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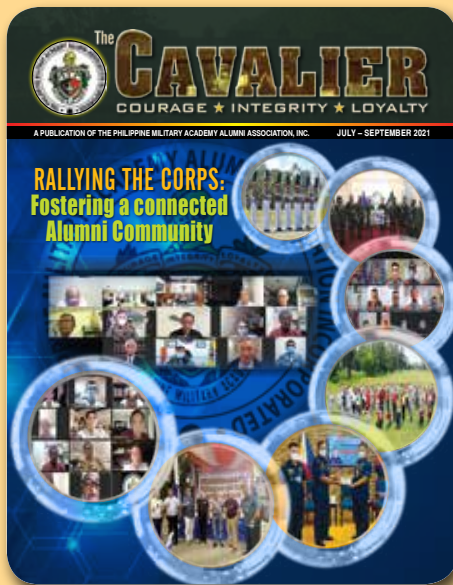
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ABOUT THE COVER



For this issue, the Cavalier Magazine emphasizes the state of unity, professionalism and resiliency of the Alumni community manifested by their solid brotherhood and understanding of the bigger spectrum of the PMAAAI missions, goals and objectives.

This is being achieved by fostering a connected alumni community. The joining (or inter-connected) circles connote connectivity among and between the Association and fraternal organizations and their affiliate members, amidst the challenging times.

The blue background represents wisdom, profound insights, spiritual realization and stability; characteristics exhibited by members of the Alumni community.

The necessity of staying connected is vital at this trying time so as not to disrupt the plans, programs and projects pinned and calendared by the Association.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV AMADO T ESPINO JR '72

Remaining Connected for a Purposeful Association

To most of us, our lives have been disrupted somewhat because of the ongoing health crisis suffered by our country. We cannot just go out of our house without wearing mask, face shield, distancing our self from others, frequently washing our hands or disinfecting our hands with alcohol. We cannot hold gatherings outside our homes, cannot attend official functions of the PMAAAI, or even attend religious worship activities physically. Some of us almost abandon playing golf when quarantine restrictions are being seriously implemented. We almost do things virtually. We see others' faces only via available digital applications. But for those who are not so much knowledgeable in technology, or fail to maximize the usefulness of their mobile phones, staying connected with our Alumni community could be considered a hard task.

For the past 18 months, COVID-19, with its different variants, opted to stay longer in our country. Despite the government's efforts to mitigate the unseen but deadly virus, victims have been increasing by the day. Warnings and advises from health authorities that new variants are emerging further complicate the already complicated situations we are in at the present time. Thus, we cannot help but expect the worse scenarios, Heaven forbids.

But even with the pandemic raging on, our Association cannot assume laxity. We still have to function administratively and organizationally because we have under our care members of the Association. We have to think and prioritize their welfare also as we discharge our duties as members of the current Board.

Even if we are restricted physically, we can still remain in touch with one another because we belong to a solid Association binded by common goals and aspirations. We cannot dispense the value of communicating with each other because we need acceptance and affirmation that we are united as one, that we

are professional members of the PMAAAI community. We share the same PMA ideals of Courage, Loyalty and Integrity in the discharge of our personal and professional mission in life.

Amidst this pandemic, let us not lose touch. I consider it a necessity to stay connected even virtually to help each other, to further deepen the camaraderie and esprit de corps embedded in us while studying at the Philippine Military Academy then, while being active members of the military organization and as distinguished members of the PMA Alumni Association at present.

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By staying connected, we could espouse on the same advocacy, come to mutual understanding of issues besetting the organization and the Association's stand on the matter, speak the same language, extend whatever forms of assistance to fellow members in need, whether spiritually, mentally, psychologically, emotionally even financially. Or even to share the same sentiments, values and beliefs.

We cannot deny that some of us have caught up with age and to some, they are baffled with the present-day technologies and their mechanics. But no one is too

old to acquire new knowledge if you really put your heart into it. Ask help from your family members or even grandchildren, they are more “techy” than us. Practice, practice and practice. Practice makes perfect as they say. So if you want to keep in touch with your fellas, maximize the advantages of your gadgets. Be informed. Be aware. Be entertained, too.

Together, we can accomplish so much if we keep attuned with each other. Not only will be receiving heads up on alumni matters but also we can voice out socially relevant ideas that could make our association dynamic and purposeful. Staying connected is good for our mental health, too.





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV STEVE B LUDAN '92

Staying Connected is Good for One's Well Being

At this present time, when people globally are enduring for almost a year and six months, the pitfalls and stressing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its other emerging variants, the importance of being connected with friends, colleagues, and families is significantly important for everyone's well-being.

As of this writing the PMAAAI alumni community is composed of 11,198 members, geographically located all over the world. Some are very active in their involvement in alumni affairs, while some others are not. Despite the geographical distance and other factors, keeping in touch with one another should always be alive, vibrant and dynamic to unite us in a community where we belong and affiliated.

Belonging to PMAAAI alumni community gives us this feeling of social inclusion, that we are part of something greater than ourselves. After we graduated from our beloved Alma Mater, the Philippine Military Academy, the PMAAAI has embraced us wholeheartedly, nurtured and supported us in our respective personal and professional careers. We even pledged to uphold and abide in the Association's articles and bylaws, Code of Ethics, and the PMA's Motto, in the discharge of one's duties and responsibilities, pandemic or no pandemic.

However, the pandemic afforded us to adopt to the new normal, to new health protocols to ensure that the virus should not further infect a lot more victims. Hence, we found ourselves confined to our respective homes disrupting the face-to face activities that we were accustomed to. We no longer shake hands (now replaced with fist to fist bump), we cannot hug one another to express our longings for each other's company and what's worst is that we have to stay six feet apart. All our outside activities and trips even require us to wear face masks, and with the emergence of delta/lambda variants, we are advised to use double masks, obstructing us to have ease in our breathing for fresh air.

Although with the passing of days, the leniency of quarantine restrictions has been changing, but still there are limitations in the

physical presence during our official gatherings and even in personal bonding with fellow mistahs, other alumni, superiors (seniors) or subordinates (juniors), both retired and active. While nothing could really substitute the personal hugs, the high-fives, and/or the endless bolahizing moments with one another, nevertheless, these restrictions should not dampen our enthusiasm to stay connected with the Alumni community and to the fraternal affiliates we belong to.

With the availability of emerging technologies, still we are very lucky to be existing in this digitally connected world. By using our mobile phones, our laptops, or our desktop computers, we could stay connected while in the confines of our homes or even elsewhere as long as you are connected with the internet. Thanks to some web applications, we still can see each other via video teleconferencing using zoom, google meet and other social media platforms like Facebook, Messenger, Telegram, Viber, and what have you.

What is important here is we could still discuss relevant matters related to Alumni affairs, keep each other updated on class activities, fraternal and affiliates plans and other way ahead programs

and projects in the attainment of our mission, goals and vision without endangering one another with virus contamination but at the same time making progress in our Association's objectives and Board of Directors' agenda.

Needless to say, each one of us could help strengthen our Alumni community by simply lending your ears to someone who long for the company of a friend, fellow alumni or simply someone who wants uplifting conversations, although in a virtual means only, during this gloomy part of the history of our country.

Engaging or staying connected with someone or with a group of individuals from the same community, whether community of sports the Ayer groups cheer or support, neighborhood community, or any other community affiliates, will give us opportunities to connect with people, reach for our goals and make us feel safe and secure.

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SUPE'S REPORT

CAV FERDINAND M CARTUJANO '88

Gearing Towards Success Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic

It's been more than a year since the Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) hit the world. Many things have changed; many innovations and safety protocols are implemented; quarantine and isolation to confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 and close contacts are also administered; wearing of masks and face shields became mandatory and many more. Undeniably, we now live in a "new normal" environment. Because of this, it has been a challenging situation for the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). Hence, the PMA personnel and cadets work hand in hand to face the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through various innovations and policies implemented, the PMA maintains its safe environment. In fact, the PMA organic personnel and cadets have already been vaccinated for COVID-19. The PMA continuously combats the threat brought about by the COVID-19. Despite of this, the PMA continuously conducts the development of curriculum, the conduct of education and training to cadets and PMA personnel, advancement of facilities, the building of new infrastructures, and many more. COVID-19 did not stop the PMA to improve. To name a few, here are some of the highlights of this quarter.



Incorporation Rites of PMA Class of 2025

In order to signify the official integration of the members of PMA Class 2025 to the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFFP), the PMA conducted the Incorporation Rites of PMA Class of 2025 on Saturday, 24 July 2021 with GENERAL CIRILITO E SOBEJANA PA, then Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines as Guest of Honor and Speaker.

Before their incorporation, they were placed under the New Cadet Battalion (NCBN) for six weeks for their summer camp training wherein they were initially given the orientation on the basic things they need to know about the military profession, basic military training, and physical development. Remarkably, 356 fourth-class cadets (285 males and 71 females) were incorporated. COVID-19 health safety protocols were implemented and followed during the conduct of said activity.





CCAFF JFTX “Bagsik-Diwa” 2021

From 28 July 2021 to 04 August 2021, Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFF) Joint Field Training Exercises “Bagsik-Diwa” 2021 was conducted inside PMA and in the vicinity of Itogon, Benguet.

The JFTX is an annual exercise for the CCAFF to culminate courses conducted by HTG during the 1st Trimester. These courses include Leadership Development Course, Soldier Team Development, and all Service Courses offered by the Air, Ground, and Naval Warfare Departments. The activity aimed to foster the competence and capability of cadets and practice their acquired Military knowledge and skills by providing them unified training lanes of warfighting capabilities and interoperability in Mission Planning and Execution.

On 04 August 2021, during the closing ceremony of JFTX 2021, I highlighted that the JFTX “BAGSIK DIWA” 2021 is just a glimpse of the realities beyond the borders and fences of the PMA. I also mentioned the three (3) things that I hoped that the Cadets got during said activity. They should learn to (1) respect each other, (2) the essence of jointness, and (3) the effective institutionalization of gender perspectives.

Academic Convocation 2021

The PMA recognized the outstanding Cadets for Academic Excellence for the Second Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021 on 09 August 2021. Said activity marked the start of another Academic Year in the Philippine Military Academy. Course Achievers and cadets included in the Dean’s List, Commandant’s List and Superintendent’s List during the Second Semester, Academic Year 2020-2021 were recognized. Notably, CADET 2CL EDMUNDO D LOGRONIO received the Superintendent’s List badge for obtaining



a year-end average of at least 9.00 and qualifying in the Dean’s List for two terms and Commandant’s List for all three terms at the end of Academic Year 2020-2021.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Cadet Islam Prayer Room

On 13 August 2021, the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Cadet Islam Prayer Room was conducted. This is a project of the PMA "Masigasig" Class of 1972, under the leadership of their President, Cavalier Amado T Espino Jr. This is in support to the program of the Academy to provide a venue for all Islam Cadets to pray and worship. The prayer room will greatly enhance and boost the morale and welfare of Muslim cadets. It will further edify and fortify their faith and spiritual reformation.

Blessing of Valor Hall

On 24 July 2021, the Valor Hall located at the lobby of Headquarters, PMA was inaugurated by the former Chief of Staff, GENERAL CIRILITO SOBEJANA PA, who is a Valor Awardee himself. Said Hall was created in order to give honor to our heroes who fought for our country and people. Passing this hall will truly bring an inspiration to all officers, enlisted personnel and Cadets.



Intensified Stakeholders' Engagement

Despite the current situation and challenges, the PMA continuously upgrades its facilities and capabilities to perform its mission and achieve its vision. The development was made possible through the help of various stakeholders.

Recently, last July 2021, a meeting with Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, CEO of Ayala Corporation; Ruel Maranan, Ayala Foundation President, and other representatives from Ayala Company was conducted. With this conversation, the Ayala Group gave their commitment in helping PMA improve its facilities. Based on the discussion, they will help the PMA in the rehabilitation of the "Old Hospital" and change it to become the PMA Commissary. They also planned to donate vehicles to the Command which will be essentially used in various tasks of the Command and in providing service to PMA organic personnel and Cadets. They also donated face masks for the PMA Organic Personnel and Cadets. Other meetings and coordination have been conducted to make the plans into reality.





In addition, selected PMA personnel also had a conference with Gregorio B. Honasan II, Department of Information and Communications Technology last 16 July 2021. It was discussed that the DICT Team will teach PMA personnel about the Certified Cisco Network Associate (CCNA) with certification. This will help boost the human resource capability to build-up related to IT in support of the new course offered by Headquarters Academic Group (HAG) to the cadets. This will greatly help PMA especially that the Academy is already Cisco Certified Academy. In addition, DICT will also help PMA in disaster response by providing the necessary Government Emergency Communications System Mobile Vehicle for Emergency (CEGS MOVE) equipment soon.

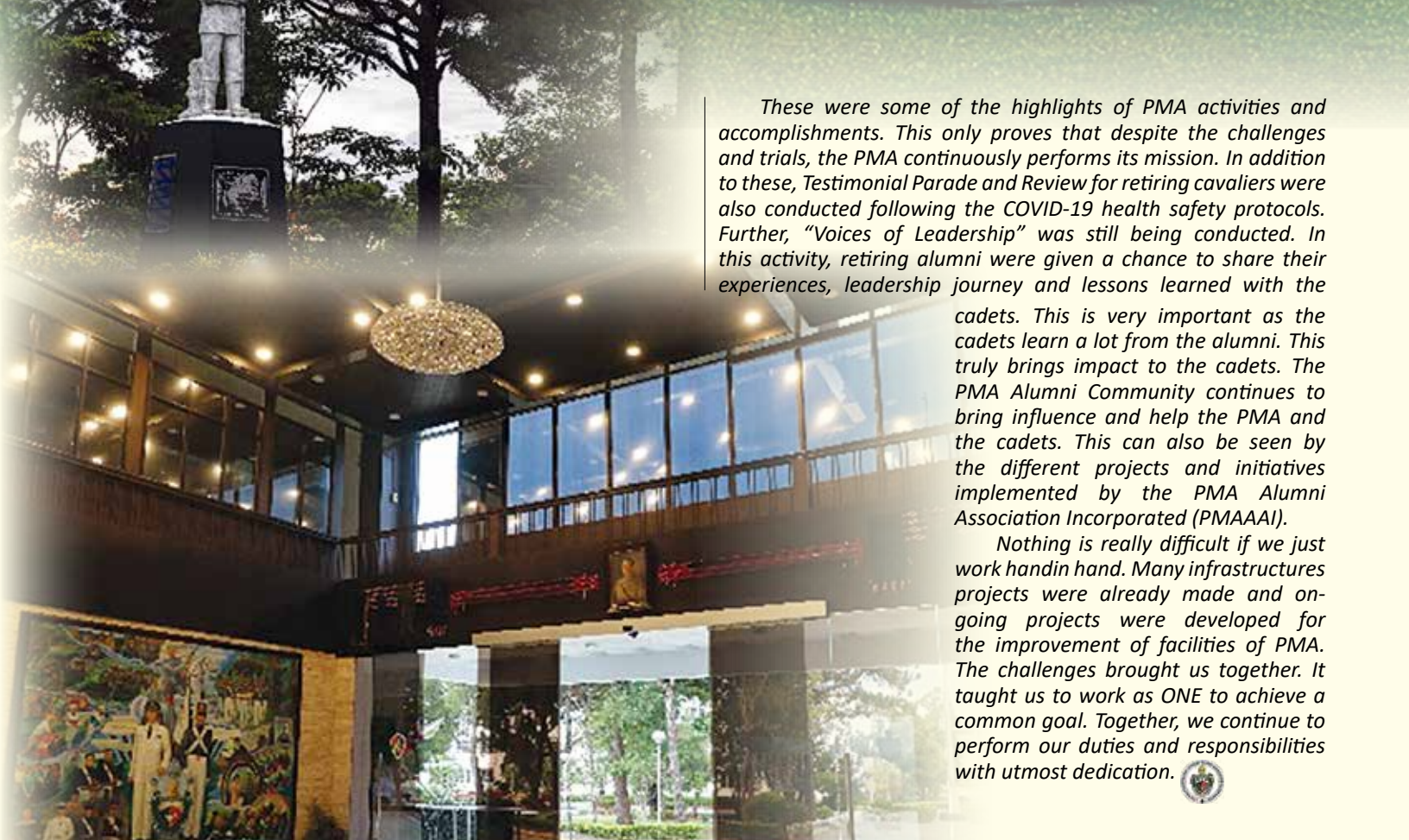
Likewise, through various stakeholder engagement, the construction of the Hall of Valor located at the existing Cavalier's Park was made possible. It aims to inspire Cadets of this institution to do their best in their academics and military training. The project



Secretary Mark A Villar, Department of Public Works and Highways graced the ribbon-cutting and blessing ng "Gidaya Road", visited and inspected various DPWH projects inside PMA and had meeting with the selected PMA personnel led by LTGEN FERDINAND M CARTUJANO PAF, Superintendent, PMA.



is implemented through the support and partnership of PMA with, Atty Martin A. Loon, CEO and President of COCOLIFE. In addition, Honorable Manny P Villar also committed for the improvement of PMA Swimming Pool. In addition, on 28 August 2021, of Secretary Mark A Villar, Department of Public Works and Highways, and his team visited the PMA for the enhanced collaboration and meeting with selected PMA personnel. He also graced the ribbon-cutting and blessing ng "Gidaya Road" and inspected the different on-going projects of DPWH. Various future projects were discussed with different stakeholders and this is truly a great help to the PMA Community especially for the conduct of education and training of Cadets. Other stakeholders' contributions might not be mentioned here but their contributions to the PMA and Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFFP) will always be remembered and appreciated.



These were some of the highlights of PMA activities and accomplishments. This only proves that despite the challenges and trials, the PMA continuously performs its mission. In addition to these, Testimonial Parade and Review for retiring cavaliers were also conducted following the COVID-19 health safety protocols. Further, “Voices of Leadership” was still being conducted. In this activity, retiring alumni were given a chance to share their experiences, leadership journey and lessons learned with the

cadets. This is very important as the cadets learn a lot from the alumni. This truly brings impact to the cadets. The PMA Alumni Community continues to bring influence and help the PMA and the cadets. This can also be seen by the different projects and initiatives implemented by the PMA Alumni Association Incorporated (PMAAAI).

Nothing is really difficult if we just work hand in hand. Many infrastructures projects were already made and on-going projects were developed for the improvement of facilities of PMA. The challenges brought us together. It taught us to work as ONE to achieve a common goal. Together, we continue to perform our duties and responsibilities with utmost dedication.





Baron's Dissemination



DIRK KIRYL A DAVALAN
Cdt F/Cpt 1Cl
"B" Company, CCAFP
Regimental Commander

Giving Back

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference."

- Kathy Calvin, President, United Nations Foundation

The Philippine Military Academy has always been committed to producing the future leaders of the Armed Forces and even our Nation. There is no doubt that the Academy has lived up to its mission. That is why throughout its cherished history, its Alumni have always taken pride in their Alma Mater.

In General Douglas MacArthur's speech to the Corps of Cadets on May 12, 1962, he said at the end of his speech: *"But in the evening of my memory, always I come back to West Point. Always there echoes and re-echoes Duty – Honor – Country."* Just like General MacArthur, PMA Alumni always look back to the hallowed grounds of Loakan; reminiscing their times as cadets and the values of *Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty*.

Many times, classes and even distinguished alumni have been recognized for their invaluable service to the Nation. As members of the Long Gray Line, the alumni always have one thing in common—to give back to the Academy. Because what better contribution can one give to their Alma Mater than to give back to it? and maybe even directly or indirectly affect the lives of the cadets?

Improvement of Facilities, Equipment, and Programs

As every alumnus and alumna ahead of us would put it—the Corps today is lucky. This is true. Through the donations of classes and some alumni, the PMA has improved and developed its capabilities to better achieve its mission.

We have better facilities (such as renovated classrooms and lecture halls), equipment (such as computers, books, and sports equipment), and training programs. Many of these are projects and donations of different classes and alumni—aimed at the improvement of the training of the cadets.

Recently, monetary donations have also been given to the Corps. These donations are being used for the different clubs and organizations of the Corps such as support for the newly established *Social Responsibility Committee* and the *Environmentalist*

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Club, among others. The donations are also projected to be used for the development of corps squad capabilities.

Inspiring the Future Leaders of our Nation

Despite all these donations for the improvement of facilities and equipment for the cadets, inspiring the cadets will always have a big impact on the lives of cadets. Listening to the stories of PMA graduates has always brought laughter and cheers, but, definitely, has inspired the cadets.

A few times, some of the Academy's distinguished alumni had the chance to speak with the cadets. The *"Voices of Leadership"* Series—one of the leadership programs of the Academy in which cadets can hear from the commanders and heads of the AFP units themselves the rich

experiences, lessons learned, and best practices in their fields of assignments. Said program has served as a source of knowledge, inspiration, and motivation for the CCAFP. Cav Sobejana '87 (then CGPA), Cav Vinluan '88 (then Commander, WESTMINCOM), and General Faustino '88 (then Commander, EASTMINCOM), were just some of the alumni the Corps had a chance to interact with during this series.

Of course, the senior officers are not the only ones who inspire the Cadets, but so do the junior officers. They are our mentors and teachers. Their experiences out in the 'real McCoy' are not just for the purpose of *bola-hizing* us, but for teaching us what to do and more importantly what not to do. Simply put, their lessons learned passed on to us.

In closing, the Corps will always be grateful to the Alumni Community for the support it has always given; whether in donations, talks, projects, or simple mentoring. Surely, their contributions will continue to play a big role in the development of the cadets and the improvement of our beloved Academy. As future graduates, we look forward to giving back to the Academy, to make a difference not just for our generation but the future generations of cadets.



CAVALIER NEWSLINE



CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

Gen Faustino appointed AFP chief

Cav Jose C Faustino Jr '88 has been appointed as the new AFP chief of staff, replacing Cav Cirilito E Sobejana '87 who retired on 31 July. He used to be the acting Commanding General of the Philippine Army and Commander of the Joint Task Force Mindanao.



Faustino

The following are commanders of following commands/units of the AFP: Cav Arnulfo Marcelo Burgos Jr '88, NOLCOM; Cav Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro '88, SOLCOM; Cav Robert C Dauz '88, VISCOM; Cav Ramil Roberto B Enriquez '88, WESCOM; Cav Alfredo V Rosario, Jr '88, WESMINCOM; Cav Pio Q Diñoso '88, Acting Centcom; Cav Ferdinand M Cartujano '88, Supt, PMA; Cav Divino Rey C Pabayo Jr '88, AFP SOCOM; Cav Greg T Almerol '89, EMC; Cav Francisco Ariel A Felicidario III '89, AFP ETDC; Cav Manuel V Sequitin '89, CRSAFP; Cav George Joel N Lalaquil '89, GHQ & HSC; Cav Rommel Anthony SD Reyes '89, CEISSAFP; Cav Marceliano V Teofilo '90, JTF-NCR; and Cav Jose Eriel M Niembra '91, ISAFP.

BGen Capulong is PA chief of staff



In a ceremony presided by the Commanding General Philippine Army Cav Andres C Centino, Cav Rowen S Tolentino relinquished the position to incoming Chief of Staff Cav Capulong.

The Philippine Army installed Cav Roberto S Capulong '90 as the 55th Chief of Staff in a Change of Chief of Office Ceremony on 28 July 2021.

Holding key positions in the Philippine Army are: Cav Robert C Dauz '88, vice commander PA; Cav Generoso M Ponio '88, commander, 11D; Cav Rowen S Tolentino '89, 21D; Cav Eric C Vinoya '87, 31D; Cav Romeo S Brawner Jr '89, 41D; Cav Laurence E Mina '90, 51D; Cav Juvymax R Uy '89, 61D; Cav Alfredo V Rosario Jr '88, 71D, Cav Pio Q Diñoso '88, 81D; Cav Henry A Robinson Jr '87, 91D; Cav Ernesto C Torres '89, 101D and Cav William N Gonzales '89, 111D.

BGen Valencerina elected AFPSLAI President and CEO

Cav Cheston D Valencerina '87 has been elected president and CEO of AFPSLAI. He used to be the Head of the Academic Affairs, Armed Forces of the Philippines Command and General Staff College.



Valencerina

In Memoriam

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

Cav Wenceslao I Tapawan '86	30 Sep 2019
Cav Alfonso D Neis '56	16 Aug 2020
Cav Gregorio Castro '53	
Cav Jacinto Binuya '74	26 Apr 2021
Cav Francisco S Carreon '62	13 May
Cav Ismael D Aparri '56	16 May
Cav Antonio A Chang '70	22 May
Cav Allan Cordova (USMA) '89	30 May
Cav Guillermo R Lorenzo '70	06 June
Cav Arnulfo R Ramirez '57	09 June
Cav Rogelio C Aguana '67	10 June
Cav Ernesto C Maderazo '57	15 June
Cav Sebastian B Arrastia '59	21 June

Cav Rexzon F Pasco '04	23 June
Cav Jayrold E Constantino '07	23 June
Cav Erano B Belen '10	23 June
Cav Dominador A Catibog Jr '60	25 June
Cav Danilo T Olay, Jr '89	30 June
Cav Onesimo C Bañaga '82	04 July
Cav Michael Vincent L Benolerao L '06	04 July
Cav Emmanuel V Makalintal '07	04 July
Cav Karl Joseph D Hintay '17	04 July
Cav Charlemagne Y Batayola '66	07 July
Cav Ismael R Rafanan, Jr '75	07 July
Cav Bayani R Leoncio '63	09 July
Cav Proceso L Maligalig '69	23 July
Cav Rogelio F Villanueva '60	24 July
Cav Eduardo C Resos '63	06 Aug
Cav Prospero M Ocampo '71	13 Aug
Cav Virgilio E Calip '58	20 Aug
Cav Nathaniel C Legaspi '76	24 Aug
Cav Romeo G Gan '83	26 Aug
Cav Mohammad Khadaffi A Abdullah '01	27 Aug
Cav Renoir M Pascua '82	30 Aug
Cav Hillary I Lademora '18	30 Aug
Cav Allan J Guisihan '83	01 Sep
Cav Asher A Dolina '83	04 Sep
Cav Benjamin Z Dizon '58	05 Sep
Cav Jose D Pineda '63	05 Sep
Cav Ramon T Montinola '68	06 Sep
Cav Bagnus P Gaerlan Jr '89	06 Sep
Cav Paul BD Ciano '93	08 Sep
Cav Rolando R Ricafrente '81	09 Sep
Cav Prudencio B Regis '51	13 Sep

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

The qualified children or the widows and parents concerned may get in touch with Mabel Galano at the PETFI office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. or at her cellphone number 0917-808-1456 or by email at petfi@yahoo.com.



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

Nominees for Association Awards, AY 2021-2022

• CAV VIDAL E QUEROL '73

Chairman, PMAAAI Awards Committee AY 2021-2022

The second stage of deliberations for the search of the 2022 Cavalier Awards for outstanding regular members of the Association is now set. From the initial screening of the different chapters (Army, Air Force, Navy, Police, Coast Guard and the PMA Retirees Association, Inc.) a total of 54 Cavalier nominees had been recommended for deliberation. They will be evaluated based not only from their manifestation of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, the epitome of values that Peemayers hold dearest, but each candidate must exemplify the best in his chosen field.

The Awards Committee is calling on all alumni and other interested parties to provide further inputs attesting to the character, excellence and qualifications of the different nominees. This information will help the Awards Committee to come up with the final list of principal and alternate recommendees for each category of award who truly represent the highest ideals of the Academy in terms of outstanding accomplishments and deserve the utmost respect of fellow cavaliers. The nominees for Cavalier Award are as follows:

Command and Administration

1. CAV HENRY A ROBINSON JR '87 PA
2. CAV SIMEON Z FELIX JR '88 PAF
3. CAV WILLIAM N GONZALEZ '89 PA
4. CAV ARIEL R CACULITAN '89 PN (M)
5. CAV RODOLFO S AZURIN JR '89 PNP
6. CAV JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO '89 PNP
7. CAV RHODEL O SERMONIA '89 PNP
8. CAV LAURENCE E MINA '90 PA
9. CAV VICENTE D DANA O JR '91 PNP
10. CAV LEONEL M NICOLAS '91 PA
11. CAV AUGUSTINE S MALINIT '91 PAF
12. CAV PABLO E RUSTRIA JR '92 PAF
13. CAV FABIAN M PEDREGOSA '93 PAF

Staff Functions

1. CAV ALFRED S CORPUS '87 PNP
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3. CAV FERDINAN B PICAR '89 PCG
4. CAV JOEL ALEJANDRO S NACNAC '90 PA
5. CAV RENE RAOUL ROMMEL DC HONASAN '91 PAF
6. CAV ULYSSES S MARQUEZ '93 PAF

Special Operations

1. CAV WILKINS M VILLANUEVA '88 PNP
2. CAV ALLEN J DALANGIN '95 PCG
3. CAV JOHN A BARRAMEDA '98 PN
4. CAV HERBERT D DILAG '98 PA
5. CAV RODEN R ORBON '02 PA
6. CAV MARION B CAYAT '02 PA
7. CAV IVAN NICHOLAS R FERNANDEZ '05 PA
8. CAV MARVIN R YBANEZ '09 PAF

Army Operations

CAV GLADIUZ C CALILAN '01

Air Operations

1. CAV KIM ERIC AD AGATEP '94
2. CAV MELVIN A BANUA '97
3. CAV THORSTEN A BAUTISTA '98
4. CAV ANTHONY D GUILLERMO '02

5. CAV ROEL C FELIX '02
6. CAV MARK ANTHONY P MADDUMA '03
7. CAV MICHAEL S DIMACULANGAN '05
8. CAV PAUL E MENDOZA '06
9. CAV ERNEST F DELA CUADRA '07

Naval Operations

1. CAV ASHLEY N NASTOR '00
2. CAV JOHN MP RAGUINGAN '12
3. CAV JUNREY S SAJULGA '13

Police Operations

CAV LEO M FRANCISCO '92

Coast Guard Operations

CAV ROY A ECHEVERIA '93

Private Enterprise

1. CAV ROBERTO DELA CRUZ YAP '82
2. CAV CRISPINIANO G ACOSTA '82

Public Administration

1. CAV THAWIP P NETNIYOM '81
2. CAV BENJAMIN B MAGALONG '82
3. CAV EDUARDO B GONGONA '82
4. CAV REY LB GUERRERO '84

Alumni Affairs

1. CAV MICHAEL RAY AQUINO '88
2. CAV DEMOSTHENES C DOPLAYNA '82

Special Field

1. CAV ARTURO C ALABANZA '72 Moral Recovery Program of the AFP, Military, NBI and PNP
2. CAV WALTER S VILLAGONZALO '75 Community Volunteer and Social Entrepreneur
3. CAV ERWIN ROMMEL R LUGA '82 Religion
4. CAV BENJAMIN D SANTOS JR '91 Science and Technology

The PMAAAI also confers the Lifetime Achievement Award for those who have rendered 50 years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country and the Outstanding Achievement Award to those who presently occupy the positions of AFP Chief, PNP Chief, PCG Commandant, PA Chief, PAF Chief, PN Chief, Senator, Speaker of the House, Cabinet members and Ambassadors.

The nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award are as follows:

1. CAV ANSELMO S AVENIDO, JR '67
2. CAV MELCHOR P ROSALES '68
3. CAV PANFILO M LACSON '71
4. CAV EDGAR B AGLIPAY '71

The Awards Committee members are: CAV VAN D LUSPO '75, PMARAI; CAV OLIVER A ENMODIAS '90 PNP; CAV JOJIE D BRAVO '02 PAF; CAV RAMON S LOPEZ '92 PCG; CAV ROWAN RIMAS '01 PN; and CAV JOYCE J OMAC '14 PA. We are most happy to receive comments and information to make the selection more thorough. Inputs may be sent to PMAAAI Alumni Center through at pmaaaai@yahoo.com. The nominees chosen by the Awards Committee will be deliberated on and confirmed by the PMAAAI Board in its meeting in December 2021.



The Wonder Years

COURAGE



INTEGRITY



LOYALTY

RETIREES SECTION

• **CAV VIDAL E QUEROL '73**
Chairman, PMARAI

• **CAV JOB NOLAN D ANTONIO '82**
Director for Public Relations

(Since its incorporation, the PMA Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI), formerly the Business, Industry and Retired Cavaliers, Inc. (BIRCI), did not have its column in The CAVALIER magazine. The Editorial Board now welcomes them with their maiden column, "Retirees Section."-Ed.)

Service Beyond the Uniform

Trivia. Did you know that the PMA Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI) started as the Business and Industry Chapter (BIC) – not the BIC ballpen, of course – of the PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) conceived sometime in 1974! The first grand meeting was held at the UNILAB Conference Hall attended by alumni who were businessmen, industrialists, and entrepreneurs in their own right. The name was again changed to Business, Industry and Retirees Chapter (BIRC) on 26 September 1984. And on 23 June 2000, the chapter evolved into a corporation, hence the name Business, Industry and Retired Cavaliers, Inc. (BIRCI)¹.

Well, anyway, what's in a name? Merriam-Webster defines a retiree as "a person who has retired from a working or professional career." Furthermore, membership to the PMARAI includes "all regular and associate members of the PMAAAI, who have retired from or have otherwise ceased to be in the active service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and all honorary members of the PMAAAI shall automatically be members of the PMARAI, with the same membership category" (Article II, Amended Bylaws of the PMARAI). Hence, the change of the association name from BIRCI to the PMARAI last 30 September 2020 is appropriate. Besides, our ranks in the retired alumni category come from very diverse professions/vocations. We have a lot of healthcare workers, engineers, teachers, lawyers, clerics, and not to mention politicians!

True to the purpose of the association "to promote the general welfare and the interest of its members" and "enhance their professional and career development," the PMARAI has hosted several webinars. The latest of which was held last 2 June 2021 with Mr. Peter Leslie Wallace as the Resource Speaker for *Navigating the Wonder Years*. Mr. Wallace is a naturalized Filipino, and a very much sought speaker. His talk was focused on helping our members "navigate" a new course for their life's journey upon retirement. He specifically mentioned the importance of keeping the brain active to protect it from deterioration. He also recommended engaging in a hobby, putting to good use our skillset, and learning to disagree without taking the issues personally. He also told the participants to make retirement life a productive time

with the family, not just spending quality time but also teaching the children important values. The bottom line of his webinar was his admonition not to relax to enjoy our pensions, but to keep on doing something, to keep on being active, and to keep on eating healthy food; in short, living a healthy lifestyle. He maintains a regular column "Like It Is" with the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. The

NAVIGATING THE WONDER YEARS

Enhancing professionalism and well-being of PMA Retirees

JUNE 2, 2021 (WEDNESDAY)
9:30 AM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 824 9883 1292
PASSCODE: PMARAI2021

As part of PMARAI's yearly program to invite distinguished Resource Speakers to share with us knowledge on trends and issues, we have invited Mr. Peter Wallace to talk about the vast and new potentials of retirement life, the right attitude we ought to have, to achieve the best we can all be.

PETER WALLACE

Expert analyst of more than 150 multinational companies in the country.

This time however, he will analyze, dissect, and help us enjoy and discover the best years our retirement life can offer.



association will host regular webinars for its members. So, let's take advantage of these webinars because they are free!

In keeping with the Association's other purpose of providing a "medium of information exchange and a forum for interaction that will promote the national interest," the PMARAI has created a Viber Community chat group the PMARAI FORUM. The link to join this Viber Community is <https://invite.viber.com/?g2=AQBcfiFeSy9o3U0GnLkN7CjK8uSvDOj75dh4NUH1bzufloFopLL2LJzEw3CcnqQU>. With this link, we hope more of our retired cavaliers will join.

Despite the pandemic, the Board meets frequently via Zoom conferencing and through a separate Viber Chat Group. Noteworthy to mention here were significant acts and resolutions of the past and present Boards:

- a) Approving the Issuance of the Declaration of Support to the Anti-Terror Bill (Board Resolution No. 20-03);
- b) Assisted the PMAAAI on several projects such as the filing of criminal and civil cases against ACES Management, jointly conducting fundraising activities, and supporting the building of the PA-PMAAAI Center for Leadership and Excellence in Fort Bonifacio;
- c) Issuance of a Statement of Support for Secretary of National Defense Delfin N Lorenzana on his firm stand of protest and opposition against the encroachment of Chinese vessels in the Julian Reef dated 6 April 2021; and



PMARAI BOD in Zoom Meeting



Oath Taking of PMARAI Board of Directors.

d) Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Liberty Insurance Corporation and RAMAH International Insurance Agency Services Corporation wherein the PMARAI through RAMAH shall offer to its members motor car, fire, travel personal accident and other non-life insurance products of Liberty with a guaranteed **service turn around time** better than leading insurance companies; a percentage of the proceeds from the insurance will go to the association as part of its fundraising project.

Looking forward, the PMARAI will jointly host a golf tournament with the PMAAAI dubbed as “Game of the Cavaliers” from 19 November to 3 December 2021 at the following venues, the Philippine Navy Golf Club and Villamor

Airbase Golf Course to support our members and other worthy projects. Mechanics and details of this golf tournament will be disseminated through the Councils of Class Presidents (COCP). The Association would also like to remind the COCP of their nominees for the Cavalier Awards for the following fields: Private Enterprise, Public Administration, Special Fields, and Alumni Affairs.

Let’s live up to all the Academy values. What is life without honor? Degradation is worse than death. – LTG Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson.

(Endnotes)

¹Source: Notes from Cav Christie B Datu '73, former BIRCI President, 1 February 2012



PMAAAI PAF Chapter News

PMAAAI-PAF Chapter Welcomes 37 Air Force Officers from PMA CL-2021

- **CAV EDSON CARLO TADEA '05**
PMAAAI-PAF Chapter, Secretary

On 11 August 2021, this Chapter officially welcomed the 37 new Air Cavaliers of PMA Class 2021 to the PAF and the PMAAAI.

The first part of the Reception Ceremony comprised of series of lectures on Career Development, Financial Literacy, and Orientation about ACCC, among others. The Chairman and President of the PAF Chapter also had the chance to give their advice to the new graduates and interact with them during the Open Forum.


The second and main part of the Reception Ceremony was the Virtual gathering of all Air Cavaliers with the Commanding General, PAF, CAV PAREDES '88 as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. More than 500 Air Cavaliers graced said activity. During the VTC, the Cavaliers used their respective Company colors and seals as their virtual background.

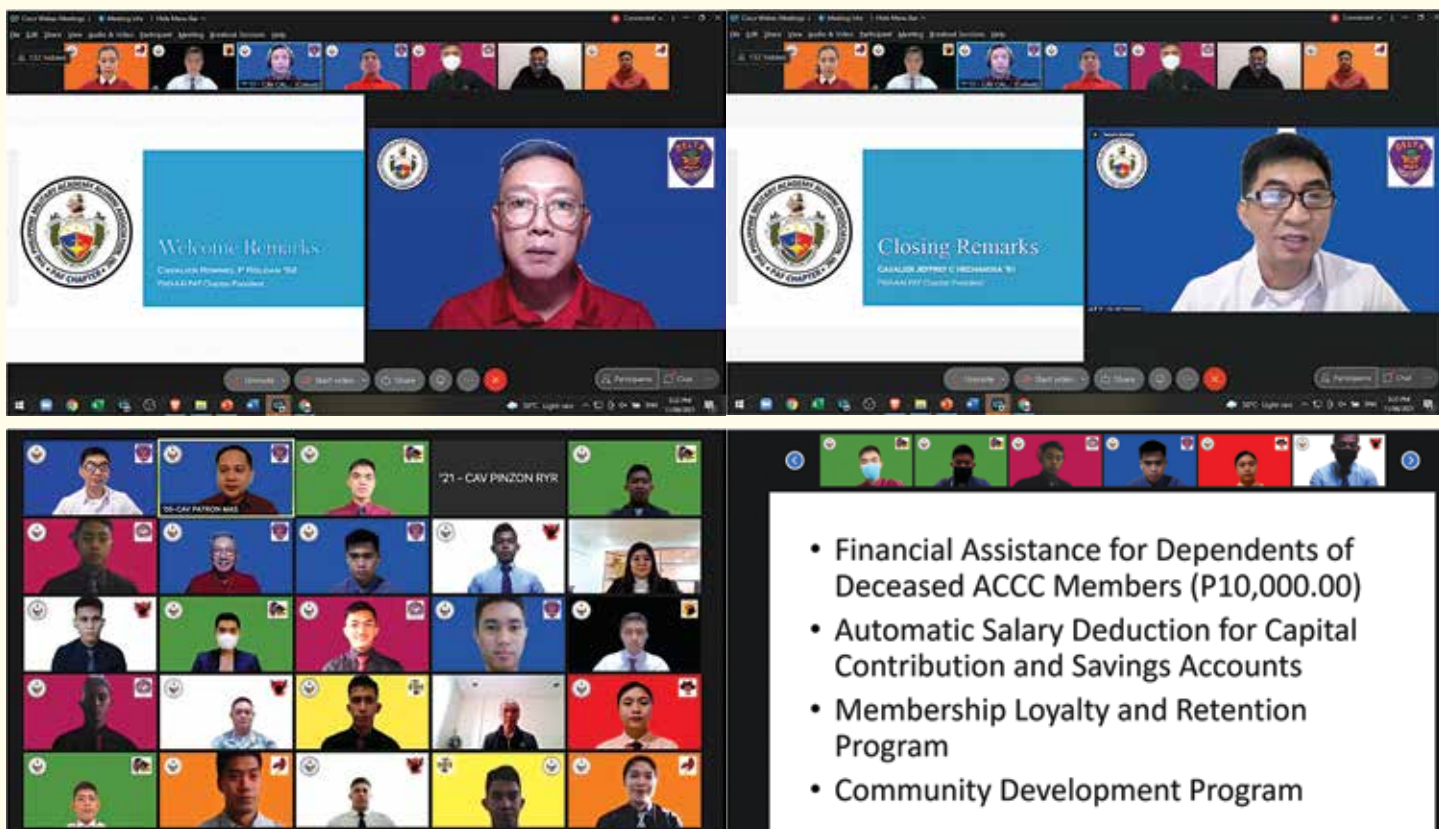
It was truly a heartwarming and one of a kind gathering as the Air Cavaliers were able to reconnect and communicate with their upperclass, underclass, mistahs and of course, to know more about the new graduates. The attendees also paid a special tribute to the departed Air Cavaliers who offered their lives while serving the nation.

The messages of the President PMAAAI-PAF Chapter and the Commanding General were equally inspiring and have fueled the spirits of all the attendees. To quote the President, *"Let today's activity therefore be an eye-opener for everyone that we need a genuine support system that builds relationships, opens constant communication, and fosters mentoring as a way of malasakit for one another as one family of bugu-bugos in order to promote resiliency."* For his part, CAV PAREDES '88 enjoined the attendees to remain humble as they close ranks in welcoming the young blood of Cavaliers who are molded under the same ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. He further stressed on the need to consider how Cavaliers can support and stir one another towards unity and resiliency.

The final part of Reception Activity comprised of fun games which undoubtedly brought joy and smiles to all Cavaliers.

Indeed, amidst all the adversities and challenges, the PMAAAI-PAF Chapter is grateful that the spirit of camaraderie amongst air Cavalier remains resolute and steadfast through the years.

Long Live PMA! 





PMAAAI PCG Chapter News



Cav Leopoldo V Laroya '88 and Secretary Tugade

On 08 September 2021, PCG Commandant CG ADMIRAL GEORGE V URSABIA JR of PMA Hinirang Class of 1987 handed over the post of PCG Commandant to CG VICE ADMIRAL LEOPOLDO V LAROYA of PMA Maringal Class of 1988 during a Turnover and Retirement Ceremony held at Pier 15, South Harbor, Manila. The ceremony was presided over by DOTr Secretary Arthur P Tugade on behalf of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.



Laroya

YOUNG CAVALIER HEROES



A VALIANT Marine Officer

CPT JUNREY S SAJULGA '13 PN(M)

• CAV FELIX A SERAPIO JR '07
Marine Corps Public Affairs Office

Captain Junrey S Sajulga PN(M) was born on 23 July 1988 in Jagna, Bohol. He started his career in the military service on 01 April 2009 as a member of PMA "Pudang-Kalis" Class of 2013. Upon graduation, he volunteered to join the ranks of the Philippine Marine Corps and took up the Marine Officer Basic Course in Ternate, Cavite. His first deployment was in the province of

Sulu where he was baptized as a young lieutenant in the fight against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG).

In May 2016, he took the Force Reconnaissance Course Class 22 graduating at the top of his class and joined the ranks of the Force Reconnaissance Group (FRG). Deployed in the southernmost parts of the archipelago, he conducted different Special Operations missions in support of the overall mission accomplishment of the Philippine Marine Corps.

During the conduct of the Test Mission Phase of Force Reconnaissance Course Class 21 and 22 in Capual Island, Sulu under the Fleet-Marine Ready Force on 07 February 2017 against the Abu Sayyaf Group, Cpt Sajulga PN(M) was tasked to support the conduct of OPLAN "STORM SURGE". His team effectively blocked the enemy egress, catching them by surprise, resulting in a close firefight with ASG members. This resulted in the recovery of four body counts and eight high powered firearms. He was conferred with Military Merit Medal with Spearhead Device for said accomplishment.

In May 2017, Cpt Sajulga, with the 64th Force Reconnaissance Company, was deployed in Marawi City to combat the Isis-inspired Maute Terrorists. They operated day and night against the enemy

and conducted numerous Special Operations missions in said campaign.

On 30 May 2017, Cpt Sajulga was tasked to conduct an enemy infiltration mission to capture a building believed to be the hide-out of the top leaders of the Maute-ISIS group in the vicinity of Mapandi Bridge (GC 426 849). Along with members

of his unit and under the cover of darkness, he was able to infiltrate the enemy stronghold amidst the threat of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) along the way. Unable to move further due to the heavy concentration and established positions of the enemy, Cpt Sajulga with his team engaged the enemy on the dawn of 31 May. Isolated during the firefight incurring casualties because of the overwhelming firepower of the enemy, Cpt Sajulga remained focused and resilient. He effectively utilized all available fire support, targeting enemy positions. After more than 20 hours of continuous firefight, they successfully defended their position establishing a vital position for the entire Marine Operating Forces to advance. This resulted in the recovery of four enemy cadavers.

After the firefight, Cpt Sajulga received information about civilians trapped near the encounter site. Without hesitation, he led the daring rescue mission and saved 16 civilians. This achievement resulted in Cpt Sajulga being recommended by the then Commander 1ST Marine Brigade BGen Melquiades V Ordiales JR AFP to be awarded with a Distinguished Conduct Star. The entire operation in Marawi City



earned Cpt Sajulga the following awards: one Gold Cross Medal, two Bronze Cross Medals, two Military Merit Medals with Spearhead Device, and one Lapu-Lapu Medal (Rank of Kamagi).

From June 2019 - April 2020, Cpt Sajulga served as the Aide-the-Camp to the Flag Officer In Command, VAdm Robert A Empedrad PN(Ret) and VAdm Giovanni Carlo J Bacordo PN(Ret). After his duty as aide-the-camp, he went back to FRG to continue his passion for Special Operations.

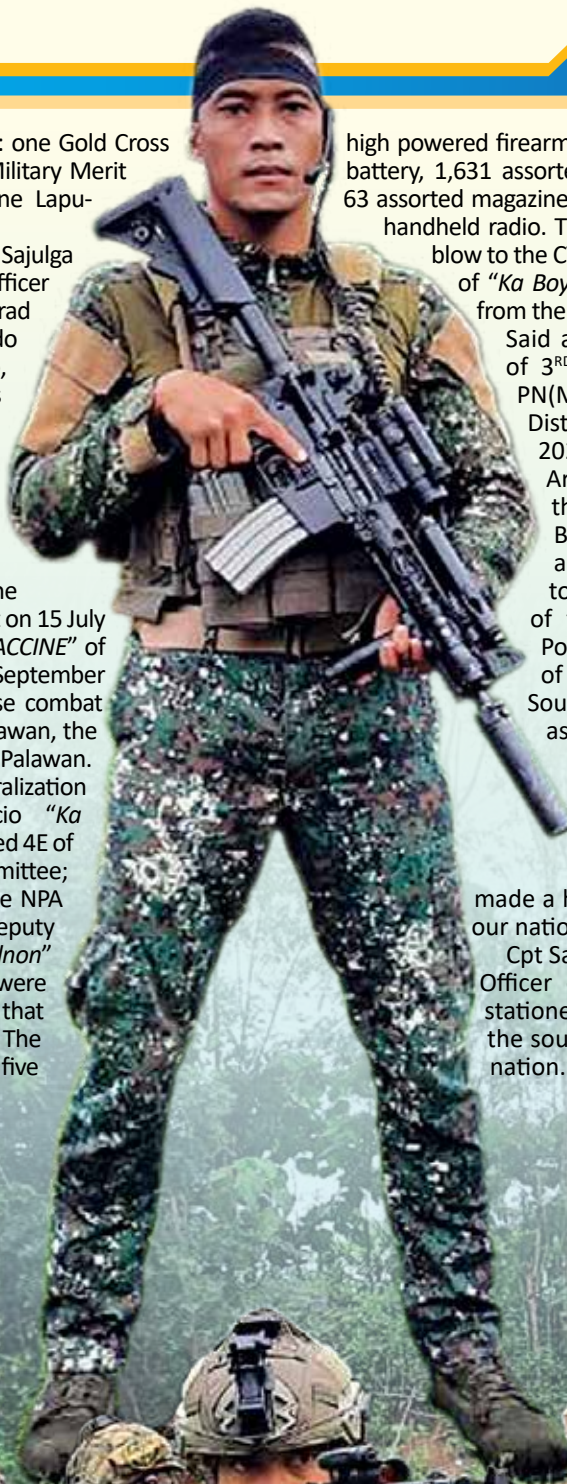
To address the operational needs of the 3RD Marine Brigade stationed in Palawan, a platoon of 61ST Force Recon Company was trained to counter the communist-terrorist group operating in the area. Cpt Sajulga led the training of the platoon for 60 days before its deployment on 15 July 2020. In the execution of the OPORD "VACCINE" of Marine Battalion Landing Team-4 on 03 September 2020, Cpt Sajulga was engaged in a close combat battle with Kilusang Larangan Gerilya-Palawan, the communist-terrorist group operating in Palawan. The brief encounter resulted in the neutralization of five communist-terrorists. Bonifacio "Ka Boywan" Magramo, Secretary of the United 4E of the Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee; Andrea "Ka Naya" Rosal, daughter of late NPA spokesperson "Ka Roger" Rosal and Deputy Secretary of the group; Noel "Ka Celnon" Siasico, Front Operational Commander, were the top three leaders of KLG-Palawan that were neutralized during said encounter. The encounter also resulted in the recovery of five

high powered firearms, four laptops, two solar panels, one solar battery, 1,631 assorted ammunition, 48 rounds of 40mm (HE), 63 assorted magazines, 37 cellular phones, 18 SD Cards, and one handheld radio. The said encounter delivered a demoralizing blow to the CTG that led to the surrender of the remnants of "Ka Boywan" and the mass withdrawal of support from the CTG.

Said achievements prompted the Commander of 3RD Marine Brigade, BGen Nestor C Herico PN(M) to recommend Cpt Sajulga for a Distinguished Conduct Star award. On 07 June 2021 Gen Cirilito E Sobejana PA, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, awarded the Campaign Streamer to 3RD Marine Brigade, Marine Battalion Landing Team-4 and 61ST Force Recon Company according to the Joint Resolution of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police No. 05-2021 affirming the declaration of Kilusang Larangan Gerilya-Palawan of Southern Tagalog Regional Party Committee as dismantled.

The leadership, discipline, and professionalism showcased by Cpt Sajulga as a junior Marine Officer led to the accomplishment of several Special Operations missions which ultimately made a huge impact on the peace and security of our nation.

Cpt Sajulga is currently the Acting Commanding Officer of 61ST Force Reconnaissance Company stationed in the province of Tawi-Tawi guarding the southwestern boundaries of our archipelagic nation.

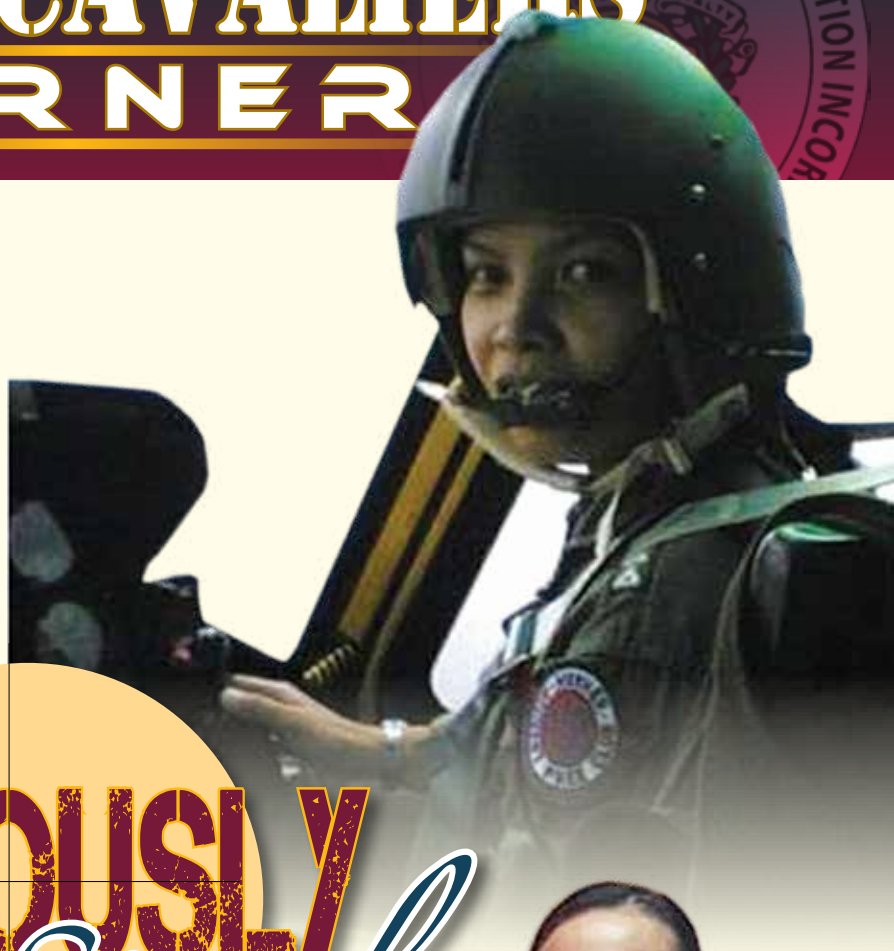


FEMALE CAVALIERS CORNER

Being the minority in a group of mostly Alpha males can be intimidating; sometimes, one has to limit daydreaming and stay below the radar. It is with the fear of being misjudged for every word uttered or action taken that one female cavalier tries hard not to get any attention.

DANGEROUSLY *Single*

• CAV CHAI MONATO-AVENIDO '04





But things have changed 180 degrees, not because of Thanos' finger snap, but because of the outstanding performance and accomplishments of the senior female cavaliers who are now holding key positions. Their dedication to set a good example and create an easy path for the next classes brought a positive perspective towards female officers.

One is **CAV ANN MARIE TABONES GERODIAZ** of PMA Masinag Class 1998 from Catbalogan, Samar - the current Group Commander, Tactical Operations Groups 8 stationed in Tacloban City, Leyte. She was the Air Mission Commander during the successful air strike operations followed by ground assaults in one of the strategic NPA camps in Dolores, Eastern Samar last 16 August 2021. During said operation, the government forces killed 19 communist terrorists and recovered 32 high-powered firearms, several landmines, hand grenades and other personal belongings from the encounter site. This damage on the enemy's side substantially crippled their operations in Samar Island.

Sans recent achievement, Cav Gerodiaz has always been considered snappy who delivers positive results whenever given a certain task. She has achieved numerous feats that earned respect not only for herself but for all women officers. She was among the first female Huey pilots, the first female military observer sent by the AFP and United Nations to Timor Leste at





Dili, East Timor, and an Instructor Pilot in the PAF Flying School. She also held various significant positions such as Commanding Officer of the Air Warfare Center, where she altered culture by having female drivers and male secretaries.

Marie, as she is fondly called, is always a woman who rises above stereotypes. When regular women worry about their OOTD (outfits of the day), she would spend more time chatting with her troops and plan about innovations, rather. With her free-entered the academy the time when very young girls have dared enter the military. And 27 years after, she still has the same spirit and courage to do what she thinks is right and proper.

On a personal level, Cav Gerodiaz is very close to all female cavaliers, especially those in the Air Force. She regularly hosted a fellowship while she was in Lipa City to welcome newly assigned buga bugas in Fernando



Air Base, particularly the student pilots. It is during these light moments that female cavaliers share experiences to motivate each other to be an effective member of the military organization.

Her hospitality extends to all cavaliers and underclassmen, especially now that her power and circle of influence have gone far and wide. Her strict personality when it comes to work is complimented by her chill attitude towards the people who are close to her. Many of her juniors look up to her and consider her their mentor and confidant. You can personally ask Ana Forong, Marjorie and Dydge of Class 2005.

This very brave author may qualify to receive a Medal for Valor in writing that Cav Gerodiaz has been using this “last name” for 40(plus) years. As an underclass, friend and a fan of her life, it is a constant and solid prayer that “may she find the right man one day”.





The Turnover

• CAV SUNNY PEQUIRAS '77

The vision to have a permanent building for the PMAAAI, to call it its home, became the driving force for the past and present Chairmen of the association to work for its realization. After we were promised a P300M-worth multi-storey building by a benevolent benefactor, and a parcel of lot granted thru a usufructuary agreement by the Philippine Army, the vision came clearer.

On July 13, 2021, the parcel of lot from the Philippine Army was officially turned over to PMAAAI in a formal ceremony attended by the Secretary of National Defense, Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73, who was the Guest of Honor and Speaker. The

Army was represented by its Commanding General, Cav Andres C Centino '88, who handed the Turn Over Certificate to Cav Amado T Espino Jr. '72, the PMAAAI Chairman. The event took place at the very site where the building will be erected.

On that same day, same place and event, the Certificate of Turnover of the lot was subsequently handed down by the PMAAAI Chairman, Cav Amado T Espino Jr, '72, to Atty Walter Mactal, the Executive Director of Resorts World Manila representing its President and CEO Mr. Kingson Sian. Resorts World Manila, one of the companies under Megaworld headed by Dr. Andrew L Tan who provided the fund for the project, was designated to manage the development and construction of the project.

Witnesses to the turn over ceremonies included DND Sec Delfin Lorenzana '73, Cav Erickson R Gloria '88, the Vice Chief of Staff AFP, former PMAAAI Chairmen, Cav Jaime S Delos Santos '69, and Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71.

Having completed this momentous event, the start of the site development, design and planning and eventually the completion of the project follows. It would be a rough road ahead, but with the cooperation of everybody who has stake on this project, the flow will become smooth. What has been a vision will become a reality!



COMMAND and LEADERSHIP

• CAPT MELISSA BO
PMA Corps of Professors

A Book Review

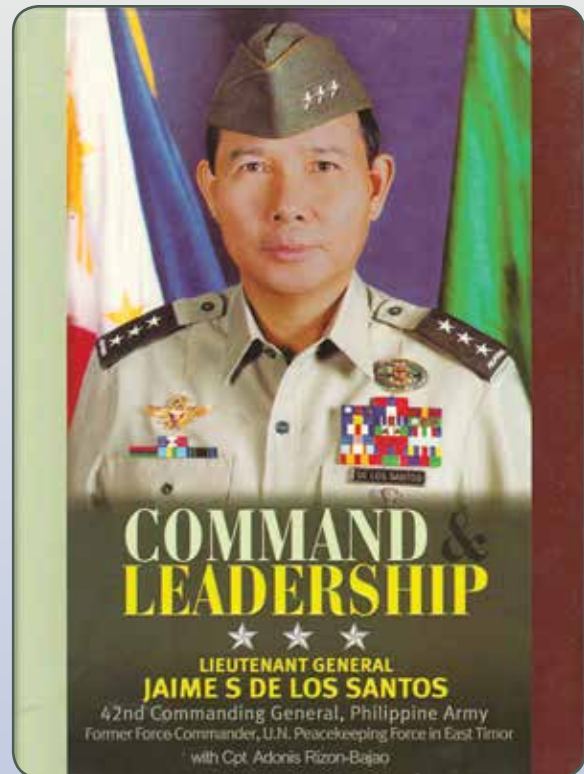
The *Command and Leadership* is a literary contribution written in 2002 by former Commanding General of the Philippine Army and now retired Lieutenant General Jaime S De Los Santos '69. While the book was written two decades ago, there are core philosophies that remain to be significant in the noble profession of arms. The military odyssey of the author captures the entirety of the book chaptered into the different era of his career.

While there is undoubtedly no question on the leadership capacity and professionalism of the author, the book also showcases the human side of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS in revealing the peaks and valleys, humps and curves, wax and wane of his military career. This provides an avenue for military leaders of today and the forthcoming to learn from the rich experiences of a three-star general who once became the Battalion Commander of the 16th Infantry Battalion in Southern Tagalog and Bicol regions, the Chief of Staff of the 2nd Infantry Division, Spokesman of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP, the first Peacekeeping Force (PKF) Force Commander of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), and the 42nd Commanding General of the Philippine Army.

Command and Leadership vehemently recounts LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS journey of being a Commander and a Leader himself. His "balanced career" as he puts into his words of his four different yet equally important assignments in regimental, staff, educational, and AFP financial institutions all contributed to how his profession progressed in the military hierarchy he belonged and how his stars made its lasting glimmer.

The book is divided into nine chapters which provide us a closer examination of the formation and transformation, edges and challenges, and timeless leadership principles that characterized LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS command and leadership of the different units in the Philippine Army in particular and the Armed Forces of the Philippines in general. It is a good reminder for all aspiring military officials that leadership and commandership are not an overnight process of being, it is a product of sleepless nights of hurdling trials and embracing hardships to reach triumphs.

Moreover, the book also pays close attention to the elements that shape the military outlook and ideals of an effective commander and leader. Chapters 1 and 2 enlightened us of the formative years that hone the competence and character of the author. From his first taste of formal military education as a cadet at the PMA in 1965 to 1969, until his early years in the service as a junior officer who was assigned at the operational and tactical level. Chapter 1 focused



***Command & Leadership* by LTGEN JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS on Asia bookroom Price: \$50.00 AU**

largely on the importance of education and unending quest for knowledge. Whereas, Chapter 2 deemed to belabor the importance of translating this knowledge into practice, that is more on how LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS made use of the knowledge gained and skills developed in his field assignments. Meanwhile, Chapters 3 to 5 cover the mission areas in the three archipelagos of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao where the author performed his duty in various capacities. As he stated, his stints in those assignments enabled him to give balanced assessments of the contrasting views and approaches in handling insurgencies and crisis situations. Chapter 6 then brought us back to where the author's military career started yet this time as the Academy's Superintendent. There is evidently a strikingly different perspective from being a cadet and now the number one

officer in the country's premier military academy working from the operational to strategic level. Consequently, Chapter 7 landed him with the title as the first Filipino and ASEAN national to command a UN-led multinational force. This designation proves to be a testament of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS capability of leading not only within the Philippine's frontier and his countrymen but also the international community. The next chapter on "Top of a Hill" focused at the glorious period of the author as the Commanding General of the Philippine Army. He instituted several programs that safeguarded the stability of the newly installed administration after the EDSA Revolution II. Specific to the hallmark events faced during his term included the May 14, 2001 election, ARMM election, May 27 Dos Palmas abduction, and the ROTC controversy which the former CGPA acted swiftly thus paving way to the continuity of the program. He also pursued agenda that ensured the credibility of the AFP and the country in the international environment such as the conduct of the 2nd ASEAN Chiefs of Armies Multilateral Meeting (ACAMM) in the Philippines from 13 to 15 November 2001. Above all, this chapter showcases the attributes of a leader on a strategic level. Lastly, Chapter 9 brought us to the vision of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS on the multifaceted challenges that confront our national security in the future affecting largely the military setting. Worthy to recognize that most of the propositions raised by the author complement the occurrences and experiences 20 years after the book was published.

Command and Leadership

The title of the book makes a fascinating statement that best fits the purpose of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS in leaving a lasting impact and legacy as a commander and a leader. In unpacking the terms, command refers to *"The authority which a commander in a military service lawfully exercises over his subordinates by virtue of rank or assignment"* (Army publication ADRP 6-22, 2019, pp.1-36)s. With this definition, it can be noted that the legal perspective gives authority for a Commander to exercise his power and put this into action. This has been realized in many instances that LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS was appointed as a commanding body in different capacity in his Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao assignments. Similarly, his appointments entail responsibilities to his people in providing clear intent and direction to his subordinates which Young (2001) argued as a pertinent role being played by a Commander.

Leadership, on the other hand, is defined as the role executed by someone in charge of a team or an organization, although it is not considered merely as a title or a position (Khan, 2014). In this case, leadership is people-centric and is focused at influencing, motivating, inspiring, and directing peers and subordinates in the attainment of organizational objectives. These are key features that have been repeated and echoed by the author as important for a leader to embody in several chapters.

These generally agreed definitions of Command and Leadership were vividly discussed and explained by LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS in the conduct of combat operations and staff works through his practical experiences in both fields and offices. The author drew out the relationship of these two important terms from his statement which says that:

"Excellent Command is predicated on excellent and effective application of leadership. Leadership is a key to achieving excellence to inspire the troops. It is a source of strength as it enhances esprit de corps and pride for the organization. Such a quality of leadership can accomplish seemingly impossible tasks as it shuns mediocrity. It can even drive its constituency to the highest standards of performance.- JSMLS"

This proposition of the author elucidates the mutually constitutive relationship of command and leadership. Whereby key terms used by the author match the literary published definitions as asserted above, this also reveals the strong foundational pretext of developing leadership qualities among junior officers in honing them to become honorable military professionals who are called to perform their duty in the service of humanity.

In the rich scholarly literature, however, the concepts of command and leadership carry with it the significance of another key term known as "management". Management, in this sense, refers to *"the process of planning, organizing, directing and controlling organizational resources in the pursuit of organizational goals"* (Dunham & Pierce 1989, p. 6). The importance of managing resources was also given emphasis by the author on how one could effectively handle matters of military affairs. Command, Leadership, and Management, or popularly known as the CLM Triad, has gained unprecedented recognition and became a point of discussion and analysis in handling organization and attaining strategic goals and objectives. In the military organization, the CLM finds its relevance both as a doctrine and a praxis considered as useful in assessing the responses to a situation, and the different perspective represents the variety of methods of responses (Gordon, 2008). It is an integrated system of action whereby each element is tightly knit with one another. In this instance, CLM is highly applicable in the kind of operational environment the military is called for— a volatile, risky, and an uncertain one.

Furthermore, while management has not been singled out as a relatively determining variable and was not placed side-by-side with the two terms in the title of the book, it can be inferred that the art of management goes naturally with the skill of leading and before long commanding. Many literary reviews still do not conform to the nature of interrelationship that exists between the three, however few can draw from the author's arguments the proposition that leadership serves as the foundation of an effective commandship. It also appears that it holds the higher hierarchical step in the ladder of CLM especially considering the set-up in a military-oriented organization.

Consequently, there are six important themes that set the relevance of the *Command and Leadership* even in the present setting. The book was written 19 years ago but still, its big portion, is applicable and relevant in this era of security, strategy and military changes. This reference review intends to unpack the important insights in the book and how they relate in the current concepts and conduct of military operations.

I. D- VUCAD Environment in the 21st Century

The book was written during the time when insurgency is on its unprecedented stage. It benefits us to learn of the long drawn-out years of handling threats of revolutionary groups with grievances and motives against the government and how the AFP performed its mandates during those years. In addition, LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS command and leadership skills were evidently sharpened by this kind of operational environment that demands his years in active service. His field experiences in varied capacities in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, including his exposure in the international sphere of military conduct when he was appointed as the Force Commander of the UN Peacekeeping Force in East Timor brought us insights on the unending and unpredictable threats that confront our national security. Worthy to note is the recognition of the author to both conventional and nonconventional threats that keep on evolving two decades after the book was published. Thereby, the book has been anticipatory and progressive in its tone amidst the two decade gap from when it was crafted.

For the purpose of rich discussion, the author's experiences working on an uncertain, risky, and violent environment that stage combat operations during those years has now developed to a widely

accepted concept known as D-VUCAD referring to Disruptive, Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous, and Diverse environment. While these terms are easy to comprehend in the type of combat arena and nature of threats that implicate the concept of national security in the 21st century, the continuous evolution of the operational environment demands a more frequent pathway changes and strategic directions of a commander or leader in position. Woodward (2018), stated that *"We are now well beyond a VUCA world – characterised by volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity – and must add two Ds to the acronym to reflect the broader context of the journey ahead...At the front, overshadowing everything, is disruption (whether in the form of technology, social change, industry/organization reconfiguration or the like). We continue to experience volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity, but must add to this the reality of diversity (including gender balance, plus cross-cultural and intergenerational diversity)."*

The dramatic changes in both the domestic and international politics reconfigure the mandates of all sectors in the society, to include the defense and security sector. In the local setting, the concept of the D-VUCAD environment was enriched by the events that transcend following the Zamboanga and Marawi sieges and other cases of protracted communist insurgencies, the closure of the Bangsamoro armed struggle, and the evident social inequities that impact human security. These, however, serve as the limitation of the book that was published decades earlier. Despite this, LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS accounts laid out pertinent foundation and strategic ways of handling such crisis situations. He emphasized the importance of sustained surveillance and intelligence activities even amidst the signing of peace agreements which has been the weakness in the past resulting to inevitable predicaments with insurgent groups. In the purview, this continues to be an unsurpassed challenge even to the present operations that the military conducts.

II. Command and Leadership Echelon

LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS exemplifies an unconventional commander and leader in his standpoint on a new type of leadership that gives equal importance to expertise in both combat operations and nation-building. To quote a maxim the author mentioned *"Leadership in conference, even with subordinates, is as important as the battlefield"* (p. 28). This overthrows the old-fashioned way of believing that warrior officers hold the primacy vis-a-vis those confined in the staff positions. Gone were the days when only the former are given the spotlight while the latter lacks the due recognition of their ability to run a unit smoothly and effectively.

Today, lines of senior officers were able to take hold of stars placing them in the top echelon of the military hierarchy who have expertise in both combat operations and nation-building. We have learned that these two complement each other in the formation of an effective leader. In particular, combat experiences enable a leader in the military service to make sound decisions amidst never-ending sequence of risks and adapt to the ever-changing volatile environment. Similarly, leaders' capability to articulate the goals and aspirations of the organization he represents and his ability to influence people to support such goal are deemed necessary. Ergo, battlegrounds and offices are both breeding grounds of leaders and commanders.

III. Pillars and Leadership Essentials

Throughout the *Command and Leadership*, the author belabored the importance of the firmly grounded pillars that shape an effective leader and its essentials. Grounded on the core values of "Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty" which have been the basic A-B-C thought in the Philippine Military Academy as the alma mater which honed and harnessed the potentials of younger LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS, the book advocates the pertinence of holding on to the time-honoured values and fundamental

principles that forebear the Academy and has been part of the timeless philosophy of a military serviceman in the AFP.

A. Core Values: Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty

Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty as the triad that guides military profession in its conduct are called to be strengthened amidst the need to adapt to inevitable changes. This is one crucial point reiterated by LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS whose leadership principles and practices have been rooted to the basic philosophies that are perennial in its value and wisdom.

In hindsight, courage, in this case, entails having a strong will and spirit to succeed in whatever one's endeavor is. Faced with multifaceted challenges, a courageous individual must rise above adversities to carry on his/her duty. For those in the profession of arms, courage is the determination to win a battlefield and undertake any course of action. With this, as the author stated, a leader must continue to put his best foot forward and is responsive to the demands of the situation. The importance of being flexible to changes has been emphasized when LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS quoted Henry H Arnold, a General in the USAF, who once said that, *"The principles of yesterday no longer apply. We must think in terms of tomorrow"* (p.160). This also reveals his future-oriented mindset and preemptive approach which military leaders of today must embody as they are expected to be more innovative in their strategies.

Meanwhile, leaders in the service must have the integrity to do the right thing even if no one is looking. The Honor Code System that guides each cadet must not be forgotten as one's career progresses. *Command and Leadership* as LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS gift to the present and future generations speaks of him as a role model who lives by the oath he sworn, that is not to "lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate among them those who do so". Integrity tests and measures one's morality which is essential for a great leader to practice and exemplify.

Loyalty, on the other hand, demands that servicemen remain steadfast to their allegiance to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines serving the country for the better future of the next Filipino generations. This is the core value that binds public servants and even private practitioners toward a shared goal and serving the nation is each and everyone's greater purpose.

These three core values support the AFP Core Values of Honor, Service, and Patriotism which are at the very heart of each soldier who carry with him the responsibility to secure the country's national interest. This also means that members are expected to exhibit competencies as well as principled decisions aligned with ethical standards and distinct ethos (Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020, p. 17).

B. Professionalism: Competence, Character, and Commitment

The 3Cs referring to Competence, Character, and Commitment, were given due attention in several passages of the book. In particular, these three depict *"the attributes of excellent commanders"* in the authors word. These, too, showcase the essentials in the practice of leadership styles and approaches.

Competence entails that leaders are expected to possess the right education and training, skills and experience, and have the upright motivation in continued self-improvement. A leader's competence contributes to superior performance in achieving organizational objectives and goals (Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020, p. 118). In addition, being adaptable to the dynamic environment as mentioned also reflects the competency of an individual to lead. As the popular adage from Charles Darwin states, *"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent. It is the one that is most adaptable to change."* In this case, competence denotes the ability of a leader to change strategic directions and be responsive to the emergence of new threats they are faced with. The

ability to adapt is a room for refinement especially in the conduct of military operations in the present. Many instances that solutions to a contemporary issue made use of conventional skills, capabilities and approaches which are not any more responsive. Therefore, there is a need for leaders to have the “insightful awareness” which Woodward (2018) describes as “the ability to understand strengths and talents, as well as probable weaknesses in any given context”, a key aspect that was echoed by the author.

Character, on the other hand, outweighs all others as LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS in his book stated. “When all is said and done, it is excellent over-all character that will make a difference between genuine leaders and caretakers and gatekeepers of the future” (p.328). His perspective coincides with the Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide (2020) premise that “In the context of AFP leadership development, this is considered the most critical component” (p.115). A leader’s character demands an uncompromising standards and moral values that he lives by in the service which is the very essence of his leadership.

Lastly, commitment reflects the leaders’ sense of dedication in the pursuit of goals and carrying out mission. They have the initiative to make a lasting development programs and needed reforms for the betterment of the organization. Committed leaders in the author’s perspective will persist and survive even when faced with failures and disappointments as they will always rise. Unquestionably, they are the type of leaders that the AFP needs for it to achieve its vision of becoming a world-class Armed Forces.

IV. People-focused Leadership Development

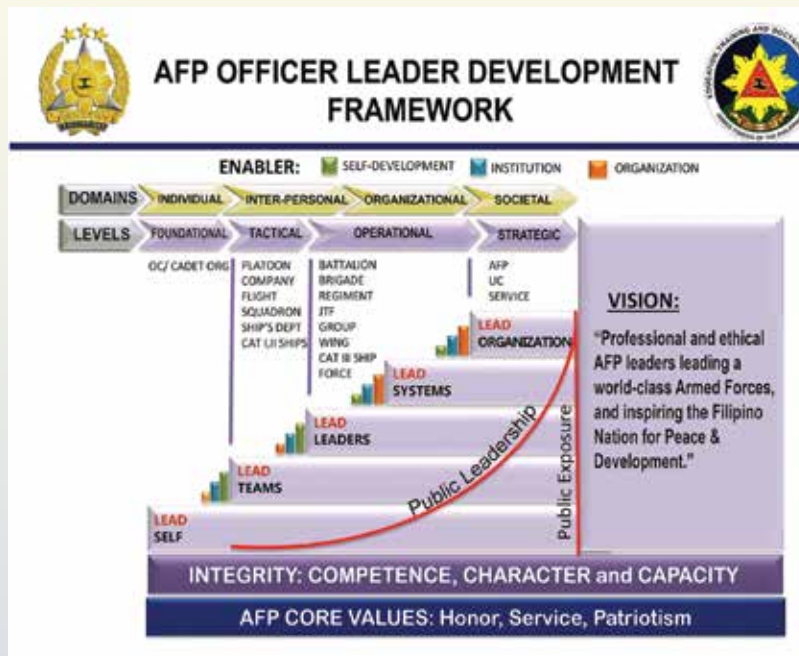
The AFP Leadership Development Center (AFPLDC) was founded on 26 November 2018 with the intent to support the professional military education and security sector reform efforts of the Philippine defense establishment. Its mission is “to develop the leadership character, competence and capacity of the AFP Officers, Enlisted Personnel, Civilian Employees and Reservists in support of the AFP Education, Training, and Doctrine Command’s mandate and be examples of the best in Filipino leadership” (Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020).

The activation of the AFPLDC is a realization of the prolonged call for putting a premium on the importance of leadership in the AFP through the creation of a specialized office. The *Command and Leadership* invigorates with it the pertinence given to the “Core Leaders” that were enumerated in the AFPLDC’s mission. The accounts of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS put emphasis on the relevance of each of these core leaders amidst the officer-centric approach of AFP being argued by some. The author, in his narration, showcases the contributions of AFP reservists whose expertise were utilized and maximized mostly in education and training as well as in humanitarian and disaster responses (HADR) with the programs that LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS pursued in his active years in the service.

“Core Leadership in this sense involves all the AFP Officers, Enlisted Personnel, Reservists, including AFP Civilian Employees or Civilian Human Resource. While the Officers serve as the command and control nodes, the NCOs and EPs serve as the backbone and stewards of unit culture. The Reservists serve as second liners but more so, as sources of game-changing ideas. The Civilian Employees serve as the institutional knowledge of the organization and provide complementing leadership for the rank and file civilian employees”(Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020, p.20).

A clear milestone on the equally important roles of these core leaders is evident with the crafted AFPLDC’s Leadership Development Frameworks for Officers, Enlisted Personnel, Civilian Human

Resources (Civ HR), and Reservists. The rise in the rank ladder that we witnessed in the *Command and Leadership* of LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS complements the AFP Officer Leader Development Framework as shown below.



Source: Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide (2020, p.36)

The overview of the different chapters of the book in the first part of this essay laid down the domains and levels of the leadership journey of the author including the discussion on the baselines of 3Cs and AFP Core Values.

It is also clearly embedded in the author’s insights that a leader must know how to manage and look after his own people. His care for his peers and subordinates matches the statement of LTGEN MACAIROG S ALBERTO, who is the 60th Commanding General of the Philippine Army. In a conducted Cadet Leadership and Character Development Program in 2019, he stated that “True leadership requires taking responsibility for the people you command, which means caring for your troops, ensuring their safety, and looking out for their welfare. True leaders manage people and bring out the potential and capability in each of them in constructive approaches” (Nepomuceno, 2019).

V. Systems Thinking

LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS upholds the need to approach insurgencies and crisis situations in a holistic manner that is to put into consideration the complex intersectionality of various factors to include the political, economic, and socio-cultural contexts underpinning the Philippine society. More so, as evident in the programs of the three-star general is the importance of environment. To date, this is widely known as systems thinking which has been a commonly used leadership tool in analyzing complex situations.

According to the Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide (2020), “Systems Thinking is a methodology that aims to aid in understanding systems rather than the individual parts of a pattern; more clearly, in looking how it affects one another and at how change is addressed and initiated effectively” (p. 102). This therefore calls for in-depth discussions and analyses of the paradoxes and dilemmas by unpacking the various elements that have significant bearing as also echoed in the book being reviewed. Discussions go beyond

being dogmatic to doctrines or the absence thereof (Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020, p.102).

In the political sphere, national security remains to face uncertainties in the advent of changes due to shifts in policies and power dynamics among the agencies that comprise such sector and the roles of major actors in both the local and international arena (Davis, 1989; Fjäder, 2014 and Hammerstad, 2015). This is part of the way forward of the last chapter of the book where the author also argued similarly. Its inseparable linkage with the nation's national interests depicts the dynamic nature of its agenda with the primary intent of protecting and defending the state's sovereignty. The continuous process of reforming the country's security sector also sets the pace of political agenda which includes the need to shift from the focus on Internal Security Operations (ISO) which largely occupies the book's narration to the much wider scope of Territorial Defense Operations (TDO) especially of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) which serves as the face of the sector.

Whereas, the economic factor is being shaped by the activities and performances of the different sectors such as private firms, government, NGOs, international organizations, and multinational corporations on how resources are being allocated. Worthy to note is the author's statement on the importance of addressing the country's internal problems to attract more investors for its economic growth. LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS firmly believes that the need to address poverty is of great importance to also help resolve the decade-long problem on insurgency which until now is a resounding call of the government.

Socio-cultural factor, on the other hand, plays a significant role in the equation as culture has been a determining variable on how mandates of military organization are being crafted and implemented. Culture is generally defined as the way of life. It defines what is encouraged, discouraged, accepted, or rejected within a group (Filipino Military Leadership Reference Guide, 2020, p.132). Leadership styles and approaches must pay close attention to the varying contrast on the culture of the communities a leader is immersed with. Culture as stated can unleash tremendous amounts of energy toward a shared purpose and foster an organization's capacity to thrive when properly aligned with personal values, drives, and needs (p.132).

The author gave prime importance for the strict observance of culture and practice of cultural sensitivity in the mission areas where he exercised his command and leadership. One implication of disregarding such factor often results to incidents such as the Pata Massacre in 1981, considered as the largest number of casualties incurred by the AFP in a single incident which was triggered by the lack of adherence to the religious aspect and traditions of the locals. As asserted by LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS, a leader must not separate himself from the community where he operates. In this way, he must develop close connection with his counterparts. Therefore in his programs, Civil-Military Operations (CMO) has been at the forefront which include the implementation of MSOT, CARES, ACCORD, ALPS which are all geared toward enhancing the relationship between the civilian population and the military. Apart from which, he also pursued various Civic Action (CIVAC) activities in far-flung areas where health services and sanitation facilities were inadequate to alleviate poverty and address the growing grievances of the locals against the government. This is part of the agenda to prevent the continuous recruitment of civilians joining the armed groups.

Lastly, the environmental concern shown by LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS also depicts the importance of putting value on the concept of Sustainable Development which takes into consideration the impact of our actions and our negligence toward the environment which is crucial to the next generations.

In hindsight, Systems Thinking is significant and useful in analyzing why protracted communist insurgencies and armed struggle continue

to proliferate amidst the persistent government actions in the years covered in the book until the present.

VI. Media: A Make or Break Factor


Among one great lessons that LTGEN DE LOS SANTOS shared and repeated to military leaders aspiring for higher positions is to communicate and treat the media well. The power of how media influences public's opinion would greatly impact one's career. In his account, the author detailed the challenges he faced with media's ill portrayal which has affected his integrity and character as a military officer. Yet above all, his courage to face the criticisms and unfounded allegations and his capacity to learn from these harsh experiences made the well-deserved land of the stars on his broad shoulders. This is true with the current scenarios happening in the local set-up wherein military officials and public servants fall victims to media's representation of their character.

Lessons Learned and Way Forward

In general, the book *Command and Philosophy* has fulfilled its mission of becoming a timeless contribution in the limited scholarly references on Filipino military science. It enriches the lacking military history accounts which will surely give the opportunity for military leaders and public servants alike to address many of the security challenges we still face in the present. While the book has provided important insights and still finds its relevance despite the period of time, other points raised have experienced great overhaul and developments in the year 2021. These developments in the events that follow such as the Zamboanga and Marawi sieges, communist and armed struggles, and other societal upheavals provide an added value on the learnings as well as crafting of strategies among military leaders.

The need to update and revisit most of the pertinent military episodes discussed in the book would further the scope of analysis and deepen its relevance especially with the changing landscape of combat operations and nature of organization.

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PAMBUNGAD

Ang buwan ng Agosto ay itinakdang Buwan ng Pambansang Wika bilang alaala kay Pangulong Manuel L Quezon na isinilang noong ika – 19 ng Agosto 1878 sa Baler, Quezon. Siya ang itinuturing na Ama ng Wikang Filipino. Kaya ang lathalang ito ay isinulat sa Filipino na isang munting hakbang upang bigyang halaga ang isang makasaysayang panahon na hindi gaanong kilala tulad ng Pasko (Disyembre 25), Araw ng mga Puso (Pebrero 14), Araw ng Kalayaan (Hunyo 12) at maraming pang iba.

Sa katunayan, ito ang pang-apat na pagkakataon na pinayagan ng patnugutan ng The Cavalier, na makasama sa mga pahina nito, ang isang artikulo na nakasulat sa Filipino. Ang huli ay nalimbag sa siping Hulyo-Agosto, 2017, na may pamagat na “Pagpapahalaga sa Wikang Pambansa”, na kung saan, nakasulat na “sa kabila ng di pagsang-ayon ng marami, mapapansin sa mga balita sa TV at radyo, na kung saan, ang mga taong kinakapanayam ng mga reporters, bata man o matanda, sa ilang na pook man o sa kabayanan, ang ginagamit na wika ay Filipino.”

Ang Atas Tagapagpaganap Bldg 335 (Executive Order Nr 335) ay nilagdaan ni Pangulong Corazon C Aquino noong ika – 25 ng Agosto 1988 upang ipatupad ang Saligang Batas ng 1987

na nagsasaad na ang Filipino ang Wikang Pambansa at dapat itaguyod bilang opisyal na komunikasyon sa pamahalaan at bilang wika sa sistemang pang edukasyon.

Maraming taon na ang nakalipas, ngunit ang pagpapayabong ng Filipino, kahit may mga batas tungkol dito, ay mabagal, marahil, dahil sa ilang balakid. Nangunguna na rito ang rehionalismo, isang damdaming nagmumula sa kultura at katutubong dila na umiiral sa lugar ng kanilang kapanganakan o tinitirahan. Ang katwiran nila, ang Filipino ay hango sa Tagalog na wikang katutubo sa Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite at Quezon, samantalang ang Bisaya, Waray, Ilonggo, Maranaw at iba pa ay hindi binigyan ng sapat na puwang sa bokabularyo.

Dagdag pa nila, hindi sila naniniwala na ang Filipino ay magbubunga ng pagkakaisa ng mga mamamayan, dahil nga sa iba’t ibang kultura at watak-watak na kalagayan ng mga pangunahing isla. Malakas ang impluwensiya ng mga namumuno, politikal man o impormal at mga manunulat ng opinyon, laban sa isang wikang pambansa.

Kulang din ang talas ng kapangyarihan at kakayahan (salapi, mga tauhan) ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino upang maipatupad ang mga sinasaad ng mga batas. Hindi naman



Iisa na rito ay ang dumaraming mga mamamayan ang nagsasalita na sa Filipino - ang mga reporter na nagpapahayag ng balita, mga taong kanilang kinakausap sa mga lugar na may mga naganap (sunog, baha, aksidente, sa mga talakayan sa TV at radyo). Mapapansin din na marami ng mga mambabatas ang bihasa sa Filipino na maririnig sa pagdinig ng mga Komite sa Kongreso at sa kanilang mga talakayan. Kahit na sa Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), ng COVID-19 virus, Filipino ang ginagamit ng ilang pinuno sa pag-uulat sa Pangulo.

May mga maliliit na pahayagan (tabloid) na patuloy na nabubuhay sa industriya ng pamamahayag dahil dumarami na ang bumibili sa babasahin nila. Dumarami na rin ang mga diksyonaryo na nakikita sa loob ng mga tindahan ng mga aklat. Kulang nga lamang ang nakakarating sa mga tao sa malalayong pook

Tungkol naman sa hinaing ng mga pook sa labas ng Luzon na kulang ang entrada ng kanilang katutubong wika sa mga diksyonaryo at bokabularyo, marami nang katutubong salita ang nakasama rito. Kung kanilang susuriin nang husto ang mga aklat, dapat nilang makita na ang Filipino ay hindi na Tagalog lamang kundi, isang pinayamang wika. Higit sa lahat, ay madali ang magsalin ng salitang Ingles sa Filipino, at magbaybay (spell), sapagkat sa Filipino, “kung ano ang bigkas, siyang baybay.” Halimbawa: physical – pisikal, exact – eksakto, synagogue – sinagoga.

Sa kabuuan, darating ang araw na ang Filipino ay isang wikang kumakatawan sa kulturang Pilipino o Filipino. Kailangan lang ang pagtangkilik ng lahat, saan man sila pinanganak at tumahan.



nagkukulang ang Komisyon sa pagpupunyagi sa pagganap ng kanilang pangunahing tungkulin. Napakalaki ng mga balakid. Kinakailangang tumulong ng malakihan ang ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at mga maimpluwensiyang tagataguyod ng Wikang Filipino.

ANG KASALUKUYAN AT HINAHARAP

Ganoon pa man, may liwanag na nakikita ang mga tagapagtaguyod ng Wikang Pambansa, kung ang mga pagbabatayan ay ang ilang mga nangyayari sa kapaligiran.



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

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

CLASS CALL



AMANTE S. BUENO
Octogenarian President
BIENVENIDO G. GOROSPE
Novagenarian Secretary

During the meeting of G7, the members greeted each other by bumping elbows instead of shaking hands. It might be have been more intimate if they also bumped their hips.

It reminds me of the Boogie Woogie years, the 1970s when I and my OAO Belen went discoing every month, visiting various disco houses in Q.C. and Manila. The best was the live band disco haven in Roxas Blvd.

We would hip-bump, turn around, shoulder-bump, and occasionally, bottom-bump. It was real fun.

We called up Sammy Ramos to check how he is coping with the COVID lockdown. He gave a ten-minute oration. Tan-ta-ran-tan...

Nena is in California to baby sit her apos (and watch the California forest fires). Nena has an apo sa tuhod, and pretty soon, an apo sa talampakan. In 20 years, Sammy and Nena will have an apo sa bituka and in another 20 years, an apo sa batikuleng.

By that time she and Sammy shall have been in heaven; that is if St Peter will allow them because they are not wearing COVID masks. How do I know? I eat achibara leaves, a medicinal herb Sammy gave me to improve my ability to predict the future.

Last May 12, we received the sad news that Toni Quedding passed away. Her nephew had her remains cremated.

When we visited Toni last year, she was alone with her maid.

Her children are all abroad. They could

not come home because there is no flight from the U.S. due to COVID restrictions.

The sala of Toni's house was barren except a kneeling bench where she prayed facing a large crucifix on the wall.

How about hubby Angel? Well he has been an angel for ten years now - the only male angel in the block. His angel wings are made of palm leaves from Norsagaray, his hometown.

Before we retired, Angel and I served in Sulu. After retiring, we organized and managed a security agency, the Luzon Integrated Services, Inc. (LINSI) that exclusively secured the facilities of the Department of Trade and Industry in Manila, the Semirara Coal in the Visayas, and the National Steel Corporation in Mindanao for ten years. After that, we retired for good.

We are now in the twilight of our lives. When the sun finally sets, we will sing "PMA, O Hail to Thee." /gopeng



FORTUNATO C. CORACHEA
President
LEVY M. MALTO
Secretary

After 65 years, the class has presently 15 survivors (29%) out of its 51 graduates. Their ages range from 90 years old (Ching Corachea) to 86 (Tony Fernando).

Mike Aparri, who used to be the oldest at 91, passed away on 16 May 2021. He was brought to a funeral parlor by Rose Aparri, his latest partner, and informed the class prexy, Ching Corachea for further disposition. Early on, Mike was living steady with Naty who had a son and two daughters from a previous marriage. By unknown circumstances, Naty with her children left for the USA, leaving Mike to tackle old age alone. He was lucky to have Rose, a nurse, who took good care of him specially so when he suffered a heart attack a few years back.

Through the grapevine, the following are SIQ (Sick in Quarters): Guzz Mateo, Joe Almonte, Tom Manlongat, Olac Lazo and Badong Lara. They can be classified as exempted from duty due to their inability to put on their trousers while standing and tie

their shoe laces, properly or improperly. They have to be assisted while walking or doing simple chores but can still be left alone to eat or watch TV.

Two mistakes are unaccounted for. Danny Pantaleon and Al Neis, both board rated civil engineers of the class. While undergoing US training, Al was able to associate himself and worked with a prestigious US engineering business firm, filed his optional retirement when he returned to the PA and packed his family to migrate to the USA. His wife Ever, a career official of Vicks PHL readily transferred to Vicks USA. Long retired, Al underwent a kidney transplant, returned to Cebu and established a cable TV business servicing the five southern towns of the province. Word had been received from PMAAI that Al already died last 16 August 2020 and Ever received the PHP 60,000 abuloy from them. The class was left blind on Al's passing away.

After retirement, Danny and his family migrated to the USA with his family and have not been heard of ever since. He was once tapped and offered the position of Chief of Engineer of the PC but preferred to stay as Chief, Operations Officer of the AFP Corps of Engineers.

Of the remaining eight survivors, Romy David is the heaviest and looks now like a sumo wrestler, slow in motion and reaction,

but still continuously roaming around in search of hidden treasures and pastures. He returns home only to report to his wife, Pili, for accounting purpose, resupply and bids goodbye again.

Mon Farolan, the first general and now the only living former AFP Service (PAF) Commander of the class, is a veteran of many surgical operations, the latest of which was his kidney transplant. He is still active in writing his regular Monday REVELLE column in the PDI. Least we forget, he was also a wrestler of Delta Company, CCAFP during his plebe year, who fought a yearling, Cadet Ben Facto of Bravo Company in the longest wrestling match of the 1953 Corps Intramurals, where both wrestlers lay still side-by-side due to exhaustion, but Mon mustering his last ounce of strength, was able to turn on top of his opponent to pin him down and win the match.

The remaining seven (Ching Corachea, Levy Malto, Bambi Villanueva, Mel Goyena, Valong Arevalo, Boy Paiso, and Tony Fernando) are going steady in their aging selves - becoming weaker with the coming years, fighting diseases and maladies and living life in its simplest form to preserve and prolong it. All are now confined in quarters due to COVID-19.





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JUANITO R RIMANDO
Class Historian

Farewell to Francisco “Kit” Carreon.

Our class call for the third quarter begins with a sad note. We lost another classmate again. Kit, as he was known by his family and friends or Cary (from Carreon), as classmates fondly called him, left us 13 May 2021. Cary was with Delta Company as a cadet. He joined the Philippine Constabulary upon graduation and had a distinguished military career which took him practically all over the Philippines. Before he retired, he served as the Superintendent of the PNP Training Command and Acting Director of Philippine Public Safety College. He and his wife Betty have three children Malou, Rose, and Icor (deceased). Dan Harder, Icor’s husband and their children Gina and Zoe described him as one whose “integrity was unparalleled, always choosing to walk along the narrow path to serve God, his family and his country.” Mistah, rest in peace. We render you our final salute.

This Class Call '62 features the article of Al Lumibao. We happily note classmates responding to the new policy of contributing articles, vignettes, or

personal updates now that class activities are practically nil due to the pandemic.

Musings on a Rainy Day
By
Alfonso “Al” M Lumibao

Rain is pouring as I sit by the window. Fog covers the hills and pine trees in the mountains around Baguio. I am in the quarters of the PMA Superintendent, Lt. Gen. Ferdinand Cartujano who is my son-in-law, the husband of Dinna, my daughter. Alone and with the cold climate, I am given to musing. I thank the Lord for the rain that nurtures the earth. I also thank him for giving me a good wife and six children all grown up. Over hot coffee, I think of my wife Ching, the former Coraminda Pabillo, and the years we have loved each other. She is now departed but is always in our hearts. I reflect on my children: Dinna, Cecille, Alfonso, Jr., Antonio, Alamay and Cora. They have their own lives now but we are still one as a family.

It’s time to reflect on my military career. I thank the Lord for blessing my years in the Philippine Constabulary. I believe that I have served Him and our country faithfully. I reminisce the times when I was a young lieutenant assigned with the 101 PC Coy in General Santos City and my role in busting the notorious Octopus Gang; then as a major and commanding officer of the 456 PC Coy in

South Cotabato in 1970 where I mediated between Congressman James Chiongbian and PANAMIN Secretary Manda Elizalde to settle their differences. I rose to become provincial commander and I am happy to have brought about peaceful elections. I also think about my assignment as a staff officer at C-3/Operations division at Camp Crame and I think I earned the trust of DND Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile and then Chief of the Constabulary General Fidel V Ramos who sent me to investigate the Higaonon problems in the Agusan provinces. I went back to Mindanao to serve as Provincial Commander Surigao del Norte and later on in Davao Oriental. In Surigao del Norte, my command busted the Havoc Gang. In Davao Oriental, we were responsible for the great reduction of NPA activities. I also exposed the movement Religious Radicalism and Theology of Liberation where bishops, pastors, and other members of the clergy were allegedly working against the government. In this effort, I was invited to be a resource person in a meeting of the National Security Council. After the meeting, President Ferdinand Marcos invited me to his presidential office in Malacanang together with General Fabian Ver and General Ramos for further discussion of the Liberation Theology.

I cherish my life with my family and my memories in the military. I may have retired as an AFP officer but I remain active as a soldier of God.



GUILLERMO R RUIZ
President
RENE LEANDRO P EBRO
Secretary

Greetings from the Matindi Class of 1963. We stand for...

- M-ga
- A-nak na may
- T-apang
- I-ntegridad
- N-asyonalismo
- D-ignidad ng
- I-nang bayan

Below are the entries from our Log Book:

IN LOVING MEMORY:

We are saddened to announce the loss of Zeny, wife of Ding Salipsip last 5 May 2021, Bayani Leoncio last 9 July 2021 and Eduardo Resos last 6 August 2021.



CHEERS TO ANOTHER BIRTHDAY IN QUARANTINE:

It is always a privilege to grow old gracefully and graciously. Beyond celebrating occasions, always remember to celebrate and appreciate each day.


July: 2 - Judith Valdez, 5 - Dodong Saavedra, 5 - Zeny Salipsip, 17 - Dick Flores, 17 - Ed Resos, 21 - Danny Delgado, 26 - Annabelle

Adriano, and 26 - Jimmy Ileta.

August: 2 - Lita Mendoza, 3 - Ed Batenga, 4 - Bayani Leoncio, 7 - Cora Blancas, 10 - Vicky Agaab, 12 - Danny Pizarro, 21 - Francis Mallillin, and 24 - Flor Ebro.

September: 1 - Yayang Manlongat, 1 - Ching Saavedra, 4 - Rose Enerio, 7 - Vicky Capada, 7 - Rudy Javier, 7 - Reggie Lacson, 8

- Art Capada, 13 - Filong Pante, 14 - Feliciano Calibuso, 14 - Eve Venadas, 15 - Monet Ong, and 26 - Ding Salipsip.

Life is what we make it and how we take it. May clarity, peace, happiness love, abundance and health remain in all areas of our lives. Take care everyone. (18111605) 



CLEMENTE P MARIANO
President
WINSTON G ARPON
Secretary

Birthday Celebrants for the Quarter:

Jorge Agcaoili, Tagoy Dino, July 4 and 25, respectively; **Jimmy Valeros, Santi Bunoan, Rey Reyes** – September 16, 22 and 30, respectively.

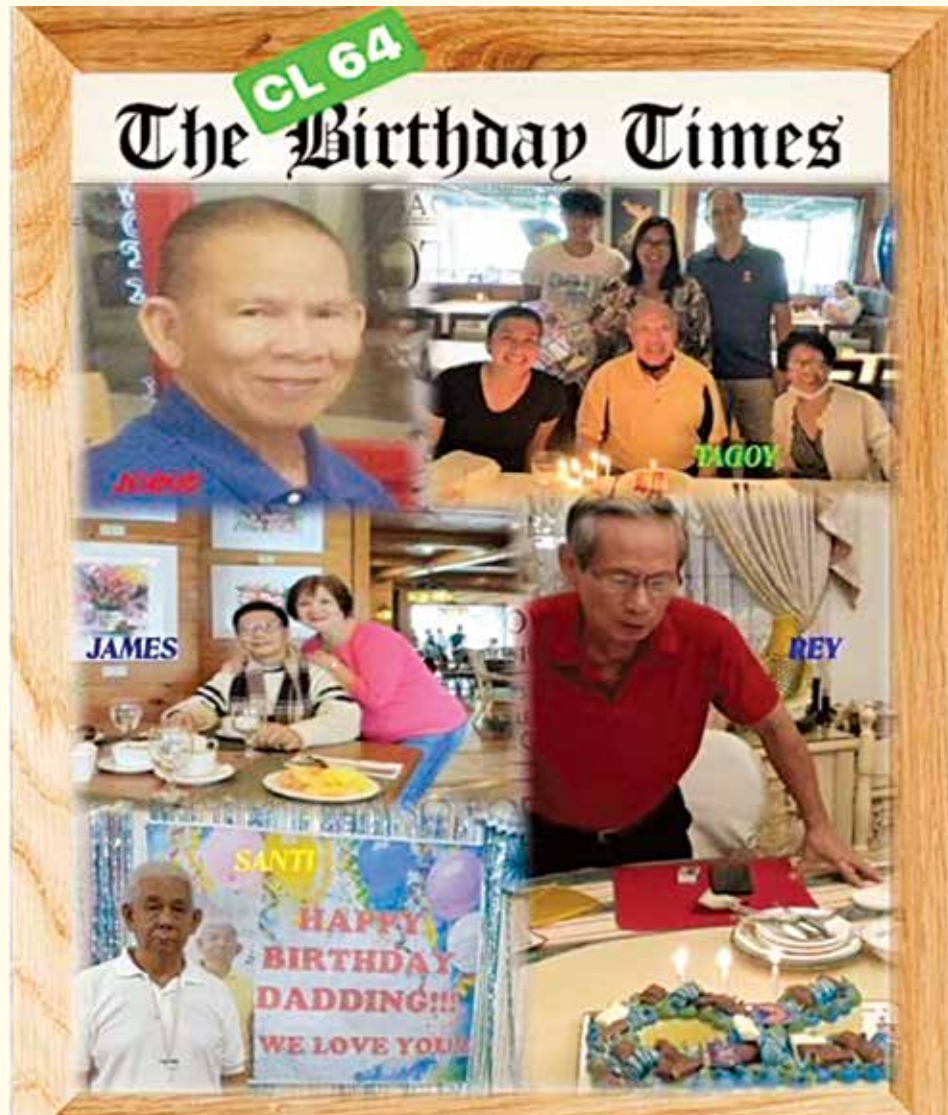
Jimmy Valeros, Baguio City:

"With extra time to spare from office due to COVID I decided to revive our languishing old garden and expand it per current craze of "Plantitos" so called. As it happened I was constrained to utilize all available spaces in the house including the kitchen and all nooks and corners to accommodate the plants I propagated to avoid costly buying from the Orchidarium. Without intending it, I was forced to invest on a small greenhouse at the back of our house.

".....some "views taken in Glorietta's Garden of our plants and greenhouse.....



Mostly carryover from our old garden: the bougainvillas, the day and orange lilies, the money plants, the jade plants, the antoriums and varieties of hanging plants, etc. The new ones are the hoyas, the mayanas, the roses, the cacti and succulents, the Japanese lanterns and the peace lilies (what you can't see, of course, are the compost pits scattered around the greenhouse). Learning the rudiments of correct gardening now, I hope to make this my vocation if not my profession, once I step out from the already monotonous practice of Law.





"Meanwhile, my autobiography can probably wait. Anyway, I believe I still have a long way to go before departure time."

Ding Odone, Paranaque City

"A real, urgent Class Call made by a non-golfer:

The Class of 1964, or whatever is left of it who are based in Metro Manila, is called to assemble over lunch in the mess hall at SM Aura, in order that the forgotten two who are non-golfers can, after a long, long time, enjoy again the corny plebe jokes of the five who do nothing but play golf outside of the CCQ region. (Oops, mali) ECQ region. The Class President, who is not necessarily the highest earner in the golf course, is expected to share whatever puny earnings he has made, to

fund our buffet lunch. For details, please call the gardener at VG."

The yearly visit to the US of **Arfs Arpon** and wife **Vicky Garchitorena** was delayed for the first time in 10 years due to the pandemic, materializing only this year Jun 2 to Aug 3. Among the high points of their visit, in addition of course to the informal get-togethers with the members of the PMAAAI ECC/East Coast Chapter, was the so-called 80B80 Affair. A celebration with Family and Friends in the US on July 17 - precisely 80 days before the 80th birthday of Arfs, eL Ninong to his circle of Friends and Associates engaged in LEAP/Loakan Educational Assistance Project. LEAP is an advocacy of US- and Philippine-based "bugo-bugos" in the last two decades on the

education and development in developing countries, the Philippines in particular. Its core program, the Youth Scholarship program provides support to financially challenged but academically qualified youth at the Baguio City National High School, Fort del Pilar Annex and other parts of the country chosen by benevolent Benefactors. Donations in lieu of gifts were solicited, raising the amount of \$2805, certainly a welcome addition to LOAF, the LOAkan Fund that supports LEAP. Another \$2000 was added to LOAF through LCFI, the US-based Loakan Charity Foundation, Inc. that supports LEAP, the amount from the proceeds of the Marius de la Pena Golf Tournament conducted yearly by the NEG, the NorthEast Group, PMAAAI in honor of the late Cav de la Pena '70. Marius was one of the founding members of DJLF Charity Foundation, Inc., the precursor of LCFI.

"QUOTE, UNQUOTE"

Clem Mariano: "Nothing to report, effect of lockdown."

Billy Villareal: "Nothing significant. Just enjoying the extended vacation....I had to postpone my US trip (to visit my sister in Los Angeles) due to several protocol requirements."

Tagoy Dino (on his birthday photo with his family: "Aug 1, 2021, a picture that could become rare as the years go on... we cherish the moments...(From left, seated: Sydney, with Tagoy and Sofie. Standing from left: Simon, Suzanne and Larry. Luncheon at Schaumburg Bonefish Grill, Illinois)

Class Call: Thanks to Rey Reyes for the design of 'The Class 64 Birthday Times' appearing here for the first time, and, for sure, will be a regular feature of future Class 64 Class Calls. /@waga/cc64-2103



PAMBUNGAD

Noong Agosto, ibinalik sa ECQ ang National Capital Region (NCR), ang pinakamabigat na paghihigpit dahil sa Delta variant Corona virus. Dahil dito, hindi na naman nakalabas ng bahay at makapamasyal lalo na ang mga senior citizens, na walang pinapayagang dahilan. Kung sabagay, tama lang ito upang hindi mabilis na kumalat ang bagong virus. Mabuti na ang nag-iingat kaysa

sa magsisi. Ating mapapangalagaan ang mga taong nakapaligid sa atin.

GOOD BYE, CHARLIE

In the last issue of the Cavalier Magazine (April-June), the second subtitle of our class call was GOOD BYE, BAY, (Hercules Galon) who passed away last April 2021. For this issue, it is GOOD BYE, CHARLIE, for Mistah Charlemagne Batayola who died at V. Luna General Hospital on 07 July 2021 due to heart failure arising from other illnesses that had kept him at bay for quite sometime, preventing him from attending class activities like Christmas programs and fellowship meetings where we missed his stentorian voice and laughter.

Again, because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, only a few of us were



able to attend his wake at the Heritage Park, Taguig City on 8 July, namely: Noli Espejo, Ben Espejo, Bing Rivera, Bert Sabulase and Fred Bautista. On 10 July, his remains were interred also at Heritage Park, made solemn by an inurnment ceremony rendered by the Honor Guards of the Philippine Army where he served as the Army Inspector General. Noli Espejo, Bing Rivera and Fred Bautista were on hand to condole with two sons who were around – Charlemagne Jr and Neil. One son, John was abroad and could not make it on time. All his children followed his footsteps in the military, with Charlemagne Jr graduating with PMA Class 1992.

IN THE MEANTIME...

To keep semblance of the active existence of the class, some members

have been conducting bi-monthly virtual meetings via ZOOM, using the account of April Fernandez, with Louie Fernandez as Admin. Initially, only five to nine were attending – Louie Fernandez, Noli Espejo, Fred Bautista, Leo Alvez, Bing Rivera, Bert Varona, Viusy Daus, Leo Alvez, Toots Totanes and Ding Wenceslao. But Louie succeeded in expanding the Class 66 viber group, from 13 to 34 and presently more have been joining the virtual meeting, although some not regularly, namely: Rec Sarmiento, Scratch Escarcha, Time Arugay, Cords Cordova, Gerry Cunanan, Bert Jabile, Edd Santos, and from the US - Tony Romero, Pareng Parrenas and Troy Dumadapat.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

And lastly, belated or advance birthday

greetings to the following senior citizens:

July – Jimmy Bantolo (25), Rudy Clautero (27), Troy Dumadapat (20), Gene Parrenas (10), Ding Wenceslao (04), Cely Espejo (10), Iyay Urgello (11), and Patri Cordova (21).

August – Fred Bautista (25), Bing Rivera (02), Higido Gay-ya (27), Alice Alba (15), Portia Varona (22), and Sylvia Agudelo (28).

September – Jacie Aquino (11), Serge Belleza (9), Ric Tanedo (19), Lysias Cabusao (24), Tita Belo (02), Lulu de Leon (06), Dolly Lachica (20), and Puri Eco (30).

Remember: Our birthdays are the first days of the rest of our lives. From thereon, let us make them healthful, joyful, eventful and stress-free.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. We were hoping that with the arrival of the vaccines, the COVID situation would improve, enough to allow us to hold our Dimasupil Monthly Forums (DMF) in-person. Unfortunately, this did not materialize. Had we been allowed by COVID, the following DMFs would have been held for the May - July 2021 period:

May - to be hosted by Joy Casillan and family.

June - to be hosted by Abe and Cora Din, Hedy Duenas, and Ross and Mandie Sibal.

July - to be hosted by Pol and Norma Aliac, Lettie Baula, and Jovy and Baby Sales.

B. If allowed by COVID, the following would be our schedule for August - September 2021, onwards:

August - DMF to be hosted by Sergs and Zeny Austria, Fred Encarnacion, Ed and Myrns Espinosa, Vir and Marina Odulio, and Mar and Beth Santiago.

September - DMF to be hosted by Merle Odi and family.

October - DMF to be hosted by Aging Alino, Joe and Myrna Andaya, Ching and Papeose Ballecer, Vic Corpus, Andy and Meds Reyes, and Sammy and Cora Tomas.

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



December - Remembrance Day, Christmas Party, and Election of Class Officers.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

On 10 June 2021, Roy Aguana passed away in Baguio City due to septic shock and aspiration pneumonia. His remains were cremated on the same day. The inurnment was done on 21 June in Heaven’s Garden, Loakan, Baguio City. We pray for his eternal rest in the bosom of the Almighty and for God to comfort Ching and family in this time of bereavement.

As an update on Pert Molato, we received the following message from his daughter Tickle last June: “He is doing fine, po. The doctors opted to keep him

at the hospital (VMMC) because he needs constant monitoring on CBC/urinalysis and also it will be difficult to get a room at VMMC if he needs confinement again.” We continue to pray for him.

Last 21 June, we received the following email from Bill “Gorio” Geier: “The Philippine flag is flying today here in Germany. It’s been over four years since my last visit (during the Dimasupil Golden Anniversary), but I will never forget the Philippines, PMA, classmates, upperclassmen and underclassmen. Happy Independence Day to you and to all... Gorio.”

Congratulations to Mar Santiago for receiving the “Award of Excellence in Environmental Protection Advocacy”



given by Rotary International District 3780 during its Annual Golden Wheel Award Presentations on 20 June at Marriot Hotel, Pasay City. Keep up the good work, Mistah!

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Last May, the whole household of Jun and Ronnie Ibay (Jun, Ronnie, daughter Gia, son Noel and daughter-in-law Ana) tested positive for COVID. Upon advice of their doctor, they opted to recover, albeit slowly, at home. As if this was not enough suffering for them, Mira, their first grandchild and daughter of their son Dale, met a tragic accident and died on 30 June. She slipped and accidentally fell into a swimming pool. We pray for her eternal rest in God’s kingdom. Our heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones.

On 29 June, Nicolas Sibal, the youngest brother of Ross, died in the USA due to liver cancer. We extend our deep condolences to Ross and family. May Nicolas rest in peace with our Lord.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in July, August, and September: 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 Odullo (3), Serge Austria (11), Mar Santiago (19), Vic Buaquen (21), Vir Odullo (23), Nanding Perez (25), Ed Espinosa (27),

Titong Enriquez (28), Graisie Gaerlan (28), Fred Encarnacion (29), Arleen Brawler (2 September), Elen Reventar (2), Lettie Baula (3), Vlady Olivares (3), Claude Francisco (7), Baby Sales (12), Jake Caruncho (23), Tina Quiambao (27), and Ruby Torres (28).

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

We now have our own Viber group named “PMA Dimasupil Class 1967”. It is exclusive for Dimasupils (including adopted members) and spouses. We enjoin those who are not members yet to join the group. Just be a Viber user first, then inform Jun Avenido about it, and he will immediately add your name to the group. Our Facebook group named “Philippine Military Academy Dimasupil Class ‘67” and our Messenger group called “Dimasupil Events: 2021 - A Year of Many Concerns” remain as they are unless the Class will decide otherwise.

CLASS TRIVIA

After having fully recovered from COVID, Manny Dalipe sent us the following message: “To hell with ECQ. Cannot go out, no sabong. So just enjoy with the little apos... Get vaccinated. COVID is real. Stay safe.”

We received the following message from Vic Laurilla: “Thanks Mistah, for the birthday greetings from the Class. That’s a good prayer, only don’t ask to keep me here longer than when I can no longer shoot my solids and liquids properly into the bowl! That would be a disaster for my caretakers! Hehe!”

May God be with us and our families always. Mabuhay tayong lahat!



ARTURO B CARRILLO
President
WILFREDO G NUQUI
Scribe

1. Protection from COVID 19. Virtually all of the 50 CMs and spouses who voluntarily shared job information with Sonny have been fully vaccinated as of Aug 1. Thirty two (32) received Sinovac, nine Astra Zenica, seven Pfizer and two Jansen vaccines. Five are scheduled to get their second jabs before the

end of September. The 50 souls represent 63% of all the 79 living CMs and ladies.

We need to continue protecting our COVID threatened health due to: a) the diminishing durability of vaccine protection, b) breakthrough and very contagious infections and effects of long COVID, and c) risks on unvaccinated household members. Hopefully, vaccination of children will happen soon and scientific evidence will be able to inform the threshold for booster vaccination. Fragile prospects for normality have improved as the economy exited recession and resumed annual growth (11.8%) in the 2nd quarter (PSA). Total arrived (38.6M) and expected to arrive (148.4M) vaccines is estimated at 187 million doses in 2021 as of Aug 2, 2021 (National TF Against COVID-19).

2. Life in middle senior years. Thanks to Hector and Peewee for leading Viber greetings to birthday celebrants and with CMs’ accompanying handsome young and senior pictures. CMs and ladies continue to enjoy peace and comfort in middle senior years. Bai Mon of proud Cebu recently celebrated his birthday and shared his reason for looking young. “This is due to being surrounded by family, CMs and friends who sincerely care and pray for each other and are one in with our faith in one true God.” He and Baby have five daughters, five sons-in-laws, 11 grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law and two great granddaughters or a happy family of 35. Ying and Bert likewise celebrated their same birthday. Who is the more senior ‘Kuya’ between them? A loyalist CM and his beloved



lady recently left for the U.S. to refresh and enjoy with their extremely missed children and apos. U.S. authorities neither imposed Western brand vaccination before nor quarantined them after arrival. We hope to hear his assessment of U.S. life under the Delta threat.

CM golfers are silent on the status of playing their favorite sport and latest fairway jokes. Jokes e.g. PAF Sgt and golden Olympian H. Diaz may also be addressed as "Captain Barbell", are always awaited to lighten the somber mood of quarantine and monsoon rains. We missed out placing bets on HD's gold hunt given the exciting betting we had while watching the Pacquiao-Cotto fight in 2009 in Batangas. Ignore any disinformation that we should prepare and sing and dance 'Tiny Bubbles' with our ladies in the next Class virtual meeting. Reserve it in Boracay and when couples who had their 50th respective wedding anniversaries during the COVID period formally celebrate as normality returns.

3. Spirituality. We were reminded by Angging of the World Day for Grand Parents and the Elderly which was celebrated on July 25, 2021. These include us middle age seniors (<80). She likewise shared a prayer to St. Anthony, patron saint of the elderly and the excellent homily of Bishop Pablo Virgilio David who integrated the significance of life of elderlies. Thanks to the Rosary Group led by Ying, Cecil and other ladies and CMs for regularly including all of us in their prayers. The Zoom Group prayer is done every Friday morning.

4. Opening of School Year 2021-2022. Majority of the 26.6 million basic education enrollees in SY 2020-2021 struggle to master basic competencies and perform well in independent assessments. Our learner grandchildren continue to undergo less effective distance formal education. We enjoy coaching them whenever opportunities arise.

5. Use of digital technologies. Staying home during the pandemic has its advantages.

Many CMs use financial technologies. The GCash app for instance, allows us to pay utilities, bills and or send money to family and friends. We maximize the use of the Viber app in our group and video chats and group phone meetings. The Class Chat Group allows us to post news, updates, comments, share posts from other legitimate chat groups and greet CMs on their birthdays. The video chat allows us to communicate but on a smaller scale compared to the Zoom meet. The norm for formal remote meetings uses Zoom app. Seeing each other alive and laughing is enough to make us all enjoy.

The group phone meetings have also been introduced by the ladies of PMA 1968. This is very useful especially for urgent cases. The Viber app has many more uses like the sending of pictures and videos. President Art loves it when his daughter Aissa sends him the video of her daughter, Leihlani, telling how she misses and loves him. She would animatedly talk about what she learned or did in school or elsewhere. Awesome! President Art and son Alfred who is based in U.S. had an enjoyable time together and visiting places such as Manila Bay and Tagaytay in July 2021. We all truly miss our children and grandchildren all the time!

6. Invitation. Bobby, a consistent supporter of indigenous communities has a standing invitation to visit and enjoy the natural beauty and fine climate of Tanay preferably when his dragon and other secret garden fruits are ready for harvest. Thanks too to Millette who offers to coordinate orders for KN95 5-ply high filtration face masks at a very reasonable price.





JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JESUS B DULLER
Secretary

FAREWELL, BROTHER



Rest in Peace Boy



From the Suaviters

A Boy Maligalig Story
By Rey Berroya

A cadet does not lie ... Barkadahan, 1st Class year: During breaks, me, RJ, Boy M, Cleo and NJ would always go together non-stop, traveling 24 hours a day all over Metro Manila, Bulacan and Laguna and get to sleep anywhere when night befalls us, using the 'owner' type jeep RJ borrowed from his father, with me as the designated permanent driver. One time, after driving continuously for more than 24 hours, I decided to rest and asked Boy M to drive instead. Hahaha, he was not that smooth driver, so we were flagged down by a PC Highway Patrol team led by then Captain Dino at then Highway 54 in Bocaue, Bulacan. Boy M had no driver's license so immediately I asked Cleo or Nick to pass a license to Boy. More trouble started when after passing the license to Capt Dino, Boy M was asked to identify himself; he stated his true name and other data, unmindful of the different name in the license passed to him. Hahaha, dead giveaway for another violation. I was recognized by Capt Dino, who was my father's subordinate officer, and learned that we were all cadets. We were then made to choose between arrest, tell on to my father or an on-the-spot punishment. We chose the latter. We were made to do push-ups and squat jumps in several repetitions at the shoulder of the road before the eyes of several motorists and bystanders. Quite embarrassing, hahaha. The worst was my father found out about it too and I had my



Jimmy de los SANTOS and Jus MANLONGAT, hand over the class financial support to the family of our late classmate Boy MALIGALIG, in photo from left are his siblings, Cavs Danny '84 and Pol '76, former PMA Supt. Wake was held at Heritage.

own separate punishment. A cadet does not lie...

Boy M eventually joined us in RAM's adventurism, in 1989. He did not realize that we had already lost and was not necessary for him to come into the open. Of course, he became a marked man. When I asked why so, he said that his joining was because of me. Hahaha, the rest is history. And he was our best spokesman with his expertise in psywar ops. May Boy M rest in eternal peace and continue his journey with Garick in heaven, still with that red 'owner' type jeep. My Snappy Salute to a worthy Comrade!

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A reminiscence from Joey Syjuco: Boy Maligalig was the first of our classmates whom I met personally. We were at Clark together, also with then-Cadet Estrada in 1964. We were the three finalists competing for the lone spot in West Point Class of 1969. Boy was very kind and gentlemanly then even if he knew I may be his plebe in PMA soon. That kindness, gentlemanliness and humility were something that he carried through with extreme consistency in PMA, his entire life, and up to the end. For this reason, his kind would fit well with all the other similar souls that are now enjoying life with the Lord! Rest well, Boy. You have earned excellent grades as a human being.

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A tribute from Ike Begonia: Boy was a man of his word; he walked the talk. When he says he will do something, you can be sure he would do it. And he would not care if someone got hurt by his mission-related action or not. For instance, as a member of RAM, Boy volunteered at the height of the coup of 1989 to act as the forward observer of the tora-tora attack planes of the rebels on a mission to disable government communication facilities. When a pilot radioed him about a communication tower inside Camp Aguinaldo, Boy gave the pilot a go-signal to attack. The building with the communication tower was totally burned down; but it turned out to be the official residence of the AFP Chief of Staff! After the coup, Boy was man enough to approach the CSAFP to personally offer his apology for his mistake. Of course, the Chief of Staff was very mad at him. When Boy related the incident to us, he said he was not bothered at all because it was an act of war and that he was just doing his part as a forward observer when he made that mistake, nothing personal about it.

Parting Words: An Insight on Suaviterism from Cris Abanes

From a professional perspective, the commendably effective and fruitful acts of leadership by the "Suaviter" in governance of national development, defense, security and diplomacy - both locally and regionally

- is legendary, probably just like some other PMA Batches. What makes the Suaviter different is that it has gone beyond what are usually called for professionally. Along with the Suaviter Ladies, it has promoted

its sincere appreciation and in responding to the Beauty of Divine Love. As such, even after retirement by most Suaviters, it has retained its energetically and musically-inspired cheerfulness and prayerfully

“joyful” interior disposition in converting sorrows into joy, darkness into light, and despair into hope, among others. Onwards to relying on the Power of Enduringly Infinite “Love” by everyone. 



In my early years with the Philippine Navy, I regularly, meaning every other two days or more depending on the number of officers whose billets are below the ship’s Executive Officer or Ex-O, assume the duty of Officer on Deck (OOD). As OOD we supervised the duty section of the ship and see to it that pertinent log books are properly filled-up by all duty personnel. One of these Log Books is the Ships Log Book which is accomplished by the Quartermaster, QM for short. I find the first three words that our QM wrote in his Log Book relevant to our Class Call article of the July-September, 2021 Issue of the PMAAAI Magazine, The Cavalier. These Three words could either be any of these: “Moored as before, Anchored as before and Lying-to as before” and following them would be the longitude/latitude of the exact location where the ship was moored, anchored or lying-to.

Since the whole country was placed on “Community Quarantine” on March 16, 2020, I can safely start our Class Call article as, “On Community Quarantine as before at our respective residences in NCR+, Negros, Cagayan de Oro, USA and Canada. Septuagenarians like us spend the day taking care of our Apos, Pets, Plants, watching Netflix movies and engaging our friends, relatives and pet-peeves in banter/arguments through the wonders of social media, e.g., Viber, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Zoom, Webinar, etc, etc....”

For the July-September Class Call we will feature those born during the period. The following class members were born in the inclusive dates of July 1 to September 30 under four Zodiac signs which are Cancer (emotional, patriotic, home loving); Leo (cheerful, proud, powerful); Virgo (modest, practical tidy) and Libra (companionable, diplomatic, pleasant):

- July 4 - Roy A Cimat - Cancer
- Cesar P Garcia - Cancer
- July 5 - Bienvenido C David Jr (+) - Cancer
- July 7 - Rodolfo C Garcia - Cancer


- July 17 - Julius L Javier - Cancer
- July 24 - Adriano C Ballesteros (+) - Leo
- Teodoro B Delarmente - Leo
- August 5 - Ernesto L del Rosario - Leo
- August 9 - Irwin P Ver - Leo
- August 13 - Augusto A Sera Jose(+) - Leo
- August 15 - Antonio Ahad Chang (+) - Leo
- August 17 - Jacinto C Ligot - Leo
- August 29 - Victor C Signey - Virgo
- August 30 - Romelino R Gojo - Virgo
- Gaudencio T Torres (+) - Virgo
- Sept 8 - Fernando C Francisco (+) - Virgo
- Sept 20 - Arsenio L Tecson (+) - Virgo
- Sept 24 - Marcelo R Garcia - Libra
- Sept 28 - Edgar C Galvante - Libra

Out of the 65 Magitings who graduated on March 22, 1970, seven were born in the month of July. Two, Nonong Ballesteros and Bong David have joined our Creator. Toto Garcia was stranded in their family farm in Negros where he spent July 4th with family. SRAC or Secretary Roy Agullana Cimat was feted with a golf soiree by playing buddies on the eve of his birthday. The next day he had a virtual celebration via a ZOOM. Rudy “Chika” Garcia quietly let July 7 passed in the comfort of his home in Marikina. Julius who recently joined the Magiting Viber groups got literally drowned by greetings from classmates. Teddy, the ever caring Grandpa chose to stay at home and take care of his Apos, ages 8 and 5. He was swarmed by well wishers in the Viber group.

The Month of August augured well for the Magiting birthday boys. Early on, Ernie del Rosario announced a virtual meeting on his day, August 5, 2021. With him to commemorate the day was a Combonni missionary. Ernie in his postings in our Viber group has become more spiritual in his writings and is very comfortable in sharing and spreading the Good News. After Ernie, Irwin follows. Both are abroad. Ernie in Toronto, Canada while Irwin shares a home with wife Gemma Nemenzo in USA. Vic Signey lives close to Godo Olores in North Fairview, Quezon City. Vic and Godo regularly walk around their subdivision with neighbors at around 5:30 a.m. everyday and ends the activity with breakfast on the sidewalk in front of Godo’s house at 32 Burbank Street, North Fairview, where a green tarpaulin tent was stationed for cover from sun or

rain. Romy Gojo distributes his precious time in taking care of the original Magiting Kadette Girl Remy Bergante-Gojo and travelling to Iba, Zambales as Barangay Captain and doubling-up as President of Region 3 Barangay Captain Association. I am sure that if Godeng Torres(+) were still around he will be active not only in our Viber groups but also in actual round table discussions.

Fernando C Francisco(+), Fevi for short, was born on September 8. We both joined the Navy. He left the country hastily in 1982 or somewhere during that time for Los Angeles, USA where he joined the LAPD. We were together at AFPMBAI as detailed officers, he as Assistant Vice President (AVP) for Funds Management and I as AVP for Claims. Joining us later on were Dionet R Santiago and Pipes C Gaerlan (+) both as AVP General Services Division (GSD). Arsenio “Otek” Tecson (+) was another Magiting who loved to grace the dance floor. He would have been the perennial dance starter along with Pipes Gaerlan (+) and Enzong Lorenzo (+) in class reunions. Of the four Magitings born in September, Mar or Eloy Garcia joined fellow Libran Egay C Galvante at Land Transportation Office (LTO) as work from home consultant. He was on his way to becoming the lone Magiting “sea dog” in the 70’s when the lure of computer technology sent him to the then fledgeling Philippine Navy Computer Center (PNCC). When his PNCC boss got assigned to the Presidential Security Command (PSC), Eloy went with him. Eloy eventually left the service in 1979 to join the now defunct Philippine Commercial Industrial Bank (PCIB). His stint with PCIB was cut short by his business ventures. Our last September born Magiting was featured in the April-June 2021, The Cavalier Class Call for being one of the four Magiting PMAAAI’s Lifetime Achievement Awardee (LAA).

In this Class Call article we have written a little bit about the life of Nineteen (19) Magitings, seven of whom had gone to the “Great Beyond”. There is one more Cavalier Magazine issue left for 2021 and this is for October-December. Hopefully I shall not start the write-up with the phrase “On Community Quarantine as Before.” 



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Friday the 13th

This date is a sad day for the Matatags and Mas-Matatags. Our mistah BGen "Popop" Ocampo PAF (ret) succumbed to this dreaded COVID 19 virus in the early dawn of August 13, 2021. Days before, the class got news that Popop and wife Evelyn were infected. On 12 August, he was reported to be recovering with the increase of his oxygen level and all of us were glad upon getting this information from Evelyn in our viber group. Everybody was sending messages of prayers for his total recovery. However, this morning, everybody was shocked to learn his untimely demise due to a very low oxygen level after midnight. Thus at the earlydawn of 13 August at about 2:17 am, we lost our beloved mistah Popop, the first Matatag 71 who lost the battle against this deadly virus (there were about five mistahs who got COVID positive but were able to recover). Our condolences to Evie and the Ocampo family and may Popop's soul rest in eternal peace.

A zoom 9-day novena prayer was offered to the repose of Popop's soul prepared by the mas-Matatags which started this date 11 a.m. This novena/rosary prayer will culminate on 21 August 2021, to be followed by the necrological mass.

As of this writing (13 August 2021), DOH has reported 13,177 new covid-19 cases, the highest since April 2021. The total cases – 1,713,302, recoveries – 1,587,069, and, deaths – 29,838.



Plan to celebrate the 50th anniversary at PMA in December 2021

A virtual class meeting was held last 25 July 2021 and the main topic was the plan to celebrate our 50th Golden Anniversary on 18 December 2021 in Fort Del Pilar. He informed the mistahs that a letter signed by him was personally delivered by mistah Tex Balmaceda to the current PMA Superintendent General CJ Cartujano requesting for the availability of the cadets and to allow us to be honored by a parade. Gen Cartujano acceded to the request but with some reservations that depends on the pandemic situation prevailing by that time. Indeed, with the increase of the infected cases and the quick spread of the delta variant, some of the mistahs had second thoughts about said plan. The mistahs based abroad already put forward their plan not to attend and would rather have their own in California where a

majority of them reside. A Committee on the Alternate Plan was created chaired by mistah Vic Batac whose task was to assess the situation and recommend to the class its future action. His members were mistahs Jun Paynor and Dick de Leon. After a few weeks, in its evaluation on the trend of the pandemic situation, the committee recommended to cancel the December plan. With this, Pres Egay scheduled another zoom class meeting this September for the class to decide on the matter. Que sera sera.

Daily Virtual Novena/Rosary Prayers

When mistah Dong Tabamo was sick due to some medical complications last June, the mas-Matatags started a series of 9-day day novena prayers every 9 p.m coinciding with the daily 3 p.m rosary prayers in Lourdes, France. These prayers were dedicated initially for Dong's speedy recovery and later included those mistahs and wives who are suffering from sickness and other medical challenges. This prayer brigade is led by Aleli Belonia who also sends morning prayers daily in the Matatag/Mas-Matatag viber group. With Aleli are prayer warriors Jing Martinez, Mawie Aglipay, Hazel Acosta, Celia Lalisán,



Verna Albano, Lita Gil, Jenny Domingo, Sara Paredes, Chit Eslao, Tess Paynor, Puring Cruz, Chato Perico, Beth Ramos, Vicky Seron, Eden Sacramento, Lulu Tabamo, and a host of other ladies and mistahs. This was much appreciated by the Matatags.

Limited Golfing Plays

With the pandemic situation notwithstanding, the Hampaslupa '71 had some golf plays albeit limited. At times, only a flight was organized, due to the strict health protocol and the difficulty of being challenged at checkpoints. Another culprit was the weather when rains came a-pouring. Thus golfers from the north preferred to play in nearby Beverly while those in the south would rather play in Aguinaldo, Navy, or Villamor Golf Course and even in Canlubang. But there was a time before ECQ was declared that a golf fellowship was held in Luisita Golf Course early July. That was the time when all of us underwent antigen tests sponsored by EMME Group of Companies chaired by Prexy Egay Aglipay. It was good that all players tested negative. A packed lunch was also prepared for each player and some token prizes were given to the winner of each flight. Members of Magiting '70 also joined the fellowship and enjoyed the "kayahing" of the Matatags '71. We were lucky also that we were invited to play in the newly renovated Puerto Azul Golf Course courtesy of the coordination made by mistah Rey Acop. Presently, there is a plan to have a class golf fellowship this September to be hosted by the September born mistahs. Hopefully, the pandemic situation improves.



Quote for this Issue

"No matter how much darkness life brings, fight, because darkness can't exist without

light. As long as we're alive and trying, we'll get through this hell." –Jessica E. Larsen /JCL/13 Aug 2021



It's almost a year and six months since the outbreak of Covid-19 but until now it seems the ray of hope at the end of the tunnel of eradicating it is slowly flickering. The variants create added miseries and sufferings amongst the citizens of the world. Added to the woes are natural and man-made calamities such as wars among nations, floods, earthquakes, forest fires, volcanic eruptions, famine and others. Honestly, we don't know where the world is heading to. In many ways, we are very much affected by these unfortunate maladies, particularly Covid 19 that forces us to live normal lives under abnormal

conditions. The lock-downs and restrictions deter us from doing what we usually do before the out-break of this virus. What if Covid-19 does not end? We, Masigasigs are very resilient and positive minded; we shall not allow Covid-19 and its derivative variants to dictate our lives. At this time of pandemic, we must strive doing something worthwhile as anti-dote to boredom, stress and anxiety. In fact during locked downs, most of us have mastered the art of "husbandry", that of being a better husbands to our soulmates, being a repairman, cook, painter, driver, "floor manager"(lampaso king) and gardener and of course being a super-lolo. Seriously speaking, doing all these things will enhance our mental, psychological, social and physical aspects of our lives. As pointed out in the last issues of Cav Mag, we enjoined all to adhere to the health protocols, live a clean life and accept the reality to be confined within the four corners of our abode during lock-downs.

We don't have the choice anyway. Covid-19 will linger longer as we perceived it to be. Most importantly, let's pray and ask the Lord for His mercy and compassion. Sabi nila, "nasa tao ang gawa, nasa Lord ang awa". In short, gawin natin ang dapat at tama, and God will help us.

News Updates:

a. Preparation for golden anniversary: The Class Officers/ BOT are upbeat in the preparation for our Golden Anniversary. There are options of how we are going to celebrate it depending on the general situation due to Covid. These options will be the subject of discussion by BOT next meeting to be presided by Prexy Espines. The Class fund raising as proposed will also be tackled during the meeting. As previously posted in our chat group, the ground breaking ceremony for the construction of Prayer Room for Muslim cadets was supposed to be



undertaken last July but was reset to another date as requested by PMA due to lockdown. Hopefully by the time you are reading this Class Call, the ground breaking ceremony is done.

b. Finally, Prez Espines, led the ground breaking ceremony of the Muslim cadets Prayer Room at Fort Del Pilar last 13 Aug 2021 together with LtGen Cartujano, PMA Supe and his staff. Mistah Boogie Agustin and Rey Jucutan joined Prez Espines. We extend thanks and gratitude to our Class Prezy for his benevolent donation to our Muslim brothers and future Cavaliers in behalf of Masigasigs. Hopefully, it will be inaugurated during the PMA foundation in October.

c. Class vaccination roll-out: The vaccinations for Masigasigs and dependents ended last August 17 at VMMC. A total of 119 completed the doses. Again, we are very

grateful as we express our thanks to Orly and Marido, Gene, Manong Ben and Bing for their concerted efforts on the availability of vaccines and hands on supervision during the roll-out. MB and Bing were there at the sites to insure hassle-free vaccinations. Also, we thank some Mistah and ladies who donated foods and other stuff during that important event. The Class is also grateful to Sec Charlie Galvez and Usec Mryna Cabotaje for providing the much-needed vaccines and of course to Dr Glenda Faye Ledesma-Pereira of VMMC for her kind assistance and medical advises. Likewise, we extend our special thanks to BGen Mar Mejia, MD and his personnel for the invaluable services rendered during the conduct of vaccinations. Particularly, he was also responsible for the availability of VMMC as vaccination site and

made sure that everybody was comfortable and safe. As token of gratitude, plaques of appreciation from Prez Espines, in behalf of Masigasig family, were given to Dr Mejia, Sec Galvez, Usec Cabotaje and Dr Ledesma-Pereira last August 17 at VMMC for their invaluable assistance. The vaccinators and other support personnel were also given letter of thanks.

d. Class uniforms/attire: Here are the updates from Uniform Committee (Beth Navarro, Lucille Flores, Yolly Valencia, Nanette Valles and Ludy Vidad). The Committee is pleased to inform the Class of the following updates on the status of Mas Masigasig uniforms: After five online measurements supervised by Couturier for those residing in MM, provinces and those from USA, Canada and Australia, including ladies who had their measurements taken by their respective couturier, a total of 80 ladies had completed their measurements as of July 30, 2021. The rest nine ladies missed the online measurements or could not be contacted to date.

As for Masigasig, Bing reported that only 66 have been measured thru face-to-face measurements with the tailor conducted in Camp Aguinaldo and PN Golf Club. There are 16 who missed the online measurements and others who have not responded to date. The target completion dates as projected by couturier and tailor is on the 2nd week of December for Masigasig and 2nd week of Jan 2022 for the ladies. Be as it may, the Uniform Committee assures us the completion of uniforms on target dates or even earlier.

Before I end, let me share to you a beautiful prayer posted by Marivic Aurelio in our private chat group. Please find time to read this prayer and share it to your family and love ones.

The whole world should be praying this right now:



...I stopped what I was doing, bowed my head and said this prayer. It put tears in my eyes.

...Let's bow our heads and pray:

...Eternal Father, you made the whole world stop spinning for a while.

...You silenced the noise that we all created.

...You made us bend our knees again and ask for miracle.

...You closed Your churches so we will realize how dark our World is without You.

...You humbled the proud and powerful. The economy is crashing, businesses are closing.

...We were very proud, we thought that everything we have, everything we possess, was the result of our hardworks.

...We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are.

...We're running in circles looking for some cure to this disease, when in fact we need to humble ourselves and ask you for guidance and wisdom.

...We have been living our lives like we will be here on Earth forever, like there is no heaven. Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise.

...Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, and cleansing our souls, bring us back to you.



...Today as these words travel the internet, may all who see them join their hearts and hands together in prayer! Asking for Your forgiveness, healing and protection from this virus.

...GOD just wipe it from the Earth.

...Father You have been patiently waiting

for us. We are sorry for ignoring Your voice and in our selfish ways, we've sometimes forgotten that You are God.

.. You only need to say the word and our souls shall all be healed. We ask these things in Jesus name. Amen.



MAAGAP '73 BATTENS DOWN THE HATCHES AMID DELTA VARIANT, DRAWS STRENGTH FROM GRANDCHILDREN, SALUTES OUR OLYMPIC GREATS

First, MAAGAP '73 is proud of Mistah SND Del Lorenzana; he was awarded recently as **Man Who Matters in Asia 2021**, not surprisingly at all because he has morphed as the true patriot who has been protecting and preserving our nation's territory and sovereignty in the continuing issue of the WPS and SCS against China, and keeping our country safe from harm in the regional rivalry between US and China with the RP-USA Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and the anachronistic Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT). Also he has been front and center in the long-drawn national fight against the pandemic. **Not an inch of Philippine territory is lost to China during his watch.**

Late in July, Biden's US DefSec Lloyd



Awardee Mistah SND Lorenzana.

Austin took initiative and visited him to solicit Philippine support to US efforts to contain China, its rival and global competitor, and personally pleaded for the VFA. Yes, the issue of the MDT and the VFA are all national security documents that badly need some revisions. Maybe the next President will build

upon what President Duterte has gained in the new normal of foreign relations where his independent foreign policy has gained for the country newfound respect in the community of developing nations.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana announced on Friday (July 30) at a joint press briefing with US DefSec Austin, "The VFA is in full force again. There is no letter of termination pending and we are back on track." On the MDT, SND Lorenzana reply was cyptic, clearly implicative: "I just want to revisit it and make it more relevant to current situation." The 1951 MDT was crafted when the colonized little " ..Philippine ship follows in the wake of the mighty US ship...". We hope sooner than later that the US will finally accede to revisit the MDT and make it equitable for both the US and the Philippines.

THE FIRST OLYMPIC GOLD

Since the birth of the Philippine Republic, only now in the Tokyo Summer Olympics has the Philippines won an Olympic Gold medal, thanks to Champion weightlifter Air Force Staff Sergeant Hidilyn Diaz. Our snappy salute to her and the other athletes who bring home three other medals, another record-breaking feat of four total Olympic medals won.

Talking about the Tokyo Olympics, the

MAAGAPs and Ladies were abuzz with the rare, rosy and raw scene of LGBT British Olympic Gold medalist Tom Daley knitting between diving rounds. "The one thing that has kept me sane throughout this whole process is my love for knitting, crocheting and all things stitching." "I am gay and I am Olympic Champion." It is totally different however from the "the best diver of all time" LGBT and HIV positive US Olympic Gold medalist Greg Louganis who hid his sexuality and medical condition despite infecting the pool with cut forehead while diving during the 1988 Seoul Olympic; fortunately no diver was infected.

Philippines national pride Olympic Champion Diaz lifted not only the Gold Medal but more importantly kvelled the national spirit in the midst of the pandemic, which for the whole year and half has endured personal and national tragedies, pains and frustrations. It provided the much-needed respite from daily doses of covid gloom and doom; it infused the anabolic steroids to prop up flagging confidence to meet the more dangerous threat of the Delta variant of SARS COV 2 (the official name of Covid-19).

Our worry is not without basis. As Class President, I would update the Class on global Covid situations, specially the Delta Variant which ravaged India and now Indonesia, which has been in state of emergency for months because its healthcare system has been overwhelmed by 30,000 daily average of new cases and couple of thousands daily deaths. Many seriously ill people are not admitted to hospitals and are dying in isolation. The Delta variant digs its claws even to the previously impregnable children with hundreds dead. Even existing public cemeteries and undertakers can not handle thousands of daily deaths. Many attribute the radical spike to the annual mass exodus from the city to the villages (**mudik**) after the Holy Ramadhan in May.

And this grim and grotesque image can happen here. When ECQ applied in NCR, their was the exodus from the City to the provinces. We hope the exodus would not bring the Delta variant to the provinces.

Right now in Metro Manila, the Delta variant has begun to strain our own healthcare systems. Hopefully the stringent quarantine protocols now in place will control the spread of the Delta variant. MAAGAPs have dug up trenches and foxholes, created "domestic bubble" and batten down the hatches of our grandchildren. Phil General Hospital officials have said the pediatric COVID cases include infants. All Maagaps and Ladies are fully vaccinated with all sorts of vaccines. Thank God! Yet all the vaccines as in all the vaccines manufacturers are seriously contemplating on giving the booster shot because all the vaccines after the global trials on us all have

faded efficacy down the road. The sooner we contain the Delta variant, the better its chances as the dominant mutant to naturally end the pandemic.

In this dreadful, boring stressful quarantine periods, so what have the MAAGAPs been keeping to keep ourselves sane? The MAAGAPs and Ladies learned the art of gardening to those who have the space, baking/cooking for those who have the time, writing, talking and hosting/attending Zoom meetings. And of course we retreat to our ultimate source of guaranteed happiness and inspiration to live longer, the grandchildren.

What joy is written in the face of SND Lorenzana and pure contentment of Madam Dess and in the USA Mistah Rody Luis and Mistah Bobby Aviso. Look at the happiness of toddler Lapeña carrying the infant while the rest of his tribe does martial arts in USA. What baseball athletic form the Lapinid grandchildren in USA strike on the mound and at the plate. Mistah Tony Billones like all of us love to be close to our grandchildren even during pandemic but this has changed because of the Delta variant. The grandchildren of Mistah George Uy the Querol adorable beasts, the Bagasin grandson, the Police General of Mistah Tito Angcanan and the granddaughter of Mistah Lito Hernandez. And the newest addition Granddaughter of Mistah Tony Anciano. And the best MAAGAP of all is MAAGAP Mistah Sonny Divina in Seattle who now has a Great Grandchild. Very true from the MAAGAP trunk grows branches and bear fruits.

Eli and I loved Mego

Cav Vidal E Querol '73

*I loved my dog, he loved me too.
His name was Mego, from decades ago.
His ebullient life was brief not even a page,
The happy day by nightfall cut
by freak of fate.
I recognized his wails, I knew it his last,
I held myself and tended my ripping heart.*

*His life gave me one company,
In this long dreadful pandemic.
At night outside after he relieved,
My door he would cry and beat,
Until I let him in with me and slept,
Nightly in his faithful wicker basket.*

*My grandson Eli loved Mego as his pet.
He would run or ride his bike to escape,
Futile every time by Mego's fleeting speed,
His pants going down on Mego's teeth.*

*Everyday I would always see frantic Eli
Warding off Mego or changing their story.*

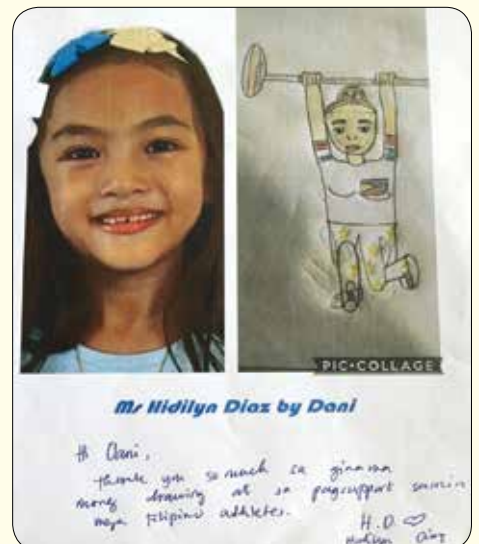
*He would feign cries for help,
From Mego's hugs and kisses.
Yet when abated, he would effect,
More of Mego's hugs and kisses.
For Eli loved Mego with sureness,
And Mego too with much of muchness.*

*Mego was playful to a fault.
His drooped ears, long body and snout,
Black shiny mantle, tail half his trunk,
Pitch-black eyes, pair of mustard eyespots,
Feet could stand and jump over his height,
Barks so full enduring before his foe,
the cat.*

*I loved Mego and Eli loved him too.
Mego loved me and, Eli more I knew.
That cruel evening freak of fate,
Cut short not even a single page,
The sweet life and love of living,
Of Mego to Eli and me too.*

*Tonight I saw the wicker basket,
Cold and empty in time of pandemic,
No more of the incessant cries and beats.
Mego had gone to rest, not his memories.
Early this morning he gave me hugs
and kisses,
Then we strolled unknowing would be his
final place.*

*I loved Mego and Eli loved him too.
Love life in full while it stays too.*



From Mistah Mateo Mayuga: "Hidilyn has kindly signed my 7 yr old apo's drawing. Mabuhay ang mga atletang Pilipino!"



SND Lorenzana granddaughter



Baby Jose Alfonso Datu Zamora



Athletic Lapeña



Billones grandchildren



Bobby Aviso and granddaughter



Rody Luis



Mistah George T Uy



To be baseball great, from Mistah Alex Lapinid



Mistah Sammy Bagasin



Hernandez granddaughter



Mistah Angcanan grandson



Mistah Divina, the best of all maagaps, the great grandchild.



Our first apo!!! Smiling baby girl!! Above is the newest Maagap grandchild from Mistah Tony Anciano.



Querol adorable beasts



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For almost two years in a row, we have been battling COVID disease and worrying about feeling of illness or sickness. COVID 19 is hitting close to everyone's home. Recently, many of the Marangals including some of their loved ones were hospitalized for COVID infections and for chronic ailment.

Thankfully, they held up very well and quickly recovered. The class expressed solidarity in prayers and giving of morale support as well as financial assistance. We were delighted to see them back to complete health and wellness.

Let us pray all together and be humble in asking Lord's intervention for His endless mercy that we can recover from our sickness and suffering. As we are getting inoculated, we are optimistic that we will be able to achieve herd immunity soon.

Rest In Peace Mistah Jacinto "Jack" Binuya

The class mourns the death of a dear classmate, Jacinto Binuya who succumbed to heart disease. No Marangal member was aware that he had been undergoing bypass surgeries for quite a while, so that his passing came as a complete surprise. He did not inform anyone (any of his mistahs) of his condition.

Neither did he ask for financial assistance. We could only surmise he did not want to bother us considering the difficult situation we are facing at this moment.



The last time we saw him was during the PMAAAI General Assembly at PICC. He was looking good, cracking jokes and even boasting about his latest successful bypass operation. In this regard, Mistah Pete Ramboanga wrote:

"Mistah Jack, Rest In Peace. Read this from heaven: the last time we saw each other was in PICC during a PMAAAI convention. You purchased all the remaining raffle tickets for the class, a sizable amount indeed. You said it was your way of thanking the institutions which helped you defray the expenses in your bypass surgeries. Some of us in the table asked if we could buy some of the tickets thinking not only to win but help reduce your financial burden. This is a memory of you that I will not forget. Don't forget to pray for us in heaven specially those Marangals who are still working hard for our government in search of peace and prosperity. Goodbye my dear Mistah. God be with you."

On 4 May 2021, Jack was interred at Libingan ng mga Bayani with military honors. We profusely thank Gen Lito

Sobejana, CSAFP for his generous assistance during the interment and funeral service. Expressing deep gratitude, Ingrid Binuya Quinley, the eldest daughter of Jack Binuya wrote:

"My family and I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you. It was heart breaking for us to lose our patriarch unexpectedly. Your support and generosity during this time has provided us comfort. Although it pains us that we were not able to be there during his interment (only through video), we will always remember the solemn and beautiful military honors/service. His legacy will live on in his children and grandchildren."

Jack was a kind, unassuming, and diligent fellow. Constabulary soldier through and through, he chose not to join the PNP when the PNP Law was enacted. Instead, he retired as a Colonel and joined the civilian ranks. He is survived by wife Elvie and children Ingrid, John, and Jay.

Meeting With Innovasia:

Progress report from Editor In Chief, Sword '74 Golden Edition, Ruben Garcia: *"For info, we met the printer and decided we go for the larger size of the yearbook (when spread: 11" x 26"; when folded: 11" x 13"). Also, we paid already the downpayment to the printer. This means that the printer is committed to work with us henceforth. Ms. Cherry Uy of Innovasia Media Enterprise will create a website for us and for Class '74 for this purpose. Present during the meeting were: Mistah Prexy Sonny, Mistah Danny A, Mistah Totuy Cedo who as Class Treasurer handed the cheque representing the downpayment to the printer, yours truly, and Ms. Cherry Uy of Innovasia Media Enterprise (the printer)."*



Class Activities in Pictures



Class 1974 Project at PMA

A meeting was held at Wood and Iron Café, Villamor Golf Club on 24 June 2021 presided by Mistah Ace Tolentino, chair of Class 1974 Project, with the following agenda:

- 1) Select on the three sites proposed by PMA where to construct the project.
- 2) Date for the second visit to PMA with structural engineer and Mistahs who would like to join.
- 3) When to start the construction. The Chair is suggesting to start the construction first quarter of 2023. Others are suggesting to start it as soon as possible. In this case, a MOA with PMA would be entered into so that PMA would be committed to the selected site.
- 4) Do we need to bid the project to contractors or just negotiate with a selected contractor or just give the money to PMA and let them construct the project.

The meeting started with the briefing by Mistah Danny Abinoja on the results of his coordination with PMA and his visit/inspection of the proposed sites of the project. He discussed the pros and cons and or advantages and disadvantages of the three sites.

It was agreed to –

- 1) Select the proposed Location 3 at the vicinity of the Flirtation Walk.
- 2) Start the project as soon as possible after the MOA with PMA has been signed, and all requirements/plans/designs have been done.
- 3) Just negotiate with a selected contractor.
- 4) Visit the site with the structural engineer and mistahs who would like to join.

In attendance were: Pres. Sonny Razon, Willy Garcia, Gene Cedo, Benny Cabrieto, Ruben Garcia, Ricky dela Paz and the Structural Engineer.





RAUL S GONZALES
President
DANTE T FERRER
Secretary

BirthDay Greetings—Birthday greetings and felicitations to our birthday celebrants for the 3rd Quarter 2021. We have 25 mistahs celebrating their natal days.

We have 18 mistahs who are adding another year in their bubbling life, amidst this pandemic; and seven birthdays, *en memoriam*, where we remember our demised mistahs, their life and fond memories in our hearts.

Mistahs, always remember to keep smiling and have a positive outlook on life, stay safe and healthy. Happy Birthday!

July

Eulogio C. Baltazar+	July 03
Rodolfo F. Petican	July 09
Silverio R. Ilagan	July 10
Dominador L. Makinano+	July 14
George R. Quisido+	July 14
Alberto B. Villanueva+	July 25
German B. Doria	July 31

August

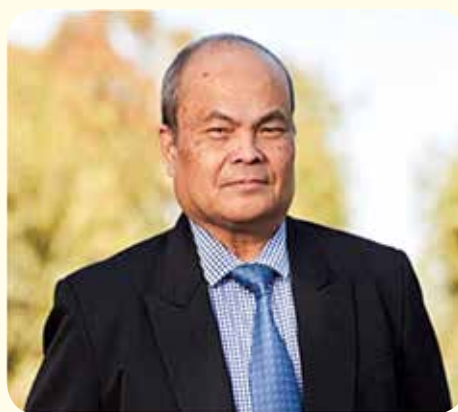
Pedro J. Binuya	Aug 03
Benjamin D. Tesoro	Aug 04
Noe A. Wong	Aug 11
Merito A. Quijano	Aug 12
Raul S. Gonzales	Aug 17
Petronilo P. Magno	Aug 26
Bonifacio B. Ramos	Aug 30

September

Cardoso M. Luna	Sep 07
Adrian P. Espera	Sep 08
Benjamin S. Gonzales	Sep 09
Napoleon C. Cachuella	Sep 13
Wilfredo G. Pabalana+	Sep 15
Van Cornelius D. Luspo	Sep 16
Alejandro C. Geronimo	Sep 17
Alexander D. Aleo	Sep 19
Antonio R. Medina+	Sep 23
Tirso R. Danga+	Sep 24
Napoleon B. Malana	Sep 27

Walter S. Villagonzalo - Candidate for the PMAAAI Cavalier Award 2021 under special category - Community Volunteer and Social Entrepreneur. *(Following is an excerpt from the recommendation of PMA Class 1975 for the PMAAAI award. Photo credit: Volunteer West (Australia) –Ed.)*

Cavalier Walter Villagonzalo, a member of the Philippine Military Academy Makabayan Class of 1975 served in the AFP for 15 years before migrating



with his family to Australia in 1986. He made his mark in the AFP as a computer and information systems expert. He is continuing to make his Alma Mater and PMA Class of 1975 proud as an exemplary citizen and community leader in the Filipino and Australian community.

Most Cavaliers excel when given tasks to fulfill and make their Alma Mater proud. Our Cavalier awardees throughout history goes above and beyond the call of duty and truly deserve the recognition from the brotherhood of Cavaliers.

Cavalier Walter deserves the Cavalier Award for bringing pride and honours to the Philippine Military Academy and the Philippines by exemplifying the desirable virtues of a PMA Alumnus while being a citizen of a foreign country where Filipinos and migrants are the minority, where migrants often struggle with integrating into a new society, of being accepted, of belonging, of being appreciated and where the Academy Class Ring is worth its weight in gold and practically nothing else. Cavalier Walter stood out among fellow Filipinos and migrants in the State of Victoria, the second most populous State in Australia. Cavalier Walter is the first and only migrant to be named Citizen of the Year (2015) in the City of Wyndham which is Victoria's second largest, the fastest growing and one of Australia's most diverse cities. Cavalier Walter is among 60,000 Filipinos in Victoria and the first and only Filipino elevated to an elected position as a City Councillor and Deputy Mayor. Cavalier Walter achieved these not in a paid capacity fulfilling tasks assigned to him but as a full-time community volunteer with the heart and desire to serve his community over 25 years in more than 50 different roles in his almost 35 years of residing in Australia.

Cavalier Walter has proven himself as a leader and a model Citizen. He is receiving the admiration of fellow Filipinos in Victoria by identifying and inspiring potential leaders, helping them develop, enabling them to be leaders in the Filipino

and the wider Australian community and recently through AGILA, the Association of Filipino-Australian Generation of Inspiring Leaders, an organization he co-founded and currently acting as adviser.

He has proven himself as an innovator and an entrepreneur. He founded many organization, initiated many innovative community and business projects and delivered most of them successfully earning him the respect of the Australian community and fellow Filipinos most of whom say, Walter is who he is - because he is a PMAyer.

Ismael Ramilo Rafanan (March 2, 1953-July 7, 2021) Barely had the Class recovered from the anguish and grief borne by the loss of four Makabayans last year, when on July 7, this year we lost another Makabayan stalwart.



Ismael R. Rafanan (March 2, 1953- July 7, 2021)

Raffy or Maeng, as he was dotingly called by mistahs, siblings and friends died of cardiac arrest secondary to chronic kidney disease (Stage 5), while he was about to undergo a scheduled dialysis in Marikina City. Sharon was by his side when he passed away. He was laid in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, for three days where Raul Gonzales, Noe Wong, Gerry Doria, Geary Barias, Ray Roderos and Willy Dulay, had the opportunity to pay homage. In July 10, Raffy was moved to hometown Villasis, Pangasinan after the PNP Honor Guards rendered departure ceremonies. Raul Gonzales formed a send-off group, and some responded to the call led by Raul Gonzales, Ding Luna, Gerry Doria, Noe Wong, Willie Palugod, Nap Malana,

Reuben Crisologo, Ernie Boac, Leo Bernabe and Dante Ferrer.

The wake was held at his sprawling yet eco-friendly “Maeng’s Farm” located in Barangay Capulaan, Villasis, Pangasinan. It may be recalled that the Farm is a known rendezvous point for most Makabayans going home to Manila after the PMA homecoming celebration in Baguio City. Raffy used to invite the whole Class to drop by for a lunch served usually with sumptuous native cuisine.

Raffy was interred at the Urdaneta Memorial Park, Villasis, Pangasinan after a requiem mass attended by his family, relatives, local officials and friends held at the St. Anthony Abbott parish church. Only four Makabayans, Raul Gonzales, Dante Ferrer, German Doria and Benjie Tesoro, made it to the burial rites and where they reiterated the Class’s condolences to the family and relatives. Funeral honors and escorts were provided by the local PNP unit. Owing to the prevailing pandemic protocol, necrological services were dispensed with and it was only after the requiem mass that a brief window was allowed for final viewing.

Raffy was survived by his wife, Sharon Astillero Rafanan, son Ivan Rafael Rafanan, and adopted daughter, Scarlett Irah A. Rafanan. Also, Raffy’s siblings who are residing in Villasis, Pangasinan are Avelino R. Rafanan, Violeta R. Rafanan and Pacifico R. Rafanan.

Raffy’s life was rich not only in public achievements, but also in private pursuits. Indeed, his public realizations were rooted in his private happiness. On that, we have the plain testimony of his loving family. We share their grief, but much more, we share their pride.

For the final years of his life, Raffy was troubled by illness. That illness is now gone. He is himself again there “upstairs” – more himself than at any time on this earth. For we may be sure that the Almighty God never forgets those who remember Him. And as the last journey of this faithful pilgrim, we like to think – in the words from the Long Gray Line – “*when bells for us are rung, and our last taps is sung*” that we who still move in twilight live to remember the defining moments and fond memories of Raffy. We know his example. Let us be grateful for a life that achieved so much for his country and family.

(For the next issue, we invite the class members to share their contributions to this corner by sending their write-up and photos to the class secretary at ferrerdtd@msn.com) Ed.



Raffy lying in state at the Loyola Mem Chapels, Commonwealth Ave., Q.C. Left-right: E Boac, R Crisologo, D Ferrer, C Luna, N Wong, Mrs. Ferrer, Mrs. Rafanan, Ivan Rafanan, R Gonzales, W Palugod, L Bernabe, G Doria, N Malana.



Requiem mass for Raffy at the St. Anthony Abbott Parish Church, Villasis, Pangasinan.



The wake at Maeng’s Farm, Brgy Capulaan, Villasis, Pangasinan.



Final viewing by family members before Raffy is laid to his final resting place at the Urdaneta Memorial Park, Villasis, Pangasinan, July 14, 2021.



EMILIO C MARAYAG JR
President
ZOSIMO D CARLOS JR
Secretary

STAY SAFE, GET VACCINATED, AVOID CROWDS, AND ALWAYS PRAY

More than 45 years after graduation on Feb 17, 1976, 14 mistahs have gone to heaven, leaving 57 of us now aging 66 to 70 years old as of this writing. We hope to remain strong and healthy, at least up to our 50th Golden year in 2026, and beyond. We are grateful to our associate, honorary and adopted members who have continued to accompany and inspire us in this, our Magilas journey of life.

57 HEALTHY MEMBERS OF MAGILAS CLASS 76 WHO GRADUATED 17 FEB 1976

“ALFA” COMPANY

- Silverio Alarcio
- Leopoldo Bataoil
- Allan Bontuyan
- Raul Caballes
- Isagani Cachuela
- Tumrongsak Deemongkol
- Eliseo dela Paz
- Rosendo Ferrer
- Renato Francisco
- Joel Goltiao
- Eduardo Gonowon
- Romeo Hilomen
- Hadji Sukarno Ikbala
- Leopoldo Maligalig
- Jefferson Soriano
- Gerardo Tenazas

“BRAVO” COMPANY

- Licinius Abadiano
- Edgardo Acuna
- Mariano Busa
- Abner Cabalquinto
- Leonardo Calderon Jr.
- Diego Dasallas
- Benjamin Dolorfino
- Victor Ibrado
- Nathaniel Legaspi
- Ernesto Nano
- Samuel Narcise
- Alexander Resngit
- Jose Antonio Salvacion
- Samuel Tayag

“CHARLIE COMPANY”

- Nelson Allaga
- Victor Boco
- Carlos Caga-anan
- Jaime Caringal
- Zosimo Carlos Jr.
- Ramon dela Cruz
- Paterno Labiano
- Rodrigo Maclang
- Emilio Marayag Jr.
- Ramon Punzalan
- Reynaldo Ramirez
- Armando Rodriguez
- Christopher Tanabe
- Alexander Yano
- Alexander Yapching
- Jesus Verzosa
- Cesar Agcon

“DELTA COMPANY”

- Efren Daquil
- Geronimo Defensor
- Edwin Ditungco
- Antonio Fontanilla
- Jogy Leo Fojas
- Magtanggol Gatdula
- Jose Gamos
- Ferdinand Golez
- Emil Lucero
- Luizo Ticman



**SOME LATEST NEWS
VERY GOOD UPDATES**

Golfers and Bikers still active. Class fund is very healthy, thanks to our dedicated Class Officers. A lot of bonding time with the family. Viber and chat groups very helpful in this time of pandemic. Mistahs helping each other emotionally and financially. Hoping we will have a class Christmas party and election in December.

Condolences:

To Doo Maligalig and family on the passing away of elder brother and Cavalier, Capt Proceso "Boy" Maligalig, PMA '69.

To Baby del Mundo and family on the passing of husband, Jesus.

NOTABLE QUOTES AND TIPS

"Begin each day with a Positive thought and a Grateful heart."

"Surround yourself with people who make you HAPPY."

"Stay away from drama and negativity."

"If it feels wrong, don't do it."

"Find pleasure in doing a simple Good thing to anybody, anytime, anywhere. It is FREE."

"There is always something for which to be thankful."

"Say exactly what you mean!"

"Go out and Walk as often as you can."

Enjoy the Outdoors, but Stay Hydrated."

"Never Give Up on your dreams."

3rd Quarter Birthday Celebrants

JULY 4 – Mon Punzalan, 9 - Raul Caballes, 11 - Maning Busa, 16 - Nelson Allaga, 22 - Licinius Abadiano, 29 - Alex

LATEST PICS OF MAGILAS MISTAHS WHO HAVE POSTED THEIR FULLY VACCINATED PICTURES ONLINE. VACCINES SAVE LIVES.



Resngit, 31 - Joe Gamos

AUG 1 - Edong Acuna, 2 - Tony Fontanilla, 27 - Edwin Ditangco,


SEPT 2 - Sendong Ferrer, 11 - Chris Tanabe, 16 - Cholo Carlos, 19 - Joel Goltiao, 23 - Peter Labiano

Again, wishing everyone good health and happiness. Let us keep Praying and May we never cease to thank GOD for the gift of life.




RIC A DAVID JR
Pangulo
VIXI ABAT
Kalihim

•TSIKENKLAB

Linked tsikenklab zoom meets. Sari-saring talakayan. Turok'ed  mistahs are happy and well. We all long for better and safer times.

•OCCASIONS

FATHERS DAY

salute to all Masikap fathers! 
hindi matutularan ang haligi ng tahanan.
sapagkat ang buhay nila sa pamilya nakalaan.





•OBIT 

The Class offers condolences to the family of mistah Moh. Nur Askalani. He was with Hukbong Katihan. Rest in peace, Nur.

Jolly Masikap retirees are coping with the pandemic.

Vaccines vs. virus variants.

DOSporDOSE  

Delta-V is very tricky.

All targets: children, adults, elderlies.

lockdown.

quarantine.

curfew.

not much to do.

But better being bored in the house than feeling depressed in a hospital room.



ARIEL QUERUBIN
President
TATTU SANCHEZ
Secretary

It has been more than a year and a half since the outbreak of this COVID-19 virus. Obviously, this pandemic has totally changed our way of life. Normally, the summer season would have been spent with family or group gatherings here and there, and this summer issue of the Cavalier magazine would have been filled with pictures in beaches, gatherings in high-end restaurants, golf courses, or out of town venues. But NAY, what we see are images of Zoom meetings, pictures of lost loved ones and mistahs due

to COVID, plantitos and plantitas, minimal gatherings with masks, and the sort. Be that as it may, I am confident that we will all overcome this COVID-19 pandemic because I know, with all our prayers and our faith in Him, our Lord God Almighty will always be with us in our battle against this COVID-19 virus. So, let's continue to be warriors, but this time, let us all be prayer warriors. Let us all pray for one another, to include our families, that He may give us the strength to fight and eventually subdue this unseen enemy. Be healthy and stay safe always, mistah.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS and felicitations to the following Matapats and Katapats who are celebrating their birthdays this 3rd Quarter. We wish you all good health, more blessings and many more years to come:

July: 6 - Tony Alcantara, Arnold Palmea, Meggy Manalo; 7 - Arlene Alivio; 8 - Winny

Banua, Beng Vizcarra; 12 - Titan Kison; 13 - Malou Gundao; 14 - Ram Alivio; 17 - Carlette Pama; 18 - Alex Cabales, Delia Hipolito; 25 - Boygie Pangilinan; and 26 - Julius Abad

August: 2 - Camille Llave; 3 - Amy Victor; 6 - Rupert Naparan+; 9 - Paloy Mapalo, Eva Lleno; 11 - Romy Calizo; 12 - Rene David, Cecile Heredia; 15 - Arnold Revilla; 16 - Lala Mapalo; 17 - Menchie Soria; 19 - Elmor Pulanco; 20 - Vivian Villareto; 21 - Etta Olan; 22 - Nelia Brillante+; 23 - Tabi Anonuevo; 24 - Mon Lising; 26 - Ronnie Bacolod+; 27 - Butch Butalid, Toots Luces, Roly Tenefrancia, Pivi Cruz, Grace Pangilinan+; 29 - Sol Damian.

September: 1 - Aaron Fidel, Rey Lanada; 3 - Tet Narbuada; 6 - Milai Valentin, Eleanor Vizcarra; 7 - Zeny Bolodo; 8 - Vic Felix, Ylee Raposas; 9 - Amy Alvarado; 10 - Helen Tenefrancia; 11 - Marlene de Castro; 16 - Bong Golez, Amy Revilla; 18 - Cyril Albano, Diego Hipolito; 19 - Marvilyn Reyes; 23 - Veron

Fidel; 26 - Nilo Wong; 27 - Mel Inductivo; 28 - Tony Reyes, Yoly Corvera; 29 - Addie Olan.

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to Cip and Malou Gundao who celebrated their anniversary last 13 July. We wish you both a lifetime of happiness together.



Our **PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES** to Maxwell Oligane and his family on the demise of their beloved mother, Aurora S Oligane; and Romy Calizo and family on the passing of his beloved wife, Mayor Mary Cor R Calizo. Rest in peace Nanay and Mary Cor in the loving arms of our Almighty Lord.

AIRFORCE "Mandirigma" UPDATE:

The second quarter of 2021 is supposedly a period for beach parties, outings and get together, but instead, the Air Force Mandirigmas were more pre-occupied defending themselves and their families from being afflicted by this deadly disease and

stayed safe in the comfort of their homes. To most if not all of us, staying safe in the comfort of our homes was a time to further strengthen our bond in the family and an opportune time to attend to our own health. TattuSan, Cip, and Tete made regular rounds in the fairways of Villamor, Armywoods or Navy during this period when Metro Manila was on GCQ status. They pledged to walk a minimum of 10,000 steps a day, to keep their feet and legs on top condition. Prez TattuSan made attempts to gather the Mandirigmas and the Nandirigmas together by arranging an outdoor lunch in a cozy BGC restaurant, but circumstances did not allow it to happen. The latest attempt, which was thwarted by the delta variant, was supposed to be a time to get updates from other Mandirigmas who are not in touch with the rest of the class.

Of course, there were group Zoom meetings and group chat calls initiated by Prez TattuSan but almost always, there were those who cannot participate or are simply offline.

As to the whereabouts of the Mandirigmas, Noelo Banong Albano is still flying with PLDT Aviation, doing both desk and cockpit duties. Yaggie still lives happily with his brother Paul in Caloocan. Ric Banayat frequents Newport City but is also busily engaged in agriculture in Pangasinan. Steve Castro is happily spending all his time with his family in Taguig. Diego Cruz continues to contribute to the economy by producing quality products in Tarlac. DeeJay De Jesus and his expanding family are happy to be in Batangas despite the threats of a Taal eruption. Bong Garbo is now full time with his family in San Juan City after several years of being in airports and in the sky. Cip Gundao is with his son Jay Jay enjoying the peacefulness of their home in Paranaque City. Ed Oban is busy strategizing the implementation of



the vision and direction of the Air Cavaliers Credit Cooperative he crafted, after he was re-elected as its chairman. Maxwell Oligane, our Information Technology subject matter expert, resides in the US with his family while running an IT business. Tattu Sanchez is still busy gardening and doing carpentry and iron works at home, if not in the fairways and greens, while serving the Matapats and the Mandirigmas as Secretary and President, respectively. Tete Villarete continues to hone his golfing skills by watching You Tube Tutorials in an effort to beat his kababayan, Benjie Gorres.

PC/PNP GROUP UPDATE:

The members of PC/PNP Matapat '79 have been upbeat albeit in a very quiet way as the country deals with the surge of the covid delta variant. As usual, all activities are family oriented but to others, it is business as usual. Matapat Robert Rongavilla, ever the romantic, cannot but bring his former girlfriend and now one and only wife to where his career started. Their daughter, Marie Jecelina, wrapped up the account in summary, to quote "The general's daughter.... I believe it has been a decade since I last visited my dad's alma mater, when my siblings and I had spent almost every February of our childhood tagging along for the annual alumni homecoming. Today is incredibly special and memorable because my dad got to tour me around PMA, this time not as a child but as a grown up with much more appreciation and understanding. After all the sightseeing and storytelling, all I can say is wow, I am mighty proud and blessed to be my dad's daughter."

ARMY GROUP UPDATE:

It has been one and a half years since the pandemic began and we're glad that the Army Green Matapat Eagles survived it. While some were wounded in action by the



virus, we had one casualty in the person of Mary Cor Calizo, who succumbed on April 27. May her soul rest in peace

Thanks to the vaccination administered by the LGUs and the private sector, the Matapat Army Greens are 98 percent vaccinated. Most of them got it from the LGUs. Others did it in style like Eric and Mikki Mananquil who had their Pfizer shots in Los Angeles, California. Stateside talaga!

During the pandemic, the Army Matapats made maximum use of their time. Mark and Maloli spent most of their time in Lipa City where they planted and propagated ornamental plants, which they themselves enjoyed so much. Pete Soria continued serving his Church as Country Security Consultant for the Latter-Day Saints. He had been very instrumental in repatriating Church

members to the US during the pandemic. Equally, Fajie Fajardo planted grapes in his grounds and reaped the fruits, perhaps intending to ferment them into wine.

Not to be outshined is Art Ortiz and wife Cynthia who developed their own dragonfruit plantation in Nueva Ecija. Very prosperous farmers, they are.

Alex Estomo honed his musical skills to the delight of his wife, Jo, and their family, playing the guitar and piano. Perhaps, he also perfected his tango skills.

Mark and Maloli made the great escape to the US and will be back after three months. There, Mark met Mistah Bong Golez and made him the Grab delivery guy of the PMA Class '79 Directory for all the US based mistahs. Thank you Mark and Maloli for that meaningful project of coming up with the Class '79 Directory.

We are also happy to hear that the children of Maning and Navie Veloria are excelling in the service of the US Navy.

**OFM GROUP UPDATE:
(Overseas Foreign Mistahs)**

After a long hiatus due to covid restrictions, CI '79 members in CONUS found time to renew old acquaintance by visiting and gathering in San Diego (CA), Chicago (IL), Kokomo (IN) and New Cumberland (PA) for various occasions this year. They had the usual bola-hising and kaya-han among mistahs, plebes and cavaliers. The same was true for the ladies. All of these in lieu of the postponed Jurado Cup Bi-annual Meet originally scheduled 2020 in San Diego. I am happy to report that everyone is healthy and in good spirits! (Rene Abella)



Rock climbing in Maning and Navie Veloria's stomping ground in San Diego, CA.



Matapat Ladies during our May reunion in Maxwell and Melody Oligane's place in Pennsylvania (Mel, Baby, Emy, Chel and Etta).



Boodling at the Veloria's residence. Fresh caught oysters, compliments of Jonathan Guimbatan.



Dinner with Pilar in Kokomo, IN



Mini Reunion/Sportsfest of class 79 hosted by Maxwell from May 18 to 21. Special guest Cadet Leo Monard Goddard.



Murdie trying to make the best of the situation!



NICANOR A BARTOLOME
President
EDMUND C TAN
Secretary

JOB WELL DONE JEFF!

As your class president may I take this opportunity to commend our indefatigable classmate Jeff Tupas for his unceasing support as secretary of our class. In a span of three years Jeff performed exceptionally well without any complaint and even went beyond his job description by running errands and doing tedious coordinations with dispatch to accomplish class projects and activities. And... we never dozed off in the class call! Such a feat indeed. His usual line that accompanies his smile whenever I request him to do something is, "ok mistah basta for the class." He requested to relinquish his position because of mounting business and professional workload. Thank you Jeff for being such a big help to the class.

EDMUND IS NEW CLASS SECRETARY

Let's welcome Bai Edmund who is also the class representative to the PMARAI, formerly BIRC. As such, he can relay any disseminations directly to the class easily and without delay.

JLO: GUEST CONTRIBUTOR/WRITER

For this issue of the Cavalier Magazine, Bai Edmund begged off to write in the class call as he is preoccupied with very important matters. He promised to write in the next issue, hence, I requested Jess Lomeda to fill in.

Canada/August 11, 2021

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PERSON WHO IS HAPPY ON A MONDAY? SIRIT? I'll tell you the answer at the end of this class call . . .

We are now going to our second year of COVID-19 pandemic and there is no clear forecast yet in sight. There are new deadly variants coming out. Let us all get vaccinated and be protected (to include our families and love ones)! We have seen the pictures of Paco, Rainier, Emil, Jojie, Sammy and Gil Pacia getting vaccinated. For the others, show your pictures in our Viber Group... by seeing and knowing that you are done with the two-dose vaccination is breathtaking and a great relief for us, your mistah!



May 17, 2012 - Birthday Fellowship during the retirement of PBGen Benjardi Mantele as Regional Director, Police Regional Office 12.

Let us all thank Mistah Raymund Yap for offering and facilitating vaccinations to our dependents that are not in the local government pipeline or priority lists, without any cost.

Birthday greetings to the following mistahs celebrating this 3rd quarter of the year 2021. This is now the period that one by one of us is reaching the age of 65. If ever, you are that person, please do not forget that you are eligible for an old-age pension at PVAO for being a veteran! Just show any proof that you have served the AFP for at least two tours (i.e. 3 years per tour)...

July: 07 - Joel Marayag, 11 - Ed Escueta, 11 - Arnold Perez, 13 - Jun Ancheta, 17 - Gene Enriquez, 24 - Vic Solomon, 27 - Ariel Bernardo, 28 - Jufel Adriatico, 28 - Tony Joco, and 29 - Noel Manabat.

August: 08 - Angelo Palmones, 13 - Ed Tamayo, 15 - Emil Gupana, 17 - Manny Amat, 18 - Ma. Elena Aquino Cruz, 21 - Ager Ontog, 21 - Bobby Ramos, and 31 - Mon Muyargas.

September: 02 - Nolet Ojeda, 06 - Rainier Cruz, 06 - Eugene Velasco (+), 08 - Ces Ordoyo, 12 - Gerry Layug, 15 - Hermie Navarro (+), 16 - Alex De Guzman, 18 - Bong Cabantac, 19 - Nes Bernardino (+), 23 - Dante Balao, 24 - Paco Francisco, 25 - Juni Carbonell, and 28 - Mike Rodriguez.

Bai Lleno said, "The purpose of senior golf is for exercise, to socialize, and most of all, have fun. Otherwise, we should be in the PGA Tour." For playing golf and having fun together for so long already, these senior Mapitagan Golfers (MG) have developed their own lingo and have coined many new words, namely:

1. Visa – permission given by wife to play golf.

2. Cobeers - beers from Cobar of Asian Brewery.

3. Pacoing – golfer na mahilig mang-indyan; nagsignify na maglalaro, pero hindi sisipot.

4. Colining – Nine holes lang and tataposin. Oops! (Paano daw kung si Balao, di ang verb ay "Balaoing"?)

5. ONELLIGAN noun - unli (unlimited) mulligan.

6. GEORGE RULE noun – Mapitagans' version of winter rule...

7. PAR MULLIGAN - sexclusively applicable only to Herr Onell

And now the answer to my riddle on "what do you call a person who is happy on Mondays?" The answer is a RETIRED person!

For working people, Mondays are usually the time for office meetings to discuss progress reports, a cause for nervous breakdowns. However, for a retired person, it means more time with friends and family, more freedom and less stress, observing those happy-feelings come a lot easier . . .

For the Mapitagans, we deal on what we need to do to create our own "Happy-Life":

- * We surround ourselves with positive people (no pun intended hehe, not referring to covid);
- * We practice gratitude;
- * We start our day off with positive intentions;
- * We stay focused on the present and enjoy every moment;
- * We bring humour into our lives every day;

- * We quiet our brain with meditations or deep breathings; and
- * We transform negative self-talk into positive self-talk!

Our Mapitagan Viber Group describes us a lot. We can find these descriptions of a happy life there. We are surrounded with supportive mistahs, practicing gratitude. We greet mistahs on the exact day of their birthdays - letting the greeter rouse or say silly things. On the other hand, the birthday celebrant is obliged to thank one by one all the people who greeted him on his special day. At the start of our day, positive intentions are on the right track. We can see the daily "good morning" greetings of Jardi Mantele; followed by a picture quotation from Angel; and then a response from Dante B. There is always a morning prayer from Bong C, and sometimes from Ces O. After reading the motivational essay of Fr. Art Ledesma posted by Hermie, our minds are occupied with positive thoughts to proceed our day. Sometimes, from time to time, wonderful words coming from Sammy. We always stay focused on the present and enjoy every moment during fellowship telling same old stories with mistahs, eliciting laughters. At the end, taking out ziplocks to bring home leftovers and the remaining cobblers. We bring humour into our daily lives by texting jokes. Even during this solemn time of pandemic, jokes from corny mistahs are



September 10, 2010 - Book Launching of Mapitagan's 30-Year Journey, Centennial Hall, Manila Hotel

quick witted. Ces believes that covid came from bats because people are becoming "panicky" hehe. Paco likewise said that during quarantine at home, we have to check our aircons because they might be "Carrier".

We quiet our brain with meditation or deep breathing. There are still many mistahs that their presence are not felt - hindi nagpaparamdam, even nasa directory siya ng Viber (to check out who read your comment in Viber, press long on

the comment and a scroll menu will come out. Select info and you can see the names who have seen your message and the people who made a reaction emoji - such as "like") Perhaps these people are quiet because they are just meditating and deep breathing what response to make? hehe

Finally, we transform negative self-talk into positive self-talk. With the knowledge of sickness and death in the family. Mistahs are quick to send their condolences and sympathies, offering healing prayers.



Hello everyone! Not much has transpired since the Class celebrated its 40th Graduation Anniversary at the Riviera Golf and Country Club. Everyone has returned to their respective routine activities, specially the golfers of the Class. With quarantine restrictions eased a little bit, fairways in PNGC, VABGC, and Riviera are again teeming with Dimalupigs. We are seeing interests from a few Manlulupigs and Dimalupig brats in the game. Foreign based mistahs and their spouses have also enhanced their golfing skills. Shout out to Kid, Aura, James and Chona. So, do we foresee a match-up between the Dimalupig families in the future?

Oh by the way, a few of our mistahs are into big bike now. Probably, Paght



H, Boying E and Buboy M can convince us to experience the thrill of touring on these mean machines. But we need a lot of persuading the Manlulupigs before we could purchase one.

We have already finished our Anniversary project, THE SWORD 40th ANNIVERSARY EDITION. Congratulations to our Class Pres. Cav Alan L for spearheading this activity. He also took the responsibility of distributing these which include the book, sleeve and Cadet Class Picture. Again, we express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all those who contributed to the completion of this project. We also donated a copy of THE SWORD to the PMAAAI Library through Cav Domingo Pequiras '77, the Executive Director of the PMAAAI Alumni Center. If anyone has not received their copies yet, kindly communicate with our Class Pres. in our viber group.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate another Dimalupig who was recently appointed as Undersecretary at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Cav Benie De Leon. Our warmest greetings and we wish you success in your new job.

There is a saying that if man wants to leave a legacy in this world, there are three



things that he has to accomplish – Plant a tree, Sire a son, Write a book. One Dimalupig had just published his book entitled – Black Lies Matter: Progressive Evolution of Clandestine Shabu Laboratories in the Philippines – by Cav Bobot Laciste. This book provides the readers insights on the “hidden world of drug trafficking” in order to encourage wider support from the community against this illicit trade. Congratulations too, Mistah Bobot on this feat.

It seems Delta Company is flexing its

muscle with a new COVID 19 variant, the Delta Variant, which was reported to be more transmissible, even to the vaccinated individuals. Again, everyone is reminded to observe health protocols. We belong to the vulnerable sector having been dual (Senior) citizens a few years back. Let's get vaccinated!

And finally, for some good news. I heard that something is brewing in Gabby RD's AOR. Ayon sa aking bubwit. Abangan ang susunod na kabanata.

Stay safe everyone. God bless us all!



For most, with this pandemic raging, there is really nothing much to cover as an event other than being sedate and uneventful. But all it takes to make a

difference is to get a bunch of creative, restless and patriotic minds together in an incessant collective discussion of boundless topics and you would have a varying surfeit of concepts, activities and perspectives presented in different colors and hues. Yes, the Matikas bugu-bugos have never been busier...not just busy but profoundly productive as well.

While we continued most of the directions we have taken in the quarter that passed, we took on a different flavor this time. We brought our sights to

project that are nearer to our hearts. As we continue to build our coffer to a new level, we embarked on yet another fund-raising activity. One that may not be “major-major”, as one beauty has once said but just enough for us to feel good and not allowing time to pass without earning (to take a jibe at the phrase “time value of money”). You guessed it right! We had another raffle and one that was meant to coincide with a “well-grounded event”: our monthly hybrid golf fellowship. Unfortunately, inclement weather and our

solemn commitment to be one with the country in observing the health protocols compel us to just went on with the raffle draw. Notwithstanding, we raked in a hefty sum, a figure too huge to share here. And there were winners of the very fitting prizes for seasons like we have with us today: three 75in Samsung Smart TV sets which were by sheer luck, received by Manny Felix, Remy Valdez and Marixi San Diego, not to mention the amazing other minor prizes that our nameless benefactors have provided.

As our cup was filled, so too must we fill the cup of others. Our president, personifying one of the major characters of the class, generosity, literally went on great length to serve as Guest of Honor in the anniversary of the 83rd Matikas Army Battalion that we so hold dear in Bicol. He missed no chance also in providing a 4K 3000 lumens LED projector which they need for their Civic and PR campaigns. We gave this in addition to the 65in Sony Bravia Smart TV that we have provided earlier as our modest gifts which we hope can serve to enhance the unit's capability.

Recently, we finally received the contract from MBAI. This would make official the coverage of all class members under the Special Group Term Insurance with them. This contract provides compensation for any event that may result to loss of life or limb. We have included in the coverage all members including the associate and honorary.

As we move forward, we didn't lose sight of our departed classmates. Today we are keeping stock of all the dependents of those of us who have passed on. We have charted some plans for them. Packages that may not be significant enough to be considered life-defining but one that should let them feel not forgotten and but very much one with the Matikas Family.

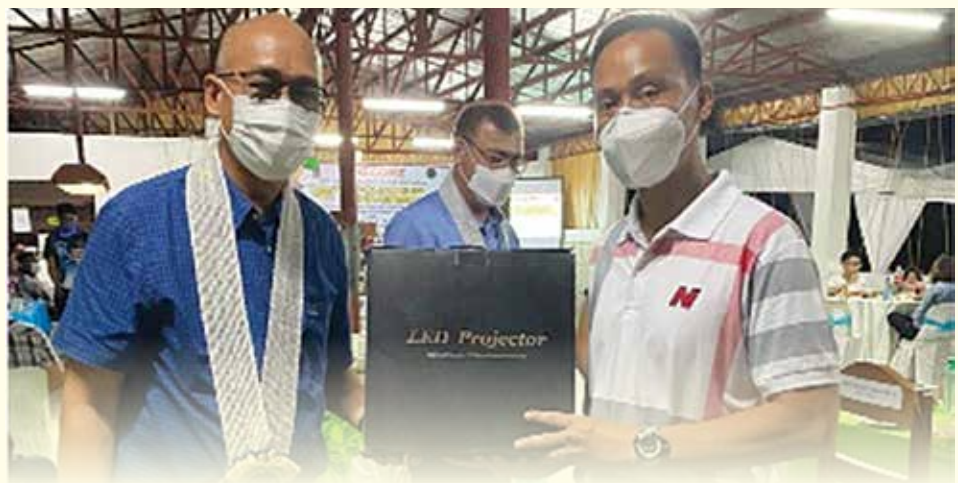
Having fully appreciated the value of information and data, we are now at the threshold of launching a The Matikas Progeny Project. Here, we will be capturing the data of all our dependents and weave them together in a data fabric where all can be charted according to their area of interest and other information that they willfully allow. We are doing this in the hope that all our brats can be engendered into the feeling of belonging into this one big vibrant family. We envision that we can organize them as cohesive, collaborative and productive citizens in a platform that will carry the very same competence, ideals and fervor that have defined what we are today: Distinctly Matikas!!!



Usec Florece drawing the lucky winners of our TV Raffle Draw.



Pres Florece delivering his uplifting speech during the Army's 83rd Bn's Anniversary.



Handing over our modest gift.



SALVADOR MB MISON JR
President
FRANCIS B ALAURIN
Secretary

Longevity

There are some of us, *Maharlikan*s, who won't get any bigger than they already have themselves. Particularly for those whose ever-sharpened wits and agelessness continue to demand from them to hold critical positions in Government or the private sectors, they have become fixtures of national spotlight, and treading the 'corridors of powers' is just another extension of their ever-increasing comfort zones. To them, slowing down remains a far-fetched plan.

For those who consigned themselves to full retirement and rewarded their families 24/7 of their undivided time and attention, they simply resist the temptations of dormancy and inactivity. They, likewise, choose the vibrant, highly-spirited lives, and deal most creatively with the challenges and roadblocks that go with retirement. Living up to the motto, "It's not over until the fat lady sings", no one seems ready yet to pass gloriously on into our sunsets.

This is longevity.

Tiger Woods, one of golf's all-time greats, has always devoted himself to longevity. In 2019, when it looked like he was done winning at The Masters in Augusta, Georgia, USA, he made a surprising surge at the tournament to win it for the 5th time in 22 years. He demonstrated most remarkably his work ethics in 1997 when he first won it with a record -18. Beating his second-place competitor with a record-breaking 12 shots, he immediately proceeded to the Driving Range for two more buckets of practice driving, claiming, "My tee off wasn't good today."

Getting close to Tiger Wood's mold are 117 of us who entered as lifetime members to the PMA *Maharlika* Golf Club. They are in pursuit of the highest honors in golf, never missing any of those often times nail-biting, photo finish monthly Battalion/Company-sponsored golf fellowship games. For most of them, twice a week at the fairway keeps them on track with longevity. Not for Ike Eslao and Raul Tangco who play alternately at Baguio City's ebulliently green golf courses that keeps them at the lead pack of golf longevity than any *Maharlikan*s while relishing a year-round of sunny, cold breeze of the country' Summer Capital. Geographically distant *Maharlikan*s

have a way to sustain their golfing skills, and promote a healthy lifestyle that goes with it. When fellowship games are held at the NCR, Joel Bagasin plays in Taiwan; Ric Albano, Jun Palisoc, Werner Elpedes and Mel Valdez renew vows to competitive golfing at Clark, Pampanga; Bay Ybanez and Ranier Idio play dual meet in Iloilo; and Jess Alvarez, Rey Mutiangpili and Larry Lagnada close-watch each other's scorecards in Cagayan de Oro. *Maharlikan*'s connectivity, a cornerstone of Class longevity, is unhampered by distances and continental barriers.

Michael Jordan made parallelism of longevity with 'greatness'. He said, "Greatness is not just about winning championships; it is about how long can you stay on top as a champion", thus his six NBA championship rings. Ronald Santos and Manny Prieto both display such indomitable, never-say-die spirit who, at handicap -1, remain as the *Maharlika*'s top-notch golfers. They compose the formidable *Maharlika* Golf team, living up to the tradition of excellent golf they consistently display at various tournaments, most recent is the PMA's Battle of Classes that, we, *Maharlikan*s, ruled in January this year. They have waived all trophy entitlements, running ran out of spaces at home to accommodate them.

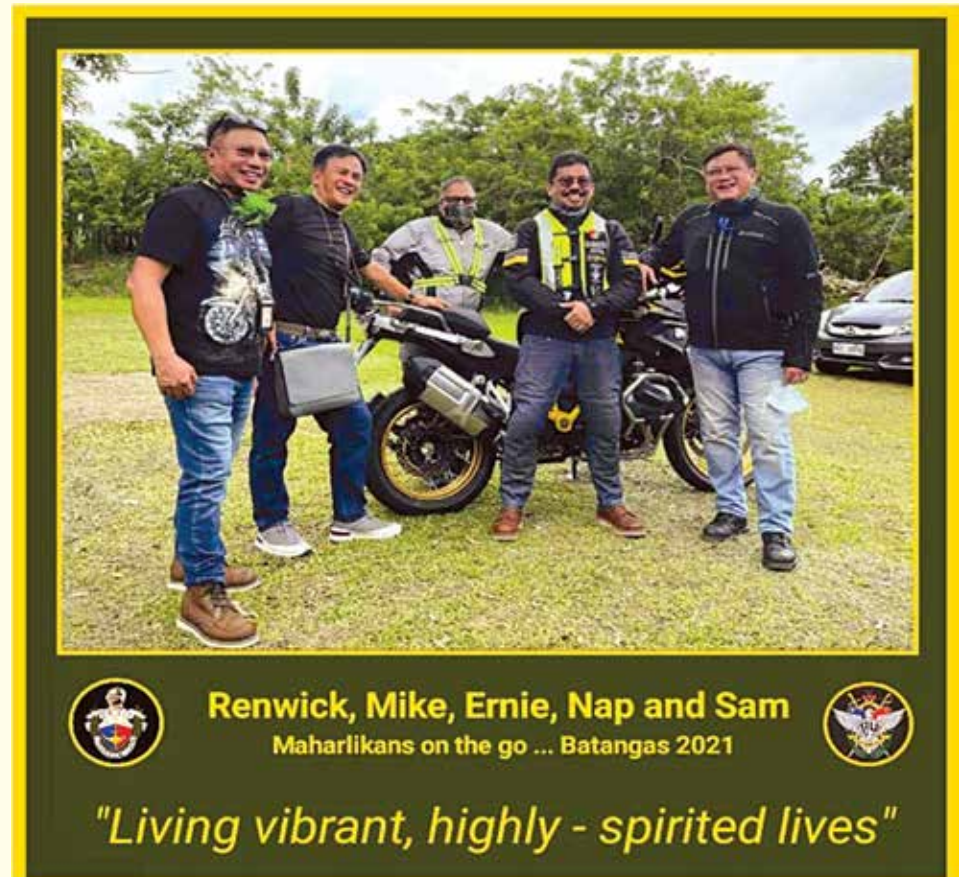
Not to be outdone are those who have made it to the Distinguished Hole In One List, that just gets longer and longer. They are:

Yaweh Monilla, Jan 2020, Oct 2010 and Feb 2007 (3); Gerry Amante, 2010, 2009 and 1999 (3); Paeng Mariano, Dec 2020 and Dec 2016 (2); Jess Alvarez, Jan 2020 and May 2009 (2); Pat Morales, Mar 2001 and Feb 1995 (2); Sam Felipe, 1999 and 1998 (2); Ronald Santos, Jul 2021 (1); Noel Albano, Nov 2020 (1); Gene Cerbo, Sept 2020 (1); Noli Taliño, Mar 2020 (1); Cornie Barrios, Jan 2020 (1); Joel Cantos, Dec 2019 (1); Ronald Estilles, May 2019 (1); Werner Elpedes, Jan 2019 (1); Jun Marquez, Jun 2018 (1); Marcial Constante, Apr 2018 (1); Banjie Ramos, Oct 2017 (1); Bob Aliggayu, May 2016 (1); Dan Ubaldo, Oct 2014 (1); Oca Lactao, 2010 (1); Buboy Merginio, Feb 2004 (1); and Nap Taas, Feb 2002 (1).

Jun Constante has re-invented longevity. He remains comfortably out of reach in his Longest Drive records, that, a couple of times, only himself had kept breaking. At a distance of 300 meters, his record stands for 26 years since he first won it in 1995. Now banned by Bob Aliggayu, he had affixed the Most Accurate Drive honors which he started winning in March 2020.

Other *Maharlikan* golfers have also a simple way of showcasing longevity. For what else could be more rewarding than simply not taking the golf cart rides, and steadfastly treading the seven-kilometers-or-so fairway!

World's icons have a penchant for longevity. In 2014, a year before he died, President Lee Kwan Yew, at 91, was still



pushing his ageing legs to Singapore's public parks talking to people and shaping the country's politics. Hiromu Inada, at 87, is today the world's oldest athlete to complete the Iron Man World Championship. Tom Brady, Phil Nicholson and, again, Tiger Woods are still winning world-class golf past their 40s. Our very own Senator Manny Pacquiao looks even better than when he beat Keith Thurman two years ago today preparing for the younger WBA Welterweight champion Yordenis Ugas Hernandez of Cuba.

How then should every *Maharlikan's* blue print of longevity be drawn?

Jagger Guerrero, one of our generational leaders, could provide compelling narratives of his longevity, and is worthy of every *Maharlikan's* close attention to know what keeps him consistently on top and made him stand apart from the rest.

Jagger, endowed with a brilliant mind, is known for his 'culture of perfection'. Excellence is in the air that he breathes, and for simply just being the best. He sets realistic goals and achieves what could possibly be within the institution's conceivable best. He keeps a short list of priorities, narrows focus on few, most significant goals, and, relentlessly, accomplishes them. He sits at the core-center of the organization, shapes its direction, and pursue them with conviction. Clearly, he has deep commitment to far-reaching reforms, and leaves a legacy of success in all the offices he holds. The transformation he initiated in the AFP are those he pursued at the MARINA and the Bureau of Customs.

Every *Maharlikan* now awaits how long can his longevity last, and what can be done to make it last even longer. With most of us stepping into the threshold of senior citizenship, are we ready to fade to obscurity now that we are out of public view? Probably not. Not so soon, perhaps. The bigger issue is preventing the slackening of our productivity that, inevitably, leads to inactivity and dormancy.

Trivia Question: Who is the *Maharlikan* who keeps a personal collection of books - from biographies, international relations, history, military, *Filipiniana*, politics, etc. - and donated them to the AFP Library?

Generosity is longevity.

Special Mention to the *Maharlika's* other generational leaders - MOV Noel Buan, Jon Aying, John Castricones, Joey De Leon, Raul del Rosario, Raffy Valencia, SJ San Juan, Banny Gaerlan, Jun Marquez, Artie Sindac, JAC Motril, Jun Cerbo, and Noli Talino.

(The Author extends cordial apologies to other Class members he failed to include in the Special Mention list due to his lack of personal knowledge, and access to their accomplishments.)



Battle of the Cavaliers

Villamor Airbase Golf Course - 27 January 2021



At times you may feel like David fighting Goliath but remember ...

David did win!



Connectivity: Maharlikans' Hallmark of Longevity

California, USA/June 2021

Mistahs are connected ... heart to heart.

Distance and time cannot break them apart ... Mabuhay!



RIZALDO B LIMOSO
President
GAUDENCIO C COLLADO JR
Secretary

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and He will establish your plans.”*
Proverbs 16:3 NIV

Greetings! To our fellow SINAGTALA '86 *Bossings* and *Cavaliers*. The year of our Lord 2021 marks the year that all of us SINAGTALANS became officially “Retired” from the Military Uniformed Service. As last three of our *Mistahs* bowed out early this year: Commodore AARON T RECONQUISTA PCG (Jan13), General GILBERT I GAPAY PA(Feb04) Chief of Staff of the AFP, and our “last man standing,” BGen LUIS VINCENT A TACDERAS PA (Feb20).

Most of us, of course, who retired earlier have since pursued their second careers in the civilian sector whether in private enterprise or public service. Indeed, we are blessed to have *Sinagtalans* who are now holding high elective and/or appointed positions in government namely; Sen. RONALD “Bato” DELA ROSA, Amb MACKY ALBERTO, USecs ARNEL DUCO, GLEN PAJE, CES MANCAO, FEL BUDIONGAN, PICOY CASCOLAN, MARINA Chief BOB EMPEDRAD, and PNOC-EC Chief ROZZ BRIGUEZ, to include Asecs and Directors of various Governmental institutions.

The class, like most classes, adapted to the restrictions brought about by the



Covid-19 pandemic by opting to celebrate our 35th Anniversary minus the annual trek to Baguio via face-to-face or via zoom. On February 27, 2021, the class conducted a fellowship while strictly adhering to safety protocols, it was celebrated at the Daza Park, Camp Aguinaldo. The highlights of the activity included the oath-taking ceremony via zoom for the new set of class officers presided over by none other than our good Senator *Mistah*, **Sen. Bato**.

During the said occasion, the outgoing set of officers were given due recognition for their immense contributions that led to the successful completion of various projects, which added to the proud tangible legacies of the Class of 86. True to our spirit of camaraderie and love for each other’s company, everyone enjoyed that day as it was filled with the anticipated fun and laughter from the game of golf

earlier that day until unli-boodling, gulping with overflowing *hot darn*, singing and *bolahizing*. And, of course, ensuring that everyone would come home later with certificates of appearance from the day’s raffle prizes, thanks to the generous contributions of all *Mistahs* present or not.


Now, although faced with the challenges of ‘retirement’, the new set of class officers vow to complete the unfinished projects and pursue the other plans of the class within the year. This year, the Class prioritized the renewal of the **Sinagtala '86** Group Insurance and the completion of the *Coffee Table Book (Sword Vol.3)*. As of this writing, our group life insurance coverage has already been renewed with **Paramount Life & General Insurance Corporation**. As for the Coffee Table Book, the campaign to maximize participation from regular and associate



members all over the world seems to have worked, thanks to the new found medium that the class now fancies--- Viber groups and Zoom. As of this time, around **173** members have turned in their write-ups and pictures for inclusion in the CTB. Our target is to have the blueprint of our new lay-out within the month of August (subject

to final approval by the class officers) and the mass printing and distribution of two copies each for members in the **4th quarter**.

Meantime, let us continue doing the best practices we have learned throughout this pandemic by staying healthy and safe together with our families. Keep praying and encouraging one another through our

Sinagtala virtual fellowships and remain in touch with each other through our Viber groups and other messaging platforms, or through golf and other sports activities as the situation permits. Lastly, we are grateful to God for the abundant blessings the **SINAGTALA** family members received. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY. 



JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO
President
RODOLFO S AZURIN JR
Secretary

“MAKATAO 89: HINUBOG NG PANAHON: WE ARE ALMOST THERE!”

Hello PMA MAKATAOs. Out of the 115 graduates (PMA - 113, USMA - 1, USNA -1), 53 are still in the active service (PNP - 10, PA - 24, PN – 15 and PAF- 2), 48 were retired and enjoying the fruits of their hard-earned monthly pensions (PNP - 9, PA - 22, PN – 9 and PAF - 8), 12 joined our Almighty (PNP - 2, PA - 8, PN - 2, PAF - 2) and two are missing in action.

And as of this time, the Class has now a total of 44 adopted members: 18 for the Army, 3 for PAF, 8 for PN, and 15 for the PNP. All in all, PMA MAKATAO has a strength of 159.

Congratulations to our mistahs who were recently promoted to the next higher

ranks and designated to positions of bigger responsibilities and accountabilities.

In the same manner, congratulations, too, to our newly retired mistahs who can now relax and enjoy the fruits of all their hard labor while in the service. Thank you mga mistah for serving our country, the AFP and PNP and the Filipino people well. Enjoy your retirement as well as your health.

On August 28, 2021, Colonel Joshua B Santiago will be retiring by simply celebrating his 56th Birthday. Let’s find time to join him in Siniloan, Laguna.

Below are the updates of our mistahs for the information of everyone.

MAKATAO PULIS: PltGen Chiqui Malayo – Area Police Commander, Western Mindanao; PltGen Manny Abu –Area Police Commander, Eastern Mindanao; PMGen Jess Cambay - Deputy Area Commander, Southern Luzon; PMGen Uly Gohel - Deputy Area Police Commander, Eastern Mindanao; PMGen Bert Ferro - Director, CIDG; 6. PMGen Rhodel Sermonia - Director, DPCR; PMGen Bart Bustamante - Director, HRDD; PMGen Jun S Azurin - Director, DC; PBGen Jireh Fidel - OIC, DIDM; PBGen Val De Leon - RD, PRO 3; PBGen Uly Caton - Iloilo City;

PBGen Rex Dela Rosa - Pasig City; PBGen Bert Solomon - Rizal Province; PBGen Sterling Blanco – Abra; PColonel Ed Paras - Cabanatuan City; PColonel Erwin Robles - Quezon City; PColonel Jojo Acierto – On leave; PLTCol Jun Borromeo – PMA; PLTCol Mario Sinacruz – Kalinga; PLTCol Hammy Geonzon - Las Vegas; PCapt Manny Chu - General Santos City; 2Lt Alan Flores and 2LT Pek Sagun are all in Heaven.

With 15 adopted PNP members, Floro Lozano, Jorge Maninang, Ty Salamat are still in USA while Jun Solomon is in Australia and the rest are just in the Country with Ed Cacayan as the DRDA of PRO 2.

MAKATAO ARMY: LtGen Greg Almerol - Commander, East Mincom; MGen Juvymax Uy - Commander, 6ID; MGen Wiliam Gonzales- Commander, 11ID; MGen Jun Torres - Commander, 10ID; MGen Omet Brawner - Commander, 4ID; MGen Rowen Tolentino - Commander 2ID; MGen Efren Baluyot- Commander, Armor Division; MGen Ariel Felicidadario - Commander, AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command; MGen Alex Luna - J2; MGen Manny Sequitin - Commander, CRSAFP; BGen Lincoln Tagle - Commander, SF Regiment; BGen Lowell Tan - 803rd Brigade Commander; BGen Camilo Ligayo-



Meanwhile, other PMA '92 stalwarts, Belli Tamayo was recently elevated to Deputy Director for Personnel and Records Management (DPRM); and Antonino Cirujales as Deputy Director for Human Resource and Doctrine Development (DHRDD).

Mistahs from the Army have likewise opened the doors for more stars with the following designations: Rey Alemania-Cmdr 2Mech Bde; Aldwine Almase-Cmdr 903Bde; Pete Balisi -Cmdr 1Mech Bde; George Banzon-Cmdr 901Bde; Eugene Boquio-Cmdr 1101Bde; Freddie Dela Cruz-Cmdr FSRR; Jess Durante -Cmdr PSG (incoming Cmdr 1001Bde); Alvin Flores-Dep Cmdr, TRADOC; Kris Mortela-Cmdr 702Bde; Ariel Adonis Orio-Cmdr, 402Bde; Demar Pauly-Dean of Acad, PMA; Julius Tomines-Cmdt of Cadets PMA; Dodoy Yecla-Cmdr 1003Bde; Arvin Lagamon and Yegor Barroquillo -SND has approved the their designations as Cmdrs CMOR & AIR as Key Positions.

The following mistahs recently got their first stars: George Banzon, Freddie Dela Cruz, Jess Durante, Kris Mortela, and Julius Tomines. Ricky Laniog was designated as IG, 9ID and Harold Pascua as CS, ISAFP.

For PA BIRC: Jun De Vela-Regional Scty Manager, South Asia; Mars Lacbain-Mindanao Security Manager, DMPI; Rolly Dumawa-still looking for Kaydet Girl; Tony Lumogdang-AVP Wells Fargo Int'l Solutions Inc. Phils; Noli Mapili-Dep Head, Joint Normalization, OPAPP (astig na Director IV); Dennis Quiaño-Zamboanga; Sam Sagun- Founder, PEACE KAMP (NGO); Joey Jabido-Asst. City Prosecutor of Koronadal City; and Vic Sarap -Security Manager, Ayalaland Inc.

As for our Sailors and Marines in the PN: Dodz Albalate PN - Deputy Commander for Marine Opns, NFWM; Greg Hernandez Jr - Deputy Brigade Commander, 4th Marine Brigade; Dado Caluya - Commander, Naval Logistics Center; Buddy Lavapie Jr - Deputy Commander, Naval Forces Southern Luzon; Lem Espartinez - Deputy Commander for Fleet Operations, Fleet Marine Ready Force; Lloyd Casis - JC9, AFPETDC and earmarked to join RC57 MNSA; Mac Raul Racacho - Deputy Commander, NSSC; Franc Tagamolila Jr - Commander, Naval Forces Northern Luzon;



Rey Lopez - MNSA student; Tony "Chuck" Mangoroban Jr - Deputy Commander for Marine Operations, NFW; Eric Macaambac - Marine Corps Inspector General; Bimbo Quemado - Commander, Coastal Defense Regiment; Joe Orbe - Commander, Offshore Combat Force, Philippine Fleet; Bronx Gabor - Chief Mobilization and Utilization Division, OJ9; Rhid Gonzaga - Fleet Inspector General; Bimbo Quemado II - Commander, Coastal Defense Regiment; and Alan Javier - Deputy Commander for Fleet Opns/CNTF 61, NFWM; and Willie Chavez, Dep TNIA.

Our **PAF mistahs in the civilian sector** are as follows: Teody Valdez - Cebu Pacific Air, Captain, Airbus 321/320; Wawee Penamante - INAEC Aviation Corporation-Head of Operations; Captain, Bell 429 and EC 135 Helicopter; Paul Villaruel-PAL, Capt B777; Dante Benitez-PAL, Capt A320/321; Ruben Palecpec-PAL, Capt A320/321; Donald Madarang- PAL, FO, A350/A330; Rey Manongdo- Retired Capt A320/321; Joe Neil Edwin Estoesta-PAL, FO, A320/321; and Bong Velasco - fulltime pensioner. **For those still in the active service: PAF 92 ACTIVE SVC:** Joannis Dimaano - AFIA, PAF; Tony Francisco - CCS, AMC; Fermin Carangan - SMA to PRRD; Juliano Llarenas PAF - DWC, 15SW; Edgar Torres PAF - DWC, 300 AISW; Erick Escarcha - Chief, AFPCC,

GHQ; Bien Casaclang - Wing Commander, 220th Airlift Wing; Jeffrey Vilela - Wing Commander, Tactical Operations Wing Eastern Mindanao; Aris Gonzalez - Wing Commander, 15th Strike Wing; Pedro Francisco III - Wing Commander, 5th Fighter Wing; Pablo Rustria Jr - Wing Commander, 250th Presidential Airlift Wing; Malaya Francisco - Asst Chief of Air Staff for Retirees and Reservists Affairs; Rommel Roldan - Deputy J5, GHQ; Josel Zuñiga - Incoming Deputy AFIG, PAF; Gerold Gagan - Incoming Wing Commander, 420th Supply Wing; and Miguel Ernesto Okol - PAFPMC.

Finally, Art Abu is making waves as the first Vice Admiral (3-stars) of the class and is designated as Commander, Maritime Safety Services Command of the Philippine Coast Guard. We hope and pray that Art will be the future Commandant of the PCG!

Mga mistah, let us all get excited to see each other again at the Borromeo Field on our 30th Homecoming next year. Let us continue preparations for this big event of our class. In the meantime, let us all stay safe, strong, and covid-free! May God bless and protect us all!

Tanglaw-Diwa Class of 1992... GOD first. /CGA'92





TED C CEREZO JR
President
MARISSA LIBRANDO MANGAHAS
Secretary

“As water reflects the face, so one’s life reflects the heart”. *Proverbs 27:19.*

The cavaliers of **PMA Kaakibat Class 2001** will continue to serve our nation with integrity, loyalty, love and dedication. Class call current updates:

Navy Group:

NAVY KAAKIBAT group is continuously on track in its way ahead attaining each mission while hurdling the difficult path amidst the pandemic. We congratulate A. TORRES and R. COLITA for completing the Command at Sea tour of duty while R. RIMAS and P. TABO for finishing their BATCOMs stint. **Vanguard of the Seas** - Raymund UMBAC - D, FTG; Joy TAÑAG - D, NAVMETOC; Ariel TORRES – AF1; Ted CEREZO – D, F3; Jinggoy RUIZ – CO, Manobo (LC297); Manny PANTALEON - CO, HSU LCF; Jowel DE VERA – CO, BRP Heracleo Alano (PC376); Marco SANDALO – CO, BRP Iwak (LC289); Warren LOPEZ - Director, FMPC; Rowene COLITA – CO, 3rd BA Div; Jess PILAR – CO, BRP Ang Pangulo (ACS25); Romeo MOSUELA – CO, BRP Subanon (LC291); Paul HECHANOVA - Ex-O, BRP Jose Rizal; and CAPT PHILIP Plaza – CO, (PS36). **NAW** you see them flying above the skies - Ariel COLOMA – IG; Keith MARQUEZ – CO, NASEG60; Mickey SIMEON – CO, MARPATCON32; and Dennis RESUELLO – CO, LUPS31. Cyber-Security – Henry MABBAGU - CS, NICTC. For the



MARINES: Rowan RIMAS – AC of MCS for Operations; Prisco TABO – ExA, VCOM PN; AI POLA – CO, MBLT-2; Tino MASLAN – CO, MBLT-5; Wowie OLASO – CO, MBLT-7; and Cliff BASCO – National IATF, MEID/OJ1. While the rest: Alfred CAYABYAB – C4, NLC; HPN guys - Kris ILARDE and Marissa LIBRANDO-MANGAHAS (N9) Santolan boys Navy – Joe MARCELO (CEISSAFP) and Bryan VALDEZ (J8); Imee BUTAC-MARIÑAS – NIC 1; Jomel Panes- PSG; Flor MURITO – UN Peacekeeping; Antonio BOSCH –GSC, USA; **PCG**– Nelson TIMBANG ongoing GSC, AFPETDC. **Private and public quasi group:** TAMBA- CPG Property Mngt SM PHI; PEREZ- Country Sec Manager of Multinational SC Co; ELUMBA- Country Sec Mngr of Global SC; FAJARDO PRETILA- Australia; ROSOS- US; while BABANG, PONTEJOS, DAQUILANEA, LABORTE are on their respective companies.

Air Force Group:

Ready... Blow!!! To all who have finished their Command and General

Staff Course, Congratulations. For those who are still burning their oil lamps-keep going. Kudos also to **450th MSG** led by Justin Benitez for bagging the PAF safety trophy. We all know that this is not the end of it, but a start of another chapter of our military career. Let me update you with the positions of the Kaakibat PAF Group: **CGSC 69-** Medroso, and Aguhob; Castro - CGSC Korea, De Leon - ACSC USA; Gavilan - C, AFPIMAC; Balico - GM, AFPFP; Somera - C, RDD and C, ESOD, OJ3; Eugenio - OJ3; Tolentino - OJ6; Ty - C, JCTD, OJ8; Daus - Cadungan - OSS, HPAF; Piquero - JC4, AFPETDC; Lacbain - U4, WESCOM; Cabalquinto - DO, 420SW (Clark); Quiming – CO, PAF ALEN (Lipa); Olave - Cmdt, NCOS (Lipa); Tabutol - GC, TOG2 (Cauayan); Gador - GC, 540ABG, 5th Fighter Wing; Parugrug - GC, 430AMG, 5th Fighter Wing; Chan - GC, 590ABG (Sangley); Benitez - GC, 450th MSG (Mactan); Sevilla - GC, 550ABG (Lipa); Buan - CO, 3rd ARCEN (Lipa); Hallara - CO, 6th ARCEN (Zamboanga); Baquiran - CO, 4th ARCEN (Palawan); Isla – Blackhawk Pilot, 205th THW; **PDEA** - Alvarino and Plaza; Grande – DD, TESDA; **PAL** - Vergara, Marinas, Magluyan; (PAF reserves in civilian/business sectors): Hussein, De Guzman, Penaflorida, Caronongan, Vasquez, Carandang, Macarubbo, Fabic, Asis, Anonat - Daniels, Matias, Ariola, Bajesta and Rosete.

Army Group:

Congratulations to CAV GLADIUZ CALILAN for graduating his Battalion Commander tour of duty with flying colors and for being nominated for Cavalier Award (Army Opns). He is currently the G3, 5ID.

Following are Army Kaakibat whereabouts:

Battalion Commanders of Infantry and Special Operations units: Aris





ANTONIO – 29IB; Lemuel BADUYA – 95IB; Jelson BUYUCCAN – 75IB; Paeng CAIDO – 6SFBN; Harvey GERNALE – 3SFBN; Juls MUNAR – 66IB; Benjie CADIENTE – 33IB; Iko SASING – 4IB; Ven NOCHE – 44IB; Olick SALAYO – 11IB; Jason ESTRADA – 12IB; Erwin CARIÑO – 15IB; Ally DEPAYSO – 47IB; Nelson MICO – 22IB; Ric DAYATA – 4SRBN; Manny DEGAY – 43IB; Battalion Cmdrs of Civil-Military Operations units: Rey TAQUEBAN – 12CMOBN; JP BALDOMAR – 6CMOBN; Jerome CABIGON – 9CMOBN Battalion Cmdrs of Support and Service Support Units: Perci ALCANAR – 2SigBN; Odi BARRIENTOS – 4SigBN; Joe PERLAS – 10SigBN; JV PULMANO – 2SSBN; Earl PANGANIBAN – 3SSBN; Mokha ABDULLAH – 2FSSU; Army Units: Romar MARVIDA – Deputy, APMC; Homer ESTOLAS – Deputy G3, 6ID; Mike RAYMAN – Chief, FACDO; Jason DOMINGO – EXO, 1Mech Bde; Glen APRESTO – CS, AVNR, PA; Lamcel CARANGUIAN – GM, PA PROFUND; Don FRIVALDO – Commandant, TAS; Chris Jacon CORDERO – GSMO, FSRR; Cons CAHAYON – G2, 3ID; Cheng REAÑO – G7, 7ID; Mario BAUTISTA – G2, 8ID; TJ DALANGIN – 8ID; Sid VICENTE – G3, 7ID; Francis RUGAYAN – G1, SFR(A); Rino GUDA – G3, SFR(A); Gen IGNACIO – G4, SFR(A); Angel VALENZUELA – Chief, DPM, 11ID; Ben RAMOS Jr – EXO, 2SFBN; Evelio ILANGA – 3ID; Jerold JALE – 4ID; Cris MUGOT- Dep G1, 4ID; Mark CABUNOC- EXO, RFA WesVis; Henry GUILERMO – ALDEC, TRADOC; Jess JUMAWAN – Fire Bde, HHSB, PA; Stephen ENCARNACION – 6ID; Peewee SOLOSA – AIR; AFPWSSUs: Nini SOLAMO – CO, Presidential Escorts, PSG; Mags MAPALAD – CO, Presidential Guards, PSG; Frank GARCIA – Chief, OFM, PSG; Ron TORCELINO – Chief Opns, SIF, ISAFP; Lazaro QUIGAO – Commandant, Peacekeeping Opns School, AFPPKOC; Jason PANALIGAN – CS, AFPCES; Naz AROJO – Head, RDDD, SITS, ISAFP;

Mariglo RAMOS – Asst Manager, GHQ PROFUND; Fara ASLKALANI-CANDELARIA – PMA; Vangie MARCELINO-ESPAÑOLA – PMA; Richard AGOJO – OJ2; Ray DELIMA – AFPSOCOM; Nante OCCIANO –DIF, ISAFP; **Student Officers of CGSC Class 69:** Rye VILLAR; Vic VILLANUEVA; Rowel TABAS; Orly RAMOS; Ian HAMLAGE; Romil CALERO; Manny DIASEN; William SABADO; Reggie COLOMA (Attempting to retire). They (CGSC 69) are being supervised by: Joel DELMENDO – Head, Admin Dept, CGSC and Ron DESINGANO – JC1, AFPETDC. OFW (posted as MILOBS, UNMOGIP): Alfred SAN AGUSTIN and Bert BATINGGA. **Foreign Service:** Mongkol KHOM-ARWUT – Thailand Army Kaakibats on civilian/business sector: Arbern ABIVA – enjoying retirement; Angel ARANETA – U.S. of A; Joseph ARRIOLA – somewhere in QC; Aldrin BALDONADO – somewhere in the south; Paulo BUSOG – busy sa business; Alex CABALES – enjoying retirement; Gomer DELAROCA – **Corporate world**; Julius ESPIRITU – enjoying retirement at the same time working again; Mel ESTACIO – near Manila Bay; Mario HIDALGO – enjoying retirement and hosting Western Visayas Kaakibat gatherings; Ritchie MABALOD – somewhere in NAIA; Ron MALCON – busy sa security; Jemer PAMPLONA – busy din; Antero PRADO – busy sa ports; Bry PUNCIA – mas busy; Warjam TAYABAN – corporate security; Ronnie VENTO – somewhere in Central Luzon. We also offer our prayers to the eternal repose of the soul of Cav Rodel FRONDA. It's his 9th death anniversary on August 26, 2021. HOORAH! ARMY KAAKIBATS... STAY SAFE.

At this pandemic crisis, Kaakibats 2001 will continue to lead, live and survive with faith. **“The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17).”** As we move forward to more years of service, we trust the Almighty God

only in leading all our respective Areas of Responsibilities, do our best to learn more on the management skills and contribute our best workmanship and service to the country and the people.

“Kaakibat”: The Catalyst for Change

Kaakibat is known as a Champion of change. We were raised as a group of people who help to guide, navigate, and inspire the people side of change with the collaboration of other key stakeholders. With the current standing of its Members, we serve as the critical ambassadors and liaisons for desired change at work.

When we think about culture, it is primarily defined in our minds by its people, their unique characteristics, and values. Cultures are shaped by people's values, traditions, and intellectual achievements. Therefore, they are prone to evolution and change, for better or for worse, due to social, political, economic, or even environmental factors. It is complex and constantly in flux.

Interestingly, the culture is not passed on to us genetically. Cultural inheritance refers to the storage and transmission of information through communication, imitation, and learning. It is considered the final stage in hereditary change, but it is not biological but shared and imbibed, not coded in our genes.

Good cultures have to be preserved but Bad ones have to be erased. It can be facilitated by long-term policies, programs, and plans to mold and influence society's values and outlook. This is where kaakibat powers come in, playing a key role.

When attempting to shape or alter certain societal aspects or patterns through awareness campaigns, there must be a change catalyst in the playing field that needs to work with all stakeholders to define clear messaging based on social, psychological, and behavioral sciences for achieving their goals with maximum impact.

For the change to take place, the sustainability ethos has to go beyond mere campaign slogans and government policies to tangible actions taken by change catalyst (Kaakibat) people and communities. This will be possible if the Group thinks, acts, and react as ONE in response to a common objective.

Leading and navigating organizational change is not easy. As members of Kaakibat, a trusted influencer, a natural leader, and skilled in working with others are characters for a Change Catalyst. Kaakibats are widely perceived as high performers by leadership and their peers in terms of performance and behaviors and Have

demonstrated high levels of emotional intelligence, judgment, communication, and courage, and more importantly, Have proven and recognized ability to lead, coach, and motivate others.

Kaakibat can now make a change in their own AOR that will impact the higher units and the AFP as a whole. No doubt

Kaakibat has: The Four Big C's of Change Catalysts: Conviction - convinced that the change can make a difference and that it will have a significant positive impact, Courage - courage to make important, but difficult decisions, Clarity - must be able to clearly and persuasively articulate

why they think change is necessary and Consistency - long-term focus.

Stay coordinated and focus, Enhance collaboration and Coordination and achieve a common and strategic goal... Kaakibats will prove their worth dahil mag Kaakbay at Kabalikat.



OWEN MONATO-AVENIDO
President
EDWARD R ESTONINA
Secretary

WALA NA KAMING PASCO!

Our class will never be the same again, because we lost our beloved mistah LTC REXZON F PASCO PAF last 23 June 2021 in his last flight as one of the first pilots to fly the Black Hawk of the Philippine Air Force.

Rex, as we fondly call him, is one super nice guy, with no negativity in his veins and cells. He is one of the mistahs you would write first on the list during peer rating season, and one you would ask the silliest questions without hesitation. We cannot recall any

instance that Rex got mad nor irritated with "mistah jokes" - and you know how cruel and irritating mistahs' jokes can be. He will just give you a dose of your own medicine, or simply walk away with his silly smile. He never holds a grudge, which is a good thing for the whole universe. Especially since Rex is

the top shooter in our class, we even call him "Boy Putok". When we were cadets, he would beat our Tac-Os in shooting competitions (no naming names sirs don't worry).

Rex has spent time with Classes 2002 and 2003 before he finally decided to stay and join permanently in the Maliyab Class of 2004, the BEST CLASS that the PMA has ever produced (*great choice Rex!*). Although he is "turned back" just like many of us in the class, there's no difference whatsoever if he is in the group. When we were cadets, some upperclassmen would even say nicely "mas mukhang turn back pa si Sibayan hayeeefz!" or "mas cool na cool ka pa Mister Vicente kesa sa mistah ko ah!" -- and the rest is a morbid horror story.

When we were undergoing our Military Pilot Training in the PAF Flying School, Rex was one of those constantly praised by our instructors to have good



controls, meaning his flying skill is above average. He was very serious with his flight training, he used to tell us it's the only way to give a bright future to his family, if he becomes a successful pilot. He already had a wife and children when we were SOs,

enough reason for him to skip Batangas 3000'.

With the pandemic, the Maliyab Air Force Group transitioned from our quarterly get-together to a monthly VTC and Rex is one of the constant attendees.

He even took the group photo in our May 2021 VTC - a month before he joined our Creator.

Without Rex, our hearts will never be whole again. Our Class will never be the same. Wala na kaming Pasco!





JUNIUS N ZULUETA
President
EMIL G LEYBA
Secretary

MARAGTAS WARRIORS SHINING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic has put its toll globally. Economies world-wide crumbled; many workers lost their jobs; people were dislocated from their normal lives; hospitals reached their capacity limits and, in some places, where the effects of Covid were too great, people were left to die. This pandemic has been a challenge to humanity and our existence. It brought too much inconvenience, sorrow and worst; it seems to be unending.

Amidst this helplessness, when the world seems to stop, some people stood their ground and developed resiliency. Belonging to this group is PMA “MARAGTAS- Marangal na Tagapagligtas” Class of 2007- a relatively young, bold (not bald), daring and still ruggedly handsome and beautiful breed of warriors who never backed-down to prove their relevance despite the pandemic and collectively strives to make their beloved alma mater, PMA, proud.

Sixty-Five Army members of the class were promoted to the next higher rank of Major after almost seven long years of waiting. Congratulations on your promotion, mga mistah! Their names



are too many to mention. We will be exceeding the limits (1 page and not more than 900 words) for our article. Continue to make our class proud. However, there are still four Army cadets who were not yet promoted. They are just taking their time and enjoying their present rank but in due time, the sun will also shine for them.

Three Army cadets of our class were selected to be the Best Junior Officers for CY 2020. (Biruin mo ‘yun? Bangis!). Maj Ferdinand Mendoza was adjudged as the Best Junior Officer of Army Support Command (ASCOM) for his meritorious achievements while handling multiple positions of responsibility. He ably led his unit in numerous combat service support operations that earned the satisfaction of his supported units. On the other hand, Maj Camitan was also selected as the Best Junior Officer of the Armor (PAMBATO) Division. Through his sterling leadership and managerial acumen, he effectively led his company and supervised the conduct

of combat operations of his battalion that led to the recovery of numerous firearms and voluminous war materiel. He was also the recipient of various awards, commendations and recognition for his dedication. Maj Martinez was also the Best Officer of CRSAFP. He was responsible in the unprecedented improvement of the admin and logistics status of his unit. Hindi lang yan. On operational accomplishments, he was instrumental in the successful conduct of CMO operations in Visayas. (Dahil siya ay artistahin, madalas natin siya makita sa TV, Facebook live at iba pang media platforms.) To name a few of his operational accomplishments, he was the game-changer in the rescue of the Lumad minors in Cebu City, Youth for Peace engagements, production of information materials, legal offensives, surrender of NPAs holding key positions and the like. (Kapag ilagay natin lahat ng kanyang accomplishment aabutan na tayo ng limit at aabutin tayo ng tatlong araw para basahin.)



For the Navy cadets, LCDR Acio, skipper and LCDR Noy Santos, Ex-O of PC372, braved the grueling waters of San Pedro Bay located at Basey Samar to rescue two elderly fishermen whose boat capsized. They also went beyond what is expected of them when they rebuilt the damaged bangka. Their inspiring feat gained admiration not only from Higher Headquarters but also from the Local Government Unit and populace of the area.

Maj Wamil PN(M), as the S3 of MBLT 6, was the great tactician and mastermind behind the rescue of Indonesians who



were kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf in Tawi-tawi.

To prepare themselves for positions of higher responsibility, LCDR Marayag and Maj Bacolcol are currently taking up their CGSC in USA. To note, Maj Bacolcol is the first Company Commander of the Assault Amphibian Company and the first female Marine Officer to go on schooling at the US Marine Corps University. (Wow! Si madam lang ang sakalam. Boy friend nalang talaga ang kulang!)

The Air Force cadets are also soaring high. (Siyempre hindi sila magpapahuli. Sila ang pag-asa ng ating makabagong Air Force). Maj Tagabuan took his Harbin Z-9 NVG pilot training in Yibin City, China. Maj Matalines took his A-29 (Super Tucano) pilot training in Sao Paolo, Brazil. Maj Ernest dela Cuadra took his T-129 ATAK pilot training in Ankara, Turkey. Maj Constantino (+), Major dela Cruz, Maj Rusel, Maj Villamin, Maj Custodio, Maj Hierco, Maj Tadeo and Maj Zate took their S70i Black Hawk Training in Florida, USA. Maj Ello is also taking up his Master in



Development Management at the Asian Institute of Management. (Grabe! Fly high talaga! Hindi na mareach!)

Let us not forget to also congratulate Maj Jalandoni and the legend, Maj Romano, who distinguished themselves in their own field. Their accomplishments are too SECRET to be mentioned here but I tell you, nakakabilib ang mga ito. They are the new faces of James Bond and Fernando Poe respectively.

As we congratulate our mistahs for their accomplishments, let us also remember those who went ahead of us. Their last TAPS has been sounded but they will always be remembered and remain close to our hearts - Cav Makalintal, Cav Constantino, Cav Urbano, Cav Cabayacruz, Cav Bayao, Cav Damian, Cav Daguio, Cav Arreza, Cav Maninang and Cav Camelon.

Truly, the class has lived up to our name - Marangal na Tagapagligtas. We



have impressed our relevance and we have done our share in serving our country and

people. Fly high Maragtas! Sail the stormy seas! Conquer uncharted territories.



Graduates of the Philippine Military Academy have been equipped with the skills and knowledge they would need outside the Academy. Even so, PMA graduates still have a lot to learn in their chosen branch of service after graduation. They suddenly realize that life inside PMA and life outside Fort del Pilar are very much different. They get that taste of reality just a few months after graduation. Three years after graduation, have the members of the PMA Alab-Tala Class of 2018 lived up to their commitment in serving God and country?

(From the Philippine Army). 2LT CIELO ROSE U DOLORICAN (OS) PA, who is currently assigned at 2IB, 9ID in Masbate is an awardee of the Gold Cross Medal during the 123rd Founding Anniversary of the Philippine Army last March 2020. This 24-year old female Army Officer from Dimataling, Zamboanga del Sur was given the rare chance to lead upfront. When she



was tasked to lead the Scout Platoon of the 2IB, she bravely accepted and did her best to lead her platoon. In the morning of 17

February 2019, their platoon encountered CNTs in Masbate area. One NPA member was killed and two high powered firearms

and IEDs were recovered along with enemy documents. According to her, this experience proved to be a great challenge on her leadership most especially that the lives of her troops depended on her, with what she orders and what she commands them to do. After her success story was published by local news outlets and social media accounts, she has inspired not just her mistahs, her underclassmen but even her upperclassmen and more importantly her troops. Her principle in her service is "Maximize being a 2LT and learn". She is a female lieutenant with a true warrior spirit. More than the combat award she received, she feels fulfilled knowing that she is taking part in the Army's mission, now as the 22IB CMO Officer specifically in protecting the people of Masbate most especially the youth from the hands of the New People's Army.

(From the Philippine Air Force) 1LT JOYME O MENDOZA PAF is assigned at 220th Airlift Wing based in Cebu. She is a recipient of "500 Hours of Accident-Free Patch" which she gained in a span of just eight months and at 24 years of age. With utmost dedication, she performed flights that are essential to aid our fellowmen during times of calamity. She has co-piloted aircrafts that delivered relief goods when Taal Volcano erupted which benefitted her fellow Batanguenos. During this pandemic, she has also co-piloted aircrafts which brought thousands of PPEs

and more importantly the vaccines and other medical supplies in remote areas to reach those who are in most need. She has also ferried uniformed personnel to different destinations. She never hesitated even when their flight mission is to ferry COVID-19 patients. With her devotion to duty and professionalism, she was able to accumulate those numerous flying hours at a young age. But the sky is not just the limit for her in fulfilling her duty as she also performs Covid Checkpoints to ensure that order and public health of our fellow Filipinos would not be put at risk during this pandemic. She is a recipient of the Bronze Cross Medal. For her, "She never works a day in her life since that she loves what she is doing." It is her enthusiasm that keeps her moving forward.

(From the Philippine Navy) SALVADOR CARLO L ABETO VII PN, is a 26-year-old Naval officer from Negros Occidental. He is assigned with BRP Hilario Ruiz PC378, Litoral Combat Force, Sangley Point, Cavite. Through his sea duty in the Navy, he was able to reach the Southernmost part of the Philippines and the remotest islands of the archipelago. He has patrolled through the shores of Zamboanga, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. He was involved in Maritime Law Enforcement and Humanitarian Related Operations which resulted to the successful stoppage of smuggling and piracy in Philippine waters. Their vessel has also conducted naval blockade,

search and retrieval, rescue operations and support to operating ground troops. One of his most challenging experience was during an actual Visit Board Search and Seizure operation in the waters of Tawi-Tawi. He did not even want to blink an eye just to be able to monitor the movements of their apprehended vessel. He managed to maintain his composure in such a heart pounding mission. They would not allow them then to resist and fight back until they have been turned over to proper authorities. It is through this that he mastered how it is to exemplify courage. Not only in controlling fear that arises in pressure packed situations but more importantly in doing what needs to be done. Despite the backlash they might get in carrying out their mission, they will boldly carry out their mission and do the right thing.

A lot still has to be done and we have a long way to go. But knowing how our mistahs performed in their respective branch of service inspires us all the more to carry out our mission and excel in our profession. The morale and pride of our class is uplifted as a whole knowing that we have lived up to the Alab Tala values of Solidarity, Excellence and Humility. We have remained true to our mission in serving God and country that our alma mater and fellow alumni could truly be proud of.



LAST CALL... from IBC

PCOL ALLAN C GUISIHAN '83
3 July 1958 – 2 September 2021

Cav Guisihan passed away on 2 September 2021 due to cardiac arrest at the Southern Philippines Medical Center. Wake was held from 3-8 September at the Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes. He was the former Chief of Staff, Region 6 and was serving as USEC, Philippine Center for Transnational Crime as the time of his passing.



He left behind his wife, Mary Jane and daughter, Janella.

PBGEN ASHER A DOLINA '83
22 Sept 1961 – 4 Sept 2021

Cav Dolina, NIA Security and Management Consultant for Western Mindanao died on 4 September while confined at the Cardinal Santos Hospital after contracting the COVID-19. He was a known "strongman" whose hobby was long-distance running and swimming before he was afflicted by the disease. He used to be a Police Regional Office 8 director in Eastern Visayas.



BGEN BAGNUS P GAERLAN JR '89
29 May 1966 - 06 Sept 2021

Cav Bagnus Gaerlan Jr., 55, Asst. Commander of the Army's 1st Infantry "Tabak" Division, died from COVID-19 at Zamboanga Del Sur Medical Center early morning of 06 September 2021. He had been serving as Tabak's assistant division commander since August last year. The remains of Gaerlan were cremated on 07 September at a crematorium in Tangub City, Misamis Occidental. He left behind his loving wife, Lailanie with whom he has three children.



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

LAST CALL

COL WENCESLAO I TAPAWAN '86

28 Sept 1961 – 30 Sept 2019

Cav Tapawan passed away on September 30, 2019 due to cardiac arrest at St Luke's Medical Center, Quezon City. He laid in state at St Ignatius Cathedral Mortuary, Camp Aguinaldo from 1 to 5 October with necrological service prior to his interment. He was buried on October 6 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. His last assignment was at Army Support Group PA, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. At the time of his demise, he worked at Global Elite Inc., as Asset Protective Coordinator and was assigned at Ayala Mall Terraces, Fairview Q.C. He left behind his loving wife Elvira and only child Frances Therese.



COL ALFONSO D NEIS '56

31 October 1931 – 16 August 2020

Cav Neis passed away on 16 August 2020 at the University of Cebu Medical Center, Mandaue City, Cebu. A former licensed civil engineer, Cav Neis was with the Office of the Corps of Engineers at Camp Aguinaldo before he retired after 20 years of service. Interment was on 25 August 2020 at the Calero Memorial Park, Calero, Liloan, Cebu. He is survived by his wife, Everta with whom he has five children: Maria Carminia, Juan Alfonso, Mary Margaret, Catherine Marie and Raymond.



COL JACINTO S BINUYA '74

Died on 26 April 2021

Cav Binuya succumbed to heart disease on 26 April 2021. He was a kind, unassuming, and diligent fellow. Constabulary soldier through and through, he chose not to join the PNP when the PNP Law was enacted. Instead, he retired as a Colonel and joined the civilian ranks. On 4 May 2021, Cav Binuya was interred at Libingan ng mga Bayani with military honors. He is survived by wife Elvie and children Ingrid, John and Jay.



BGEN FRANCISCO S CARREON '62

17 Sept 1935- 13 May 2021

Cav Carreon, a member of PMA Class of 1962, passed away on 13 May at Cardinal Santos Medical Center, San Juan City and cremated the next day at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Q.C. His last position held in PNP was as acting Director of the Philippine Public Safety College from 11 April 1991 to 17 September 1991. He is survived by his loving wife Magdalena Lourdes Gaerlan Carreon with whom he has three daughters: Maria Lourdes, Maria Reina and Maria Corazon (+)



COL ANTONIO A CHANG '70

15 Aug 1946 - 22 May 2021

Cav Chang died in his residence in Tetuan, Zamboanga City. He died of severe diabetes and with tumor on his left brain. He was buried on 25 May at San Roque Archdiocese Cemetery with full military honors. Cav Chang died under the care of Ms Lilia B Vda de Concepcion, his partner for 24 years.



CAV ALLAN GEL CORDOVA '89 (USMA)

Died on 30 May 2021

Cav Cordova died on 30 May 2021 after he suffered a heart attack while participating in a charity bike run event. He was the Vice Mayor of Dumaguete City at the time of his demise.



A fellow biker said the vice mayor suddenly collapsed and fell down his bike when they arrived in Dumaguete City. He was declared dead on arrival after being brought to the nearest provincial hospital.

Cordova was a valedictorian from the Philippine Military Academy. He entered the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, where he graduated with an economics degree in 1989. He finished his law studies at Silliman University in 2003 and became a practicing lawyer and educator.

LTGEN LEOPOLDO S ACOT JR '60

13 Dec 1937 - 02 June 2021

Former PAF Chief, Cav Acot, Jr passed away on 02 June 2021 of cardiac arrest at the Makati Medical Center. Wake was held at Heritage Memorial Park, Taguig City from 4 to 7 June and buried on the following day at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He is survived by his wife Joan and children, Vera Liza, Leopoldo John, and Arthur.



BGEN ROBERTO D DOMINES JR '82

14 Dec 1960 - 05 June 2021

Cav Domines joined our Great Divine due to COVID-19 on 05 June 2021. A necrological service was held on 14 July 2021. Inurnment was held on 15 July (40 days after his death) after the morning mass, followed by a procession to the burial site where parts of his ashes were buried at the Heroes' Cemetery at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.



BGEN FRANCISCO ZM PATRIMONIO JR '82

04 April 1949 - 07 June 2021

Cav Patrimonio passed away due to severe pneumonia on 7 June 2021 at Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte. Burial was on 16 June at Dapitan City. His last position held in the AFP was as Assistant Division Commander, 3ID, PA Camp Gen Peralta, Jaramin, Capiz. He left behind his wife Col Marilyn T Patrimonio and children, Clark and Melanie.



COL ARNULFO R RAMIREZ '57

22 July 1932 - 09 June 2021

Cav Ramirez, Class '57 (Baron) died on 9 June 2021 at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center due to severe pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Teresita Tapales Ramirez and children: Ma. Loretta, Ramon and Nicholas Gabriel. Col Ramirez's last engagement with AFP was



with the Corps of Professors at PMA where he taught Thermodynamics. His professional career included stints with the Development Management Staff in Malacanang and various leadership roles under the Lopez Group of Companies.

PBGEN ROGELIO C AGUANA '67

21 Jan 1942 - 10 June 2021

On 10 June 2021, Cav Aguana passed away in Baguio City due to septic shock and aspiration pneumonia. His remains were cremated on the same day. The inurnment was done on 21 June in Heaven's Garden, Loakan, Baguio City.



BGEN ERNESTO C MADERAZO '57

05 Oct 1934 - 15 June 2021

Cav Maderazo joined our Creator on 15 June 2021 at the Chonghua Hospital, Cebu City. His remains was laid at the St. Peter's Chapel, Imus, Brgy Lorega San Miguel, Cebu City, 16-18 June and interred on 19 June 2021 at Cebu Memorial Park Baniwad, Cebu City. Cav Maderazo was the former Commander of RUC7. He left behind his loving wife, Luz with whom he has four children: Lilleth, Ernesto Jr, Erwin and Luna Faye.



COL SEBASTIAN B ARRASTIA '59

06 Dec 1935 - 21 June 2021

Cav Arrastia joined our Creator on 21 June 2021. He was a starman in PMA and graduated at the head of his class. He left the service early and joined Pilipinas Shell where he held several positions. He was also appointed to government positions such as: Energy Attache to Saudi Arabia; Gen Manager, Phil. National Railway, Co. (PNR); Chairman, Phil National Construction Corp. (PNCC); and President, North Railway. He is survived by his wife, Luz with whom he has four children: Elizabeth, Anna Marie, Raymond, and Charlene. His remains were cremated immediately.



LTCOL REXZON F PASCO '04

06 April 1979 - 23 June 2021

Cav Pasco was one of the six aircrew who died after a newly acquired S-70i Black Hawk utility helicopter crashed near Capas, Tarlac



on 23 June. Wake was held on 28 June - 4 July at the Officers Club Clark Air Base, Pampanga. He is survived by his wife Juroan, and children: Rajmund Jaromir, and Rajan Jirou.

MAJ JAYROLD E CONSTANTINO '07

12 Sept 1981 - 23 June 2021

Cav Constantino was one of the six aircrew who died after a newly acquired S-70i Black Hawk utility helicopter crashed near Capas, Tarlac on 23 June. He left behind his wife Sylvette, children: Juztine (+) and Sean Jay. Wake was held at the Officer's Club, Clark Air Base, Pampanga on 28-29 June, and at Cosmopolitan Funeral Homes, Davao City from 30 June to 3 July, 2021. Interment was on 3 July at Davao Memorial Park, Davao City.



MAJ ERANO B BELEN '10

Died on 23 June 2021

The topnotcher of the "Masidlak", PMA Class of 2010 was among the six PAF personnel who died in a tragic helicopter crash in Capas, Tarlac on June 23. The remains of Dumagueteño soldier, Cav Belen were given traditional military honors upon arrival at the Bacolod-Silay Airport in Negros Occidental on 30 June.



BGEN DOMINADOR A CATIBOG JR '60

12 May 1938 - 25 June 2021

The former AFP Chief of Engineers, Cav Catibog passed away 25 June at Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Q.C. Wake was held at Heritage Park, City of Taguig. He was buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 29 June 2021. He is married to Dr. Honorata Catibog.



COL DANILO T OLAY, JR '89

04 Feb 1968 - 30 June 2021

Cav Olay a member of "Makatao", PMA Class of 1989 died on 30 June 2021 at the V. Luna Medical Center, Q.C. His last position held in the AFP was as Chief, FARD, TWG, DND. He left behind his wife Rainelda and children, Karl Adrian and Karen Danielle. Vigil was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 6 July where interment was held on 7 July with military honors.



COL ONESIMO C BAÑAGA '82

16 Feb 1957 - 04 July 2021

Cav Banaga peacefully joined our Creator at the age of 64. His cremated remains were laid in state at Marigold Chapel TC FuneCare 2, National Highway Tagum City, Davao del Norte. Inurnment was held on 17 July 2021 at Orchard Road Memorial Park, after the 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Quasi Parish, La Filipina Tagum City.



MAJ MICHAEL VINCENT L BENOLERAO '06

24 Jan 1983 - 04 July 2021

Cav Benolerao, Pilot in Command of the ill-fated Philippine Air Force C-130 aircraft that crashed in Patikul, Sulu on 4 July, hails from Iligan City. He graduated high school from the Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) Integrated Developmental School in 2000. After high school, he joined the prestigious military academy in the country. The late Cav Benolerao was an officer with a promising future. He served with distinction during his assignment at the 5th Fighter Wing and 220th Airlift Wing of the Philippine Air Force.



MAJ EMMANUEL V MAKALINTAL '07

19 Dec 1982 - 04 July 2021

Cav Makalintal was one of the pilots of the ill-fated Philippine Air Force C-130 aircraft that crashed in Patikul, Sulu on 4 July. The remains of Cav Makalintal were given military honors by NETC upon arrival outside Fernando Air Base, Lipa City before proceeding to his hometown in San Jose, Batangas.



1LT KARL JOSEPH D HINTAY '17

04 July 2021

Cav Hintay, the co-pilot of the ill-fated Philippine Air Force C-130 aircraft that crashed in Patikul, Sulu on 4 July gave up his dream to be a doctor to PMA. Cav Hintay of PMA Class 2017, was a BS Biology student at the University of the Philippines-Mindanao in 2012 when half way through the second semester, he took both entrance



exams of the PMA and the Philippine National Police Academy.

PLTGEN ISMAEL R RAFANAN '75
02 March 1953 - 07 July 2021

"Raffy or Maeng", as he was dotingly called by mistahs, siblings and friends, died of cardiac arrest secondary to chronic kidney disease while he was about to undergo a scheduled dialysis in Marikina City. Raffy was interred at the Urdaneta Memorial Park, Villasis, Pangasinan after a requiem mass. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Astillero Rafanan, son Ivan Rafael Rafanan, and adopted daughter, Scarlett Irah A Rafanan, also, Raffy's siblings who are residing in Villasis, Pangasinan: Avelino R Rafanan, Violeta R Rafanan and Pacifico R Rafanan.



BGEN CHARLEMAGNE Y BATAYOLA '66
22 May 1941 - 07 July 2021

Cav Batayola passed away on 7 July 2021, he was 80 years old. Vigil was held at Chapel 8, Heritage Park, Taguig City. On 10 July, his remains were interred also at Heritage Park, made solemn by an inurnment ceremony rendered by the Honor Guards of the Philippine Army where he served as the Army Inspector General. He is survived by his sons Col Charlemagne F Batayola, Jr; Maj John Locke F Batayola; Lt Col Neil Armstrong F Batayola; their wives and children; siblings: Victoria Elizabeth Y Batayola, Jupiter Y Batayola and Dr. Hildegarde Batayola-Madalag.



COMMO BAYANI R LEONCIO '63
04 Aug 1941 - 09 July 2021

Cav Leoncio passed away on July 9, 2021 due to Acute Coronary Syndrome at the VMCC, Quezon City. His remains were laid in state at Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City on July 24, 2021. His last assignment with AFP was as Base Commander in Camp Panacan, Davao City.



CAPT PROCESO L MALIGALIG PN '69
02 July 1946-23 July 2021

Cav Maligalig was RAM Spokesman. After EDSA revolution, he opted to retire early after former President Fidel V Ramos granted RAM amnesty. He remained active with RAM

Party list. He was "marcher/squad leader" to three other brothers, Prudencio '75, Leopoldo '76, and Danilo '84. He was confined at VMCC, 9-23 July where he succumbed to pneumonia on 23 July 2021. Wake was held at Heritage Park Chapels from 24-28 July. Cav Maligalig is survived by partners Nitang and Amy, and beloved daughters: Rosary "Chayie", Dianne and Andrea "Chelsea" Francesca Maligalig. (More testimonies for Cav Maligalig on p36 of this issue).



BGEN ROGELIO F VILLANUEVA '60
05 April 1935 -24 July 2021

Cav Villanueva, former commander of 4ID, passed away on 24 July 2021 at Camp Evangelista Station Hospital, 4ID Camp Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City. The officers and men of the 402nd IB gave him military honors and a holy mass at Beata Virgine del Santo Rosa Chapel, Brgy Bancasi, Butuan City on 30 July. Burial was on 31 July at San Vicente Memorial Gardens, Bancasi, Butuan City.



He is married to the late Isabelita Conde-Villanueva with whom he has four children: MGen Ronald Villanueva '85, Dr. Renato Jose Villanueva, Atty Raul Villanueva and Engr. Rico Villanueva (+). His last position held in the AFP was as Commander, Training and Doctrines Command, PA.

COL VIRGILIO E CALIP '58
29 Aug 1934 - 20 Aug 2021

Cav Calip passed away on 20 August 2021, wake was held at the Virrey Mortuary, Lipa City and interment on 22 August at the Lipa Floral Garden. His last position held in AFP was as Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command.



He was married to former Eufemia Recinto with whom he has four children: 1Lt Edgardo R Calip '81 (deceased), BGen Eric R Calip AFP (Ret), Vera Victoria C Morales, and Erwin Calip.

MGEN NATHANIEL C LEGASPI '76
03 June 1954 - 24 Aug 2021

Cav Legaspi passed away on 24 August 2021. As Cav Legaspi wished, the inurnment will be held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He



left behind his beloved family: Elenor, Cecille, Gilbert, Cyan, Joyce, Frederick, Ria Ann, Nathan and Minette.

MGEN ROMEO G GAN '83
10 Nov 1960 - 26 Aug 2021

A member of PMA Class of 1983, Cav Gan joined our Lord while confined at Lung Center of the Phils on 26 August. He was NIA Deputy Administrator for Administrative and Finance Sector at the time of his passing. Cav Gan is also one of the foremost Civil-Military Operators and served as 33rd Commander of CRSAFP.



Online necrological rites were held on September 2, 7 p.m.: virtual necrological rites by friends and family; September 3, 5 p.m.: masonic funeral rite by Kagitingan Lodge No. 286 also attended online by Legion of Honor and AFP-DND Sojourners; and September 3, 7:30 p.m.: online necrological service by PMA Matikas Class of 1983.

Formal interment was held on 041100H September 2021 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Cav Gan left behind his loving wife Dra Cecilia, with whom he has four children.

LT COL MOHAMMAD KHADAFFY A ABDULLAH '01

24 Jan 1977 -27 Aug 2021

Cav Abdullah passed away on 27 August 2021 due to Severe COVID-19. He was buried on 28 August at the Al-Macдум Cemetery, Zambowood, Zamboanga City. He was the Battalion Commander of 2FSSU at the time of his passing. He left behind his wife Natalie Kim, and children: Isah Khalil Ezra and Ameera.



2LT HILLARY I LADEMORA '18
26 March 1996 - 30 Aug 2021

Cav Lademora succumbed to COVID on 30 August 2021 at the AFP Medical Center, Q.C. Wake was held at the Camp Evangelista, Cagayan de Oro from 4-5 September and at the Cosmopolitan Memorial Chapel, Cagayan de Oro from 6-8 September. He left behind his parents Gil and Jeanette Lademora; and brother J Gillieno.





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Since time immemorial, heroes have fought and won battles on behalf of our country. From the earliest days of Lapu-Lapu's defense of Mactan, to the valiant last stand on the Island of Corregidor, to joining the alliance of free nations on its push against communism in the battlefronts of Vietnam and Korea, up until this modern period's struggle against international terrorism, local insurgency, and a raging global pandemic, Filipino heroes have drawn blood, sweat and tears in order to ensure that the country and its people can pursue their rightful place in history.

Similar across all these events is the impact of these heroes in the Filipino society. Each struggle raises our flag a bit higher. Each victory makes the sun and stars, the red, white, and blue in it, shine a bit brighter. Each time heroes emerge in our midst; it affords Filipinos to stand a bit taller. And this day, more than any other day in the past few decades, the Filipino people is standing its tallest and proudest.

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated joins a grateful nation in congratulating our National Athletes in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics for showing us and the rest of the world the extent of a fighting Filipino's capability. Thank you for representing the best of what we can become.

CAV AMADO T ESPINO, JR '72
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