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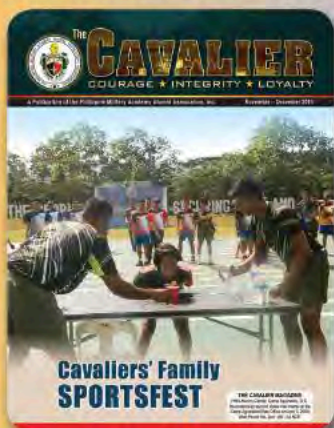
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ABOUT THE COVER



Brotherhood Through Sports

Peemayers show the spirit of brotherhood not only in performing military duties or administrative functions. Display of brotherhood is extended even in the exercise of physical fitness activities like the conduct of this Cavalliers' Family Sportsfest. Winning the games is not the only number one consideration but the 'Ayers felt fulfillment and had fun while playing the games and at the same time find comfort in the atmosphere of camaraderie, sportsmanship and brotherhood, of course.

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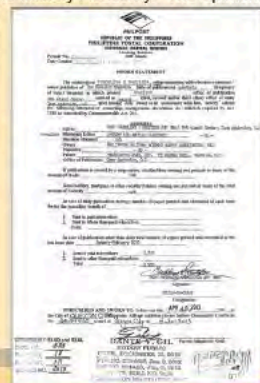
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

Values that Define Organizational Stability

The year is about to end. In a few months which will culminate in the general alumni homecoming on February 16, 2019, a new leadership will take over the reins of PMAAAI. This year has been a very challenging year. It was a wake-up call. Slowly and cautiously we realized the need to make our organization more responsive, relevant and credible. We look forward to new opportunities and not be stymied by past events. According to Agathon as early as 400BC wrote that *"Even God cannot change the past"*. Paule-Enrile Borduas, another man of letters quipped that *"the past must no longer be used as an anvil for beating out the present and the future."*

George Bernard Shaw, a great playwright and political activist once said, *"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."* This notable quote was cited by Major General Ronnie S Evangelista, the new PMA Superintendent in the Supe's Report Cavalier Magazine, September-October 2018 issue.

With this background, the board shifted its focus on strategic concerns. For a considerable period, our main agenda was concentrated on maintenance functions making developmental functions on the sidelines. The result was that we were outpaced by the changes and developments of the external environment. It is time to innovate and equally accept the fact to have a make-over of our systems, processes, and redefine our vision, mission and strategies. Some meaningful phrases that hopefully cavaliers will at least appreciate our concerns.

- *"Past is a nice place to visit but certainly not a good place to stay."*
- *"You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time."*
- *"If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, then you haven't done much today."*

And once again, the wisest of authors, George Bernard Shaw once wrote: *"My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say and then to say it with utmost levity"*. As chairman, let me heed the admonition of Shaw and say, what I am going to say with utmost levity. I submit that we must maintain a number of age-old values, tried and tested, that will serve as a beacon light as we move to 2019 and beyond.

Humility – I heard somebody said, I am proud of my humility, John Ruskin, a statement pontificated: "I believe that first test of a truly great man is humility", But really, a little modesty will do us good, let's keep our feet touching the ground. And if you add humility to intelligence, it becomes wisdom.

Magnanimity – Being forgiving, being generous, being charitable, the ability to rise above pettiness, being noble. What a nice thing to be. Let us temper our greed and ego. Cavaliers are blessed with intellect and the best of character. There is no need to be boastful and self-conceited.

Gratitude – The thankful appreciation for favors received and the bigness of heart to extend same to those who are in need. Let us perpetuate this value because it will act as a multiplier to our causes and advocacies.

Loyalty – Loyalty suffered the most terrible beating among the virtues. There was a time when being loyal, or being a loyalist, is like being the scum of the earth, the flea of the dog that must be mercilessly crashed and trashed.

Loyalty has always been considered a warrior's virtue. Throughout history a legion of men has been true to their colors and died for their causes, and some were pretty small causes, and many were lost causes. The one noble thing that shines forth from all the bloody pages of history is this capacity of man for loyalty. A loyalty that serves both as an incentive and as a guide, and sometimes as a very hard taskmaster. Perhaps this is proof enough that we are talking about one man's greatest needs as well as one of his attributes of greatness. Let us manifest our loyalty to the virtues that PMA stand for and we will never go wrong.

Unity – Cadet training deeply inculcates a mindset of the power of unity. Work as a team to achieve results. Individualism frustrates performance. The profession of arms relies heavily on the principles of the unity of command and unity of effort. They are the guideposts to mission accomplishment. PMAAAI is undergoing a process of transformation to make it more responsive, credible, and relevant. The exercise to establish a framework generated about divergent views that extracted the best of ideas and resolve. Cooperative effort and teamwork will ultimately bring about positive change. Unity shall be the singular building block to achieve a stronger and more stable organization. Let us all be one in this worthy cause.

Let us preserve and nurture the camaraderie, fellowship and goodwill that strengthen the bond of all cavaliers. Let us continue to reflect and always be reminded of the hallowed virtues of courage, loyalty and integrity that connect and reconnect all alumni across generations.

William Allen White said: and I quote, *"I am not afraid of tomorrow for I have seen yesterday and I love today."* So, my dear fellow cavaliers, I offer a fervent prayer that a merciful God will bless each and every one of us and will bring to our country peace and tranquilly always.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV RODOLFO S AZURIN JR '89

Burning Bridges to Strengthen Relationships

Three months to go, and the new set of Board of Directors will be taking over. When we took over the leadership of the PMAAAI Board last March 1, 2018, I presented the thrusts of the current board purposely to set the direction under the leadership of Chairman Jaime Delos Santos of Class 69.

The Board agreed in principle that as an Association, the PMAAAI needs:

1. To grow as an organization;
2. To be more significant, vibrant, focused, and prepared to achieve the objectives to which this organization was created for; and
3. To promote the welfare and protect the interest of every member of the organization.

In our desire to achieve the above goals, first, I need to understand the resources of the association. Presently, the funds of PMAAAI has six classifications as follows:

1. **General Fund** - membership dues, investment incomes, donations etc.;
2. **Principal Fund** – placement;
3. **Special Fund for PMA Payback Fund** - funds to help PMA by supporting projects for the improvement of its facilities;
4. **Special Fund for Mutual Relief** – “abuloy” grant for the bereaved family of deceased members amounting to P60K for GS members and P10K for NGS members;
5. **Special Fund for Medical Assistance** - can be availed by members in GS for a maximum of P50K; and
6. **PMA Alumni Center Development Project.**

With limited flexibility, I proposed to the Board that there is a need to re-invent the wheel by coming up with a study “to

create a special fund” - to support projects and programs of the association purposely to improve its “portfolio”.

Our association cannot forever be a recipient of donations and dole outs from Cavaliers in government or in business sectors. There is a need to transform our organization by creating a sector that can be legally allowed to enter into a contract and to engage in business be it be in government or in the private sector without being suspected of any conflict of interest.

In like manner, future Board of Directors of our association should shun from the usual way of making an appointment to any Head of Bureaus or Agencies with the traditional way of generating additional funds for our association.

There is a need to raise the level of our association, so that when the Board of Directors present themselves as a professional business entity - ready to enter a contract with any government or private entity with a remarkable business reputation defined not only by their portfolio but by the past and current projects they have handled.

With an enormous task and very ambitious goal, there is a need to determine the level of cooperation, as well as the responsiveness of the 7,868 members of our association. I have proposed a project to the Board that would have flexibilities for the upcoming projects of the association, hence, there is a need to generate funds. As expected, various reactions came out from the vivid imaginations of some of our members, also because of various interpretations and insinuations due to past actions made by the past Board of Directors (and definitely not the immediate past Board of Directors for AY 2017-2018).

Anyways, the project of the current Board wherein the participation of every member is being sought is voluntary in nature; the shares has been divided equally among members, they may or may not participate as they wish but they should not wild guess the intention of the project because it destroys relationships between Cavaliers. Instead of building bridges between Cavaliers to strengthen relationships - it might turn out burning bridges between Cavaliers.

As the sitting President of our association for AY 2018-2019, I guarantee that every name of the contributor as well as the amount will be properly recorded, and accounted, including all expenses incurred.

As part of the guarantee, starting **March 1, 2020 up to February 29, 2024, I am willing to buy back whatever contributions they gave without any question.** After February 29, 2024, it would mean that your contribution has accumulated earnings hence, it is presumed that you are satisfied with the outcome.

I am doing this not because I can afford it; but, I am putting my honor and integrity at stake in this undertaking, with the belief that our association really needs to grow for a bigger calling not in the immediate future but when destiny dictates. And I believed, we need to start it now, not next year, or in the near future. If we cannot put our acts together in simple tasks, we can never put our acts together in much bigger tasks.

I am doing this because I am giving my full trust and confidence to the future Board of Directors that will handle (not mishandle) this fund by operationalizing it to achieve the aspirations of our organization for the welfare and interest of every member to which this organization was created for.

In today's Gospel, November 25, 2018, our parish priest stated in his homily the three kinds of people:

1. People who make things happen;

2. People who just let things happen; and
3. People who do not care what happen.

Likewise, accordingly, there are three kinds of giver also;

1. **Grudge giver** - I give with a heavy heart, "nagbigay naman pero ang dami pang sinabi;"
2. **Duty giver**- I need to give because it is my obligation to my organization, to my association, to my family, to my group; and,
3. **Thanks giver** - I give because there is a need to give, to share the blessings I received from God everyday. This is unconditional, and shares his blessings to others who are not as blessed as himself.

Lastly, Character is the currency of a man of God. Without it, he is not even a man. No matter how much time one devotes to prayers and worship, if it does not ultimately influence character, all effort is for nothing.

Religiously, without character is hypocrisy. So, if you fail in something, decide to fail in Math, English or the Bar Exams, but never in the area of Character. Lose it and you lose everything.

As Bill Graham once said: "*When Wealth is lost, **nothing** is lost. When Health is lost, **something** is lost. When Character is lost, **all** is lost.*" From the book "MAN Up" by Jason Richard Tan. 🙏





SUPE'S REPORT

CAV RONNIE S EVANGELISTA '86

Moving Ahead: Urge for Greater Quality

Finding ways to improve is always crucial to the life and success of any institution. Such resolve is even greater when you are leading an educational institution such as the Philippine Military Academy which has an important role of educating leaders tasked to safeguard the nation. As the institution aspires for continual growth to become comparable with Foreign Service Academies and other academic institutions, I take as a guiding principle the words of John Ruskin: "...*quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort.*" Raising quality is highly valuable but it does happen with the right choice or decision. Towards this direction, the Academy will endeavor to look into different aspects in order to attain the quality of education it seeks to provide.


Notably, educational institutions in the country, to include PMA, need a more dynamic approach to education in order to become at par with global standards. It is then our duty to look critically on education matters that require prompt consideration and attention. The ominous need to improve is real notwithstanding the challenges that stand in the way of improvement. I have started calibrating the Academy's compass hoping to bring the Academy to its true north. We need cautious steps in our choice of direction. We need every cavalier's commitment to move closer to our identified goal. Indeed, one way to keep the goal thriving is to constantly have greater commitment to it.

Where do we go from here? Where do we intend to focus our efforts on? Since the focal point of education is learning, the institution will expand its role in establishing educational infrastructures and essential spaces that will warrant academic excellence and greater achievement among the cadets. There is a strong evidence that quality education infrastructures create better learning and improve students' performances. Teachers today commonly deliver their lessons using traditional mode of instruction and with limited resources such as textbooks, journals, manuals, articles, study guides, course notes, encyclopedias, and other printed materials. Print materials are undoubtedly the most common resources used in learning. Teachers and students are very familiar with these kind of learning materials because these are portable. However, because of the upsurge of knowledge and information and the rapid growth of digital technology, the educational processes continue to experience deconstruction. The educational

landscape is experiencing tremendous change due to the digitization of learning resources. Students today can already learn from instructional resources wherever they are located using their gadgets. It is also interesting to know that individuals without digital skills are ill-equipped to function in modern society and they are disadvantaged with respect to online learning opportunities.

The Academy must adapt to this phenomenon if it intends to grow. We cannot afford to lose the opportunities that technology offers to training and education institutions such as ours. Significantly, our decision on what technology to obtain will have significant effect on our performance as an educational institution. The realization of the PMA Network and Information System (PMANIS) is a noteworthy achievement but the establishment of an E-library is another milestone that we hope to achieve. Greater access to information and faster exchange of ideas is our driving force to continuously innovate. We want to perform better in the area of instruction using varied platforms of learning. We need to expand learning beyond the four walls of a classroom. We will help instructors and cadets have easy access to a wide range of quality books. Digital resources will form part of our repertoire of learning materials. Notably, digital libraries have the potential to store much more information because digital information requires very little physical space to contain it.

Raising achievement among the cadets is not possible by injecting technological innovations or developing education infrastructures alone. Helping them perform effectively entails developing the competencies of faculty as well. A lot of studies proved that faculty development has always surfaced as a priority and vital concern in the attainment of quality education. This is because their level of competency is very important to support, challenge, and engage students in class. Hence, the Academy will also not cease to continue its efforts to strengthen its faculty.

How we see our mission; how we organized PMA; how we support the cadets and personnel; how we choose the right technology we need; and how we assess and evaluate learning---all these have profound effects to the quality of education we deliver. The accomplishment of this goal rests in the hands of everyone in PMA and its stakeholders. We will continue to hold the line and aspire for the better than what we were used to. 



EDITOR'S NOTE

CAV ARNULFO MARCELO B BURGOS JR '88

Integrity.

I remember when I was a child, my mother used to read me a story about a little boy who helps his grandfather fix shoes in his shoe shop and, as a reward, every end of the day, the boy is given a piece of candy for his hard-work. One day, when his grandfather was not looking, the boy couldn't resist to grab a piece of candy even if it is not yet time for his compensation. He gobbled up a piece and acted as if nothing happened. Meanwhile, a customer came and was entertained by the grandfather. To look innocent, the boy went to his grandfather and asked about the shoe. The grandfather showed the boy the torn shoe and said, *"This was a small hole which could have been easily fixed had the owner brought it earlier. Bad habits and bad choices are like that, it's best if we fix them early. But we will use a strong thread to make it last the wear and tear of life."* Hit by conscience, the boy blurted out that he ate a candy without asking. The grandfather smiled, hugged the boy and said, *"Thank you for being honest. It is what's important to me"*. Reflecting on what happened on his way home, the boy felt just like one of his grandfather's new pair of shoes. Strong as can be, and ready for life.

That story is one of my first lessons on integrity.

Fast forward to being a cadet as early as the first night of Best Barracks, plebes are made to recite the Honor Code. Shallow as it may seem during the first days because it's just an utter of words, those words are what molded us to become strong against temptations that could make us fall apart. It is our mandate not only to be honest to ourselves but to report those who violate our code. We are indoctrinated not to turn a blind eye against wrongdoings.

"We the cadets, do not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate among us those who do." Words that will keep on echoing through the many stages of our life and career.

After graduation, we are entrusted with our unit's funds. We become stewards of the organization's resources. Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses are given to our custody and certainty that it will be allocated for the sole and proper use of our units. We are guarded, however, by the mechanisms in our institution which looks out for graft and corruption. The eyes of our comrades and subordinates watch the every utilization of those resources. Our reputation can be built or destroyed through the use of these funds. But more than reputational risks, our Honor Code rings. *"We the cadets, do not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate among us those who do."*

When we ask for the heart of the love of our life, integrity is also a key to win it. When you fall on your knees and confess your heart out, it must be full of honesty and sincerity. We give


an oath to our love one that there will be no other beside him/her. Then together, we build a family, bear children and feed them through our honest work. Because, *"We the cadets, do not lie, cheat, steal nor tolerate among us those who do."*

Some say that 4 years in the Academy is not enough to instill in the cadets the virtue of integrity. The cynics would argue that the habits formed during the formative years of a person outside the Academy are hard to change apart from the most exceptional of circumstances. In some ways what they say is true. But it is also true that change can start with you and the future children that you will raise. Children in their innocence and still grasping the concept of right and wrong will most often against our instructions without supervision will almost always take an extra piece of cookie, punch their siblings and watch TV past curfew.

I remember catching my first-born son on one such occasion and after punishing him, I remember telling him that a true measure of a man is not what he does when all eyes are on him, but on the way he behaves when no one is watching. Integrity then is an inherent trait within individuals, and doing what is right because it is right- not because of what society or other people might say. My youngest son recently graduated from the Academy and I am proud of the fact that I was able to prepare him enough to surpass the rigorous training- but I am most proud of the man that he has become and the character that he has.

Then comes retirement, for me personally, it will be inevitable in three years (if our retirement age would not change) and I will look back unto these stages on how integrity has been molded in us from childhood, to cadetship, to officership and family life. Do we stop being honorable after all these stages have passed our lives? Does it end with public service? Does it stop when we are not bound by check and balance mechanisms?

It is my hope that the cycle of being honest and instilling the value of integrity does not end in me. Youngblood shall come to carry on when old strong hearts are gone. And when it is time for my son to teach his son to be honest, he shall remember the lessons I taught him as a father and the values that the Academy has instilled in him.

In this season of love and giving, one of the best gifts we could offer the Lord is the conviction to live the rest of our mortal lives with integrity. When money can easily buy material things and worldly wants, integrity is priceless and cannot be quoted with any monetary value. It is a gift not only for others but more for oneself. A present that will not expire as it would affect not only one's lifetime but the future generations as well. 



CAVALIER NEWSLINE

CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

Senator Honasan appointed DICT secretary

Former Senator Gregorio B Honasan '71 has been appointed by the President as secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). He replaced USec Eliseo Rio Jr who for the past six months has been the acting secretary.

Honasan has been a member of the Philippine Senate for the past twelve years, and chairman of the Senate committee on national defense.



Honasan

LtGen Madrigal assumes as AFP chief of staff

LtGen Benjamin R Madrigal Jr '85 has recently assumed as the new AFP chief of staff, replacing Gen Carlito G Galvez Jr '85, who recently retired. Madrigal used to be commander of the AFP Eastern Mindanao Command.

Galvez will join the President's cabinet as head of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP).



Madrigal

LtGen Briguez designated as CG, PAF

LtGen Rozzano D Briguez '86 has been designated as the new commanding general of the Philippine Air Force, vice LtGen Galileo Gerard



Briguez

R Kintanar Jr '85. Briguez was the head of the AFP Western Command.

LtGen Atal designated as TIG, AFP

LtGen Paul T Atal '84 has been designated as The Inspector General (TIG), AFP, vice LtGen Rafael C Valencia '84, who retired.

MGen Noel S Clement '85, who used to be commander of the 10th ID, PA, has replaced Atal as commander of the AFP Central Command.



Atal

MGen Isleta designated J7, AFP

MGen Danilo Chad D Isleta '85 has been designated deputy chief of staff for civil military operations, J7, AFP, vice MGen Rene Glen O Paje '86 who retired.

BGen Jose C Faustino Jr '88, who used to be commandant of cadets of the PMA, has replaced Isleta as chief of staff of the Philippine Army. Replacing Faustino as PMA commandant of cadets is BGen Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro '88.

BGen Byron H Calimag '85 has been designated as commander of the Army Support Command.



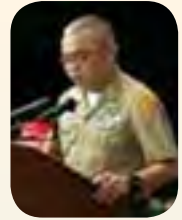
Isleta

MGen Velasco designated commander of AFPETDC

MGen Elvin B Velasco '85 has been designated as the new commander of the AFP Education Training and Doctrine Command, replacing MGen Herminigildo FC Aquino '84 who is retired. Velasco is concurrently the deputy chief of staff for education and training, J8, AFP.

Col Cheston D Valencerina '87 has been

designated as dean of academics, PMA (formerly called "head, Academic Group"), replacing BGen Joseph P Villanueva '85, who retired. Commo Reginald B Rafanan '89 has replaced Valencerina



Velasco

as deputy commander of AFPETDC, while BGen Reuben S Basiao '88 has replaced Valencerina as commandant of the Command and General Staff College under the AFPETDC. Basiao used to be the chief of the AFP Command Center.

BGen Caculitan assumes as PMC deputy commandant

BGen Ariel R Caculitan '89 has assumed as deputy commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps.

Col Eugenio V Hernandez '89 has been designated commander of the 1st Marine Brigade, while Col Charlton Sean M Gaerlan '89 as commander of the 3rd Marine Brigade.

PN Capt Renato P David '90 has assumed as commander of the Naval Installation Command.




Caculitan

PCSupt Corpus designated CIDG director

PCSupt Amador V Corpus '86 has been designated director of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) of the PNP. PCSupt Norberto D Solomon '89 is the new EOD/K9 director.

Likewise, PCSupt Joel Napoleon M Coronel 87 has been designated regional director of the PNP Regional Office 3. PCSupt Rolando B Anduyan '90 and PSSupt Vicente D Danao Jr '91 have assumed as director of the Northern Police District and Manila Police District, respectively, under NCRPO.

PCSupt Jose Chiquito M Malayo '89 has assumed as the director of the Philippine National Police Academy. /raa 



Corpus

ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI Activities

PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting

The PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, 26 January 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City. The tentative Agenda is as follows:

Part I 0700H - Registration

Part II 0830H - Meeting Programme

- Entry of Colors
- Singing of National Anthem
- Cavalier Prayer
- Welcome Remarks
- Roll Call by Class
- Call to Order of Annual Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual Membership Meeting
- Report of the PMA Superintendent
- Report of the President
- Ratification of All Acts and Resolutions of the Board and Management
- Presentation of Proposed Resolutions
- Election and Proclamation of PMAAAI Board of Directors
- Other Matters
- Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Part III 1030H - Awarding Ceremonies

- Arrival of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
- Awarding of Outstanding Achievement Award
- Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
- Speech of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
- Presentation of Memento to the Guest of Honor and Speaker
- Exit of Colors

Part IV - Lunch and Entertainment

- Raffle Draw
- Alma Mater Song

PMA Alumni Homecoming 2019 Schedule of Activities

The three-day Alumni Homecoming activities in Baguio City will commence on 15 February 2019. The entire schedule is as shown:

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/ REMARKS
15 Feb 2019 (Friday) 0600H – 1700H	Battle of Classes Golf Tournament	Venue: Camp John Hay SPR: MA7 in coordination with PMAAAI
0800H	Alumni Registration	Venue: Melchor Hall OPR: PMA Registrar

0800H	Opening of PMA Canteen Cup (Basketball)	Venue: Jurado Hall OPR: CSSO/SPDU UPR: HTG
1645H	Wreath Laying Ceremony	Venue: Alumni Memorial Uniform: Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Barong Business Suit UPR/SPR: HTG/MA3
1700H	Closing and Awarding Ceremony Alumni Battle of Classes Golf Tournament/ Raffle/ Message	Venue: Camp John Hay SPR: MA7 in coordination with PMAAAI
16 Feb 2019 (Saturday) 0700H – 1000H	Continuation of Alumni PMA Alumni Registration	Venue: Melchor Hall Uniform: Major Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Appropriate Alumni Class Attire OPR: Registrar
0730H-0830H	Open House	Venue: Cadet Barracks UPR/OPR: HTG/MA3
0800H 0900H	Arrival Honors for GOHAS	Venue: Sundial Area Military Host: SPMA Uniform: Major Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Appropriate Alumni Class Attire UPR/SPR: HTG/MA3
0900H	Alumni Parade	Venue: Borromeo Field SPR: MA3/MA7 UPR: HTG
17 Feb 2019 (Sunday) 0800H	Religious Services	Venue: Mass with the respective visitors at their designated worship areas OPR: OCC SPR: MA1 UPR: HTG
0800H	Opening of PMA Canteen Cup (Football)	Venue: Jurado Hall OPR: CSSO/SPDU UPR: HTG
1000H	Silent Drill Exhibition	Venue: Cadet Barracks UPR/OPR: HTG/MA3
1700H	Closing of PMA Canteen Cup	Venue: Borromeo Field UPR/SPR/OPR: HTG/ CSSO/SPDU

PMA FOUNDATION, INC.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Trustees

To: **All Regular Members**
PMA Foundation, Inc.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Membership Meeting of the PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) will be held on Friday, 1 March 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Board Room, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Membership Meeting;
2. To consider and act upon the annual report of the President;
3. To confirm and ratify all acts and resolutions of the Board of Trustees and the Management;
4. To elect eight (8) members of the Board of Trustees; and
5. To take up such other matters as may be properly brought before the meeting.

On the election of Trustees, the Nomination and Election Committee or the Secretariat will accept written nominations from 2 to 16 January 2019 at the PMAFI Office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Nominators and nominees, who must all be PMAFI regular members as of 31 December 2018, shall sign the nomination and acceptance

form or letter that may be used. It is understood that by signing, nominees accept their nominations and signify their commitment that, if elected, they will attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and other activities of the Foundation. Election ballots with the names of not more than 16 candidates will be distributed from 1 to 28 February 2019. Accomplished ballots may be submitted at the PMAFI office personally, by courier or mail NLT 5:00 p.m. on 28 February 2019. This notwithstanding, the voters who have not yet cast their votes may attend the PMAFI Annual Membership and Election and cast their ballots thereat not later than 10:00 a.m. Members who claim to have not received or to have lost or misplaced their ballots may request for a replacement ballot at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. not later than 9:00 a.m. on 1 March 2019.

Your presence at the meeting is important and will significantly contribute to the attainment of the primary objective of PMAFI of assisting PMA in enhancing its quality of education. Be counted!


BGEN RESTITUTO L. AGUILAR AFP (Ret)
Corporate Secretary

Notices of Annual Membership Meetings

• PMAAAI SECRETARIAT

Notice is hereby given to all the regular members of PMAAAI, BIRC and the Affiliate Foundations of the PMAAAI that they shall hold their respective annual membership meetings and election for the year 2019 on the date, time and place as indicated hereunder:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Business, Industry and Retirees Chapter (BIRC)	11 January 2019 2nd Friday of January	1800 (6:00 p.m.)	AGFO Hall, CGEA
Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI)	26 January 2019 4th Sat of January	0800 (8:00 a.m.)	Philippine International Convention Center Pasay City
PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI)	28 February 2019 Last Thursday of February	1800 (6:00 p.m.)	Board Room PMA Alumni Center, CGEA
Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI)	01 March 2019 1st Friday of March	1000 (10:00 a.m.)	Board Room, PMA Alumni Center, CGEA
PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)	21 March 2019 3rd Thursday of March	1700 (5:00 p.m.)	Board Room PMA Alumni Center, CGEA
PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI)	24 April 2019 4th Wednesday of April	12 noon	Board Room PMA Alumni Center, CGEA



Addressing the huge and increasing Military Retirement Pension Requirement

• CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

It has been reported that the yearly military retirement pension requirement is now nearly equal the yearly pay and allowances of military personnel in the active service. And it has been projected that in a few more years the retirement pension requirement will surpass that of those in the active service.

This situation is being blamed on the provision of the AFP retirement law, PD 1638 as amended and before that RA 340, which mandates the automatic adjustment of the retirement pension to the rates of pay of military personnel in the active service. Whenever the pay of military personnel in the active service is increased, the retirement pay is correspondingly increased. Although in actual implementation, the adjustment is not automatic; it is subject to availability of funds, resulting in pension adjustment arrears, amounting to now P17.89 billion according to the AFP Pension and Gratuity Management Center (PGMC), which should not be the case.

The rationale of this provision of the retirement law is to maintain the purchasing power of the pension of those retired who had given the best years of their lives in the service of their country and people. Imagine if there is no adjustment, a retired colonel will continue to be receiving the less than P1,000.00 monthly pension he was receiving when he retired several decades ago.

Those trying to solve the problem would like to amend the AFP retirement law to remove the automatic adjustment in the retirement pay to the rates of pay of those in the active service, and in lieu thereof to provide a system of indexing the pension every five years, similar to that of the GSIS. This proposal has caused a lot of concern and anxiety among the retired military

personnel. To allay their concern, I have advanced the opinion that if that proposed legislation would be passed by Congress it will not apply to those who are already retired and are enjoying the said benefit under the present law. A right or a benefit already being enjoyed pursuant to a provision of law cannot be withdrawn or terminated. The new law will apply only to those entering the military service after its effectivity.

In addressing the problem of the huge and increasing military retirement pension requirement, one must not look only on the automatic adjustment of the pension to the pay rates of the active military personnel. One must look also into why the number of those retiring, and the corresponding amount of retirement pension, has greatly increased over the years and how that can be reduced.

The AFP manpower program calls for a small regular force with a big reserve under what is referred to as a Citizen Army concept. The reserve force is to be continually trained by a small regular component as the cadre. RA 2334, the Reserve Officers Rotation Law, enacted in the early 60's, provides that reserve officers are to be called to active duty (CAD) for a period of six (6) months subject to extension of tour of active duty (ETAD) for a period not exceeding a total of two (2) years, after which they are to be reverted to inactive status, except only those possessing technical or special skills needed by the Armed Forces. The purpose of the rotation law is to afford as many reserve officers as possible the opportunity to undergo training and service, such that when there is mobilization in time of war or emergency, they are already trained and prepared for deployment. The other positive effect of this rotation law is that these reserve officers will not stay long in the service to enable them to retire and enjoy retirement pension.

But what happened? In 1986, under the revolutionary government of then President Cory Aquino, she issued Executive Order No. 79, which has the effect of a law, providing that all reserve officers who had served a total of at least ten (10) years of active service shall be secured from reversion to inactive status. These officers are now like regular officers who continue to be in the active service until compulsory retirement. This has greatly contributed to the huge retirement pension requirement. To help solve the burgeoning retirement pension requirement, the AFP should strictly implement RA 2334, amending Executive Order No. 79, as necessary.

The number of general and flag officers in the AFP has greatly increased with the passage of RA 9188 which increased the percentage of general and flag officers from 0.75 to 1.125 percent of the total officers strength. As a result there are now more officers retiring as general or flag officers, thus increasing their retirement pension. The previous 0.75% should be restored.

We should look also into the enlisted ranks. By AFP regulations, they are enlisted for a three-year term, subject to reenlistment upon the expiration of their term of enlistment (ETE). Reenlistment is not a matter of right on the part of the enlisted personnel. Enlistment and reenlistment is a contract of service, subject to mutual consent or approval of the enlisted person and the enlisting authority. But what is happening? Almost always, everybody is being reenlisted, with the exception only of those with pending cases, derogatory records and/or physically/medically unfit for continued service. So, they continue in the service until they retire. Again, this has contributed to the burgeoning retirement pension requirement.

In addition, there was a law that added two higher grades, Senior Master Sergeant (E-8) and Chief Master Sergeant (E-9), in the enlisted ranks, with corresponding higher pay rates, resulting in higher retirement pension.

To help solve the retirement pension problem, why does not the AFP re-adopt the draftee system whereby the enlisted manpower requirement is filled up with draftees who serve for a period of eighteen (18) months, the first six (6) months of which as trainees under RA 4091 and the last twelve (12) months as members of the operating units. They may be extended for an additional six (6) months for them to undergo skills training, similar to the training under TESDA, to qualify them for employment in the private sector. Since the draftees will not retire, the draftee system will greatly reduce the retirement pension requirement of the AFP. Another advantage of the draftee system is that the fighting force is kept young, from 18 to 21 years of age, unlike the aging enlisted ranks, and being still unmarried the draftees would not be bothered in the performance of their duties by family problems.

We should also consider replacing military personnel performing administrative duties in headquarters and support units with civilian personnel, thereby reducing correspondingly the total military personnel strength. Some functions like providing security in military camps can be contracted to security agencies that will provide security guards. (This scheme reportedly is being considered by the PNP.)

Those who wish to stop the automatic adjustment of the retirement pension to the rates of pay of those in the active service to solve the huge pension fund requirement may wish to also look into other possible amendments of PD 1638, as amended, to attain their objective, such as the following:


- 1) Stoppage of the transfer of pension upon the death of the retiree-pensioner to his surviving spouse and/or unmarried minor children. It is this transfer that lengthens the duration of the receipt of pension.

PD 1638 has a provision along this line, that limits the scope of a surviving spouse to be entitled to transfer of pension to one who was married to the pensioner before his retirement. It also provides that a pensioner who renounces his Philippine citizenship by acquiring a foreign citizenship shall lose his pension. These provisions, which were very unpopular, were intended to save the government of what was considered unjustified retirement expense. Unfortunately, it took the AFP leadership 20 years before implementing these provisions. Anyway, despite its delayed implementation, these provisions somehow have reduced the retirement pension requirement of the AFP.

- 2) Stoppage of the retirement in the next higher grade or rank and of the computation of the retirement pay based on the pay of the next higher rank than the permanent rank last held.
- 3) Non-inclusion of the longevity pay in the computation of retirement pay, such that the retirement pay shall be based only on the base pay.
- 4) Increase in the compulsory retirement age and/or length of service for officers, thereby shortening the period of their receiving retirement pension. One suggestion is to increase the compulsory retirement age of officers to 57, 58, 59 and 60 years for O-7, O-8, O-9 and O-10 officers, respectively.

Of course, we know that the above contemplated amendments of the retirement law (PD 1638) will be very unpopular and will certainly meet strong opposition from those adversely affected, just like the proposed amendment of the law to stop the automatic adjustment in pension of retirees to the rates of their counterparts in the active service.

And for the record, I do not recommend, neither do I support, any of the above-mentioned amendments of PD 1638, as amended. The only reason I presented them here is to show that the automatic adjustment in pension is not the only culprit, that it is not the only provision of PD 1638 that has caused the huge military retirement pension requirement. What I do strongly recommend to the proper authorities is to favorably consider the suggestions discussed above, as follows:

- 1) Revive the Reserve Officers Rotation Law under RA 2334, repealing or amending Executive Order 79, as necessary;
- 2) Revive the draftee system in filling up the soldier requirements of the AFP;
- 3) Adopt a highly selective reenlistment policy, limiting reenlistment only to those possessing technical and special skills needed by the AFP;
- 4) Adopt a policy of replacing military personnel performing administrative functions in headquarters and support units by civilian personnel; and
- 5) Amend RA 9188 by reducing the percentage of general/flag officers back to 0.75 percent of total officers strength. /raa 

Note: This article, which was published in the September-November 2013 issue of the Cavalier magazine, is being re-published, as the issue on the huge retirement pension requirement is now being used to justify the proposed removal of the indexation of military pension to the pay of those in the active service, to show that there are other measures than removal of indexation that can address the huge and increasing retirement pension requirement. /raa



Can the Military Spell the Difference?

(Note: This article was published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer under Mapping the Future on 26 November 2018)

• CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

Machiavelli has been identified with the dictum, *“The ends justify the means”*. This has been construed in its negative context which connotes that the use of indiscriminate, extra-judicial and extra-legal methods are necessary to achieve an avowed objective. On the contrary, it simply expresses that a leader must accept dreadful responsibility in serving the common good.

Under the Duterte administration, the employment of the military and police in many branches of the bureaucracy has been grossly criticized. The soldiers were unfairly vilified for complying with the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Of late, the Bureau of Customs has been assigned to their stewardship.

Machiavelli further posited that under extreme situation, extreme measures are necessary. The golden rule is *“if you are dealing with honorable people, you must be honorable yourself, but if the reverse is true, you must be bound by strict rules because you get trampled in the system.”* The drug and customs problems have escalated into unmanageable proportions that a normal process to administer is useless and inutile.

The tract record of the customs bureau reveals massive abnormalities due to its utilization outside its mandate. Allegations that ruling administrations have used it to generate funds for political purposes as well as a window for business opportunities to

repay political debts cannot be farther from the truth. No wonder, in the designation of a customs commissioner, merit and competency were subordinated to the craft, flair, and willingness to generate the largesse for extra-revenue purposes. By this nature, the corruption spreads like cancer, metastasized into the deep recesses of the bureau. Past presidents did not accept that dreadful responsibility in solving the problems. They were wanting in leadership that could have spelled the difference; even the Office of the President was implicated. Unabated corruptions are caused by unworthy leaders to permit the situation to deteriorate and get out of hand. Past presidents were too soft and effeminate to displease the big players for fear of reprisal.

The assumption of customs duties by the military has received a lot of unfavorable remarks. They questioned the legal basis while others doubt their skills and knowledge. Can a square peg fit into a round hole? These arguments maybe valid but there are other mitigating circumstances wherein the military can stand on solid grounds. Skills and knowledge of old times have not made a difference. Professionalism was an exemption rather than the rule.

In spite of its long years of existence, the BOC has not matured professionally. It is teeming with lawyers, accountants, many with graduate degrees, advanced training in customs administration



and operations, both local and abroad. Scholastic and educational power-house does not guarantee efficiency and seriousness of purpose. These academic preparations and investments were no match to a weak personal resolve to withstand the influence and temptations of corruptions. Instead, it paved the way to adopt a penchant of a life of frivolity and lustful debauchery.

What it lacks in customs tradecraft maybe compensated in values and attitudes. It is easier said and done. It is in this context whereby the military commands a higher premium that can compensate any inadequacy on skills and training.

There are major factors that augurs well in the firm belief that military can also do it, if not even better. According to Machiavelli, *The Prince must not worry about reproach to drastic and hard actions.* When it is a matter of keeping his subjects united against a noble cause for a few example of cruelty, he will be more compassionate than those who, out of excessive mercy, permit order to continue from which spring murders and plundering. “The complacent attitude of mercy, due consideration and excessive pardon, usually harm the institution at large. True enough, customs have countenanced all forms of illicit activities bringing no one to account for inefficiencies.

The President has spoken that while customs duties is not the job of a soldier, he believes that under the present circumstances, only a soldier can do it. He is acting as a real prince not bothered with disturbing public opinion.

Skills are essential but values and attitudes are equally relevant to fill in gaps of limited knowledge. A soldier is always ready to fight. Readiness implies accomplishment of a mission. The military psyche is primed to take risks, accepts injury as part of his job. The level of compromise is reduced due to a higher level of tolerance to absorb risks. Customs inefficiency is also borne out of compromise. While there are good laws, rarely are they complied. The presence of legal experts are no guarantee. Good laws need military organization because their strict adherence to order make compromise irrelevant and nil.


Discipline is an inherent military strength. It provides the muscle to enforce laws. Rigorous application of laws requires discipline.

Discipline is required to restrain mass hysteria. Rewards and punishments make a forceful impression on people. No mercy should be shown in enforcing the law. The military establishment is predicated on the unquestioned obedience to command. Punishment breaks lax attitude and rewards can enhance efficiency and creativity.

Selflessness is necessary to serve the common interest. A good soldier is willing to sacrifice his life for the sake of the mission, and a leader must be willing to give way to his personal ambitions for the success of the mission. The senate investigation revealed one glaring weakness of custom officials; putting personal desires before institutional goals. The military continuously prepares for war. He has a higher tolerance level not to compromise and stand his ground.

The military does not welcome failure. To be part of the casualty list is a disgrace. He will never give even an inch of his territory. This positive attitude is further reinforced by a serious and well-meaning leadership who only knows too well that a job must be finished.

The new customs commissioner possesses the leadership to succeed and achieve. Gen Rey Leonardo B Guerrero occupied the highest AFP position. To reach the pinnacle of the military establishment, you possess and is imbued with the qualities of intellect, character, and good service reputation. But the most important quality ingrained in every top commander is the determination to succeed. He will never leave the battlefield until the mission is accomplished. Expect results because a combat commander will exert pressure on the enemy to surrender or recapitulate. Can a civilian exert extreme pressure to the big players and political patrons fearlessly at the risk of his life?

And finally, always maintain a high level of integrity. Compromise undermines and gives destructive vices a greater sway. Calibrate the pleasures and desires that come your way when power and influence prevail. Heed not the advice of doomsday soothsayers or political spoiled brats who only see problems in every opportunity. The prince personified by the Commander-in-Chief has laid the mantle of sheer resolve to finish the job. The military will provide the follow through. 

Christmas, Hopes and Dreams

• CAV CHRIS R FRANCISCO '68

Christmas in the Air

At the closing of the third quarter of the year, the fading summer begins to surrender its penetrating warmth, giving way to the spirited and mellowing months of September, October, November and finally December. Month December is what all we have in our mind as we look forward for a brief respite from the rest of the year. December is more significant to the Christian world as it commemorates the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. September songs fill the air heralding the softness of breezing winter as we begin the countdown to celebrate Christmas. To adore and revere the Lord is a way of looking at ourselves of what we have accomplished for the year. For those who have the conscious mind over and above the routine physical survival, are self-evaluating mortals of reviewing their goals and dreams for the fading year. They have asked the following questions: "Have I accomplished what I have planned during the year? At what degree or level of accomplishment have I done? Have I actualized the meaning of a productive life for my myself, family and loved ones?" For an entrepreneur, it is a way of closing the book of accounts on what profit standing has been achieved for the year. And yet more often we have forgotten or just merely making pronouncement about Christmas as routine activity without seriously looking at ourselves on how we had conducted as godly mortals to extend helping hand to our unfortunate fellows. Have we adopted a commercialized Christmas? For the highest glory, we have the joys and peace compared to those dying hopeless.

A Christian philosophy: "to save a soul, there is a song in your heart," is an aphorism that must be regulated and practiced with caution. For someone who makes a difference in the lives of others as a way of providing a foundation for a better future, is more of a productive involvement beyond a simple "cosmetic giving". This is prevalent among those who are more conscious of magnifying their image like 'cosmetic politicians' associated with the term "trapos". I for one do not adhere to perpetuating this term as it is unfair to the service-oriented politicians who are indeed God's instruments to serve the public and community. Materialism is the god of these demagogue politicians and public servants including policemen and military who have continue to erode righteousness in society. A former statesman once said: "those in power are among the most corrupt, and traitors to their oath of office as public servants." With thousands of public officials involve in this deadly and satanic illegal drugs industry in our country, "quo vadis Philippines?" Christianity is the practice of virtues.

Hope Springs Eternal

Hope is the other side of faith. For without faith there can be no bright future. Indeed, "Faith is the substance of the things we hope for, as it is the evidence of things that we cannot see by our own naked eyes". Hope is the only answer when all appear to be lost and gone. For hope is simply our undying trust in God. According to my elder sister, prayer is the mightiest force in the universe as we look

upon with faith and of course strengthening our resolves and spirit. We must do our share because prayer and hope may not come if we are less deserving. Hope advocates are positive doers. They are realist dreamers guided by the power of prayer and patriotism. In the dreamers' world, hope is the energizer of human spirit that becomes the soul of human initiative towards achievement in the name of God.

Our Collective Dream

In 1997-99 when I was the director of PNP training institute with 18 regional training schools in the country under the Philippine Public Safety College System, I have inculcated among the 19,500 police graduates the triad dimensions of a good public safety personnel-enforcer. They are: a) Moral b) Intellectual and c) Physical and Sports. The Moral Dimension is the leading element as it is the rudder of faith and righteousness; hence providing the azimuth direction to the continuing caravan of life. Hope and faith are the twin sides of idealism. We cannot grasp them by our hands. They are the guiding stars in heaven. Here is the poem entitled, 'Our Collective Dream':

- **Let us have a dream** that our country will have the blessings of prosperity where our children can roam around safely the streets and parks without fear of being molested by drug addicts and satanic elements.
- **Let us have a dream** that our children can live in peace and harmony in a drug free environment conducive to a productive development of their intellectual and spiritual well-being.
- **Let us have a dream** that we will actualize true happiness as a peak of achievements of our collective aspiration for a better quality of life.
- **Let us have a dream** that within the central plain of our hearts, minds and soul the enduring desire for a respectable Philippines is the rallying point to attain greatness in perpetual tranquility where our thoughts and actions are harmonized, and where ambition and glory are realized in the name of the Almighty.

Election 2019

The coming year 2019 is a very challenging year with the local election coming in May. We hope that the electorate can vote wisely in accordance with their conscience for candidates who are true to their commitment to serve as genuine public servants; and not as public masters to deceive the people. Do the electorate have a choice among the candidates who are deemed as crusaders or perpetrators of political "dynastism"? This is democracy in a developing country where politics of the empty stomach and vested personal interest are the prevailing realities. It is only the people through their good leaders that can save the nation and actualize our collective dream.

CCAFTP Highlights 2018

Physical strength, critical thinking skill, and leadership capabilities are not enough to pursue a career in the military. The drive to excel is a prerequisite for entering the profession of arms and for the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines, excellence is not just a value. It is a tradition. The CCAFTP continues to uphold this tradition of excellence as cadets garner awards and win local, national, and international competitions in the fields of academics, arts, and sports.

Last September 12-14 2018, the PMA Corps Board and Staff stood out during the conduct of the 12th National Campus Media Conference in Angeles, Pampanga. The CCAFTP organ, the Corps magazine was awarded the magazine, of the year while the official literary folio of the corps – the Gray Sentiments became the Literary Folio of the year. Other awards were also received by the Corps Publication such as Best in Literary Concept, most creative literary folio concept, 1st place outstanding variety of literary works, 1st place magazine make up page, 2nd place magazine cover design, and 2nd place magazine feature page. The cadets also occupied ranks in the individual events. At the end of the competition, PMA was given the Overall Top Performing School Award in the tertiary level.



The members of Judo Corps Squad from the Philippine Military Academy yet again displayed a slam of their combat fighting prowess when they joined the 1st Luzon Regional Open back-to-back Chave de Braco-II Grappling Championship last 27 October 2018 in Pampanga. Competing against 87 players coming from 17 different Fabricios, Jui Jitsu Teams from Central and Northern Luzon, the team was able to win nine (9) golds, five (5) silver, and two (2) bronze medals after the event. Cadet Guimbongan of Golf Company became the first champion of the first ever Combat Jui Jitsu that happened in the Philippines.



Cadets of the Marathon Squad of the Philippine Military Academy utterly dominated the 4th Philippine Marine Corps Marathon and outran every Marine there was by taking in pole positions in both male and female 42K Category, 25K Male Category last 28 October held at the Marine Base Gregorio Lim, Ternate, Cavite.

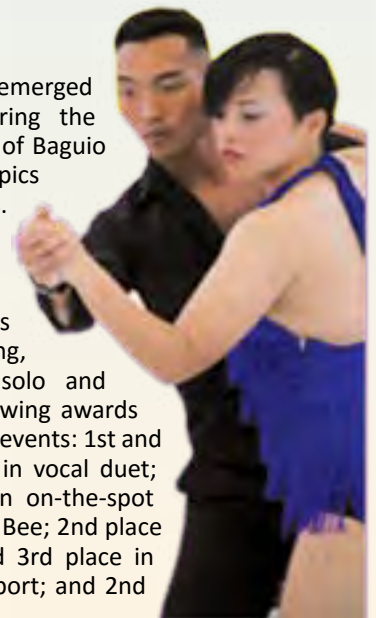


A month of rigorous training and practices bore fruit during the 2018 National Inter-School Taekwondo Championships as cadets representing the Academy took home 53 medals. In the event held last 29-30 September 2018 in Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, Manila, participants from the Academy garnered 10 gold, 15 silver, and 28 bronze, in individual and team pomsae, and kyorogi.



YMCA

The Philippine Military Academy emerged as the overall champion during the Young Men's Christian Association of Baguio City's Cultural and Academic Olympics held last 27-28 October 2018. Cadets representing the Academy, competed against different schools across the province of Benguet in various competitions such as quiz bee, dance sport, essay writing, extemporaneous speech, vocal solo and duet, etc. PMA garnered the following awards during the conduct of the different events: 1st and 3rd in essay writing; 1st and 3rd in vocal duet; 1st place oration; 2nd and 3rd in on-the-spot drawing; 2nd and 3rd in Bible Quiz Bee; 2nd place extemporaneous speech; 2nd and 3rd place in Quiz Bee; 2nd and 3rd in dance sport; and 2nd in vocal solo.



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

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

CLASS CALL



MIGUEL M VILLAMOR
President
JESUS T DIZON
Historian

I am hesitant, if not intimidated, to write a tribute to my BANAT classmate, Colonel Francisco (Mike) T. San Miguel.

I would be doing him injustice, if I could not accurately distinguish him as a very private person, soldier-scholar, soldier's soldier, business executive, and government administrator. To avoid a pitfall of losing my credibility, I will take the safe side of extracting from the three major publications of the class - THE SWORD OF '51, THE SILVER SWORD, and THE GOLDEN SWORD - of what was written about him. In-between, I will insert tid-bits about him as a well-respected classmate and family friend.

Mike personifies the very monicker adopted by the class - "BANAT". He was a member of the Corps Board and THE SWORD BOARD. I would be safe to assume that it was he who coined The Class Identity. And Class '51 has adhered to this identity very seriously as the lead post-war class in terms of achievements and the moral code.

If we have to use the results of the IQ test given to the class Mike would be the most intelligent in Class '51 having obtained the highest score of 140. It was only Mike who took the challenge of joining the toughest branch of service - The Philippine Marines. In all his schoolings both in the academe and military schools, local and abroad, he graduated on top of the class or with distinction.

In THE GOLDEN SWORD, Mike omitted his record of assignments while on active military duty. He retired as Colonel in April 1977. Yet Mike could have been the first General of Class '51. He was already pre-positioned as Assistant Superintendent, PMA to take over the incumbent upon his retirement. But military politics came in. It was the period of martial law. Mike was not from Batac, Ilocos Norte or Palo, Leyte. This was his fate and that of Class '51, except a few.

From his list of awards and decorations, we can derive the significant assignments of Mike. He was a WWII Veteran involved in the campaigns to liberate the Philippines. Upon his graduation from the PMA, he joined the insurgency campaign like the rest of the class and was deployed as Marine Lieutenant in the Jolo-Sulu Campaign. He served a stint in Vietnam with the Philippine Medical Civic Action Teams, the forerunner of the PHILCAG Contingents.

How Mike and I landed at the office of G1, HPA, in the late 50's, I can't recall. I know that from the Philippine Marines, he went back to the Philippine Army. He was assigned to the Personnel Management Branch and got involved in drafting personnel policies for the Philippine Army. I left OGI ahead of Mike to attend the Associate Artillery Advance Course in Fort Sill, USA and Mike followed later to take up his Master's Degree in Industrial Management at the UP. I would meet Mike again in our Post retirement activities as a class and with the PMAFFI.

Let me now quote from THE SWORD OF '51 what was aptly written about him as a person. *"The Morongeno, who likes to consider himself as a typical Filipino, is a man of contrasts. Passive and silent, yet stormy and rebellious. Kind and understanding, yet firm and demanding, cooperative, yet radical. Woman hater, yet a lover. Practical, yet a dreamer.*

Normally contended and relaxed, Mike will key up and take any side of an argument when given enough provocation to arouse his interest. His capacity to fight his private wars tenaciously and obstinately for what he believes in, regardless of time, place or adversary has gained for him the disapprobation of the powers that be and friendship of his equals.

Mike will always be so well remembered because he is Mike. BANAT!"

And now from THE GOLDEN SWORD, his record of professional excellence.

Education and Training: Maybankal Barrio School; Morong Old Central School; Tomas Claudio Memorial School 1939; Eastern Rizal Academy; Morong High School 1945; Bachelor of Science, Philippine Military Academy 1951; Officers Special

Basic Course, United States Marine Corps School, Quantico, Virginia 1954; Master of Industrial Management, University of the Philippines 1963; Certificate in Development Economics (with Distinction) University of the Philippines 1966; Army Logistics Management Course and Defense Inventory Management Course (Outstanding Graduate, No. 1 in Class), US Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Virginia 1967; Command and General Staff Course (Certificate of Academic Excellence, No. 1 in Class), AFP Command and General Staff College 1970; Master in National Security Administration, National Defense College of the Philippines 1973.

Post Retirement Activities: President/General Manager, Food Terminal, Inc. 1977-1980; Director, Philippine Fish Marketing Authority 1977-1980; President, US Swine Corporation 1979; Executive Director, Dendro Power Development Program, National Electrification Administration 1980-1986; Consultant, Philippine Veterans Assistance Commission 1990-1994; Director, PHIVIDECA Industrial Authority 1991-1996; Director, Northern Mindanao Development Bank 1992-1996; Director, Fort Bonifacio Golf and Country Club 1993-1995; Chairman, Philippine Veterans Investment Development Corporation 1996-1998; Secretary General, Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries 1997-2000.

Current Activities: Secretary General, Veterans Federation of the Philippines - since 1992; Director, Philippine Veterans Bank - since 1994; Trustee, Filipino War Veterans Foundation - since 1997; HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER.

However, if Mike has to ask about his greatest accomplishment, I am certain that he will talk of a successful and ideal marriage to Ofelia (Fely) Javier of Pola, Oriental Negros and for raising a beautiful, well-knit family of three girls and one boy and nine grandchildren each so well accomplished in their pursuits. Mike invited me to his 90th birthday and I could see and feel with envy how he is deeply loved by his family.

Mike, even in his retirement, is mentally active and lives a productive life. As I finish my draft to this simple tribute to an outstanding classmate, I count his 12

postings in “Facebook”. His commentaries are insightful, enlightening and intellectual and covered varied issues mostly on moral and social values, veterans affairs, military history and noticeably, his deep faith in God.

I could sense from his passionate writings on family his continuing pain and loneliness over the death of Ofelia, his beloved OAO.

Now, our SOP report from Mike V., our President for life. No change. All accounted

for. All disabled. Anticipating November 30, the PMAFFI Big Day.

See you all! /Jesus T Dizon



GREGORIO R VIGILAR
President
DELFIN S MENDOZA
Secretary

We are happy to report that there has been no change in the Class Morning Report since the last previous issue. Ten members remain active although, for some, at reduced capacity.

We condole with Class’ 51 on the passing of Cav Arnulfo Bañez, an adopted member of Class’ 51, an associate member of PMAAAI, a Korean War Veteran, a tireless worker on AFP Veterans affairs, an outstanding officer and gentleman, who passed away last 23 October after a brief illness, and was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 30 October 2018, a distinct loss for the AFP.

Last 29 Sep – 04 Oct, I attended “The Korea Revisit 2018” in Seoul, South Korea as the delegate of the PEFTOK Veterans Association, Inc. Let me share my observations during said “Revisit.”

The “Revisit” celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the ROK Armed Forces. It recalls not only the establishment of the ROK Armed Forces, and the first crossing by the ROK Armed Forces of the 38th parallel in its northward advance in 1950 during the Korean War. It also is an occasion for the South Korean government and people to manifest their never-ending gratefulness to the combat forces of those UN member nations who responded to the United Nations’ call on 27 June 1950 for its members to assist in resisting the 1950 North Korean invasion.

Three official events constituted the core of the celebration, namely: (1) luncheon in honor of the veteran delegates, hosted by no less than ROK President Moon Jae-in at the “Blue House,” followed by the ROK Armed Forces Day Celebration at the Peace Plaza, (2) a visit at the DORA Observation Post and the Third North Korean Invasion Tunnel at the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), and (3) the Ceremony at the Seoul National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fell during Korean Independence Movement (from Japan), the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. The rest of the revisit was devoted to cultural, social and educational visits which showcased the history, customs, traditions

and some achievements of the Korean people.

Some 24 Korean War veterans from 14 countries, namely: the US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, Greece, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ethiopia, France and Colombia, participated in the Revisit. Travel costs and hotel accommodations for the delegates and their aides were provided by the ROK Ministry of Patriots and Veteran Affairs.

Both the official and non-official events of “Revisit 2018” highlighted not only the strength and capabilities of the ROK Armed Forces, but also the economic progress of the country, the high quality of life of the people, and particularly the concern, care and treatment of the Korean war veterans and the veterans of their allies as well.

The “**Korea Revisit 2018**” was very well-planned and equally well-executed to the utmost detail. The Korean Government spared no efforts in making the revisit not only highly informative and entertaining for the veteran delegates, but comfortable as well. Considering the advanced age of the delegates (85 - 90 years), each delegate was allowed to be accompanied by an aide (wife, child or grandchild). Wheel chairs were provided for veterans who were unable to walk for long distances, etc. Since some of the events took place outdoors in the evening, the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans saw to it that the delegates and their aides were provided blankets and mufflers when the temperature became uncomfortably cold. The Revisit 2018 showed the ROK government’s deep concern and care for the well-being of its armed forces personnel and veterans, a virtue worth emulating by other countries.

The country and the people in general: It may be recalled that in the early 1950’s,

Gen. Douglas MacArthur stated that, in view of the serious devastation suffered by South Korea during the war, it would take more than a hundred years before the country may attain full recovery. Yet, as early as the late 1970’s, South Korea had significantly recovered and was, even at that time, already classified as a newly-industrialized country. It has become the world’s leading ship builder and a major force in high-tech industries. *Chaebol* (conglomerates) such as *Samsung, Hyundai, etc.*, have achieved impressive growth rates in strategic industries such as car manufacturing, ship building and production of semi-conductors. Cheap government credit and a well-educated work force give South Korea a significant competitive edge.

Today, South Korea has one of the largest standing armies (As of 2016, active: 625,000 and 3,100,000 reserves) and defense budgets (US \$39 billion in 2017) in the world. While South Korea may have fewer troops, artillery, tanks and aircraft than North Korea, it claims parity through superior technology and the presence of thousands of US troops in the country.

Peace and order situation is stable. Traffic, even while relatively slow-moving in some portions of the city, generally is smoothly flowing. One seldom sees motorcycles weaving in and out of vehicular traffic lanes. No squatters are seen in the city, as these have been relocated to well-chosen sites. Whereas Korea depended heavily on foreign assistance during the years immediately following the armistice, it now gives foreign assistance, disaster relief, etc., to other countries. Political will and the highly disciplined character of the Korean people have much to do with these achievements. Much can be learned, especially by developing countries, from the Korean experience.



SALVADOR M MISON
President
VANGIE P RIVERA
Secretary

On class activities

The October class gathering was held on the 14th at the Golden Sky Restaurant. There were nine members of the class who attended, with seven wives and six widows. Seventeen 2nd gen members were present,

plus six members from our adopted class of 2005.

The lunch was hosted by some 2nd gen male members. They don’t want their names mentioned. Based on the attendance, it was a successful affair.

The attendees from the 1st gen members were Grace Alcaneses, Betong and Maudie Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Buddy and Ione Mison, Muni and Ondette Munoz, Zeny de Guzman, Norma Padiernos, Lolit Parado, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy and

Georgie Solina, Rene and Mila Tanseco, and Gigi Zaide. The class welcomed Norma who was here on vacation from the States.

From the 2nd gen members were Jomari Alcaneses, RJ and Teena Alquiza, Leo and Didi Baladad, Minjo Gatmaitan, Willy Isaac and wife, Freddie Mison, Alan and MJ Munoz, Jerry Parado, Ernie and Amor Ravina, Binky and sister Carie Regalado, Bobby and Carol Sanchez and Teng Zaide.

There was a program emceed by RJ and Teng. There was singing with somebody on the organ, followed by group picture taking for souvenir.

The next class affair was held on 18 Nov hosted by Rene and Mila at the Milky Way resto along Arnaiz Avenue. From the class eight members attended, six with their wives. They were Ros, Rene and Arfeli, Buddy and Lone, Muni and Ondette, Johnny and Pilar, Porfing, Romy and Georgie and the hosts.

The six widows present were Grace, Joven Cordero, Zeny, Lolit, Vangie Rivera and Estel Silva. Some of the 2nd gen members present were Jomari and wife, Avi Alquiza, Bobby Ecarma, Minjo, Jun Mison, Freddie, Alan and MJ, Ralph Joseph and wife Babot Munoz, Levy Ordonez and wife Binky, Carie, Bobby and Carol, Kismet Silva and Teng. Cdr Herbert Estabillo '05, our adopted member, was also present.

Everybody savored the wine, courtesy of Ralph. Before we broke up, Binky, who was designated to chair the Christmas party committee assisted by 2nd gen members, submitted her report. It was finally decided that the venue be at the AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo.

On the political front

Johnny Sanchez has filed his certificate of candidacy for congressman in Occidental Mindoro. The former mayor of Lubang for three terms claimed he was prevailed upon to run. His son Bobby, who succeeded him as mayor of Lubang, also filed his certificate of candidacy for reelection.



Members of the class with adopted members.



Class members with 2nd gen members.

On PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc.

The board of trustees of the Foundation had a meeting on 2 October at the Charter House in Makati. All the trustees were present except Leo and Vangie. Taken up were:

Johnny suggested that all children of members of the class be considered as members of the Foundation and entitled to benefits. Ros objected, citing that we have a policy that they must first become members by paying the required contribution. The objection was upheld.

On the widows, it was the consensus that they must not only become members

but must also be active in class affairs, to be entitled to benefits.

The financial statements of the Foundation, statement of revenue and expenses for the period from 1 Jan to 30 Sept 2018 and the statement of assets and liabilities as of 30 Sept 2018, prepared by our accountant, were noted.

The Board confirmed the payment of burial assistance to the families of Terry Suarez and Badong Regalado who passed away, the payment of medical assistance to 16 members of the class and widows, and the increase in the monthly allowance of our lone employee to P5,000 effective 1 January and to P10,000 effective 1 July 2018.

On Christmas party

All the members of the class, their wives and widows, all the children and children-in-law, and all the grandchildren are enjoined to attend the class Christmas party to be held on Sunday, 9 Dec at the Dimalupig Hall "A" of AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo. The members of our adopted class of 2005 and their spouses are also invited. Let's all have lots of fun and enjoy. See you all there.

And here is wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Peaceful and Prosperous New Year. Welcome 2019! /ros alquiza



Class members with wives and widows.



Our current best golfer, Patot Paiso, after enjoying his recent trip to London and eating too much English food, recently underwent angioplasty at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center to unblock the blood flow in two coronary arteries from his dear heart. He was ably taken care of by his eldest son, Dr. Jojo Paiso, a resident orthopedic surgeon of the Hospital. Patot was required two weeks of rest and recuperation to be back in the golf course again.

At their lunch meeting after golf at Camp Aguinaldo on 10 October 2018 hosted by Romy David at the Choi Garden, Promenade, Greenhills, Patot was already present alive and kicking and was congratulated by his mistahs for his successful operation. Mon Farolan and Levy Malto welcomed him to the Class 56 Heart Bypass/Angioplasty Veterans Club as its new member. As an off shoot of the

lively lunch pow wow, Patot, alone now as a widower, invited the golfers and their ladies to lunch on 14 November 2018 to celebrate his 59th wedding anniversary at the Vikings, Podium, Ortigas Center. Ching Corachea also invited the same guests for lunch on 17 Oct 18 to celebrate his 88th BDay and Mel Goyena extended the same invite for lunch at Kimpura Japanese Resto at Greenbelt 5 in Makati on 24 November 2018 to celebrate with his wifey, Pat, their 60th wedding anniversary.

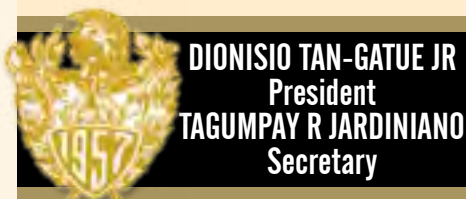
For reaching 88 years on 14 October 2018 in good health and still playing 18-holes in the Camp Aguinaldo, PN and Villamor Airbase golf courses, our perennial class prexy, Ching Corachea, gave a birthday lunch treat after golf on 17 Oct 18 at the Gloria Maris Resto in Greenhills attended by the golfers of the class with their ladies. The food was simply too much to tackle that much of it was brought home to be retackled again for many more days unknown.

Of the three oldest living members of the class who celebrated their 88th BDays this year, Mike Aparri has limited physical agility arising from his stroke some years ago and Rudy Tolentino, our Athletic Saber

awardee, is now bound in his motorized wheel chair for mobility. Only Ching was lucky to have been spared from serious physical malady and is now hard to beat in golf at his age level.

At the lunch treat of Patot at the Vikings at the Podium in Ortigas Center to recall and honor his 59th Wedding year, it is quite melancholy that Lolly, his OAO, had already left ahead, leaving Patot to while away his olden age alone. Such are the cases of our class widows too, but somehow had learned to adjust and took things in stride. Every bodoo of the class is now in a precarious state of health but properly braced up to meet his ultimate fate.

The PC group (Paul Canalita, Mel Goyena, Levy Malto, Tom Manlongat and Guzz Mateo) will host the class Christmas party on 8 December 2018 at the Centennial Room of Club Pilipino at Greenhills. As in previous years, mistahs and their ladies and widows will attend in full force to savor a good lunch, received cash gifts from the class fund and benefit from a lot of raffle prizes that are generated from class donors, all together making the occasion a really Merry Christmas to usher a very happy New Year. 🍷



Bravo Company headed by Company President Oca Zalamea are presently preoccupied with preparations for the class' Christmas party.

At their monthly meeting recently, committees were formed like program, food, invitations, raffle prizes, etc. Ed Ermita suggested that extra effort be given by everyone to encourage members who have previously missed attending class activities due to illness or for any other reason, to attend and if need be, fetched from their homes to join the affair.

The Christmas brunch will be hosted by a member of Bravo Company to be held on December 16 at the Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC. Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 9:30am to start of the festive celebration. 🍷



The monthly Class lunch was held at the Shangrila Makati as usual on 30 Sep 2018 and the great surprise was the presence of JIM ZUMEL, who arrived just

three days earlier from California. Here's a photo of the occasion, attended by (clockwise from left) Eddie Garcia, Nick Festin, Paco Francisco, Max Dumlao, Buster Arrastia, Jackie Desquitado, Jess Alcorido, Del Abaya, Jim Zumel and Chuck Agustin.

We were saddened by Jim's revelation that he is dealing with a bout of esophagal cancer but glad that he is undertaking therapy that we think will have positive results. Jackie's daughter, May D Tranquilino MD posted a positive note:





Jim at the SFO International Airport taken just before his departure with Cora (not in photo) together with some acquaintances met at the airport.

Her young daughter had a similar problem when she was 8 years old; she's now 21 years old.

We all pray that Jim will fully recover from this.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019

Repeat Reminder:
We are the 60th Homecoming

Jubilarians next year, so we're hoping we can maximize our presence.

- We will use the Class 59 BLAZER we used for the 50th in 2010. Similar type and color may be used. We will distribute class blazer seals for those who have lost theirs.
- Use regular khaki pants with white dress shirts.
- Check in John Hay Manor Thursday 14

Feb 2019

- Check out Saturday 16 Feb 2019
- Those who want to check out Sunday should make respective individual arrangements

Over the past five homecomings, we've only averaged 3-4 attendees, but to ensure use of JH Manor, we reserved last 16 Feb and paid for 10 rooms for the 2019 PMA Alumni Homecoming. Benny tried to check if the AIM Conference Center has available rooms but learned that they're not taking reservations after May this year, as their contract with JH Manor expires then. Thereafter here's the status of confirmed attendees:

Room reservations for 2019 Homecoming event 14 -16 Feb 2019

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

Adjustments to the above will be made as necessary. 🙏



ORLANDO B SALIENTES
President
MARINO P PANES JR
Secretary

We will have our Christmas party at the NIU Vikings in SM Aura, BGC on Dec KKB. From experience we have found out that this is the most convenient and practical way of putting up a party. Since we are all 75 years old and above, we only pay 50%. The drinks and food are so varied

to satisfy anyone's preference. We do not have to prepare the venue.

The PMAAAL is conducting a raffle draw for a cause. Each class is allotted five tickets each for every living member. A ticket cost 1000 pesos each. Orly Salientes already has the tickets. I will leave it up to him how



to get your tickets and pay him. As of now all I know is that the main prize is a car.

For those of us who have been assigned with the fighters, there was a Balik-Basa affair last Oct 24 2018 to inaugurate the return of the fighters to the place after an absence of 27 years when the eruption of Mt Pinatubo devastated the base. There is a brand new runway. Buildings and facilities are sprouting all over the place. F-50 fighters are operating from there now.


Through a solo effort of mine, we were able to come up with our EMERALD SWORD. The following classmates participated in making the publication:

- Lt Gen Loven Abadia
- Myrna Valera Colet Vda de Apolinario
- Commodore Ernesto Arzaga

- BG Braulio Balbas Jr
- BG Evaristo Cariño
- PN Capt Andres Kagaoan
- Marilou Melliza Vda de Laforteza
- Commodore Lardin
- Col Nestor Lim
- Commodore Marino Panes Jr
- PN Capt Orlando Salientes
- PNP Dep Dir Gen Pedro Sistoza
- Former Batangas Governor Antonio Leviste

I am volunteering again to make our DIAMOND SWORD if I can get at least eight members to participate. Please contact me if you will participate. All I need from you is a two-page write up composed of pictures and words of your life story in PDF

form. Copy them in a USB and give it to me. There is a company called PICTUREBOOKS in ATC. I will give them the finished draft in PDF form. They will print as many books you want and pay the company yourself. I have had our EMERALD SWORD printed by them. It is beautifully done, worth keeping. If you desire one order from them. I gave them the file copy. You can have it in a week's time. PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP of your intention to participate in the making of our DIAMOND SWORD.

If you have a nice picture to be published in the class call, please send it to me. You will notice that there is only one picture included in this class call because it is the only I have worthwhile to be included in the article. /Loven C Abadia '60 



Last August 20, 2018, Mrs Francin Lucero called the Class President to tell the news that Vic Lucero was very sick at their home in Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. Medical examination revealed that a tumor grew in his brain and that an operation would be too dangerous for his age. Instead he was placed under observation at home. Nick Rodriguez who was at San Juan, La Union at that time visited him to find out his exact condition. He suggested that members of the class who could travel pay him a visit to boost his morale and will to survive.

A hasty preparation was done and three of our classmates namely Ed Domingo, Ernie Tan and Ed Cabanlig departed Manila at 4:00 AM on August 22, 2018 for Tagudin, Ilocos Sur. The party stopped over at the residence of Nick Rodriguez in San Juan, La Union for a hearty lunch. The four proceeded to Tagudin and arrived at about 2:00 in the afternoon. They were able to talk with Vic who recognized all of them. Each of us prayed over our classmate for healing and recovery. They spent the rest of the day at the beach resort of Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, the youngest brother of Willie Villanueva, our classmate. Dinner was a wonderful treat of Ilocano blood pudding and pinapaitan. The night was

cool and breezy that provided the proper aura for a well deserved night sleep.


After another sumptuous breakfast by the beach, we went back to Vic's residence for our final get together and lunch. The group departed Tagudin after lunch to drop Nick off at San Juan, La Union and proceeded back home. It was indeed a hectic two day trip for three old Foggies in their 80's.

On September 27, 2018, Ernie Tan received another message from Francin informing the class that Vic was in comatose. Nick who was still in La Union rushed to Tagudin where he informed the class that Vic had gone home to his Creator. We were informed then the remains of Vic will be brought to the LNMB in Fort Bonifacio on October 11, 2018. The following classmates were present on his arrival day: Cesar Fortuno, Ray Jarque, Ed Cabanlig, Ernie Calupig, and Ed Domingo. It was planned that the necrological services in Vic's memory will be held in October 13, 2018 after the Memorial Mass at 1800H.

The Class is very grateful for the leadership of the Philippine Army for making the memorial service of our classmate fit for a General Officer. Indeed it was something very special because few Chiefs of Staff of the AFP delivered their respective eulogies. The incumbent Secretary of National Defense also gave his kind words of respect for a dearly departed. Comrade at arms, Ed Cabanlig and Ernie Tan spoke for the class of 1961. Ernie's words were meaningful as he expressed deep regrets that Vic did not make it as a General Officer

Classmates who were present during the memorial service were Pong and Monchie Biazon. Ernie and Cely Calupig, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ernie and Beng Tan and Ray and Xeny Jarque. Those who came without their wives were Bert Rodriguez, Manny Lukban, Ed Cabanlig, Lito Santos, Nick Rodriguez, Alex Aguirre, Ed Domingo and Jorge Lagera. The Class tried to do some accounting of classmates who joined the Army after graduation. We found out that the original number was 16 where five joined its infantry, five to the combat engineers, five to the field artillery and one to the armored service. It was learned that 20% are still alive who joined the infantry and field artillery. A good 80% are in good health for those who joined the Engineers while 100% is still alive for those who joined the Armored service.

Flora Marcelo invited the class to dinner last October 27, 2018 at the Philippine Navy Officers Club in Fort Bonifacio to commemorate the third death anniversary of Billy Marcelo. Present in the affair were Ernie and Beng Tan, Romy and Xeny Jarque, Pong and Mochie Biazon, Tony and Mar Suratos, Manny and Yayot Lukban, Ernie and Cely Calupig and Ed and Lina Cabanlig. The stag attendees were Ed Domingo and Limon Agustin. The widows attending were Fely Codera and Baby Enriquez.

Our class Christmas Party will be on December 8, 2018. Significantly it is also the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In so doing a mass will be celebrated to remember our departed classmates who now number 30 of 56. 



MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary

Third Quarter Socials. The third quarter birthday celebrants made true their announcement during the second quarter socials that they will host the third quarter socials. This was at the Four Seasons Restaurant at Cubao, Q.C. on 29 September at lunch. In between choosing and cooking the fish, meats, and vegetables or selecting from a variety of already prepared food, classmates recalled their experiences as far as 60 years ago when we were plebes at the Academy. Birthday hosts and celebrants on hand to welcome our classmates were Rami Ramiscal, Divine Divinagracia, and Manny Salimbangon. Much as he wanted to join the affair, Tito Rimando, the absentee host and celebrant, couldn't make it because of his and Heidi's "apostolic" duties in the States. Nani Jover, Willy Cruz, and Rene Motus of Delta Coy and Paco Atayde of Alfa, and Budge Madamba recalled their ordeals at Room 316 of Bravo Coy where they practically "died." Their reminiscing were interrupted when the Four Seasons staff trooped to the celebrants with their banners and singing "Happy birthday" as the celebrants blew the candles on the birthday cake. Classmates and ladies and children who came for the bonding and socials were Rami and Olga Ramiscal, Divine and Marian Divinagracia, Manny Salimbangon, class prexy Nano Mariano, Ray Logan, Amaury



Evangelista, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Nani Jover, Paco Atayde, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Maura Soriano and daughter Leika, Perot and Chona Perez, Budge and Alma Madamba, Rene Motus, Nick and Helen Custodio, Ernie and Hazel Dauz, Ed and Gloria Fernandez, Silver Silverio, Freddie Filler, Joel Hinlo and daughter Steffi, Charlie Tanega and Nonie Zabala.

"Third quarter socials hosted by September birthday celebrants."


Paco Atayde's Big Day. Paco Atayde celebrated his 80th birthday with a thanksgiving dinner and fellowship last October 19, 2018 at the Social Hall of Villamor Golf Clubhouse, Pasay City. His birthday was actually October 4 but due to unavailability



"Class '62 and ladies join Paco Atayde on his birthday."

of the venue, the event was moved to a later date. Guests were Illustrious Mistahs from PMA Class 62, friends from Rotary and close family friends and relatives. On hand to celebrate this memorable milestone in Paco's life were wife Linda, granddaughter Mandy, sister Julie, Boy Abadia and Sharina, Nano Mariano, Quintin Alcudia and Luz,

Rami Ramiscal and Olga, Nick Custodio and Helen, Aila De Ocampo, Charlie Tañega and Grace, Ernie Daus and Hazel, Joel Hinlo and Rio, Freddie Filler and the surprise of the night was Al Lumibao whom the class missed for decades and Ching. Other cavaliers: Romy David (Class '56), "Big Boy" Adriano (Class '63) with Annabelle, and Billy Villareal (Class

'64) with Betty, also joined the fun. Ernie Daus was unstoppable on the dance floor and the "Suicide Squad" got busy making their "bosses" look like they were belles of the ball. Sumptuous food, music of our era from Rules Band, and being in the company of steadfast friends, what more can a man ask for?### 



Christmas greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 and happy holidays to one and all. We also welcome the 56th Graduation Day Anniversary in 2019.

From our Corporate Secretary Logbook, our activities are as follows:

18 October 2018 – PMA Matindi Class '63 Board Meeting held at PMA Alumni Center, CGEA, Q.C. Date to watch are the following: 26 January 2019 PMA Convention at PICC, Pasay City, PMA Raffle for a Cause for Toyota Fortuner, Toyota Innova and Toyota Altis. 23 February 2019, PMA Alumni Homecoming at Baguio City and our 56th Graduation Day Anniversary.

03 November 2018 – PMAAAI Business and Fellowship Dinner with CSAFP, GEN CG GALVEZ JR as host and speaker. Updates on PMAAAI Strategic Plans and Projects and PMAAAI Raffle for a Cause was taken up. Cav Ebor represented Cav Bill Ruiz, Class President and as a member of the foundations.

11 November 2018 – PMA Class '63 no host lunch in NS Jose Francisco (BNS) Taguig City. Among those present were Cavs Bill Ruiz, Ven Roallos, Kid Medina, Rudy Javier, Bumy Bumanglag, Naty Laput, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Pert and Inday Andaya, Jimmy and Brenda Iletto with daughter Noreen and two apos Rolly and Luz Espejo, Danny and Nena Delgado.

11 November 2018 – Birthday party of Ide Tillah at his residence 2 Sacrepante Street (back of Rizal University), Mandaluyong City. PMA Matindi Class 1963 was led by Class President Bill Ruiz and others duly invited by Ide to his birthday party. His birthday was on 12 November 2018 and he advanced his birthday party on 11 November 2018.

Amy and Angel Ylagan joined Class Prexy Bill Ruiz.

22 November 2018 - The third quarterly meeting of BIRCI at 3pm. All members of BIRCI are invited in AGFO Center.

25 November 2018 – Birthday of Inday Andaya at 65 Melbourne Street, Provident Village, Marikina City. Invitation has been sent at 6pm, RSVP - 0917-587-8751. Please come it's a Sunday and enjoy the PMA Matindi Class 1963 camaraderie.

04 December 2018 – AGFO Christmas party at AFPCOC 6PM. Please come and enjoy the fun.

08 December 2018 - PMAAAI Family Sportsfest at 6 a.m., PA Grandstand, Taguig City. Please join the fun and camaraderie.

10 December 2018 - The traditional PMA Matindi Class 1963 Christmas Party at 6PM. Philippine Navy Golf Club with Philippine Marine Quartet courtesy of Class President Bill Ruiz. Attire: Cowboy style; ladies: as appropriate. Gift exchange not less than P1,000.00; grilled food for everyone.

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



Happiest Birthday Ide Tillah



Happiest Birthday Aida


and may you have many, many more birthdays to come!

November: Bigboy Adriano 01, Romy Landingin (11), Ide Tillah (12), Nolan Laput

(+) (14), Josie Nale (14), Pio Carranza (+) (18), Boy Orevilla (22), Warlie Tigas (22), Grace Valderrama (23), Inday Andaya (25), Nena Delgado (29).

December: Alex Cirera (7), Aida Mayo (10), Jenny Batenga (12), Ebor Ebro (14), Dy Ylagan (+) (14), Eugene Reyes (15), Arnie Acedera (19), Amy Ylagan (21), Mike Miguel (+) (21), Josie Resos (24), Naty Laput (25), Bobby Babiera (29), Veny Venadas (29).

To all members of PMA Matindi Class of 1963, be active and be happy as we are all growing old gracefully. Please read the book "Health and Fitness in the Older Adult" by Esther Winterfeldt and Debbie Miller, 2018 by New Forum Press, Inc. 1018 S. Lehlis St., Stillwater, OK 74074.

Abraham Lincoln stated in the end, "It's not the years in your life that counts. It's the life in your years." Older adults can have both years and life! Let us keep in touch as we are preparing for our 56th Graduation Day Anniversary comes 2019. (18121605) 



CLEMENTE P MARIANO
President
ORLANDO T CABANLIG
Secretary

The rainy season is over and the cold December breeze is being felt. The previous months (September-October) particularly October was quite busy for the class.

Two occasions enabled the class to be together.

Last October 27, 2018 Billy and Beth Villareal celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Filinvest Village in Alabang Muntinlupa. It was a well-attended party by relatives, friends including some members of Class '64. It was an enjoyable night as the guests enjoyed dancing. Congratulations and best wishes Billy and Beth. May you be blessed with a longer time together.

Among the members of the class and ladies who attended were:

1. Clem Mariano
2. Rey and Sandy Reyes
3. Orly and Dely Cabanlig
4. Abe and Emet de Guzman
5. Rene and Nida Garcia
6. Winston and Vicky Arpon
7. Melie Soledad

The traditional Memorial Mass for deceased classmates and Class 64 ladies was observed by some members of the class last October 29, 2018. The mass was held at



Philippine Army Bonifacio Chapel. As of this writing, there are 21 deceased classmates and ten Class '64 ladies.

After the mass, the group proceeded at Larry's Restaurant in Serendra, BGC Taguig in

attendance were:

1. Clem Mariano
2. Rey and Sandy Reyes
3. Orly and Dely Cabanlig
4. Billy and Beth Villareal



- 5. Terry and Ellen de la Cruz
- 6. Abe and Emet de Guzman
- 7. Rene Garcia
- 8. Dottie Farre
- 9. Lina Pilapil

- 10. Minnie Bas
 - 11. Mrs Dick Alqueza
- Clem Mariano took the opportunity to meet the class for the quarterly meeting. Agenda taken up during the meeting were

1. Status of Fund of the class
2. ACE Investment of class fund
3. December get-together which was scheduled December 10, 2018, lunch time at Aura Vikings in BGC.



MIGUEL A LEONARDO
President
EVERLINO P NARTATEZ
Secretary

We start this article with our warm Birthday Greetings and Best Wishes to the following Mulawins and Spouses who celebrate their birthdays in October, November and December: Rolly Abadilla (+) -- Oct 4; Bert Acenas -- Oct 19; Bernie Alejandro (+) -- Nov 24; Malou Alejandro (+) -- Oct 13; Livy Flores Camacho -- Dec 21; Jess Candelario -- Oct 27; Egay Velasco -- Oct 26; Nene Capitan (+) -- Oct 12; Mimi Habos -- Dec 19; Sylvia Lintao (+) -- Nov 3; Andy Superable -- Nov 30; Zeny Lugtu -- Oct 14; Diane Malig -- Dec 22; Jana Mora (+) -- Oct 5; Lumen Olay -- Nov 29; Lynn Nartatez -- Nov 6; Marlyn Robles -- Nov 27; Letty Padiernos (+) Dec 21; Ernie Sacro -- Nov 23; Vicky Turingan Oct 8 and Ting Velasco (+) -- Dec 31. May you continue to have more hostings of our regular class gatherings and get togethers!

We actually did not have much class activity during the last 3Q period except

that of the Bithday party of Mulawin Egay Velasco at the Kalayaan Hall of Club Filipino last Oct 26. It was a surprise gift arranged by his siblings, some of whom are foreign-based. Four Mulawin couples made it to the affair namely: Rolly and Susie Cauton; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Ofring and Lita Marcelo and Rex Robles accompanied by his grandchildren.

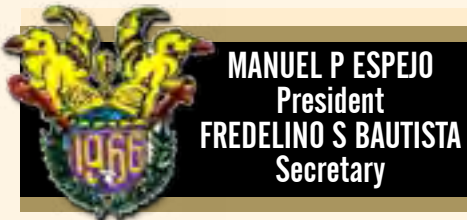
And Joey Mendoza made it on time. He was not able to catch-up his flight back to Australia and had it re-booked the following day.

Our sincere condolences to the Padiernos family. Last Nov 15, 2018, Fidelis Dondee Manuel Padiernos succumbed to a lingering illness at the young age of only 52. She was the eldest daughter of our late



classmate Lt Gen Romeo A Padiernos who died some three years ago and Spouse Letty Manuel Padiernos who likewise died a year later. And very sad and tragic also that the daughter of Fidelis just died last January of this year.

As soon as our Class President Mike Leonardo arrived from his vacation from down under last Oct 30, the Technical Working Group (TWG) a.k.a Executive Committee composed of Mike, Tates, Egay, Rolly C; Gerry G; Ricky Papa and Noli Fabric met for lunch at the ICHO Resto. in Greenhills and made plans for our traditional christmas gathering party. It was decided that it will be held at the OGBINAR Hall, PN Golf Clubhouse, Fort Bonifacio, Makati. Mulawin Ofring Marcelo, being a former Admiral of the Philippine Navy, was tasked to coordinate with all the arrangement and preparation for the venue and food as well as the combo to provide for the musical entertainmnet. Being our snappiest bow-wow with a legendary trot, Ofring immediately did his task and as of this writing, everything is already in order. So to all of you Mulawins and Spouses and ladies, we expect to see you all there and LET'S ALL PARTY TOGETHER!!!/ epn 



MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Una sa lahat, isang maagang pagbati ng maligayang pasko ang aming pinararating sa mga sixty-sixers! Tulad ng inaasahan, baka mas masaya ang ating pagdiriwang sa mga araw na darating, kasama na ang Enero 2019 dahil natanggap o matatatanggap na natin ang di pa nababayaran ng gobyerno na pension increase differentials. Higit sa lahat inaasahan din natin na tulad ng naipangako ng DBM, masasama na sa budget ng 2019 ang tamang pension natin na ayon sa batas (PD 1638). Ngunit hindi lamang salapi ang dahilan ng ating

pagsasaya. Mas mahalaga na ang diwa ng Pasko ang muling sasakop sa ating kaisipan at gawain bilang mga Kristiyano.

CLASS EVENTS

Compared to the previous months covered by the last issue of the Cavalier Magazine, this period has lesser class events, but nonetheless, we have big ones, namely: visitation of graves of departed mistahs and spouses at Libingan ng mga Bayani and Heritage Park; the Class Christmas Program 2018 and a few birthday celebrations.

Edd Santos 75th birthday anniversary. Still young looking and definitely in the best of health as shown by his well-maintained body and still actively working as President, Maritime Academy of Asia Pacific, Edd Santos celebrated his 75th birthday last 12

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Graves visitation at LNMB and Heritage Park on 29 October 2018.



Visit of Mt. Samat, Bataan by Class '66 ladies.

Cavaliers' Family **SPORTSFEST**

08 December 2018, Ft. Bonifacio



Declaration of Partnership between Megaworld Foundation and PMAAAI

08 December 2018



1 – 2. Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Megaworld Foundation, Inc. and PMAAAI (from left) Dr. Francisco C. Canuto, President of the Megaworld Foundation, Inc.; Mr. Kevin Andrew L. Tan, EVP, Megaworld Foundation, Inc.; LtGen Jaime S De los Santos, Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI; and PDGen Edgar B Aglipay, Director and Chairman, PMAAAI Ad Hoc Committee on Strategic Planning and Investment. The Megaworld Foundation accommodated the request of the PMAAAI to construct a multi-purpose office building and, after construction, to donate said office building to PMAAAI.

3 – 4. The PMAAAI Board of Directors gives a simple token of appreciation to Mr. Tan. Flanking him (3rd from left) are (from left) Gen Eduardo M Año, Dr. Francisco C. Canuto, LtGen Jaime S De Los Santos, Sec Delfin N Lorenzana, Sen Gregorio B Honasan, and DGen Edgar B Aglipay.

5. The PMAAAI Board of Directors and the Council of Class Presidents with their spouses.



Louie Fernandez (third from right) joins some sixty-sixers “testing the waters” of the new Hyatt Hotel at FBGC. Louie recently celebrated his birthday.



Sixty-sixers and their spouses with birthday celebrator, Edd Santos (3rd from left, back row), at AFPCOC.

October 2018 at the AFPCOC (his date of birth is actually 16 October).

It was a well-attended and well-planned gathering, thanks to the coordinating efforts of Lil Santos assisted by daughters Christine and Ana. Mistahs and spouses of Class 66 were there to include his staff officers when he was FOIC, PN. The classmates and spouses present were Noli and Leonor Espejo, Fred and Paz Bautista, Viusy and Mercy Daus, Bert and Portia Varona, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Louie and April Fernandez, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Tess Reyes, Glo Agudelo, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison and Susan Gador. There was a powerpoint presentation of events past in his career and life. Not surprising, he rendered a song, and very well at that.

GRAVES VISITATION

It has been a cherished tradition for the Class to visit gravesites of sixty-sixers and spouses at LNMB and Heritage Park in Taguig City during All Souls Day. This shows that those who have gone a head are not forgotten and some emotional gestures are done, even for once a year.

In early morning of 29 October 2018,

a big number trooped to the gravesites in aforementioned places. The group divided itself to several teams and assigned particular sections to visit, place candles and offer prayers. Those who braved the morning heat at LNMB/Heritage Park were Noli Espejo, Temy and Tess Arugay, Fred and Paz Bautista, Bert and Portia Varona, Viusy and Mercy Daus, Jacy Aquino, Ding Wenceslao, Sylvia Agudelo, Susan Gador, Beth Payumo, Malou Catral, Fe Cuison and Glo Domingo. The latter hosted the mass and the lunch that followed at Rene Domingo’s final resting place at Heritage Park.

BIRTHDAY EVENT OF SORTS

On 11 October, Temy and Tess Arugay, made the day a special occasion in commemoration of Tess’ natal day (3 October) at NIO restaurant, SM Aura, Global City. It was an eat all you can affair and caution was thrown into the wind as the attendees made several trips to several spots where their favorite foods were served. Present were the Arugays, Pons and Cena Millena, Fred and Paz Bautista, Noli and Leonor Espejo and daughter Mara,

Jocie Aquino, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison and Glo Domingo.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

We wish to greet the following sixty-sixers and spouses on the occasion of their natal days, as indicated:

November – Ces Bello (29), Ben Espejo (9), Louie Fernandez (23), Doming Hontucan (5), Auring Paginag (21) and Delia Jabile (26).

December - Conri Bruce (4), Ces Millena (4) and Lucy Sarmiento (5).

P.S. Class 66 visited the Dambana ng Kagitingan, during their trip to Bataan from 19-20 November. Details to follow next issue of the Cavalier Magazine. Write up of the Christmas program will also be featured in the next issue.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the September-October 2018 period:

29 September -- Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) (Breakfast) was hosted by Romy and Merle Odi in Mom and Tina’s Cafe at O-Square, Greenhills, San Juan City. They were ably supported by their entire family. Since it was a celebration of Romy’s 80th Birthday (28 Sep), the Class held a special program for him. Alex de Guzman delivered a tulambuhay. Alice Averilla, Bernie Patino, Ross Sibal, Mar Santiago, and Jun Avenido extolled Romy’s accomplishments and virtues which are worthy of emulation by all. Merle rendered a vocal solo par excellence. Romy’s response was heartwarming and typical of his humility. During the meeting, we started the distribution of the tickets for our fundraising PAGCOR Bingo on 16 Dec 2018. It was nice to see Vlady and Josie Olivares again, after a long period of absence from our Class activities, being based in USA.

12 October— Aging Alino, Joe and Myrna Andaya, Ching and Papoose Ballecer, Vic and Mely Corpus, Andy and Meds Reyes, and Sammy and Cora Tomas hosted our DMF (Lunch) in Niu by Vikings resto, Podium, ADB Ave, Mandaluyong City. It was their way of celebrating with the Class the birthdays of Vic (4 Oct), Joe (6 Oct), Ching (8 Oct), Sammy (9 Oct), Aging (17 Oct), Andy (17 Oct), and



Mely (22 Oct). During the meeting, Joe once again reminded the Class to prepare accordingly for our inescapable departure from this world.

B. Watch out for our schedule for the November-December 2018 period, onwards, as follows:

15 November (1100H)—DMF (Lunch) to be hosted by Cords and Myrna Cordero, Ben and Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Vic and Evelyn Villacorta in Buffet 101 Restaurant, Magnolia Robinsons Mall, QC.

04 December — Remembrance Day in honor of the departed Dimasupils and spouses and also Christmas Lunch to be held in Active Fun Bldg, 9th Ave cor. 28th St, BGC, Taguig City. The affair will start at 1100H with Holy Mass (for Catholics). Lunch and then Christmas program will be at 1130H. We will also have the election of Class Officers during this occasion.

January — DMF to be hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Vic and May Garcia, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young. Details will be announced later.

26 January (0700H) – PMAAAI Annual Convention to be held in PICC, Pasay City. Attire: Working long-sleeved barong.

16 February (0900H) -- Alumni Homecoming Parade in PMA, Baguio City. We will have our Class Lunch (instead of Picnic) after the Parade and our Post-Valentine’s Dinner to be hosted by the Class. Our attire for the Parade will be our black Class Jacket with white shirt and dark pants.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

Last 19 Sep, Diony’s 40th Day was commemorated at the Ventura Residence in Urdaneta City, Pangasinan. There was Holy Mass at 10 am and then lunch followed.

Congratulations to Ed Espinosa on his election as member of the Board of Directors of the NDCP Alumni Association for AY 2018-2019.

At our age, we should be careful with pneumonia. Vir Odulio and Vic Corpus were recently hospitalized because of it.

The election bug is with us again. During our Class Forum last 29 Sep, Manny Dalipe intimated to us that he was being considered by a group of influential Zamboangenos to run for Mayor of Zamboanga City. He just told us a few days ago that instead of running, he “ran away”. So, the only Dimasupil running in the coming 2019 elections is Ernie Dionisio who is now campaigning for reelection as City Councilor of Manila.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Text from Nenie Abendan: *“I really want to attend our Class activities, but lately I’ve been in and out of the hospital. I was recently operated on my gallbladder because there was a big stone seen and the gallbladder was infected and about to rupture.”*

Mateo, the grandson of Bernie and Aying Patino, is now back to his usual jolly self, after a delicate head surgery to remove a blood clot that resulted from a hard fall. God indeed answers prayers!

We extend our heartfelt condolence to the family of Jovy and Baby Sales on the death of his only brother, Primitivo Jr, last 4 Oct. The interment was on 8 Oct at the Good Shepherd Columbarium, West Fairview, QC. We pray for his eternal rest with our Lord.

Several Dimasupil brats are running

for various positions in the coming 2019 elections: Cong Mannix Dalipe and Brgy Chairman John Dalipe, both children of Manny and Maryrose, are aiming for Congressman (reelection) and City Councilor, respectively, of Zamboanga City. Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, Sebastian Duterte and Paolo Duterte, all children of PRRD, are running for Mayor (reelection), Vice Mayor, and Congressman, respectively, of Davao City. Rommel Lastimoso, son of Bobby and Penny, is running for Mayor of Roxas City, Capiz. Good luck to all of you, guys!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in November and December: Cherry Garcia (3 November), Bernie Patino (3), Libbie Brawner (4), Yolly Encarnacion (7), Penny Lastimoso (10), Merle Odi (13) Ben Libarnes (14), Araw Bernabe (16), Ed Larroza (16), Cesar Quiambao (17), Romy Enriquez (18), Nora Ruelos (20), Vic Villacorta (23), Mar Cordero (27), Pappoose Ballecer (29), Moises Boquiren (4 December), Lulu Perez (6), Lea Libarnes (10), Emay Bautista (11), Abe Sadul (27), and Vic Garcia (28).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be reminded that our fundraising PACGOR Bingo will be on 16 December 2018, 2 pm, at the Casino Filipino, Rizal Park Hotel, Manila. Good luck, Mistahs!

For the 2019 Homecoming in Baguio, our Class will subsidize our hotel accommodation for two nights (15 and 16 February 2019). Please contact Jun Avenido for reservation at the Golden Pine Hotel NLT 15 January 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and their families!





MELCHOR P ROSALES
President
ROBERTO P SANTIAGO
Secretary

Class Christmas Party

The class will hold its traditional General Membership Meeting, Election and Christmas party on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at the AGFO Center in Camp Aguinaldo.

The activity will start with a 5PM mass and will immediately be followed by the General Membership Meeting and Election. Proposed amendments in class policies will be presented for ratification during the meeting. The Christmas Party dinner will thereafter follow. Again, as the usual practice, all attendees will be asked to contribute to help defray the cost of the activity since the 1st Semester birthday celebrators were not asked to contribute for the Mar 24, 2018 Graduation Anniversary dinner. Rudy Rabago has coordinated with the AGFO administration for the availability of its Social Hall to include the catering service.

Joe (Pete) Salcedo

Bobby Santiago, who recently came




from a visit to the USA, reported that he and Ying Palmos met with a Plebe year classmate, Jose (Pete) Salcedo in West Covina, California. A successful businessman, Pete is excited to meet with as many Class 68 members as possible and kept on wondering how he was turned back on an easy subject, Psychology and, in his frustration, did not heed the calls of Ferdie Lagman for them to join class 69.

He happily reported his meeting with Art Carrillo during the latter's visit to L.A. and promised to get in touch with the class during his next visit to Manila. Bobby

Santiago also met with Vic Ramos and wife Temi in Union City, California and handed to them Vic's copy of the Coffee Table Book. Ying's copy was also given to him and Amy during Bobby's visit to their West Covina home

Class Fellowship Meetings

All available CMs and ladies are encouraged to organize and attend fellowship meetings as often as possible before we reach that stage when we can no longer recall even our most memorable plebe year experiences. 



JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JUSTO P MANLONGAT
Secretary

PMA CLASS '69 MARCHES ON!

Last Taps sounded for another Suaviter...

Soooo sorry to start a class call like this... the class lost another Suaviter last 30 October when Mistah Vic Erfe succumbed to a lingering illness that kept him confined at the Veterans Medical and Memorial Center for 15 months under the watchful care of wife, Menjie and sons Brian and Robert. Vic's elder brother and our Mistah Cleo and his wife Vivz happened to be in the country and they helped oversee all needed coordinations and logistical support.

The Suaviter Family kept Vic and his bereaved family company during his week-

long wake at the Divine Mercy Viewing Chapel in Tunasan, Muntinlupa till he was interred last Saturday, 3 November at the nearby Everlasting Peace Memorial Park.
///bingbo

Farewell messages to Mistah Vic:

Marian Tantingco: My heartfelt condolences to Menjie and the Erfe family for the passing away of Vic.



From left: Cav Doming Tucay '65 and his wife Daisy, Willie Wong, Lulu delos Santos, Mon Martinez, Jus Manlongat, Vivz Erfe, Ike Begonia, bereaved widow Menjie Erfe, Cleo Erfe.

As a widow, I shall pray for Vic's eternal rest and also, that Menjie and their family find comfort at this time of grief.

Tita Yala: Kindly extend our condolences to the family.

Ferdz Lagman, Jr.: Our deepest sympathies. Tito Vic is now with my Dad in Heaven guiding us to God's plans.

Ike Begonia: Our sympathy and condolences. May Vic rest in Peace.

Mon Martinez: To be absent in the Body is to be present in the Lord. Rest in Peace, Vic.

Benjie Defensor: Our deepest sympathies, Mistah. May the Lord in His goodness and mercy embrace Vic for all eternity.

Dan and Emy Reventar: Our deepest condolences to Menjie and family, Cleo and Vivz...Vic is now at rest..."Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones."

Smokey Cariño: I'm so sorry Mistah Cleo. We were all pulling for him but God has His own plans. May Mistah Vic Rest in Eternal Peace. Our condolence.

Chris Abanes: Offering my 12:15pm Holy Mass today to supplement the other prayers of the Suaviters for the eternal repose of Bay Erfs.

Jess Regala: Condolence kid!

Joey Syjuco: Sincerest condolences to your family, Cleo. Together with Bingbo, Vic and I formed the tenor end of the Sounds of '69. And those were really fun times with his great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Bing Brillantes: P're, you have fought against injustice when very few did anything about it... you sacrificed your own comfort and prosperity for others and kept your Faith till the end...you may now enjoy eternal rest in the bosom of our God Almighty... Regards kay Leandro...!

5th Death Anniversary of Mistah +Larry Mendoza

Class '69 members and their ladies joined Sol Mendoza, her immediate family and long-time friends in remembering Larry on his 5th death anniversary at the family mausoleum at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque last 7 October 2018. As had been done in all previous years, a solemn mass was offered in Larry's memory after which a simple but delightful lunch was served.

Present during the occasion were Sol Mendoza and her family, Olive Regala, Ellen Manlongat and Ging Begonia. Also present were Mistahs Benjie, Jimmy, Ike, Jus and Jess. ///Jus



From left, clockwise: Jess Regala, Joey Syjuco, Chris Abanes, Jus Manlongat, Willie Wong, Rene Aguda, Greg Camiling, Jimmy delos Santos, Benjie Defensor, Boy Maligalig, present but not in the picture Cleo Erfe.



From left, clockwise: Vivz Erfe, Vikki Brillantes, Meg Defensor, Ellen Manlongat, Sol Mendoza, Amy Maligalig, Olive Regala, Luz Lagman.

Class breakfast for September

The Class' breakfast for September was jointly sponsored by birthday celebrators long-missed Mistah Rene (5 Sep) and Mistah Benjie (12 Sep) and held at F1 Hotel at BGC!

The jet-setters, **Mistah Cleo & Vivz Erfe** came all the way from Fairfax, Virginia and arrived a bit late... but were more than warmly received by all Suaviters present! ///Jus

Luz Lagman Opens an Activity Center in BF Parañaque

Suaviter Lady Luz decided to convert her family residence with Mistah +Ferdie along Tropical Palace and J. Elizalde St. in BF Homes Parañaque into an activity center to maximize the commercial value of the 1,064 sq m lot. The property consists of a function hall, five separate meeting rooms, a sprawling garden, well-appointed powder rooms and a medium-sized swimming pool. The area also offers safe and sufficient parking spaces for 20-30 vehicles. It is served by well-lit and well-paved roads in a quiet location inside the exclusive village.

For inquiries, interested parties may call Luz at 0918 959 6289. ///Luz

Summer '18 trips of Cleo & Vivz Erfe

The past months were lived and traveled months; traveling while we still



Photo collage of 2018 summer trips of Cleo and Vivz.


can...visiting and touring Tangier (Morocco), Pattaya (Thailand) and Fatima (Portugal).

Of course, we also visited and toured beautiful local sites in the cities of Baguio, Davao, Zamboanga and Palawan. ///Cleo

Suaviter Birthday celebrators

Birthday celebrators for **November** and **December 2018:**

Sol Mendoza (1 Nov), Nick (4 Nov), Flor (4 Nov), +Max (8 Nov), +Oca (10 Nov), Bing (11 Nov), Marian Tangingco (12 Nov), Greg (15 Nov), Cris V (24 Nov), +Romy (25 Nov), Vivian Erfe (26 Nov), Mon (30 Nov), +Rimbert (5 Dec), Emy Reventar (8 Dec), Willie (12 Dec), Joey (28 Dec)

Let's give thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings He showered us in 2018! ...and here's wishing all Suaviter, Cavaliers and their Families a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Progressive and Peaceful 2019!!! ///bingbo69 



GOLF, GOLF, GOLF

The Magiting Veterans Fund Raising Golf Tournament was held at the Wack Wack Golf Course on 24 October 2018. The proceeds from this tournament will fund the Magiting 70's 8-room extension project at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC). Several staff members of the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO)

led by Liza de la Cruz were on hand to lend administrative support toward the success of the tournament.

Another follow-up meeting was held after lunch on the following Saturday at the VMMC Golf Club House. Congressman William Gatchalian graced the occasion as a co-sponsor, taking charge of the green fees, caddy fees, breakfast, and lunch. He further pledged to give a donation in support of the VMMC project. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for Cong. Catchalian's generosity.


Give-aways were distributed after the tournament: grocery bags, thru the kindness of Usec. Nesty Carolina (PVAO

Administrator) and golf umbrellas, courtesy of Resorts World Manila.

WEDDINGS GALORE

Two weddings were held last October 5 and 7, 2018. Egay and Nene Galvante's daughter, Dr. Larah, and Dr. Roldan Landazabal were wed on Oct. 5 at the St. Benedict Parish Church in Silang, Cavite.

Romy and Remy Gojo's son, Mark and Donna Nisperos exchanged vows on October 27 at the St. Michael the Archangel Chapel Philippine Army Camp at Fort Bonifacio.

Congratulations and best wishes to the two couples. 



EDGAR B AGLIPAY
President
JOSE C LALISAN JR
Secretary

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All!

The Matatag Class is busy these months preparing for the 50th anniversary for 2021. Yes, it is quite far yet but time is fast, if you are not aware of it. Thus, several meetings were held during this last quarter of the year resulting to reorganizations of committee members and tasks of these committees. During the last 4th quarter class meeting, class Prexy Egay Aglipay made accountable the vice-presidents of each major service group to monitor the progress of the activities of the different committees under their respective cluster. VP for the PNP, EQ Fernandez, has under his stead the Committee on Ways and Means chaired by Rey Acop. This committee had already met with EQ and planned to have a golf tournament sometime next year.



VP for the Air Force, Boy Castellano, has already reported about the publication items for 2021, the contributions of mistahs to the Book II of The Brothers authored and compiled by Rollie Malinis, and the coordination with the Mas-Matatags regarding the coffee table book that the ladies are planning to write about. Meanwhile, VP for the Army, Jerry Albano, has made plans already on the activities

in Baguio on the D-Day and the days after that which covers the transportation and safety, social activities, trips to Tagaytay, Baler, and Palawan, and other “surprises.” Bing Alano, the VP for the Navy, had submitted his plan to visit the mistahs with health issues and also to “touch base” with some mistahs who are not active in the class activities. Just recently, some golfing mistahs like Tex Balmaceda, Tito Legaspi, Dania Perico, Rollie Garcia, Nelson Eslao, Beloy Belonia, and Ed Matillano were able to visit Ralph Flores in Pampanga and Huoy “Boots” Tabanda in Baguio. Both had been in “limbo” for years.

Having mentioned “health issues”, indeed this is a concern now-a-days, especially when several mistahs and their ladies are suffering from sickness that can even cause death. For the year 2018, we lost two mistahs namely Art Lim and just last October, another classmate, mistah Ernie Lumang who succumbed due to a lingering illness in Cebu. He was the 21st mistah who passed on.

On the bright side, mistah Atot Paredes survived the series of surgeries he underwent while on Europe tour with wife Sara last October. He suffered a heart attack in Bordeaux, France and had to undergo a by-pass operation there immediately. Unfortunately, after the successful operation, there were blood clots discovered and he was operated on again. After a few days of operation, there was a clot again, and for the third time, another operation has to be done. Thanks to the prayer warriors from mistahs, Mas-Matatags, families, and friends, there was no more complication. And of course, to the abiding faith of his loving and caring wife, Sara. By the time of this writing, mistah Atot and Sarah, are on their way






back home to Manila after a stop over and rest in Dubai.

Last 6 November, there was a birthday bash and fellowship of the class hosted by Amba Jun Paynor and wife Tess at their residence in Quezon City. Birthday cakes were presented to the celebrators by Egay and wife, Mawie. Those who attended were Egay and Mawie, Dong and Lulu, Bobsac and Eden, Aris and Nina, Dania and Chato, Marte and Tetet, Tito and Dra Nona, Bert and Marmie, Oca and Jinggoy, Dan and Arlene, Rey and Fim, Lita Gil, Lulu Runes, Annie Lim, Ed Mati, and Manny Foronda. During the affair, the date for the Matatag Christmas Party was finalized. It will be on 9 December at the new Valle Verde IV Clubhouse.

Greg is the new DICT Secretary! Congratulations and good luck in your new appointment mistah – from all of us.

Hole-in-One of mistah Rey Alcasid was done in the Valley Golf Course just recently. This was his third of such feat. Wow... congratz!

Quote for this Issue:

You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go and see what happens. Mandy Hale/ JCL/12 Nov 18 



Warm greetings to all

The Board of Trustees/Class Officers met last 09 Nov at Philippine Navy Golf Club to finalize the activities for the Christmas party on 08 Dec at PNGC. The Ladies Working group was tasked to come up with appropriate program of activities with the allocated budget as the basis. For our spiritual needs, there will be an anticipated mass at 5pm before the social event proper. Those who intend to hear mass are advised to come earlier. The attire for the party would be "Hawaiian inspired" outfit while the Philippine Marine quartet (one of the best quartets from the Navy) will provide music and entertainment. Our hard working ladies particularly Choly and Ludy promised to come up with a variety of lively program and there will be a never-ending fun for all of us. They assured the "boys" will not get bored. Good news for

raffle enthusiasts, there will be attractive prizes awaiting the lucky winners. So be there folks and enjoy the merriment, fellowship and of course the usual litany of "bulahizing".

2019 Alumni Homecoming

In connection with the forthcoming 2019 Alumni Homecoming in February, the Class Officers preferred a low profile preparation for the homecoming. This is a part of our

cost saving measures in anticipation for the huge expenses we expect during our 50th Golden Anniversary in 2022. In line with this, it was agreed at the meeting that the uniform for the Alumni Parade would be blue class jacket, light blue T Shirt, black pants and shoes. As for the ladies, they will be wearing the same issued blue jacket, blue T Shirt and preferably black pants and shoes. This time, the whole Class will be billeted at Microtel Hotel for convenience



and easy coordination. As regard with the Post Valentine party, we will have it on Feb 16 (Saturday)) at Benjamin Room of Crown Plaza Hotel. The schedules of activities and other information will be disseminated later. Prexy Manny, the one in-charge and designated Editor-in Chief of the Golden Sword, briefly stated during the meeting his plans and concepts of how the Sword would be. He will present the concepts before the class during the Christmas party on Dec 8.

NEWS UPDATES

Twelve (12) Masigasig golfers participated in the yearly Rafael Salas golf tournament at Camp Aguinaldo golf course last Nov 7. A special discounted tournament fees were given to our golfers, courtesy of Manong Ben. Everybody won raffle prizes, but most of the participants got dozens of condoms. The real winner was Gene Senga who won the grand prize of 46” Sony TV set. Gene, by the way, is a consistent raffle winner in previous tournaments. *“Pogi na masuerte pa”*, comment from Manding Naval. *Inggit ka lang, Manding. He he he.* By the way, Efren Abu was declared champion in Class C, Senior division. Those who joined said tournament were: Efren Abu, Art Lomibao, Ike Galang, Babes Flores, Abe Abesamis, Cel Navarro, Gene Senga, Johnny Salvana, Manding Naval and Ogie Alino.

MORALE AND WELFARE

As part of our commitment to bolster the morale and welfare of Masigasigs, we continuously grant financial assistance to some Mistah and ladies who experienced serious health and medical concerns.

As of this writing, a total of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND PESOS AND EIGHT HUNDERD TWENTY



CENTAVOS(PH 1,332,826.00) were granted to 30 recipients to include special financial assistance as a consequence of death. Rest assured that this SOP of granting financial assistance is a firm commitment and top priority of the Class. Be as it may, we fervently hope that there will be no more addition to the list of recipients. In other words, with God’s grace no one will get sick seriously. We must stay healthy at all times fellas.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We extend our greetings and felicitations to our birthday celebrators: November: Mel Rivera, Benny Liwag (dec), Dionix Dionisio Alvin Urbi (dec), Ed Leyritana (dec), Linda Berroya, Johnny Abuan, Marcial Conaco, Willy Blanco, Torch dela Torre, Maribel Espadero, TJ Tejada, Helen and Jimmy Viernes, Carl Alabanza, Odette Bibit and Lou Rivera. December: Jack Joaquin (dec), Siony Cordero, Eric Evangelista, Yolly Lasar, Mila Naval, Rock Tor, Tata Velasco, Monying Dizon, Tony Villarosa, Ric Brillantes, Cess Conaco, Ike Galang, Bay Valles (dec) and Emy Rivera. Happy birthday to all and may you have more to come.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

The true essence of Christmas is different from the perspectives and connotations of every person. In my view, Christmas is simply “ giving, sharing and forgiving.” These words are self-explanatory. We might have different interpretations of each word and its relevance to Christmas.

Anyway here’s some thoughts that have something to do with Christmas that I want to share them with you.

--Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy is to have the real spirit of Christmas... Calvin Coolidge.

--Christmas is the season when you buy this year’s gift with next year’s money... Unknown.

--Love the glitter more than the gift... Brigham Young.

--No matter how you spend these last few days of the year—may they be filled with joy, health and happiness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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





So it's "Ber months" once again. We have officially entered the most anticipated season of the year: Christmas holidays!

The class will be holding a Christmas party on 15 December 2018 at AGFO, Camp Aguinaldo. Contribution is P750 each plus an exchange gift of not less than P1000.

Everyone is enjoined to attend. It would be an opportune time to be with classmates especially those we have not seen for quite sometime.

Apart from this, some mistahs would be hosting get-together parties and an out of town golf. On 30 November 2018, Sonny Razon will host a golf game at Malarayat golf club to be followed by an overnight get-together at his farm in Lipa City. We are of course excited of this since it is not very often that we have this kind of activity. Already the following have signified to attend: Sonny and Cecille Razon, Willy and Hazel Garcia, Amy and Winnie Tolentino, Aji and Judy Gutierrez, Ed and Maricel Doromal, Nick and Mila Radovan, Manny and Annie Carta, Pete and Tess Tan, Oca and Agnes Valenzuela, Ernie and Nell Belen, and Fidel and Linda Sy.

Expect lechon baboy damo, pot luck specialties from mistahs, home grown fruits and vegetables from Razon farm and a lot of drinks and liquors to match the night long merriment.

Golf...more golf

The class participated in the following golf events:

1) 3rd quarter retired cavaliers/corps of 70s golf fellowship at Villamor GC on 06 September 2018, players were – Ricky dela Paz, Jun Esperon, Jun Noble, Gene Cedo,

Pons Crucero, Sonny Razon, Ed Doromal and Amy Tolentino.

Results – Class 74, fourth place

2) 12th Sonny Razon Golf Classic at Aguinaldo GC on 26 September 2018, players were Sonny Razon, Jun Esperon, Willy Garcia, Gene Cedo and other class golfers.

3) UPHS Class '69 Golf Tournament at Aguinaldo GC on 03 October 2018

Results – Jun Noble, overall lowest gross champion

– Pons Crucero, class A champion

4) PMA Class 76 Golf Tournament at Philippine Navy GC on 10 October 2018

Players – all Class 74 Golfers

Results – Amy Tolentino, class A champion

– Willy Garcia, class B champion

– Rene Rieza, class B runner-up

5) 35th ASEAN Amateur Golf Championship at Pondok Indah GC, Indonesia on 24-26 September 2018

We congratulate our Mistah Ricky dela Paz for being a member of the RP Senior Golf Team that competed in that prestigious event.

Happy Hormones:

The Marangal Ryder Cup Team

- Mistah Rene Rieza

It all started as just another way to belong, to be a part of the unit. Your boss plays golf so naturally you take up golf, too. It's the same in the military world and in the civilian world. Golf becomes a way to deepen friendships and start new ones, a way to expand social and business networks. Then as age creeps in, it becomes the only sport those aging bones can endure, the tennis, the basketball, the marathons, they start becoming just memories. Sure, there is always bowling and billiards but they cannot compare to golf when it comes to generating those happy hormones!

Happy hormones are generated, according to a class savant who wants to remain anonymous, by the release of happiness with wild abandon. We are all

familiar with the night time version of this release, but let us leave that for the moment. The daytime version of this release is loud laughing and shouting on the golf course, specifically, on the fairways and on the greens. Rough and hazards elicit another form of release of an entirely different group of emotions, but that's another story. This is not to say that all golf courses should have no rough and hazards, for typically, the overcoming of the threat from the rough and hazards triggers the sudden release of happiness and ergo, of the happy hormones.

The daytime release of these happy hormones is a basic policy direction of the PMA Marangal Class 1974 and is a major component to keeping the class spirit of camaraderie and friendship burning brightly. It is also the reason for the formation of the Marangal Ryder Cup Team.

The Marangal Ryder Cup Team is led by Team Captain Ricky de la Paz. He is *The Iceman*, for he is always cool, always calculating, always methodical. He knows all the golf courses, from mountain courses to jungle courses. When almost everyone is checking his Viber feed, Ricky is checking golf scores. That is Team Captain Ricky de la Paz, cool as ice.

Elbon Noble, on the other hand, is Fire. He is very passionate about golf and he has very definite ideas about it and is not shy about sharing them. He faces all challenges with cool detachment in the beginning, weighing his options, then executing his plan of action and when successful will let out a yell of pleasure at his success. Happy hormones from a man on Fire. By the way, he has broken several drivers in his golfing career due to his amazing club speed. He is our *Man on Fire*.

Closely following in the Fire department (no pun intended) is Lito Gutierrez. He is a player who is undaunted and looks at the golf challenges with a hard smile and a glint in his eyes. He knows with a glance how to defeat those challenges. He wears his passion for everyone to see and is hardest on himself. He is known as *The Enforcer*. He will not tolerate any indifferent strokes.

Counter-balancing the fire of Elbon and Lito Gu are Jun Esperon and Sonny Razon.

Jun Esperon is a dominating presence in the Team Room and on the course, but how he really slays the opposition is with his ever-present smile. He is one who speaks softly but carries a big stick, in this case, a big driver on the tee. And always with a smile. He is the *Smiling Assassin*.

Sonny Razon, on the other hand, is the *Silent Killer*, soft-spoken, never a mean word or a cruel face, but look out: he has a killer short game. His smile is the same while graciously winning all your money





or conceding a hole. The latter seldom happens.

Pons Crucero helps Captain Ricky balance the Fire and Ice on the team. One moment he is a father giving advice, the next, a big brother mentoring somebody about to lose control. He is usually silent except when he is on a roll, then his laughter becomes contagious.

Ed Doromal has a swing to die for. It is smooth and easy just like his demeanor on and off the fairways. Always a soft touch around the greens, he can also surprise you off the tee. He is Sneaky Long, we were told, in more ways than one. His motto: "Even the good ones get unlucky sometimes".

The most obvious secret weapon of the Marangal Ryder Cup Team is Amy Tolentino, the *Gentleman Bomber*. Always laughing, ever the gentleman, but look out once he gets his game going. His warning shot is when he pulls out his 3-wood instead of his driver. He is also known as *The Diplomatic Intimidator*.

The other secret weapon is Willy Garcia, the *Sleek Shooter*. He is a devil from 150 yards out and routinely sinks 15-footer putts. He is at his best when under pressure or when big money is on the line. He is also known as *The Black Ninja* behind his back.

Eugene Cedo is our very own *True-Blue Probinsyano*, the strong, silent type who lets

his golf clubs do the talking. The unusual is usual for him, a 60-foot putt, a birdie from a stymie, a long bunker shot, he has been there and has done it.

At this point allow me to make special mention of two 'legendary' Marangal Ryder Cup Team mates, namely Tony Enteria and Tanju Tan. Why legendary? Because legend has it that these two inhabit the golf courses of the Deep South. Legend also has it that they appear to be aging golfers, apparent easy preys for those players wishing to make a quick buck. Legend also has it the beaten but still unbelieving players keep on swallowing the claim of these two that they were only lucky to beat everyone else. These poor players have not heard the wise words of our Team Captain Ricky, "*lumaban na ng pustahan sa inyo, gusto n'yo pa manalo kayo?!*"

Completing the Marangal Ryder Cup Team is Ace Tolentino, the *Tactical Player*, always calculating the odds. He may be tall, dark and handsome but he is better known for his mastery of the long courses.

Then we have as occasional alternates: Romy Tolentino who excels in the Firing and Driving Range, Romy Buenaflor hovering in the air, Bert Sylim on overwatch from Capitol Hills and Tato Salud, the Master of Kagitingan.

In addition to the ten players in our Order

of Merit, Team Captain Ricky de la Paz can pick from a pool of Marangal golfers to make the 12 players that includes Jun Lopez, Rudy Obaniana, Bobby Bayona, Benny Cabrieto, Ramby Ramboanga, Danny Abinoja, Rogie Calunsag, Danny Bocobo and a flight of honorary members who share the same passion for golf as the Marangal Ryder Cup Team.

Lurking in the background, ready to pounce, are the Expat Marangal Ryder Cup Team, the imports who enrich our line up every time they are here. Lefty Larry Doria, Pointman Vlady Punto, Straight (hindi payat ha?) Tony Ramos, Teemount Rudy Monte, Pope Pepo Chanco, Parman Pardes Espejo, Smooth (Not Rough) Ralph Amador, Curious Pete Cruz Did I miss Charlie Luis, Owen Luistro, Boie Seville and the other benchwarmers? Then there's the Cheering Squad of Peewee Edgar Peralta, Ching Lagrimas, Mar Laurico and Romayo.

Teka, dumating na ba si Rene Rieza? Mayron ba siyang dalang pandesal at Vienna sausages? Si Romy Carlos, kasama ba ang Mama niya?

Parang kumpleto na. Let the games begin. Fore!

Birthday Celebrants

Belated birthday greetings for September and October born Mistahs and Advanced



greetings for November and December born classmates. May the Almighty from above bless all the celebrants with amazing life ahead.

September: 06 – Gene Cedo, 10 – Oca Mallabo, 12 – Allen Querubin, 18 – Joe Barbieto, 22 – Skeet Nano, 23 – Bobby Bayona, 25 – Jun Noble, 27 – Damian Carlos, and 27 – Sonny Razon.

October: 02 – Roland Rodriguez, 04 –


James de Guzman, 18 – Teepee Salazar, 22 – Joe Ongchanco, 25 – Ching Lagrimas, and 25 – Vlady Punto.

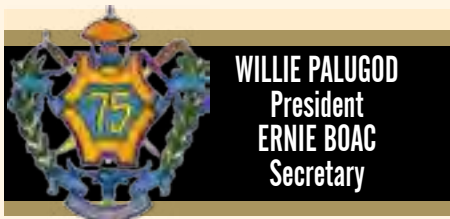
November: 05 – Willy Garcia, 06 – Pete Ramboanga, 07 – Ernie Belen, 08 – Nick Radovan, 12 – Vic Franco, 17 – Dencio Mar Laurico, 20 – Claro Doria, 21 – Sittiporn Patarasen, 23 – Clay Luis, and 23 – Errol Pan.

December: 04 – Boy Miranda, 07 – Stanley Pagdilao, 11 – Randy Dauz, 15

– Ruben Garcia, 22 – Romy Ranay, 22 – Marcelo Santos, and 30 – Danny Bocobo.

Announcement:

If a member of the class wants to publish any article about our class, or his milestones or Marangal Juniors/Grandchildren milestones, please feel free to email me at garicwv@yahoo.com.ph. Thank you. 



On 16 October 2018, the Class held its general meeting presided by Acting Prez Raul. Three items were taken up in the agenda. First was the on-going preparations for Christmas Party of the class to be held at Acropolis Village Clubhouse at 7:00 O'clock P.M. on December 5, 2018. The motif for this activity is red. Some of our ladies are also involved in the preparations to make the activity a successful and memorable occasion.

The second was the publication of the “Ang Kalis”, our invaluable project. After painstaking efforts, it was agreed that the final printing and distribution will be during the first quarter of next year. We acknowledge the efforts made by the Major Service Historians: Ernie of the Philippine Army, Dennis of the Philippine National Police, Pete of the Philippine Air Force and Pet for the Philippine Navy. Our appreciation also goes to Noe and Gerry, including Len, the kind-hearted wife of Noe, who made the final editing as to the form and substance to make it easily and enjoyable to read, and the coordination with the printing press of Bennie. The proprietor of the printing press committed to undertake the printing at no cost to the class.

The third item was the preparation for the PMA Alumni Homecoming on 2020. By that time, the class will be commemorating its 45th anniversary (Sapphire). This early, initial planning and coordination are being undertaken. Our class treasurer Noe has already made hotel reservations and initially determined the venues of class activities in Baguio.


Incidentally during the general meeting, it was learned that three of our mistahs are vying for elective posts in the next elections. Andy is running as Mayor of Alabat, Quezon for his third term while Van and Bennie are



aspiring to be Party List members in the next Congress. To our three mistahs, we assure you of our full support.

We would also like to express our congratulations to Andy, a Dangal ng Bayan Regional Awardee bestowed by the Civil

Service Commission, Regional Office IV on September 12, 2018 in his capacity as Mayor of Alabat, Quezon.

To our mistahs, let's keep ourselves updated of our activities through our viber chat group. 



EMILIO C MARAYAG JR
President
ZOSIMO D CARLOS JR
Secretary

**MAGILAS CHARITY
GOLF TOURNAMENT 2018**

The 2018 Magilas Charity Golf Tournament held at the PN Golf course on 8 October 2018 was another overwhelming success participated by more than 60 players. Proceeds from this resource generation project is primarily intended for charitable projects of the class and to supplement our class fund for future activities. Kudos to Tournament Director Vic Boco. Appreciated likewise were the efforts and contributions of the company supervisors, and the majority of Magilas members who donated, solicited, and contributed their utmost efforts for the success of this class activity. Modest lunch was served to all participants which was followed by the awarding ceremony, Thereafter, golfers remained in the hall to participate for the added attraction, the raffle draw. Abner, assisted by Cholo Carlos and the beautiful Tanduay girls, emceed the affair.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING,
ELECTIONS, AND CHRISTMAS
FELLOWSHIP**

The Annual General Assembly Meeting of the class will be held at PA Officers Clubhouse, Fort Bonifacio on 9 December 2018. Meeting starts at 5pm highlighted by the rendering of the President’s and the Treasurer’s Report, and the ratification of all acts and resolutions of the Board of Trustees for 2018. Elections for new Class Officers will also be held. The traditional Christmas Party of Magilas members and their ladies immediately follows. There will be plenty of boodles, raffle prizes, fun games, dancing, and goodies. Thanks to Sammy Narcise for organizing this happy event.

CONDOLENCES

The class extends our heartfelt condolences and sympathies to Mistah Joey Salvacion for the series of misfortunes that he and his family endured during the second week of October. First, their kasambahay was rushed to the hospital for a dreaded illness. Then Joey’s 16 year old grandson, Jose Salvacion III passed away



on Oct 8. On the same day, Joey’s sister was diagnosed with a rare terminal disease. Later during the week, another of Joey’s sibling, his younger sister Mildred, died in their hometown of Tarlac. Our prayers are with you, Mistah.

CONGRATULATIONS

Advanced congratulations to the 2018 Magilas Brats Awardees. They will be honored during the forthcoming Christmas party on December 9, together with the proud parents.

- Dr. Gemmie Defensor-Sagun MD
- Major Magilas Salvacion PNP (RN)
- Capt Rafael B. Rodriguez PA (NC)
- Ms Marie Angela Lim Cachuela

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our felicitations to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Sonny Cachuela – Nov 4, Jimmy Caringal – Nov 5, Jogie Fojas – Nov 7, Rowena Lacanienta – Nov 9, Ben Dolorfino – Nov 10, Jeff Soriano – Nov 11, Babette Narcise – Nov 12, Doo Maligalig – Nov 15, Chilla Lucero – Nov 17, Diegs Dasallas – Nov 21, Ed Gonowon – Nov 23, Sluggs Nano – Nov 27, Annette Yapching – Nov 24, Ching Punzalan – Dec 5, Baby Salosagcol – Dec 5, Mia Dela Paz – Dec 6, Vita Salvacion – Dec 10, Epoy Lagdamen – Dec 15, Romy Hilomen – Dec 16, Nonong Cayton – Dec 18, Paul Chua – Dec 19, Del Pomposo – Dec 20, Estela Yano – Dec 21, Jess Verzosa – Dec 25, Gerry Defensor – Dec 28.





RICARDO A DAVID JR
President
DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS
Secretary

Merry Christmas to all Masikap 77 families and friends!

Time flies fast as always! It has been another year for all of us to cherish! Time to welcome the Christmas and Yuletide season, time for revelry, time to look back what has been accomplished during the past months of this year! Yes, the Masikap has maintained its weekly fellowship, the longest running Masikap Chicken Club!

Come thick or thin, rain or shine, somebody, someone, come to the AFPCOC closed mess every Wednesday lunchtime



of the week, just to continue this club, whether alone, duo, triple or sometime, just to celebrate one's birthday, the whole kaboodle would come! Thanks to the hardcore, the occasional, or the regular cadres of Masikap fighters!

This class call of Cavalier Magazine, Nov-Dec 2018 will be my last to contribute as the PMA Masikap Class of 1977 Secretary.

I turned over this duty to my very able mistah Vixie Abat who I firmly believe, will continue to make Masikap Class Call awake and kicking!

To you all of my mistahs, thank you for your support and cooperation during my stint.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



LEOCADIO SC SANTIAGO JR
President
EDWIN I CORVERA
Secretary

The entry of last quarter "ber" season paved way to another season for some members of PMA class of 1979 - Matapat to further their desire for public service. Matapat Romy Calizo will seek re-election for his second term as city councilman of Cagayan de Oro City. Matapat Frank Villaroman threw his hat in the mayoral contest in his hometown, San Rafael, Bulacan. Matapat Edwin Corvera, a true-blue blooded Ilonggo, joined in the vice-mayor race in Estancia, Iloilo where he was born and grew up. Matapat Amor Bumanglag once again will join his team to fight for a seat in the city council of Baguio City where we hope he will win it this time around.

On another aspect of the class, kudos to the Matapat Ladies for planning and financing their own activities. Many thanks to Matapat Lady Cindy Ortiz for bearing the burden of going to Divisoria for Matapat Ladies clothing textile requirements.

PMA Matapat 1979 members recognize that time is important and after years of labor, it is time to reap the rewards. Some still pursue further opportunities to prevent mental and physical stagnation and paralysis. So a lot travels abroad, rendezvous with classmates and friends. Matapat Rey Lañada and Matapat Mark



Matapat rendezvous at Virginia Area, USA.

Supnet with their respective ladies met with friend and our former classmate Cleofe at Virginia Area, US of A.

Opportunities to also share play time at historically recognized golf course was something, we also share among classmates. Matapat Leo Santiago and Matapat Benjie Gorres, one adopted Ilonggo and one genuine blue blooded Ilonggo, played a round of golf at

Philippine's oldest golf club, Santa Barbara Golf and Country Club.

Social responsibility is one of the passions of Matapat PMA 1979. As a proof of concept that Urban Farming is very feasible aside from satisfying activity, a demonstration setup was made at Philippine Navy Golf Club area. It is located beside the tee-off area for Hole 10.



Matapat Benjie Gorres showing off that Ilonggos learned to play ahead of other provinces.



PMA 1979 urban farming demo setup at PN GC tee-off area for Hole 10.



A pleasant day to all Mapitagans!

For the past few years, five years or so since the retirement of most of Mapitagans, we continue to march on to meet the challenges of times – improving health, getting real work or some odd jobs (consultancy?) or business ventures to make both-ends-meet, continuing education or merely to fritter away time or enjoy a slew of golf games on all sorts of golf courses in just about any place in the country or the world (...sometimes!)

Class Activities:

The Viber group messages and photos are indeed invaluable in keeping everyone updated on class/group/individual activities, plus the beautiful anecdotes and short stories teaching us lessons in life, adding to our wisdom and inspiration, and the fun and laughter derived from the jokes (usually green ones nga lang...haha) sent in by members. Hey, please do send in more! This is not to mention Bong C and Dante B's timely weather advisory and situationers (or accounts) dished out almost on a daily basis which could also be important to classmates before taking a rain check on certain invitations or important activities. And, timely reminders from Romy Pradsky about who are celebrating birthdays during the month. Appreciate it Bong, Dante and Romy!

Updates on Mapitagans

Birthday celebrators for the month of October:

- 1 - Willy Lee
- 2 - Angelito Pacia
- 2 - Jeofrey Tupas
- 7 - Nestor Eloja
- 10 - Douglas Macatol
- 16 - Orlando Beltran
- 16 - Nestor Deona
- 16 - Edwin Talens
- 26 - Joey Salceda
- 28 - Judito Tadeo

Last 26 October (Friday), a fellowship lunch was held at Gloria Maris, Greenhills for the abovementioned birthday celebrators for the month of October 2018. As you can glean from the photos, around 13 Mapitagans showed up that day for the lunch, and from the celebrators...just two of

us (Willy and Jeff) and of course the class prexy, Nicky, hosted the event. Hopefully, and that is one wish we made before blowing out (or rather clapping) the birthday candle, the next birthday lunches would be graced by the attendance of even more Mapitagans. And just for a little trivia, (in an article by Deanna Kerley) birthday cakes have been a tradition since the Ancient Romans were around. But have you ever wondered who the first pyromaniac was to light a cake on fire? There are a few theories about the origins of birthday candles.

Some believe that the tradition of birthday candles began in Ancient Greece, when people brought cakes adorned with lit candles to the temple of Artemis, goddess of the hunt. The candles were lit to make them glow like the moon, a popular symbol associated with Artemis.

Many ancient cultures also believed that smoke carried their prayers to the heavens. Today's tradition of making wishes before blowing out your birthday candles may have started with that belief.



Other activities:

For a game or rounds of golf, contact Onell or Emil or Herbert or Hermie Colines or just anyone playing golf ...I'm sure you won't be disappointed!



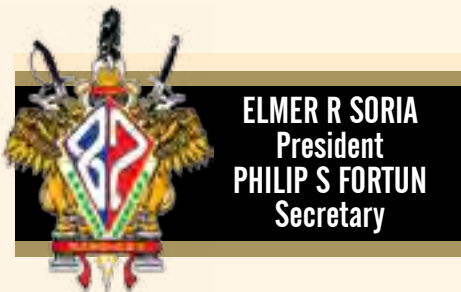


For the more daring ones, try texting Mie or Rainier for very interesting and spectacular but safe driving tours via motorcycle around the breathtaking, spectacular and pristine tourist spots around the country!



Announcement:

As a reminder, The Mapitagan Christmas party is scheduled on December 16, 2018, a Sunday, to be held at Oakwood/Joy Nostal, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center at around 11:30 a.m.



ELMER R SORIA
President
PHILIP S FORTUN
Secretary

Hello, everyone! Retirement from the Service does not mean slowing down for the Sandigans! Truly, life remains hectic, sans the uniform. For Sandigan affairs, the past few weeks had been an active and busy one, more particularly for our PSAI leadership and golfers.

Last Sep 20, 2018, our PSAI trustees met at the CAGC where the following were arrived at:

A) Fund raising activity for PSAI would be a golf tournament on Nov 21, 2018 at CAGC, where beneficiary would be another room to be upgraded at the VMMC for use of in-patients, but with PSAI members as priority users;

B) Class Christmas Party would be held on Dec 17, 2018 at the Ayala Hall, Makati Sports Club. Apart from the bolahizing and rekindling of the ties that bind us, there would be dancing, raffle draws, and exchanging of gifts (minimum value: P1,000.00 per couple). So, do not forget to come in your finest Christmas colors, mga mistah!

C) For the Alumni Homecoming set for Feb 15-16, 2019, attire would be grey coat, dark pants, and moss green shirt to be provided by the PSAI. Feb 15, Friday, would be golf and dinner by Chapter, while Feb 16 lunch would be TBAL with dinner set at the FVR Room, BCC. A series of follow-up

meetings followed suit for updates on the set activities.

The regular Weekend Fellowship Golf activities of our golfers paid off! Our PMA '82 Sandigan Team placed runner-up behind the AFP Team at the DND's 79th Founding Anniversary Fellowship Golf Tournament! Kudos to our champions: Willy B., Jun C. (Class B Champ), Romy N., and Oddie D.! Congratulations, mga mistah!

For the forthcoming 2019 Mid-term Elections, our mistahs have filed their candidacy to run for the following Government positions, as follows: Vic C. for Mayor, Bugallon, Pangasinan; Rod DG for Mayor, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan; Ahmed E. for Mayor, Basey, Samar; Benjie M. for Mayor, Baguio City; Amin U. for Mayor, Kalingalan Caluang, Sulu; Chet C. for Mayor, Pasay City; and Rey E. for Congressman (Galing sa Puso Party List). In the spirit of being Sandigan mistahs and our belief in their sincere desire

to continue serving our country and people, let us provide them with our unwavering support. This is a totally new arena that they will do battle in. Tulungan natin sila. Funds raised will be shared among our mistahs for their campaign needs. Any amount will be highly appreciated. Please send them to Bert Y. for consolidation. Thank you, supportive mistahs!

Our warm greetings to our November and December celebrants!

For November birthdays: (01) Lester C., (02) Jorge C., (03) Dardz G., (04) Henry E., (05) Dex C., (07) Rolly M., Bert Y., (09) Boyet DC., (12) Arleen G., Danny S., (13) Cesar T., (17) James M., (18) Rudy J., (21) Gammy C., Gilbert R., Tagoy S., (22) Leo B., Nar C., (24) Romy P., (25) Bestre G., (28) Romy N., (29) Manny C.,

Wedding anniversaries: (04) Ernie and Leah B., (08) Onie and Anna B., (11) Manny and Marivic T., (14) Bert and Cymer D., (18)



Natz and Myrtle O., (22) Gilbert and Becky R., (27) Audie and Adel D.,

For December birthdays: (05) Roger S., (08) Noel DR., (12) Ed G., (14) Bert D., (15) Percy B., Willy F., Benjie M., (17) Noel V., (18) Erwin L., (19) Noel P., (22) Lito P., (25) Jess S., (28) Ceniz M., (29) Vic D., Vic L.,

Wedding anniversaries: (03) Vic and Malou L., (04) Ninoy and Violy A., (05) Mel and Pinay M., Pat and Marilyn P., (08) Danny and Luz S., (14) Rolly and Dulce M., (18) Ed and Valerie A., (21) Ren and Vising P., (23) Tonton and Tess DG., Frank and Nesie U.,

We would also like to call to remembrance our beloved mistahs who have gone ahead of us who would surely have celebrated their birthdays with us if they were still around: Aniceto Madarang on Nov 22, Alex B. Celiz on Dec 6, and Reynaldo O. Corpuz on Dec 19.

Again, if ever may wrong spelling wrong sa names, especially of our ladies, mea culpa. I accept full responsibility and rest assured that it was unintentional. If may hindi naman nabanggit, kindly submit your updated info to me via SMS, FB Messenger,



or Viber so that our Class Directory could be updated.

Finally, as we celebrate this season, may we not lose sight of the reason for it all: that the Creator of the Universe came down to be with us purposely to become the

sacrificial Lamb of God to save His own from the fires of hell. It is up to us now to believe in the power of the cross. May we all have a saving knowledge and acceptance of Christ as our Saviour for us to really have a blessed Christmas! -**JimMonta82-**



I. PAF updates

Active Service:

Only four Sandiwan Air Cavs are in the active service, namely; LtGen Galileo Gerard R Kintanar Jr AFP - CGPAF; MGen Jose P Tanjuan Jr AFP – VC,PAF; MGen Arnold A Mancita AFP - C, AETDC; and MGen Restituto F Padilla Jr AFP - J5.

Retired:

Recent retirees of the 85 flyboys are MGen Enrique C Reyes AFP - retired effective 09 July 2018 – now AFPSLAI SVP for Admin effective 01 Sep 2018; and MGen Ernesto R Milo AFP - retired effective 05 May 2018 and is now with CAAP. LtCol Thomas G Bustos transferred from CAAP to Ayala Aviation.

II. PNP updates

A. Fourteen (14) are still in Active Police Service broken down as follows:

1. Director, D Staff: Greg Pimentel - TDI; Jun Garado - TDPCR; Rolly Felix-TDIPO VIS; Eric Velasquez - TDIPO SL; Eric Reyes - TDIPO

NL; Danny Macatlang – TDIPO EM

2. Deputy Director, D Staff: Benjie Hulipias-DIPO NL; Marlou Chan- DIPO SL; Bart Tobias-DIPO VIS; Arnold Gunnacao- DIPO WM

3. Director, National Support Unit: Sonny Phillipps – HSS and Dennis Siervo- HRAO

4. Regional Director: Rolly Nana - PROCOR
5. OCPNP: Benjie Lusad

B. Recently retired are the following: Ablang, Jon – Oct 29, 2018; Billy Beltran – Oct 9, 2018; Wilben Mayor – Sep 24, 2018; Bob Quenery – Sep 12, 2018; Mon Apolinario – Aug 31, 2018; Manny Gaerlan – Aug 18, 2018; Frank Mabanag - July 2, 2018

C. Enjoying life to the fullest are: Tony

Taylan – NCR; Pete Guibong- Ifugao; Rene Gumban- Iloilo; *Ric Zapata - Nueva Ecija; Lito Santos - Cagayan; Edwin Nemenzo - NCR; Elmer Beltejar - Nueva Vizcaya; Mon De Guzman- NCR; Ed Tinio – maximizing golf since Nov 2017; Pete Obaldo - Resort Manager, La Union; Boyet Javier - Lawyering, Nueva Ecija

D. Working Boys are: Bernie Reamon- Executive Assistant to DILG USEC Bernardo Florece; Sheldon Jacaban – Security Dep’t, PAL; Conrad Capa - Dir, PCA and Dir for Scty and Safety, Resort’s World; Wilson Caubat - Exec Consultant, EMME Scty Grp, Ortigas; Pete Cabatingan - Dir PNCC; Aaron Aquino - Dir Gen PDEA; Alex Roldan - Lecturer,



Testimonial Parade IHO of retiring members of PMA “SANDIWA” Class 1985 at PMA last 12 Aug 2018.

Professor PNP Trng Ctr and Scty Consultant Matapat Pilipino Scty and Invest Agncy; Vert Chave z- HRAO Subject Matter Expert; Ted Quiano - Chief of Staff PCSO; Jojie Castro- Business Partner, Palawan Express Pera Padala and President, Go Beyond Expectation Remittance Company; Tods Ebon - Chairman, Board of Director, PRO6 Devt Coop, Camp Delgado, Iloilo City; and Manny Velasco - Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Alaminos City.

E. Abroad: Rommel Palis - IT for CONED, NYC, NY, USA; Joe Cunanan - Sydney, Australia; Fred Siwa - Los Angeles, California, USA; Dennis Cacandin - Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada; and Leo Espia - Homeland Security, Safety & Investigation, Guam, USA.

III. Navy-Coast Guard updates

Those who are still in the active service are: LtGen Emmanuel B Salamat AFP – C, NoLCom; RADM Jande S Francisco AFP – J6; MGen Elvin B Velasco AFP – J8; Commodore Tirso Dolina AFP - (honorary) Chief Chaplain, AFP, GHQ, Q.C. and Admiral Elson E Hermogino – Commandant, Coast Guard

With the Retired group:

Heading the list is the former TDCS, Boy Vingson – now the OIC, MARINA; and Commodore Mon Ochoco now working with AFPMBAL.

IV. Army updates

Congratulations to their new designation and promotion to Major General of the following: Dinoh Dolina as Cmdr, 3ID; Roy De Vesa as Cmdr TRADOC; Filip Bejar -The Chief Engineer (TCE), AFP; and forthcoming for Byron Calimag as incoming Cmdr ASCOM PA vice Joey Reyes who will bow out of the service come 24 Nov 2018.

Charlie Galvez - CSAFP; Bob Arevalo - Vice Commander, PA; Chad Isleta - CS, PA; Gener Del Rosario - TIG, PA; Joey Reyes - Cmdr, ASCOM; Jack Bareng - ADC, 1ID; Eric Parayno - Cmdr, 2ID; with Jonks Delfin - ADC; Ronnie Villanueva - Cmdr, 4ID; Raul Farnacio - Cmdr, 8ID with Ely Losanes - ADC; Jess Manangquil - Cmdr, 9ID with Arnie Matanguihan - ADC;

Noel Clement - Cmdr, 10ID with Mario Lacurom - ADC; and Mon Mamaril - Deputy Cmdr, TRADOC, PA.

Benjie Madrigal - Cmdr, EASTMINCOM; Danny Pamonag - Cmdr, SOLCOM; Arnel Dela Vega - Cmdr, WESTMINCOM; Joey Villanueva is the Dean of Academics, PMA; Ed Torrelavega - AFP Surgeon General; John Pulido - Cmdr, GHQ and HSC; Sid Purisima - J3, AFP; Jun Mendoza - AJ8, AFP; Ronald Manahan of the Australian Army, AFP Liaison Officer, ADF; Larry Casis - Cmdr, NCRTE; and Tom Donato - Deputy Cmdr, WESTMINCOM and as the same time Chairman, Government of the Philippines Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (GPH, CCCH).

Those who had retired are Rolly Bautista, former CG, PA retired Oct 14 and now the Secretary of DSWD; Ric Nepomuceno, Cesar Idio, Raul Bautista, Vic Tomas, Boni Cebrian, Amor Agpalo, Armingol De Guzman, Rodel Alarcon, Mel Feliciano, Ric Santiago, Emil Hulipas, Jun Cabading, Tony Tayag, Chi-Chi Logronio, Alex Macario, Nonong Perfecto, Dave Diciano, Ted Dizon, Rey Lanuzo, Nick Alarcio, Mon Yogyog, Chito Limuaco, Rolie Cailing, Bolines Bolina, Alan Pajarillo, Tino Gonzales, Jorge Lomboy, Ed Clerigo, Oca Solamo, Louie Binwag, Jess Dosado, Jayvee Javier, Boboy Pabayo, Dax Daquipil, Bong Aguinaldo, Reuel Sorilla, Ed Davalan, Vic Bayani, Mon Mayo, Julius Flores, Bernie Fabula and Jun Bisnar.



PNP group gathering on the occasion of PDir Erick Velasquez's 55th birthday.



Testimonial Golf and Dinner IHO of PDDG Mon Apolinario tendered by LtGen Jun Kintanar, CG, PAF at PAF Golf Club on 27 Aug 2018.





RAMON O PURUGGANAN
President
EDWIN C ROQUE
Secretary

Christmas in our ‘Sinagtalan’ Hearts

‘Tis the merriest season for all Filipinos. As Sinagtalans, we are bound by our hope and love for humanity and that’s why we are morally and spiritually beholden to share the abundance of our blessings we received from up above. For us, Christmas is indeed a time for giving, but this is not limited to those that we love and care about. It is also for those who have less in life and need a helping hand.

Gladly, we’ll be serving this yuletide season with a generous side order of compassion, a bolster of happiness, and a touch of love - the Sinagtalan way - to make it all worthwhile!

CPNP’s Birthday Celebration

Wacky pose of our beloved mistah with their lovely wives taken during the 55th birthday and Thanksgiving Dinner of PDG OSCAR D ALBAYALDE on November 8, 2018 at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame, Quezon City.

“Bato” files his COC for Senator

Our mistah and former PNP Chief PDG RONALD M DELA ROSA has filed his Certificate of Candidacy (COC) for Senator. Among his advocacies are reforms in the police service and justice for all especially the less fortunate. Goodluck Mistah!

Goodluck also to our Mistahs who will be vying for different positions in the local and national elections on May 2019. May the force be with you!

New PMA Superintendent

Congratulations to MGEN RONNIE S EVANGELISTA who has officially taken

over as the new superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, the country’s top military academic institution following a turnover ceremony last Oct. 12.

New CGPA

Kudos to LTGEN MACAIROG S ALBERTO for being promoted as the 60th Commanding General of the Philippine Army last October 15, 2018. Known for his modesty, diligence and versatility, LTGEN ALBERTO possesses all the qualities of a good leader that makes him best suited for the position to command the country’s premier military land force.

Philippine Marine Corps 68th Birthday

“Oo-rah!” to the Philippine Marine Corps on their 68th Birthday Celebration led by its commandant, MGEN ALVIN PARREÑO on Wednesday, November 07, 2018 at the Marine Headquarters, Bonifacio Naval Station, Taguig City.



President Rodrigo Roa Duterte donning the third star of Lieutenant General Macairog S Alberto, the 60th Commanding General of the Philippine Army, on November 8, 2018 at Villamor Air Base.



MGen Alvin A Parreño gives a copy of the Coffee Table Book to PN FOIC VAdm Robert A Empedrad during the PMC’s celebration of its 68th Marine Birthday.

Retiring Soon

Don't be alarmed, mistah! You're only retiring from your '8 to 5' work routine, but not from life. We have faith in you, and we know you'll succeed in your brand new journey. Just keep moving forward!

Name	Date of Retirement
RAFANAN, ARNULFO G	November 9, 2018
OBUSAN, ROEL B	November 20, 2018
PAJE, RENE GLEN O	December 15, 2018
PURUGGANAN, RAMON O	December 19, 2018
GONZALES, EDMUND A	December 21, 2018
SUGAROL, ANTONIO B	December 21, 2018
PRIVADO, EMMANUEL P	December 24, 2018
GABRIEL, ELPIDIO S JR	December 26, 2018

Birthday Greetings

As a class, we hope you have a wonderful day and that the year ahead

will be filled with love, wonderful surprises and lasting memories that you will cherish. To the following mistahs, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER	
ALBAYALDE, OSCAR D	November 8
RAFANAN, ARNULFO G	November 9
BIAY, REYNALDO G	November 9
FERNANDEZ, ARNOLD F	November 10
CASCOLAN, CAMILO PANCRATIUS P	November 10
CUSI, ALLAN FERDINAND V	November 17
OBUSAN, ROEL B	November 20
COLLADO, GAUDENCIO C JR	November 23
BEJARIN, FAUSTINO M JR	November 24
BONGOLAN, AL ULIDAN M	November 24
RAMOS, JOSE MA. VICTOR F	November 25
CASIO, VIRGILIO B	November 27
DECEMBER	
RAMOS, RUSSEL J	December 3
CALUBAYAN, JORGE F	December 4
ALBERTO, MACAIROG S	December 6

PAJE, RENE GLEN O	December 15
COLLADO, CHARLO C	December 16
MINA, VICTORINO MISAEL G	December 16
PURUGGANAN, RAMON O	December 19
SIGNEY, LARRY S	December 20
GONZALES, EDMUND A	December 21
SUGAROL, ANTONIO B	December 21
PRIVADO, EMMANUEL P	December 24
MADLANGBAYAN, JESUS D	December 25
GABRIEL, ELPIDIO S JR	December 26
OROPESA, ARWEL R	December 29
RESPECIO, DIOSDADO G	December 30

Upcoming Events

December 9

- Testimonial Parade to be held at PMA, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City for CAVS PURUGGANAN, GONZALEZ, GABRIEL, ANGARA and GANZON.

December 15

- Golf Fellowship at the PN Golf Club
- Christmas Fellowship at CGPA's Staff House



FIDEL CRUZ
Chairman
JB RAMOS
President

Thirty years ago, the Maringals left the hallowed grounds of the Academy to serve God, country and people; and to find their respective adventures. The year 2018 has been very kind and gracious to the Maringals as we now see them reach their dreams. Their unselfish service, unflinching loyalty, utmost devotion to duty, and zest for adventure are now being rewarded as they assume positions of greater responsibility.

For the PNP, every Maringal either have their stars or are now occupying a star-ranked position. Leading the pack is Bong Leuterio, 2-star.

One-star PNP's:

1. RDs - John Bulalacao; Meejay Mijares; Dionard Carlos.
2. NSU Directors - RJ Hinanay; Elmer Cabreros; Marni Marcos; Bong Durana
3. District Director - Joyet Esquivel.

4. Deputies: Rene Pamuspusan; Boyet Samala; Jun Tadeo; Sammy Rodriguez;
5. Ex-o's: all others.

For the Air Force, three flyboys recently donned their second star. MGen Allen Paredes is now the Chief of Air Staff. MGen



Toinks Valenzuela is the Commander, Tactical Operations Command. MGen Erick Gloria is the J-1.

Last September, we saw BGen Jun Cruz turned over the command of Tactical Operations Northern Luzon (TOWNOL) and joined the ranks of the retirees. He is now looking forward to his much awaited reunion with Terry in the US. Perhaps, even start his golf career there under the mentorship of Epoy Vangie Evangelista who just hit his second hole in one. The chance of an average golfer making a hole in one is approximately 12,500 to 1. Doing that twice is indeed something. (My only ambition is to be able to hit the ball during the ceremonial tee off, bahala na kung saan pumunta.)


Some quick updates from the Navy/Marines. Jerics Herico just assumed the position of Assistant J-2, while Fragi Friginal was designated as Superintendent, Marine Corps Training Center.

For the PA, Pio Diñoso got his 2-star rank already as the J4 in the AFP. Meanwhile, Erwin Neri donning his 2-star rank during the ISAFP Change of Command Ceremony was recently installed as the new ISAFP Chief. Ben Basiao is now the Chief, AFPC while Bob Bacarro took the helm of CCAFP as Commandant of Cadets from our very own Boy Faustino who in turn got the plume of Chief of Staff, PA.

Mojiks Mojica is now a proud Brigadier General whose unit is based in Cotabato. Nano Mariano has assumed as the head of Army Signal Regiment (P), also an 07 position in the Army. Boogie De Leon took the post as Commander of 403rd Infantry Brigade based in Bukidnon. Razy Razalan is the newly installed Deputy OESPA whose office is located in HPA.

The Army Maringals would also like to announce the return of Del Navata and

Somar FT to our homeland after their very successful stint as DAFA Singapore for Del and Vietnam for Somar. To both of you bok, welcome back!

The rest of the Army Maringals have remained focus with their respective duty assignments having been reputed as among the most reliable and strong leaders and commanders in our various security operations in the whole islands of the country. 



CHARLTON SEAN M GAERLAN
President
CRESCENCIANO A MARQUEZ III
Secretary

Hello Makatao! As scheduled, last November 6, 2018, the class meeting hosted by the PNP was held at Commodore Chappy Reyes kingdom at CEISAFP, Camp Aguinaldo from 1800H up to 2145H.

Eighteen Makatao from the different chapters attended as follows:

PNP: Manny Abu, Jun Azurin, Bart Bustamante, Rex Dela Rosa, Bert Ferro, Ed Cacayan, Toti Salamat, and Jun Solomon,

PA: Omet Brawner, Marvin Licudine, Ace Esmeralda, Ricky Carlos, Nick Suemith, Mel Recaido, and Jojo Solomon,

PN: Chappy Reyes and Nest Marcelino

PAF: Leo Peralta

Discussed during the meeting were the following;

1. PMAAAI Sportsfest on December 8, 2018 at 0700H at Philippine Army Grandstand, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. All Makataos, with their respective families, are encourage to join the fun games and cheer for their respective companies.

2. Relatedly, the Class Christmas Party will also be held on December 8, 2018 as scheduled. It will be held at CEISAFP, Camp Aguinaldo. Activity will start at 1700H onwards. All Makatao families are requested to wear Christmas colors.

Anyways, this year is a blessing for lots of Makataos. The much coveted stars are falling very fast to every Makatao who are still in the active Service.

As of this writing, there are about 41 star rank and Flag Officers in our Class broken down as follows: PNP: 7 plus 3 on process; PA: 13; PAF: 4 plus 2 on process; PCG: 3; PN and Marines: 9.

Philippine National Police

1. PCSupt Val De Leon, Chief, FEO
2. PCSupt Bert Solomon, D, EOD/K9
3. PCSupt Rhodel Sermonia, D, PCRG
4. PCSupt Bert Ferro, D, PDEG
5. PCSupt Uly Caton, DRDA PRO 12
6. PCSupt Jun Azurin, EX-O, DPRM
7. PCSupt Chiqui Malayo

Philippine Army

8. BGen Juvymax Uy
9. BGen Greg Almerol
10. BGen Ramil Bitong
11. BGen Ariel Felicidadario
12. BGen William Gonzales
13. BGen Bagnus Gaerlan
14. BGen Albert Desoyo
15. BGen Alex Luna
16. BGen Rufino Ramoran
17. BGen Jun Torres
18. BGen Manny Sequitin
19. BGen Rowen Tolentino
20. BGen Bernie Langub (OCS)



Philippine Coast Guard

21. Commo Jose William U Isaga PCG = Commander, Coast Guard Weapons, Communications, Electronics and Information Systems Service (CGWCEISS)

22. Commo Eduardo D Fabricante PCG = Chief of Coast Guard Staff, Philippine Coast Guard (CCGS, PCG)

23. Commo Ferdinand M Velasco PCG

Philippine Air Force

24. BGen Toto Dela Pena- Commander, 15SW

25. BGen Leo Peralta- Commander, 42OSW

26. BGen Nestor Rayos-Commander, TOWWES

27. BGen Cris Marquez-Commander, TOWWESMIN

Philippine Navy/Marines

28. Commodore Dorvin Legaspi

29. Commodore Reggie Rapanan

30. Commodore Jun Adaci

31. Commodore Nichols Driz

32. Commodore Chappy Reyes

33. BGen Ariel Caculitan

34. BGen Charles Gaerlan

35. BGen Eniong Hernandez

36. Commodore Abet Carlos (USNA)

Promotion on Process

37. PSS Jireh Fidel - Ex-O DIDM

38. PS Manny Abu - Deputy SAF

39. PSS Jess Cambay - DRDA PRO 6

Promotion on Process

40. Colonel Connor Canlas - Commander, AFPPS

41. Colonel Larry Tianchon- Commander, TF Malampaya

There are still 30 Mistahs awaiting for the star rank designations as follows: PNP - 4;

Army - 20; PCG - 2; Navy - 4; Air Force - 1 and Corps of Professor - 1 each (Lito Villanueva and Jun Unson, respectively).

Philippine National Police

42. PSS Bart Bustamante - DD, PCRG

43. PSS Sterling Blanco - DRDO COR

44. PSS Rex Delarosa - Deputy, PRBS

45. PSS Uly Gohel - Deputy AKG

46. PSupt Mario Sinacruz - PRO 2

Philippine Army in Waiting

47. Colonel Don Bajao

48. Colonel Efrén Baluyot

49. Colonel Rod Batang

50. Colonel Ric Bayhon

51. Colonel Omet Brawner

52. Colonel Leomar Doctolero

53. Colonel Kiram Grajo

54. Colonel George Lalaquil

55. Colonel Marvin Licudine

56. Colonel Mau Licudine

57. Colonel Camilo Ligayo

58. Colonel Eman Magpayo

59. Colonel Wibo Mamawag

60. Colonel Roger Migote

61. Colonel Joey Narciso

62. Colonel John Oberio

63. Colonel Noel Plaza

64. Colonel Joshua Santiago

65. Colonel Lincoln Tagle

66. Colonel Lowell Tan

Philippine Coast Guard

67. Captain Butch Lobaton

68. Captain Rei Picar

Philippine Navy/Marines

69. Colonel Raul Caldez

70. Colonel Nestor Marcelino

71. Colonel Ruben Candelario

72. Captain John Garana

Corps of Professor

73. Colonel Claro G Unson Jr

PAF: Colonel Lito Villanueva

Retiring

74. Colonel Aldrick Dela Torre

Thirty one mistahs are enjoying life and their retirement, as follows: PNP - 7; Army - 15; Air Force - 3 and Navy - 6.

Retired

Philippine National Police

75. PSS Erwin Robles

76. PSS Ed Paras

77. PCI Manny Chu

78. PS Hammy Geonzon

79. Major Mon Tampil

80. PSS Jojo Acierto

81. PS Jun Borromeo

Philippine Army

82. Leo Asuncion

83. Kiko Baldazo

84. Dan Barotilla

85. Alan Borlasa

86. Ric Carlos

87. Ace Esmeralda

88. Bayani Fernandez

89. Emil De Leon

90. Danny Olay

91. Nick Pongos

92. Jojie Raymundo

93. Jess Rosete

94. Mike Taningco

95. Alex Tuprio

96. Alan Glen Cordova (USMA)

Philippine Air Force

97. Jerry Cabe

98. Paul Mendoza

99. Carlos Cristobal

Philippine Navy

100. Orbille Piol

101. Valentin Abellera

- 102. Artemio Aurelio
- 103. Ismael Climaco
- 104. Reynard Barraca
- 105. Charleston Suniga

Likewise, 11 mistahs are praying, guiding and watching us in heaven are the following: PNP - 2; PAF - 3; and Army - 6.

- 106. Pektong Sagun
- 107. Allan Flores
- 108. Ferdie Macasaet
- 109. Glenn Bihag
- 110. Leonard Teodoro
- 111. Ronald Baliota
- 112. Chito Corpus
- 113. Benjie Enriquez
- 114. Arnulfo Luna
- 115. Julius Refran
- 116. Allan Zuñiga

Lastly, I have accounted 22 Honorary Members of Class 89.
117. Toti Salamat


- 118. Boy Rulloda
- 119. Jojo Solomon
- 120. Arnel Ceriola
- 121. Ram Catadman
- 122. Joey Acedera
- 123. Lito Villanueva
- 124. Jun Solomon
- 125. Ed Cacayan
- 126. Jun Morales
- 127. Rollo Alarcon
- 128. Rolando Claveria
- 129. Dexter Emperador
- 130. Randyll Fernandez
- 131. Ronaldo Mendoza
- 132. Bookie Qandasan
- 133. Francisco Emmanuel Ortega III
- 134. Daniel Padilla
- 135. Medel Racquel
- 136. Ernest Marc Rosal
- 137. Panfilo Salva
- 138. Nicolas Suemith

In summary, we have a total of 138 Makataos:

Active:	74
Retired:	31
In Heaven:	11
Honorary:	22
Total:	138

As we are nearing our retirement four to five years from now, as a Makatao I would like to see an increasing number and members of our tribe... only if we mature and start to be forgiving.

For those mistahs who are able, capable and caring, let us continue to pull up or push up some of our mistahs to reach for their stars, too! They have worked so hard, they are good and professional Officers too... kulang lang sa pansin but very deserving sila.

Happy holidays everyone. God bless our family more. Cheers to future Makatao successes. /Jun Azurin 



To our November to December birthday celebrators, we wish you Happy birthday! You have reached an exciting milestone in life and we pray that the days ahead bring you a lot of joy. May God bless you and your family with abundant prosperity and may you be filled with happiness in its truest form for the rest of your long life. May He bestow a greater sense of purpose upon you and strengthen your peace of mind as well. Enjoy your birthday celebrations!

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- Cav Toribio, Teody T
- Cav Muñoz, Pascual G Jr
- Cav Baluyan, Noel T
- Cav Fuentes, Danilo G Jr
- Cav Abawag, Jaime Jr A
- Cav Valencia, Caesar Bernard N
- Cav Concepcion, Bruce S
- Cav Aquino, Donato M

In recognition of the on-going commitment to excellence of some of



our Cavaliers, let us all congratulate our Army mistahs for having awarded with Distinguished Service Medal by the CGPA. Indeed, the strength of your achievements is rooted in the depth of your passion in the military service. As the saying goes; *“The foundation of any great organization is rooted in service. It is the nurturing force that fuels all growth.”* We salute your unwavering vision to strive for Excellency. Congratulations!

- Col Roy M Galido
- Col Roberto S Capulong
- Col Joel Alejandro S Nacnac
- Col Glenn E Cruz
- Col Facundo O Palafox IV

Another set of pride of Bigkis-lahi Class 1990 have made their way to the stairs of success. We extend our warmest congratulations on your well-deserved achievement. Best wishes on the next steps of your career and keep aiming for the stars! All of your hard work has paid off a big amount and we are very proud to have


witnessed this. Make way to our newly-promoted Generals!

- BGen Edgard A Arevalo PN
- C/Supt Pipoy Natividad PNP
- Commodore Caesar Bernard N Valencia PN
- BGen Florante M Amano PAF

For the upcoming 2020 Homecoming, we wish to recognize our class, Bigkis-Lahi, who will take the lead as PMAAAI Senior Host. It's time to show up and catch up with some old friends! We hope that you will be able to bring your support to this event.

Currently for CY 2018, the following Class 90 members are part of the PMAAAI Board of Directors:

- Vice-President: Cav Arthur Bisnar
- Director: Cav Joel Alejandro S Nacnac

Likewise, by CY 2018, it is expected that one of our classmates will be the PMAAAI President. 



RONALD M BAUTISTA
President
IVAN V SAN JOSE
Secretary

Two Marilags assigned in 9ID area (Army Officers) got invited on an occasion. The two attended. At the start, one of the two felt uncomfortable having seen somebody in the event, but could not recall where they met or if they were sometime ago acquainted. Doubtful, he let the thought pass, did not even bother to share his thought with the other Army Marilag.

Near the conclusion of the occasion/event, the other party (somebody) accordingly was also uneasy, feeling the same way, and was overcome by the urge to inquire from a mutual acquaintance of theirs who the two Army Officers were, and was told they were Majors so & so.

This Somebody, to his surprise, immediately and excitedly went to the two saying "Booooook, si Duque ito!!!". It has been a while that our class call was sleeping. So before senior moments increase in frequency, here are as of accounting, our whereabouts:

LUZON:

Bautista, R:CO 7MIB; Bergonia, G:CO 84IB; Nabulneg, :CO 54IB; Castillo, C:CO81IB; Deliva, T: CO 83IB; Diaz,C:CO 92IB; Gabun,O: CO 2IB; Guitierrez, D: CO 4IB; Pimentel, C: CO 2MIB; Rebong, W: CO

2SigBN; Aromin, N:G2 MID; Santos, ER:G8 MID; Balan, F:ProvM MID; Alvez,Z: DepU3 NOLCOM; Prado, : G3 ASCOM; Leander, B: OJ2 GHQ; Sumergido, V: Payot, A: AFP FC; Mosqueda, G: AAR; Baclor, J: CO IB

VISAYAS:

Ferrer, C: CO 94IB; Magbalot,S: CO 61IB; Macasaet, D:CO 6FSSU; Paule,E: CO 7FSSU; Gador, ML: CO 52IB

MINDANAO:

Rabaca,R: CO 65IB; Trinidad, X: CO 36IB; Munda,W:CO 29IB; Ombos, G:CO 60IB;Parallag, R:CO 3FBn; Luntok, J: CO 4RBn; Taqueban, B: CO 4MechBn; Ignes, I: CO 55IB; Patria,M: CO 53IB; Obena, :CO 44IB; Ambe, D: CO 42IB; Lutera, A: CO 34IB; Catu, E: CO 40IB; Oblgado, J: CO 67IB; Otia, J: CO 27IB; Uri, J: CO SFBn; Yunque, S: CO 1SRBn; Montoya, J: CO 2SFBn; Jumawan, J: CO 82IB; De Los Santos,A: CO 45IB;Alvarez,P: CO 1MIB; San Jose,I:CO 18IB; Fernando, J: 1st MechBn; IYOG,A: CO 2nd MechBn; Merioles, G: CO 2FAB; Basat, W: CO 8FAB; Diroy, I: G4 10ID; Bumanlag, R: CO 11FSSU; Upano,W: CO 9FSSU; Aninag, L: CO 10FSSU; Valdez, M:CO 1CMOBn, Juguillon, J: CO 549 EngrBn; Anibigno, EJ: CO 548EBn.

PAF:

Congratulations to the newly promoted Colonels! Hate,A: FC PAF; Gramata,G:Dir Opns,420th Supply Wing; Magalong,P Jr: Dir Opns TOW NL; Tiu, C Jr: GC TOG 9; Duque,R: OJ4; Manay,E: AFPETDCM; Tapia, A: Cmdt AFOS, AETDC; Buena, R: GC TOG2. Schooling (CGSC): Espela, Bara,

Enfestan, Figuracion, Fabic, De Vera, Trinidad (R);(MNSA/GHQ):De Guia, Fanugao,Esteban (MNSA/US) Sobrino

BIRC:

(Airline): Narciso, Salgado, Sarno, Orfiano, Gadin, Reambillo, Salvilla, Gentic, Magbanua, Lazo, Pine, Victorio, Acosta, Mendoza, Kong, Mangoroban, Gadin, Eseller, Anterola, Antonio (Continental Americas/Hawaii): Abrugena, Almonares, Bioco, Degala, David, Iringan, Palo, Paras (Australia): Alba, Danao, (Europe): Peteza (Power Industry): Pascual, Veloso, Calumpit, Mascardo, Sobrevilla, Bonto, Ricafrente, Mascardo (Government): Pedroso, Maestrecampo, Gambala, Alejano, Ebreo, Trillanes, Cabochan, Gonzales, Rabonza, Mabulo, Ferrer (Bayani), Parcon, Oro, Langkit (Security et.al): Narag, Banzuela, Roa, Osano, De Jesus, Galam, Ancheta, Balboa, Magdangal, Rombaoa, Somera, Martinez, Dela Cruz (AN), Dela Cruz (R), Galam, Baloloy, Layug, Domantay, Francisco S, Francisco J, Ebo, Ferrer (Blas), Uy, Jumao-as, Torrato, Resurreccion, Martinez, Gammad, Darilag, Buenavista, Andres, Ancheta (UN): Macapili, Lapada.

Any information about unaccounted mistakes, please inform the Class President or service representatives or appear at the Viber Group Chat.

For the forthcoming Alumni Homecoming in view of our 25th Silver Anniversary, coordinate with your respective service Prexy's/Representatives.

Happy Holidays Everyone! 



LENELL A LACSON
President
MICHAEL ANGELO E CASTRO
Secretary

Praise God for the first dozen. More than a dozen of years ago when the 324 (+1) strong Mandalans left the academy's portals. The first dozen have been trying and yet rewarding. We have accomplished so much and yet have also lost so much. To properly what is meant by "us", let us first have an accounting of the class status.

Of the 179 Land Warriors, we have five who already graduated from life sooner than expected. Twelve have shed the





Prussian Green while 162 still wear them. Of the 79 guardians of the sea, six are already in spirit, five have shed off their khakis while 68 still wear them. Of the five that shed off their khakis, two opted to wear gray and eventually blue. Of the 66 (+1) powers of the air, four left the earth early, nine have shed the blue while 56 (including the two former khaki models) now wear them. Thus, we have a total of 286 still in active service, 24 in the BIRC and 15 on another dimension unreachable by normal mode of transportation.

	Army	Air Force	Navy	Total
Active Service	162	56	68	286
Civilian	12	9	3	24
(+) Fallen	5	4	6	15
	179	69	77	325

The time is now ripe for each member to pursue his or her own development. As such, some members of the class are now engaged (again) in the classrooms where academic freedom (so they say) makes discussions interesting. The study with much discussion would perhaps be the law. Three of our mistahs (Rudy E6, Philippines and Star Nool) are currently spending sleepless

nights figuring out how to master the law (especially its loopholes), so that when the time comes we will have cases in the performance of duty, we all know who to turn to for FREE advice.

In Dec 2016, after 26 long and agonizing years, Omar “Arf Arf” Al Assaf graduated from the elite All Arms Commando Course in United Kingdom.

And who says that Bryner Las will always be his own last name? His brightness truly shined when he was selected for a Fullbright scholarship in Virginia USA.

Ely Tingson is not to be outdone. He is now the first Cavalier UK Chevening Scholar, graduating with distinction from the Royal Holloway University of London with a degree of Master of Science in Information Security.

Ethyl Cervantes will soon be a doctor. Not the one we go to when we hit the fences while driving drunk (shoutout to the navy people), but a Doctor of Business Administration. Hmm, teach us business sometimes, mistah.

Many other mistahs have also taken their graduate schooling in other distinct academic institutions here and abroad. Let’s hope for the best for all of them.

The Powers of the Air (it’s connotatively negative if you search the Bible) have also bagged achievements in our default profession. Want to know the first female C130 Test Pilot and Instructor Pilot; first female C212i Pilot; and first female Airdrop

Pilot-in-Command? I’ll give you a CLUE. Well, she is the CLUE. She is a fellow of Eli Goyong with similar qualities.

Randell Meds and Pompoy Porras have both received the Officer of the Year award in Air Mobility and Flying categories respectively.

And speaking of flying, we must always recognize the greatest flyer of all time Jhov Capicio. If not, we might be booted out of the plane for not recognizing who’s in charge during our travels in Cebu Pacific air buses.

Not to be outdone, our green boys also bagged awards on their own categories. Digol Marcon is the company commander of 5th Light Armor Company, which has been awarded as the best Separate Company of Mechanized Infantry Division for CY 2018. Jeff “Pretty Boy” Naval is the champion of this year’s PSG Officers Proficiency Firing and PSG Squad Challenge. Well qualified to defend the president, is he not?

So far so good, we can say that this year is quite motivating. We are not done yet. As majority of the class are already field grade officers, we look forward to more challenges and unique accomplishments ahead.

On a closing note fellow Mandalans, we lack the omniscience of the Lord. Hence we invite everyone to please update our officers on your status. We look forward to meeting each other again come February. We must not doze, especially in here. God Bless. -Cav James/GQ

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

LAST CALL

1LT JERSON SANCHEZ '14

19 November 1992 – 30 October 2018

LT SANCHEZ perished in a vehicular accident in Davao on 30 October 2018 as he was returning to his battalion headquarters. He was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani



on 8 November 2018. In 2015, barely a year after his graduation, LT SANCHEZ was awarded by President Benigno G Aquino III with the Distinguished Conduct Star at the PMA's Borromeo Field during the graduation ceremonies of PMA Class 2015.

On 16 February 2015, he led his platoon from the 731B in pursuing and repelling 30 NPA rebels for eight hours in Alabel, Sarangani Province. The gun battle left seven communist rebels dead, including top NPA commander Toletino

Bariquitt, alias Ka Brigol, in Sitio Tugal, Barangay Datal Anggas in Alabel town, Sarangani. Although outnumbered, the platoon of Lt Sanchez did not incur a single casualty. They recovered nine high-powered firearms, five improvised explosive devices and other equipment.

COL VICTOR I ERFE '69

04 July 1947 - 22 October 2018

COL ERFE succumbed on 22 October 2018 to a lingering illness that kept him confined at the Veterans Medical and Memorial Center for 15 months. The members of his class kept his bereaved family company during his week-long wake at the Divine Mercy Viewing Chapel in Tunasan, Muntinlupa till he was interred on 3 November at the Everlasting Peace




Memorial Park. He left behind his loving wife, Menjie and sons, Brian and Robert.

PDIR RUBEN J CRUZ '62

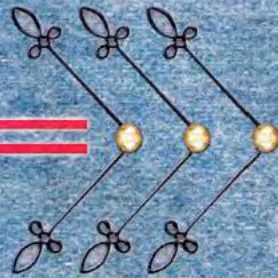
19 December 1938 - 14 November 2018


PDIR CRUZ passed away on 14 November 2018 in Baguio City. Wake was in Camp Crame before he was finally laid to rest at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 22 November. He left behind his wife, Elizabeth, his only son, Chuck and daughter in law, Ann Mae.



After retirement, he went on to take a part-time job in PMA, teaching cadets engineering subjects such as engineering drawing, thermodynamics, physics, electrical engineering and engineering economics. 

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Dec. 15, 1940

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The Last 100th Nite Show presented by the Cadet Corps against the backdrop of an impending war with their perceived enemy. The following year, war came to the Philippines and the cadets became stage actors no more.

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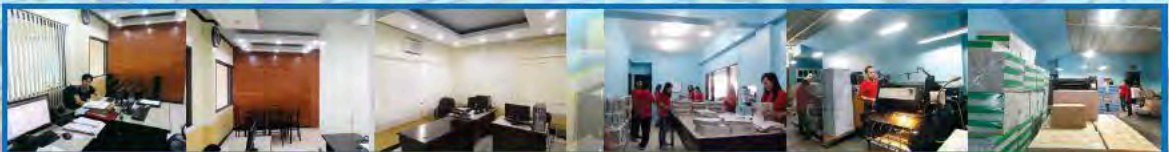
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