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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV EDGAR B. AGLIPAY '71

Our Solemn Pledge

One sentence, 35 words, a breathless pledge that encapsulates all that a Cavalier cherishes. Indeed, a celebration of commitment, aspiration and hope.

The Cavalier's Pledge

*We pledge allegiance to
the Philippine Flag,
the Constitution,
the Government, and
the People,
under one Country we commit to serve and defend,
where freedom and justice reign supreme,
in the grace of God Almighty.*

At the instance of PMAAAI Chair **Cav Rufo de Veyra '70**, it was crafted as Board Resolution No.19-46 and ratified by the AGMM 2019-20. Every time I recite it, I celebrate in the inside, almost overcome with an emotional outpouring – **because I was a part of that Board!**

At the very outset, we pledge even our lives once we enter the Academy. On the one hand, before our first choice in our youth of becoming an ideal soldier, constable or policeman, all of us belonged perhaps to a family in the same profession, or to a family of teachers, farmers, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, politicians or whatever walk of life. On the other hand, our second choice after retirement from the service of arms placed us knowingly or unknowingly where we really aimed to be when we were young as an alternative undertaking, or to a pursuit by force of circumstance. Sometimes or most of the time, we harkened to a calling most suited for us the second time around.

The blood flowing in our body bids an enduring love to serve our country, people and family. We choose this path come what may even after retirement, our calling being to serve 'til our last breath.

Attributes of the Role Models

Necessarily, the leaders of our country must selflessly position its interests pre-eminently above any other interests, must sacrificially work not for the chosen few but for the greater majority specially those who have less in life, and must sincerely find self-fulfillment in uplifting the life of the people specially the marginalized. Being a leader, he prepares himself by acquiring the necessary education, experience and exposure in the field of future engagement. Many times the leader engenders the success of an endeavor by just being one of the key contributors outside

of the limelight but without whose material inputs nevertheless such success could not have been attained. This self-effacing leader also serves, perhaps more efficaciously.

Most if not all PMAyers have all the necessary education, experience and exposure to be national leaders. For one, most of us entered the PMA because we wanted to serve our country. At such tender age, we were prepared to give our lives if need be in defense of our Constitution, flag and country, and our people. This commitment was nurtured while we were at PMA being equipped with appropriate education and training as military leaders tackling problems analytically. While in the service, our PMA education and training were reinforced by life-and-death decision making, an experience maybe only men in uniform are privileged to undergo. As part of a government team, we are exposed to government task force or ad hoc instrumentalities created to solve critical or even emergency national or local challenges or perform crucial endeavors of government needed to move our country forward.

Upon retirement, all PMAyers given a chance, are ripe to lead national efforts to better the life of our people and / or lead local and national industries needing selfless leaders whose primary agenda is the advancement of our country's progress and development. We are ready, willing and able to do this. All if not most of us are Master's degree holders, experienced Brigade Commanders, Provincial Directors or positions of major responsibilities, and exposed to all kinds of natural and man-made calamities.

Achievements of the Role Models

I am quite certain that a great percentage of PMAyers who ventured in their second-loved profession or calling after retirement have made a good account of themselves. Let me now delineate where most PMAyers gravitate to spend their precious time during their retirement. Allow me now to name two role models in each category but will only present a brief account of the achievements of one role model for lack of space.

In the executive branch of government – **Cav Manuel T. Yan, Sr. '41** and **Cav Amado Espino, Jr. '72**. Cav Yan, Sr., my father-in-law and the former AFP Chief of Staff, served the government under the late President Manuel L. Quezon all the way to former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He had a second career with the Department of Foreign Affairs assigned in the Diplomatic Corps and as one-time OIC Secretary of Foreign Affairs under the late President Corazon C. Aquino, as well as member of the Cabinet under former Presidents Fidel V. Ramos, Joseph E. Estrada and Macapagal-Arroyo. More often than not, one can only serve

as Cabinet member in one Administration. For Cav Yan, Sr., he served four consecutive Presidents coming from different political persuasions as he consistently maintained his allegiance to the Constitution, country and people being the reason why he got to be a Cabinet member throughout four Administrations.

In the legislative branch of government – **Cav Gregorio Honasan '71** and **Cav Panfilo Lacson '71**. Cav Honasan was a legend of his time, his name being a household by-word. He is the hero of the EDSA People Power Revolution. For the sacrifices he did for our country, our people gifted him with a seat in the Philippine Senate for 21 years running as an Independent candidate, maybe one of the longest serving Senators of our Republic. His love for our country and people is beyond question, especially the men in uniform. If ever, it will take decades for PMA to have another “Gringo”.

In the non-government organization sector – **Cav Alejandro Flores, Jr. '72** and **Cav Vidal Querol '73**. Cav Flores, Jr. was one of the most accomplished intelligence officers in his era. His exploits led to the neutralization of some of the leaders of the CPP / NPA earning him a scholarship at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. After his return from the U.S., he opted for an optional retirement and became Consultant to Multinational Companies. The love of his life though is saving mother earth such that he joined the Haribon Foundation and after years of just being one of its members, he is now its Chairman and CEO. His love to serve our country more has led him to another NGO, the Philippine Council for Foreign Relations, Inc., where he is also the President. To lead two of the most respected NGOs in our country is a record in itself but his service to country through these NGOs is pro bono, a magnanimous act from a rare breed. I do hope that more PMAYers will come to embrace their vocation with equal fervor.

In the corporate world – **Cav Salvador Mison '55** and **Cav Renato Valencia '63**. Cav Mison made a name for himself as the incorruptible Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs. It was not far-fetched therefore that when he stepped down from the Bureau, he was offered the position of President of Fortune Tobacco Corporation, one of the premier corporations of the Lucio Tan Group of Companies. With Lucio Tan's dozen or more Presidents of Companies to choose from, he was catapulted to become the President of the Basic Holding Company, the mother company of the Group due to his business acumen and strong leadership. To be a Holding Company President is a testimony not only of the owner's trust but also of the respect of his peers, a recognition given only to people of Cav Mison's caliber.

In entrepreneurship – **Cav Luizo Ticman '76** and the PMA '71 EMME Consultants. Cav Ticman is multi-faceted – a be-medaled PNP Officer and out-of-the-box reform champion, successful entrepreneur, environment advocate and distinguished Rotary leader. He founded a small meat company in 1984 which expanded and diversified over time. The Rublon Group of Companies, now straddling three flourishing major business ventures of meat and agribusiness, real estate development and leasing, and renewable energy and utilities, speaks volume for Cav Ticman as its Chairman and CEO, a rare breed of a businessman of his kind that you can count with the fingers of your hand.

In the academe, **Cav Ricardo de Leon '71** and **Cav Eduardo Ma. Santos '66**. Cav de Leon is a respected officer and gentleman of the first order having received the PMAAAI Cavalier Award for PNP Operations as one of the most decorated Provincial Commanders of his time and for Special Field as President of three known schools of learning in our country. After retirement, he was hand-picked by then President Macapagal-Arroyo as President of Mindanao State University to turn it around from being a

bedrock of extremist separatism into a paradigm of Muslim and Christian unification. During his stint in MSU, the approbation by both communities together with his collaborative undertakings have indeed transformed the Institution as the quintessence of understanding, unity and cooperation ushering Mindanao to modern-day era of peace and prosperity. As a result, he became a shoo-in as the Executive Vice President and eventually President of Centro Escolar University boosting its scholastic stature on account of the programs he introduced to provide sterling quality of education to the students, not to mention being the enduring President of the Philippine Public Safety College.

In arts and literature, **Cav Ramon Farolan '56** and **Cav Cesar Pobre '52**, two of the most respected writers in the country. Cav Farolan retired as the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force, and subsequently made a name for himself even before Cav Mison did as the incorruptible Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs. Likewise, he is the only PMAYer who has the distinction of writing a weekly column in one of the top two national dailies, the Philippine Inquirer, over the last 30 years. His literary pieces remain relevant today particularly on current issues egging to be resolved by the concerned authorities of our country. The last time I met him he was writing about the Ilocano heroes some of whom were members of his family. There is no doubt he is one of them!

My apologies for the Cavaliers who are in the judiciary. I do not have information of any PMAYer who is a member of the bench but I know PMAYers who topped the bar: my Boss in Metrocom – **Cav Prospero Olivias '53** at Number 6, and my underclass **Cav Meinrado Enrique Bello '79** at Number 2.

We also pay special tribute to scores of Cavaliers who have become successful in various fields of endeavor both in the government and private sector but who prefer to remain silent and anonymous.

A Call to See Us Beyond the Service

There is no doubt that the most expensive government scholar is a PMA graduate. This being the case, it behooves us to give our best to our country and people not only in being a military or police officer but also even beyond retirement. Perchance, what we need to do is to adjust to corporate life. If we want to start our project in any field, we can start small or at a level our resources can suffice and the market can accommodate. We can study the business model and position it in a market tailored to our capabilities and where there is a chance to grow.

If we want to be an officer of a corporation, we do not dictate what position to assume. Let the corporation give the job commensurate to qualifications matching their needs. We then work hard and be part of the corporate team. Remember we are not the Commanders giving out orders, rather we are now one of the officers assisting the Management accomplish the set targets. Very soon with the qualities that made us rise to our career best will also usher us all the way to the top of the corporate world. It is important to note that most Cavaliers possess these distinct qualities: they solve huge problems, they survive risky situations and they deliver with meager resources.

There are many other details we have to learn and discover in the corporate world, but I believe that adjusting to being part of a team and accepting you are not the boss yet are the most important ones. The rest you either possess already or will be easy to learn and adapt to as you persevere in being given the due recognition appurtenant to having been in the military and police services, all for the glory of God!





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV EMMANUEL B PERALTA '91

On Red Tagging

A hot and controversial issue on red tagging became a trend on different social platforms, an issue harped by militant and progressive groups as an attack to their persona, particularly to some members of the Makabayan bloc.

Said issue involved a cavalier who braved with head held high the bashings from netizens who were bereft of facts and information surrounding the red tagging issue.

Cavalier Antonio Parlade Jr '87, commander of Southern Luzon Command and spokesperson of National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, hogged the limelight by simply warning actress Liza Soberano to be careful with her involvement in Gabriela Partylist after appearing as a resource speaker in Gabriela Youth's webinar titled, "Mga Tinig ni Nene: Reclaiming Our Voices on the International Day of the Girl Child".

Cavalier Parlade has been extremely vocal against alleged communists. With that simple concern for Liza Soberano and other public influencers like former Ms. Universe Catriona Gray and actress Angel Locsin, progressive and militant groups have been accusing Cavalier Parlade of red tagging the activists. Cavalier Parlade, on one hand, said it is the mandate of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to defend the country and the people from threats within and outside. Hence, it is the right of the public to know who are left-leaning and who are not. Besides, Presidential Proclamation No. 374 Series 2017 declared the CPP/NPA/NDF as a terrorist organization.

The government formed the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict in an effort to finally put an end to insurgency in the country. The National Security Council said NTF-ELCAC was, "created to synchronize the utilization of the government's instrumentalities of power with the capabilities of private sector stakeholders to finally end the 50 years of deceit, lies, and atrocities committed by the communist terrorists against the people."

Red tagging, on the other hand, has been defined by Wikipedia, as the "malicious blacklisting of individuals or organizations critical or not fully supportive of the actions of a sitting government administration. This blacklisting takes the form of being 'tagged' as either a communist or a terrorist or both, regardless of one's actual political beliefs or group affiliations."

It could be remembered that Presidential Communications Operations Office Undersecretary Lorraine Badoy who first tagged the six progressive lawmakers of Makabayan bloc as "high-ranking officials" of the CPP/NPA/NDF in one of her Facebook posts. This

caused the main characters to question PCOO's use of funds and influence. Undersecretary Badoy said she would withdraw her statements if these Makabayan lawmakers would denounce the NPA's atrocities. No one made such denouncement.

Cavalier Parlade, as we know him, would not put his career and his name at stake if he has no evidences to make his statements stand. He is known to be vocal if he knows something is not within the tenets of courage, integrity and loyalty. He said he has evidences based on documents gathered during encounters, testimonies made by former rebels who have already surrendered to the government and vital information gathered by the AFP intelligence community.

The warning made by Cavalier Parlade carries with it a ring of truth. The dwindling numbers of the CNN terrorists has become worrisome that the front organizations of the movement are now targeting the youth. It is an open fact that a lot of university students have been lured to join the left movement through smooth talking members who use front organizations to indoctrinate and brainwash them to sow hatred and fight against the government. Parents who created the Hands Off Our Children account in Facebook could attest that they lost their children to the movement aggravated by the fact that many of these youth turn their back against their respective families. Liza Soberano, being young and a famous actress, has a lot of followers hence she is considered a public influencer. It is at this point that Cavalier Parlade made a warning since the actress may not be aware of the nature of the Gabriela Partylist. The attorney of the actress even sent a thank you letter to Cavalier Parlade for this matter. Recently, Angel Locsin and Cavalier Parlade met to thresh out matters wherein it was tagged that Angel Locsin's sister, Ella Colmenares has a link with the CNN.

Uniformed personnel are somewhat often misunderstood or misquoted if they give information or statements intended to inform the public regarding communism or terrorism and its effect on their very lives. These military men are oft accused of red tagging or red baiting.

The Filipino people should be more discerning of who they would hear, trust and believe. Cavalier Parlade's warning to public influencers like Liza Soberano, former Miss Universe Catriona Gray and Angel Locsin, is but part and parcel of his job. The progressive and militant groups cannot stop the AFP and the PNP from protecting the citizenry from being used or manipulated by them, red tagging or not.





SUPE'S REPORT

CAV FERDINAND M CARTUJANO '88

The Cavaliers' 3Cs

As I assumed my duties and responsibilities as the 82nd Superintendent, PMA, the honor I feel is not only overpowering; the burden is also overwhelming. Thinking of the accomplishments of my predecessors, I feel no immediate temptation to change any policy coming in. We will resume pace and power up. The upholding of the Honor System and the total eradication of maltreatment in the Academy are responsibilities that I alone, cannot bear. It is a concern of all PMA alumni, officers, as well as the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Thus, under my charge, the Academy will work hard for every cadet to have a safe and productive stay here and become officers of the land with outstanding 3C's, **Character**, **Competence** and **Commitment**.

Character. Everything must start from the depths of our character. It is where true humanity lies, true service reigns, and where sincere actions emanate. A character that is beyond reproach holds this institution on firmer ground. We are what we say we are and that integrity is central to leadership and we must always make the right choices in our career and life in service to the AFP and the motherland.

Competence. PMA is a venue for our cadets to strengthen their officership and leadership techniques. The Academy will evolve to address the flaws for better officer training and quality graduates. Our cadets will be sharpened in the anvil of our history, tactics, strategy, management and so much more. Much can be extracted from their talents. The final arbiter is not solely the grades and the rankings; but many years after their stay in the Academy -- the legacies that they will make and

shape as future chiefs of offices and commanders of different units. Learning must not stop to compound our competence. It must be a continuing process in almost all sorts.

Commitment. Commitment to serve our God, country and people will edify us to remain loyal to each other and that each one of us should serve as the link that binds the AFP and the nation to make up a very strong force. A commitment that will compel us to act on the grounds of what is important and deeply fulfilling as public servants, as men and women of God. If there is a high degree of commitment in each one of us, there will be no issues of corruption and other malpractices that can cause the crisis of trust and confidence for our military.

"There are no rotten units, only rotten officers. Kahit gaano kapangit ang unit, gaganda at magiging maayos yan kung mahusay ka bilang isang officer."

Beautiful words from an esteemed senior officer; and I believe in this. Being a rotten officer is tantamount to death -- death for the ideals of the Academy; death for the long lineage of heroes and valiant soldiers; and death for the aspirations of the Filipino people for sustained peace and development. PMA shall not settle for less. We must all thrive through extra effort, extra length, and derive satisfaction from the thought of simply doing our very best. This is the standard we are expected to uphold and must someday surpass. This quality, this standard and this benchmark have been purposely set significantly high because we want our graduates to reach even higher and novel grounds after their stay here.





Baron's Dissemination

TRISTAN POCAIS PALTONGAN
Cdt F/Cpt 1CI CCAFP
Brigade Commander

Inspire


It has been said that when you are in your first class, everything will “relax”. “Relax”, in a way, what we termed herein the beloved institution, as “cool na cool”, “tangent lang”, “siga”, “fights lang” and everything that defines that we are in a status that we don’t go beyond our limits anymore, that we are not anymore the dashing excited youth or underclass who want to prove something within us. This also has been observed and as a “foresight” when we were underclass cadets that being immaculate means that you have nothing to prove anymore since you have proven yourself thru the difficulties and pain stalking life you have experienced during underclass years. However, what I see in the class I belong is different from what I expected as a mindless junior class before.

Vice Admiral Ferdinand V Cusi, PN, the 81st Superintendent of Philippine Military Academy, as his mandate when he was seated as the Superintendent after the grueling case of the late fourth classman Dormitorio and rampant cases of Maltreatment and Shabby, altered and added some of the most striking definition of a leader can do to end the malpractices and null traditions of the Cadet Corps. He changed the Current Mission of the Academy from “To instruct, train and develop cadets...” to “To instruct, train, develop and to inspire cadets...”, the word added there was to inspire, in a way to inspire cadets to become competent leaders, leaders who someday will be warriors, warriors with “heart and soul”.

Inspiration was one way he knew to end the problem of the wrong notion of what is leadership, the wrong notion in instilling discipline and indoctrinating what a leader should be to the cadets. Our class, as a catalyst for this change, have emphasized one of the military principles we have learned during our training here in the academy, and that is: To Set the Example.

Setting an example has many words that can be defined by this kind of principle. One of it is to inspire, another is to influence and another is to lead in the front. What is the essence of leadership to your juniors and followers if you do not know how you could influence for them to follow? Setting an example means being credible and trustworthy. If you do the right thing in front of everyone, they will trust you. Setting an example is being a model. They will be like you or be better than you. You will bring them to excel more. Setting an example brings positivity to everyone. If you show you can face and handle the problem you meet, it will encourage the ones you lead at your back, not to backdown, it will endure and persevere everyone you lead and brings the attitude within them.

These were the definitions that we proved as a class to once again end the mediocrity and the wrong practice the corps has been doing for several years. The notion of being a 1st class man is an accumulation of being who you were, from plebehood to being a Cow, the progress you had throughout the years. Learning and leadership do not end when you reach being an Immaculate. Being Immaculate is the attitude of excelling more, of doing more. This kind of principle is demonstrating what a good leader should be, of being a warrior with a heart and soul. Setting the example is setting the standard you want for others.

As of now, as the Ruling class of the CCAFP, Masaligan Class of 2021, together with the help of the officers and underclass cadets, we have trampled down one of the cancers of the corps, maltreatment, and proved that leadership does not need the iron fist for them to be disciplined and the act to follow you as their leader. Remember, our most important mandate now is to inspire and that means it is to set the example. 



CAVALIER NEWSLINE

CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

PGen Sinas designated PNP chief

PGen Debold M Sinas '87 has been designated as the new PNP chief, vice PGen Camilo Pancrattus P Cascolan '86 who retired.



Sinas

PLtGen Guillermo Lorenzo T Eleazar '87 is the deputy chief for administration, as the second highest official of the PNP. Replacing him as the deputy chief for operations is PLtGen Cesar Hawthorne R Binag '87.



Eleazar

PMGen Vicente Danao Jr '91 is the next NCRPO chief, replacing PGen Sinas.



Danao

PMGen Joselito Vera Cruz '87 is the chief of directorial staff. PMGen Gilberto Cruz is the new director of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA). PMGen Jose Chiquito Malayo, the former PNPA director, is the new head of the Directorate for Integrated Police Operations (DIPO) in Northern Luzon.



Vera Cruz

PMGen Emmanuel Luis D Licup '87 is the new chief of the Directorate for Comptrollership; PBGen Alfredo S

Corpuz '87 as head of the Directorate for Operations; PBGen Rolando J Hinanay '88, head of Directorate for Personnel and Records Management; PBGen Steve B Ludan '92 as chief of PNP Crime Laboratory; and PCol Emma Libunao as head of Directorate for Police Community Relations.

VAdm Bacordo designated PN FOIC

VAdm Giovanni Carlo J Bacordo '87 has been designated as the new Flag Officer-in-Command of the Philippine Navy.



Bacordo

RAdm Rey T dela Cruz '87 is the new vice commander, while RAdm Adeluis S Bordado '88 is the new chief of naval staff.

LtGen Gloria is vice chief of staff, AFP

LtGen Erickson R Gloria '88 has been designated as the new vice chief of staff, AFP, vice VAdm Gaudencio C Collado Jr '86 who retired.



Gloria

RAdm Erick A Kagaoan '87 is the deputy chief of staff (TDCS), AFP.



Kagaoan

The following are commanders of following commands/units of

the AFP; LtGen Arnulfo Marcelo B Burgos Jr '88, Nolcom; LtGen Corleto S Vinluan Jr '88, WestMinCom; LtGen Jose C Faustino Jr '88, EastMinCom; LtGen Roberto T Ancan '87, CentCom; LtGen Antonio G Parlade Jr '87, SolCom; MGen Ferdinand M Cartujano '88, PMA Supt; MGen Edgard A Arevalo '90, AFPETDC, MGen Jose Eriel M Niembra '91, Chief, ISAFP; MGen Ernesto C Torres Jr '89, CRSAFP; MGen Divino Rey C Pabayo Jr '88, AFPSocom; BGen Ferdinand M Friginal '88, AFPRESCOM; Commo Rommel Anthony SD Reyes '89, CEISSAFP; and BGen Rodolfo B Lavadia Jr '88, GHQ & HSC.



Parlade

MGen Tolentino is PA chief of staff

MGen Rowen S Tolentino '89 is the new chief of staff of the Philippine Army. There is no designated vice commander yet.



Tolentino

MGen William N Gonzales '89 is the commander of the 1st Inf Div, PA. And Col Ferdinand Melchor C dela Cruz '92, commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment. /raa



Gonzales



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

Nomination for PMAAAI Honorary and Associate Membership

• CAV ALAN R LUGA '81

Chairman, PMAAAI Membership and Welfare Committee

Pursuant to Article II, section 3C of the Amended By Laws of the PMAAAI, all members of the Association are hereby informed that PMA Classes 1970, 1971, 1972, 1976, 1978 and 1983 have nominated the following distinguished gentlemen as Honorary and Associate members of the PMAAAI:

FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

- 1. ROBERTO M PAGDANGANAN.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1971. Former Governor of Bulacan for three terms. He also served as the Secretary of Agrarian Reform and Department of Tourism and the Chairman and President of PITC. He is currently the National President of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and Chairman of different civil and business organizations and corporations. Mr Pagdanganan has long been an adopted member of PMA Class 1971.
- 2. BENJAMIN D DE LEON.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1972. Mr de Leon graduated with an AB and MA in Social Welfare from the University of the Philippines and completed his 4-year ROTC with the UP Vanguard. He founded the Forum for Family Planning and Development and is their current President from its inception in 2004. He served as Presidential Assistant for Social Development during the tenure of President Ramos and was also appointed as Secretary and Presidential Assistant for Foreign Affairs from 1992 to 1998. He has devoted most of his time to social development work especially in the field of population and family planning. He served as Executive Director of the Commission on Population from 1971 to 1980.
- 3. REV SIN HUNG JU.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1976. He is a Korean National. He is currently the Dean of Academics for Foreign Students in Shalom International School in Baguio City. Rev Ju has associated with the Class of 1976 since 2010. He initiated the donations to the PMA of various Information Technology and Medical Equipment and is instrumental in the exchange program of PMA cadets with the Korean Air Force Academy. He also paved the way for the installation of Solar Power Generating System in principal AFP military camps and bases thru an MOU with the Korea Ministry of Trade and the Department of National Defense of the Philippines.
- 4. ALEX DL QUIROS.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1978. Lawyer by profession and graduated from Manuel L Quezon University. He is currently an Associate Justice of the Sandigan Bayan. He was once The Solicitor at the Office of the Solicitor General from 1988 to 1992. He is currently a Reservist of the AFP JAGS with a rank of Major and have been assisting the AFP JAGS in some of its Legal cases. Justice Quiros have long been an adopted member of the PMA Class of 1978 and actively participated in its social, civic and community relations endeavors.
- 5. REYNALDO B ODULIO.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1978. Hails from Cabanatuan City. Graduated from De La Sale University with a degree in BSC Major in Economics and Accounting. He initially was a professor in several Universities before venturing out into business. He currently owns Wheeltek Motor Sales Corporation, Motorista Motors, Amada Hotel and several other companies. He is very active in civic, social and religious activities and endeavors and he partners with the PMA Class of 1978 in these endeavors for several years now.
- 6. ERNEST FREDERICK O VILLAREAL.** Recommended by PMA Class of 1978. He is from Cebu City. Graduated Cum Laude from the University of San Carlos with a Degree of BS Commerce Accounting. He also graduated from the Asian Institute of Management in Masters in Business Management. He currently works as the Senior Vice President of Aboitiz Equity Ventures. He pioneered the "Superferry" and "Supercat" fast

ferry service of Aboitiz. He actively associated himself with PMA Class of 1978 since 2001 and helped Class 1978 and the AFP in several social, community, and operational endeavors.

- 7. COLONEL WILLIAM T YU (Ret).** Recommended by PMA Class 1978. A retired Colonel of the Medical Corps of the AFP. Last position before retiring was Commanding Officer of the AFP Medical Center and he also served as Commanding Officer of five other Army General Hospitals all over the country. He also served at the Fort del Pilar Station Hospital in 1979. He is an active associate member of PMA Class 1978 and has been part of the social and community endeavors of the Class. Received several Military awards and decorations during his 32 years of Military Service. In 2016, President Duterte appointed him to be a Board of Director of the Philippine National Construction Corporation (PNCC), a position he serves until now.
- 8. BRIG GEN MARIANO A MEJIA (Ret).** Recommended by the PMA Class of 1983. He served as the Commanding Officer of the Fort del Pilar Station Hospital in PMA in 2004. He served in different Station Hospitals of the AFP during his active military service before being designated as the Army Chief Surgeon in 2012 and later on the Surgeon General of the AFP and just before retiring as the Commanding General of the AFP Medical Center. He is currently the Chief, Medical Professional Staff of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, a position he was given after retirement.

FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

- 1. OCTAVINO Q ESGUERRA.** Recommended by PMA Class 1970. He was a former cadet of PMA till Yearling year with the Class of 1970. He is an Associate member of Class 1970 since 2014. He is an Actuary by Profession graduating from University of Michigan with a degree in MS in Actuarial Mathematics and AB in Mathematics from the University of the East. He was once a Senior Vice President of Phil Health Insurance Corporation from 1998 to 2013. He also worked with the SSS as Manager of the Data Processing Department. He was a Consulting Actuary of different private Corporations here and abroad. He was a part time professor at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, University of the East and the University Santo Tomas. He is an Associate of the International organization Society of Actuaries.
- 2. BGEN ROBERTO NUQUI (Ret).** Recommended by PMA Class of 1970. A former cadet of PMA and graduated from the PAF Flying School in 1975. He finished his Air Command and Staff Course from Air Command and Staff College in Maxwell AFB in USA. He took his Master in National Security Administration from NDCP and also finished his Master in Management from AIM. He was the PAF Chief of Staff when he retired in 2004. He was an Asst Secretary for Comptrollership and for Philippine Defense Reforms at the DND from 2004 to 2008. He also served as Chief, Regulatory Standard Department of CAAP from 2008 to 2010. BGen Nuqui had long been an Associate member of PMA Class 1970.

Section a, b and c of Article II of the PMAAAI By Laws, provides for the eligibility requirements of recommended PMAAAI Associate and Honorary members. The by Laws also specify that names of prospective members shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine and the PMAAAI Website prior to consideration of the Membership Committee for information of and feedback from the general membership.

Any comment pertaining to their nomination as Honorary and Associate members may be sent to the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo or thru an email to pmaaaai@yahoo.com.





The ground breaking and laying of the time capsule for the proposed PA-PMAAAI Building.

The Center for Leadership Excellence — a Dream coming to reality!

• **CAV DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS '77**
Executive Director, PMAAAI

“Start dream building. Bring your goals into the real world. Imagine yourself at your best. Transform yourself with dedication and work to achieve excellence.” – Mark F LaMoure

The quest for a permanent home is a dream of every organization. The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) since its organization in 1981, had its humble beginning in a makeshift office occupying a portion of Fort Bonifacio’s reservation. Through the benevolence of its members who were then in the seat of power, the Association found shelter in an old vacated library building in Camp Aguinaldo. There and then, the Association conducted its transactions in serving its members.

The dream never ceases!

Year in, year out, the Association’s Board of Directors would manage to improve the very office it was occupying. On March 18, 2008, the PMAAAI Board approved the PMA Alumni Center

Development Project where many of its members have participated and contributed in a fund raising campaign. It was almost a success with all the trimmings of the architectural designs and funding, but never lift off because of the absence of a suitable area or locations where to erect the building.

As the Association’s leadership changed hands, the search continued and the dream was vigorously pursued. This year’s Board of Directors, under the Chairmanship of PGen Edgar B Aglipay ‘71, with the continuous assistance of his predecessors, MGen Rufo De A Veyra ‘70 and LtGen Jaime S Delos Santos ‘69, was blessed to strike a “pot of gold”.

It all started with friendship! PGen Edgar B Aglipay, with his business acumen and corporate affairs expertise, was able to connect with Mr Andrew Tan, owner and Chairman of a very benevolent



Santos as Co-Chairman. Initially, Ambassador Vidal E Querol '73 was designated to head the team in coordinating with the Philippine Army group until the Usufruct Agreement was signed. To add more muscle to the PMAAAI Team, Chairman Aglipay utilized the expertise of his classmate, PMGen Efrén Q. Fernández '71, a security consultant for high-rise building and an avid result-oriented leader. With his stewardship, the joint team of Philippine Army Group and PMAAAI group was created. The building to be erected will be shared equally by the Philippine Army and the PMAAAI, hence the team is PA-PMAAAI Twinning Building Project Team which is co-headed by BGen Ramil M Bitong '89, Commander of the Installation Management Command, (IMCOM) on the Army side and PMGen Efrén Q. Fernández on the PMAAAI side.

business empire in the country, The Megaworld Foundations. With no funfares and conditionalities, the latter pledged to donate to PMAAAI a P300 million building, an offer that deserved a quick response and actions from the PMAAAI management. To add more blessings to the situation, LtGen Jaime S Delos Santos, PMAAAI Chairman AY 2018-2019, happened to be the professor of the President of Megaworld, Mr Francis Canuto, which made the "brew complete for the cooking".

What bothered the PMAAAI then was the space or the lot where to erect the said building. Again, friendship came in! Chairman Aglipay was able to refer the matter to Mr. Vince Dizon, the Chairman of Base Conversion and Development Authority, (BCDA), who offered an 800+square-meter lot at a prime location at 8th Avenue in Bonifacio Global City. Memorandum of Understanding was made for its use, but considering that the would-be donated building would rise up to a maximum of ten floors only, it would be dwarfed by the future buildings surrounding it. Donor Megaworld Foundation advised PMAAAI to look for a more suitable place.

LtGen Jaime Delos Santos, having been a Commanding General of the Philippine Army, was able to convince the leadership of the Philippine Army, LtGen Macairog S Alberto '86, then the Commanding General, to let PMAAAI use a portion of the Philippine Army reservation under a usufruct agreement to erect the said building. So it came. The Usufruct Agreement for a 1,649.16 sqm lot was signed between LtGen Alberto as CG PA, and MGen Rufo A De Veyra as Chairman then of PMAAAI, on October 1, 2019 at the Philippine Army Headquarters, witnessed and approved by the Secretary of National Defense, Honorable Delfin N Lorenzana '73.

Again, changes in the leadership of the Army ensued due to promotion or retirement. But then, the pressure to pursue the project had to go on. Gen Gilbert I Gapay '86, when he was still the Commanding General of the Army and until his elevation to become the current Chief of Staff, was very supportive of the efforts to see the building rise as the home of the alumni. His successor as the Army Chief, LtGen Cirilito E Sobejana '87, is even more committed in seeing to it that the project will ultimately be realized. AdHoc Committees for this project were then created, chaired by the Chairman Aglipay himself and Lt Gen Delos

reinforced by the Southern Police District Director, PGen Emmanuel B Peralta '91, the President of PMAAAI, whose headquarters is a stone's throw away from the lot, the Groundbreaking ceremony was finally held on October 23, 2020 with Honorable Delfin N Lorenzana, Secretary of National Defense, as Guest of Honor and Speaker.

There are still a lot of things to be done! The groundbreaking only signals the start of more massive efforts in preparing for the eventual construction of the building. For one, the usufruct area is still to be cleared of a few illegal occupants, the subject of so many previous meetings. The services of a legal outfit, EJ De Jesus Associates, has been employed to handle all legal matters pertaining to the ejection of these occupants.

The future is bright as the Supreme Court has decided in favor of the Army to implement the clearing. We continue to pursue the efforts we have started. And the Team is bent to accomplish the mission of seeing the Center for Leadership Excellence stand proud at the selected location!

"You can't build your dream by what you're going to do or planning to do or intend to do. You only build your dream by building it." - Jeff Olson



The original vision of the PMAAAI building in 2008.

SEC Approves PMARAI Amended Articles of Incorporation

On October 24, 2020, the Board of Directors announced thru Social Media that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has already approved the amended Articles of Incorporations of **PMA Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI)**, formerly known as Business, Industry and Retired Cavaliers, Inc. (BIRCI). Henceforth, the chapter will be referred to as **PMA RETIREES CHAPTER** or **RETIREES CHAPTER**. Along with changing its corporate name were the Chapter's accomplishments for the year:

1. A resolution approving the issuance of the declaration of support to the Anti-Terror Bill through the Chairman of PMARAI on June 7, 2020.
2. The ACES case. The PMAAAI and PMARAI, thru CIDG, already issue a subpoena to ACES and the final stage would be filing of criminal and civil case against the cooperative. The PMAAAI

also approved the engagement of legal services to handle the case.

3. The Chapter is currently participating in the fund raising campaign of the PMAAAI which is the "Game of the Cavaliers" golf fellowship to be held on 16-30 January 2021 at the Philippine Navy Golf Club and Villamor Airbase Golf Course.

The PMARAI will likewise hold a fund raising project of their own which is a "Raffle for a Cause" during the Alumni Homecoming/ General Assembly on 12 February 2021 in Baguio City.

Through the efforts of the Chairman and the Board of Directors of PMARAI, these accomplishments were done and are being done despite the difficulties brought about by the pandemic.



PMAAAI Lapulapu Chapter Sends Relief Assistance to Typhoon "Rolly" Victims



Cavaliers from Central Visayas, thru the newly formed PMAAAI Lapulapu Chapter, extended immediate relief assistance to the victims of Super Typhoon "Rolly" in Bicol Region.

Thru the concerted efforts of the Police Regional Office-7, Central Command AFP and the Naval Forces Central, more than 40 tons of relief goods donated by Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas (OPAV) and well-meaning individuals were loaded from Cebu City and transported to Legaspi City and other parts of Bicol Region

via BRP Pangasinan (PS31) of the Philippine Navy on 04 November 2020. The contingent from Police Regional Office-7 spearheaded the distribution of relief goods.

The relief operation to typhoon victims in Bicol Region is the first major activity of the newly organized PMAAAI Lapulapu Chapter with Cav John S Bonafos '82 as Chairman, Cav Roberto T Ancan '87 as President and Cav Albert Ignatius D Ferro '89 as Vice-President.



PMAAAI Army Cavaliers Chapter News

FORT BONIFACIO, Taguig, Metro Manila – The new set of officers of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association – Army Cavaliers Chapter, Inc took their oath of office before Lieutenant General Cirilito E Sobejana, Commanding General, Philippine Army last October 19, 2020, 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Silid Andres Bonifacio, Headquarters, Philippine Army.

The newly appointed officers who took their oath of office were led by Cavalier Victor D Tanggawohn Jr who is a member of PMA Class 1991. Other Army Cavaliers who pledged to serve the organization as officers of PMAAA – ACCI CY 2020-2021 are Cavalier Pedro C. Balisi Jr '92, Vice – President, Cavalier Dexter A. Macasaet '95, Athletic Representative, Cavalier Jaicris Jan P. Mendoza '03, Assistant Athletic Officer, Cavalier Jessie G. Bergonia '04, Auditor, Cavalier Edwin M. Mirador '05, Treasurer, Lady Cavalier Jennylyn S. Tamacay '08, Asst. Treasurer, Cavalier Rodel N. Bacani '10, Asst. Auditor, Cavalier Marisol L. Fulgosino '12, Secretary, and Cavalier Joyce J. Omac '14, Assistant

Secretary. They swore to do the duties, functions, and responsibilities of their positions to the best of their abilities and they also vowed to support all advocacies of said organization. The newly installed officers are expected to serve the organization for the span of one year.

Despite the pandemic, the PMAAA – ACCI officers were able to take oath in an informal setting with only ten attendees in compliance with the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Emerging Infectious Disease guidelines. However, said event was still considered as significant because of the presence of CG, PA as the administering officer. Lieutenant General Sobejana advised the officers to serve the organization with dedication.

“Even if we are facing drawbacks, your expertise and commitment to the organization will go a long way. Assist our co – Army Cavaliers so that they can achieve the quality service that they needed. Most of all, do your duties with pleasure and cheerfulness because I believe in this phrase that “Ang taong masaya, maraming nagagawa.”, he said.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL CIRILITO E SOBEJANA leads the oath taking of newly appointed officers of Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association – Army Cavaliers Chapter Inc.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL CIRILITO E SOBEJANA together with the officers of PMAAA – ACCI .



On Deliberation of Cavalier Award

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association – Army Cavalier Chapter Inc officers conducted the deliberation of Cavalier Award for Calendar Year 2021 on 07 October 2020.

The PMAAA – ACCI officers deliberated the nominees of Cavalier Award for the following categories: Command and Administration, Staff Functions, Special Operations, and Army Operations. As part of the selection process, the Army Chapter Awards Deliberation Board nominated their primary and secondary recommendees on said categories. Further, their recommended Cavalier Awardees have been endorsed to the PMAAAI – National Chapter.

Said award will be given to the most outstanding PMA alumnus who exhibited “sterling leadership and professional competence” in their field of expertise during the PMA Alumni Homecoming in February 2021 at the PMA in Baguio City. The Cavalier Award, a coveted award by a PMA alumnus, is only given annually to the graduates of





the academy who distinguished themselves in their chosen fields or professions.

Cavalier Victor D Tanggawohn Jr, President of PMAAA – ACCI, is delighted to be a part of the selecting body of the Army Cavaliers and believes that whoever is conferred the Cavalier Award epitomizes excellence, courage, integrity and loyalty for adding prestige to the laurels of PMA.

On Financial Assistance

Acknowledging the obligation of PMAAA – ACCI, the PMAAA – Army Cavaliers Chapter, Inc. officers passed a resolution last October 07, 2020 granting death assistance to the bereaved family of the active Army Cavaliers who died in line of duty.

Prior to the crafting of said resolution, the PMAAA – ACCI had no existing policy on the granting of financial assistance to the surviving direct legal dependents of an active PMAAA-ACCI member. Recognizing the organization’s inherent obligation of supporting its members who have died while on active service

by extending moral as well as financial support to their direct legal dependents, the organization crafted a policy in granting financial assistance amounting to Php20,000.00 to the direct legal dependents of departed members of PMAAA-ACCI.

Cavalier Victor D Tanggawohn Jr guarantees that the organization is constantly recognizing the invaluable contributions of every Army Cavalier to the Philippine Army and the Philippine Military Academy. Thus, as appreciation to their service, the organization will establish a financial assistance system that will be adopted in providing financial assistance to the family of the departed comrade-in-arms.

“We believe that all Army Cavaliers will be significant part of the PMAAA – ACCI and this feat will be considered as way of giving back to their invaluable contributions. Their service will always be cherished and the PMAAA – ACCI will find ways on how to assist our Army Cavaliers.”

He added that once the claimants secure and complete the basic documentary requirements, the assistance will be released immediately to them.



PMAAAI PCG Chapter News

COVID-19 Response Operations of Philippine Coast Guard



The Global pandemic caused by the Corona Virus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 has brought immense distraught to the world Economy and disrupted the daily lives of every human being. Since the beginning of this Pandemic and even before the first COVID-19 case in Cebu was reported, the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has been actively participating in the series of emergency meetings and discussions called upon by the Inter Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID) geared towards the management and prevention of said virus from entering the Country should it escalate and spread out from the Regions of Wuhan, China.

In response to the fight against COVID-19, the Task Force Laban COVID-19 (Water Cluster) under the Joint Task Force COVID Shield of the Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Philippine Coast Guard was organized last March 16, 2020

during the time when the whole country was placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ). The said Task Group led by then VAdm George V Ursabia Jr PCG (PMA Class '87) was responsible in the implementation of mandatory health protocols to the crew members of cargo vessels and fishing boats in order to deter, detect and hold the entry of persons via sea transport. During his stint as its Commander, VAdm Ursabia instituted various precautionary measures that will ensure compliance to biosafety protocols being implemented by the Department of Health (DOH) and the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM) counterparts. Said efforts relentlessly continue up to present under the stewardship of now PCG Commandant, VAdm Ursabia Jr PCG. He is ably supported by VAdm Leopoldo V Laroya PCG (PMA Class '88), Deputy Commandant for Operations and VAdm



Lyndon F Latorre PCG (PMA Class '87), Deputy Commandant for Administration.

Pursuant to IATF Resolution No. 23 dated April 13, 2020, Sub Task Group (STG) for repatriation of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) under the National Task Group was established. This eventually led to the activation by PCG of The **Task Force Bayanihan** as part of the whole-of-government initiative to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through the promotion of public health and safety amongst Returning Overseas Filipinos (ROF). It is an offshoot of the Task Group Water Cluster. The Task Force adopted the term "*Bayanihan*" - an ancient Filipino custom, symbolic of the way people work together as a group. It is an indigenous system of mutual help and concern (*malasakit*) which has become the backbone of family and village life throughout the Philippine archipelago. Said endeavor likewise continues up to present.

Task Force Bayanihan ROF, led by its commander RAdm Eduardo D Fabricante PCG (PMA Class '89), is composed of Task Group Airport, Task Group Seaport, Task Group RT-PCR, Task Group Quarantine Facility, Task Group Bantay Bayanihan, and Task Group Resource Management Logistics and Admin. During the onset of the Government's repatriation program, the PCG through Coast Guard Medical Service served the major role of providing the necessary Healthcare providers such as Doctors and Medical Technologist in triaging and conduct of the Rapid Antibody Test (RATs) to ROFs which eventually switched to the more reliable Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Test at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminals 1 and 2. Because of the untiring dedication of these Coast Guard health care providers, there are now over one million (1,000,000+) ROF tested by the RT-PCR teams and brought safely back to their homes and families. The PCG also provided Doctors and Medical Technologist to various RT-PCR centers such as the Mega Swabbing Center at Palacio de Manila and other PCG Mobile RT-PCR Units recognized by the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC Coast Guard Medical Service and also provided Doctors and Hospital Corpsmen to the 2Go Vessels (MV Saint Anthony de Padua and MV Saint Pope John Paul II) which were designated by the IATF as temporary Quarantine Facilities for ROFs particularly Seafarers.

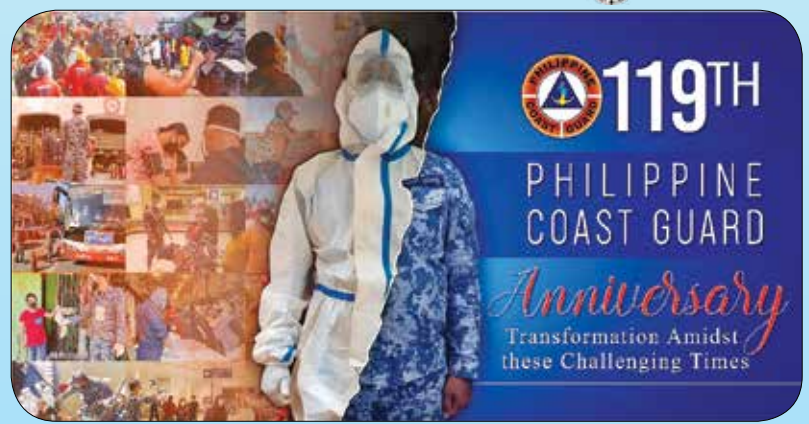
On 25 May 2020, Task Unit *Hatid Probinsya* was launched by the government at the Paranaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX). This is to address congestion on land-based and sea-based Overseas Filipinos in Manila. A total of 13,101 OFWs/OFs were assisted by Coast Guard District National Capital Region-Central Luzon (CGDNCR-CL) until 13 June 2020 prior to their turnover to Task Unit *Hatid Probinsya*. Accordingly, pursuant to NHQ-PCG OPLAN 002-2020, Task Group Seaport was activated under PCG Task Force *Bayanihan* Returning Overseas Filipinos. Under this Task Group are the Task Unit *Balik Probinsya*, Task Unit Cruise Ships Quarantine Facility and Task Unit Security. The Task Unit *Balik Probinsya* voyages assisted 4, 464 Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), 33,666 Locally Stranded Individuals (LSI), and 1,902 Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR) or an overall total number of 40,032 Filipinos assisted within Manila area as of 30 August 2020. Task Unit Cruise Ships Quarantine Facilities and Task Unit Security and Order likewise

assisted 48 cruise ships as of April-August 2020.

In compliance with the Department of Transportation (DOTr) Joint circular No. 1 series of 2020, which sets the Guidelines for the Establishment of the Philippine Green Lane to Facilitate the Speedy and Safe Travel of Seafarers, Including Their Safe and Swift Disembarkation and Crew Change During The COVID-19 Pandemic, a One-Stop Shop for seafarers were established in Port Capinpin, Bataan, Port of Subic, Zambales and in Port of Manila to perform operational procedures for the smooth implementation of health and safety protocol on said areas.

Further, just last October 10, 2020, Secretary Arthur P. Tugade, together with PCG Commandant, ADM George V Ursabia Jr, led the inauguration of the quarantine facility dedicated to PCG frontline personnel who contracted COVID-19 in the performance of their duties and responsibilities. This Php 35 million quarantine facility located at the Coast Guard Base Taguig consist of good quality container vans, and equipped with sewerage, electrical, and air conditioning systems. It also has a modest leisure area. Inside also is a medical station with sufficient storage for personal protective equipment(PPE) sets, medical supplies, and medicines, as well as a 26-bed capacity accommodation for PCG nurses and health workers.

These accomplishments were presented during the 119th Philippine Coast Guard Founding Anniversary last October 19, 2020 with a theme: "Transformation Amidst these Challenging Times" which highlighted the strength, resilience, and compassion that all PCG personnel exhibited to overcome this unprecedented challenge that the whole world is currently facing. As PCG continues to fulfill its duty to "HOLD THE LINE" in order to protect the Filipino people, it also ensures the health and safety of its frontline personnel through the conduct of bi-monthly swab tests; replenishment of vitamins, provision of PPE sets, and other medical supplies, among others. Quoting PCG Commandant Adm Ursabia Jr PCG, "**The PCG will always serve with humility and compassion.**"



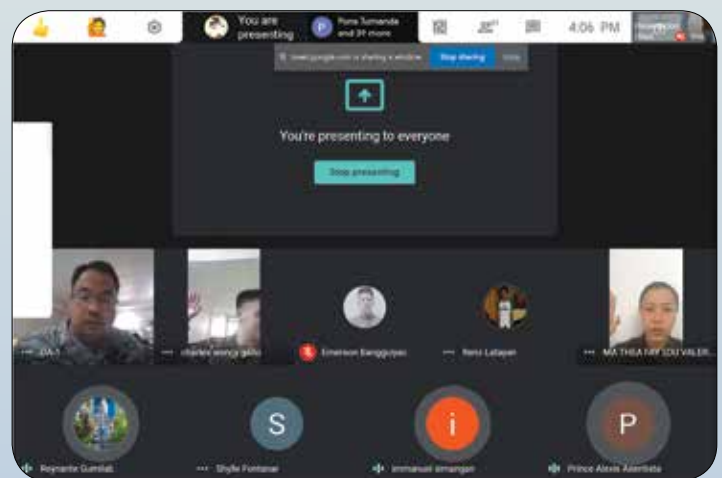
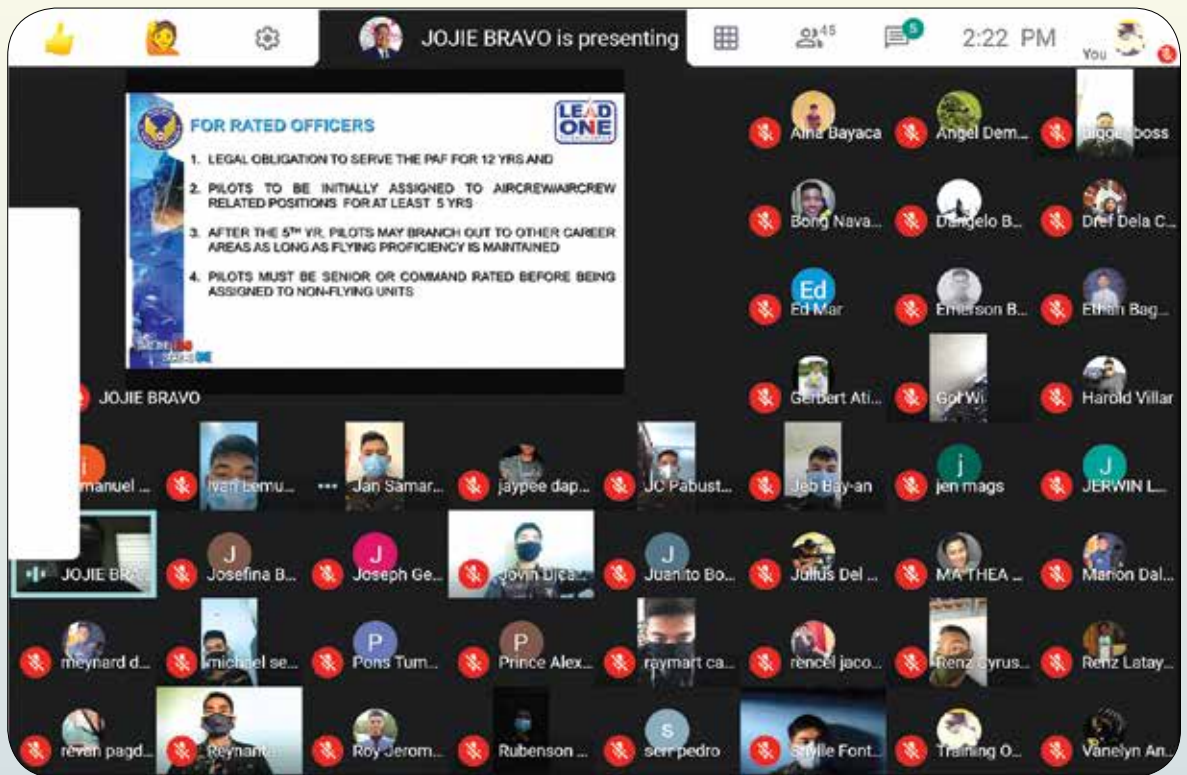
PMAAAI PAF Chapter News

The PMAAAI PAF Chapter, under the leadership of its Chairman, Cavalier Elpidio B Talja Jr '90, continues to lead and guide the air force cavaliers amidst the pandemic. Although there were restrictions for mass gathering, the innovative minds of the Membership and Elections Committee, led by Cav Jojie D Bravo '02, was able to welcome and mentor the new PAF cavaliers of PMA Class 2020 last 02 July 2020 through a virtual conference. They were oriented with the essential knowledge on officer career development to prepare them for their duties as junior officers of the Philippine Air Force. Likewise, there were also lectures on promotion systems, sharing of senior officers and an open forum where the young lieutenants were able to ask about their fears and worries in the new life they have to face away from the comforts of Fort Del Pilar, if they were ever comfortable there.

Last 29 July 2020, the Chapter Board of Trustees formally received the PMA Class of 2020 as new members of the PMAAAI-PAF Chapter.

On 20 November 2020, a send-off dinner for the graduating cavaliers of the Military Pilot Training was held at Air Education Training and Doctrine Command with LtGen Cartujano as the Keynote Speaker. It was attended by all cavaliers assigned in Fernando Air Base, Lipa City.

At present, the Chapter is preparing for its annual general assembly to be held this coming December 2020.



PMAAAI in Support to the MUP Morale and Welfare

• CAV ARISTON V DELOS REYES '71

A. Introduction

The issuance of Presidential Executive Order No. 201 s 2016 (EO 201) resulted in the grant of provisional allowance and officer's allowance only for military and uniformed services personnel (MUP) in the active service in lieu of adjustment of base pay effective 1 January 2016. Consequently, those in the active service could not be entitled to adjustment of their allowances pegged to the base pay such as but not limited to longevity pay, instructor's duty pay, sea duty pay and flying pay. Likewise, the retirees could not be entitled to indexing of their pension to the new rate.

In June 2016, the Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA) was organized consisting of various MUP organizations with the Association of General and Flag Officer's Association (AGFO) as lead convener. Its primary purpose was to work for the amendment of EO 201 effective 1 January 2016 so that the MUP may be entitled to increase in base pay in lieu of the provisional allowance and officer's allowance. The PMAAAI and the BIRCI then led by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Cav Anselmo S Avenido '67 and Chairman Cav Melchor P Rosales '68, respectively, joined the CONUSA and fully supported the effort.

On 1 January 2018, the President approved the Joint Resolution No. 1 (JR 1) which authorized the adjustment of MUP base pay and consequent pension indexing to the new rate.

From then on, the PMAAAI would continue supporting and working for the upliftment of the MUP morale and welfare by supporting the Chain of Command in its efforts to provide more benefits for them. It is noteworthy that this recently adopted program of PMAAAI does not involve any cost to the organization at all, save for the few pesos needed for the printing of Board Resolutions and the necessary correspondence to the President and other stakeholders.

Then in 2020, the outbreak of the COVID-19 Pandemic would lead the PMAAAI to donate much-needed personal protective equipment to military and police hospitals.

These efforts are in consonance with the PMAAAI's CY 2020-2025 Strategic Plan which includes among others, the focus in the area of deepening social responsibility by getting involved in nation building programs and participation in making Philippines a better world. Same is unprecedented and additional to the traditional and continuing efforts and activities pertaining to alumni affairs and support to PMA.

B. PMAAAI Efforts in Support to MUP Morale and Welfare Benefits

1. **Pasalamat sa Pangulo** - Then Chairman and CEO (2018-19), Cav Jaime S Delos Santos '69 spearheaded the joint MUP courtesy call on President Rodrigo R. Duterte at Malacanang Palace on 4 October 2018 to thank him for approving JR 1. It was participated by key MUP officials in the Chain of Command and heads of various CONUSA member associations. During the ceremony, the Chairman presented a framed letter to the President, on behalf of all the MUP, active and retired including the veterans and their loved ones, expressing their utmost gratitude for the numerous measures adopted by the President and Commander-in-Chief to promote their morale and welfare foremost of which was his approval of JR 1.
2. **Supported the Prompt Implementation of MUP Pension Indexing in 2019** - On 2 May 2019, Chairman and CEO for 2019-20, Cav Rufo A De Veyra '70 and President Arthur V Bisnar '90, jointly wrote President Rodrigo R Duterte through Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana '73, recommending that the President order the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to generate funds to implement pension indexing in 2019, even in the absence of approved budget for the purpose. Contrary to the customary position of DBM, Senator Panfilo M Lacson '71 advised that the President is authorized, under the Constitution, to order the payment of pension indexing by utilizing unused funds which the President subsequently approved. Hence, by 15 June, the pension indexing was implemented retroactive on 1 January 2019. This initiative by PMAAAI was definitely a big boost to the morale of MUP retirees who had long been anticipating the pension adjustment.
3. **Supported the Resumption of Philippine Constabulary (PC) Veterans' Pension** - On 17 November 2019, Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71, Chairman of the Board, BIRCI (2019-20) wrote DBM requesting

for the issuance of the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) and corresponding Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) amounting to P245.5 million for the pension requirements in the Fourth Quarter 2019 for the 18,651 PC veterans which was unjustifiably withheld by the DBM. Same was favorably endorsed by Chairman De Veyra. The DBM did not reply to the letter; hence, the PMAAAI Board of Directors approved the Board Resolution No. 19-44, approving the letter to the President requesting for the resumption of old age pension of the PC veterans. On 21 January 2020, Cav De Veyra and Cav Aglipay, Outgoing and Incoming Chairman respectively, forwarded the letter to President Duterte through Secretary Eduardo M Ano '83, Department of the Interior and Local Government who in turn, submitted same to the Office of the President. Thus, during a meeting in Malacanang last February, it was decided that withholding the payment of the PC veterans' pension by DBM had no legal basis and should be resumed. The meeting ended with the ceremonial handing of the SARO/NCA by the DBM representative to Cav Aglipay and Undersecretary Ernesto G Carolina '70, Administrator PVAO. The monthly pension for said veterans resumed by February 2020 with all arrears duly paid.

4. **Supported the Entitlement of MUP Retirees to 2018 Pension Indexing Arrears** - On 16 June 2020, Chairman Aglipay wrote President Duterte requesting that he order the DBM to include the amount of P38.4 billion for 2018 pension indexing arrears in the proposed budget for 2021. In 2019, the Department of National Defense and other concerned MUP agencies included the amount needed in their proposed budget for 2020. However, the DBM declined to fund same, alleging that the retirees are not entitled to pension indexing for the duration of the suspension even if it was already lifted effective 1 January 2019. Finally, on 25 August 2020, in a letter to Defense Secretary Lorenzana, the DBM Secretary informed that the issue which DND has also raised was referred to the Department of Justice for opinion which in turn favored the payment of said arrears. DBM further informed that it had included an amount for the purpose in the proposed budget for 2021.

C. Recent Initiatives

1. **Pursued the Amendment of Executive Order No. 201 s 2016** - Pursuant to Board Resolution 19-42, Chairman Aglipay wrote a letter to President Duterte dated 13 October 2020 (Annex A) recommending the amendment of EO 201 so that the MUP in the active service will be entitled to adjustment of base pay and the retirees to pension indexing to the adjusted base pay effective 1 January 2016. By so doing, the injustice bought forth to the MUP by subject EO will finally be rectified.
2. **Pursued the Enactment of a Bill to Rationalize the MUP Retirement and Disability Benefits** - Pursuant to Board Resolution No. 19-43, Chairman Aglipay through his letter dated 13 October 2020 (Annex B), endorsed to Congressman Michael Edgar Aglipay a draft bill that will rationalize/equalize the separation and retirement benefits among the MUP. It seeks to increase the maximum pension in the military from 85 to 90 percent in order to be at par with that allowed for uniformed services personnel. It will allow the military and coast guard retirees to receive in advance and in lump sum their retirement pay for the first five years to be at par with that for retired DILG uniformed personnel. The retirement grade of the CSAFP and Chief PNP shall be one rank higher at Salary Grade 31. Further, the proposed bill will adopt Section 35 of RA 8551 to allow for increased disability benefits for the military and concerned uniformed services personnel, equal to that for DILG uniformed personnel.
3. **Submitted the Proposed Increase of MUP Laundry Allowance to P125** - On 13 October 2020 (Annex C), Chairman Aglipay wrote the President recommending the adjustment of the monthly MUP laundry allowance from P60 for officers and P30 for enlisted personnel and equivalent ranks to a uniform rate of P125, equal to the present entitlement of public health workers.
4. **The Board is also considering the submission of the PMAAAI's position/comments to the Senate Committee on National Defense**

and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation regarding the Senate Bill 1419 or the MUP Separation, Retirement, and Pension Act of 2020 which is sponsored by Senator Bong Go. The salient provisions of the bill include, among others, the following: upon effectivity of the act, pension indexing shall stop; MUP in the active service and new entrants will contribute to their pension through monthly deduction from their base pay and longevity pay; and for new entrants, compulsory retirement shall be at age 65, and optional retirement shall be after 30 years of service but monthly pension will commence at age 60.

D. Donation of Much Needed PPEs to Military and Police Hospitals During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- On 2 May 2020, the PMAAAI donated P1,057,412 worth of personal protective equipment (PPE) to AFP Medical Center, Army General Hospital, Air Force Hospital, Manila Naval Hospital, and PNP General Hospital for their frontliners in the battle against the novel corona virus (Covid-19) who were in desperate need for the PPE due to their initial shortage nationwide. Chairman Aglipay spearheaded the fundraising for the activity which included donations from cavaliers and other donors. It was indeed a very worthwhile project of the PMAAAI in the middle of the pandemic.
- Then on 6 October 2020, the Board further approved the allocation of P1 million for the procurement of PPE's for the frontliners of the AFP, PNP and PCG.

E. Assessment

The recent thrust of the PMAAAI to support the enhancement of the MUP's morale and welfare is a significant milestone as its activities over the years have been focused on alumni affairs only, to include providing various financial assistance to its members as well as support to PMA. Such change


will ultimately be known, felt and appreciated by the men and women in uniform as well as their loved ones. It may also set as example and possibly encourage other MUP associations to follow suit. Ultimately, it will be a source of pride among cavaliers.

So far, the financial cost of said efforts to the Association has been negligible, save for the printing cost of letters to the President and policymakers. The initial unprogrammed donation of PPE to MUP hospitals was financed through voluntary contributions from cavaliers and other sources through the initiative of Chairman Aglipay.

F. Recommendation

The PMAAAI should continue the program of supporting the enhancement of the morale and welfare of the men and women in uniform.

ANNEX A



PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
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13 October 2020

PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE
Office of the President
Malacañang Palace, Manila

Thru:

HONORABLE DELFIN N. LORENZANA
Secretary of National Defense

Dear Mr. President:

This has reference to my previous letter as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc. PMAAAI dated 2 May 2019 (Attachment 1) which among others, recommends the amendment of Executive Order (EO) No. 201 s. 2016 so that the MUP base pay adjustment shall take effect on 1 January 2016. The recommendation is in support to the advocacy of the Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA) for subject amendment through a letter to the President dated 1 July 2016, reiterated through a letter on 1 January 2017, and lastly, through its letter on 8 November 2017.

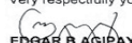
It may be recalled that during the 16th Congress, the Bicameral Committee was not able to reconcile both Houses' versions of the Salary Standardization Law of 2015. The Senate version allowed the indexation of retired MUP pension to the rate of base pay of those in the active service, that of the House did not. Thus, in lieu of an enactment, then President Benigno C. Aquino issued EO 201 which granted provisional allowance and officer's allowance in lieu of base pay adjustment, purposely to deny MUP pension adjustment but at the same time allowing the pension adjustment of retirees in the judiciary and the constitutional commissions. EO 201 was indeed a big let down for the MUP; more so, that it was initiated by their Commander-in-Chief. The deprivation was met with mixed emotion among the ranks: disappointment, sadness, frustration and to a certain extent, anger. The CONUSA in its Position Paper dated 7 November 2017, considers EO 201 "illegal, unconstitutional, unlawful, unduly oppressive and discriminatory against the active and retired military and uniformed personnel."

Thus, Mr. President, we implore you to end such injustice to the MUP. Please help them heal the wound, ease the pain that have lingered in their hearts and minds wrought by EO 201.

Hence, respectfully forwarded for approval by the President is the proposed EO (Attachment 2) amending EO 201 to recompense the MUP active or retired for lost benefits due them in 2016 and 2017. For those in the active service, the benefits include adjustment of longevity pay and other allowances such as flying pay, sea duty pay, and instructor's duty pay that are pegged to the base pay. Meanwhile, beneficiaries of pension indexing to the adjusted base pay include retirees and surviving spouses and qualified dependents among whom are the loved ones of the SAF 44 and those of others killed in action during the siege of Marawi City and Zamboanga City to name a few.


We hope for your kind consideration of the above request.

Very respectfully yours,


EDGAR B. AGLIPAY
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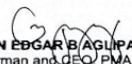
Dear Congressman Aglipay:

On behalf of more than 220,000 retired military and uniformed services personnel (MUP), I have the honor to endorse for enactment of the attached draft bill entitled "AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY BENEFITS OF MILITARY AND UNIFORMED SERVICES PERSONNEL" in order to rectify the disparity of retirement benefits being granted to them as follows:


- Increase maximum pension in the AFP from 85 to 90 percent in order to be at par with that allowed for the uniformed services personnel.
- Allow the military and coast guard retirees to receive in advance and in lump sum their retirement pay for the first five years to be at par with the entitlement of DILG uniformed personnel pursuant to Section 34 of RA 8551.
- Allow the retirement grade for CSAFP and Chief, PNP at SG 31 (one rank higher).

Further, the proposed bill adopts the provision of Section 35 of RA 8551 in order to provide for physical disability benefits that will apply to all MUP.

Very respectfully yours,


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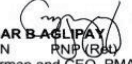
Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all the officers and men of the military and equivalent ranks in the uniformed services (MUP) in the active service, I have the honor to recommend for approval by the President of the adjustment of the monthly laundry allowance of P60 for officers and P30 for enlisted personnel and equivalent ranks, to a uniform rate of P125, effective 1 January 2021. The new rate is equal to the present entitlement of all public health workers. The present rates of MUP laundry allowance have been in effect since 1 January 1998; hence, the need to have them adjusted in order to compensate for the cumulative inflation over more than 22 years.

Should the recommendation merit your kind approval, further recommend that the fund requirement for the increase be chargeable from savings and then included in the annual appropriation effective 2022.

Finally, Mr. President, thank you very much for your continuing support to the enhancement of the morale and welfare of all the men and women in uniform.

Very respectfully yours,


EDGAR B. AGLIPAY
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The Honor Code: Through the Vision of the Long Gray Line

• CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

(Report of PMAAAI Ad Hoc Committee on Honor Code and Honor System)

“Shared values express the essence of an organization. They find expectations, provide alignment, establish foundation for transformation and growth. By emphasizing value, the leader signals what will not change, providing an anchor for people drifting in a sea of uncertainty and a strategic context for decision and action that will grow the organization leadership that begins with values.” In other words, values are the immutable factors that define the greatness and relevance of the institution regardless of the changes in technology, cultural transformation, political and economic cycle”.

– Excerpts from the book of Gen Gordon Sullivan, former US Army Chief of Staff, an outstanding product of ROTC Program and Michael Harper, entitled **Hope is not a Method**.

BACKGROUND

As a general principle, the bedrock of excellence of any institution lies in the adherence of its staff and cadets to a set of commonly accepted values which define their character and guide the development of their competencies. Leadership begins with values which, in turn, is the leverage of change.

The Philippine Military Academy (PMA) as the country's premier military training and educational institution has always been equated with leadership excellence. At the core of the PMA's stellar accomplishment in producing the crème de la crème of national security practitioners is its adherence to the three (3) core values: COURAGE. INTEGRITY. LOYALTY. The second one—INTEGRITY—is about being a person of one word, true and never changing. By being a person of integrity, he/she chooses to constantly uphold LOYALTY to the enduring principle of Service to God, Country and People. This empowers him/her to gain a sense of COURAGE to face all odds in the performance of his/her mission. To translate INTEGRITY into daily practice or way of life, the PMA has come up with the so-called Honor Code/Honor System (HC/HS) which is based on the higher principles as espoused in Service to God, Country and People, and its application in the Profession of Arms and other forms of Service. It is summarized as thus:

- A Cadet Does Not Lie;
- A Cadet Does Not Cheat;
- A Cadet Does Not Steal, and;
- A Cadet Does Not Tolerate Those Who Do.

A few months back, report of an honor violation in PMA appeared in some broadsheets and even the social media. The issue cascaded to the alumni and circulated in many cavalier viber groups. The reaction and comments generated a lot of questions that needed answers.

The burden of facing this issue fell into the hands of Chairman Edgar Aglipay. His decision was to involve every member of the PMAAAI (either individually or collectively per class), find out their position and stand on the honor code/ honor system, in order for the subject to be handled in a professional manner, insulating the PMA from any insidious forces that may capitalize on the issue and discredit our alma mater. Thus, he created an Ad Hoc Committee, approved by the board for the sole purpose of enlightening the whole PMA community, and its stakeholders. I was designated chairman with the following members. Generals Dick de Leon '71, George Piano '78, and Col Sunny Pequiras '77, with the support of the whole PMAAAI Board meeting as resource person.

The first thing that the committee did was to capture the essence of the situation into a problem statement intended to guide the research all throughout. We came up with a simple question: “How relevant and credible is the Honor Code/Honor System?”. We intended to answer this fundamental question by attaining the following objectives:

- To generate information coming from the views, ideas, and mindsets of cavaliers about the Honor Code/ Honor System, across classes, as well as from individual initiatives
- To collate and evaluate the data generated in paragraph 1
- Hence, this has limitations. Issues that require a comprehensive research method can be the subject of another study.

To achieve these objectives, the committee made use of direct testimonies from various classes, as represented by their respective class presidents, individual testimonies, former members of the Honor Committee, Statements shared by the PMA Superintendent, and available reports and studies secured from PMA.

FINDINGS

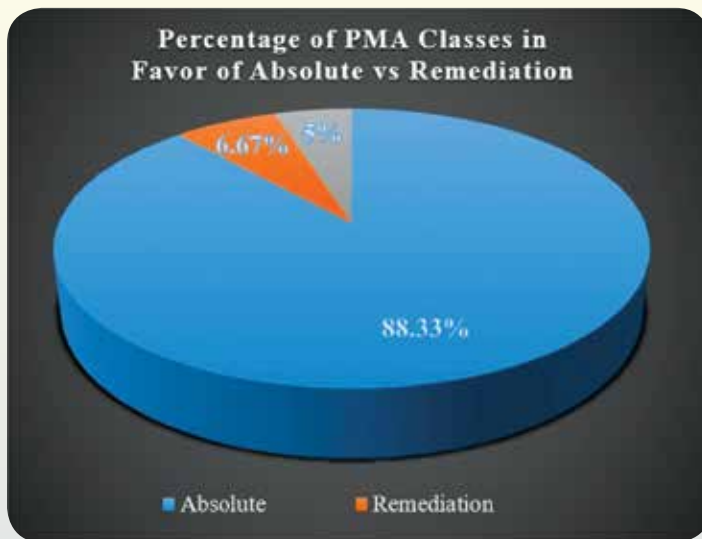


Figure 1 – Overall Result

The PMAAAI thru the Chairman, Cav Edgar Aglipay, convened the Council of Presidents to voice out the sentiments of their respective classes whether they are in favor of the absolute or remediation administered in a simple survey. Sixty out of 69 classes (86.96%) responded to the survey. Based on the results of the survey, an overwhelming 88.33% support the absolute position, whereas only four (4) support remediation or 6.67%, while three (3) or 5% were undecided.

During the course of the research, some comments were raised by the respondents. The comments are as follows:

| On Absolute | On Remediation |
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| It has passed the test of time. | Honor Code is not absolute because it cannot go above its source. |
| It is extraneous to any external political interference. | Remediation must only apply to Fourth Class and Third-Class Cadets. |
| HC/HS being owned absolutely by the cadets cannot be affected, controlled, manipulated nor changed. | Since it is patterned after West Point, and working well, it is about time that the program is applied to PMA. |
| Sovereign contract among members of the cadet corps. | |
| Absolute because it does not give any leeway to other interpretations. | |
| HRP will just embolden cadets to take life on honor, diminishes the value, remediation policy will lead to morale decay. | |

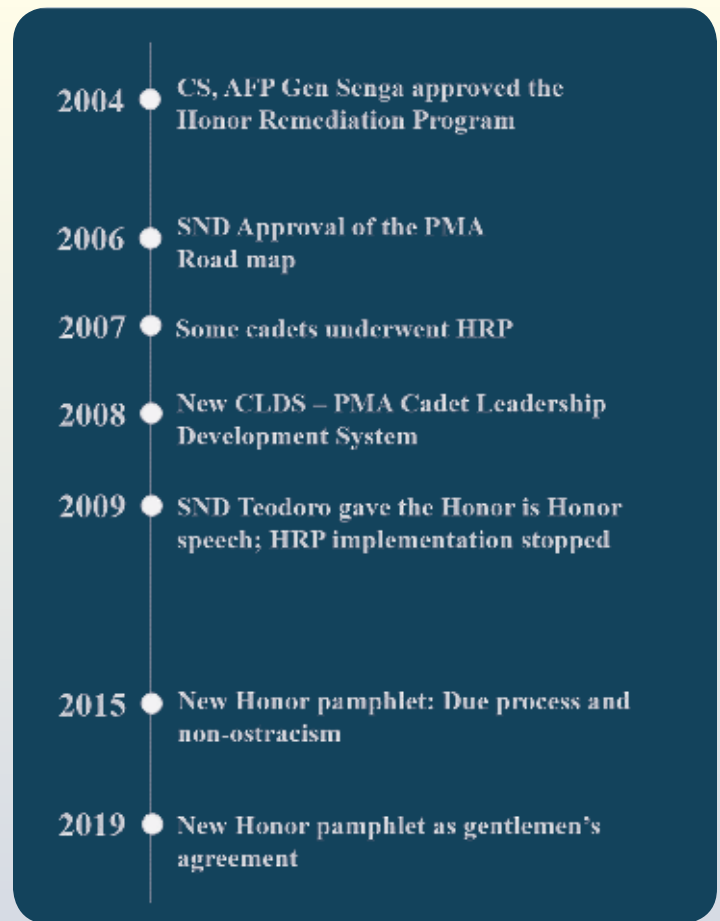


Figure 2 – Important Timelines

Several findings and observations were also taken into account during the course of the Honor Remediation Program:

- Gray area in the HRP emerged
- Qualification for HRP
- Degradation of Honor as lesser than regulation
- Selective use of HRP for favored cadets
- Some remediates did not finish the program
- Need for clearer definitions for aggravating and mitigating factors
- PMA community was not ready to implement
- More feedback system
- 2004-2008 or for a span of four years, the HRP has not achieved traction to indicate that it will succeed.
- These issues are indicators of the quality of leadership, weak management, and administrative capability of PMA. It did not possess as well, the capacity of core competencies, commitment, and budget, during that time.
- It revealed the many imperfections of the program.

- It distorted and disrupted the level playing field in the cadet environment.

One question came up during course of the discussion: What authority did PMA use as a reference after 2015, since former SND discontinued it in 2009?

Another point of interest in the study concerns the result of the survey from classes which were directly exposed to the Honor Remediation Program. The implementation of the HRP during the classes of 2004-2019 seems to have rarely made a dent or significant influence on the concerned classes' acceptance on the said program. Fifteen years from 2004-2019 is a sufficient time to validate the value of remediation program as an option.

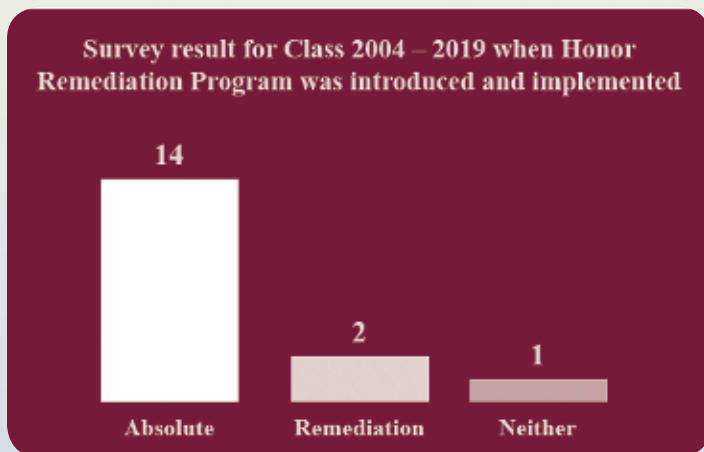


Figure 3 –Results for Class 2004-2019

Several conclusions can be derived from this result:

- The traditional Honor Code/Honor System remains to be an enduring concept; it is immutable. Its efficacy, utility and relevance will outlive the life of PMA.
- The implementation of the Honor Remediation Program has created other second-generation problems and may multiply if the same approach and parameters are used.
- Decisions on the Honor Code / Honor System should not be made in isolation, involve the alumni.
- PMA possesses limited resources, capacities in terms of infrastructure, core competencies, committed mind-set, and budget to change and retool program.
- In light of the above, the Council of Class Presidents in its monthly meeting last August 7 and September 4, 2020 favorably approved this study, and recommends to the higher authorities, the maintenance of the traditional Honor Code/ Honor System. This position paper will be endorsed to SND by Chairman, PMAAAI.

PMA SUPERINTENDENT INITIATIVES

PMA Superintendent, VAdm Cusi submitted a report on the prevailing situation in the Cadet Corps. He reiterated that “the

sanctity and essence of the Honor Code remains the same. He also said that a lot of innocent former cadets have been discharged through the years because of incompetence, gross neglect, failure of the cadets to use their power of discernment and critical thinking skills, apathy, and worst of all—conspiracy amongst the members of the Honor Committee themselves.” The PMA organic faculty and staff identified the following as the justifications for the need to adopt the liberal/developmental position with remediation:

- Buhayan culture
- Dogmatic adherence to the code
- Blind followership
- Flawed view of take life
- Fear of the Honor Code

In order to further discuss the situation, the committee believes that there are several questions that need to be answered:

- How were these conclusions generated?
- Was there a scientific research or study that validated these observations?
- It may be speculative and preposterous that leadership of PMA was wanting at that time when these issues were rampant: they did not prove equal to the challenge. It does not refer to the incumbent.
- These issues were used as a basis to modify the concept of honor. Are there other factors aside from honor. Is honor being used only as a scape goat?

In all fairness, we commend the leadership and sincerity of ADMIRAL CUSI in identifying these issues and taken positive actions.

AFTER THOUGHT – LESSONS IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

During the open forum, PMA Supt VAdm Cusi explicitly stated that remediation will only apply to plebes, this is a welcome development. In fact, the PMAAAI discussion group, considered remediation as part of its agenda. It contemplated on three options, that Remediation either applies to the following time period respectfully: 1) Up to Incorporation Day, 2) end of first academic term, 3) or up to recognition. The group deferred discussion due to lack of material time.

During the course of the study, the committee observed several potential gaps in decision-making which may have led to the situation. While it is evident that the Honor Probation Program formulated under PMA Superintendent Cusi followed a logical and pragmatic framework, the design of the previous iterations of the said program could have benefitted from a more sound and rational decision-making process and could have avoided the following decision-making pitfalls:

Selective Perception Bias - It is not that they can't see the problem - “G. K. Chesterton”

By excluding the alumni group for lack of consultation, PMA selectively organized interpreted events based on solely PMA point of view. Had the PMAAAI been consulted, evidence that contradicted the PMA position would have emerged that will negate their confirmation of the validity of their position. The PMAAAI survey demolishes this selective bias perception. Objectivity is concealed if an issue is not shared to a diverse group of stakeholders, much more the absence of a PMAAAI position. An outsider can see the situation more objectively.

Confirmation Bias - "Most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do." - J I Robinson. The rational decision-making process assumes that we objectively gather information. Information gathered in the remediation program was selective. We seek out information that reaffirms our past choices, and discount information that reaffirms our past. In 2019, VAdm Cusi, identified the following Buhayan culture, Dogmatic adherence to the code, Blind followership, Flawed view of take life and Fear of the Honor Code. These observations were similar to the deficiencies identified in February 2008, it presupposes that the evidence to support a revised Remediation Program were generated and collected from the same group that tended to bring out evidence that more likely to tell us what we want to hear. We discounted information that contradicts past judgment. We are critical and skeptical of information that challenge our views. The PMAAAI, survey again confirms this bias. Ideally, consider information that disconfirms your beliefs.

The decision you make today influence only the future, not the past. Don't pay attention to past losses and costs when making a decision. The failure of the past remediation program is already a sunk cost. Let us not justify our past mistakes and continue to justify the remediation program to save face and avoid admitting to the alumni community that an earlier decision was a failure. This reaffirms that the alumni that the PMAAAI was not consulted.

Clear goals and objectives make choosing a lot easier. "If you don't know where you're going, every round will get you nowhere". Character building is the end all of PMA training and development. The failure to plan ahead has been described as the single greatest impediment to efficient decision-making. One of the justifications advanced to adopt the remediation program was because it was adopted by West Point and found to be working effectively. This was also shared by one class that favored remediation. It implies major part of the program was West Point inspired. Nothing is wrong with this approach if the facts and assumptions were validated consistent with PMA culture and values. This exemplifies that clear objectives were not defined in its adoption. No metrics were formulated to validate its adoptability and effectiveness after a certain period.

Decisions are not made in isolation. There was complete isolation of the alumni, the biggest repository of PMA values and traditions. Decision making is a rational process. To maintain rationality for the long-term, you need to consider the process and systems that are the pre-cursor of the remediation program

personified by the alumni association. The commitment and emotional baggage of the older crop of graduates translated into commitments, facilitates a rational decision-making. Cost is insignificant to openly consult them.

Experience can improve decision. The aggregate alumni group represent a thousand years of experience in various levels and magnitude of character building and honor. Experience is the accumulation of expertise.

We are clouded by the notion that an old practice is no longer responsive. Experience though can reduce the quality of decision when it leads to arrogance, over confidence, and inaccurate perceptions, or when it limits creativity. Some alumni sometimes manifest this negative value and treats underclass as still plebes. To downplay experience reduces the quality of a decision.

REJOINDER

If there is one person that should be commended for opening new horizons about the Honor Code/Honor System, past Superintendent Admiral Allan Ferdinand Cusi stands out from among his peers, subordinates and superiors. He studied and fully understood its concepts and systems, and even challenged the status quo. His accomplishments led the publication of the Honor handbook, the Reinvigorated Honor System, a 104-page book.

It was beyond the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee to even review its value: Furthermore, it does not possess the competence to pass judgement. The study was renamed to Honor Probation Program from the original, Honor Remediation Program. Rebranding created a more reasonable connotation, a tool that mitigates resistance. The Program considers only its application to unrecognized plebes from reception to recognition. The plebes are subjected to all forms of physical, psychological, and mental stresses that burden their rational behavior to think and decide critically, to judge and discern objectively. He needs all the wherewithal to withstand pressure. The Ad Hoc committee views the reinvigorated program to be the harmonizing factor that addresses the gaps and overlaps of the old Honor Remediation Program. Admiral Cusi and team PMA deserve a standing ovation from the Alumni. In fact, during the last Board meeting last 30 October 2020, a resolution was passed and approved commending him in bringing to the attention of PMAAAI, the full spectrum of the Honor Code/Honor System, in its form substance and spirit.

After all what is said and done everything translates to the old cliché, GO BACK TO THE BASICS DUMBGUARD.

Note: This paper is not meant to discredit nor denigrate PMA and its publics. The Adhoc Committee tried to be as objective as possible. It is expected that all concerned will look at it with a positive note in the context of fairness and fair play.

Part of the report includes a separate article entitled IN DEFENSE OF HONOR, an argumentative paper on the PMA HONOR CODE AND SYSTEM. It was not added due to space limitation.



Brotherhood Through Fraternal Organizations

• **CAV EMMANUEL B PERALTA '91**
President, PMAAAI

For every organization, it is imperative that a fraternal association be organized so that its members can have meetings of the minds in an environment of brotherhood, camaraderie and grow together intellectually, physically and develop socially as well.

At present, the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc., has five service chapters while a PMA Retirees Chapter is allotted for Cavaliers who have already retired/resigned in the active service.

Regular and associate members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine Coast Guard and Philippine National Police who are in the active status are automatically listed to belong to their respective chapters. However, any such member who does not belong to any of the five services shall choose which service chapter he would belong.

Meanwhile, PMA Retirees Chapter encompasses those regular and associate members who have retired from or have ceased to be on active duty with the AFP, PCG or PNP.

Members can join only any one of the service chapters or the PMA Retirees Chapter and, at their option, may also join any affiliate foundation and/or any fraternal chapter.

At the end of this article, I will mention the respective officers and directors manning the different fraternal chapters. Let me also cite that we have a newly organized PMAAAI Lapulapu Chapter to cater to Central Visayas. We also have the EastMinCom, WestMinCom, WesCom, and Bicol "Oragon" Fraternal Chapters.

Why do we need to have fraternal chapters? An organization as big as the PMAAAI (as of to date, it has a total membership of 11,200), it really needs to have sub-chapters for the following ideal purposes:

1. To strengthen the bonds of brotherhood among cavaliers and contribute to the rich history and prestige of the PMA.
2. To uphold and defend the Constitution of the Philippines.
3. To contribute to the development of the country and welfare of the people.
4. To promote the general welfare and protect the interest of the members
5. To strengthen the spirit of camaraderie among the members and enhance their professional growth and career advancements.
6. To provide a medium of information that will promote the interest of the Association and the accomplishment of its objectives.

For our way ahead, the PMAAAI plans to conduct an outreach fellowship with cavaliers in the regions to attain above-stated purposes why these fraternal chapters have been organized.

As I mentioned earlier, the following are the hearts and minds of the different service and PMA Retirees chapters:

PMA Retirees Chapter

Chairman – Cav Amado T Espino Jr '72
President - Cav Vidal E Querol '73
Vice-President - Cav Danilo A Abinoja '74
Corporate Secretary - Cav Van D Lusco '75
Treasurer - Cav Joey C Salvacion '76
Auditor - Cav Alejandro T Camagay Jr '77

Other Directors: Cavs Edgar B Aglipay '71, George Q Piano '78, Tristan M Kison '79, Jeofrey R Tupas '80, and Danilo M Servando '81

PA Chapter

President – Cav Victor D Tangawohn Jr '91
Vice President – Cav Pedro C Balisi II '92
Treasurer – Cav Edwin M Mirador '05
Asst. Treasurer – Cav Jennylyn S Tamacay '08
Secretary – Cav Marisol L Fulgosino '12

Asst. Secretary - Cav Joyce J Omac '14
Auditor – Cav Jessie G Bergonia '04
Asst. Auditor – Cav Valentino S Pascua II '10
Athletic Officer – Cav Dexter A Macasaet '95
Asst. Athletic Officer – Cav Jaicris Jan P Mendoza '03

PAF Chapter

Chairman – Cav Elpidio B Talja Jr '90
President - Cav Jeffrey C Hechanova '91
Vice President – Cav Rommel P Roldan '92
Treasurer – Cav Rhosel R Duque '95
Auditor – Cav Alvin M Hate '95
PRO – Cav Peter Adrian E Eslava '99
Secretary – Cav Caesar E Pascua '03
Mother chapter rep – Cav Rey M Bes '91
Mother Chapter Junior Rep. – Cav Owen M Avenido '04

PN Chapter

President – Cav Carlos V Sabarre '91
1st Vice President – Cav Joe Anthony C Orbe '92
2nd Vice President – Cav Peter Jempson De Guzman '93
Secretary – Cav Eden Rose S Esperanza '10
Asst. Secretary – Cav Floriano C Laberinto '10
Treasurer – Cav Carlo T Ligutan '07
Asst. Treasurer – Cav Randy L Peria '10
PRO – Cav King I Uayan '07
Athletic Officer – Cav Anthony S Suguran '07
Female Rep – Cav Arianne Mae Ayanggod '13
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PCG Chapter

President: Cav Robert N Patrimonio '91
Vice President: Cav Artemio M Abu '92
Secretary: Cav Allan Victor Dela Vega '93
Treasurer: Cav Hostillo Arturo Cornelio '95
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Didn't Helen Keller, a famous American author, say: *Alone we can do little, together we can do so much?*"



Lt Padua (3rd from right) with other female instructor pilots in the PAF Flying School.



How Femme Cavaliers Birthed to Alpha Women of the PAF

• CAV SHINE BERNARDEZ '15

The passage of Republic Act No. 7192 granted women in the Philippines equal access to the service academies such that in April 1993, the first batch of female cadets was accepted by the Philippine Military Academy. The number of female cadets accepted has since been limited to not more than five percent of the total number of cadets entering the Academy at any one time until such limitation was lifted ballooning the number of female cadets. In 2017, there were 66 female graduates and Class of 2018 holds the record of having the most female graduates for a total of 75 female cadets where 19 joined the Philippine Air Force (PAF), the biggest number so far. Since then, almost 700 women have graduated from the PMA and there had been five female valedictorians from classes 1999, 2003, 2007, 2017 and 2019.

Since women were accepted in the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) in 1993, the first PMA women graduates who joined the Philippine Air Force came from the PMA “Kalasag-Lahi” Class of 1997. Only two of the first seven females to graduate from the country’s premier military institution joined the PAF who later graduated as pilots from the Philippine Air Force Flying School (PAFFS) Class of 1999 - the then 2Lt Maria Consuelo Nunag-Castillo and 2Lt Aileen B Somera.

The two continued on in the service where Colonel Castillo achieved so many “firsts” for women in the military by becoming the first PAF female pilot of the UH-1H Huey Tactical Helicopter, first female Presidential pilot of the Bell 412 Helicopter under the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing and the first female PAF officer to be sent to prestigious US Air Force Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base to undergo Squadron Officers Course.

As for Maj Aileen Somera-Reyes, she was an Instructor Pilot of the Philippine Air Force Flying School and has become very

instrumental in producing high-caliber pilots before she retired from the service and is now happily living a simple yet fulfilling life as a full-time wife and mother.

From then on, these distinguished lady officers together with the other PAF Female Pioneers greatly inspired Filipino women who chose military careers, of which many served with distinction to their people and country. The Philippine Air Force has given fair opportunities regardless of gender that can be seen evidently as more and more female cavaliers perform different roles such as pilot, Maintenance Officer, Air Weapons Controller, Intelligence Officer, Logistician, Women’s Right Advocate, UN Peacekeeper Delegate, Legal Officer, Finance officer, Mentor, and International Military Affairs Officer among others.

Female power is obviously felt not only in the PAF but also in the Armed Forces of the Philippines where several PAF female officers also perform key positions. Col Maria Cristina O Basco, for instance, holds the record being the first Commander of the AFP International Military Affairs Center (AFPIMAC) since its activation last 2019.

Maj Marjorie Mukay-Sia, a member of the PMA Class of 2005, was also the first female to be certified as pilot-in-command for the Philippine Air Force who flew the C-130 aircraft from Tucson, Arizona all the way to the Philippines. This marked the first time that a woman PIC of Philippine C-130 flew a trans-Pacific flight. Her other equally awesome mistakes had their own achievements - LtC Dydge Hallar-Matienzo became the first female Pilot-In-Command of C-295 and LtC Carol Ena Sabijon-Santos was the first female Squadron Commander of the 101st Primary Pilot Training Squadron which had only male commanders until her designation.



Lt Padua as instructor Pilot of 2Lt Janoras during one of her instructional flights. (Janoras is another cavalier mentioned in the article.)

Women empowerment of cavalier graduates in the PAF pushed young bloods to reach the standards of excellence established by the femme forerunners. The first McMicking award given to a woman for getting the highest rating in all phases of flying in the conduct of Military Pilot Training was given to 2Lt Realyn G Janoras of Class 2018. Also, the first VICENTE RIVERA AWARD given to a female was accorded to 1Lt Danica Jane T Padua of Class 2016 for obtaining the highest over-all rating in Instrument Flying in the conduct of MPT Class. Furthermore, 2Lt Catherine Mae Gonzales of Class 2017 became the first female aviator from the PAF to be selected for the Aviation Leadership


Program (ALP), a United States Air Force scholarship program which provides undergraduate pilot training with the T-6A Texan II aircraft as well as flight operations ground training.

Evidently, the role of female PAF officers has evolved over the years. They have shaped an immeasurable space where women are confident to build on their potentials, enhance their skills, and make their own choices – without being disrespected or unfairly treated by society. They continuously create change to show other women that they can and they have all it takes to be a great leader. The contributions of female PAF officers has helped other women of the AFP to be geared and honored to our institution’s growth and mission accomplishment.

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1Lt Padua was pinned the Rivera Award by the then DOTC Secretary Vicente Rivera Jr, for obtaining the overall highest rating in all instrument flights of MPT2017B.



Cadet



Chief of Staff, AFP

Gen Manuel T Yan, soldier and diplomat

• CAV RAMON J FAROLAN '56

In the Philippines, we have three national holidays honoring specific Filipino heroes: August 21 marks the assassination of Ninoy Aquino at the Manila International Airport in 1983. November 30 commemorates the birth of Andres Bonifacio in Tondo, Manila in 1863. And December 30 memorializes the execution of Jose Rizal at the Luneta in 1896.

All three were killed by fellow Filipinos.

This Friday marks the death anniversary of one of the most respected men to ever wear the uniform of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. For many of us in the military, he was our North Star.

Manuel Yan started his military career as a young high school graduate from Arellano High School, joining the Philippine Military Academy class of 1941. At the PMA, he was a “star – man” during his second and first class years, the five-pointed star on the collar of his dress uniform an emblem of academic excellence. As a senior cadet, he served as the chairman of the Honor Committee and was also the editor-in-chief of the Corps Magazine, two positions that I also held during my cadet days some 25 years later. On graduation day, Manuel Yan received the Presidential Saber, symbol of superiority in combined academic work and military training from Vice President Sergio Osmena, the commencement speaker. In finishing at the top of his class, Yan became one of the few to accomplish this feat as a high school graduate. The First Captain of the class, or

Baron, was Cadet Abelardo Mondonedo. He would receive the Chief of Staff saber.

Manuel Yan at the age of 48, became the youngest AFP chief of staff, serving in this position for four years. As AFP chief of staff, he was known to be a considerate boss who was concerned with the personal health of his assistants. His aide-de-camp, then Captain Emiliano “Mitch” Templo, related how on one occasion when suffering from gastro-intestinal problems, he decided to call in sick. Hours later, Gen Yan was on the line, inquiring about his health and recommending complete rest. Templo was so embarrassed he decided to report for duty the following day, even though he still felt weak. In a service that is more commonly known for tough-talking men, using all kinds of cuss words like “goddamit”, or “bullshit”, Yan was the exception. When he was upset by the failures and stupidities of subordinates, the harshest words from him would be “By golly!”. On one occasion while visiting the troops in the south, he was made to wait by the late arrival of a member of the party. Not a word of reprimand was uttered. Of course, we know that silence can sometimes be more painful than a good bawling out.

Upon retirement from the armed forces, Gen. Yan started his foreign service career as ambassador to Thailand. This was followed by another stint as ambassador to Indonesia. When President Cory Aquino sent me to Jakarta following the EDSA Revolution, I found myself in the difficult position of following in his footsteps. Considering that prior to Gen.

Yan, my father was also the ambassador to Indonesia, it was like stepping into the shoes of two giants. I lived in their homes; I worked in their offices and I quickly realized that they had something in common—they were loved by the community they served. Ambassador Yan would end his diplomatic service as Philippine envoy to the United Kingdom.

In 2008, De La Salle University honored him with a Doctorate of Humanities, Honoris Causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a military man and his dedicated service to the Filipino people. In response, Ambassador Yan spoke of the lessons and insights that he had gained as a peace negotiator. He said that peace negotiations are not necessarily bargaining processes all the time, but a mutual search for solutions to problems and concerns that affect not just the rebel groups but the government and country as a whole. We should look on negotiations as problem-solving rather than bargaining processes. We must also keep in mind that at the core of every peace process is the issue of trust and it must begin with each side developing a common understanding of each other’s positions. These negotiations must be supported by an effective method of consultation with the people.

In the end, he said “This is the only country that we have; we must take care of it through a perpetual search for peace.”

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

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

CLASS CALL



AMANTE S BUENO
President
BIENVENIDO G GOROSPE
Secretary

LOCKDOWN, LOCKDOWN. With everybody locked down by COVID19, what activity is there to report?

Well, we will write about INACTIVITY. Sammy Ramos and Gopeng Gorospe are connected to cable TV, particularly SKYCABLE. Ours has 77 channels to choose from, including broadcasts from the US, Japan, India, South Korea, China, France and Australia. The Home Box Office (HBO) channel has a line-up of about 100 films. So with China's CGTN. Add 19 local channels and you have enough TV shows to pin you down to your sofa for four hours or more between meals.

Lumalapad na ang puwit sa kakaupo.

By the way, Nene Ramos has just left for California to be with her son Bobbie.

Pike Depakakibo and Joe Sorreta are similarly situated. Besides, Pike cannot walk without his sarokod (cane).

In spite of the LOCKDOWN, Joe Sorreta has a diversion. He manages his farm in Catanduanes through a local guy. His little rice field, coconut grove, and mahogany trees are thriving. And the chickens are happy. Cluck, cluck.

A week ago, super typhoon Rolly devastated Catanduanes. It blew away the roof of Joe's house, shook the coconuts, and uprooted Joe's mahogany trees. Joe donated the trees which the locals sawed into lumber. The locals and the chicks are happy. Cluck, cluck, cluck.

In his 3-storey Valle Verde house, Dony Guzman has two Steinway pianos facing each other. Seated at the center, he simultaneously plays a boogie piece with his left hand and a Tchaikovsky concert with his right hand, causing the confused doves outside to fly away.

Well, actually one is on the ground floor and the other one is on the 2nd floor. They serve as room decorations such as the flower vase on our table. Being a nuclear scientist, Dony has explosive ideas.

Emi and the three kids live in Germany. Like MIA, the airports there are closed. So for the meantime she and Dony get in touch by virtual hocus pocus.

HiTop Antipolo is not affected (so far) by the virus. Still, Mante and Glo stay at home because it is unsafe to travel to the Metro.

Besides, our monthly PMA First Four meeting at Camp Aguinaldo, of which Mante is one of the four rotating presidents, is on hold. To accommodate the group seated at a social distance of one meter apart, we need a room larger than the usual venue (Close Mess).

Most of us are in their 90s. Pretty soon, time will dissipate membership to zero. Already, Cavs Mamerto Bocanegra '53, Franciso San Miguel '51, and Clemente Brazil '52 have reported to St. Peter.

Gopeng's Half-Truth: A committee is a bunch of people who gather to blah blah a lot of nonsense for the benefit of having a free lunch.

And Full-Truth: A committee is a group of experts who convene to discuss an important issue for the benefit of a corporate/government entity.

See you later, folks. But first, wear your face mask. **/gopeng**



SALVADOR M MISON
President
VANGIE P RIVERA
Secretary

On class activities

Since the last issue of the Cavalier, wherein we reported the sad news on the untimely passing of our classmate Abe Baladad last July, there is nothing new to report on the class. Every member has remained where they are, at home, presumably strong and healthy, except Tante Ochoco who has remained confined in the hospital, in VMMC, for several years now. We have not held any class meeting, or any gathering, because of the pandemic.

The class officers have continued to hold on to their respective positions, and perform their duties as such.

On PMA Class 55 Foundation matters

As reported earlier, the annual membership meeting and election of the PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc., supposed to have been held on the 3rd Sunday of March, as provided for in the Bylaws, was not held, due to the pandemic.

The members of the board and the officers have remained in their respective positions, on a hold-over capacity. Buddy Mison is still president, Johnny Sanchez, vice president, Ros Alquiza, corporate secretary, and Bing Miranda, treasurer. Members of the board are Rene Tanseco, Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Binky Regalado-Ordenez, Aaron Allanigue and Alan Munoz.

Last June 2020, the Foundation donated to the Veterans Memorial Medical

Center (VMMC) P100,000.00, through the PMAAAI, for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for use of its personnel. This is in accordance with the Foundation's purpose of providing financial assistance to its members for their medical needs through VMMC and other medical facilities.

Lately, the Class Foundation finally received from BIR its approved tax exemption certificate, through the kind effort of Ms Mabel Galano, an employee of the PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI), who is also serving as the Foundation's accountant, without any additional pay. The Class Foundation funds amounting to about P9 million continued to be invested in AFPSLAI and in AFPFCMPC. / **Ros Alquiza**





FORTUNATO C CORACHEA
 President
LEVY M MALTO
 Secretary

With the COVID pandemic still hovering over us, our movements are controlled and very limited. Before you get out of your house, you ask yourself, if it is safe to proceed to your destination and weigh the chances of being infected. Everybody fears the covid resulting in a general trend to stay home and play safe. For the retirees, these lessened movements and on-confined status mean savings and plenty of rest that could prop-up your health to A-1 condition. The adverse effect, however, is to be lonesome, missing your relatives and friends, the most intimate of whom are your mistahs.

This year, two of the class 18 survivors (out of 51 graduates) have reached 90 years old with Mike Aparri celebrating his birthday last 7 May and Ching Corachea on 14 October. Due to the covid lock down, both are excused from giving a boodle fight for their bday celebration. Nelia Lopez, the widow of the late BGen Jose Lopez, had passed away last September due to a heart problem, not covid-connected.

Levy Malto have resigned as Treasurer of the Class effective 13 October 20 due to health reasons. After ably managing the class fund for more than 20 years, he was able to save PHP 1,224,335.21 which he had turned over to the class prexy, Ching Corachea. Levy is the class errand man in our retired years. He is also the class record holder of having undergone the most number of surgical operations which started with his ventricular bypass in Houston Texas in the 1990s. He had been equipped with a pacemaker embedded in his breast to synchronize his heartbeat which had already been changed a few times. As could be gleaned from his present state, he is in bad shape forcing him to give up his class duties to get well. As of 30 October 20, his eldest son Rene told some survivors that his dad is ok and recovering nicely.

The class fund has been decided to be distributed among the class 18 survivors at PHP 77,645.95 each, as advanced abuloy since nobody would like to take custody of and distribute it whenever needed. Every survivor was informed to get their checks at AGFO, Camp Aguinaldo on 30 October 20. Since not all came, Mel Goyena followed up the following: (1) By long distance call to Baguio, Balong Arevalo, (the class record holder of the most number of 11 children and the Alumni record holder of having five sons as Peemayers) happily responded to

send one of his sons to get his check. When asked how is he doing, he said that he is okay, but his legs ached often times. Asked why, his answer was: *"From too much squat jumping as a plebe"*; (2) A maid answered Mel's call to the residence of Guzz Mateo. When asked if Guzz is there, she answered "yes". When asked if Mel could talk to him, she said "No". Why? She answered: *"Nasa kama po, hindi makabangon"*. *Si misis nandiyan? Answer: Nandito po. Puede bang makausap? Sandali po.* With Lolit Mateo on the phone, she was informed to get Guzz's check in AGFO, but she said: "I can't". Why? *"Arthritis, grabe. Puede bang driver?"* Answer: *"Puede, bigyan mo lang ng note."*

Our Class President, Ching Corachea is looking for a replacement of Levy, but no body wants to volunteer, simply because at 86 years old and above, it's very hard to do normal chores - like putting on your pants and shoes and tying shoe laces (you've to sit down and painstakingly do these rituals).

All the 18 class survivors are in varied conditions living their passing existence alone with their wives and if lucky an unmarried son or daughter. The rest of their children are on their own raising their respective families to perpetuate the specie, now with many children who doesn't know that their Lolo was once a dumb guard in Loakan.



EDUARDO R ERMITA
 President
TAGUMPAY R JARDINIANO
 Secretary

Did we really need a reminder to review, how we have been managing our lives especially during our senior? This question comes to mind when the Covid 19 pandemic phenomenon came early this year, which caused the extreme measures such as the lockdown imposed in March. As we move

towards the Christmas, the more we feel the deprivations to everyone who has been accustomed to the usual Christmas merriments since we reached the age of reason through serious recollections with confined in our homes, the families continue to strengthen themselves to avoid the



pandemic. Maganda at masarap din pala magkakasama sa bahay ang buong familia. Pero meron ding downside----more use of the air condition units with more people watching tv and other gadgets that use electricity, hence more consumption and higher electricity bill. Onchie mendoza who is on wheel chair at home, had this say to mistah I move around the house and always ended on my way to our bedroom where the tv is set up. Then when I look around I find myself facing the wall and suddenly realize the effect of boredom because I thought, that if I spoke facing the wall, I might get a reply from the wall, then that would not be good. He laughed with much gusto. A few of the wives of our classmates asked if we are planning a gathering, our Christmas party.

sounded off a few and got valued reactions such as "siguro huwag na lang may Covid pa up to December," other said siguro pwde na. Lets just observe precautions in following Covid protocols like proper hygienic practices of wearing mask and face shield and social distancing. So I reminded them just to await for any policy announcements about gathering during the Christmas holidays. The head of the Inter-Agency Task Force (AITF) on Covid, Gen Charlie Galvez, advised us to await for development this issue is something that we should take seriously. But whatever the condition come Christmas time, we are wishing everyone a very Happy and Merry Christmas. Good Lord, take good care of ourselves, may He continue to shower us with His blessing, a simple family gathering

at home is suggested. We salute our fellow cavaliers, both at the higher echelon and lower level of the command structure for their crucial role in addressing the pandemic under President Duterte's guidance. They are in the forefront and exposed. We are glad that the Commander-In-Chief no less, has that much trust and confidence in them. Mabuhay cavaliers! The importance given in the last issue of the Cavalier by the Chairman of PMA Alumni Association on behalf of the association is most commendable. Congratulations, Cavalier Egay Aglipay, and the Editorial Board of The Cavalier Magazine.

Again, to one and all, here is wishing you the best during the Holiday Seasons and a prosperous and more fruitful New Year.



ORLANDO B SALIENTES
President

It has been more than six months that Class 1960 or its EXCOM have not met. Aside from reporting that nobody in the class has died or succumbed to Covid-19, I don't have anything to report. I will therefore write about the love story of Jun and Lenny Balbas which she is writing about piece by piece in her Facebook Wall.



A few years into their marriage when the two children came Lenny realized that the meager pay of a marine combat officer

was not going to give their children a good start in life. At an advanced age, she went back to school and graduated as a nurse. She migrated to the USA with their two children. She made a good life for them there. After Jun retired from the military service, Jun joined his family in America. It soon became obvious that Jun was not happy there. Lenny allowed Jun to go back to the Philippines, build a house, and live here. Jun would regularly visit the family in America. After Jun died, Lenny came back to the Philippines. I have a feeling she will stay here in country. She will probably visit her children and grandchildren in America now and then. WELCOME HOME CATALINA BALBAS. /LC Abadia



MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary
JUANITO R RIMANDO
Class Historian

We are still in the COVID 19 pandemic. Though the situation has improved somewhat, the National Capital Region is still on GCQ. Super seniors like us are still prohibited to leave their homes for non-essential reasons. Our social life, our regular get-togethers, meetings, meriendas, and lunches among classmates have been curtailed since March. Yet we have managed to get in touch with each other through the social media, the internet, and the ever handy cell phone or telephone. Among those who exchange banter and post pictures of their activities in Facebook are Willy Cruz, Al Lumibao, Amaury Evangelista, Paco Atayde,

Mau Soriano, Lita Pacheco, James Ramon, Freddie Filler, Hazel Dauz, Zonia Galvez, Charlie Tanega, Buddy Almagro, Kit Carreon, Luz and Quintin Alcudia, Gerry Flores, Joel Hinlo, Glo'w Fernandez, and class '62 children. Oh yes, the class has already a Viber Class '62 chat group – PMA CLASS 62. Here class notices are sent to classmates. Views on current issues are also discussed. And nice to know and other interesting pictures, videos, or happenings are posted. For those who are not still part of the group, get in touch with Ms. Rose Blaquera of the class secretariat for your inclusion. Last 9 October, class president Nano Mariano, vice-president Tito Rimando, and other classmates participated in a PMAAAI National Membership Consultative meeting regarding the cadet honor system where they discussed issues and current developments of the honor code and system. The PMA superintendent VAdm Allan Cusi also gave his comments amidst the situation prevailing in the Academy.

The class continues to pray for those who are in sick bay. Ray Logan is still confined

at VMCM and according to his son Raymund, he is getting better. Benjie Valenton is at the Asian Medical Center and her daughter SanJ says he is now doing OK. Geraldine, the doctor daughter of Nano, has been released from St. Luke's Medical Center and is recovering at home. The class continues to pray for the health of all classmates and the recovery of those who are ill.

The memories of our last Christmas reunion at Cucina de Francesco at the St. Padre Pio Centre sponsored by Mon Rodriguez still lingers. It is a forlorn hope that we could still have one this year. Whether we have a much longed for gathering or not, we greet our birthday celebrants for October, November, and December a "VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" The celebrants here and in heaven: For October – Paco Atayde, Nick Conde, Nic Custodio, Willy Reotutar, Chico Pacheco, Quintin Alcudia, Manny Lopez, Mike Hinlo, Ray Logan, Juliet Flores, Brigida Estrella, Terry Domalaon, Aila de Ocampo, Sonnie Ocampo, Carmen Tiburcio, Rio Hinlo, Glo'w Fernandez, and Cecil Silverio. For November

– Oca Florendo, Budge Madamba, Rock Maniago, Ted Yabes, Custer de Castro, Ed Fernandez, Nani Jover, Jun de Ocampo, Merle Deinla, Becky Salimbangon, Nene Misa, Lizzie Mendoza, Nelia Evangelista, Helen Custodio, Becky Florendo, and Mau Soriano. For

December – Gerry Kagaoan, Gil David, Willy Cruz, Joel Hinlo, Armand Agbayani, Ruben Cruz, Harry Lorenzo, Tom Misa, Ed Ocampo, Felix Tong, Bro Villabroza, Remy Tigulo, Zeny Tong, Chiquita Cruz, Esther Lorenzo, Linda Fontanilla, Ting Yabes, Heidi Rimando, Zonia

Galvez, and Griselda delos Reyes.

Despite the pandemic, the class looks forward to 2021 with optimism. A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! (JRRIMANDO)



Greetings from the Matindi Class of 1963!

Lone Logbook Entry:

The only event in the last quarter of the year was the PMAAAI National Membership Consultative Meeting held via Zoom last 9 October 2020 attended by our Class President, Bill Ruiz and the Class Secretary, yours truly.

Amnesty Program for Unpaid Lifetime Membership Dues:

In the light of the current financial situation brought about by the pandemic, the PMAAAI Board approved the granting of an Amnesty Program for Unpaid Lifetime Membership Dues for the following reasons.

1. To help affected Cavaliers restore their membership in good standing.
2. An opportunity for more Cavaliers to get benefits due them from the Association.
3. For PMAAAI to improve its finances.

The amnesty is effective from 01 October 2020 to 31 March 2021.

As present, there are 1,559 members who are not in good standing/haven't paid their lifetime membership dues.

If you are a member of Class 1986 to 2020 you are supposed to pay 12K. From

Class 1981 to 1985-14K, Class 1980 to 1976-16K and Class 1975 to 1958-18K.

With the approved amnesty those members who haven't paid their lifetime dues from Class from 1958 to 1985 will only have to pay a flat rate of 12K. This will include your membership fee of 2K for the BIRC. For those coming from Class 1986 to 2020 will only pay 8K.

The PMAAAI Board enjoined all its Class Presidents to encourage their Mistahs who have not paid their lifetime membership dues to take advantage of the amnesty.

"Our attitude determines our attitude in life."

This world belongs to the brave. We may be living through an epic battle of a different kind but our faith, unwavering strength, acceptance, creativity and adaptability found its way in each of us the will to thrive over survival these past several months in quarantine. Count your blessings no matter what size. Always be grateful.

Some things will never change yet, change in itself is constant. We will always have memories of the pre-pandemic to keep in our minds and hearts but it is imperative for us to keep going forward with this new normal. At some point in our lives and in some situations, it would be the best option to let go, and let God and move on graciously most of all.

During my days as a PRC board examiner for Electronics and Communications Engineering after my retirement, a little over 20 years ago, I would mention in speeches during the oath taking ceremonies or Institute of Electronics Engineers of the

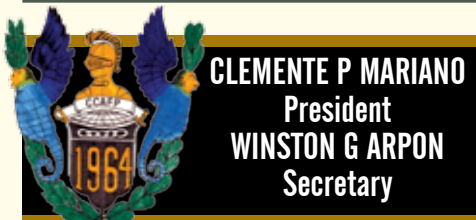
Philippines (IECEP) conventions that, in due course all forms of communications would be done over the length and breadth of the information superhighway, right at the palm of your hand, in every nook and cranny.

How time flies! Here we all are catching up, offering encouraging words or inspirational insights, as well as sharing vital information, stories, photos and videos through our electronic gadgets most especially our phones. It is just so convenient connecting and communicating with family and friends wherever we are. Who would have thought the ordinary things we do such as meetings, conventions, business transactions and even our doctor's appointments would take place virtually these days.

In our current situation, we may find comfort, company, entertainment and just about everything we need thru the internet. Be that as it may, nothing can ever replace face to face and on-site interactions because it is more natural for us being social creatures of habit as it ignites and engages our senses. When push comes to shove, everything we are experiencing at present whether it may be good, bad, happy or sad, will be another memory to look back likewise.

I raise my glass for the best days ahead and give my snappiest salute to all the everyday heroes in our lives for choosing to great action and making a difference each day.

For now, may we all remain hale and hearty most especially with holidays underway and beyond. From our class to yours, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year! (18121605)



For starters, items culled and lifted from the Notes of the Class President, Thank You, Clem. Notes on his current constituency - at 35, a small number to begin with 56 years ago, now reduced even further over time to a precious few, with the departure of 20 to the Great Beyond - erstwhile Class Secretary Orly Cabanlig, the most recent,

passing just the previous month (see Class Call, The Cavalier, July-September 2020). And before him: Dick Alqueza; Valong Arevalo; Dodong Ariosa; Danny Bangit; Terry Bas; Sammy Cortez; Jun Cruz; Ben Danao; Sammy Farre; Buddy Hocson; Manny Ison; Eric Miraflores; Abe Paray; Eric Pilapil; Gerry Ruiz; Nonong Saludares; Mike Santos; Paul Sencil; TikboyTiqui.

Quoted verbatim from those Notes of Clem, with a few editions, additions here and there by the Class Secretary (if only for one reason - with this as only the second Class Call under his belt, to earn his keep and avoid the ignominy of being fired from a pro bono job):

- Terry de la Cruz back home, recuperating,

more prayers for him; as in the hospital, getting doses of TLC, Tender Love and Care, from his OAO Ellen.

- Billy Villareal enjoying his terrace, rocking his chair, with or without OAO Beth for company.

- Clem Mariano, not to be outdone by Billy, his Alpha company mate and Vice Chief of Staff at GHQ in an earlier life, in his easy chair, glued to You Tube, fishing Vlogs, tired of months of Netflix - all to the delight of his knees that were not exactly happy with Clem's strenuous days on the badminton court.

- Rey Reyes, Class VP, not following our President's choice of free time, adamantly



@ Malarayat Golf & Country Club
Rey Reyes, Arfs Arpon
and Rene Garcia with
Upple Bob Manlongat '63
(3rd from left)



@ VICTORIA's GARDEN
Vicky, Sandy, Rey, Bob &
Arfs (Rene Garcia,
behind the camera)

resistant to Netflix, preferring instead to drive OAO Sandy, his "boss," between their two homes in Lipa and Nuvali in Sta Rosa, and occasionally golfing and gulping with Rene Garcia and Arfs Arpon.

- Ding Odoño actively pursuing against all odds his pet advocacies, under the banner of PSB, Para sa Bayan; writing his views on critical national issues of the day and sharing them with the powers-that-be, including SND Del Lorenzana '73 and other fora, notably, the Philippines Daily Inquirer that has seen fit to publish several of his well-crafted, well-written Letters to the Editor.
- Nothing heard from Santy Bunoan, Buddy Peran, among the nine RP residents and also blank on the remaining six regular member classmates in the North American continent that includes Paddy Padilla in Canada (Very easy to count, so few).

To add to Clem's Notes above, the following tidbits:

- The regular Class 64 Fellowship Golf has been resumed, starting in October where Rey Reyes, Rene Garcia and Arfs Arpon together with Bob Manlongat '63, played a round of golf at Malarayat Golf and Country Club, followed by lunch at the home of Arfs and Vicky a.k.a. VICTORIA's GARDEN, a day before birthday of Arfs who, when asked his age, remains consistent with his response: I am over 50. Five days earlier, Rey Reyes, a fellow Libran, celebrated his 78th birthday,

in COVID19-style, with family and friends (A surprise by daughter Bambi and son-in-law Joe Eric '94; Class 64 adopted son Jim Vandevoort USNA '03 with wife Vanessa and friend Timmy brought the "R" cake).

- The next Monthly Fellowship Golf is set for November 20th, Rene Garcia, by unanimous choice, is the Coordinator for this and future monthly golf outings.
- In Baguio City, Jimmy Valeros (the only lawyer among a number of ex-future lawyers in the class, is close to the concluding chapters of his auto-biography; the title, "Coming Home," author Jimmy in his Introduction, makes a strong case for this choice, although Arfs Arpon, kibitzing as usual, hopes that an alternate title he has proposed, "The Stowaway," is still in play.
- Rene Garcia, reliving his cadet days as a cross country runner of note, is keeping fit with his regular early morning 4-km run every Saturday @ Better Living Subdivision, followed by breakfast at his front yard, made heartier by the presence of wife Nida; his photo album growing with photos he takes each week and sharing them with others in social network
- Guzi and Emmet de Guzman, with lawyer-daughter Eileen, are

now where they intend to spend Christmas this year - Texas. Guzi has recovered well after his surgery, irradiation and chemo - praise the Good Lord - already swinging his clubs preparing for the Class 64 Golf Fellowship when they finally get back home.

(Photos courtesy of and thanks to Reliables Rey and Rene) @waga, cc64-2004



Lunch after Golf
Vicky and Winston
hosting



Rey Reyes celebrating
birthday with Family and
Friends



Rey Garcia, well
deserve breakfast with
wife Nida after his
regular 4-km Saturday
morning run



MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Magpapasko o marahil lampas na, paglabas ng siping ito ng Cavalier Magazine (Oct-Dec). Dahil sa COVID 19, walang masyadong sosyal na pagtitipon na gagawin ang mga miyembro ng Class 1966. Ang huli ay ang Tanay Adventure na naitala sa July-September issue.

ALL SAINTS/SOULS DAY

Even our traditional yearly homage to our classmates who went ahead into the next life, usually done late October of each year, did not push through. Anyway, there will be other times when we will renew this tradition.

We, nevertheless dedicate this issue to our departed classmates – by enumerating their names so that as we read them, their memories will come back to us. To the following classmates – we have not forgotten you:

Jose Agudelo, Benjamin Alamon, Renato Alba, Andres Alquiza, Carlos Atienza, Calixto Banana, Napoleon Baylon, Mario Baltazar (USNA), Franklin Besecker (USMA), Rodolfo Bondoc, Alfonso Cagurangan, Renato Capili, Jesse James Catral, Benbenuto Corpuz, Fermin Cuison, Rene Dado, Renato Domingo, Saturnino Domingo, Juan De Leon, Joseph Espina, Rogelio Fernandez (USMA), Hernani Figueroa, Tirso Gador, Teogenes Gonzales, Enrico Javier, Jose Lachica, Rafael Leon, Hernando Lopez, Mamerto Maddela, Juan Mamorno, Victor Mayo, Joselin Nazareno, Victor Obillo, Antonio Paginag, Renato Pascual, Roy Papa, Santos Payumo, Baltazar Regalado, Angelo Reyes, Rolando



Roque, Camilo Santos, Arturo Tagamolila, Lucio Teleg, Gerardo Verder.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our traditional Christmas Program may not also take place because of quarantine restrictions on parties. Anyway, the spirit will live on - through greetings, and when possible sending gifts through deliveries. We can thus relive past Christmas memories, and the old pictures below might do it.

SMALL MEETINGS

There are, however, small get-togethers during these past months. The ladies, in particular, usually meet, although in small

number, at the St Michael Parish Church at Bonifacio Global City and have breakfast after mass. On a few occasions, some morning walkers meet for coffee.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Our class call however, does not forget birthday celebrators. Let us greet them. Although belatedly, Happy Birthday!

October – Mar Antonio (25), Viusy Daus (20), Roy Nicolas (24), Edd Santos (10).

November – Ces Bello (29), Ben Espejo (09), Louie Fernande (23), Doming Hontucan (05).

December – Conri Bruce (04).



ANSELMO S AVENIDO JR
President
RUFINO G IBAY JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. Had we been allowed by COVID, the following Dimasupil Monthly Forums (DMF) would have been held for the September - November 2020 period:

September - To be hosted by Romy and Merle Odi and family.

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

November - To be hosted by Cords and Myrna Cordero, Ben and Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Vic and Evelyn Villacorta.

B. If allowed by COVID, we hope to have the following activities for December 2020, onwards:

December - Remembrance Day in honor of the departed Dimasupils and spouses, Christmas Party, and Election of Class Officers.

January 2021 - DMF to be hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young.

12 February 2021 - PMAAAI Annual Convention in PMA, Baguio City (other details to be announced later).

13 February 2021 - Alumni Homecoming in PMA, Baguio City (other details to be announced later).

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We are very sad that two Dimasupils passed away recently: Orlando "Orly" Tucay and Cezar "Cherry" Garcia. Orly died on 22 August 2020 in VMMC, where he was transferred from Pangasinan Provincial Hospital after suffering from a heart attack. On the other hand, Cherry died on 01 September 2020 in Perpetual Succor Hospital, Cebu City due to kidney and heart problems. We convey our heartfelt condolences to their families and we pray for their eternal repose in the bosom of the Almighty.

Vic Garcia and Pert Molato are now room neighbors in VMMC. We pray that God continues to watch over them.

Mar Santiago is very busy in organizing the Ako Ay Pilipino (AKAP) Foundation. The group envisions a Filipino society that promotes the culture of honesty, mutual help or bayanihan, and love of country towards the attainment of socio-economic interdependence and change for the common good. We are enjoined to join the Foundation. Please refer to the AKAP Foundation Facebook page for details, including the membership application form.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We are also very sad that Germelinda "Mely" Corpus left ahead of us on 15

October 2020 while asleep in their home in Metro Manila due to cancer. During the "Online Farewell Ceremony" on 22 October, which happened to be her 71st Birthday, the following Dimasupils spoke: Jun Avenido, Joy Casillan, Cords Cordero, and Graise Gaerlan. We pray for her eternal rest with our Lord. We also pray for Vic and their family to be comforted by God in their time of grief.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in October, November and December: Vic Corpus (4 October), Lulu Larroza (4), Joe Andaya (6), Ching Ballecer (8), Sammy Tomas (9), Toto Salvana (9), Fredeswindia Enriquez (15), Aging Alino (17), Andy Reyes (17), Rudy Ruelos (21), Norma Aliac (27), Sonia Briones (29), Ronnie Ibay (31), Bernie Patino (3 November), Libbie Brawner (4), 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), Papoose 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

We now have our own Viber group named "PMA Dimasupil Class 1967". It is exclusive for Dimasupils (including adopted members) and spouses. We enjoin those who are not members yet to join the group. Just be a Viber user first, then inform Jun Avenido about it, and he will immediately add your name to the group.

The Social Amelioration Fund (SAF) Committee is now reviewing the rules and procedures governing SAF, considering that our funds are currently very limited because only very few are religiously paying their contributions, while some of those who committed to donate some amount have not done so yet.

According to our very own Dr Andy Reyes, while waiting for the vaccine vs COVID, it is advisable for us to have the anti-pneumonia vaccine to help strengthen our immune system and protect our lungs from any germ invasion. At present, VMMC has an anti-pneumonia vaccination program. Please contact Andy for further information/clarification.

Merry Christmas to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and their families!



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Secretary
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Guest Writer

Despite its many disadvantages, one good thing about the COVID-19 pandemic is, the members of our PMA Class 1968 Viber group, composed of classmates and spouses, have been very active in connecting with each other. In this connection, we have been making birthday celebrants happy on their special days with greetings and well wishes. The following were the birthday celebrants in the third quarter: **July** - Tony Siapno, Amy Palmos, Bert Estrada, Ying Palmos, Mon Montinola, Vicky Cimat, and Oscar Cabaron; **August** - Jing Caballero, Menchee Batac, Lou Lasmarias, Tita Pangan, and Marite Garrido; **September** - Millette

Rosales, Rudy Rabago, Patrick Madayag, Candy Azcueta, Bebot Madayag, Emma Siapno, Luth Penilla, and Tess Pangantihon.

We had our second class webinar in zoom on October 23 attended by 12 class members led by President Art C, joined by Volts, Nori, Alex, Ying, Abe, Sonny, Patrick, Willy, Mel, Arthur J, and Hector.

Thanks to Nori Azcueta for the well prepared opening prayer, and thanks, too, to Denis Arao who helped President Art in the technical aspect of the webinar.

The second agenda concerned the class families, mainly health conditions of family members, ways of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, healthy and productive activities as senior citizens, and grandchildren. By and large all of us have been doing well during this pandemic.

Treasurer Alex reported that we have P905,639.24 in AFPSLAI. For those who have not yet received their P30,000 medical assistance, Alex requested withdrawal of P100,000 from AFPSLAI. There was a review of how many more among the 32 surviving members of the class have not yet received their medical

assistance of P30,000. This number will determine how much will be withdrawn plus miscellaneous expenses.

Our class fully sold the 100 PMAAAI raffle tickets in 2019. Since the raffle did not push through, we can recover some amounts for our class and refund for the ticket buyers.

We were privileged to be briefed by our very own Willy Nuqui on the economy as it is being battered by COVID-19 pandemic. The first chart he presented showed the definition of economy. The second showed the key economic indicators; third major economic variables; fourth management of macroeconomic shocks; fifth economic recovery: arresting the 'inequality' pandemic; and last IMF GNP projections CY 2020-2021. The bottom line is, the Philippines will suffer much more than the other countries as shown here: the world's economy will be negative 4.4 percent in 2020 and positive 5.2 percent in 2021; ASEAN negative 3.4 percent and positive 6.2 percent; and Philippines negative 8.6 percent and positive 7.4 percent. After 2021, the economy will not be able to recover to the 2019 level.



John 3:16-17

New International Version

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.



For this issue, we focus on Class Members belonging to Charlie Company. We start with **JESS ALMADEN** who was born on October 19, 1945. As a cadet his memory was remarkable. At PMA class, an objective type of exam was given. He got a perfect score. He even knows the name of the dog of Napoleon Bonaparte. He was a Platoon Leader and graduated number two in the class. Jess was married to Jorinda Bacaltos. They have two daughters. Jess retired as a Senior Superintendent in the PNP. Jess died on 10 July 2018 due to vehicular accident

RENE AGUDA was born on September 5, 1945. As a cadet, he excelled in Math as he obtained the highest rating in Natural Sciences. Rene was a Platoon Leader during the First Class Year. He was married to Odet Cadiz. They have two daughters. Rene retired as a Senior Superintendent in the PNP. After retirement, he occupies his time in managing their Resort and playing golf.

SMOKEY CARINO was born on April 11, 1945. He was the Company Supply Sergeant. After graduation, he joined the PAF and became a Fighter Pilot. He resigned from the service as a Lt Colonel to seek greener pastures in USA. Smokey is famous when it comes to wine. He is a wine connoisseur and can talk about wine from A to Z. Smokey is married to Amanda (Baby) with whom he has

one daughter. He occupies his time with golf, wine, golf and more wine.

NONOY CARRANZA was born on October 23, 1946. He was the Company Commander. As a cadet, Nonoy was a super gymnast. After graduation, he joined the PAF. Nonoy was married to Mone Escutin. They have three daughters. He retired as a Major General as Commander of WESCOM. After retirement, he worked with Asia Brewery but is now fully retired enjoying life with Mone and golf with his Mistahs.

PACOY CHANCO was born on September 8, 1945. He was the Regimental Adjutant (Bow Wow). His voice and his Adjutant Trot was legendary. After graduation, he joined the Navy to become a Naval Pilot. He was married to Delia Sayoc and had four children. He left the Military Service as a Navy Commander to join San Miguel Corporation. After SMC, Pacoy is somewhere over the rainbow where skies are blue.

BENJIE DEFENSOR was born on September 12, 1946. As a cadet, he excelled in athletics and was awarded the Athletic saber. Benjie was also the Editor in Chief of the Corps Magazine. He was the Company Ex-O. After graduation, Benjie joined the PAF. He married the former Meg Soliman. They have three children. He reached the peak of his military career when he became the CSAFP. After retirement, he became the government's top adviser on Counter Terrorism. He is now the Vice Chairman of Clark City.

CLEO ERFE was born on July 21, 1945. He was a member of the Battallion Staff during his First Class year. After graduation, he joined the Navy. He married Vivian Covarruias with

whom he has two children. Cleo retired as a Navy Captain. After retirement, he worked with United Airlines for about ten years. Right now, he enjoys his retirement days with Vivian as they both enjoy biking in the neighborhood of Virginia, USA where they reside.

LITO LABAO was the 2nd Battalion Commander during our First Class Year. He excelled in academics as well as in athletics, especially wrestling. He joined the PAF after graduation. On February 9, 1971, a little over two months after graduation from the PAF Flying School, he perished in a PAF U-17 where he was the Co-Pilot. His body was never found.

JUS MANLONGAT was born on October 17, 1946. Jus was the Company First Sergeant. During his Cadet days, he was a mainstay of the 100th Night Show. He was a member of the cast of the plays Julius Caesar and Macbeth. During his First Class Year, he played the role of Launcelot in the play Cademelot where he sang C'est Moi. After graduation he joined the Navy. He married Ellen Gomez with whom he has two sons. He was The Naval Inspector General when he retired as a Commodore. After retirement, he pursued his passion - the game of bridge.

DENNIS NAGTALON was born on July 19, 1945. He was a Platoon Sergeant. During his Cadet Days, he was the mainstay of the PMA Debating Team. After graduation, he joined the Army. He was a member of the National Team for shooting. He resigned from the Military Service in 1986 as a Major to pursue his love for farming. Later, he joined GSIS as General Manager for Security.

FLOR TORIBIO was a Platoon Sergeant. During his cadet days, he was known as an orator, his famous one was Beyond Forgetting. He also excelled in public speaking. What amazed his classmates was he did not bother

to study during study period, but managed to pass. No wonder, he was the GOAT - the greatest of all time. After graduation, he joined the Army. He was a Captain when he resigned from the service. Where is he

now? Only God knows. Just like Pacoy, he is somewhere over the rainbow, where the skies are red. Why not blue? e di nagkita sila ni Pacoy!!

Members of Charlie Company, Then and Now!



SMOKEY CARINO



JESS ALMADEN



RENE AGUDA



NONOY CARRANZA



PACOY CHANCO



"C" Company Staff



BENJIE DEFENSOR



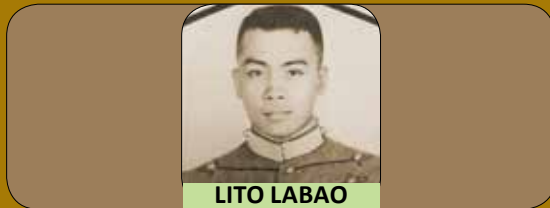
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Cdt E. Labao and Bn
Staff Cdt C. Erfe**



**Sgt Major Cdt F.
Toribio**



CLEO ERFE



LITO LABAO



DENNIS NAGTALON



JUS MANLONGAT



FLOR TORIBIO





ROMEO M ACOP
President
MANUEL B REYES
Secretary

Good day and may the blessings of our Creator be with you for all Cavaliers reading our class call section. We, the Magitings, have been dozing in the past issues of the CAVALIER. Blame it on past golden anniversary trauma brought about by heightened emotional feelings of seeing “aging/ailing” classmates in the flesh. An added preoccupation is the wonderful communication facility offered by cyber media. The new found means of

communication has enabled us to chat and connive in “real time”.

Cyber communication made ECQ bearable and GCQ delectably comfortable for septuagenarians like us.

The lockdown kept us home quarantined with nary an opportunity to sit down with mistahs after a round of golf or simply loafing around in the usual Magiting hangouts. Even our overseas classmates were able to join us on a regular daily basis.

In the interim period of social distancing, we were able to see each other regularly in cyber chats. For instance, the leadership of the very informal Magiting group was officially handed over by Boots de Veyra to Romy M Acop, Cong Romy for brevity. From photo messages posted by

Glenn Rabonza, Cong Romy received the banner of acceptance of the presidency in a clandestine golf course clubhouse with Covid-19 protocols in place.

Officially, Cong Romy will now represent us in the PMAAAI Council of Class Presidents and the PMAAAI Board. With his experience as Representative of the lone district of Antipolo to the Philippine Congress, we can be sure of a dynamic, aggressive, dedicated and progressive representation in our main Alumni Association. Yours truly, Maning Reyes was unanimously designated as Class Secretary.

This early we are informed that on December 6, 2020 the class will celebrate Christmas 2020 somewhere in the hills of Antipolo.



EDGAR B AGLIPAY
President
JOSE C LALISAN JR
Secretary

The Matatags and Mas-Matatags seem to adapt already to the “new” normal after more than nine months of life adjustment. By force of circumstance and in compliance to the presidential directives, everybody has to toe the line, so to speak or else one will find himself in trouble. Minimum direct contact or personal meeting was necessary which is why virtual meeting via internet was the order of the day. Yes, the Matatags and Mas-Matatags adjusted well in this so much so that zoom meetings or messenger chats were done for coordination and communication more often.

willing to help and immediate response was made. The items gathered were sacks of rice, cartons of noodles, boxes of toiletries which include soaps and shampoos, boxes of napkins, boxes of powdered milk, and several

liters of disinfectants. Those who were present during the donation were Egay and Mawie Aglipay, Pop and Evie Ocampo, Joey and Celia Lalisán, Verna and Jerry Albano, Aleli Belonia, and Vicky Seron who brought



Adopt-an-Orphanage Project

One activity that was launched as a product of this coordination was the class support to the Little Nazareth House Orphanage last 27 September 2020. This orphanage is located inside the BF Resort Village in Las Pinas City and takes care of about 15 young girls whose ages are from 5 to 16 years old. These are neglected, abandoned or orphaned children who are under the care of Sister Susana. Initial coordination with Sister Susana was done by my wife Celia and me to find out what HELP is needed by the orphanage. It was learned that the orphanage is being supported and supervised by DSWD. It was decided that the class will donate in kind which will be of help to the children. Prexy Egay and Mawie requested some members who will be



sacks of sweet lanzones harvested from their farm. These goods were received personally by Sister Susana. She apologized that the children were not allowed to face any visitor due to the strict health protocol as advised by DSWD. As a gesture of thanks, however, Sister Susana sent some viber photos of the children posing with the donated goods and a video presentation where the children were singing a "Thank You" song for the class. Relatedly, Cav Romy Poquiz '81 also donated his cash prize as Champion in a golf tournament last September to the orphanage. Thank you very much!

Blessing and Inauguration of the Matatag'71 Hall

Last 18 September 2020, The "Matatag" Hall was blessed and inaugurated at the new Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) site in the MWSS Compound in Katipunan, Quezon City. This was the brainchild of mistah Dick de Leon, the current President of PPSC. Mistah MWSS Chairman Rey Velasco was the Guest of Honor and led in the cutting of the ribbon ceremonies. Several Matatags were present who were all in their green attire. Those who witnessed the affair were Amba Jun Paynor, Rex Piad, Tex Balmaceda, EQ Fernandez, MWSS Director Mel Acosta, and Boy Scout of the Philippines President, former Bulacan Governor Obet Pagdanganan, our adopted mistah.

Golf Fellowships

Last 30 September 2021, the September-born mistahs hosted a golf fellowship at the Navy, observing strictly the required health protocol of social distancing, washing of hands, and temperature reading. After the game, packed lunch was served and

some raffles were done. The winners were announced during a virtual zoom meeting the next day. Rey Acasid was the low gross champion. Teody Viduya won the Class A event while Ed Matillano and Dong

Tabamo won the Class B and Class C events, respectively. According to Dong, it was his first time to win in this golf game. Thanks to the standard Peoria format. By the way, thanks to Popop Ocampo for the additional viands of salmon and tuna sashimi and seafood soup which were much appreciated by the players, especially those who did not win anything

Last 23 October 2020, Mistah Rey Acop hosted a golf fellowship at the Forest Hills for the Hampasulpas'71 and birthday celebrant, Rey Alcasid. The Palmer Couse was a difficult one due to the sloped terrain and elevation. It was made harder because the golf carts were not allowed inside the fairways as it was soggy due to rains that fell the night before. Anyway, sturdy Matatags played and the brave ones successfully finished the 18 holes. Some were not able to finish due to the heavy downpour at noontime. Mistah Rey prepared lunch at his house in nearby Antipolo with plenty of fruits, seafoods, veggies, and *papaitang kaldeng*. All bets were canceled except for the flight of the Forever Even Group of Rey Poca, Teody Viduya, Ed Matillano, and Bing Alano. Those who finished the game early were Tex Balmaceda, Joey Lalisán, Rex Piad, Rey Velasco, Marte Chioco, and birthday





boy Rey Alcasid. The late comers were Tito Legaspi, Dong Tabamo, Totoy Fabros, and Oca Martinez. Amba Jun Paynor joined the HL'71 during the lunch and concentrated on eating *the kaldeng delicacy* sincerely.

Class Directory Update

The mas-Matatags have a project of updating the class directory this year. Thus, some ladies were assigned to the three major services of the AFP and the PNP. The required information includes the full name, home address, birthday, and contact number of the Matatag and his spouse. Those tasked by the Mas-Matatag Prexy Verna Albano were Lulu Tabamo for the Army, Puring Cruz for the Navy, Jane Piad for the PNP, and Jennie Domingo for the Air Force.

Golden Anniversary Homecoming for 2021

On the Homecoming event next year, it was announced during our class meeting last 30 September 2020 that the schedule will be on 12 to 13 February 2021. On 12 February 2021, the Annual General Assembly meeting will be held in PMA with limited participation and live streaming or virtual. The guest of honor and speaker will deliver his pre-recorded speech virtually. On the next day will be the Homecoming event which will be limited to the jubilarians. As coordinated with the Mayor of Baguio City, Cav Benjie Magalong, only 300 participants will be allowed. As proposed by Cav Magnaye, the Chairman of the PMAAAI Committee on Homecoming, the 300 will be divided into 50 for the Council of Presidents, 50 for the PMAAAI Officers and Board of Directors and Awardees, and 200 or 40 each for classes '61 (Diamond), '71 (Golden), '96 (Silver), '91 (Sr Host) and '20 (Jr Host). Requirements to enter Baguio City are travel authority and medical certificate (must register on line thru hdf@baguio.com.ph). Non-residents must go through Triage and antigen test. In this meeting, it was decided that the 40 will be allotted as eight for the class officers and

eight each for the four companies. However, this will be voluntary and those who signified will have to undergo the health protocol of Baguio City. Amba Jun Paynor, who was tasked to conduct a survey, also suggested that those going will have to shoulder their own expenses. It was also proposed by Jun that



Greetings to all.

We hope by this time all of us have adjusted living abnormal life of what they termed as "new normal." Malaki ang nabago sa pang araw-araw na pamumuhay ng bawat isa sa atin. After all, wala naman tayong choice. For now, magpasalamat tayo sa Lord that we are healthy and safe from the deadly pandemic. We just hope that the search for vaccine will come into fruition very soon. Pero kahit papaano nag relaxed ang restrictions for senior citizens like us. With that, we are thankful just the same. As a

a special Homecoming event for the whole class be scheduled in December 2021 which by that time, the anti-Covid 19 vaccine will be made available. This will give the mistahs who are based abroad the opportunity to come home and join the golden anniversary celebration.

In relation to this, just last 7 November 2021, the group of Jun with Prexy Egay, Tex, Nelson Eslao, Rey Acop, and Treasurer Rey Velasco went to Baguio and met with Mayor Cav Benjie Magalong and other officers of the PMA for consultation and coordination.

Since this issue is for the fourth quarter of this year, please allow us, the MATATAGS '71, to greet one and all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Quote for this Issue:

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein /JCL/11 Nov 2020



gentle reminder; let us adhere strictly to the health protocols we have accustomed doing everyday to protect us from the virus.

NEWS UPDATES:

For the past months, the Class Officers/BOT presided by our energetic and hands-on Prez, met several times. The highlights of those meetings are as follows:

a. Christmas party/socials: Due to the prevailing situation now, the traditional Christmas party and other social activities for the year were cancelled. Instead, it was proposed to hold simple celebrations virtually through Zoom or other social platforms to enliven the spirit of these activities.

b. Alumni Homecoming 2021: This annual event will be held on Feb 13-14. As per guidance from Baguio City mayor, Cav Benjie Magalong only 300 guests will be

allowed inside Fort del Pilar as precautionary measure. The 300 guests will be allocated to host classes with Class 71 leading the list. Prez Espines as Vice Chair of PMAAAI will try for the accommodations of handful Masigasig to represent the Class.

c. Golden Sword 72: The Class Officers ensure that the plans and preparation for the Sword publication is given special attention. Prez Espines meticulously monitors the details of how the Editorial Staff headed by Manny Teodosio are doing the leg-works. The proposed details, contents and format of the 300 pages Sword were already presented to the class.

--The Class released Ph 134,000 as advance payment to the printing press (Dolmars) upon signing of the contract.

--Individual member of the Class will pay for a copy of the Sword plus the extra copies they intend to order.

--The costing and distribution of the Sword will be discussed during one of the Class Officers meetings.

d. Request of PMA Superintendent on the use of Bahay Masigasig: VAdm Allan Ferdinand Cusi, Supt PMA, requested the availability of Bahay Masigasig as temporary prayer of Muslim cadets in his letter to Prez Espines dated 22 Oct. This was discussed during succeeding class meetings and became a contentious issue as there were

varied reactions and opinions from some Mistahs. Hence, a meeting among the Class Officers and PMA reps was held last 09 Nov via Zoom. The final stand of the Class on the matter is on the offing to be decided yet.

f. The death of Mistah Librado S Ladia: The Masigasig family mourned the passing of our beloved Mistah, Librado S Ladia who died last October due to lingering illness. Unfortunately, nobody from us visited him during the short wake as we offered prayers for the eternal repose of his soul and for Diana and family to overcome the pain and suffering of losing him. He was our classmate at NDCP, RC 29 with Vic Luga, Ping Berroya, Ric Nobleza, Paco Fuentes, OG Buenaventura and Willy Blanco. May you rest in peace Mistah. Your memories will be remembered forever as we continue offering prayers for your eternal rest."

GAMES OF THE CAVALIERS/RAFFLE DRAW:

The Games of the Cavaliers (we don't use the word "golf tournament" to comply with IATF guidelines on Covid protocol) will be held from Jan 16-31, 2021 at Villamor Golf Club and Navy Golf Club, respectively. This yearly tournament is a fund raising program of PMAAAI. The traditional Battle of Classes will be incorporated in this event. In addition, there will be raffle draw on 12 Feb 2021 during the annual General Membership,

the venue to be announced later. The Vice Chairman, PMAAAI and Chairman of Organizing Committee, Mistah Jun Espino will donate a brand new car as grand prize.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

The Masigasig family greets the following celebrators. **November:** Mel Rivera, Benny Liwag(+), Dionix Dionisio, Alvi Urbi(+), Ed Leyritan(+), Linda Berroya, Jun Abuan, Mar Conaco, Torch dela Torre, Maribel Espadero, TJ Tejada, Jimmy and Helen Viernes, Jimmy Lasar(+), Carol Alabanza, Odette Bibit and Lou Rivera. **December:** Jack Joaquin(+), Siony Cordero, Eric Evangelista, Yoly Lasar, Mila Naval, Rock Tor, Tata Velasco, Monying Dizon, Tony Villarosa, Ric Brillantes, Ces Conaco, Ike Galang, Bay Valles(+), and Emi Rivera. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL.

Famous Quote:

"The best and most beautiful things in the world can not be seen or even touched - they must be felt from the heart"...Helen Keller

Before I end this call, let me greet the whole Masigasig family a "MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS AND COVID FREE NEW YEAR. Enjoy the yuletide seasons in the best we can at this time of pandemic.

Till next Class call. Happy reading to all.../ Celso



MAAGAPs in USA in time of pandemic, election and BLM unrests by Cavalier Vidal E Querol, President with contributions of Cavaliers Sonny Divina, Rody Luis, Fernando Patawaran, Bobby Aviso and George Ares.

For year 2020, we lost two Maagaps for ailments not related to COVID-19; first was Mistah Crispin Santiago who died in the early month of lockdown, and lately in November was Mistah Raffy Romero. In the latter, we were able to have vigil and military burial which did not happen to Mistah Crispin. For the first time, I subscribed to Zoom and did the online necrological services and military burial which brought the entire episodes to those abroad and locally in the safety of

their homes because of the pandemic. In both, the Class spirit was very evident with so much outpouring of love and prayers offerings, and of course the financial support from Mistahs here and abroad.

Some of our classmates decided to spend the better or latter part of their lives abroad, mostly in the USA. Mistah Rody Luis, the veteran rotary wing combat pilot of Mindanao, settled in New York, Fernando Patawaran in California, George Ares in Texas, Lito Hernandez in Canada, Sonny Divina in Seattle, Max Manzano in California and Guam as Highway Engineer and Bobby Aviso from Hong Kong and Asia to USA wherever his company needed him. Mistah Sammy Bagasin after retirement tried life in USA where most of his children are living as professionals, but decided life in USA was not the best option for "the last mile of the race."

Mistah Sonny Divina ponders life: Forty-seven years, after PMA graduation and three years before our class' golden anniversary, life at 70 is marvellous as great-grandparents! From PMA fresh

graduate, then as military officer to now as American civilian retiree having fully served USA as immigrant educator. Community and family support as well as the cadet "can do attitude" helped well in life-transition of mixed (of) realized assumptions and surprises as well.

While Mistah George Ares and Fernando Patawaran still find running as their exercise, Mistah Rody Luis, Bobby Aviso and Sonny Divina pick up the golf clubs when time came easy in life. They have been hosting golf rounds with visiting Mistahs, the highlight would be when only three MAAGAPs (Bobby Aviso, Rody Luis and Vidal Querol) would be enough to win the prestigious Jurado Cup Golf few years back in Chicago.

The pandemic of Covid-19, the social unrest caused by the BLM and the US Presidential election were something quite different in terms of their impact in the USA and the whole world. The MAAGAPs abroad and few locally followed closely the events. I lost \$20 Trump bet to Mistah Lito Hernandez of Canada.

The Trump-Biden contest revealed serious social lines of division. The BLM protests and riots were unlike before because they showed bare with no pretensions a critical challenge to centuries-old domestic social governance.

On the pandemic, the USA was visibly absent in the global leadership in handling the virus, even inside the borders. The vaccine may provide USA with ripe opportunity to get back global leadership if it shares it as "global goods" to third

world countries. Good Luck Mistahs and families in USA with Pres Biden! Nothing much to miss, there will be no year 2020 MAAGAP CHRISTMAS PARTY in-person. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!





AVELINO I RAZON, JR
 President
WILFREDO V GARCIA
 Secretary

As the nation continues to grapple with the coronavirus, lockdown still remains. Such that for this quarter, we only had quite a few activities to reckon with. We just contented ourselves to stay home more often, instead of going to places and spending time with classmates and friends.

Even then, we managed to do some things that really helped us cope with the pandemic mentally and physically. Firstly, we were able to continue doing what we had started at the onset of the disease, namely; home gardening, hobby farming (small time farming), and engaging in non-contact sports like golf, tennis, etc. Secondly, we managed to go on with our usual Monday-Wednesday-Friday golf schedules. Golfers from the North and the East play in Aguinaldo Golf Club, while golfers from the South and West play in either Villamor or Philippine Navy Golf Clubs.

These schedules serve as practice rounds for Marangal Golfers to hone their skills and prepare them well for much bigger competitions such as the Battle of Classes, Jurado Cup in USA, Retired Cavaliers Golf tournament, and fund-raising tournaments sponsored by PMA classes.

Finally, we participated in the second quarter Retired Cavaliers Tournament in mid-September. Class 1974 Golf Team performed extremely well in this event bagging the biggest award, the overall Team Championship and a couple of minor awards for the Class A and Class B individual honors.

**Hereunder are the results:
 (For Class 1974 only)**

Team Champion – Class 1974

Members:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Sonny Tolentino | 85-26 net of 59 |
| Jun Noble | 74-14 net of 60 |
| Pons Crucero | 78-17 net of 61 |
| Willy Garcia | 81-19 net of 62 |
| June Esperon | 74-11 net of 63 |
| Gene Cedo | 80-16 net of 64 |
| Ricky dela Paz (Team Capt) | 80-11 net of 69 |
| Danny Abinoja | 87-14 net of 73 |

Reserves/Morale boosters:

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Sonny Razon | Ed Doromal |
| Amy Tolentino | Bert Sylim |
| Romy Tolentino | Rene Rieza |
| Pete Ramboanga | Romy Carlos |
| Lito Gutierrez | Damian Carlos |
| Jun Lopez | Oscar Valenzuela |
| Rogie Calunsag | Tony Enteria |



Benny Cabrieto
 Romy Buenaflor
 Jun Abueg
 Ernie Belen
 Danny Bacobo
 Tony Ramos
 Valdy Punto
 Pete Cruz

Joselito Tanju
 Rody Obaniana
 Bobby Bayona
 Boy Miranda
 Rey Varilla
 Pardes Espejo
 Claro Doria

Individual Awards

Jun Noble – Class A First Runner-Up
 Sonny Tolentino – Class B First Runner-Up

In sum, these endeavors have helped tremendously to cope up with the pandemic. Mentally-wise, they have alleviated feeling

of boredom, anxiety and other psychological impacts. Physically-wise, they have provided us much needed exercises and necessary exposure to sun and nature which are good for the immune system and fitness.

Having said that, it is vital that we have to learn to live with the virus. Let not the virus dominate our lives. We have to move on. The most vulnerable should be protected, but the rest should have to get on with their lives. Let us connect with the society.

But make no mistake about it. In pursuing these, we must adhere strictly to the preventive measures, rules and protocols to contain the virus. Let us support all efforts in limiting the spread of the disease.



Birthday Greetings

Wishing all the celebrants a wonderful time ahead. May you have happy, healthy and lovely birthday now and forever. Count not the candles...see the lights they give. Count not the years, but the life you live. God bless. Cheers!



October: 02 - Roland Rodriguez, 04 - James de Guzman, 18 - Teepee Salazar, 22 - Joe Onchangco, 25 - Ching Lagtimas, 25 - Valdy Punto, and 26 - Harry Limtong.
November: 05 - Willy Garcia, 06 - Ramby Ramboanga, 07 - Ernie Belen, 08 - Nick Radovan, 12 - Vic Franco, 17 - Dencio

Mar Laurico, 20 - Claro Doria, 21 - Sittiporu Patarasen, 23 - Chay Luis, and 23 - Errol Pan.
December: 04 - Boy Miranda, 06 - Nick Manalo, 07 - Stanley Pagdilao, 11 - Randy Dauz, 15 - Ruben Garcia, 22 - Romy Ranay, 22 - Celso Santos, and 30 - Danny Bacobo.



Overwhelmed with outpouring emotion, the PMA *Makabayan* Class 1975 offers this spot in the Class Call to render reverence to our beloved classmates Denis Regis, Pip Danga, Naning Mariano and Pabie Pabuayon who passed away one after another in a span of six months. Short of activities to report, the class thought of giving homage to our fallen mistahs. Ronald Roderos, prolific researcher graciously supplied the punchlines.

Special Tribute to Four Recently Fallen Makabayan Mistahs.

PRUDENCIO "DENIS" T REGIS JR.

Our mistah and friend Denis will be remembered as our usual funny, witty and eidetic emcee. He casually steered class activities providing life to our class reunions, Valentine and Christmas parties and other class gatherings with masterful use of jokes, metaphors and similes guaranteeing laughs from the audience. His winsome smile was really his best asset.



REGIS

Denis comes from a root of PMA family lineage starting with his father and uncle who were both members of Class 1951, Cavalier Prudencio Regis Sr. and Cavalier Leopoldo Regis, respectively, and brother, Cavalier George T Regis, class of 1980.

During his cadetship, he was active in several clubs and societies like the socio-humanistic society, dialectic society, cadet combo, debating council, and equitation club to name a few. He showed his journalistic talents when he managed The Corps,

member of the Peemayer board and the The Sword.

Among his remarkable unit assignments were with the 57th PC Battalion in Parang, Maguidanao; the intelligence service of the then Metropolitan Command and became one of the pioneering members of the elite Light Reaction Unit. When the law establishing the Philippine National Police was put into effect, Denis joined the service he loved most, the PNP intelligence community. But nearing the twilight of his career, he moved on to logistics and became the Deputy Director for Logistics. He retired when he was the Deputy Director for Comptrollership with the rank of Police Chief Superintendent.

Post-retirement jobs were limited to working with some business firms in consultant capacity which offered him additional income and occasional travels. This proved as the right mix because he had time for family, business and golf.

Not long after the fanfares of the Alumni Homecoming have settled, we were shocked to hear the news that Denis had passed away. Denis T. Regis Jr died on 24 March 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center due severe respiratory illness. Denis is survived by his beautiful wife Emma, and devoted father to his children Trapper Charles, Caya Ishbel (husband Andrew and baby Conan), Don Prudencio III (partner Raine) and Emma Denise.

TIRSO "PIP" R. DANGA

Tirso was christened by the upperclassmen as "Pip" because of his namesake, actor Tirso "Pip" Cruz III who was the popular matinee idol at that time. Since then, we, the mistahs adopted the name and called him Pip as well.

During our cadet days, Tirso was the favorite of the upperclassmen because of his ubiquitous presence in the hallways, parade grounds, mess hall and the like. In the end, however, he earned their respect. He is adorable to the mistahs because of his gracious contribution to "extra instructions" to lagging behind mistahs especially in the field of mathematics.



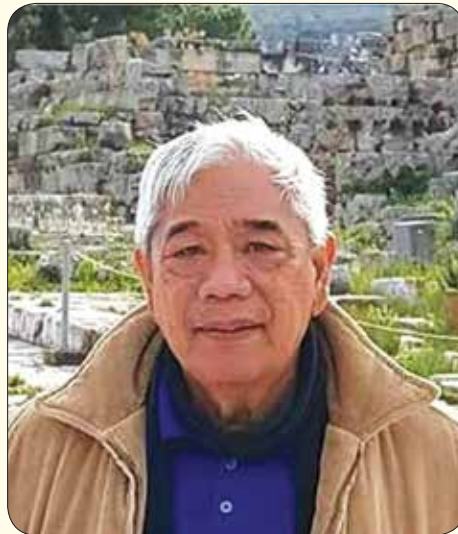
DANGA

Tirso was a seasoned naval and intelligence officer. He rose rapidly in his career in the navy and the intelligence community. His notable positions were: Commander, Naval Intelligence and Security Force; Assistant Chief of Naval Staff for Intelligence, N2; Camp Commander, Camp Aguinaldo; Chief, Intelligence Service AFP; Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2; and finally, Commander, Western Command. He retired with the rank of Vice Admiral.

Tirso succumbed to a lingering illness on 21 April 2020 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. He is survived by his loving wife, Dr. Purita "Puring" Danga from Basilan and two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Pauline and a grandchild Ruthie.

MANUEL "NANING" E. MARIANO JR.

Naning, as he is fondly called, hails from Baguio City. A man with few words but could persuasively impart what he wants to convey. A native of Baguio City gave him



MARIANO

an edge over fellow cadets coming from the lowlands in athletics and endurance activities. He was a gymnast, a black-belter in karate, and a body-building enthusiast, but most of all, an avid golfer.

He served the AFP in various capacities with infantry as his occupational specialty and held positions as platoon leader, company commander, battalion commander, brigade commander and assistant division commander. He held the distinction of the first Philippine Defense and Armed Forces Attache (DAFA) to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He retired as Brigadier General, Philippine Army.

After retirement, Naning joined the Asian Security Agency as executive vice president supervising a thousand-strong security agency for the last 11 years.

Naning died on 19 August 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. He was survived by his pretty wife, Ofelia Castillo, from Zamboanga City and children Abigail, Aileen, Anne, Rea, Eric, Austin, Ricardo and Darwin and a number of grandchildren. A devoted family man to his wife and children, thus, inscribed on his page of our recent golden anniversary edition of our yearbook "Ang Kalis" is the epigraph, "... and God gave me them to love and cherish in my earthly sojourn."

OCTAVIO "PABIE" R. PABUAYON

Pabie, as he is casually called, is a quiet type individual but beguiles his friends and classmates with his soft-spoken demeanors. Pabie is a man of few words; and true enough, both the pages allotted to him in the graduation edition and the golden edition of "The Kalis" were blank save for name and his photographs.

During our firstclass cadet summer OJT, he was selected to board a USS destroyer

escort ship that participated in an actual naval exercise on the high seas. After NOQC schooling and several land-based duties, Pabie concluded his junior billet sea duty assignments by leading several vessels. He finally capped his career by having been posted as the Commander, Naval Forces Southern Luzon.

In support to the strengthening of the bilateral ties with other countries, Pabie represented the Philippine Navy in a naval war simulation exercise with the Royal Malaysian Navy in Lumut, Malaysia. Another Pabie's sterling feat as a naval officer was when he was the exercise director of the 2005 Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Exercise of the Philippine



PABUAYON

and US navies. CARAT is designed to enhance interoperability between the two forces in combined naval operations. He retired with the rank of Commodore.

After retirement, not much was heard of about Pabie....not even from class activities, from Facebook, Viber, and the like.

His marriage with loving wife Edna bore three children namely; Muriel, Ojay and Noelle. He had five grandchildren.

Pabie succumbed to critical covid pneumonia after nine days of struggle at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center on 21 August 2020.

Now only fond memories of their person are left with us. It was great sadness over unimaginable loss that they have to leave, but as long as we live, they too will surely be remembered.

THANKS FOR THE BROTHERLY CAMARADERIE AND FOND MEMORIES. YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. REST WELL, MISTAHS. FAREWELL...





RIC A DAVID JR
Pangulo
VIXI ABAT
Kalihim

•TSIKENKLAB

We miss our regular weekly frolics.
👏 Jolly Masikap seniors 🙏 are coping with LCQ (lockdown, curfew, quarantine).

•NEWS

Kudos to Dr. Maria Carla Buenaflores for topping (#1!) the 2020 Physicians Licensure Exams. Congratulations to proud parents mistah JB and Malou.

The “Business, Industry, and Retired Cavaliers, Inc.” (BIRCI) has registered its new corporate name with SEC. It is now the “PMA Retirees Asso., Inc.” (PRAI).

•ALL SOULS DAY

“Just as men are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”
~Heb 9:27



Latin “hodie mihi, cras tibi.”
(today me, tomorrow you.)

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We pray for our deceased mistahs.
🙏. May they rest in peace 🙏 R. Amen 🙏

•NOV 3 (US-based mistahs).
Congratulations to BLUE Team!

•HEALTH NEWS

Ernie de Guzman suffered a heart attack in November and was rushed to the hospital for surgery. He is recuperating. We are praying for Ernie’s wellness.



•YEAREND MERRIMENT

Maligayang Pasko! 🎄
Manigong Bagong Taon!

Ang aming dasar:
MERRY be your Christmas,
PEACEFUL be your home,
JOYFUL be your family, and
BLESSED be each one.

COVID19 crisis.
mask-hugas-iwas.
test-trace-treat.
Patuloy ang hanap ng lunas.
Patuloy ang trial bakunas.
MASIKAPs are PRAYING. 🙏



NICANOR A BARTOLOME
President
JEFFREY R TUPAS
Secretary

CHRISTMAS IS FAMILY
By Nick Bart

Christmas during the pandemic is entirely different from how we used to celebrate it.

On many occasions we devoted just a token of our time with our family and more with the others – social acquaintances, business community, peers in the workplace, and circle of friends! If there’s one remarkable thing this virus brings us, it’s more of our precious time to spend with our family and less with the others.

This time around we put premium to our family’s happiness. But let’s share a little of what we have to the victims of the latest calamities and draw a smile from those weary faces.

Merry Christmas Mapitagans!

Class Activities in Brief:

Good, happy, and fun times like the regular birthday fellowship lunches we’ve

been doing before are a rarity these days... more so because getting together in numbers seem to be very difficult to come by due to COVID19 pandemic’s restrictions. But, we wouldn’t miss much if we continue to get a hold of each other’s activities every so often as much as possible thru text messages and viber exchanges.

Here’s a rundown of significant class members’ goings-on.....

- 1) Bong C as well as Angelo P, incessantly and diligently, have been watching the weather disturbances during the typhoon season and continues to update us! Thanks Bong and Angelo!
- 2) Cesar Y performs ‘double job’ at DND in pursuit of his passion to serve the country. Omec C spotted him cheering the OFWs at the airport. Good job USec..
- 3) Sammy D returns after seven (7) months in New York City to resume his golf fellowship and “other activities” with mistahs. Incidentally, Boy George is on the move again, organizing our class golf players for the last Quarter Leg of the Retired/Veteran Cavaliers Golf Fellowship at PNGC.
- 4) JLo plans to return too with Blu from Canada because they already miss laing and Bicol gulay, and their place in Naga City, of course.

- 5) Obe missed his family in the US so he flew back and be able also to cast his vote for his president. (Trump or Biden, only he knows).
- 6) Dante B, retired once more from government post as OCD RD of Region 2. Blowout naman dyan...double pension ka na bok.
- 7) Danny Saberon is still busy touring the country introducing his state of the art solar technology despite the virus.
- 8) Docs Chuck, Cali and Norby continue to offer their medical expertise and help patients suffering from Covid and those continuing regular medical treatments, risking their own personal safety.
- 9) Edmund Tan is now our representative to PMARAI Board (formerly BIRC) upon the recommendation of class pres Nick replacing Juni Carbonnel whose term ended after a successful stint as Director. Thank you Juni for ably representing the class.
- 10) Finally, Ed del Rosario was confirmed by the Commission on Appointment as Secretary of Human Settlements and Urban Development. Congratulations Sec. Ed, the class is proud of you.
- 11) Some mistahs and their ladies received free flu vaccines courtesy of AGFO, thanks to Gerry Layug!



Emil, Ces, Bong and Rainier @ Clark Sunvalley.



Doc Obe now enjoys fishing at his backyard in Wisconsin USA but will definitely miss the fellowships with Mapitagans.

Birthday Celebrators for the month of October:

- 1 Willy Lee
- 2 Gil Pacia
- 2 Jeff Tupas
- 7 Nes Eloja
- 9 Norby Sta. Ana
- 10 Dodge Macatol
- 16 Orly Beltran
- 16 Nes Deona
- 16 Ed Talens
- 26 Joey Salceda
- 28 Jude Tadeo

Birthday Celebrators for the month of November:

- 2 Sammy Diciano
- 7 Butch Bautista
- 10 Arthur Yap
- 12 Drian Esplana (+)
- 12 Martin Jubas (+)
- 17 O'irog Macapagal
- 22 Ed Sayong Del Rosario
- 22 Zyrril Carlos
- 23 Marlou Salazar
- 29 Jun Sanchez
- 30 Mandy Espineli

Birthday Celebrators for the month of December:

- 3 Caloy Clet (+)
- 7 Meo Prado
- 8 Ome Carbonell
- 16 Romy Palaroan
- 16 Ed Angel Tan
- 19 Mon Loria
- 24 Noel Dominguez
- 24 Del Lee
- 31 Hermie Colina



Jeff Tupas at the office of Ed del Rosario after his confirmation as Secretary of Human Settlements and Urban Development.



We look forward to monthly class activities like this birthday fellowship in 2019.



ALAN R LUGA
President
OSCAR P LOPEZ
Secretary

We are in the final stretch of 2020 and we are thankful and blessed that everyone is safe and healthy, despite the COVID-19 virus lurking around. We look forward to a better year ahead with the availability of a vaccine to protect us from this virus.

Well, nothing much has happened lately with the limited movement of people still implemented in the country. Despite

some restrictions and adherence to health protocols, the Dimalupig Golfers continue to go about their passion, in golf courses in Manila and the nearby provinces. It was also a pleasure playing golf with the husband-and-wife team from the US, Cav James and Chona Dullas. They braved the dangers of the pandemic and flew in for a brief visit. This is a challenge to the golfers to teach their better-halves the game of golf. We know that Cav Kid and Aura Quinsay are a tandem. And recently, Cav Boogie DV has started to introduce the sport to Bless. Attention Manlulupigs, maybe it is time to learn the sport that the Dimalupig loves.

Last All Saints Day (Nov 1), Cav Fr GregR celebrated a mass via Zoom in memory of our

29 departed mistahs. This is a timely gesture that we pray for the repose of their souls and that they are always remembered and missed.

At the local front, we are very proud of Cav AlexM, Director General, NICA, as well as the other members of the NTF-ELCAC for their resolve to finally end the decades-long insurgency problem with the CPP-NDF-NPA. The Class is always behind you, mistah.

The Class Prez, Cav AlanL has already announced that the making of the 40th Year Sword 81 is in full swing. To those who have not yet sent their pictures, please do so at the soonest possible time. Also, the suit materials have been distributed and as agreed upon, individual members will be



the one responsible for the tailoring. It was likewise announced that our attendance to the Annual Homecoming in Feb 2021 might not be pushed through because of the current conditions, as manifested by the PMAAAI Board. Thus, Cav YersonD, the OIC for our accommodation requirements in Baguio, has arranged for the refund of the deposits made in the different billeting facilities. As to the Program, it was suggested in our Viber group to hold/prepare a simple but meaningful program, in compliance with health protocols, in the meantime that restrictions on movements and gatherings are still in place. So please stay tuned to further announcements in our Viber group.

This will be the final Class Call for the year 2020. It has been a challenging year for all of us and we hope that we will surpass these with our faith and prayers.

Here's wishing the Dimalupig Family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless us all!





JEFFREY F DELGADO
President
ANGELO GC VALERA
Secretary

Renoir P., one of our more prolific late-80s writers from our yesteryears, shared this piece on our US-and Canada-based mistahs:

"Our Class agreed to have annual reunions that started in 2016 at San Francisco, California, hosted by our NorCal mistahs led by Paeng M., Tony DG., and Gene P. Then we had it held in Seattle, Washington in 2017, graciously hosted by Caloy R. and Felix "Jun" G. The 2018 reunion was held in Houston, Texas hosted by King M. and Louie A. Our 2019 reunion was held in Pasadena, California and hosted by our SoCal mistahs. This reunion included a friendly golf tournament at Sta Anita Golf Course in Sta Anita, California dubbed as "PMA Class '82 versus the Corps", a fun-filled occasion that culminated in a fellowship and late lunch at a nearby restaurant, which was filled with unending anecdotes of plebehood and cadet life, spiced with lots of "kayahizing", "boodles", and "hot darns". We parted ways with treasured memories to cherish. The scheduled 2020 reunion in Sacramento, California was postponed to a later date due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our reunions showcased the Sandigans' integrity, camaraderie and esprit de corps, which included cultural immersions, visits to points of interests, and social activities. Apart from golf and the annual road trips to the reunions, we also had parties to celebrate special occasions and holidays. Through all these, we refresh the sense of idealism and values that the PMA has instilled in us, where, as brother Sandigans, we continue to help each other out as true Cavaliers would do.

The Sandigans are maybe one of the strongest Classes in terms of number. We are 31-strong in the USA and Canada: 1. Rafael "Paeng" M. - President, Sandigan '82 (Overseas), Sacramento, CA; 2. Apolinario "Bong" A. - Riverside, CA; 3. Jerry May B. - Kodiak, Alaska; 4. James B. - Beaumont, CA; 5. Anthony "Tony/Guzie" DG - Sacramento, CA; 6. Henry E. - Las Vegas, NV; 7. Felix "Jun" G. - Seattle, WA; 8. Sylvester "Ves" G. - La Palma, CA; 9. Rodrigo "Gemini" J. - Maryland; 10. Rainier L. - New York, NY; 11. Jose Felix "Jet" M. - Glendale, CA; 12. Mario Luisito "Luis" M. - Maryland; 13. Uldarico "Udic" M. - Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; 14.



PMA Sandigan '82 USA



Generoso "Gene" P. - Vallejo, CA; 15. Renoir "Ren/Pasky" P. - Beaumont, CA; 16. Noel P. - Rancho Cucamonga, CA; 17. Nestor "Nes" P. - Calgary, Alberta, Canada; 18. Jesus "Jess/Jet" S. - Chino Hills, CA; 19. Francisco "Ken" S. - Northridge, CA; 20. Virgilio "Rocky" S. Jr. - Las Vegas, NV; 21. Alex S. - Sacramento, CA; 22. Luis "Louie" A. (associate) - San Antonio, TX; 23. Jerry B. (associate) - Brampton, Ontario, Canada; 24. Thomas Anthony "Winky" B. (associate) - Norwalk, CA; 25. Bong G. (associate) - San Francisco, CA; 26. King M. (associate) - Houston, TX; 27. Gil P. (associate) - Lakewood, CA; 28. Samuel "Sammy Big-time" S. (associate) - New York, NY; 29. Samuel "Sammy" S. (associate) - Illinois; 30. Noel M. (honorary) - Rancho Cucamonga, CA; 31. Carlos "Caloy" R. (honorary) - Seattle, WA.

Now in the late autumn of our years, we continue to dream and aspire for the best for our loved ones. Yes, we have toiled and labored and earned our fair share. We have worked hard and played harder; and we have enjoyed the company and camaraderie of our mistahs and fellow cavaliers. Amidst all these, we will never forget from where we all came from. We look back with humility and gratitude to our Alma Mater. Whenever possible, we

will give back and contribute whatever we could for the sake of our beloved PMA. We will always remember the long gray line and the Corps to which we belong. Mabuhay ang PMA SANDIGAN CLASS OF 1982!!

We wish you all the best in this season of love, caring and giving. May you have a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!!"

On the home front, last September saw the birth and growth of our Class "Bolahan... Salita ng Diyos... Panalangin", a fellowship that not only aim to feed the Sandigan souls, but also be a medium by which we connected again to long-missed mistahs like Jerry B. in Canada, Renoir P. and Winky B. in California, and Danny B.! It was refreshing to hear from the bankers like Santi B. with his ermitanyo-look and Noel "Tiger" DLR, to see again our demurer ones like Onie B. and Fidel P. in Davao, and the workaholics like John B. and Bitoy C. in Cebu, among others. Held every Friday night from 8:00-9:00 p.m., we pray that this fellowship hosted by Erwin L. would further grow not just to link the Sandigans but serve its desired purpose of preparing our hearts to be approved unto God - until He calls us home.



The period also witnessed the kind and benevolent spirit of the Sandigans as we collectively chipped in for the medical needs of our mistahs and for the procurement of clothings and materials for donation to heavily-affected provinces

recently hit by typhoons. As of this writing, our Sandigan Golfers are preparing to share again their blessings to the less fortunate like the CAGC staff and personnel for this year's Christmas Yearend Fellowship.

Mabuhay, mga Sandigans! May this spirit of giving and helpful hearts serve as warmth and light for all those around us. Maligayang Kapaskuhan sa ating lahat! – JimMonta82



Like all the other classes, the year 2020, posed a big challenge to the members of the great Matikas class and brought extreme sadness and melancholy as two of our members were called for their ultimate passage: Jojo Donato and Wesley Barayuga, to meet our Creator.

While the pandemic has spun anxiety and dampened the life for most, the trials it brought have given most of us the opportunity to strengthen our resolve to be closer. Exchange of Viber messages escalated, in no time, by the hundreds of threads on the daily basis. In no small measure, the SocMed has kept our sanity intact and busy. Our exchanges ranged from the grim to frivolous... at one time, all were enjoined to send their Covid version of themselves... Almost all responded by sending their wild and hairy pictures. Some sent their ripped and sculpted-herculean-version-of-senior-six-packs (mostly hinted or imagined) profiles.

Some sent videos of the liberating progress they have gained in the skills of golf while playing against their catch nets and walls. The jokes from funny to bizarre came in by heaps and bundles. The

Covid advisory were limitless... suddenly most, if not all of us, became overnight virologists and epidemiologists sharing arcane concepts that would put Louise Pasteur to shame. Conspiracy theories in various forms were commonplace. Lengthy videos on the supposed ongoing genocide in some "slaughter houses" in China and extended emergency rooms in Italy plastered our chatrooms. The sources were not asked. We just received them as a form of entertainment or just stoically to keep our minds working. In Viber alone, we have already a total of 12 chatrooms as a testimony to our prolific exchange. One was created for prayer, another for Covid announcements, one for comfort or entertainment, for golf, for discussion, for farming, for Thursday prayer, one impishly named Luster group for the stone willed and forever-young in disposition... the lineup is curiously endless.

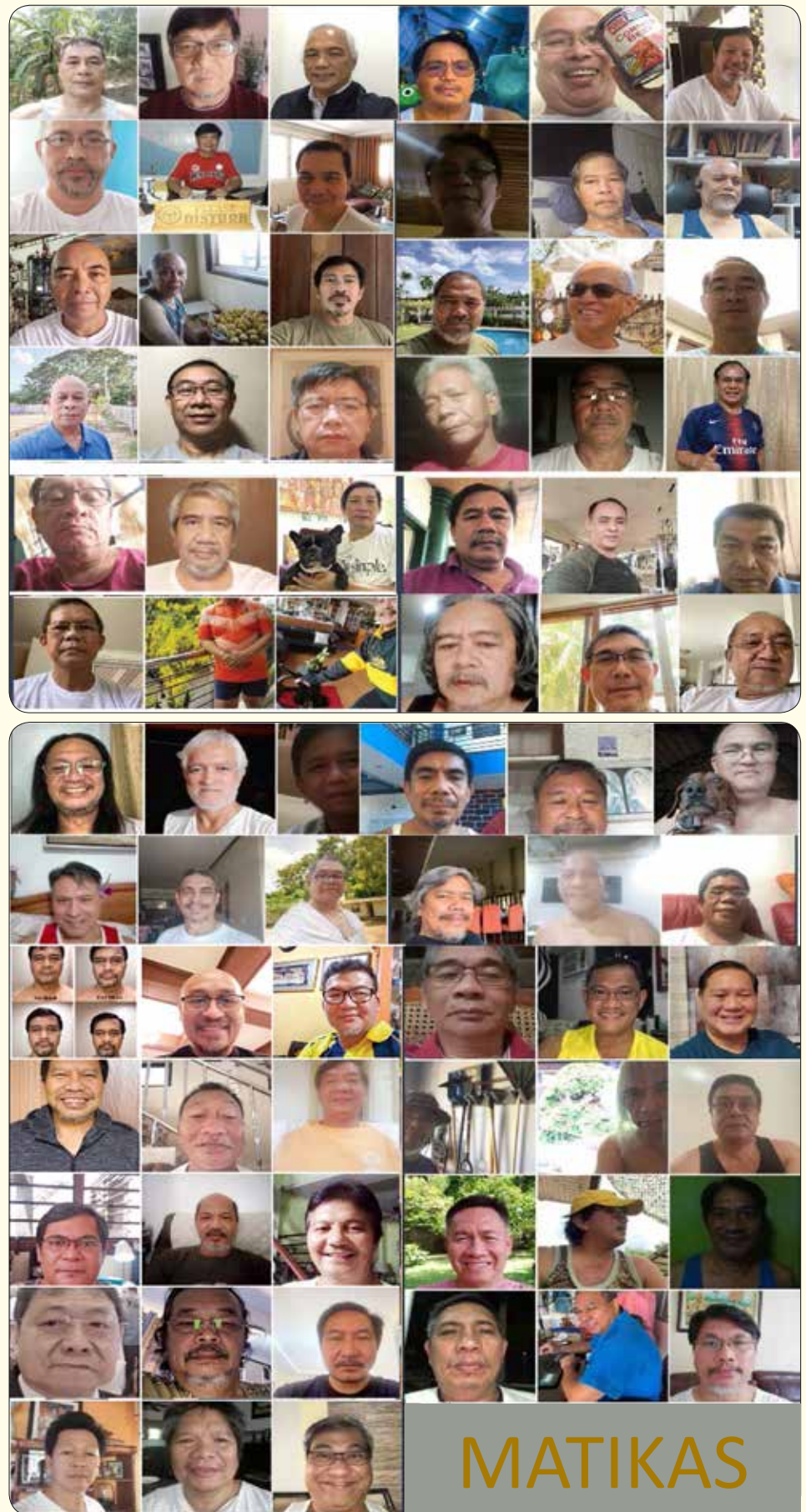
In **concept**, we have become so productive. We realized that some of the challenges are actually opportunities in disguise. Despite the minimum medical requirement of social distancing and prohibition of meetings, we have resorted to **Online Virtual Interactions** and have become even more creative with it. We have not only used these for meetings but have even utilized these to cover events that are of common interest to us. Group praying, concept presentation and of late even our raffle draw was done on line in full coverage.

It was in this interregnum that we dared to plan out the things that we intend to do in the future with clarity. Indeed, it is in the time of want and darkness that the vision of the day after and future are at its brightest.

But our class stalwarts (we call them **Grandeess**) were not spared of any rest. Their extended calls for duty perennially rung without respite. Secretary Ed Ano, not only became positive with Covid once but twice as he and his department personnel together with his trusted Mistahs Usec Bernie Florece and Manny Felix bravely attended to frantic and pressing calls of emergencies while the rest of us rounded our wagon for a lockdown. With the addition of the new Head Executive Assistant, Joel Canapi, to the Chairman of the NAPOLCOM, the department is now revving like a formula car engine ready to take on even the greatest challenge of the Season. Bong Visaya, together with his Matikas Team: Senior Deputy Administrator Abe Bagasin and Deputy for Finance and Admin, Romy Gan took turns in checking for any provisions that they can extend to members in need while they tried to mitigate the possible project slowdown due to pandemic. The dry-spell also offered a challenge to the office as the pandemic was raging. OCD Administrator and NDRRMC Director Ric Jalad was hard pressed as his office took the initial brunt to devise a strategic response to mitigate the onslaught brought by the invisible scourge. This is in

addition to the other calamities that hit the country, earthquake, storms and other forms of pestilence (the ASF, and the H1N1 that hit some parts of the country) as we struggled to take a handle of an unprecedented scare. Chairman Bong Pinili scampered for ways by which the mounting plea for assistance were sought while his office's revenue operations were temporarily stopped. He was also stumped due to the passing of his most dependable and reliable Board Sec, Wesley Barayuga, who later was replaced by another mistah, the famous Atty. Stone Wall Benny Joe Cuarenta Y Cinco. Manny Gonzales in the DOTr was in frenzy looking for ways by which the languid flow of the goods from the farms can be accelerated to feed the hungry mouths locked up in the cities and urban centers. In no small measure, Jess Cardona tried to devise all means possible to create fluidity in the influx of the very critical medical supplies to combat Covid that passes through his division in the Bureau of Customs. Allen Capuyan made his sorties to the most obscure and remote localities to visit his constituents in the National Commission for Indigenous People to obviate any exploitation or depredation by the marauding insurgent of the least, the lost and last members of the tribal communities. Jun Manalastas and Rolly Aquino, meanwhile made themselves busy in ushering, assembling and in making real the tenets and nuances of the now most applauded albeit controversial Anti-Terrorism Law. Abe Villacorta and Resty Santos, together with his cadre of Matikas operators (too important and strategically sensitive to name), crafted and devised schemes that the government can use to smoke out and anticipate the moves of the most grizzled enemies of the state. Mentoring the future generation is a vocation that cannot be set aside which Mike Morales, in his ministerial pursuit, has been involved and even more institutionalized this time as he serves as the President of the Magsaysay Mitsui Maritime Academy in Dasmaringas City in Cavite.

All these came amid the season for departmental budget defense, struggles in the legislature and humors of possible conflict in the West Philippine Sea. Truly, for most of us this was a stirring season. But as the quintessential Bond rejoinder would go, "we were stirred but not shaken". Prayers for healing, protection, wisdom and provisions were uttered and exchanged among us on those times... Yes, like the rest of the country, we have become fervently prayerful and the divine design of making 2020 a moment for clarity of priorities and making real the vision of what is essential and important came in shimmering view to us all.



MATIKAS





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Secretary

Maharlikan's Value-Added

Fresh from consigning the country's 'corridors of accountability' to the younger generations of guardians of national security, it took us, Maharlikans, not too long to acknowledge that contributing our fair, responsible share for the welfare of the Filipino Nation ought to continue and should extend beyond our active armed professional service years. For what might have been the biggest global health scare of our time, the novel coronavirus will be remembered as having left indelible imprints to us, as a Class and as individual members, that cemented our culture, traits, norms and values that will characterize our choices and responses when confronted with similar catastrophes, emergencies and national mobilization.

First, Maharlikans will always be 'uncomfortable onlookers'.

How the statistics of the global pandemic escalated to an unprecedented scale was just unbearable for Maharlikans to see; they only awakened our patriotic spirits to take an active role in the massive national humanitarian mobilization mission. We were not comfortable taking this health catastrophe sitting down that, immediately, the Class leadership launched fund-raising activities, beseeching Class members to extend much needed assistance to the medical staff and support personnel of the Veterans Medical Memorial Center, and our Maharlikan frontliner-dependents. They are closest to the Maharlikan heart, and always on top of the Class priority list. It was on 22 April 2020 when, as the pandemic showed no signs of decelerating, the Class members donated over P230,000.00 worth of personal protective equipment (PPEs), face masks, rapid test kits and apparatuses to the Center which carries the noble mission of providing health and care services to our ageing veterans and retirees. We helped in making sure that the health institution was beefed up with the necessary and essential tools and equipment so that it can discharge its duties and responsibilities



more effectively. This is in keeping with the Maharlikan culture of "Taking care of those who cared for us," and perpetuating the time-treasured norm of honoring the services and sacrifices of our veterans and retirees.

Also, a Class constantly hounded by the safety of its dependents, it did not take our Class leadership a mulligan decision to equip our medical, defense and security frontliners with an ultraviolet UV (C) bag that disinfects and sterilizes personal effects. The Company Representatives made a strong case with its "Charity begins at home" culture when they approved in a nine-versus-zero majority decision the 'We Care for the Maharlikan Frontliners' Project on 25 August 2020. None could be more gratifying to devote Class resources, time and love than for the Maharlika Family members who bear primary responsibility for the novel coronavirus.

Second, Maharlikans will continue to lead from the front.

Remember the Bureau of Customs exceeding revenue collections for the fifth straight month last October 2020 by 5.2% of

P50.9 billion versus the P48.4 billion target, on top of hurdling the Compliance Stage in the Performance Governance System with the highest rating of Gold Governance Trailblazer Award? Or, the DND/OC masterfully orchestrating planning, control and mobilization of government and civic organizations resources in its

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disaster mitigation, recovery, relief and rehabilitation operations during Typhoons 'Quinta', 'Rolly' and 'Ulysses'? Or, the LGUs/LGAs implementing unified policy action against COVID-19, and, inarguably, are on the right track to defeat it? Or, the unhampered processing of refund of AFP personnel contributions at RSBS? Or, the PNCC vigorously on track of PRRD's 'Build, Build, Build' targets? Or, the country's intelligence (NBI, NICA, etc) closely monitoring, and effectively forecasting, preventing and neutralizing syndicated and national threat groups from further exacerbating the health problem? Or, how effective the Tasked Group created for aviation security and the effective Management of Returning Overseas Filipinos? Or, the continuing milestones achieved by public utilities and services offices (LTO, LTRFB, etc) to reduce bureaucratic backlogs?

Or, how consistently resilient have been the business and industrial sectors - San Miguel Corporation, Jollibee, Chow King, Seven Eleven, Asia Brewery, ARMSCOR, banking and finance, Globe Telecoms, IT, mining, piggery, poultry and rabbitry industries, etc - helping resuscitate the economy back to the pre-pandemic times? Or, the AFPSLAI being able to provide respectable dividends on Capital Contribution and interest on deposits despite the pandemic? Or, the aviation industry boldly resuming domestic and intercontinental flights to keep us re-connected with relatives, and business partners?

These are few of the country's biggest platforms in governance where Maharlikans are leading at the front, ably reinforced by equally competent supporting Maharlikan cast. Such agencies have thrived in steadfastness, anxiously ignoring threats to their persons of the deadly virus. The Filipino Nation has benefited from their outstanding leadership.

We also take continuing pride for the seventy-five (75) Class members and seventy (70) dependents Maharlika frontliners who either volunteered or are deployed locally and overseas to address the virus. They are hallmarks of professionalism, efficiency, self-sacrifice and great service during these extraordinary times.

Third, Maharlikans will continue to innovate and exceed their prime.

New Class Viber Groups have recently emerged. Thanks to the Class members

North vs South Sunday Golf

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It's a million little things.

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who innovated them. They promote new novel of disciplines, lump up common interests, and address emerging needs and trends. They create legitimacy for more open communication, promote greater service, enhance relationships and Class cohesion.

Agane Adriatico activated the 84 Biker's Club to elevate the lever of Maharlikan's cardiovascular competitiveness. Elmer Quiros was an overnight celebrity when he activated the 84 Trading Post where anything of value can be sold. Job Yucoco aptly christened the Soulfood for Maharlikans for our spirituality and continuing reflections. These Viber Groups are on top of the enduring Maharlika 84,

Maharlika 84 Class Officers, Class '84 Bulletin, PMA Maharlika Golfers, and our respective Company Viber Groups.

The Maharlika Class jubilates the recent Hole-In-One feats of Noli Taliño at CAGC, Yaweh Monilla at Riviera and Noel Albano at PNGC. They add to the ever-expanding Maharlikan elite list. Shall we start engraving their names in the Maharlikan Hole-In-One Club brass plates? Or, did we hear it correctly that a Maharlikan Golf Course will soon emerge in Puerto Galera?

Have we retired yet? Yes, from the active armed professional services, not from contributing our value-added shares.

The best years are still ahead of us.





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RESTITUTO F PADILLA JR
Secretary

COVID-19 has truly been a big game changer. The pandemic has brought serious consequences not only on public health but much more on our nation's economy. Our Class has not been spared of the effects of this unprecedented event. Our "end of military/police career" event during this year's Homecoming at PMA last February was part of the "casualties." We had to cancel this "career closure" activity after so much serious discussions and the lockdown of Baguio City announced by the City Mayor himself and the initial protocols at PMA. It would have been a memorable one had it been held. The combined efforts of our SANDIWATAs who were helping prepare for it however would not come to naught as we will reserve these "preparations" when everything stabilizes under a new normal environment. Abangan!

Let us then take this occasion to thank them....To all of our SANDIWATAs who gave all their time and effort led by Armi Trenas (and the rest – alam nyo na kung sino sino kayo) Maraming maraming salamat at sana hindi kayo magsawa sa pagtulong, pagmamahal at pagmamalasakit sa klase. Patnubayan kayo ng Poong Maykapal!

After a long hiatus from this part of the Cavalier Magazine, we are lucky and privileged to be here once again after being reminded by the PMAAAI Secretariat of yet another opportunity. The class has finally closed the curtain on a long and distinguished military and police careers of more than 38 years with the retirement of our last man standing, Arnie Matanguihan last March 31. Arnel de la Vega and Arnie would have been our last men standing being the youngest in the class. Arnel, however, opted to bow out of the service a year earlier to make way for young bloods down the line. Malungkot daw kasi pag siya na lang naiwan sa kahuli-hulihan. He was also raring to construct his retirement home in Lipa City what with the constant proddings of wife, Debbie.

All of us having bowed out from the military and the police services does not mean full retirement though. Many of us still continue to work in government and in the private sector. Those in the government service in fact continue to

distinguish themselves and increasingly make the class proud.

Still serving with distinction in government as head of their departments are Rolly Bautista (DSWD), Charlie Galvez (OPAPP and as Chief Implementer NTF vs COVID19), Benjie Madrigal (PCA), Manny Salamat (MWSS), and Aaron Aquino (CIAC). They are ably supported by Sandiwans who are their USECs/ASECs/Directors ... Bong Aguinaldo, Dave Diciano, Roy Devesa, Mel Feliciano, Jande Francisco, Boyet Javier, Alex Macario, Wilben Mayor, Alan Pajarillo, Dan Pamonag, Eric Parayno, Sid Purisima and Vic Tomas. Also still immersed with government are ASec Alex Macario (DILG), Arnold Mancita (OVP), John Pulido (DPWH), Miles Milo (CAAP), and Wilson Caubat (LGU San Juan). Still with DOTR is ASEC Boy Vingson and Sai Espino. Also serving in various government agencies and boards are Pete Cabatingan, Manny Gaerlan, Greg Pimentel, and Reuel Sorilla. John Tarrosa remains the incumbent Mayor of Zaraga, Iloilo. Mon Apolinario just finished his stint at the Lower House and has transitioned well to farmer and golfer status (not necessarily in that order).

Not wanting to rest and continuing to work in the private sector are Rodel Alarcon, Jorge Amba, Tom Bustos, Jun Cabading, Conrad Capa, Fonz Fonbuena, Jun Garado, Jun Kintanar, Frank Mabanag, Rey Milleza, Jun Padilla (also helping out with the NTF for SND and Charlie G), Rudy Quinto, Relly Sapu, Tito Baclayon, Boni Cebrian, and Tony Trenas. Abroad too and still working are Julius Flores, Rommel Palis, Louie Onglengco, Rocky Raquero, Fred Siwa, Mon Mayo, Jimmy Garcia, Joe Cunanan, Butchoy Sievert, Oca Singson and the others who we may have missed in this posting, our apologies.

Special announcement too... we have a new dad in the house!!! Ronnie Go recently remarried and had his much awaited very healthy son born in Davao. Along with his daughters, Ronnie also continues to run his business in between changing diapers and feeding his baby. Still helping run businesses in Mindanao are couples Jess and Sol Manangquil. Farmer Ed Clerigo is also in Mindanao working hard to grow his agri business. Vic Tan may have gone into agriculture as well.

We also have Jun Ballesteros in Negros continuing to expand their family business. Joji Castro is likewise expanding the reach of the financial services nationwide their family established in Palawan.

Continuing to make waves in sustainable energy and growing his other business pursuits is Bards Fabula. He has seen the future and knows the way ahead.

He is "lighting" up the path to that future. His continued success has also made it possible for him to hire some of our Mistahs! Sana marami ka pang matulungan Mistah!

Those who have taken on the athletic journey and very busy in the fairways are our Class Golfers and "Hampas Lupa" group led by Ed Tinio and guru Conrad Capa, Jonathan Ablang, Jorge Amba, Mon Apolinario, Reggie Catiis, Elmer Beltejar, Billy Beltran, Byron Calimag, Noel Clement, Ed Davalan, Minggol De Guzman, Ted Dizon, Dinoh Dolina, Jess Dosado, Raul Farnacio, Manny Gaerlan, Arnold Gunnacao, Gino Hermogino, Chad Isleta, Jac Jacoban, Alvin Javier, Bherth Lambot, Chi Logronio, Frank Mabanag, Boy Nepomuceno, Gigi Pernes, Bob Quenery, Joey Reyes, Raul Ubando and Eric Velasquez. Very active golfers also include mistah Itos Carag, and honorary mistahs/aspirants Caloy Bolilia, Gerry Tono, Jerry Gannaban and Bong Contapay.

Not to forget, we recently turned over two newly-renovated rooms at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center last September. Thank you Monsignor Tirso Dolina for blessing the facilities, which brings to five rooms the Sandiwans have repaired and fully furnished for the benefit and care of our veteran colleagues.

Not to be outdone, our Brats chapter did their part as well by raising funds and donating PPEs for our frontliners during the height of the pandemic. Now they are also taking in donations and fund raising for flood victims of "Rolly" and "Ulysses." We are proud of all you! All of you are definitely "improvements of the race!"

These last two said, it is definite that we continue to do our part for the betterment of the veterans sector and our community at large and we'll strive to do more as much as we can.

Apart from the sad news brought by this pandemic, we lost a few of our own too during the year and due to various reasons. Sounding out the last taps for the following Mistahs who went ahead of us: Marlou Chan (10 Jan 2020), Fortunato Macalintal (12 Jul 2020). Tragic too is the lost of Mistah Emil Hulipas (31 July 2020) and a few months later, his wife, Beng (2 Nov 2020). We all mourn their passing but the memories and happy moments with us helps ease the pain of their loss. Let us all continue to pray for the peaceful repose of their souls and the souls of all those who have gone ahead.

Now that the whole Class is slowly settling down to post-retirement mode, we hope to have more time to enjoy each others company and reminisce our cadet and service days but post-covid that is. Let

us also collectively pray as one SANDIWA Family that we may see the end of this unprecedented event and for things to settle down to a new normal. In the meantime, let us all stay well and safe and keep in mind to always wear our masks, *hugas palagi* and *iwas sa mataong lugar!*

Let us all do our part to defeat COVID19 and ensure our AORs are virus free.

PS. The Class Board of officers has unanimously decided that due to the pandemic, we are foregoing our annual Christmas Party. It is better that we

all remain safe than sorry. Despite the backdrop of limited socializing, there is no reason not to celebrate the glad tidings of the season albeit virtually. Hence, here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous new normal New Year!!!



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- 07 October 2020 – The AFP Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General Gilbert I. Gapay received his fourth star in the donning of ranks ceremony presided by SND Lorenzana at the Department of National Defense, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Congrats bok!

- 19 October 2020 – The Summer Capital of the Philippines honored the first-ever PNP Chief from the Cordillera, General Camilo Pancratius P. Cascolan during the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Baguio City Hall grounds after which the PNP Chief led the turnover of

Christmas is once again in the air! This holiday season is about so much more than decors and gifts, it is even more than celebrating with family and loved ones. Christmas is all about the reason for the season, Jesus, and His death and resurrection. This yuletide season may be different from the past celebrations due to pandemic but the coronavirus should not dampen our spirits or stop us from celebrating because He is worth it all. We also celebrate with our mistahs the following milestones:

- 30 September 2020 – The Isabela Police Provincial Office was officially renamed as Camp Lt. Rosauro D. Toda, Jr in memory of our mistah's heroism. Chief, PNP Picoy Cascolan and his wife, together with family members, local chief executives and available mistahs (Alex Rafael, Bismarck, and Sam) graced the wreath laying ceremony and the unveiling of Rosauro's bust as well as the camp marker.



firearms and a police patrol car to Baguio City Police Office.

*Sir Ramon Farolan featured our class in his column on Inquirer.Net last 21 September 2020. Here is a brief excerpt from the article entitled **"Amazing Journey of PMA Class of 1986"**: *"Class of 1986 has also made a mark on the AFP. General Gapay, its present chief, succeeded his classmate Gen. Felimon Santos Jr. The AFP vice chief of staff is Vice Adm. Gaudencio Collado Jr. and the deputy chief of staff is Air Force Lt. Gen. Ramon Lim. Former Army commander Gen. Macairog Alberto is now ambassador to Israel, and former Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Briguez is with the Philippine National Oil Commission. Vice Adm. Allan Cusi continues to serve as PMA superintendent".* You may read the full article by searching the title online.

**Our class grieves the passing away of a beloved Sinagtalan and class president, Police Major General Jose Maria Victor "Jovic" Ramos, after seven months of fighting for his life at Asian Hospital and Medical Center, Muntinlupa City. We lost not only a dedicated senior police officer and a trusted brother but also a very good friend. Grief can be hard but our good memories of Jovic will help us move on. Let us continue to pray for strength and comfort for Jovic's wife, Marjorie, and their children, Jason and Kyle.

***Here is a preview of one of our class projects. This is our class mural entitled "PAGHUBOG" composed of five frames that are mounted on the walls of PMA Academic Building (Melchor Hall). The purpose of the Sinagtala mural is to inspire the cadets to puruse excellence in their military careers.



🎵 ***Birthday Greetings:** To all birthday celebrants this last quarter of the year, we wish you all a happy quarantine birthday!!! May God pour His blessings upon all of you that you may be comforted by His presence in your lives and that your faith in Him will flourish.

| Name | Birthdate |
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| Cav Arthur L Macogay | 01 Oct |
| Cav Leodegario D Dela Paz | 02 Oct |
| Cav Amador V Corpus | 03 Oct |
| Cav Antonio Ramon A Lim | 04 Oct |
| Cav Enrico T Peña | 05 Oct |
| Cav Mariel M Magaway | 08 Oct |
| Cav Elias H Escarcha | 11 Oct |
| Cav Fernando H Mendez Jr | 12 Oct |
| Cav Rosauo V Acio | 15 Oct |
| Cav Reynaldo M Aquino | 25 Oct |
| Cav Jacinto A Cesar | 29 Oct |
| Cav Oscar D Albayalde | 08 Nov |
| Cav Reynaldo G Biay | 09 Nov |
| Cav Arnulfo G Rafanan | 09 Nov |
| Cav Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan | 10 Nov |
| Cav Elias H Escarcha | 10 Nov |
| Cav Arnold F Fernandez | 10 Nov |
| Cav Allan Ferdinand V Cusi | 17 Nov |
| Cav Roel B Obusan | 20 Nov |
| Cav Gaudencio C Collado Jr | 23 Nov |
| Cav Faustino M Bejarin Jr | 24 Nov |
| Cav Al Ulidan M Bongolan | 24 Nov |
| Cav Jose Ma. Victor F Ramos | 25 Nov |
| Cav Danilo A Peña | 30 Nov |
| Cav Russel J Ramos | 03 Dec |
| Cav Macairog S Alberto | 06 Dec |
| Cav Ramon O Purugganan | 12 Dec |
| Cav Rene Glen O Paje | 15 Dec |
| Cav Charlo C Collado | 16 Dec |
| Cav Victorino Misael G Mina | 16 Dec |
| Cav Larry S Signey | 20 Dec |
| Cav Jose Maria M Espino | 21 Dec |
| Cav Antonio B Sugarol | 21 Dec |
| Cav Emmanuel P Privado | 24 Dec |
| Cav Jesus D Madlangbayan | 25 Dec |
| Cav Elpidio S Gabriel Jr | 26 Dec |
| Cav Arwel R Oropesa | 29 Dec |
| Cav Diosdado G Respecio | 30 Dec |



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Secretary

HAIL to Hinirangs who have been designated/appointed in different positions of responsibility: Chief PNP PMGen Debold Menorias Sinas, Coast Guard Commandant Adm George Villareal Ursabia, Army Chief LtGen Cirilito Elola Sobejana, and Vice Adm Giovanni Carlo Jamero Bacordo!

Our time has come and finally – “we arrived!” as the saying goes!

The Class is very proud to have in its rank the newly appointed Chief of the national police force – Hin Debold Sinas. An “anak ti baka” - Bravo Bulls by heart in his Academy days with some Charlie ways ☺. Working efficiently and letting his actions to speak louder than his words, he rose to prominence as he diligently pushed for his agenda in support of the government’s efforts to address the drug problems still prevalent in our society and corruption and bribery in the ranks of the police. Previously, he held positions as the Chief, NCRPO and Director of Police Regional Office V in Cebu City.

His appointment came in the heels of earlier appointments of the other Hinirang members to positions of major responsibilities:

- Last 04 August Lt Gen Cirilito Elola Sobejana was appointed as the new Army Chief - one of CI ‘87’s Valor awardees who have been in different assignments in various capacities in the Philippine Army, GHQ support and AFP-wide units aside from stint in the UN as Chief of the Disengagement Observer Force in 2013. He was also an awardee of the Philippine Legion of Honor for his overwhelming support of the peace process and overall peace developments in the Bangsamoro Region among the many accomplishments of Gen Sobejana particularly on the fight against insurgents and other enemies of the state.



- Last 01 June, we have another Hinirang as the Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard with Admiral George Ursabia when he became the Coast Guard Chief last 01 June. A recipient of “*Bakas Parangal ng Kadakilaan*” given by Office of Civil Defense for his relief and rehabilitation efforts during the height of Typhoon Pablo and led humanitarian efforts during the 2013 Bohol Earthquake. He led the PCG in its fight against COVID 19 as Head, Task Force Laban COVID-19 (Water Cluster) together with the AFP and the PNP. On training, Hin George is considered as the Father of the PCG Coast Guard Officers’ Course (CGOC) and the Coast Guardsman’s Course (CGMC)



- February 3rd, VAdm Giovanni Carlo Jamero Bacordo, aka Joby, was appointed as the Flag-Officer-in-Command after heading the Naval Sea Systems Command and the Philippine Fleet subsequently in April 2019. Previous stints saw him in-charge of naval operations in Ladad Datu standoff, encounters of Chinese ships in Ayungin and Scarborough shoals, the sinking of M/V Thomas Aquinas, the Zamboanga Siege, the 2013 Bohol Earthquake and the most destructive typhoon that hit the country - Typhoon Yolanda, aka Hayan! As Director of the Center for Naval Leadership and Excellence, he crafted the Strategic Sail Plan 2020.



Promotions to Position and Ranks: Hin Guillor Eleazar took the helm of PNP’s Deputy Chief for Administration while Hin Caesar Hawthorne Binag took the #3 position as Deputy Chief for Operations. Of course, the Chief of Directorial Staff is another Hin – PMGen Jojo Vera Cruz and with the appointment of Hin Debold Sinas to the top, CI ‘87 holds the top four positions of the PNP hierarchy.

Assumption to Command and Major Staff Positions: From the “water” side ☺ - Hin Erick Kagaoan is now The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP; Hin Loumer Bernabe as Philippine Fleet Commander; Hin Rommel Galang is the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command and RAdm Sean Villa for the Naval Education and Training Command while from

the “ground” side - Hin Henry Robinson as the Commander of the 9th Infantry Division, PA in Pili Cam Sur. From the PNP, the CIDG is now headed by Hin Jigs Coronel; CSG by Hin Bong Dickson; Hin Escopunk Escobal as Director, DIPO Eastern Mindanao; Hin Jonas Calleja as Director for Plans, HPNP; Hin Cliff Empiso as Director for Human Resource and Doctrine Devt; Hin Ringo Licup as Director for Comptrollership and Hin Alfred Corpus as Director for Operations.

Hinirangs in the Government Service and Private Enterprise: Recently retired Mao Aplasca previously with OTS is now the Sergeant-at-Arms, House of Representatives; Brionz Briones in OTS and Loy Morales as ASEC, DILG. Lest we forget we have newly appointed Director to the Board of DBP Leasing Corporation – Jess Estoesta. Wally Partosa is with MWSS. On the private business enterprises – Art Asis is now the President of Southbend Security & Investigative Services (should have been Art’s Security & Investigate Services – ASIS ☺). Sergs Sarno is now the General/Accountable Manager of First Aviation Academy in Subic Bay International Airport. Some of the mistahs chose to be incognito on what they’re doing now but they are engaged meaningfully but cannot divulge yet the companies they’re working with just like Ross Mentong, and Gerry Josue. Others are pilots in commercial airlines such as Sonny Saclayan, Andong Andres, Gilbert Bartolome, Ronnie Nieva, Joey Absalon, Gerry Cunanan. With San Miguel Group are Sagat Bongolan and Gochin Zaragosa while Jimmy Hidalgo, Romy Basco and Errol Gironella are with the Udenna/DITO Telecoms group. Atty Fred Mison is now more dedicated to his law firm while doing teaching at ADMU School of Law.

Welcome to the PMAAAI Honor Roll: The class has endorsed the membership of the following Hinirang gentlemen to be honorary members of the Association and they have been accepted, led by Governor Chiz Escudero of Sorsogon, BGen Peter A Suchianco (who is a lawyer by the way, so Hinirang has now an Attorney General ☺), Mr Monsour Del Rosario - a former national and Olympic Taekwondo player and Makati representative to the Congress, Mr George Royeca – founder of ANGKAS (a ride-hailing motorcycle taxis) and Mr Jobet Morales – a former Taekwondo-jin himself and coach.

Activities et al: The pandemic situation has re-defined our ways of living and has very much limit the conduct of class activities for fear of infection sans to a few small gatherings. Much as we all have wanted to join the retirement ceremonies of many of

the mistahs who have just bowed out of the service, many class members opted to err on the side of caution to protect ourselves from this dreaded virus.

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

These Hinirang gentlemen bowed out of the service and hang up their service uniforms in which they have worn with pride, honor and distinct service and they are: From the AFP: Hinirangs Fernan Trinidad, Mon Ruiz, Tyne Banas, Ding Carreon, Ramie Rey. From the PNP: Hinirangs Mon Rafael, Rene Aspera,

Rey Lawas, Alan Cuevillas, Tyrone Masigon, Jambo Jambora, Greg Lim, Lye Carrabaccan, John Luglug, Reyland Malenab, Tom Apols, Caloy Barde and the most recent of them all –Bong Fadjie – our Class Prez.

Now, and just like other retirees, they can sit back and relax and give advices to others even though they seldom followed same before. Hehehehe! Just joking!

Something the Class should be proud of, too ☺Pilot Joey "Absie" Absalon has been awarded twice by VietJet two consecutive Employee of the Year Award for last half of

2019 and first half of 2020. Kudos Brader Joey for bringing honor to Pinoy pilots in international aviation.

Lest we forget, The Class is one in mourning as we prayed for the untimely passing of Mistah Rey Lyndon Lawas' loving wife Janine. She is in God's hands! And for our mistahs who have gone ahead of us, we always remember you all! God bless your souls!

'Til here and see you in 2021 Homecoming in Baguio!

God bless and keep us all safe!



As the year 2020 draws to a close, we cannot help but be reflective of what transpired in these more than three quarters of COVID-19 pandemic being in our midst. For worldwide, this unforeseen virus has created so much pain and suffering without exception among the people of various age, race, religion and social status. Simply put, the said epidemic has taken its toll on most of our economies as well as its deleterious effect on the well-being of our society.

But as a people, we have proven to ourselves that life has to go on just the same and learn to live with the pandemic, with the new normal: wearing of masks and shields, frequent washing of hands and to maintain social distancing. Having that as a backdrop - and also for the remaining active members of the class who are undeniably at the twilight of our careers, we remain steadfast to persevere and commit ourselves to serve our nation and people and reach success amid the challenges, that is, according to one's own definitive rights. For the purpose of this cavalier magazine, we will only cover those stories during the months of November and December.

For the defenders of the land - and the ones who are constantly in the forefront of our internal security operations, we recognized MGen Bob Dauz who will be the Vice Commander, PA and BGen Henry Doyaoen as Deputy Commander, Northern Luzon Command few weeks from now; MGen Bob Bacarro is the newly-installed Internal Auditor, AFP and BGen Pal Ramos is also the newly-designated ADC, 7ID. BGen Rudy Lavadia, current HSC Commander, by December 6 will retire and join the ranks of



retired but mighty Army Maringals. The rest of the members had either donned their new star ranks and/or performing their currently held key positions - if not waking up early, sipping coffee and playing golf, especially alluding to those mistahs who just retired this year.

For our fellow Maringals who are the guardians of skies, and by whose recent capability upgrades, surely, cannot be overemphasized, LtGen Eric Gloria will soon be the Vice Chief of Staff, AFP while MGen CJ Cartujano will be the PMA Superintendent. The others, including LtGen Allen Paredes, CGPAF, have continued to serve the PAF to the best of their abilities, knowledge and experience.

For the princes of our seas to include the so-called navy infantry Maringals (Marines), who loved to talk about nautical miles and the like, but definitely not the Nine-Dash-Line being invoked against us, and by whose separate but complementing missions made themselves close with each other, I am referring to the PN and the PCG, RAdm Iking Enriquez will be the Commander, Western Command soon while VAdm Leo Laroya, maintains his position as current

Deputy Commandant for Operations, PCG. The others, however, who are in the active service are equally holding key positions that continue to bring prestige to our class; while those who just retired have been taking the best moments of their time perfecting their golf swings, if not their mood (swings) due to ageing.

For those that simply say, "we serve and protect" and the indefatigable implementers of our war on drugs, and in tandem with the PDEA of Dir-Gen Wilkins Villanueva, recently taking the spotlight with their promotions to 2-star ranks were P/MGen Ono Daway, P/MGen Lito Casimiro, P/MGen Marni Marcos and following soon is P/BGen Dennis Agustin while P/BGen Sammy Rodriguez is the new PRO-BAR. The whole class is no less very proud since your collective achievements, to include the other Maringal PNPs, as law enforcers have brought relative peace and quiet in our streets and neighborhoods.

It is worth mentioning also that the Army Maringals last July 2020 took the helm of the class from the Navy in a COVID-19 pandemic fashion, that is, complete with face mask, shield and individual distancing coupled with a virtual teleconferencing from the other

Navy class members and without fanfare at the PNGC. Also, the deferred turning over of class officers to the Army Group which is not in accordance with the March 12 provisions as provided for in our class bylaws was due to the pandemic and the implementation of the ECQ, especially in the NCR. Nevertheless, the class President is Maringal Gary Nigos, the class Secretary is Maringal Ray Acorda while the class Treasurer is Maringal Rambo Saret. The Vice President position is open but to be filled up soon while the Chairman of the Board is Maringal Monmon Mitra being the immediate past class President. The trio of Gary, Ray and Rambo, by the way, had already sworn in last November 6 to formally assume the duties and responsibilities of class officers thru the vtc courtesy of the kindness and full support extended by the Commander and the Assistant Commander of 7ID, PA, Maringal Sayong and Maringal Pal in Ft Magsaysay, N.E. Relatedly, we shall convene the meeting of the Maringal Board of Directors composed of a total of fourteen (14) members soon either on a face-to-face meeting or thru the vtc to discuss for resolution important and urgent matters concerning the class, the upcoming Christmas festivities, the way-aheads and



its various activities to include that of the PMAAAI.

For the Maringal community and its steadily growing number of dependents with some mistahs adding up sons and/or daughters-in laws and grandchildren to their families, that despite the pandemic therefore, to let us celebrate the Christmas season of 2020 not so much with material

gifts and/or personal vanities or other forms of celebrations but by keeping with us the spirit of giving, love, hope, joy and happiness especially in this period of pandemic where many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters are suffering and are in dire need of our help.

MERRY CHRISTMAS MARINGALS!..and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO
President
RODOLFO S AZURIN JR
Secretary

The PMA MAKATAO, Class of 1989 is now under the PNP Control with the following Class Officers who readily accepted the tasks and responsibilities immediately after the homecoming this year:

1. Pres - Chic Malayo
2. VP - Sterling Blanco
3. Sec - Jun Azurin
4. Auditor - Jess Cambay

5. Historian - Mario Sino Cruz
6. Membership/Acceptance - Val De Leon
7. Mediation Offrs - Manny Abu and Uly Gohel
8. Class/Alumni Activities - Bart Bustamante
9. Project Officer - Jireh Fidel
10. Treas and PNP Rep - Rex De La Rosa
11. Social Concerns - Rhodel Sermonia
12. Special Concerns Officer- Bert Ferro

Council of Elders:

1. Manny Chu
2. Erwin Robles
3. Edwin Paras
4. Uly Caton
5. Jojo Acierto
6. Jun Borrromeo
7. Bert Solomon and
8. Hammy Geonzon

Branch of Service Representatives (BOSRep):

1. PA- Jun Torres; 2. PN- Ariel Caculitan; 3. PAF- Connors Canlas; and 4. PNP - Rex De la Rosa.

In order to strengthen our camaraderie, an activity will be sponsored by each branch of service at least once every quarter aside from the regular class meetings. So far, the first was the fellowship "Fun Shoot" by the NAVY GROUP at their Firing Range in Fort Bonifacio last Oct 3, 2020; 'twas very successful and well attended by mistahs, shooters or not, that became now the standard for MAKATAO Quarterly Activity (MQA). Like always, Connors Canlas topped from among the best shooters but soon will be challenged by a number of MAKATAO "bolo men" who are gun enthusiasts.



Momentarily, while waiting for the next MQA by the AIR FORCE GROUP, mistahs are conditioning themselves physically in small groups playing golf, firing, cycling and riding motorcycles while others are on land navigation, scouting for a possible Makatao Ancestral domain for retirement purposes... and to further enhance their skills, Ramil Bitong, Ariel Caculitan, Connors Canlas, Jun Torres and Rowen Tolentino just graduated from their Rider's Course last month earning the title as "Tigers" (pangtapat sa rangers).

Despite the pandemic, following are the lined-up activities for the Class:

1. Christmas Fellowship;
2. Crafting of Class Policies;
3. Class Project in PMA; and
4. Assistance Program to former classmates who are in need – initially, the Class provided financial assistance to a mistah who didn't make it to graduation. He had a heart stroke and jobless for now. The funds are coming from volunteers but nonetheless and we are coming up with a program to reach out to those who are similarly situated.

MAKATAO UPDATES:

A. Phil Air Force (4/7): MGen Connor Canlas -Comdr, ADC; MGen Nesty Rayos -Asst Supt, PMA (incoming Comdr, ALC); BGen Crist Marquez-Comdr, TOW WESMIIN; and Col Lito Villanueva -Comdr, TOW CEN; Toto Dela Peña, Leo Peralta and Larry Tianchon recently bowed out from the service while PAUL Mendoza, Jerry Cabe, Caloy Cristobal and Aldrick Dela Torre are all performing well with the Private Sector as businessmen and commercial flyers. Joey Acedera is cool with his business but still very active with our class activities.

B. Phil National Police (12/9): With the **Directorates for Integrated Police Operations (DIPOs)** are **Directors:** PMGen Chic Malayo -Western Mindanao; PBGen Manny Abu-Southern Luzon; **Deputy Directors:** PBGen Uly Gohel -Eastern Mindanao; PBGen Sterling Blanco-Northern Luzon; For the **Directorate**, PBGen Rhodel Sermonia just assumed as Director of DPCR. For **Regional Directors of Police Regional Offices (PROs)** are the following: PBGen Jun Azurin-PRO 1; PBGen Val De Leon -PRO 3; PBGen Bart Bustamante-PRO 5; PBGen Bert Ferro-PRO 7; and PBGen Jess Cambay-PRO 9. And for the **Directors of National Support Units (NSUs)** we have PBGen Rex De La Rosa-Finance Service; and PBGen Jireh Fidel-Maritime Group; Managing their respective times away from the active service: Mario Sinacruz, Erwin Robles, Edwin Paras, Uly Caton, Jojo Acierto, Jun Borromeo, Bert Solomon, and Manny Chu. Monitoring the class from the US are Hammurabi Geonzon and Floro Lozano



while Jun Solomon is in Australia. Lastly, Totie Salamat is still the source for any updates under the sun.

C. Phil Navy (26): The White Cap (7)

- Commodore Toribio Adaci III recently assumed as the Commander, NAVFORWEM in Zamboanga; RAdm Abet Carlos - J4, GHQ, AFP; RAdm Nichols Driz - The Naval Inspector General (TNIG); Capt John Garana - The Deputy Internal Auditor; Commodore Dorvin Legaspi - Commander, NAVFORCENCOM; Commodore Reggie Rapanan - The Deputy AFP ETDC; and Commodore Chappy Reyes - Commander, CEISSAFP.

The FEW, The PROUD (6): MGen Ariel Caculitan -Commander, NRC; BGen Raul Caldez -Commander, CSS Brigade, PMC; BGen Charleton Gaerlan -Deputy, J2, GHQ, AFP; BGen Eugenio Hernandez -Deputy Commandant, PMC; BGen Camilo Balutan -Deputy Commander, WESMINCOM and Col Reuben Candelario -Commander, 4MBde;

The Coastguards (3): RAdm Ed Fabricante -Commander, MSSC; RAdm William Isaga -Commander, Coast Guard District Central Visayas; Capt Rei Picar, the Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Operations, CG-3, NHQ, PCG.

The Retired But Never Tired (RBNT,

10): Ferds Velasco (Golfing/Riding/MC); Jun Unson (Family Time); Butch Lobaton (FT); Timmy Aurelio (FT); Mars Marcelino (FT); Jong Abellera (UK); Rey Barraca (NJ, USA); Orbille Piol (Aus); Nonon, Suniga (CA, USA); and Maeng Climaco (NY, USA).

D. Phil Army (59) - Thirty are still in the active service, 23 had retired while six are associate members. All active members are now

occupying positions of major responsibility, namely: MGen Greg Almerol - Comdr, 2ID; MGen Juvymax Uy -Comdr, 6ID; MGen William Gonzales-Comdr, 11ID; MGen Jun Torres-Comdr, CRSAFP; MGen Alex Luna -Dep Chief of Staff for Intelligence, J2; MGen Rowen Tolentino-Chief of Staff, PA; BGen Lincoln Tagle-Reg Comdr, SFR; BGen Omet Brawner-Comdt of Cadets, PMA; BGen Ramil Bitong - CO, Installation Mgmt Command; BGen Ariel Felicidadario -Chief, AFP Peace and Dev't Office; BGen Bagnus Gaerlan -ADC, 1ID; BGen Albert Desoyo -ADC, 3ID; BGen Joey Narciso -ADC, 6ID; BGen Wibo Mamawag-ADC, 8ID; BGen Don Bajao-ADC, 9ID; BGen Manny Sequitin -ADC, 11ID; BGen Efren Baluyot -ADC, Armor Division; BGen Camilo Ligayo-CO, 801st Bde, PA; BGen Lowell Tan-CO, 803rd Bde, PA; BGen Mao Licudine -CO, 402nd Bde, PA; BGen John Oberio-Dep Chief, ISAFP; Col Joshua Santiago-Dep CO, JTF NCR; Col Nono Plaza -Dep CO, ARESKOM; Col George Lalaquil -Dep CO, HHSC, GHQ; Col Marvin Licudine -Army Adjutant; Col Nick Suemith -CS, CEISSAFP; Col Rod Batang-Dep IG, PA; Col Leomar Doctolero -Chief Governance and Strategy Mgmt Office, IMCOM; Col Melisan Recaido CO, 7RCDG; and Maj Bayani Fernandez -SO2 Infrastructure, 2nd Div, Australian Army. Among the 30 Army Makataos who have already bowed out from the service, two are residing in Australia: Ricky Carlos and Leo Asuncion while Jess Rosete and Allan Borlasa live in the US and Emil De Leon in Canada. Golfer Kiram Grajo is going around to offer free advices to neophytes while Ric Bayhon is into Security Consultancy in Visayas; Ace Esmeralda runs Security Matters; Alex Tuprio is with DOTr; Nick Pongos still flies with PAL; Dan Olay works with DMCI; Dan Barotilla, Mike Taningco, Emman Magpayo, Bernie Langub and Roger Migote are into something

but are just silent in our PMA official viber group; Mon Tampil is back in the Country; Ramsky Ramoran continues his management expertise in a private company while Allan Cordova is still the vice mayor of Dumaguete City.

Among the Army group Associates, Pacoy Ortega leads La Union province as Governor and just received his ranger badge during the donning of his LTC rank by no less than the CGPA in Fort Magsaysay last month. Rolly Rullodaon the other hand, heads the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office of the same province. Jojo Solomon is the Corporate Safety and Security Manager of CLC Marketing Ventures Corporation. The rest of the associates, Arnel

de Guzman, Jun Morales, Medel Raquel and Ram Catadman are mostly seen by the group thru virtual interaction.

The rest of the MAKATAO retirees and Associates are enjoying their stress-free lives engaging into their respective passions while showing up once in a while during class fellowships if not detailed with the DBM (alam na).

E. The Departed Makataos (11) - We continue to offer our prayers to our beloved Mistahs who have been with us and are now with our Creator. May they all rest with the Lord: Allan Zuniga, Allan Flores; Arnulfo "Nonoy" Luna, Benjamin Enriquez, Chito Corpus, Ferdinand Macasaet, Glen Bihag,

Julius Refran, Leonard Vincent Teodoro, Perfecto Sagun, and Ronald Baliota.

Lastly, our congratulations to the recently promoted MAKATAO Generals: William Gonzales and Alex Luna and to BGen Camilo Ligayo. Cheers! Wish you all the best mga mistah!!! And to all the members of the PMA MAKATAO Class of 1989, we have two and a half years, more or less, in the active service. Let us soar higher and enjoy our retirements, but let us keep ourselves and family safe from the threat of COVID 19. And most, let us remember our trademark as MAKATAOs and that burning desire that propelled us to serve amidst any other reasons and acquired when we stepped out of the Academy last Feb 19, 1989. GOD BLESS US ALL!!!



LUISITO P MAGNAYE
President
NOEL A VESTUIR
Class Historian

So to avoid being a dozing class, here is a very brief updates on the latest assignments of Class 1991:

PAF GROUP

1. Guiang- Comdr, AFPPS
2. Perez- Asst Chief, AFPPDO
3. Hechanova- AJ5
4. Honasan- AJ4
5. Cabacungan- PPD, J9
6. Dirilo- WC, 300th AISW
7. Malinit- WC, 580th ACWW
8. Libago- WC, 710th SPOW
9. Parreño- Deputy , ALC
10. Blanco- WC, 355th AELW
11. Bes- Deputy - AFRC
12. Estrella- Deputy, AETDC
13. Banaag- WC, TOWSOL
14. Gamido- U5, SOLCOM
15. Bailon Jr- WC, 205th THW

PA GROUP

1. Abang- Comdr, Light Reaction Regiment
2. Abeleda- Chief of Staff, PMA
3. Aseron- Chief of Unified Comd Staff, SOLCOM
4. Alea- DBC, 202Bde
5. Nayve- Dep Comdr, SFR (A)
6. Benavides- Comdr, 502Bde
7. Pacis- IG, 7ID
8. Peñafiel - GSMO, 7ID
9. Rillera – Comdr, 202Bde
10. Tolentino, Norwyn –Comdr, 201Bde
11. Peñafiel, NAQ - Comdr, 903Bde
12. Fortez- GSMO, 9ID
13. Paloma - AGMO, PA
14. Tanggawohn- HRO, PA
15. Moro - AJ6
16. Papa - XO, J6
17. Molina - XO, J3
18. Morada- Dep Chief, AFPMCC
19. Abregana- IG, 6ID
20. Maquiling- Dep Comdr or DBC, 701Bde
21. Madarang - DBC, 702Bde
22. Pajarillo- DBC, 203 Bde
23. Pasamonte - DBC, 703 Bde
24. Oliveros - Comdr, 802Bde
25. Vestuir - DBC, 802Bde
26. Lelina - DBC, 801Bde
27. Lamzon - Division IG

28. Penaredondo - Chief of Staff, 8ID
29. Sison - Comdr, 301st Bde
30. Edralin - DBC, 301Bde
31. Pena – Comdr, 302nd Bde
32. Borja-Deputy/ Task Group Comdr, 302 Bde
33. Pasaporte – Comdr, 303rd Bde
34. Samson- DBC, 303Bde
35. Calambuhay - DBC, 1001Bde
36. Dumosmog - DBC, 1002Bde
37. Fuerte - CS, 10ID
38. Lamerez - ADCRRA, 10ID
39. Maquiling - DBC, 701Bde
40. Patrimonio-BC,1102nd
41. Bautista-BC,1101st
42. Franza- ADC, RRA
43. Mariano -IG,11ID
44. Gubat - Comdr, 603rd Inf Bde
45. Hambala –Comdr, 401
46. Barandon –Comdr, 403
47. Balaoro – DBC DBC, 402
48. Divinagracia -TF Zamboanga
49. Nicolas - BC, 102,1ID

PNP GROUP

Newly designated Regional Director of NCRPO is PBGEN very soon to be PMGEN VICENTE DUPA DANA O JR which was designated on Nov 10,2020.



Class 1991 meeting



LEO M FRANCISCO
President
BERNARD M BANAC
Secretary

A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
Proverbs 11:25 NIV

The Country is under siege... by an unseen enemy and by forces of nature. Even the last man-made catastrophic events are still fresh in our minds. Once again the AFP is in the forefronts in all of these events. Its men and women willing to risk their lives so that others may live...

Several TD92 members found themselves in the frontlines and as of this writing are still deeply engaged in HADR operations.

From the Army

Dindo Dacumos, the Deputy Brigade Commander of 903 Bde, is actively involved in the relief and rehabilitation operations in the province of Albay with the Support of Aldwin Almase, Chief of Staff of the 9ID.

In the north, Ferdie Dela Cruz, the Chief of Staff of 5ID is playing an important role in orchestrating the Army's relief and rehabilitation efforts in the Provinces of Cagayan and Isabela. In fact, among the HADR units he's supervising is that of 503rd Inf Bde of which Chris Sab-it is the Deputy Brigade Commander. Chris assisted in the Bde's response to affected populace in the CAR and particularly in Cagayan and Isabela provinces. This includes coordination with NGAs, LGUs, and NGOs in the transport and distribution of relief goods to affected populace.

From the Coast Guard

The Philippine Coast Guard as member of the Search, Rescue and Retrieval (SRR) Cluster also sent its specialized teams to the devastated areas.

From the Airforce

BGen Aristotle D Gonzalez PAF, Wing Commander of Tactical Operations Wing Northern Luzon (TOWNOL), being the air power employer of Northern Luzon provided command and control over-all air operations supporting the HADR/SRR operations in JAO in the aftermath of Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses.

Under his supervision the Air Force flew 81 sorties of various air missions, delivered



One of the relief operations in cooperation with other organizations supervised by Army TD92 members.



RAdm Doy Punzalan, Chief of Coast Guard Staff, is seen here briefing the PCG QRT prior deployment.



Bell 412 CUH flew multi-missions to stricken areas not just to deliver much needed relief goods but also to pick-up affected individuals.

65,210 kgs of relief goods, airlifted 4 patients and rescued 58 individuals.

TOWNOL supervised 28 DRTs and 5 WASAR teams, had 6 rubber boats and 31 ground vehicles.

His ability and experience in air operations and in planning contributed in the safe and successful conduct of the overall HADR operations in the JAO.

From the Navy

Meanwhile, Navy Tanglaw-Diwans are facing two fronts.

Capt Lemuel Espartinez PN, is Commanding the NTF83 and the CNTG COVID 19. Their task is deploying teams at control points in the eastern and southern portions of the Capital and Manila Bay utilizing twocomposite battalions of Fleet and Marine personnel and three Navy ships to help control the spread of COVID19 in the NCR.

Our adopted member Atty Gelacio Bongngat, RD, NBI Cagayan Valley Regional Office and a LTC under the 7th Marine Bde Reserved, also stepped to the plate by organizing his NBI Team in the area facilitating and coordinating relief operations in Cagayan Valley.

Behind the scenes

Even from behind the desks TD 92 members are able to help significantly. Such is the task given to Meme Ragudo, Executive Officer of OJ7 and Commander of the activated Civil-Military Coordinating Center (CMCC). He was designated five days prior the landfall of Super Typhoon Rolly and remained until the arrival Typhoons Siony and Ulysses. They facilitated the coordination, receipt, transportation, and distribution of all kinds of help from various organizations and private individuals for our unfortunate kababayans. Such as the Php10M worth of food from ADB repacked to 20,000 individual relief packs and the direct relief flight via C295 from Cagayan de Oro to Cagayan Valley. CMCC then became the focal point of relief operations from higher headquarters down to the division level.

TD 92 Achievers, new designations and whereabouts. Congratulations!

- BGen Jess Durante PA, the first Army Tanglaw-Diwan to make it to the star rank.
- BGen Pedro Francisco III PAF
- BGen Joannis Leonardo Dimaano PAF
- PBGen Leo Francisco PNP
- PBGen Belli Tamayo PNP
- PBGen Antonio Cirujales PNP



One of the teams under the supervision of Capt Espartinez.



- PBGen Sidney Hernia PNP also newly designated Director, Retirement and Benefits Administration Service
- PBGen Mario Reyes PNP
- PBGen Mafelino Bazar PNP
- PCol Ysmael Yu PNP, newly designated Chief, PIO (O7)
- PCol Eric Noble PNP, newly designated Director (O7), Community Affairs Development Group
- PCol Westrimundo Obinque PNP, Senior Police Assistant to SILG (O7)
- Capt Joe Anthony Orbe PN, newly designated Commander, Offshore Combat Force (O7)
- Capt Mac Raul Racacho PN, newly designated Deputy Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (O7)
- Commo Juan Manuel Ramos Jr PCG newly designated Deputy Cmdr, Marine Environmental Protection Command

- Capt Ramon Lopez and Capt Joven Fabul welcome back to PCG
- Capt Diosdado Caluya Jr PN, Commander, Naval Logistics Center
- Capt Lemuel Espartinez PN, DC for fleet Operations, FMRF
- Col Adolfo Albalate PN(M), DC for Marine Operations, NFWM
- Capt Francisco Tagamolila Jr PN, DC for Fleet Operations, NFW
- Col Gregorio Hernandez Jr PN(M), Dep Bde Commander, 4th Marine Bde
- Col Antonio Mangoroban, DC for Marine Operations, NFW
- Col Eric Macaambac PN(M), Marine Corps Inspector General
- Capt Alan Javier PN, DC for Fleet Operations/ NTF 61, NFWM
- Col Romulo Quemado II PN(M) Commander, Coastal Defense Regiment PMC
- Cdr Lloyd Casis PN, GM, AFPCOC and working student of CGSC Class 67



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RANDY O REMONTE
Secretary

COVID-19 Pandemic be damned, the Maalabs have a new beacon! In a remarkable Maalab selection/election process that simplifies even that in an electoral college system, undertaken through a combination of text blasts, viber posts, chat group consultations and finally, the dreaded direct question (“Bok okay lang sa ‘yo?... ikaw na ha?!”) –Maalab Commodore **Roy Echeverria** instantly became larger than life, succeeding **Joey Escanillas** who has presided over the Maalabs for two years. Daghang Salamat Joey! Padayon Chevong!

As promised by Uncle Bobo, we continue with preparations made last night, by making an accounting of the locations and dispositions of Maalabs, foreign and domestic. We start with **Madsky Dela Paz** who from being the current Air Attache in Washington DC will additionally be PHILDAFA to USA by March next year. In the meantime he maximizes occupying a front row seat to history being made, to be retold at the end

of his tour. He constantly connives with **Romy Bautista** (PHILDAFA to AUS), **Gleen Laguardia** (PHILDAFA to Japan), **Bong Deocadez** (PHILDAFA to South Korea) and **Zosimo Bolanos** (PHILDAFA to Indonesia). These mistahs have provided needed support to Maalabs who recently undertook foreign MNSAs such as **Tex Suderio** at the US Army War College, **Ronnie Babac** at the American National Defense University, **Mario Jacinto** at US Naval Postgraduate School and **Monib Mamao** who is in the penultimate phase at SESKO TNI.

All told, the sentimental favorite of an MNSA course remains at NDCP in Camp Aguinaldo, where every student swears by its mantra, “where admission is an honor.” The just concluded Regular Course 55 once again showcased the native talents of Maalabs, with **Lennon John Babilonia** and **Rannie Sevilla** receiving the elusive Gold and Silver Academic Excellence Awards respectively. Rannie also received a Bronze medal for the Best Thesis Award for his work, *Theory and Practice: Examining the Implementation of the Philippine National Crisis Management Policy*. Sharing the same award was **Chi Coronel** for his written masterpiece, *Preventing Water Conflicts: Developing the Armed Forces of the Philippines’s Water Security Strategy*.

Remarkably, RC 55 was the first to bear the brunt of COVID -19, lived with the anxieties of the moment, forced to have online classes and destined for a virtual graduation as well. In all of these, Maalabs **Danny Alzaga**, **Marion Angcao**, **Lennon John Babilonia**, **Gerry Besana**, **Lutz Carin**, **Chi Coronel**, **Leroy Daanton**, **Joey Escanillas**, **Arnel Fernandez**, **Jonathan Lambert Gesolgon**, **Walter Icaro**, **Raymund Lachica**, **Ali Luis Macawaris**, **Rod Magallanes**, **Jun Mandanas**, **Eddie Pilapil**, **Arthur Romanillos**, **Jose Ambo Rustia**, **Rannie Sevilla**, **Allan Jose Taguba** and **Rowell Velasquez** could only think back of their rotting days during plebehood where they endlessly prepared and accepted the probabilities of the next day while collectively murmuring, no amount!

Army Maalabs continue their march to “jumping board” assignments including **Tex Suderio** who was posted as CUCS WESMINCOM, **Jon Goyena** as Commander of Task Force Gensan, **Lennon John Babilonia** as Chief of Staff, 3rd ID, **Lutz Carin**, as DBC, 1003 Bde, **Jun Mandanas** as IG, WESMINCOM, **Ali Luis Macawaris** as DBC, 603rd Bde and **Jack Jacinto** as DBC, 1103rd Bde. Other Maalabs were designated as well in NCR namely, **Ricky Bunayog** as Group Commander, NCRCDG, **Dencio Iddoba** as CS, ASCOM, **Wally Icaro** as



Dep G6, PA and **Danny Alzaga** as AFPCGSC Commandant.

PAF Maalabs would not be outdone. **Nelson Morales**, for whatever it is really worth, has assumed as Deputy Commander, TOW EASTMIN, complementing **Thad Candelario** who has been posted as Deputy Commander, TOW WEST. **Eric Gachalian** serves as Deputy Commander, 520 ABW while **Bob Calub** meanwhile, has been named as CS, AFPETDC.

On the Naval front, new assignments and promotions in billet showcase **Lued Lincuna** as the Chief of Fleet Staff, **Aldrin Doctor**, the incoming AFP Liaison Officer in Aloha country, **Vince Sibala** as incoming EX-O, O/J1 and **Raul Regis** the incoming Deputy Commander, Naval Forces Central. **Roger Viduya** will next assume a sensitive position that reflects his value to the military organization. Marine Maalab **Troy Narcise** is the deputy TQMG and **Bob Apostol** is holding the fort at WESCOM. Other mistahs have resolutely given flesh to their own versions of the Fleet-Marine concept like **Ben Hur Simeon** as Clark Development Corp Consultant, **Henry Torres** as Licensed Financial Wealth Officer at FWD Insurance and **Rommel Mendoza** imbued



with a new mission as Regional Director, MARINA Bicol region based in Legaspi City.

PCG Maalabs without doubt proved themselves as value added assets to the

institution, with Rear Admiral **Ronnie Gavan** commanding the Logistics System Command, Commodore **Allan Dela Vega** leading the Surface Support Force, Commodore **Eustacio Nimrod Enriquez Jr** as Deputy of CG Education and Training Command, kabayan Commodore **Charlie Rances** at the helm of the NCR and Central Luzon District Command, Capt **Louie Sibayan** in Davao as District Commander of CGDSEM and Capt **Edgar Ybanez** commanding a CG vessel and doing well as Allan's deputy at the SSF. Needless to say, **Louie Sibayan** and **Edgar Ybanez** are already limbering up for highly probable inclusion in this year's promotion to flag rank.

To reiterate, for the second time, once more, we recognize our new **Class President Commodore Roy Chevong Echeverria** on his recent presidential appointment as Director of National Coast Watch Center, a 3-star rank. Way to go Chevong!

Uncle Bobo has more to report, but for space constraints.

Merry Christmas and a COVID-19 free New Year..!!!



MA. NOEL T TOLENTINO
President
IVAN R PAPER
Secretary

Greetings Bantay Layans. The Covid 19 pandemic is truly challenging for all of us as we all ensure our safety in our everyday lives and cope up with the new normal as we continue to perform our jobs. Personal protection kits such as face mask and face shields may have been a bother at first, but after several months into it, it has become a part of our lives every where go. Like an add-ons to our uniforms, it has been a part of our norms. Conferences thru virtual meetings have turned us into Zoomies for those using Zoom as platforms. And speaking loudly to be audible thru the face masks, to maintain social distance during engagements, is not rude at all, but a necessity for clearer conversations.

These measures will never be viewed as exaggeration, to protect ourselves, and protect the members of our respective households. Yes, the class learned the hard way as we lost our very own Pipoy Calimag to this deadly and unseen threat. It was painful for all of us, and we are all still in a shock, as we grieve for our Mistah and his

family. May he rest in peace, in the arms of the Lord Almighty.

The pandemic has created walls for social contacts as we all went into quarantine and try to avoid physical meetings or get together. Thus, for this article we have decided to update everyone on the current dispositions of our Mistahs both in the active service and in the private sector. Our Class Prez Noel Tolentino and Kim Agatep tried their best to complete the updates, but data is limited only from those who responded.

For the Philippine Army Group: Harold Cabunoc - Chief, Operations Research Center; Vince Dy - Deputy G4, HPA; Jam Samonte - Director, Command and Control Center (C2C), TRADOC; Eugene JC Osias IV - SJS, AFP; Chito Bello, Deputy, OAFM, HPA; Ruben Aquino- Deputy G1, HPA; Studying at NDCP for MNSA RC 56 are Leo Bongosia, Dennis Cana, Noel Romero, Eric Sales, and Julius Cabarloc; Palmer Parungao - Force Commander, JSOF3, SOCOM.; John Jadloc, Deputy AGSMO, HPA; Jose Eduardo F Liboon - Chief of Staff, 53E,PA; Edmund Paul R delos Santos-G2, 4ID; Mon Flores - G1, HPA; Harry Argamosa - U2, EMC; Rhojun P Rosales - G3, 10ID; Dan Estrañero- Senior Military Adviser (to Cong. Tupas), HOR; Pros Rebanco - Deputy, OAIA; Monjie. GC, 10RCDG; Darren Comia - CS, CRSAFP; Nelson Aluad-CS, PSG; Rico Amaro - Chief,

Ops Div, OJ7; Cezar Conte Jr - C, Promo Division, OJ1; Darwin F Hernandez Deputy Cmdr 55th Engr Bde, PA, Maynard Camarao - Chief, Army Housing Office; Alvin Luzon - Directing Staff, CGSC, AFP ETDCOM; Dave Mercado - Ex-O, G2, PA; Bong Ruiz - Deputy G2, PA; AJ Lamaton- CS, LRR, PA; Jun Hamos - EX-O, OAFM; Ding Cruz - Chief, GSMO; CO of 11DCAU and OIC of G7, 11ID, PA; Kiko Carandang - Cmndt SITS; Joey Fontiveros-RIG, ASR, PA; Commanding Officer, Cyber Bn, ASR, PA; Randy Espino - Chief, CID, OJ2; Glenn Aynera - G3, PSG; Noel Tolentino - C, MWD, OJ1; Geogo Cordova - C, IOD, OJ3; Vlad Villanueva - SO3, SOCOM AFP; Derick Balbanero - HHSO, PA; Neil Roldan - Comdt 9DTS and Acting G8, 9ID; Darrell Bañez - FC, CTIF, ISAFP; Eman Canilla-FC,DIF,ISAFP; Darius Resuello-C,OD,ISAFP; Cesar Portiz-RIG, AAR; Roy 'Dodong' Derilo- G3, 4ID; Von Villanueva- Navotas City DRRMO; Hilarion Palma- CS, JTF Haribon, EMC/ Acting Deputy TF Davao, 10ID; Nice Diaz - Ex-O, OJ5; Ted De Ocampo - C, MPAD, OJ1; Ericson Rosana - C, PPPD, OJ7; Joel Malig - C, Land Systems Division, AFPSEO; Tom Pagayon-ACS/DRC,FSRR; Ronel R Manalo, MA in Strategic Security Studies, NDU, Washington DC; and Jun Patricio - CS 54EB.

For the Philippine Navy Group (including Coast Guard and Corps of Professors): Chute Adecera - DC for MarOps, NFNL; Edwin Olaer - N7, HPN;

Lito Lagadia - N1, HPN; Bayani Curaming - D,ONSS, HPN; Larry Batalla - D,OFM, HPMC; Junjie Tabuada-Supt, FTDC; Richard David - D, FMWC, NETDC; Roger Luna - D, TDC, NETDC; Ed Nera - C, SUBGRP and C, NAVMETOC; Ipe Bautista - C, NICTC; Val Abayon - D, AFPLDC, AFPETDC; Mac Buena - CO, PS39; Armand Custodio - DBC, 1MBde, PMC; Francis Cacho - DN5, HPN; Willie Manalang-PhilDAFA to Pakistan; Gieram Aragon - C, ATD, OJ2; Enstein Calaoa - C,SSSD, OSSSM; Ferds Marcelino - FC, SIF, ISAFP; Jo-el Tamayo - CS, NFEM; Doodz Manzano - Commander Naval Installation and Facilities- West; Joy Valdez - NTG-NCR; Ronald Juan- PhilDAFA to India; Jones G - AFPSNR to Bahrain; Bong Villanueva - Philippine Consulate General Frankfurt; Jeg Orio - CO, PS17; John Dela Cruz - Chief Operating Officer, ARMSCOR Shooting Center Inc.; Jerry Garrido - CO, FF150; Glenn Dizon - C, NISF; Norsal Dimaporo - DC, OESPA-PN; Jun Bolor - CS, NETDC; Charles Villanueva - CO, FF151; Ivan Papera - DC for MarOps, FMRF/C, NTF83; Jun Ruiz - NIC; Rommel Abrau- AVP, Security Risk Analyst, InfoSec, USA; Dino Delfin - C, NIF WEM; Karlo Badiola - Pilot, Air Asia; Stephen Agtoto - Assistant Dean, Corps of Professors, AFP; Gene Juan - VP of Opns, Lively Grains; Jeff Nadugo - CS, NFW; Edwin Popa - Deputy Head Acad Group PMA; and Kit Villacruz - PMA Inspector General.

And finally for the **Philippine Air Force Group**: Romel Genete - Chief of Command Staff, JTF-NCR; Ace Ventura- ACS for C4S, A6, HPAF; Edmon Gupit - Chief of Command Staff, ALC; Gene Menor - Chief, OFM, HPAF; Jun Omar - Deputy Chief, Office of Legislative Affairs, AFP; Joseph Archog - AFP Liaison Officer to US Indo-Pacific Command; Onorlie Brillantes - CO, AFRDC; Kim Agatep - Director for Operations, 220th Air Lift Wing; Aldrin Annani - Deputy Wing Commander, 250th Presidential Airlift Wing; Paulo Teodoro - Chief, Career Management Division, OJ1; Jose Ritche M Pablonia - Head; Command, Leadership and Management Department, CGSC, AFPETDC; Felix M Balanza - Group Commander, 600th Air Base Group, Air Logistics Command; Jose Johnson T Grayda - AC of AS for Educ and Training, A-8; Ryan Reynie P Sonza- Defense and Armed Forces Attache to Malaysia; Joel Inacay - A4, HPAF; Julius - Deputy, A-3; Adriano Duadico - Deputy A1; Nomer Tumesa and Boybits Bitas -just finished MNSA RC 55; Erwin Solomon - Chief, International Affairs Division, OJ5; Henry D Estoesta; Assistant Chief of Command Staff for Operations, C3, AETDC; Myroade De Leon - Student MNSA RC 56; Emmanuel S De Lima - Hongkong Airlines Captain A330/A350 flight checker/Instructor/Crew Resource Management Instructor; Joseph G Sempio - Retired Philippine Airlines Captain living in

Florida, riding motorcycle and lawn mower for fun; Reymundo T Panaguigon - Fish Spotter Pilot Pacific Ocean @ Micronesia; Epifanio T Gil (Squadmate ni CCS, ALC)- Cebu Pacific Air, A320/A321 ground/flight/ Sim instructor; George O. Marzan - Cebu Pacific Air , Ground/Sim/Flight Instructor.; Uly Tumpalan - Philippine Airlines Captain- Airbus Narrow Body; Quality Assurance Auditor; Jaime O. Peralta Jr. - Ayala Aviation Corp., Pilot - AW139 and EC145; Jonahs G. Liwag- INAEC Aviation Corporation, - EC 145, Bell 429, EC 135P2+, AS350B2, Quality and Flight Safety Officer; Jhobert S Ricalde - Philippine Airlines Captain A320/321, CAAP Designated Check Airman, Flight and Simulator Instructor; Noel Cadiz; Philippine Airlines Airbus A350/A330First Officer; and Ernesto V Parra- Vietjet Air, Vietnam Captain A320/321.

Let's not pass the opportunity to publicly congratulate our two Mistahs from the PCG, who finally reached the stars of our dreams. Rear Admiral Joseph Coyne is the Commander, Human Resource Command and Commodore Tito Andal - District Commander, Coast Guard District Southern Tagalog. The Bantay Layans and our families are truly proud of having two new young generals/admirals in our group. They are the epitome of hardwork and perseverance that all of must emulate for us to reach the stars of our dreams. Congratulations Joseph and Tito... Salute.



OWEN MONATO-AVENIDO
President
EDWARD R ESTONINA
Secretary

Maliyab STRONG!

Maliyab Trivia

One Yaber plebe was so strong he jumped over the wall between the messhall and the Open Bar. He and his accomplice bought all the boodles they could get, they left their payment at the counter, with a note "keep the change. Strong and brave indeed!

One Yaber yearling swallowed his miniature Nokia 8210 when the OC suddenly entered their room during study period. But it only took three seconds before the OC caught him when asked "What are you!?!".

One Yaber cow was so kind she washed the clothes of her summercamp squadmates (Archie Grapes is one of them). When asked why she did it, she said its not out of kindness to the plebes, but to save herself from the foul smells of her surrounding.



Bikers Duclan and Gonatz

One Yaber Immaculate becomes Aethiest every Sunday or anytime there's religious duty for the cadets. At times he is called "Iglesia Ni Mayo (Hall)" because he stays there while all cadets are in their respective churches. One clue, he is a member of the Bravo Company.

Maliyab in 2020

Year 2020 has been a very challenging year for the whole world, but it did not falter the spirit of every Yaber. Amidst the darkness, they were able to see silver linings as they launched new business ventures, took up online courses, finished their Masters, and



Ace Ampong

some even managed to settle in their new units and offices.

For soon-to-be tycoon Yabers, Jamie Jamoralin-Cuntapay has her own Shopee store called Full Trade where she attempts to rival SM with her wide array of products from Under Armour bags, shoes to different merchandise; Virgilio Sagge based in Sangley, Cavite now sells Curacha and other Zamboanga products; Roger Engie in Lipa supplies bulk of bangus and other Dagupan products; Anne Leynes has her weekend supplies of Viscos cakes and other Baguio products; Ace Ampong who recently retired is now the General Manager/driver/personal bodyguard of the head dentist in the best and most reliable dental clinic in Sapang Tagalog, Tarlac City called AMPONG Dental Clinic.

Some Yabers also engaged in new hobbies, like our PSG boys known as the Maliyab Jumping Tigers - Edwin Duclan and Omar Gonato who will challenge Jeremy McGrath in japorms and damoves in motorcycle riding.

For some Yabers, they did not waste time in improving themselves by taking online courses where they completed with flying colors. Our Class Valedictorian - Rolly Joax graduated Number 2 in the Financial Management Course. The highest rank he could get is the Number 2 spot, because one of his classmates is our favorite Yearling Buddy Francis C of Golf company. Sir Francis is so smart, it also manifests in his choice for a wife. On the Navy side, Jecca DC Sisican also graduated number 2 in the Basic Logistics Online Course despite her very busy and demanding schedule as the Deputy of the newly established PN Modernization Office. The Air Force will not be left behind with our Class President, Owen Monato-Avenido who graduated number 2 in the Strategic CMO Online Officers Course. Ace Ampong and



Owen Avenido graduating from SCMOOC

Ryan Cayton also finished their Masters in Public Administration this year, not number 2 though.

There were also movements from one office to another. Neil Dedix moved from PSG to OJ4 where he brought extra life and light to the already "happy" office. Jecca Sisican

also stayed in OJ4 for a while before she transferred back to the Navy to help in the re-establishment of the PN Modernization Office.

Mark Lagud is now in 4ID, together with Marvin Inocencio. Osang Rosalejos is now with OG3, who swapped with Rod Babaran



Yabers in OJ4

who is now back in PMA. Al Victor Burkley is currently training for his upcoming UN deployment. Manny Telms and Ferot are now with OJ3, while Perseus Sol is now an intrepid of OJ2 . Marvin Caspoy recently moved to Mactan as CO of the 110th Contracting Office, while Rolly Joax will move to 11ID. Julie Gee will go back to HPA! Hurray! The most recent

movement is by Papa Pacs Brandon who is now the HEA of the Vice Chief of Staff.

Another silver lining is for the whole 2004 Army Group. They were considered for promotion to Eltekols this year and they all gallantly faced the board.. via VTC! It's a new experience for both the interviewees and the interviewers to be far away from each other,

the tiny movements of the bleeding pores and wrinkles are not visible. Hopefully all mistahs will be considered for promotion because without question they are all qualified.

Despite the challenges, all mistahs got by. So whoever says 2020 is such a bad year, is definitely not a Yaber.



Army Interview for Promotion via VTC



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

LAST CALL

EULOGY FOR PBGEN WESLEY A BARAYUGA '83 (delivered by Cav Bernard C Florece Jr, President, PMA Class 1983)

As president of PMA MATIKAS Class of 1983 and on its behalf, we thank you for your attendance this evening to give meaning and respect to the death of our beloved mistah Wesley, ATTY. WESLEY BARAYUGA whom we regard with all confidence as a man of honor.

Wesley as we all know him, was a humble man who takes pleasure in availing even of the most modest ways of living. He takes public transportation regularly (before the pandemic); had very simple living quarters and work space; and he is known for very humble demeanor. These were the things that the eye can see, and are all tell tales of a man of integrity.

As we experience this, we share the deep pain we feel with his loss... a loss that we cannot take without seeking justice and rectifications in the utmost possible ways our class can offer.

We however take in the comfort and likewise assure the family of Wesley that as a class we will take all measures possible :

- To assist in making possible a comprehensive and speedy investigation of his case.
- In this regard, we encourage everyone who are in the know of any possible leads to come forward and present these in aid of investigation.
- We will also see to it that resources will not be spared in search of the truth.
- We condemn the untimely and haphazard declarations and negative insinuations about Wesley's character without the benefit of full verification. We find such statements irresponsible reprehensible, deplorable and utterly demoralizing.

Our Class has full knowledge and confident that our mistah WESLEY, was a good man and that he died with his boots on, working for what's best for the Office he served and his country.

PBGEN WESLEY A BARAYUGA '83 31 October 1958 - 30 July 2020

Cav Barayuga, PCSO Board Secretary was on his way home when he was ambushed on 30 July 2020 in Mandaluyong City. Wake was at the LNMB mortuary from July 31 to August 2 and airlifted to Iloilo on August 2. He was buried on August 6 at the Green Garden Memorial Park, Iloilo City. His last position held in the PNP was as Deputy Director, DL. He is survived by his wife Sarah with whom he has two children: Sarah Elizabeth and Wesley Angelo.



CAPT ERWIN P CALIMAG '94 20 May 1971 - 06 August 2020

Cav Calimag died at the AFP Medical Center on 06 August 2020 of acute acquired pneumonia. He was laid in state at St. Therese Columbarium, Pasay City on 08 August 2020. His last assignment with AFP was as AC of FS for Logistics, F4. He is married to the late Hermida with whom he had two daughters: Dyan Angela and Kristine.



BGEN MANUEL E MARIANO JR '75 15 January 1953-19 August 2020

Cav Mariano succumbed to critical pneumonia on 19 August 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. He held the distinction of the first Philippine Defense and Armed Forces Attache (DAFA) to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He was also, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Asian Security Agency of ACC: Antonio Cabangon Chua's Grp of five Companies supervising a thousand guards for the last 11 years. He is survived by his wife, Ofelia Castillo, from Zamboanga City and children Abigail, Aileen, Anne, Rea, Eric, Austin, Ricardo and Darwin and a number of grandchildren.



COMMO OCTAVIO R PABUAYON '75 9 January 1951 - 21 August 2020

Cav Pabuayon succumbed to critical pneumonia on 21 August 2020 after nine days of struggle at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center. He concluded his sea duty assignments with successful command of

several naval vessels in his career. His last assignment was as Commander of the Naval Forces of Southern Luzon. His marriage with loving wife Edna bore three children namely: Muriel, Ojay and Noelle. He had five grandchildren.



PMGEN JOSE MA. VICTOR F RAMOS '86 25 November 1964 - 19 October 2020

Former PNP Comptroller, Cav Ramos passed away on 19 October after a long hard battle due to serious injuries he sustained during that fateful helicopter accident in San Pedro, Laguna on 5 March 2020. His wake was at St Joseph Chapel, Camp Crame and he was finally laid to rest at the Eternal Gardens, Sta Rosa, Laguna. He left behind his wife, Marjorie and children: Jason Matthew and Kyle Ray.



BGEN RAFAEL S ROMERO '73 30 November 1948 - 7 November 2020

Cav Romero passed away on 7 November 2020 of arrhythmia. He was the former Commander of CMOR and became trustee of PMAAAL affiliate foundations. The funeral services for the late Cav Romero were held at the LNMB mortuary on 9 - 13 November. He is survived by his wife, Imelda and children, Veronica, Angeli Patricia, and Therese Michelle.



MGEN VICTOR U GARCIA '67 28 December 1943 - 17 November 2020

Cav Garcia passed away peacefully on 17 November 2020 at the VMMC. He was the former Commander of Visayas Command and became President of the AFP General Insurance Corp after his retirement from the military service.



The funeral services for the late MGEN GARCIA were held at Chapel 1, LNMB on 21-23 November 2020. Burial was held on 24 November at the LNMB. He is survived by his wife, Luisa May R Garcia, their children, Victor Luis and Ma. Victoria.





PMAAAI donates much-needed personal protective equipment to military and police hospitals.