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# ABOUT THE COVER

To the alumni visiting Fort del Pilar, nothing could be more nostalgic than seeing familiar landmarks like Melchor Hall and scenes like cadets in crisp dress uniforms marching smartly during parades on Borromeo Field. Perhaps, they fondly remember their cadet days when upperclassmen would bark “*keep in step plebes!*” as they marched as fourthclassmen outside barracks. Little did they know then that this command, though seemingly trivial and more part of the “*tackling tradition*”, prepared them for incorporation into The Cadet Corps and the right to march shoulder to shoulder with the “*immaculate*” upperclassmen.

This is the story which the cover attempts to tell. Keeping in step, beyond nostalgia, has subtler and more far reaching meaning to those in the profession of arms. It is the first step, the training ground for the development of teamwork and esprit de corps. And more importantly, it is the foundation for obedience to the leaders, the chain of command.

At this point of time when there is a need for the country to rid the obstacles that hindered its march to peace and prosperity, it behooves on the alumni to set the example and keep in step with the nation’s leaders, for a “*brighter and better tomorrow.*”

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**Theme for the next issue: Upholding civilian supremacy**

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



## Keeping in step with the new leaders toward peace and prosperity

**W**e Cavaliers, whether young or no longer young, are familiar with the terms peace and prosperity. Ever since, even when we were still cadets, we have been indoctrinated that our national strategy is based on the mantra that without peace and security, there is no prosperity, progress or development.

We are also familiar with the phrase “keep in step.” Since we first set foot on the Loakan grounds to join the long gray line, we have always heard the phrase in various ways. Keep in step with the bass drum. Keep in step with the man in front of you. Keep in step with the commander. Keep in step with the leader. If one is out of step, he will spoil the beauty of the parade, ignite disunity or dissension in the ranks, or even cause the failure of the mission of his organization.

It's been more than a month since the national and local elections. We have once again been given the opportunity to choose our leaders. Congratulations to all the candidates who won. To those who did not make it, better luck next time.

The newly elected national and local officials have already taken their oath of office as mandated by our Constitution. Let us give them the chance to serve and succeed. Whether we



*The President and his cabinet at work.*


voted for them or not is no longer relevant; what is important now is to give them our full support and cooperation.

Right at the beginning of his inaugural address, our new President and Commander-in-Chief Rodrigo Roa Duterte, who incidentally is an adopted member of PMA Dimasupil Class of 1967, correctly stated that “No leader, however strong, can succeed at anything of national importance or significance unless he has the support and cooperation of the people he is tasked to lead and sworn to serve.”

Aside from his campaign platform to eradicate drugs, criminality and corruption, he has to address the “real problem that confronts us”, which is “erosion of faith and trust in government.” His promise to the people is to institute “genuine and meaningful change” but for this change to be permanent and significant, it must start with us and in us.

That is now the bass drum which all of us have to keep in step with. Those working in the government have to toe the line, but they have to do it whole-heartedly or attaining the national objectives becomes difficult. Those who are not connected with the government can still do their share in several, though modest, ways even by just being a law-abiding, productive and disciplined citizen.

To those who are inclined to find fault, we suggest that you hold your punches first. Let us allow our new leaders to do their tasks. If after some time, they fall short of your standards, then by all means bombard them with your criticisms. But it will be good for all of us if these criticisms are constructive. If our leaders do well, let us also give them due recognition and encouragement.

The journey toward peace and prosperity is an arduous one. Let us therefore keep in step with our leaders in this journey. 



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



## Cavaliers as stewards in nurturing peace and prosperity

The Philippines has just opened a new chapter in our history. We have chosen a fresh set of leaders with the hope of bringing lasting progress and security to our nation. It is clear that this year's electoral process was full of promises and expectations. I have witnessed a great surge of nationalism among the majority of the citizens in this country. However, inspite of this overwhelming sentiment, I have also grown weary of the vulnerabilities that may come with it.

Great struggles of any country are won with the collective efforts of its people. As we welcome the new administration with eagerness for change, we should keep in mind that it is constructive change that we seek to attain. In this light, I encourage unison in working toward this cause. Together, we will be aspiring for a progressive Philippines. I would like to remind everybody that we in the military service play a key role in ensuring that these hopes are attained.

There are a number of new initiatives on peace and prosperity promised by our recently elected leaders. Everyone is hyped by these promises, including us. We accepted a great responsibility when we joined the service. Thus, it is our duty to insure that our actions and decisions are according to the best interest of our country. Let us be assertive and true to where our loyalty lies - our Constitution. It is where our mandate emanates. May this all-important document serve as a reminder that we, as sentinels of the sovereignty of the nation, should abide by the rule of law.

Presently, our government is confronted by sensitive issues which arise from events such as the ruling of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague, Netherlands on the West Philippine Sea, war on corruption and illegal drugs, pursuit of peace, and on top of them, threats of terrorism. It is in these times that we must show strength among our ranks in order to sustain our pursuit

of peace and prosperity for our country and people.

I acknowledge the relationship between security and economic stability. It is often debated: which one should come first to lead to the other one? To most of us, they are closely intertwined. A developing nation like ours needs to create an environment conducive for the growth of both factors and consequently lead to a better Philippines.

I am positive that all of us cavaliers are strongly behind the current administration in sustaining all initiatives in pursuing peace and prosperity. Change is indeed coming. It is inevitable and we welcome it for as long as the end state means a more secure and progressive Philippines. ***Cavaliers, let us join hands with the other sectors of society in pursuing peace and prosperity through a collective social action and unity of purpose.***



President Rodrigo R. Duterte hands-over the command saber to incoming Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ricardo Visaya during the turn over of Command Ceremony on 1 July 2016 at Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. (Photo by Marcelino Pascua/PCOO)



The primary actors during the turn-over of command, from left to right: Defense Secretary Delfin N Lorenzana '73, Vice President Leni Robredo, VCSAFP Glorioso V Miranda '83, President Rodrigo R Duterte and CSAFP Ricardo P Visaya '83. (RTVM Screenshot; AP/Bullit Marquez)



# SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



## A purview of lessons

*Sharing with others, learning from each other*

As the whole country witnessed another historic milestone in the country with the assumption of a new administration on 30 June 2016, the Philippine Military Academy for its part etched in its history the meaningful experience of hosting an international conference.

In the previous issue of the Cavalier Magazine, I proudly shared with you the three institutional thrusts from which all our plans are anchored. It was also in that same issue that I briefly talked about the hosting of the 6th Rimland Pacific Superintendents' Conference (RPSC) held last 18-22 July 2016. It was a gathering of heads and key officials of Service Academies from Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, United States, Vietnam, and the Philippines.


This year's RPSC became more relevant and timely for all participating Service Academies as we explored the ways and means by which the academies can aggressively integrate the challenges of global security in the curriculum. These institutions, like the PMA, are entrusted with the great task of educating leaders. It is important for them to correctly perceive and appreciate their roles in addressing the future of this world, especially in the maintenance of peace and amity in the Pacific Region.

During the conference, the participants agreed that it is through cooperation and collaboration of the Service Academies that they could address and better understand the dynamic and complex issues of regional and global security issues. Working together compensates for weaknesses in international relations. Working together means the exploration of a number of worthwhile undertakings like joint opportunities advocated by the RPSC, such as semester exchanges, professional training exchanges, short duration orientation visits and faculty/staff exchanges.

More importantly, I have picked up two very important lessons from the presentations of the Service Academies during the conference. First is how some academies establish and promote an all-encompassing faculty development program which is instituted at organizational level rather than as an individual initiative. In addition to the individuals' aspirations to improve, their organizational strategy of developing their faculty members presents a more strategic thrust in improving the qualification of their teaching force in the long-term. It is this lesson that motivated me well enough to consider pushing for a long-term faculty development program, which we have already launched, to enable PMA to keep up with a rapidly changing internal and external environment. This rational framework will assure our stakeholders that PMA will continue to provide quality education to the cadets through a highly qualified faculty.

Secondly, during the discussions, I was impressed by how some of the academies perceive and confront honor violations by their cadets. Some presentors posited that the cadets' response to the violation of the Honor System should be better viewed from a proactive rather than reactive perspective. To them, their Honor System, which encompasses the culture of ethics,

is all about making choices and rising up to the challenges of these choices. Cadets are given the choice and decision to adhere to core values, adopt prescribed morals, and act in accordance with ethical standards. This philosophy expects the individual to voluntarily accept his mistakes and make necessary reparation for any violation without outrightly being denied the chance to examine himself and start anew. This approach is preferred to developing a culture of ethics based on obeying rules in order to avoid punishment. Thus, the question, "Are we creating a just ethical climate where a corrective system instead of a retributive one is fostered?" has now become a complex challenge for us in the Academy and even our stakeholders.

There could be no better learning experience than listening to everyone who shares information, exploring opportunities for partnership, and arriving at new conclusions on varied topics of great interest to us. Indeed, there was so much to learn during the conference and in the days that passed so that we in the Philippine Military Academy, are challenged to make innovations. But more than the lessons learned, equally important to us is that this gathering has inculcated in us the value of partnership and cooperation and the meeting of different minds for a common end which the RPSC successfully accomplished. 



The PMA Superintendent (fifth from left), with the delegates, during the Opening Ceremony of the 6th Rimland Pacific Superintendents' Conference held at the Sofitel Hotel, Manila.



A plenary session of delegates of Service Academies



## Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

### Along one path toward common goals

**T**hose who aver that they love their country and want lasting peace and security should now walk their talk. All they must do, if they are sincere: Follow the leader; obey the laws (this includes following traffic rules); drop those guns (those who want to rule outside the existing political system); be honest (especially those who are trusted with the people's money). Be disciplined and law-abiding, in short. And there are more...

We now have a new President and Commander-in-Chief, thanks to a widely participated, albeit hotly contested national elections last May. President Rodrigo R. Duterte may not be a majority President, but he got the highest number of votes with an overwhelming lead over the other candidates. Therefore, he is everybody's President, not only of those who supported and voted for him. That's democracy, in essence.

During his inaugural address last June 30, 2016, he said: *"I now ask everyone, and I mean everyone, to join me as we embark on this crusade for a better and brighter tomorrow."* What more could be a better first step for starting a governance that is backed-up by the governed?

For our cavaliers, in fact, all those in the uniformed service, active or retired, rallying behind a new Commander-in-Chief, has never been a problem. Aside from the fact that they respect the constitutional provision of civilian supremacy over the military, they never questioned the chain of command (except perhaps in a few isolated cases which became dark spots in the history of the armed services).

*The coming months and early years of the new administration will be crucial to the future of the country. The flagship programs of the new government have been clearly spelled out – pursuit of the peace process, eradication of corruption, war against criminality in general and against illegal drugs in particular. The military and the other armed services have been assigned specific tasks, some of which are beyond the traditional boundaries of their primary functions.*


The success of the pursuit of peace with the insurgent and secessionist groups, (a political process and not the mandate of the military) places a great onus on the military. The civilian sector has the impression that the armed forces prefer that there shall be fighting in their hands – for a bigger force needing a big slice of the budget and promotion of their senior commanders. Those who had been or are still in the thick of the fighting know that this impression is farthest from the truth. It is never fun to be away from home, roaming the jungles and mountains, looking for battle with the enemy and in so doing risking their lives and limbs. Perhaps, the critics have not seen up close grieving widows and orphans during wakes and burials or even experienced the intense sorrow of those who lost a loved one at an early age.

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**The difficulty of serving in the armed services is perhaps one of the primary reasons why their retirement system, compared to the civilian sector (except the judiciary and independent commissions), is one of the best in the world, concept-wise, not in its monetary value. Unfortunately, the full pension arrears of those who have retired have not been given by the past administration. Nor have they been included in the appropriations for the current year. There is however light at the end of the tunnel with the promise of the new administration to address retirement benefits and increased pay and allowances of those in the active service.**

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But it is not the prospect of a higher pay and payment of pension arrears that inspire the alumni to rally behind the new leaders. It is their high sense of duty and love of country developed in the Academy through the years by the core values of courage, integrity and loyalty.

And lest the alumni shall forget, recall scenes at the Academy hallways when upperclassmen asked plebes: *Why do you want to be a cadet.* And they answered: *To serve my country, sir!* 

# CAVALIER

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

## NEWSLINE



**[Erratum:** In the previous issue of the Cavalier, under our Cavalier Newsline, the first name of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte was inadvertently printed as Rodolfo. Our sincere apologies to the President.]

### PDDGen Uyami leads new designations in PNP

PDDGen Francisco A Uyami Jr '82 has been elevated to the No. 2 position in the PNP, as the new deputy chief for administration (DCA). He used to be the chief, directorial staff. PDir Benjamin B Magalong '82, formerly chief, CIDG, has been designated deputy chief for operations (DCO).



**Magalong**



**Uyami**

The other new designees are: PCSupt Ramon C Apolinario'85, OIC, chief directorial staff, vice Uyami; PCSupt Fernando H Mendez Jr '86, acting chief, Directorate for Personnel and Records Management; PCSupt Nestor FQuinsay Jr '84, OIC, Directorate for Intelligence; PCSupt Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan '86, acting chief, Directorate for Operations; PCSupt Jose Maria Victor F Ramos '86, acting chief, Directorate for Logistics; Archie Francisco F Gamboa'86, acting chief, Directorate for Comptrollership; and PCSupt Augusto M Marquez Jr '84, acting head, Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management.

PCSupt Victor P Deona'82, acting chief, Directorate for Integrated Police Operations (DIPO) Northern Luzon; and PCSupt Moro Virgilio M Lazo'84, acting chief, DIPO Visayas.

PCSupt Oscar D Albayalde'86, acting director, NCRPO; PCSupt Gilbert C Sosa '84, acting regional director (RD), Police Regional Office (PRO) 2; PCSupt Wilben M Mayor '85, acting RD, PRO 4B; PCSupt Melvin Ramon G Buenafe'86, acting RD, PRO 5; PCSupt Jose L Gentiles'84, acting RD, PRO 6; PCSupt Noli GTalino'84, acting

RD PRO 7; PCSupt Elmer C Beltejar'85, acting RD, PRO 8; PCSupt Agripino G Javier'85, acting RD, PRO ARMM; PCSupt Elmo Francis O Sarena'86, acting RD, PRO Cordilleras;

PSSupt Roberto B Fajardo '87, acting district director (DD), Northern Police District; PSSupt Romulo Sapitula, acting DD, Eastern Police District; PSSupt Joel Napoleon M Coronel '87, acting DD, Manila Police District; PSSupt Tomas C Apolinario Jr '87, acting DD, Southern Police District; and PSSupt Guillermo Lorenzo T Eleazar '87, acting DD, QC Police District.

PCSupt Roel B Obusan '86, acting director, CIDG; PCSupt Federico L Dulay Jr '84, acting director, Civil Security Group; PCSupt Benjamin M Lusad '85, acting director, Special Action Group; PSSupt Antonio N Gardiola Jr '86, acting director, Highway Patrol Group.

### Gen David appointed USec for defense policy

Retired Gen Ricardo A David Jr '77 has been appointed as DND USec for defense policy and concurrently acting undersecretary of national defense, replacing USND Honorio S Azcueta '68. David served as AFP chief of staff and later commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration. The other new undersecretaries are retired MGen Eduardo D del Rosario '80, USec for civil, retirees and reservists affairs; retired MGen Raymundo D Elefante, USec for finance, munitions, installation and materiel; and retired BGen Ricardo B Jalad '83, chief, Office of Civil Defense and executive director of the NDRRMC.

Likewise, retired Commo Julito M Casillan II '67 has been designated as asst secretary in the Department of Agriculture.

### MGen Balutan appointed as Bureau of Corrections chief

Retired MGen Alexander F Balutan '83 has recently been appointed as the new chief of the Bureau of Corrections, replacing retired LtGen Ricardo Rainier G Cruz III '80.

Balutan has been replaced as PN vice commander by RAdm Rafael G Mariano '84



**Balutan**

### RAdm Mercado designated Westcom chief

RAdm Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83 has been designated commander of the AFP Western Command based in Palawan, replacing VAdm Alexander S Lopez '82 who retired from the service.



**Mercado**

### MGen Quidilla designated Solcom chief; MGen Del Rosario, Vizcom commander

MGen Ferdinand F Quidilla '83 has been designated as the commander of Solcom, replacing Gen Ricardo R Visaya '83, who was earlier elevated as the AFP chief.

MGen Raul I del Rosario '84 has replaced as Viscom commander LtGen Nicanor M Vivar '82, who retired.

### RAdm Enriquez designated J9; BGen Velasco, J8, AFP

RAdm Ernesto C Enriquez '84 has been designated deputy chief of staff for retirees and reservists affairs, J9, AFP. He



**Enriquez**

used to be NSSC commander. Earlier, RAdm Narciso A Vingzon Jr '85 assumed as chief of the Naval Education and Training Command, vice RAdm Jose Renan C Suarez '82, who retired.

Mercado has been replaced as Phil Fleet commander by RAdm Bayani R Gaerlan '84, who himself has been replaced as chief of naval staff by Commo Gaudencio C Collado Jr '86.

MGen Raul I del Rosario '84 has replaced as Viscom commander LtGen Nicanor M Vivar '82, who retired.

used to be the asst deputy chief of staff for intelligence, J2.

BGen Elvin B Velasco '85 has assumed as the deputy chief of staff for education and training, J8, AFP, vice MGen Andre M Costales Jr '83

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# Ten PETFI scholars graduate from college

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55  
Chairman, PETFI

**T**en (10) scholars of the PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) have graduated from college at the end of school year 2015-16.

One of them, Margaret J Concha, graduated cum laude with a BS Psychology degree from St. Louis University in Baguio City. She is the daughter of the late Marvin M Concha '72 from the PNP.

The other nine (9) graduates are: 1) Ali Khan M Apilado, BS Forestry, Tarlac College of Agriculture, brother of the late Angelica M Valdez '06 PAF; 2) Christy G Corpuz, BS information Systems, Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University, sister of Jun G Corpuz '14 PA; 3) Roniel Mario D Victoria, BSBA HRM, Dela Salle College of St. Benille, son of the late Rocky P Victoria '81 PNP; 4) Tisha-An Lyka J Ambal, BS Agribusiness Management, UP Los Banos, daughter of the late Alexander V Ambal '86 PA;


5) John Patrick L Fernando, BS Industrial Engineering, UST, son of the late Nestor G Fernando '78 PN; 6) Alejandro Cesar S Ilano, BS Civil Engineering, UST, son of the late Cesar F Ilano '67 PA; , 7)

Ryan Joshua DC Jarque, BS Medical Technology, UST, son of the late Jose Rene N Jarque '86 PA; 8) Frances Aina Beatrice R Javier, BS Biology, UST, daughter of the late Dohn Alfonso B Javier '95 PN; and 9) Patricia Camille L Maramo, BS Nursing, California State University, Long Beach, daughter of the late Rene M Maramo '85 PNP.

There were seventy-one (71) scholars of PETFI during the past school year, from grade school to college. The scholars who are children or younger siblings of deceased or disabled regular members in good standing of the PMAAAI and regular members of PETFI.

The scholars are given a yearly stipend of P30,000 for those in college, P20,000 for those in high school and P18,000 for those in the elementary. Special scholars, those whose weighted general average during the preceding school year is at least 85%, are given a higher stipend as incentive, P33,000 for those with average of 85% to below 90%, P36,000 for those with average of 90% to below 95%, and P40,000 for those with average of 95% or above. Those who graduate with honors are also given incentive of P5,000 for cum laude, P10,000 for magna cum laude and P15,000 for summa cum laude. This is in addition to P5,000 for merely graduating within the prescribed duration of the course.

The PETFI was incorporated in 1965, the first among the four PMAAA affiliate foundations, as a vehicle to raise funds to support the education of the less fortunate children of deceased and disabled married alumni and younger siblings of those unmarried. It is a tax exempt donee institution. Presently, it has now a fund balance of P29 million.

The president of PETFI is Cav Jose C Lapus '65. 



PETFI President Cav Jose C Lapus '65 (left) and PETFI Chairman Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (right) pose with scholar Mrs. Margaret Concha (center)

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who has moved to the Phil Marine Corps as its commandant, replacing MGen Remegio C Valdez '83 who retired.

### BGen Martin designated GHQ & HSC chief

BGen Allan F Martin '83 has been designated as the new GHQ & HSC chief and camp commander of Camp Aguinaldo, vice BGen Vicente M Yordan '82, who retired.

Martin has been replaced as deputy chief of Solcom by Col Ernesto V Ravina Jr '84.

### PDir Alarcio elected mayor of Laoac, Pangasinan

Among the PMA retired alumni elected/re-elected during the last national

elections on 9 May 2016 are: PDir Silverio D Alarcio Jr '76, mayor of Laoac, Pangasinan; PDDGen Jefferson P Soriano '76, mayor of Tuguegarao City; PCSupt Fidel A Cimat Jr '77, mayor of Bangui, Ilocos Norte; PCSupt Ricardo I Padilla '77, mayor of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija; and PCSupt Vicente A Loot '82, mayor of Daanbantayan, Cebu.

Reported in the previous issue is the election of PDGen Panfilo M Lacson '71 as senator, PDir Romeo M Acop '70, representative, 2nd District of Antipolo City; PC Col Amado T Espino Jr '72, representative, 5th district of Pangasinan; PDir Leopoldo N Bataoil '76, representative, 2nd district of Pangasinan; and Maj Garry C Alejano '95, Magdalo Partylist representative.


### Col Alhambra celebrates 100th birthday

Col Vicente Fabian Alhambra '42 celebrated his 100th birthday last 19 July 2016 at the Marriot Hotel in Pasay City. Happy birthday, sir!



**Alhambra**

He has the distinction of being the only member of the Association who has reached 100 years of age. The late LtGen Leoncio S Tan '28 died a few months before his 100th birthday.

Col Alhambra can still walk. In fact, every month he goes to PVAO to personally get his pension, and he passes by the PMA Alumni Center to greet fellow alumni. 





# ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

## PAF chapter to organize subchapters

By Cav Isagani F Quiming '01

The present leadership of the PAF Chapter, led by Chairman Cav Briguez '86, plans to replicate its organization in other PAF major bases all over the country.

The subchapters will have a basic structure composed of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Chair, Ways and Means Committee. The subchapters will be allotted funds to enable them to conduct activities similar to those in the PAF Chapter. In this way, PAF Cavaliers who are deployed all over the

archipelago will also enjoy the basic services extended by the alumni organization.

When organized, the Board of Trustees will visit the subchapters, one at a time, to enjoy their fellowship and reach out to members, especially the younger cavaliers who need more guidance and assistance from the mother Chapter. All of these initiatives are prompted by the management's desire to bring the PAF chapter closer to the hearts of the members.

## Navy cavaliers: making strides and taking leaps

By: Cav Marineth R Domingo '02

Just like any AFP organization, the Navy is not lacking in talented officers who will take over the leadership of commands and offices. During the past three months, there were various turn-over ceremonies where new commanders and staff officers assumed new positions.

The following are the newly installed officers of the Navy (from May to July) who assumed command and staff responsibilities: Cav Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83, Commander, Western Command; Cav Bayani R Gaerlan '84, Commander, Phil Fleet; Cav Narciso A Vingson Jr '85, Commander, NETC; Cav Gaudencio C Collado '86, Chief of Naval Staff; Cav Arthur R Biyo '86, Commander, NRC; Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87, Commander, NFNL; Cav Albert A Mogol '87, Commander, FMRF; Cav Rommel Jason L Galang '87, Commander, LCF, PF; Cav Reginald B Rapanan '89, AC of NS for Intel, N2; Cav Ricardo D Petrola '90, AC of NS for CMO, N7; Cav Juan D Ilagan '91, Director, NMFO; Cav Mac Raul B Racacho '92, AC of NS for NSE, N10; Cav Diosdado M Caluya '92, Director, NRMO; Cav Alan M Javier '92, Commander, FSF, PF; and Cav Juario C Marayag '93, Director, ONSS.

### Earlier Activity:

The PMAAA-PN Chapter Inc., headed by Cav Loumer Bernabe '87, in partnership with the PNOWHA, led by Mrs. Joy Taccad, successfully concluded the recent fund raising activity through film showing of "Star Trek Beyond" at SM MOA Premier Cinema last 20 July. Funds generated would support the schooling of qualified dependents and livelihood programs of both organizations.

### Upcoming Activity:

The Navy Chapter is organizing another grand activity to be participated in not only by Navy Cavaliers but other Officers commissioned under NOQC and NOCC through NARAA and PNOCS. There will be an Invitational Fun Shoot open for all Navy officers on Sept 3, 2016 at Marine Corps Training Center, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Said activity will pave the way for better camaraderie, teamwork, and good working relationship. The shoot fest is open to all gun enthusiasts. Registration fee is P500.00. There is a P2500.00 fee for patrons/sponsors. Walk-ins are authorized; just proceed to the said venue on the said date. For more details, please contact Cav Sagge '05 at +63917-304-5399.





# Inaugural address of President Rodrigo R Duterte

Malacañang Palace, 30 June 2016

**P**resident Fidel Ramos, *sir, salamat po sa tulong mo* (thank you for your help) making me President; President Joseph Ejercito Estrada; Senate President Franklin Drilon and the members of the Senate; Speaker Feliciano Belmonte and the members of the House of Representatives; Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court; His Excellency Guiseppe Pinto and the members of the Diplomatic Corps; incoming members of the Cabinet; fellow workers in government; my fellow countrymen.

No leader, however strong, can succeed at anything of national importance or significance unless he has the support and cooperation of the people he is tasked to lead and sworn to serve.

It is the people from whom democratic governments draw strength and this administration is no exception. That is why we have to listen to the murmurings of the people, feel their pulse, supply their needs and fortify their faith and trust in us whom they elected to public office.

There are many amongst us who advance the assessment that the problems that bedevil our country today which need to be addressed with urgency, are corruption, both in the high and low echelons of government, criminality in the streets, and the rampant sale of illegal drugs in all strata of Philippine society and the breakdown of law and order. True, but not absolutely so. For I see these ills as mere symptoms of a virulent social disease that creeps and cuts into the moral fiber of Philippine society. I sense a problem deeper and more serious than any of those mentioned or all of them put together. But of course, it is not to say that we will ignore them because they have to be stopped by all means that the law allows.

No leader, however strong, can succeed at anything of national importance or significance unless he has the support and cooperation of the people he is tasked to lead and sworn to serve.

Erosion of faith and trust in government – that is the real problem that confronts us. Resulting therefrom, I see the erosion of the people’s trust in our country’s leaders; the erosion of faith in our judicial system; the erosion of confidence in the capacity of our public servants to make the people’s lives better, safer and healthier.

Indeed, ours is a problem that dampens the human spirit. But all is not lost.

I know that there are those who do not approve of my methods of fighting criminality, the sale and use of illegal drugs and corruption. They say that my methods are unorthodox and verge on the illegal. In response let me say this:

I have seen how corruption bled the government of funds, which were allocated for the use in uplifting the poor from the mire that they are in.

I have seen how illegal drugs destroyed individuals and ruined family relationships.

I have seen how criminality, by means all foul, snatched from the innocent and the unsuspecting, the years and years of

accumulated savings. Years of toil and then, suddenly, they are back to where they started.

Look at this from that perspective and tell me that I am wrong.

In this fight, I ask Congress and the Commission on Human Rights and all others who are similarly situated to allow us a level of governance that is consistent to our mandate. The fight will be relentless and it will be sustained.

As a lawyer and a former prosecutor, I know the limits of the power and authority of the president. I know what is legal and what is not.

I know that there are those who do not approve of my methods of fighting criminality. They say that my methods are unorthodox and verge on the illegal.

My adherence to due process and the rule of law is uncompromising.

You mind your work and I will mind mine.

*“Malasakit. Tunay na Pagbabago. Tinud-anay nga Kausaban (Compassion. Real change.)”* – these are words which catapulted me to the presidency. These slogans were conceptualized not for the sole purpose of securing the votes of the electorate. *“Tinud-anay nga kabag-uhan. Mao kana ang tumong sa atong pang-gobyerno (Real change. This is the direction of our government).”*



Rodrigo R. Duterte takes his oath as President

Far from that. These were battle cries articulated by me in behalf of the people hungry for genuine and meaningful change. But the change, if it is to be permanent and significant, must start with us and in us. [applause]

To borrow the language of F. Sionil Jose, we have become our own worst enemies. And we must have the courage and the will to change ourselves.

As a lawyer and a former prosecutor, I know the limits of the power and authority of the president. I know what is legal and what is not.

Love of country, subordination of personal interests to the common good, concern and care for the helpless and the impoverished – these are among the lost and faded values that we seek to recover and revitalize as we commence our journey towards a better Philippines. The ride will be rough. But come and

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## Follow the chain of command

(Remarks of Cav Ricardo R Visaya '83 AFP during the AFP Change of Command Ceremony on 1 July 2016 at Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Q.C.)

**A**s I take on the responsibility of leading the 130,000-strong men and women of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, I will begin my journey by giving back all the praises and glory to our lord god almighty. I firmly believe that all momentous events, such as this, are designed by the author and finisher of our faith. We can only move forward to claim our destiny with Divine Grace and Providence.

With utmost humility, I also express my deepest gratitude to our Commander-In-Chief, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, for his trust in my ability to lead the AFP in a time of change. Mr. President, maraming, maraming salamat po.

When I survived a helicopter crash on August 7, 2014 in Marawi Lanao del Sur, I knew then that it was God's intervention to set me into further motion. My mission became clearer as I started to embrace Divine plan above human understanding. It was another blessing to be given a second chance to rise up and prove further my worth.

### The coming of change

We are now in our final push as we approach the culmination of the internal peace and security plan "Bayanihan" by the end of this year. By stroke of fate, this six-month duration also coincides with the beginning of a new era of change as we lay down the bedrock foundation for security and defense under the new administration.

It is in this context that I set the direction of our force following our Commander-In-Chief's paradigm shift in military operations.

Change will be felt as we impact on the life of our nation, by the way we conduct our internal security and territorial defense operations, by the manner we assist law enforcement agencies in their fight against terrorism, drugs and criminalities, and by our timely Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) under the banner of genuine transformation.

### AFP's impact on communities

The AFP will continue to embark on a people-centered approach as we involve even various rebel factions in our aim towards nation-building. We will support the expanded peace process with rebel groups and participate in consensus – building so we can already proceed forward in unity and harmony with our fellow Filipino citizens. Our impact in far-flung communities and even in urban centers will be felt as we gear for peace, as we shun hatred and fear, and as we slowly break down the barriers of animosity and bigotry that have gripped our nation for decades.

### Crackdown against terrorists

But, we will be unrelenting in our focused military operations against terrorist groups like the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and all its allied terrorist cells. We will realign military resources to their identified bailiwicks and sanctuaries and apply our military strength to suppress them, hunt them down and finish them.

We will continue to apply the full force of the law 24/7 to

go after these criminals and profit-seeking elements who operate under the guise of religious fervor and holy war.

### Support to law enforcement

Over and above our role to run after the terrorists, we will also intensify our support to law enforcement agencies, particularly the Philippine national police and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, in their mission to eliminate widespread criminality and the wanton destruction of lives brought about by the spread and use of illegal drugs. We will start the same advocacy within our ranks, by continuously weeding out those scalawags who use drugs, who have links with illegal groups and activities. Then we will proceed to build alliances with our counterparts to bring down syndicates and other organized crime groups.

### Refocusing territorial defense

On matters of territorial defense, we will abide by the political, legal and democratic processes to settle issues and support national policy to strengthen our position in the regional and global area.

### Rationalizing alliances and modernization initiatives

The AFP will rationalize our relationship with our allies in order to strengthen our military ties with them, while at the same time prioritize the interest of our force and our nation.

Our modernization initiatives will also be refocused on rebuilding our internal war fighting capabilities to run after internal security threats and support law enforcement operations.

These aspirations can only be achieved in a security landscape that is firmly grounded on regional peace and amity with all of our neighbors in the region.

### Enhancing HADR operations

From a changed perspective of regional cooperation, we will have no fear of widespread confrontation and we can shift to more pressing roles such as humanitarian assistance and disaster response. Our country, being situated in the pacific ring of fire, has recorded more casualties and devastations brought about by national disasters and calamities than in almost half a century of insurgency. Hence, we will consolidate and ready our forces to become first responders and take proactive roles to protect our environment and mitigate the effects of climate change. We will then enhance our efforts to work closely with other agencies, non-government organizations and the private sector to firm up our mechanisms to realize these advocacies.

### Professionalizing our ranks

With the advent of genuine reformation, we will improve individual soldier's competencies not only in combat, but also in other priority programs of the new administration. As I always intimate to our troops in my numerous field visits, we must

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instill in ourselves the desire to excel in all our endeavors and to continue our quest for excellence even beyond the call of duty. Every soldier is a fighter, a law enforcer, a rescuer, and above all a reformed man.

### **Anchoring on good governance**

In all these, the AFP will always be guided by the principles of transparency, accountability, and adherence to human rights, international humanitarian law and the rule of law. These values will never be lost despite massive change in the way we think and operate.

Therefore, the AFP will continue to seek the support and cooperation of the entire Filipino nation as we aggressively pursue the path towards transformation. As change is coming, we will first embrace it from within and then, help others so we can all create a societal order that is anchored on a platform of discipline and unity.

### **Clarion call for support**

To the gallant men and women of the AFP, as public servants and professional soldiers, we are bound to follow the chain of command and the duly constituted authorities. Let us strictly adhere to the supremacy of civilian authority over the military. Let us join hands as we face a new beginning for our military institution and for our beloved Filipino nation.

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join me just the same. Together, shoulder to shoulder, let us take the first wobbly steps in this quest.

There are two quotations from revered figures that shall serve as the foundation upon which this administration shall be built.

**“The test of government is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide for those who have little.” – Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

**And from (Abraham) Lincoln I draw this expression: “You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong; You cannot help the poor by discouraging the rich; You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer; You cannot further the brotherhood by inciting class hatred among men.”**

My economic and financial, political policies are contained in those quotations, though couched in general terms. Read between the lines. I need not go into specifics now. They shall be supplied to you in due time.

However, there are certain policies and specifics of which cannot wait for tomorrow to be announced.

Therefore, I direct all department secretaries and the heads of agencies to reduce requirements and the processing time of all applications, from the submission to the release. I order all department secretaries and heads of agencies to remove redundant requirements and compliance with one department or agency, shall be accepted as sufficient for all.

I order all department secretaries and heads of agencies to refrain from changing and bending the rules in government contracts, transactions and projects already approved and awaiting implementation. Changing the rules when the game is on-going is wrong.

I abhor secrecy and instead advocate transparency in all government contracts, projects and business transactions from submission of proposals to negotiation to perfection and finally, to consummation.

Do them and we will work together. Do not do them, we will part sooner than later.

Fellow soldiers, our countrymen have already spoken. Our new commander-in-chief is willing to invest in the unification of all Filipinos; to extend the hand of peace to end armed conflicts; to end the permeation of illegal drugs in all facets of our society; to reduce crimes and stop corruption in the government service, and to lead us all to our redemption as a Filipino nation.

Sa aming mahal na pangulo, makakaasa po kayo na ang buong Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas ay kaagapay ninyo upang maisakatuparan ang inyong mga adhikain para sa ikabubuti ng ating inang-bayan at ng buong sambayanang Pilipino.

I now call upon the men and women of the AFP, within the bounds of our mandated tasks, let us work together under a strong chain of command, against those who will attempt to undermine our solidarity and commitment, to serve and protect our country and people.

Mabuhay ang kawal Pilipino!

Mabuhay ang Sandatahang Lakas ng Pilipinas!

Mabuhay po tayong lahat!

Marami pong salamat! 🇵🇭

*(Editor’s note: The speech was edited for space, without losing the salient points of the message.)*

On the international front and community of nations, let me reiterate that the Republic of the Philippines will honor treaties and international obligations.

On the domestic front, my administration is committed to implement all signed peace agreements in step with constitutional and legal reforms.

I am elated by the expression of unity among our Moro brothers and leaders, and the response of everyone else to my call for peace.

I look forward to the participation of all other stakeholders, particularly our indigenous peoples, to ensure inclusivity in the peace process.

Let me remind in the end of this talk, that I was elected to the presidency to serve the entire country. I was not elected to serve the interests of any one person or any group or any one class. I serve every one and not only one.

That is why I have adapted as an article of faith, the following lines written by someone whose name I could no longer recall. He said: “I have no friends to serve, I have no enemies to harm.”

On the international front and community of nations, let me reiterate that the Republic of the Philippines will honor treaties and international obligations. On the domestic front, my administration is committed to implement all signed peace agreements in step with constitutional and legal reforms.

**Precinding there from, I now ask everyone, and I mean everyone, to join me as we embark on this crusade for a better and brighter tomorrow.**

But before I end, let me express the nations, on behalf of the people, our condolences to the Republic of Turkey of what has happened in the place. We offer our deepest condolences.

Why am I here? *Hindi kasali ito diyang* (This is not part of my speech). The past tense was, I am here because I love my country and I love the people of the Philippines. I am here, why? Because I am ready to start my work for the nation.

Thank you and good afternoon.



## I am ready to take on the challenge

Assumption speech of Cav Ronald M dela Rosa '86 during his assumption as CPNP on 1 July 2016 at Camp Crame, Q.C.

**M**ayor Duterte did not dream of becoming the President but the Filipino people made him the 16th president of the Philippines. In like manner, yours truly did not dream of becoming the C, PNP but Pres. Duterte made me the 16th Chief of the Philippine National Police. If mayor Duterte's presidency is a destiny then my becoming the Chief, PNP is also a destiny. Only God makes our destiny so I take this as a God – given mission to become President Duterte's right hand man in his fight against drugs, criminality and corruption in order to provide each and every Filipino a safe, secured and comfortable life. Therefore, to our beloved President, words are not enough to express my gratitude to your unwavering trust and confidence in me and with that I pledge to you my endless and unquestionable loyalty. We've been through a lot of fights together since 1986 and with all humility I must admit that we came out victorious as evidenced by what Davao City has become right now.

I become the C, PNP only once so I better give it all and give it my best shot. Itotodo ko na ito and I swear not to fail you, Mr. President. Dile gayud ako magpakaulaw kanimo!

To all members of the PNP: beginning today, I am your father, a father who loves and takes care of his children, rewards his well performing children and punishes his erring children. In our fight against drugs, criminality and corruption, it is either you are with me or you are not with me. If you are with me then let's do it! But if you are not with me then you are finished. We will be relentless in our internal cleansing efforts. We have to eliminate scalawags from within our ranks. Kayong mga kotong, abusado, tamad at sindikatong pulis: Bilang na ang mga araw ninyo! Lalo na kayong mga pulis dito sa Metro Manila na pinagmayabang pa ninyo na kayo ang mga NINJA na kayo ang taga re cycle ng shabu. I am giving you 48 hours to voluntary surrender to me at ilahad ninyo sa akin ang lahat otherwise mag AWOL na lang kayo at magfull time drug Lord na lang at makipag gyera na lang

kayo sa amin. Hindi ko po masikmura ang bagong kalakaran ngayon na ang bagong yabangan ngayon sa mga kotong na pulis ay hindi na po magkano ang kanilang nakolekta sa illegal gambling kundi magkano ang kanilang collection sa illegal drugs. I am telling you, this has to stop right now! Or I will stop you from enjoying your evil life, I promise you "change is coming" including your birthday which will be changed to November 2.

Sa mga matitino kong kapulisan: Alam kong matagal na kayong nagtitimpi. Hindi ninyo magagawa ang gusto nyong gawin dahil ika nga "buntot mo hila mo". Dumating na po ang pinakahihintay nating lahat: ang president na determinadong wakasan ang salot ng lipunan, ang lideratong aalalay sa atin hanggang sa dulo ng walang hanggan. We are facing a daunting task that is to reduce to the lowest possible level our country's problem on drugs, criminality and corruption. I am not cowed by this challenge. I am very optimistic that together we can win this fight.

Sa sambayanang Pilipino: This is our golden moment to prove to ourselves that we are capable of ending the ills of our society. Tulungan nyo po kami. Wag po ninyong pababayaang ang inyong kapulisan. We need your help badly. I am urging you to please join the fight. Be our prayer warriors. Ipagdasal nyo po kami na sana kami ay magtatagumpay sa aming mission. Na sana kami ay hindi magkakamali at higit sa lahat hindi namin maabusong ang karapatang pantao.

Now, therefore, I, Police Director General RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA, am ready to take on the challenge to lead the PNP, and I am ready to start my work for the PNP and this nation as a whole.

All orders and instructions shall remain undisturbed until they are rescinded or amended.

Maraming salamat po. Mabuhay ang Philippine National Police at mabuhay po tayong lahat! 

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married to the pensioner before his retirement. It also provides that a pensioner who renounces his Philippine citizenship by acquiring a foreign citizenship shall lose his pension. These provisions, which were very unpopular, were intended to save the government of what was considered unjustified retirement expense. Unfortunately, it took the AFP leadership twenty (20) years before implementing these provisions. Anyway, despite its delayed implementation, these provisions somehow have reduced the retirement pension requirement of the AFP.

2) Stoppage of the retirement in the next higher grade or rank and of the computation of the retirement pay based on the pay of the next higher rank than the permanent rank last held.

3) Non-inclusion of the longevity pay in the computation of retirement pay, such that the retirement pay shall be based only on the base pay.

4) Increase in the compulsory retirement age and/or length of service for officers, thereby shortening the period of their receiving retirement pension. One suggestion is to increase the compulsory retirement age of officers to 57, 58, 59 and 60 years for O-7, O-8, O-9 and O-10 officers, respectively.

Of course, we know that the above contemplated amendments of the retirement law (PD 1638) will be very unpopular and will certainly

meet strong opposition from those adversely affected, just like the proposed amendment of the law to stop the automatic adjustment in pension of retirees to the rates of their counterparts in the active service.

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

1) Revive the Reserve Officers Rotation Law under RA 2334, repealing or amending Executive Order 79, as necessary;

2) Revive the draftee system in filling up the soldier requirements of the AFP;

3) Adopt a highly selective reenlistment policy, limiting reenlistment only to those possessing technical and special skills needed by the AFP;

4) Adopt a policy of replacing military personnel performing administrative functions in headquarters and support units by civilian personnel; and

5) Amend RA 9188 by reducing the percentage of general/flag officers back to 0.75 percent of total officers strength.

# Addressing the huge and increasing military retirement pension requirement

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55  
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*(Editor's note: This article which was published in the September-November 2013 issue of the Cavalier is reprinted in response to, and as a possible input into studies being made by the present administration to address increasing pension requirements of the armed services.)*

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

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

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

**Those trying to solve the problem would like to amend the AFP retirement law to remove the automatic adjustment in the retirement pay to the rates of pay of those in the active service, and in lieu thereof to provide a system of indexing the pension every five years, similar to that of the GSIS. This proposal has caused a lot of concern and anxiety among the retired military personnel. To allay their concern, I have advanced the opinion that if that proposed legislation would be passed by Congress it will not apply to those who are already retired and are enjoying the said benefit under the present law. A right or a benefit already being enjoyed pursuant to a provision of law cannot be withdrawn or terminated. The new law will apply only to those entering the military service after its effectivity.**

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

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

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

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

We should look also into the enlisted ranks. By AFP regulations, they are enlisted for a three (3) year term, subject to reenlistment upon the expiration of their term of enlistment (ETE). Reenlistment is not a matter of right on the part of the enlisted personnel. Enlistment and reenlistment is a contract of service, subject to mutual consent or approval of the enlisted person and the enlisting authority. But what is happening? Almost always, everybody is being reenlisted, with the exception only of those with pending cases, derogatory records and/or physically/medically unfit for continued service. So, they continue in the service until they retire. Again, this has contributed to the burgeoning retirement pension requirement.

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


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

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

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

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

PD 1638 has a provision along this line, that limits the scope of a surviving spouse to be entitled to transfer of pension to one who was

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# CLASS CALL

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

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



**SM MISON**  
President  
**TC SUAREZ**  
Secretary

### On Class Gatherings

On 24 June 2016, the class was invited to the party of Johnny Sanchez at Fairmont Hotel in Makati, in celebration of his 85th birthday and his “graduation” from politics. By 30 June he shall have completed serving for five terms as mayor of Lubang, Occidental Mindoro. He is succeeded as mayor by his son Bobby.

Joining Johnny from the class were Grace Alcaneses, Maudie Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Dante & Zeny de Guzman, Buddy & Ione Mison, Sting

Padiernos, Vangie Rivera, Estel Silva, Romy & Georgie Solina, Terry Suarez, Rene & Mila Tanseco, and Gigi Zaide.

Leading the VIP guests of Johnny were Senator (and former SND) Johnny Ponce Enrile, former Executive Secretary Eddie Ermita '57, former SND Rene de Villa '57, former DPWH Sec Vigi Vigilar '53, Chuck Agustin '60, former AFP chiefs Narcing Abaya '71 and Jun Esperon '74.

In the program, Senator Enrile was the first speaker, followed by Buddy who conveyed to Johnny the birthday greetings from the class.

The entire Sanchez family were there – Johnny’s five children and their spouses and their fifteen grandchildren.

The July class affair was held on the 17th at the Federal Restaurant, supposed to be hosted jointly by Ed Alfabeto and Padie Padiernos. (In view of Padie’s sudden

demise 2 days before, Buddy paid Padie’s share of the bill.)

Present were Grace, Ed & Maudie, Poncing, Ros, Sally, DQ & Zeny, Eva Miranda, Buddy & Ione, Tante Ochoco, Vangie, Porfing Santos, Estel, Terry, Rene & Mila, and Gigi.

And the next class gathering will be on the 21st of August, also at the Federal, to be hosted by Ros Alquiza. Second and third generation members are also invited.

### Sad News

Our classmate Armin (Paco to us) Gatmaitan passed away on 4 July at the Makati Med. He is survived by his three children, Meinrad, Elbert who is residing in Canada with his family, and Carmelie Rose. His wife Concepcion “Chit” Claudio died in 1999.

At the necrological services in the evening of 8 July at the PNP mortuary, Johnny delivered a eulogy on behalf of the class. Ben Aquino also spoke representing his UP High Class 1949. Carmelie delivered the response. Present were Poncing, Ros, DQ & Zeny, Buddy & Ione, Padie, Johnny & Pilar, Rene & Mila, Ed, Grace, Sally, Eva, Terry and Vangie.

He was interred the following day at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani. Present were Grace, Ros, Buddy & Ione, Eva & daughters Bing and Sarah, Vangie, Johnny & Pilar, and Rene & Mila.

After the interment, Ros had to assist Paco’s children withdraw his several investments in AFPSLAI, PSSLAI and PAFCPIC, asking these institutions to waive some of the several documentary requirements for withdrawal.

About 2 weeks later, on 15 July Sting (Padie to us) Padiernos died of a heart attack at the VMCC, where he had been confined as outpatient. Appearing strong and healthy, he still attended the wake and necro for Paco. (Well, that’s life.)

His wife Norma and 2 children, Ruby and Ramses, who have been residing in the US, were not able to come home for the burial. So the class, assisted by some relatives, took care of the arrangements for the wake and burial at the LNMB, same as in the case of Armin.

At the necro, Muni Munoz and DQ de Guzman delivered eulogies, representing the class. Lito Beltran '58 and Joy Padiernos also delivered eulogies. Norma and her children gave the response, with their emailed messages delivered by her cousins. Ros Alquiza emceed the program.





At Paco's burial at LNMB



At Padie's burial at LNMB

Present from the class during the necro were Ros, Abe Baladad, DQ & Zeny, Buddy & Ione, Muni, Tante, Johnny & Pilar, Romy & Georgie, and Rene & Mila. Others were: Pike & Daisy Depakakibo '54, Lito Beltran '58, Mar Santiago '67, Nesty Carolina '71, Danny Bocobo '74 and Max Caro '82.

During the burial, those who braved the heat of the sun from the class were: Ed, Ros, DQ & Zeny, Buddy & Ione, Muni, Johnny & Pilar, Vangie and Estel.

The class conveyed its deepest sympathy and condolences to the children of Paco and to the wife and children of Padie.

**Brat News**

PSSupt Anthony Alcaneses '88 is the deputy chief of the PNP National Support Service in Camp Crame. Capt Ramon S Ochoco '85 is the PN internal auditor, while PN(M) Col Ernesto V Raviina Jr '84 is the deputy commander, Solcom. Both Ochoco's and Ravina's positions call for the one star rank of Commodore. May they get their promotion soon.

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

**M**on Farolan treated the class golfers to lunch at the Gloria Maris Resto at Greenhills after golf on 11 May 2016 to exchange notes on the results of the national elections that catapulted Digong to the presidency by a landslide victory. Mon is very careful in nursing his new kidney, avoiding too much crowd, but risked dining with them, to overcome his yearning to be with his golf buddies.

On 24 May 16, the class golfers (Corachea, David, Goyena, Malto and Paiso) and their ladies, hosted lunch at the same Gloria Maris for the class 57 golfers ( Ermita, De Villa, Jardiniano and Templo ) with 2 ladies, Elvie Ermita and Pat Jardiniano, after losing a golf series in their friendly golf feud, now on its 26th game and 4 years running since 20 January 2012. Along the way, 3 golfers each from 56 ( Bello, Canalita and Farolan) and 57 (Dayan, Samonte and Tapia) had reverted to inactive status for various old age reasons.

How we have lasted this long, more than our stay together at the academy is indeed an enviable feat that is hard to duplicate.

On 1 June 16, Del Abaya of Class 59 hosted a complimentary golf game and lunch among the golfers of classes 56, 57, 58 and 59 (with one cl 63) at the Northwoods Golf and Country Club in San Rafael, Bulacan. Twelve (12) former upperclassmen (Corachea, David, Goyena, Malto and Paiso of cl 56, Ermita, Jardiniano and Templo of cl 57, Adriano of cl 58, mistahs Abaya and Agustin and Manlongat of cl 63) on board 3 vehicles met at the NLEX Shell gas sta. at 0630H for breakfast and proceeded to Northwoods guided by the lead vehicle of Patot Paiso, the navigator using his cell phone GPS. The Northwoods Golf Course was easily located but Patot momentarily lost his way in finding the clubhouse, providing some fun to the 3-vehicle convoy making a U-turn along the road. Earlier on their way, Mon Farolan of 56 still at his residence in QC and desirous to visit Northwoods, was texted the following: " Your way to Northwoods. At NLEX, take Pulilan exit. Turn right to Maharlika Hiway straight to Baliwag. Next is San Rafael. Pass by and turn right to Northwoods. If you get lost, blame Patot, our navigator." Surprisingly,

Mon appeared in the golf course before noon riding in a golf cart to greet the playing golfers and returned home without joining the group lunch.

Del Abaya, the host with his mistah, Ridel Garcia were at the function room of the clubhouse to greet the hungry golfers for lunch at 1330H, where the club's fine dishes were served with unlimited reds and beers to further induced hungry appetites to load and load. A lot of stories and jokes were told to make the occasion hard to forget with so much gratitude owed to our former plebe who showed his unique way of retaliation to his upperclassmen by letting them sweat in his golf course under the heat of the blazing sun, making them hungry after dying in the golf course and starving them for late lunch. At parting time, Del said: "Let's do it again". And all responded with a big applause. What a way to retaliate against upperclassmen?

The PMA Class 1956 Diamond Sword is now off the press which is a perfect and comprehensive journal of the men who had marched together starting as cadets in 1952 and ending the ritual 64 years later at their last parade in Loakan in 2016. The Diamond Sword in hardbound album is single-handedly compiled and produced by our mistah, Augustus Paiso, AKA Boy



or Patot, the class second cadet captain of the corps, athletic saber forerunner, jet pilot (not hotshot, the reason why he is still alive) PAF BG, PAL VP and recently, the navigator who got lost in going to the clubhouse of a golf course. The Diamond Sword is available at a discounted price of PHP 4,650, quite expensive but worthy as a collector's item.

After golf at CAGC on 20 June 16, Romy David treated his golf cronies (Ching Corachea, Mon Farolan, Mel Goyena, Jorge Lagera of 61, Levy Malto and Patot Paiso) to lunch again at the Gloria Maris resto to celebrate his 82nd birthday- still appearing to be in his prime except his enlarged waistline which is now bothering him a lot ( in his golf game, difficulty in getting a fitting coat, etc). Against this setback, Romy is still young at heart, deadly in looks and a very dear friend to his mistahs.



The May-June period was auspiciously ushered in by Elvie's birthday celebration on May 1. This was held at the Phil Army Officers' Club. The usual merry ingredients of any Ermita affair were there: the now-perennial efficient emcee - the favorite (aka madaling utusan) son-in-law Eric Buhain; the yearly increasing Ramos-Ermita clan; the Ermita "second family" – PMA Class 57 and their ladies, this time with the core group of the PMA Class Brats organization; the already-traditional serenading of Elvie by Class 57 members (still trying hard to make music with Kaydet Girl); and of course, no Ermita affair is without Ed at the mike with his rendition of his favorite songs of his time.

The next event on May 15 done at the AFP Officers' Club was a sample of what the Class '57 Brats have in store for their parents. Symbolically, and of course practically, the free flu shots and medical examinations they arranged for their elders are wellbeing enhancers and life extenders. This is what they envision for their parents – give back the same measure, if not more, of love and care that they have received. Beyond

this, to keep the PMA Class '57 spirit of camaraderie, unity and mutual support alive in their generation and those that will follow them.

Although there were only two class-wide activities, there were small group-happenings.

The Team '57 Golfers were the recipient of goodwill treats.

The first was a lunch at Gloria Maris in Greenhills on May 24 hosted by Team '56 Golfers and their ladies. This was a hard-earned treat by Team '57, the fruit of a series of golf games between the two teams spanning more than three months. The affair was a display of Team '56's brand of hospitality and generosity. The array of Chinese cuisine was most appealing to the taste buds. But maybe more than this, their demonstration of sincere fellowship and goodwill was most appreciated. They gave away mementos, not only to the '57 Golfers but to their ladies as well. Patot's carefully-selected golfers' jokes brought laughter to the occasion. The real fun part is of course the usual reliving of the plebe-yearling encounters decades back but very real even at the present time.

With much gratitude we salute Team '56.

Team '57 Golfers are really a lucky bunch. Together with Team '56 Golfers and proxies from other classes, we were hosted by Class '59 at the Northwoods Golf and Country Club in San Rafael, Bulacan. It was a well-planned and executed outing with all the trimmings of a

VIP tournament. The affair was spiced by nostalgic but fulfilled walkback through plebe-upperclass memory lane.

Kudos to Class '59 personified by Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin and Plaridel Garcia.

June 8 saw Bravo Company and guests at the Barrio Fiesta in the Cubao area. The occasion? Lito Doria's 80++ birth anniversary. Why at this age Lito is still not only debonair-looking but also active as such, has at least 2 secrets: ang hindi tumatanda na Bernie and a pair of dancing legs.

June 26 was Charlie Company's day of fellowship and fun. Perhaps because their number has dwindled to only 7 mistahs and their ladies and widows, the relationship has matured to the degree not unlike that of blood family. After partaking of a 7-course dinner topped by his signature pochero, Sing who claimed he cooked them all, ushered the group to the airconditioned Singson Little Theatre. There they spent more than an hour of laughter on the topic "How do we make ourselves happy?"

Not only in small groups did Class '57 mark May and June. June especially proves how romantic the Class is. Fifteen couples chose June for their marrying month. The magical June!

From groups and couples now down to individuals. Two mistahs and four spouses are May born, while 5 mistahs and 1 spouse are June born. Ang mga hindi nagparamdam singilin sa July! TRJardiniano, Secretary



**CL AGUSTIN**  
President  
**PC GARCIA**  
Secretary

**P**MA59 class stag lunch was hosted by Jess Alcorido at 12pm Fri 3 Jun at Mahogany Room, Manila Golf Club. Those who joined were Jess. Del Abaya, Eddie Garcia, Chuck Agustin and Jackie Desquitado. Del really wants to put together a business activity among us but response is a little lukewarm.

Likewise, on Wed 1 June we held another golf fellowship at Northwoods, this time among bugos in the CCAFP of 1955-56. Present were from '56, Romy David, Patot Paiso, Ching Corachea, Levy Malto, and Mon Farolan; from '57 George Templo, Eddie Ermita and Jardie Jardiniiano; from '58 was Ding Adriano; from '59 was Chuck Agustin augmented by two '59 brothers: Ardy Abaya '63 and Bob Manlongat'63 and '56. Ardy is younger brother of Mike. Mon Farolan'56 was committed with other activities, actually did not play but just dropped by to "check out" the players.

One Mistah who could have been a cabinet member of the Duterte administration is Mike Abaya. During



*Fellowship Lunch after golf at Royal NWGCC, San Rafael, Bulacan, L to R- Ardy Abaya'63, Jardie Jardiniiano'57, Chuck Agustin'59, Patot Paiso'56, George Templo'57, Eddie Garcia'59 Ding Adriano'58, Romy David'56, Mel Goyena'56, Del Abaya'59, Levy Malto'56, Ching Corachea'56, Eddie Ermita'57 and Bob Manlongat'56*



*L to R -Ding Adriano'58, Romy David'56, Mel Goyena'56, Del Abaya'59 and Levy Malto'56*

Digong's "feeling out" sortie at AGFO last year, he singled out Mike as a "blood brother", relating a hostage incident in which he and Mike saved lives together by exchanging themselves with released hostages. Mike was then RECOM in Region 12, and moved shortly to RECOM

1 in time for our 30th Homecoming in 1989.

The recent issues against PMA Cavaliers from the PNP need some consideration, and we hope to meet with some other members of the Advocacy Group after July, when Del Abaya gets back from a family respite abroad.



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

**O**ur class president Orly Salientes has just emailed a request to all of us to update our class records. He will update and publish a new class directory. Please comply ASAP. I have sent him my updated data.

Although the PAF foundation anniversary date is July 2 it was celebrated

July 5 in Clark Air Base. It just so happened that it was also Jenny's birthday. She got her birthday wish to be personally greeted a Happy Birthday by the President of the Philippines whom I used to accompany in big bike rides in Davao and other places in Mindanao many years ago.

**11 July 2016.** 10th floor of Del Rosario Law Center, BGC, Taguig. PMA 60 had an Excom meeting with a few other class members at the office of Inday Salientes. The following were in attendance: Ike and Violy Reconquista, Pong Panes, Nonoy Acot, Orly and Inday Salientes, Tony Leviste, Sting and Fannie Cariño, Joey

Asanza, Tg and Lina Fajardo, Nani Gabales, Loven and Jenny Abadia, Chit Parelds and Myrna Apolinario.

Tony Leviste invited the class to his Matabungkay Beach Resort Hotel for 2 days with an overnight stay, gratis, on 26 August 2016. So far the following have signified their intention to go: Orly and Inday. Sting and Fannie, TG and Lina, Ike and Violy, Loven and Jenny Myrna A, Chit P. Anybody else interested in joining, please inform Orly Salientes.

This early Orly has set our Christmas party to be held Dec 7 2016. Other details will follow. /Loven C Abadia





The class held its second quarter fellowship on May 21, 2016 at the Philippine Navy Officers Club. The purpose of the affair was to honor our outgoing President and to remember our departed classmates and wives. As per roll call, there are twenty seven classmates who are now with the Lord and with them are five ladies. They were mentioned one by one during the Holy Mass held in their honor at the Philippine Navy Chapel on the same day. After the Requiem Mass celebration, we all proceeded to the Officers Club for dinner.

Classmates who attended the affair were; Ed and Claire Domingo, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Ernie and Beng Tan, Pong and Monchie Biazon, Libi and Nining Manuel, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ray and Xeny Jarque, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Manny and Yayot lukban, Alex and Chit Aguirre, and Gerry and Ching Estrada. Those who attended without "bodyguards" were Vic Mamon, Nick Rodriguez, Limon Agustin and Boy Escala. The widows present were Linda Villanueva, Cecille Aquias, Fely Codera and Liza Liston. It was one of those well attended affairs indeed which is something worth boasting about. Thanks to the efforts of Beng Tan who orchestrated the whole preparation for the affair.

The prepared menu was very much suited for senior citizens. However, Flora Marcelo thought that perhaps it would be alright to serve lechon for the young ones in attendance since some children and grandchildren accompanied their parents. But lo and behold, many classmates "tasted" in very large amounts the "prohibited" delicacy. Fely Codera, for part prepared hot cocoa drink to accompany dessert. She produces organic cacao in her farm and prepares chocolate bars for commercial distribution. Many wives ordered her product after the event.

After lunch, some classmates were requested to share their experience and/or, impressions about the last elections held on May 9. Pong Biazon reported that he did not run for any elected position to allow his son to run instead. Although retired from politics, he will continue especially in the area of National Defense and Security. He has particular interest on 1) AFP Modernization 2) BBL Issue 3) Peace talks with the CCP/NDF/NPA. 4) The Western Philippine Sea. In addition, he will extend help on the movement of AFP pensions to give them what is due them by law. Ray Jarque is on his part lauded the pronouncement of the President elect Duterte to reach out to the Reds and work out a peace arrangement with them. The act of giving known leftist positions in government is a welcome move in his opinion He expressed certain opposition to the advocacies of Pong which triggered a brief debate that the class found very entertaining.

Alex Aguirre reported that he personally campaigned for Mayor Duterte through social media and telecommunication and person to person contact. He also offered his opinion through a close friend of the mayor. He did all this to impress his full agreement with the mayors platform for governance including his fight against drugs, criminality and corruption. Ernie Tan, our class President, reported on his determined participation in pursuing the cause of AFP retirees pertaining to unpaid pension provided for by the law. He distributed to the class a copy of a letter addressed to the President-elect and signed by Ernie in behalf of the movement.

Last June 18, 2016, Ernie Tan called a coordinating meeting among representatives by major service in the class. In attendance were Ray Jarque and Liby Manuel for the Army, Ed Cabanlig and Ed Domingo for the Navy and Nick Rodriguez for the Airforce. It was agreed that the class meets every two months on a "dutch treat" mode. Only the Christmas affair would be financed by our class funds.

On June 25, 2016, Flora Marcelo invited the class to a house blessing dinner at their residence in Taguig City. It was also to celebrate her birthday which was sometime in May. Once again we had a treat of the famous Marcelo of goat variety consisting of "pinapaitan", "caldereta" and "kilawin". Lechon was also served again the delight of aging classmates



**ORLY SORIANO.** Only last January, Orly and Mau celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Classmates joined them for their renewal of marital vows in Antipolo and later on at the reception. Although in a wheelchair for many years now, Orly looked well and returned the greetings of his classmates and their ladies with a smile, a nod, a grunt, and a word or two. Four months after, on 24 May at 0143H, he bade his family

goodbye. His last words according to Mau were "I love you." The class and their ladies paid their last respects to him at the Libingan ng mag Bayani Mortuary. Having been the Army Commanding General, he was also visited by Army friends, officers, and associates. Boy Abadia and Manny Salimbangon rendered their eulogies as friends, company mate, and classmates during the necrological services in the evening of Monday, 30 May. At high noon the next day, Orly was interred with military honors at the Libingan ng mag Bayani. Orly left behind his beloved wife Maura, daughter Leika, and grandson JC.

**Saturday, 2 July,** classmates again joined Mau and Leika on the 40th day commemoration of Orly's death during

mass at his graveside and lunch later at the Libingan ng mga Bayani Bulwagan ng mag Bayani. Present were Boy Abadia, Ray Logan, Budge and Alma Madamba, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Tito and Heidi Rimando, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Manny and Vicky Salimbangon, Ernie and Hazel Dauz, Ed and Glo Fernandez, James and Vicky Ramon, Maury Evangelista, Zonia Galvez, Glo Adiong, Benjie Valenton, Mara Enrile, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Freddie Filler, Rene Motus, and Mitch Templo. Maura mentioned to the guests that they felt that Orly even in death was always with them. She said that during the past several days before the 40th day, dove feathers appeared in many places in their house



Classmates with Mau Soriano during Orly's 40th day.



Class 62 ladies and Mau Soriano at lunch during Orly's 40th day



With Baby David during Gil Davids 1st death anniversary commemoration

and their car. And these places were closed and not accessible to birds, From gray colored feathers, feathers seen just before the 40th day became white.

**GIL DAVID.** Another opportunity for classmates to get together was during the first year commemoration of Gil David's death and memorial mass last 18 June. This was held at the Discovery Suite at Ortigas, Mandaluyong. Baby David, her three children, relatives, and a high school classmates recalled the magnanimity of Gil. Boy Abadia also recalled before the gathering his impressions of Gil as a classmate, company mate, and friend. Aside from Boy Abadia, those who came for the memorial mass and dinner were Ray Logan, Tito and Heidi Rimando, Budge and Alma Madamba, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Maury Evangelista, and Quintin and Luz Alcudia. ### (JRRIMANDO)



**GR RUIZ**  
President

**RLP EBRO**  
Secretary

**G**reetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 as we welcome the second half of 2016.

From our 2016 class logbook, the following events were recorded.

**11 June 2016**

It was a red-letter day for Reggie and Marga Lacson as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at 5:30 in the afternoon at the Grand Ballroom Shangri-La Hotel at the Fort, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The following classmates joined Reggie, Marga, children and

grandchildren: Ebor and Flor Ebro, Beth Arevalo, Fil and Emma Pante, Rudy and Offie Javier, Boy and Lulu Orevilla, Tony and Norma Sibayan, Cora Blancas, Jimmy and Brenda Iletto, Bill and Norma Ruiz, Gaps and Susie Sabarre, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Amy and Angel Ylagan, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Pert and Inday Andaya, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Rene and Leni Valencia, Danny and Nena Delgado, Monet and Ester Ong, Ed and Josie Resos, George and Gie Aquino, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Ting and Warlie Tigas, Bumi and Josie Bumanglag, Vicky Agaab and children; friends from the Philippine Army and Philippine Navy, relatives and friends from Malabon City and Magalang, Pampanga.

The affair started with the holy mass officiated by Rev Father Edgardo Dumaua. We were entertained by the Halili Dance Company, a number by the children and also the grandchildren.

The food prepared by Shangri-la at The Fort was near perfect with the wines. The event was capped by ballroom dancing. Those with Terpsichorean skills enjoined the night.

**15 June 2016**

Billy Elerio texted me that Cav Nestor Lim '60 relayed to him that Amy Calibuso wife of our dear mistah and seadog, the late Cav Fel Calibuso died in Florida USA. The class extends our condolences to the relatives of Fel and Amy Calibuso. May they rest in peace together.

**21 June 2016**

Cav Nolan Rolando J Laput PA (Ret) met a vehicular accident. He was brought to the Capitol Medical Center for treatment. However he died late afternoon of 22 June 2016. At that time Naty Laput was in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. His brother-in-law Col Rey Cruz, PA with the consent of Naty and twins Noemi Christen and Noel Allan arranged for Cav Nolan to lie in state at the Loyola Commonwealth, Quezon City. Naty and children Noreen Eliza, and Nelson with wife Rachel arrived in 24 June 2016. The PMA Class of 1963 conducted a necrological service for Nolan. The event started with a requiem mass officiated by Rev Father Jim Lara on 27 June 2016 at 5:00pm. The necrology started at 7:00 p.m. with the following speakers, Cav Ernesto T Tan, Jr '61, Col Rey Cruz, PA, Cav Bob Manlongat '63, Cav Lino Medina '63, Cav Rolly Y Espejo '63 read by Cav George



Aquino '63 and Cav Bill Ruiz '63, PMA Class 1963 President. Response was made by Mr. Nelson Laput, son of Cav Nolan.

On the 28 June 2016 another requiem mass was conducted in Libingan ng mga Bayani officiated by Rev Father Rommel F Gacpas, ASCOM Chaplain, LNMB. This was followed by military honors and burial at 1030H. Lunch was served at Chapel 3 of LNMB.

Among the classmates that condoled with Naty and the children are the following: Reggie and Marga Lacson, George and Gie Aquino, Pert and Inday Andaya, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Kid and Lina Medina, Rudy and Offie Javier, Bill and Norma Ruiz, Tony and Norma Sibayan, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Ting and Warlie Tigas, our widows Beth Arevalo, Estella Andaya, Ching Saavedra and Lita Mendoza, Arnie Acedera, Ild and Hermie Dulinayan, Frank and Claire Mallillin, Fil and Emma Pante, Bumi and Josie Bumanglag, Boy and Lulu Orevillo, Danny and Nena Delgado,



Dan and Lou Pizarro, and Ide Tillah. Rolly Espejo and Luz keep in touch with the class despite the fact that he and Luz were in USA.

The Class will surely miss Cav Nolan. He would have turned 76 come 14 November 2016. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

Again the PMA Class of 1963 extend our warmest greetings and many blessings to all birthday celebrants: for July 2016,

Judith Valdez - 2, Zeny Salipsip - 5, Dick Flores - 17, Ed Resos - 17, Danny Delgado - 21, Jimmy Iletto - 26, Anabel Adriano - 26. For August 2016, Lita Mendoza - 2, Ed Batenga - 3, Bayani Leoncio - 4, Cora Blancas - 7, Vicky Agaab - 10, Dan Pizarro - 12, Francis Mallillin -21, Flor Ebro - 24. May you all have many, many more birthdays to come. Cheers to one and all (18121605)



There was not much activities of the class for July. Almost everybody was busy doing their own family outings. Terry de la Cruz and wife had their Bicol tour last June 2016, visiting some of the major tourist area in Bicol. Among the CONUS balik-bayan who spent their summer vacation here in the Philippines were Jorge Agcaoili and wife, Jun Padilla and Nonong Saludares.

The class '64 however were quite active in organizing their own get together affair. Last May 26, 2016. They had a get together at the Fish Farm of "Guzy" de Guzman and wife in Masantol, Pampanga. The ladies enjoyed the outings especially the newly caught fish for dining. Last June



29, 2016 the ladies organized a despedida party for Jorge Agcaoili and wife at Grace Cortez residence in Quezon City. Among the class '64 members present were Terry de la Cruz, Billy Villareal and Jorge Agcaoili.

The class '64 Golf Club likewise have not been playing as a group. Text message from Homer is inquiring why class '64 has not been active for quite a long time.

Birthday greetings to the following July-August celebrants:

- Jorge Agcaoili - July 04
- Tagoy Diño - July 25



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

**PAUNANG SALITA**

**W**alang masyadong mahalagang naganap noong nakaraang buwan ng Hulyo kaya, salat sa nilalaman ang ating Class Call sa siping July-August 2016 ng Cavalier Magazine. Dahil sa ganoon, bibigyan natin ng mas maraming pansin ang paghahanda upang mailahathala ang Golden Anniversary Sword ng Class 1966. Marami ng mga PMA Classes ang nakapagpalabas ng kanilang Silver, Golden at Diamond Swords. Kaya, di tayo dapat malagay sa hanay ng mga walang kakayahang.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DING**

Bago nating talakayin ang Golden Anniversary Sword, atin munang bigyang halaga ang birthday dinner ni Ding Wenceslao, ang ating PMAAAI honorary member (at Class Associate member) noong ika-8 ng Hulyo, 2016, sa Dad's Restaurant, Glorietta 2, Makati City (ang kanyang kaarawan ay Hulyo 4, 2016). Ang mga nagkaroon ng pagkakataong dumalo upang bumati kay Ding at Sylvia Wenceslao, bagama't alam nila na ang Hulyo 8 ay Biyernes, kaya't ma-traffic, ay ang mga sumusuod: Noli at Leonor Espejo, Temi at Tess Arugay, Bert at Fe Sabularse, Bert at Portia Varona, Bay at Margie Galon, Pons at Cena Millena, Fred Bautista, Bing Rivera, Ben Espejo, Menong Garcia, Susan Gador, at Sylvia Agudelo.

Dahil, eat all you can, nakalimutan ng lahat ang diet, blood sugar, cholesterol at iba pa. Sabi nila, once in a while lang. Wala namang nai-report na nagkasakit

kinaumagahan. Kaya, all is well that ends well. Belated happy birthday, Ding.

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SWORD**

As of this writing, the Class officers have selected the publisher who will print our 2nd edition of the Sword. He submitted the bid which was acceptable to the Editors and the other class officers. The contract was signed, last Sunday, 31 July 2016. Upon signing of the contract, the Class paid in check, a down payment of the printing cost in the amount of P120,000 charged to the reconstituted Class fund. Ben Espejo is the new Treasurer who replaced Bing Rivera.

Tentatively, the Sword will be distributed during our Christmas Program, tentatively scheduled on 4 or 11 December 2016 at a place to be designated later. Please block-off said dates, for planning your future schedules. The program

should be priority for us. There are not so many Christmas Programs remaining in our lifetime so let's maximize, if you get what I mean, not to be morbid about it.

**BUT...**

We are sure everybody wants his life story after our graduation published in the Anniversary Sword. Our first Sword contained only four years of our lifetime. The next edition will contain 30-35 years more showing vignettes of our active and retired years, with our families in focus. This time, the episodes should be captured in four pages only. How to do it, will depend on our ingenuity. Meaning, each of us will be responsible for the pictures to be included, their lay-out, their captions and the stories they tell. Target date of submission of our write-ups – 31 August 2016. So far, more than 50% have submitted their articles. Those without



Top two photos (Birthday of Ding Wenceslao); bottom photo (Signing of Golden Sword contract)



submission will have only one page – showing his cadet graduation picture.

One more important reminder. Everybody is requested to pay a participation fee of P5,000, which will entitle him/her to one free copy of the Sword. Those asking for extra copies will pay an additional cost of P4,000 per copy, but this has to be coordinated with Editor-

in-Chief Roberto Sabularse or Temi Arugay. Target date for the participation fee: 31 August 2016. For ease of accounting please deposit your contribution at our BPI Account, PMA Class 1966, Inc., Account Nr. 3641000212.

Surely, the participation fee of P5,000 per individual is not enough to pay the total cost of P600,000. However, there

are already mistahs who have pledged to shoulder the balance, just like what happened during our participation in the Alumni Homecoming in February 2016 at PMA, Baguio City.

Can we do it – publish our Golden Anniversary Sword? Abangan.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

We have quite a number who celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays in July and August this year. For July, we have Jimmy Bantolo, Rod Clautero, Troy Dumadapat, Gene Parreñas, Ding Wenceslao, Cely Espejo, Iyay Urgello, Patri Cordova. And for August – Fred Bautista, Bing Rivera, Higido Gay-ya, Alice Alba, Portia Varona, and Sylvia Agudelo.

We hope we have not missed anyone. We have yet to complete the list of birthdays of our spouses and associate members.

MALIGAYANG KAARAWAN, MGA KAPUWA SENIOR CITIZENS!

**AS AVENIDO, JR**  
President  
**RC MOLATO, JR**  
Secretary

**CLASS ACTIVITIES**

**A.** The following were our activities for the May – June 2016 period:

**27 May** – Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF)(Breakfast) was hosted by the Casillan Family at the VMMC Golf Halfway Haus, QC. It was their way of celebrating with the Class the birthday of Noemi (26 May). She was permitted by her attending doctor to be with us, although in a wheelchair, and she joined the Class in singing some songs. Her recovery is really amazing!

**18 June** – Walter and Sonia Briones hosted our DMF (Dinner) at their residence in AFPOVAL, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. It was both a birthday celebration of Walter (17 June) and “pasasalamat” of Sonia for her fast recovery after a successful heart quadruple bypass surgery last December.

**B.** Watch out for our schedule for July – August 2016 period, onwards, as follows:

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

**20 August** – DMF to be hosted by Ed – Myrna Espinosa, Vir – Marina Odulio, and Mar- Beth Santiago.

**24 September** – DMF to be hosted by Romy and Merle Odi.

**UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS**

Warly and Mila Sadiarin, who are based in Virginia, USA, were in Manila last June. They were able to visit Noemi Casillan in VMMC. They also had lunch with Jun Avenido in Makati City to discuss some concerns of the Cavaliers in the East Coast, USA.

Jun Ibay attended the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea last May-June as one of the delegates representing the Philippines.

Ed Espinosa, after spending his nth honeymoon with US-based Myrna in the USA and gallivanting there for a long period, is now back in the Philippines.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in July and August: Reina Young (2 July), Vic Laurilla (8), Alex de Guzman (10), Ben Samonte (15), Tita Fragante (19), Romy Villanueva (20), Oying Pinto (21), Mandie Sibal (22), Pol Aliac (24), Glo Parena (24), Archie Balboa (26), Jovy Sales (28), Aying Patino (2 August), Marina Odulio (3), Serge Austria (11), Orly Tucay (16), Mar Santiago (19), Vic Buaquen (21), Vir Odulio (23), Nanding Perez (25), Ed Espinosa (27), Titong Enriquez (28), and Fred Encarnacion (29).

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**

During our Class Forum on 27 May 2016, we agreed to form an Advocacy Committee co-chaired by Ching Ballecer and Vic Corpus to “make ourselves relevant.” Those who would like to join the Committee or contribute ideas for the good of humanity are welcome to do so.

**CLASS TRIVIA**

We wish to share with you the following text messages we received:

Alex De Guzman: We must be careful with our health. Remember we are now in the pre-departure area awaiting flight to the Kingdom of God. (Our comment: Are we sure we are going to that destination?)

Mely Corpus: *Beware of very rich food. It is toxic to the body. (Our comment: Rich food will make us poor.)*

Vir Odulio: *Thanks for the correction re date of our Class Forum. I hope my forgetting the date is not a sign of maturing age. (Our comment: Mistah, hindi ka nag-iisa!)*

Ching Ballecer: *Pass muna kami. Walang tao sa bahay. (Our comment: Pare, enjoy Mare!)*

Ronnie Ibay: *A million thanks to my Dimasupil family. You are one of my blessings from the Lord. (Our comment: Praise the Lord!)*

*Mabuhay tayong lahat!*



Class activities slowed down after the March graduation anniversary because the summer months crept in and the heat became too oppressive. The usual golf fellowships were reduced and the class members attended to their personal concerns. The Board of Trustees and other available class members met about three times since, concentrating on discussions about the preparations for our much anticipated golden anniversary on 2018. The Class Coffee Table Book (CTB) Committee has been holding a series of meetings lately to come up with a decent book draft to be turned over during the forthcoming 28 July 2016 meeting, to the lay-out artist for professional refinement. With assurances from the section editors to submit on time lacking narratives and photos, the committee is comfortable with whatever materials are already available and soon to be available but will appreciate more updates from individual CMs especially for the article "The Family" where we list the names and birth years of CMs, spouses, children, sons/daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

The lay-out artist/consultant will present the first professional draft in late August 2016. Using inputs and comments from the committee, further refinements will be made and the 2nd draft will be presented during the 2016 Christmas party. Editing of manuscripts will be done in 2017. Book launching will on 2018 Graduation Anniversary dinner where CMs will get a free copy. Additional copies may be ordered on individual accounts.

The Board of Trustees started planning for the 2018 activities based on attendance (60 per actual canvass) and resources. Considered are the costs of: 1) transportation, accommodations, uniforms, CM allowances, dinners/lunch and class donation to PMA during the 2018 Alumni Homecoming; 2) 2018 Graduation Anniversary dinner; 3) regular class activities on 2016 and 2017. Family members may join said class activities provided they shoulder the cost.

Our dear Mistah BGen Vicente C. Pangantihon, AFP, Ret (April 20 1943-June 24 2016) had passed on. Necrological service was undertaken June 29, 2016. Fr A. Ojeda (OAR) was the officiating priest during the Requiem mass. The memorial speakers were: Col A. Parlade (PA), Col B. Arevalo (PA), Lt. Gen. R. Dominguez, AFP (Ret) and mistahs Gen D. Villanueva, AFP (Ret) and MGen Mel Rosales AFP (Ret), Class President. Tess, Guada Sol, Victor, Vim, Glenda Lyn their respective families, other relatives, classmates, and friends attended. Both Diomeng and Mel delivered and paid tribute to the very meaningful manner in which he lived his life. Dodong as he was fondly called was a loving husband to Tess and a devoted father to all his children. As a cadet we already noted the uniqueness of his personality. He was a man of few words. We observed that he did not also appreciate too much fuss about things. He appreciated the simplicity of getting things done. Being a man of few words and not speaking most of the time did not mean however he did not know or did not understand. On the contrary, the class is very proud of all that he had accomplished. Dodong was a man of few words because he was a man of action. Dodong has the distinction of being the only lawyer in our class. He went through law school in his spare time and passed the bar the year after he graduated.

Being a man of action he occupied his billets as a combat commander. He led his battalion in clearing operations against rebels in central Mindanao. He commanded his brigade in internal security operations in Panay.

Aside from this however, Dodong had a good appreciation of the triad doctrine of counter insurgency operations. He understood very well that civil military operations was also a very important leg of the solution. He therefore launched a Panay wide literacy program to help defeat the insurgency. He pursued the Army literacy Program to support education of the indigents and provide them livelihood skills to help them alleviate poverty among the orphans and indigents. He was given awards by the regional DECS and cited by Radio and Press Clubs of Region 6. He never forgot his roots.

In retirement, he continued his intellectual pursuits by doing researches and writing books in local history and culture. His books and awards were on display on the table in the mortuary which were testimonials to his achievements. These included the Karay-a Rice Tradition Revisited, Kinaray-a English Dictionary and Thinking Aloud.

Mel presented Tess the financial assistance of PMA Class 1968 foundation during the service. He also read the letter of condolence and gave the abuloy from the PMA Alumni Association Inc. signed by Chairman Anselmo Avenido Jr.



**Celebrating Seventy Years**

"70 @ 70" was a catchy theme for the celebration the Magitings attended last 4 July at the Satin Room of SEDA Hotel at the BGC. "Seven-Zero" was the monicker or "handle" Roy Cimatu used in his radio transmissions over both civilian and military radio for many years. "Seven-Zero" turned seventy years old last 04 July, thus the theme. To be seventy is a life milestone to be thankful for and so Roy and Ning cooked up a celebration befitting the significant occasion. The Magitings and their ladies came in force to celebrate with Roy and no less than Voltz Gazmin '68, former Defense Secretary, with amiable wife Rhodie, graced the affair. Also, two former Chiefs-of-Staff Alex Yano and Bong Ibrado, other officer colleagues, friends and relatives were there to wish Roy well on his big day. Magitings and ladies who attended were: Boots and Emy, Nesty and Au, Sonny and Tess, Egay and Nene, Santi and Enya, Ed and Jessie, Eloy and Ludy, Vic and Maria, Jack and Len, Willy and Nancy, Tagoy and Monang, Bobby and Joy, Rudy and Cecille, Dina Gaerlan, Amy Villanueva, Malou Visperas (who also was celebrating her birthday), Clyde, Primo, Glenn and Julius.

The affair featured singer-entertainer Jun Polistico, who through all these years has maintained the voice that had many ladies swooning during his heyday. Aristeo Demavivas, another singer of note during



those years, was a birthday guest but also obliged with a couple of songs that showed the magic voice is still very much there. Keeping the bouncy beat going through the enjoyable party was the Sabor Latino band which brought some spirited dancing on the floor. Cheers on your 70th Mistah and onward to your 75th, 80th, 85th and onward celebrations!

July is also the birth month of several Magitings and Mas Magitings. Birthday greetings to our ladies Tess Atienza, Malou Visperas, Nene Galvante, Gemma Ver and Fely Resos and to Mistahs Garic CP, Bong David, Julius Javier, Teddy Delarmente and Rudy Garcia. Wish you all the blessings of good health and a full, long life!

**Magiting Golf Fellowship and LTO Car Plates**

Over a golf game and a feast of tinolang native na manok, pakbet, crispy pata and the indispensable pancit canton at lunch, Magiting golfers had a warm fellowship on the occasion of the Cimatu Cup mini-tournament at the Aguinaldo course last 2 July. The hot playing condition did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Magiting golfers and as usual, stories oft-told and heard, were the staple of the lunch banter, animated by wine, now the drink of choice by this health-conscious bunch. Also talked about at length was Egay's new job as LTO Chief and the enormity of the challenges he faces. The common thread: *"Mahirap yang napasukan mo mistah pero yakang-yaka yan, Kaw pa"*! Everybody now looks forward to getting their long delayed car plates once Egay puts things in order. There is absolute confidence for a forthcoming welcome change in this much-criticized agency now that our mistah is at the helm.

**Magiting Ladies' First Wednesday Get-together**

The ladies of Magiting had a very inspiring lunch meeting last 6 July at Benjarong, Dusit Thani. It was a Thanksgiving lunch not only for the birthday celebrators Nene Galvante, Malou Visperas and Tess Atienza but also, and more so, for Josie Rabonza. In a sharing with the ladies, Josie narrated the healing of a mass at her right lung lower lobe after 28 days of tablet medication. Chest xray taken showed that the mass had dissolved and her lung is now clear of the mass. Au Carolina is spot on as she quotes Romans 12:2 : "...be joyful in Hope, patient in tribulation and faithful in prayer". Lou Ugale seconds: "Rejoice in your trials. God is an answering God. He is good all the time. No weapons formed against us shall flourish. We just have to fully trust in Him".

Josie's strong faith and absolute trust in God's Goodness and Power healed her! Let us give praise and thanks to the Almighty for this great blessing of Josie's healing!

**More Golf Tidbits/ Election 2016 Updates**

Our golfers took part in two golfing events. The Corps of the 70's tournament held last 20 June at the Aguinaldo course was won by the Cl'72 Team (323 aggregate score). Coming in 2nd place was Cl '82 (333) and third, Cl'80 with 335. We never had a chance as we were DQ'd for not having other classes in our flights. The other tournament was the 8th Magiting-DICOM contest, jibed with Sammy Afdal's thanksgiving golf, at the Navy golf course last 24 June. Good company as always, good laughs and good exercise.

And by the way, there were some good information on the result of last May's elections which were not included in the last issue. Rundy Ebdane, Jun's son, won the mayorship of the capital town Iba, Zambales while Tita Beth Delarmente, Teddy's OAO, regained her seat as Councilor, 1st District, Quezon City. Congratulations and may you serve the people well, the Magiting way!



Magiting ladies at Dusit Thani



At Roy's birthday party, a welfie by Nesty



2 Jul Cimatu Cup golf lunch



**LB SILLONA**  
President  
**JC LALISAN, JR**  
Secretary

**Bloody July**

Indeed, for the first three weeks of the Duterte Administration, the drive against drug lords and pushers were pursued relentlessly and with renewed vigor. More than a hundred killed and more than 90,000 addicts surrendered to the police. With the full backing of the President himself, our law enforcement agencies have engaged suspects involved in the illegal drugs, whether as pushers, users, or protectors, to the fore. The Academy is proud to have peemayers leading this bloody fight: PDEA Director-General Sid Lapena '73, CPNP Police Director General Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa '86, PNP AID-SOFTF Police Senior Superintendent Ferro '88, and PDEA NCR Wilkins Villanueva '88. The members of the Matatag Class 1971 hope and pray that they will be successful in this drive and finish off the "big fishes" in this illegal drug trade.

Congratulations to Amba Jun Paynor

Before the PNoy Administration's term ends, outgoing President Aquino presented the Presidential Medal of Merit to mistah Jun Paynor for his successful stint as over-all in charge of the APEC Meeting here in the Philippines. Since 1995, Jun was involved in the coordination, protocol, and organization of APEC meetings here and abroad. By and large, Jun can be considered as "expert" in APEC concerns. Having mentioned protocol, Jun was the most sought "authority" in this field. There was a time that Jun was re-called back to Manila while serving as Consul General of LA just to over-see the protocol arrangement in Malacanang. Just recently, during the "turn-over of powers" from the out-going president to the in-coming president, Jun was there again, guiding both presidents during the activities. Whether he was commissioned or re-called after retirement from DFA, he was present as chief protocol during this important event. Congratulations Amba Jun for these achievements. You made our class proud again!

**Bonding Activities**

The Matatag golfers had the most number of bonding activities among the

members of the class. Why? It is because they meet on weekly basis in different golf courses and had "bolahizing" moments after each game. Just last June, the class had an out of town golf in Clark and played in two different fairways. Dan "Belows" Belonia had big winnings during this sortie to the disappointment of Ed Mati, Bing, and Tito. Egay Aglipay hosted the second day mini-tournament in Beverly's Place joined in by some guests. Last June's Corp of the 70s golf tournament, our class golfers Rex, Teody, Sillo, and Joey played but were not counted due to lack of players. The Matatag golfers joined also the PMA-DICOM 70 held in the PN Golf Course but only three were able to join. Belows won the Class C Category, Joey Lalisan won the Class B Category, while Jerry Albano played so well that he was included in the Class A Category. He won a consolation prize though for his effort. During the BIRCI golf tournament in the Aguinaldo GC, some Matatag golfers joined namely Egay, Rex, Jerry, Joey, Bing, Wency, and Bert Sillona. Abroad in NORCAL, Totoy, Archie, and some bugos usually play when time permits to hone their golfing skills while Lakay Tex Balmaceda, as shown in his FB posts, played in several fairways in



Hawaii. Enjoy the sun, fresh air, and the exercise, guys. Fore!

Totoy made this report in our viber group. He mentioned that he and Virgie visited Rolly and Mely Degracia in Seattle for the 100th anniversary of Boing last 16 July.

Meanwhile, our Mas-Matatags were busy in their quarterly meetings and birthday celebrations. Just this 16 July, Amba Jun and Tess Paynor hosted the third quarter birthday bash of June- July-August celebrators in Pansol hot springs. Present were Wency and Puring , Dong and Lulu, Boy and Barrie, Rey and Fim, Romy and Elbe, Jerry and Verna, Oca and Jinggoy, Mel and Hazel, Atot and Sara, Jennie Domingo and Ruth Viduya. As described by Jennie, it was a well prepared event; plenty of boodles, hot darn, and swimming of course!//JCL/16Jul2016//



**Warm greetings to all.**

Here are the news updates for the months of May to July in this latest issue of The Cavalier.

**Class Meeting:**

The Class held a meeting at the Philippine Navy Golf last May 17 with sixteen (16) Mistah and ladies in attendance. The main agenda were: reading and approval of the minutes of the last class meeting, 2nd quarter social, financial updates and other matters such as MOA with PMA, anti-flu vaccines and status of Masigasig Ward in Veterans Medical Center.

For the 3rd quarter social the Class unanimously approved the suggestion of the majority of those present in the said meeting to have a historic trip to Corregidor Island to veer away from the usual social gatherings we had in the past. The consensus was that the said tour will bring back to the memory lane of those joining the trip the supreme sacrifices of our patriotic soldiers and allies for the sake of freedom and defense of our beloved country from foreign aggression.

As for the financial update, Bing Valencia reported the class expenditures up to the 2nd week of May. He emphasized that the bulk of the expenses were allocated to the morale and welfare of some Mistahs and other activities. He assured that the expenses were still within the approved budget and through judicious means, we will be able to realize some savings. Copies of financial statement were distributed

for the information of those present.

The Class Secretary informed everybody that the MOA between PMA and Class 72 regarding the maintenance and guidance on the use of Bahay Masigasig is for signature of the PMA Superintendent. As for the status of Masigasig Ward it was suggested the Prexy and Class Officers visit the Veterans Medical Center to clarify once and for all the status and disposition of our VIP room at the said hospital.

**SPORTS AND WELLNESS:**

Some Masigasig golfers were invited to the Casuy Cup golf classic last May 29, 2015 at the Valley Golf Club. This tournament is solely managed by the ladies and through the kindness of Gene’s friends, we get invited every year. To the ladies of Valley Golf Club and of course to Gene, maraming salamat and see you next year. The chosen few who joined the tournament were : Gene Senga, Monying Dizon, Celso Castro, Rey Ochoza, Manding Naval ( winner of a flat LED TV ), Ed Gador, Molong Narcida, Rock Tor and Johnny Salvana who emerged as Champion in Class C ( Class B dati pero nanalo as Class C, sabi ni Gene). He proudly received a nice trophy, similar to “Chito Amboy or Lasan Trophy,” he,he, he.

The 3rd quarter of the traditional Corps of 70 golf tournament was held last July 1, 2015 at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. Some positive critics of Masigasig contend that this tournament is no longer. Corps of 70 with the inclusion of Class 80 and 81 as members so it becomes “ Corps of 70 plus 80 & 81.” This writer strongly agree to this comment without reservation with due respect to CL 80 & 81. How about you folks ? Anyway, our golfers placed-----.

**THE FIRST CLASS OVERSEAS TRIP: THE CORREGIDOR TOUR**

For the 1st time, as far as I remember, the Class made an “over seas” trip to the historic island of Corregidor last June 8,2015 with forty ( 40 ) Mistahs and dependents joining the tour. The island of Corregidor, known as the “Rock “ situated at Manila Bay over looking Bataan and Cavite provinces was built and fortified for the defense of Fil-Ams soldiers from Japanese invasion during WWII.

The forty (40) Masigasig tourists boarded the ferry boat of Sun Cruises Tours and left Manila at 8:30am for a one(1)



hour and thirty (30) minutes steaming time. It was a very smooth sailing and everybody was in high spirit with plenty of boodles around, courtesy of Neriz and other Mlstahs who brought more “baon” for mooching.

Upon arrival at the “Rock” ( not Rock Tor, ducrot), we boarded the trams for the island tour with snappy and knowledgeable tourist guides from DOT. The most significant areas visited were: Malinta Tunnel built by American engineers as bombs storage, hide-out and hospitals and offices of Gen. MacArthur and Pres. Quezon; Mile Long Barracks that served as quarters of about 2,000 US soldiers; Spanish Light House, located at the highest point of the island that provides a spectacular view of Manila Bay, West Philippine and Cavite and Bataan provinces; Battery Way where the guns and ammo storage are found. The group last visit was at the Pacific War Memorial where war memorabilia of the Pacific War are displayed. A documentary film of the war was shown and we saw Boogie Agustin and Caster piloting the bomber planes. ( He, he he). We had a sumptuous lunch at the rejuvenated Corregidor Inn and sailed back to Manila at about 2:30pm and arrived at 4pm, exhausted and tired but contented and overwhelmed with the visit to the “Rock” the last bastion of the heroism and bravery of our veterans, both Filipinos and Americans in the name of freedom.



26 June 2016 was a day well attended by the MAAGAPs as they gathered to witness another milestone in our career as servants of the people – the installation of Del Lorenzana as Secretary of National Defense (SND) and Sid Lapeña as Undesecretary and Director General of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Authority (PDEA) starting 30 June 2016.

Personally selected by no less than the President-elect Digong Duterte, their marching orders were clear and

unambiguous – put out the drug menace, eliminate criminality and decimate corruption – three cancers of society that we are all very much eager to put a stop to.

DU30 knows only too well that the coordination and cooperation between the two and their uncompromising courage, integrity and loyalty are enough ammunition in his goal of cleansing the government and attaining the change that he has envisioned for the country. For this, Del and Sid have only one answer to the President – Yes, Sir!!!

Del is very much known to the President that he gave him (Del) the delicate mission of keeping tab of the China issue, the separatist and internal security problems, as well as the terroristic activities of splintered groups.

To boost the morale of and show support to Del and Sid, the following showed up for the testimonial lunch in their honor (others unable to attend extended their congratulations to the two): VQ and Mayette Querol, Tony Anciano with son, Bong and Dada Habacon, Cris Ramos, Lito and Joy Sacdalan, Tiks Besas, George and Toots Uy, Alan and Chato Cabalquinto, Boy and Offie Gudani, Max and Rose Manzano, Tony and Monette Billones, Romy and Tess Alamillo, Tito and Judy Angcanan, Christie and Dess Datu, Gute Gutierrez, Boy and Helen Sosa, Omar Querubin, Pedre and Mardi Pedregosa, Gem Gimenez, Tony Baquiran, Franklin and Pat Mangonon, Ed and Mayenne Saptorsantos, Cris and Nitz Santiago, Gigi Baula, Janet Magsino, Baby Briones, and Tina Geslani.

Del and Sid were prayed over by the class for their success.

But the most glimmering star goes to Boy Sosa, During the photo-op of the Mas Maagaps with Del and Sid. He was quoted as saying “Ang gaganda pala ng mga Mrs. natin” Now, who can beat that?

Unknown to most of us and even the most senior military men, cabinet officials and even prominent politicians, the “putangina” that helped propel DU30 to Malacañang is not original to him. As a promdi from Davao, the curse he was used to saying was “Pisting Yawa”. When Cris Ramos worked with him for six (6) years, he learned to speak “Putangina” and found out it has more impact on his audience. Cris’ only advice to the President is “Huwag mo lang dudugtungan ng “mo” ang “putangina” mo. Iba na ‘yon”. That’s what we call influence. For those in the know, every sentence of Cris Ramos ends with “putangina”. You know he is sick, when you do not hear his favorite suffix.

Cris Ramos will be working at the Malacañang golf course. Para daw malapit lang siya when DU30 wants to talk to someone in a more impersonal manner. We can only surmise that the President wants him on hand so that he (DU30) can be more of his self and say “putangina” to his heart’s content which he can no longer do in public as much as he wants to.

The stardom is not for the young alone. Suddenly, everybody is asking for the autograph of Christie Datu and for him to accept them as his friends in facebook. Blame it on Smart Communications who took him as their commercial model and made him the SMART GENERAL.

There is a rumor that the hire rate of the “lavandera’ of George Uy has shot up since the time he posted her picture in Viber. The MAAGAPs are presently trying to outbid each other for the services of George’s “lavandera” despite the warning that pinalayas ni Toots yong “lavandera” due to one bad habit – Takot maligong mag-isa and ayaw pumasok sa banyo kung hindi kasama si George.

**In Memoriam**

The death anniversary of George Necesito coincided with the testimonial lunch for Del and Sid. We hope to see Ana in the forthcoming activities of the MAAGAPs.

**Maagap Funds**

The 50th Golden Anniversaty Fund as of 06 May 2016 is Php170,000. We are calling all MAAGAPs to handover their coins to augment the fund. Gold coins will do.

**Wishes of Good Health**

The MAAGAPs and MAS MAAGAPs wish Coy Baquiran and Zeny Cabato early recovery from their ailments.

**Who is Where?**

Matt and Gie Mayuga and Dennis and Alice Sanchez are in the US playing golf at Los Serranos Golf Course in Chino Hills, California with Pati Patawaran. Depot and Alice likewise enjoyed fishing.

VQ and Mayett Querol are in London. VQ enjoyed the St. Andrews golf course in Scotland sincerely. He won a cup but Samy B is questioning why marami raw erasures and score card. Slip of the pen lang yun óy!

Itay Val Prudencio is in CAAP. Boy Sosa has returned to Coastal Petroleum doing con-“sulsol”-tancy.

Romy Alamillo is with PHIVIDEC Boy Gud is still with Agus Plant.

Bobby and Mylene enjoyed the weather in Seattle with the Divinas

The rests are doing apostolic mission waiting for the next boodling session. Hanggang doon lang po kami.



**O**ur people have spoken. The new set of leaders under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte have been given a clear and overwhelming mandate to steer us into the next era.. According to him, “it is imperative for us to work together for our collective hopes for a brighter tomorrow for our people, a nation living in peace and prosperity with our neighbors in the region and the rest of the world.”

Already, there are positive signs Duterte Administration would lead us to a progressive era with his people centered domestic policies. Massive illegal drugs crackdown, peace talks, consultation with business leaders and reforms in government agencies have started even

before they officially took office. Whether you have supported President Duterte or not during election period, you cannot deny the effect he brings to the masses. Criminals and drug pushers surrendered, and now even the streets are getting cleaned up. There are reports that foreign investments have increased and more foreign companies are planning to transfer to the Philippines. These augur well for all of us for a brighter future. Having said that, let us therefore keep in step with the new leaders toward peace, security and progress. “Together, anything is possible.”

Congratulations to Secretary Hermogenes Esperon, Jr. for having been appointed by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as his National Security Adviser. The job is very important and crucial at this point in time in view of the current threats to national security both foreign and domestic. But with his vast experience, training, wisdom and abilities, we are sure he can handle the job with flying colors. Carry on mistah! Wishing you the best of luck and success in your new job.

The PMA Marangal Class of 1974 marked the middle of the year with a golf tournament June 13, 2016 followed by a class fellowship dinner a few days after.

The golf tournament was an unexpected success because it was decided and organized in just a little more than a month’s time. The last golf tournament that the class held was almost three years ago and took many months to prepare. There were a series of serious meetings as each detail of the preparations were worked out. This time, maybe because of modern technology like Viber and the usual text and email, coordination was faster and more efficient. The result of just a month’s preparation was a successful golf tournament enjoyed by almost 200 golfers.

Nonetheless, we recognize that a golf tournament is never about the amount raised but rather the enjoyment that everyone had. If we end up with everybody feeling like a winner, no matter the results of the raffle or the game, then we had succeeded.

For the Marangals, there is another measure of success, and that is how many of us, especially the non-golfers, joined. Measured against this standard, we were a roaring success!

But even as we were winding down the golf tournament and have raffled off



the last prize and awarded the last trophy, we knew that there was something still lacking. We wanted to share our successful event with our "one and only". So we followed up the golf tournament with a fellowship dinner with our spouses as our "guests of honor". That too was well attended and before long, the event "deteriorated" into a singing session starring our spouses!

Those who attended the Golf Tournament and Fellowship were Ricky

dela Paz, Jun Esperon, Pons Crucero, Gene Cedo, Rody Obaniana Amy Tolentino, Ace Tolentino, Romy Tolentino, Sonny Tolentino, Lito Gutierrez, Pete Ramboanga, Ed Doromal, Sonny Razon, Rene Rieza, Romy Carlos, Romy Buenaflor, Damian Carlos, Rogie Calunsag, Benny Cabrieto, Jun Noble, Nick Manalo, Jess Bartolome, Oca Valenzuela, Bobby Bayona, Bert Sylim, Jun Lopez, Boy Bernal, Danny Bocobo, James de Guzman, Manny Carta, Nap Garcia, Nick Radovan, Tony Boy Romero, Bobby Delfin, Dobbitt Palacios, Bep

bep de Luna, Pete Fernando, Pete Tan, Ajie Gutierrez, Alex Pamplona, Bong Franco, Butch Maglaya, Sen. Migz Zubiri, Allen Querubin and Willy Garcia.

To what Gen Douglas MacArthur famously said that, "old soldiers never die..." we add our own quotation; "...they just hold golf tournaments as an excuse to get together"!

The PMA Marangal Class of 1974 wish all Cavaliers the very best of the rest of the year.



**EE ACUÑA**  
President  
**JB SOLIDUM**  
Secretary

The Magilas Class Mid-year Assembly was held on July 7 at PNGC, Fort Bonifacio. Forty (40) members were present including those who in the past were not able to attend for various reasons. The following matters were discussed :

**Membership Policies-** Membership Committee Chairman, Jess Versoza explained the three membership policies approved by the Board of Trustees and ratified on June 18, 2015. These policies govern and determine the status of a member as active or inactive, and summarized as follows:

**ARTICULO UNO-** Payment of annual membership due in the amount of P1,000 or one-time payment of lifetime due in the amount P10,000.

**ARTICULO DOS-** Attendance to at least

one programmed activity of the class, e.g. Annual Assembly, Mid-year Assembly, Christmas Fellowship, Homecoming at PMA,

**ARTICULO TRES-** Participation and active involvement in class projects, such as fund raising and outreach program

Members compliant with all the above policies are categorized as active and are therefore entitled to full benefits provided by the Class such as medical assistance, bereavement assistance, among others.

**Annual General Assembly and Christmas Fellowship**

Class Secretary Joe Solidum presented the schedule of activities for the rest of the year and further explained the mechanics of the election for the board of trustees scheduled on the same date as the Christmas Fellowship. Meanwhile, Chairman on Christmas Fellowship, Del Pomposo told the class that at least 4 venues were being considered for the annual activity on 11 December. President

Ed Acuna, aware that the holding of Christmas Party takes a huge slice of class funds, suggested that expenses to be incurred during the succeeding Christmas Fellowships be shared by individual members, like some classes do. Len Calderon on the other hand suggested that the class intensifies its fund raising activities to have adequate budget. If individually supported by members, maximum attendance to the Annual General Assembly may not be attained in as much as it is held on the same date and in the same venue of the Christmas Fellowship.

**Magilas Charity Golf Tournament 2016**

The Magilas Charity Golf Tournament is the biggest fund raising activity of the class having contributed adequately to support class programmed activities for the past three years. Golf Tournament Chairman, Jogy Fojas announced that this year's event will be held at CAGC on 10 October 2016. No major changes in



Presenting a research he made on life span of people around the globe and the factors affecting longevity, Joey Salvacion jokingly told the attendees that he is also recommending a tribute be given to centenarians should the class have one in the future.

**Benefits Entitled to Members of Certain Associations/Organizations**

Epoy Marayag, briefed the class on the benefits that may be derived by being a member of AFPSLAI, BRPCI, AGFO, etc. He urged the class to apply for membership to the AGFO Foundation for additional benefits.

**Introduction to the Class of A New Applicant for Magilas Membership**

Len Calderon introduced Rev. Sin Hung Ju (aka James Sin) who signified his intention to join the Magilas Class. James is a Korean religious leader residing in Baguio City and President of a community school. His wife owns and manages a restaurant in Baguio. Len met him during his incumbency as Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy. James had provided certain logistical donations not only to the city of Baguio but also to PMA which included fire trucks which James requested directly from Korean agencies. Rev Sin Hung Ju also spoke to the class and his commitment to abide by and support the class ideals and goals.



**Political Arena**

Congressman Pol Bataoil himself reelected in the 2nd district of Pangasinan, expressed his thanks for the support of the class in behalf of the following Magilas who won in the May 9 national and local elections; Congressman Pol Dy – 3rd District of Isabela, Mayor Sandy Javier – Javier, Leyte, Mayor Boying Alarcio – Laoac, Pangasinan, Mayor Ian Dy – Alicia, Isabela, Mayor Eric Versoza – Dasol Pangasinan, Mayor Ralph Lantion – Bayombong Nueva Viscaya and Councilor tutti Caringal – Cabuyao Laguna. Likewise, he vowed to keep the Magilas ideals of honest and efficient public service.

**Magilas Outreach Program**

In cooperation with the Bukas-Loob sa Diyos Community, the Magilas Class headed by Edong and wife Grace Acuna, embarked on another charitable activity by joining the 7th mission of the “Bridges



tournament rules will be implemented except that the ceremonial tee-off will be done in two groups of prominent Magilas golf players simultaneously. Company supervisors are again given solicitation letters for distribution and delivery to prospective patrons.

**Tribute to Magilas Class Members 65 and Older**

Joey Salvacion, himself 65 years old was tasked by President Ed Acuna to

discuss to the class his plan to give tribute to mistahs upon reaching 65 years of age. This will be done in a simple ceremony in a modest dinner tendered in his honor. As generally practiced, one who personally close to the honoree shall tell the class things they might not have known about the mistah, and another to speak of his known achievements and invaluable contribution to the class and his good character traits worthy of emulation. Around 8 mistahs are 65 years or older.

of Hope” Project. The joint project intends to reach out to the poor indigenous sectors of Aurora Province. At 3 AM on June 17, volunteers from both the Magilas Class and Bukas-Loob sa Diyos Community jumped off from Quezon City. The mission reached out its first destination, Barangay Decoliat Maria Aurora, where most residents belong to the Ibaloi Tribe. After distributing foodstuff and other basic needs, the mission immediately proceeded to the nearby Barangay San Juan and Barangay Galintuja where most residents belong to the Kankana-ey Tribe. Thereafter the volunteers proceeded to the mountain barangays of Punglo and Jamn of the same municipality. Early morning of June 18, the mission motored to the fishing barangays of Dianed and Ditawini, with the beneficiaries belonging to the “Dumagat Tribe” and the “Kankana-ey Tribe” respectively. Before dawn of Sunday, June 19, 2916, the mission braved the rough seas for the fishing barangays at Dibut at Kalapnit, municipality of San Luis where most of the students are children of “Dumagats” and “Aetas”. All in all, 812 students and 44 teachers benefited from the school assistance mission.

**WEDDING BELLS**

The son of Nap Sesante, Atty. Kenneth Sesante exchange vows with Barbie on a beautiful wedding ceremony on June 18 in Cebu, with the whole class in attendance from Cadet Abadiano to Cadet Yapching. Also in attendance as principal sponsor is Abner Cabalquinto.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

Our felicitations to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Joe Montelibano – July 3, Ramon Punzalan – July 4, Marlyn Young – July 6, Raul Caballes – July 9, Maning Busa – July 11, Baby Del Mundo and Nelson Allaga – July 16, Tess Cayton – July 18, Dez Lapuz – July 19, Ruby Ticman – July 20, Beth Pomposo and Licinius Abadiano – July 22, Rhia Gatdula – July 25, Jenny Allaga – July 28, Alex Resngit and Ralph Lantion – July 29, Jose Gamos – July 31, Bibits Caringal, Ed Acuña, and Fe Comahig – Aug 1, Tony Fontanilla – Aug 2, Doris Dasallas – Aug 7, Ana Dy – Aug 11, Nanie Perez – Aug 12, Mitz Blancaflor – Aug 18, Eppie Comahig – Aug 21, Edwin Ditangco – Aug 27, and Carly Divinagracia – Aug 30. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.



**RA DAVID JR**  
President  
TO PAN  
Secretary

First of all, the class extends its congratulations and best wishes to the following Masikap gentlemen and lady who won in the May 2016 local election: Mayor Fidel Cimatú of Bangui, Ilocos Norte, Mayor Ric Padilla of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija and Mayor Priscilla Martin of Pugo, La Union. We also congratulate our Class President, Ric David who was designated by President Rodrigo Duterte as Undersecretary for Defense Plans, Department of National Defense (DND) and Nebu Alejandrino as Deputy Administrator III for Operations, Office of Civil Defense, DND.

On behalf of all Masikaps, accept our sincerest congratulations on your success in the recent election. We appreciate the work that lies ahead of you and we are sure of your commitment to serving your constituents. Your tenure as government officials will not come without challenges and sacrifices. But we know that as Masikap public servants you will rise to the challenge and make us, your mistahs, proud of your performance and accomplishments. As to Ric and Nebu, these new designations

are but a continuation of your previous services in the government – Ric as former Commissioner, Bureau of Immigration and Nebu as former Chief, Management Information System Service, DND. Congratulations and Good Luck!

The preparations for our Ruby anniversary next year are ongoing. At the chicken club last 03 Aug '16 some of the Masikap ladies attended and talked about their uniform during the 2017 PMA Alumni Homecoming.

For coordination purposes, the following are the contact persons: Attendance- Ric David, Dads Domingo, Ted Pan & Dan Casabar; Billeting- Baguio Country Club(BCC) c/o Roy Camagay, Elizabeth Hotel 15 Rms PNP Group c/o Orly Pestano and Garden Ville Hotel 10 Rms c/o Dan Cortez; Attire- Raffy Pabustan. Our class schedule:

- 16 Feb '17(Thu) – Check in at BCC
- 17 Feb '17(Fri) – Dinner at BCC
- 18 Feb '17(Sat) – Alumni Parade

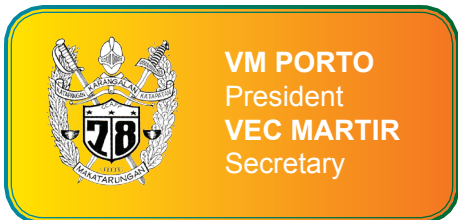
The class wishes the following August and September birthday celebrators a Happy Happy Birthday! Aug 07 Rey Bangit & Eugene Martin, 08 Roger Diaz, 15 Bal Tira & Eric Javier, 16 Roque Marañon, 24 Mike San Miguel, 25 Ned Goseco and 29 Lester Igama; Sep 02 Arman Taluban, 04 Mar Catacutan, 15 Raul Bacalzo, 16 Mike Oñate, 18 Benhail Sevilla, 19 Jess Melegrito, 20 Gil Villa, 23 Nestor Castro, Lino Lapinid & Lino Calingasan, and 29 Art Hontanosas.

**Masikap Public Servants**

		
<b>Fidel Cimatú</b> Bangui, Ilocos Norte	<b>Ric Padilla</b> Bongabon, Nueva Ecija	<b>Priscilla Martin</b> Pugo, La Union







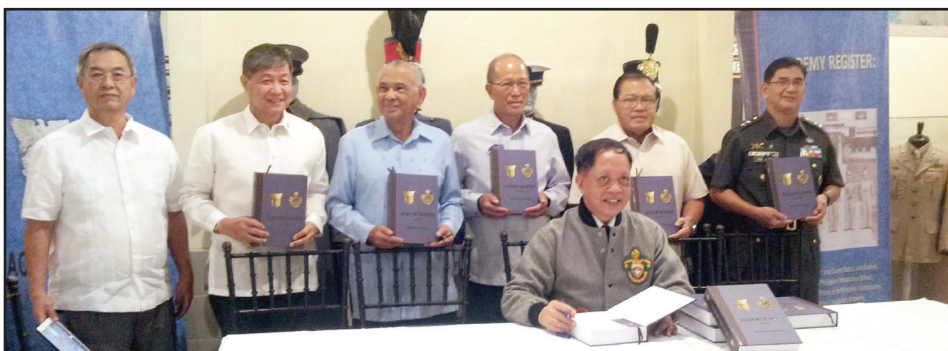
**VM PORTO**  
President  
**VEC MARTIR**  
Secretary

After the rather long slumber followed a long yawn, a comforting stretch, and a wide beam to greet the bright morning, a new day filled with radiant hope has dawned. We still managed to live a normal life and have social activities. We celebrated birthdays, wedding anniversaries, baptisms of our 3rd generation loved ones, and condoled and shared sad moments with the bereaved families of our mistahs who were called to report to the *Supreme Commander*. We managed to play our favorite game - GOLF and attend Alumni Homecomings and Annual Conventions to register our presence and relevance, rather than demise. On the hindsight, the Filipino resilience tested during the difficult moments of the Spanish regime, the Filipino-American War and during the Japanese occupation has been well demonstrated in these recent years.

Recently, we have reviewed our Class Constitution and By-laws that would be manage our class affairs as we sail through the rest of our days together as a big family after our retirement from the military, police and civil service as well as our corporate life. Our class board of directors and class officers are seriously at work to tackle the basic corporate structure and basis for governance. Our Class Board of Directors and Officers are as follows:

- Chairman: Oca Rabena
- President: Vic Porto
- Vice President: Boysie Rosales
- Corporate Secretary: Ralph Villanueva
- Treasurer: Romy Lustestica
- Secretary: Vic Martir
- Members of the Board and Committee Chairmen:
- Jo Gaverza (Sports)
- Art Tabaquero (Special Projects)
- Sam Tucay (Membership)
- Rey Mapagu (Events and Socials)
- Tom Padilla (Welfare)

In addition to their positions as Class Officers, Boysie Rosales shall head the Committee on Ways and Means while Ralph Villanueva shall head the



Homecoming Committee. Preparations are now underway for a Makatarungan Golf Classic that will take place on September 7, 2016 at Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club, Gen Trias Cavite. Proceeds from this fund-raising event will support the various humanitarian activities of the Class.

The class hosted Testimonial Dinner for Art Cacdac before he bowed out of service as Director of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) last 25 June 2016 at the Greenside Room, Villamor Air Base Golf Club Restaurant, Pasay City. The affair was attended by forty-five (45) mistahs and spouses, including Art and Celia plus their daughter Michelle. Art was awarded a Plaque of Recognition. Sam Tucay and Jess Fajardo gave testimonies on behalf of the class.

The class tendered another dinner for incoming Energy Secretary Al Cusi last 7 June 2016 at the Milky Way Cafe, (along Pasay Road) Makati City. It was attended by thirty-two (32) mistahs (stag only). Opening and welcome congratulatory

speeches were delivered by the Class President Vic Porto and Board Chairman Oca Rabena that formally started the event.

Two (2) other members of the Class Board of Directors, Jo Gaverza and Art Tabaquero were given sensitive assignments in the new Administration. Jo was named Assistant Secretary for Financial Management at the Department of National Defense and Art as Presidential Assistant on Military Affairs (OPAMA), Office of the President. We hope the best for our new government officials.

Another *Makatarungan* is slated for a sensitive position in the Legislative Department but announcement shall be made after his formal appointment, maybe in the next Class Call.

With each passing day, we welcome and hope that opportunity will be given to some other members of the class to continue to be of relevance to the society more especially to the organization we once served. *(To God Be The Glory)*



Now that elections are over and we have a new set of national leaders, in what ways can members of the PMA Matapat Class of 1979 keep in step toward peace and prosperity? Life should mainly be service. Without that ideal, the gift of intelligence that God has given us is not reaching out toward its goal. When in service you forget the little self, you will feel the bigger you. As the vital rays of the sun nurture all, so should you spread rays of hope in the hearts of the poor and forsaken, kindle courage in the hearts of the despondent, and light a new strength in the hearts of those who think that they are failures. When you realize that life is a battle of duty and at the same time a passing dream, and when you become filled with the joy of making others happy by giving themselves kindness and peace, you are in step with life. When you make up your mind to do good things, you will accomplish them with a determined will and prayers. No matter what the circumstances are, if you go on trying, God will create the means by which your will shall find its proper reward. This is the truth Jesus referred to when he

said: "If ye have faith, and doubt not,...if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done." Let us seek prosperity not only for ourselves but for the whole world. Those who consider the whole world as their home, and who really care and work for group or world prosperity, will find prosperity that is legitimately theirs.

With the changing of the guards come the changes in the disposition of Matapats who are in the government service. The only information we have as of this writing is Romy Fajardo and Benjie Gorres are now with the Veterans Golf Club under the Department of National Defense as General Manager and Assistant General Manager, respectively. It is Frank Villaroman who can provide us with more accurate information. I heard Mark Supnet and Boyji Pangilinan are still deciding to accept their respective offer. For those leaving their government post, Alex Pama and Romy Fajardo did an outstanding job at the OCD/NDRRMC. The latter believes that Alex deserves to be recommended by the Class for the Cavalier Award for Public Service. The new administration hopefully will continue to make use of the expertise of Ed Oban, Rex Recomono, Jolu Alano, Jess Dellosa, Ric Banayat and Butch Butalid. With their vast experiences in the previous administration, there is no doubt on their capability to contribute to the success of the new one.

In the elective positions, Romy Calizo and Marissa Rongavilla made it last May, so we wish them all the best.

On group updates, the PNP group have maintained its SM Hypermart periodic meeting regularly. The venue will be transferred soon to the Veterans Golf Club. As mentioned earlier, Benjie is now the AGM of Veterans Golf Club. Arnie Delos Santos surprised everyone when he started his green path to play golf. Somebody inspired him into the game and gifted him with a golf set. The PNP group is still wondering if President Duterte will tap any of their member aside of course from the golf pro Benjie. As promised by Rey Lanada, PNP Group President and his Secretary Leo Tagoy Santiago, their group will always support any family oriented and worthwhile endeavor of the PMA Matapat Class of 1979. They are still trying to find out how to get in touch with Nilo Wong who is known to be in Mindanao and Ric Tamayo in Pangasinan.

Essel Soriano is missing as of this writing. Hopefully, he will be able to give us more updates on the Army group by next issue. Pete Biasbas is a Facebook regular poster and for his Facebook friends, it would be easy to know what is happening with him and his extended family. We're glad he is doing well and enjoying life to its fullest. Our heartfelt condolences go to the family of Aida Cutiyog. Her better half Ernie "Cutie" Cutiyog went ahead of us to join our Creator. It was not easy I could say, after years of pains and sacrifices. Best regards to all our Army Loyal Eagles.

In the Navy, Bobby and Theyy Balanon are superactive Facebookers. By their postings, it is apparent they are enjoying what they are doing, be it travelling or simply staying home with their children and grandchildren. Mon Liwag, Navy group President is still using the old but reliable Nokia phone but I guess can hardly accommodate long



text messages. We will also expect more updates from them next Class Call.

There is not much change in the Air Force group. Ed Oban stays in his post until 31 July but has decided to rest for a while after that. I am sure he was offered a position by the new administration. Ed will go for it after spending a few months alone with his family. Ric and Flor are in the US visiting their daughter. His boss, now Secretary Art Tugade may have something for him in the Transportation Department. Bong, Banong and Tete are still in the Aviation sector. Diego is farming in Tarlac. Tattu is about to conclude his stay as GM of Mactan Island Golf Club. Cip, Yaggi, Steve, Maxwell and DeeJay are with their families.

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



Summer is over, school has started and it seems vacation is likewise over, to those who are “not so” retired. But to those who are full-time retirees, we continue to enjoy free moments. We are now under a new Administration, and we see some Dimalupigs being recently appointed to occupy government positions. Congratulations are extended to Cav Alex Monteagudo, as the Director General of NICA; Cav Bong Morente, as the Chief of the Bureau of Immigration; and to Cav Litoy Cuy, as the Undersecretary for Police Affairs, DILG. We hope/expect more Dimalupigs to be appointed to other government posts in the near future. Cav Phil Rojas, meanwhile continues to be the Head of the Dangerous Drugs Board. Congratulations are also in order to those who have just “graduated” from their government posts during the past Administration. You have done your duty well, and we are all proud of you.

The rivalry in the golf course continuous to make the Dimalupig golf bugs on their toes. More mistahs have taken to the sport and can be seen regularly in the driving range. First time golfers begin to shine, and are now ready to challenge the formidable old timers in the golf course. Last June

5, the Class had a Fellowship golf at the VABGC to honor a balikbayan mistah from the US, Cav James D. More than a dozen classmates participated in this Bienvenida-Despedida Golf tournament. During this fellowship, Cav James distributed golf items courtesy of Cav Gabby D. Thanks mistah for your generosity. But the most important give-away was given to Cav Boogie DV, to make him stronger. According to Boogie, he has a lot of catching up to do, having been absent from the golf course for quite a while because of his job.

By the time this article is published, the Class shall have concluded its monthly Golf Fellowship at the CAGC on 16 July, sponsored by Cavs Nap E., Rex D., Pompom E., and Digoy R. Non-golfers and the Manlulupigs are also welcome to the lunch after the games in the morning. Also during this time, those who will be going to Bangkok on 21-24 July shall have a meeting. As of this writing, there are 19 Dimalupigs, 23 Manlulupigs and 2 brats will be joining the trip. Our Class Prexy, Cav Art V has been making coordination with mistah Cav Al Netniyom, to make their stay in Bangkok memorable. To those who will be joining the trip, happy golfing/shopping. Take note: Keep the Manlulupigs happy, and your golfing career will be happier.

We hate to end this Class Call with a sad news. We have recently lost a mistah who joined our Creator. We will miss you, Cav Rodel Duterte Calungsod. Rest in peace mistah. He was laid to rest on 11 July in Ginatillan, Cebu. The Class expresses its condolences to the family of the late Boogie Calungsod. The Class also would like to extend its appreciation to PRO7 for the support during the wake. Also to Mistah Charles Calima and Clarence Martinez for representing the Class during the Necrological Services and interment. To all those (you know who you are) who sent material, financial and moral support to the family, our heartfelt gratitude.

Just in: another mistah is in the hospital who needs our help. He is Cav Eric Van dela Rama. We may get in touch with Cav Boy D on how we can extend our help to Eric Van. To those who are not yet members of our viber group, kindly have yourself included by Cav Omec P or our Prexy Cav Art V.

Until next time, stay healthy, be safe always. Mabuhay ang Dimalupig. God bless everyone.



These past few gatherings have shown the most changes.

For one, there are more Matikas boys in barongs or suits instead of uniforms. There have been more testimonial parades and dinners than there are changes of command ceremonies.

Is it already time for the old soldiers to fade away?

Well, a few among us have proven it not to be so.

While Bong Visaya has been designated as CSAFP (no truth to the rumor that it was because he was “Visaya”n), taking over from Dovie Miranda who was the acting CSAFP during the election period, at least four other Matikas boys have prolonged their public service with the new administration.

Ric Jalad now reports to the Department of Defense in a well pressed barong, as an undersecretary - heading the OCD. As of this writing, though it has not yet happened, but rumors are strong that there will be two other Matikas boys joining him in office.

Three others have made their way to the NAIA, to improve the operations of the gateway to the world from Metro Manila by airlines. Allen Capuyan is the current Assistant General Manager for Security and Emergency Response. He has been joined by Romy Labador and Jumo Junio. No, Doc Linus, it is not because of company affiliation.

Should some of you pass that corner in Santolan near a tee off point in CGEA, have a quick cup of coffee in the office of Prime Gopo, where he traded his sea khakis for a barong as the Head, Audit and Enterprise, Corporate Management Office, AFPMBAI and Director, AFPGEN.

The next few weeks and months are going to be interesting. Change is indeed coming. A few Matikas men at a time.

Well, we see that some changes in commands have indeed taken place. Ed Año is still CGPA, and Gary Fallorina is CGPAF. Ronnie Mercado, the class President, is now Commander, Western Command where he is joined by Elvin Hermogino. He

and Romy Tanalgo, Commander, Northern Luzon Command have the responsibility of defending the West Philippine Sea. Bill Melad is the Commandant of the Coast Guard. JR Parra is Gary's Vice Commander of the Air Force.

However, expect changes to take place in the Army with Bong's assumption as CSAFP. May Dela Cruz still commands WESTMINCOM. Dovie has reassumed as Vice Chief of Staff and everyone else has remained pretty much in place as of this writing.

Change has also come to the PNP.

Alex Ignacio is now Director DIPO EM, Rene Ong is the director for the Directorate for Research and Development. Keith Singian is the Director for the Directorate of Human Resources and Doctrine Development. Tom Bañas is the Director for the PNP Retirement and Benefit Service.

Jet Villacorte is deputy to Rene Ong, Sammy Sylim is the Deputy, DIPO NL and Leo Marzan is in the Directorate for Plans. Jojo Donato is with the Training Service.

Tikas pahinga for now are Bert Supapo and Manny Felix.

This year's retirees include Dado Ramos, Joel Canapi, Boy Vaño, Jun Antonio and Ed Basbas.

Other retirees this year include: Joel Celino, Ute Rabusa, Bobet Moog and Jojo Cenabre. The next few months testimonial parades will be held for Bert Supapo, Paddy Padua, Remy Valdez, RD Boy Santillan and Edwin Mackay.

Not to be outdone, a great many Matikas brats have had their shining moments, graduating from college and excelling in their fields. Dr Dianne Velasco, daughter of Titing, landed no 3 in the Philippine Specialty Board of Internal Medicine Diplomate exam given last 06 March 2016. Overheard from somewhere: "Malamang nagmana si Dianne sa Mama kasi section 2-4 si Titing." But we could not confirm the source.

The Bugos overseas have been spotted from time to time in Facebook. (All of you who are still not there are missing out on so much. Please make sure to identify yourself properly so we can add you into the Matikas groups concerned.) Recent spotting at the NAIA was Jun Balibalos, raising a concern from Clarence Martinez asking why he did not puff out. Apparently, it was a business trip. What business - though it is none of ours - perhaps he can

elucidate when we finally get together.

Life goes on and we are fast coming to the point where no one will be wearing uniforms anymore and there will be more photos posted on golfing and boodling.

Very truly yours - the ghost writers of Matikas 83.



The National and Local Elections dominated the news for the last two months starting May 2016, as the frenzied campaign was winding up. We all know who won!!! Hence, as of this writing, we already have two new leaders in the PNP and the AFP, the former having been with us in the PMA when we were cadets.

#### PNP Moments

While all these were on-going, Maringals, particularly in the PNP were also electing where they were to be assigned. Bangis became the CDS of the Special Action Force. Tagoy retired. Joyet became DDA, QCPD. Papay is now DDA, HSS, PNP. RJ became Chief, SOPPD. Talbog occupied the super division of HRDD and Caloy was appointed as the new Spokesperson of the PNP and OIC, PIO. JohnBul became deputy of the FEO.

Not only these, Police Maringals were delighted with the visits of Bong Durana who is still with the UN Headquarters Office in Italy; and Rwin Pagkalinawan, who is the Police Attache' in China. BongD hosted a luncheon in Gloria Maris last June 21. Rwin hosted a dinner on July 5, at SenJu Japanes Restaurant in Edsa Shangrila.

On the other hand, Ninoy sent scholarship funds amounting to php 400,000.00 to the PNP account for the education of deserving kids of departed mistahs.

#### PA Activities

On the other hand, the PA welcomed back Lapiong from his one-year study at the USA War College on June 10, 2016. He is among the three Maringals who were ever sent and graduated from this prestigious institution, counting with him, Piscal and Nano. Class 88, has the distinction of being the only class who has had three of its members becoming alumni of USAWC. But, one of the PA warriors opted to retire early. Ted Llamas, toured his former units, enroute to his early retirement into the arms of his loving family. He was given appropriate testimonials by Bugoy, Gosni, Weewee, Perot, Bob Bacarro and Radam. Inch Isleta, a retiree himself, remains to be an inspiring Pastor in VCF. Iking EJP and Onyops were last seen meeting up in Iligan at the Maria Cristina Falls.

#### PN Updates

Zojie the Sharkie resumed his weather advisories to the delight of his avid followers. Jaymes retired, also to join his family and, perhaps, entertain a golfing career. He was honoured by Monmon, Abet, Bordz and Max Mejia with a dinner.

#### PAF Flights

Two PAF Maringals now occupy star-rank positions in their service. Allen Paredes is the Commander of the Presidential Airlift Wing. Toinks Valenzuela was designated as the Commander of the 15th Strike Wing.

#### PCG

No real news with the Coast Guard generals except that Tom Cruz is now a single handicapper and is mercilessly scalping the golfers in Davao.

#### MGA Events

The MGA is preparing for the PN Open this July, maybe. However, the MGA held the golf leg in honor of Tagoy, where Ben Basiao delivered a toast which naturally Corly did not understand until Oti explained it to him. Savo, Arnel, Cansoy, and Dado celebrated Tata's birthday in the US of A with a golf game promptly posted in the MGA FB page.





As the last months saw the launching of actions for the 5th (?) Golf for a Cause Tournament, and the homecoming of two Marilags, interactions provided some insights how mistahs in foreign lands have, literally, found their places in the world and, of course, some stories the grinning Secretary is very much eager to share to the Class.

**Support the Golf for a Cause Tournament 2016**

Already, Marilags are now in motion for the "Golf for a Cause" on 25 November 2016, Friday, at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. Discussions also point to a fact that the undertaking is now a fifth similar activity undertaken by the Best Class. Anyway, following similar mechanics as that of last year's, tee-off will be from 0600 – 0900H with the awarding at 1400H. This project intends to take on social responsibility as a concrete advocacy of Marilag with part of the proceeds to be

used to seed a foundation to assist children of fallen members of the Class.

For clarity, although the project is initiated by the Army Group, it is a Class activity. As provided for by policy, all activities using "Marilag" or "PMA Class of 1995" automatically become Class undertakings. For this particular golf tournament, proceeds will be 60% for the Group of Primary Responsibility (GPR), 20% for the Class, and 20% for the social responsibility undertaking. As incentive, 25 % of the amount solicited by non-active Army Group members will be given to them, while 25% of the amount solicited by the Air Force and Navy Groups will be provided to the soliciting group.

Kindly send to HE Bote, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, at 0917.626.8985 the prospective sponsors, with complete name, designation, address and other data so letters can be sent to them. Major sponsorship costs P20,000. A minor one is P10,000. All sponsorship letters are hoped to be dispatched NLT 1 October 2016. Sponsorship should be in NLT 1 November 2016.

**Adel and Nick**

June and July greeted the Class with the homecoming of the much missed Adel Abrugena and Nick Danao.

Adel, now a dashing law enforcement Lieutenant in California, regaled mistahs how his co-workers marvel at his sincerely shinning dress shoes and "standard" correspondence. Some of his favorite topics cannot be published though. Hosted by the Gigantones at Camp Aguinaldo, Adel hiked the plains of Luzon, and hurdled the mountains of Baguio, just to have boodlefights here and there with the ever-hungry fourthclassmen of the Best Class. We are sure that he, Vivienne and the kids had a good time in the country.

Less than a month after, the Class was shocked by the presence of now sincerely polished gentleman from Masbate. Nick – no, not the upperclassman; you might be thinking of his buddy - had been staying in Australia. Having had also his fill of boodlefights, he regularly jogged at the Army's ROTC Hunter's Field during his stay in the country. Fellow joggers stared at him, probably wondering how he manages the right balance of gray and black hair and humming a 90s Da Smokey Mountain hit while running. Nice to see you again, Bok !

**Of Robbery, Hotel Rooms and Lease on Life**

Again, naturally, meeting with Adel and Nick would lead to anecdotes not yet known to the entire Class such as that of



Adel having a time of his life with the best Class.



Nick, pausing his animated story, as the manong counts 1 to 3...

a multi-millionaire bachelor of the Air Force Group. Someone narrated that being a member of the Rifle and Pistol Club, this guy, with also all the resources to spend, had the nicest state-of-the-art pistol among the lieutenants – yet, he was the only one to have the first and only accidental fire among the Group in Villamor ! The animated pop-outer also recalled that, drunk and drowsy, the soltero once boarded a bus to Fernando Air Base and instructed the conductor to awaken him once in the destination. When our millionaire awoke, however, he found himself stripped of his wallet, shoes and other personal effects. Thankfully, the robbers (probably from the one who took his shoes) were kind enough to leave him some slippers !

Now, Army guys – in contrast to alone in the room posts of the Air Force – recalled that two Army men were always out of the camp during free time during the Advance Course in Fort Magsaysay. It turned out that the two always checked in to some hotels in Cabanatuan, together in a room. The two want some solace - to cool off and had some rest from the humid Central Luzon plains, of course.

Suddenly blurting, a hairy classmate narrated his and one Air Force guy's lease of life decades ago travelling from the South in a C130. The story-teller animatedly mimicked how the Mistah ran back and forth from the tail to the cockpit, telling the crew that one of the engines was aflame, just after it took off. Of course, everybody would understand the panic of a concerned Air Force officer. What would be hilarious to imagine is the Air Force classmate's ala Mr. Bean pantomime pointing to the fire and scrambling to and fro inside the plane. The Army passengers were, of course, dozing while the commotion was going on. *IVSJ*



**Hush (Sorry guys, can't help using this fave Batman title)**

**G**uys, what I know is that only about eleven of us are Intel operators so how come you are all very hush-

hush on your current activities. So by way of complying, this will be a short but sweet Class Call. PMA Bugs: JJ Dator was relieved as MA2 of PMA and has happily returned to his beloved PSG; Jason Saldua is now the Deputy MA1; Elson Ballena is with Support Group; Julius Librada is Head, DL, Tactics Group; Leah Santiago is the STO and concurrent Head, Council of Elders - Female Chapter; Rex Bolo is enroute to PMA after his SOC. Ralph De Mesa is now the G8 of SOCOM. Noel Abello is the G5, TRADOC. SJ San Juan is the G2 FSRR. Willy Martin is now the Bn Ex-O of 2SRBn. Japoc Palma is with OJ4 (ADF, please!). Yours truly is now assigned at 7ID holding for separate designations.

**Awardees Galore**

Congratulations to two very snappy mistah: the Navy and PSG's pride David Hontiveros for being awarded the Legion of Honor for his stint in the PSG and to the Airforce's Oliver Banaria for being selected as one of this year's TOPS awardee. Clap clap!!!

**Tie a Yellow Ribbon**

Mistah who has yet to come back after relaxing outside of Philippine waters are Gerald Monfort, Jonas Templo, Chris Fernandez and Joel Bonavente.



**Embracing the Challenge of Change**

**O**pening up ourselves to change could either be one of the biggest, or most exciting, or even fearful things for us, depending on how we perceive it. There are individuals who are always anxious when change is about to happen, while others look forward to it. Well, just like what a Jose Mari Chan song says, "Life's a constant change, and nothing stays the same." So, whether we like it or not, we have to embrace change.

A lot of changes have recently happened to our country after we had the elections in May of this year. Although even before that, people seemed to have been excited and clamoring for the changes that the said elections would bring not only to the country but to each and every Filipino as well.

And now it has happened. Change is here. The country has new President and Vice President. There are 12 new senators. Replacements have been assigned in many other seats in the government. Even the Armed Forces of the Philippines has welcomed its new Chief of Staff, GEN RICARDO VISAYA AFP whose rise to the highest position also brought some changes in the organizational set up. Different units in the AFP are now seeing changes as well in leadership and staff. Along with those changes would come different expectations, new directions and fresh guidelines.

But perhaps, one of the most welcoming change that happened recently is the "milestone decision" of the United Nations (UN) Arbitral Tribunal concerning the West Philippine Sea and ruling that the Philippines has exclusive sovereign rights over the long-disputed islands and that "China's 'nine-dash line' is invalid." Our country now has legal basis for our exclusive economic zone claims in the West Philippine Sea waters.

As for the Masikhay Class 1999, we are committed to accepting all the changes not only in the AFP, but the whole country in general. We will be supporting the new leadership and maintaining our work passion to contribute to the efforts toward gaining ultimate peace and achieving prosperity for our country and people. Some of us have recently been transferred to new offices, while others are pursuing endeavors to further their education and training. And I am confident that wherever there's a Masikhay, there is always a positive change in the unit or office.

We affect change with a vision of making things better, and in this respect, change is really good. Although we also have to remember that sometimes, things may not go the way we want them to. And to deal with this, we have to keep an open mind, prepare strategic plans and most importantly, we should always support the leadership and be a good team player to ensure success in whatever undertakings that our organization or unit would pursue. As they say, the difference between success and failure is a great team because: Together, Everyone Achieves More (TEAM).

Let us follow the directions that the new AFP and government leadership tread. Let us keep on embracing change and accept the challenges that lie ahead. #SolidMasikhayPower. #MasikhaySecuresChange.



**A** blessed and wonderful day to all of us Banyuhayers. Let me update you in the current preparation of the Class for Alumni Homecoming 2017. After a series of meetings and deliberations, hereunder are some of the details of our preparation for Alumni Homecoming 2017. On Class Uniform, after the successful bidding on our Class uniform the Board of Directors is happy to announce that Dantes Tailoring is the official tailoring of our Class for Alumni 2017. Currently, dates and venues are posted for viewing on our FB group page regarding the measurement of Class uniform. Please do check more often our FB group para updated tayo sa mga latest development na meron ang Class. For those who are in far flung areas or for those who cannot make it sa mga dates and venues posted sa ating FB group page, please inform your respective Marchers accordingly. We will post the template of measurement of uniform ASAP. As discussed and approved before, the uniforms will be shouldered by the respective Branches of Services, in addition for those who are no longer in the service, kindly contact your respective marchers if the cost of your uniform will be shouldered by your former BOS. Class uniform also includes the spouse's uniform. On Raffle bonanza tickets, please do help our fund raising activities, as agreed before part of the proceeds will go to our selected orphanage, billeting requirements, venue preparation and other expenses related to homecoming.

The Class is deeply saddened for the lost of some our Mistah's beloved love ones and on behalf of our Class we extended our condolences and financial support to the following: Cary's mother and Bugash's father who join our Creator last April and June, respectively. Also, Cav Vergara informed me the lost of Cav Battung's father. Likewise, we extended our prayers for the fast recovery of Ayen, wife of our dear Mistah Cav Brazal. On the efforts to help our Mistah, you can course it through Vic or through the respective marchers. The couples need our help and prayers.



We also welcome the arrival of Cav Alcos and Cav Buntag after their successful schooling (Naval Staff Course) in Defense Services Command & Staff College (DSCSC), Mirpur, Bangladesh; and US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, USA, respectively. CGSC equivalent graduates na sila. Intayin na lang natin matapos si Cav Aling at Cav Alagao, baka sila may pa boodleflight na. The Class would also like to congratulate Cav Mallari for being adjudged as PAF Officer of the Year. Boodleflight naman dyan, Mike o Vikings na lang? We would like also to

congratulate our Army Mistah for hurdling the SOC 12-2016. Special mention goes to the following Mistah: Cav Bucalen-Austria; Cav Uy, C.; Cav De Ocampo; Cav Sia-ed; Cav Mangalus; Cav Rodriguez, W.; Cav Samudio; Cav Wamil; Cav Yuson; and Cav Molero. Truly, you all make Banyuhay proud.

In support of nominating our fellow Banyuhay to the most coveted Cavalier Award for 2017, I would to like to inform everyone on the Class support to the following members who will vie for the different Cavalier Awards, namely; Cav

Nirza in the field of Special Operations; Cav Cayat for Army Operations; and Cav Guanzon for Air Force Operations. Please do help us in praying for their success.

Lastly, please do help our set of Board of Directors in fulfilling its mandate to perform its task as Class representatives in all of the Class meetings and in making a tough decision every time that they are compel to do so. Your support is already a big booster to all of us who extend our time in giving the best for the Class. Let me end by quoting a quote from Robert McKee "Most of life's actions are within our reach, but decisions take willpower." Long live Banyuhay. Hanggang sa muli. – Coolmaxx.



**Maulan na biyaya sa lahat ng mga Mandarangan!!!**

**H**ALFTIME!!! This time of the year marks the middle of 2016. After several hot long months, we have come to the season of rains. May the Almighty's blessings be poured upon us and our family as heavy as the rains. This time also entail raining list of expenses for enrollments, student requirements, projects and others. As providers for our loved ones may it be obligatory or generosity, we earnestly pray that our efforts and willful giving maybe reciprocated in many ways to ourselves and to others whose needs are dire.

Generosity always has its returns in countless forms. Let us remember to always do something to someone as long as we can no matter how small it may

seem for us. After all, the smallest things we do for others may mean everything to them. The One watching us always has His own way of dealing with us and the things that we do. We should never cease to be a blessing to each other.

**UPDATES:  
Summer Raffle Bonanza:**

Once again, we have proven our bangisity in taking endeavors we believe are worthy. The class extends its sincere gratitude to all who supported our just concluded summer raffle bonanza last 31 July 2016 which added significantly to our resources and grandly in our ability to work together for a purpose. Special thanks are accorded by the entire class to the mandarangans who have put in extra efforts to make it happen. This success reflects every member. Kudos mga mistah...

**Golf Tournament:**

The class tentatively plans to have its 4th Mandarangan Golf Tournament on 25 August 2016 at Villamor Golf Club. This is among the activities lined up by the class including its officers during the meeting held after the 2016 Alumni Homecoming. Once again, the whole hearted support of all mandarangans are called upon for this undertaking. Once finalized, the details of the activity will be disseminated to everyone. Tuesday Group take charge!!! Sana hindi kayo mag sawa mga mistah and we will endlessly try replicate this way (Tuesday meets) of dealing class matters and issues.

**LAST TAPS:**

One of our worthy mandarangan, LT FREDERICK TAPAWAN joined our Creator last 19 May 2016. His remains was escorted by his family, the class members, loved

ones and friends until his final resting place at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio. After a battle long fought, it was finally time for a brave man to rest in peace. You will always be remembered mistah.

**BANGISITIES:**

The class congratulates its henyo brother Jerry B Jaucian for graduating No. 1 in Staff Officer's Course (SOC CL12-16).

Pablo Masaad led a platoon of peacekeepers in a multi-national peacekeeping exercise in Mongolia last May 2016. He is now in Haiti as the operations officer of the 20th Philippine Contingent in Haiti.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:**

The class joins our mandarangan brothers in celebrating their birthdays and thanking the Almighty for another fruitful year of their lives (Banong & Sprites - Aug 20, Bote – Aug 27, Brandon – July 28, Brey – July 21, Capili – July 2, Larry C – Aug 16, DR Matt & Mabix – Aug 7, Ed Elona – Aug 8, Myrvin – Aug 19, Jebulan – Aug 26, Bong Lanzar & Richard Pyms – July 22, Medallon – July 13, Osias – July 20, Paras – July 5, Tejones – July 25, Tipon – July 26). Happy birthday mga bossing!!! And

We have so far proven our strength as a class. Despite the diversity in standpoint and ideas, our faith in one another brought each of us and the class in entirety to this point. In this ever changing time, no one can define the future for everyone and the group but for as long as we believe in the strength within ourselves and in each other, we have all the reasons to conquer and bear whatever is ahead. Wherever you maybe, stay safe and Godbless you mistah.

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







**CAV SERAFIN P AGUIRRE '51**  
 10 November 1927 – 5 July 2016  
 Last rank held: Col PA

**Eulogy by Col Gregorio R Vigilant USMA '53**



I am honored and privileged to be asked to say a few words about Col Serafin P Aguirre who throughout his adult life rendered dedicated and truly outstanding service

to our country and people. While I have not worked continuously with Apin, but I can appreciate his true character after associating closely with him on three different occasions, namely, when he was my upperclassman at PMA in 1948-49, when we served together with the 2nd BCT (PEFTOK) under the United Nations Command in Korea in 1954, and when we studied as AFP pensionados at the University of the Philippines in 1957 – 1959.

When I was a plebe at PMA, we classified our upperclassmen as either “terrible” (those who usually inflict on plebes endless push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, foot-locker exercises and other physical and mental miseries), or “kind” (those who did not go beyond simply “bracing” plebes). We classified Apin as “kind”. One of his classmates later confided to us that Apin, while he was a plebe, suffered so much from the Assistant Tactical Officers who served as their upperclassmen, that he vowed to refrain from imposing the same miseries on plebes when he became their upperclassmen.

During our plebe year, our room at the Camp Allen barracks was next to

Apin's. The room partitions were not the floor-to-ceiling type and thus enabled upperclassmen to stand on the upper bunks and look into the next door plebe rooms. I recall that during our evening study periods (1915 – 2145 hrs), Apin would peek into our room and usually catch us dozing over our books. A cadet who did not stay awake during the entire study period, would invariably be “deficient” during the next day's classes. Apin wanted to ensure that his neighbor plebes did not go deficient. He had an effective remedy to keep us awake. He would order us to get our dirtiest pair of socks, place these on our study table. The aroma would keep us awake and, consequently, help to keep our grades proficient. This was one instance where Apin showed that he was more concerned that his plebes successfully graduate, than with making them miserable.

I lost touch with Apin when I left for West Point in 1949. We worked together again when we trained at Marikorea in 1953-54, in preparation for duty in Korea. Immediately before this, Apin served in Sulu in the campaign against Kamlon. For the information of those of you who were born only after the early 1950's, Kamlon was a notorious Muslim rebel who, operating with a wide mass base in Sulu, engaged the AFP in a protracted, costly and bloody campaign for several years. Apin was already a seasoned combat veteran, even before we went to Korea.

In 1957-1959, Apin and I were roommates while we studied as AFP pensionados at the UP College of Engineering. Apin worked on completing the requirements for a BSc in Mechanical Engineering, while I studied Civil Engineering. Apin, with his laid back character and the disciplined ways he developed while he was a cadet, was an ideal student roommate.

We boarded at the cottage of the late Dr. Mateo Tupas, who, at that time, was the head of the UP Geology Department, and who mentioned to us that he had two boarders who had twice failed in Calculus. He was concerned that if they failed the third time, they would be expelled from UP. He asked us if we could help to keep these boys from being expelled from UP. Apin volunteered to tutor them on the condition that they agree to exercise discipline in their studies, similar to that required of cadets at PMA. Firstly, he prohibited them from going out during week day nights and, instead, work on their class assignments. Throughout the entire semester, Apin went over each day's lesson with them for, at least, two hours every evening. For about a week at first, the two boys chafed under Apin's disciplinary rules, but Apin quietly but firmly told them that they either toe the line or look for another tutor, and thus risk being ejected from UP.

Gradually, the two boys accepted Apin's rules, studied their lessons assiduously, and discovered that Calculus was not that difficult if one had a competent and sympathetic instructor, and if they relentlessly kept their noses to the grindstone. They passed the semester with good grades, and proudly bragged to their classmates that they conquered the subject only after applying PMA discipline to their studies.

*Considering Apin's good looks, it was not surprising that several UP coeds developed a “crush” for Apin. I recalled that they would ask me to introduce them to Apin. When I asked them why Apin when I was available, they told me that I did not have Apin's dreamy eyes.*

The foregoing notwithstanding, Apin was one of the last two members of the Class of 1951 to get married. There was a contest between Apin and Mateo “Vangie” Evangelista as to who would be able to hold out longest as a bachelor. But then, Apin met Myrna and forgot all about the contest. This was the start of a blessed and fruitful marriage which had survived all these years.

Apin taught at PMA and, later, served with the staff of the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP). In all his assignments, Apin served with a quiet effectiveness and unremitting dedication that made him a highly valuable man to have around.

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Today we grieve for Apin. But, since he already is in a world much better than ours, maybe we should grieve more for ourselves, because we can no longer avail of Apin's warm friendship, his wise council, and his readiness to help those in need. Although he is gone, we will forever be filled with pride and joy in having known and lived with one who provided us a truly outstanding example of how to be a true officer and gentleman.

Col. Serafin Aguirre, we salute you. We wish you Godspeed on your way to meet our Maker. May He grant you a well-deserved rest and peace forever.

**CAV NOLAN ROLANDO J LAPUT '63**  
 16 November 1940 – 22 June 2016  
 Last rank held: COL PA

**Eulogy by Cav Guillermo R Ruiz '63**  
**Class 1963 President**



The man who lies in state before us is the late Col Nolan Rolando Jardiel Laput of the AFP and a member of PMA "Matindi" Class of 1963. Nolan lived a full life – entering the PMA at 18 years old, and retiring from the military service at the age of 56. While in the service, he lived through many combat operations against Muslim secessionists in the south and NPA rebels nationwide. It was just unimaginable that he would choose to leave us through an unfortunate vehicular accident, now that he had safely retired at the healthy age of 76!

But then, that was Nolan; he was always unpredictable and full of surprises, to the point of delightful eccentricity. From the Sword of 1963, he was aptly described as follows and I quote: "Nolan is a man who has his own side of any issue. Things done in a different way is Nolan in action. If he had his way, he will change the whole world. A rebel in his own way, Nolan is one who cannot be disturbed when at work." Unquote.

Unlike the other speakers before me who had the chance to work with Nolan while in the service or at some other instances, I, on the other hand, did not have the opportunity to interact with him up close. After graduation from PMA, he went to the Army, while I joined the Marines. While in the Academy, I could only brag that since we were both tall

and handsome, we qualified to join Delta Company, the company where the taller and better looking cadets were normally assigned. We were in the same company from plebehood to graduation.

No one really understood Nolan that well. When we were cadets and even now that we are retired, Nolan would always come in late for any occasion or any class gathering. He would be late, but never would he be absent. That is why we are bewildered why this time, he chose to go ahead of us to the great beyond!

Joking aside, what we are definitely sure of is that inspite of his secretive nature, deep within him, he sincerely loved his family so well.

As President, I would like to express the collective grief of all the members of our class over the untimely demise of Nolan and offer our profound sympathy and condolences to Naty and the children, Noel, Noemi, Noreen and Nelson and the rest of the family. Please be consoled with the thought that your Nolan is now at peace with the Lord in heaven.

**Contributed by Cav Rolando Y Espejo '63 as read by Cav George P Aquino '63**

Col Nolan J Laput PA was my first bunkmate and squadmate in the Academy. For the next four years, we were in the same platoon of Delta Company. As a cadet, Nolan had his own way of solving problems. In spite of the odds, he made it successfully. Among others, we mastered the technique of being in the parade formation at the last second of "Attention Call."

Upon graduation, we separated ways. He joined the Army and I went to the Air Force. Obviously, our military career paths never crossed. I found out he was trained as tank commander and preferred field assignments. During the secessionist movement in Mindanao, I was always with the CSAFP and party of General Romeo Espino. I met him once at the final offensive operations in Lebak, Cotabato as he was one of the Battalion Commanders.

I take this occasion to inform the relatives and friends of Nolan that our families became closer through time. Our wives, Naty and Luz were both graduates of UP PGH School of Nursing. Since traffic was not a problem then, we were neighbors. The Laputs were at Ideal Subdivision while the Espejos were billeted at University of the Philippines. It was so easy for the two families to be together on special occasions.

Naty and Luz decided to take their Nursing Masters' Course at Philippine Women's University. It was an evening class and in many occasions, Nolan and I would

be at the parking lot waiting for the two to be dismissed from class. It was a sacrifice for the two families. It did not take long. Both families had twins!

In the early nineties, a new twist in our family lives occurred. Naty and Luz decided to work in America. Nolan and I became single parents and we handled the immigration documents as our children wanted very much to stay in America. Sometimes, Nolan and I would meet each other in Atlanta, Georgia.

Then it was time to retire and settle in the Philippines. The usual family get together became less frequent as Nolan was involved in a religious group. In some of the PMA Class 1963 reunions, Nolan and I agreed that these "apostolic duties" did not retire us from work.

Nolan, mistah it is time to say goodbye. PMA Class 1963 will always miss and remember you whenever roll calls are undertaken. I know you sacrificed a lot in rendering service to the AFP and to our country. I know Naty, your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends will be consoled as you make your final journey to the Lord Almighty. My final salute to you and may you rest in peace. 🕊️

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remains lay in state at the St. Peter Chapel in Bacolod, before brought to Metro Manila and interred in the LNMB on 21 August 2016.

While in the service he had a colorful military career, having commanded units in combat operations. He rose to become the Army commander after the EDSA People Power Revolution. A disciplinarian and a stickler to AFP regulations, he acquired the monicker "Filipino".

He was born on 17 April 1932 in Hinigaran, Negros Occidental, and was survived by his wife Anita de Leon Canieso. 🕊️

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# In Memoriam

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

The PMAAAI Board of Directors conveys its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved families of the following alumni who recently passed away. We pray for the eternal repose of their souls. And may they rest in peace.



**LTCOL CRISTOBAL JULIAN PAOLO "TINY" PEREZ O-11290 PA**

A member of Class 1993, LtCol Perez, who was born on 27 Nov 1970, was shot and killed at about 9:20 in the evening of 19 June 2016 in his residence at Buenbrazo Drive, Barangay Guiwan, Zamboanga City. He was the Asst Chief of Staff for Personnel, G1, of the 1st Infantry "Tabak" Div, PA in Pulacan, Zamboanga del Sur. He went to Zamboanga City to celebrate Father's Day with his wife Florie May and children.



**COL NOLAN J LAPUT O-4786 PA (Ret)**

A member of Class 1963, retired Col Laput had a vehicular accident in Quezon City on the night of 21 June 2016. He was evacuated to and confined at the ICU of the Capitol Medical Center where he died on 22 June 2016. He was interred on 30 June at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani in Taguig City. While in the service, he engaged in many combat operations against Muslim secessionists in the south and NPA rebels nationwide. He was born on 14 Nov 1940 and was married to Natividad Laput.



**BGEN VICENTE C PANGANTIHON O-5433 AFP (Ret)**

A member of Class 1968, retired BGen Pangantihon died on 24 June 2016 at the AFP Medical Center and was buried at the LNMB on 30 June. He served with the 6th Inf Div, PA fighting the secessionist rebels in Central Mindanao, before he moved to 5th Inf Div in Isabela. After retirement he became chairman of PAFCPIC. Born on 20 April 1943 in Antique, he was married to Teresita Pangantihon, with whom he had 4 children.



**COL ARMANDO VENADAS GATMAITAN O-3912 PC (Ret)**

A member of Class 1955, retired Col Gatmaitan died on 4 July 2016 at the Makati Medical Center. He was interred at the LNMB on 9 July. After graduation from PMA, he was assigned with the 20th BCT, PA which was fighting the Huks in Central Luzon. When he was transferred to the PC in the 60's, he was engaged mainly in intelligence operations against the insurgents.

He was born on 6 October 1931, and was married to Concepcion "Chit" Claudio who died in 1999. He was survived by his three children, namely: Meinrad, Elbert and Carmelie.



**COL SERAFIN P AGUIRRE O-3128 PA (Ret)**

A member of Class 1951, retired Col Aguirre was born on 10 Nov 1927. He died on 5 July 2016. He served in Sulu in the campaign against Kamlon and in the anti-dissidence campaign in Luzon. He also served with the 2nd BCT, PEFTOK during the Korean War in the early 50's. He was married to Myrna Bascon of Sta Rosa, Laguna.



**COL JUSTINO ARANDIA PADIERNOS O-3890 PA (Ret)**

A member of Class 1955, retired Col Padiernos died of heart attack on 15 July 2016 at the VMCC. He was interred at the LNMB on 21 July. Born on 1 April 1934, he was exactly 17 to qualify him to enter the PMA in 1951. After 20 years in the service, he retired optionally and worked as actuary in life insurance companies, after which he migrated to the US where he continued to work as an actuary. He came back in 1992 and ran for congressman in Nueva Ecija, but he lost. He was survived by his wife Norma Escalante and his children Ruby and Ramses, who are all in the States.



**RADM ALVIN G URBI O-6207 AFP (Ret)**

A member of Class 1972, retired RADM Urbi died on 21 July 2016. He was born on 7 Nov 1948, and married to Magdalena Urbi.



**COL MAURICIO S FLORES O-1971 PROF (Ret)**

A member of Class 1944, Col Flores died on 20 July 2016, at the age of 95, at the Makati Medical Center. After 10 days of wake at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati, his remains were cremated and interred on 30 July 2016 at the Columbarium of Our Lady of Fatima Hills Church in Mandaluyong. He was born on 1 May 1921. At the outbreak of the war in December 1941, the PMA class of 1944 was disbanded, and he joined the Hunters ROTC Guerrilla. Upon the re-opening of the PMA in 1945, he was assigned as tactical officer and later as instructor. Before he retired he was Head of the Academic Group and Dean of the Corps of Professors. He was survived by his wife Victoria Oppus-Flores, five children including Joseph Flores, a USMA Class 1974 graduate, 12 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.



**PDIR MARINO L FILART O-4562 PNP (Ret)**

A member of Class 1961, retired PDir Filart died on 27 July 2016 at St. Luke's Medical Center Global City. He was interred at the LNMB on 30 July. He was born in Ilocos Sur on 16 Dec 1938. While in the service, he held various positions of responsibility in the PC, later the INP and the PNP. He was married to Violeta Filart.



**PSSUPT ERIC VAHN F DELA RAMA O-8364 PNP**

A member of Class 1981, retired PSSupt De la Rama died on 27 July 2016 and was interred in the LNMB on 2 August 2016.

While in the service, he was assigned with various units in the Philippine National Police.

He was born on 16 October 1958, and was married to Carmelita L de la Rama.



**MGEN RODOLFO A CANIESO O-4099 PA**

A member of Class 1956, retired MGen Canieso died on 13 August 2016 at the Doctors Hospital in Bacolod City. His

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