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Early on in the training of cadets, they are indoctrinated on the basics of customs and traditions of the service. Surprisingly, inspite of the difficulties which characterize the life of a plebe, what they learned in the indoctrination process are deeply ingrained, clearly remembered and passionately treasured. Then, they leave the portals of the Academy and venture into the outside world-idealistic, eager and courageous. They notice that, outside, things are quite different in the profession of arms i.e., manner of conducting military honors, leadership idiosyncracies that defy doctrines, formal superior-subordinate protocols different from informal upperclass-underclass relationships.

This is now the situation faced both by new graduates and older alumni. Change is inevitable, nothing is permanent. They should not be swept by the maelstrom of change. While they adapt to changes, there are things they should not let go-traditions of the long gray line and their commitments to remain true to Academy values which are rooted in the Code of Honor. Above all, they should stand by their commitment to serve their country at whatever cost.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



Commitment to the service in the 21st century

“**C**adets, what is service and what is loyalty?” It was a standard question of our instructors when we were still cadets. We know that the question is still relevant to be asked to the cadets of today. We just do not know what their answer would be. We however surmise that there will be a world of difference in the way we see these powerful words or concepts, given a more or less 50-year age gap. Does the millennial generation of defense and security providers (soldiers, police, coast guard personnel, etc) have the same level of commitment as we had during our time?

To look for answers, one cannot help but look back into our yesteryears. We need to retrace our history and values and compare them with today's events or we may need to use quantification methods. One reason may be that life would seem simple then compared to the fast-paced demands of today. Another reason that may be offered is the findings on generation gap. Yes, we baby boomers (born after the war) and the older generations enjoy boogie and the classics while the millennials (today's generation or those born in the 80's to 2000) enjoy malling and the internet. Yes, the internet! It is the favorite past time of the "younglings" to spend countless hours surfing the internet while we still engage in the traditional reading of books and newspapers. We personally experienced the real world through travel and we even participated in the events we now call history. We experienced the birth of insurgency and the rebellion in Mindanao, while the millennials see the world through cyberspace. They are getting real time information through the computers, unlike our reliance on radio for information.

Where do these events lead us? As mature Cavaliers, it is easy for us to advise the next generation of Cavaliers to remain loyal to the country and steadfast in the service. But have we asked ourselves what the future will be? Will the way we see things be relevant to them? Last year, the country hosted APEC and the Philippines has been deeply committed to the ASEAN Integration. These organizations are embodiments of the concept of globalization. So what is loyalty to the country and commitment to the service in a globalized world? As we expand our international commitments our “world” broadens, and so does our perception of things around us. So we ask: “Is today's generation ready for the service expected in the 21st Century?”

It is praise-worthy that reforms in the defense and security sector are being done. The reform agenda will prepare our

servicemen for the demands ahead. Analysts have predicted that the country's population will balloon to 150 million by 2050 and that the country will be in the top 20 economies in the world. Are we really ready for the demands of the future? Will the transformation roadmaps of the AFP, PNP and PCG be sufficient for the “new” commitments required? And as concerned Cavaliers, we wonder if the PMA curriculum will be responsive to the renewed commitment required of the service in the future.

The older Cavaliers were “raised” in the challenging times. There were numerous ups and downs and there were even times when Cavaliers were pitted against fellow Cavaliers. Despite the challenges, there was a collective value of being in the service for love of country. We have observed that Cavaliers who belong to the generation X (born in 1960's-80's) had a different appreciation of events. Some Cavaliers in that generation ventured into other industries like the airline and private security industries. We earlier asked if the millennials or generation Y would be ready since they are considered the multi-tasking and the non-committal generation. Career changes are expected of them. It is with eagerness that we anticipate the millennial appreciation of new and better opportunities vis-a-vis government service.

We remain hopeful that our next generation of Cavaliers will be capable of meeting the service commitment required in the 21st Century. The 21st Century, also called the Asian Century, should be the Philippine Century. Our Cavaliers can play a significant role in this aspiration, but we should go the extra mile. We need to strengthen our values to ensure commitment. Our values have remained strong throughout the course of history. Our individual and collective values stand on solid foundation. PMA is still the bedrock of integrity of the nation. As we seek our national identity, we now redefine service to the nation as a people-centered service. We will look after the welfare of the people and not just the state. As we face international challenges at this time, we need to take advantage of the opportunities and prospects of growth and sustainable development. Love of the people and of peace should be the new values of millennial Cavaliers. It is not just about the Philippines but also about opening to the world. Our commitment to the service should look for a niche in the globalized world. 🌐



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



Revisiting memories, fortifying commitments

“The divine flame of thought is inextinguishable in the Filipino people, and somehow or other it will shine forth and compel recognition. It is impossible to brutalize the inhabitants of the Philippines!” – Jose Rizal

The theme “Strengthening commitments: history, values and traditions of the service” reminds me of the endeavours each of us cavaliers has endured in order to be qualified for the the profession of arms. Love for country has always been the guiding light of our Association. It is what drives us unconditionally to serve our country despite difficulties we meet outside our Alma Mater. I am proud that many of our men and women have remained true to their commitments as true military professionals.

Our military discipline has long been tested by various adversities which date back to the establishment of the Philippine revolutionary forces. Said adversities do not weaken us but rather give us the opportunity to become a dynamic and proactive assembly of

Academy alumni. Throughout our history, the changes we went through prove that we are a living entity, not easily trampled upon but rather, make us more receptive to challenges and further understanding of events in our environment.


I cannot forget the values our Alma Mater has ingrained in our hearts and minds. As the Academy’s mission intends, we now possess the character, the skills, and the education essential to the pursuit of a progressive military career. Above all else, we have developed an inviolable pledge to live and die for our motto: **Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty**. I believe that the upbringing we had inside our beloved institution is still what we live by in the service today.

Our traditions, as cavaliers, have been passionately carried on and transmitted by the earlier generations to the latter ones. In some facets, there is a mutual exchange of belief and culture that has been varied by time. Unspoken but not unrecognized, the training we had became an essential part of our lives.

Cherishing the wisdom we learned from our Alma Mater, I encourage my

fellow cavaliers as public servants to revisit the past and be guided by it. The past provides us the hindsight and foresight that we may not have thought of as necessary to improve ourselves. It is where we find rejuvenation – through memories of our commitments in the past and what said commitments are for. Our people demand nothing short of honour and excellence in the service we render.

The values that have been ingrained in us while we were still cadets define our very identities. They espouse the image our countrymen know of us and look up to. This is among many other reasons why we should be reminded to be actively vigilant in fulfilling our primordial commitment – as protectors of our motherland.

With the new waves of change the incoming administration may offer, let us not forget the essential role we play in ensuring that the paramount interest of our country and people will be paramount. Onward we go, with unwavering devotion to serve God and the Filipino people. 





SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Contributing to the tradition of excellence in the Academy

Sowing the seeds

In the last report, we mentioned three institutional objectives where our actions will be anchored. These are the following: (1) Increase in success rate for every class; (2) enhance further the competency of our personnel; and (3) maintain the efficiency of our systems and processes.

In connection with the first objective and as part of the PMA Curriculum Revision Project, the Academy has embarked on the task of continuously reviewing the current curriculum. This is done by looking into its evolution over the years as it changed from one conferring Bachelor of Science Degree to Tri service Degrees and back. The curriculum is evaluated in comparison with the curricula of other global military schools (particularly in the number of units gained and nature of subjects taught) and more importantly, its responsiveness to the current needs of the stakeholders. To ensure that these changes will be institutionalized, consultations with the members of the Academic and Tactics group are made, inputs from the stakeholder survey are also considered and research and documentation are given importance. As a result of the extensive curriculum review, there is now a consensus that the graduates using the current curriculum shall be conferred Bachelor of Science degree, Major in Military Leadership and Management.

The correlation of the quality of cadet candidates and the probability of graduating from the academy was also revisited, necessitating the move to enhance the current process of recruitment. Higher headquarters has actively supported these endeavors by continuously facilitating the availability of resources for the study of the curriculum and the production of the new institutional and recruitment videos which had been launched in time for the conduct of the PMA Entrance Examination in different testing centers across the country on August 21.


PMA was recently invited by the Japan National Defense Academy (JNDA) in early June to discuss the details of the proposed faculty and student exchange program. JNDA has a favorable response to this undertaking. Dr. Ryosei Kokubun, President of the JNDA has initially stated their intent of sending

fifty JNDA cadets to interact with our cadets. This is the same direction we hope to take in other countries where cadets are admitted as students, such as Australia, US, Korea and Canada.

Today, PMA hopes to institutionalize the practice of sending cadets to attend international conferences and invite their counterparts from Foreign Service Academies to visit the Academy to observe our practices and customs.

To further enhance our systems and processes, we intend to look into the best practices of other military academies as well. PMA will be hosting the "6th Rimland Pacific Superintendents' Conference (RPSC)" from 19 to 22 July 2016. The first Rimland Conference was conducted in 2001. This event was attended by the heads of Naval and/or Tri-Service Academies of countries such as Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines. The theme for this year's conference is: "Service Academies: Strengthening Cooperation and Collaboration to Address Global Security Challenges". Aside from the exchange of ideas and lessons learned, the RPSC provides a venue for potential cooperative discussions and joint opportunities that can be explored by participating countries. Examples are Four Year Exchange Program, Semester Exchange (not more than 6 months in duration), Short Duration Visits (2-4 weeks), and Faculty/Staff Exchanges.

In closing, we would like to again express our appreciation to the sons and daughters of the long gray line who contribute to the realization of the vision of the Academy for the 1168 strong members of the Corps. As of this writing, two major projects are envisioned to be funded through PMAAAI Payback Scheme, namely: the repair of the Boodle Bar which will be renamed Lorenzo Lounge (The facility will be a reminder of the old Lorenzo Hall. It will serve as a reception area for cadet visitors) and the procurement of seventy five computer units for the three computer laboratories at the Melchor Hall for use during Information Technology lessons.

With these seeds "sown" with the help of the community of cavaliers, we are assured that we will have a stronger institution to mold future leaders. 



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Strengthening commitments, values and traditions

Now that the election is over and the people have chosen a new set of leaders, it is time to close ranks and pursue with more vigor our national goals. The drama which unfolded during the past political exercise does not speak well of our age – old Filipino values and traditions. Something has gone wrong in our society and this has derailed the attainment of our long time aspiration as a people – *lasting peace and prosperity*.

Understandably, there are apprehensions resulting from unorthodox, sometimes radical pronouncements of the President-elect. Cavaliers, most especially those still in the active service should not be affected, much more swept by conflicting sentiments and possible polarization of socio-economic and political forces. As often said, it is time to move on, close ranks and give the new leaders the chance to lead the nation. Now, more than in any other time in our recent existence as a free nation, the men in uniform and cavaliers should demonstrate that they are the pillars of strength in the preservation of stability. They should never forget the raison d'être for existence as stated in Section 3, Article II of the Constitution: protect the people and the state, its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

But even as the armed services focus on their primary reason for being, cavaliers should not forget their internal selves, their personal commitments to perform their duties well, their values and age-old customs and traditions nurtured by the Academy through the Code of Honor. Have there been social and cultural changes in the larger society and in the profession of arms? Have there been significant changes in Academy traditions and customs of the military service in general? These are questions raised by older alumni-products of the cadet corps when its maximum strength was only 350.

A number of contemporary practices could have triggered the questions.

First, it came to pass that “boodle fight” has gone beyond the confines of the Academy and alumni gatherings. Thanks to media, many of our countrymen now understand that boodle (obsolete slang word no longer found in modern English dictionaries which means *lot, pack, crowd, bribe money*) in cadet parlance is food and boodle fight is not a street brawl, boxing or wrestling match. It means some kind of an event where a hodgepodge of foods spread over banana leaves on a long table, are eaten with bare hands by a multitude of participants. Recall that even Presidents were shown in pictures in the newspapers eating with rows of soldiers to celebrate an important event, and captioned boodle fight.

Today, AFP training institutions and even civilian offices refer to similar events in their organizations as boodle fight.

Second, again, it came to pass that military ceremonies, like turn-over of commands, unit anniversary celebrations, and parade and reviews, among others, have become numerous, elaborate and expensive. While these ceremonies give the uniformed services a certain degree of uniqueness that impress civilians with their show of discipline, precision and teamwork, there are down-sides, like time spent in preparing and conducting them, and removing men from their primary places of duty. At times, combat troops, arms (even artillery) and equipment are called from their operational areas to participate in these ceremonies.

The DND/AFP leadership should review when and how military ceremonies should be conducted and for whom. It will be wise to reread development of military thought and doctrines with the end in view of going “back to basics”, reducing the frequency and retaining only those peculiar to old customs and traditions. For instance, in the olden days, combat troops preparing for battle and dressed in colorful gala uniforms were assembled in regular formations to be checked for readiness by officers after which they marched, accompanied by drums and bugles. Historians say, this was the origin of today's parade and review.

Third, there seems to be a lessening of the warmth of alumni camaraderie and brotherhood-like relationships as noticed by older alumni who, as cadets, lived in one barracks and underclassmen knew all upperclassmen, including their personal information (name of girlfriend, hometown, serial number, etc.). And, genuine respect for senior/older alumni, regardless of rank appears to be not as strong as before. Could these changes be the result of a large Corps of Cadets? Graduates not retiring all together as a class? Ambition and scramble for positions? This is a sad reality that the PMAAAI should take time to work on with a sense of urgency.

For sure, there will be more changes in the country and in the profession of arms in particular. Technology has done a lot in effecting social and cultural changes (terms which social writers say are interchangeable). Even the Academy with its traditions borrowed from West Point, USA. will not be spared from this phenomenon. But it should not let go with the nurturing of values that spring from the *Code of Honor* which graduates from all years hold sacrosanct, *up to now*. This is what makes the Academy distinct from other educational institutions. 🙏



MGen Lorenzana appointed SND; Gen Esperon, NSA

Retired MGen Delfin N Lorenzana '73 has been appointed by President Rodolfo R Duterte as the new Secretary of National Defense. He replaces LtGen Voltaire T Gazmin '68.



Lorenzana



Esperon

Retired AFP chief Gen Hermogenes C Esperon Jr '74 has also been appointed as the new National Security Adviser.

Retired MGen Eduardo D del Rosario '80 and BGen Ricardo B JaLad '83 have been appointed as DND Usec and head of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), respectively.

Other Presidential appointees are all retired police officers, namely: PDDGen Edgar C Galvante '70 – LTO chief; PDDGen Isidro S Lapena '73 – PDEA chief; PDir Jaime H Morente '81 – commissioner, Bureau of Immigration; PDir Alex Paul I Monteagudo 81 - NICA chief; and PDir Catalino S Cuy '81 – DILG USec for Police Matters.

LtGen Visaya appointed AFP chief of Staff; PCSupt Dela Rosa, PNP chief

LtGen Ricardo R Visaya '83 has been appointed as the new AFP chief of staff. He replaces acting AFP chief LtGen Glorioso V Miranda who goes back to his position as AFP vice chief.



Visaya



Dela Rosa

PCSupt Ronald M dela Rosa '86 has likewise been appointed as the new PNP chief. He replaces PDGen Ricardo C Marquez '82.

Senator Lacson leads PMAYers being elected in the last election

Retired PDGen and former Senator Panfilo M Lacson '71 has been elected back to the Philippine Senate in the past national elections on 9 May 2016.

In the House of Representatives, retired PDir Romeo M Acop '70 and retired PDir Leopoldo N Bataoil '76 have been reelected as congressmen representing 2nd district of Antipolo City and the 2nd district of Pangasinan, respectively. Retired PC Col Amado T Espino Jr '72 has been elected as Pangasinan's 5th district representative. Espino's son Amado III succeeds his father as Pangasinan governor.



Lacson



Espino

Magdalo Partylist representative Cpt Garry C Alejano '95 has also been reelected.

Retired PDDGen Jefferson Soriano '76 has been reelected anew as mayor of Tuguegarao City. Retired PCSupt Vicente A Loot '82 has been elected as mayor of Daanbantayan in northern Cebu.

Retired Col Ernesto G Dionisio '67 has been elected as city councilor of Manila.

Renovation of PMA Alumni Center building completed

The renovation and repainting of the PMA Alumni Center building has been completed in April 2016 at a total cost of almost P2 million. The renovation includes a library, an expanded conference room to be used as a board room (large enough to accommodate the 21-member board), an expanded room for the BIRCI and a new stockroom cum service area. Included are the built-in cabinet along the wall of the library, the acquisition of aircon units, public address system, duplicating machine, and conference tables and chairs.

Ongoing is the repair and repainting of the Transient Officers Quarters that will cost about P0.30 million.

PMAAAI receives P3 million from CNP golf tournament

The Police Cavaliers Association, Inc. (PCAI) conducted a fund-raising golf tournament, in the name of CNP PDGen Ricardo R Marquez, with the PMAAAI and its affiliate foundations as the beneficiaries.

The PMAAAI and its affiliates received P3.0 million from the proceeds of the golf tournament for their welfare projects, broken down as follows: P0.5 million each for the PMAAAI Special Fund for Mutual Relief and Special Fund for Medical Assistance; P0.4 million each for PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI), PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI), and PMAAA Foundation for Truth

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In Memoriam

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

MGen Samuel T Dunque '65 (Assoc.)	14 April 16
Cpt Leovic R Dioneda '78	18 April 16
Maj Hector P Dongail '99	16 April 16
Lt Frederick Emil R Tapawan '03	19 May 16
LGen Orlando DV Soriano '62	24 May 16
BGen Ernesto P Cutiyog '79	29 May 16

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

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



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN


PMAAA Army Chapter inducts new officers, 2Lts

By Cav Cindy Kristina L Quintos '10

Army Cavaliers gathered for the Induction Ceremony of the newly-elected officers of the PMAAAI Army Chapter, Inc. (PACI) on April 27, 2016 at the Philippine Army Officers Club House. During the occasion, the new members belonging to the Army Group of PMA Gabay Laya Class 2016 were also welcomed by the PACI and they also took their oath of membership.

CAV R. DEMOSTHENES C SANTILLAN, Vice Commander of the Philippine Army, PMA Class '83 officiated the oath taking of the new set of officers for calendar year 2016 to 2017 led by the elected President, CAV ELIEZER R GALAM, a member of PMA Class of 1987. In his speech, CAV SANTILLAN urged the new lieutenants to live by the principles of courage, integrity

and devotion to duty. He also commended the accomplishments of the outgoing officers. The outgoing President, CAV JOHN A JURADO of PMA Class 1986, presented the Association's summary of accomplishments during his incumbency. The activity served to strengthen the Army Cavaliers' bond and camaraderie.

The PACI has been responsible for various fund-raising activities, most notable of which is the Heroes Run, which aims to raise funds for the benefit of the living heroes, combat casualties, and the soldier-athletes of the Philippine Army. For the officers and members of the PMAAAI, true public service is not only a duty, but has become a way of life. Courage, integrity and loyalty continue to define them as they do about their mandate to the country and the people. 

Fleet-Marine Cavaliers receive new ensigns

by Cav Felipe F Bautista '94
Chapter Secretary

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Incorporated – Philippine Navy Chapter (PMAAAI – PN Chapter) held its annual general assembly on April 19, 2016 at the Philippine Navy Officers Clubhouse with the Flag Officer In Command, Philippine Navy (FOIC, PN) as the Guest of Honor. The activity has allowed the general membership of the Association to ratify the acts of the previous Board. The event also saw the turn-over of the duties and responsibilities from one set of officers to another for the Association Year 2016-2017. Another highlight of the gathering was the reception of the youngest members of the Association, the newly appointed ensigns of the PMA Gabay Laya Class of 2016.

The general assembly registered a total of 215 attendees who came from the eight regimental companies of the CCAFP. The roll call was done by company, starting from the bottom of the standing of the 2015 Jurado Cup Sports Competition. The loudest cheers came from the Hawk Company being at the top of the ladder. The general assembly ratified the previous acts of the Board, particularly the donation of the proceeds of one fund raising activity to a noble cause. Navy cavaliers from Alfa to Hawk companies have thrown their support by giving their nods to the motions of the proceedings. A significant amount earned from the Dinner for a Cause Concert was donated to the PN Wind Orchestra in kind to enhance the musical equipment of the ensemble.



Magic 13 join air cavaliers

by Cav Isagani F Quiming '01

The Air Force Chapter received the 13-strong members of Gabay Laya Class of 2016 into its ranks on 27 April 2016 at the PAF Multi-Purpose Gymnasium. The oath taking was presided by no less than the Commanding General, PAF, CAV EDGAR R FALLORINA '83 and assisted by the outgoing Chapter Chairman, CAV JOSE P TANJUAN '85.

The newest members dubbed as the "Magic 13" had their orientation in the morning wherein both junior and senior air cavaliers delivered an inspirational talk to give them

a glimpse of what lies ahead. The speakers discussed wide range of topics from their field experiences to giving advices on career development. The Chapter, in its quest to look into the welfare especially of its new members, designated Class Advisers, with the Class of 2015 as the first recipient of the program.

The whole day reception was capped with a grand celebration in the evening which was attended by more than three hundred air cavaliers. 🇵🇭



A new set of officers also took their oath to carry out the functions of the Association. The outgoing President, CAV RENE S MEDINA '86, handed the gavel to the incoming President, CAV LOUMER S BERNABE '87, as a symbol of the duties and responsibilities of the chairmanship. CAV TACCAD '82, the most senior Navy cavalier present, presided over the turn over ceremony. The symbolic rite of passage followed the oath taking of the new members of the Board, Committee Chairmen and Company Marchers for the Association Year 2016-2017. The outgoing officers were awarded with Certificates of Recognition for their commendable performance in running the Association for AY 2015-2016.

In what appeared to be a second "summer reception" for plebes, the Fleet-Marine cavaliers ushered in the 17-strong members of the PMA Gabay Laya class 2016. The new ensigns were accompanied by the upperclassmen in the early morning of April 18, 2016 for the reveille warm-up exercises prior to a swim and run segment of the "gentle mase-mase". CAV CACULITAN '89, the chairman of the ways and means committee, led the sweat out session and ensured that the new navy cavaliers were properly received, albeit the marines way. The morning phase of the reception culminated in a tummy-filling boodle fight joined by other senior members of the Navy Chapter.

With all the raffles, give-aways and boodles, everyone had fun during the entire occasion. Overall, the activity was a resounding success in that, it not only attained its objective of fostering fellowship among the Navy cavaliers but more so, it solidified the camaraderie that has its roots from the PMA grounds up to the naval service. 🇵🇭

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

This is in reaction to some comments in the Class Call of Class 1956 and Class 1960 in the March-April 2016 issue of the Cavalier magazine.

Let me comment first on the Class 1960 Class Call. On the PMAAAI board resolutions submitted for ratification of the members, the list of the resolutions with their subject titles was included in the Annual Report which, along with the 15 resolutions affecting the members, was included inside the envelope distributed to the members during the registration at as early as 0700H. The members had sufficient time, if they had wanted to, to read the resolutions before start of the meeting at 0830H. To distribute by mail or courier all the resolutions to all the members beforehand (if what is meant by "beforehand" is before the date of the meeting) is impractical, not to mention the added cost.

On the suggestion to have a resolution to implement the Supreme Court decision on PD 1638, it is not clear what that decision is. (There was a Supreme Court decision more than a decade ago upholding the constitutionality of Section 27 of PD 1638 which provides that "the name of a retiree who loses his Filipino citizenship shall be removed from the retired list and his retirement benefits terminated upon such loss.") If what is being referred to is that on the late Col Carolino '51 case, which came out last year, it pertains to those who retired under RA 340, not under PD 1638. Anyway, it is not the PMAAAI to implement the SC decision but the AFP, particularly the Finance Service and the PGMCM.

On the giving by the PMAAAI of a Valor Award to the recipients of the Medal of Valor, it was the thinking of the Awards Committee and the Board last year that the Cavalier recipients of the Medal of Valor deserve also a recognition by the Association, as the award brings honor not only to the recipient himself but also to the organization to which he belongs. It is a way of PMAAAI honoring them. By the way, this was covered by Board Resolution No. 15-23, which explains the rationale.

On the Class 1956 Class Call, there was a mention of my name which I quote: "Ridel Garcia (the No. 1 in their CGSC class doggedly trailed by Ros Alquiza cl 55". I would like to correct the wrong allegation. In the CGSC special class of 1982, to which Plaridel Garcia '59 and I belonged, during the graduation ceremony the two of us were officially declared Distinguished Graduates for having garnered an average grade of at least 96%. There was no official declaration of No. 1 and No.2 of the class. It was the policy of the late BGen Isidro B Agunod, the commandant, not to declare a No. 1 and No. 2 of the class, as he did not believe that one student is really better than another by reason of merely having a higher grade by an infinitesimal fraction of 1%. It was I, when I took over from BGen Agunod as commandant in 1983, who instituted (or reinstated) the policy of declaring among the graduates a No. 1 and a No.2 of the class and presenting them during the graduation ceremony the AFP Chief of Staff Award and the AFPCGSC Commandant Award, respectively, as incentive for the students to aspire for excellence. 🇵🇭

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and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI); P0.3 million each for PMA Foundation, Inc (PMAFI) and Business Industry and Retired Cavaliers, Inc. (BIRCI), and P0.2 million for the Special Fund for PMA Pay Back.

The PMAAAI and its affiliates extend their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to PDGen Marquez and PCAI for the donation.

PFTJI increases legal assistance

The PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice (PFTJI) has increased its legal and financial assistance to members of the Foundation who are also members of the PMAAAI in good standing, who are charged in court for offenses committed in the lawful performance of their official duties or are victims of injustice.

The PFTJI board of trustees, chaired by Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55, approved the resolution increasing the present P30,000.00

financial assistance to P50,000.00 for a member charged in court for his legal defense, considering the high cost of litigation.

To qualify for the financial support, a PMAAAI member must pay to the Foundation a one-time contribution of at least P2,000.00.

PMAAAI increases medical assistance

The PMAAAI board of directors has increased the maximum amount of medical assistance to its members who are suffering from serious illness from the present P40,000.00 to P50,000.00.

It has also extended the filing of the request for such assistance up to three (3) months following the death of the ailing member. The previous policy requires submission of such request before the ailing member dies. 🇵🇭



Cav Rosalino A. Alquiza '55 (left) representing PMAAAI and affiliates, receives donation from CPNP Cav Ricardo C Marquez '82, through PCAI Vice President Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 (right)



PMAAAI and its affiliates now hold regular meetings at the Board Room of the renovated PMA Alumni Center.

The long gray line: root of our commitment to the service

by Cav Olick Salayo '01

Not many people are able to step into a life of commitment at a very young age. The Academy has taught the long gray line the core values of courage, integrity and loyalty embodied by honor, service and patriotism. Among the many things that bond cavaliers across generations is the early submission of their free will to a law of perpetual constraint at a time when our youth is just blossoming into the freedom to experience life. Our very early experience of commitment was the moment we set foot in Fort Del Pilar and took that 'Oath of Office.' That act meant more than just words spoken -- it was signing off our youth, our future, and our lives for an ideal.

In the classrooms of the Academy, we learned of heroic narratives that echo through generations of cadets. Our rich military history is filled with stories of patriotism, dedication to duty and sacrifices. In a personal re-examination of military ideals, I revisited the inspiring stories of gallantry in action of cavaliers.

Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice and many survived the armed encounters with and without injury. Can you still remember the cavalier who "managed to singlehandedly save the lives of six Marines who were ambushed by guerrillas, carrying them off the battlefield one by one"; "the gunnery officer who died in the line of duty during an encounter while directing his gunners"; and "the young officer who engaged nine Japanese Zeros and successfully sunk fifteen ships in the Pasig River to prevent the Japanese from using them"?

From cadetship and into units where we are assigned, we also encounter unique traditions which engender military values and ideals. Our organization has creeds, maxims, songs and even chants that inspire each cavalier to value his commitment. It all starts with a challenge to grow towards the ideals embodied in Cadet Prayer: "...guide us that we may live this life to the fullest in devotion to Thee, in service to humanity and country and in the realization of our true self....

Strengthen our hearts with fortitude that we may discipline our lives to trail the difficult paths rather than to stray on the easier ways".

Commitment to accomplish the mission is also inspired by the Ranger's Creed which declares: "Recognizing that I volunteered as a Ranger, fully knowing the hazards of my chosen profession....I will shoulder more than my share of the task whatever it may be, one-hundred-percent and then some....Surrender is not a Ranger word.....complete the mission though I be the lone survivor".

For some, the creed becomes a commitment to serve in the shadows "...unseen, unheard, we do our share without fanfare nor trumpet's blare". The Cadet Prayer and Ranger Creed, along with other unit creeds and even the "Cavalier Knowledges", habituate in the corner of our minds and continuously reconnect us to the "commitment button" in our brains. These remind us that we, as cavaliers, must always be dedicated to the service of our country and people even without being ordered to do so, or without expecting recognition of our good deeds.

Our shared experiences as cavaliers, tell us that our commitment is deeply rooted in our history, values and traditions, the very foundations of our beloved Academy. These are the reasons why Academy graduates are imbued with a deep sense of commitment to duty. In the context of leadership, commitment is the dedication to a particular organization, cause, or belief, and a willingness to get involved.

Cavaliers who have maintained a high status of commitment to a noble cause and to the organization where they belong stand out among men, and uphold the truth. They are instruments of national healing and nation-building. They serve our country and people in many ways, even at the expense of their lives. This kind of commitment to duty should be the hallmark of all Academy graduates.

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In 2006, I wrote and published an article in the Cavalier magazine titled "On Estate Planning", to help one in planning, to minimize the tax payable, for the transfer to his heirs of his real estate and other properties. The different modes are through deed of donation, deed of absolute sale, formation of a family corporation the equity of which will be the properties, and through judicial or extrajudicial settlement of his estate after he dies.

Now, I have been asked to write on what to do in case a loved one, particularly a military retiree, dies. First concern is the interment. The AFP deputy chief of staff for retirees and reservists affairs, J-9 (contact no. (02) 911 6513), has to be informed, so the Philippine flag will be provided to be draped over the casket and the vigil provided during the wake. If the family wishes to have the remains interred at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani (LNMB), to which all military retirees are entitled, even if they are not heroes, arrangement will have to be made with the Army Support Command

six (6) months after the death of the deceased member. Failure to do so will mean a surcharge or penalty of 25% and an interest of 20% per annum of the estate tax due.

Within sixty (60) days after the date of death, a letter has to be sent to the BIR Commissioner (Attn: Revenue District Officer), giving notice of the death of the deceased person. This is pursuant to Section 89 of RA 8424, otherwise known as the Tax Reform Act of 1997.

If there is no Last Will and Testament executed by the decedent before he died, the heirs have to execute an Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate of the deceased. Properly notarized, it has to be published in a newspaper of national circulation for three (3) weeks.

A Statement of the itemized assets of the deceased, itemized deductions from the gross estate of the deceased, and the amount due if the gross value of the estate exceeds P2 million, has to be prepared and certified by a CPA. The BIR-prescribed zonal valuation of the properties at the time of death is

certification by BIR of zonal valuation of the properties at the time of death, 8) photo copy of Certificate of Registration of vehicles and other documents showing correct value of the same, if applicable, 9) certificate of deposit/investment/indebtedness owned by decedent and surviving spouse, if applicable, 10) xerox copy of shares of stocks, if applicable, 11) certification of Barangay Chairman for claimed Family Home, and 12) duly notarized Promissory Note for "Claims against the Estate" arising from contract of loan, if applicable.

After filing the Estate Tax Return and paying the estate tax, the BIR will issue the Tax Clearance Certificate and a Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR) for each of the real estate properties covered. A Transfer Tax will have to be paid to the City Treasurer within 60 days from the date of filing of the Estate Tax Return. The Real Estate Tax clearance issued by the City Treasurer, together with the Tax Clearance Certificate and the CAR issued by the BIR, are needed for the registration with the Register of Deeds to transfer the

What to do in case a loved one dies ...

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

(contact no. (02) 845-9555 local 4401) in Fort Bonifacio. The appropriate military honors will also be provided by the AFP.

At that crucial time, funds are needed for the burial expenses. The following cash benefits or abuloy due the family are: P100,000.00 for a member of PMA Class 1955, P50,000.00 for a member of PMAAAI in good standing, P40,000.00 for member of AGFO in good standing, and P20,000.00 for a veteran as burial assistance from PVAO. I learned that AFPSLAI also gives a P15,000.00 abuloy in case of death of a regular member.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the retirement pension of the deceased AFP retiree is to be transferred to the legal spouse if married to the pensioner before he retired, pursuant to Sec 25b(1) of PD 1638. The request has to be made with the PGMC, to be supported with the retirement order, marriage certificate and death certificate.

Now, let me tackle the procedural and substantive requirements in support of filing the Estate Tax Return and paying to BIR the appropriate estate tax within

used. The CPA Statement is one of the documents in support of the Estate Tax Return (BIR Form No. 1801), along with the Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of the Estate and the certification attesting to its publication.


All the registrable properties of the deceased, such as real estate, vehicles and shares of stock, in addition to personal assets like cash in bank, have to be included in the CPA Statement, as the Certificate Authorizing Registration (CAR) and the Tax Clearance Certificate to be issued by BIR after paying the estate tax will be the supporting documents in transferring the titles of the properties from the deceased to the heirs.

The other documents required to be attached to the Estate Tax Return are: 1) death certificate, 2) notice of death, 3) TIN of the deceased, 4) certified true copies of TCTs and latest Tax Declarations of real properties, if applicable, 5) certificate of No Improvement issued by the Assessor's Office where declared properties have no declared improvement, 6) real estate tax clearance issued by the City Treasurer, 7)

titles of the properties in the names of the heirs. Registration fees are based on the schedule of fees with the Register of Deeds. Tax Declarations for each of the properties will be transferred by the City Assessor in the names of the heirs.

For estate tax purposes, the authorized deductions from the gross estate of the deceased include a standard deduction of P1 million, deduction for family home (house and lot where the deceased lived before he died) not exceeding P1 million, allowable deductions for medical expenses not exceeding P500,000.00 incurred by the deceased within one (1) year prior to his death, and allowable deductions for funeral expenses not exceeding P200,000.00. The last two have to be supported with receipts.

The estate tax is based on the value of the net estate. The estate is exempt from tax if the net estate is not over P200,000.00. Above that, the estate tax ranges from 5% to 20% of the net estate.

For more details in preparing the Estate Tax Return, one may refer to my article "On Estate Planning". 



CLASS CALL

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

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



SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

On Class Gatherings

On 24 April 2016, the class moved its monthly class gathering back to the AGFO Social Hall, after several months holding it at the Federal Seafood Restaurant in Makati. Before the lunch, everybody savored lot of balut and wine. Co-hosts for the affair were Rene Ecarma and Muni Munoz, with their wives, Arfeli and Ondette, respectively.

A big number from the class, 14 in all, attended the affair. Other than the hosts, they were Betong Alfabeto with wife Maudie, Poncing Allanigue with son Aaron, Ros Alquiza, Dante de Guzman with wife Zeny, Buddy Mison with wife Lone, Tante Ochoco, Padie Padiernos, Fel Parado with wife Lolit, Johnny Sanchez with wife Pilar, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina with wife Georgie, and Rene Tanseco with wife Mila. In addition, three widows were able to attend, namely: Sally Arceo, Terry Suarez and Gigi Zaide.

The March-April issue of the Cavalier magazine has just come off the press, so Ros was able to give every member present their copies. Otherwise, it will take a week or two before they can receive their copies through the mail.

The president, Buddy Mison, thanked the hosts and announced the next affair to be hosted by Porfing Santos and Moy Rivera will be on Sunday, 22 May 2016, with the venue to be announced later.

So on Sunday, 22 May, the class had its monthly meeting at the Federal Restaurant. Poncing joined Porfing and Moy in hosting the lunch. Present were Buddy & Lone, Johnny & Pilar, Dante & Zeny, Rene & Arfeli, Fel & Lolit, Romy & Georgie, Poncing, Ros, Tante, Porfing, Grace, Maudie, Vangie, Estel, Terry and Gigi.

The lunch ended with Buddy thanking the hosts and announcing the next affair will be a dinner at the Fairmont Hotel on 24 June 2016, in celebration of Mayor Johnny's 85th birthday and exit from politics.



RR CABANTAC
President
RJ JOPSON
Secretary

Two (2) members of PMA Class 53 celebrated their birthdays in April and May 2016. Vic Custodio celebrated his birthday on April 12, 2016. He treated the class with a luncheon. It was attended by members of his family and friends. Classmates who attended were Miling Melendres, Vic Hans, Ciloy Bueno, Mert Bocanegra, Greg Castro, Ely Dioquino, Isauro Guiang and Vic Custodio. Ladies present were Laura Cabantac,

Malou Bocanegra, Ludy Castro, Telly Hans, Tessie Lizardo, Nena Sembrano, Puring Dumlao and Mely Corpuz. Children present were Bambi Custodio, Danny Boy Vergara, Grace Sembrano, Bambi Custodio, Celina Custodio, Chip Custodio. It was held at Viking Mega Mall.

On May 11, 2016 Mert Bocanegra celebrated his birthday with a luncheon at Shang Palace, Shangrila Makati. Among classmates present were Mert Bocanegra, Sauro Guiang, Romy Cabantac, Ciloy Bueno, Miling Melendres and Vic Custodio. Ladies present were Lily Guiang, Laura Cabantac, Tessie Lizardo, Linda Kanapi and Nena Sembrano. Children who attended were Vivian Lizardo, Grace Sembrano, Bambi Custodio and Danny Boy Vergara.



AS BUENO
President
BG GOROSPE
Secretary

This is what is left of Class '54. They are bracketed by 2Gs to keep them from falling sideways.

Add six who are outside Metro Manila and two PDAs (pregnant, disabled, aged--more of pregnant).

They look healthy. They eat organic food. They have organic eyes with organic eye mote, organic ears with organic ear wax, and organic nose with organic nose gum.

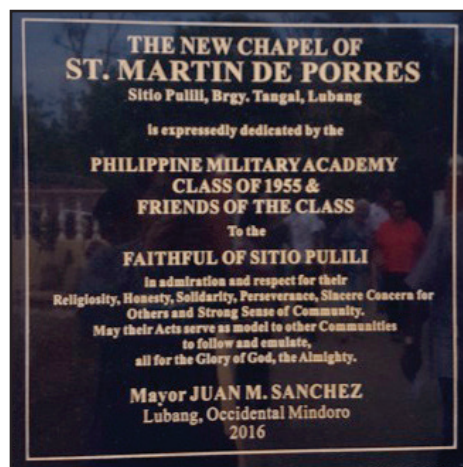
Below the waist, they also have organic whatsammahcallit. My organic memory forgot the term although I recall they play the organ in our church.

The picture was taken by Erwin Guillem with his organic camera. /gopeng





From left: Grace, Vangie, Bishop David William Antonio, Mila, Buddy, Johnny, Dante, Terry, Zeny, Fr Pius, Ms Chua, Fr Jojo, Pilar and staff.



Trip to Lubang

Seven members of the class and ladies flew by a PAL light plane (courtesy of Lucio Tan) to Lubang on 18 May 2016 to Join Johnny & Pilar in the blessing of the Chapel of St Martin de Porres in Sitio Pulili, Bgy Tangal. The small chapel was expanded and renovated at a cost of almost a million with the support of the class.

Brat News

Bobby Sanchez has been elected as mayor of Lubang, Occidental Mindoro, succeeding his father Johnny who is graduating after three terms as mayor.

As reported in the Cavalier Newsline in the March-April issue of the Cavalier, MGen Jun Mison was designated as The Deputy Chief of Staff (TDCS) of the AFP, but his promotion to 3-star rank of LtGeneral was withheld due to the election ban.

Retired LtGen Leo Baladad has been appointed as vice president of PAFCPIC. And RAdm Butch Suarez, Naval Education & Training Command chief, has recently retired.

To Bobby, Juan and Leo, the class extends its sincere congratulations. We are sure they will perform outstandingly well in their new jobs.



During lunch on 23 March 16, after golf at Camp Aguinaldo, Mac Macabasco, the chair hosting the April socials came to inform the golfers that Daly Cañalita had invited the whole class to celebrate Paul's birthday with a dinner at their residence at the Cavaliers Village in Antipolo City on 2 April 16. Thereafter the

group (Ching Corachea, Romy David, Mel Goyena, Levy Malto and Mac) went to the VMH to visit our class baron, Rod Gutang, who was confined there for osteoarthritis. Rod had lost so much weight and could hardly hear all the jokes and fun we're ribbing him about (his daughter said that his left ear is already impaired and hard of hearing). He just idled in bed and put on a faint smile now and then. The group gifted him with what remained in their wallets to cheer him up and bid him well. NOTE: Ching Corachea, who had visited Rod the day before, volunteered to be the guide and convoy commander of 3 vehicles fearing that Romy David and Mel Goyena might go astray. He had no problem leading the group to VLMH, but got lost inside the hospital. They had to ask for direction in locating Rod's room.

Our associate member, Antonio Cabangon Chua, passed away on 11 March 16 at the age of 81 leaving behind an array of thriving business companies in various fields that he had founded and established in his lifetime. He began his businesses with pawnshops that are still operating today. Tony started small and grew up big through sheer brow and sweat, achieving a success level that's hard to beat.

Paul Cañalita's 84th BDay was celebrated on 2 April 16 at his new beautiful residence way-up at the Cavalier's Village in Antipolo City. A total of 10 mistahs (Mike Aparri with Rose, Rudy Canieso with Nita, Ching Corachea with Emma, Romy David with Pili, Mel Goyena with Pat, Olac Lazo with Susie, Mac Macabasco with Aida, Levy Malto with Nora , Tom Manlongat with Lulu and Boy Paiso) and 5 widows - Cecil Ampig, Tess Calip, Lory Galang, Lily Pio Roda and Linda Venago with her sister, Rosie Castro were there to greet the celebrant and his family now with 4 grown-up grandchildren. Their lone surviving sibling, daughter Carla, although now a Vice President of BDO was there doing the household chores to relieve her parents from the burden of hosting the affair. The food specially catered by Daly and unlimited drinks from Paul's wine cellar were more than enough to trigger all the talks that went on-and-on until Mike Aparri collapsed with his chair on the floor hitting his head on the wall that caused

a blood-oozing wound. Mike felt a little groggy but was in good hands with Dr. Lulu Manlongat and Mike's personal nurse and wifey, Rose, rendering first aid treatment. Mike returned home all-wrapped-up with bandage over his head appearing like a haji that he once was, many years ago. The parting shot of the April Group affair was rendered by its chair, Mac Macabasco with a profuse thanks to Paul and his family.

On 7 April 16, the class of 8 couples and 4 widows (Coracheas, Davids, Goyenas, Macabascos, Maltoses, Manlongats, Mateos, Paisos and Mila Barlaan, Plet Brillantes, Tess Calip and Lily Pio Roda) were again treated to dinner at the Ricarte Hall of the HPA Officers Clubhouse to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Filo and Norma Arevalo hosted by their 3rd Peemayer son, B/Gen Robert, now the chief of staff of HPA and still a very eligible bachelor. Except for a few PA officers, the dining hall was filled-up with the Arevalo children and grandchildren who participated one after another in relating exciting and happy events in their very large family that are now part of their wonderful history. The class is indeed envious but proud that Daddy (as Filo was called nearing our graduation day for bringing his pajamas during his Saturday D.P.s at Norma's residence) and Norma, the grand old man and lady of the clan, had raised such extra large family now with 8 additional families and 19 grandchildren.

On 21 April 16, the 26th Golf Tourney was held at the PNGC among 5 players per class (David, Corachea, Goyena, Malto and Pairo of class 56 vs. Buenaventura, Ermita, De Villa, Jardiniano and Templo of cl 57) resulting to a total score of 500 and 489, in favor of cl 57 by 11 points, making their total wins to 12 vs. 14 of cl 56. Pairo and Ermita were the best players of the day with a score of 90 each. As a result of their loses, the class golfers and their ladies will tender a lunch treat on 24 May 2016 at the Gloria Maris Resto at Greenhills for the winners – the class 57 golfers and their ladies.

Another bank VIP. Jomi Deveras, the eldest son of our mistah, the late Tom Deveras, the class Most Improved Cadet awardee, push-ups record holder and cadet captain of Charlie company, CCAFP, is now a VP of RCBC who was considered to be treasurer of the bank but lost to VP Tan.



59 – And Marching On

The Class celebrated their 59th Graduation Anniversary last April 17 2016 at the Dimalupig Hall "B", AFP Commissioned Officers Club in Camp Aguinaldo.

It was recalled that our graduation was actually on 16 April 1957, a departure from the traditional practice of having such activity in the so-called March Week. This was in deference to the national mourning occasioned by the death of then President Ramon Magsaysay.

The affair was basically a Thanksgiving and Fellowship gathering among classmates, spouses, and widows.

Special feature was the formal introduction to the Class 57 larger family of the PMA CI 57 Brats Association, Inc. - a SEC-registered organization.

The ORIGS – this is what the Brats call the original class 57 members – were touched as the briefer – Jenee de Villa-Maravilla underscored that their mission is to perpetuate the spirit of CI 57.

Other highlights was the video and power point showing of some memorable episodes in the life of the Class from plebe year to the present. Also featured were the Pattugalan family who rendered songs to the delight of the audience.

The Board of Trustees used the occasion to discuss preliminarily what the class could do when they celebrate their Diamond Jubilee in Feb. 2017. (TRJ)

Roger's 80th Birthday

According to Ed, the "bunso" of the class celebrated his 80th birthday last

28 March 2016 in the Dimalupig Hall "B" of AFPCOC. The actual birthday was 27 March but it happened to be Easter Sunday this year.

The occasion started with thanksgiving mass concelebrated by two Chaplains of the Christian Family Movement (CFM) Msgrs Tony Mortillero and Manny (DERPS) Gabriel. The latter gave a very helpful homily on how to live as octogenarian.

As expected, the guests were composed of mistahs, wives, PMA 57 Brats, friends and members of CFM. The eldest daughter, Maribel came from Houston, Texas for Holy Week vacation and the occasion.

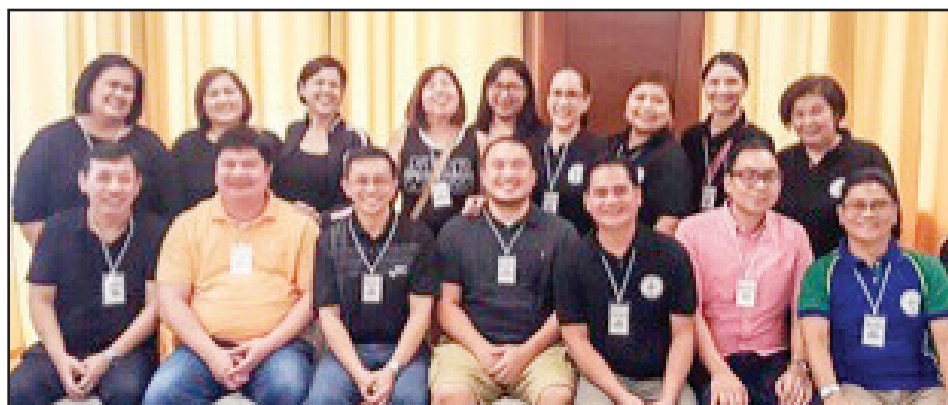
The mixture of crowd and the music provided by the Rocking 60's made the evening lively and enjoyable.

When Rene de Villa celebrated his 80th birthday last year 2015, he said, "Let's do it every five years thereafter." Why Not !!! (RAD)

Brats Corner

While the whole country was in the grips of the national elections fever, May of 2016 was also a busy month for the members of the PMA Class '57 Brats Assoc., Inc. Starting the month off on a good note, many brats members attended the joyous birthday dinner of **Tita Elvie Ermita** last May 1st at the Phil. Army Officers' Club in Fort Bonifacio.

Another happy event for the Brats family was when one of their own, **Eileen Ermita Buhain**, now on her fifth term as Representative of the First District of Batangas won by a landslide in her bid as congresswoman in Batangas last May 9. Likewise, up in the North, the husband of incumbent mayor **Dr. Melanie Pizana-Valdez** (also a Brat), Dr. Alfredo Valdez, won as the mayor for the Ilocos Norte town of San Nicolas. To both winners, our congratulations!



But the highlight of the Brats' month was when they spearheaded the 'Bakuna Mo, Sagot Ko' project, held last Sunday morning, May 15, 2016 at The Patio of the AFPCOC at Camp Aguinaldo. This project, which was conceptualized by current Brats president Dra. **Gigi Ledesma Pereira**, aimed to provide free consultations and anti-flu vaccinations to the mistahs of PMA Class '57, their spouses, the brats and other extended members of the PMA Class '57 family. With the assistance of 5 internist-pulmonologists and 5 nurses from the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, nearly a hundred individuals benefitted from the Brats-sponsored project. While a light but hearty merienda-brunch was being served, Gigi delivered a short speech thanking all those involved and reminding everyone to stay healthy, adding 'An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure', and rightfully so!

Next up in the Brats' agenda would be a golf tournament set for October, a film screening in December and their participation in helping make the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the PMA Class '57 in February, 2017 truly an event to remember! *Ricky Cabrera*



PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 Feb)

Those who will join PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (17-18 Feb) please text or confirm by email ASAP.

We need the info for reservation purposes.

Fellowship dinner

Jess Alcordo hosted a stag dinner at the Manila Golf Club on 24 May. No info on result as the event is after this issue goes to press.

Golf fellowship

Del Abaya, despite the loss of his **Abante Retirees** party list, to which we all belong, is hosting a golf fellowship for CCAFP 1955-56. That would be for Classes 1956 to 1959, to be held at Northwoods GCC, San Rafael, Bulacan on 1 Jun 2016.

We get to kaya all our uppies but it should be a "scramble" as we seem to have run out of players for '59. Hope to get **Timmy, Andy, Chuck and Jess** at least. **Chuck** suggests we do it by company instead of class.



In the month of March 2016, Orly and Inday Salientes were in Las Vegas for some insurance convention. Edith Lim together with Nestor's sister Florence braved a sea voyage to Antarctica. According to Nestor, Edith was one of the few tourists not affected by the rough sea voyage and so was able to enjoy herself as the attached picture shows.

Bill and Norma Iban plus Julpha Maniquis were in Manila in March. Members of the class excom tendered a lunch for them at the SM Aura at BGC, Taguig.

For those still not in the know, our PVAO old age pension has been increased by 1,700 pesos a month. For those who retired under RA 340 like Nestor Lim, he will be on full pension status effective Feb 2016. I do not know the mechanics as to how the amount deducted from them will be given back and when.

02 April 2016. Nano Dumancas passed away at 0630H. The PN gave him honors at the BNS chapel 03 April after which his body laid in state at the PN mortuary. On 5 April his body was transferred to the PN Interfaith Chapel where necrological services were held. Pong Panes spoke on behalf of the class. He was buried with full military honors at the LNMB on 06 April. As usual Class 1960 sang our alma mater song after his body was lowered to the ground. The following sang for him: Loven, TG, Pong, Jun B, Nonoy, Joey, Fred Ruiz, Fred Reyes, Ike and Ernie. With his many family tragedies and prolonged illness, the class

is happy that God has finally given him eternal peace. Rest in peace Mistah.

In the years that Nano was incapacitated, I noticed one extremely loyal soldier by the name of CPO Joel Eduarte who took care of him as his driver, caregiver and what not. He took care of all his needs. I do not know him personally. There must be a story about him. On behalf of the class I would like to thank him for his kindness and loyalty.

Nano is the 27th member of the class to pass away. That leaves 33 (55%) of us still standing many of whom are in their early 80s. This is quite remarkable record for the class as the average life expectancy 100 years ago was only 47 years. Long live Class 60!

As my last hurrah so to speak, yours truly with the help of Jenny arranged for a free class buffet luncheon at the newly opened Shangrila Hotel at the Fort in BGC on 26 April. I have served as class president for six years and it is time for somebody else to take my place. We finally spent the last savings from our 2010 golden jubilee contributions. The Ladies Class Fund however has still enough funds deposited at PNSLAI which dividends will be able to fund our annual Christmas party.

I nominated Orly Salientes and the class unanimously voted him as our class president effective 26 April 2016. He graciously accepted the position. I would like to thank each and every member of the class for the wholehearted support you all have given me and Jenny for the last 6 years as your class president. We have accomplished many things during the last 6 years. To mention a few: a very successful golden anniversary; distribution of our Golden sword exactly 50 years after our graduation; PMA Class 60 display at the AFP Museum, the first of its kind;





a very successful emerald jubilee in PMA complete with the Emerald Sword; quarterly get-togethers; annual Christmas parties, etc. These things would not have been possible without the enthusiastic participation of the members. Again, we thank everybody from the bottom of our hearts.

The following were present during the buffet lunch at the High Street Café of the Shangrila at the Fort: Loven and Jenny, TG

and Lina, Nani and Dot, Sting and Fannie, Pong and Jessie, Fred and Lydia, Ike and Violy, Logic, Orly, Nonoy, Jun B, Cesar, Malou L, Chit P, Monchi, Cathy A, Myrna A. Jess Alcorido joined us for lunch.

May 1, 2016. Manila Polo Club. Makati. Pong and Jessie Panes celebrated their golden wedding anniversary attended by family members from here and abroad, PMA classmates and friends. There was mass followed by dinner and dance. PMA

classmates in attendance: Loven and Jenny, Orly and Inday, Sting and Fannie, TG and Lina, Nani and Dot, Fred and Lydia, Malou and daughter Eryn. Ador and Dang, Nes L, Monchi, Juliet, Myrna, Cesar, Logic, Ike and Jun B who is still in country playing tong-its every day. As per tradition the class serenaded Jessie with MY KAYDET GIRL. The music was provided by the PAF String Ensemble as arranged by Jenny. / Loven C Abadia



Last March 9, Urso Bello called from the USA to inform the class that Rogie Jaramillo passed away with cancer of the intestines as cause of death. It was quite unexpected he is one among the fitness aficionados whom we reported last time as a constant participant of the Los Angeles marathon even beyond the age of 70 years. We were told that he was being treated with stomach ulcer while all the time he was suffering from cancer. The class will surely miss our corps "bow-wow" and will always remember his "baby face" looks which attracted many girls including Clem.

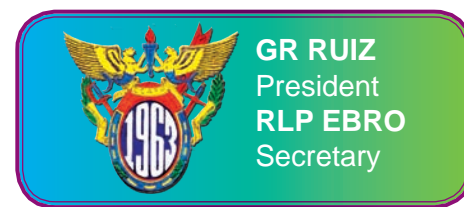
Bert Rodriguez celebrated his 78th birthday March 12, 2016 with a luncheon event at the Torch Restaurant along Connecticut Avenue in Greenhills. Those who attended with their wives were Vic Biette Mamon, Liby and Nining Manuel, Manny and Yayat Lukban, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Ernie and Beng Tan, Pong and Monchi Biazon and Ed and Claire Domingo.

Those who thought that the affair was a stag party were Lito Santos, Jorge Lagera, Ding Simon, Boy Escala, and Ernie Calupig. Limon Agustin and Nick Rodriguez escorted their very sources of joy and inspiration in their deepening shadows of life. The widows who attended were; Betty Dumlao, Cecille Aquias, Fely Codera, Dolly Nazareno, and Linda Villanueva.

The affair was started with a prayer from Betty Dumlao. We also remembered those who departed before us. After the very hearty lunch, preceded over a brief class meeting. He informed the class that Senator Antonio Trillanes IV is supporting veterans in their claims for unpaid pension. He was responsible in stopping attempts to remove the automatic indexation as provided in PD 1638. As a class, we thank the good senator for his concern over the plight of veterans.

Our regular golf fellowship every Thursday morning at the Philippine Navy Golf Course is sustained with at most six golfers attending. We continue to encourage Ray Jarque to join us as he has so far unable to ask permission to play this year. Jorge could not join us because he needs a golf cart to play. So far, no one among the group has one.

Erratum: In the 1961 Class Call of the March-April issue, Cav AP Aguirre was reflected as President. It should be Cav ET Tan, Jr.



Greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 as we welcome the pouring rainy season despite the extended El Niño.

Below are the following events from our 2016 Class Logbook.

29 April - 2 May 2016

Negros Occidental High School (NOHS) Class 1956 Diamond Jubilee Celebration led by Rudy Javier, National President, NOHS Class 1956 with Offie Javier went to Bacolod City to join their classmates from the US, Australia and United Kingdom as well as local based classmates from Manila, Bacolod City and Negros Occidental.

Day One-29 April was the welcome dinner hosted by Atty. Willy Mirano.

Day Two-30 April was the General Homecoming at the NOHS main building with luncheon hosted by Class Valedictorian Atty. Ed Manlapao and dinner at L'Fisher Hotel hosted by US and locally based members.



Day Three-1 May was a day-long picnic hosted by Engineer/Architect Araceli Ramirez Aldeguer at Don Salvador.

Day Four-2 May was another dinner at Sugarland Hotel hosted by various classmates based locally and abroad such as the president of NOHS Class 1956, from the US: Ed Gatilao, Dr. Ces Guanzon, Jersie Ramirez Wong, from the UK: Zenaida Bigcas Rivera, from Australia: Agnes Javier Tierney, from Bacolod: Alex Abastillas and Pons Abila.

Day Five- 12 May was a luncheon hosted by L.A. girl Myla Ciocon at Makati Shangri-La. Among present were Ebor and Flor Ebro, Roger and Pilar Lopez, Frank Betia, Becky Aguinaldo, Araceli Aldeguer, Rudy and Dolly Tonogbanua

4 May 2016

The 1st quarterly fellowship meeting and induction of the Board of Directors/ Officers of the BIRCI, with Cavalier Jun Avenido Jr. as inducting officer and Peter Wallace, President, Wallace Business Forum as GOHAS, held at Dimalupig Hall B, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. As always, Ebor Ebro and Nolan Laput represented the class. The GOHAS discussed the different presidentiables as well as their respective programs.

26 May 2016

The PMA Matindi Class 1963 Board will meet at the renovated PMA Alumni Center Conference Room, Luna Street, Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City at 11 o'clock in the morning. Plans for June 2016 moving forward to February 2017 will be discussed.

11 June 2016

Reggie and Marga Lacson had sent out their invitations in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary at five thirty in the afternoon at the Grand Ballroom A & B, Shangri-La Hotel at the Fort, 30th Street corner 5th Avenue, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City.

The class wishes to extend its warmest greetings to its class celebrants.

May: Ave Noble-3, Kid Medina-4, Angie Villamor-17 and Susie Sabarre-25.

June: Baby Domondon-3, Gie Aquino-7, Bob Manlongat-7, Maning Estrada-8, Marga Lacson-10, Brenda Ileteo-29 and Fred Pflieder – 30.

Here's to many more birthdays! Cheers! (18121605)

The last time the class met for the year 2016 was on the death of Dick Alqueza. It was during the occasion that the class had a quick election of class 64 association officers. The class unanimously voted to retain the same set of officers during the previous year namely:

- CLEM MARIANO – President
- REY REYES – Vice President
- ORLY CABANLIG – Secretary
- TERRY DELA CRUZ – Treasurer

Other matters taken up during that meeting were the status of class fund, signatories of checks for payment/ disbursements, preparation of Diamond Jubilarian class book similar to the Golden Jubilarian book published thru Rey Reyes effort. There was no plan yet for the next class meeting.

Last May 05, 2016 some representatives of the class attended Dick Alqueza's 40th day of death anniversary at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. The occasion was done at Dick's burial site for the mass and followed by a get together early dinner at the restaurant in Libingan ng mga Bayani. Among the class representative present were; Orly Cabanlig, Col and Mrs. Jorge Agcaoili, Buddy Peran and Tony Aguilar.



MA LEONARDO
President
EP NARTATEZ
Secretary

Greetings from PMA MULAWIN CLASS OF 1965 !!!

THREE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE (365) days after our Golden Anniversary we lost another classmate, the ever able and very capable conscientious Vice President of the Class, EDGARDO QUERIJERO ABESAMIS (USMA 65) The news of his death was both shocking and sad as when he was hospitalized early February 2016, it was only for an Executive Check-up and medical examination for just a stomach ache related ailment. Besides he was as healthy as can be and he was very proud of his latest golf score of 86 which he got just a week before and when visited by MULAWIN Ofring Marcelo in the Kidney Center where he was confined there were no signs that he would undergo series of surgical procedures that eventually cut short his life. He died on March 17, 2016. He was 73 years old. The wake was at the Loyola Memorial Chapels along Commonwealth Ave., Quezon City interment was at Loyola Marikina. where he was given military and grave-side honors by the Philippine Army. Ed served the army and occupied various positions until his retirement in September 1981.

Members of PMA Mulawin Class of 1965 and ladies who attended the wake and interment of Ed, were: Pres Mike and Elvie Leonardo; Willy and Ching Nicolas; Tirso and Margie Rosal; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Rolly and Susie Cauton; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Jess and Boots Candelario; Bert and Donna Acenas; Joe and Janette Lapus; Jomari Solquillo; Benson Rimando; Rex Robles; Vi Santos; Letty Padiernos; Malu Alejandro; Lito and Mely Tapia; Pepe and Lyn delos Santos; Roger Bergado; Noli and Chit Fabic; Tates and Lynn Nartatez and Egay Velasco.

A month after Ed's death, the class suffered another loss- Mulawin MAJ GEN Samuel Dunque died of heart attack while enjoying his retirement in his home province of Cebu. As everybody seems to be very busy here in the Metropolis, we just extended our prayers and condolences. Am sure Sammy is now resting in peace



With the departure of Dick the class has the following remaining members;

- Regular Members – 16
- Associate Members – 4
- Honorary Members – 2
- Total – 22

The above number of members is what has remained of the 125 cadets who were incorporated last May 01, 1960 at Fort Del Pilar Baguio City.

The class '64 Golf Club was quite inactive during the previous months. This can be attributed to the terrible summer temperature. Some of the class 64 golfers like Homer Ortega and Rene Garcia had their separate playing schedules.

Fellow '64 golfers, let's just continue practicing so as to retain our Champion Status of Senior Golfer Cavalier Champion.

Happy Birthday to the following May-June Celebrants:

- Ben Labre – June 05
- Rolly Pabellano - June 20
- Terry de la Cruz – June 21
- Louie Bareng - June 22
- Rene Garcia - June 26

Here is extending our warmest Birthday Greetings and the year round! Welcome to our balikbayan classmates and spouses who are here in the Philippines for vacation:

- Col and Mrs "Guzy" de Guzman
- Lina Pllapil
- Col and Mrs Jorge Agcaoili
- Col "Pady" Padilla



together with the other Mulawings who have gone ahead to prepare for the arrivals of fellow Mulawins going there next.

Our planned class summer outing of Southern Cruise this summer, similar in terms of the ports of entry to be visited, to what we did during our plebe year in the academy was not carried out in view of the tragic events, coming as they did,

one after the other. Instead, we held a class meeting and get-together luncheon at Gloria Maris in Greenhills last May 20, 2016. As articulated by Mulawin Rolly Cauton in his e-mail, those who did not attend missed a first-class Chinese Lauriat complete with Peking Duck, scallops, fresh shrimps and abalone, among others

As we lost our very capable Vice

President with the untimely demise of Mulawin Ed Abesamis, we held an election to fill the vacancy and we unanimously elected another equally capable Mulawin to be our Vice President in the person of Egay Velasco. Our congratulations to Egay for his well-deserved election. Surely, Egay would fill the shoes left by Ed Abesamis. And all of us are asked to support Pres Mike, VP Egay and the officers of our class in the performance of their functions.

It was also decided during the meeting that henceforth we'll be having a regular quarterly luncheon and/or get-together meetings to celebrate the birthdays of all those whose birthdays are within the quarter and this is to start this August. Details will be announced accordingly.

The attendance was more than what we expected. There were sixteen (16) ladies -- Lita Marcelo, Vi Santos, Lynn Nartatez, Lyn delos Santos, Vickie de Leon, Melinda Perena, Honey Fernandez, Mely Tapia, Malu Alejandro, Elvie Leonardo, Paloming Papa, Letty Padiernos, Gloria Berdado, Susan Abadilla, Chit Fabic and Dianne Malig while thirteen (13) gentlemen made it -- Pres Mike Leonardo, Tates Nartatez, Rolly Cauton, Willy Nicolas, Ricky Papa, Roger Berdado, Tirso Rosal, Egay Velasco, Ofring Marcelo, Pepe Delos Santos, Lito Tapia, and Noli Fabic

For the months of May and June, the birthday celebrators WHOM WE ALL WISH HAPPY BIRTHDAYS AND HOPE MORE TO COME: Mike Leonardo -- 8 May; Romy Malig (+) -- 14 June; Al Mora (+) -- 9 May; Tates Nartatez -- 9 June; Ed Nepomuceno (+) 9 May; Willy Nicolas -- 13 May; Ricky Papa -- 18 May; Mike Perena (+) -- 18 June; Benson Rimando -- 10 June; Rex Roblesx -- 2 May; Tirso Rosal -- 12 May; Jun Tucay -- 30 May; Sonyah de Leon -- 13 June; May Sacrp -- 24 May; Mely Tapia -- 5 June and Daisy Tucay -- 31 May./epn;



PAUNANG SALITA

Tapos na ang tag-init at susuong na tayo sa tag-ulan. Wala tayong itulak-kabigin sa dalawa. Pag tag-init, mataas ang konsumo sa kuryente. Tumatagos sa katawan ang alinsangan dahil sa humidity. Hindi maganda ang pakiramdan pag nasa labas ng



Breakfast with the cadets



A typical tree planting scene

bahay. Kung tag-ulan naman, limitado ang paglabas. Andyan na ang baha at delikado sa sasakyan. Kung minamalas, andyan ang tulo sa loob ng bahay dahil kailangan ng palitan ang kinakalawang na bubong. Kung malapit sana ang Baguio, pagdating ng week-end ay doon tayo magpalipas ng dalawang araw. Hindi nga pala tayo nagkaroon ng summer outing katulad ng mga nagdaang taon.

STILL ON THE 2016 ALUMNI HOMECOMING

We still have fond memories of the Class' participation in the last alumni homecoming where we were acknowledged by PMA and PMAAAI as golden jubilarians, for which the graduates were presented golden medallions. Did it occur to us the significance of the medallions? It means that those of us who are still around have weathered 50 long years after graduation on 20 March 1966. And, we are on track for a crack as diamond jubilarians in 2022. A number this early has volunteered to join this future event. That's positive thinking, mistahs.

Because of space limitations in the Cavalier magazine, we can only publish so much of our homecoming activity pictures. Here are additional pictures that deserve to be seen – the planting of 100 pine trees at the ravine along the road going to Jurado Hall and the breakfast with the cadets. Here, our spouses, children and grandchildren and other members of our homecoming delegation observed how the cadets eat their meals at the mess hall. Someone wrote that what happens inside the mess hall, like reciting plebe knowledges, guard details, current events and even the menu for the day, contribute to the development of the cadets. We agree.

As for the pine trees, all of which have markers where the names of graduates are written, we hope they will be nurtured by PMA personnel until they are full-grown. This is to give justice to the senior citizens who braved the trip down the steep slopes, despite limps and weak legs. Now we can say that we have contributed to the environmental program.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In the afternoon of 28 May 2016, available members of the Class (enough for a quorum) and their spouses attended the annual membership meeting held at the new UNILAB compound in Mandaluyong

City, once more hosted by Class President Manuel P Espejo. The usual agenda was tackled, including the financial resources of the Class. The good news is that the Class Fund is in the blue, thanks to savings from the participation fees contributed by those who attended the homecoming. Because of substantial donations from a number of our members, the participation fees were not fully spent, hence the availability of savings which will be used for future endeavors (like the Golden Sword).

It was decided that the Class will no longer maintain a class corporation but an association. Elected officers of the Association were Noli Espejo, President; Filomeno Garcia, Vice President; Ruben Espejo, Treasurer, Fred Bautista, Secretary and Temi Arugay, Auditor. Two resolutions were approved: (1) Approving all acts of Board and Management during the past Association Year (2) Requiring all members to contribute P5,000 each NLT July 2016 for expenses ICOW the publication of the Golden Sword. Surely, the amount that would be raised from this would not be enough, but again, we have classmate donors waiting in the wings. Target date of publication: December 2016.

Prior to the meeting, there was a pneumonia immunization which will protect those who braved the injection for five years. There were 21 who received the vaccine but each one paid P500 each, a cheaper amount compared to one done in a reputable hospital or clinic. Some of the males were afraid to be vaccinated (names withheld), but were persuaded later on to undergo it after all the ladies were done and when nobody showed signs of reaction.

To recognize those who directly and indirectly contributed to the success of the last homecoming, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to them. But everybody had an important role to play even if it was only their attendance in the homecoming. A name count of the persons who attended the various activities would show that about 150 attended the homecoming.

PUBLICATION OF GOLDEN SWORD

Editor in Chief Roberto Sabularse reported the status of preparation for the publication of the Golden Sword, the second after the one published before graduation. He said only about 50% have submitted their

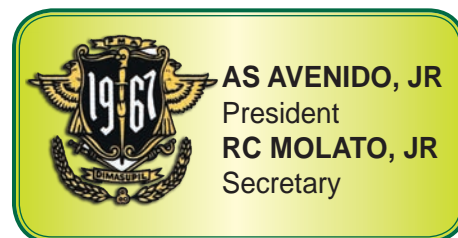
write-ups and pictorials. He added that those who will not submit after the final deadline will have only one page containing their graduation picture as a cadet. The Editorial staff has already received bids from two publishers and is in the process of evaluating them. Also, the members approved a resolution authorizing the payment of 20% of the package cost upon signing of the contract.

Those who want to buy more than one copy may do so. Cost still not available.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

As usual, we would like to greet those who celebrated/will celebrate their natal days in May and June. For May – Charlie Batayola, Rey Gopilan, Buddy Perez, Tony Romero and Raul Urgello. For June – Andy Andres, Bert Sabularse, Rec Sarmiento, Elsie Rivera, Edna Bello, Dee Cagurangan and Agie Bantolo.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens!



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the March – April 2016 period:

10 March - Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was hosted by Manny-Maryrose Dalipe, Jun-Ronnie Ibay, and Nic-Glo Parena at Buffet Asia, West Ave, QC. This was also the birthday celebration with the Class of Nic (20 March), Jun (21), and Manny (31). The main feature of the lunch was seafood from the fishpond of the Dalipes in Zamboanga City.

April – We had no DMF for this month because most of the hosts (Alice Averilla, Ernie-Dinsay Dionisio, Orville-Linz Gabuna, Rudy-Graise Gaerlan, Mar-Mely Gatmaitan, and Bert-Ruby Torres) were out of the country. Instead, they agreed that their budget for the affair would just be donated to the Class Fund.



PMAAA PA Chapter Induction of Officers & Recognition of New Members
27 April 2016



BIRC 1st Quarterly Fellowship Meeting
4 May 2016



PMAAA PA Chapter Induction of Officers & Recognition of New Members

1-3. Cav Demosthenes C Santillan '83, Vice-Commander, PA, administers the Oath of Office of new chapter officers (top photo, left frame); Cav Franco NM Gacal '88, PA Chapter Vice President, inducts new members belonging to Army group, PMA Class 2016 (bottom photo, left frame); attendees sing the Alma Mater Song (right frame).

BIRC 1st Quarterly Fellowship Meeting

4-5. Guest of Honor (GOH) and Speaker of the BIRCI Quarterly Fellowship, Mr Peter Wallace (center), accompanied by BIRCI President Cav Jaime delos Santos '69 (extreme left), PMAAAI Chairman Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 and BIRCI Chairman Cav Melchor P Rosales '68 (at left of GOH), is greeted by alumni upon arrival at Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC on 4 May 2016; later administers the Oath of Office to the members of the Board of Directors.

6. The GOH (center), flanked by Cav Avenido (left) and Cav Rosales (right) gamely answers questions pertaining to the May election raised by attendees.

7. Former PMAAAI Chairman Cav Manuel P Espejo '66 takes the floor as he raises a point during the Q & A period.

8. The finale of the Fellowship: awarding of a memento to the GOH. Others in the picture, from left: Cav delos Santos, Cav Avenido and Cav Rosales (extreme right).

PMAAA PAF Chapter General Assembly

9. The new set of PAF Chapter officers occupy their places at the Presidential table and join Cav Jose P Tanjuan, Jr '85 (center), outgoing PAF Chapter Chairman, for the recognition of Air Cavalier awardees, Golden Jubilarians, promoted general officers and Distinguished Air Awardee.

10. New members belonging to the PAF Group, PMA Class 2016, take their Oath of Membership administered by CG PAF Cav Edgar R Fallorina '83.

11. Cav Fallorina with Mrs. Fallorina (at the back) pose with dignitaries of the General Assembly. From left to right: Cav Julius Cesar M Guillermo '82, PAF Chapter Chairman, Cav Rozzano D Briguez '86, Cav Tanjuan Jr, Cav Manuel P Espejo '66, Cav Emerald C Magnaye '83 and Cav Conrado V Parra '83.



PMAAAI Chapter General Assembly



PCAI Testimonial Dinner in Honor of



- 12. Cav Fallorina (right), receives a token from Cav Tanjuan Jr.
- 13. The air turns solemn as dignitaries and other attendees sing the Alma Mater Song.
- PCAI Testimonial Dinner**
- 14-15. Cav Rene O Aspera '87, PCAI President, delivers his Welcome Remarks during Testimonial Dinner on 8 June 2016 at the PNP Multi-Purpose Center, Camp Crame in honor of PNP Chief Cav Ricardo C Marquez '82; PCAI Chairman Cav Federico P Castro '82, proposes a toast for the honoree.
- 16. Members of the PMAAAI Board headed by Chairman Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr presents to Cav Ricardo C Marquez, a Board Resolution acknowledging and thanking him for his P3M donation to the Association and its affiliate organizations.
- 17. The honoree, Cav Marquez, expresses his thanks to the cavaliers of the PCAI as he delivers his Testimonial speech and response to the honors accorded to him by their Association.
- 18. Cav Marquez (second from right) is flanked by PCAI officers (from left to right: Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88, Cav Castro, and at extreme right, Cav Aspera), as they pose for posterity with members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors.
- PETFI Induction and Presentation of Scholars**
- 19. AFPTDCS Cav Salvador Melchor B Mison Jr '84 (left) inducts the 2016-2017 PETFI Board of Trustees (from left to right): Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (Chairman), Cav Jose C Lapus '65 (President), Cav Rene Leandro R Ebro '63 (Vice President), Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 (Auditor), Cav Rufino S Ibay Jr '67 (Treasurer), Cav Jose Maria G Solquillo '65, Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66, Cav Rafael C Romero '73, Cav Salvador Q Esguerra '74, Cav Restituto L Aguilar '78 (Corp. Sec); Cav Leo Angelo B Leuterio '88.
- 20. Cav Mison Jr., representing the Guest of Honor & Speaker, Acting CSAFP Cav Glorioso V Miranda '83, reads the latter's speech, and on his own exhorts the scholars to study hard.

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

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

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

July – DMF to be hosted by Letty Baula and Jovy-Baby Sales.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We extend our hearty congratulations to Rody Duterte on his overwhelming victory in the May 9 elections as the next President of the Philippines. We pray for the success of his administration.

We also congratulate Ernie Dionisio on his election as Councilor of the City of Manila. With him back there, Manila will be in good hands.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Congratulations and best wishes to the following on their victory in the May 9 elections: Mannix Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, as Congressman of the Second District of Zamboanga City; and Sara Duterte-Carpio and Paolo Duterte, children of Rody, as Mayor and Vice Mayor of Davao City, respectively.

Romy Odi proudly invited the Class to the joint recital of Merle (mezzo soprano) and their son Ting (baritone) on 12 March at Balay Kalinaw, UP, Diliman, QC.

Gia Ibay, daughter of Jun and Ronnie, was interviewed on CNN-Philippines on 22 April as a special feature of the celebration of World Earth Day.

We pray for the early full recovery of the following ladies: Norma Aliac, who had

her second hip surgery at Seton Medical Center, USA on 25 March; and Lea Libarnes, who successfully underwent an operation for the removal of tumor in the spinal neck area at Medical City on 18 April.

Our heartfelt condolences to the families of Romy and Merle Odi, on the death of her brother Vergel Dela Cruz on 12 March in Metro Manila due to cardiac arrest; Rudy and Graise Gaerlan, on the death of her mother Rosario Zaragoza on 2 April in Toronto, Canada at the ripe age of 97; and Louie Sanchez, on the death of his brother-in-law Art Carbonel on 22 April in LA, USA after undergoing a delicate operation. We pray for their eternal rest with our Lord.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in May and June: Auring Garcia (6 May), Agnes Avenido (7), May Garcia (15), Jun Gabison (24), Noemi Casillan (26), Ida Aquino (28), Ed Galang (30), Meds Reyes (30), Tante Torrechante (1 June), Joy Casillan (11), Abe Din (15), Ross Sibal (16), Walter Briones (17), Beth Santiago (19), Louie Sanchez (21), and Cora Din (30).

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

The members of the Golden Sword Committee, during their dinner meeting at the residence of its Chairman Ross and Mandy Sibal, agreed on a plan which will

be presented to the Class during our next DMF. In the meantime, we are advised to start preparing the write-ups and pictures of the Dimasupils and their spouses, children, and grandchildren, good for a total of three to four pages.

CLASS TRIVIA

We regret that Bernie “Uncle Bobo” Patino has failed to meet the deadline for the submission of his column in this issue.

We hope that his reason for this failure is not any of the following reasons which some Dimasupils and ladies submitted when they were absent from our Class activities: (1) We are not going for health reasons on the advice of our cardiologist. (2) We won’t be able to attend. I have not recovered yet from my flu. (3) We are having fluctuating blood pressure readings and rapid pulse rates, maybe because of the heat. We really need rest. (4) I had LBM the night before, then epigastric pain in the morning. My darling had to stay with me because wala akong kasama. (5) We have no driver now and I’m having difficulty in driving.

In view of these justifications, Vic Garcia has this apt advice to all of us: “Ingat tayo palagi. Let us be reminded to be careful and cautious in everything we do at this stage of our lives. We must at this time remember that we are no longer young and that we are already part of the ELDERLY strata of society, whether we like it or not.” Arayyyyy!

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



MP ROSALES
President
AB CARRILLO
Secretary

The Class had several bonding events after a large and enjoyable participation in the Alumni Homecoming in Baguio on February 18-21, 2016.

The first Class activity happened a week after we came down from Baguio. On February 28, Nori and Candy once again generously hosted a picnic in their nature-endowed Angat farm. Overflowing boodle and desserts were served. Take out included individually caught tilapia, ‘take all you can’ fresh sun-ripe tomatoes and sweet caimitos. MJ and Bernie, who returned to the U.S a few days later, joined lucky CMs and ladies who attended. These



included SND Volts and Rhodie, Mel and Milette, Willy and Isay, Bobby and Purita, Rudy and Arlene, Dodong and Tess, Art C, Julie Ruiz, Tita Pangan and Evelyn Erolin.

On March 20, the Class celebrated its annual graduation anniversary with a thanksgiving mass at Camp Aguinaldo which was again officiated by Father LTCol. Harley B. Flores, CHS. Thanks are due to the ladies led by Rhodie who coordinated the

Mass, offerings and children’s choir. Class members and some ladies did the readings and acted out parts of the Passion story. Dinner followed at Gloria Maris, Greenhills where attendance was historically huge. The regularly attending core group of CMs including Class officers and ladies was joined by MJ and Bernie, Boyet Lim, Arthur Juan, teddy and Lou Lasmarias and Tess Diamante and her son Jolo. Mel briefed



the Class on tentative preparations and requirements for February 2018 and the status of the CTB where 3 copies of the latest draft were circulated to encourage everyone to complete their respective narratives and pictures. Dinner was happily shouldered by the January-June birthday CMs.

On a religion-filled April day, 14 ladies did Visita Iglesia in thanksgiving to a

number of churches in Rizal and Laguna. Lunch was hosted by Isay in her ancestral house in Balian Pangil, Laguna. Native food consisting of tilapia, ginataang hipon and local delicacies was served.

On May 04, the Class was aptly represented during the BIRC (PMAAAI) hosted event featuring a fair and comprehensive assessment of the background and platforms of the

Presidential candidates by Peter Wallace, a highly respected naturalized Filipino business consultant. CMs were led by Mel as Chairman of BIRC, Rudy R, Art C, Willy, Oskie and Sony. They briefly assembled after the event to take up further steps on the CTB project and noted the plan of the ladies to develop their designated section of the CTB.



IF BEGONIA
President
JB DULLER
Secretary

Life has a way of balancing things for us and proved that on 21 March 2016 the day for Rey B. to treat the class to a birthday breakfast at Something Fishy in Eastwood. Last year Rey set the record of having the most number of classmates (about 18) at the traditional breakfast treat. This year he set the record again of having the least number of classmates just Chris A. and Ike B. With Rey, Inday B. and granddaughter Amaris it was a quiet and very intimate gathering.

It was a different story on April 2, 2016. The lauriat lunch for Jimmy D's 70th

birthday held at Gloria Maris in Greenhills brought his UP and other friends, Fortiters who were there to celebrate with him were Vic T. and Inday, Jus M. and Ellen, Garrick RJ and Lily, Boy M. with Amy and Chelsy, Joey S. and Tere, Mon, Benjie, Sol M., Chris A. and Marilou, Vikki B. with Richie, Ike B. and yours truly, and (surprise!) Willy Wong.

A video of his children and grandchildren all in the US was played showing what a fine family he and Lulu have raised. Perhaps Jimmy had a clairvoyant's view of this issue's theme so he covered history with the video. Then wearing a life-symbolic green top, he expressed his gratitude and spoke of "the family being one of nature's masterpieces" demonstrating his values. We hope to be at his 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th birthdays...

On April 25, 2016 the class hosted

a birthday breakfast for Vic T. at the Holiday Inn and Suites to better show its appreciation for his generosity these past years. In attendance were Inday T., Meg D., Jus M. and Ellen, Garrick RJ and Lily, Nonoy and Mone (just back from visit to US), Boy M. with Amy and Chelsy, Mon, Chris A., Jake, Jimmy, Luz L. and Lemon, Ike B. and yours truly.

Conversations revolved around that special "academy" near Villamor, food, travel, adoption (no, no one is thinking of adopting at this time in his life) and secret weddings (again, no one is pondering on having this).

As Vic T. blew the candle on his cake the group sung the classic birthday song then posed for the requisite photos.

Our prayers and sympathy go to the Camiling family on the transition of Greg's brother, Armando.



Ten '69 Fortiters at the birthday bash of Jimmy at Gloria Maris at the Greenhills last April 2, 2016.



PMA '69 hosted a breakfast for Vic T's birthday at Holiday Inn on April 25, 2016 as a token of appreciation for his continued hosting of the Class Christmas Party for the last three years.



The din of the election campaign is gone and the Filipino people had made their choice. We now have a new President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. Rodrigo Roa Duterte came out as the winner of the Presidential contest by a wide, incontestable margin. Hopes are up for a promised Change, from a nation that has voted in anger against the widely perceived corruption in government, rising criminality and wanton proliferation of drugs, the sorry economic condition of many of our people who can barely make ends meet and the gross neglect and mismanagement of public services by those who wield power.

The grueling and bitterly fought electoral campaign has caused deep divisions among our people. The time calls for healing. It demands of the Filipino to rally in support of the new leadership to work together for a better future for our people. The political factiousness and polarization engendered by electoral partisanship must now give way to unity. Any rancor must now be put behind for our own good.

Magitings in Elections 2016

So how have our Mistahs fared in the last elections? The high point is that Romy Acop has won (unopposed) in his congressional seat in Antipolo. A big surprise though was Jun Ebdane's loss in Zambales going to his third and last term as Governor. Dionet Santiago also lost in his senatorial bid though word is out that after a year sabbatical, he has work waiting for him. Roilo Golez' loss in Paranaque also was a big disappointment since our expectation is that he would handily win over the field. Ramsey Ocampo also did not make it in his party list bid. Romy

Gojo's sally for board membership in Zambales fell short. Well, that is the reality of politics. You win some and lose some. But this is definitely not end of it. Many have staged successful comebacks, coming as big winners after a loss. Just keep the fire of genuine, untainted, truly people-oriented public service burning!

Egay Galvante to LTO Post

As this article is being written, news broke that Egay Galvante has been named as the incoming LTO Chief by President-elect Rodrigo Duterte. An Undersecretary at the Dangerous Drugs Board where he serves as a Permanent Member, Egay is very well cut out for the job. Dedicated, firm and uncompromising in his performance of duty, he will be unrelenting in cleansing the agency of crooks, syndicates and other undesirables. Tough job, but if anyone can do it, it is Egay. Congratulations Mistah!

Boots' Birthday Concert

After the class' nostalgia trip to the Academy last 01 April to celebrate the Magitings' Reception as plebes 50 years ago, the next big event was the birthday concert and celebration of Boots De Veyra's turning 70 at the Teatrino at the Promenade, Greenhills last 12 April. Boots' "My Life in Songs" concert showcased songs sung by friends, with the birthday boy chiming in. The main event was Boots' solo performance of old-time hits, as he took everyone down memory lane. It was a treat indeed to listen to the velvety smooth and mellow voice of our Mistah as he ran through a repertoire of old favorites. It is a wonder how he sustained

the quality and timbre of his songs for close to two hours of singing. What vocal stamina! Joining him on stage to also regal his invited guests with several songs were the "Elderly Brothers" composed of Egay Galvante, Rudy Garcia and Boots himself (Nesty Carolina, also a member, missed out), Jimmy de los Santos '69, Roger Luis'62, elder brother Rafael, high school classmates and a terrific trio "Palo Ramblers" that used to be Boots' regular entertainers when he was assigned in Leyte. It was a great birthday celebration and who else but our mistah can pull it the way he did. It was a well-attended celebration of friends, schoolmates, 'uppies' and 'undies', and the Magitings and their ladies. Emy was ever the busy hostess seeing to it the program runs like clockwork, guests are made comfy and served with food and drinks. Happy 70th birthday mistah!

Bert Lina's Birthday Golf: The 26th ADL Cup

Last April 25 marked another birthday celebration this time of Customs Chief Bert Lina. It was a great golfing game once again at the Ayala Greenfields course in Laguna. Every year the golf gets better, with the attention to detail our Mistah Bert puts into organizing the event. Enjoying the golf and fellowship at the 26th ADL Cup with Bert were Roy Cimat, Nesty Santillan, Boots De Veyra, Clyde Fernandez, Ed Israel, Eloy and Rudy Garcia, Sonny Atienza, Primo Esguerra, Bobby Turla and Vic Signey. Willy Parayno did not play but joined us for lunch. Looking forward to next year's tourney Bert!





LB SILLONA
President
JC LALISAN, JR
Secretary

It is Time for Change

Now that the election fever is through, let us hope that “Ang Tunay na Pagbabago” thrust of President Rody Roa Duterte will be carried out literally. But we often wonder, is it not in order to have or effect change, it should start with ourselves? That in order to influence change in behavior, attitude, lifestyle, or whatever, one must set the example? Thus, in order to stop corruption, The President and his First Family or his minions should be free also from the vestiges of corruption. What the

public liked in Mayor Digong’s style is his direct approach to a problem. He warned drug lords, criminals, and corrupt officials to stop. A stern warning indeed. It is really a big challenge to the Duterte administration to stop if not curve corruption. Cleansing must start from Malacanang itself, down to his cabinet and department heads, and the whole bureaucracy for that matter. Hopefully, the other branches of government will follow suit. The people are watching and so must we. A 100-day “honeymoon” period is traditionally allowed for a new administration to adjust and do the “tweakings” in its operations. To all the winners, our congratulations!

Congratulations Senator Ping and DIWA Party List!

Our congratulations to mistah Ping Lacson for winning the senatorial slate

again! As of the latest counting, Ping was number four from the top. It is worth mentioning that Ping’s platform was anti-corruption and honest service to the people. Mabuhay ka, mistah!

Our congratulations also go to Egay Aglipay, who is the Chairman of the **DIWA Party List**, for winning one seat in Congress. His daughter, Congresswoman Emmeline Aglipay-Villar, will be the sitting representative.

Two of our mistahs were not successful in their candidacy. UNA VP mistah Greg Honasan lost in the VP race although he remains to be a senator for another three years. Mistah Virtus Gil, who tried his luck in the Angono mayoralty race before, failed in his bid. Meantime, mistah Ed Matillano did not enter politics this year after losing twice in the past. This was a good decision of Ed. Ed Mati is now enjoying his retirement by tending to his farm in Nueva Ecija raising hundreds of native-wild boars and goats. He is also in organic farming after attending several seminars on the subject. He boasts of his vermiculture project where the wastes produced by the worms are being used as fertilizers for his plantation of dragon fruits and vegetables. In fact, he has an open invitation to mistahs to visit his farm and taste the wild boar lechon.

Bonding and fellowships

As we grow older through the years, it is important that members of the class and their respective Mas-Matatags have more gatherings together this early. The **Matatag golfers**, because of their common love of the golf game, meet each other on a weekly basis in the different golf courses for health and bolahizing reasons. The PN Golf Course remains the main venue of most of our plays. However, we had for this period sorties in Malarayat, Southwoods, Villamor, Summit, and Southlinks fairways. The group plans to play in Hawaii upon the invitation of mistah Tex Balmaceda and also in Frisco where the NorCal boys Archie Almario, Totoy Rivera, and Teody Viduya are based. Mistah Ave Cruz, who settled in Las Vegas, has also extended his invitation to the Matatags. Well, maybe this will push through in the near future guys.

As for the local sites, Rollie Garcia, Nelson Eslao, and Ed Mati had invitations for the group to play in the Baguio Country Club, Camp John Hay, and Pinewood,



respectively. Bob Sacramento extended also his invitation to play in Anvaya in Morong and in Benictican Golf Courses in Subic where he is based. Another invitation was from Dan Belonia who wanted the group to play in Sun Vallley Golf Course (a new Korean GC) inside Clark Air Base. Plans for these are being mapped out depending on the budget and schedule.

The Mas-Matatags had their monthly bonding activities too, hosted by birthday celebrators. Just recently, Mawie Aglipay, the birthday girl, hosted a **pilgrimage to Antipolo** and visited the religious sites there. A breakfast fellowship was held in Valle Verde and after which, the Antipolo trip began. Those present were Prexy Lulu Tabamo, Lulu Runes, Lita Gil, Puring Cruz, Nina delos Reyes, Verna Albano, Jinggoy Martinez, and Jennie Domingo.

Some Matatags attended the **BIRCI Quarterly Fellowship** held in Camp Aguinaldo. The guest speaker was Mr Peter Wallace who spoke on "Electoral and Political Situation/Scenarios after Election". Those who attended were Wency Cruz (our Class 71 rep as Director), Egay Aglipay, Dee-ey Domingo, Aris delos Reyes, Rey Velasco, and Romy Dominguez.

For advance info, the Matatag Golfers will have its quarterly tournament this May 16 known as **Tex Balmaceda Cup** to be played in the Villamor GC. Tex, who is still in Hawaii, donated the prizes for the class tournament. Happy Golfing!
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suggested, for a change, the 3rd quarter social will be held on July 31 at the Club House of Villamor Golf Club. Prez Queck, volunteered to coordinate personally with the management of VAB Golf Club while the ladies, spearheaded by Faith are tasked to plan the activities for the event. The construction of additional restroom and handrail at Bahay Masigasig will be constructed as soon as possible. Any financial contribution coming from our kind-hearted overseas Mistah will be allocated to the project. Boogie Agustin was tasked to coordinate with Command Engineer of PMA regarding the design and cost estimate of the project. In anticipation of our 45th Anniversary next February's homecoming, it was proposed that a budget of Php3,000.00 per couple be allocated for class uniforms for those attending. Any excess out of this budget shall be shouldered by the respective couples. Ogie Alino, was requested to come up with the design of men's uniform, considering his fantastic "sartorial taste". By the way, Rey Jucuts is not far behind on this aspect. It is a common knowledge among us that he carries himself best regardless of the attire he wears. (sabi nila magaling mag-dala ng damit, ala Tony Ferrer). Agree? As for the ladies, they will be given the leeway regarding the design of their uniforms. It was also suggested that the Class officers to re-visit and review the Deed of Assignments between the Class and the owners of PSSLA passbooks where our funds are deposited. This is to insure all pertinent documents are in order. Our lawyer Mistah, Roger Quevedo can be consulted in this regard.

particularly for President and VP. But most importantly we are "friends" again after the election smoke has cleared with high expectations from the winners. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas, sana. Interestingly, we had some Mistah who threw their hats in the recent political exercise.

The Masigasig family wishes to congratulate Mistah and Mely Espino and their siblings for winning convincingly in the last election. Mistah Espine was elected as Congressman of the 5th District of Pangasinan at the expense of the incumbent Congresswoman while his son Pogi won by a wide margin as the new Governor of the province against a prominent politician. That was a double whammy win for father and son. Likewise, Jummel, the youngest son was re-elected for the 2nd term as Mayor of Bugallon, while Amadeo (Espine's brother), was also re-elected for the 2nd term as Mayor of Bautista with his nephew, Joseph as Vice-Mayor. All of them won with big margins, a validation that Pangasinan is Espino country in all fronts. There's no substitute for good governance and performance as proven by the unconditional support of Pangasinenses to the Espinos. It was spectacular, if not magical. **David (small as that) won over Goliath.** Truly, Pangasinan is **NOT FOR SALE** and that's the reality. Congratulations Congressman.

As we celebrate Espine and his sibling's victory, we feel sad for Cel Navarro and Med Pestano who didn't make it as Mayor and Congressman of Bani and Capiz respectively. As a consolation, they accepted their fate with humility and grace being true cavaliers and full-blooded Masigasigs. For us, you are also winners in that aspect and we are proud of you guys.

Mistah Lino Caringal was in town last May. He joined the campaign sorties of a presidential candidate whose roots came from Pangasinan. Unluckily his candidate



LD EBUEN
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

Warm greetings to all.

As far as class activities are concerned, no significant event for the months of April and May except the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees/Class Officers last April 5, 2016 at PNGC Club House.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Prez Queck presided the meeting to firm up the class activities for the year. In attendance, aside from the Directors were Gene Senga, Freddie De Vera, Babes Flores, Art Sabado and Dionix Dionisio. As

NEWS UPDATE:

The banner news for all of us was the national elections last May 9. 2016. The election fever overwhelmed us, and I'm sure we have our own personal choices



was no match against the phenomenal mayor from Davao. He was treated in a dinner by Prez Queck and some Class Officers in a cozy restaurant at Bonifacio Global City last April 24.

The annual Casuy Cup golf tournament was held last May 13, 2016 at the Valley Golf Club. This is an annual tournament organized by Valley ladies where some Masigasig golfers are invited yearly as special guests through the initiative of Gene Senga. The class were represented by Rey Ochoza, Edong Gador, Glykes Sua, Molong Narcida, Manding Naval, Johnny Salvana, this writer and of course Gene Senga.

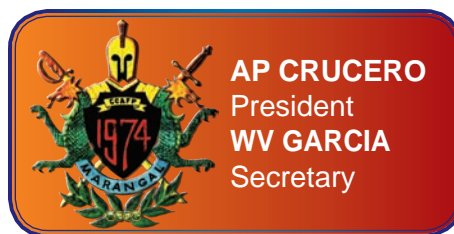
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Belated warm birthday greetings to the following June celebrators: Eric Aurelio, Raffy Vilches, Med Pestano, En Alino, Yarcia Yarcia, Luis Bismonte(+ Dec), Cora Devera, Espines Espino, OG Buenaventura, Efrén Abu, Neriz batestil, Malou Joaquin, Efrén Guerero(+Dec) and Domeng Reyes(+Dec). Advance birthday greetings to the July celebrators: Elmer Ignacio, Cel Navarro, Mely Espino, Art Lomibao, Lulu Pechuela, Jay Velasco, Medin Velasco, Pilar Senga, Mel Hermoso, Rey Ochoza, Orly Lumawag, Beth Navarro, Gene Senga, Vic Luga, Celso Castro and Fe Castro.

ON GROWING OLD:

“ When granted many years of life, growing old is natural, but growing old with grace is a choice. Growing older with grace is possible for all who will set their hearts and minds on the Giver of grace, the Lord Jesus Christ”...Billy Graham

Blessed be and happy reading to all....CGC.



The theme “Strengthening Commitments: history, values and traditions of the service” pertains to what we as a people should do to overcome the multi-faceted challenges and obstacles that beset our nation today. Perhaps we need to revise our national strategy, pass new laws, or revitalize the government, etc. Undoubtedly, all of these when pursued relentlessly, would bring positive results or success. However, to be successful there should be a unified, coordinated national campaign plan involving the entire government bureaucracy and the citizenry.

Given the challenges across the national political, economic and social aspects, public servants must be fully committed to the goals and objectives of the campaign. Their strong commitment carries with it adherence to the values of the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity and accountability. But commitment to values alone is not enough. What matters most is the resolve to make it happen. Values underpin the behaviors that the government and citizens rightly expect of all public servants. When public servants consistently act in accordance with their values, it strengthens the capacity of their organizations to operate effectively and achieve their goals and objectives. Conversely, a failure to adhere to these values lessens the confidence to the public servants and their organizations.

This is so because public service has never faced a stern test as it does today. People are watching our government. People are thirsty for quality government. They want their leaders to stand up and make their government stand out.

With these high expectations, it is important for public servants, including those in the profession of arms, to be fully committed to governance that defines excellence, leadership and integrity. They must remain focused in carrying out their tasks; adhering to the highest standards of ethical conduct. They must continue to revitalize governance. There has to be a new way of doing things, new culture and values. It cannot be business as usual. The good public servant will want to do his best or her best not only to serve the present but the future as well.

Hand in hand with the public sector initiative is the participation of the armed services or military in the campaign. The role of the military and other armed component of the government is very critical. With their vast resources at their disposal they can really make a difference towards the accomplishment of the mission. Apart from their vast logistics, the strength of the military lies on its personnel. Personnel are well-trained, disciplined and committed to their assigned tasks. Their military experience has equipped them with a unique set of values and skills which make them more effective in performing their duties. These characteristics distinguish them from their civilian counterparts and can make them valuable members of the team.

Below are common traits associated with those who served in the military.

- Highly structured and authoritarian way of life with a mission-focused and goal-oriented approach.
- Strict sense of discipline tending to adhere to rules and regulations.
- Strong work ethic with high regard to physical and mental strength.
- Code of conduct and organizational culture that reflects well-defined and strongly supported moral and ethical principles.
- Decisive leadership.

Along with those traits is their adherence to the military values of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. Courage, moral and physical, is the ability to act in the best interests of the service. Integrity encompasses transparency, accountability and responsibility. Loyalty is devotion and dedication to the oath. These values serve as their principles or standards of behavior.

They also adhere to military customs and traditions which are transmitted from generation to generation. These provide anchor to the past. This connection to the past will lend those in the profession of arms a sense of meaning and purpose, even as they journey into the future.

Ingrained with military values, principles and experiences through years of training and actual service to the country, military personnel are a perfect fit to our individual and collective commitment to this endeavor. PMAYers as public servants are identified agents of change.

PMA Marangal Class 74 has already proven that we are willing to sacrifice or die for the sake of our beloved country. In the early 70s when our country was in grave danger, we were graduated early from the PMA in January 1974 to respond to the call of the motherland, to serve in Mindanao. All of us were dispatched to different battle zones in the South. Many died and

were wounded during that campaign. But we never wavered a bit. Instead, we persevered mindful of the values taught in the PMA and the traditions of the military service. Throughout our history, many stories were told and retold about the gallantry and heroism of PMA graduates which make us so proud.

Tidbits:

1. PMA Marangal Class 74 will hold a fund raising golf Tournament at Aguinaldo Golf Club, Quezon City on 13 June 2016 for the benefits of widows and children of departed mistahs and for all the civic projects being undertaken by the Class. All Cavalier golfers and friends are invited to join this activity for a worthy cause.

2. We would like to greet all May – June birthday celebrants. May the good Lord continue to bless you with good health, happiness and peace – and may you continue to touch the lives of many and make a difference in their lives.



EE ACUÑA
President
JB SOLIDUM
Secretary

POLITICS

Congratulations to the Lucky 9 Magilas and brats who won in the just concluded elections. This calls for another victory fellowship. The following were re-elected unopposed in their respective seats;

Cong Pol Bataoil – 2nd District Pangasinan, Cong Napoleon Dy – 3rd District Isabela, Mayor Sandy Javier - Javier, Southern Leyte, Mayor Boying Alarcio - Laoac, Pangasinan, Mayor Ian Dy

– Alicia, Isabela

Mayor Jeff Soriano really worked hard to get reelected and his effort paid off as he got more votes this time against his former opponent in Tuguegarao, Cagayan in 2013.

First time mayors are Eric Verzosa in Dasol, Pangasinan and Ralph Lantion in Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya. Eric is the son of Jess and Cynthia while Councilor Tutti Caringal is the son of Jimmy and Bibits. Congratulations Mistahs, may you all serve your constituents with fervor and dedication, the Magilas Way!

HEALTH ISSUES

Congratulations too to Mel Dilodilo for his successful recovery from a near

death experience when he collapsed unconscious and was rushed to the Medical City. Upon release from the ICU, he wants to remind all mistahs who are senior citizens to seriously take the prescribed maintenance pills to avoid experiencing the same horrifying experience that he has been through. Also, wishing for the full recovery of Doo Maligalig and Eppie Comahig after their release from the hospital. Wilson Young texted and suggested to check out <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6RHq4wEHGs> while Sluggs Nano recommends to avail of the services at Veterans Hospital which according to him provides all medical exams and maintenance medicines. But for Toto Golez, his ready advise is “Haaataaaaaaaaaw lang”!

SOME UPDATES

Allan Bontuyan reported that he is now a Security Officer at Queens Library in Flushing, New York leaving Maning Busa by himself at OPMI School. Erik Espina was recently designated Brigade Commander, 1901st Infantry Brigade, Ready Reserve based in Cebu. Ric Blancaflor returned to private practice in his law office.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

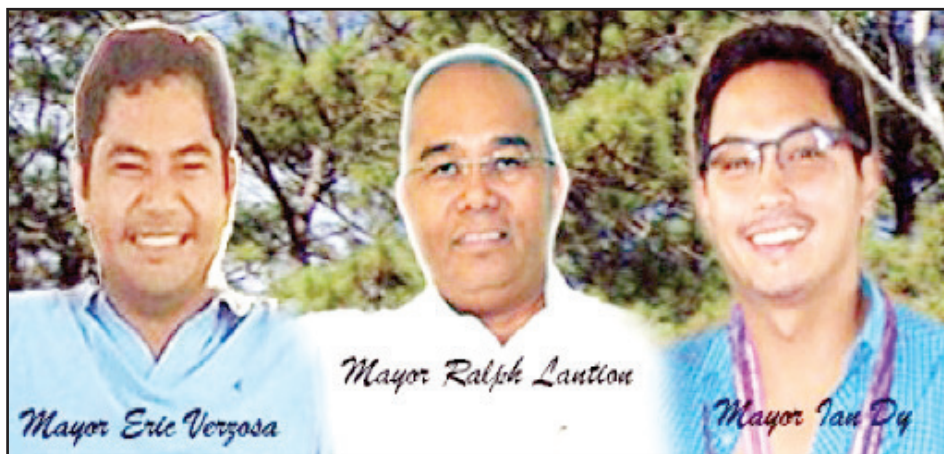
Our best wishes for the May and June birthday celebrators: Ric Blancaflor – 3



May, Jess Del Mundo – 7 May, Malou Chua – 11 May, Toto Golez – 16 May, Jesusa Gaboy – 17 May, Rey Ramirez – 19 May, Vicky Mata – 18 May, Beth Veran – 21 May, Sammie Narcise – 23 May, Caloy Caganan 29 May, Willie Lino– 30 May, Tanggol Gatdula and Nath Legaspi – 3 June, Salie Salosagcol – 4 June, Suzzete Maclang – 8 June, Rod Maclang – 9 June, Epyo Marayag – 10 June, Jessica Dilodilo – 12 June, Brenda Abadiano -14 June, Ma. Corazon Del Mundo – 16 June, Nidz Ferrer – 17 June, Alex Yano – 13 June, GiboTeodoro and Ed Lacanienta– 14 June, Joe Solidum – 19 June, Cesar Agcon – 20 June, Joseph Bernardo –28 June, Lorraine Sanchez and Rowena Tenazas -30 June.

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and sympathies to Nath Legaspi for the loss of his sister, Nora Mildred Legaspi 58, on 18 April. Also, we condole with Arlene Zerrudo for the passing away of her Mom, Rosa Alicia Andaya 90, on 04 May and Peng Dela Rama for the passing away of his Dad, Justice Jose Dela Rama Sr. 89, on 9 May. May their souls find eternal rest in the presence of God Almighty.





RA DAVID JR
President
TO PAN
Secretary

Forty years ago, the class threw caution to the wind and resigned en masse from PMA on 24 Jun 1976. Thus, the following is written in The Sword 1977:

“The 24th of June 1976 was a day of decision. Your class met and stood as one. Each one spoke with the same fervor, the same conviction. For the first time, your class was really united. Together you knew you were strong. Tomorrow gave way to the present. For a system! For a fight!

The movement went on for four days. They were times of tribulations. The pressure was great and hours were long. Worry filled nights haunted even the mornings. Suddenly, you were very old. The strength and stamina of youth were drained. Too much thinking added wrinkles to your forehead. It was such a time when you stopped and thought how old you really were. And you found out, years were mere numbers and that such times were really the measure of growth rings.

Negotiation followed and you were glad it was all over. There were the consequences.



You had your break deferred, 90 days of special confinement. Punishment tours and demerits. You accepted them. You knew beforehand that you would be punished for such an action. But there was no regret whatsoever. You got what you wanted. True to yourself, you were prepared.”

Para 1 of HTG1,PMA SO#73 & 74 dtd 14 Jul 1976 reads “By direction of the Superintendent, fol-named firstclass cadets are each meted 45 demerits, 90 punishment tours and 90 days special confinement for combination among cadets, i.e. resorting to concerted action to exercise disapprobation on 25 Jun 1976 thereby being absent from certain duties from the period 25 to 28 Jun 76. In cadet lingo we say “We take life!” And so with our yearlings, the Matapat Class of 1979 who joined us in our concerted action. And together we marched in touring uniform and in two mass formations at Borromeo Fields “as each Saturday add to our past!” To those who are

interested to know what happened, ask a Masikap or a Matapat.

The Masikap golfers continue to hit the links every Wednesday as more of us find time to relax and play with our mistahs regularly. Since the golfers considered the Aguinaldo golf course, the usual venue, as less and less challenging hehe! they have decided to play at the Navy golf course every 2nd Wednesday of the month and at Villamor every 4th Wednesday. This seems to be a better arrangement because many Masikap golfers reside at nearby AFPOVAI and they need not wake up early and hurry to Camp Aguinaldo to catch the morning tee off. Among the golfers who are residents of AFPOVAI are Ric David, Raffy Pabustan, Dick Morales, Larry Atendido, Art Mancenido & Lino Lapinid. It is also convenient for Sunny Pequiras who resides in Parañaque and Dads Domingo, who lives in Muntinlupa. Dads has been playing almost every Wednesday, more relaxed now after his stint as President, AFPSLAI. In fact, I consider him the most improved golfer in the group.

The 1st and 3rd Wednesday golf fellowship are still held in Aguinaldo para may chance pa rin naman kaming mga nakatira malapit dito - Roy Camagay, Orly Pestaño, Mon Gatan and me - na makalaro with our mistahs at least twice a month. In relation to the change in venue of the Wednesday games, I had recommended that the regular Wednesday chicken club will now be held where the golfers play i.e. AFPCOC every 1st and

3rd Wednesday, Navy Golf Clubhouse on the 2nd Wednesday and Villamor Golf Clubhouse every 4th Wednesday. Changes in venue, as necessary, will be announced asap.

The 18 May chicken club at AFCOC was attended by our New Jersey based mistah, Mariano "Jun" Velasco who was vacationing here that time. The lunch get together was hosted by Sunny Pequiras, who with his OAO Beng were warmly entertained by Jun when they were in CONUS last year. Present were Percy & Bopeep Padla, Roy Camagay, Lino Lapinid, Vixi Abat, Dads Domingo, Benhail Sevilla, Ted Pan, Eric Javier and Angel Sunglao. The 01 Jun chicken club was also well attended, with very seldom seen in the chicken club (kahit na nasa Camp Aguinaldo ang opis nya hehe!) President of NDCP, Joone De Leon appearing "like an apparition" according to Vixi. He just stayed for less than three minutes to say hi to each and every mistah present and disappeared hehehe!!

Also in the 01 Jun chicken club was Ned Goseco but he was not an apparition hehehe! Ned, who has retired from his long time jobs with the



Ayala companies, is now a farmer (sabi nya) in his home province Pampanga. He arrived early and stayed until the group left. It was a very happy get together with the following mistahs boisterously (according to Cav Joe Lapus '65 who was also eating in the cafeteria at AFPCOC) bolahizing each other: Ned, Ric David, Dick Morales, Vixi Abat, Raffy Pabustan, Butch Supapo, Nebu Alejandrino, Orly Pestaño, Eric Javier, Sunny Pequiras, Roy Camagay and Ted Pan. We talked about the cabinet of the incoming Duterte presidency and a lot more. As to mistahs who were not present, don't worry. Sabi

nga ni Dick "hwag mag alala, kayo nman ang pinag usapan!" Vixi added "we do "laughter therapy" - the use of humor to promote overall health and wellness. sig... tawa!" Please take note of Vixi's prescription, Sir Joe!

The class wishes the following June and July birthday celebrators a Happy Happy Birthday! Jun 02 Chito Mangubat, 13 Jun Serapio, 21 Johnny Corcha & Sunny Pequiras and 27 Gani Cuevas; Jul 05 Rod Cornelio, 07 Don Miñano, 20 Cidoh Gadjali, 11 July Moreno, 15 Nestor Bontol, 17 Ted Pan, 19 Nickie Ojeda, and 29 Nobols Noblefranca & JJ Romualdo.



its commitments through all the class activities that they hold. Now that we are retired from the uniformed services, each one of us may have different commitments but our commitment to stay relevant and contribute to national progress and our commitment to be matapat or loyal to one another, our families and our principles, remain. Our Matapat Golf Team Captain, Rollie Anonuevo, regularly calls for practices where our mistahs who are playing golf, consistently attend. We also

have scheduled quarterly Class fellowship, hosted, on rotation basis, by the four groups: Air Force, Navy, PNP and Army, in that order. As necessary, we also call for special meetings every now and then. The PMA Matapat Class of 1979 is here to stay strong, relevant and committed.

The theme for this issue of the Cavalier magazine is: Strengthening Commitments: history, values and traditions of the service. The PMA Matapat Class of 1979 continues to strengthen

Last April 14, the Class had a dinner meeting at Larry's Bar, Serendra, BGC to be updated on the political situation in the country, specifically on what is happening with the candidacy to national positions of our mistahs. As usual, the meeting notice was sent through Short Messaging System (text) to all who are using cellular phones and have given their numbers (104 members as of 07 May 2016). If you have changed numbers or is not receiving text messages about Class activities, please txt or call 09189171272 or 09778236282.

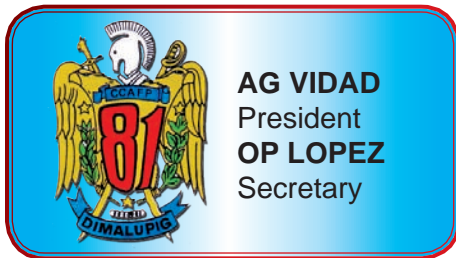
The photograph above was taken after the meeting was adjourned at Larry's Bar on April 14. It was almost a three hours meeting exchanging information and ideas. This is not the first time we met at the Larry's Bar. About a month earlier, the Class held a similar meeting in the same place. It offers a good ambiance, excellent food and drinks at a reasonable price and easy access to everyone.

As you read this, we already have a new set of national leaders. We may have varying choices of who we wanted to lead this country. Whoever is taking over at the helm needs our support. Life must go on and we continue to meet regularly to further strengthen our commitments as a Class.



We did not have the 1st quarter Class Fellowship scheduled to be sponsored by the Navy Group but Rey Lanada, President of the PNP Group, made reservation of the Social Hall of the Villamor Air Base Golf Clubhouse as early as December 2015, for the second quarter Class Fellowship. So, let us look forward to this get together, hopefully before the rainy season. Cheers!

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



AG VIDAD
President
OP LOPEZ
Secretary

Much has happened the past months. Many mistahs and their families attended the PMA Alumni Homecoming on 20 Feb, celebrating our 35th Year Anniversary. We had lunch at the Lopez Hall of Leaders and Bonfire dinner at the Dimalupig Picnic area. For those who do not know yet, the new Class Prexy is Art V. Election was held at the PMAyer Monument and he was unanimously voted (unopposed) to be the President of the Class. Congratulations are also in order to the Dimalupig Golf Team (Team B ba ito, Dan S?) for winning the Battle of the Classes golf tournament in connection with the homecoming, held at the CJHGC.

The month of March saw the graduation of the Dimalupig class from the Active Service, except of course for our lone foreign Dimalupig last-man-standing, Gen Thawip Netniyom. We hope that he will further rise in the ladder of success in their Armed Forces. The last local Dimalupig, Benny D retired on 21 March, closing the very illustrious military/police careers of all mistahs.

Many of our classmates have been involved in the recently concluded elections, in all sides. Congratulations to everyone for participating in one of the most crucial elections in our country. Now, it is time to move on and help in whatever we can to make our country great again.

While all of us have retired from the Service, many pursued different areas after retirement. Some continued to work

in the government, others in the private sector, while many enjoyed their free time, or "apostolic" duties. Occasionally, we meet in the golf courses, or birthday celebrations of classmates.

Last 11 May, Mar A hosted the monthly Dimalupig Golf fellowship at the CAGC. It was a team format, with the PNP being declared the Champion, followed by the Army, Air Force and Navy, in that order. The event culminated with a sumptuous lunch. Giveaways were also provided to the winners, and all the players. The next golf fellowship is scheduled on 4 June at the Riviera Golf and Country Club, to be hosted by Alan L. For the month of July, many Dimalupig golfers with their Manlulupigs will "invade" Thailand. The Dimalupigs look forward to the golf sessions, while the Manlulupigs, shopping and sight-seeing. Art V is making coordination with Al N. in this regard.

To all those who have no Viber accounts yet, you are missing the bolahizing and story-telling. You may contact Romy P para ma-include kyo sa group. To those who are hibernating – please Sound Off.



FDB SANTIAGO JR
Chairman
LAD LEUTERIO
Secretary

Stars are Falling

Notwithstanding that the Class has the following star-ranked officers, Maringal Leo Laroya (PCG), Maringal Joselito dela Cruz (PCG), Maringal Francisco Santiago (PNP) and Maringal Leo Angelo Leuterio (PNP); the class is set to have a new

star-ranked officer soon in the person of Maringal Allen T Paredes (PAF). It would be still prudent to mention that several Maringals are in-line for getting their star-ranks since they occupy positions which make them eligible for T.O. positions after. This is specifically true for Police Maringals. JohnBul, (which Pusi insists to be an '82 in '88 clothing), RJ, Pamus, Bangis, Papay and Talbog are with this group. I heard it from good source that Boy Faustino and Piscal (with Pio) are also on deck. Hence, this year would be some kind of jubilee year for the PMA Maringal Class of 1988.

Maringal Golf Association

The MGA or the Maringal Golf Association is proving to be the only consistent and effective venue for "bonding" for mistahs. It has held the PNP Open (Anto Florida as champion) and the PA Masters (boyet baraque! -champion) successfully, where the attendance would number around a high of 36 and a low of 24. Some mistahs did not even play but just attended the breakfast or the lunch. I am of the mind that a mistah need not be a golfer to enjoy the fellowship of Maringals who have been known for their witty conversations if not for their good looks. The latest on the list of golfers is Aji, whose improvement is simply amazing. (yet, not enough to beat Brando yet). He has even graduated from wearing denim pants to the more acceptable dry-fit wear. His advantage remains to be that his moment arm is longer than everyone else.

There was a moment when the MGA seemed to be on the verge of a shake-up when Talbog strictly applied the USGA rules on the case of Oti (PNP Open) leading to his DQ even when his score would have made him a champion. Of course, Talbog would want us to believe that RJ, Pusi and Baraks shared in the decision-making. However, Pamus blow-by-blow account of

the meeting would debunk that assertion. Hehehe! A picture of him (Oti) selling his golf set even made it to the Maringal FB page. It is said that were it not for Pio's patient prodding Oti would have opted to playing badminton until retirement.

Anyhow, in all the fellowships held after every golf game, the conversation inadvertently leads to the wish that "...if only more of us were playing..."

As of this writing the Handicaps for everyone to use during the PN Golf had been published. By the way Abet Cruz specially attended the PA Masters to prepare the Navy Group for their hosting of the tournament.

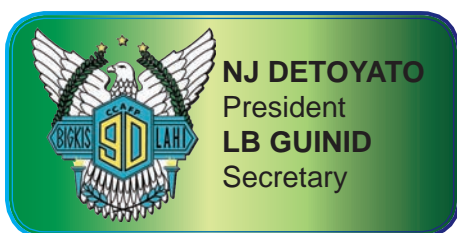
Class Officers

The Management of the Class has been passed to the PNP group. The

Chairman, Cisco "tagoy" Santiago is busy preparing for the various activities of the class aside from his retirement on June 19, this year. The President is Maringal Lito Daniel who texted that the reservations for billeting for the Homecoming had been made with New World Hotel. Fifty (50) rooms were reserved.

Other Matters

Talbog is inviting everyone to the Golf Fellowship in honour of our retiring mistah PCSupt Santiago on June 18 at the CAGC course. On the other hand, JohnBul expressed the wish to open other activities where our fellowship may be facilitated. Zomar PAL suggests one for badminton so that would be the MBA. Wilkins is pushing for shooting so that would be MSA. Caloy suggests another MSA so that would be the Maringal Skydiving Association. The details for the handicapping system for these other games would best be obtained from their own sponsors. Go Maringals!



Bigkis Lahi Day

The class organized a 'Bigkis Lahi Day' last Apr. 2 in Fort Bonifacio, Metro Manila. The day started with a special golf tournament at Kagitingan Golf Course and followed by a special ceremony in the afternoon at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

The Bigkis Lahi Fun Golf Tournament was organized by the Army group. It was a buddy system based on being bunkmates, company mates, or even branch mates. The tournament was won by the pair of

Ollets Tello and Papa Perks over the team of Tony Boy Palces and RJ Rojas. RJ also won the 'Nearest to Lake' award while the 'Looking-for-a-New Buddy' award was won by the team of Joel Nacnac. Roy Galido did a wonderful birdie on Hole #5 following the rule of using only #7 iron from the tee mount up to the green. After the game, the class sponsored a lunch at Hole #6 Restaurant. Kudos to Rina Galido and Neneng Detoyato for playing in the tournament.

In the afternoon, the class, together with their families, gathered at the Libingan ng mga Bayani wearing barongs while the others in semi-formal attires to honor the "heroes of PMA Bigkis Lahi 1990." A special mass was held for our 11 mistahs who have already passed away. Simong Rosimo and Jong Ramos did the readings for the special mass.

After the mass, Gen-Gen Hidalgo gave a tear-dropping roll call of our 11 mistahs followed by an inspirational message by Tony Palces who allegedly read the script made by Ed Arevalo. The daughter of Rene Batalla also gave a heart-warming speech about her father which totally put everyone in misty eyes. She clearly explained how much love a daughter can miss in losing a father like Rene. Toods Detoyato, our class President who arrived in shooting competition attire because of a Command-directed activity, gave the closing remarks.

More real drama took place when the taps was played by the Security and Escort Battalion band followed by a wreath laying and candle lightning ceremonies. The members of the class who were present divided themselves in offering wreaths and candles to our fallen mistahs through

a modified, class 1990 standard ceremony. The activity in the LNMB ended with a catered meals sponsored again by the class.

Army updates

There are still 44 active Army 90 group members. At present, there are 19 assigned in HPA – Poker, Audrey, Glenn, Rex, Dong, Mines, Bert – the Army rep, Roy, Lando, Noli, Russel, Marlo, Roger U, Leo, Greg D, Tadz, Cris, Benjie H and Teody T. At GHQ/others, you can find 14 Army guys: Toods, Dennis, Raul V, Bong Viray, Randy S, Ollets T, Kid B, Joel N, Benedict A, Jinx, Batuts, Buddy A, Toto N, and Steve. There are 11 who are still in the field namely: Joven, Obarvs, Mandy or Kit, Papa Perks, Bong Villareal, George D, Willy V, Andrew C, Ernie C, Benjie B, and Gobi Gobway. On other duties, there are three: Manny M in Europe as DAFA, Art A (ang pagbabalik... abangan ang susunod na kabanata!), and Gen-Gen in civilian government office.

Navy-PCG updates

There are still 17 active members in the PN-PCG 90 group: **Dabong D, Danny F, Ben F, Tony P, and Toinks V for the PN; Ed A, Noel Belleran (Noel B din kasi si Kid), Epoy, Potpot DP, Jonas, Danny, Ric, RJ and Velay for the Marines; while for the PCG, Oca, Allen and Norman.**

Air Force updates

The latest class news in Villamor is about Arf Musico who is now the Air Force CMO officer and at the same time, the PIO. TJ Talja is back as a unit commander in HPAF while Amanski Amano is assigned back in the airfield somewhere in Luzon as Deputy Wing Commander. Also at HPAF are Fernyl B, Art C, and Ralph M. Rocky B is back in Mindanao.

PNP updates

There are still 21 active members in our PNP group (alphabetical): Rolly A, Ato B, Oca B, Ely C, Flynn D, Oliver E, Mitch F, Marlon M, Bobby M, Roland M, Nickson M, Pacs M, Pipoy N, Ronnie O, Renz O, Ritchie P, Jong R, Alex S, Eden U, and Ronnie Y.

Other matters

The remaining class activities for 2017 include one class project (sometime in October) and our class Christmas party (tentative on Dec. 28).

We hope the Navy 90 group will initiate the planning for our Bigkis Lahi Day 2017.

“Para sa susunod na class activities, sana makilahok lahat,” said Toods, our class President. “Let’s enjoy each other’s company.” #



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CLASS UPDATES

Philippine Air Force

For the Philippine Air Force, following 18 active members are occupying significant positions all over the country: Mel Roldan – Director, Special Studies, HPAF; Pedro Francisco – Chief, PAF RMO; Erick Escarcha – Commandant, PAF Technical & Specialization Training School, AETC Lipa; Aris Gonzales – Deputy, A5, HPAF; KC Casaclang – Deputy, PAF Provost Marshal; Johannis Dimaano – Director for Opns, 2nd Air Division, due for schooling in Australia (Defense Strategic Studies Course); Pablo Rustria – Deputy A1, HPAF; Eco Canaya – Director, PAF PIO, HPAF; Gerold Gagan – Director for Opns, 570th Composite Tactical Wing, Palawan; Jules Lllarenas – Director for Opns, 15th Strike Wing, Cavite City; Tony Francisco – Director for Opns, 520th Air Base Wing, HPAF; Malaya Francisco- Asst Head, Joint and Combined Trng Center, and Faculty, AFPCGSC; Boysie Carangan – Deputy A8, HPAF; Edgar Torres – Deputy A7, HPAF; Josel Zuniga – Deputy A2, HPAF; Bagets Vilela – Commandant, Basic Military Training School, AETC Lipa; Bert Masuda – Director for Opns, 710th Special Opns Wing, Camp Oddonnel, Tarlac; and the reliable Miko Okol – ISAFP, GHQ.

Following mistahs opted to leave the service earlier: Mike Villaruel; Teody Valdez; Rey Manongdo; Twit Benitez; Jet Estoesta; Bong Velasco; Wawee Penamante; Ruben Palecpec (Cebu Pacific and Philippine Airlines International Flights); Jam Mariquit; Ronald Villapando, Jet Llopis; Wayne Avestruz; Glenn Dublin; Loy Silva; Donald Madarang; Resi Manso – Security Officer of Shangrila Hotel in Cebu; and Luth Cuenco.

Philippine Marines

Only seven remaining Few and Proud Philippine Marines: Chuck Mangoroban – Deputy N4, Bronx Gabor – U2; Bimbo Quemado – U3, WESCOM based in Palawan, Doods Albalate – CO, Naval Base Cavite at Sangley Point; Ed Ariola – with ISAFP, Eric Macaambac – MC2; and Enyong Hernandez – N1 HPN. Gen Generale had retired and is now based in Zamboanga City managing a Bike Shop. Bong Noceto has pursued an intelligence career in Vietnam.

Philippine Navy

For the Philippine Navy, following 15 active mistahs are doing productive service-oriented efforts all over the world: Richard Gonzaga – Owner’s Representative, SSV Project, Philippine Fleet; Joe Orbe – Schooling MNSA Equivalent United Kingdom; Ted Quizon – with OJ5; Badong Lavapie - Schooling MNSA Equivalent China; Alan Javier – AC of FS for Logistics, F4; Noel Rodriguez and Lemuel Espartinez – Schooling MNSA; Mac Racacho – CO, NAVSHIP; Kokok Escalona – Chief, Research and Analysis Branch, OPAMA; Manny Bello – Deputy Commander, AFP Finance Center; Willy Chavez – OJ1, AFP; Frank Tagamolila – CO, AT25; and Global Traveller Jun Caluya – Vice Chairman, PNBAC. Rey Lopez and Lloyd Casis are still A/U RSPN.

Congratulations to Eric Macaambac, Lemuel Espartinez, Frank Tagamolila, Manny Bello and Willy Chavez for the well-deserved promotion to O6 and subsequent confirmation by the Commission on Appointments.

Philippine Coast Guard

For the Philippine Coast Guard, following eight active mistahs are holding indispensable positions of responsibility: Timmy Borja – CG3 (Operations); Chris Villacorte – CG12(Education and Training); Mon Lopez – CG1 (Personnel); Joven Fabul – CG6 (Comptroller); Doy Punzalan – CG Attache, London; Ruyard Somera – Deputy, CG Education and Training Command; Art Abu – CO, Coast Guard Ready Force; and JM Ramos – CG4 (Logistics).

Following mistahs in the Navy and Coast Guard have settled down for good and preoccupied themselves with either humanitarian-related or security-oriented works within the country and abroad:

George Dominguez (Ayala Corporation), Sam Pallorina, Genesis Dolojan (United Nations), Jules Advincula, and Joel Simbulan (PAL) – based in Metro Manila; Earl Pabalan and Gemini Jimenez – based in Chicago, USA; Nap Suarez, Baldo Baldonado, Nestor Calon, Roland Bolado (Defense Language Institute) – based in California, USA; Balging Gilbang – based in Canada; and Dodong Gonzaga – based in Sydney, Australia.

Philippine National Police

Mistahs in the Philippine National Police hold crucial positions. At National Headquarters: Johnny Atela – Anti-Cyber Crimes Group; Ritch Macachor - CIDG; Jingo Rivel – PNP Bomb Data Center; Sid Hernia – Civil Security Group; Mario Reyes – Foreign Liaison Div, Directorate for Intel; Jonel “Final Option” Estomo and Steve “El Presidente” Ludan – Directorate for Comptrollership; Bernie Banac – Senior Executive Assistant, Office of the Chief, PNP; and Lolong Yu – Headquarters Support Service. At Regional and National Support Units: Eric Noble – R6 and Belli Tamayo – R1 of Police Regional Office (PRO) 1; Joseph Nartatez Provincial Director Ilocos Norte Police Office; Bong Caramat – PRO Cordillera; Sid Villaflor – City Director Angeles City Police Office; Ronald Lee Provincial Director Bulacan Police Office and Patrick Obinque – R6, PRO3; Uly Cruz – PRO4B, Tony Cirujales – R6, PRO5; Leo Francisco R6 PRO7; Mafe Bazar – R6 and Mar Pungtilan – Dep R6, PRO10; Nat Talip with PRO13; Matthew Baccay – R6, ARMM; and Mon Lihaylihay – Aviation Security Group. Laurence Sison has recently retired and settled down in Pangasinan.

BIRC

Following mistahs have been very active not only in attending meetings but also in orchestrating class fund generating activities: Erwin Caesar Rivera – Corp Security Group, PNB; Ricky Panes – Corp Business Group, MERALCO; Roger Lizardo – Asset Protection Manager and Freelance Security Consultant; Jun Lingcoran – Journalist, ABSCBN; Roland Ong – Territory Manager and Solutions Consultant/FireEye, Inc; Percy Condes – Field Officer, Public Safety Mutual Benefit Fund, Inc, Catitipan, Davao City; Nathan Ledesma – Business Systems Development Group, ADEC – Innovations, Muntinlupa;

Erwin De Vera – Senior Systems Engineer, Saralux Inc., Oregon, USA; Cicero Arriola – PAGCOR, Cubao; Marino Bautista – Government Employee, Imus, Cavite; Atty. Gel Bongngat, Board Member, Kalinga; Jun Llave – President Llavecon Builders Inc.; Bobby Almario – Managing Director, AVI Corp, Pasig City; Francis Chan – Operations Manager, PHILAND Security Agency based in Quezon City; Godo Senires – SGS, Joint TF NCR, CGEA; Rico Lavallo – Pasong Tamo, Quezon City; and James Maranon – Coca Cola Philippines, Sta. Rosa, Laguna. / Ferdsnapuli/monlejayeexec



While summer usually means the beach, vacation and family bonding, to Marilags, it is also about honoring brothers, reminiscing the past, studying, passing the bar, and stories never forgotten. Amidst the 38 to 52 degree temperature, the Class

- boodlefighting, being pensive at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani or wondering about strategy and law - never fails to joke around of the whos and whens of the summers of their teenage years. This is not really unusual; it is just being Marilag.

1 and 3 April 2016

Last 1 April 2016, some 50 members of the Class and that of the 1990s Corps wiped-out the sumptuous spread of viands at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo during the boodleflight cum fellowship. Initially, the activity hoped to continue a tradition started years ago by the NCBn 1991, reliving that rotting and memorable summer, yet morphed to a 1990s Generation’s Reception Day Anniversary. Thanks to the preparations by HE Bote and Joy and, of course, to the Sirs, mistahs, hijos and hijas, who share in common not only bogo-bogos’ April Fools’ Day but also the sentiments only those from Loakan can truly understand. Thanks also to the very kind upperclassmen who augmented the boodles and hotdarn. We hope to see more ex-plebes next year !

Meanwhile, two days after, on 3 April, the Class offered an ecumenical service for the fallen Marilags at the Libingan Ng



Mga Bayani. This was followed by paying homages to the graves at the LNMB and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and a breakfast. Cav Robert M Arevalo '85, Class Adviser, despite his demanding duty as CSPA, graced the occasion. Thanks to the PAL Boys of the Air Force Group who sponsored the snappy breakfast. Pledges for the activity will finance the families of the fallen Marilags during the 25th year anniversary activities of the Class by 2020. Thanks a lot for the support, Mistahs.

Command and General Staff Course

With majority of the students of the Command and General Staff Course being members of the best Class and having as reference previous courses with Marilags as majority of the students, one cannot fail to imagine the classroom dynamics with John Gabun, or the barracks atmosphere with Dan Ambe. Of course, on the side, academic laurels and GPAs will be a battlefield of sorts with the likes of Ed Catu and Jonjie Lontok. It will also really be a challenge for Charlie Tiu and Richard de Guia supervising these magan students. It is, of course, hoped that aside from preparing mistahs as staff and commanders, may it also strengthen further what distinguishes Marilag – camaraderie. It is, I think, more important for the Class. Desiderata reminds too that "Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself." Good luck, mga Bok!

Congratulations Attorney Bonto

Now, now. The Class is sincerely braced-up for another lawyer in its ranks. Renato R Bonto, Attorney-at-Law, recently joined the Bar, making four the abogados de campanilla with Toquints, Giant and Jocas. If we will be allowed to speculate, Rene is probably inspired by his squadmate, Giant. There is this theory that because of the same squad leader/assistant squad leaders, yearlings, offenses, etc, squadmates tend to have similar aspirations, tastes, face, etc. But of course, it is not about a competition between him and John G, attorney emeritus.

Of Take Seats, Stones and Gender

While devouring the feast during the boodleflight, where Sir Baron Alcudia '93 was also present, mistahs would naturally talk about the first mess after reception, and because it was summer, about Fort

Magsaysay. For instance, some somehow find it amusing that others have the uneasy feeling that they were the only ones who, as first offense, immediately drank the glass of water on the table even before the grace and "take seats" were given. During the exchanges, most would find out that most plebes during the 1990s did so!

Anyway, while consuming the Black Label, the conversations veered to summer training that, aside from the OPC python, another mistah's picture lovingly kept in one's pocketbook, among other topics, a Captain Tac - O would emerge as a favorite topic. The guy, likened to a stone, would be recalled with fondness in challenging the limits of the would-be army officers in every-night drinking bouts. Naturally, most mistahs could not stand up against the veteran guzzler – except for one who became his drinking buddy of sorts. Because of this intimate partnership, this mistah, who is now an expert in DRRO, thought one night that there would no longer be a roadrun the next day as both forgot all the care in the world, giving all they have got in a Ginebra session. To his amazement 0400H the next day, the entire Class was in formation and the Tac – O, sharp and ready to run, was looking for him. Although groggy, the snappy Marilag jumped out of his bunk, and with severe headache and panting, joined the 20km route wearing his Spartan slippers. Later, the Tac – O would find that a puppy which he brought to the barracks was named "Pebble" by some unkind cadet.

And that was not all of that summer as somebody has been warning classmates of a transgender in the commissary. Of course, the virile Marilags would heed the warning lest they become mainstay of sink primetime news, even re-echoing the caution to each other. And so, the army men would always avoid the establishment, even harboring disgust of the place, because of the possible stigma. This would go on for weeks until someone, who had been lusting for the supposed transgender, discovered that the subject is a natural - born woman – and the one warning others off has already had his second base! Back to the present, there is some awkwardness - a sudden silence - observed when the two former cadet rivals are present, and a member of the LGBT sector passes – by. *IVSJ*



MCN CASTILLO
President
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Sonny

This is one of the more difficult Class Call article one can write as we devote this space to our memories of our late mistah, Heherson "Sonny" Layugan. A true blue Foxtrot Cool, he is very unassuming and mild mannered but never meek. He was soft spoken but can be very stern with his words when provoked. He was ala-Clark Kent that way. A gentleman but a Superman!

He was assigned to the 3rd Company, NCBn during our Plebo Days' Beast Barracks but soon commanded the 3rd Coy during our 2CI years. One of his squadmate in Summer Camp, itago na lang natin sa pangalang Ago, recalled how resilient he was: "I was his bunkmate in Summer Camp, Squad Leader namin si Cdt Aromin. It was during our foot march along Kennon where I saw his attitude na kahit bogged down na, buga pa rin huwag lang maendorse sa aming Squad Leader. Kakalampas natin ng Lion's Head paakyat nuon when during halt, he felt dizzy and started to vomit. Sabi ko, 'magsabi ka na kay Cadet Aromin para maisakay ka sa ambulance at baka mag-bog down ka na.' He said (galit na galit): 'Huwag bok, ma-endorse ako, kakayanin ko na lang, malapit naman na.' Ganuon ang determination na pinakita nya plebo pa lang."

Personally, my recollection about Sonny is when we were both members of the Brigade Staff with him being our Brigade Adjutant. Most cadets were surprised that he was chosen as Adjutant considering that he did not really fit the archetype of a customary Brigade Adjutant what with his physical stature and mild voice, and all. But Sonny proved all of them wrong, he became an excellent Adjutant wherein his Adjutant strut became the standard for other Adjutants to follow.

He was also known to be very physically fit. He was into long-distance running, cycling and was also adept at swimming. Likewise, even though he was already an Army Captain, he still wanted; really, really wanted, to take up the Special

Forces Operations Course though he was no longer allowed to do so by his current bosses.

During Sonny's last wake at the LNB Mortuary, he made his presence felt among us. I'll let our Class Prez, Bonbon explained as culled in her FB account: "Mga mistah, I think Sonny just made his presence felt tonight... maybe he feels very happy that many of us are here tonight to visit him... Very weird, hair-raising but amazing - when i posted the pictures of mistahs a few minutes ago here in the Mortuary, the default location reflected Villa Verde Nueva Vizcaya, Sonny's hometown!!!...I never changed my default setting and it has always reflected my exact location. Sonny, it must be really you kidding us! Hehehe, we are glad that we made you happy with our presence..."

That is Sonny for us. He will be greatly missed, not just by us, but by his family and those lives that he has touched. Ika nga ni mistah Nic Buyuccan, "Sonny is the epitome of the dictum, a silent river runs deep." Rest in peace, mistah.

BTW, let us all be proud and congratulate our very own, Insong Santiago, who was designated as Senior (as in old?) Tactical Officer (STO) of PMA replacing Julius Librada. She is the first female officer to be designated as STO. Congrats!!!

That's all for now, mga mistah, regular programming will continue next issue. Wiliboie signing out.



Paying last respects to a Mistah

Who would have ever thought that a few days after we celebrated the 17th year of our being officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Masikhay Class 1999 would go into mourning for the loss of a dear mistah, CAV HECTOR P DONGAIL. Hector got lost at sea during a diving exercise in Samal Island last month. When his body was recovered, we felt the sadness and emptiness. Losing him is like losing a part of us. What Pat Schweibert, author of Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss said that "when one person is missing the whole world seems empty" was really

true. Hector was not only a classmate. He was a brother with whom we laughed, and shared both happy and challenging times. Now, that he is permanently gone, we feel the emptiness, but those memories of him remain forever.

The Class would like to take this opportunity to express our wholehearted gratitude to each and every one who helped in the efforts to recover the body of Hector, and those who have offered prayers and stood by the grieving family during and after the whole week search. We could not mention everyone for lack of space, but you know who you are. But we would like to make a special mention and give kudos to the Carabao Diving Center and to CAV JAKE MIRANDA for generosity of time and resources. Mabuhay kayong lahat!

We all go through challenges in life. Sometimes life gets rough, but we continue. We experience failure, but we move on. And time comes when we experience loss in our family but life goes on. The Masikhay Class assures Hector's wife, Celeste and daughter Celine, that losing him did not end their connection to the Masikhay Class. The Masikhay lives by the tradition of "leaving no one behind," and so, we commit that we will always be ready for anything that the class offer to the immediate surviving members of Hector's family.

While still grieving over the loss of our brother, each and every member of the Masikhay Class would continue to live by the traditions. Though we seldom are gathered together, we will remain tightly bound together. As author Peter E. Terzick said, "You cannot see brotherhood; neither can you hear it nor taste it. But you can feel it a hundred times a day. It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy. It is the smile of encouragement when the



The late CAV HECTOR P. DONGAIL just before his last dive.

way seems hard. It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable." No matter what happens, we will always be united. #SolidMasikhayPower



I would like to congratulate all the members of the class for participating in the peaceful national election. May it be as part of security forces or as a "dakilang botante". I know many of us still have hang-over to the trash talks and bashes happened in social media. I'm happy na walang naman sigurong nag unfriend ng Mistah ng dahil sa politics. Time to move-on na ulit tayo. Before anything else pala Mistah I would like to extend my deepest apology kasi absent tayo sa last edition ng Cavalier Magazine, medyo nasabay lang sa maraming tasking kasi. Pero rest assured that I will find time sa mga susunod na edition para next time naman di tayo patulog tulog ulit sa pansitan. As of this time, I think many of us have received our compulsory 50pcs per member ticket para sa fund raising project natin in preparation para sa Alumni Homecoming 2017. Ticket cost worth Php 200.00 only. I will post the mechanics para na rin may guide tayo pagbenta ng tickets natin. As discuss and approved by the Board of Directors (Class Officers), part of the proceeds will go to the selected orphanage and billeting of the Class para sa Homecoming '17. The remaining earnings will form part of our Class fund. Let us join our hands in promoting our projects para kahit papaano ung gastos natin for the next alumni ay hindi masyadong mabigat para sa ating lahat

Please be informed din mga Mistah that the deadline ng remittance to your respective marcher is on or before 01 September 2016 (sana). Ticket distribution ay nasa respective marchers (PN-Tumanda; PAF-Vergara; PA- Uy). Pag need nyo ng additional contact nyo lang ako. For further inquiries on the tickets sales you may call or text 09991859208 or you may search our FB page at www.facebook.com/pma2002incrafflebonanza for more details. Salamat and long live Banyuhay!!!



brats), billeting, transportation, food and other related activities for the 2018 Hosting of PMA Alumni Homecoming. This is among the activities of the class that needs the support of each member.

Mandarangan Ladies:

The class is very happy for the support of the Mandarangan ladies in any manner and for sparing their dear husband's time for this event. Several mistah were accompanied by their dear wives (Katherine Ruby, Flordeliza Gemino, Marinell Paclibar, Roenna Gargar, Pet Lanzar, Jehan Galang) and brats. Napakaraming salamat for joining. Mabuhay kayo!!!

WEDDING:

Another Mandarangan tied knot with a woman he had chosen to accompany

for his lifetime. The Mandarangan class of 2003 extends our salutations to Donnix Belandres for his wedding last 14May2016 held at MBEAB Chapel, Lapu-lapu City, Cebu. Maligaya kaming malaman sa wakas na hindi ka.....Mabuhay ka bok!!!

We welcome Leizel Belandres, the newest member of the class. We are happy to have you as a member of the Mandarangan family. Mabuhay ang bagong Kasal!!!

Mandarangan Ladies.....take charge!!!

Yung iba jan...kailan naman kaya...

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

We also join our mandarangan brothers in thanking the Almighty for another fruitful year of their lives (Goofy-Jun 2, Acong & Basqui -Apr 28, Barela

- May 17, Basilio-June 28, Benjie - May 3, Casey- Jun 29, Elmo Cotoy - Jun 27, Michelle - Feb 14, Warren - Mar 6, Jay Degs - May 25, DF - Jun 3, Cio Gar - Jun 17, Gen Juji - Mar 30, Tonjie - May 21, Jau - Apr 16, Lalas - Jun 1, Lauron - Feb 25, Spencer Lo - Apr 5, Mag 1 - Jun 8, Malano - May 7, Tsamartz - May 15, Fritz - Apr 21, Jovert P - Jun 21, Rayot Al - Mar 16, Tara - Jun 20). Happy birthday mga bossing!!!

We have taken off well so far mga mistah, let us keep this momentum. Wherever we maybe, let us not forget our brothers who will be around willing to extend their hands when we need one. Our past has drawn our destiny to be here for each other. Stay safe, strong and happy.

Live long and soar proud Mandarangans!!! May the FORCE be with us!!!

PETFI Trustees are inducted; scholars take centerstage



PETFI Chairman Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 and President Cav Jose C Lapus '65 present Certificates of PETFI Scholarship and Graduation to Ms. Trisha An Lyka J Ambal (left picture) and Ms. Margaret Concha, (right picture).

A number of parents and guardians of PMAAAI Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) scholars have a special reason to rejoice and be proud. Their children recently graduated from courses they were

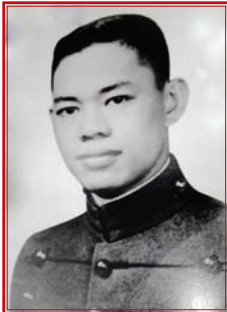
taking in various colleges. Among the recent graduates was a Magna Cum Laude of BS Psychology Course of St. Louis University, Ms. Margaret Concha, daughter of the late Marvin M Concha '72.

The college graduates and the scholars for the coming school year made up of elementary, high school and college students were presented to the PETFI Board of Trustees during the induction of officers and trustees at the Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. last 10 June 2016. Guest of Honor for the occasion was Acting CSAFP Cav Glorioso V Miranda '83. He was represented by AFPTDCS Cav Salvador Melchor B Mison Jr '84 who inducted the trustees and officers of the Foundation. During the occasion, two college graduates, Ms Margaret Concha and Ms Trisha Lyka J Ambal, BS Agribusiness Management course graduate of UP Los Baños, and daughter of the late Cav Alexander V Ambal '86, delivered remarks to inspire the other scholars.



CAV EDGARDO Q ABESAMIS '65 USMA
3 January 1943 – 17 March 2016
Last rank held: COL PA

Eulogy by Cav Miguel A Leonardo '65
President Class 1965



We are gathered here tonight to pay tribute to Cavalier Edgardo Abesamis of the Philippine Military Academy Mulawin Class of 1965, an officer and

a gentleman who rendered outstanding professional service with utmost competence, unrelenting dedication and unblemished integrity throughout his military, government and private sector career.

To his family, wife Susan, children Kay, Oscar, Rene and Tina, and their respective families, please accept my deepest condolences for and in behalf of PMA Mulawin Class 1965.

Ed, as he is fondly called by members of the class, graduated from West Point, the United States Military Academy in 1965. His first assignment was in Mindanao, then the home of the IV Military Area/4th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army based in Cagayan de Oro City. His specific unit was the 27th Battalion Combat Team based in Malaybalay, Bukidnon. He reported thereat in August 1965 where he joined a group of Class 65 Mulawins namely Danny Olay, Emil de Leon, Lito Tapia, Willy Nicolas and myself.

Ed was quite impressed with the vastness of the land of his first military assignment. Allow me to quote him on his observations and impressions of

Mindanao where he moved around for peacekeeping jobs and support missions:

“Those were exciting times for me; Mindanao in its vastness looked like a wide open frontier as well as that ‘land of promise’ to many Filipino migrants from arid and coastal lands of the country.”

Ed, however, will not stay long in the land of promise that is Mindanao. After a two year stint with the 27th BCT, he was sent to a local Infantry school, then to the Special Forces Group (Airborne) of the Philippine Army. He will not complete a year in the unit as he was again transferred to the Philippine Military Academy to teach Mathematics and Social Science subjects. He also handled Military History classes before he was sent to the University of the Philippines for graduate studies from 1969 to 1971.

When Martial Law was declared, military officers were involved in broader roles in government including non military undertakings. Ed was assigned to the Development and Management Staff under the Office of the Executive Secretary. His work assignments were plain research, infrastructure monitoring, project development, project financing, policy review and even speech writing. He remained in this office until its reorganization in 1976 into what is now the Presidential Management Staff.

Ed retired from active military service in 1981. He joined a private company, ICTSI. His stint with this company which specializes in seaport operations afforded him travels to countries like Vietnam, Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Pakistan, China and Indonesia. He retired from ICTSI in August 2012.

Ed's retirement from ICTSI gave him more time to spend with his Mulawin classmates. And since we knew him to be the efficient member that he is, he

was always given tasks in many and all class plans and activities, be it a minor or major one. Ed contributed immensely to the successful celebration of the PMA Mulawin Class 1965 Golden Jubilee in Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City in Feb last year 2015. He was a major factor in the timely publication of the best ever Golden Sword, that of the PMA Class of 1965! Thank you, Ed, the class is very grateful to you!

Ed has a very strong attachment with the Philippine Military Academy and Peemayers. Allow me again to quote him as to his impressions, regards and esteem to our Alma Mater and Cavaliers:

“My association with the Philippine Military Academy as an Institution had been an important part of my professional development. Working in government with Peemayers was both enjoyable and satisfying, each one contributing his talents to a productive goal oriented team. In retrospect, my professional and personal relationship with PMA graduates has remained a major and enduring part of my personal life!”

And now, the time has come for us to render our last salute to a man for all seasons. To you Ed, we wish you God speed as you go your way to meet the Lord, God and Giver of Life. May He grant you a new life yonder with a well deserved eternal peace!

CAV HEHERSON T LAYUGAN '97
29 December 1973 – 3 April 2016
Last rank held: MAJ PA

Eulogy by Cav Rex C Bolo '97



“Life is indeed colorful. Many of us had it in various colors. Sonny had his own and I also had my own. And Sonny's life was part of that color.

Many of us here had their own story to tell about Sonny. Let me share my portion.

Though Sonny and I were mistahs in the Academy, my close encounter with Sonny was when he was assigned here in HQs Philippine Army. I have found him to be almost the same character as I have — quiet, silent type and reserved. But Sonny was an intellectual one. He works hard

and performs well the task given to him.

He is a person who takes you as you are — no ifs, no buts. He also comes to you as he is.

One important thing that I will not forget from Sonny was the wime when I shared the Lord Jesus Christ to him. I saw the true man in him that needs God's comfort — dependence on God.

We lost a good mistah, the Army lost a good officer."

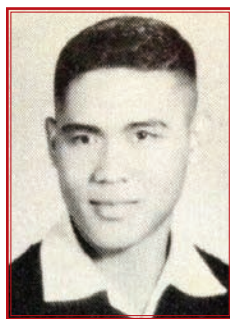
For Sonny
by wytflwr97

The sunset comes,
the dark engulfs;
a sob of hurt
grieves our hearts.
But in this cold
we find God's light
that every end
is not ultimate.
We sleep, we die
with our last sighs
but life unbowed
we've lived so high
to bless others
and fight for right.
This is what
it's all about

— to have lived for a dream,
a love and a God.

CAV ORLANDO DV SORIANO '62
25 January 1940 – 24 May 2016
Last rank held: LTGEN PA

Eulogy by Cav Lisandro C Abadia '62
President Class 1962



We are gathered here tonight to pay tribute and pay our last respects to LtGen Orlando Soriano, to Orly as we fondly call him,

a diehard member of Bravo Company, CCAFP, of the Philippine Military Academy, from Illustrious Class of 1962. From humble beginnings from the province of Pangasinan, he carved a successful career in the military and civilian government service, rose to become the Commanding General of the Philippine Army and

Administrator of the National Irrigation Service.

Many of us here tonight know of his daily struggle because of his sufferings and afflictions these past few days, months, and years. There is that constant tug of war in each of us to hang on him or to let go for his final destination with our Lord in heaven. Orly, like all of us here tonight, has finally been called to depart to our Commander-In-Chief in heaven.

I admire Orly for his loyalty and love for our PMA Class. If it was humanly possible, with the full support of Maura, he endeavored to attend our class affairs, or invite the class to his family affairs, like his birthday parties. Because of his memory, all of us always approached and hugged him and sometimes shouted ---- *Mista, si Bay ito*. All of us gave him our smile, hoping that he still knew us and responded with a smile too.

As a cadet in PMA, I can claim a certain amount of affinity with Orly. In PMA, Orly and I were not exactly model cadets, struggling with excess demerits, unimpressive to our Tactical Officers and finally graduating as Cadet Platoon Sergeants. We were both Commanding Generals of the Philippine Army, with a three star rank, with me finally retiring with four star rank as Chief of Staff of the AFP. From Platoon Sergeants in PMA to rise and attain three star and four star ranks in the service, is short of a miracle, truly a gift from God who can make the impossible. We both struggled to get out of our terrible accent, both of us coming from regions that is *matigas ang dila*. He a Pangalatok and yours truly a bonafide Cebuano. How would you pronounce Web Belt? Orly would pronounce it "web bolt" and I "wib bilt".

In the service, Orly and I did a slow climb, punched our card in the lower ranks as Platoon Leaders and Company or Battery Commanders, and did our career courses in the United States, in Infantry and Artillery Advance Courses and in the CGSC at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA. He was ahead of me in getting a Brigade Command, then he progressively commanded a Division, Southern Command, and finally the Philippine Army.


We are what we are, gifted by God with different abilities and talents. I have classmates in the class who might be more intellectually gifted than Orly but they are way behind Orly in areas of hard work, perseverance, professionalism and leadership. If things were a bit different, and the marbles were thrown differently, I am willing to serve under Orly in whatever capacity.

Mistah, the class is proud of you, in your service to God, Country, and People. We will forever cherish the good memories you left behind.

Farewell my fellow soldier, my classmate, and my dear friend. Prepare for us a place in heaven where you will be going.

To Maura, Leika, and the other members of the family, in behalf of PMA Class 1962, I extend our deepest condolences.

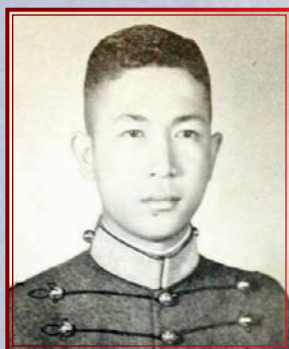
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Upholding the values that we have learned and keeping the good traditions alive strengthen our commitment to continuously serve our country and people. Over the course of our career, we learned to rely on our core values to guide us and to be our beacon in making critical decisions. These allow us to brave uncertainties and respond to difficulties that stand along the way. We have come to develop within ourselves a commitment-thinking culture that carries an "I choose to" mentality. Bold choices have allowed generations of cavaliers to achieve successes, sometimes written in blood, in the history of the country. And we have triumphed because "we stood on the shoulders of giants." We venerate the commitments of those who came before us, so that our own commitments will also be honored by those who follow us. As our country pursues its path to greatness, peace and prosperity with the new set of elected leaders at the helm, our unwavering commitment to do our duty to the best of our ability, not just compliance, will help attain peace and stability and sustain the efforts for nation-building. 

...When bells for
us are rung



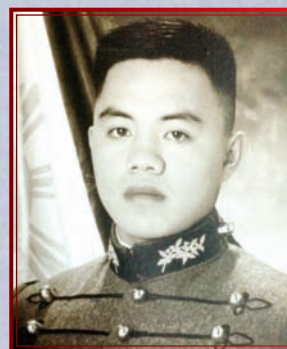
and our
last taps is sung...



CAV MARIANO J DUMANCAS, JR '60
30 October 1938 - 2 April 2016
Last rank held: VADM PN



CAV LEOVIC R DIONEDA '78
Died: 18 April 2016
Last rank held: CPT PA



CAV HECTOR P DONGAIL '99
23 June 1977 - 16 April 2016
Last rank held: MAJ PA



CAV FREDERICK EMIL R TAPAWAN '03
25 July 1981 - 19 May 2016
Last rank held: LT PN



CAV ERNESTO P CUTIYOG '79
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