well. That’s good news.

The Masikap also successfully joined the 3rd Quarter Corps of 70s golf fellowship last September 6 at Villamor Golf Course, by fielding more than the required to count players. Raffy Pabustan, Lino Lapinid

Dan Cortez, Art Mancenido, and Sunny Pequiras were able to take a snap shot before teeing off. Not in picture were Andy Caro, Piloy Melliza and Vic Agdamag. For the past quarters, we haven’t fielded enough players making our class the talk of the fellowship. After all, it is the love of the game and the fellowship that matter over winning the championship. This time, it was Raffy’s luck to have won many of the raffle prizes.

Some of the Masikap birthday celebrators want the Chicken Club be held in places other than the usual AFPCOC. Lino Lapinid, who celebrated his birthday last September 23, changed the venue to Vikings Buffet at SM MegaMall. It was a fun-filled celebration with most of the available mistahs and ladies graced the occasion. Our thanks to Lino for hosting that Chicken Club.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:**

**Month of September**

- 1. Taluban AI 02
- 2. Catacutan MA 04
- 3. Cataluna JG 04
- 4. Bacalzo RM 15
- 5. Melegrito JM 18
- 6. Sevilla BF 18
- 7. Villa GP 20

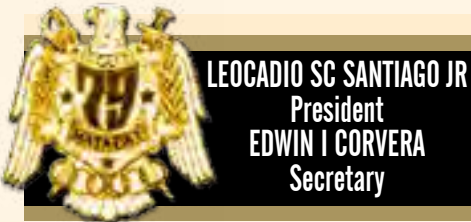
- 8. Lapinid LE 23
- 9. Calingasan LD 23
- 10. Castro NC 23
- 11. Hontanosas AL 29

**Month of October**

- 1. +De Guzman LG 02
- 2. Caumeron EJ 04
- 3. Abat VB 07

- 4. Sunglao AH 11
- 5. Askalani MNA 13
- 6. Garingo JG 15
- 7. Agdamag VM 18
- 8. Heredia RF 18
- 9. Del Rosario CM 19
- 10. Avelino CE 26

Till next issue, mga mistah!



**LEOCADIO SC SANTIAGO JR**  
President  
**EDWIN I CORVERA**  
Secretary

Every time PMayers meet together, especially classmates, they talk about the good old days. The members of the PMA class of 1979, otherwise known as the Matapat Class or The Loyal Eagles, are expected to be no different. We proud members of PMA Matapat Class of 1979 do enjoys reminiscing the good old days and talk about it also but we talk also of present and the future. We talked of our passage along the hallways of cadet barracks and the intimidating road trips on Kennon Road going to the plains and going back to the hollowed grounds of Fort Del Pilar. Exchanged accounts are so vivid about the past that evoke boisterous laughters among those gathered and nostalgic taughts how we Loyal Eagles soared through our cadetship and uniformed service careers.

Recently Matapat Gavino Valentin journeyed back to the Philippines from his adopted country - Germany. Either he had intimidated the Germans with his rocky musculature or convinced the Germans that his northern Philippine accent is

authentic Bavarian we will never know. He regaled us with his recollections of how to turn turtle an M35 truck while driving it without authority! Thanks to our Creator, no fatal injury among the passengers. We cannot forget how landing in one of his skydive hit a Meralco electric post and instead of him being injured, the electric post toppled down probably causing brown out somewhere. The Matapat Army Group under its group president Matapat Mark Supnet hosted Matapat "Bato" Valentin and his life love and bunkmate Emily a wonderful dinner.

Matapat PMA Class of 1979 is not unique compared to other PMayers, we members of PMA Class of 1979 enjoys our

well earned retirement, love of our family and passion to show we earned what we are enjoying now. Travel is one way we pay back our beloved wife and family. Regular travel abroad makes our partnership and married life with our wife adds sweeter twist and taste. One classmate took this traveling so seriously that he started a travel agency called Jamori. What it means is yet to be revealed to us by Matapat Rizaldo Tungala, our latest travel agent. He has packages for any travel any traveler wanted to take, from budget to high class. God bless and be blessed with success Matapat Tungs Tungala.

Often times, we hear retired PMayers say, "retired na tayo - hayaan na natin



The avid golfers of PMA 1979 2nd Battalion, CCAFP

and active to take it up...". Is it not sad that when we retire, we totally withdrew from our everyday reality? If it does not concern us, do not act. Apathy - the hateful word. Fortunately even with perennial questionnaire for reason they do not ask during project presentation or were absent, Matapat PMA class of 1979 do not stop advocating dynamism and action. Out of three advocacies, the "From Arms to Farms" Urban Farming Advocacy of PMA Class 1979 was launched as Proof of Concept at Philippine Navy Golf Club. The project was headed by Matapat Dino Juan and Matapat Rex Reomono. We hope here to address even in a small way food sufficiency among uniformed servicemen, their families and friends in limited space.



From arms to farms - drum planters at PN Golf Club.



25 Sep 2018. Deadline. To doze or not to doze? Well, it is 2330H already and I'm still awake thinking what to write and tell you . . .

Last Saturday (22 Sept 2018), the September Boys hosted a fellowship lunch at our regular venue, Greenhills' Gloria Maris Resto. From the 10 celebrators (Nolet Ojeda – 2, Rainier Cruz – 6, Ces Ordoyo – 8, Gerry Layug – 12, Alex De Guzman – 16, Bong Cabantac – 18, Dante Balao – 23, Paco Francisco – 24, Junie

Carbonell – 25 and Ige Rodriguez – 28), three were not able to make it. Alex is in CONUS, Gerry is unaccounted and Dante was terribly hit by the recent Typhoon Ompong. As the Regional Director of OCD and NDRRMC of Region 2, he cannot leave his AOR.

What was significant in the celebration, the wives of the celebrators were allowed to join this time because they are the ones paying the bill daw ha-ha. There was less worry anyway, the 30 attendees are senior citizens already, except for a couple of ladies (I cannot say who they are because the names not mentioned might get mad at me for divulging their ages hehe). Another thing, no more blowing of the candle! Somebody said, assorted salivas go to the cake and this is not hygienic hehe. To put off the light, celebrators have to clap their hands over

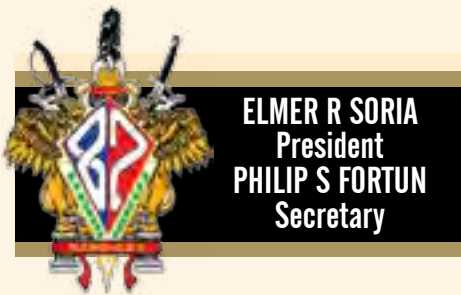
the candle at the same time while making their wishes . . .

**Announcement:** The Mapitagan Christmas Party will be on 16 Dec 2018 (Sunday) at 11:30am in Oakwood/Joy Nostal, ADB Ave. Ortigas Centre (same venue as last year and the years before). For clarifications, whenever the phrase, **"For Couples Only"**, is mentioned, it means: the party is strictly for the Mapitagan men or ladies. You cannot bring the whole barangay with you! This was already explained so many times before by our class president that widows, widowers and those without partners (due to reasons that their spouses are unavailable) may join!

For motorcycle enthusiasts: Join the new Hagibis Group of Mae Mendoza and Rainier Cruz and explore the country side...







**G**reetings, mga mistah! Once again, the “BER months” are upon us and before we realize it, pasko na! Kaya never mind kung rushing for priority ako. I just would want to be first in greeting all the Sandigans and our loved ones wishes for a joyful Christmas ahead of us! And if I may emphasize, I would like to add that this goes with a longing and prayer that, for each and every one of us, this coming Christmas would be a meaningful and blessed Christmas, as we are not getting any younger. Hopefully, wisdom has already caught up with our years and now know what should really be our foremost priorities in life. Hint: Are we now ready to meet Our Maker when our appointed time comes? Whatever be our individual beliefs, our appointed times are set, whether we like it or not. So, let us not be caught “relaxing in the hallway”, okay, mga mistah?

Having said that, one preoccupation that has kept most of the Sandigans active lately is the gentleman’s game of golf. Last 1 August 2018, our Class emerged the champion during the Corps of 70s and Retired Cavaliers Golf Tournament, which was participated in by 16 PMA classes (1970 to 1985) at the PN Golf Course. Way to go, Sandigan Golfers! Congratulations!

Just recently, our Army Sandigans committed to get together in fellowship once every quarter with their spouses. True enough, birthday and wedding anniversary celebrants for the 2nd/3rd Qtr were honored and toasted to last August 18, 2018

at The Riviera in Silang, Cavite. Rolly and Jojo M. graciously hosted the Army Sandigans in their beautiful home for brunch, which was capped with a sumptuous fellowship dinner and cocktails later in the evening. In between, the Sandigans in attendance grouped themselves into the Riviera Langer Course Golfers Group and the Tour Group of Army spouses gallantly escorted by the non-golfer husbands. Who else? Is not?!

The golf fellowship game at the Langer Course was especially arranged by Max C. and Rolly B. for three flights. Golfers Willy B., Ding D., Chito T., Natz O., Oddie D., Gammy C., Sammy G., Alex C., Pat P., Romy N. (Yes! May Navy rep!), and Manny C., gamely faced the challenges posed by undulating narrow fairways, difficult roughs, and unpredictable greens. Nevertheless, all enjoyed the unique ambiance of the Langer Golf Course, a welcome change from their usual venues inside camp. Thus, plans for a return trip are already in the works!

The local tourist group led by Rolly M., Jun A., Cens M., Danny E., Audie D., and Ivan S.

escorted the ever beautiful Sandigan ladies for tour and shopping. They also visited Cens and Lanie M.’s Tagaytay home where they were hosted to some light merienda. Likewise, Rolly and Amy P. gave the ladies a brief tour of their Riviera home in the evening. Particularly, the group welcomed the attendance of the fully recovered and healthy Santi B., escorted by his lovely and blooming wife, Ana. The generous boodles and goodies brought in by mistahs were fully enjoyed by everyone. Because of the good attendance, some Army Chapter report updates were discussed and program budget/expenditure plans ratified. Next stop: Tanay in last week of October! Let’s go, Army! Sama tayo, Navy, Air Force, and PNP!

Our warm greetings to our September and October celebrants!

**For September birthdays:** (01) Ninoy A. and Edwin E., (04) Elmer S., (06) Bong L., (08) Cecil C., (09) Jojo DL. and Manny T., (10) Boy S., (15) Allen F., (18) Anthony DG. and Andy G., and (26) Jun G.







**Wedding anniversaries:** (10) Manny and Tess O. and Joey and Rosalinda S., (14) Leo and Didi B., (26) Chito & Jovy T., (29) Noel and Genefer DR.

**For October birthdays:** (01) Ed L., (02) Dan B., (03) Bien C., (04) Renoir P. and Fidel P., (05) Alfred F., (06), Jet V., (07) Ed A. and Jess D., (09) Willy O., (10) Aldred L., (19) John B., (21) Agrimero C., (22) Joey S. and Noel T.,

(23) Godo U., (24) Manny O., (26) Rudy I., (27) Jimmy M., (28) Sammy G. and Rod J., (29) Rogelio D., and (31) Arman B.

**Wedding anniversaries:** (10) Kleng and Maribeth C., (16) Eli & Catherine P., (21) Rolly and Josephine M., (22) Lester and Weng C. and Godo and Joy U., (26) Jorge and Annabel C., (27) Jun and Vicky C. and Willy and Analiza F.

If ever there are wrong spelling sa names, especially of our ladies, mea culpa. I accept full responsibility and rest assured that it was unintentional. If may hindi naman nabanggit, kindly submit your updated info to me via SMS, FB Mesenger, or Viber so that our Class Directory could be updated. Thank you. -JimMonta82-



### Sinagtalans in the PNP Command Group

Congratulations to the three newly promoted mistahs in the PNP Command Group last 1 September 2018. With this promotion, the Command Group now are all members of the Sinagtalans! After our Chief, PNP, PDG OSCAR D ALBAYALDE, these three are now occupying the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> positions in the organization, namely PDDG FERNANDO H MENDEZ JR as the Deputy Chief, PNP for Administration, PDDG ARCHIE FRANCISCO F GAMBOA as

the Deputy, Chief PNP for Operations, and PDIR CAMILO PANCRATIUS P CASCOLAN as the Acting Chief Directorial Staff.

High praises are also given to our snappy classmates on the various significant posts they now lead at the National Headquarters with PCSUPT REYNALDO G. BIAY as the Acting Director for the Civil Service Group and PCSUPT MARIEL M MAGAWAY as the Deputy Director for Intelligence.

Our hats off also to PCSUPT ELISEO T RASCO for being designated as the Regional Director of Police Regional Office 12.

We are all so proud of you, fellow Sinagtalans!

### PNP's "Best of the Best"

The PNP celebrated its 117<sup>th</sup> Police Service Anniversary last August 8, 2018. with no other than the President Rodrigo

“Digong” Duterte himself as the Guest of Honor and Speaker who graced the event at the PNP Grandstand, Camp Crame, Quezon City where distinguished PNP units and personnel were recognized and awarded because of their remarkable contributions to the success of police operations.

Among the unit awards, the Best Police Regional Office was awarded to PRO 4A headed by a Sinagtalan, PCSUPT EDWARD E CARRANZA. PRO 3 under the leadership of its Regional Director, PCSUPT AMADOR V CORPUS also received a Special Award on Exemplary Accomplishment in the Solution of Sensational Criminal Case.

The annual search highlighted the triumphant efforts made by the police in tandem with the community in battling the perennial drug problem and safeguarding the overall peace and security of the nation. Nominees underwent a very strict screening, selection and validation processes which involved accomplishments review and panel interview.

### Time to Retire, Sinagtalans!

The following mistahs will be saying, “So Long, Farewell!” to their beloved services very soon. May Lord Almighty guide you in your next endeavor.

Name	Date of Retirement
GIMUTAO, ADRIANO M	8 September 2018







Members of the GHQ Sinagtala General and Flag Officers led by the new TDCSAPP at the Hall of Flags. MGEN ARNEL DUCO and COL BENJAMIN CASTRO are still wearing their beloved uniforms.

DUCO, ARNEL M	8 September 2018
TRAMPE, AURELIO C JR	16 September 2018
CASTRO, BENJAMIN M	30 September 2018

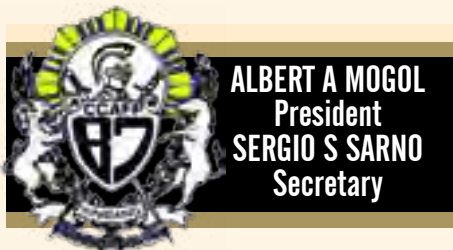
**Birthday Greetings**

Happy Birthday to the following celebrators for the month of September and October:

SEPTEMBER	
GAMBOA, ARCHIE FRANCISCO F	2 September
MOLINA, GUILLERMO A JR II	5 September
DUCO, ARNEL M	8 September

GIMUTAO, ADRIANO M	8 September
BENIGAY, EDDIE B	9 September
SARONA, ELMO FRANCIS O	10 September
RASCO, ELISEO T	13 September
TRAMPE, AURELIO C JR	16 September
RIGOR, WILLIAM Y	17 September
SOLIBA, BISMARCK D	20 September
FAJARDO, IRVING D	22 September
PACLEB, TIMOTEO G	23 September
CAMPOS, BAYANI GERARD E	24 September
TAPAWAN, WENCESLAO I	28 September
CASTRO, BENJAMIN M	30 September

OCTOBER	
MACOGAY, ARTHUR L	1 October
DELA PAZ, LEODEGARIO D	2 October
CORPUS, AMADOR V	3 October
LIM, ANTONIO RAMON A	4 October
PEÑA, ENRICO T	5 October
MAGAWAY, MARIEL M	8 October
ESCARCHA, ELIAS H	11 October
MENDEZ, FERNANDO H JR	12 October
ACIO, ROSAURO V	15 October
AQUINO, REYNALDO M	25 October
CABANGBANG, CRISANTO A	25 October
CESAR, JACINTO A	29 October



**ALBERT A MOGOL**  
President  
**SERGIO S SARNO**  
Secretary

**NOW SHOWING:**  
“HINIRANG STARS” at marami pang iba!!

Et to na naman po kami wishing to share significant events of the Hinirangs☺

**PROMOTIONS TO STAR RANK AND CONFIRMATION:**

Effective 16 Aug, Manongs SJ Sobejana and Andro Baclayon were promoted to 2-stars joining the ranks of both Hinirang

AFP and PNP 2-star generals and our fellow Hinirangs on the other side of EDSA – of course the PNP, won’t be left behind. Manong Caesar Hawthorne Binag is also promoted to Police Director rank as he now heads the Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Management.

**ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND:**

As part of reorganization to fully complement the thrust of the top PNP hierarchy, some of the Manongs were reassigned to different positions of responsibility. Manong Tom Apolinario - our SPD Director and for the longest time – has occupied the position among the original Hinirang District Directors in NCRPO– has replaced Manong Ringo Licup in PRO IV-B (MIMAROPA) who went to PRO IX. Meanwhile, Manong Loy Morales

who barely warmed his seat at PRO 12 in GenSan has been transferred to PRO 11 based in Davao City

**ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Manong Bong Fajardo team in the Highway Patrol Group has caught again Rafaela Anunciacon - the elusive brain behind the biggest perpetrator of car-rental scam that victimized people from Metro-Manila, Southern and Central Luzon brains and this time, the lady’s luck could have ran out since Manong Bong intends to file carnapping charges on top of the 14 estafa charges Anunciacon’s group face.

Manong Pete Suchianco’s Reservists’ unit bagged one of the most coveted AFP accolades and the picture at the next page aptly described it ☺. His unit - the 1<sup>st</sup> TAS Bde, ARESCOM took a very active





participation in the rescue and relief efforts in Marikina and environs at the height of the recent typhoon “Karding” that hit Metro-Manila. KUDOS to you and your unit!

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:**

The Class held a fund-raising premier night of the action film “The Trigonal” – a film written and directed by a Hinirang

- **VINCENT SOBERANO** (Muay Thai World Champion, UFC Coach and award-winning filmmaker). It was held in Cinema 4, SM Megamall Building A, Mandaluyong City last 22 September 2018. This movie truly highlights the fight between the good and evil - the community and the Police side by side against the fangs of criminality epitomized by the drug menace with Police Director General Oca D Albayalde as the



Guest of Honor. Part of the proceeds will be intended to extend assistance to the families of our departed “mistahs”.

**PROGRAM FOR THE AFP:**

Philippine Airlines (PAL) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) signed a memorandum of agreement providing travel privileges in the form of discounts on domestic economy or business class tickets. The flag carrier said the discount is 20 percent off the base fare of a ticket and will include free baggage allowance. The agreement was signed by AFP Chief-of-Staff Gen. Carlito Galvez Jr., Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel Brig. Gen. Erickson Gloria, AFP Morale and Welfare Division Chief Lt. Col. Ma. Noel Tolentino, PAL’s Lim, PAL SVP for Operations Ismael Augusto Gozon, and PAL SVP Legal Siegfred Mison – a Hinirang Manong who the Class is very much proud of☺.

**ON RETIREMENT: “WARNING: retiree in the premises! Knows everything and has time to tell it! ☺”**

These gentlemen bowed out of the service and hang up their service uniforms in which they have worn with pride, honor and distinct service and they are: Manong Noli Samarita - 22 Aug and Manong Romy Basco – 31 Aug. Now, and just like other retirees, they can sit back and relax and give advices to others even though they seldom followed same before. Hehehehe! Just joking!

**CONDOLENCE:**

The Class is one in mourning the passing away of Col Vicente Lucero PMA Class 1961 – the father of our Valor awardee – the late Edward Lucero, and the father of SSupt Rex Recomono (Ret).

Til next updates on the Hinirangs! Ciao!! 🇵🇭







**FIDEL CRUZ**  
Chairman  
**JB RAMOS**  
President

More and more Maringals are now singing “Starry, starry night”, the opening line to Don McLean’s song, Vincent which he wrote out on a paper bag. From our senior Cavaliers, we usually hear them belt out “To reach the unreachable star”, the ending line of the song The Impossible Dream.

This is because of the stars that are falling one by one on the shoulders of our mistahs. We are hoping and praying that these falling stars will continue to come and shine for the Maringals.

**PAF MARINGALS**

Additional stars fell on the shoulders of now Major Generals Allen Paredes (Chief of Air Staff), Toinks Valenzuela (Commander, TOC), and Erick Gloria (J-1). The promotion of Jhune Felix (WC, TOWCEN) to BGen was also recently confirmed. BGen JB Ramos is still at GHQ as AJ4 together with Big Buena who is at AFPREO. ASup, PMA BGen CJ Cartujano is busy given that a lot of things are happening up there in Baguio. Likewise, BGen Fidel Cruz, who just retired this September, is busy supervising the completion of his new “barracks” outside camp.

**PN MARINGALS**

**1. White Caps**

Adel Bordado- Cmdr Naval Forces Southern Luzon  
Abet Cruz- The Naval Internal Auditor  
Ramil Enriquez- Cmdr Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao



Melvin Guevarra- assigned ISAFP  
Zoji Jimenez- Dep Cmdr AFP Reserve Command  
Jess Portiz- asst DAFA Washington DC USA

**2. Marines**

Nesty Herico- Executive Officer, Office the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, OJ2.  
Fernando Gomez- (awaiting for the next assignment)  
Ferdie Friginal- Dep Cmdr, 2nd Marine Brigade  
Eugene Martinez- (assigned OJ9)

**3. Coast Guard**

Leo Laroya- Commander, Maritime Security Command  
Lito Dela Cruz- (awaiting for the next assignment)

**4. Corps of Professor**

Ferdie Rivera - Assistant Dean, Corps of Professors

**5. BIRC**

Jun Abaya  
Dondi Adizas  
Resty Bilbao  
Dave Isaac  
Jun Jayme -(USA)  
Bon Lobaton-(USA)  
Dado Macasaet -(USA)  
Jun Mejia -(Sweden)  
Mon Mon Mitra  
Sivert Monterola  
Ley Ordenes  
Rey Pagonzaga  
Erdi Panlaque-(USA)  
Ruel Tolin -(USA)

**MARINGAL ASSOCIATES**

The Associate Chapter members of which are former ‘88 cadets, is continuing to grow in numbers since it was established early this year. On 05 April, a total of 54 non grads (including those in absentia who are overseas and geographically far from NCR) were formally and officially inducted to PMAI at the Executive Dining Room, San Miguel Corporation Head Office sponsored by Jonathan Manansala. Aside from seeing their numbers grow, we also are witnesses to their frenzied chatter in Viber and our other social media accounts.

**PA MARINGALS**

OT Vesliño assumed the post as AFPHRO. Jun Perez’ promotion to BGen was already confirmed by CA. Pio Diñoso will be the first 2-star general of Army Maringals. Andy Centino and Jojo Galal recently stole the limelight when PRRD and other government officials visited their camp for the formal turnover of several enemy-recovered HPFAs in the area of responsibility. Meanwhile, Boyet Imbang had his own version of success stories







in his AOR with the recovery of several victims of typhoon Ompong that recently hit Northern Luzon. Also, just a few kilometers away from the capital, a very significant event successfully took place in a huge compound in Teresa, Rizal with the raid and recovery of six HPFAs and eight LPFAs belonging to the NPAs as well

as the apprehension of their masterminds who are strong NPA supporters with their cohorts by combined units of the NBI and 202nd Inf Bde under Boyet Burgos. Few weeks after in Sta Cruz, Laguna, Boyet's unit combined with Philippine Army and PNP Intel units successfully apprehended the top NPA leader in Southern Tagalog (Secretary, STRPC) along with an NDF Consultant who is wanted for 15 counts of murder and three others who are all members of the National Organizing Department of the CPP-NPA. All other Army Maringals have remained steadfast and committed to perform their mandated duties, among others, of protecting the people and securing the land in their respective areas of responsibility.



**CHARLTON SEAN M GAERLAN**  
President  
**CRESCENCIANO A MARQUEZ III**  
Secretary

**H**ello Makatao! Last October 6, 2018, Hour Class Meeting, hosted by the Army Group, was held at Kagitingan Golf Club. Incidentally this was also the thanksgiving dinner treat of Chiqui Malayo and Jun Azurin for their promotion to star rank.

Discussed during the meeting were the following:

1. Class Christmas Party on December 8, 2018 at Chappy's very spacious office at CEISSAFP, Camp Aguinaldo but considering that Doc Joey Acedera was designated to plan for the party, as of this writing, another venue is being considered. All Makatao will be informed with the development;

2. The Ring Committee chaired by Connor already made the deliveries of all mistahs

who paid in full. Other mistahs are making additional orders because of the very nice freebies negotiated by Connor. Thank you mistah for the extra effort you continue to do for the class;

3. For Alumni affairs, again all mistahs were reminded that the PMAAAI Annual convention will be held at the PICC on January 26, 2019 with PRRD as our Guest of Honor and Speaker;

4. Still on alumni affairs, all mistahs are encouraged to help in selling or buying their ticket share in the PMAAAI Raffle for a Cause. Every member is given five tickets to sell. The fund to be generated will be used to support the various projects of the association;

5. For the Ring Hop Committee chaired by Jun Jun Unson and assisted by Sterling, they are now canvassing the names of







the family members attending the Ring Hop on February 16, 2019 at the Covered Court. Each family is allowed five maximum attendees;

6. For those joining the activities in La Union, all systems go with Boy Rulloda taking the lead in planning with the guidance of our generous hosts and mistah Gov and Mrs Pacoy Ortega. Check the latest updates in our class viber group;

7. For the Transportation Committee chaired by Rex and again assisted by Sterling, all mistahs availing of the bus are required to signify to their respective chapter representatives so that enough bus will be hired. It will be more convenient if the class will just take the bus;

8. For the food committee, as usual, Totie Salamat is the one doing the leg work. As of this writing, Le Chef of Manor will be our official caterer being suggested; and

9. For our Class Project in PMA, as suggested by Erwin, the PNP fund usually used for lunch will be used to finance our class project in PMA, it will be a gazebo near the St Ignatius Chapel which will eventually be our picnic area starting homecoming 2020.

After the class meeting, the celebration of Chiqui and Jun followed with a simple dinner, drinking and singing.

So far, this was the most attended class meeting. Maybe newly promoted mistahs who want to share their blessing could schedule their thanksgiving during class meetings. As fas as I can remember, the following were the attendees:

**PNP Group:** Jun, Gaykee, Ninna and Aaron Azurin, Chiqui Malayo, Uly Caton, Val and Maggie Deleon, Bert Ferro, Rex and Bing Dela Rosa, Erwin Robles, Uly Gohel, Toti Salamat, Boy and Lisa Rulloda, Ed Cacayan;

**PA Group:** Greg Almerol, Leo Ramoran,

Kiram Grajo, Omet Brawner, Nono and Eileen Plaza, Ace Esmeralda; Ric Recaido, Jun Morales, Richie Villareal, Jojo Solomon;

**PN/PCG Group:** Chappy and Shan Reyes, Nestor and Estrella Marcelino, Ed Fabricante, Pikes and Zette Picar;

**PAF Group:** Connor and Grace Canlas, Toto and Jo Dela Pena, Bilma Rayos, Mrs Val Marquez; Doc Joey and Angela Acedera.

Our next meeting will be on November 8, 2018 to be hosted by the PNP Group but the venue will be at Leo Ramoran's office in Camp Emilio Aguinaldo. See you there mistah! /Charles Gaerlan/Jun S Azurin



*"They shared the weight of memory. They took up what others could no longer bear. Often, they carried each other, the wounded or weak". -Tim O'Brien*

This is the true essence of our Brotherhood. We met as strangers, turned to acquaintances, and as the years

passed, we have managed to become Brothers - a stable foundation of each other through the rugged and fruitful events in our life. We bravely carried what the world throw at us knowing that in times of failure; a Brother's consoling pat in the back and simple encouraging words can make us bounce back in the track. Or when it is a triumphant victory, our Brothers will be the first people who will raise a glass to commemorate our achievements.

As we go along the way, we might sometimes feel burdened with heavy emotions and we tend to face our sorrows alone and in silence. But as a Brother, it

is our duty to remind each other that everyone is a survivor of this life. No one has to feel the pain alone for we have this bond that goes beyond a simple friendship. Our Brotherhood reflects the kind of camaraderie that we have established in our youth, up until our glorious coming of age.

Brothers, as we continue to fulfill our goals, may we always remember to look back to this family that helped us honed into the individuals that we have become. Let us continue to support each other's' endeavors and fight our battles with us— for we are all destined for great things.

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## A great 'BER-MONTHS, Cavs!

Time flies as Christmas Day is fast approaching; we greet everyone a merry season in advance!

And speaking of greetings, this column would also take special space to wish a happy birthday to all the celebrators for the months of SEPT-NOV 2018!

### SEPTEMBER

Fajardo, Ruben B Jr
Aquino, Danilo P
Pompa, Rosalio G
Mina, Laurence E
Crespillo, Steve D
Tello, Rommel K
Talja, Elpidio B Jr
Ulanday, Rogelio D

### OCTOBER

Villareal, Jose Augusto V
Buca, Fernyl G
Ylagan, Ronaldo Genaro E
Sinocruz, Jose Randolph M
Cordura, Arthur M
Capulong, Roberto S

### NOVEMBER

Costelo, Andrew DL
Petrola, Ricardo D
Enmodias, Oliver A
Bergante, Luis Rex D
Cuison, Joseph Ferrous S
Anduyan, Rolando B
Bonavente, Bonifacio C

And because you have worked hard and your accomplishments have never been forgotten, you truly deserve a pat on the back! Keep a happy life to grow younger. Again, happy birthday, Cavs!

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Another thing that we would like to make a room for is to honor our mistah who will be fondly remembered by his family and friends as a loving husband to Mrs. Olga Bulauan Castillo and a father to his three children. He has been a great friend and mentor, and a highly regarded military officer whose love for this country was unwavering.

We are truly saddened to hear the sudden loss of COL PACIANITO "BATUTS" D CASTILLO CAV (GSC) PA who joined our creator last 01 Sept 2018.

COL CASTILLO as the Deputy Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mechanized Infantry Brigade based in Maria Cristina, Iligan City and a member of PMA Bigkis-Lahi Class 1990, has been known for his bravery and valor.

Batuts, you will be sorely missed!! Thank you for the great time you've shared with us. We will pray for your peaceful soul. And we are sympathizing with your family during this sad and difficult time of their loss.



24 Feb 1969 - 01 Sept 2018







**MA. NOEL T TOLENTINO**  
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**IVAN R PAPER**  
Secretary

**IDENTITY!!!**

In the next few months, Bantay Layans will be celebrating our 25th Silver Anniversary. Despite the busy schedules as Commanders in the OPAREA, or as Staffs in our respective Headquarters, and as private citizens indulged in our respective businesses, the excitement for the Homecoming activities next year can be gleamed in the eyes of each one of us. The pressures and stress as we prepare for this momentous occasion is all worth it, as everyone in our class wouldn't want to miss celebrating with our Mistahs, and with our families, back where it all started... PMA.

In retrospect, 25 years is long enough to look back and try to recall all the things that transpired for us as individuals, and as a group of teenagers when we were received in PMA last 01 April 1990. Likewise, 25 years is short enough, as our age finally catches up with all of us, and the remaining years of our service both in public and private lives can now be easily counted in our fingers. Surprisingly, through all those years, for most of us almost hitting the golden years, and for some who already reached their golden years (very few), we never forget the "Life that binds us all together". The life spent in the academy, as confused plebe, as magan yearling, as a rotting (academically) cow, and as a relaxing firstie. We each have our own lives as an Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines that we may share amongst our respective groups. But the memorable years we spent in PMA will always be the common denominator that defines who we are as Bantay Layans from the PMC Class of 1994.

Agree or disagree, in my humble opinion, each Class from PMA will always have their unique identity borne from a significant event or experience in the academy. These events may be during the early part of their cadet days, middle part, or for some during their last year in PMA. These events may be within PMA, or even outside of PMA probably involving the whole of our country. With some classes, major reforms within the academy may have provided a stigma that defines the identity of their class, while for some, it may be a historic event in the nation like changes in government, etc.

During our plebehood, the July 1990 earthquake was a major disaster that hit Baguio. That event not only shook the

ground where we all stood during that athletic formation, but it shook our lives, our humanity, and our drive. That event provided the stigma giving a deeper meaning and understanding of why we serve. We all served with our upperclassmen during those times for the rescue and relief operations in Baguio City. But as confused plebes, with barely four months of active service, that experience opened in our minds a new reality, a deeper purpose. For several weeks, instead of Mase Mase, memorizing plebe knowledge, doing stuffs that a normal plebe would do, our plebe lives were different. Instead, we were rescuing people trapped in rubbles, we were using our bare hands and risking our lives going thru ruins looking for survivors, we were packing relief goods and helping distribute to all the victims. For the first time, we felt like soldiers, we felt who ought to be, and it was a great feeling, much different from the stressful life of a normal plebe. And the best part through all those weeks, we were aloud not to head up, and we can talk tagalong to our upperclassmen. Nope... it's not the best part, but it was worth it. Seriously, the 1990 earthquake during our plebehood, for most of us, changed our lives....not just as individual, but as members of PMA Class of 1994. For me, it was a major event that that defined who we are as soldiers now, and who we will be as soldiers in the service of our country.

For almost 25 years, after we graduated from the academy on 06 March 1994, can

we categorically state who are we as a class? What is our identity? Have we lived up to our name of Bantay Laya or Guardians of Freedom? Thankfully, I can vividly recall how quickly we altered or class name from "PINAGPALA" (Blessed) to "Bantay Laya". How can we forget how our upperclassmen immediately tried to imprint our PINAGPALA class name in our behinds... Whew!!! Who would ever think we are Blessed with such a name as PINAG-PALA???

I, for myself, cannot categorically say "who we are as class." It all depends on how the Filipino people, and the government we all served would see us a class and as individuals. It all depends on the reputations we built as seen in the eyes and testimonies of both our seniors and our juniors.

It may be difficult to state who we are Class 94 Pmayers, but we all know what we did and what we continue to do. For 28 years after that horrible earthquake, Class 94 members are still at it... serving as Commanders in the field, as staff, as planners, as businessmen, as pilots, etc. Serving with pride and utmost dedications, performing beyond expectations, giving more than 100% of we are to serve the country that we love, for our God, for our families, for our Alma Mater. We may not know yet our identities as Class 94, but we all know that We Did and What We will continue to do will be a testament to our name, a True Bantay Layan. 🇵🇭



**ARTPHIL B FLORES**  
President  
**JONA C BOGLOSA**  
Secretary

**MOVING UP, MOVING ACROSS AND MOVING AROUND**

A couple of years shy from our first decade outside the portals of Loakan, a lot of movement has been happening for the members of the class to watch, PMA Masidlak Class of 2010.

For members of the best branch of service, most army guys of Masidlak are starting to leave behind their first assignment areas. Mostly via our advance courses or thru other talented means, a great reshuffling is happening. With heavy feet, a lot of us will be waving goodbye to units, areas or designations which provided us with a lot of "firsts"; first combat operations, first units, first encounters and

for some, first love and first kisses. While it may be hard for most, let this be a symbol of new and bigger responsibilities and a step towards our respective goals.

For the navy boys, their feet are starting to dry up after serving their junior billets at sea. For most, it is now time to gain the customary callouses brought upon by too much papers to sign. For a select few however, they get to become pilots; essentially fishes who got tired of swimming and decided to try flying instead.

Speaking of flying, most of our airforce little brothers and sisters are undergoing their squadron officer course. Also, they get to "not clip" their wings more at this point being qualified as pilots-in-command and getting to command their own squadrons. P.S. aviator glasses are so cliché.

To my navy and airforce mistahs, there's a lesson to be learned at this point; he holds the pen holds the narrative. And he who controls the narrative will always be the snappiest. Lets go army! Followed by the airforce and navy! 🇵🇭

*“Be strong and courageous,  
for the Lord will be with you  
wherever you go.”*

# LAST CALL

## CAV JAIME V GARLEJO '63, CIVIL ENGR

20 August 1932 – 26 August 2018

CAV GARLEJO passed away on 26 August 2018. His wake was at St. Peter Funeral Homes, Marcos Highway, Baguio City and he was buried in Pyramid Memorial Park, Kias, Baguio City on 2 September 2018.



A registered Civil Engineer, and a regular member of the PMA Science and Engineering Faculty, he had an MBM degree from UP and a PhD (candidate) from SLU, Baguio City. He also worked as a site engineer, NCI Jubail Industrial City in Saudi Arabia. He left behind his loving wife Rebecca Arenas Garlejo and six children by his late first wife (Evelyn Atienza Garlejo).

## COL PACIANITO D CASTILLO '90

24 February 1969 – 01 September 2018

CAV CASTILLO was from Lipa City, Batangas and a member of PMA “Bigkis-Lahi” Class 1990. He started and spent his first 10 years of military service in 6th Infantry Division before becoming an Armor officer wherein



he became the Commanding Officer of then 4 LAB, 7 LAC and Commandant, TAS, LABde. He also served in 2nd Infantry Division, OG3 and OG8, PA. He also became the G3 and Inspector General of Mechanized Division.

He passed away on 01 September 2018 in CUMC Cagayan de Oro City due to heart failure leaving his wife, Mrs. Olga Bulauan Castillo and their three children: Pam, Pat and Teres.

His remains were laid at Heritage Park, Taguig City and later buried at The Libingan ng mga Bayani.

## MGEN CESAR F TAPIA '57

14 June 1935 - 13 September 2018

CAV TAPIA, one of the most colorful combat officers of Class 57, died last September 13, 2018. He was a Manileño, a product of the public schools. He graduated with an MBA degree at the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business.



Like most of his classmates, he went through various field assignments until he retired a Major General as Commander of Southern Command in Zamboanga City. He was also Commander of CEMCOM in Cotabato City and was in command of troops at the siege of Jolo by the MNLF. He served as Commandant of Cadets at PMA and in PHILCON V as Adviser of the Army of Vietnam.

He earned awards in the AFP and South Vietnam among which are Philippine Legion of Honor Degree of Commander, several Gold Cross medals and Cross of Galantry (South Vietnam). A Master Parachutist, he trained at the US Army Ranger School in Fort Benning Georgia and Military Police School in Fort Gordon, Georgia, the Amphibious Warfare Course, Coronado, California. He also attended the Australian Defense School.

A widower to Josefina Llagas, a Doctor of Dental Medicine graduate of UP, he has three children: Arvin, MBA Graduate School of Business, Fordham University; Josephine, Bachelor of Laws UP, admitted to New York State Bar; and Ryan Martin, MBA Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

## BGEN SALVADOR F REGALADO '55

15 November 1931 - 21 September 2018

CAV REGALADO passed away on 21 September 2018. His wake was at the Funeraria Paz in Sucat and he was finally interred at the Manila Memorial Park on 30 September beside the



tomb of his wife Elding who passed away earlier. An emotional response during the necro was delivered by Patricia Yvette R Ordonez, the youngest of five daughters of the CAV REGALADO.

He was given funeral honors by the Air Force with a shower of flowers. Members of class of 2005, in their white duck uniform, served as pall bearers.

## COL VICENTE S LUCERO, JR '61

14 November 1936 – 28 September 2018

CAV LUCERO passed away on 28 September 2018 in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. He was laid to rest at Everlasting Cemetery, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur on October 17, 2018. He left behind his loving wife Francisca with whom he had seven children: Robert, Sheryl, Rene Allan, Vicente III, Douglas Michael, Raymond and Joy.



## BGEN ERNESTO F LUMANG, JR '71

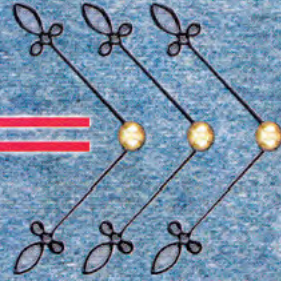
01 December 1948 – 7 October 2018

CAV LUMANG died of cancer at UC Medical Hospital in Cebu. Wake was at St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Mandaue City, Cebu and finally laid to rest at the Golden Haven Memorial Garden, Binaliw, Talamban, Cebu City. He left behind his loving wife Rebecca with whom he had five children: Harold Joseph, Hector Joseph, Ernesto III, Francis Joseph and Marra Rhodora. His last position held with PA was as Deputy Division Commander, Gamu, Lucena.





# DOWN MEMORY LANE



**Pre-war Parade of PMA Cadets in Luneta**

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