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There is a lot of generation gap between the pre-war graduates (and undergraduates) who fought against the Japanese invaders during World War II in Bataan and members of PMA Class 2017. The first studied under a curriculum based on old knowledges; their military training was based on American doctrines of conventional warfare that taught Main Line of Resistance, Main Supply Route, Final Protective Fire and the like and invasion coming from the sea. The latter are products of new technologies and disciplines of learning. Their enemies are not foreigners but their own countrymen who are just mesmerized by foreign ideologies. In time they will be leading troops guided by fighting doctrines that are not conventional involving large fighting forces, but mainly small unit tactics and guerilla warfare. Though still influenced by US military academy traditions (mostly West Point), they have developed new ones, some of which are not familiar to older alumni.

But there is one thing that has not been lost, and this is the strong esprit de corps that binds graduates, no matter how many classes separate them. The upperclass-underclass relationship is still there, as shown by the respect accorded by junior classes to those who graduated ahead. Not so many, if not nobody, would disagree that the spirit that binds Academy graduates is the Code of Honor.

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Theme for the next issue: Empowering the reserve forces

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Cav Melchor P Rosales '68



This being my maiden column, I reiterate my gratitude to all the cavaliers for the honor and privilege of being elected as Chairman of this prestigious association. I dedicate myself to exerting my best to advance its objectives and the interest of all its members.

This issue covers two very important months- March and April. Important in the sense that March is synonymous to graduations and commencement exercises. While many other schools and colleges have their graduations at this time, a PMA graduation is especially significant because its graduates would have undergone a college education, a physical development and character development program and a broad and basic military training to prepare them for a lifetime military career.

According to Sam Sarkesian, a foremost proponent of civil military relations, there are four characteristics of professions in general. These are special knowledge and education; organizational structure; self regulation and calling or commitment. The PMA education would have provided the special knowledge and education from where the professional military officer will grow and develop from. This basic platform will be his springboard from where he will continue his different levels of training, teaching and advanced education. March Week is the initial contribution of the Philippine Military Academy for a professional armed forces.

We celebrate April by commemorating Araw ng Kagitingan - the heroism of the Filipino soldier as exemplified by the Battles of Bataan and Corregidor. The battles lasted for three months culminating in the defeat of the Filipino and American forces at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Forces. Despite the move of General Douglas MacArthur consolidating all his units based in Luzon on the Bataan Peninsula, the fall became inevitable due to lack of arms, ammunition, supplies and reinforcements and forced thousands of Filipino and American troops to surrender. As prisoners of war, they were forced to join the Death March. After losing the Bataan Peninsula, the island of Corregidor became the only remaining Allied stronghold in the war. Eventually, Corregidor also fell given the same conditions that plagued the defenders.

Two very important lessons come to fore during the April commemorations. First, the importance of reserves in any conflict. Second, the Constitution which mandates all able bodied citizens to render civil or military duties. When World War II became imminent, the Philippine Military Academy commissioned all the upper classes and disbanded the rest. They provided the small unit leadership of the regular divisions, but this was not sufficient to fight the war. The reserves had to be called up.

The Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) units were called up from the universities and colleges and they took part in the Battle of Bataan. The ROTC graduates beefed up the troop strength of the regular and reserve divisions during the Second World War. When Bataan and Corregidor fell, they, together with other PMA graduates continued the resistance by conducting guerilla warfare.

They also formed part of the Hunters ROTC guerillas and other resistance movement groups during the whole Japanese occupation. We can see from this segment of our history the importance of ROTC training for the AFP.

The elimination of a tried and true program for reserve force development was an incorrect solution to an incident that could have been corrected by better supervision and control. For a cancer patient, we just remove the tumor, we do not kill the patient. The response to the problems of the ROTC program at one point in time was too drastic. We have the golden opportunity to rectify the wrong solution now. Let us bring back the mandatory ROTC program in the colleges and universities. 🇵🇭



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88



PMAAAI Service: An honor and a privilege

First, let me state that it is among the highest honours of my life to be elected President and Chief Operating Officer of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated. It is both exhilarating and humbling, at the same time. I still have to recall from the previous years, what assignment and/or position I have had in the service, had ever made me feel this excited and enthused. Perhaps, the first assignment I had as Second Lieutenant in Davao City, in the now defunct Philippine Constabulary/Integrated National Police would come very close to describing how I feel right now. I do not feel that any other post I have had the honor of holding in the service, both in the AFP and the PNP, gives me more pleasure or fulfillment. It is a privilege to be here!

Second, to say that the PMAAAI Board faces a herculean task ahead is an understatement, by all accounts. Having worked with the Board for more or less five years now, whether as part of it or as a member of its other committees, I have seen, also felt of its membership, for more greater involvement in its affairs. course. I am keenly aware that a higher level of imagination and these growing expectations are that the associations' members, than those of other aggrupations ingrained in each and every to this, the Board should be able communication to be able to effectively reach out to each and every member, whether such a member would "...give a hoot..." or not about the affairs of the association. It is safe to assume, therefore, that we would have to give beyond our very best as members of the Board of Directors in order to safely navigate the times and the challenges awaiting the PMAAAI.



and heard, the growing demand ownership of its operations and a This, by all measures, is par for the the next period would demand innovation (and rightly so), if to be met. It is understandable have more exacting standards for, after all, this is a culture alumnus of the PMA. Relative to exhaust all available means of

Finally, I would like to relay my impressions of the Corps, as I attended the PMA graduation for Class 2017. The discipline was impressive to say the very least. What was palpable was the air of enthusiasm to serve from everyone who was in attendance. Perhaps, it was the weather; or perhaps, it was the rousing message from the Commander-in-Chief. But, the charged atmosphere was unmistakable. I felt the pride in every cavalier present. My only conclusion is that, in as far as leadership and hope for the future of the peace and security efforts are concerned, we stand in good stead and we are in solid ground especially with the coming of these new leaders and custodians of our nation's defense.

My prayer is for the work of our hands, the meditation of our hearts and the thoughts of our minds to glorify the great God in Heaven, even as we serve the Filipino people. 🙏



SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Rising expectations: The challenge for the new graduates

The Academy finally comes full circle in this year's Academic Calendar with the graduation of PMA SALAKNIB Class of 2017 graced by no less than the Commander-in-Chief, President Rodrigo Duterte.

Like the rest of the classes produced by the Academy, this class has its own distinctive mark in PMA's history.

With the graduation of Class 2017, the Academy offers once more another batch of junior officers and soldiers molded in the long tradition of excellence and professionalism. Fresh from the rigid training of the Academy, they shall be deployed to the various corners of the archipelago—inspired, eager, thrilled, and excited. Like what I have reported to the President during the Commencement Exercises, the 167 strong members of PMA "SALAKNIB" Class of 2017 who have successfully hurdled the rigorous four years of training in PMA have been well-prepared and are ready to serve this country. I am confident that they are new breeds of capable, professional, and dedicated Filipino soldiers who will carry out the very mission of the AFP. I fully trust that they will not allow themselves to be frightened, much less, be influenced by things and ideals that contradict the standards and teachings of this institution.

With the graduation of this Class, I was reminded by the words of the famous national artist and one of the most critically acclaimed Filipino authors, Francisco Sionil Jose, that it will take a new breed of men and officers to restore the luster of the military uniform. Undeniably with the trends and issues of the recent time, his words have never been in its truest form. Our society resonantly cries for soldiers of integrity who will not grow flabby and remorseless in pursuit of wealth and material possessions. It needs soldiers who will rise above their own selves to defend the nation, who have no politics in their makeup, and who will serve as a beacon light to others who are tame and cowardly. It is an understatement to say that what the nation needs, now more than ever, is the finest specimen of humanity who is prepared at all cost to give the supreme sacrifice for the country.

As military professionals, the members of the class, like the rest of us who came before them, are called for the noblest form of service. Not discounting the trials outside the Academy's portals which come in different forms and sizes, the new graduates have to face the hard fact that their life is not anymore theirs to hold. But aside from this great act of generosity, these young officers are much more expected to bring significant changes in the smallest units of the organization. As change has become more evident in the AFP, be it in doctrine or in organization and training, our new graduates are called to shape up and find their own place within the huge effort to transform the AFP.

And with such huge expectations from our people comes a strong call for them to remain steadfast in the simple yet hard-to-live-by virtues of PMA. With this, I fervently hope that they, the new graduates—the Academy's sons and daughters—shall forever be soldiers of integrity, courage, and loyalty. 🇵🇭



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

New Leaders, welcome; good luck

On 12 March 2017, 167 Firstclass Cadets graduated from PMA with President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as Guest of Honor, joining thousands of other college students who just finished their college education. Unlike most of their civilian counterparts, the new cavaliers will not look for jobs. They have employment waiting for them in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, as the lowest-ranked leaders. From King of Barracks of the Cadet Corps where their bidding is law to underclassmen, they are at the bottom of the hierarchy of officers; nine other ranks are above them as second lieutenants/ensigns. Still idealists, they would perhaps be disappointed at realities that would confront them outside the Academy.

Depending on their age at graduation, they will serve the military service for 30-35 years, certainly a long way ahead, beyond the horizon so to speak and stars at career's end. But the road to it is not a bed of roses. There are ups and downs, for sure. Not many would finish the course. Some would seek greener pastures early on and some would quit before the end line. But from their roster, a Chief of Staff, AFP, or major service commanders would probably be chosen. Sadly, some would lose life or limb. From their ranks, however, will emerge this generation's heroes who will bring renewed hopes to a country lagging in progress.

The country needs these young leaders to give additional weight to the promise of the Commander-in-Chief to bring change, peace and prosperity and a brighter future. They strengthen hopes that the peace talks with the MILF, MNLF, and the CPP/NPA/NDF would succeed. In order for peace to be attained, those groups which profess to high heavens that they want peace should not resort to the use of arms and violence if their respective interests are not satisfied; in other words, they must be sincere. Recent developments clearly showed

that even if the peace process was on-going, they have been attacking government forces and camps in the countryside.

This situation shall confront the new graduates, most of whom (90) will be joining the Army as small unit leaders in the fields, mountains and wilderness where their presence is most needed. Their courage, loyalty and sworn duty to serve their country and people would be put to a test even as the country suffers because of too much politics, with even their Commander-in-chief as target because of his style of governance. When it seems that they are regretting having joined the military profession, they should be inspired by words of wisdom from Brig. Gen. Vicente P. Lim, first Filipino cadet of the United States Military Academy, Class 1914, as quoted from Philippine Daily Inquirer, 19 March 2017 issue, page A16, as follows:

“Writing to his sons, Gen Vicente Lim observed, “No matter how crooked, how weak the next President is... as long as the Army is strong, honest and free from politics, the nation will stand. The Army has always been the backbone of all nations, barring none in the world. It’s history maybe complicated, but its vision for itself has remained consistent: to defend the nation by demonstrating the values of integrity, courage and loyalty to institutions, and not personalities among its alumni.”

General Lim commanded the 41st Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, one of the ten reserve infantry divisions organized by the United States prior to the outbreak of World War II. At that time, the Philippine Army constituted the whole armed forces, which included the Philippine Constabulary. He was also the first pre-war Commandant of Cadets who was appointed to this position as a young Second Lieutenant, and served from 27 October 1916 to 09 May 1918. 🇵🇭

Remembering our heroes

Even as we welcome our new cavaliers from the Class of 2017, it is also time to recall the heroism of our alumni during the Second World War. They fought in Bataan as platoon leaders of the various Filipino infantry divisions which made a last stand in the peninsula against the Japanese forces which landed in Lingayen and Lamon Bays and others parts of the country. Because of lack of food, medicines, ammunition, and firepower, the defenders surrendered on orders of their American superiors and were forced to march to Capas, Tarlac under inhuman conditions in now what is known as the Death March. How

they survived the grueling march and the cruelties in the concentration camps is a testimony to the resilience of the young graduates, many of whom continued the fight as guerrillas, together with those classes that were disbanded at the outbreak of the war.

April is the month of the year when the nation commemorates the heroism of our war veterans, many of whom are our cavaliers. Once a year, they are remembered with fitting ceremonies culminating at the Dambana ng Kagitingan in Pilar Bataan. Hopefully, they shall continue to inspire our young leaders to serve their country and people well. 🇵🇭



BGen Salamat designated PMC commandant

BGen Emmanuel B Salamat'85 has been designated commandant of the Philippine Marine Corps, Philippine Navy, replacing MGen Andre M Costales '83 who retired.



Salamat

Salamat has been replaced as PMA assistant superintendent by Col Ferdinand M Cartujano'88, formerly the PMA chief of academy staff.

RAdm Enriquez has assumed as chief of AFP RMO

RAdm Ernesto C Enriquez '84 has assumed as the chief of the AFP Resources Management Office (RMO), replacing MGen Rolando V Picar '82 who retired.

AFP RMO is the successor of the former office of the deputy chief of staff for comptrollership, J6, AFP, which was abolished in 2006.



Enriquez



Empedrad

Commo Robert A Empedrad '86 has replaced Enriquez as the deputy chief of staff for reservists and retirees affairs, J9, AFP.

BGen Monilla designated commander of PA TRADOC

BGen Casiano C Monilla'84 has been designated as the new head of the PA



Monilla

Training and Doctrines Command, replacing MGen Herminigildo C Aquino '84 who earlier was designated as the commandant of the AFPCGSC.

BGen Jesus A Manangquil '85 has

replaced Monilla as commander of Joint Task Force – NCR, AFP, while Col John Dominic P Pulido '85 has replaced BGen Allan F Martin '83, who retired, as head of the GHQ & Headquarters Support Command, AFP.

PDDG Apolinario elevated to PNP No. 2 position; PDDG Mendez to No. 3

PDDG Ramon C Apolinario '85 has been elevated to No. 2 position in the PNP, as deputy chief for admin, vice PDDG Francisco A Uyami Jr '82 who retired

Apolinario has been replaced as deputy chief for operation by PDDG Fernando H Mendez Jr '86, who himself has been replaced as chief directorial staff by PDir Archie Francisco F Gamboa '86.

PDir Ramon O Purugganan '86 has replaced Gamboa as chief of Directorate for Comptrollership, while PSSupt Rene O Aspera '87 has replaced Purugganan as chief of Directorate for Personnel and Records Management.

PDDGen Lastimoso appointed PNR general manager

Retired PDDGen Roberto T Lastimoso '67 has been appointed by the President as general manager of the Philippine National Railways (PNR)

Likewise, retired PDDGen Reynaldo V Velasco '71 has been appointed as the administrator and vice chairman of the board of directors of the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS).



Lastimoso



Velasco

Also, retired PCSupt Rodolfo J Garcia '69 has been appointed as the general manager of the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT 3). He formerly served as director for operations when retired PCSupt Reynaldo I Berroya '69 was the MRT 3 chief. Berroya is now the LRTA administrator.

Lately, retired Gen Ricardo R Visaya '83 has assumed as the administrator of

the National Irrigation Administration (NIA).

PSSupt Azurin elected PMAAAI vice president; Col Galam, treasurer

The PMAAAI new board of directors completed its organization by electing PSSupt Rodolfo S Azurin Jr '89 as vice president and Col Eliezer R Galam '87 as treasurer.



Domingo

Retired MGen Melchor P Rosales '68 and PDir Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 were earlier elected as chairman and president, respectively.

Retired Col Diosdado M Domingo '77 has been designated by the board as the new executive director of the Association. He replaced BGen Rosalino A Alquiza '55 who has held that position in an acting capacity.

LtGen Bocobo elected PFTJI president

Retired LtGen Ferdinand M Bocobo '74, a lawyer, has been elected as the new president of the PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc.



Bocobo

Elected with him are: BGen Alquiza, chairman; MGen Jose C Lopus '65, vice president; Commo Rene Leandro P Ebro '63, corporate secretary; Cdr Ferdinand B Picar '89, treasurer,

and LtCol Rolando G Borja '82, auditor.

PFTJI supports legal and financial assistance to members charged in court for offenses committed in the lawful performance of official duties.

Meanwhile, the PMA Foundation, Inc. and the PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc (PDFI) held their annual membership meetings earlier and reelected all their officers, headed by chairman PDDGen Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 and president PDir Rufino J Ibay Jr '67 of PMAFI, and chairman BGen Alquiza and president LtCol Demosthenes C Doplayna '82 of PDFI.



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI Awards: Rules and Criteria

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

Pursuant to Art IX, Sec 3 of the PMAAAI New Bylaws, the Association shall confer the Cavalier Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Outstanding Achievement Award to qualified regular members in good standing of the PMAAAI for distinguished, exemplary and unblemished service and outstanding performance of duties. Likewise, pursuant to PMAAAI Board Resolution No. 15-23, the Association confers the Valor Award to Cavalier recipients of the Medal of Valor. Accordingly, the following Rules and Criteria in the selection of the awards are hereby prescribed.

A. CAVALIER AWARD

1. Number of Awardees - The Cavalier Award shall be given to twelve (12) outstanding regular members of the Association, in various fields of endeavor as enumerated in paragraph 2 below. At the discretion of the members of the Board of Directors of PMAAAI, the number may be less, but in no case more than twelve (12).

2. Fields of Awards - The Cavalier Award shall be given to those selected as the most outstanding members in the following fields of endeavor:

2.1. Military/Police/Coast Guard Service in:

2.1.1 Command and Administration - for commanders of AFP/PNP/PCG units with TO rank of Brig General/Commodore/Chief Superintendent or higher, except the AFP chief of staff, PNP chief, PCG commandant and AFP major service commanders.

2.1.2 Staff Function - for staff officer positions in the AFP/PNP/PCG units.

2.1.3 Operations - for officers holding positions other than those covered under para 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above who are directly engaged/employed in PA, PAF, PN, PNP, PCG and Special Operations. There shall be one awardee per AFP major service, the PNP and the PCG, each being considered a separate field. The awardee for Special Operations may come from any of the above five services.

2.2 Private Enterprise - for members in private enterprise who are either entrepreneurs or managers.

2.3 Public Administration - for members in government agencies and in government-owned and/or controlled corporations.

2.4 Contribution to Alumni Affairs - for members who have made invaluable contributions and/or services to the PMA and PMAAAI.

2.5 Special Fields - for members who have outstanding achievements in sports, arts, literature, music, academe, science and technology or in other endeavors which at the discretion of the Board of Directors deserve the Cavalier Award.

3. Qualification and Eligibility. To be qualified and eligible to receive the Cavalier Award, a nominee must satisfy the following criteria:

3.1 Is a regular member in good standing of the Association and preferably a regular member of all the four affiliate foundations and has contributed to the Special Fund for PMA Payback;

3.2 Has faithfully lived up and adhered to the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty; and

3.3 Has an honorable and unblemished record and whose reputation is beyond reproach. (Any act of commission or omission that tends to cast doubt on the nominee's reputation shall be sufficient ground not to consider the member for the Award.)

4. Disqualification. The following shall be disqualified from receiving the Cavalier Award:

4.1. Those who received the Cavalier Award during the last five (5) years preceding the year of Award; and

4.2. Members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors and Awards Committee during their tenure.

5. Criteria for the Awards. The Award shall be based on outstanding, distinguished and exemplary achievements worthy of emulation, personally and directly attained or done by the member during the last five (5) years in any of the fields enumerated above, that have:

5.1 Enhanced the prestige of the PMA and the PMAAAI;

5.2 Contributed significantly to the attainment of the AFP/PNP/PCG mission; and/or

5.3 Resulted in the improvement of the general welfare of the community or country.

6. Selection Process. The selection process shall be from as wide a zone of consideration as possible. All regular members of the Association are qualified and should be considered for the Award, except as earlier provided for.

6.1 Nomination. Any PMAAAI member, Class President, or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than the last working day of July of the applicable association year. The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the PMAAAI Board of Directors (Attn: Awards Committee), or by

e-mail to pmaaaai@yahoo.com. The nomination shall specify the field of award and shall include the following:

- 6.1.1 Curriculum vitae of the nominee;
- 6.1.2 Authenticated description or summary of nominee's achievements or accomplishments;
- 6.1.3 Justification for the award; and
- 6.1.4 A write-up of the nominee's accomplishments in not more than 100 words for possible publication in the Cavalier Magazine if the award is approved.

6.2 Search Committees. The different chapters and classes of the PMAAAI shall conduct an extensive search for outstanding alumni deserving of the Award. For this purpose, all chapters, whether service or fraternal, shall create their respective Cavalier Award Search Committee. The Committee shall make a thorough search for nominees.

6.3 PMAAAI Awards Committee. The PMAAAI Board of Directors has a standing Awards Committee composed of representatives from the various service chapters and chaired by a member of the Board. The Awards Committee shall evaluate the qualifications of the nominees in accordance with these rules. It will submit to the Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Magazine the names of those favorably considered after the initial screening, indicating the particular field of the award for which nominated.

The names of nominees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine September-October issue to solicit comments or reactions from members of the Association, for or against the nominations. Screening and consultations with Class Presidents and Personnel Chiefs of the AFP/PNP/PCG and other resource persons shall be completed by the PMAAAI Awards Committee by the 1st week of December. The Awards Committee shall evaluate the final list of qualified nominees in each category of award and submit the principal and alternate recommendees for each category to the Board of Directors in time for its last meeting in December.

6.4 Deliberation of Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the recommendees and select the Cavalier Awardees during its meeting in December. Approval of any of the awards requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all the voting members of the Board. The Board shall limit its deliberations only to those recommendees submitted by the Awards Committee. The list of Cavalier Awardees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine's January-February issue.

7. Presentation of Awards. The Cavalier Awards shall be presented to the awardees during the Alumni Homecoming Parade in February. The order of presentation of the awards shall be from the most senior awardee by class to the most junior.

B. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This Award shall be given to a regular member in good standing of the Association who has rendered at least fifty (50) years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country, and people, whether in government and/or in non-government organizations, who must have served for at least two (2) years as head of any such organization, and who must have been a recipient of any of the other Association awards provided herein: Provided, That there shall be not more than one (1) awardee in this category in a particular Association year. The award will be given during the Alumni Homecoming Parade

in February. Any PMAAAI member, Class President or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than the last working day of July.

C. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This Award shall be given to regular members in good standing of the Association who have distinguished themselves by being elected or appointed to high positions in government, such as, but not limited to, President, Vice President, Senator, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ambassador, Department Secretary, AFP Chief of Staff, PNP Chief, PCG Commandant and AFP Major Service Commander. The Award will be given during the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting in January.

D. VALOR AWARD

The Valor Award shall be given to a regular member in good standing of the Association who has been a recipient of the Medal of Valor.

E. TIMELINES

1. 1 March to July – PMAAAI members, Chapter and Class Presidents shall conduct a search and selection process of nominees for the Awards.

2. Last working day of July – Deadline for submission of nominees to the PMAAAI Awards Committee. Screening by the Awards Committee starts.

3. First working day of September – Submission of list of qualified nominees to the Editor, Cavalier Magazine for publication in the September-October issue.

4. First two weeks of November – Awards Committee receives comments on the nominees from members of the Association.

5. Last working day of November – Finalization of the list of nominees by the Awards Committee by categorizing them as Principal and Alternate Recommendees, by field of award.

6. Second Monday of December - Submission of the Awards Committee's recommendation to the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Outstanding Achievement Award
- c. Cavalier Award
- d. Valor Award


7. Third (3rd) Week of December – Meeting of the Board to select the awardees.

8. Fourth Saturday of January – Presentation of the Outstanding Achievement Awards during the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting.

9. First week of February – Submission of list of awardees to the Editor for publication in the January-February issue of the Cavalier.

10. Third Saturday of February – Presentation of the following Awards during the PMAAAI Alumni Homecoming:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Cavalier Award
- c. Valor Award

The PMAAAI Awards highlight the various significant contributions of the PMAAAI and its members to national security and development. We therefore enjoin everyone to participate in the search for awardees. 

Benefits that can be availed of by members

by Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

Some members are not aware of the benefits that they can avail of from their Association as well as from the affiliate Foundations. Information on this matter is usually included in the materials distributed to them during the annual membership meeting and in the bi-monthly Cavalier magazine. They must not be reading


For their benefit, I will start with what regular members in good standing can get from the PMAAAI. First is the medical assistance in amounts not exceeding P50,000 depending on the medical expenses incurred. In case of death, a burial assistance or abuloy of P50,000 is given to the family. This is not a legal entitlement that goes to the legal heirs; it is given to the person who took care of the deceased. The request for medical assistance must be submitted within three (3) months after the medical treatment or discharge from the hospital. In case of the abuloy, the request must also be submitted within three (3) months after date of death.

There are four (4) foundations organized by PMAAAI as vehicles to raise funds for the benefit of members and their dependents. First is the **PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc., (PETFI)** incorporated in 1976 to support the education from elementary to college of children and younger siblings of deceased and disabled alumni. The yearly financial support is P18,000 for the elementary, P20,000 for high school, and P30,000 for college. For special scholars in college, whose grades are at least 85%, the support ranges from P33,000 to P40,000 per year.

The **PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI)**, established in 1982, provides low-interest loans such as emergency loan (P20,000), educational loan (P50,000), consumer loan (P100,000), and entrepreneurial loan (P300,000) to alumni who would like to engage in business. It also supports the scholarship of bright children of alumni who are considered future national leaders. The scholarship stipend is P45,000 per school year. To qualify for scholarship one must have general weighted average grade of at least 1.75 or equivalent with no grade lower than 2.25.

The **Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI)** was put up in 1988, to help the Academy improve the quality of its instruction. It supports the faculty improvement program by sending members of the faculty to universities in Baguio to pursue their masters and doctorate degrees. It donates books, computers and training equipment, and helps in the improvement of training facilities. Its yearly budgetary support to PMA has now reached P5 million.

The last foundation put up by the Association is the **PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)**, established in 2004 to provide legal and financial assistance to alumni who are charged in court for offenses committed in the lawful performance of official duties, and/or who are victims of injustice. The financial assistance is a maximum of P50,000.

To qualify for the above benefits, one must be a member in good standing of PMAAAI and a regular member of the foundation concerned by having made a contribution of at least P2,000. 

Letters to the Editor

Sing The Alma Mater Song loudly

It's a wonderful feeling that after so many years I was able to attend our annual homecoming and able to sing once more our everlasting "PMA, Oh Hail to Thee". I wholeheartedly stood tall, breast out, at times with tears of joy and other sentiments of yore, singing the best ever song worthy of treasuring and shared before the many Filipino people, young and old, poor and wealthy, with different religious backgrounds-the very peoples we pledged to serve.

However, I was expecting that Cavaliers would sing it on top of their voices reverberating throughout the entire Borromeo Field and echoing the true mission of the Academy before our families, relatives and friends, how strong and proud we are being more than brothers and sisters. It seemed that the majority were singing whisperingly (which could be understandable due to the overwhelming emotions at hand) and could hardly be heard fellow cavaliers beside them. In this regard, I would like to recommend that when we attend next time, all cavaliers should be requested to sing loudly, proudly, enthusiastically to the full contentment of their hearts and souls so that everyone present could feel the might and true meaning of courage, integrity and loyalty.

We are strong as one family of cavaliers ready to defend the Filipino people.....PMA, Oh Hail to Thee

Cav Sonny Divina '73

A politician of a different breed

I was present during the well-organized annual alumni membership meeting held at the AFP Theatre Camp Aguinaldo last 28 January with the Vice-President, Leni Robredo as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.

The audience of some 500 alumni, active and retired, were led by the SND, the AFP Chief of Staff, the Major Service commanders and many other ranking officers. During the break time before the scheduled speech of the Vice-President, I overheard some alumni saying that there were recriminations over her choice as a Guest Speaker and expressed their apprehensions that the Vice-President might use the occasion to criticize President Duterte as she has been doing for the past months.

Their fears were unfounded. In her short speech, she never spoke ill of the President. Instead she identified herself with the soldiers. Having been married to a public official, a city mayor, she likened herself to a wife of a military man who is always away, sans the comforts and joy of home and family, always in the go to be of service to his people. Many times, she said she joined her husband in his sorties in remote areas. At one time, heavy with her first child, she drove a borrowed vehicle to bring a generator to a meeting of the mayor and barrio officials. After the meeting, she was rushed to a hospital to deliver prematurely a seven and one half month baby girl, her first, without the presence of her husband who was still attending to the needs of the barrio. Having suddenly lost a husband who died in a plane crash while in the performance of duty, she commiserated with wives of the soldiers who bore the same tragedy and were left to take care and bring up the kids left behind.

Her sincerity and articulateness evoked empathy with and won the hearts of the audience who applauded her several times. She knew that in the audience were the highest officials of the DND and the AFP and other officers-all subordinates of the President and Commander-in-Chief. As a lawyer, she knows what is legal, moral, ethical and proper. She recognizes hierarchy of authority and respects subordinate and superior relationship. She never uttered a single word of criticism against the President.

A few days before the annual meeting, I met PMAAAI Chairman A. Avenido Jr. and I told him that if during the open forum following the speech of the Vice-President, an alumnus would voice issues critical of the President, I would stand up and raise a Point of Order. It is highly improper and show lack of decorum to be critical of the Commander-in-Chief in a gathering of his subordinate officers. It is undermining the commander.

After her speech, the Vice-President departed unobtrusively leaving behind deep impressions on the audience of traits of character rare among politicians – a high sense of propriety and standard of decorum.

Indeed she is a politician of a different breed.

Cav Manuel P Oxales '60 

Lifetime dues increased effective 1 July 2017

In view of the 50% increase in the monthly dues of regular members, which was approved by the previous Board and ratified by the General Assembly last January, that took effect last 1 March 2017, the present **Board of Directors approved the corresponding increase in the lifetime refundable and non-refundable dues.** This is covered by Board Resolution No. 17-05 passed during its meeting on 22 March 2017. **The increase will take effect on 1 July 2017.**

The refundable deposit, the earnings of which will take care of the monthly dues, is increased to **Fifteen Thousand Pesos (P15,000.00)** if made before one's 35th graduation anniversary. (Why before 35th? Because every graduate shall have been retired before his 35th graduation anniversary.) This will be refunded to him upon reaching his 50th graduation anniversary or sooner upon his death to his beneficiary.


The one-time non-refundable dues are increased as follows: **Twelve Thousand Pesos (P12,000.00)** if paid on or before his 35th graduation anniversary; **Fourteen Thousand Pesos (P14,000.00)** if paid after his 35th but before his 40th graduation anniversary; **Sixteen Thousand Pesos (P16,000.00)** if paid after his 40th but before his 45th graduation anniversary; and **Eighteen Thousand**

Pesos (P18,000.00) if paid after his 45th but before his 50th graduation anniversary.

(The P12,000.00 is the present value of the P150.00 paid monthly for 15 years - from 35th to 50th graduation anniversary - at a monthly interest of one percent (1%) on a declining balance. The other amounts are similarly roughly computed plus the unpaid dues.)

A member who is not in good standing when his class had its golden or 50th graduation anniversary shall remain not in good standing and shall not be entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits, such as, but not limited to, medical and burial assistance, due a member in good standing: Provided, That he may be allowed to regain his status as a member in good standing if he pays a total of **Twenty-Four Thousand Pesos (P24,000.00)** as a one-time non-refundable dues.

(The amounts hereinabove mentioned are **inclusive of unpaid dues**, unlike the previous rates to which P6,000.00 has to be added covering the unpaid dues for 5 years.)

Concerned members are advised to avail themselves now, before 1 July 2017, of the present rates, which are definitely lower than the new rates as enumerated above. /raa 

Retired or retiring members enjoined to pay lifetime dues


Retired or retiring regular members are enjoined to pay their lifetime dues from their lump-sum retirement pension and/or from their commutation of leave. (The one-time lifetime dues is not even one percent (1%) of what they receive upon their retirement.)

It has been observed by the Secretariat that many retired members, especially those belonging to classes 1980 to 1984, where there are so many members in a class, with some even more than a hundred, who are not in good standing prompting the former Executive Director to write the presidents of these classes, attaching list of class members not in good standing, to remind them to pay their lifetime dues, and the Board of Directors to issue Board Resolution No.16-56..

While in the active service, members pay their monthly dues by payroll deduction. But when they retire, resign or are no longer in the active service, the monthly deduction of their dues stops, and they become members not in good standing, unless they pay their lifetime dues, either by making a refundable deposit the earnings of which will take care of their monthly dues or by paying a lifetime non-refundable dues. This is because the Bylaws provides that payment of dues by regular members does not stop upon retirement, but shall continue until their

50th graduation anniversary. Hence, the PMAAAI had to come up with a scheme for the payment of one-time lifetime dues in lieu of monthly dues.

Relatedly, under Board Resolution No. 16-61, retireable members, although still in the active service, are authorized to pay their lifetime membership dues within one (1) year prior to their retirement. This is an exemption to present policy that only those retired or no longer in the active service can avail themselves of lifetime dues. Those in the active service have to pay monthly dues. So under this Board resolution, those still in the active service but retireable in one (1) year can now make their lifetime refundable deposit or pay their non-refundable dues.

In this connection, while they are still in the active service but within one (1) year before their retirement, **they are advised to sign an authorization letter to deduct from their retirement pension and/or commutation of leave** the amount for the payment of their one-time lifetime dues to PMAAAI, addressed to Chief, AFP Finance Center or to their respective major service finance units in case of AFP officers, or to their respective finance chiefs in case of PNP and PCG officers. Otherwise, they have to go to the PMA Alumni Center to pay directly their lifetime dues. /raa 



Speech of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte PMA Alumni Homecoming, 18 February 2017

I am an adopted Dimasupil, class of 1967. That is already honor enough. But to be formally adopted by the Philippine Military Academy Alumni is a double honor. In my case because of my “long and harmonious relationship with PMA alumni, and not out of political considerations.” Thank you for clarifying that. Truth to tell, I am uncomfortable receiving awards and recognition for work that I do as a government employee and public servant, because trabaho lang po ang lahat na ito. The work I do, I do in service to the people.

And somehow, I also feel at home here at PMA because of its mission to train and develop graduates with the character and skill. Being a soldier demands an inner strength, a choice to live by courage and principle. In that sense, I can identify with men in uniform - because my own life has been molded by principle: love of country; compassion for the poor and needy; and pride in being Filipino.

Today, three threats face the nation:

THE FIRST IS ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Little did I know that the drug problem was more complex until tens of thousands of drug users started turning themselves in. I directed the PNP, with the support of the AFP, to conduct a war against illegal drugs. And it was by and large, successful.

However, due to corruption and abuse within the police force, I decided to strip off the PNP’s power over anti-illegal drug operations, to stop operations and cleanse their ranks. Since then, PDEA has assumed authority over nationwide anti-drugs Efforts.

THE SECOND IS THE NPA THREAT

The CPP-NPA-NDF declared that they would terminate their unilateral ceasefire on the 1 Qth of February 2017. But they perpetrated atrocities during the ceasefire period, firing on unsuspecting troops, extorting from government employees, burning buses and heavy equipment.

Nation building is built on trust, and the NPA did not prove trustworthy, so we lifted the government ceasefire. It is the mandate of the AFP to defend our land against any aggression that may endanger the lives of our citizens. We cannot allow our country to be ruined, and the security, peace and order to be compromised.

THE THIRD THREAT IS TERRORISM

The Mindanao security situation is threatened by the activities of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG); the Maute Group; the Ansar al-Khilafa Philippines (AKP); the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), and the planned establishment of a Daesh Wilayah or Islamic State in Lanao del Sur.

The Sulu-based ASG is focused on kidnap for ransom. The Basilan-based ASG under Hapilon, remains focused on assimilating the ISIS’ violent ideology. As I predicted, ISIS would find its way to the Philippines. ASG leader Hapilon, the over-all leader of ISIS

Philippines, however, has been severely wounded in an encounter with the military.

I have directed the AFP and PNP to continuously contain the ISIS threat through intensified operation, using all available assets and resources. This is the only way to secure Mindanao.

So let me bring you to my vision for the nation. As a child of emigrants from the Visayas to Mindanao, we hoped for a better life in the so-called Land of Promise. But now that is threatened by climate change, caused by man-made disasters like extractive industries. The rest of the nation, is threatened by the widening gap between the rich and poor, crime, corruption, criminality and illegal drugs.

Government must now deliver goods and services that really serve all the people, and not just the interests of a few. In the past, our government verged on failure, because those who were in position to help, deliberately made wrong decisions which favored only themselves.

That is why I promised during my first state of the nation address, “I promise you a comfortable life for all.”

My administration is working to ensure that BASIC HUMAN SERVICES are available to all.

- food and health needs
- water and sanitation
- shelter
- public safety
- education
- economic opportunities

But we will always uphold the sanctity of the COMMON GOOD as the HIGHEST GOOD. And always for the benefit of the next generation.

When I was Mayor of Davao, people asked why I kept harping about peace and order, and I answered, if there is peace and order, business and everything else will follow. And it did.


Now, I believe what happened in Davao can happen nationwide - but I need the help of each one, especially the military. Not for social control, but to protect the citizens from the lawless, the reckless and the selfish.

While I never pretended to be a saint, I know that righteousness and discipline are the foundations of a nation.

And that is what I desire for the Philippines a prosperous society that includes every one; a peaceful law-abiding citizenry; and people of different beliefs who choose to get along with one another.

This is why I appreciate the PMA. You have the template of discipline and civility. I ask that you continue this tradition, and thank you for inviting me to be part of you. Let us together build

A NATION WORTHY OF FILIPINOS; FILIPINOS WORTHY OF THE NATION, PILIPINONG NARARAPAT SA PILIPINAS, PILIPINAS NA NARARAPAT SA PILIPINO. NASOD NGA ANGAY SA PILIPINO, PILIPINONG ANGAY SA PILIPINAS.

Mabuhay ang PILIPINAS at maraming salamat po. 



Human Security: The core of national security

By Vice President Leni Gerona Robredo

Message at the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.'s Annual General Membership Meeting, AFP Theater, Camp General Aguinaldo, Quezon City, January 28, 2017

Tinuturing ko pong napakalaking karangalan ang maimbita dito sa inyong Annual General Membership Meeting. Iisa ang ating pagnanais na magbigay ng serbisyo para sa ating bayan—iyong tipo ng serbisyong hindi mapapalitan ng yaman o ng kahit na ano mang materyal na bagay.

Kayong dumaan sa napakahirap na pagsasanay sa Philippine Military Academy, kayong kusang humaharap sa panganib para sa ating bayan, kayong sumumpa sa mga prinsipyong COURAGE, INTEGRITY, and LOYALTY—kayo ay nararapat na mabigyan ng karampatang pagpapahalaga sa ating lipunan.

Lubos po akong humahanga at nagpapasalamat sa inyong sakripisyo, at lalong-lalo na sa sakripisyo ng inyong mga asawa at anak. Alam po ninyo, ngayon lang naman ako nagkaroon ng security galing sa military.

Nakikita ko sa mga naka-assign sa akin kung gaano katindi ang commitment at gaano kahaba ang oras na binibigay nila sa kanilang trabaho. Totoo po talaga na ang sakripisyo para sa bayan, hindi natatawaran.

Ako po mismo, matagal na akong asawa ng isang pulitiko, kaya siguro kahit papaano naiintindihan ko ang nararamdaman ng inyong mga asawa. Sinanay ko po ang aking sarili na huwag umasa na makakarating si Jesse sa lahat ng mahahalagang oksayon ng aming pamilya para maiwasan ang maraming sama ng loob.

Alam ninyo po, sa katunayan, noong pinanganak ko ang aming pinakapanganay na anak, si Aika, mag-isa lang po ako. Dahil po kasagsagan iyon ng eleksyon. Kung naalala ninyo po, iyong pinaka unang eleksyon after EDSA, January po iyon, hindi May.

Iyon ang pinakaunang eleksyon. January po iyong eleksyon noon at unang pagtatakbo bilang mayor ng aking asawa.

Dapat po manganganak ako Marso. Wala pa po akong kahit anong gamit. January 12, anim na araw bago mag-eleksyon. Tumawag po sa akin ang aking asawa.

Sabi po sa akin, kailangan ng generator para sa rally. Malaki na po tiyan ko, pitong buwan. Kailangan po ng generator para sa rally, at kung pwede magpadala ng generator, nasa bundok po sila. Nagkalampanya. Dahil po lampas 5:00PM na ng hapon, wala na po kaming driver.

Binitbit ko iyong generator sa isang Cimarron na jeep, hindi ko alam kung naalala ninyo iyon. Buntis ako, idadrive ko na, tapos nag-radyo ulit ang asawa ko.

Sabi niya na ang sound system niya nasira, sabi niya kung puwede din magdala ng sound system? Hindi na iyon kasya sa Cimarron na jeep. Ang nahanap ko po ang, ang aking mother-in-law nakahirap po ako ng ELF.

Sinakay ko po iyong generator, sinakay ko po ang sound system, pitong buwan po iyong tiyan ko, dinrive ko po iyong ELF ng mother-in-law ko paakyat sa bundok, sa rough road.

Pagdating ko sa taas, iyong running mate ng asawa ko, babae, doktor. Sabi po sa akin ng doktor na babae, parang manganganak ka na.

Sabi ko po sa kanya, hindi po doktora, Marso pa ako manganganak. Sabi niya, puwede ba pag baba mo sa Naga mag-pacheck up ka kasi tingin ko ang laki na ng tiyan mo.

Eh ako matigas po ang ulo ko. Pagdating ko sa Naga pinark ko ang sasakyan, umuwi po ako sa bahay kasi babalik pa ako sa aming campaign headquarters. Ayon po, hindi pa ako nakabalik sa aming campaign headquarters, pumutok po ang aking water.

Siyempre po wala iyong asawa ko, ako na naman ang nag-drive ng sarili ko papunta sa ospital. Nanganak po ako pitong buwan, premature po si Aika, mag-isa sa ospital. Dumating po si Jesse, dumating po ang magulang ko, dumating ang aking pamilya may anak na po ako.

Iyon po, true story po. Pero nakikita ko po, walang walang iyong sa sakripisyo ng mga asawa ninyo. Kahit sobrang busy si Jesse, nakikita pa rin namin siyang madalas dahil nasa paligid lamang namin siya.

Pero kayo po kung saan saan po kayo naa-assign. Kaya ang pinagdadaan po ay walang wala sa pinagdaanan ng inyong mga asawa kasi marami po akong nakwentuhan sa inyo na kahit saan naa-assign.

Pero kami nakikita pa rin namin si Jesse kahit busy siya. Pero kayo na malalayo ang assignment hindi ko alam kung ilang beses kayo nagkikita ng inyong mga pamilya.

On the other hand, many of you were assigned to places far away from your family. This is why I encourage you to spend as much quality time with them as you can even when on active duty. Now, for those of you who are already retired, this is your time to enjoy their company.



Pinakahihintay ko po sanang araw na dumating ang retirement ng asawa ko. Dati po noong masyado siyang busy, sinasabi ko sa sarili ko na darating ang araw na masosolo ko din siya.

Pero sadyang di natin alam kung ano ang nakatakda. Sa isang iglap, wala na pala akong aasahan. Totoo pong malungkot na maaga siyang kinuha sa amin.

Kaya po sana, isinasaisip natin na spending time with your family as another way of serving your nation.

These moments keep you whole and grounded and are the reasons why we do the things that we do. Ang atin pong mga pamilya ang pinaghuhugutan natin ng lakas sa pagharap sa lahat na panganib na kaakibat ng ating mga trabaho.

I hope you don't mind that I don't talk about politics today. Siguro sawang-sawa na po kayo sa pulitika. But I wish to share my thoughts on something that is extremely important in our society: the principle that human security is the core of national security.

The biggest war we need to fight is the war on poverty, and perhaps not unknown to many, you who serve in the Armed Forces and in law enforcement are also our country's most effective soldiers in this silent and desperate war.

People all over the world and Filipinos living on our islands have been accustomed to equating uniformed personnel with

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To honor the departed cavaliers is our duty

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67

(Message during the Wreathlaying Ceremony at the PMA Alumni Memorial Park on 18 February 2017)



First of all, we would like to thank the PMA Superintendent, LtGen Donato B San Juan II, for carrying on the tradition which has been observed ever since, which is to hold this wreath laying ceremony as part of our Annual Homecoming activities. We from the PMAAAL Board are just too eager to partner with the PMA authorities to see to it that this tradition is carried forward.

We are gathered here today to pay respects to the Cavaliers who have gone ahead of us. Year after year, we lay a wreath at this memorial to celebrate their lives and honor their memories.

Some of these Cavaliers died very young. Others died at the ripe age. Many were killed in action, quite a few just months after graduation. Some met accidents. Others were lost and never found. Some suffered and succumbed from illnesses. But whatever the cause, one thing is certain: they died either while performing their duty or after having done their part in pursuing peace and security for the development and prosperity of our country and people.

The pain of losing these Cavaliers will never go away, but we move on and go forward with our lives without ever filling the void they have left. Our years in the Academy have forged a bond among us so great that not even death can ever make us forget their good deeds and their memories and what they meant to us.

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fear and distrust. During the Spanish period, it was the Guardia Civil who terrorized the country with violence and oppression. They were eventually replaced by American soldiers, who laid waste to our countryside.

During World War 2, this fear was personified by images of Japanese soldiers torturing and killing Filipinos. And finally, during martial law, when, as a normal citizen, one would walk on the streets and see a person in uniform and be stricken by fear.

These days have passed. Now, in many very far-flung areas mired in suffering, yours are the first faces they see when calamity strikes. You guard democracy in the most dangerous and remote areas when you protect the integrity of ballot boxes during elections.

The uniforms you wear, which used to symbolize strife and conflict, have now become a symbol of hope and strength to the average Filipino. And you do these, regardless of who is in power.

This is the purest, most touching articulation of your commitment to serve the state from threats, both foreign and domestic, in whatever form, and that your allegiance is to the Constitution rather than to any person or administration.

In fact, our efforts to fight poverty, create inclusive and sustained progress, is truly the most effective counter-insurgency measure. I know you've seen this on the ground right after you graduated from the Academy—that a community that is hungry, disillusioned, and left without hope, easily joins groups that threaten our human security.

Because you've seen these and experienced these first-hand, you are in a unique position to understand deeply what it takes to defend our country and how to fight with weapons not limited to hard, kinetic power. And perhaps, this deep understanding is also why, you are willing to fight up to your last breath.

Today, our society is besieged by non-traditional and hybrid security threats. Our world is increasingly volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous. What these extraordinary times require are extraordinary ways to express long-held values of excellence,



While saying prayers, offering flowers and lighting candles may never be enough to ease the pain suffered by the loved ones they have left behind, it is but fitting that, even for just one day a year, we pay tribute, as we are doing now, to these Cavaliers. We hope that when our time comes, the Cavaliers we leave behind will also do the same for us.

To our fallen comrades, you have done your duty and done it well. Our duty now is to honor you. This is the least that we can do in return for your outstanding service to our country and people and for your bringing honor and prestige to our dear Alma Mater the Philippine Military Academy.

To all of you who are here, thank you very much for joining us today.

discipline, integrity, patriotism and self-less service...values you have learned at the Academy...values that those of you who will be awarded today have exhibited...and values that will continue to see us through the different forms of conflict we face as a nation.

We all need to be more innovative if we are to continue to be centers of excellence, upgrading our skills so that we can keep on producing outstanding leaders. Having more females among your ranks may be a great way of adding new ways of thinking, and retooling in digital and cyber security to thwart national cyber attacks or terrorism are specific ways to respond to the challenges of our time.

Hopefully, all of these will be done in the spirit of collaboration with other sectors of society. We are discovering that the things that change the world are the ones that we do together; like the cross pollination of ideas and operational power between your distinguished alumni with those who are still in the Academy, between those of you who are in active service and those who are retired, and among the uniformed sectors with the private sector.

I know that you are all ready to kill and die in defense of our national security, but how much more preferable is it to end war fighting and instead focus on peace building and inclusive development? Together, the impossible can be possible.

I am with you in this work. I have much admiration for your boots and black socks—yung mga medyas na nakasama ninyo mula pa noong kadete kayo. Iyong mga medyas na naging saksi ng mahabang lakaran at mapapanganib na laban. Iyong mga medyas na isang linggo na, hindi pa nalalabhan, ay iyon din pala ang mga medyas na poprotekta sa inyo.

Alam ko, na sa laban, paa ang nagdadala sa inyong mga hangarin. Ganoon din po sa akin at sa aking opisina. Kung kayo may black socks, kami po, may tsinelas. Iisa lang ang ang hangarin natin—ang magsilbing buong puso sa ating bayan.

Maraming salamat po. Long live the long gray line!

A tribute to heroes of Bataan

A tale of courage

by Cav Ponciano S Millena '66

President Rodrigo Duterte recently approved the revival of the ROTC program in the universities and colleges in line with our national defense needs. Although there has been a lot of criticism about this program, there is no better alternative that can be offered up to this time. For one, the crisis in the South China Sea will soon catch up with us and we will be caught flatfooted if we do nothing. The ROTC is still the best we have and this has been proven during the World War II.

My father, the late Col Francisco C Millena, was one of the young ROTC graduates in 1941 who rallied to the flag and answered the call of duty to defend the country. At that time, he was working as an engineer with the District Engineer office of the Bureau of Public Highway in Legaspi, Albay when called to active duty during the mobilization on August 28, 1941 at Reagan Barracks. He was inducted into the USAFFE and was appointed 2nd Lieutenant in November 1940 at the age of 29.

My father attended high school in Albay School of Arts and Trade and then took up Civil Engineering in Adamson School of Industrial and Chemical and Engineering. During his graduation in June 1937, he was one out of only five graduates of Civil Engineering at that time. It was in Adamson where he attended the ROTC program as required by law.

When the war broke out, then 2Lt Millena was attending the Chemical Warfare School in Fort William Mckinley where he experienced his first air raid in December 1941. He then rejoined his unit, the 51st Combat Engr Bn at Santo Tomas, Batangas. As fighting against the Japanese intensified in the province, his unit withdrew to Limay Mountains and joined the forces tasked to defend Bataan. 2lt. Millena was initially designated as S-2 of the engineer battalion.

In Bataan, he figured prominently in the counter attack at Capot Hill. The battle took place on January 29, 1942, which was incidentally his birthday wherein he led a fierce counter attack staged by the 51st Engr Bn with two companies to relieve the 51 RCT which was in the verge of being thrown into a disorganized retreat. Historical account states that "Although the numerically superior foes had previously penetrated friendly lines and had forced withdrawal by heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery concentration fires upon the area, Lt. Millena directed his men in a fierce counterattack, regaining the lost grounds and recapturing the strategic outpost line of resistance at the Pilar-Bagac Road. Although he was wounded, his force accounted for 50 dead and captured large quantities of food, arms and equipment under his skillful direction."

As it turned out, this counter attack inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy as evident the next morning when the counter-attackers found the bodies of the Japanese scattered all around the place. This was to be known as the Battle of Capot Hill, a

part of the Battle of the Points and among the battles in Bataan where reservists, many of them products of the ROTC, proved their mettle in the defense against foreign invaders. These battles considerably delayed the timetable of the Japanese forces and left them with no choice but to bring in reinforcements from Malaya.

Bataan ultimately surrendered mainly because the defenders lacked ammunition, food, medicine, and supporting weapons. Lt. Millena went through the horror and hardship of the Death March and Camp Capas where they were incarcerated and their will to survive was put to test. After some time, the Filipino prisoners of war were released through the efforts of the Third Republic under President Laurel. During his absence while in Bataan and in prison, my mother, the former Angelita Ortega Sanchez of Jovellar, Albay, would often play the piece "Babalik Ka Rin" on the piano. When my father came home, he was so sickly and skinny, having lost a lot of weight, but my mother was so happy to see him back.



2LT FRANCISCO C. MILLENA

But duty called once more when in 1944, the American forces were fighting their way back to the Pacific and the Philippines. He joined the guerilla forces, initially performing intelligence mission in Albay. Later on, he was transferred and headed an engineer battalion and performed combat operations in the province of Sorsogon.

Without the ROTC program at the onset of the war, the fate of our country would have been very different. It was during this dark time in our history that the ROTC program proved that the youth could rise to the challenge and be relied upon to defend their country. 🇵🇭

Editor's Note: A veteran of combat operations in various areas in Mindanao, the author served as the Commandant of the Marines and later as Commander, Western Command AFP where he retired as a Major General



CLASS CALL

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

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



GR VIGILAR
President
DS MENDOZA
Secretary

No news (good news) from our classmates. This means that all surviving members of the class remains as healthy as they were of our last report.

The Class of 1952 looks forward to celebrating the 65th anniversary of our graduation from PMA. We have tentatively scheduled the celebration on Sunday 19 March 2017. We will have Mass, followed by a recollection and then lunch. Reverend Father Jerry M. Orbos, SVD will preside at the Mass and Recollection. Alice Li. Reyes (widow of Rene) has graciously volunteered to host all of the said activities at her house in Talayan Village.

We look forward to a good turnout not only classmates, spouses and widows but the CI '52 "brats" as well.



SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

On Class Gatherings

The year 2017 started with the class having a lunch at the Vikings in SM Aura at the Global City on 27 January, hosted by January-born Fel Parado and Romy Solina. Very few were able to attend as it was a week day.

The next class affair was the party of Ione Mison, who celebrated her 80th birthday, with a lunch at the Tejeros Hall of AFPCOC on Saturday, 25 February. Attending were not only members of the class but also her relatives and friends. It was a grand affair that started at 11 am with a thanksgiving mass, followed with a buffet lunch.

Those members of the class present, aside from the birthday celebrator and her husband Buddy, were Grace Alcaneses, Betong and Maudie Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Dante and Zeny de Guzman, Muni and Ondette Munoz, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Estel Silva, Terry Suarez, Rene and Mila Tanseco, and Gigi Zaide.



MM VILLAMOR
President

"It is finished!". After all has been said and done, the end is nothingness, Zero 0/x, better yet, infinity x/0.

I write about nothingness in the context of an idle mind and in the realm of the internal, not external.

How does this relate to the BANAT CLASS? Very much, for except FVR who can still parachute down from an aircraft, the rest of the class, regrettably, but expectedly, can no longer respond to the demands or desires of the external. But their strength and satisfaction is in a willing, tempting distracting spirit that conquers the challenge of the internal and nothingness.

Have you ever experienced a near-death encounter like going through a major surgery? After surviving the operation which was painless, you go through an agony of pain and sleeplessness for about 48 hours after your anesthesia shall have lost its potency, and like an astronaut, you find yourself completely rigged to monitor your body functions. You are also immobilized because you are tied to your bed.

It is at stage that your idle mind is activated and wanders into your relationship with your Creator and the infinite knowledge of the universe and mankind. For the idle mind is unfathomable, indescribable and infinite. In our Christian faith, we are told that EVE was created for ADAM not only to provide him companionship, but more, to implant in all His creations the essence of contrasts to challenge their minds.

Like a cow in a pasture resting under a shade ruminating continuously to help

its digestion, so are the BANATS in the state of reverie reminiscing their past as in a passing parade. It is difficult to read their idle minds but in all certainty, their thoughts would dwell in the wealth or poverty of their past, their legacies, and what they could have done more for their country and families.

I am writing on something abstract, but the subject of nothingness is a boom for writers. They can write on any subject under the sun and still have an inexhaustible reserve like drawing water from a bottomless well.

My writing for the Class Call has a different style. The present pattern is more of "Lifestyle and Entertainment" page of major newspapers and also like a First Sergeant's morning report. It indicates our tendency to "keep up with the Joneses" where classes report on their activities held in 5-stars hotels or other expensive venues. I think it is more prudent to utilize our own Officers Club or Golf Clubs to preclude our outside publics into concluding that we are an affluent sector of our society.

Let me end with a tid-bit of Class '51. We celebrated our 66th graduation anniversary last February 17 at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. Sadly, only 5 members of the class and 3 ladies were present, and much sadder is that while enjoying our fellowship, we got the news that our classmate, Vic Tongson just passed away almost coincident with the time we were in the clubhouse. Please say a prayer for Vic!

That leaves us with 12 "originals"- a dirty dozen-but determined to out-live all post-war classes until we reach the ripest age of MOSES of the Old Testament when he died.

Bear with us, Folks! We are in a stage of fantasy, hallucination, and NOTHINGNESS.
/JT DIZON

Addendum: *Our apology to Cav JT Dizon for inadvertently omitting his name as the writer of their Class Call, Jan-Feb 2017 issue- Editor*



On Class 55 Foundation annual meeting

The PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc. held its annual membership meeting on 19 March at the Federal Restaurant in Makati. The lunch was hosted by Dante de Guzman who celebrated his 83rd birthday.

Following the buffet lunch, the annual meeting followed. The president, Buddy Mison, reported that the Foundation continued the scholarship of its lone scholar, Rheabel B Galano, who expects to graduate in May this year from PUP with a BS in Tourism Management degree.

In 2016, the Foundation granted medical assistance of P50,000 each to Armin Gatmaitan, Letty Jotie, Vangie Rivera and Padie Padiernos, and gave burial assistance of P100,000 each to the bereaved families of Armin and Padie who died same year.

The board continued to manage its funds with safe and sound investments and prudent expenditures. The unaudited gross income for 2016 amounted to P0.892 million with total expenses of P0.480 million, resulting in net income of P0.412 million. The fund balance as of 31 Dec 2016 posted P9.418 million, as compared to P9.006 million in the previous year.

At this juncture, there was a suggestion to increase the medical assistance in view of high cost of hospitalization. There ensued a discussion. It was finally agreed to increase it from P50,000 to P75,000, subject to the board's evaluation of the actual cost.

The president emphasized the need to strengthen the 2nd generation organization. Ros suggested to have them get directly involved in the Foundation rather than have their own organization. They should be assimilated into the Foundation organization and be ready to take over when we are all gone. Everybody agreed.

This led to the reorganization of the board. It was agreed that the 9-man board be reallocated as follows: 5 from class members, 2 from widows, and 2 from 2nd gen members whose both parents died or are incapacitated.

On scholarship, it was agreed to continue it, starting with 2 scholars this coming school year, from poor families, in the field of agriculture or education. The president cited that he has scholars taking agriculture in Tarlac and giving them only P8,000 each per school year.

The improvement of the Grove 55 was discussed. Approved as recommended by the president is the purchase of 3 solar batteries for P37,000, repair of Griffin on the stele, and installation of a wooden Griffin (5-feet long and 5-feet wing span).

The members then proceeded to elect the new members of the board. Elected were Johnny Sanchez, Ros Alquiza, Buddy Mison, Dante de Guzman, Muni Munoz, Terry Suarez, Vangie Rivera, Leo Baladad and Binky Regalado.

Reelected as officers of the

Foundation are Buddy as president, Johnny as vice president, Ros as corporate secretary and treasurer, and Muni as corporate auditor. Also elected are Binky as asst secretary and Leo as asst treasurer.

Present during the meeting were, other than those mentioned above, Betong and Maudie Alfabeto, Ponsing and Aaron Allanigue, RJ Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Babot and Didi Baladad, Agnes Isaac-Banez, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Minjo Gatmaitan, Zeny and Danzena de Guzman, Eva and Sarah Miranda, Lone Mison, Lolit and Jerry Parado, Pilar and Carol Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Estel Silva, Romy and Georgie Solina, Anthony Suarez, Gigi and Teng Zaide. From adopted class 2005 was Maj Carlo Tadea with wife and 2 daughters.



FC CORACHEA
President
LM MALTO
Secretary

On January 25, 2017, Levy Malto celebrated his 85th birthday with a big bang at the Heat Café of Edsa Shangrila Hotel with the class golfers and their ladies (the Bellos, Coracheas, Davids Farolans, Goyenas) with the new widower, Patot Paiso, now sporting a beard and Juliet Suarez. Together with his wifey, Nora, the duo treated their guests with a

no-holds-bar buffet lunch with an array of high-end dishes that could only be offered at A-One hotels. The unlimited fine food and drinks had compelled the guests to rest and ease their stomach fills to make way for more rounds of selected dishes. When it was all over, the boodlers could hardly walk to mount their waiting cars at the hotel entrance. The treat was in deed a rare experience for the old fogies to load and load to thy kingdom come.

At the lunch, the golfers team captain, Romy David, announced that only 2 of the class 57 golfers could make it at the scheduled game the next day, 26 January 17 to cause another postponement of the 28th golf game between the 2 classes that had started on 20 January 2012, five years ago. Meanwhile, the remaining 5 class golfers are steadily playing their weekly Wednesday regulars to keep fit on call.

Linda Venago, widow of the late Jaime Venago was treated to a grand feast by her

only son, Atty. Jomini Venago (a retired ADB legal officer) and 3 married daughters, Janet, Jennifer and Jessica at the Ballroom of the Diamond Hotel, Roxas Blvd on 12 March 2017 to celebrate her 80th birthday. To recall, Jimmy was the youngest and only member of the class born on 17 Jan 1935, just barely 17 years old when he reported to the PMA and graduated No. 4 in the class roster. He served under the late Rafael Salas starting in 1966 when he was Executive Secretary and later as Head of the UN Population Commission. After Sec. Salas died, Jimmy served in the UN in New York City and its Housing Projects in Africa. When he returned to the PHL, he worked in the National Housing Authority under Maj. Gen. Gaudencio Tobias and was appointed later as head of the Mt. Pinatubo Commission based at the Clark Development Corporation in Angeles City where he died in line of duty.

After 61 years of constant meetings,

reunions, celebrations and tragedies that kept the class flame afire, there are now 24 active members aged 83 to 87 left from the original 54 that graduated in 1956. Of the 24, 15 are on duty status fitted for Octogenarians, 5 are on limited duty as veterans of various maladies and 4 are confined in quarters due to physical disability. But regardless of what, the class is still moving on through life's mightier, now lesser struggles.

On 19 February 2017, members of the class were texted by the class secretary that Renato, a 55-year old son of the late Lito and widow, Tess Calip, have died and his body lies in state at the St. Peter Chapels at Commonwealth Ave. Abuloys were immediately generated from the class fund and members, notably, Levy Malto, Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena and Norma Arevalo, who called from Baguio, that her son, Robert, the chief of staff of HPA, was tasked to deliver her aid.

DS TAN-GATUE JR
President
TR JARDINIANO
Secretary

On February 18, 2017 their Alma Mater called, "Come home to me". And the Class responded with ardent fervor.

Twenty-four member octogenarians answered the call.

Nineteen braved the heat of the noon sun and the length and breadth of the parade ground to troop the cadet formation alongside the rest of the Long Gray Line.

They displayed their family headship. They tagged along 19 spouses and 10 widows. And as if to proudly show that the Class has evolved into a community, they packed 5 tourist buses and 4 private vehicles with 209 children, in-laws, and grandchildren.

Yes, they all came to commemorate the Class '57 Diamond Jubilee – their last formal and official appearance as a class on the hallowed grounds of the Philippine Military Academy.

The class spirit that has bound the members through 64 years in fellowship, camaraderie and mutual support has not been exhibited as strongly as in the recent

past. The Abads came full force from the United States; so did the Salvaleons, and the Figueroas. From Down Under the Avilas occupied one third the bus capacity. Locally, the Cebu-based families all came: the Delos Santoses; the Parcons; the Maderazos; and the Cruz barangay.

Billeted in 17 different hotels and lodging places spread all over Baguio City, gathering them onto 5 buses became a transportation challenge. The collaboration and discipline inherent in all made the task easy.

At the Grandstand the '57 Jubilarians and their families were prominently seated at the left side of the VIPs section. The men looked snappy in their freshly-tailored navy blue blazers, khaki pants, white shirt with matching tie and diamond tie pin, and beige straw hats. The ladies were in elegant blazers with burgundy scarves, white blouses and black pants. The Brats were in their own

uniform jackets with matching caps and flaglets in their hands that they waved each time the Class '57 was mentioned by the emcee.

The event was the culmination of a yearlong planning. As early as February 2016 President Jun Tan-Gatue formed a planning committee composed of Cavaliers Rene de Villa, Ed Ermita, and Jardie Jardiniano. Having been used to the 5-paragraph operation planning guide, the Committee explored all imaginable details to ensure success of the affair keeping in mind all along the guidelines of Pres. Jun. And finally after several meetings and update briefings with the Class, the Committee presented the final plan on Feb. 11, 2017. And executed the same on Feb. 17-18, 2017.

The pay-off was a successful Diamond Jubilee celebration capped by the Class '57 Family lunch at the new Rose Bowl Restaurant.



The Class bade PMA goodbye but left a physical souvenir by which they can be remembered. Behind the Mess Hall they caused the rehabilitation and conversion of an earlier class donated park into a picnic area complete with adequate lighting, barbecue grill, and water facility.

The Diamond Jubilee celebration would not have been as eventful as it turned out to be without the active support by the PMA authorities headed by its Superintendent LtGen Donato B San Juan II. - TRJ

BRATS CORNER...

After nearly a year of excited planning and preparations, about 200 1st and 2nd generation class '57 brats, also collectively known as 'fruits', joined their fathers and mothers in trooping up to Baguio City for the 60th diamond anniversary

homecoming of the PMA Class of 1957 which took place on Saturday morning, February 18, 2017 at the grandstand of the Fort del Pilar grounds.

As early as Thursday up to the early hours of Saturday, the pumped up group began assembling in the city of pines for this much anticipated event which many jokingly dubbed as perhaps "the '57 mistahs' last hurrah". The brats truly came in full force wearing matching caps and jackets specially made for the occasion, and waving banners and pennants that proudly announced their support for their fathers' batch. Despite the early hours of that morning, the brats together with their families and friends, boarded 5 buses that were filled to the brim, to take them to the parade grounds. There was much chatter aboard the buses as many rekindled old friendships, specially with those who flew

in from abroad just to take part in this momentous occasion.

At the grandstand, the adrenaline levels rose even higher as the parade got underway, with the brats' cheers reaching its highest when the 24 members of Class '57 were introduced and acknowledged. Many of them even proudly marched alongside the younger batches.

A late lunch followed at the Rose Bowl restaurant. The traffic we had to go through to get to the venue further whetted appetites! There was a short program during lunch, which included introductions, acknowledgements, greetings, games and messages of thanks and gratitude for the success of the homecoming. The day was the highlight of the whole weekend, and the brats were just too happy to have been a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event! -Ricky Cabrera



PMA Annual Meeting (28 Jan 2017)

Four Mistahs showed up at the PMAAA Annual Meeting at the AFP Theater at Camp Aguinaldo: **Mike Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Del Abaya and Nick Festin.**

The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Vice Pres Leni Robredo, who gave a good message to the alumni.

After the meeting, we all joined the luncheon at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club.

Music CD presented to Chuck

While the luncheon was going on, as **Chuck** passed some class tables, his

former colleague, one of his successors as PCG Commandant, **Adm Ramon Liwag'78** approached him to present him a personal copy of a music CD that LIWAG has produced, covering songs and poems written by the PMAer poet and music and song writer. **Liwag** later impressed the Assembly with a sample song that he himself sang on the stage.

"I'm proud of you", said **CHUCK**.

Mike Abaya appointed to DBP Board of Directors

It was no a surprise to many of us to hear that **Mike Abaya** would be a player in the Duterte administration. After all, during the lunch fellowship with AGFO members before he tossed his hat in the presidential ring, when he saw **Mike** sitting in the crowd, Digong related how Mike and him became "blood brothers" on a hostage situation when Mike was PNP

Regional Commander in Region XII.

With a presidential recall as vivid as that, would it be surprising that **MIKE** would have a choice slot?

Mike, by the way hosted a lunch at the exclusive Executive Lounge of the DBP at Buendia corner Makati Avenue last February 16. Attendees were **Eddie Garcia, Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Nick Festin and former Mistah Esting Carino'60. Jess Alcorido, Benny Lomotan and Timmy Imperial** earlier confirmed but begged off at the last minute for some valid excuses. Not the traffic this time.

Jess. In his regret phone call, also quipped, "I think I should host next time".

Alumni Homecoming

Mike Abaya also joined the 3-member class delegation in the Annual Alumni Homecoming last 18 Feb 2017. He, however joined the Presidential



Class 59 joined table with classes '57, '58 and '61. From left to right (above two photos), **Nick Festin, Max Bejar '58, Ernie Tan'61, Lito Beltran'58, Ben Tabo'58. Mike Abaya, Ding Adriano'58**



Former PCG Commandant **Ramon Liwag '79** presented **Chuck** with copy of his music CD



PMA 59 Flag finally upright

entourage, including during the Trooping the Line. **Eddie Garcia**, however missed the assembly stuck in traffic and even the class picnic lunch was aborted as vehicle movements to and from the grandstand-Longayban Hall area was halted until the President had left FDP.

That left **Chuck** as the Lone Ranger at the parade ground, first time we had a single marcher in an Alumni Parade.

There were some amusing sidelights in the parade. **CHUCK** met up with **Pong Biazon '61** and a few other contemporaries from classes 1960 and 61 to 70 who, like him, could not locate our jump off position, thinking these were the REVIEW positions as in the past. It was just prior to the

TROOPING THE LINE that **CHUCK** located the correct ASSEMBLY position and thus marched as a single representative of Class 59. Biazon and the others he met earlier missed out as they did not see their positions, joining only after their class color bearers finished trooping the line with empty marchers behind lonesome Chuck, The Diamond jubilarian Class of 1957, however had 26 marchers although it could be much less as some we saw on the stage obviously unable to march for physical reasons.

Chuck also had an amusing experience prior to marching off. A member of the **20-year jubilee class of 1997** observed that our flag was upside down, and asked me,

“What can we do Sir?” where upon I got the flagstaff and told them to remove and replace correctly, which was done with haste as the march was about to begin.

The phot on the right shows the young jubilarians doing the job as **Chuck** held the staff.

Class Lunch

The Class had a lunch meeting at Shangri-La Makati on 9 Mar 2017. Present were **Nick Festin,,Jess Alcordo, Benny Lomotan, Del Abaya, Mike Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Eddie Garcia, Timmy Imperial and Jackie Desquitado. Buster Arrastia, Paco Francisco and Max Dumlao** were last minute regrets for various important reasons.

OB SALIENTES
President
MP PANES JR
Secretary

Jan 31, 2017. Clubhouse of the Acropolis Subd in QC. Pete Sistoza celebrated his 78th birthday as usual with a mass followed by dinner. Aside from his personal guests, the following PMA 60 members attended the celebration: Orly and Inday, Loven and Jenny, TG and Lina,

Joey and Boots, Manny and Sylvia, Pong and Jessie, Sting and Fannie, Tony and Nelia, Myrna, Malou, Monchi, Cathy and Glo. Mildred after an absence of 2 years has joined us again. She has been very busy taking her of her apo.

Sorry I cannot tell you anything about the PMAAAI annual last Jan 28, 2017 I did not attend it. For those who have Facebook accounts, you know why. Let us just let the issue rest.

Starting Feb 28 a few of us classmates will have a monthly luncheon at NIU Vikngs Restaurant at SM Aura, BGC. Two reasons

for the choice of venue. Since we are all 75 years and above, we only pay 50% of the meal. The second reason is the availability of parking spaces in SM Aura.

Sting Carino has volunteered to host the class reunion on April 26, 2017 to coincide with his new house blessing in Ayala Greenfield Heights in Calamba, Laguna. Unfortunately the house will not be completed on time. Orly Salientes will inform the class what we will do on our 57th anniversary.

The attendees on our first monthly meeting at NUI Vikings at SM Aura,



BGC were the following: Sting, Fred and Lydia, Lilian K, Loven and Jenny, Pete and Mameng, Glo B, Ike, Orly, TG and Lina, Jessie P. Myrna A and Juliet Y.

We are happy to announce that the two Peemayer sons of the late Tom and of Myrna Apolinario have made the star rank. Ramon has 3 stars as Deputy Director General of the PNP and Tom Jr with one star.

8 Mar 2017. UCC Rustan Makati. Initial planning meet for our Diamond Jubilee in 2020 which is 3 years from now. The first input is the names of classmates who are committed to attend the affair. Please manifest your intentions to class president Orly Salientes ASAP. Those who attended the meeting were Loven and Jenny, TG and Lina, Pong and Jessie, Sting and Fannie, Orly and Inday and Tony L. / LC Abadia



Unlike in the last 10 years where our class had a large attendance during the General Membership Convention, this year's class attendance was not quite impressive as only three members were present. It was probably because only the Class Secretary made the dissemination and not the Class President. We remember that during the incumbencies of Nick Rodriguez and Alex Aguirre, they personally appealed to the class on the value of high attendance. Last January 28, 2017, only Nick Rodriguez, Ernie Calupig and Ernie Tan attended the annual event. They reported that the guest of honor, Vice President Leni Robredo delivered a very impressive talk on the role of a wife, in the life of a dedicated government servant. She shared her personal experience as the wife of the Former Secretary of Interior and Local



Government. As in past conventions, this year's affair echoed very well the shared image of our Association which is Professionalism.

This year's Alumni Homecoming held at Fort de Pilar, Baguio City on February 19, 2017 was attended by five members of the class. In the early morning of February 18, Ernie Tan, Ed Domingo, Vic Escala and Zaldy Ventura motored to Baguio in a van provided by the class. Pong and Monchie Biazon rode in their personal car to join them in convoy. The four were billeted at the Marcelo Residence in Fort Del Pilar. Pong and Monchie stayed in a hotel.

They were all able to assemble at the parade ground before the ceremonies but they were unable to locate the designated position of the class. It was only Zaldy who was able to locate the position and therefore was the only one who was able to march with our class emblem bearer during the Alumni Review. Notwithstanding the discomfort experienced while standing under the heat of the sun, Our classmates were proud to imbibe in the symbolism of the affair which is dedicated to Love of Country.

If we try to look back in history, it was the institution of soldiery that first came to the attention of our country's leadership upon approval and ratification of the 1935 Philippine constitution. The national assembly therefore enacted commonwealth Act Number 1, which provided for the defense of the Nation by establishing the Philippine Army. The Philippine Military Academy was established as the premier Institution to train and educate the officer corps of the Army. It is this National desire that established the values that will henceforth be the foundation for our education as military professionals. And it is that sense of belonging that brings us annually to our beloved institution.

Our class golf fellowship has gained momentum as our number increased to sent for six again. Ernie Calupig who



was absent for 3 months attended last March 3, 2017. Incidentally Ed Cabanlig celebrated his 79th natal day. While he did not play, he joined the five for a hearty lunch. Ed bought the food while Vic Mamon brought a bottle of red wine. We will continue to have Vic with the group as Biyette volunteered to visit their children in Canada with him defending the homefront.

Last March 10, 2017, it was Bert Rodriguez turn to host the golf fellowship for lunch. He celebrated his 79th Birthday last March 7. Ernie Tan joined the group for lunch consisted of menu good for our age where the youngest is 78. Ernie Tan is 83 years old and still looks healthy. In the meantime our golfing group is proud to say that we do not use golf carts and really walk our game.



New Class Officers. As previously reported in the class call, in the class meeting of January 9, Nano Mariano was elected as the new class president despite his absence. On January 9, over his initial objections, he was prevailed upon by the class to take over the helm of the class organization. Tito Rimando was appointed as the vice-president, taking over from acting vice-president Maury Evangelista who stayed on as class treasurer. Other position remained unchanged – Ray Logan as secretary and Quintin Alcudia as auditor. However, James Ramon was named as the assistant secretary. The new president hit the ground running so to speak. He announced the revival of the quarterly socials for the class. He also asked the class, particularly those who were in the meeting, to pledge their “time, talent, and treasure” for the class. The other program Nano asked the class to mull over seriously was to share their “defining moments,” experiences and events in their career which can inspire our children and grandchildren. These “defining moments” will be published in the Cavalier or a book of compilations. Already, Willy Cruz has shared his “defining moment” in the internet.



Class 62 photo ops during the alumni parade



Class 62 gang during the class picnic at the class 62 Promenade, PMA



Classmates greet Joe "Von Rami" and Olga Ramiscal during their golden wedding anniversary

At the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting. The last Saturday of January is always the designated day for the gathering of Cavaliers through this annual meeting. The class did not miss this opportunity to be with fellow alumni again. It was the observation that through the years, the class is becoming more and more senior as other junior classes join the long gray line. Those who came to listen to the inspiring speech of vice-president Leni Robredo and later on trooped to AFPCOC for the fellowship lunch (Maury won a microwave oven) were Quintin, Ed Fernandez, Silver, Tito, Romy Meana, Dave, Ray, Freddie, Maury, and James.

55th (Emerald) Anniversary Celebrants and among the Host Classes in Baguio. During the PMAAAI alumni homecoming at PMA last February 18, that is. We had long planned our participation but we still had to hastily finalize the details at the onset of this year. Hurriedly all the kinks were addressed, last minute reservations accommodated through Maury's perseverance at the Azalea Residences, and the class dinner and picnic a success because of Totong Cruz and Maury. Thank you, Totong for hosting the picnic. Thank you Maury for hosting the class dinner and for arranging

for the PMA bus to shuttle us to PMA and back. Those who did not wish to bring their cars rode in a rented van. During the trooping of the line, Class 62 with our flag waving (we can still march!) was the first class to review the cadet corps (after President Duterte and other VIPS who marched ahead) as the earlier classes opted sit it out. Thanks to Mau Soriano, too, for donating green class '52 tee shirts which were conspicuous during the day. And to Rami Ramiscal for the hats used during the parade. In the evening of Saturday, Tito, Maury, Ray, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan attended the reception and cocktails tendered by PMA superintendent Lt. Gen. Donato San Juan for the host classes. All together, those who marked our emerald anniversary homecoming were Boy Abadia, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, James and Vicky Ramon and family, Totong and Beth Cruz, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Tito and Heidi Rimando and family, Maury Evangelista, Ray Logan, Ernie and Hazel Daus, Manny and Vicky Salimbangon, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Romy and Linda Meana and family, Benito and Kreezel Diamos, Buddy Almagro and family, Al and Ching Lumibao, Maura and Leika Soriano, Evelyn Maniago, and Monette Deinla Dela Cruz.

Congratulations Joe " Von Rami" and Olga Ramiscal on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Fifty years ago on January 29, Rami and Olga were wed. Rami met Olga when he was a newly-minted second lieutenant and serving with other classmates at Customs as commissioner Cesar Climaco's trusted assistants. Fifty years later, on this Sunday, Rami and Olga again renewed their marriage vows before Cebu archbishop Jose Palma witnessed by their children and grandchildren and guests including classmates. Reception followed at Club Filipino. Classmates who joined them on this memorable occasion were Nano and Lolit, Felix and Zeny, Tito and Heidi, Freddie and Methy, Quintin and Luz, Maury, Nani Jover, Budge and Alma, Joel and Rio, and Paco and Linda. (JRRIMANDO)

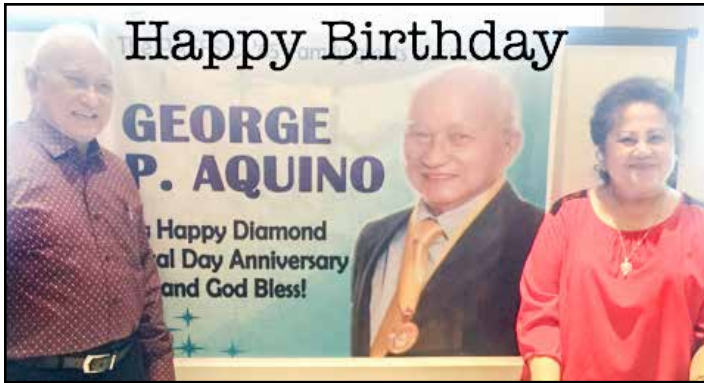


GR RUIZ
President
RLP EBRO
Secretary

Holy Week greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963. We are looking forward to our Emerald Anniversary (55th year) in February 2018.

Our activities from the Corporate Secretary logbook are the following:

16 January 2017 was the 75th birthday (Diamond Jubilarian) of Pert Andaya. A surprise birthday celebration was held in Provident Village, Marikina City hosted by Inday and assisted by daughter Myra. Apart from family, Pert's guests were his neighbors and friends from Marikina City, his classmates in NDCP Class 24 including former VP Jejomar Binay and his classmates in PMA Matindi Class 1963, represented by Tony and Norma Sibayan, Bill Ruiz, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Rudy and Office Javier and Bob and Yayang Manlongat.



28 January 2017 was the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting held at the AFP Theater/AFPCCOC, CGEA, Quezon City with VP Leni Robredo as GOHAS. Among the classmates present were Cavs Bill Ruiz, Ed Batenga, Bigboy Adriano, Ebor Ebro, Ardy Abaya, Bumi Bumanglag, Ed Resos, Pert Andaya, Rudy Javier, George Aquino and Bob Manlongat.

15 February 2017 was the birthday of Telly Noble, wife of Lino Noble. This was held in Dad's Megamall, Pasig City. Joining Telly and Lino were Ebor and Flor Ebro, Rudy and Offie Javier, Pert and Inday Andaya, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Bill Ruiz and Aida Mayo.

18 February 2017 The Parade and Review for the PMAAAI Alumni Homecoming with PRRD as GOHAS and honored as honorary member of PMAAAI as well as Associate member of the Golden Jubilarians, the Dimasupil Class of 1967 when PRRD was then Mayor of Davao City. Only Cav Bob Manlongat attended the Parade and Review.

26 February 2017 was the 75th birthday (Diamond Jubilarian) of George Aquino and hosted by Gie Aquino. Invited to the event held in Niu Vikings, Sweden Room, Level 6 SM Aura, Taguig City were his immediate family, his classmates

in PAF Flying School '65, his walking partners, and members of PMA Matindi Class 1963. The following joined George and Gie celebrate his Diamond Jubilee, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Pert and Inday Andaya, Jimmy and Brenda Iletto, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Danny and Lou Pizarro, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Danny and Nena Delgado, Alex and Josie Cirera, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Billy and Rose Enerio, Arnie Acadera and Marlyn, Frank and Susan Catibayan, Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano with Rosebud and husband Ralph Clive Wainer formerly of Royal Airforce and Cathay Pacific. Bert Orevillo, Ching Saavedra, Beth Arevalo, Estela Andaya, Naty Laput, Aida Mayo, Amy and Angel Ylagan.

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend our warmest greetings to the class birthday celebrants: March 2017: Ardy Abaya 9, Rene Valencia 19, Joe Pineda 19, Norma Sibayan 16, Norma Ruiz 30. April 2017: Dante Cruz 4, Ven Roallos 9, Neng Tillah (+) 29.

16 March 2017 We regret to announce that Angelica Matias Villamor widow of the late Cav Tony Villamor passed away on March 16, 2017 due to cancer. Remains was in Loyola Memorial, Guadalupe Makati City.

The class condoled with Robert Anthony Villamor with wife Rose Lynne and sister Shiela Marie. Angie was buried 19 March 2017 at the Manila Memorial Park.

24 March 2017 was our 54th graduation day anniversary

To quote Rev Fr. Mario Jose C Ladra, "Pray straight from the heart because God listens" unquote. (18121605)



Months of January and February were not that busy for class occasions. This maybe attributed to bad weather that we're experienced for those months.

The class however including the class '64 ladies had the Post-Dated Valentine day celebration last February 15, 2017 at Aura Vikings in BGC, Taguig City. The gathering was well attended with eleven (11) gentlemen and ten (10) ladies in attendance. Although we missed the ballroom dancing as we usually had during previous occasions nonetheless we enjoyed the delicious and unlimited food that Vikings offered. In attendance were Clem Mariano, OrlyCabanlig, Tony Aguilar, Rey Reyes, Arfs Arpon, Terry de la Cruz, Guzi de Guzman, Homer Ortega, Billy Villaroel, Louie Bareng, and Jorge Agcaoili.

During the gathering, Clem Mariano took the opportunity to meet the members and disseminated the following matters:

- Approved subsistence for class '64 golfers participating tournament of classes.
- Informed the class on status of class fund.
- Reiterated the following policy provisions as approved by the class:
 - a. Class '64 fund shall no longer provide financial donations (e.g. golf tournament, scholarship, etc..)



b. Traditional cash gift in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) given to class members during Christmas Party is cancelled.

c. Existing one time support for Hospitalization still remains.

d. One time "abuloy" support for members and expenses still remains.

e. Participation of class member in PMA Alumni homecoming shall be on member's individual account, however streamers will be supported

in the amount of not more than Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00)

Three of our classmates represented the class during the Alumni home-coming. Unfortunately the class golf team was not able to qualify since only three namely Rey Reyes, Abe de Guzman and Jimmy Valeros played. Too bad we were not able to maintain our being senior champion. Rey Reyes was the carrier of our class color during the parade.

The ladies organized a mini pilgrimage at Lucban, Quezon province last March

9-10, 2017. Among those who attended were Rey and wife Reyes, Billy and wife Villareal, Jorge and wife Agcaoli.

Ladies who were also present were Glo Veloso, Lina Pilapil, Mini Bas, and Mrs. Cortez.

Birthday Greetings to the following March – April Celebrants:

- Nonoy Saludares April 06
- Buddy Peran April 21

May you have many more birthday celebrations to come.

MA LEONARDO
President
EP NARTATEZ
Secretary

Greetings from the PMA MULAWIN CLASS of 1965 and welcome to the Long Gray Line PMA SALACNIB CLASS 2017, the Class with the most number of females in the top 10 with one of them the Number 1 and Valedictorian in their class.

Just three (3) weeks into the year of the Fire Rooster our Class suffered another great loss with the death of POLICE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT WILFRED AURELIO NICOLAS (Ret.) who succumbed to a lingering illness which he battled courageously and with all his might up

to the end. His death came after arriving from the U. S. where he visited for the last time his two (2) sisters who are both based there.. Willy breathed his last on January 22, 2017 in the presence of his family: Wife Ching; Daughters Dra. Caroline Vinarao and Carina Nicolas and son Atty Ferdinand S Nicolas and two grandchildren. A three (3) day wake was done at the Loyola Chapels, Commonwealth Ave., Quezon

City where there were masses daily with the last day which was Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 reserved with another mass and necrological services to honor Mulawin Willy.. The Mulawins were in full force in attending during the wake and during the Necro service and in extending their condolences and in providing comfort and assistance to Ching and family. The PMA Mulawin Class 1965 attendees were Class





Prexy Mike and Elvie Leonardo; Rolly and Sussy Cauton; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Pepe and Lyn Delos Santos; Vi Santos; Boy and Vicky E Turingan; Joe and Janette Lapus; Jomari Solquillo; Susan Abesamis; Roger and Gloria Bergado; Bert and Donna Acenas; Egay and Dina Velasco; Jess and Boots Candelario; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Enri and Celia Bulan; Noli and Chit Fabic Annie

Ortiz; Vicky de Leon and Lito and Mely Tapia.

In accordance with his wish the body of, Willy was brought to Laoag City on the 25th of Jan., travelling by land on a 6 X 6 and arriving thereat in the morning of January 26, 2017. Another three (3) day wake was done there, in the Northwestern University where Willy served as the Chairman of the Board for

many many years with the last two or three as Chairman Emeritus. Interment was on the 30th day of January 2017. The Mulawins who represented the class were Mike Leonardo; Rolly Cauton; Ricky Papay; Egay Velasco; Vi Santos and Tates and Lynn Nartatez. Grave side honors were provided by the Provincial Police Office of Ilocos Norte with the Provincial Police Director, PSSUPT JOSE MELENCIO C NARTATEZ, PMA 92, representing the Chief PNP in handing over to the widow Mrs. Ma. Concepcion S Nicolas the Philippine Flag representing the country that Willy had served for many years with honor and loyalty.

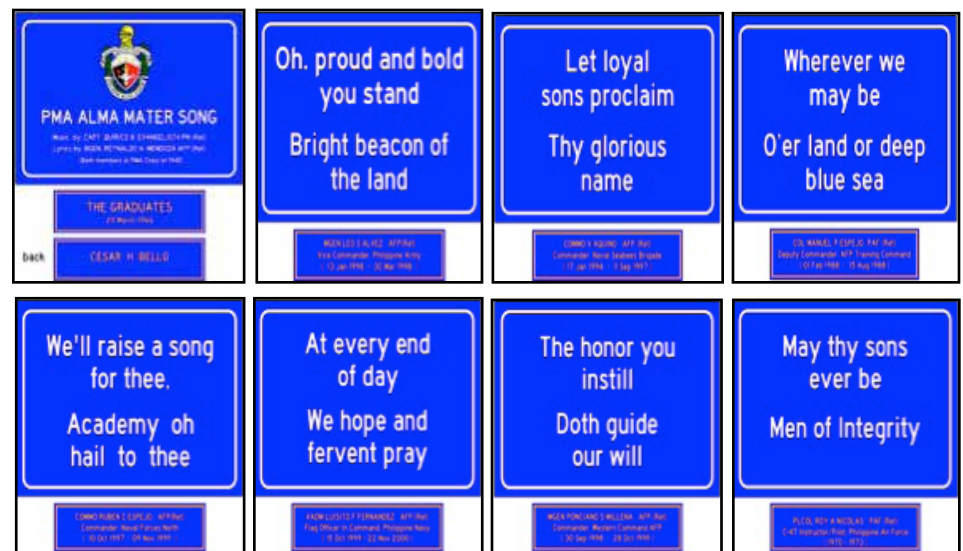
This March 28, 2017, we will celebrate our 52nd Graduation Anniversary with a dinner and this will coincide with our regular get together party for our 1st Quarter Birthday celebrants. Am sure this will be another grand affair of the class with a very big attendance.

For the Birthday Celebrators this March and April, we wish you all a HAPPY HAPY BIRTHDAY: Igna Santos (+) -- Mar 10; Pepe delos Santos -- Mar 10; Jun Arque --Mar 15; Mon Azurin -- Mar 22; Romy Padiernos (+) -- Mar 31; Warren Capitan -- April 1; Ferdie Llapitan (+) == April 1; Frenzy Fernandez (+) -- April 18 and Jomari So;quillo -- April 22. To all of you holders of dual Citizenships, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!/ epn.



PAMBUNGAD

Noong nakaraang 2016 Alumni Homecoming, ipinagdiwang ng Class 1966 ang kanilang ika-50 anibersaryo ng pagtatapos (20 March 1966), bilang Golden Jubilarians na ginawaran ng PMA ng medalyang ginto bilang pagkilala sa pagiging malakas at buhay pa pagkaraan ng maraming taon. Sa katunayan, sila ay sumama sa "Trooping the Line" at umani ng palakpak sa mga nadaanang higit na batang Cavaliers. Marami rin ang dumalo sa homecoming, kasama na ang mga naninirahan sa Amerika. Humigit kumulang sa 100 ang umakyat sa Baguio, kabilang ang mga biyuda, anak at apo. Maituturing na ang pagkakataong iyon ang isa sa mga



matagumpay, makabuluhan at masayang pagtitipon ng Class 1966, salamat sa tulong ng mga kasapi na nag-sponsor ng malaking gastusin.

These signages, located upon entry and before exiting Fort del Pilar gate, serve to educate visitors on cadet traditions.

THE PAST EVENTS IN PICTURE.

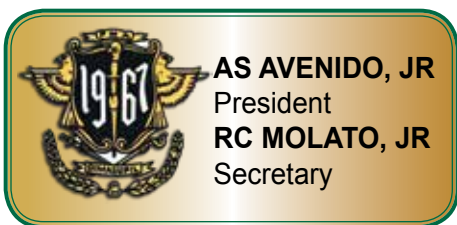
During the past months, there were significant events participated in by The Class which were not yet featured in the Class Call, starting with the 2017 Alumni Homecoming. Only partially discussed



last issue was the setting up of signages of the Plebe Song and Alma Mater Song; the rehabilitation and conversion of the old Class'56 Alumni Monument (with the permission of Class 56) into the Prayer Monument containing The Cavalier and Saint Michael The Archangel Prayers; the replacements of old statues situated along the sides of the PMA Chapel damaged by a typhoon by statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Virgin Mary and the putting up of the statue of St. Ignatius de Loyola in front of the Chapel. Not yet featured, but very pioneering,



Members of Sixty-six Veterans and Associates register for the annual meeting and the medical consultation (left frame); VFP Chairman Col Bonifacio de Gracia PA (Ret) delivers his message (center frame); newly elected directors pose for posterity (right frame).



Class Activities

A. The following were our activities for the January – February 2017 period:

10 January—Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF), hosted by Jun - Agnes Avenido, Vic – May Garcia, Bobby – Penny Lastimoso, Edsel – Toto Salvana, and Joseph – Reina Young, was held at Passion Restaurant, Maxim Hotel, Resorts World, Pasay City. During the meeting, we finalized our preparations for our Golden Jubilee Homecoming in Baguio.

13 January – Many Dimasupils attended the BIRCI Annual Membership Meeting at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. The BIRCI is the PMAAAI Chapter where we belong.

28 January – Seventeen Dimasupils attended the PMAAAI Annual Convention at the AFP Theater and AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. Our delegation was very much bigger than those of most of the other

SEC on 10 May 2002, with all members of the Class as members. However, upon reaching age 65, they were supposed to become members of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines by paying P500 as annual due. So far, only 16 sixty-sixers are members of VFP.

Last 23 February 2017, the Association held an annual meeting of members and election of directors at the Outpatient Clinic, Veterans Center, Taguig City. (The membership is now open to all veterans, regardless of rank, including widows). Elected as directors, and later during the meeting as officers of the nine-member board were Michaelangelo Siscar, President; Filomeno Garcia Jr., Vice-President; Artemio Arugay, Auditor/Acting Secretary; Fredelino S. Bautista, Ponciano S. Millena, Ramon Eugenio Jr.; Ruben Espejo and Pacifico Lorenzo, directors.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Many sixty-sixers and their spouses were born in the summer months of March and April. Happy Birthday to the following sixty-sixers and spouses:

For March- Temi Arugay, Romy Bruce, Joey Escarcha, Bay Neis, Bert Varona, Dora Parreñas, Susan Gador, Fe Cuison, Mercy Dauz and Leonor Espejo.

For April- Mars Cordova, Gerry Cunanan, Joey Escarcha, Noli Espejo, Bay Galon, Luz Baylon, Edna Gopilan, Fe Sabularse and April Fernandez.

May you be ready and fit for our Diamond Graduation Anniversary, fellow senior citizens!

classes. Jun Avenido presided over the meeting, with Vice President Leni Robredo as the Guest of Honor and Speaker (GOHAS).

17 February – President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (PRRD) hosted a private dinner for the Dimasupils and their families, numbering 320, at the Cordillera Convention Hall, Baguio Country Club, Baguio City. The event was originally planned to be held at the Presidential Mansion grounds but Mistah Rody thought that the very cold weather outside would not be friendly to us senior citizens and also to our young grandchildren, so he decided to transfer the venue. Jun Avenido, as Class President, in his welcome remarks and introduction of the host, thanked PRRD on behalf of the Class for the latter's generosity and for the "experience of a lifetime." PRRD, in his speech, told the attendees that he would not commit acts that would dishonor the Class. He offered the Dimasupils jobs as members of different Boards so they "would not get bored." He also granted "photo ops" to all attendees by group.

18 February – In the morning, we joined the Alumni Homecoming Parade in PMA as the Golden Jubilarians. The uniforms of the Dimasupils and Ladies were outstanding as they assembled for the awarding of the Golden Medallion and for the trooping the line. The Dimasupil brats, on their part, wore a distinctive patch on their shirts. PRRD was formally adopted as Honorary Member of PMAAAI. Jun Avenido, this time as PMAAAI Chairman, introduced PRRD as the GOHAS. In his speech, Mistah Rody remarked, "I am an adopted member of Dimasupil Class 1967, that is already honor enough, but to be formally adopted by the PMAAAI is a double honor."

After the Parade, the families of Jun – Agnes Avenido and Diony – Bennie Ventura hosted our Class Lunch together with our families at the Fortune Restaurant, Paragon Hotel in Baguio.

In the afternoon, we attended the Wreath-Laying Ceremony for the departed Cavaliers at the PMA Memorial Park. Jun Avenido, the keynote speaker, offered the wreath on behalf of the PMAAAI.

We then proceeded to the PMA Superintendent's Reception at the Lopez Hall wherein our Class was one of the honorees. The Superintendent presented our Class with a big picture frame

containing our Class pictures in 1967 and in 2017.

19 February – Mistah Fr Fernando Suarez officiated a Holy Mass for PMA Class 1967 at 0730H at the Crown Legacy Hotel. Many testified that they were cured of their ailments after having been touched by him.

B. Watch out for our schedule for the March – April 2017 period, onwards, as follows:

19 March – DMF to be hosted by Manny-Maryrose Dalipe, Jun-Ronnie Ibay, and Nic-Glo Parena at the AFP Museum, Camp Aguinaldo. In case we have forgotten it, it was on this day 50 years ago when we graduated from PMA.

April – DMF to be hosted by Nenie Abendan, Alice Averilla, Ernie-Dinsay Dionisio, Orville-Linz Gabuna, Rudy-Gracie Gaerlan, Mar- Mel Gatmaitan, and Bert-Ruby Torres.

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

June - DMF to be hosted by Ross and Mandy Sibal.

Updates on the Dimasupils

William "Gorio" Geier attended our Golden Homecoming, the first homecoming he ever attended after our graduation 50 years ago. We could hardly recognize him just as he did not recognize most of us. Unfortunately, he came alone, since his wife had to stay home in Frankfurt, Germany due to difficulty in walking.

Romy and Frediz Enriquez were in Manila last February. They wanted to join us in Baguio but his doctor would not allow him to go up due to his heart condition. They are now based in Corinth, Texas, USA.

Updates on our Families

Zamboanga City Congressman Mannix Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, donated 200 pieces of Dimasupil t-shirts (100 blue and 100 white). They were distributed during the 2017 Homecoming in Baguio.

Birthday Celebrators

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in March and April: Sonyang Austria (4 March), Lea Vallejera (5), Ching Aguana (8), Josie Dela Cruz (12), Nic Parena (20), Jun Ibay (21), Bennie Ventura (21), Rody Duterte (28), Mely Gatmaitan (30), Manny Dalipe (31), Alice Averilla (9 April),

Mila Pinto (9), Nenie Abendan (12), Carol Rigor (12), Baby Alino (13), Bert Torres (16), Eve Villacorta (17), Rudy Gaerlan (18), Orville Gabuna (20), Mar Gatmaitan (26), and Dinsay Dionisio (28).

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

Announcement

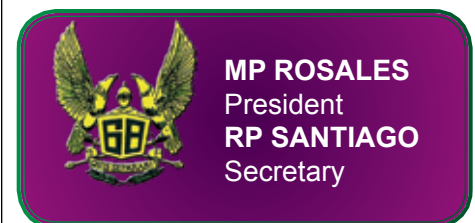
The Golden Sword Committee, headed by Ross Sibal and Mar Santiago, has come out with the first draft for our editing. Please make sure to see it before it is sent for final printing.

Fr. Fernando Suarez is planning to organize a pilgrimage to the Holy Land exclusively for interested members of PMA Class 1967 and families this September. We will disseminate the details in due time.

Class Trivia

We have been congratulated for a very successful celebration of our Golden Jubilee in Baguio. Thanks to the Hotel and Food Committee headed by Jun Avenido and Diony Ventura, Transportation Committee headed by Jun Ibay and Abe Din, and Uniform Committee headed by Serge Austria and Bernie Patino. Let us now start preparing for our Diamond Jubilee 10 years from now.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



PMAAAI General Assembly Meeting and Convention

On January 28, 2017, twelve (12) class members attended the PMAAAI convention at the AFP Theatre with VP Leni Robredo as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. The CMs present were Mel Rosales, Willy Nuqui, Nori Azcueta, Sonny Penilla, Bobby Santiago, Art Carrillo, Jing Caballero, Tony Sierra, Rudy Rabago, Oskie Cabaron, Cris Francisco and Alex Costales.

After the convention, the class took advantage of the lunch at the AFPCOC and held a short meeting to discuss forthcoming activities like the Alumni Homecoming and the Graduation Anniversary mass and dinner which was



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MANIFESTO OF PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE

We, the members of the Philippine National Alumni Association (PMAAAI), many of whom are occupying key positions in the Philippine National Government, the Philippine National Government entities in the civilian government and private industry, and the Philippine National Government entities in the military, uphold the Constitution and defend our country.

We affirm our unwavering support for our Commander-in-Chief, for his initiative against corruption and criminality in general, and against heinous crimes and terrorism, and for his pursuit of peace and justice.

We call on all Filipino citizens to support our government in governing the country toward the attainment of peace and prosperity.

Finally, we hereby express our readiness to support the call of the President during his inauguration: *now ask everyone, and I mean everyone, to join in the pursuit of a better and brighter tomorrow.*"

Signed for and on behalf of the members:

Anselmo S. Avenido, Jr.
ANSELMO S. AVENIDO, JR.
 PMAAAI Chairman and CEO

Attested by:
Christopher T. ...
CHRISTOPHER T. ...
 Colonel, Corporate Secretary



ALUMNI PARADE (18 February 2017)

1. Arrival honors for President Rodrigo Duterte, Guest of Honor during the PMA Alumni Homecoming on 18 February 2017 at Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. At extreme right is PMA Superintendent LtGen Donato B San Juan II, PMA Class '84.
2. At the Sun Dial, President Duterte takes time to pose with the PMA Superintendent and the Academy's faculty and staff, PMAAAI Chairman Cav Anselmo S Avenido '67 and SND Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73.
3. The Commander-in-Chief, President Duterte, stands to acknowledge the presentation of troops at the start of the ceremonies at the Grandstand, Borromeo Field.
4. From left to right, Cav Avenido, President Duterte, PMA Superintendent San Juan and SND Lorenzana, render the salute as the National Anthem is played.
5. Cavalier Award recipients line up in front of the Grandstand. From left to right: Cav Jose C Lapus '65, Alumni Affairs; Mrs. Teresita Pangantihon, widow of the late Cav Vicente C Pangantihon '68, Special Field; Cav Mario A Avenido '81, Private Enterprise; Cav Galileo GR Kintanar Jr '85, Command & Administration; Cav Guillermo A Molina Jr II '86, Staff Functions; Cav Roberto B Fajardo '87, Police Operations; Cav Siegfred B Mison '87, Public Administration; Cav Ernesto O Baldovino '91, Naval Operations; Cav Fermin M Carangan '92, Air Operations; Cav Felix RB Babac '93, Army Operations; Cav Joseph M Coyne '94, Coast Guard Operations; and Cav Reynir S Nirza '02, Special Operations.
6. Class '57 President Cav Dionisio S Tan-gatue Jr receives from President Duterte the symbolic medallion for the class as Diamond Jubilarians, after which, their spouses presented their individual medallions at the grandstand.
7. President Duterte administers the oath of office of the new PMAAAI Board for AY 2017-2018, headed by Chairman Cav Melchor P Rosales '68 (extreme right), followed by President Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88.
8. Substantive portions of the Manifesto of Support (some whereases omitted due to limited space) presented to President Duterte by the PMAAAI through Chairman Avenido, affirming the alumni's vow to uphold the Constitution and expressing support for the advocacies of the government.
9. The President reads his message after a brief introduction of Chairman Avenido (Full text of his speech on page 10 of the Cavalier Magazine).
10. Refusing to ride the "White Carabao", President Duterte troops the Cadet Corps, flanked by the Cadet Brigade Staff, PMA Superintendent San Juan, SND Lorenzana, Chairman Avenido and the PMAAAI Board of Directors
- 11-12. The Diamond Jubilarians (Class '57) and Golden Jubilarians Class '67) in their matching class attire keep in step as they troop the line of cadets.



SUPPORT FOR RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE

...Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. ... leadership positions in the Armed Forces ... Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, and ... private sectors, cognizant of the new political ... try, do hereby affirm our solemn vow to ... ntry and people.

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ACTIVITIES

WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY (18 February 2017)

- 13. In late afternoon of 18 February 2017, Chairman Avenido is accorded arrival honors during the wreath-laying at the Alumni Memorial to honor the departed alumni.
- 14. PMA Chaplain leads the prayer in memory of departed alumni whose names are inscribed on the marble walls of the Memorial.

PMAAAI TURN-OVER CEREMONY (01 March 2017)

- 15. Outgoing Chairman Avenido congratulates incoming Chairman Rosales after receiving the symbolic gavel of chairmanship during the turn-over ceremony at the PMA Alumni Center Boardroom, Camp Aguinaldo, on 01 March 2017
- 16. Newly assumed Chairman Rosales presents a memento from the Board to outgoing Chairman Avenido, a book-bound compilation of Cavalier Magazines during Association Year 2016-2017.
- 17. Cav Raymundo Logan '62 is all smiles as he receives from Cav Rosales ownership documents for a Cal. 45 pistol donated by ARMSCOR which he won during the raffle for prizes not claimed during the Alumni Convention on 28 January 2017. The raffle was held during the turn-over ceremony (Lucky cavalier, he just bought one of the 1000 tickets two days before).

PMA GRADUATION (12 March 2017)

- 18-19. President Duterte congratulates and presents diplomas and academic awards to graduating cadets on 12 March 2017 at the Borromeo Field Grandstand, assisted by PMA Superintendent San Juan and Commandant of Cadets BGen Gen P Del Rosario, Class '85.
- 20-21. Class 2017 Valedictorian, Cadet Rovi Mariel Martinez, delivers her valedictory address; graduating cadets, as they throw their shakos into the air (It used to be cadet caps that were thrown up) in jubilation at being "cadets no more."

CALL ON CHIEF PNP (20 March 2017)

- 22. Cav Rosales presents a memento to CPNP Director General Ronald M dela Rosa, Class '86, during the call on him by the PMAAAI Board of Directors on 20 March 2017, at his office in HQ, PNP, Camp Crame, as PMAAAI President Leuterio and PMAAAI Vice Chairman Cav Jaime de los Santos '69 look on.
- 23. The visiting Board members strike a pose for posterity with the host, after their call.



Likewise, Tess Pangantihon received the posthumous award of Dodong who was recognized for his special work on Literature and Literacy advocacy among the cultural minorities. The group had Japanese dinner on Feb 17 and buffet lunch on Feb 18 at the Baguio Country Club and dinner after the Saturday afternoon mass on same day at Rose Bowl Restaurant.

Pangasinan trip on Mar 7, 2017

Upon invitation of Vice Governor Ferdie Calimlim, son of the late Pepe and Tina, 25 CMs and ladies assembled in two groups in Kagitingan Golf in Fort Bonifacio and at DND lobby driveway in Camp Aguinaldo at 5 AM on Mar 7, 2017. Those who boarded a van hired by the class in Fort Bonifacio were Alex (who served as bus commander) & Shirley, MJ & Bernie, Abe, Cris, Art C, Celia, Tess, Hilda and Tita. Those who rode in the DND mini-bus provided by SND Lorenzana upon the request of Volts and Nori were Volts & Rhodie, Nori & Candy, Willy & Isay, Bobby & Purita, Oskie & Gigi, Rudy & Arlene, and Sonny who served as bus commander. Julie who intended to stay overnight in her home province of Pangasinan brought her own car and joined the convoy in Camp Aguinaldo. The group stopped at Marilao Petron station along NLEX for breakfast where some van riders transferred to the mini-bus.

set on Mar 12, 2017 while MJ and Bernie De Leon are still in town. (Note: the date was later moved to Mar 16 after the PMA graduation was advanced to Mar 12).

Alumni homecoming, 2017

The class was ably represented during the Annual Alumni Homecoming on Feb 18, 2017. The participating 10 CMs and 13 ladies were Mel & Millete, Willy & Isay, MJ & Bernie, Nori & Candy, Volts & Rhodie, Rudy & Arlene, Dante & Julie, Alex & Shirley, Cris, Patrick, Celia, Cecille, Hilda, Tita, and Tess P. Alex again served as bus commander of the van hired by the class for those who did not bring their cars.

The event was especially significant for the class as President Duterte who served as the Guest of Honor & Speaker, administered the oath of office of the incoming members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors led by Mel as Chairman and Rudy as one of the members of the Board.

The group reached the Our Lady of Manaoag Cathedral at 9 AM and heard mass thereat. After the mass, the group was received by Ferdie at the Museum where an informal briefing was presented by church workers. From the Cathedral, Ferdie escorted the group to the Calimlim compound in Mapandan while waiting for the go-signal from the Ciudad Elmina restaurant in Dagupan City where lunch was being prepared. At the Calimlim compound, the visiting group presented a copy of the latest PMA Alumni Register to Ferdie as a token of gratitude of the class to Ferdie for his invitation and his continuing involvement in class activities despite the loss of Pepe and Tina.

After the sumptuous lunch at Ciudad Elmina where the group met its owner, former Dagupan Mayor and former BID Commissioner Alipio Fernandez, Ferdie escorted the group to the beautiful Pangasinan Capitol building in the equally beautiful City of Lingayen. A guided tour was given in the different offices of the Capitol and the Governor's palace in the big Capitol grounds fronting the famous Lingayen beach.

Ferdie prepared giveaways to all visiting couples, widows, Art C and other stag CMs consisting of bangus, Puto, peanut brittle and mangoes. It was indeed a very enjoyable trip!.



What a wonderful surprise for 2017! Tita and son Carlo Yala graced the breakfast treat of Tom L. and Garrick RJ at the Club Filipino on January 23, 2017 after a long absence. The regulars; Lily G., Ike and yours truly, Nonoy and Mone, Jus and Ellen, Mon M., Vic E., Joey S., Lulu minus Jimmy, Jess and Olive, Cleo and Vivs; were certainly the happier to see them. The gents' very animated discussions circled around the coming Baguio trip, the class finances, and the Golden Sword while the ladies' conversations delved into travels, grandkids, and memorial plans. Lulu shared with pride the beautiful products of the creative hobbies of daughter Grace in photos. The gathering ended with the ladies hugging Carlo for being the quietest gentleman of the morning.

February ushered the much awaited PMA Homecoming which augured well for making new friends and reconnecting with friends of long ago. Really, we should be grateful for friendship, one of God's best gifts. Forming the class delegation were Nonoy and Mone C., Jimmy and Lulu D., Ike and yours truly, Rey and Inday B., Cleo and Vivs E., Benjie and Meg D., Vic E., Garrick RJ, Lily with daughter Nikki, son-in-law Chris, and grandson Noah. Thursday was a warm-up round of golf for some of the Suaviteres. Friday was a free day so the Erfes headed to Mt. Sto. Tomas for lunch, Garrick and company to Bencab's resto in Asin, and Mone to the sights of Baguio with her 93 year old but still energetic mom and sister. I tagged along with Lulu to the market in Mines View Park and the Good Shepherd Convent for my favorite Alfajor cookies. For lunch on Friday we congregated at the Le Monet Hotel in John Hay for an unexpected treat from Benjie and Meg. The spirits were courtesy of Rey. The cold Friday evening found us at the new Infinity area of the Baguio Country Club. There was a lot of picture-taking which gave Cleo materials to post on the

Suaviter website to share with those who could not join us.

Saturday was the big day. We left early for Loakan to avoid the traffic which everybody was also thinking of. Go figure the outcome. Lucky for us someone important paved the way for us and resourceful Vivs already "commandeered" seats for us at the grandstand where I made new friends and reconnected with those I have not seen in a while.

February could not bow out of the calendar until another breakfast treat from Jus and Ellen M. at the Pancake House at McKinley Hill on February 27, 2017. It was the birthday of February born Ellen and the welcome party of sorts for Smokey C. who joined us minus Baby. There to welcome Smokey and greet Ellen were Nonoy and Mone, Greg and Jepoy, Ike and yours truly, Jake D., Mon M., Benjie and Meg, Willy W., and Boy M. However, at pay time Smokey gamely announced that he was footing the

bill as a treat to the class after a very long absence. In fact, it was the first time he attended the class gathering.

It must be said that reunions are necessary if only to give us an update on how our friends currently look. I would not recognize Smokey if I bumped into him in some mall in the US. Well, neither did he recognize me. "Kaya amanos na kami." Smokey proudly showed off the pictures of his "apos" who are east and west in appearance. The boy takes after his Italian father while the girl looks very oriental.

We sang the birthday song as Ellen blew her candle on a pancake. The girls talked of pensions and new lovers and agreed to tackle the design of the 2019 uniform in the next meeting. The boys were focused on the Golden Sword. Ike, Nonoy, Jake, and Smokey segued the breakfast with a round of golf in Villamor and talks that lasted until dinner. Whew! Golfers!



Smokey at the February 2017 class breakfast meeting at Pancake House, Mckinley Hills.



The Suaviteres at the parade ground behind the Class color ready to troop the line.



Breakfast at Club Filipino hosted by Tom



Golf with Baguio City Mayor Doomongan at the Country Club



Dining at Café at the Ruins in Baguio



After dinner at The Infinity Baguio Country Club.



Alumni Homecoming 2017

Two Magitings represented the Class during the Alumni Homecoming Parade last 18 February. Roy Cimatu and Rudy Garcia made sure there would be marchers behind the class banner as the alumni trooped the line led by the Commander-in-Chief, President Rodrigo Duterte, who joined the Golden Jubilarian Class of '67, of which he is an adopted member. The occasion also saw his being inducted as an honorary member of the PMA alumni association. Roy had a talk with the C-in-C at the Longayban Hall just before the start of ceremonies at the grandstand. Among other things, he was told to join the forthcoming presidential trip to the Middle East in his capacity as special envoy to the region.

An observation much heard from alumni: every year sees the spectacle of the ever lengthening line of marchers during the homecoming parade. There will come a time that Borromeo Field will be

cramped with alumni who ritually trek to Loakan every February. Consequentially, the longer the line of marchers, the longer it will take to finish the march and the program. This is not to mention the terrible traffic caused by the heavy volume of vehicles going to the Academy and returning back after the ceremonies. Some hard thinking should be made on how to address this or we shall face the prospect of the parade ground 'bursting to the seams', as it is now already being felt, and an increasingly clogged traffic, to boot, on the roads leading to and from the Academy. We managed to beat the onrush of exiting alumni by leaving ahead of the pack to catch an evening event in Manila.

Be that as it may, every occasion to visit the Academy's hallowed grounds is an experience to cherish. It is always a refreshing and pleasant occasion to be with fellow alumni and relive the bygone days of youth spent in a world so unlike any other, where dreams for the future took shape.

Anya's Coming Out Celebration

Nesty and Au Carolina were beaming parents as their daughter Anya celebrated her eighteenth birthday in the genteel ambiance of the Manila Polo Club's Turf Room. The debutante's circle of friends,

relatives and the Magitings and their ladies, all had a good time partaking in Anya's happy coming of age. Easily the emotional highlight of the night was Nesty's serenading Anya with the Nat King Cole classic "Unforgettable". Anya learned the song while still a kid from her Dad's singing her to sleep. Anya has grown to be a lovely, smart and talented young lady. Those who attended were Roy and Ning, Mao and Ding, Clyde and Susan, Julius and Tess, Eloy and Ludy, Enzong and Nancy, Ernie and Cecille, Egay and Nene, Rudy and Cecille, Dina G, Amy V and Pipao M.

Hospital Visit to Bobby Garcia

Some members of the Class visited Bobby Garcia last 25 February at the Veterans Hospital where he had been confined for some time now for his kidney ailment and other complications. He recently suffered a stroke from which, thankfully, he is now quickly recovering from. He is now able to walk and speak with more ease. His situation is improving progressively with his physical rehab sessions. The planned kidney transplant will however have to wait until he recovers fully and finds a new donor. Unfortunately, the earlier would-be donor had backed out and some time will be needed to find another one. What keeps Bobby going is his remarkably strong resolve to tough it out. The strong support from his loved ones and the persistent prayers of friends and family help in a big way too. Those who gave Bobby their well-wishes were Nesty, Irwin, Sayong, Roy, Egay, Eloy, Primo, Vic, Jack and Rudy. Nesty is seeing to it that Bobby, as with other patients at the Veterans Hospital, gets the proper medical care and support.

The First Wednesday Club

The Magiting ladies' marked their March gathering with the usual Mass at St



Glenn and Josie Rabonza's Thanksgiving celebration



Anya Carolina turns eighteen!



Golf Lunch at Veterans with vacationing Irwin and Sayong

Michael's Church at Fort Bonifacio and lunch at nearby Kuya's restaurant along Bayani Road. Birthday celebrants for the month were Ludy Garcia and Remy Gojo. A couple of the husbands, dutifully driving their wives to the gathering, also joined in. The ladies did not seem to mind the presence of Sonny, Enzong, Eloy, Glenn, Gojs, Jack and Dionet so long as they kept their peace in their corner.

The April get-together will be at the Cimatu residence at AFPOVAI. Mass is at St Michael's. Birthday girls of the month are Neneng Daluyaya, Len Ligot and Monang Santiago. Husbands are (hooray!) also invited.

Magiting Golfers' Recap

We fielded seven players in the 1st Quarter edition of the Corps of the 70's Tournament last 24 March. It was a five-to-count handicap play held at the Navy Golf Course. The Team did not manage to enter the winners' circle but promises to do better the next time around. Nothing was heard about anybody in the Team bagging a raffle prize. Really tough luck our guys had!

Vacationing mistahs Irwin and Ernie joined the 25 February regular class golf at the Veterans course. Whenever both have breaks in their busy schedule of

travels, visits and meetings with friends, associates and relatives, they made sure to join the regular golf games of the class.

Some happy notes:

Congratulations to grandparents Nene and Egay Galvante on the arrival of a bouncing baby boy to daughter Leah and her hubby Randy. It was a difficult pregnancy and thank God Leah came out ok. And praises and thanks too to the Almighty for the normal results of Josie Rabonza's chest x-ray and blood tests. God is always good!

Enjoy the summer months people!



WA CRUZ JR
President
JC LALISAN, JR
Secretary

Class Fellowships

Last February 5, the class had its pre-Valentine Party at the residence of Egay and Mawie which was the most attended affair so far. This writer counted 46 Matatags and Mas-Matatags present. There was a group photo session after the lunch.

The Matatag Golfers had a mini golf tournament last 17 February in the Pinewoods Golf Course in Baguio City. Nine "bugo-bugos" participated in that event namely, Egay Aglipay, balikbayans Totoy Rivera and Archie Almario, Rollie Garcia, Ed Matillano, Rex Piad, Joey Lalisán, Bob Sacramento, and Jerry Albano. The group was divided into two teams based on their handicaps and the 9th man, Egay declared himself as the tournament director. He also donated four (4) jackets to the winning team and a boxful of golf balls for the low gross and low net winners. The weather was cooperative during the game. After almost 5 hours of play, the team of Rex, Ed Mati, Bobsac, and Joey won. Low gross winner was Archie while the low net winner was Ed Mati.

Last 21 February, another golf game was scheduled in the Navy. Those who played were Totoy, Archie, Beloy, Joey, Egay and Rex. Totoy Rivera won the money handicap game.

This was followed by another game on 23 February but this time, it was held in the Villamor Golf Course where Egay donated



some items as rewards to the lucky winners. Those who participated were Ed Mati, Teody Viduya, Boy Caste, Egay, Rex, Totoy, Joey, Bobsac, and Archie. Rex got the low gross award and won a red jacket, Archie won the low net and received some golf items, Joey won the Championship award and got a golf umbrella, while Egay

won as runner-up who got the golf shorts. Totoy was awarded a pair of golf shoes for hitting the longest drives in the fairways.

Alumni Parade

Sixteen Matatags joined the Alumni Parade last 18 February. Donned in their white jackets, light blue shirt, and black

caps, they trooped the long grey line of cadets without missing a step to the beat of the bass drum. Those who trooped the line were Wency Cruz, Ruben Domingo, Archie Almario, Totoy Rivera, Rollie Garcia, Marte Chioco, Joey Lalisán, Jerry Albano, Dong Tabamo, Dick de Leon, Rey Velasco, Art Lim, Edwin Abello, Rex Piad, Rey Velasco, Bob Sacramento, and Egay Aglipay.

Present among the Mas-Matatags were Puring Cruz, Malou Garcia, Lita Gil, Jennie Domingo, Tetet Chioco, Celia Lalisán, Verna Albano, Lulu Tabamo, Fim Velasco, Annie Lim, Luningning Abello, Eden Sacramento, and Mawie Aglipay.

After the Alumni Parade, the mistahs and their ladies had a good lunch hosted by Egay and Mawie at the residence of Mawie's brother, Rody, in front of the Loakan Airport. Since Egay and Mawie had to leave early to catch a dinner appointment in Manila, the class meeting was deferred.

Recollection

The Lenten Season is here. In its third year, the class has a Recollection Session last 14 March which was held again in Valle Verde IV. Father Edwin of the Valle Verde Chapel led the session who exhorted everyone to be still and take a good look of his/her life. He required every participant to bless others which he calls "horizontal blessing" as the vertical one is directed to God. "Blessings make someone feel good," he said. He lectured on **Stewardship** by not being "I" centered but of service to others. In enjoying life, Father Edwin said that one has to live simply, speak kindly, care deeply, and love generously. He also touched on **Sharing** and not be selfish to share one's time, talent, and treasure. He cited **Service** as part of "feeling good". The session was not of preachy type but a conversational one. Complete with audio visuals and relatable examples of lessons in life, Father Edwin was successful in touching every participant's heart. It was not a boring session but a lively one. I observed that nobody got sleepy. There were some who shared after the lecture of Father Edwin. They were Manny Foronda, Joey Lalisán, Wency Cruz, Celia Lalisán, Sara Paredes, and Lulu Tabamo. Before the session ended, Father Edwin came up with a sort of a challenge that the success of the recollection was not inside the session

room but in the outside world where the lessons learned should be practiced.

There was a mass held after a 5-minute break time. The mass was dedicated to Robbie Yan, the brother of Mawie, who succumbed to kidney complications last 13 March in Baguio City. The mass was also for our 19 mistahs and 6 Mas-Matatags who had departed.

Those who attended the Recollection and Mass were couples Jinggoy and Oca, Aris and Nina, Lulu and Dong, Joey and Celia, Romy and Elbe, Dania and Chato, Boy and Barrie, Wency and Puring and Bert and Marmie. Others who participated were Fim, Lita, Jennie, Aleli, Verna, Totoy, Forong, and of course, Egay.

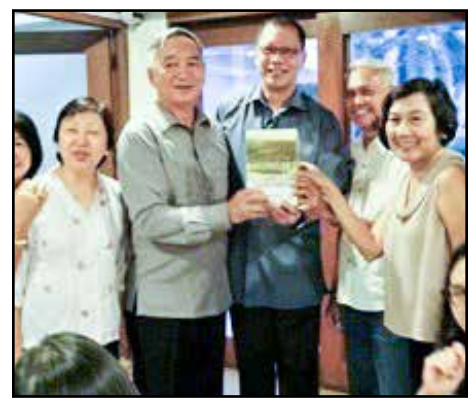
Class Meetings

The first quarter general class meeting was held last 5 February. This was attended by 18 Matatags. Among others, discussed during the meeting were the preparations to the Homecoming Affair in Baguio like billeting, uniform, and golf venue. Updates on EO 201 were also taken up and board resolutions were ratified by the class.

Last 28 February, there was a class meeting held in Valle Verde IV and a turnover of the presidency from Bert Sillona of the PAF Group to Wency Cruz of the Navy Group was held. Bert Sillo thanked the class officers and all the classmates for their support during his 2-year stint as president. Wency, on the other hand, accepted the position and requested everybody for their all-out cooperation and expected team work during his term. Matters discussed were the status and disposition of the book authored by mistah Rollie Malinis "The Brothers", the updates on EO 201 and CONUSA's action about said EO, suggestions of mistah Aris delos Reyes of added activities for our Golden Anniversary in 2021, and updates on the class membership in PMAAAI and its affiliate organizations. Those who attended that meeting aside from Wency and Bert Sillo were Egay as VP for the PNP, Joey Lalisán as Secretary, Art Lim as Assistant secretary/PRO, Aris delos Reyes, Dong Tabamo, Boy Castellano, Manny Foronda, Jack Tan, and Rey Rivera.

Last 14 March, just before the Recollection Session, a class officers' meeting was held. Matters taken up was about the second edition of Rollie M's book, "The Brothers" where Class Prexy Wency reported that he had

communicated with mistah Rollie who agreed to do the continuation of the book on certain conditions. Wency informed him of the all-out support which included the financial, printing, editorial, handling, and storage which the latter will discuss with officers and the class. On the updates on the membership to PMAAAI and its affiliate organizations, Secretary Joey volunteered to get the data from the PMAAAI office. Other matters taken up were the added activities on or before the 2021 Golden Anniversary of the Matatag Class. Those officers who attended in said meeting were Wency, Egay, Bert Sillo, Dania, and Joey. Others who were present were Aris, Boy Caste, and Totoy.



Congratulations to Mistah Rey Velasco

Rey Velasco was recently appointed as MWSS Administrator last February and his new boss is the young and dashing DPWH Secretary Mark Villar, Egay Aglipay's son-in-law. Our congratulations to Rey and we hope the best for you. Sana bumaba ang presyo ng tubig..ha ha.



JP VIDAD JR.
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

Hello and warm greetings to all.

The first two (2) months of this year were very fulfilling and significant milestone for the Class particularly the month of February. Three (3) important events transpired during this month specifically the arrival of the remains of Mistah Bobby del Pilar from the US, the wedding of the decade of Vic Carag and his former girlfriend of forty(40) years and lastly the Alumni Homecoming which marked our 45th Year Anniversary. Here are the details of such events:

Last Taps for Mistah Bobby del Pilar:

The urn with the remains of our beloved Mistah Bobby del Pilar was brought here from the US by his dear wife Tessie last 01 Feb. for interment at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani, the rightful place for him. It was brought to mortuary of LNMB last 13 Feb for overnight vigil and necrological services prior to interment the following day. Glykes Sua, Eddie Adan and Bobby's friends and classmates from UP Vanguard delivered the eulogies. The necro services ended with the singing of Alma Mater song and rendering of final salute to Bobby by all Mistah who present during at the vigil.

Bobby's remains were finally laid to rest at LNMB at noon of 14 Feb complete with traditional military honors of gun salute and playing of TAPS by PA Band. Lunch was served later at PNCG for the immediate members of Bobby's family together with some Masigasig. We express our thanks to some Mistah (special mention to Rey Ochoza and Molong Narcida) who extended personal assistance to Tessie and her family before and after the interment of Bobby's remains.

The Wedding of the Decade, Vic & Boots:
"ATTENTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT SIRS, VIC CARAG HAS RE-MARRIED SIRS."
 Who? What?. Yes Sir, Vic Carag aka Vicksy

(Americanized nickname he he) and his former girlfriend of forty(40) years , Dr. Iluminada "Boots" Camagay were married last 12 Feb at Saint Michael Archangel Church near Malacanan Palace. It was a simple but solemn wedding ceremony attended by immediate members of their respective families and close friends. We are really very lucky and honored (Gene & Pilar Senga, Babes & Lucille Flores, Queck & Faith Ebuena, Fe and I) for being invited as witnesses to that important event in the lives of Vic and Boots. Everything happened so fast but most importantly they are now together, very much in love with each other. Really love is lovelier, the second time as destiny wanted it. Mabilis talaga si Vicksy, a true Charlie bug and a firm believer of the Company's philosophy: " I met her at 9, at 11 she is mine." How it happened is a long story and I'll be running out of space if I mention all the details here. While we were entering the church someone asked if the ongoing wedding is a golden anniversary. We said no, it is a normal wedding for two people in love. They looked at us amused and bewildered. By the way, Vic and Boots are inviting us during the baptism of their first love child. Be there. Ha ha ha.

The Alumni Homecoming: 45th Year Anniversary:

The highlight of our Class activity last February was the Alumni Homecoming which coincided with our 45th Year Anniversary. I tell you, it was a real success, one of the most attended events reminiscent of our Silver Anniversary in 1997. A total of ninety nine (99) Mistah and approximately twenty (20) dependents trekked to Baguio City to give meaning and credence to the occasion. We were happy to see and interact with some overseas Mistah (US & Canada): Jimmy Viernes, Dulce Bismonte, Willy & Lennie Mejia, Lino & Jeny Caringal, Elmer & Renee Ignacio, Roger & Annie Favis, Tony & Jojie Villarosa, Vicksy & Boots Carag and Tessie Del Pilar and daughter Julia. Hopefully they will be back during the future homecomings.

The traditional Post Valentine party was held last 17 Feb at Crown Legacy Hotel. We had the opportunity to introduce our overseas Mistah one by one and heard them spoke briefly about their thoughts. Likewise, Boots Carag was formally introduced and accepted as a new member of the elite club "Mas-masigasig Incorporated."

The most awaited portion of the Homecoming was the time -honored tradition cherished by all Cavaliers: the Alumni Parade. The Masigasig looked elegantly donning the dark blue suits, while the ladies, not to be outdone, were in their best matching blue attire looking beautiful and lovely as ever. Consistently, our class is one of the best in terms of yearly attendance (percentage wise) during homecomings. Let's maintain that distinction, folks. The annual class meeting and election of Class Officers followed after the sumptuous lunch at Bahay Masigasig, courtesy of Cong/ Mistah Jun Espino and Mistah Mely. Manny Teodosio was elected Class President-in Waiting for CY 2018-2019 after the term of Pepe Vidad. All the incumbent Class Officers and



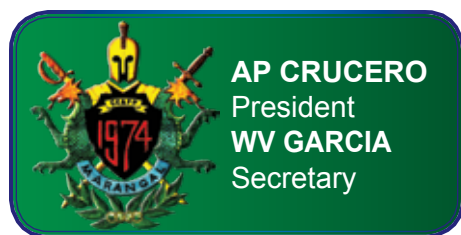
Directors were re-elected unanimously. Relatedly, Manny was also elected as a Director and Vice President/Chairman in his capacity as elected President in Waiting. Congratulations to our new set of class officers. Rest assured of our full support.

Birthday Greetings:

Our greetings and felicitations to the following birthday celebrators for the month of April: Lorna Abu, Nap Castro, Molong Narcida, Marvin Concha(Dec), Gigi Tagamolila, Edgar Paguio, Cristy Galang, Art Sabado, Rico Teves, Alyn Lacerna, Ressa Reyes, Nina Tor, Efren Guerero) Dec) and Doming Reyes.

Advance greetings also to our May celebrators: Cely Nobleza, Amy Brillantes, Lucille Flores, Lino Caringal, Angelito Santos, Marivic Aurelio, Nene Pestano, Roger Favis, Ed Gador, Grace Sta Clara. To all of you, Happy Birthday and may you more. Godspeed.

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



A. Marangal Outing and Golf

Sonny and Cecille Razon hosted a very successful overnight outing at Tipakan, Lipa and golf at Malarayat Golf Club on February 26-27, 2017. 15 golfers, 14 ladies and 3 non-golfers attended. They were: Ace and Ellen Tolentino, Vlady and Jojie Piento, Gani Galang, Damian Carlos, Jun and malou Noble, Tony and Nannete Ramos, Totoy and bong Cedo, Aji and Judy Gutierrez, Pons and Marilou Crucero, Ed and Maricel Doromel, Alex and Marian Pamplona, Ricky and Mita dela Paz, Rudy and Irene Obaniana, Amy Tolentino, Jess Bartolome, Lito and Malou Gutierrez, and Ramby Ramboanga.

As we get older, the biggest things that we will remember are the times that we spent with our friends, most especially with our Mistahs from the PMA. The good times are always good and we always know how to make the best out of everything. Some friends, things, and moments are

often fleeting, but the memories we make with our Mistahs will last for the rest of our lives. In fact, for me, the memories with them make up the majority of my memories, whether it be a golf game, a dinner out, dinner in, outing, or a chat over a cup of coffee, anything.

Vlad Punto:

"Yesterday was fun and memorable. Band of brothers sharing great times on the Fairways of Mt. Malarayat GC. The fun part was winning the much awaited, much delayed rubber match between Sonny R/ Amy T vs Tony Ra and myself. It was made memorable by the sumptuous dinner hosted by Cecille and Sonny R, who made sure that everyone left with more fond memories to look back to. Pure priceless moments!! To our gracious hosts Cecille and Sonny, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"

Tony Ramos:

"Sonny and Cecille, thank you for the hospitality. Yesterday was a day that will be told and retold over and over like in our Academy days. The Marangal standard is again raised up on camaraderie, partying and golfing. Fun and enjoyment is so great that will be remembered forever."

Pete Ramboanga:

"Thank Sonny and Cecille for the very sumptuous dinner. Alam niyo naman ako, bawal ang pasaway. Basta meron pagkain, di tinatangihan ang grasya. The non-stop flow of champagne is good for the health. Salamat din sa lunch sa Maralayay GC also charged to Sonny and appetizer na durian ni Ricky, sabi ni Pons, finger-licking good!"

Eugene Cedo:

"Sa dinner sa farm house ni Sonny, we were so full: paksiw na lechon, sugpo na alimango, ginataang puso ng saging, hito, tilapia, at marami pang iba, plus bottomless wines. Thank you Sonny!"

B. Pre-Valentine Masquerade Ball

The Marangal Ladies led by its President, Mistah Becky Aromin, met with us to solicit our support for their first (after a long time) activity: a pre-Valentine Masquerade Ball on February 9, 2017. While this is a fund raiser for our members, dependents and others who are in need, Prexy Becky also explained that it is also to foster and rekindle fellowship

and socialization among the Ladies as it will give everyone a reason to dress up and spend a romantic Valentines dinner.

Valentines is celebrated to show affection and care for the people they love and adore. They may arrange a romantic meal in a restaurant or give cards, letters, flowers or presents to their spouse or partner. For us, we held the Pre-Valentine Masquerade Ball last 9th of February, 2017 at the Philippine Army Officers Club, Taguig City. It was a huge success in terms of attendees, food, dances, and enjoyment that go with it. Congratulations to all Marangal Ladies, Cheers!

C. Welcome reception for US based Mistahs

Sonny Razon and Ace Tolentino organized a welcome reception for the US-based Mistahs and their wives in Lipa, Batangas on the 14th of February 2017 with the following activities:

Feb 14:

1100H – Lunch including Ladies at the Summit Golf Clubhouse, hosted by Ace Tolentino

1300H – Tee-off for Marangal Golfers/ Ladies tour of Lipa City

1900H – Valentine's Dinner at Barangay Tipakan hosted by Sonny Razon

Feb 15:

0700H – Tee-off Golfers at Malarayat Golf Club/Ladies Tour

1200H – Lunch including Ladies at Malarayat Golf Club hosted by \ Sonny Razon

1400H – Depart for Manila

Marangals and ladies who attended were Sonny and Cecille Razon, Ace and Ellen Tolentino, Tony and Nanette Ramos, Vlady and Jojie Punto, Elbon and Malou Noble, Pons and Marilou Crucero, Aji and Judy Gutierrez, Oca and Agnes Valenzuela, Boy and Chato Bernal, Gani and Gail Galang, Ricky and Mita De La Paz, Totoy Cedo, Ralph Amador, Damian Carlos, Jun Lopez, and Lito and Malou Gutierrez.

D. Birthday Greetings

On your special day, the Marangals wish you all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you be blessed abundantly on the days to come. May you all have a fantastic birthday and many more to come. Happy birthday!!!! You are



all declared at ease...

Load and load...

Special mention goes to Oca Valenzuela for celebrating his birthday on 26th February 2017 in the Holy Land (Bethlehem) where our Lord Jesus Christ was born. It was indeed a unique and rare birthday celebration. Congratulations Mistah!

January Celebrants

01 Jan – Manny Carta, 01 Jan – Abel Alonzo, 01 Jan – Mike Lopez, 04 Jan – Tito Cagurangan, 10 Jan – Toots Padilla, 17 Jan – Boie Seville, 20 Jan – Willy Dormitorio, 23 Jan – Boy Bernal, and 31 Jan – Pete Fernando.

February Celebrants

01 Feb – Oca De Guzman, 07 Feb – Horacio “Ace” Tolentino, 09 Feb – Edgardo Doromal, 09 Feb – Hermogenes C. Esperon Jr., 13 Feb – Benigno Cabrieto, 13 Feb – Romeo Mayo, 14 Feb – Lorenzo Luistro, 17 Feb – Roberto Sylim, 20 Feb – Joselito Tan, 26 Feb – Oscar Valenzuela, and 26 Feb – Felipe Valerio.

WA PALUGOD
 President
ED BOAC
 Secretary

After a long silence, the Makabayan Class has reemerged. But the silence did not mean that age is catching up and that they have been finally tamed and domesticated. Not all but only some. But before going any further, let it be known that the Makabayans had come up with a new set of officers.

Last December 8, 2016, by popular demand, Willy Palugod assumed a much greater responsibility, that of being the prexy who will stir the class into its 45th anniversary come 2020. His vice presidents are Raul Gonzales from the PNP, Jeff Sodosta from the Army, Dempo Maligalig, Airforce and Pete Magno, Navy.

Noe Wong was retained as Treasurer while Ernie Boac was appointed Secretary.

The election coincided with the yearly Christmas get-together of the not so young but neither so old Makabayans at the Shang Global City. Thanks to our past president Gerry Doria who, until the end of his term had made all of us experience a continuing “ambiance”.

The affair was a meeting of golfers, gulpers, non golfers and non gulpers, businessmen who seemed not satisfied of retiring at home but continue with their wise or otherwise activities, others who do not tire serving the country by way of trying to retire for the second time in government, and those who have accepted their fate of being always second-in-command and mastered the military art of “obey first before obeying the second time around”.

The gathering was followed by the first class meeting for the year last January 30, 2017 which coincided with the birthday

celebrations of January born mistahs’ better halves Baby Doria, Girlie Baltazar, Benie Pabalan, Myrna Castro, Angeli Cadungog, and Len Wong.

Let the Makabayan roll call begin. The honorable Mistah Ding Luna, who last served as ambassador to the Netherlands continues to serve the government as Usec DND. With him in government are Ray Roderos who assumed intelligence work at NSC that was left behind by Andy Mesa who ran and was elected mayor of his home town Alabat. He joined the circle of Mayor Benjie Tesoro of San Manuel, Tarlac who is now on his last term while his daughter is in her first and probably last term as vice-mayor of her father. Andy on the other hand is assured of a third term come next election. Also in politics is Benny Brizuela who is in his second term as councilor of Lucena City and Walter Villagonzalo, declared National Champion in Social Enterprise and recently elected city councilor of his adopted city in Australia.

Still, others in government are Jeff Sodusta of NICA and Dante Ganir who continue the environmental work in Davao Oriental that was left behind by the late mistah, Eul Baltazar.

Those who are not in government but do business with it are prexy Willy Palugod who deals on military hardware and Charlie Alejandrino, security services. True to the BIRC category description to which most of the Makabayans belong, many still find time to work, or do business or assumed high managerial positions in the private sector while at the same time enjoy the same life style as before they retired. Special mentions are Geary Barias who is into mining, Maning Mariano and Rene Navarro, security managers of private companies, Egay Baguio, Sen Arugay, Nap Cachuela and Dick Capuyan, farming, Leo Bernabe, lawyering in Subic Zambales, QJ Quijano and Nito Samuya, still flying international airlines, Rudy Petican who is contemplating to retire from flying and Pete Cadungog who is helping wife Angeli run a school.

A number of the Makabayans who migrated to other countries include Rey Ansay, Willy Bactad, Pepo Chanco, Romy Dayao, Isagani Garcia, Alex Geronimo, Benjie Gonzales, Alfredo Pamonag, Boni

Ramos, Osman Hernandez, Mike Rosales, Walter Villagonzalo and Clyde Claudio.

Hard to get and reach mistahs are Pip Danga, Rudy Guligado, Silver Ilagan, Raul Subala, Adrian Espera, Alex Aleo, Cesar Carranza, Art Gosingan, Jaime Silvestre, Rico Boromeo, Doming Flores, Mar Soriano, Noel Garcia, Jovie Narcise, May Santiago, Pabie Pabuayon, Luke Figueras, Pitong Tumada, and Manuel Gonzales. BTW, Jovie Narcise is considered the strongest running man not only of the class but of a generation as he still runs hundred of kilometers.

The Makabayan retirees may be categorized into two, ie those who are retired but are not tired and those who retired, pretend to be tired when at home but are actually indefatigable at the golf course. "Course" is not singular but a variety of continuing activities, known or unknown to the commander of the "concerned". The likes of the honorable Amba Noe Wong, Raul Gonzales, Dempo Maligalig, Ernie Boac, Dennis Regis and Willy Dulay are publicly known golfers and each of them still eyes attaining hole-in-one. There goes the saying that if physical prowess is the determinant of seniority, then these aces are still not qualified for the VAT free and 20% discount.

Noteworthy mentioning are Makabayans who are living true to their oath of allegiance and loyalty in the "service". Dante Ferrer, the Roderos twins, Ray and Ronald, Dick Capuyan, Pete Magno, Gerry Doria, Romy Tropicales, Nap Malana, Reuben Crisologo, Mandy Cunanan, Rey Ansay and Joseph Castro belong to this category.

On honoray members, the class counts on Benny Brizuela, Apol Lozada, Cris Moreno, Sabino Paculio, Larry Leyes, Rico Reyes, Corleto Lopez, Rem Cataluna, Rene Aguinaldo and Quintin Quitlong. With the exception of Benny Brizuela, all others are requested to sound off.

Year 2016 saw some of the Makabayans in grief. Left behind by their dear wives who had joined their creator in heaven were Raffy Rafanan, Nap Cachuela and Pete Binuya. May their souls rest in peace.

In closing, let it be known that the Makabayan class wishes and prays for the fast recovery of Mistah Lyle Tugbang. For those who had been in the academy during the time of Lyle would agree that plebehood was not complete if you did not encounter Cadet Tugbang in the hallway. He was in every word "magan" as an uppy but a BFF once you are recognized. Long live Mistah Lyle!



Hello and Good Morning to all Magilas classmates and family from the New Officers and Board of Trustees. Cong Pol Bataoil inducted and administered the oath-taking last Feb 18, 2017 during the luncheon after the PMA Alumni Parade at the Magilas Center in Fort del Pilar. The new officers are:

- Epy Marayag - President
- Ely dela Paz - Vice Pres
- Cholo Carlos - Secretary
- Gerry Defensor - Treasurer
- Doo Maligalig - "A" Coy Supervisor
- Abner Cabalquinto - "B" Coy Supervisor
- Vic Boco - "C" Coy Supervisor
- Jogy Fojas - "D" Coy Supervisor
- Bong Ibrado - Trustee
- Romy Hilomen - Trustee
- Joey Paz - Trustee

During his acceptance speech, Pres Epy called on all classmates to participate more in the forthcoming class projects and activities, more bonding, taking good care of our health, sharing of ideas and suggestions, so as to make the Magilas class of 1976 a more unique group of professionals worth of emulation by other PMA classes.

This year's PMA Alumni homecoming was a well attended event by the class. Activities started on Feb 17 when the group visited Manaoag church and had a very delicious picnic lunch at Boying and Sally Alarcio's farm in Laoac, Pangasinan. Some fruits were harvested and given to the wives to take home.

In Baguio, Dinner was hosted by the PNP group at the Forest Lodge. About 30 mistahs, plus spouses, family and friends attended. The program for the night included a very inspiring farewell speech by Ed Acuna, the outgoing class president for the past 4 years. Also, inducted into the class was the newest honorary member, the Rev Sin Hung Ju (aka James Sin) of Baguio City.

The highlight event for the night was

the recognition for senior classmates who have achieved a milestone in their lives. (65 YEARS OLD). There are about 20 in the class, but 8 attended this year's homecoming and were recognized. Among them were Joey Salvacion, Sluggs Nano, Vic Boco, Epy Lagdamen, Nonong Cayton, Arman Rodriguez, Baby del Mundo, and Pete Labiano, who showed up the next morning. Each was introduced by a close classmate, and then gave a 3 minute speech narrating of his life's experiences, achievements, ups and downs, family life, and the secret to attaining this milestone in his life. As a gift, each awardee was given a cash envelope (perhaps to buy more medicines, etc.....hehe). As approved by the board, this recognition of our 65 Year Old classmates will continue during the next general assemblies of the class, so those who are missing, COME OUT and claim your envelopes. Proxies are not allowed.

The next day, Feb 18 was the PMAAAI homecoming and parade. Pete Labiano opened the Magilas Center at 0630H and Ramos style breakfast was served to the



early birds. The parade started about 1000H with about 30 Magilas members in Borromeo field. Initially we wore our jackets due to the cool Baguio weather, but as the sun started to come out and the temperature got warmer, we removed our jackets and folded our sleeves (ala Duterte style). Incidentally, the President was guest of honor and speaker for the event. After the parade, korean lunch was served in the Magilas Center. This delicious lunch was prepared by our newest member, Sin Hung Ju and his wife, Hye Yeong. We expect this korean style lunch to become a yearly tradition during future alumni homecomings.

As mentioned earlier, the Oath taking of the new officers was done after

lunch. Then the new class president, Epoy Marayag presented Awards of Recognition to the outgoing class officers, namely Edong Acuna (class president), Joey Salvacion (who initiated the 65 years old recognition project), Joe Solidum (class secretary), and Jess Versoza ("C" coy supervisor). An award was also presented to Cong Pol Bataoil, who also gave away some logs taken from the old Magilas pine tree. (I already used mine as panggatong. It burns good).

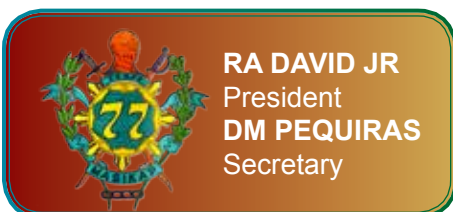
Some class projects were seen during the homecoming, like the KAYDET GIRL lyrics on signages along the main street of Fort del Pilar. Also the Honor Code monuments. Pres Epoy also emphasized on other future projects like

the AFP medical Center Diabetic Clinic, continuing Medical and book missions, and class fundraising activities. We hope everybody participates, and also stay healthy and fit in preparation for our Golden Anniversary 9 years from now.

LATEST NEWS: Let us pray for the complete recovery of Mel Dilodilo, who underwent Heart surgery last March 2 at the Philippine Heart Center. Likewise, Ariel Zerudo is on his way also to a complete recovery after his scary ordeal last month.

BIRTHDAYS GREETINGS

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Petty Caballes – 1 March, Delia Gamos – 2 March, NicaTeodoro – 3 March, Gina Bataoil, – 4 March, Hermie Esguerra -7 March, Bong Ibrado – 10 March, Paul Mata – 11 March, Olga Nano – 16 March, Tyron Ong – 17 March, Sally Alarcio and Len Calderon – 24 March, Delia Bontuyan -3 Apr, Jun Sanchez – 8 Apr, Alexis Cachuela – 17 Apr, Imelda Agcon-18 Apr, Arlene Zerrudo – 22 Apr, Zaida Labiano – 27 Apr, Jesus del Mundo – 29 Apr. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.



The Masikap 77 celebration of its 40th year as graduates of the Philippine Military Academy (1977-2017) during the annual Alumni Homecoming last February 18, 2017 has been astoundingly successful. At the outset, let us congratulate ourselves, all of the Masikap members, their ladies, kids

and apos for making this event an affair to remember! Kudos too, to the Preparation Committee members who dedicated their time and efforts just so our mistahs who were able to make it to Baguio were properly billeted and fed. Of course, we refer to our Class President USec Ric David, for steering the committee to do their jobs according to plans. Our indefatigable VP, Dads Domingo, who went all the way to provide the much needed push in the execution of the plans and the untiring effort of our Treasurer, Dan Casabar, in making sure funds were available when needed. We won't miss of course the role

of Mistah Roy Camagay, who facilitated the venue of our Class Testimonial Dinner and Fellowship Night and the billeting of some of our mistahs at the Baguio Country Club. For the 'police matters' though, Mistah Orly Pestano made the arrangement at the Elizabeth Hotel. Dan Cortez also generously offered his billeting facilities at Green Valley. We recognize also the presence of Mistahs Dan Jimenez and Malou and Arnel Carolino and Linda, who came all the way from their 'neck of woods' in USA.

This year's homecoming included the Battle of Classes golf tournament at Camp John Hay course where our 77Golf Squad



members, Ric David, Nes Ochoa, Andy Caro, Art Mancenido, Dan Cortez and Sunny Pequiras, participated.

Friday evening (February 17, 2017) brought us to our Testimonial Dinner and Grand Fellowship night at Baguio Country Club's Del Rosario Hall where we have as Guest of Honor, Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of National Defense. One highlight of the event was the presentation of the profile of Class 77 as of April 1, 1973 and as of February 17, 2017, i.e. forty years after graduation from the Academy.

Mistah Joone De Leon delivered a very inspiring message titled "A Ruby Jubilarian Cavalier's Prayer. We found it worthy to find a space here for its publication hoping that it will inspire us more:

**A RUBY JUBILARIAN CAVALIER'S PRAYER
(OPENING PRAYER ON THE OCCASION OF
PMA MASIKAP CLASS OF 1977's
40TH RUBY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION;
BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB; FEB 17, 2017)**

Dear Lord, you said in your word, where two or three are gathered together in your name, you are in their midst (Matthew 18:20). Since you do not lie (Titus 1:2), and since we are more than two or three gathered here in your name (around 45Masikaps and families), then we believe that you are here in our midst. Hence, this prayer of ours.

We thank you for April 1, 1973. That

date brought us together as members of PMA Masikap Class of 1977. We thank you for March 1, 1977, which forty years ago (short of two weeks), was the date of our graduation. We thank you for our mistahs who were not around on that date but have been around with us just the same for the past forty years. We thank you for our mistahs who were present on that date but are no longer present today because they had to go on to their final resting place ahead of us. Of course, we thank you for the past forty years together as a class, which we celebrate tonight.

Throughout the past 40 years, we thank you for the following: our individual lives and our respective careers whether inside, outside, and/or after the armed forces; our successes as well as lessons learned from our failures; your sustaining grace on such occasions; the privilege to have served our country and people for 4 decades however and wherever it was, and all the blessings that went with it; our spouses who acted as our life buddies with their love, patience, and care; and for some, for your being a God of second chances; for our children (Psalms 127: 3-5) and grandchildren who made our lives joyful and complicated at the same time, teaching us the additional lessons of parenthood; or for those without children, for being exempted from such challenges.

In spite of our various naturally-declining health conditions, we thank

you for sustaining us up to our respective ages today. We are nearing the length of our days, which in your word (Ps 90:10) you granted to be 70 or 80 if we have the strength. With that, we are at our first call for the termination of our leave here on earth. Allow all of us here to be present during our 50th Golden Jubilee celebration on February 2027, our attention call. In the meantime, we entrust to you the remaining years or decades of our lives that they may yet be the most meaningful, productive, comfortable, and joyful years with our loved ones. As cadets ask for presidential pardon during graduation, we now individually ask for your divine pardon of our transgressions on the occasion of our Ruby Jubilee. As we thank you for all our life relationships, we pray for our most important relationship while we can and that is our relationship with you as our personal Lord and Savior.

We ask that you continue to bless the members of PMA Masikap Class of 1977 and their respective families, as well as our food and fellowship tonight and tomorrow. We also pray for a successful and safe Alumni Homecoming Parade for everyone, and a safe trip back home, not only to our respective residences but more importantly to the permanent residence you have prepared for us in your father's house (John 14:1-6). We pray all of these in Jesus' name; and if you agree with all of the prayers, please say "amen."(-FRL'77)

The highlight of course of our annual trek to Baguio is to march again on that Borromeo field where we considered as hallowed ground. The activities on Alumni Day (February 18) always include the long wait at the parade ground. Thanks to the temporary tents that shielded us from the direct heat of the sun.

Our cheering squad, our inspirations, our ladies, applauded as we marched with

the beat of the bass drum, sometimes not in step due to the delay of the speed of sound that reaches the ears of these seniors, aggravated by the delay in thought processes whether it was left foot or right foot that should go first, hahaha!

After the parade, we had a sumptuous lunch at the Cadet Mess Hall arranged by no less than our Class President, Ric

David and his supportive wife, Merilou. Everybody was satisfied and from there, "privilege is now in effect, sirs'.

Congratulations Masikaps and see you again on our 50th - our Golden Anniversary on 2027!

Addendum: My apology to my kababayan, Nick Ojeda, for inadvertently omitting his name in my roll call last Cavalier Mags' issue.(Jan Feb 2017)



OH RABENA
Chairman
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President
VEC MARTIR
Secretary

Hearty greetings to all Makatarungans! We hope all enjoyed the cool temperature of the past months, thanks to the prevailing northeasterly winds. The following were the class activities in the past two months:

26 January: Rene O's friends and mistahs fellowship golf and lunch. Makatarungan golfers and boodlers joined Rene O and his friends for a golf fellowship at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club last 26 January. The lunch which lasted until late afternoon was hosted by Rene O.

Our Board of Directors also convened a meeting on the same afternoon where several matters were taken up.

28 January: PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting 2017. Seven of our mistahs attended the PMAAAI General Assembly last 28 January at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo. US-based Winnie B was able to join Class President Vic P, Class Treasurer Romy L, Board Director JoGav, George P, Flor C and Resty A for the annual event.

14 February: First Charity Visit. As part of the Outreach Program under our Association's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Makatarungans went to the East Avenue Medical Center, Quezon City last Valentine's Day. On the day of hearts when most people expressed their love to family and friends, Makatarungans

brought love to 85 young patients. Jollibee mascots, spaghetti-chicken meals and bags of toiletries coupled with our mistahs smiles and friendly chats were reciprocated with much appreciation and smiles from 70 kids from the pediatric ward and 15 cancer-stricken kids from the Tahan-Tahanan pediatric cancer patients' halfway house of the Center. Some quotes from our mistahs after the experience:

Mihn A: "Valentine's Day joy giving. Thank you mistah Rudy Magtibay for arranging the activity with the hospital admin. Thank you Pres Vic sa walang sawang updates at paalala. Salamat sa pagkakataon makapag hatid saya. Indeed, the pleasure is ours."

Oca R: "We thought we made the children happy, but it seems they made us even happier."

Rody M: "mistah tama ang sinabi ni Oca.. mas naging masaya tayo kaysa mga



bata.. let's have more of these.. the smiles of the children make it all worthwhile..”

Vic P: “Aside from these four stay-in cancer patients, there are 60 other children in the pediatric ward suffering from different kinds of illnesses and a few outpatient cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy who were beneficiaries of this Makatarungan Valentines Day charity visit. Thanks RodyM for organizing this one. MABUHAY ANG MAKATARUNGAN”

The class is planning another charity visit. Our Chairman, Oca R, is coordinating with the staff of Religious Missionaries of the Divine Savior, a home for abandoned children and orphans, in Rodriguez, Rizal. The visit tentatively scheduled on 01 April to commemorate our entry into the academy 39 years ago. The class intends to bring gifts consisting toiletries, groceries and powdered milk. Additionally, we plan to host and have lunch with the kids and the staff. We enjoy our mistahs to experience same

happiness as those who participated in the Valentine's Day visit!

11 February: Corne's birthday bash at Tagaytay. Several Makatarungans and spouses (Oca/Josie R, Boysie/Cora R, Ralph/Blandie V, Felix/Mihn A, Efren/Marivic T, Nes/Juliet L, Vic/Stella M, Mae C, Jean M and Marivic G) drove to Tagaytay City last 11 February to join Corne's celebration of his 60th birthday at his family's resthouse (photo – 7). Our hosts, Corne and Celsi, served a sumptuous lunch to family, friends and mistahs followed by fun games and entertainment. Guests were also gifted with Tagaytay's fresh pineapples (truly sweet!). Happy birthday and thank you, Corne!

18 February: PMA Homecoming 2017. Six of our mistahs led by Art T went up to PMA, Baguio City to represent our class in the long gray line march on the “sacred grounds” of Borromeo field with the other

graduate classes (photo – 8). With Art T were Resty A, Rolly D, George P, Pecos A and Chito D. Though small in numbers this year, class preparations for greater attendance next year commemorating our 40th graduation anniversary are underway.

18 March: The class is scheduling the first quarterly birthday fellowship lunch on 18 March 2017 at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. Those celebrating their birthdays are encouraged to contribute to the cost of the lunch. Our celebrators for this quarter:

January – Adrian M, Jess F, JoGav, Sun Yi H, Cecil C, Jim C

February – Gus A, Rolly A, Fred C, Corne dIC, Valiant dG, Romy P, Jong V, Pete S, Rey S

March – Rod A, Felix A, Rolly B, Tom D, Mon G, Rolly S, Abe P

Happy birthday, mistahs!!! We wish you all more homecomings!!! To God be the glory!



LS SANTIAGO JR
President
EI CORVERA
Secretary

Police Loyal Eagles Take over the Helm of Class '79

The Class has passed on the leadership of PMA Class 1979 to the PNP Group. During its Annual General Assembly held last 7 December 2016, the Loyal Eagles elected and installed its new set of Class Officers. Tagoy Santiago was elected President. Chosen as Vice Presidents were Mark Supnet (Army), Noelo Albano (PAF), Jolu Alano (PN/PCG) and Rey Lanada (PNP). Others elected were: Edwin Corvera as Secretary, Tungs Tungala as Treasurer,

and Benjie Gorres as Sports Coordinator. President Tagoy and his team were given the unenviable task of preparing for the 40th Class Anniversary and hosting in 2019. The Loyal Eagles, in turn, pledged their unqualified support to the programs and projects that will be crafted by the new leadership.

TEAM TAGOY immediately buckled down to work and held its Organizational meeting on January 17 and January 30, 2017. The main agenda were: Fundraising projects to improve the coffers of the Class, Preparations for the 2017 Alumni Homecoming, Attendance in the PMAAAI Annual Assembly and Preparations for the 2019 Alumni Homecoming and Class Hosting.

ANNUAL PMA HOMECOMING 2017- The Loyal Eagles while not as a whole class were well represented. It was pledged

by Matapat Mark Supnet that at this senior age, attending the PMA Alumni Homecoming is always a highlight and a committed calendared schedules for him. These was seconded by the PNP Group president Matapat Rehehey Lañada. The attendees was regaled by PN Group Vice-President/ Secretary Mon Liwag with his song composition. Memorable is a not enough to describe the exchanges and updating between the Matapat. PNP Group President Rehehey Lañada and her lady Malou hosted a dinner of introduction for cadette girl of Matapat Arne Delos Santos, Grace from Taiwan.

Class Golf Fundraising Project

The Class Executive Committee decided that the proceeds of the golf tournament will fund the following:

1. Class uniform





- 2. Class ball
- 3. Meals (Breakfast and lunch)
- 4. Fuel allowance of P2,000.00
- 5. Coffee table book

The official title of the golf tournament shall be "MATAPAT FELLOWSHIP GOLF: A Tribute to the Academy". It will be held in Villamor Air Base Golf Club on June 7, 2017. The golf committee membership is as follows:

Solicitation & Invitation Committee-

Pres Leo Santiago, Chair

Members:

PA/PAF/PN Group Presidents

Tournament Committee-

Benjie Gorres, Director

Members:

Tattu Sanchez

Orwen Cortez

Rolly Tenefrancia

Rolly Anonuevo

Food & Beverage Committee-

Tungs Tungala

Giveaways & Souvenirs Committee-

Rey Lanada

Publication Committee -

Edwin Corvera

Raffles & Prizes Committee-

Rolly Tenefrancia

Ground Preparation Committee-

Tete Villarete, Chair

Members:

PAF Group

Awards & Trophies Committee-

Orwen Cortez

Solicitation letters have been prepared and being distributed to identified Sponsors as of this writing. All Mistahs are encouraged to support fully

this project by maximizing solicitation of Golf sponsorships. It was agreed that NO MISTAH shall win the Major Prizes during the raffle.

Golf Fellowship

Our Class Fellowship Golf is held every Tuesday at the Veterans Golf Club. Fajie Fajardo is just too happy to meet the Eagle golfers in his golf course. Assembly time is 530Am. Tee off starts thereafter. Those who intend to play just contact Fajie or Benjie Gorres, our snappy Sports Coordinator.

Likewise, the PNP Group led by Rey Lanada is going on out-of-town Golf Fellowship to reach out to some Mistah who are safely ensconced in their comfort zones in Visayas and Mindanao.



A lovely little girl was holding two apples with both hands. Her mom came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile; my sweetie, could you give your mom one of your two apples? The girl looked up at her mom for

some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other.

The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment. Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mom and said, "Mommy, here you are. This is the sweeter one!"

No matter who you are, how experienced you are, and how knowledgeable you think you are, always

delay judgment. Give others the privilege to explain themselves. What you see may not be the reality. Never conclude for others. Which is why we should never only focus on the surface and judge others without understanding them first.

Those who like to pay the bill, do so not because they are loaded but because they value friendship above money.

Those who take the initiative at work, do so not because they are stupid but because they understand the concept of



responsibility. Those who apologize first after a fight, do so not because they are wrong but because they value the people around them. Those who are willing to help you, do so not because they owe you any thing but because they see you as a true friend.

Those who often text you, do so not because they have nothing better to do but because you are in their heart. Those who take out time to chat with you, do not mean they are jobless or less busy, but they know the importance of keeping in touch.

One day, all of us will get separated from each other; we will miss our conversations of everything & nothing; the dreams that we had. Days will pass by, months, years, until this contact becomes rare...

One day our children will see our pictures and ask 'Who are these people?' And we will smile with invisible tears because a heart is touched with a strong word and you will say: 'IT WAS THEM THAT I HAD THE BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE WITH'.

After Sammy D. posted those words

in our Viber Group, the turn out for Tony's birthday invitation bloated into this number:

Happy birthday to the February celebrants: Bogs (16), Mike A (14), Tony (24), Brions* (10), Willy C (18), Dipon (22), Noel C (7), Bong DA (1), Nene (11), Elmo (8), Jayvee (22), Mae (6), Eldon (17), Elbon* (1), Pasky* (18) and Yaakub (10) !

On 17 February 2017, the class bid goodbye to Dick "The Boxer" Sugon. Dick was laid to rest at a place reserved for heroes. To Chat, Nikki, Ena and Conan – we are all here for you . . .



AG VIDAD
President
OP LOPEZ
Secretary

Summer is just around the corner and I am sure many, especially the Manlulupigs are lining up several activities for the Class. But before anything else, let me acknowledge all those who travelled the "plains of Luzon and hurdled the mountains of Baguio just to reach its precious destination," to attend the PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017. A few days before the activity, and as part of the week-long celebration, the Class sent its Golf delegation

to the PMA Battle of the Classes, to defend the Over-all Championship Trophy that we won the year before. The team is composed of Cavs. Don Montenegro, Rene Samonte, Beloy Gador, Onyot Mendoza, Boogie de Vera and Wilson Victorio. After a gruelling day at the Camp John Hay Golf Course, the team again won the Overall Championship Trophy by one point, against Class 83, thanks to the Longest Putt performance of Cav Boogie de Vera. This feat as Back-to-Back Champions would be very difficult to match by other Classes. To the members of the Dimalupig Golf Team, CONGRATULATIONS, and we are very proud of you. In the future stages of this tournament, we hope to send a new batch of competitors, di ba Art V?

Greetings of congratulations are also extended to Cav Mario Avenido for having

been chosen as one of the Cavalier Awardees for 2017. Thank you also for hosting the cocktails at the Baguio Country Club the night before the Homecoming.

The Alumni Homecoming is a very significant event for everyone, most especially to Cav Gabby Riego de Dios, who after 27 years away from the country, finally set his foot once again to the hallowed ground of Borromeo Field. To Cav Gabby R., welcome home and we hope that you have re-charged your batteries after going back to the Academy. After the Alumni Parade, the Dimalupig family had their lunch at the Class Picnic area. The meals were prepared by the Cadet Mess and Cav Alex Monteagudo donated one roasted calf, as extra viand. Thank you so much Mistah Alex.

By the way, other mistahs from the US



of A were around, in the person of Cavs Levi Cleofe and Kid Quinsay with better half, Aura. Unfortunately they were not able to make it to the homecoming activities because of some official business meetings they had to attend to. Kid and Aura stayed in the country for just a week, to attend the retirement ceremonies of Kid's brother, Cav Nestor, in Davao City.

As a send-off to Cav Levi and Gabby, the former CSAFP, Cav Manny Bautista and Ditas hosted on 27 Feb., a get-together dinner at their residence. This was a well-attended affair and this became a prelude to another dinner get-together to be hosted by Cav MJ Mendoza and Marijo, also at their residence, a week later (7 Mar). To the hosts, thank you very much. To Levi and Gabby, we hope to see you again in the near future.

And now to a more serious matter. I heard that the rivalry in golf is getting more exciting. Match-ups are being developed, as we see an improvement in the games of a lot of our golfing classmates, from the Foreign-trained, locally-trained and the You-Tube trained players. In the coming months, we hope to see the head-to-head matches of these masters. Among say nyo, Art V, Master Manny Barcena, and to our golf coordinator, Cav Boy D? All the others, sa gallery lang muna. Gentlemen, be ready to prepare your bets!

Lastly, a reminder to those who will be joining the Bangkok trip this July, kindly inform Cav Art V about your travel arrangements. This trip will be a significant one as our last-man standing Mistah who is still in the active Service, Cav Al Netniyom, will be retiring from the Service

Pahabol, congratulations to Cav Paght Hernandez for having been appointed as Director of the Northrail Project. Mabuhay ka, Mistah.

Para sa ating lahat : Stay Healthy. Keep Safe. Enjoy our retirement. God bless to everyone!



PMA 84 CLASS CALL BM2

Welcome aboard!!! Oooooorah!!! We're back with a new set of officers. Paeng M is the new President, replacing Jiri A. VP is Harold C, the PA VCOM; Ernie L, money bag; and, Iking E, auditor. However, El Presidente, asked

Jiri A to don a new hat for Membership / Alumni Affairs. Instead of coy reps, we have service reps: PA - Ticong A & Jess A; PN - Bani G; PAF – Onids D; PNP – Bob A; BIRC - Nap V. For PCG, coz only three were left -- Bay Y, PT Gonzales and Dan U, they are always welcome to rejoin former mother unit, the PN.

The Class is now busy with a lot of testimonials for aging Mistahs in the form of PMA parades, golf games, memorabilia, service retreat, mga pa- cute na video presentations of the honoree's life, Award boxes, Thank You plaques, etc, etc... We are closing in to the final chapter of our military service. In two years time, we will all be in our second phase...retirement. But there is always life after retirement...enjoying to the max! More running, golfing, malling, and biking periods. More freedom to do squat thrust, push ups in any gym and Anytime you like. More time for yourself and family. Foremost, more time to do errand, clean the house, car wash, maglaba, mag plantsa, at mag sundo ng mga bata at apo, mag pakain ng mga...d...aga...alaga... hehe. Only one must-do item that you should always comply: keep yourself fit and keep working, moving. Avoid salty, fatty and oily meals. Go green. Be more fruit-full.

On the other hand, we are hopeful that more stars would fall on the shoulders ng mga bunso natin Mistahs who still have a couple of years in the service. Falling stars do really happen for those who are destined and worthy to have them. With your caliber, mga Mistahs, we are confident that you will earn more. So, wear any Nike...then Just Do it! You don't have to ask or beg for stars...out of delicadeza. If you deserve to wear more, they will just fall on you...wag ka lang tamaan ng Pambasang Kamao, hilo ka talaga. Plebos! Align agad!

Incidentally, we have lined up three vigorous, long term projects as presented and discussed by El Presidente himself during our Homecoming meeting last 18 February 2017 at SJ d'Supt's Quarters. On top of the list is the renovation of two or three private rooms in Veterans hospital. Based on our ocular visit, one room could probably cost us P150T - P200T to refurbish, complete with repainting, re-flooring, a new head (CR), new 1hp aircon, a personal ref, a new ceiling fan. The objective is to contribute in helping

in our small little way our veterans in their medical needs.

Second is the institutionalization of our Maharlika Assistance System (MAS 84). The objective is to provide a ready emergency financial assistance to all Maharlikans in times of death or serious illness of a member or his immediate dependents.

Third is the establishment of a Class Trust Fund to institutionalize proper handling / utilization of our finances as we change sets of officers every two years.

For 2017-2018 term, our Class theme is "Staying Fit and Alive till 84. In line with this, we set golf games with Jiri A and Bani G, as the organizers; biking trekking (maybe PMA to Sagada Part 2) with Nap V as the point man; and revival of the Semi-Annual Maharlika Cup Shooting competition to be set up by Caloy T & Ernie R. The target beneficiaries in this Shootfest are the junior enthusiasts as well as Maharlikan dependents interested in the sports. To further close rank our members, a Class Website, solely for Maharlikans' private use, shall be set up for quick updates and dissemination.

Meantime, get well soon, Boyet R!

BTW, FI to those not yet aware, VMCC is no longer a hospital dedicated for WWII, PHILCAG and PEFTOK veterans only. On 18 March 2007, RA 9396 was enacted revising RA 6948 and liberalizing the definition of "veteran." It was expanded to cover AFP and ex-PC PNP retirees. Active AFP members may also be accommodated; however, they shall be categorized as "civilians" which means they will have to pay for their medical expenses, though it's still negligible compared to private hospitals.

The facilities of VMCC have greatly improved. During his ocular visit of the building with the Director himself as the tour guide, El Presidente saw for himself the hi-tech MICU. Others likewise upgraded are the laboratories, operating rooms, out-patient department, and recovery rooms. All, newly modernized, complete with state of the art medical equipment, monitoring gadgets, and apparatuses. The MICU alone looks more like a Command Center with a central nurse station, brand new dialysis machines, ultra sounds, among others. What makes VMCC more appealing now is the set of highly dedicated medical

staff, specialists, doctors and nurses taking care of the patients 24/7, even in the wee hours of the morning. Of course, the hospital's pharmacy is open 24/7 too for free medicines. Soon to be constructed is a brand new Emergency Room area. Unfortunately, despite all these upgrading works, it was observed that the private rooms remain at sad state, though clean and well sanitized. We learned efforts have to be focused first on bigger projects that could benefit the majority. Hence, it is very timely for the El Presidente to propose and prioritize renovation project for such rooms.

Since our last class call, a lot of our Mistahs have retired while a new batch of 07s, 08s and 09s came in. New BIRCS are: Joe Kaks, Bay Pasky, Banj R, Marcial C, Chit V, Aaron F, Art O, Gani N, Greg C, Bernie Sun, Ronnie Estyls, Ronnie Santos, Jay Junsay, Nes Q, and the latest, Werner Elpedes.

Soon to bow out: Bani G, Dan U, Jiri A, Paeng SJ, Paeng M (El Presidente), Oca L and Rey G,

On the other hand, our brand new 07s: Valor boy, Noel Buan, tops the list in tandem with our ex-DAFA to The Netherland, Caloy T. Finally, mga Mistahs! You got it. Long overdue recognition yan! The Corps salutes you with great pride..... oooooorah! Your outstanding records and performance in your respective field of specialty – combat and intelligence -- speak well on your behalf.

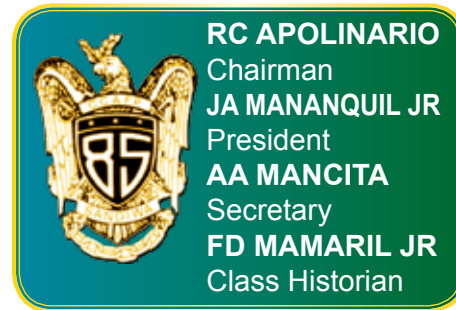
More 07s: include Onids D, the combat pilot, and Ernie R, the diver – shooting enthusiast, salud! Our 08s: Harold C, Paul A, Jun Palisoc, Joey Mirandilla, Iking E, Jun Loyao, Herboy A (GSC Commandant), and of course, Egay G. New 09s: CENTCOM Oca L; WESCOM Raul Del Rosario; and, PMA Supt SJ San Juan.

Our enforcers: Noel C is now an 08 as PNP CRS chief, after serving remarkably in CDO as RD. Next is Jun LayDu, Chief of Civil Security Group (CSG) with FEO and SOSIA, under him. Other 07's / 08's: Sonny Donats, DRDA PRO 10; Moro L, DDIPO Visayas; Gentiles, RD 6; Noe Talino, RD 7; Art Sindac, Chief, PNP Logs; Augusto M, Dir Invest & Detection Mgmt; and, Nap Taas, Dir ICTM (Info & Commo Tech Mgmt).

In BIRC, Jhong A still in Asiana, enjoying the Korean FAs; Willie J, PAL; and, Nap Angeles, also PAL. Greg Panelo is doing great as a highly respected trainer

in industrial security. Louie O is with MetroBank. Boy Caraig, left G4S for more challenges. Jun Sadiarin is still RCBC as a senior citizen.

Finally, Viber Maharlika golfers, enjoy more. Very soon, Viber Ironmen Club... just wait lang kayo.



“Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” – John F Kennedy –

The class elected a new set of officers during the Homecoming 2017 in Baguio City. The change in our class officers is to ensure the continuation of the goals set by the class for the near future. As such, we would like to extend our utmost appreciation to the management of the class affairs for the previous years under the leadership of Mel Feliciano and Elmer Beltejar.

The new set of Class Officers, who will continue the management of the class affairs, are the following:

Our current Class Officers, who have been busy in coordinating and planning most of our activities, are the following:

- Chairman:** Mon Apolinario
- Vice Chairman:** Boy Vingson
- President:** Jess Manangquil
- Vice President:** Manny Salamat
- Secretary:** Arnold Mancita
- Auditor:** Dennis Siervo
- Treasurer:** Tony Treñas
- Class Historian:** Mon Mamaril

Major Services Representatives:

- Army:** Noel Clement, Jun Cabading, Joey Reyes & Vic Tomas
- PNP:** Arnie Gunnacao & Macky Macatlang
- Air Force:** Tj Tanjuan & Jun Padilla
- Navy:** Mon Ochoco & Gino Hermogino

The Homecoming 2017 was well-attended by our mistahs went up to Baguio City last 17 – 18 February. The activities conducted were a result of the Sandiwa Ladies Officers’ meeting last 03 February 2017 which was approved by the Class officers headed by Mel Feliciano:

a. The Father versus Son Basketball Meet which was held at the PMA Gymnasium with Pi Piernes and Reuel Sorilla. The result was a tie for the 2 games played. This was heard from the grapevine or Balitang Sink: “Medyo napagod na raw mga children kaya nanalo sa second game ang mga mistahs”.

b. The class meeting and dinner was held at the Function Room of the Newtown Plaza Hotel. Jun and Tica Padilla were the Host and Hostess of the Program. Elmer Beltejar gave the Welcome Remarks, which was followed by the Opening Prayer by Lou Macatlang. Mel Feliciano called the class to order. After which, separate activities for the Ladies and Sandiwa Brats were conducted, while the mistahs elected the new set of class officers. Everybody had a grand and fun time during the event since the event was accompanied by an Acoustic Band and the usual, never ending stories of the life of the Sandiwans as cadets and in their respective Services.

c. The Alumni Parade was held on the second day at the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field of the PMA at Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City. Then the Class Picnic was held at the Lecture Hall, 2nd Floor, Melchor Hall, PMA. The lunch was followed by the picture taking for each Major Services, followed by the prayers for safe return to back to our respective homes and stations.

Sandiwans Updates-PA Group: Rolie Bautista-Incoming Cmdr, 1ID; Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Benjie Madrigal-Cmdr, 4ID with Mon Mamaril, as IG, Jonas Becios, ADC for RRA, Henry Chiu, and Ariel Hernandez, who was formally adopted by the class; Arnel Dela Vega-Cmdr, 6ID; Dave Diciano-ADC, 7ID; Raul Farnacio-Cmdr, 8ID with Cesar Idio as the ADC; Chad Isleta-ADC and Nonong Perfecto-ADC for RRA of 9ID; Danny Pamonag-Cmdr, SOCOM with Mon Yogyog as the Deputy Cmdr (DC); Macky Macario-Cmdr, LRR; and Filip Bejar- Cmdr, 51st EBde.

Charles Galvez-Cmdr, WESTMINCOM; John Pulido-Cmdr, GHQ and HSC and Camp Commander of Camp Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, QC; Jack Bareng-Cmdr, 102nd Bde; Ely Losanes-Incoming Cmdr, 303rd Bde; Jonks Delfin-Incoming ADC, 3ID; Byron Calimag, Incoming Deputy Cmdr, ASCOM; and Jess Manangquil-Cmdr, JTF, NCR.

Alan Pajarillo, Chito Limuaco, Jayvee Javier, and Jess Dosado had retired from the service. Boboy Pabayo, Bong



Aguinaldo, and Jorge Lomboy will also retire come April 2017.

By the way, the Army Group would like to thank everyone for the support that was extended to Jonas Becios who suffered a mild heart attack last month. He was transferred to the AFPMC, V Luna Road, QC while waiting for his by-pass surgery. Let us all pray for his immediate recovery.

For the PAF, those still in the active service: Jun Kintanar-Commander, AETDC; Arnold Mancita-Commander, Airforce Logistics Command; Tj Tanjuan-J6, AFP; Enry Reyes-Commander, 1st Air Div; Sai Espino will be retiring come July of this year-CO, AFRDC; Miles Milo-Deputy Commander, 1st Air Division; and Resty Padilla-AJ7, AFP. Those who have retired: Art Apud, Tom Bustos, Jimmy Garcia, Ronnie Go, Bert Lambot, Ernie Fonbuena, Rick Milan, and Rely Sapo.

For the PN: Jorge Amba-Commander, NFWM; Boy Vingson-TDCS, AFP; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-DC, NSSC; Mon Ochoco-TNIA; Virme Torralba-Commander, NSSC; Ty Salamat-Commandant, PM; Raul Ubando-TNIG and Elson Hermogino, Commander,

Coast Guard Fleet, PCG. By the way, Elson Aguilar and Max Ballesteros have retired last January of this year.

Updates of the PNP: Mon Apolinario-Deputy Chief PNP for Admin, HPNP; Greg Pimentel-Director for Intelligence; Bob Quenery-Director, Aviation Security Group; Frank Mabanag-DRDA, PRO7; and Benjie Lusad-Director, SAF.

Those who are retiring for this year are Vert Chavez, Rene Gumban, Atty Jayvee Javier, JJW Santos, Atty. Edwin Nemenzo, Elmer Beltejar, Aaron Aquino and Jack Jacaban.

We would also want to remember our mistahs who had gone ahead of us: (Army) Roger Tacbian, Dante Rosales, Toto Jocson, Arnie Elechicon, Joey Ancanan, Jojo Madarang, and Dante Cubangay; (Navy) Ambing Encio; (PC/PNP) Gerard Pasinos, Alex Castro and Adonis Oropesa; (Air Cavaliers) Ronnie Capacio, Danny Cabrigas, George Torralba, Jun Latonero and Rino Servano (who joined the Air Force from the PNP); and Andy Ramos, who died when we were still Cadets. Our prayers to the

Almighty Lord that they be given eternal repose!

Happy 32nd Year Anniversary as graduates of the PMA to all Sandiwans!

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



NC PARILLA
President
SS SARNO
Secretary

Ano ngay, mga Boks??

ON OUR 30TH HOMECOMING ANNIVERSARY: Have you recovered from that unforgettable Alumni homecoming last month? I bet you still got that hang-over as we spent that Saturday reliving the memories of yester years gone by. The never-ending “balitang sink” and bolahan that keeps on reverberating every time an occasion such as that annual homecoming brought classmates and families together in one big celebration.

The Hinirangs came in droves with families in tow and we’re all enthusiastic to see long lost bunkmates, roommates, squadmates, companymates, classmates and all the permissible “mates” ayers can think of. Ex-Prez Nic Parilla and his rag-tag team of class officers did not leave to chance in making this year’s homecoming a resounding success! Of course, we all know how Nic became the President and that’s one for the book. Hehehe. But, all’s well that ends well and what a blast we have on that Alumni day. We came close to 500 in attendance with about 127 Hinirangs and 368 dependents. The regular members with chests out and stomachs in (most difficult to do when marching really!) proudly marched at the Borromeo Field carrying the Hinirang persona – proud but not boastful, steadfast but engaging, firm but not rigid. It’s a sight really on one hand seeing our love ones and associate members equally proud watching us out there in Borromeo Field under the sweltering heat of the sun.

Something happened though in the parade ground on that Saturday morning while we waited to troop the line – a plot was hatch to choose the next Class



President to replace Hin Nic and so it was decided and again – by whispered acclamation (though this time the choice was made not under the spirit of wine and liquor and brandy hehehe), Hin Bert Mogol was by “word of mouth” chosen as the new Class President 2017-2019

The night in Baguio Country club was a revelation! Dance instructors were provided primarily on the request of the ladies but it turned out, it was us - the ol’ boyz, who made full use of them after all! Hahahaha. With the sounds from 80s to contemporary music – the Hinirang ladies and gentlemen (who whisked away their mess jackets and tuxedos), “occupied and defended” the dance floor til almost kingdom come! We all have seen the John Travoltas and Patrick Swayzes of Class ’87. I guess everyone’s looking forward to another marathon dancing come 2018 Homecoming! You bet!

ON THE NEW SET OF OFFICERS:

Last 09 March Thursday at the Philippine Navy Golf clubhouse, Manong Albert Mogol has formally assumed his position as the class President 2017-2019 and together with his dream team:

- I. Prez: Manong Albert Mogol
- II. Sec: Manong Sergs Sarno
- III. Treas: Manong Mer Bernaber
- IV. VP for External Affairs: Manong Louie Dagoy
- V. VP for Corporate Affairs – Manong Peter Suchianco
- VI. VP for Legal Affairs - Manong Jigs Coronel
- VII. VP/AVPs Branches of Service/BIRC:
 - 1) PNP: Manong Bong Fajardo & Jhong Vera Cruz
 - 2) PA: Manong Erwin De Asis & Ramie Rey
 - 3) PN/PCG: VP – Manong Sean Villa & Legs Legaspi

- 4) PAF: Manong Jess Estoesta & Boyet Sotelo
- 5) BIRC: Manong Sesar Sarno & Peter Suchiangco

ON CLASS PROJECTS:

1. MANONG PLEASEEE Foundation, Inc.: The class is finalizing details in putting up a “foundation for a cause” of our Dear Manongs of Mess Hall of our years in PMA. The ubiquitous Manongs who helped us considerably to tide ourselves over (specially with “boodles”) the challenges of what PMA can offer. This was sparked by Manong Perry whose medical plight was brought to our attention by Manong Albert and a fund-drive to assist him in his medical needs got off from the ground and that fund-raising has given us initially some P80,000 plus from initial contribution from the Hinirang members. We will bring this to the PMAAAI to have this project adopted by the motherboard for all the Cavaliers have their own Manongs to relish the thoughts of how these dakilang Manongs have helped us all one way or another.

2. The inauguration of the Hinirang Projects is slated sometime May of the following.

- a. Hinirang Park, b. View Deck overlooking Kennon Road near the Primary Firing Range of our Cadet days. c. 10-bay Hinirang Firing Range



ON RECENT PROMOTIONS and "PROGRESSIVE ASSIGNMENTS:

Class '87, tunay kang Hinirang.

Mga estrelya sa balik at ngayo'y naglalaglagan!! Sina Ringo "Starr" Licup at Lye Carabacan!

Buo na ang Beatles ng '87

George "Harrison" Ursabia, Ringo "Starr" Licup, Apol McCartney & John "Lennon" Luglug! Bagong Assign: Elmer Bantog as DRDA, PRO 3 Louie Dagoy as the incoming PSG Commander Waiting for their stars – Fer Trining, Noli Samarita, Ramie Rey, Jess Estoy, Nix Fortes, Mer Bernabe, & Lito SJ

ON PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Manong CSupt Cesar Binag has just "graduated" his namesake – Cesar Junior as member of PMA Class 2017. He has joined the PN – short version of PNP and earnestly wished to be SWAG by Mentong Sarmiento and Rommel Galang. Hehehe Of course, Manong Romy Basco has her daughter graduating last year. Of course, Manong Dave Lacdan has his son graduating much earlier from the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific and last time I heard, is now a 2nd mate aboard ship and just recently, Manong Romy also has his son graduating.

ON BUSINESS VENTURES BY HINIRANGS: SPD Tom Apolinario has just opened his coffee shop at travel agency

rolled into one - TRAVELBEAN. It's at the 3rd floor of Venice Grand Canal Mall, McKinley Hill, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. For soothing massage and other wellness related services and products, Bernie Miaque opened his Thai Royale Spa in Avida Towers Centera at the corner of EDSA cor. Reliance St., Brgy. Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City about middle last year. You should try it and you will go back for more. Who would not know the Alhambra Grill & Restaurant at 81 Scout Rallos Corner Scout Torillo, Diliman, Quezon City with its acoustic music and fantastic singers and tasteful array of food, drinks and pulutan! Uhlalala! Que sabroso!

That's for the Manongs of Hinirang '87 for the meantime and our readers! Til next time here!



The Bantay-Layans have once again proven worthy of the many years of sacrifice for the service to our country. In recognition of such sacrifice, 13 mistah were promoted from the Air Force, Corps of Professors and the Navy/Marines. They are Aldrin Annani, Joseph Archog, Joel Inacay, Johnson Grayda and Edmon Gupit from the Air Force, Edwin Popa from the Corps of Professors, Ed Nera, Richard David, Francisco Cacho, Junjie Tabuada, Bayani Curaming, Edwin Olaer and Larry Batalla. We are happy for all of you mga mistah. Dasal lang naming mga naiwan e sana kami naman sa susunod.

The class celebrated our 23rd graduation anniversary by remembering our departed mistah through a mass offering and visit to their final resting place. A class meeting followed the activity over lunch prepared by the navy. In attendance were few mistah who are assigned in Manila. Significant number came from those undergoing CGSC. A total of ten mistah are currently enrolled as members of CGSC 62. They are Logan, Cruz, Derilo, Guinolbay, Rosales, Delos Santos, Roldan, Abayon, Fontiveros and Romero. They are not the last of batch as there are a few who are still undecided to take the course: James Sababan and Gani Criste. Kim Agatep

is the supervising officer of the mistah at CGSC and Roger Luna is the Asst Course Director. Ryan Sonza went back to the PAF as the deputy of 505th SRG but still remain as CGSC invited facilitator. Prudy Patricio also went back to the army and expected to assume commander's position of an engineering battalion.

The previous CGSC (class 61) was topped by a Bantay-Layan in the person of Ivan Papera followed by Gerry Garrido. Many landed in the top 20: Vincent Dy, Omar Orozco, Ronel Manalo, Willy Manalang, Palmer Parungao and almost everyone graduated with honors: Cutoy Custodio, Einstein Calaoa, Charles Villanueva, Spines Espina but the most surprising of all is the Cum Laude honors of Lorenz Bolor and Mac Buena. The two did not even expect to get such honors.

CAPT Joseph Coyme from the Coast Guard has informed the class that anyone who wants to transfer to his service is welcome. He is the Chief personnel of the Phil Coast guard right now.

Few of the mistah from the army assumed commanders position after their CGSC. Apart from those still posting, Palmer Parungao assumed command 66IB. Harold Cabunoc is with 33IB, Bong Ruiz transferred to HISAFP and Jun Lamaton to HISG, PA. Jam Samonte is still with 8th Sig BN, Larry Palma with 20IB, Lauro Oliveros with 1st MechBn, Cesar Conte with 7FAB. Dave Mercado is still with 71IB, Nelson Aluad is with 2FAB, Tikboy Canilla still the CO of 60IB, Harry Argamosa is with 39IB, Vince Bantillan is the G2 of 10ID. Eugene Osias is with 81IB, Derek Balbanero is the

CO of 3rd Mech and Nice Diaz is the G3 of 5ID. Arnel Bautista is the CO of 49IB, Jun Hamos is the CO of 55IB, Alvin Luzon is U2 WestMinCom and Ronel Manalo is the Ex-O of 2MechBde. Ely Tono had just assumed as CO, 85IB. Toinks Tolentino, by the way, is still in Lucena as Sqdn Cmdr of Cavalry Sgdn, Mech Div.

For the PAF, the newly promoted Joel Inacay assumed the post as TOG 10 commander, Nomer Tumesa transferred to HPAF as deputy of A-4. Adrian Duadico is at Palawan while Paulo Teodoro is at Clark air base. There is no significant movement for the PAF mistah right now. Onorlie Brillantes along with Joseph Archog is at Lipa, Mon Gupit, Rommel Genete and Faye Ventura is at HPAF; Pabilonia, Balanza, Nazi, Jun Omar are still TOG commanders. Myroade De Leon still with PSG. Johnson Grayda and Robert Bitas is at GHQ.

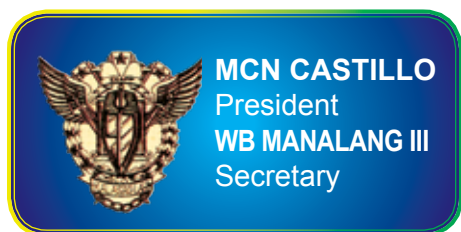
For the navy, majority of the mistah are holding key positions worthy to mention. Geln Dizon is the CO of PS74, Jun Ruiz of PS22, Alex Gianan, PS28, Charles Villanueva, PS36, Pipoy Calimag of PS37. The Navy also has only two frigates commanded by two banatay-layans; Jeff Nadugo aboard FF16 and Francis Cacho aboard FF15. Ed Nera is the CO of AGR702. Lito Lagadia is also commanding LS290 along with Joel Tamayo aboard LS289 while Jun Bolor is commanding PC114.

For the Marines, they compose the majority of the Marine Corps staff with Chute Adecera as MC1, Agee Ariles as MC2, Ivan Papera as MC5, Bayani Curaming as

MC8. Ronald Juan is the U2 of NolCom, Armand Custodio and Einstein Calaoa are CS of 3MBDE and 1MBDE respectively. Glenn Celebrado is the deputy of N8 while Wild Boy Manalang is with ISAFP.

For the retired mistah, they are all doing great with twelve mistah as airline captains: Manansala, Villacorte, Sarsagat, Ricalde, Tumpalan, Saavedra, Ibarra, Sempio Gil, and Marzan. Nitoy Parra and Bong Delima is flying regional. First officers are Abadiano, De Vela, Herrera and Cadiz. Second Officer is Bruce Deliva. Cris Biscocho is with PAL Head of security Dept. Karl Young is with PNOC, Robert Boquiren is with Shell and Gene Juan is with Proctor and Gamble. Caloy Gonzales recently opened his consultancy agency, Dex Ampong is still with INAEC with Jonas Liwag as his pilot. Rey Pena is the regional director for Asia Pacific of Asurion while Von Villanueva is the Scl Asst to Mayor of Navotas.

That is all the updates I could come with for now. Hopefully I can do better next time when all mistah can report of their whereabouts and activities to the class. Let us continue to serve the country as true Bantay-Layans in whatever capacity.



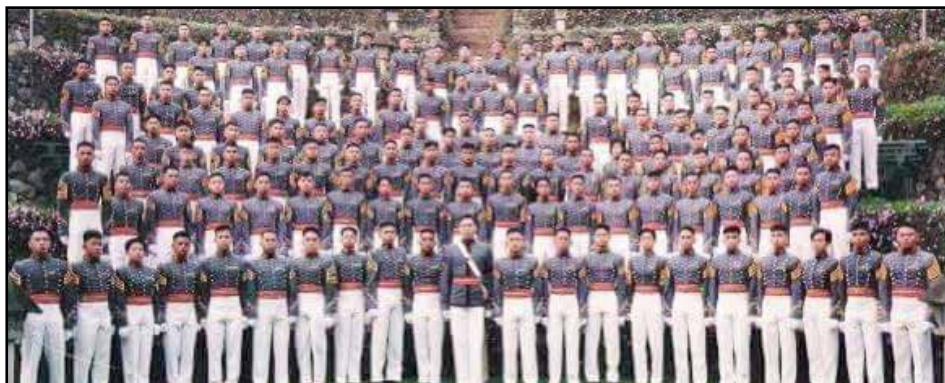
This year marks twenty years of dedicated and faithful service of the PMA Kalasag-Lahi Class of 1997 to the Filipino nation. Going back, our Class Story started on 10 September 1992 when six thousand one hundred six (6,106) applicants took the PMAEE written examination at various exam centers spread throughout the

Archipelago. Out of the large turnout of applicants, eight hundred fifty-four (854) successfully passed the examination but only three hundred (300) candidates were recommended for cadetship after the stringent physical and medical exams at V. Luna Medical Center. Hence, on 1 April 1993, three hundred three (303) wide-eyed young men and women trooped the most sacred ground - the Borromeo Field armed only with our youthful exuberance and steeled determination to succeed and surpass the rigorous training inside the PMA. Sixteen (16) more later joined. Thirty-two (32) other cadets who came from previous classes also joined to compose the total strength of our class. As we turned our back and bid goodbye to civilian life, our new status were greeted with the shouts, more like growls, from our upperclassmen who received us during Reception Day. With the Beast Barracks upon us, some members of our class had succumbed to the challenge and left but those who remained had visibly lost significant weight; our skin color had considerably darkened and each one of us had forgotten the "eight hour sleep" concept.

Our Class left a mark in the Philippine history being the first PMA Class who accepted females to undergo training in the once all-male Academy. Out of the eight hundred fifty four (854) total cadet applicants who passed the PMAEE, one hundred twenty-eight (128) were female candidates. However, only thirty (30) candidates eventually qualified for cadetship. From the pool of female applicants, sixteen (16) females were finally chosen to undergo cadetship. Bonbon Nunag completed the total strength of female cadets as she later joined our class as replacement for Erica Cajucom who opted to resign from the Academy.

As Incorporation Day rolled in, we finally joined the ranks of the Cadet Corps and patiently waited for that simple bare skin handshake come Recognition Day that eventually took place on 17 September 1993. Academics were a brief respite from the demands of the uppies in the barracks. We savored being "relaxed" in the presence of our kind instructors with no rigid bracing up and chinning in and most especially the absence of Cows and Tigers in our midst! Some members of our class (such as Monching and the late Chief Reutotar) excelled in Academics who even get to earn consistent 10.0 in LEs despite constantly dozing during classroom instructions. Others, however, succumbed to sleep deprivation and the temptations of boodling at 4Bs hence were separated due to failure in academics and physicals. As a Plebe class, we got to enjoy brief moments of relaxation such as our first FTX at La Union, Kings and Queens of Barracks/ Poro Point Outing (remember that long, hot footmarch by the railroad?), Barrio Fiesta celebration (starring JJ Sumpay and The Last Pogi – George dela Cruz's Andrew E improvisation), our first 100th Nite Show (What's up, Vicky?), AFP Day Parade/ Beer Busting, Baguio Orientation Tour, Superintendent's Reception and Christmas Caroling.

Yearling year came, the year we started with our Host Parents Program and Silent Drill exhibitions, majority of which were done by Silent Drill Team B. Our performance was so proficient then that our exhibitions reached the shores of Lingayen, Pangasinan during the 50th Lingayen Gulf Landing Anniversary, Baguio Day at Burnham Park and the vaultfiles AFP Day at Camp Aguinaldo. Onlookers were often in awe with our machine gun style of firing (joke!). It is noteworthy though that we were among the very few PMA Classes who were able to perform as Silent Drillers during our entire four year stay in the Academy. It was also during our time as the "Tigers of the Corps" that we went down for our BOS Orientation Tour in two batches. Hence, some were able to validate their reasons in joining a particular BOS while others had a change of heart and opted to join a different BOS. The end of Yearling year marked the most crucial time to make a major decision on what BOS to choose. It was a decision that will have a great impact for the rest of our stay in the Academy as well as on our





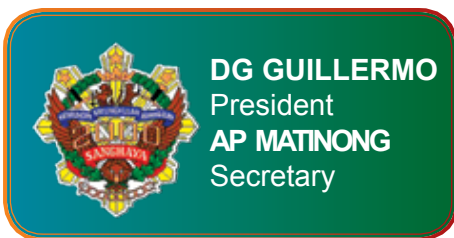
future career as Military Officers. As Cows, we welcomed the arrival of Class 1999 with our role as their Squad Leaders during the NCBn. It was during this particular phase of our training that our unity and integrity as a Class was threatened, however; this afforded us a chance to show our unified strength through our (in)famous yet highly successful Army Group's "Silent Protest."

Being part of the Tri-service curriculum offered in the Academy, our total strength was divided in half to a combined Navy-Air Force and Army batches that each took turns in the conduct of NCBn as Squad Leaders to the

plebes. While one group was focused on the NCBn, the other half underwent their Service Training. During the academic period, we were able to focus on our chosen Majors such as - Management, Computer Science and Engineering (CE, EE, Communications Eng'g, Marine Eng'g and Aircraft Maintenance Eng'g). Effective November 1995, the 3rd trimester for Class 1996 likewise took effect. As a consequence, our class was suddenly delegated a major thrust to be primary leader of the Corps. Because of our early exposure as ruling class in the Corps, the conceptualization and production of

the 100th Nite Show fell squarely on our shoulders. Under our direction, majority of us participated as actors, singers, production and technical staff and even as utility members. No job was too large or insignificant when it came to our Class because everyone's contribution mattered. During the 100th Nite show we managed entitled, "Isang Paghahamon," our Class faced a big challenge as we had the unusual experience of changing the whole script four days before D-Day. Kudos to the Miss Asya Pansifit contestants!

(To be continued next issue)



This year's alumni homecoming triggered changes in our set of class officers. Before anything else, we would like to thank our former set of officers who have been selfless and untiring in their efforts to look after the activities of the class.

Former Set of Class Officers

- President: Vlad Gracilla
- VP PA: Donald Gaffud
- VP PAF: Jeng Mangaya
- VP PN: Mike Pelias
- VP BIRC: Lawin Gaballes
- Treasurer: Mikel Bautista
- Secretary: Baron Garcia
- Auditor: Henry Espinosa

The class gave them another year for their term to finish what they've started and push through with their momentum.

A total of 4 years in their term, we would like to recognize and thank them for job well done. Under the leadership of Vlad Gracilla, our class were able to come up with fund-raising activities for the class, most noteworthy is the Class 2000 commemorative vehicle plates. We were also fortunate to hold several fellowship meetings between the Class 2000 of PMA-PNPA-NBINA. Then there is our very snappy project of our homecoming attire with which we were able save a lot for the class with its reuse. And then the Sanghaya Park project which they left as a legacy to the class. For that, we would also like to recognize Ranger Gee Gurat for being instrumental in facilitating the finishing touches of our park.

We would also like to recognize our new set of officers. Thanks to our class viber group, we were able to mob... I mean wisely select our set of officers for 2017-2020.

- New Set of Class Officers**
- President - Dennis Guillermo
- VP PAF - Ariel Echeveria
- VP PA - Chris Morales
- VP PN - Rodelio Sarmiento
- Treasurer - Van Sumbeling
- Secretary - Adonis Matinong

Auditor - Jason Manaligod

The first class meeting called for by our new President was held at Fort Bonifacio last 08 Mar 2017. Attendees were few but were enough to put up insightful plans for the class. For the next meetings, we are hopeful for the completeness class officers. We would also like to encourage everyone to be active in bringing up your concern, suggestions, posting photos of class activities through our viber or FB online groups.


The last homecoming was yet another time for us to bond together as family. But it is also a time for us to showcase the skills of our mistahs in the field of sports. We would like to recognize our mistahs who participated in the last sportsfest held during the last





homecoming. Congratulations to our mistahs for a very snappy finish after garnering second place in the basketball marathon succumbing to the 12 years younger Class 2012. We will get them next time! To our golfers, let's forego with diplomatic games next time.

Until next meeting mistahs... Stay safe everyone, especially to our mistahs beating the deadline there in Western Mindanao! God bless!



JN DELMENDO
President
EM ESPANOLA
Secretary

Congratulations kaakibats for hurdling 20 years in the service! As we celebrate, let us reminisce our wonderful stories in the past, check on where we are now and look forward to the next 10 to 15 years in the service.

Everytime we think of our past, we instantly remember cadet years... the time when we are still confused, being honed and until developed as strong and ready young lieutenants. As cadets, our class surpassed a lot of challenges. We were tagged doomed, but we surpassed the stigma and emerged as a class of achievers and worthy officers, our Academy has been and continuously being proud of. We are now holding significant positions in the different branches of service and also in the corporate organizations. We emerged as a Class with a strong conviction on what we believe as ethically right and in accordance to the core values the Academy has inculcated in us.

When we get together with our mistahs, we see ourselves as still having the playful antics; unmindful of what we say or do; and getting back to our usual young kaakibats. These are the times we do cherish the bond we developed

through the years. It is so refreshing to get back to the funny stories, epic lines, weird experiences... most may sound harsh and offensive to others but still kept, cherished and accepted as sweet memories of the Kaakibats.

So, let us get back to these memories and be refreshed! Want to know more about our Army Kaakibats? Read on... "Da hu" are these kaakibats? 1) After the smokers' night at SRTS: "Mga tent, lumabas na! Wag mahiya!" 2) Three hours before reveille, tactical movement back to tent area: "klang!" 3) In a symposium on a topic about Kalayaan Group of Islands: "Sir, in the huge of China,? 4) FortMag:

"da hu" ang nambiktima sa nananahimik na TV? 5) OPC at Fort Mag: "da hu" si Pamela na makikipag eye ball kay..? 6) SRTS: #naendors naghanapngbato nagisip & #umakyat nabasa natuyo natuyo tumalon! 7)#maniwala ka diyan! 8) Entrucking from OPC: sink – fullybooked dahil sa lechon. 9) TL: "pak pak pak pak! Patay ka na sergeant!" Cpt D: Hindi ako si sergeant!" 10) Marcher at Melchor Hall: #nagdoze,tumayo,nagerasengboard while instructor is still writing on the board. 11) #basta may saging 12) #mamamamalcon! 13)#living la vida luca 14) #ganito kasi yun mga buddies. That is all for now folks! :)

EVENTS: Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 February 2017)



Kaakibat Meeting for Long Service Celebration @ DISG, DND



AT MARQUEZ
President
MGA SOLIS
Secretary

2017 PMA Alumni Homecoming marked 15 years of our lives as servicemen of the country and the Filipino people. It was a celebration of thanks giving for everything that has made us become since the day of our graduation in our beloved alma mater. And whether we choose to stay in the military or choose to get out of it, in our hearts we sure have the same motto of courage, integrity and loyalty.

It was not so long ago that we took oath of our duties and responsibilities as protectors of the sovereignty of our land. The passion to start the real job in the real world outside the corners of PMA was

burning like fire! We were too passionate, too eager to discover more of what **SERVICE** really meant, and for years we have faced diverse challenges of not only with work but in all aspects of our lives. We learned that embracing the career we chose comes in package with the whole lot of our being and the people who matter to us.

Along the way, we have had **frustrations, disappointments, losses, heartbreaks**, accomplishments and successes shared among the important people in our lives. We strived, we struggled, we learned and we continue to live for the passion that never failed to keep burning. We are grateful of the many different experiences and beautiful people that come our way because they give us the **inspiration and motivation to push even further**. They have been the ration of our survival kit, the sail on our ship and the wind beneath our wings. They kept us going!

To all members of **PMA Banyuhay Class of 2002**, cheers to **15 years** of crystal service!



PMA Banyuhay Class 2002 picture taking after the Alumni Parade, united as one.



Charlie Company 2002 with their former Tac-O Sir "Bagets" Vilela



Final salute to our Mistah Jerico

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PSSUPT ANTONIO P MENDOZA JR PNP
10 Apr 1965 – 16 Mar 2017



PSSUPT ANTONIO P MENDOZA JR, the valedictorian of Class 1988 passed away on 16 March 2017 in San Francisco, USA where he was the Police Attache, Philippine Consulate. He is survived by his wife Audrey Black Mendoza with whom he has six children namely: Catherine, Louise, Antonio III, Andrei, Aimee and Miguel. He was buried in Isabela.

COL DENNIS B BUMANGLAG PA
23 Dec 1969 – 21 Mar 2017



COL DENNIS B BUMANGLAG of PMA Class 1991 for sometime, valiantly fought Mucinous Adenocarcinoma Urinary Bladder Stage III cancer until he was admitted at the AFP Medical Center on 7 January 2016 where he passed away on 21 March 2017. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 28 March 2017. He left behind, three children namely: Annaelhiza Denise, Anna Kathreena Danica, and Anna Dominique.

PSUPT MICHAEL ANGELO B MARTIN PNP
1 July 1967 – 27 Mar 2017



PSUPT MICHAEL ANGELO B MARTIN, PMA Class 1990 suffered a heart attack that caused his untimely demise on 27 March 2017. His remains were cremated on 4 April 2017 at the St. Nathaniel Crematory, La Loma Catholic Cemetery, Caloocan City and later interred at the North Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Emelita Arcillas Martin with whom he has children.



LAST CALL

COL ORLANDO M SUAREZ PA
02 Dec 1966 – 12 Feb 2017



Philippine Defense Attaché to the U.S., COL ORLANDO M SUAREZ passed away on 11 February 2017 after suffering a stroke while on an official trip to Honolulu, Hawaii. He was 50 years old.

“Col Dado,” as he was fondly called had served as the Assistant Defense and Armed Forces Attaché at the Philippine Embassy since 30 April 2014. He is survived by his wife Gemma, and children Mark Andrew, Samantha Nicole, Paolo Benjamin, and Maurine Ysabel.

A graduate of the PMA “Maringal” Class of 1988, Col Suarez earned a Master’s Degree in Public Management from the Development Academy of the Philippines in 2010. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

MAJ JERICO P MANGALUS PA
23 Jan 1979 - 16 Feb 2017



MAJ JERICO P MANGALUS '02, an intelligence officer assigned with Military Intelligence Group 10 (MIG 10) was killed along with an enlisted man following

a clash with suspected Maute Group members in Marawi City on 16 February 2017. The incident took place at around 5:30 p.m. at Barangay Lilod Madaya.

MAJ MANGALUS with members of MIG 10, were conducting intelligence operations in the area when they encountered suspected Maute Group terrorists who were aboard a white Toyota Corolla with plate number ULB-391, triggering a 10-minute firefight. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.

He is survived by his wife Adoure Fran with whom he had four children, namely: Jaynee Feliz, Janina Faith, Jacob Franco, and Jerica Faye.

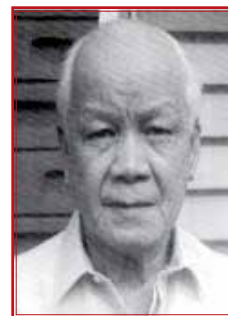
LTCOL OSCAR F IBARRA PAF (Ret)
15 Mar 1971 – 14 Feb 2017



COL OSCAR F IBARRA of PMA Class 1995, was killed by NPA on 14 February 2017 while aboard his bike along Asipulo, Ifugao. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga

Bayani. He left behind his wife Marylee Garcia with whom he had 2 children namely: Xyryl Zen Guillier, and Qasmyrl Raco.

COL VICENTE S TONGSON PC
28 Mar 1926 – 17 Feb 2017



COL VICENTE S TONGSON, PMA Class 1951, passed away on 17 February 2017, he was 91 years old. He was cremated at the Christ the King Co l u m b a r i u m

where his urn was interred with his wife

Pilar with whom he had six children namely: Edgardo, Cesar, Vicente Jr, Agustin, Ma. Angela and Patrick.

COL ALBERTO M DE CASTRO PC (Ret)
21 Nov 1938 - 12 Mar 2017



COL ALBERTO M DE CASTRO, PMA Class 1962 passed away on 12 March 2017 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. He was buried in Iligan cemetery. He

was a lawyer and some of his important positions held were Dep & Ex-O, C3 Div, HPC; Provincial Commander, Lanao del Norte CC; CO Iligan Metrodiscom, Tipanoy, Iligan. After retirement, he became Sgt at Arms, Philippine Senate and later Commissioner, PHILRACOM. He left behind his wife Annette with whom he had five children, namely: Barbara, Baron, Bernadette, Marsha and Baby Ann.

BGEN RODRIGO B GUTANG PC (Ret)
22 June 1933 – 16 Mar 2017



BG E N RODRIGO B GUTANG of PMA Class 1956 died on 16 March 2017 and was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig

City. He was the First Captain or “Baron” of his class. He was elected Congressman, First District of Cotabato from 1987 – 1992. He was active in Association of General and Flag Officers and, Veterans Freedom Party and retiree affairs. He was the author of the PNP Law, RA 6975. He left behind his wife Tita Tongson with whom he had seven children, namely: Marco Ferdinand, John Carlo, Rodney Christopher, Rodrigo Jr., Tanya Deanna, Randolph Joseph, and Juan Rodrigo.

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