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# ABOUT THE COVER

From the air, Pag-asa island looks unobtrusive and unimportant, a dot in the vast expanse of the West Philippine Sea. It houses the Rancudo Airfield of the Philippine Airforce and is the seat of the smallest municipality of the Philippines in the province of Palawan, with a population of only 184 (2015 census).

In more peaceful times, it is a perfect paradise for environment lovers. Today, it could just be a microcosm of new security threats the magnitude of which has not yet been experienced by the country. It could be the flashpoint of another crisis in the region in the face of China's claim that everything in the South China Sea is part of their territory.

The armed forces no doubt could contain the likes of the ISIS-inspired Marawi fighting or the renewed depredations of the NPA. But the emergence of additional threats emanating from other fronts, like the non-passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law which could bring back the MILF and MNLF to the mountains, the possibility of a constitutional crisis due to the power plays of the three branches of government that pit them against each other and dysfunctions in the political system, may just be too tough to handle by the defense and security sector.

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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

**Cav Melchor P Rosales '68**



## Addressing emerging security threats

**T**he Maute group in tandem with the Abu Sayaff is a clear example of an emerging security threat. The Marawi siege, although it is near resolution, has caused a heavy loss of life, property, and the consequential loss in the economy of this part of the country.

The main distinction with the other previous security threats in the South is the avowed objective. The emerging threat draws its inspiration and direction from the ISIS and the intention of establishing an Islamic caliphate in Asia. There is therefore, a distinct possibility that there can be a spill-over or a replication of this type of fighting in other areas.

The increasing attacks by NPA elements against town centers and business activity in the country sides is another emerging threat. Those actions are motivated by the objective of showing strength to bolster their position in the negotiations and to show to victims of their revolutionary taxation that they can still wreak havoc if they don't come across. These depredations are indications that there is no central command authority and that they are not willing to lose their income and organizational support. To address this, the police organization has to be strengthened with mobile forces to react to such eventualities and CAFGU can be organized in areas to assist law enforcement or protect both the people and business operations in the hinterlands.

On the other hand, the archipelagic configuration and the latitude where our country is situated make it prone and vulnerable to two major catastrophes- killer earthquakes and super typhoons because of climate change. Lying in the Pacific Ring of Fire marked by volcanoes and faults, the country has been constantly experiencing earthquakes, the strongest and most destructive of which was the one that struck Bohol in 2013.


A study and simulation by JICA shows that a movement of the Valley Fault can trigger a major earthquake, the magnitude of which can affect Metro Manila with great devastation. Further, if the climate change resulting from excessive carbon emission in the environment is not arrested, more damaging super typhoons

and storms are expected to come. The Yolanda experience tells us how huge and massive the damages and losses in terms of lives and property will be incurred when extreme weather disturbances wreak havoc.

Cognizant of the destructive consequences of these manmade and natural hazards, the national government which includes the military, police, or other government civilian agencies should remain vigilant and well-prepared for these eventualities. Coping with these challenges requires a lean and mean organization of competent and mission-oriented personnel who are properly trained and equipped with leaders with proper deeply-ingrained values and attributes for good governance.

**Instead of the AFP upsizing by recruiting more troops, the Ready Reserve Force should be activated and trained to have the minimum level of proficiency. It is best if a trained reserve force in an area is made available for activation anytime especially when AFP regular units are deployed or reassigned to more critical areas which are besieged by strong threat forces. Equipping them with the proper arms, equipment and necessary logistics makes them more capable to take over from the regulars. Furthermore, the local executive officials can be commissioned into the reserve force, to provide leadership for the reserve force.**

For natural disasters, the AFP troops have proven to be reliable partners in search, rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations. It is imperative that the AFP Disaster Response Task Force be ever ready and fully prepared for the eventualities. In coordination with civilian agencies, capability-building and continuous training of civilian volunteers on search, rescue and relief operations should be continuously undertaken to act as force multipliers in natural calamities. The ready reserves should take this function as a primary competency.

The reemerging security threats and the natural hazards mandate that we reassess the manner we have been addressing them. It is time to undertake contingency planning to a new level so the organization, training and equipage be made more responsive to the requirements. 



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88



## Defeating old and emerging threats

It really depends on one's perspective! It may be defined from the point of view of religion, social status, vocation, education and, maybe, the "issue of the day." I state this in relation to the individual or organisational position on what an "emerging threat" is all about. As what has been said, "...one man's hero, is another man's villain..." Stated in another way, what is deemed important to some, may be unimportant to others. However, from whatever point-of-view, it can be agreed that all types of threats impact society in a very essential way (just look at how stringent the security measures applied in aviation have become, even in malls).


My mistah, who is the director of the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group (ACG), is very strong in his assertion that the focus of the time must be on Cyber-Crimes and Cyber-Terrorism. The numbers certainly support him (with the estimated 3,000 percent increase in Cybercrimes worldwide). The narratives supplant his argument. We read about manipulations of the internet to affect daily news (read: fake news), attacks on airport systems which have caused the disruptions in the regularity of air plane flights and even the theft of personal data from supposedly "secure" sites. The local scene has had its share of these attacks with the "temporary" hi-jacking of the COMELEC website, as a prime example. Therefore, my mistah may be justified in his position.

On the other hand, another mistah who is gallantly battling the MAUTE-ISIS elements in Marawi, feels that all the armed components of government must focus on addressing this particular concern. The damage that the ISIS has done in Mosul and Marawi is put forward as evidence. The particularly cruel manner by which the ISIS has treated human lives in the course of their campaign is certainly alarming. The manner by which they have gone out of their way to destroy records and artefacts of human civilisation and human history must certainly be seriously studied. The

video footages and other images from Marawi speak of long-term damage, not to mention expensive ones, to the infrastructure and the psyche of the inhabitants therein.

But, then again, many, and this includes the President himself, feel that more than anything else, the whole of government must be applied to defeating the tentacles and evils of the illegal drugs trade. It is asserted that their machinery and apparatus must be destroyed, and, with extreme prejudice. That the country was actually on the verge of becoming a "narco-state" and that "narco-politics" was becoming a dominant factor in governance, is certainly not being debated. It is accepted as a fact. Hence, this particular focus can also be justified. The syndicates involved and who are benefitting from the illegal drugs trade, as of latest reports, are even financing efforts to unseat the President in an attempt to stop the hemorrhaging of their losses; or their total bankruptcy.

**Again, depending on one's perspective, and in acknowledgement of the reality that there are many and varied threats urgent upon our country and society, the need for a more concerted and comprehensive effort to address such threats is imperative. Government, or specifically its instruments, cannot be the only answer or the only one to be made answerable to the prevailing situation. It would take a citizenry, concerned and capacitated, to address the ills, whether obtaining or emerging, of the Filipino society. This is not to mention the fact that many of these threats have international "flavor" in them, and would therefore need an active synergy and lots of cooperation with the international community.**

May the PMAer be in the middle of all efforts to address these pressing and emerging threats facing all of us that have the potential to derail more developments benefiting the generation of our children and all those who shall come after us. 



# SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



## Confronting cadet recruitment challenges

The recruitment of would-be cadets is of strategic importance to the future of the Academy. Since 2009, the Academy's recruitment data is unreliable despite the numerous efforts conducted to reach out to the best and the brightest among the youth to apply for cadetship. This may be the result of several significant factors such as PMA's lack of an institutionalized recruitment plan, intense competition among tertiary schools, the implementation of the K-12 program, and the deteriorating patriotism among the young generation.


It is noteworthy to mention that when the K-12 program started in 2012, the Academy did not have a viable plan and was definitely not ready for the new program's consequences on recruitment. The Academy's failure to anticipate the program's effects on recruitment consequently resulted to the tremendous decline in the number of entrance exam applicants. Although there were recruitment activities conducted, these were never institutionalized and did not necessarily aim to achieve a sustainable increase in recruitment. There was also a lack of consensus on the articulation of institutional identity and the value of institutional marketing. Limited resources and funding for the recruitment program for the past years resulted to the decentralized approach to communications and marketing that weakened the overall effectiveness of the PMA program. Recruitment efforts were designed and implemented only on a short term basis, notably, only in the weeks before the conduct of the PMA Entrance Examination (PMAEE). These efforts were deemed lacking in intention to build long-term outcomes and relationships with aspirants, parents, the media, and the community, in general.

For one, the implementation of the K-12 program contributed to the dwindling number of PMAEE applicants for the past years. Although this year, the PMAEE registered an increase of almost 6,000 applicants from the first batch of graduating students under the k-12 program who took the exam, the number of examinees for succeeding years are

expected to decrease. This year, President Rodrigo Duterte signed into law the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, a law providing free tuition for students of some 112 State Universities and Colleges (SUCS) in the country.

Considered as the biggest reform of the current administration, the law was welcomed with both approval and opposition. Positively, the law will increase the chance for more students to seek higher education. However, it is also perceived to kick start an exodus of students from private colleges and universities to state-run ones, which could ultimately affect the overall quality of tertiary education. The law will not only affect private colleges and universities. Even state-owned tertiary schools, the Academy included, will be on the verge of losing students and cadet applicants.

**Historically, PMA is one of the practical avenues to a debt-free education for a vast majority of young men and women who come from poor or average-income families. PMA has undoubtedly provided cadets with more benefits and incentives than the full scholars of any state university or college. With the new law, students are now given more choices to finish college with lesser or no expenses at all. The free college education will essentially diminish PMA's market value and significantly hinder its recruitment efforts.**

Although the Academy has safely positioned itself on sturdy grounds in terms of what it can offer to students, that is, earning an income while finishing a free college education, the law equally poses a bigger challenge for the Academy to improve its recruitment efforts. The Academy has to look into other means of attracting young men and women into joining the military. This means the adoption of challenging alternatives that will provide PMA not just with quantity, but with quality applicants who are well-deserving for cadetship and eventually, the chance to serve the country. 



## Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

# What's happening to our country?

"General, what's happening to our country?" These were the painful words uttered by the late former Vice President Emmanuel Pelaez directed at the then Quezon City Police Chief General Tomas Karingal as he was being wheeled to the operating room of St. Luke's Hospital. He was ambushed by unknown assailants near his home in Quezon City on 21 July 1982, a crime that resonated world-wide and featured in the 22 July 1982 issue of the New York Times.

That was more than 35 years ago when the country was already confronting the longest lasting Communist insurgency and a Muslim secessionist movement on top of criminality, and other law enforcement problems. Will the Philippines lick its peace and order problems and move up to a higher economic rung, like its neighbors in the region who had more problems? It is doubtful, as dire events in the immediate past and the present portend a bleak future, not only in the defense and security arena.

The fighting in Marawi City which rages even up to this writing, and before this, the massacre of PNP troopers in Mamasapano, Cotabato, the siege of Zamboanga City and many other encounters in ARMM areas, resulted in unacceptable casualties on the part of government forces and innocent civilians. This is not to mention the destruction of properties, dislocation of communities and heavy damage to the economy. One question that comes to mind is, how come the secessionist forces have so much manpower, modern and heavy weapons, almost limitless ammunition and combat support. They even have uniforms, flags, camps and sophisticated communication equipment that can hack high security tactical radios.

To defense and security analysts, the answer is no longer a mystery. It has been theorized and even known for a long time. It is the peace process that has strengthened the enemy. Because of the desire of government to attain lasting peace and show its sincerity, it suspended offensive operations; it even gave them

sanctuaries and territories into which government forces could not enter without coordination. Even the CPP/NPA insurgents have benefitted from the peace process. Their leaders in the past were released from jail and later rejoined them in the mountains. They too have become stronger, but unlike the localized secessionist insurgents, they could launch guerilla attacks in many parts of the country and control inaccessible hinterlands.

The war on criminality, particularly the anti-drug campaign, organized crime, and even the almost daily petty killings on the street, have likewise elicited increasing fear among peace-loving Filipinos. For one, these have reduced their trust and confidence on law enforcement units, notwithstanding the fact that a large number of the population, particularly the masses, continue to manifest support of the government's effort to fight these ills.

*But beyond these dramas on the local stages of the country where the defense and security sector plays lead roles are realities in which problems are hidden in the interplay of democratic principles and processes. Alarming, there is too much intensity in the political arena, resulting, for instance in the use (or abuse) of the impeachment process. Will this result in some forms of political instability? Consider further, the following "what ifs".*

1. *What if the branches of government take different sides, jointly against one or individually against each other and create polarization of forces which will lead to a constitutional crisis? (Example: The executive, alone or in tandem with Congress defies the Supreme Court).*
2. *What if the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) is passed by Congress and the Supreme Court rules it unconstitutional?*
3. *What if the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) is not passed and the MILF and MNLF return to the mountains and renew their fight against government?*
4. *What if the CPP/NPA takes advantage of a chaotic situation and intensifies the pursuit of its political objective of replacing the democratic government by a communist state?*
5. *What if, the armed forces intervene, convinced that the situation requires them to do so to protect the people and the integrity of the state?*
6. *What if the Chinese intrusions in the Western Philippine Sea move closer to the shores of the country?*
7. *What if, a revolutionary government is declared?*

*Sad days ahead, indeed! If alive, the late Vice President would say what's going to happen to our country, instead of what's happening to our country. Let's pray that when that part of the future comes, the armed forces shall remain true to their sworn duties.*





**PDDG Lapeña appointed Customs Commissioner**

Retired PDDG Isidro S Lapeña '73 has been appointed by the President as the new commissioner of the Bureau of Custom, vice Capt Nicanor Faeldon who resigned.



**Lapeña**

Lapeña has been replaced as the chief of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) by recently retired PCSupt Aaron N Aquino '85, the former regional director of the PNP Central Luzon regional office.

**MGen Del Rosario appointed as chairman of HUDCC**

Retired MGen Eduardo D del Rosario '80 has been appointed by the President as chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), replacing Cabinet Secretary Leoncio Evasco Jr.



**Del Rosario**

Retired LtGen Reynaldo B Mapagu '78 has replaced Del Rosario as DND undersecretary for civil, veterans and retirees affairs..

**LtGen Garcia assumes as DENR undersecretary**

Retired LtGen Rodolfo C Garcia '70, has assumed as the undersecretary in the Dept of Environment and Natural



**Garcia**

Resources, where his classmate retired Gen Roy A Cimatu '70 was earlier appointed as the secretary.

Garcia is the BIRCI president and a member of the board of directors of PMAAAL.

**MGen Bautista appointed as Army commander**

MGen Rolando D Bautista '85 has been appointed by the President as the new commanding general of the Philippine Army, vice LtGen Glorioso V Miranda '83 who retired from the service.

Miranda, former AFP vice chief of staff, has been appointed immediately as board member



**Miranda**

of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).

Bautista, former Presidential Security Group commander, has been replaced as commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div, PA by BGen Roseller G Murillo '86.

**MGen Madrigal assumes as SolCom chief**

MGen Benjamin R Madrigal Jr '85 has assumed as the new commander of the AFP Southern Luzon Command (SolCom), vice LtGen Ferdinand F Quidilla '83 who retired.



**Madrigal**

Madrigal has been replaced as commander of the 10th Inf Div, PA, by BGen Dennis B Villanueva '86, who himself was replaced as chief of the Intelligence Service of the AFP (ISAFP) by BGen Macairog S Alberto '86.

**MGen Salamat designated NolCom commander**

MGen Emmanuel B Salamat '85 has been designated commander of the AFP Northern Luzon Command, replacing LtGen Romeo T Tanalgo '83 who retired.



**Parreno**

BGen Alvin A Parreno '86 has replaced Salamat as Philippine Marine Corps commandant.

**RAdm Rodelas designated as head of NETC**



**Rodelas**

RAdm Danilo R Rodelas '86 has been designated as the new chief of the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC), vice RAdm Jorge F Amba '85 who retired.

Commo Rommel Jude G Ong '87, the former chief of the Naval Forces West, has replaced Rodelas as the Naval Inspector General.

**MGen Padilla assumes as J5, AFP**

MGen Restituto F Padilla Jr '86 has



**Padilla**

assumed as the deputy chief of staff for plans, J5, AFP, replacing MGen Guillermo A Molina Jr '86 who has retired.

Padilla remains as the AFP spokesman in a concurrent capacity.

**BGen Dino designated as the PAF inspector general**

BGen Dino C Dino '84 has been designated as the inspector general of the Air Force. He replaced MGen Carandang who retired.

Col Simeon Felix '88 has replaced Dino as commander of the 2nd Tactical Operations Wing stationed in Mactan, Lapulapu City.

**MGen Arevalo promoted to PA vice commander**



**Arevalo**

MGen Robert M Arevalo '85 has been promoted to vice commander of the Philippine Army.

BGen Gilbert I Gapay '86 has replaced Arevalo as Army chief of staff

**RAdm Cusi elevated as Navy vice commander**



**Kagaoan**

RAdm Allan Ferdinand V Cusi '86 has been elevated as the vice commander of the Philippine Navy.

Commo Erick A Kagaoan '87 has replaced Cusi as chief of naval staff.

**MGen Santos designated commander of 7<sup>th</sup> Inf Div, PA**



**Santos**

MGen Felimon T Santos Jr '86 has been designated as commander of the 7th Inf Div, PA, stationed in Fort Magsaysay.,

In GHQ AFP, BGen Fernando T Trinidad '87 has assumed as the deputy chief of staff for intelligence, J2. /raa



# ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

## Nominees for Cavalier Awards 2018

By Cav Jaime S Delos Santos '69  
Chairman, Awards Committee, PMAAAI

The second stage of deliberations for the search of the 2018 Cavalier Awards for the outstanding regular members of the Association is now set. From the initial screening of the different chapters (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, National Police and the Business, Industry and Retirees) a total of 48 Cavalier nominees had been recommended for deliberation. They will be evaluated based not only from their manifestation of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, the epitome of values that Peemayers hold dearest but they must exemplify the best in their chosen field.

The Awards Committee is calling on all alumni and other interested parties to provide further inputs attesting to the character, excellence and qualifications of the different nominees. These information will help the Awards Committee to come up with the final list of principal and alternate recommendees for each category of award who truly represent the highest ideals of the Academy in terms of outstanding accomplishments and deserve the utmost respect of fellow cavaliers. The nominees are as follows:

### For Command and Administration

VADM RONALD JS MERCADO '83  
MGEN RAFAEL C VALENCIA '84  
MGEN DOMINGO B PALISOC JR '84  
BGEN DINO C DIÑO '84  
PDIR AUGUSTO M MARQUEZ '84  
PDDG RAMON C APOLINARIO '85  
MGEN BENJAMIN R MADRIGAL JR '85  
PDIR BENJAMIN M LUSAD '85  
BGEN ROLANDO S ACOP '86  
BGEN PELAGIO R VALENZUELA '88

### For Staff Functions

MGEN ROBERT M AREVALO '85  
PDIR CAMILO PP CASCOLAN '86  
RADM GAUDENCIO C COLLADO JR '86  
COL AUGUSTO D DELA PEÑA '89  
COL RENE RAOUL DC HONASAN '91

### For Army Operations

COL EUGENIO BOQUIO '92  
MAJ MARK AU RUBY '03  
CPT EMERSON P NELVIS '07

### For Air Force Operations

COL LORETO B PASAMONTE '93  
MAJ ANTHONY D GUILLERMO '02  
MAJ RALPH Y HIBIONADA '02  
LTCOL JEEZER JULIUS L MOLVE '02  
MAJ MELKIE B TADEO '02  
MAJ ARVIN C ACOSTA '03  
MAJ ANTHONY R AMORA '03  
MAJ RANDY T ATIS '05

### For Navy Operations

CAPT CAESAR BERNARD N VALENCIA '90  
CAPT ALAN M JAVIER '92  
CAPT JUARIO C MARAYAG '93  
CAPT ZOSIMO M BOLAÑOS JR '93

### For Police Operations

PSSUPT ALEX B SINTIN '90  
PSSUPT JONNEL C ESTOMO '92

### For Coast Guard Operations

CAPT JOSE WILLIAM U ISAGA '89  
CDR HOSTILLO E CORNELIO '95

### For Special Operations

MAJ DENNIS G GUILLERMO '00  
LT LEMUEL L ROSETE '06

### For Alumni Affairs

PDIR RUFINO G IBAY JR '67

### For Public Administration

LTGEN ERNESTO G CAROLINA '70  
MGEN FERNANDO L MESA '75  
MGEN ALEXANDER F BALUTAN '83  
CPT JAYBEE RAUL U COMETA '96

### For Private Enterprise

PDIR HONESTO P BUMANGLAG '63  
COMMO DANIEL T DELGADO '63  
CAPT RONALD ANTHONY C GO '85

### For Special Fields

BGEN MANUEL B MARIANO '62  
COMMO DANTE Z RUIZ '68 - Financial Mgmt  
PCSUPT REGINO SY CATIIS '85  
COL ARNEL F FERNANDEZ '93

The PMAAAI also confers the Lifetime Achievement Award for those who have rendered 50 years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country and the Outstanding Achievement Award to those who presently occupy the positions of AFP chief, PNP chief, PCG commandant, PA chief, PN chief, Senator, Speaker of the House Cabinet members and Ambassadors. For AY 2017-18, the Outstanding Achievement Awardees are Cav Roy A Cimatú '70, Secretary, DENR; Cav Eduardo E Kapunan Jr '71, Ambassador to Myanmar; Cav Thawip Netnyom '81, OAA or its equivalent and Cav Rolando D Bautista '85, CGPA. They will be given their respective awards during the Alumni Convention on 27 January 2018.

The Awards Committee members are Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71, BIRC; Cav Ramon Evan T Ruiz '87, PA; Cav Jose Chiquito M Malayo '89, PNP; Cav Ernesto O Baldovino '91, PN; Cav Jeffrey Vilela '92, Cav Glen Mark R Cabalquinto '01, PAF; Cav Elson E Hermogino '85, PCG. We are most happy to receive comments and information to make the selection more thorough. Inputs may be sent to PMAAAI Alumni Center through at [pmaaaai@yahoo.com](mailto:pmaaaai@yahoo.com). The nominees chosen by the Awards Committee will be deliberated on and approved by the PMAAAI Board in its meeting in December 2017.



## Endowment funds to help support PMA

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

In addition to the professorial chairs established by the Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) to raise funds to support research and other projects of the faculty as chair holders, the endowment fund was later established by PMAFI, during the presidency of retired MGen Jose Maria G Solquillo '65, to support other projects of the Academy like donation of training equipment and improvement of training facilities.

The donors of the endowment funds are categorized according to the amounts donated. One who donates at least P100,000.00 is called a Bronze Donor; P250,000.00, a Silver Donor; P500,000.00, a Gold Donor; and P1 million, a Diamond Donor.

Like the professorial chairs, the names of the endowment fund donors are placed in a board displayed at the lobby of Melchor Hall of PMA in Fort del Pilar, Baguio City, for all to see and emulate. The number of such endowment funds has grown to twenty-one (21) and the endowment fund balance has now reached more than P6 million.

The PMA and the Foundation wish to extend to the endowment fund donors their sincere thanks and appreciation for their generous support which has helped the PMA in the training and education of the cadets.

By the way, the Foundation was registered with the BIR as a tax-exempt donee institution, such that any and all donations to it are fully tax deductible by the donors.

Listed hereunder are the endowment fund donors:

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## Schedule of Annual Membership Meetings

By PMAAAI Secretariat

During the consultation meeting and dialogue between the PMAAAI Board and the directors/ trustees of the Major Service Chapters and Affiliate Foundations on 27 July 2017 at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C., there was one issue that elicited some discussions. This was the fact that practically the same persons composed the boards of the different Foundations. It was explained that the members of the Boards are elected during their respected annual meetings as called for by their Bylaws. Not many members attended, probably because they had no time for Foundation work or they did not know the schedule of the annual meetings. For those who desire to be nominated and elected, they should now take note of the schedules of the annual meetings and elections, as shown below.

Those elected shall have a chance to devote part of their time to Foundation and PMAAAI work, and in the process, not only serve fellow alumni, but “payback” their Alma Mater. 

	Dates
PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI)	Last Thursday of February
PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI)	First Friday of March
PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)	Third Thursday of March
PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI)	Last Wednesday of April
Business Industry and Retired Cavaliers, Inc. (BIRCI)	Second Friday of January
Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI)	Fourth Saturday of January

## Scholarship funds to support PETFI scholars

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

The PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI), formerly called the PMAAA Educational Trust Fund, Inc., was established in 1976 to raise and administer funds for the education of the children of deceased and disabled alumni of the Academy, from the elementary all the way to college.

To help raise funds for the Foundation, the PETFI board of trustees came up with the idea of establishing scholarship funds, to be funded from donations of well-off alumni and friends of the PMA, to be named after the donor or his designee, eg, Pres Ferdinand E Marcos Scholarship Fund, and the scholar-awardee to be called the Pres Ferdinand E Marcos Scholar. The donated fund is not spent but is invested with its earnings used to support the stipend of the scholar.

The scholarship fund supports the special scholarship of PETFI scholars in college. The yearly stipend rates are P30,000.00 for scholars with GWA of less than 85%, P33,000.00 for those whose

GWA is 85% and above but below 90%, P36,000.00 for those with GWA of 90% and above but below 95%, and P40,000.00 for those with GWA of 95% and above. The increasing stipend rates is to encourage the scholars to aspire for academic excellence. .

The PETFI scholars in the elementary and high school levels are supported from other funds of the Foundation. The yearly stipend rates are P18,000.00 for the elementary and P20,000.00 for high school.

The PMA and the Foundation wish to extend to the scholarship fund donors their sincere thanks and appreciation for their generous support for the education of the less fortunate children of our deceased and disabled alumni who are regular members of our Foundation.

By the way, the Foundation was registered with the BIR as a tax-exempt donee institution, such that any and all donations to it are fully tax deductible by the donors.

# Back to barracks

By Cav Kevin S Tipan '06

The PMAAAI Fraternal "Oragon Chapter" once again gathered for its quarterly fellowship on 22 July 2017, Saturday at Headquarters, Tactical Operations Group 5, Legazpi City with Cav Antonio Lukban '56 as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. It was attended by cavaliers from all over Bicolandia to once again reminisce their cadet days. The theme for this quarter's gathering was "Romdomon an Buhay-Buhay sa Barracks", or remembering the days in the barracks. To really get the feel of the theme, all cavalier attendees wore their barracks uniforms. Some were in their study uniform, athletic uniform, general athletic uniform, sleeping uniform, and other barracks uniform. This gathering was hosted by the BIRC, TOG5 and Naval Forces Southern Luzon.

As one of the hosts for this quarter's fellowship, Cav Ulysses Mancao '96 welcomed the cavaliers. In his remarks, he said that



*Boodle fight: inside barracks mess with the cavaliers.*

this gathering was indeed another chance to look through each other's eyes, may they be colleagues, senior or younger cavaliers in order to reminisce and find out the experiences and what the world is like to each other's perception (both amusing and serious) as they go along with their respective missions in the service or personal lives. It was also a memorable time for cavaliers to hear different stories that could be sources of "lessons learned" and more importantly, sources of inspiration. This was also a time for unending jokes, and the boodle fight not minding the barriers and all other gaps among the cavaliers.

The night was highlighted by the games and raffle draws. The games reminded everyone of the life of cadets in the barracks.


The participants were divided into the battalions in which they belonged when they were cadets. One of the games required the participants to list down as many hazing and parade paraphernalia as they could recall. Indeed, the cavaliers once again proved that winning is second only to the love of the game itself. It was indeed a night of fun as each cavalier recalled his/her life in the barracks.

During the speech of Cav Lukban, a fellow Bicolano, he stressed that the secret to have a happy life is to live simply, to share all the knowledge one has and most of all, to give love to people around through many delightful ways. This is very applicable to all cavaliers, whether in the active service or not, to those we treat as seniors who are still striving hard to finish their service and most especially, for those young ones who need guidance in order to continue the race.



*Pep talk time: Cav Lukban '56 delivers his inspirational message.*

In preparation for the next quarter's "Oragon" Fellowship, it was agreed that it will be hosted by the cavaliers from the province of Camarines Norte. It was tentatively set in October or November of this year with the Chief of Staff, AFP as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.

Being reunited once again with our brothers and sisters in the Academy reminds us that we are members of the "Long Gray Line", that whenever and wherever we may be, we will always carry the pride and honor in the service to God and to the Filipino people. We will always carry on and continue the good fight in hurdling all the challenges that may come along using the Academy's teachings as our guiding light. 

# Today's emerging security threats

By Cav Tristan M Kison '79

It is essential that every country has the right level of security to ensure that its people are free from the threat of danger, damage, theft or crime.

Let's take a look at the security issues of today. These issues can be categorized into two classifications: internal and external. Internal issues can be described as both political and psychological in nature. The political issues in the past are still the same up to the present. Problems of warlordism and private armies were present during the Marcos era and these are still present in some parts of the country.

Another security concern is the so-called secessionist movement. Secessionist is defined as a person or group of people who want to separate from another to become independent. Different secessionist groups may have varied reasons to secede: some groups maintain that secession is a right. For many years now, our government has been dealing with the National Democratic Front/New People's Army (NDF/NPA), the Moro National Liberation Front (MILF), the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

In the 1990's, the radical Islamic separatist Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) came into the picture when it kidnapped European and American tourists from resorts in Sabah and Palawan. Lately, the Maute ISIS-inspired group (Khalifa Islamiah Mindanao) attacked Marawi. Except for the last two groups of radicals, it would be good for the government to continue talking with these groups and finally come to terms on how to really achieve lasting peace, social and economic development.

**The emerging issues of today are born out of the issues of the past. Many administrations in the past applied different strategies to solve these problems, but it seemed the strategies used were not effective. Each of us should be able to focus and make a conscious effort to achieve this seemingly difficult but achievable goal: lasting peace. As a people, we should continue pursuing this dream. This dream is not far-fetched. We only have to think as 'one nation', 'one people', with 'one vision' -- which is very much alive in the 'Bayanihan' value of the Filipino.**

History tells us that countries who went through some kind of a major revolution towards attaining lasting peace— had to shed blood, sweat and tears. They went through major and crucial movements in order to effect fundamental changes in the political, social and economic aspects of society. These nations are now enjoying the fruits of their labor, so to speak.

This is not to say that we have to go through the same experience of sacrificing lives and property. As a matter of fact, we as a nation have already experienced three revolutions in the past – opposing the colonial rule of the Spaniards, the Japanese and the Americans. Because of these revolutions we were able to gain our independence. We owe our independence to our forefathers who fought for democracy. They showed patriotism and love of country. These values should remain in our system—in our hearts and minds.

Today, we are in a different age and time. We belong to a big civil society which is the world, and as such, we should maintain friendship with all nations. This can only be done through continuous interaction, communication and cooperation with other countries to attain the lasting peace that we want. Should there be any misunderstanding and issues among nations, all possible peaceful means should be exhausted in order to settle differences -- and this should be the norm.


We should also address the psychological aspect of internal security. This would refer to the general attitudes of people which have deteriorated considerably. Thirty years ago, people were concerned about what was happening around them. People were cohesive and cooperative. One reason could be because life then was simpler.

For the past thirty years, development has been so fast and inconceivably large. People nowadays, including the adults seem more concerned about their laptops, cell phones, and other gadgets. At a glance, we might think and say that the youth of today are so abreast with the things that are happening around the globe. With a click of a finger, they can explore the world through the internet.

Nobody can deny the fact that they are really capable and well-versed in the use of these modern gadgets, but at what expense? Is this new generation of human beings still concerned about the needs of other people? Are they still aware of the needs of the people in their community? Are they still able to interact or deal with other people with the same ease as in tinkering with their computers? Are they focusing too much on personal gratification? Just asking.

There really is nothing wrong with personal enhancement or the desire to achieve aspirations in life. But then, shouldn't there be a balance between achieving a personal goal and doing something for the betterment of others, of the society as a whole? Attitudes of apathy and individualism cannot be allowed to thrive especially when these attitudes promote the thought that the needs of one person are more important than the needs of the whole society.

In this respect, we should be able to address this emerging problem for us to see an improved and developed nation. Dr. Jose Rizal once said, 'Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan,' -- that the youth is the hope of the nation. This maxim should hold true for all time. And for this dream to become a reality, we need to enhance it by doing something. It's time to act, and do something concrete by encouraging leaders in the educational system to incorporate the important and significant values for the youth to uphold and practice. These values would include patriotism, honesty, integrity, and accountability and should be impressed upon the hearts and minds of the youth. This would definitely have an enduring and lasting effect on them to become trustworthy, responsible and accountable citizens. If these values are practiced, whatever we do will benefit our society.

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Another emerging security threat is cyber crime. The damaging effects of this crime can be very devastating, because almost everyone is using computers. Just imagine if all computer systems of our government institutions are attacked by cyber hacking. Chaos would be the result, people would not be able to get the services they need for maintaining health, paying of bills, buying of medicines and other necessities. Major services would come to a total halt.

Equally damaging is 'fake news.' Imagine if a news reporter or a blogger who has a following by the millions would announce something that is not true. The followers would not even verify the veracity of the announcement simply because they are following this person.

At this point, people need to recognize the fact that there is an emerging external security threat in the West Philippine sea. This is something we cannot ignore. Almost daily, we are apprised through the news about the reclamation and militarization of some of the islands which are now being occupied by China. At a simple glance, it is imperative that this issue be handled in a diplomatic way.

We have the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

through which our concerns and problems can be addressed and resolved. Our country did the right thing when we brought the West Philippine issue to the United Nations Tribunal on the Laws of the Seas. There is also the European Union, from which we can ask for assistance. It's just a matter of reaching out, acknowledging a need for help. These institutions were really created to address worldwide problems. We just need to air our concerns or fears. Sa Tagalog 'Kailangan tayong mag-ingay.'

In conclusion, in order to address these emerging security issues, the entire country also needs to help itself; to go through a realistic shift in beliefs, in priorities, in values. Each Filipino needs to wake up from apathy and take a conscious, honest look at himself. He needs to wake up to a responsibility that was passed on to him as a legacy from his forefathers. What is really important to the Filipino? What is currently happening around him? Is this how he wants things to be? Can he just shrug his shoulders and say he cannot do anything on his own? Are there leaders he can look up to because they are the epitome of what is right? Is life in the Philippines the kind of life one can build the right dream on, a life free from the threat of danger, damage, theft or crime?

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Listed hereunder are the seventy-two (72) Scholarship Funds, arranged chronologically according to when they were established:

- Pres. Ferdinand E Marcos Scholarship
- PAGCOR Scholarship
- VAdm Pio P Carranza Scholarship
- DES Financing Corp Scholarship
- Gen Arnulfo G Acedera Scholarship
- PMA Class 1963 Scholarship
- VAdm Eduardo Ma R Santos Scholarship
- LGen Raul S Urgello, CG,PA Scholarship
- 2Lt Tito B Abat Scholarship
- Gen Clemente P Mariano Scholarship
- Col Felix P Duenas Sr Scholarship
- AFPMBAI Scholarship
- AFPSLAI Scholarship
- AFPRSBS Scholarship
- BGen Rosalino A Alquiza Scholarship
- AFPVIC Scholarship
- Gen Joselin B Nazareno Scholarship
- PMA Class 1971 Scholarship
- PMA Class 1961 Scholarship
- LGen Voltaire T Gazmin Scholarship
- LGen Willie C Florendo Scholarship
- Gen Angelo T Reyes Scholarship
- LGen Jose M Calimlim Scholarship
- PMA Matikas '83 Scholarship
- PMA Class 1951 Scholarship
- Col Generoso F Tanseco Scholarship
- P/DGen Leandro R Mendoza Scholarship
- MGen Felix V Duenas Jr Scholarship
- Gen Diomedio P Villanueva Scholarship
- PMA Class 1970 Scholarship
- Pres Fidel V Ramos Scholarship
- Gen Roy A Cimatu Scholarship
- Gen Dionisio R Santiago Scholarship
- P/DGen Hermogenes E Ebdane Jr Scholarship
- Gregorio David Camiling Sr Scholarship
- PN Capt Manuel S Mendoza Scholarship
- Gen Narciso L Abaya, CSAFP Scholarship
- 1Lt Andres A Alquiza Scholarship
- Sec Eduardo R Ermita Scholarship
- PMA Class 1972 Scholarship
- Sps. Pedro & Manuela Senga Scholarship
- Gen Hermogenes C Esperon Jr Scholarship
- PMA Class 1965 Scholarship
- P/DGen Oscar C Calderon Scholarship
- Salvacion Siason Alquiza Scholarship
- P/DGen Avenido I Razon Jr Scholarship
- Sps. Ciriaco & Maria Alquiza Scholarship
- P/DGen Jesus A Verzosa Scholarship
- P/DDGen Anselmo S Avenido Jr Scholarship
- PVAO Scholarship
- P/DGen Edgar B Aglipay Scholarship
- P/DDGen Reynaldo V Velasco Scholarship
- Gen Victor S Ibrado Scholarship
- PN Capt Buenaventura B Desquitado Scholarship
- LGen Ernesto G Carolina Scholarship
- PMA Class 55 Foundation Scholarship
- PMA Masikap Club '77 Scholarship
- MGen Jose C Lapus Scholarship
- PMA Class 1980 Scholarship
- Security Bank Foundation, Inc.
- V/Adm Edmund Tan Scholarship
- PMA Class 1957 Scholarship
- PDG Alan La Madrid Purisima Scholarship
- VAdm Rodolfo D Isorena Scholarship
- BGen Teodulfo S Bautista Scholarship
- BGen Mamerto S Bocanegra Scholarship
- 1st Lt Renato M Tanseco Scholarship
- PDG Ricardo C Marquez Scholarship
- Col German T Domingo Scholarship
- PSInsp Angel L Evangelista Scholarship
- BGen Amuary A Evangelista Scholarship
- PMA Class 1986 Scholarship. /raa



# THE QUEST FOR A NEW NDA

(Or should it be a National Security Law?)

by Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

*Editor's note. This is a reprint of the same article published in the March-April 2011 issue of the Cavalier Magazine.*

## Introduction:

There is now another round of deliberate efforts to craft a new National Defense Act to replace Commonwealth Act Nr. 1 also known as National Defense Act (NDA) of 1935. It is widely recognized that this old law is passé for it fails or is inadequate to address current security realities in the local setting and international milieu where the country is an active player, although a second stringer, so to speak.

It also defies reason why since July 4, 1946 when the US granted the Philippines political independence (with due respect to the declaration of independence in Kawit Cavite in June 12, 1898), the NDA of 1935, an American crafted legislation designed to confront the imminent war against Japan at that time, has not been replaced. Notwithstanding this fact, the country managed to breeze through its security problems and obligations - the communist and secessionist insurgencies, its international commitments as a member of UN and similar organizations and current threats worldwide like terrorism, illegal drugs and other transnational crimes.

## Previous Attempts:

True, there were proposed legislations in 2004 and earlier, notably those filed by Senators Jinggoy Estrada, (1) and now Congressman Rodolfo Biazon (2). But they never made second base, thanks to the brand of democracy and political system existing in the country. In part, this is perhaps due to the strong anti-military attitude that has persisted in Philippine society and the fear of another martial law, an attitude that has sadly found foothold in Congress with the presence of left-leaning members.

A later attempt was the DND – AFP NDA proposal in 2007 which was even strongly endorsed to Congress by former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and the top leadership of the Defense Department and AFP. Its drawback, and maybe one reason for its failure to be enacted, was that the draft bill was too lengthy and detailed, containing 205 articles and 40 pages (3). Curiously its long title was “An Act to Establish Reforms in DND and AFP, Restating, Amending and Repealing For The Purpose Certain Laws, Appropriating Funds Therefore, And For Other Purposes.” For Congress at that time to enact it into a law within its span of three years would be a feat. (Presumably, both houses of the Legislature had more important business in their agenda, plus the fact that much time was devoted to the conduct of their more challenging and rewarding function of investigation in aid of legislation).

## Stop Gaps: Piecemeal Amendments And Issuances:

To cover the gaps arising from the old law, many provisions of which no longer applied to existing conditions then, numerous amendments were later introduced, first by succeeding Commonwealth Acts and later by Republic Acts passed by the newly-independent country. From the footnotes and explanatory notes in the pages of the NDA of 1935, the reader can count 12 commonwealth acts and eight republic acts which effected amendments, including outright repeal of certain sections of the NDA and other existing laws. Up to September 21, 1977 alone (martial law era), 21 more Republic Acts and 15 Presidential Decrees were added to the list of amendments (4).

Even up to the present, piece meal legislation and other issuances are issued – laws, executive orders, administrative orders, circulars, directives and policies. Their conformity with the NDA of 1935 may not be sufficiently justified, or worse they may not stand the test if brought under legal scrutiny and question. For instance, can the present AFP structure, mission and organization, rank distribution, defense mandate

and policies, international defense and security engagements and reserve force provisions among others, find basis from the old law which provided for a war – time organization and which did not foresee internal problems that would necessitate the employment of the AFP?

These issues then create the urgent need to integrate into one law all the stop – gap measures to fit them inside the framework of defense and security, both of which have been enlarged by current realities in the country and the global community.

## Defense and Security: Two Different Meanings:

Certainly, they overlap. They may even be viewed as two sides of the same coin. However, there is now a better appreciation of the fact that there are finer points that distinguish them from one other. Nowhere are these distinctions more pronounced and discussed than in fora of students/ graduates of defense and war colleges and security planners/ practitioners. (Hence, the value of defense-level education for military officers earmarked for high command and staff functions who are expected to interact with other stakeholders of national security, in a language peculiar to this enlarged field.)

Security is broader in scope and defense is only one of its dimensions. It is usually seen in a traditional sense with the military as main pillar, an erroneous view which has reinforced anti – military sentiments. Explained simplistically, national security is like a building, the over-arching architecture, and the military component is only one of the load bearing structures, the others being the socio – economic, political and cultural dimensions (and their derivatives).

The National Security Council (NSC), has a more encompassing paradigm on the interplay of national defense and security. The NSC framework identifies the national security sector, the threats in the various environments (domestic, regional, international), the government strategies, national security elements and national interests (5).

With a better understanding of the salient points of national defense and national security, lawmakers shall be better guided on what type of law is needed that will address security issues today and in the years to come, in the long term and in whatever scenario (6). All eyes will be focused on the primary stakeholders and the lawmakers. Expectedly, the process will be long and tedious, even emotional and passionate. Recall how heated the public debates and discussions were in connection with the ID system, reproductive health and anti – terrorism, the last one ending in the passage of Human Rights Law, a far cry from the primary intent of combating terrorism.

## Which Shall it Be, Then?

A National Defense Act?

A National Security Act?

Or a National Defense and Security Act?

Bills now in Congress reflect the different biases on the kind of law proposed to replace the NDA of 1935. At the House is House Bill Nr. 865. National Defense and Security Act of 2010 filed by Congressman Rodolfo G. Biazon and Senate Bill Nr. 110 sponsored by Sen. Gregorio Honasan II. On the part of the DND – AFP, they proposed a National Defense Act of 2010, which is a modification of their National Defense Act of 2007.

Although the DND – AFP version has sections briefly stating declaration of principles lifted from the Constitution and national defense policies involving the civilian population, there are no provisions relating to or defining the broad picture of national security, national interests and objectives and how the dynamics of national defense will fit into the socio – economic, political and cultural dimensions of national security. Therefore, the proposed legislation appears isolated from the other components of the security sector. It is a pure national defense law in the same vein as the NDA of 1935.

On the other hand, the Biazon and Honasan Bills have conceptual/theoretical convergence, in the sense that both include substantive provisions on national security. Both have definition of terms pertaining to national interests and objectives. The two bills also clearly identify the civilian components of the security sector and their roles, particularly the National Security Council, and Department of Foreign Affairs. Although it includes provisions on the DND and the AFP, the Honasan proposal is largely a national security law rather than one about national defense. What is also noticeable in his bill is that the various dimensions of national security, i.e, political, economic, socio - cultural and techno scientific are recognized and discussed (7).

Senator Honasan for sure, is not the only public official or private citizen who sees the need for a national security law to replace the NDA of 1935. Father Romeo J. Intengan S.J President of the Center for Strategic Studies way back in 2005 calls for the strengthening of the AFP through a new National Security Act. He argues that the notion of defense and security at the time the NDA of 1935 was enacted was defined in purely military terms and oriented toward preparation against an external invasion. He believes among others that a national security act will provide a more comprehensive definition of national security (8).

#### Contentious Issues

There is truth in the contention that the security concerns of our country are not complex, compared to those which have global interests, like the U.S. Therefore, a combined defense and security act is seen as preferable and manageable. On the other hand, the case of the Philippines is unique and therefore the new law must be geared to the conditions in the country - the existence of Muslim secessionist movement and the communist insurgency (among the few, if not the only one remaining in the world.) and terrorism (which according to many critics will not be effectively addressed by the Human Security Act).

But whatever form is enacted, it must address certain contentious issues that will certainly provoke heated debates between traditionalists (the old school) on one side and the "realists" (for lack of a more appropriate term) on the other hand. The latter are those who advocate a drastic change in the law to conform with new scenarios, like revolution in military affairs, asymmetric warfare and operations other than war, all of which call for the participation of the civilian sector.

The foremost contentious issue is whether the SND will be in the chain of command the way the military defines it. The SND is the alter ego of the Commander – in – Chief. He is in the line of authority but merely exercises supervision and control of the AFP. The Chief of Staff, AFP, in contrast, commands the AFP, both in an administrative and operational sense. His most important command function is the employment of forces in all types operation, something the SND cannot do on his own terms. There were instances in the past when there were conflicts between the CSAFP and the SND on the matter of authority over some purely military matters. This will happen again if both individuals have direct access to the President outside the purview of Chain of Command or Line of Authority.

Second, which is related to the first issue, is whether or not the CSAFP is a commander or the Chief of the Joint Staff at DND, similar to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the US Department of Defense. A commander gives commands and directives on his own authority; a staff officer advises the commander and supervises implementation of directives. Yet, the present most senior officer of the AFP is called "Chief of Staff", a misnomer in military doctrines. If it is intended that the CSAFP will command the AFP, then he should also be called the Commander, AFP. The problem here is that this title is contrary to the Constitution. The title Chief of Staff is a carryover of the provisions in the NDA of 35. The new law must therefore define the role of the highest officer of the AFP. If the primary function of the CSAFP is Chief, the Joint Staff, DND and not Commander, AFP and the SND is in the chain of command, this will be a set – up where civilian authority over the military is truly a reality. Certainly, ambitious officers aspiring for the highest military command will not be happy. The questions is, will it be better for the AFP? Will it prevent military intervention? Will it be better for democracy?

Third is the call to active duty of ready reserve units, not individual reservists, through partial mobilization, for limited employment in Internal Security Operations (ISO). There seems to be hesitation on the part of the AFP to call to active duty reserve units (not CAFGUS although they are also reserve units) and be given ISO missions. The objection is that it will violate the Constitution, since it involves mobilization which must be approved by the President and Congress during times of emergency.

*To be continued....*

## PMA conducts entrance exam in Aklan

By Cav Crisogono R Francisco'68

One hundred sixty-seven male and female applicants took the Cadet Qualifying Test(CQT) of the Philippine Military Academy last August 20, 2017 at Northwestern Visayan Colleges in Kalibo, Aklan. According to Major Maristella Dela Paz of PMA Class 2005 and the OIC of the Proctor Team, there was a significant increase in the number of applicants compared to last year when only 68 examinees took the examination. The increase in number of candidates was attributed to the information campaign targeting high school graduates with the advice that K-12 students may now take the examination. The information drive and review for the examination was conducted from July-August 2017 by Dr. Chris Rebano Francisco of PMA Class of 1968 in more than a dozen high schools in Kalibo and neighboring towns with the help of social media. The information campaign was disseminated throughout the province by the Department of Education(Dep Ed) . This was the first time that the Dep Ed participated in the information drive for the PMA entrance examination which turned out to be successful in attracting more applicants. Dr. Ernesto F. Servillon, PhD, MNSA is the Aklan Dep Ed

School Division Superintendent who issued the memorandum for the School Division to assist PMA in the dissemination of information pertaining to the entrance examination. This year , a total of 15,000 applicants took the CQT compared to last year's 10,000 examinees in 40 test centers nation-wide, usually given yearly every third Sunday of August.

According to Cavalier Chris Francisco, there is a need to intensify the information campaign about the PMA in the rural areas . This will afford the rural youth from poor families to take advantage of the PMA free four-year Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as 2nd lieutenant or ensign in the Armed Forces of the Philippines after graduation.

**Editor's Note: The information campaign and review classes for cadet applicants are effective ways of attracting more young men to take the PMA entrance examination. These are also being done in Cagayan by alumni from the province.**



## CLASS CALL

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

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



**MM VILLAMOR**  
President

In this issue, I will feature SIXTO (TITOY) BELEN as the second in alphabetical order of my ten surviving "BANAT" classmates.

Because I am a lazy writer, I will just extract from the three publications of the class – The Class '51 "Yearbook", the "SILVER SWORD" and the "GOLDEN SWORD" the information I need. The "Yearbook": includes a forecast of the man upon his graduation from the PMA. The "SILVER SWORD" records who and what the man was in his silver years. The "GOLDEN SWORD" sums up what he was and what he had done in his golden years. Since the space allotted for the Class Call is limited, I will be focusing on the highlights of his career as was written for and by him.

Before I start with TITOY let me express my "Mea Culpa" to TONY ABAT whom I featured in the JULY-AUG issue of the "Cavalier Magazine" for missing out his most outstanding and significant accomplishment in his life – that of raising a beautiful family. More so that Cora Abat is my "Kababayan" from San Carlos City Pangasinan and high school classmate so widely popular in the campus attracting a "hundred suitors" so that TONY can claim a Guinness Book of Records as a champion lover. Of course the fruits of the vine are his most accomplished children – Victor, Evita, Tito, Asterita, Teodosio and Roberto.

TITOY can claim a distinct identity as "Mr. Logistics". While we were in Vietnam with the 1st PHILCGV, he proved his effectiveness and resourcefulness. If our unit needed a jeep alternator, TITOY would produce a brand new jeep. What TITOY wanted he always got. Just ask him why

he kept a stock of SAN MIGUEL beer. TITOY made a pragmatic definition of "produce". He personified it and became his identity and asset. If likened to a persistent salesman, TITOY could sell a refrigerator to an Eskimo in ALASKA.

According to TITOY, he could have been the first one-star general of the class. The orders had been cut designating him as boss of the AFP LOGCOM which position was authorized a BG's rank, but by some quirk of fate or that he is not an ILOCANO, TITOY never got the position. It was a period of Martial Law.

Let me now quote what was written about him in the Class '51 "Yearbook".

"TITOY! That's him. The jolly Bulakeno who came to the academy with a man-size ambition behind him. His four golden years attest to this. Well, what are his A's for anyway? You should see TITOY give 'em (gymnastics) the works. He's tops on the bars and tumbling too. TITOY has a remarkable attention to his clothing and equipment so much so that you always see him walk jauntily around with his glistening brass, knife-edged pants and sparkling 5 ½'s and always with that grand pleasant smile on his cute little face".

### NOTE:

I have to skip what was written about TITOY in the "SILVER SWORD" because all the information therein are included in the "GOLDEN SWORD".

From the "Golden Sword" I quote this write-up of Titoy

"Born 06 August 1927 in Malolos Bulacan –

**Education** – Bulacan High School; BS PMA; BSCE, UP; MNSA NDCP; MGMT Development Program AIAI; MBA Candidate Ateneo; Investigative Techniques and Narcotics crses, USA; Treasury Law Enforcement officer Training School, Washington DC.

**Military Schools** – Armor off BSC crse PASC; Basic clandestine Trade Craft and

Counter Intel record Adm NICA; Methods of Instruction Ft Gordon Georgia; Armor Maintenance Course, Ft Knox; Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster crse, Special Forces crse, Ft Magsaysay N.E., Comd and General Staff Crse, AFP CGSC; Amphib Warfare Planning crse, USN Amphib School.

**Seminars attended** – National Scy, Industrial College US; Communication, Michigan SU; PERT/CPM UP; EDP for Execs, 1/ACT; Fin for Non-Finance Mngrs and Org'l Anal and job design, SGV and Co. Significant MIL Asgnmts – Actg CO Rcn Co., 7th BCT; Ex/CO Rcn CO 14th BCT PEFTOK; Staff Sec. Dir NICA; G5 HPA; VP Academic Affairs NDCP; DS Iligan Steel Mills as OIC Log Dept until retirement in 1997.

**Awards** – DSS, MMM, MCM, Anti-Dissident Campaign Ribbon, Korean Campaign Ribbon, ROK PUCB RVN Honor Medal, 1st Class RVN CIVIC Action Medal, RVN PUBC, NO.1 Jumpmaster Crse, outstanding graduate NDCP.

Promotions 2LT 1951, 1LT 1954, Capt 1958, Major 1965, LT COL 1968, COL 1970. Other work experiences - Ast to the Pres NSCI, VP Log/Corp Adm NSC, Consultant NSC, Pres PEFTOK Scy Corp.

TITOY as we his classmates fondly call him, was assigned to the "B" Co. as a plebe, and was still with "B" Co. when he graduated. He is the man with a possible resolution for any logistic problem that any classmate, friend, entity or corporation may ask him for help. We have tried him many times with situations that call for unusual solutions. TITOY always delivers above board.

His knack for such efficiency stems from his ever smiling boyish face, tactfulness in all his dealings through knowledge of what he is doing and a wide base of friends and business peers ever ready to help. Impeccably dressed anytime anywhere, TITOY is easily cynosure to admiring friends."

If I have to give TITOY another distinction, I would call him the "Survivor Officer" of the Class which he voluntarily assumed perhaps as his apostolate. For upon the death of a "BANAT" classmate, TITOY was there to assist the bereaved wife and family in all the preparations needed not only up to the deceased's internment but also up to the time the widow gets her first pension.

On a personal note, I am proud of my association with TITOY not only as

a classmate but also as a friend and compadre. Our families are close and in constant contact even if his family lives abroad. TITOY and I were with the 1st Inf (TABAK) DIV in Ft. Magsaysay then we were deployed to Vietnam in 1966-1968. He was G4 and I was G1 and we occupied the same bunker in the Base Camp. By the way, FVR was our G3 and later became the Chief of Staff when the late Eddie Garcia, then still a colonel, was recalled to the Philippines to become the Chief Philippine Constabulary.

TITOY is the “errand boy” of class 51. In anything that the class undertakes,

TITOY gets involved either voluntarily or by unanimous choice of the class.

Now the “Morning Report” of Class ‘51. “No change. No death. No birth. No sick call except 99% disability.” Averaging 6 in our monthly First Four fellowship meetings is quite a record in attendance. Trivia – Mercy celebrated Eling’s 90th birthday in her residence in Dasmariñas, Makati on 19 Aug 2017 with 3 “BANATS” present – Mike San Miguel, Tito Belen and Jes Dizon and wife Lily.

Very few in the AFP know that the late Col Feliciano Miravite volunteered his services free as Actuarial for the AFP

MBAI and AFPSLAI, for nine years from the time an Interim Committee appointed by the late Gen Espino took over the management and control of these institutions which were on the verge of bankruptcy in 1973. He also designed a most attractive retirement plan for these 2 institutions and later the AFPGIC which was organized in 1979.

Mike Villamor represented the Class in the yearly consultative meeting with the PMAAAI Board together with all post-was Class Presidents on 7 July 2017. /Jesus T. Dizon



**Birthday of Nena Sembrano**

Mrs. Nena Sembrano celebrated her birthday on August 12 at Albergus Restaurant accompanied by her children Josephine and Hermann, Alex and Chula, Grace and Divina. Among those who attended were the classmates of her husband the late BGen Jose Sembrano AFP Ret as follows:

1. Mert and Malou Bocanegra
2. Sauro and Lily Guiang
3. Romy and Laura Cabantac
4. Meling and Dely Melendres
5. Mely Corpuz

Other who attended were the relatives and the classmates of Mrs. Sembrano. There was dancing and singing and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.

**Death of Norma Dioquino**

On a somber note, Mrs. Norma Dioquino, wife of Col. Elias Dioquino AFP Ret passed away last September 9. The wake of Mrs. Dioquino was held at the Magallanes Chapel. Those who paid their respects were:

1. Sauro and Lily Guiang
2. Romy and Laura Cabantac
3. Mert and Malou Bocanegra
4. Meling and Dely Melendres
5. Nena Sembrano
6. Linda Kanapi

**Birthday of Greg Castro**

One of our classmates, Col. Greg Castro, recently celebrated his birthday

last September 24 at the Valle Verde 4 Clubhouse. Among those in attendance from his class were:

1. Mert and Malou Bocanegra
2. Sauro and Lily Guiang
3. Rody and Lita Muyargas
4. Vic and Telly Hans
5. Meling and Dely Melendres
6. Vic Custodio
7. Nena Sembrano
8. Melle Corpuz

Also in attendance were the family of Col. Castro to include his wife, Ludy, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. It was a joyous affair.



He was joined by our youngest, Mante Bueno, black haired Bien Gorospe, and black jacketed Pat Lomongo and Pike Depakakibo who can no longer zip their jackets because of bulging waists for which they also have to use walking canes.

The black jack group were accompanied by their queens, Mante Bueno, Lorna Lomongo, and Daisy Depakakibo, whose abiding faith does not include trusting their husbands when they are alone which explains why Daisy always accompanies Pike wherever he goes.

Our widow, Helen Ramos, accompanied by a helper, was there too.

Gone are the days when they danced the cha-cha, tango, rumba, boogie woogie, and mas-que-pop disco in gay abandon.

A month later, the ‘54 Clan including 2d generation brats gathered in the same restaurant for their quarterly get together. You’ll see in the picture Nita Punsalang, Lydia Santos, Daisy, Lorna, Glo, Tita Resurreccion, Lita Cepeda, Helen, and Terry Ballesteros; and the 2Gen Ching Bee Templo, two star general Nold Depakakibo, the Gorospe siblings Balani, Waling-Waling, and Diwata; and Dada Santos.

Joe Sorreta observed his 88th birthday anniversary in a small group party at the Barrio Fiesta Restaurant at Mandaluyong City last August 26. He is half-year behind Noy Gacis, our Class oldest.



*The Magnificent Five*





'54 families cooling themselves

Last September 21, Mante and Glo Bueno celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their Hilltop Residence in Antipolo City. They renewed their vows in

an evening mass. Pike and Daisy, Pat and Lorna, Dulce Muyargas, and Helen acted as ninongs and ninangs.

Hilltop barely resembles Mau Lua and

Mauna Kea in Hawaii. Still, guests were asked to wear Hawaiian attire.

Bien Gorospe and children are now in mourning. They lost Belen to cancer. Belen used to be a professor and Executive Assistant to the President of De La Salle-Araneta University where she also earned two masters degrees.

Bien joins the rank of widowers: Noy Gacis, Joe Sorreta, Cabby Cabinian, Mez Corpuz (who remarried) and Jun Borrromeo. Jun sent Bien a condolence letter accompanied by a box of durian. The scent of durian chases away the ghost of loneliness. For long term effect, Jun should send a box monthly.

Life is a bunch of fresh red roses. It will wilt eventually./gopeng



**On class gatherings**

The class had its August monthly gathering on the 20th at the Golden Sky (formerly Federal) restaurant in Makati. It was a lunch affair hosted by Ros Alquiza, birthday celebrator of the month, who celebrated his 85th birthday.

The guests savored the balut with wine brought by the host, before lunch was served. The Chinese buffet lunch catered by Bernard Po was augmented by some dishes, like shrimps, salad and palitaw, generously brought by Vangie Rivera. A day after, Muni Munoz texted Ros to say "Thank you for the balut and the delicious and enjoyable lunch." It was very kind of him.

Members of the class present were Buddy Mison, Johnny Sanchez, Betong Alfabeto, Rene Tanseco, Dante de Guzman,

Romy Solina, Porfing Santos, Muni and Ros. There were 14 ladies, namely: Ione Mison, Pilar Sanchez, Maudie Alfabeto, Mila Tanseco, Zeny de Guzman, Georgie Solina, Ondette Munoz, Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Terry Suarez, Vangie Rivera, Lolit Parado, Estel Silva, and Remy Facto.

And from the second and third generations were Lubang Mayor Bobby and Carol Sanchez, Allan Munoz and wife with child, Mark Rivera with wife and child, Gunner and brod Jerry Parado, Anthony Suarez, Susan Facto, and the host's children Avi, RJ and Teena and grandchildren Alexis, Oliver, Louise, Justine and Cito Alquiza. Judging from the attendance, it was indeed a very successful class gathering.

The next class affair was also a lunch, preceded by a thanksgiving mass, held on 3 September at the Tejeros Hall of AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo. It was in celebration of the 85th birthday of our class president, Buddy Mison.

The thanksgiving mass was celebrated by no less than the AFP chief chaplain, BGen Tirso A Dolina, who revealed that

the celebrator was one of the sponsors when he was ordained as a priest in 1985.

After the mass, a sumptuous buffet lunch was served the guests, with lechon and wine. His guests, other than members of class 55 and his family, included those from the LT group, the Bureau of Customs, members of the 14th Infantry Battalion, former comrades in arms and friends.

Among his special guests were Dr. Lucio Tan, owner of the LT group of companies which includes Basic Holdings, Inc., of which Buddy is the president, and retired MGen Delfin N Lorenzana, the secretary of national defense.

The celebrator's close family members present, other than his charming wife Ione, were his older brother Atty Mariano Mison, the former NBI director, his sister Mrs. Ariadne Mison Fulay, and sons LtGen Salvador Melchor B Mison '84, the AFP vice chief of staff, and resigned Capt Siegfred B Mison '87 (USMA), former immigration commissioner.

Johnny Sanchez was one of the speakers who delivered testimonies about the celebrator. He talked about Buddy as



Class 55 members



Class 55 ladies



**Buddy blowing candles on his birthday cake.**



**Buddy with his wife and children**

prime mover in organizing the PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc. which, after several fund-raising activities and prudent fund management, has now an asset of almost P10 million..

Present from the class, other than the hosts Buddy and wife Ione, were Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Rene and Mila Tanseco, Betong and Maudie Alfabeto, Poncing Allanigue and son Aaron, Ros Alquiza, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina and daughter Yvette, Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Remy Facto, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Estel Silva and Gigi Zaide.

The October class lunch will be held on Sunday the 15th at the Golden Sky

Restaurant. It will be hosted by some widows who volunteered, considering that the only October-born surviving member of the class is Tante Ochoco who has been confined at the VMMC for several months now. The gracious hosts are: Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Estel Silva and Eva Miranda. See you all then and there.

For the November class affair, Rene and Mila Tanseco are the perennial hosts. And the class Christmas party in December will be hosted by the Class 55 Foundation. The dates and place will be announced later.

**Rest in Peace.**

Nino Ecarma, youngest son of Rene and Arfeli, passed away on 3 September, after a few months in the hospital. May his soul rest in peace. The class conveys to his bereaved parents its sincere condolences on the untimely demise of their son. And the Class 55 Foundation gave them P50,000 as abuloy.

The class also extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs Annie Sandoval, the widow of the late Capt Rommel B Sandoval '05, who was killed in action in Marawi on 10 September. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul. Our Class 55 Foundation gave the widow an abuloy of P30,000, he being a member of our adopted Class of 2005. /raa



**FC CORACHEA**  
President  
**LM MALTO**  
Secretary

**S**till soaring high and far. Mon and Penny Farolan just arrived from their 3 weeks sojourn in Chicago, USA to visit their eldest son's family and attend their eldest apo's graduation from high school. Not to be outdone, Levy and Nora Malto also flew to Wellington, New Zealand for a 2 weeks visit for the same purpose. Both of their sons are practicing doctors in their respective fields and raising their children there. Mon and Levy are the record holders of the class in the number of surgical operations undergone. Now approaching their mid-80s, they are still full of pep to travel come what may but are prepared for any emergency that may be set them.

On 11 August 17, Patot Paiso, now the only widower of the class, celebrated his 83rd BDay with his golf buddies at the TERRY's at Pasong Tamo Extn. in Makati, a fine dining Spanish resto. Romy David

and Mel Goyena were the first to arrive at the place at high noon followed by Mon Farolan. Already starving at 1230H, the trio started ordering soup to stave off their hunger with Davo texting Patot how soon could he and 3 other golf buddies (Ben Lim, Monray Mapa and Ed Hernandez) could join them. It was already 2 pm when they arrived to savor the ala carte lunch with appetite enhancing reds.. It was almost 5 pm when they broke up for home with the place already deserted and being prepared for the evening crowd.

The next weekend on 19 August, Nita Canieso hosted a graveside mass and lunch nearby that was attended by her family, friends and 6 mistahs and wifeys ( the Aparris, Coracheas, Farolans, Goyenas, Macabascos and Maltos) and 2 widows (Juliet Suarez and Tess Calip) to honor the first anniversary of the death of her husband Rudy. Present incognito at the back row of the mass site was B/ Gen. Robert Arevalo, Chief of Staff, HPA and son of our mistah, Fil and Norma Arevalo, who provided the chaplain for the mass and made sure that all was A-OK in the PA territory. Another attendee was Ret. Lt. Gen. Caesar Ordoyo, PMA Class

80, who informed the mistahs there that his father, our own Rod Ordoyo, confined to quarters after a stroke, had limited his physical activities within his bedroom.

On the next week after their Wednesday golf at the PNGC, the class golfers, Ching Corachea, Romy David, Mel Goyena, Levy Malto and Boy Paiso gave a reciprocal treat to Ben Lim (USMMA CI 54) at the Ma Mou resto at the Rockwell Power Plant Mall in Makati. The place was suggested by Ben, now 86, but still with a terrific appetite for good food, fine drinks and a dear woman.

The August Group chaired by Patot Paiso with Romy David, Mon Farolan, Tony Fernando, Tony Lukban and Vil Villanueva hosted the class with a lunch at the Chechuan Resto at the Fort, Global City on 26 August 17 attended by Mike and Rose Aparri, Ching and Emma Corachea, Guzz and Lolit Mateo, Levy and Nora Malto, Paul and Daly Canalita, Mel and Pat Goyena, Lulu Manlongat and widows Cecile Ampig, Mila Barlaan, Tess Calip, Lily Pio Roda and Juliet Suarez. The affair was highlighted by an invocation of Monsignor Patot who appeared more like a bishop, followed by pep talks from Tony

Lukban, the class veteran of many political campaigns and Mon Farolan, reminding the class that we are no longer a Spanish colony. The class also invited again Ben Lim, USMMA '54, as special guest who actively participated in the class frolics that ensued while loading and loading the lauriat boodles and unlimited red wine to go with. The class patron, Pat Lucero in Iloilo, was unable to attend but sent 30 packs of A-One daing from his fishing business which everybody took home together with Penny Farolan's specially made empanadas. The sumptuous lunch

was paid for by the class fund and Tony Fernando, the lone volunteer of the group in footing the food bill.

Levy Malto, the class sexytary, announced that the class Xmas party will be held on 9 December 17 at the Makati Business Club and read the new regrouping of the class active members effective 1 September 17, as follows:

**April Group** - Macabasco as chair with Almonte, Corachea, Lazo, Lara and Tolentino

**August Group** - Paiso as chair with Aparri, David, Farolan, Fernando and Lukban.

**December Group** - Malto as chair with Canalita, Goyena, Manlongat, Mateo and Villanueva.

On 12 September 17, Mila Barlaan, the widow of our mistah, the late PN Captain Allen Barlaan, was found dead by her son at her Condo, where she is living alone. Mila is survived by 5 children, 4 of them living with their families in the USA and Canada. Her services were made at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina and was interred at high noon on 19 Sept 17. She is the 6th casualty among the 52 lady members of the class.



**DS TAN-GATUE JR**  
President  
**TR JARDINIANO**  
Secretary

The most recent class gathering was during the 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday celebration of Cav. Ed Ermita held at Ricarte Hall, PA officers club within the HPA compound in attendance were 17 members and their ladies and a few widows (Cavaliers Felix Brawner, Vic Buenaventura, Nitoy Dator, Lito Doria, Nick Dugue, Ting Enriquez, Rem Gopez, Ador De Guzman, Jardi Jardiano, Onchie Mendoza, Resty Padilla, Bay Ramirez, Oscar Taleon, Jun Tan-Gatue, George Templo, Rene De Villa, Oca Zalamea).

It was a simple affair with Cav. Ed's immediate members his family. It was an evening filled with music vintage 1950-1960. Pilita Corrales was still stunning in her red attire, singing a mix of English, Spanish, Ilocano, Visayas & Tagalog songs participated in by his classmates and some spouses.

Notable is the presence of the only incumbent Gov't Official, Solicitors General

Jose Calida, a friend of the celebrant & Cav. Rene De Villa and few young lady lawyers from the Solgen's Offices, as three of them are relatives of Elvie, a wife of Ed.

Cav. Rene had a surprise dinner party on 20 July on his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday tendered by his children, Lt. Patrick, Icee, Jenny, & Miko and their spouses. Similarly, Sol Tan-Gatue wife our class president Cav. Jun Tan-Gatue, was given a surprise party too, by her children at a function room in Edsa Shangri-la, Edsa Hotel Mandaluyong, Jun greeted her with a song instead of a short testimonial. It shows that Jun & Sol, as rumored are really having voice lessons at home. That accounts for their continuing good health, happy disposition and ever young looking personalities.

Cav. Ador & Aida sponsored the monthly brunch gathering of Bravo Co. at the VIP room of the AFPCOC restaurant. Special guests were Ting & Baby Enriguez (Charlie Co.) As usual the gathering lasted with past 1230H, with the exchanges of jokes among Ador, Lito Doria & Rem Gopez. We were glad that Cav. Nick Duque, managed to attend our Class Affairs accompanied by her only daughter, Carmen. Bravo Co. class leader Oca Zalamea, announced forth coming affairs of the class on December.

We are looking forward to having other classmates from outside Metro Manila area to attend like Cav. Erni Maderazo, Ray Dilan, Benjie Gomez & Benjie Cruz, Yap-Diangco & their spouses. We will also try to cause the attendance of our classmates widows to honor us with their presence on December.

The brats of class '57 headed by Dr. Gigi Ledesma-Ferreira of VMMC sponsored anti-flu vaccination at Dimasupil function room of AFPCOC on 31 July '17. A good number of the class took advantage of the free vaccination, Thanks to the brats.

**Brats Corner**

After the solid participation of the PMA Brats '57 in the 60th diamond anniversary celebrations of the PMA Class '57 in February in Baguio, and in April in Metro Manila, the group held their 2nd annual 'Bakuna Mo, Sagot Ko' project held last July 22 at the Dinalupihan Hall (formerly The Patio) at the AFP Officers Club in Camp Aguinaldo. Spearheaded by Brats '57 president Dr. Gigi Ledesma-Pereira, annual quadrivalent flu shots were given at no cost to members of the Class, their spouses, children, grandchildren and other dependents. Prior to the administering of





the vaccines, there was a free consultation with volunteer doctors from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

Up next, and closing out the year would be the '57 Brats' sponsorship of the premier screening of the much anticipated film **Star Wars Episode 8: The Last Jedi**. This will be on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 at 6:30pm in Cinemas 7 and 8, at The Promenade Mall in Greenhills. Now on its third year running, this annual year-end endeavor of the '57 Brats will again be for the benefit of the

group's chosen AFP- related charities. We are once more appreciative of the support that we usually receive from the PMA family during the festive yuletide season, and hope to see many of you there! And before closing, we would like to commend one of our own, '57 Brats member Maj Gen Restituto F. Padilla Jr., on his recent and much deserved promotion. Himself a member of the PMA 'Sandiwa' Class of '85, he is also currently the spokesperson of the AFP. Congratulations.



**OB SALIENTES**  
President  
**MP PANES JR**  
Secretary

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

The class trip to Matabungkay and

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

12 July 2017. Niu Vikings Restaurant, SM Aura, BGC. The class treated Julpha Maniquiz and Lenny Balbas to lunch. It happened to be Julpha's birthday too. Since Myrna Apolinario happens to fall

on July too, both had free meals. In attendance were Loven and Jenny, Pong and Jessie, Orly and Inday with grandson Enzo, Jun and Lenny Balbas, Tony Leviste, Ike Reconquista, Juliet Yap, Lina Fajardo, Chit Paredes and Myrna Apolinario. Julpha was with her granddaughter Chamina who is seeing the Philippines for the first time. She wants to acquaint her of her Ilocano roots.

Eryn Laforteza, the daughter of Lafo and Malou is now a rated commercial pilot. She is now a PAL co-pilot in Philippine Air Lines flying the Boeing 777. The class congratulates her. Lafo must be smiling in Heaven. The two sons of Tom and Myrna Apolinario are now PNP generals (sorry I am not familiar with the PNP ranks). Ramon has 3 stars while Tom Jr has 1 star. Ramon is the second-in-command to Chief





Bato dela Rosa. Ramon must be the first son of PMA 60 to hold the 3-star rank.

Sting Cariño is abroad again visiting his daughters and grandchildren. His new house is not finished yet. I am pretty sure the class will be invited to his housewarming.

JOKE TIME. A wife of a classmate asked Jenny her secret about her flawless skin. Jenny said she uses Vitamin E cream. She misunderstood it to be Vitamin A. She complained that it is not working for her. Of course not. E not A. Ha Ha Ha.

Orly is again exhorting everybody to

prepare for our diamond jubilee. Since we got a hefty amount in our pension differentials, he wants everybody to chip in 10,000 pesos NOW to our class fund. Should you be unable to attend the diamond jubilee, the 10,000 pesos will be refunded to you. Many of us have already done so to include Orly, Pong, Nestor, Tony and me.

Nestor Lim was here in the country last week of July fixing his investment and pension papers. He stayed a week with us in our house. That way it was easier for me to bring him around. The class tendered a lunch for him at NIU Vikings in SM Aura, BGC.

Jessie Panes celebrated her 80th birthday at Blue Leaf, City of Dreams last Aug 27 2017. Relatives, PMA classmates were I attendance. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESSIE. /Loven C. Abadia



On the not so good side at the start of the 3rd quarter, our dear mistah Flor Zabala, after his determined battle with his ailment finally succumbed last July 16 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. The bereaved family had him cremated and brought his remains to lie in state at home. Members of the Class who visited during the wake at the Zabalas' residence are the following: Nano, Bay, Maura Soriano & Company, Kintin & Luz; Amaury, Pengot and Ray. Amaury coordinated with the Phil Navy N9 for appropriate vigil guards and the availability of the interment flag.

The Necrological service was on Saturday, July 22 attended by: Nano & Lolit, Mitch & Mildred, Kintin & Luz, Nani, Silver, Rene Motus and Ray Logan.

Nano, being the Class President was the last speaker at the necrological service and his delivery is as follows:

**“Eulogy for Captain Flordelino Zabala** – Good Evening! On behalf of PMA Class 1962 including their respective families, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences to Noni and her children Melody and Dawn and the rest of her family on the passing of her husband, Flor and of our classmate of

PMA Class 1962. Truly, we could not imagine enduring the loss of a spouse and father. We could only commiserate and sympathize and hopefully our presence here today gives them strength.

Honestly, I was not very close with Flor. I was in the Army and he was in the Navy branch of service. I understand that Flor graduated as a valedictorian from the University of the Philippines (UP) before entering the PMA. When we were cadets, I always would see him.. see him touring. UP would make him valedictorian and, on the other hand, PMA would make him do touring. However, despite all the touring, he graduated from the Academy and if that is the only thing one knows about Flor, that is enough considering the same shows his fortitude and strength of character.

For us, especially for Noni and her family, it is difficult to accept his death. Surely, Flor's life is not long enough, but that is God's will. In joining Noni and her family in their sorrow, we are comforted with the thought that Flor is in a better place.

So to Flor, may God shine His blessing to you and to Noni and your family, may you find the strength to face tomorrow and honor the memory of Flor. Maraming salamat and I salute Flor, our mistah, I bid farewell.”

The interment flag was presented to Noni by Nano after the appropriate military ritual. Many generous members responded to the call for “Pass the hat”.

We held our 3rd quarterly fellowship

on August 19 at the Vikings SM Megamall. For those who have forgotten local history, August 19 is the birthday of President Manuel L Quezon and incidentally it was also the birthday of one of our illustrious mistahs, no wonder he was baptized and named Manuel .... (Guess who..... kaya per Vikings rules, the birthday celebrant dines free, no charge. All class members enjoyed fifty percent discount (75 years old & up na tayo eh).

Attendance for the occasion is as follows: Quintin & Luz Alcudia, Agerico & Baby Kagaoan, Manuel & Vicky Salimbangon, Jose & Mary Ann Divinagracia, Manuel & Lolit Mariano, Joel Hinlo, Renato Motus, Ray Logan, Francisco Atayde, Carlos Tañega, David Alimorong, Maury Evangelista, Glo Fernandez, Maura Soriano, Noni Zabala, Melody Zabala, Miss Hinlo, Miss Fernandez, Miss Kagaoan 1, Miss Kagaoan 2, Engr. Jose Alcoriza, Annabelle Alcoriza, Joebelle Alcoriza and Joeanna Alcoriza.

During the lunch Noni Zabala presented a letter of thanks to the class which reads as follows: “Our dearly beloved mistahs, We are forever grateful for the sympathy and kind help you have extended to us during a most difficult moment/time of our life. Your support will be remembered always. May the Lord return your generosity. You are truly God-sent. Thank you so much! May He shower you all with his Choicest Blessings. Your kindness means much more than words can say. Thanks without end!!! Love and Prayers, Noni Alcaraz-



Zabala, Melody Z Hernandez, Dawn Z Dickey, Grandchildren: Jett, Tala & Sarah”.

In the series of class officers conferences, Nano presented some ideas on how the class can generate funds. Amaury and Kintin were not keen on such ventures because it will be too exhausting on our part considering our advancing years and they believed that the enterprising and energetic members of the class can undertake such ventures individually on a personal basis.

Nano commissioned Dave to research and come up with a “Survivorship SOP” as a guide and reference for all classes considering that “the inevitable day” will catch up with more cavaliers in the coming years. For our next and last quarterly fellowship this year, Nano set December 2 for the occasion, it will be potluck with a program and possible awarding ceremonies. Amaury is canvassing for places where to hold said activity.

Sad to note, we had an additional casualty this quarter, George Regala after a prolonged battle with his ailment finally succumbed last September 9 in the USA. According to a message from her eldest daughter Eileen, a memorial service featuring George’s life and times was held last September 14 in California USA.

Nano requested all class members for the usual “pass the hat” and amaury our class treasurer will collect all your pledges.



**GR RUIZ**  
President  
**RLP EBRO**  
Secretary

**“BER” Greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963.**

From our Corporate Secretary’s logbook our activities were as follows:

**22 August 2017**-BIRCI 2nd Quarterly Fellowship meeting held at the Dimalupig Hall B, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Honorable Andres B Reyes Jr. Associate Justice, Supreme Court Philippines was GOHAS. He talked about the Donald Trump Presidency. Only Cav Danny Delgado represented the class.

**01 September 2017**- 70th birthday party of Yayang Abaya Manlongat. It was

held at the 53th floor Mt. Zion room, BSA Twin Tower Hotel. A hawain motif event, Yayang was honored by the Manlongat brothers, Husband Bob’63, Tom’56, and Justo’69, with children (+) Bob, Jr.’02, Herbie, Melai, daughter-in-law Abi and Apo Robi. High school classmates and relatives from Candon Ilocos Sur were graced the party. Among those who joined the affair were George and Gie Aquino, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Kid and Lena Medina, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Billy and Rose Enerio, Aida Mayo and Boy Crevillo. Also friends from the Army hospital joined the fun.

**09 September 2017**- 76th Birthday of Regie Lacson. Together with Marga, they hosted a dinner in New World Makati Hotel. Among those who came were Boy Orevillo, Aida Mayo, Billy Enerio, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Bob and Yayang Manlongat,

Ardy and Beth Abaya, Kid and Luna Medina, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Ding and Zeny Salipsis and Gap Sabarre.

**10 September 2017**- Pepe and Nene Pestano invited PMA Class 1963 to a durian/rambutan/marang party with lunch at the Pestano farm, Philip’s sanctuary in Antipolo City. Among the early arrivals are Pert and Inday Andaya, Ebor and Flor Ebro. They were followed by Rudy and Offie Javier, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Ding and Zevy Salipsis, Danny and Nena Delgado.

**22 September 2017**- PMA Matindi Class 1963 Board Meeting in the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo Quezon City. Taken-up were the 55th Anniversary of our Graduation Day, the General Membership meeting and election in November 2017, our Christmas party 2017 and preparation for Baguio City on

17 February 2018. The following were present Cav Bill Ruiz, Ebor Ebro, Rudy Javier, Danny Delgado, Ding Salipsip, Frank Mallilun, Pert Andaya and Bob Manlongat.

**Birthday Celebrants- September-October 2017**

The PMA Class Matindi Class wishes to extend our warmest greetings, good health and good life to all birthday celebrants and may you have many many more to come!

**September:** Yayang Manlongat -1 , Ching Saavedra -1 , Rose Enerio -4, Vicky Capada- 7, Reggie Lacson -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, Beth Abaya -9, Nick Blancas (+) -11, Fred Romero (+) -12, Leny Valencia -19, Johny Andaya (+)- 21, Estela Andaya -21, Gaps Sabarre -22.

To all members of PMA Matindi be happy and be active as we are all going to old. Let’s keep in touch and let us prepare for our Emerald Anniversary comes 2018 (1812-1605).



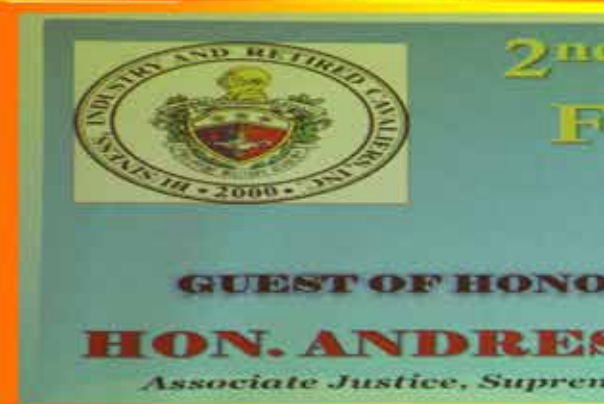

**CP MARIANO**  
President  
**OT CABANLIG**  
Secretary

encouraged to use the class Facebook group account for remote interaction. Thanks too to Winston Arpon for having created the Facebook class account. Just like in past years, the class through the efforts and initiative of Terry de la Cruz has again organized an All Saints day mass

and prayers for our departed classmates and class 64 ladies on October 27, 2017. The occasion will be at Fort Bonifacio Army Chapel. After the mass, those who will be attending will proceed to Vikings Restaurant, SM Aura, Bonifacio Global City in Taguig for early lunch and class

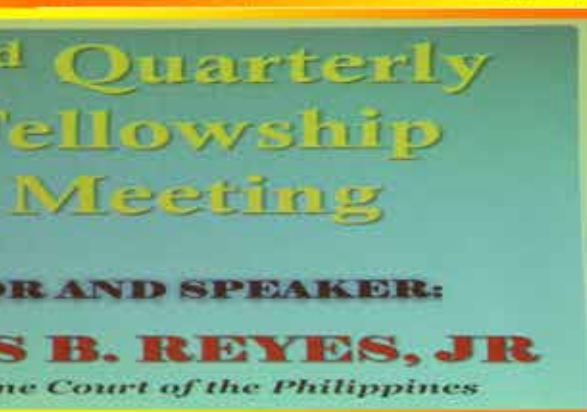
Thanks to our classmates who are active in regularly sharing with the class their experiences and sharing photos using the group’s Facebook. Rey Reyes, Jorge Agcaoili and Terry de la Cruz are the class members active in sharing their experiences with the class. Rey Reyes and wife shared their outing in one of the local beach resort. Jorge Agcaoili and wife Merriam shared theirs in one of the party they attended in USA and Terry de la Cruz with wife Ellen shared their visit at Seattle, Washington USA. Other classmates are





- 1-2. PMAAAI Chairman Cav Melchor P Rosales'68, leads attendees of the BIRCI Quarterly Fellowship in registering at the lobby of Dimalupig Hall B, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C on 22 August 2017 starting 6:00 p.m.
3. The Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon Andres B Reyes Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, arrives and is welcomed by Cav Edgardo B Aglipay'71, BIRCI Vice President.
4. Attendees of the fellowship sing the National Anthem at the start of the Program.
5. Cav Rodolfo C Garcia'70 BIRCI President, delivers the Welcome Remarks.
6. Cav Alejandro T Flores Jr.'72 BIRCI Treasurer, leads the recitation of the Cavalier Prayer and prayer for deceased BIRCI members.
- 7-8. Doing the introduction of the Guest of Honor is Cav Aglipay, as the BIRCI members settle down for the awaited speech of the Supreme Court Associate Justice.





9. Fully prepared for the occasion, Justice Reyes delivers his talk with a power point presentation , and once in a while, adlibs to stress a point.
10. The speech of the Guest of Honor is followed by the much awaited Open Forum, with Cav Tristan M Kison'79, BIRCI Director, as the moderator.
- 11-17. The interest of the attendees to hear answers to critical questions from the Guest of Honor is evident as Cavaliers Crisostomo F Abanes'69 (11), Cav Deogracias C Caballero Jr.' 68 (12), Cav Edilberto P Adan'72 (13), Cav Rodolfo A Tor '72 (14), Cav Mariano R Santiago'67 (15), Cav Alejandro T Flores'72 (16), and Cav James P Ramon'62 (17) raise questions or simply opinions.
18. For being the Guest of Honor and Speaker for the occasion, the BIRCI Board, awards him a Certificate of Appreciation. From left to right- Cav Aglipay, Cav Garcia, BIRCI Chairman, Cav Delos Santos, the Honoree and Cav Rosales.
19. The BIRCI memento is likewise awarded to the Guest of Honor.
20. The finale of the evening is the Closing Remarks delivered by Cav De los Santos which is spiced by his usual jokes to end the fellowship on a happy mood.



meeting. During the mass Rey Reyes will render Eulogy for our departed classmates after which Clem Mariano, class President will render his closing remarks. See you on October 27 classmates!

Among the original thirty five graduates of class 64, the following are the status of it's members

- 1. Regular Members - 17
- 2. Associate Members - 6
- 3. Deceased Members - 18

**Happy Birthday to the following September- October born classmates:**

- Jimmy Veloso - Sept. 16
- Santi Bunoan - Sept. 22
- Rey Reyes - Sept. 30
- Jun Padilla - Oct. 01
- Winston Arpon - Oct. 05
- Sol Flores - Oct. 26
- Roger Soledad - Oct. 28

May you have many more birthdays to come !!

Dianne Malig who travelled to Cebu for Warren's wake and burial (cremation). Warren is the 26th MULAWIN who have gone ahead and there are now only thirty two (32) who remain candidates for the position of LMS..

Our third quarter get together lunch which was hosted by the July, August and September born Mulawins (although the cost was actually shouldered by our still very much blue class fund) was held at Sambokojin Resto located at the 3rd floor of MEGAMALLEDSA last September 16, 2017. It was a well- attended affair and it was made more significant with the presence of our foreign based Mulawin classmates-- MON AND NORY AZURIN; JUN AND DAISY TUCAY; ANDY AND BING SUPERABLE : PAT AND BABY DUQUE AND JOEY MENDOZA..Bert Acenas, who was with the Navy just like Pat Duque is suspecting that Pat is actually here for good because he is afraid daw that that certain guy KIM of North Korea may actually make good his threats of targeting Guam with his newly developed Missiles .Aside from our foreign based classmates the other attendees were: Class Prexy Mike Leonardo; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Pepe and Lyn delos Santos; Egay and Dina Velasco; Enri Bulan with his daughter and family; Noli and Chit Fabic; Bert and Dona Acenas; Rolly Cauton; Lito Tapia; Jess and Boots Candelario; Dianne Malig; Tirso Rosal; Rex Robles with his apo; and Roger and Gloria Bergado.

Our next get together will be our Christmas party and this will be on December 12, 2017 tentatively at the AGFO, CGEA, QC. We are announcing this early so we can already mark this in our calendars.. C U all folks!!!/epn



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

**W**e are now in the "ber" months which in the Philippines is already the start of the Christmas season and actually most of the radio stations have been playing Christmas songs. So, may I be the first to greet and extend to one and all the traditional greetings : " Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"!!!

So far, for the year 2017 our Class have suffered great losses with the death, one after the other of WILLY NICOLAS (January); MALU ALEJANDRO(February)' BANGBANG DE LEON (May) and WARREN CAPITAN (August). The death of Warren was really not unexpected and it came about some eighteen (18) years after he suffered a stroke while on week-end in his home province of Cebu and also after about two years after the death of his OAO Nene Capitan. His wake was in Cebu and his body was cremated in accordance with his wishes. The class was represented by Enri and Celia Bulan; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Vi Santos and






**MP ESPEJO**  
President  
**FS BAUTISTA**  
Secretary

**PAMBUNGAD**

**P**agdating ng mga buwan na ang mga huling letra ay BER, nangangahulugang 116 araw na lang ay Pasko na. Lumalamig ang simoy ng hangin, bagamat patuloy pa rin ang pag-ulan. Marami sa atin ay naghahanda na para sa pagdating ng araw na ito, inilalabas ang mga Christmas tree at iba pang pangdekorasyon at inililista ang pangalan ng bibigyan ng regalo at mga lugar na papasyalan. Ang ilan, pupunta sa US, at ang mga taga US, pupunta ng Pilipinas. Sana, ibigay na ang 80% ng pension increase arrears natin na ipinangako ng gobyerno bago matapos ang taon.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

As of this writing, there was not much happenings that were reported to the Class. The birthday celebrators were low-key and chose to make their natal day a family affair or small group simple celebration. This should really be the case, isn't it? (For the Ilocanos, Boholanos, and Bicolanos).

So for this issue, we have nothing much to report, even after inquiries were made from more active guys. There is one, however, which we stumbled upon in the internet. It seems that another improvement has been made on the Class 66 project in front of the PMA Chapel-the statue of St. Ignatius de Loyola. From the internet, we saw that the statue has now an enclosure where visitors could safely pose for a better view.

Another event that may be seen as an update was the regular Board meeting of Class Sixty-Six Veterans and Associates, Inc. (Vets 66) last 29 September 2017 held at the real-estate office of Menong Garcia located at the third floor of Amber building, Bayan Road, Taguig City. In attendance in this meeting were its President, Michelangelo Siscar; Vice President, Filomeno Garcia; Auditor/Corporate Secretary, Artemio Arugay; and Directors Fredelino Bautista, Ruben Espejo and Ponciano Millena.

It would be of interest to know that this group is a legitimate affiliate organization of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), created by law as the mother organization of all veteran/retiree groups. Currently, the group has 416 members, but only 146 are VFP members (their annual membership dues of P500

are deducted automatically by PVAO from their old-age pension). Of this number, only 19 are Class 66 members, but there are widows who are already members, namely: Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison, and Alice Alba.

Last, July 12, 2017, the Vets'66 held a medical mission at the BTVWWII Outpatient Center, Veterans Center, Taguig City attended by 80 veterans and spouses, of which 49 were given free medicines and eyeglasses (courtesy of Fe Cuison). Vets 66 intends to invite all Class 66 members and widows to become regular members of the VFP.



*St. Ignatius de Loyola at the PMA chapel, eight months later.*



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

As usual, we would like to greet our birthday celebrators for September and October.

**For September:** Jacie Aquino (11), Serge Belleza (9), Ric Tañedo (19), Tita Belo (02), Lulu de Leon (06), Dolly Lachica (20), Puri Eco (30), Lysias Cabusao (24), Jeslie Lapus (12).

**For October:** Mar Antonio (25), Octavius Dauz (20), Roy Nicolas (24), Edd Santos (16), Tess Arugay (03), Tess Reyes (05), Lita Garcia (15), Margie Galon (17), Celia Cunanan (21), Glo Domingo (?).

We have yet to list the birthdays of the following: Doris Romero, Lil Santos, Carol Alvez, Irene Antonio, Mila Capili, Cynthia Bruce, Olive Perez, Vilma Regalado, Lita

Obillo, Tess Mamorno, Lita Javier, Meldy Espina, Sally Escarcha, Luz Dumadapat, Neneng Tagamolila, Neneng Atienza, Amy Verder, May Pascual. Kindly get in touch with Beth Payumo, ladies at 0917-8227620

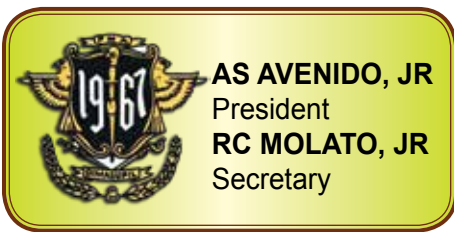
Words are afoot that Tess Reyes would be hosting a dinner in commemoration of her birthday at her residence in AFPOVAI, Taguig City. As in the past, she has sent verbal invitations to sixty-sixers and their ladies to attend. This event would be discussed more in detail in the next issue of the Cavalier Magazine,

**ERRATA**

We apologize for the following errors in the Class Call of the July-August issue:

The last name of PORTIA was misspelled VORNA. It should be VARONA (page 28).

In the caption of the second picture, first line, the phrase 4th from left should be 4th from right.



**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

**A.** The following were our activities for the July – August 2017 period:

**17 July** – Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was hosted by Lettie Baula and Jovy – Baby Sales in Dad’s Buffet Resto, Glorietta 3, Makati City. It was their way of celebrating with the Class the birthdays of Cesar Baula (26 July) and Jovy (28 July). It was also a despedida for Jovy, who left for the USA the following day for his periodic “apostolic” mission.

**20 August** – Serge – Zeny Austria, Ed - Myrna Espinosa, Vir – Marina Odulio, Mar - Beth Santiago, and Orly – Reem Tucay hosted our DMF in Max’s Resto, Quezon Memorial Circle, 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 the progress of our Golden Sword and the fundraising PAGCOR Bingo on 17 December 2017.

**B.** Watch out for our schedule for September – October 2017 period, onwards, as follows:

**23 September** – DMF (Brunch) to be

hosted by Romy – Merle Odi and family in Conti’s Café and Resto, Shaw Blvd, Mandaluyong City.

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

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

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

**UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS**

Last 26 August, Orly and Reem Tucay prepared a sumptuous boodlefight for the Dimasupils in his resort in Lingayen, Pangasinan. Unfortunately, a typhoon with heavy rains happened to pass by the area on that day. So of the many persons who signified to attend, only one brave Navy man Abe Din, with his braver bodyguard Cora, came. When asked why Ed Espinosa was not able to join him, he answered: “Marines yun, takot sa bagyo!”

**UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES**

Congratulations to Congressman Mannix Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, on the recent approval into law by Mistah President Rody Duterte of his pet bill extending the validity of the Philippine Passport to ten years.

**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), Clod 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**

Amidst the brewing debate whether the government should distribute free condoms in pursuit of the Family Planning Program and HIV Control Campaign, Bernie Patino circulated the following fake news:

Vic Corpus and Ching Ballecer are legitimate registered inventors, with patents of their brilliant ideas. Not to be outdone, another classmate, a retired Marine General, has just invented something that might interest all Dimasupils. It is condom for the middle finger. He is also conducting a field

test for a condom for the tongue. He is likewise working on another brilliant idea: camouflage condom. He claims that its use will hide the paternity of any baby within 67 – mile radius of a Marine camp. Watch out for a progress report on this matter.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



**MP ROSALES**  
President  
**RP SANTIAGO**  
Secretary

On July 31, 2017, the class again suffered a big loss with the passing away of Johnson Duque in New Jersey, USA. The sad news came as a big surprise because the class was convinced that his health has improved and that he himself was confident he will be able to join the class during the Feb 16-18, 2018 PMA Alumni Homecoming and the 50th Graduation Anniversary celebration on Mar 24, 2018. On Aug 5, 2017 therefore, a Memorial mass was offered for him. The anticipated Sunday mass which was arranged by Rhodie Gazmin with the Office of the AFP Chief Chaplain was celebrated at the Bishop’s chapel in Camp Aguinaldo, QC.

Eleven (11) class members and nine (9) ladies attended the mass, namely: Willy & Isay Nuqui, Bobby & Purita Santiago, Nori & Candy Azcueta, Sonny & Luth Penilla, Volts & Rhodie Gazmin, Alex & Shirley Costales, Mel Rosales, Art Carrillo, Oskie Cabaron, Abe Abiol, Art Garrido, Celia Canson, Tita Pangan and Hilda Fajardo.

After the mass, an impromptu program was held with some classmates sharing their personal experiences with Johnson



as a cadet, as an officer, as a devoted family man and as a retiree. Art Carrillo, Alex Costales, Sonny Penilla, and Oskie Cabaron gave their respective eulogies while Mel Rosales read the class eulogy he sent to MJ De Leon who represented the class during the necrological services held in New Jersey.

After the program in the chapel, all mass attendees, except for Art Garrido who had to attend to an urgent matter, proceeded to Bahay Ligaya restaurant along Katipunan/C5 road for dinner.

**CLASS MEETING AND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

On September 4, 2017, the class BoT held a meeting at AGFO Center in Camp Aguinaldo. Present were Mel Rosales, Willy Nuqui, Sonny Penilla, Nori Azcueta, Abe Abiol and Bobby Santiago. Also present were Rudy Rabago (birthday celebrator), Volts Gazmin, Alex Costales, Oskie Cabaron, Art Carrillo, Patrick Madayag, Rene Santos, Dante Ruiz, Chris Francisco and the CTB consultant, Mervin Vergara.

After establishing a quorum at 4:15 PM, Mel welcomed and thanked the attendees and extended the greetings of the class to Rudy Rabago who was celebrating his birthday and to Patrick Madayag who will celebrate his on September 6. The dinner served after the meeting was hosted by Rudy. The floor was

thereafter given to Sonny who presented the latest update on the CTB project. He reported that the project is now delayed by one month based on the targeted timelines. He said the new timelines will be as follows:

**1. September 15** - Return of the 3rd draft which was printed and read by the different section editors. Individual concerns were discussed directly with Mervin who said, he can still accommodate changes in the 2-page individual spread up to end of September if the changes will be for the entire spread in a USB directly submitted to him.

**2. September 30** - 4th and final draft will be reviewed by the CTB editorial staff.

**3. 1st week of October** - Start of printing of the dummy.

**Other matters discussed:**

**1.** Re photographer to be used during the Alumni Homecoming in Feb 2018, Mel said he has coordinated with PMA authorities to assign to the class one of the photographers being hired by them. Said photographer will be supervised by Art Carrillo. It was agreed that all the activities to be covered be included in the itinerary being prepared by Bobby.

**2.** On class uniform, Alex reported that he already turned over the 40 class seal patches to Mel to be given to the class tailor.



3. For his part, Bobby presented the 2nd draft of the proposed Class directory with the Class seal/logo on the front cover and a class picture in the back cover. To make this also a souvenir 50th Graduation Anniversary program, the first part will be the complete itinerary to be observed during the Alumni Homecoming including the formal program up to the departure from BCC. The schedule of the March 24,

2018 Graduation Anniversary Dinner will likewise be included. After the meeting, the ladies present namely Millette Rosales, Isay Nuqui, Candy Azcueta, Luth Penilla, Roxanne Abiol, Purita Santiago, Rhodie Gazmin, Shirley Costales, Arlene Rabago, Julie Ruiz, Evelyn Erolin, Celia Canson, and Tess Pangantihon were joined by the CMs for dinner. Rudy took care of the cost of the venue and the

catered food aside from the pabset and the not so hot sili prepared by Arlene. Oskie contributed a whole lechon, Julie brought fresh lumpia, pancit, empanada and leche flan while Millette and Patrick, co-birth month celebrators brought cakes for the occasion. Volts brought a big bottle of blue label, and Nori 2 bottles of red wine for the ladies.



**IF BEGONIA**  
President  
**JB DULLER**  
Secretary

Someone once said that the year of one's birth and the year of one's bidding this world goodbye do not matter as much as the dash that among many and more important things includes the preparation for one's journey of journeys. Perhaps that was what moved the Fortiters to talk about memorial plans, memorial plots and such in the past and during Ike's breakfast treat on 30 August 2017 at Rockwell's Dean and Deluca-columbariums. Morbidity aside, such planning can ease the pain of losing someone and all its attendant concerns for one's survivors.

Of course, the ladies- Lulu, yours truly, Olive, Sol and Len, Vikki, Ellen and Meg- also delved into the mundane like healthy eating habits and how much it costs to have one's eyebrows tattooed by an expert (?)- 100k! Someone figuratively fell off her seat silently thanking God for the natural eyebrows she still had.

Vikki shared that she is now an intern in acupuncture. Her primary patient, Bingbo, must be looking forward to her graduation. As expected the gents- Ike, Jimmy, Chris A., Jess, Willy, Jus, Benjie, and Mon- were focused on the Golden Sword of Class '69.

Next to treat the class to breakfast was Benjie this time at the F1 Hotel at BGC on 15 September 2017. In attendance were Jimmy and Lulu, Jus and Ellen, Willy, Chris A., Ike and yours truly, and Meg. Having no set agenda, the girls touched on travel to the Czech Republic, the Holy Land, and Lourdes, France then shifted to medicine

specifically Ear Nose Throat specialty (no, it was not for a nose job) before ending in Ophthalmology and bringing up the name of Dr. Justin Manlongat, the son of Jus and Ellen, and now a fellow with a diplomate in the field at the Makati Medical Center.

You guessed it! The guys still discussed the Golden Sword.

Our prayers and heartfelt sympathy go to Jess Regala and family on the demise of his brother, George (Class 62). Godspeed, Cavalier.



At Dean and Deluca, Rockwell during Ike's hosting of Class '69 breakfast meeting on August 30, 2017



Class meeting hosted by Benjie at the coffee shop, F1 Hotel at Bonifacio Global City, September 15, 2017.



Jimmy was at the class breakfast meeting at F1 Hotel but had to leave early.



**Roy Cimatu Gets CA Nod**

The long wait is over. Although there was really no doubt about his eventual confirmation by the Commission of Appointments, there was some suspense as the process reached its third hearing last October 4. Finally, after the executive session conducted after the hearing, Secretary Roy Cimatu was confirmed during the Plenary Session by the Commission on Appointments. It was an overwhelming vote for our Mistah, with all members of the CA voting for his confirmation, according to sources.

Now that he had been confirmed, our Mistah’s agenda for reform in the Department can now proceed. The hard work now begins. We extend Roy our warm congratulations and our best wishes that his vision for a better, healthier environment and responsible and sustainable use of our natural resources can all come into fruition. All the best, Mistah!

Rudy Garcia also received his presidential appointment as Undersecretary of the Department and had been designated by Roy as his Chief of Staff. Rudy will play an important role during Roy’s tenure as the pivot man in helping get the responsibilities of the Department done. With the support of everyone in the DENR who have warmly received their new secretary, and the

inspiring leadership that Roy is known for, much is expected to be accomplished during Roy’s tenure in the Department.

By the way, it was mentioned in the last class call issue that Dionet Santiago had been appointed as Chairman of the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), joining the list of Magitings in government. This is a tough job that fits Tagoy to a tee. The tough guy in him, coupled with his gritty wisdom, assures the tough job can be ably handled. There is no question about that. Dionet is the man who can set the right direction and formulate effective policies in addressing the problematic drug problem.

**Boots to Head BIRC**

Boots de Veyra, another accomplished and distinguished member of the class who had once served as Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, had been recommended to the BIRC and PMAAAI Boards to lead the Business, Industry and Retired Cavaliers (BIRC) chapter of the PMAAAI and to a PMAAAI board membership, vice Rudy Garcia who had begged off due to workload pressures of his new job.. Endorsed by Class President Roy Cimatu and unanimously affirmed by the Magitings, Boots is expected to get the nod of the two boards without much difficulty. The President of BIRC assumes as Chairman of the BIRC and Vice Chairman of the PMAAAI in the next association year (2018). In 2019, in time for our 50th Anniversary, he will chair the PMAAAI Board and steer preparations for the Golden Anniversary of the Class. Go, go, Boots! There couldn’t have been a better choice!

**Birthdays and Lanzones Picking**

Overseas, Paco Francisco marked his 70th year last October 1 with a birthday celebration in Los Angeles attended by Magitings and Mas Magitings. Irwin Ver flew in from San Francisco and Oca Mauricio flew in from Texas to be with Paco. Other Mistahs and guests present were Rudy and Len Maluyo, Rod and Maritess Castro, Pitong and Annie Heredia, Flor and Emma Domingo, Edna Ballesteros (direct from Las Vegas) with son Alex and wife, and Airene Perez and cousin Yolly. It was a fun gathering and Paco surely enjoyed his special day.

Ed Israel also celebrated his own 70th at the Philippine Navy Golf and Country Club last October 1, an event meticulously prepared by doting wife Jessie. Members of Ed’s family were all there to join in the festive gathering. Those who attended were Boots and Emy, Nesty and Au, Clyde and Susan, Roy and Ning, Sonny and Tess, Jack and Len, Egay, Glenn, Amy Villanueva, Lou Ugale, Remy Gojo, Dina Gaerlan, Tess Javier and Josie Calvo.

Last 19 September, the Magitings and the Ladies sojourned to Jack’s farm in San Jose, Batangas for some sweet lanzones and rambutan picking. It was pick and eat all you can at site. Take out is with pay with a lot of “dagdag”. Jessie Israel even had several “kaings” of lanzones and rambutan ordered for Ed’s birthday on Oct 1. A delicious farm lunch was had by all. Great fun was had by everyone and this deserves a repeat next harvest season. Ok ba Jack?

The ladies’ first Wednesday mass was held October 4 at the Landmark Chapel at the Glorietta. October’s team of birthday celebrants were: Susan Fernandez, Tess Javier and Au Carolina. The well attended lunch was graced by Ludy Garcia, Remy Gojo, Jessie Israel, Nene Galvante, Nancy Pipo, Amy Villanueva, Emy de Veyra, Tess Atienza, Baby Ilagan, Josie Calvo, Dina Gaerlan, Amy Suemith and Marilyn Signey.

**Fairway Happenings**

The 3rd Quarter edition of the Corps of the 70’s Golf tournament was held at the Navy Golf Course 22 September attended by 72 players. We fielded tour players: Jack, Sonny, Glenn and Boots plus a guest player Ike Begonia ‘69. We ended 10th place while Class ‘80 bagged the championship with a runaway score of 307 followed by Class ‘79 with 314 and Class ‘75 with 317. Konting practice pa mga Mistah!



*A snappy salute from newly confirmed Secretary Roy Cimatu*



Counterclockwise from center: October birthday gals Au, Tessie and Susan with Nancy, Amy V, Emy, Tess A, Baby, Josie C, Dina, Amy S, Ludy, Remy, Jessie, Marilyn and Nene.

L-R standing: Mao, Caster and Maritess, Pitong, Rudy Maluys, Paco, Irwin, Flor. Seated L-R: Yolly (Aireen's cousin) Annie Heredia, Marilen Maluyo, Emma Domingo and Aireen Perez.



**WA CRUZ JR**  
President  
**JC LALISAN, JR**  
Secretary

“For it’s a long, long while from May to December but the days grow short when you reach September”... so goes the September Song of Frank Sinatra. This song was very memorable to the senior classes of the ‘70s as they looked forward to the trip down to Manila for the annual parade for the former President Ferdinand Marco’s natal day in Camp Aguinaldo. The plebes, especially, were very excited about the trip, albeit a short respite from the rigors of plebe hood in the Academy, and looked forward to meeting their respective families and loved ones.

Yes, the “ber” months are short ones. It means, December is near and fast approaching. It is time therefore to prepare for the “pamaskos” for the “apos” and kids once more. The Christmas Carols are already over the airwaves welcoming a festive mood to all.

But September is also a month for travels. Why? It is because the weather is

cooler and if your destination is in Europe or the United States, “the autumn weather turns the leaves to flame”.

**Trips abroad and bonding moments**

For the month of September, Prexy Wency Cruz and wifey Puring travelled to Toronto, Canada and linked with mistah Doy Francisco and wifey, Jo , and planned their trip to Europe. My moles in FB confirmed that the couples went to Barcelona, Spain and after which had a 7-day Mediterranean Cruise. Meanwhile, VP for PNP Egay Aglipay and wife Mawie went to the US to visit their daughter and did some apostolic works there. On the other hand, Joey and Celia visited Hawaii based Mistah Tex and Phattz Balmaceda in Honolulu for some bonding moments in the golf courses, eateries, and tour of Oahu island.

Mistah Jun Fabros was monitored to have travelled to Dubai just to pose at the sand dunes of Hatta. According to Jun, it “was a unique” experience similar to his tandem skydives in Las Vegas years back.

**Fellowships and Meetings**

Last 30 August, the mas-Matatags had a special meeting in the residence of Mawie Aglipay to discuss about the

preparations for the Class Christmas Party scheduled on 2 December 2017. Presided by Prexy Lulu Tabamo, it was decided that the venue will be in Valle Verde 4 and formed were some committees to handle this activity. As also agreed during the meeting, this will be a pot luck affair. The attire will be any color of Christmas.

Last 19 September, the Matatag “Hampas-Lupas” practiced in the Navy golf course in preparation for the tournament of the Corps of the 70s. Boy Castellano, to the team’s surprise, was the big winner. Aside from Boy, those who played were Bing Alano, Ed Matillano, Joey Lalisán, and Rex Piad. Jerry Albano arrived late but joined the team in the fellowship.

Last 21 September, some Matatag golfers joined the PN Seniors 3rd quarter tournament. Players for the team were Rex, Boy Caste, Jerry, and Joey. The team entry was sponsored by mistah Egay. Boy, despite a high handicap, was class A during the raffles where he won both the minor and major prizes.

Last 22 September, the Matatags hosted the 3rd Quarter Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament in the Philippine Navy fairways together with PMA Classes ‘74, ‘77’ and ‘80. There were 76 golfers who



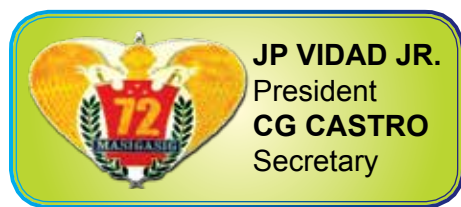




joined from classes '70 to '80. Some guests were also present. The Matatag team was composed of Egay Aglipay, Rex Piad, Rey Alcasid, Boy Castellano, Nelson Eslao, and yours truly. The younger classes prevailed during the tournament.

**Quote for this Issue:**

*When anger rises, think of the consequences. Confucius*



**W**arm greetings to Masigasig family as we welcome the "BER" months, an indication of the advent of Christmas time as we started to hear constantly Christmas carols and jingles from our radios and television sets. Indeed, holiday season is just around the corner.

The following are the news updates for the months September and October:

**Day of Mourning, Death of Mistah Gigi Tagamolila:**

The whole Masigasig family mourned the sudden death of Gigi Tagamolila last Sept. 10 at their residence in BF Mariposa Subdivision, Talon Tres, Las Pinas City. Her remains lie in state at their residence and the wake lasted up to Thursday night( Sept 14). A mass was held in the morning of Sept 15 at St Joseph The Worker Church prior to her cremation at Loyola Memorial Chapel Crematorium. The death of Mistah Gigi was so sudden after she was diagnosed with lung cancer last August. We, as a family share the sadness and sorrows of Bert and his family for the passing of Gigi. We will continue praying for the

eternal repose of her soul and may she find everlasting peace in heaven. We also implore the Lord that Bert and his family will be able to overcome immediately the pains and sadness of the unexpected demise of Gigi. In passing, here's a quotation from an unknown source we wish to share to Bert. ***"There is no love like the love of a soulmate. A soulmate is a gift from God. This makes it even more difficult when such love is taken away. Wishing you the strength to overcome the deep sorrow. God bless"***. Bert and his family wish to express their thanks and gratitude to the Class for the financial and morale support extended to them during their time of bereavement.

**The Anti Pneumonia Vaccination/3rd Quarter Social:**

The anti-pneumonia vaccination was held last Sept 3 at 2pm in PNGC. Forty three (43) Mistah and ladies were able to avail of the vaccines administered by Pilar Senga, Amy Brillantes and some volunteer ladies; Ayn Lacerna, Mel Hermoso, Fe Castro, Odette Bibit, Cely Nobleza, to name a few. It was really a great day for us. Instead of merely a simple vaccination session, it turned also turned-out to be a 3rd Quarter Social activity ; a noble idea espoused by Ludy Vidad. There were

Bingo games with no expense from the Class since the prizes were donated by some wives of the Class Officers/ BOT. Among the kind and gracious donors were Lorna Abu, Neriz Batestil(thanks for the sweet rambutan direct from your farm), Fe Castro, Boots Carag, Mila Naval, Vangie Dizon, Ludy Vidad and Alyn Lacerna. Like the past socials, the birthday celebrators for the months of July, September and October were feted with songs, greetings and blowing of cakes. We partook slices of the delicious cakes as extra desert. Of course there was a dancing session for our graceful and lovable ladies whose passion for dancing remains intense after all these years. We just wondered why some Mistah are losing interest in dancing. There were some who tried dancing due to " force majeure", napipilitan lang, kung бага. Correct me if I'm wrong. Some insinuate why plenty of us shun away from dancing. And you know why. He he he. Let's ask our respective wives. Maybe they know why. You bet. Anyway, it was really a successful event and we thank the members of Sunshine Committee who are behind such success.

**Sports and Wellness:**

The Masigasig golfers had a dismal showing by placing 5th place during the



staging of the 3rd Quarter of Corps of 70 tournament held last Sept 22 at PNGC. The absence of some of our marque players is obviously the culprit for the poor outcome. On hand to carry the flag for us were Glyke Sua, Ike Galang, Freddie de Vera, Johnny Salvana, Queck Ebuena, Ed Lena, Clyde Cabrerros and this writer. What more can we expect? Miracle does not happen just like. it seldom does. Thank you guys for the gallant stand. Placing 5th place out of 11 participating classes is in itself an achievement for us.

All Masigasig golfers are encouraged to join the Corp of 70 year-end tournament on December 2 at Aguinaldo Golf Club. Everything is free (foods and raffle prizes) courtesy of CI 70 (host class) except for the green and caddie fees. We are also invited to join the Rafael Salas annual golf tournament on November 23 also at Aguinaldo. Maximum discount is given to us through the kindness of Manong Ben de Leon.

Those who still want to play rounds of tennis and badminton may join the company of Pepe Vidad, Ric Nobleza and Mar Conaco who are playing the games regularly. For "bottle wrestling", you know whom to talk too. He he he.

**BOT/ Class Officers Meeting:**

The Board of Trustees/ Class Officers met last October 3 at PNGC. Among the items discussed are the following:

- Final plan and preparation for the Class Christmas Party on December 9( Sat) at the PAF Officers Club (near PAF



Museum). The date was moved from Dec 3 to Dec 9 due to non -availability of the venue.


- The final arrangement of the construction of CR at the main lobby.
- Letter to Chairman, PMAAAI requesting for the deletion of the name of Lt. Lazo from CI 72 roster.
- Update on the blow-up class picture to be displayed at Bahay Masigasig.
- Policy on adoption/ honorary membership to the class

- Initial plan for 2018 Alumni Homecoming.
- Financial updates.

**Birthday Greetings:**

Happy birthday to our October celebrators: Tess Salvana, Lennie Mejia, Ed Pimentel, Willy Mejia, Marian Sua, Nanette Valles, Narsing Catalan(Dec), Jacky Lomibao and Jess Albano( Dec). God bless you and may you have more to come.

Till next class call and happy reading to all....cgc.



**AP CRUCERO**  
President  
**WV GARCIA**  
Secretary

**Marangal Charity Golf Tournament Sept 2017**

Preparations for the holding of the Marangal Charity Golf Tournament for a cause on 25 September 2017 is underway. The Golf Committee, chaired by Sonny Razon, is doing a fantastic job of ensuring that the event would be a huge success. The Chair is ably assisted by the following: PA Coordinator – Gani Galang; PNP Coordinator – Willy Garcia; PH Coordinator – Damian Carlos; PAF

coordinator – Lito Gutierrez; and the Tournament Treasurer – Amy Tolentino. In addition, the Marangal Ladies, headed by Becky Aromin, have volunteered to sell tickets and distribute solicitation letters. She is assisted by the following service coordinators: PA- Marilou Crucero; PNP – Maricel Doromal; PAF – Mitz dela Paz; and PN – Mely Calunsag.

Even our Mistahs based in the US have pledged their financial support. Pete Cruz donated one thousand (\$1000) US dollars. Ralph Amador has sponsored a hole. Tony Ramos, Vlad Puntoland Larry Doria have sent their financial support to our Treasurer. Many thanks to our Mistahs for their kindness and generosity. God bless you all.

Class bonding continues with another

out-of-town golf tournament and a class visit to the lovely farm/resthouse of Mistah Romeo Tolentino, former CG, PA in Palayan City on August 8-9, 2017, with the following schedule of activities:

**August 8, 2017:**

**0700 –** Golf at Beverly Hills Golf and Country Club, San Fernando City, Pampanga with Sonny Razon, Willy Garcia, Rene Rieza, Amy Tolentino, Romy Carlos and Jun Lopez.

**August 9, 2017:**

**0600 –** Tee off at Lakewoods Golf and Country Club, Cabanatuan City with Sonny Razon, Horacio "Ace" Tolentino, Romy "Pogi" Tolentino, Romy "Anak Mayaman" Carlos and Willy Garcia.

**1200 –** Lunch at the beautiful farm/



resthouse of Romy Tolentino at Palayan City, Nueva Ecija.

A big thank you to classmates who joined these recent sorties. We would also like to express our utmost gratitude to the couple Romy and Jeng Tolentino for their generosity in hosting the sumptuous lunch of lechon, tupa, chicken sisig, pinakbet, papaitan na tupa, etc. We feasted on the delicious food prepared by the hosts themselves (labor of love so to speak). We really enjoyed every minute of bonding of classmates with the host couple.

**Marangal Ladies Activities**

**By Mitz dela Paz**

The Marangal Ladies Circle will hold a post golf tournament activity on October 14, 2017 entitled "MarangalsGoHawaiian." Time and venue will be announced at a later date. This event will kick off the quarterly socials the ladies intend to have regularly in order to honor the birthday celebrators. In a meeting held last July 20, 2017 at Burger King Bayani Road, the ladies present agreed on the following: Starting 2018, the 1st quarter activity sponsor will be the PNP group who shall take charge of our Valentine's special. 2nd quarter activity sponsor will be the Army group who shall take charge of an out of town summer outing. 3rd quarter activity will be a Zumba fundraising activity (perhaps)



sponsored by the combined efforts of the Air Force and Navy groups since there are only a few of them actively participating lately in the activities. The gentlemen will sponsor the 4th quarter activity, since they usually sponsor the annual Christmas party. Our plan is to meet regularly and plan an activity to further enhance our camaraderie and bond of friendship at this point in our lives.

Speaking of classmates and friends bonding and living a meaningful life, I would like to cite a very beautiful story shared by Sonny Razon and Butch Maglaya, to wit:

**By Sonny Razon**

I never sat on a sofa with my father and after my marriage, we already lived in different places...

"Many years ago, after I got married I was sitting on a couch on a hot, humid day, sipping frozen juice during a visit to my father.

As I talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities and obligations, my father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look at me."

"Never forget your friends and classmates," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older."

"Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have you will always need friends.

Remember to go out with them occasionally, do activities with them, call them..."

"What strange advice!" I thought. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life."

Yet I obeyed him; I kept in touch with my friends and classmates and annually increased their number. Over the years, I became aware that my father knew what

he was talking about!

In as much as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a man, friends and classmates are the bulwarks of his life.

After 70 years of life, here is what I learned:

Time passes.

Life goes on.

The distance increases.

Children as well as grand children grow up and become independent and although it breaks the parents' hearts they are often separated from them.

Jobs come and go.

Illusions, desires, attractions, sex... weaken.

People do what they should not do.

The parents die.

Colleagues forget the favors.

The races are over.

But true friends and classmates are always there, no matter how long and how many miles apart.

A friend is never more distant than the reach of a need, reaching out to you, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or ears with blessings for your life. They are just a "click" away.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead.

We did not know how much we would need from one another. Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends, especially your classmates.

Dedicated to all my classmates and friends. I received this from a very close friend of ours and asked him if I could share this with my classmates. I just did.

**Butch Maglaya:**

A man died....

When he realized it, he saw God coming closer with a suitcase in his hand.



Dialogue between God and Dead man:

**God:** Alright son, it's time to go

**Man:** So soon? I had a lot of plans..

**God:** I am sorry but, it's time to go

**Man:** What do you have in that suitcase?

**God:** Your belongings

**Man:** My belongings? You mean my things.. clothes...money...

**God:** Those things were never yours, they belong to the Earth

**Man:** Is it my memories?

**God:** No. They belong to Time

**Man:** Is it my talent?

**God:** No. They belong to Circumstance

**Man:** Is it my friends and family?

**God:** No son. They belong to the Path you travelled

**Man:** Is it my wife and children?

**God:** No. They belong to your Heart

**Man:** Then it must be my body

**God:** No no. It belongs to Dust

**Man:** Then surely it must be my Soul!

**God:** You are sadly mistaken son. Your Soul belongs to me.

Man with tears in his eyes and full of fear took the suitcase from the God's hand and opened it...

Empty..

With heartbroken and tears down his cheek he asks God

I never owned anything?

That's right. You never owned anything

Then? What was mine?

Your MOMENTS.

Every moment you lived was yours.

Do Good in every moment

Think good in every moment

Thank God for every moment

Life is just a Moment

Live it..

Love it..

Enjoy it..

In the recently concluded Senator Migz Zubiri Cup, our grandchildren Iain Michael, who won the gold and silver medals in the intermediate and advanced kata 8-9 years old category and Katherine Amy, who won the silver medal in the novice kata 6 years old and under. Kathrine Amy also won the gold medal in the same category in the 4th Women Martial Arts festival two weeks earlier.

Congratulations to the proud lolo and lola Mistah Amy and Winnie Tolentino for the achievement of their grandchildren

Iain Michael and Katherine Amy in the field of sports (Martial Arts). Carry on, may this be just the beginning of greater success in the future.

### Birthday Greetings

The entire Marangal Family wish to convey to each and every celebrant a very happy birthday. May your special day and each day of the year be filled with joy, blessings, and good health. And may you get the world's best in everything.

### July

03 – Jack Binuya

13 – Pete Tan

22 – Nick Pasinos

22 – Lito Gamit

### August

01 – Pete Cruz

02 – Rogie Calunsang

02 – Pons Crucero

02 – Lito Gutierrez

03 – Jun Abueg

06 – Lakay Lagasca

16 – Nap Concepcion

21 – Aji Gutierrez

24 – Romy Tolentino



**“Always be willing to lend a helping hand to others. You May be the only person who cares enough to help.”**

**G**reetings of peace to Magilas mistahs and family!

This is to give you an update on the programs and activities of the PMA Magilas Class '76 Association Inc. for the second half of the year 2017. Time seems to fly so fast. In the meantime, 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 last Mid-Year Assembly held on July 21, 2017 at the AGFO was a success. 42 mistahs attended. Notable was Paji Pajarito who showed up after an absence of several years. Ed Gonowon arrived and is on a short vacation from his helicopter flying in the Marshall islands. 10 Mistahs were also honored for reaching the

young age of 65 years old. Jogy Fojas discussed the upcoming Magilas Charity golf tournament to be held on Nov 6, 2017 at the Camp Aguinaldo golf club. Sonny Cachuela also presented the class Christmas party to be held on Dec 10, 2017 at the Green Meadows club house. Mistahs, let us be present and give our full support to these upcoming class activities.

As for membership policies, there are still 5 mistahs who have long been missing. (Agcon, Perez, Pol Dy, Lantion, and Lapuz). If anyone can contact any of them, please advise them to show up somewhere, sometime ASAP. We have policies in our bylaws that allows the class to take some administrative actions regarding missing classmates.

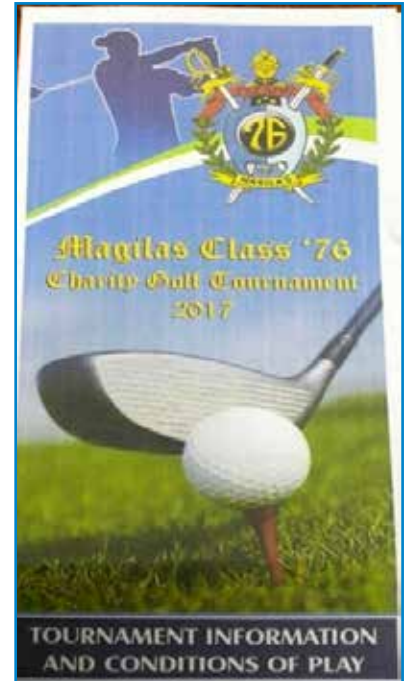
WELCOME BACK to Ruben Tandoc, who has been out of circulation for a long time. For those of us who remember Ruben. He was our Adjutant/S1 and instructor at PMA Tactics group during our cadet days. He has been in the USA for the last 26 years working in the California State government. Ruben is very eager to rejoin the class and meet us face to face in the near future.

**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 current in class activities and news. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Toto Golez for completing and winning 3rd place in the very tough Mt. Mayon Triathlon event held in Albay province last Aug. Toto's daughter, Tintin, also competed in the same race after finishing the very tough Ironman competition a few days earlier.

**RECOVERING:** Let us continue to pray and give our support to Mel Dilodilo who is still recovering from his sickness and operations. Some mistahs have visited Mel and he is very happy to be among classmates at this time of need. Likewise, Sandy Javier is still resting in his farm in Batangas after his successful kidney transplant a few months ago.

CONDOLENCES to Ariel and Arlene



Zerrudo for the demise of their son-in-law, Ruben Gerald Ricasata III. Condolences also to Baby del Mundo for the death of her 92 year old mother last Sept 2, followed by her 38 year old nephew last Sept 3. May they Rest in Peace.

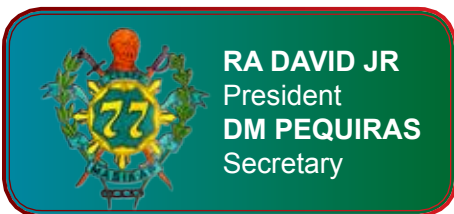
**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

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

Ferrer - Sept 5, 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 TO ALL AND GOD BLESS.



The regular Masikap 77 Chicken Club being held at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City every Wednesday, keeps the Masikaps updated on the activities of the Class,

complimented by the Masikap Facebook page, Viber Group, and Messenger application. So far however, for the past month, no major class activities were recorded, but plans are being undertaken for the preparation of the early Christmas party, and possible fund raising activities this October or November.

Our CONUS-based mistahs joined their annual Jurado Cup from September 1 to 5. This activity renews and reminisces the Loakan Sportsfest that included

various sports activities from basketball, volleyball, bowling, golf and even ballroom dancing, fostering camaraderie among the Loakan bugs and their families living on that part of the globe.

Back here at home, it is worthy to note some individual Masikap members continue to excel in their current jobs and or vocation:

NDCP President Rear Admiral Roberto Estioko AFP (Ret) formally opened the 21st ASEAN Regional Forum Heads of Defense





Universities/Colleges/Institutions Meeting (ARFHUCIM). The theme of this year's meeting is "Sustaining Confidence Building into the 21st Century" at Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila on September 18, 2017.

Nicolas "Nickie" Ojeda received the achievement award for government service at Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria Philippines on September 16, 2017.

Diosdado "Dads" Domingo was one of the selected mentors in the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Mentoring Program for graduating AIM students in Master in Business Administration (MBA), Master in Innovation and Business (MIB) and Master in Development Management (MDM) on September 9, 2017.

Daniel "Dan" Casabar finally assumed the stewardship of the Philippine Government Arsenal at Limay, Bataan last August.

Benjie Belarmino got 3rd place at Worldshoot, Chateauroux, France held from August 28 to Sep 3.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**SEPTEMBER** birthday celebrators was spearheaded by Arman Taluban – Sep 2; Mar Catacutan – Sep 4 but hosted Chicken Club on Sep 20.; Raul Bacalzo – Sep 15 and pledged to host Chicken Club on October; Mike Onate – Sep 16; Jess Melegrito and Benhail Sevilla both on the 18th; Gil Villa – Sep 20; Lino Lapinid, Lino Calingasan and Nestor Castro on the 23rd; and Art Hontanosas on the 29th.

**OCTOBER** Edgar Caumeron - Oct 4; Vic Abat – Oct 7; Angel Sunglao – Oct 11; Nur Askalani – Oct 13; Jimmy Garingo – Oct 15; Vic Agdamag – Oct 18; Sayong del Rosario – Oct 19; and Cris Avelino – Oct 26.

**SPORTS:**

**GOLF:** Six (6) Masikap Golfers joined the 3rd Qtr Corps of the 70s fellowship tournament at PN Golf course. The team was composed of Nes Ochoa, Joe Burgos, Art Mancenido, Piloy Melliza, Dan Cortez and Sunny Pequiras.

Art Mancenido made an Eagle !

**BIKE:** Lino Lapinid, Raffy Pabustan, Dick Morales, Larry Atendido, Vic Abat, Nickie Ojeda still continue their regular biking schedule.

**BADMINTON:** Art Mancenido, Jamangs, Raffy and Dan Casabar still play this sport occasionally.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

On September 11, 2017 we commemorated the first death anniversary of our beloved mistah Ted Pan. His departed family ( Eva Maria Pan, their kids Ian Daniel, Kay Jerome and Rex Eugene) hosted a lunch at Closed Mess, AFPCOC for all available Masikaps and ladies.

On September 15, 2017, we received a message that our mistah Bal Agnanayon Tira was rushed to the hospital in Subic. From his wife Angie, Bal suffered a stroke, but was able to overcome it. We were told that he has to undergo angiogram.

**LET US KEEP OURSELVES FIT ALWAYS BY ENGAGING IN SOME SPORT ACTIVITIES, EAT THE RIGHT FOOD AND LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE!**

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

**B**atten down the hatches, typhoon season is here, Makatarungans! Again, we expect heavy rainfall flooding the Metro's thoroughfares causing heavier traffic conditions. Let's shore up our patience to weather this predicament.

On the bright side, the month of September ushers in the joyful season of our Lord's birth. A four-month preparation for the celebration of Christmas is always a welcome experience. Christmas carols heard over the car radio help calm our nerves while waiting in traffic.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:**

The Makatarungan August 17 big bash was not just a double whammy event. It was a multiple whammy bash!

**First Whammy** – We were blessed with perfect golf weather throughout the day for our "Golf for a Cause" golf tournament at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. The partially cloudy skies provided the rainless and cool temperature for the participating golfers. Truly a blessing from His Almighty during the rainy season!

**Second Whammy** – The golf tournament was successfully executed. All of the 130+ golfers who teed off for the tournament were pleased with the smooth operation of the event. Everybody had a great time from the time they registered where they received their giveaways (back pack, towel and loaf bread), followed by a round of golf under a perfect golf weather, then a hearty lunch and to finally a relaxing and gratifying event of winning trophies and raffle prizes. Our major raffle



*Golf for a Cause*



Awarding Ceremonies



3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Birthday Celebrators Fellowship

prizes consisted a 40" LED TV, a 6 cuft refrigerator, a 6 kg washing machine and two mountain bikes. We thank our mistahs who made this possible!

**Third Whammy** – As a fund raising effort, our mistahs (organizers and solicitors alike) reported the event as not only successful but had exceeded their expectations. The funds raised for the repair of a baranggay chapel in Nueva Ecija (CG Santos proposed project) and other class charitable programs are now available for implementation. We would like to express our gratitude to our mistahs who painstakingly organized the tournament and those mistahs who went out of their way to solicit sponsors and sell tickets to bring to a success this fund raising effort. We thank our kind sponsors and golfer friends for their continued support to our class and our projects. The beneficiaries of these projects are certainly thankful as well.

**Fourth Whammy** – The class fellowship for the 3rd Quarter birthday celebrators was scheduled to start after the awarding ceremonies of the golf tournament ended. Our mistahs started to arrive late afternoon. An estimated

50 mistahs and spouses participated in the fellowship (one of our most attended events this year). Buffet dinner was served early followed by a Sam T designed program of songs and dance numbers. Sam T also emceed all throughout the occasion. Everybody had a grand time! For those who missed the bash, photos and videos of the fun that was experienced can be viewed at the Makatarungan FB account. Inspired by the success of the fellowship, attendees suggested another fellowship on December to be hosted by the PN group. Let's keep our fingers crossed. Our utmost gratitude to the organizers with special mention to CG Santos and Sam T for the great time we had at the fellowship.

**Updates from the Class BoD:**

**1.** The Class BoD recently approved the design for the class attire for spouses who will be attending the 2018 homecoming, to cover the cost of the attire and the official dressmaker. Please visit the Makatarungan FB account for details.

**2.** A provisional welfare policy governing class financial support to class members and family was approved recently. Details of the policy will be

announced once the specific provisions have been developed by the Committee on Membership and Welfare.

**3.** The first fitting was scheduled last 04 September (Monday) at the Bonifacio Driving Range. Scheduled for this fitting were: Maurice M, Pompeo L, Vic M, Neri I, Ray M, Buddy R and Bernie P. Other schedules will be announced when we get word from our official tailor.

**4.** The RP-US class reunion is a "go". Changes, if any, in the schedule of activities for the US of A Reunion from October 19 to October 25 this year will be published in our facebook and viber accounts. All 21 couples from RP and US of A are regularly updated by Butch S and Vic P thru these accounts.

**Our warmest birthday greetings and best thoughts for our mistahs:**

**September** – Darius T, Sam T, Geronimo R, Resty R, Bernie P, Raffy P, Romy M, Protacio M, Paul M, Rommel G, Rene G, Conrad L, Romy L, Fred B, Rolly D

**October** – Manny C, Art C, Speedy C, Winnie B, Art H, Maurice M, Sluggo M, Rey M, Raffy O, Jude T, Marlon V

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



**GOLF FELLOWSHIP AND CLASS LUNCHEON**

The Class Thanksgiving and Golf Fellowship held last September 5, 2017 was a smashing success! Birthday boy and PNP Group Pres Rey Lanada hosted the affair at Veterans Golf Club. Club Mgr Fajie Fajardo was too happy to meet the Eagle golfers who trooped to

his favorite golf course. Rey's treat included breakfast, golf game, sumptuous lunch, exciting raffle prizes and trophies plus 10K for Hole-in-One. Fajie added another 10K. Golfers came in flaming red t-shirts while non-golfers and boodlers wore green. Class Pres Tagoy gave the opening remarks and welcomed everyone. Thereafter, debonair Rey delivered his words of wisdom and profusely thanked Mistahs and those present for their support. Everyone went home with a full stomach and at least 1 raffle prize. By the way, Golf Fellowship is sked every Tuesday. Those who intend to play just contact Fajie or Benjie Gorres, our snappy Sports Coordinator.

The Corps of 70s Golf has become a regular affair for our Class. This time it is scheduled on Sept 22 at the PNGC. Matapat Golfers, pls bring home the bacon!

Our Class has definitely aged a lot. Consider this: Majority were averse before to the idea of life insurance. Now, many are interested in Estate Planning. In fact, it is calendared for presentation in our 3rd Quarter Fellowship.

**UPDATE ON CLASS '79 COOPERATIVE**

The Certificate of Registration of our MATAPAT MARKETING COOPERATIVE is expected to be given by the Cooperative



Devt. Authority anytime soon. All documentary requirements have already been submitted. The interim Board of Directors is led by interim Chair Tagoy Santiago. 16 Loyal Eagles who attended the PMES held at CDA NCR Extension Office in QC last March 29, 2017 constituted the interim Board. The goals of this cooperative is to help improve the quality of life of its members and aim to:

1. Attain increased income, savings, investments and purchasing power;
2. Provide optimum social and economic benefits to its members;
3. Teach members efficient ways of doing things in a cooperative manner;
4. Propagate cooperative practices and new ideas in business and management;

As agreed, the membership will be purely voluntary. Only Mistahs who signified their intention to join will be accommodated as members.

**AIR FORCE GROUP UPDATE**

The PAF “Mandirigma” had a near perfect attendance in the celebration of Lady Malou Gundao’s birthday at VAB Golf Clubhouse last July 15, 2017. The 9-man strong members: Banong Albano, Ric Banayat, Steve Castro, Diego Cruz, DJ de Jesus, Bong Garbo, Cip Gundao, Ed Oban and Tattu Sanchez with their ladies enjoyed the fun filled evening of good food and dancing. Absent in the affair were Yaggie Aguilar and Maxwell Oligane,

Two other beautiful PAF Ladies likewise celebrated their birthdays: Vivian Villarete in August and Cyrel Albano in September while Gigi Castro and Neth de Jesus were celebrators for October. Together with other Matapat Ladies, our 3rd Quarter birthday celebrators tendered a Luncheon at Souv Greek Cuisine, BGC last Sept 9.

They plan to have a Luncheon get together on Sept 30 in a Filipino-Spanish restaurant in BGC. In cooperation with the Navy Mandaragat, they will host the 3rd Quarter Matapat Golf and Bingo Fellowship this October 7, 2017 at Alano Hall, PN Golf Clubhouse.

**PHILIPPINE ARMY GROUP UPDATE**

Most of our Army Mandirigma under the able leadership of Pres Mark Supnet seem unreachable these days. Apart from the presence of perennial golf host Fajie, Mark and Sammy Narbuada, not much was learned about them. Many of our Army bugs are based in Mindanao. It’s not true however, that they’re busy down South cheering on our soldiers in their mopping up operations against you-know-who in Marawi.

**NAVY-MARINES-COAST GUARD UPDATE**

Sailorman John-john Apostol who has been in deep hibernation for quite some time is now wide awake and enthusiastically participates in Class and

Navy affairs. He now joins OPM composer and budding singer Mon Liwag in actively representing the PN/PCG Group. His “The FRIG, the FROG and the FREG” Advocacy has generated interest among fellow sailors and marines. Wait ‘til John-john who’s also Viber-active nowadays expounds on this. The Class will definitely benefit from his age-old wisdom.

**POLICE LOYAL EAGLES**

The Police Loyal Eagles came in full force to support the Thanksgiving and Golf Fellowship hosted by Bday boy and PNP Group Pres Rey Lanada last September 5, 2017. Held at the Veterans Golf Club, Rey’s treated mistahs and friends to a round of golf complete with sumptuous lunch, exciting raffle prizes, trophies and 10K cash for a Hole-in-One. Coastguardsman Monli serenaded Rey with his OPM to the delight of everyone. Happy birthday Rey! We wish you good health, sound mind and more blessings from Our Almighty!

The Men in Blue lent its full support to the initiative of fellow policeman & Class Pres. Tagoy in organizing the MATAPAT MARKETING COOPERATIVE. Its Certificate of Registration is expected to be issued by CDA shortly. The 16 Loyal Eagles who attended the PMES held at CDA NCR Extension Office last March 2017 constituted the interim Board of Directors.

Pres. Rey is leading the PNP Grp with much enthusiasm which regularly meets in their watering hole, the North Park, SM Hypermart in Cubao. On his prodding, PNP golfers Arne (our Most Improved Golfer), Rolly Anonuevo, Benjie, Pres. Tagoy, Paco Manalo, Bumi Bumanglag and Rongi Rongavilla trudge the greens of Veterans Golf Course every Tuesday. Joining them during the fellowship are Edwin Corvera, Zaldy Tungala, Rommel Heredia and Jun Desuasido. The PNP group plans to continue its out-of-town golf tour as a way of reaching out to mistahs who have not been heard of for some time.





**NA BARTOLOME**  
President  
**JV LOMEDA JR.**  
Secretary

It's been worthy to note that more and more members of the Class, join golf games and it's becoming more often in different golf courses even outside the Metropolis. Some people say once you start playing golf, you get addicted to it. Others say that golf has replaced sex. Of

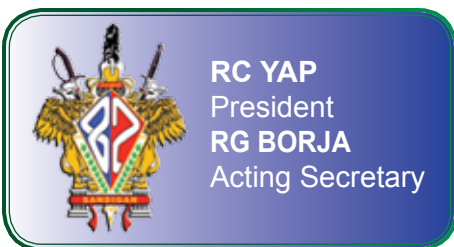
course, the men over sixty are saying it. Debatable? Let's find out.

At this stage in our life (most have already reached 60) is it practical to start learning how to play golf? This came about because of one reported incident when the Caddie master walks over to a golfer and warned that he was almost a meter beyond the tee-line and that he would have to move the ball back. The golfer ignored him. The Caddie master repeated his instruction but was again ignored. This went on for several minutes until the golfer got irritated and turned to another player and said "Will you tell this Caddie

master that it's my second shot?!

It was indeed fun attending birthdays of August and September celebrants followed by a tournament of ARAL members. The championship trophy was turned over by the dethroned Champion, Gil M, to the new champions Sammy D and Tony B.

The September 16 birthday celebrator was held in a new venue, Balesin, not the famous island resort. Mar Men led the group in greeting the celebrants with this awesome musical instrument. This was followed by videoke songs from June C, Colines, Ric P, Ces, Boy Bolo, and Vic C.



**RC YAP**  
President  
**RG BORJA**  
Acting Secretary

PMA Class of 1982 members, after all retired from the service (AFP, PNP, PCG), are now under the umbrella of the PMA Sandigan82 Association, Inc. (PMASAI) a S.E.C. registered non-stock corporate entity that aims to manage and pursue its mandate and objectives of strengthening our camaraderie and

friendship as we undertake worthy activities and advocacies. We also aim to maintain our social relevance thru charity and advocacy projects that can contribute to national unity, peace, security, environmental protection, HADR, socio-economic development and Societal Transformation. Several members joined the Reserve Force of the AFP while Cav USEC Gongona of BFAR and Chairman Corpuz of PCSO are back in government. Several members are enjoying quality time with their families. Even after retirement, most members are still passionate in supporting PMA Sandigan82 Assn, Inc., PMAAA, our Alma Mater-PMA and other

stakeholders towards our common desire to achieve National Unity, Peace, Security and Development as our legacy for the next generation of Filipinos.

Significant updates of the class activities include the following: Our **Monthly Board of Trustees (BOT)/ Officers Meeting** allowed our Assn to review our class activities, financial status and projects for the benefits of the Association. Funds were allocated for major events: Christmas, Homecoming, Graduation Anniversary and Financial/Medical Assistance/Charity/Advocacy projects. Proposal to refurbish a room at the Phil Veterans Medical Center



Inter on Golf Fellowship 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR. CY 2017



Champion- 1<sup>st</sup> BN ( Alfa & Bravo)

(PVMC) was included in the agenda similar to what we have done in PMA where we refurbished and equipped a classroom for cadets. Hence, a courtesy call on Director Chiong of PVMC was set followed by a golf fellowship. **Charity for victims of Earthquake:** After the Strong Earthquake that hit Ormoc City and Kananga, Leyte, there was a pledging session thru viber among the members of the class which generated almost 400K pesos in cash and in-kind like generators and construction materials. Earlier, Cav Rudy Santiago while on needs Assessment in Ormoc City took the initiative and provided Advance Cash Donation to family of victim Liezl Jane Atizado. The cash donation was turned over by the Class President Robert Yap in simple rites to Cavalier Mayor Richard Gomez

of Ormoc City. **Golf Fellowships:** These fun-filled golf fellowships kept our golfers physically fit, further honed our golf skills and strengthened our camaraderie as we discussed current issues, reminisced the never-ending stories during younger years and cadet days. Cavalier Chris Laxa our in-demand Emcee and singer always kept our fellowships alive with his on-the spot, witty & green jokes. Our Pro-golf players served as Coaches to golf enthusiasts as they capitalized on golf as a source of additional pension though winners usually shared and subsidized the food/drinks to keep our fellowships livelier. Recently, Cavalier Bonilla won the 9<sup>th</sup> Davao Eagle Masters Golf Tournament last Sep 17, 2017 in Davao City. **Inter-Battalion Golf Fellowship for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2017** was held at CAGC on September 23,

2017 with 1<sup>st</sup> Bn as the defending Champion which won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2017 tournament. After strong challenge by 4<sup>th</sup> Bn, the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn consistently defended and retained its Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations to the Best Bn and individual winners: Cav Dezcanzo-Lowest Net, Cav Borja Champion Class B and Cav Losanes-Champion Class C. **Book Launching:** Cavalier Butch Suarez launched his book entitled "Reflections of an Old Salt: Insights on Naval Service and the Profession of Arms" which can be used as guide for young naval practitioners and those who wish to benefit from the experience of senior comrade. **Induction/Oath Taking Ceremony:** The Phil Army Chapter held the induction of newly elected officers and quarterly socials in time with the birthday of our National hero Dr. Jose Rizal on June 19,

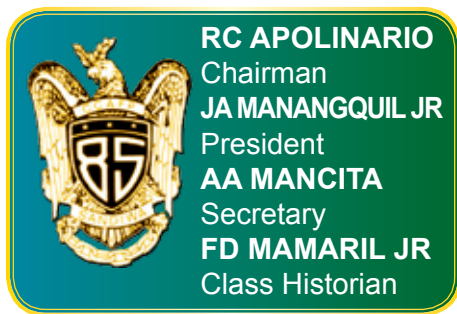


2017 at the PAOCH, Fort Bonifacio Taguig City. All available mistah who celebrated their birthdays and weddings were prayed for and had fun with dance and music. **Action Planning for 2017-2018** was held with PA Chapter members of the different committees to fine tune the activities for the year to include the setting up of SME Centers which shall serve as strong pillars in pursuit of our objectives and advocacies.

**Visit/Tribute to our First National Hero Lapu-lapu and Tree Planting:** The PMA82 Army Chapter and their ladies visited Cebu and paid Tribute to our First National Hero at the Lapu-Lapu shrine in time with the National Heroes day and long Weekend (Aug 26-28, 2017). Tree Planting

was held inside Camp Lapu-Lapu as part of our advocacy on Environmental Protection and Preservation in coordination with CENTCOM and 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Brigade, PA. Thanks to our gracious, generous & indefatigable hosts Cav John Bonafos and Dr. Joy Bonafos who took extra time and efforts as they properly coordinated the visit. Well organized visits to the Shrines of Sto Nino, Simala, Temple of Lea, Lantaw and Taoist Temple including whale watching in Oslob, Cebu spiced up the visit. Golf fellowships was coordinated by Cav Salimbangon & Cav Bonafos hosted by Cav Jamorabo Asst Manager of Mactan Island Golf Club and Alta Vista Golf and Country Club hosted by the Manager and Fellow

Cavalier Nimrod Quinones. WELCOME HOTEL in Cebu owned by Cavalier Bruce Concepcion Class 1990 served as our cozy accommodation. Cav Dennis Luyahan who owned Tsuki Japanese Restaurant hosted the sumptuous welcome dinner while Cav John Bonafos and Dr. Joy Bonafos hosted the despedida dinner and fellowship at CENTCOM Officers Clubhouse with Cav Joey Cabanig and Cav Valmoria who shared the popular Cebu Lechon. It was indeed a memorable and joyful visit to the Queen City of the South and home of our First National Hero. Best wishes to all Cavaliers who are celebrating their birthdays and weddings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter CY 2017. Cheers!



*“Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them. . . . your smile, your hope and your courage”*  
 – Doe Zantamata, author of *Happiness in Your Life Book Series* –

The designations of our mistahs to the Unified Commands are worth mentioning. Benjie Madrigal as Commander SOLCOM, Jun Kintanar as Commander WESCOM and just recently Manny Salamat as Commander NOLCOM joining Charles Galvez who is commander WESTMINCOM. This brings to four (4) mistahs that are now the campaign commanders in their respective areas. In addition, Ronnie Villanueva was designated as Cmdr, 4ID vice Benjie Madrigal.

On the other hand, we also witnessed the retirement of some of our mistahs: Jorge Amba at NETC, Zambales; Dave Diciano at 7ID, Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija; Nilo Perfecto at 9ID, Camp Angeles, Pili, Camarines Sur; the birthday bash for Nilo Perfecto and Ted Dizon at AFPCOC; Virme Toralba at Sangley, Cavite; Ed Nemenzo in Makati City; Elmer Beltejar in Samar; and Macky Macario at Ground Zero, Marawi City. This will be some of our activities to attend to until 2020 when our class would all had bowed from the service.

The class would also like to congratulate the newly promoted mistahs: Jun Kintanar and Manny Salamat to Lieutenant General; Rolie Bautista, Sid Purisima and Jun Padilla to Major General, and Jandee Francisco to Rear Admiral; and Tom Donato and Larry Casis to Brigadier General. This includes Ed Torrelavega, Cmdr-Health Services Command, AFP for his confirmation to Brigadier General.

For the Sandiwans Updates-PA Group: Charles Galvez-Cmdr, WESTMINCOM; Benjie Madrigal-Cmdr, SOLCOM Jess Manangquil-Cmdr, JTF NCR with Vic Tomas-DC; Rolie Bautista-Cmdr with Tommy Donato-ADC, both of 1ID; Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Jonks Delfin-ADC, 3ID; Ronnie Villanueva-Cmdr, 4ID; Roy DeVesa-ADC, 5ID; Arnel Dela Vega-Cmdr, 6ID; Raul Farnacio-Cmdr, 8ID with Cesar Idio as the ADC; Chad Isleta-ADC, 9ID; Noel Clement-Cmdr, 10ID; Danny Pamonag-Cmdr, SOCOM; and Filip Bejar-Cmdr, 51<sup>st</sup> EBde.

Balong Arevalo-CS, PA; Joey Reyes-TIG, PA with Armingol De Guzman as the Deputy; Rodel Alarcon-Cmdr, HHSG; Jack Bareng-Cmdr, 102<sup>nd</sup> Bde; Arnie Matanguihan-Cmdr, 302<sup>nd</sup> Bde; Ely Losanes-Cmdr, 303<sup>rd</sup> Bde; Larry Casis-Cmdr, 703<sup>rd</sup> Bde; Jun Mendoza-Cmdr, 802<sup>nd</sup> Bde; Mario Lacurom-Cmdr, 803<sup>rd</sup> Bde; Ric Nepomuceno-Chief, AFPC; Byron Calimag-Deputy Cmdr with Amor Agpalo-IG, both of ASCOM; Joey Villanueva is Dean of Academics, PMA; and Mon Mamaril-Deputy Cmdr, TRADOC, PA.

John Pulido-Cmdr, GHQ and HSC; Boni Cebrian-AJ2, AFP and Chi-Chi Logronio-Ex-O, OJ2, AFP; Sid Purisima-J3, AFP; Mel Feliciano-J7, AFP; Gener Del Rosario-Cmdt, CCAFP, PMA; Jun Cabading-Chief, AFPMFO; Dinoh Dolina-Chief, OLA, AFP; Ric Santiago-GSMO, ISAFP; Emil Hulipas-DAFA, Timor Leste; Tony Tayag-DC,

AFPMCC; and Raul Bautista-GM, AFPCES. By the way, Jonas Becios-Deputy for RRA, 4ID is now recuperating in Cagayan de Oro.

Macky Macario, Nonong Perfecto, Dave Diciano and Ted Dizon recently retired. The following mistahs had also retired: Rey Lanuzo; Nick Alarcio-Palayan City NE; Mon Yogyog, Chito Limuaco, Rolie Cailing, Bolines Bolina, Alan Pajarillo, Tino Gonzales, Jorge Lomboy, Ed Clerigo, Oca Solamo, Louie Binwag, Jess Dosado, Jayvee Javier, Boboy Pabayo, Dax Daquipl, Bong Aguinaldo and Reuel Sorilla. Ed Davalan-Director, John Hay Management Corporation; Vic Bayani-Executive Director, HERO Foundation; and Julius Flores-Senior Business Analyst, SNP America.

**For the PAF** from Arnold Mancita: Jun Kintanar-Cmdr, WESCOM; Tj Tanjuan-Cmdr, AETDC; Arnold Mancita-Cmdr, Airforce Logistics Command; Enry Reyes-Cmdr, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Defense Command; Miles Milo-Cmdr, Air Force Reserve Command; and Resty Padilla-DCS for Plans, J5, AFP.

Sai Espino recently retired. Those who retired not so long ago are Ronnie Go-President, Davao Chamber of Commerce; Tom Bustos-Director for Admin, CAAP; Bert Lambot-Pilot, Cebu Pacific; Aureo Sapo-General Aviation; Ernie Fonbuena-General Aviation; Ric Milan-Cavite and Resty Baclayan-Cebu.

**For the PN:** Boy Vingson-TDCS, AFP; Manny Salamat-Cmdr, NOLCOM; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-Cmdr, Naval Installation Command; Mon Ochoco-TNIA; and Gino Hermogino-Cmdr, Coast Guard Fleet, PCG. Virme Torralba and Jorge Amba recently retired. Max Ballesteros, Raul Ubando, Pi Pernes and Elson Aguilar-Special Persidential Representative/Head, Office of the Office of Veterans Affairs, Phil Embassy, Washington, DC.

**Updates of the PNP** from Arnie

Gunnacao: Mon Apolinario- The Deputy Chief PNP for Administration, HPNP; Greg Pimentel-TD for Intel; and Atty. Jun Garado-Dir, DIPO, Southern Luzon.

**Regional Directors:** Bob Quenery-PRO2; Atty. Wilben Mayor-PRO MIMAROPA; Billy Beltran-PRO9; Manny Gaerlan-PRO11 and Rolly Felix-PRO13.

**Directors NSUs:** Benjie Lusak-Dir, PNP SAF; Sheldon Jacaban-AVSEG; Sonny Phillips-HSS; Dennis Siervo-HRAO; and Boyet Balagtas-PPDO. DRDAs are Rolly Nana-NCRPO and Frank Mabanag-PRO7;

**Deputy Director, Directorial Staff:** Benjie Hulipas-DIPO, NL; Marlou Chan-DIPO, SL; Bart Tobias-DIPO, Visayas; Danny Macatlang-EX-O, DIPO, WM;Eric

Velasquez-DPCR; Eric Reyes-DIDM; Reggie Catiis-DHRDD; Arnold Gunnacao-DPL; Jon Ablang-DRD; Tony Taylan-DICTM; Ed Tinio-OCNP; and Arnie Palomo-Chief, RID.

**Those who have retired:** Conrad Capa-Director for Safety and Security, Resorts World; Wilson Caubat-Executive Consultant, EMME Security Group, Ortigas; Pete Cabatinagn- Director, PNCC; Aaron Aquino-Director General, PDEA; Joji Castro-Business Partner, Palawan Express Pera Padala and President of Go Beyond Expectation Remittance Company; Tods Ebon-Chairman, Board of Directors, PRO6 Devt Cooperative; Manny Velasco-Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Alaminos City; Alex Roldan-SME, NPPTI;

Pete Obaldo-Resort Manager in La Union; Ted Quiano-Panay Island; Pete Guibong-Ifugao; Mon De Guzman-NCR; Bernie Reamon-Pangasina; Vert Chavez-Rizal; Rene Gumban-Iloilo; Atty Boyet Javier-Nueva Ecija; Ric Zapata-Nueva Ecija; Lito Santos-Cagayan; Edwin Nemenzo-NCR; and Elmer Beltejar-Nueva Vizcaya.

**Those PNP mistahs abroad:** Rommel Palis-IT for CONED, NYC, NY, USA; Fred Siwa-Los Angeles, California, USA; Dennis Cacanindin-Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada; and Leo Espia.

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



**SAMBISIG: "Where Are We Now"**

This is an update of the current assignments of our mistah who are still in the active service in the AFP, PNP and the Coast Guard, plus mistah who are now in the private sector and those who are neither working in the government nor in the private sector, here in the country and overseas. To be included also are all our adopted mistah who have been incorporated into the class. For your kind understanding mistah, due to space limitations, updates for the rest who will not be included in this issue will be included in the succeeding issues.

Early reminder mistah, our next important class activity for this year will be the visit to the tomb of our departed mistah who are interred in "Libingan ng mga Bayani" and in other parts of the country. This will be after the "All Saints Day" and "All Souls Day" on 01 and 02 November, respectively. Then it will be our Christmas party in December. Please monitor specific details through our class Facebook and viber accounts and through respective Chapter Presidents or representatives.

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3. Col Denie Mar Clemencia – Ex-O, RMO, AFP

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40. Col Leandro Abeleda III – Assistant Commandant, PMA
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42. Col Danilo Benevides – U3, SOLCOM, AFP
43. Col Eugene Batara Jr – G7, 7ID, PA
44. Col Inocencio Pasaporte – DBC, 303<sup>rd</sup> Inf Bde, 3ID, PA
45. Col Leonardo Peña – DBC, 301<sup>st</sup> Inf Bde, 3ID, PA
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55. Col Joel Abregana – GC, 4ATG, TRADOC, PA
56. Col Glenn Calambuhay – U7, EASTMINCOM, AFP

57. Col Nelito Tan – U1, EASTMINCOM
58. Col Alex Aduca – Commander, 4Mech Bn, MID, PA
59. Col Antonio Bautista Jr – Commander, 8IB, 4ID, PA
60. Col Oriel Pangcog - Deputy Chief Military Observer, UN Mission in India-Pakistan
61. Col Nhel Richard Patricio – RP Assistant DAFA to Australia
62. Col Ted Dumosmog - Master degree in Australia
63. Col Monico Abang – MNSA (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
64. Col Anthon Abrina - MNSA (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
65. Col Johnson Jemar Aseron - MNSA (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
66. Col Cerilo Balaoro Jr – MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
67. Col Napoleon De Vera – MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
68. Col Orlando Edralin – MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
69. Col Bernardo Fortez Jr – MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
70. Col Giovanni Franza - MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
71. Col Shalimar Imperial - MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
72. Col Erwin Rommel Lamzon - MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)
73. Col Perfecto Peñaredondo - MNSA, NDCP (Graduated 15 Sept 2017)

**AIR FORCE**

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**Col Stephen Parreño – Wing Commander (WC), 220th AW, PAF**

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3. Col Jeffrey Hechanova – Deputy WC, 3rd TOW, PAF
4. Col Rene Honasan – Deputy WC, 205th THW, PAF
5. Col Llewilyn Banaag – CCS, AMC, PAF
6. Col Ramon Guiang – A8, PAF
7. Col Dennis Estrella – Deputy AFIG, PAF
8. Col Rummuell Perez – U1, NOLCOM, AFP
9. Col Romeo Jerome Dirilo Jr – AFPCGSC
10. Col Gerry Felizardo – CO, API, PAF
11. Col Edward Libago – CS, AETC, PAF
12. Col Arcangel Gamido Jr – OJ1, AFP
13. Col Lloyd Cabacungan – OJ5, AFP
14. Col Rey Bes – Commander, TOG 6, PAF
15. Col George Blanco – PMS / PSG



**The Air Force Group. Caysee Casaclang** - Dep Wing Commander, 220th Airlift Wing; **Boysie Carangan** - AC of Air Staff for Operations, A3; **Jojo Dimaano** - Chief, ARMC; **Yek Escarcha** - EMA to the ES; **Pakoy Francisco III** - Dep Wing Commander, 580th Aircraft Control and Warning Wing; **Malaya Francisco** - Director for Operations, 2nd TOW; **Antonio Francisco** - CS, AFPCRS; **Gerold Gagan** - Dep AC of Air Staff for Education and Training, A8; **Aris Gonzalez** - AC of Air Staff for Plans, A5; **Juls Llarenas** - Director for Operations, 15th Strike Wing; **Miko Okol** - PAF PMC; **Kiwi Roldan** – AC of Air Staff for Personnel, A1; **Rusty Rustria** - Director for Operations, 250th Presidential Airlift Wing; **Torot Torres** - Director for Operations, 1st TOW; **Bagets Vilela** - Chief of Command Staff, TOC, Zamboanga; **Nonoy Zuniga** – DAFA, Cambodia. Alberto Masuda retires in November.

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**Pel** - CS, ASR; **Ed Peralta** – Ex O, OG2, PA; **Meme Ragudo** - G2, 2ID; **Gem Ramirez** - Incoming MNSA RC 53 Student; **Arn Real** - U3, NOLCOM; **Ariel Reyes** - Deputy APMC; **RJ Rojas** – G7, 4ID; **Cris Sab-it** - Head, DGW, PMA; **Andre Santos** - Incoming MNSA RC 53 Student; **Mike Santos** - CO, 38 IB, 6ID; **Jekols Sendaydiego** - CO, 4MIB, 4ID/ GC, ML – SAG, 4ID; **Gulliver “Gambit” Senires** - CO, 50IB, 5ID; **Julius Tomines** - CUCS, SOLCOM; **Undoy Tubalado** - MA to ASFM, DND; **Glen Villafior** - CS, SFRA, SOCOM; **Dadoy Yecla** - SJS, GHQ. **Demar Pauly** is Head of Joint, Combined and Inter – Agency Coordination Department.

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**The Business Industry and Retirees Chapter (BIRC). Nap Suarez** - California Department of Consumer Affairs; **Roland Bolado** - US DOD in Monterey, CA; **Shariff Calon** - Director, MDS Dept Roseville Care Center, CA; **Romualdo Baldonado Jr** - Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto, CA; **Froilan Silva** - Accounting Department Mariani Packing Company USA Vacaville, California; **Arnel Grafilo** - Plano, Texas, **Rico Canaya** - Arizona while **Rico Lloren** - Florida, USA; **Randy Foronda** - Vigan, from UK to NC, USA last year. **Florentino Dela Cruz** – Australia; **Jun De Vela** - Greenpeace Southeast Asia; **Conrad Dieza, Jr** - Harvard Kennedy School; **Genesis Dolojan** – UN; **Jhun Gilbang** – SSO, Pollard Banknote Ltd, Winnipeg, Canada; **Bong Noceto** - Intel Corp in Vietnam; **Earl Pabalan** - Biomedical Services, Fresenius Kidney Care USA; **George Dominguez** - Light Rail Manila Corporation; **Jun Generale** - CEO, Bike Shop Ltd; **Marcel Lacbain** - Del Monte; **Joseph Llopis** - provincial administrator of Cagayan; **Resi Manso** - Shangri-la’s Mactan Resort and Spa; **Jam Mariquit** - Competitive Intelligence (APP) in Jakarta; **Sam Pallorina** - Manager at AG New World Manila Bay Hotel; **Wawie Penamante** - INAEC Aviation Corp; **Vic Sarap** - Ayala Security; **Teody Valdez** - Cebu Pacific while **Dante Lito Benitez, Jojet Estoesta, Donald Madarang, Reynaldo**

**Manongdo, Ruben Palecpec, Joel Simbulan,** and **Paul Michael Villaruel** - PAL; **Ronald Villapando** - pilot for Executive Helijet Svcs; **Bong Velasco** - QSC Manager of Alpha Aviation Group; **Edwin Velasquez** - SRMI. (Due to limited space, other updates in next issue)



**MAU RUBY**  
President  
**MR GARGAR**  
Secretary

**Ding! Dong! Ding! Dong! Sa lahat ng Mandarangan!!!**

The most Joyous season is here again. In this season, we are one with our families and friends in celebrating the blessings, lessons and abundance we received. God has indeed many ways in giving us the things we truly deserve and this is the best time for merriment and inspire each other. With the people close to our hearts, let us welcome this season with a joyful heart and enjoy every moment. As the Almighty bestowed us with countless blessings, it is but worthy to become blessings to other as well. Let this season be a time for us to remember others who are in need of blessings. In whatever way we think is appropriate, let us offer our time and effort to less fortunate brothers and sister as our way to celebrate the Yuletide season.

Though not everything is perfect, it is still worth celebrating that Mandarangers remain solid and strong through thick and thin. This season brings us unique spirit of openness to accept each other no matter how big and small the misunderstandings were. This is among the great moments for us to mend those ill feelings against anyone. Let us encourage each other and ourselves to be generous not only in material things but also in granting forgiveness and be humble enough to ask for whom it is due. It is our aim collectively as a class and personally to end this year with grateful hearts free of hatred and prejudice.

We welcome this season with open hearts and receive in full the opportunities it offers us. Remember that the choice of making this season a happy one lies in each of us. Let's make a fruitful choice. Wherever we maybe, let us take care of ourselves and our loved ones well and continue to pray for each other's blessings and abundance.

**UPDATES:**

**Preparations for the Alumni Homecoming Hosting:**



The class is thankful for all the help extended in any form during the incident involving Maj Randy De la Cruz. His house along with his belongings were burnt to the ground during the fire which occurred lately in Malate, Manila. Each of our contributions were indeed very helpful as the family of Decrue starts pooling important things again.

We also acknowledge the efforts of the class as whole spearheaded by its energetic officers in its activities in preparation for the hosting come February 20018. The mandarangan ladies are likewise in full effort helping the preparations. On the same note, we encourage everyone to participate in full force in order to make this endeavor successful.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

We also join our mandarangan brothers in thanking the Almighty for

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**COL ARIEL G PALACIOS PAF (RET)**  
**22 June 1949- 5 October 2017**



Colonel Ariel G "Dobbit" Palacios PAF, is a graduate of PMA Marangal of Class 1974. After retirement, he joined the RSBS, became appointed as Head, Equity Investment Department and later promoted as Executive Vice President.

another fruitful year of their lives (Bugs- Oct 8, Rey D-Sept 13, Josie- Sept 23, Loloy- Sept 13, Galang & Garic – Oct 23, Gemi – Sept 19, Gilbuela- Sep 21, Igama R – Oct 23, Enyu- Oct 25, Ma-ao – Sept 16, Rio – Sept 16, Nano – Oct 29, Owen- Oct 16, Riva- Oct 27, Ruby – Oct 3, Salih – Oct 7, Anto – Oct 29, Sia-ed – Sep 14, Tanjo – Oct 30, Julius – Oct 15, Tero – Sep 1). Happy birthday mga Mistah!!!

Keep your high spirits mga mistah. Through prayers, hard work and noble intentions, we will continue to soar high and achieve our goals. Let us maximize doing the things that are worthy for our family, the class and our country. We continue to cherish our glorious past, enjoy our responsibilities today and look forward to a promising future ahead.

**Merry Christmas Mandarangers!!! May the FORCE be with us!!!**

He passed away on 05 October 2017 and was accorded a heroes burial on 14 Oct 2017 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara Palacios and their children.

**MGREN MELCHOR ... from page 45**  
503rd Inf Bde, 51D, PA in Ilocos and the 5th Inf Div, PA in Gamu, Isabela. He also served as the Secretary, Joint Staff, GHQ; Chief, Army Resource Management Office, Army Inspector General and Chief of Staff, Philippine Army. After retirement, he tended his farm in Bukidnon to keep busy. Gen Dilodilo died on 8 October 2017 and was buried at LNMB on 14 October 2017. He is survived by his wife Jessica M Dilodilo and four children, namely: Michael, Michelle, Melchor Jr and Melissa.



# LAST CALL



as a diligent, devoted and dedicated man. He was a graduate of various naval courses here and abroad, including the Naval Command and Staff Course at the prestigious Escuela de Guerra Naval in Madrid, Spain. Commodore Tolentino passed away on 29 September 2017 and was buried at the LNMB on 7 October 2017. He is survived by his wife Rosemarie "Petite" Tolentino and three children namely: Tinamarie, Irnest and Eduardo Jr.

## MGEN RENE S DADO AFP (RET) 19 February 1943- 08 October 2017



Like the soft-spoken and shy fellow that he was, MGen Rene S Dado's passing to the next world was without fanfare. According to his relatives, he wanted that there would be no military ceremonies befitting his rank and colorful military career. He died of a heart attack and was cremated not long after. A native of Albay, he was the first in the Class of 1966 to be promoted to Brigadier General of the Philippine Army. During his military career, he was mostly a Commander of combat units, as Commander, 24 IB, IID, PA in Jolo; Commander 702 Bde, 7ID, PA in Bataan, Commander of the First Infantry Division, PA in Zamboanga del Sur, Commander, GHQ and Headquarters Support Command, AFP, Commander, Civil Relations Service, AFP. He retired as Commander, Northern Luzon Command, AFP in the rank of Major General. A son, the late Rene Randy Jr was a graduate of PMA Class 1991. He is married to Baby Dado.

## MGEN MELCHOR J DILODILO AFP (RET) 06 January 1953 - 8 Oct 2017



MGen Melchor J Dilodilo is a graduate of PMA Magilas of 1976. During his military career, he had the privilege of commanding the Presidential Guards during the presidency of the late Pres. Corazon Aquino. He also commanded the 403rd Inf Bde, 4ID, PA in Bukidnon; the

## BGEN ARTURO F CASTRO AFP (RET) May 1937- 5 September 2017



BGen Arturo F. Castro is a member of PMA Class 1959. After graduation, He was assigned at Philippine Air Force, ultimately becoming a rated pilot in the C-47 Skytrain and the C-130 Hercules, where he got his nickname, "Custer." During Martial Law years, he was assigned at the Presidential Palace as airline industry liaison. He would later serve at the Ministry of National Defense as a member of Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile's staff and later as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, J5, AFP. As J5, AFP he produced the AFP version of the Early Bird for then Secretary Fidel V. Ramos, a compilation of news summaries of military interest from various newspapers. General Castro served as a member of the US-Philippine Mutual Defense Board and the US Military Base Philippine Negotiation Team, witnessing the events that led to the closure of the US bases in the Philippines. He would later serve as the Philippine Defense Attaché to the United States in Washington DC. He also served as the Commandant of the AFP Command and Staff College prior to his retirement in the early 1990s. He passed away on 5 September 2017 and is survived by his wife of 54 years, Priscilla, daughters Margaret and Theresa, son Arturo Castro Jr. (wife Lizette), grandchildren Christopher, Sophie, and Nathan.

## MAJ GEORGE L REGALA PAF (RET) 08 February 1940- 9 September 2017

MAJ George "Georgie" Regala was born in Cebu City. He is a member of PMA Class 1962. After graduation, he joined the Air Force but left the service early to seek opportunities in the industrial and business world. He died on a Saturday, September 9,



Dr. Elena Regala with whom they had four children, namely: Eileen Bonzi, Marichele DeTrempe, Jayvee Regala, and Marjorie Hartman.

## CAPTAIN ROMMEL B SANDOVAL PA 26 JULY 1979 - 10 September 2017



A graduate of PMA Sanlingan Class of 2005, Captain Sandoval was born at Bauan, Batangas. After graduation, he chose to serve the country through the Philippine Army. He passed the rigid test for admission in an elite unit and became the Commander of the 11th Scout Ranger Company. He was described by his superiors and contemporaries as a skilled and talented ranger. Displaying valor, Captain Sandoval died while trying to save a wounded subordinate during a clearing operation at the war-torn Marawi City on September 10, 2017. He was buried at the LNMB on 16 September 2017 with full military honors befitting hero. He left behind his loving wife Maria Ana Rosario E Sandoval.

## COMMO EDUARDO L TOLENTINO AFP (RET) 26 April 193 8- 29 September 2017

NAVY retired Commodore Eduardo "Eddie" L Tolentino is a graduate of PMA Class of 1962. He was described

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