

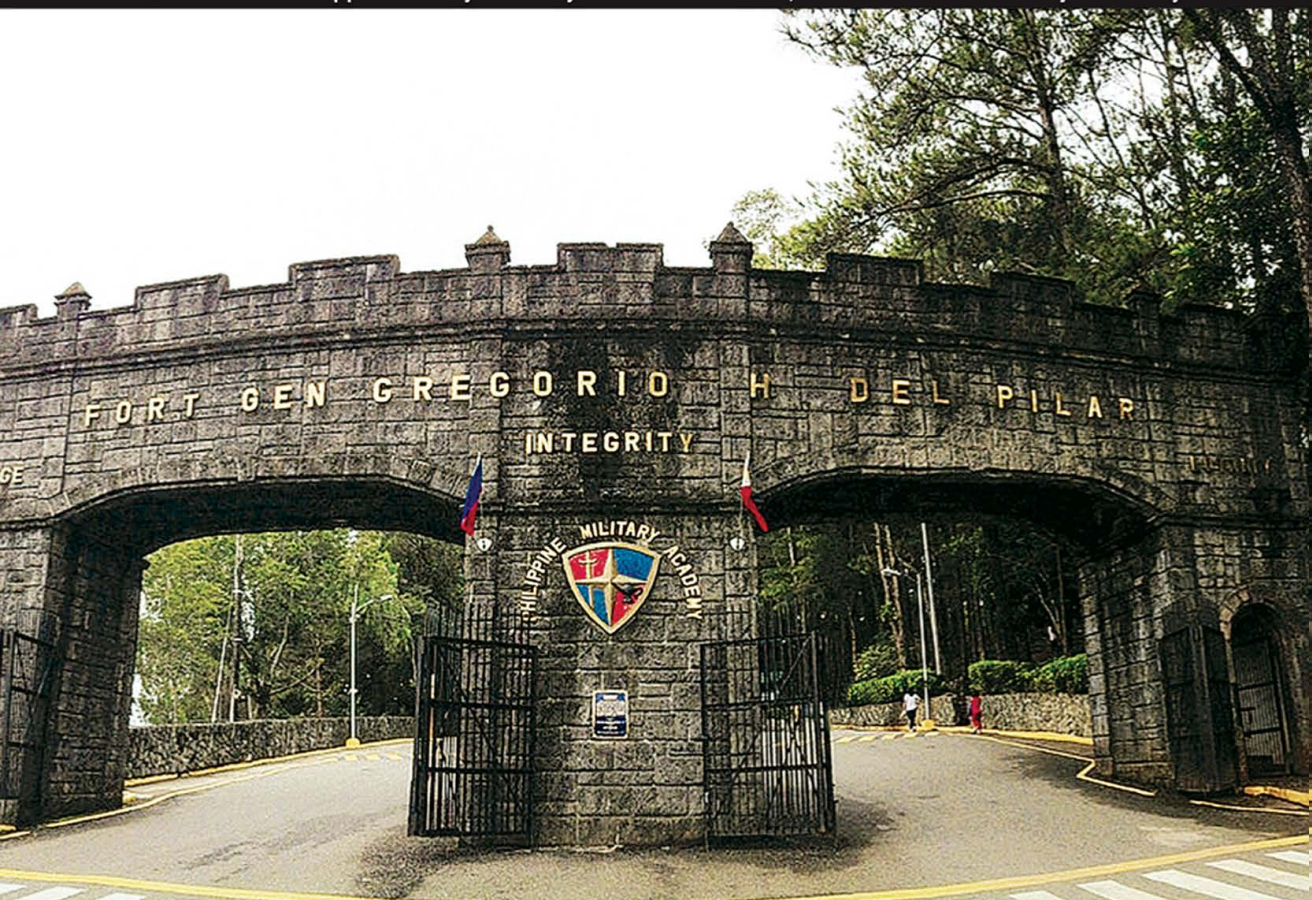


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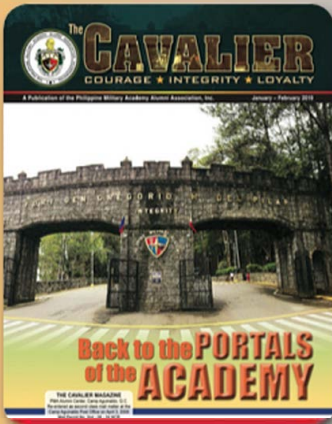


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Cavaliers look forward in going back to the portals of the Philippine Military Academy every month of February.

Schedules or appointments set on that homecoming day are deferred on other dates to be present on the hallowed grounds of the Borromeo Field. There is this feeling of nostalgia every step taken once inside the Academy with lots of memories flooding one's thoughts.

Yes, it's homecoming that fills the heart of every cavalier with joy, satisfaction and fulfillment.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS '69

Leadership Excellence

As I turn-over the mantle of leadership to the incoming Board, I wish to share the following guide-posts entitled LEADERSHIP DOZEN. In all its form and substance, it is the trademark of every cavalier – LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE. This singular factor has sustained the strength and stability of PMAAAI.

1. Craft Your Vision

The bread and butter of leadership is direction. Leaders do not limit themselves to measuring and ensuring their team's performance; rather, they ensure that this performance is directed towards a right and worthwhile end. The root of this direction is a clear, concise, and relatable vision that captures what the organization aspires to be. It is the fundamental job of the leader to craft and sell this vision to their team, to make them believe in the power of the vision.

2. Build a Strong Team

Leaders are not - and cannot - do everything. They humble themselves and realize that they are not experts everywhere. Rather, they tap into the skills of their people and bring them together to form a team greater than the sum of each individual. A team of diverse skills that complement each other will outperform any single person or even many uncoordinated people.

3. Inspire

There is a huge difference between mere compliance and earnest commitment. Compliance comes from fear of penalty while commitment comes from conviction in the task and the organization. The latter can only come from inspiration. Leaders know that inspired members act out of their passion and create better results out of their own initiative.

4. Communicate

Leaders are conscious of the power of words. They know that their team values their words and that the right words at the right time can make all the difference. But they also know

that before they speak, they must listen. They listen intently to the praises and complaints of their team and act upon them decisively.

5. Be an Optimist

A culture and atmosphere of negativity and doubt can destroy even the most well-prepared and intentioned of plans. Yet, this culture only reflects the attitude of the people and their leaders. Thus, leaders should set the example of an optimistic and determined can-do attitude, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. This optimism and determination is not detached from the harsh reality on the ground. Rather, the leaders take on their fair share of their time in the trenches and use that time to show their concern and inspire their men.

6. Maintain the Momentum

The leader's work has only just begun once the vision is set and the team starts rolling. Excellent performance and motivation are not givens; rather, they are maintained through continuous effort. The foundation of this are clear standards of performance and behavior. Ultimately, people will keep repeating whatever is rewarded. Thus, leaders are keen to watch for good performance and reward it accordingly.

7. Build Strong Alliances and Networks

Leaders understand that no matter how good their team is, much can still be gained from allying with like-minded groups and individuals. Far from viewing similar groups as threats, they see them as an opportunity to learn and grow. Moreover, leaders know that even just one strategic alliance can open up a new world of opportunities and create a shortcut to success. They think long-term, knowing that strong relationships and agreements are not made overnight.

8. Be Prudent and Judicious in the Use of Resources

Leaders are aware of the fact that they cannot be everywhere at the same time. One of the most precious resources leaders have is their time. No matter how hard they

try, they cannot possibly do everything themselves and nor should they. Rather, leaders should focus their time on doing the most impactful things they can and trust the rest to their followers through delegation. Resources include physical and human resources.

9. Be Stable Under Pressure and Learn Continuously

It is in the most trying times when people look up the most to the leader. Unfortunately, this is also when the leader is under the most pressure to act in the midst of great uncertainty. What can help leader is a level head focusing on their desired outcome rather than the negative emotions. This mindset looks at the problem and asks what needs to be done to solve it rather than focusing on the clouded judgement of stress.

10. Be a Risk Taker


Leaders are often tasked with changing their team for the better or even guiding teams and organizations through changing times. Any change for the better comes with an accompanying risk, yet the risk must be taken for things to change for the better. Thus, leaders must accept a certain degree of risk as an occupational hazard.

11. Develop a Culture of Professionalism

Although often unspoken and routinary, culture plays a key role in deciding the performance of a team. Leaders understand this and seek to create a culture that brings out the best in people and naturally pushes them to do their best. However, leaders also know that this culture begins with themselves. They strive to set an example through their words and deeds by saying the right things and doing the right things.

12. Follow Through

No matter how well a leader has done their job, their time will eventually end. There will be time for another to step in their shoes and man the helm of the team. Good leaders acknowledge this and cast their ego aside for the betterment of the organization. They let go of their position at the right time, leaving behind a positive legacy and acknowledging the good they did.

Excerpts from an incoming book entitled *Leadership – Insights and Hindsight* by the author. 





PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV RODOLFO S AZURIN JR '89

All Roads Lead to Loakan

As all Cavaliers find their way to Loakan, the precious destination of all former cadets of PMA, this year is another milestone to our Alma Mater as we recognize our Cavaliers who excelled in their respective fields. Let me then congratulate all Cavalier Awardees for the year 2019.

The accomplishments of our Cavaliers are manifestations of how they truly serve their country, their respective organizations and the people they swore to serve and protect - no longer locally but globally. I am certain that the respective classes of the awardees are very proud, taking pride and shares the same joy as the awardee.

It is then my hope, wishes and prayers that our young cadets draw their inspirations from these awardees so that by the time they leave the portals of our alma mater, they should embody that Excellence in every undertaking that is required of every cavalier.

Likewise, let me also congratulate this year's Host Classes: the Class '59 as Diamond Jubilarians, Class '64, the Class '69 as Golden (50th) Jubilarians, '74, '79, '84, the Class '89 as Pearl (30th) Jubilarians, the Class '94 as Silver (25th) Jubilarians. Thank you very much to our junior host classes from '99, 2004, 2009, and 2014 for making our preparations easier during our Annual Membership Meeting and Convention at PICC last January 26, 2019 and including our ongoing Homecoming here in PMA. Indeed, you did your job well. Again, salamat!


To every cavalier who participated in the PMAAAI Raffle for a cause, from the bottom of my heart and on behalf of the current Board of Directors, our deepest appreciation for heeding our call. Your individual, class or group effort whichever term you call it, shall be investment shares which will be managed by the current leadership of PMAAAI.

In order to legitimize transactions of this special fund, this will be registered as an organization separate and distinct from the By-laws of the PMAAAI but will be managed by the current Board of PMAAAI with the approval of the Board of Directors (shareholders). The number of seats by all share holders shall compose the Board of Directors depending on the shares contributed by either the class, the group or individual. Transparency, due diligence, accountability and responsibility on all transactions are required and expected. Every shareholder has the right to know and will be updated about the status of funds.

To the Board of Directors for AY 2018-2019 thank you very much Cavalier, sirs for all the support you accorded to us under the leadership of Cavalier Jaime De los Santos as our Chairman. Mabuhay and may God continue to bless every cavalier everyday.

This year is a very special and challenging year to all of us. Many of our Cavaliers will be in the frontline protecting the will of the every Filipino electorate to select, elect and install worthy leaders of our country.

All cavaliers are encouraged to exercise their right to vote and be part of the process by voting those who they think worthy to represent the dream and aspiration of every Filipino (Cavalier) for a better governance and better country that is safe to live, to do business, to study, and to visit by anybody.

Lastly, let me leave another quote of a famous leader and I quote: *"To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour."* **Sir Winston Churchill.** 



SUPE'S REPORT

CAV RONNIE S EVANGELISTA '86

Strengthening the Union, Retracing the Roots

"To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward." ~Margaret Fairless Barber


Homecoming does not only invoke a feeling of nostalgia. More importantly, it stirs our minds to reminisce the dreams and aspirations forged within the walls of our Alma Mater. Homecoming is more than just coming home to the Academy to meet with old friends and share stories of old days. It is a time to come together to strengthen our union and the most fitting occasion to retrace our roots in order to invigorate our commitments. Indeed, our "coming home" this year is enthused with a profound purpose. As we set our foot on the same ground that witnessed our deepest fears, intense struggles, wildest aspirations, and shimmering joys, we also come to remember the traditions and virtues that have kept this institution whole and strong. Guided with these noble objectives and in my capacity as the Superintendent, I welcome you my fellow cavaliers on this momentous celebration.

The Academy is ready to cuddle her sons and daughters even for a short moment. Let us compensate her love with our sheer excitement to embrace her too. Coming home always brings thrill. Let this feeling animates us as we come to meet and re-acquaint with our "mistahs" or classmates and squadmates. For four long and tedious years, each one hurdled and gripped to join the noble profession of arms and became the officers or leaders that this country needs. It is only fitting to enkindle in us the very purpose and reason why have decided to enter the portal of this Academy few or many years ago. Whatever our purpose of coming home, let the spirit of camaraderie glitter our coats, blazers or uniforms.

Every traveller has a home of his own, and he learns to appreciate it the more from his wandering. This token of thought from Charles Dickens substantiates the idea that whatever things we've realized and achieved outside the

four walls of this Academy should always drive us to keep coming home in order to offer the gift of wisdom, experiences, resources and anything important that could bring about desirable change. One essential element that could fortify our coming together is our resolute commitment to support, in any way possible, the Academy's efforts for greater excellence in the realm of training and education. The Academy must continue to evolve in order for it to stay relevant. I encourage you my fellow cavaliers to help us push for greater quality to better equip the next generation of AFP leaders.

Today, we wrestle with new challenges such as curricular reforms, digitization of learning, education infrastructures, changing classroom pedagogies and many more. Finding ways to respond and improve in these key areas is always crucial to the life and success of our training and academic institution. As we reconnect and cheer together, may we endeavour to see our mission in the light of these pressing challenges. Our deepest resolve would have a profound effect on the quality of education that we aspire to lodge. This noble goal rests in the hands of every cavalier.

We cannot live only for ourselves. Given this moral and universal principle, also embodied in the PMA's motto of courage, loyalty and integrity, we are called by no less than our dearest Alma Mater to reconnect and commit ourselves for the sake of the younger generations of leaders. The Academy remains the same in spirit and purpose. Let us not veer away from the very ideals and virtues that made us who we are today and genuinely use the same to build a stronger fortress. This Academy will always be our stronghold, our home. Her memories are sweet to remember but let her future be our light and guide. 



EDITOR'S NOTE

CAV ARNULFO MARCELO B BURGOS JR '88

Heroism in the Ordinary

Heroism is one of the most overused words in the English vocabulary. Describing or expressing another unique idea about being a hero is quite difficult because everything about it has been written through time, a cliché. So as to somehow ensure that what would be shared here is somewhat different, please allow me to share a personal perspective on heroes.

My first hero is a small, delicate and generous woman. Her voice though soft, commands the entire household. Her hands though so small, accomplishes all tasks unbelievably within a day. She's not a doctor but knows the cure for everything painful. I looked for her when I was sick as a child and her simple touch upon my forehead eases all aches. She is not a soldier but her presence made me feel safe and secure. My beloved mother is for me the very definition of a hero.

With the elucidation of a hero as I grew up, there came a promise that someday, I will become one. Perhaps that is why I became a soldier, I wanted to impart the safe feeling I had growing up.

Such youthful, raw desire to be a hero to another – in the same manner that my mother was to me – was polished inside the Academy, in line with its tradition of leadership excellence. Indeed, PMA was able to harness my potentials as a hero and equipped me with the necessary knowledge, competencies and skills to be one, anchored on her time-honored motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty.

After training, I was assigned in the mountains, fought against terrorists and dedicated my days patrolling the most secluded areas of Samar. Amidst all the adventures and stories of bravery in the jungle, I became a father. When you become a parent, you just want to hold on to that tiny body, smell the innocent sweet breath and let the world stop while staring at him/her. You embrace your child and swear that no harm shall ever befall someone so precious. Unconditional love is that feeling you get when you first laid eyes upon your child. That first gasp of breath coupled with the sudden shrill cry changes

you fundamentally to your core and suddenly, nothing else matters but that moment and you are forever changed for the better. It was in that moment when you realize that no matter what, I will be the hero of my little one. Without really doing anything extraordinary but just extraordinarily loving them, I boldly claim, that to my children, I am a lionheart, a paladin, a superstar and their Daddy.

In my line of work, I am blessed to have worked with truly remarkable individuals who are selfless, dedicated and in every sense a hero. I have fought side by side with soldiers willing to take a bullet for me so I could go home unharmed and alive. I saw how they will sacrifice months of being away from their families to guard other people who are not even their relatives. I saw how during calamities, they don't mind their own safety as long as they could save people's lives.

With my decades of experience in this world I must say that though being a hero has been bestowed automatically upon people in the law enforcement and security forces, a true hero does not require wearing a uniform or be involved in such professions. Those who are in the uniformed service are not heroes because of what they are wearing but because of the dedication and love for the service that they are living.

I had my share of sacrifices for the service but that it is not what made me feel like a hero. Being a father made me feel like a hero. My mother is not in the military, police force nor in any other security force but she is my first and ultimate hero. Heroism is a combination of sacrifice, dedication and selflessness. These made me conclude that we can be little heroes in small ways thru great love. Love for your parents, love for your children, love for your family, love for the service and above all, love for the Lord.

Heroism is a big word, found in the smallest actions done with sacrifice. We all can be heroes. Seek out your own personal inner hero. Every day. 🙏

Cavalier Awardees and Other Outstanding Alumni, AY 2018-19

• **CAV RUFO A DE VEYRA '70**
Chairman, Awards Committee AY 2018-2019

The Board of Directors of the PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) has selected as Cavalier Awardees for AY 2018-2019 eleven alumni who, after a stringent nomination and selection process, have been found to have the most outstanding performance in their respective fields. The Board has also selected nine other alumni to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award. They have brought honor not only to themselves but also to our Association. Besides exemplifying the Academy's motto of integrity, courage and loyalty, they have distinguished themselves among equally competent and devoted alumni-achievers. The awardees, who merit our snappy salute and highest praises, are the following:

A. CAVALIER AWARD

For Public Administration:

Cavalier Fernando L Mesa '75, Mayor, Municipality of Alabat is on his 2nd term as Local Chief Executive of this 5th class municipality, one of the three towns comprising Alabat Island in Quezon Province. Guided by his vision of a *Mapayapa, Maunlad, Maganda at Masayang Bayan ng Diyos and Mission, "langat ang antas ng pamumuhay ng bawat pamilya,"* he crafted and implemented programs that addressed challenges in health, education, value formation, livelihood and peace and order.



Innovative and hardworking, Cav Mesa steered this rural municipality into a vibrant community, making Alabat an exception among far-flung and island municipalities because of its low incidence of poverty, below national levels. The municipality is free of corruption, drugs, and rabies. It has the lowest malnutrition in Quezon Province. Alabat produces organic coco sugar in its processing center - the first operational, PCA-funded coco hub facility in the country. Traditional copra making employs one farmer earning P1500 per hectare. However, a one-hectare farm producing coco sugar in Alabat employs six sap gatherers each earning, on average, P10,000 per month, and three cooks earning P9,000 each per month. With this initiative coconut farmers can now earn above poverty threshold. Cav Mesa has always been invited in several forums

to relate what he has been doing to improve the quality of life of his constituents.

For Private Enterprise:

Cavalier LOUIE C TICMAN '76 is multi-faceted. He rose to simultaneously become an accomplished be-medalled Officer, and out-of-the-box PNP Reform Champion (until 2010 retirement); successful entrepreneur and respected business executive; environment advocate and distinguished Rotary Leader (Charter President, 1993-94; Governor, 2013-14); and staunch follower and servant of God.



He founded a small meat company in 1984 which he expanded and diversified over time, transforming it into a modest conglomerate. He is currently Chairman and CEO of Rublou Group of Companies with businesses in:

- **Meat and Agri:** Hog Farms; Fruits and Vegetable Farms; Slaughterhouses (National Champion; Regional Hall of Fame Awardee); Meat Wholesale and Retail (Rublou "Fresh is Best" brand)
- **Real Estate Development and Leasing:** Mixed-use Properties; Community Malls; FoodMarts, etc.
- **Renewable Energy and Utilities:** Solar Power Plants; Waste-To-Energy; Waste-water Treatment and Recovery

For Special Field: Technology (Cybersecurity):

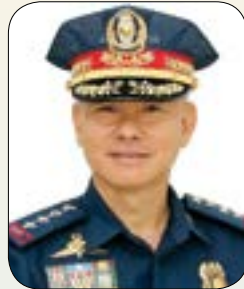
Cavalier JESUS V LOMEDA JR '80 is chosen unanimously to receive the Cavalier Award for Special Field of Technology (Cybersecurity). He is instrumental in the leadership and development of cybersecurity in the country, to include internationally. He has advised the Secretary of Defense to recognize cyberspace as the 5th dimension of warfare and to prepare for it; and proposed that cyberspace be included in the sovereignty clause of the new National Defense Act and Constitution. Cavalier Lomeda has been motivating the members of Signal Corps to be in the forefront of cyber warfare by improving their technical



skills. He was very influential in the activation the AFP Cyber Group and regularization of the Army Signal Regiment. He was the Co-Chair of the ASEAN Defense Ministries Meeting Plus (ADMM+) Experts Working Group (EWG) for Cybersecurity, which is composed of 10 ASEAN countries and eight super powers. He is presently the VP for Cybersecurity of 5G Security Inc. (Formerly G4S) and the CISO of PT&T.

For Command and Administration:

Cavalier OSCAR D ALBAYALDE '86 is one leader who believes that every PNP personnel plays an essential part in the security and law and order system with the help and partnership of the community. He encourages police officers by assuring them that when they work as a team, no task is too daunting to be successfully accomplished. He has proven this countless times with the success of the tasks and programs he has implemented.



As Metro Manila's Top Cop, PDG ALBAYALDE strictly implemented practical programs for crime prevention and suppression, an intensified campaign against criminality and illegal drugs, and a sustained internal cleansing of NCRPO's ranks which proved to be an answer to the worsening crime situation in Metro Manila. This was validated by the results of a Pulse Asia Survey which showed that 81% of respondents from Metro Manila agreed that they felt safer because of the campaign against criminality. Moreover, Metro Manila experienced a drastic decrease in its crime volume barely six months after his designation as the Regional Director of NCRPO.

As PNP Chief, he focused his leadership on achieving a truly disciplined organization while implementing a massive internal cleansing program anchored on firm discipline and respect for oneself and the public. Last June 24, 2018, PDG ALBAYALDE took the lead in a fundraising event for children with cancer at the Philippine General Hospital dubbed as "Chief Oca Rides Against Cancer," from Clark, Pampanga to Luneta Park, Manila.

In the race against time to save lives, he personally supervised and utilized all PNP assets (land, air, water) of the entire PRO 2 and adjacent police regional offices for disaster search, rescue and recovery operations during the onslaught of Typhoon Ompong last September 16, 2018 where massive landslides occurred at Itogon, Benguet.

Last November 5, 2018, he led the PNP Internal Cleansing Faith Assembly at Camp Crame with different religious, spiritual partners and stakeholders of the PNP to help direct police personnel towards the straight and narrow path of public service and inspire them to always serve with dignity, integrity, and honor.

A total of 58 awards and decorations bear witness to his outstanding performance in his assignments, including a Gold Cross Medal, a PNP Outstanding Achievement Award, and three PNP Heroism Medals, among others.

Truly, PDG ALBAYALDE is an epitome of a police officer who embodies the essence of the word excellence. Despite the recognition, he remains humble, always ascribing his success to the grace of God.

For Police Operations:

The police career of **Cavalier GUILLERMO LORENZO T ELEAZAR '87** turned fast and furious upon his appointment as Director of the PNP Anti Cybercrime Group (ACG) in January 2016. It was imperative for the PNP to establish its police power over the medium of the future. Cav Eleazar provided this unit the impact it needed to make its presence felt in the Social Media.



In July 2016, Cav Eleazar was appointed District Director of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD). He pushed a relentless drive against illegal drugs and other forms of criminality in Quezon City, getting big criminal groups along the way. By late 2017, QCPD was chosen as the Most Trusted Police District per Napolcom surveys.

In April 2018, Cav Eleazar took over the helm of Police Regional Office CALABARZON (PRO4A), where he immediately made his mark.

Just barely two months at PRO4A, Cav Eleazar was transferred and promoted to NCRPO as its Regional Director.

Working with dispatch and precision, the NCRPO immediately won awards in the PNP Anniversary – one for being the best region in the war against illegal drugs, another as best region in internal cleansing.

With Cav Eleazar as part of Team NCRPO since July 2016, the region experienced a 54% index crime reduction for the first 30 months of this administration (Jul 2016 - Dec 2018) versus the last 30 months of the previous administration (Jan 2014 - Jun 2016); and 21% crime drop in 2018 from 2017.

Just seven months into his stint at NCRPO, Cav Eleazar was named "Man of the Year", by DZRH, the oldest and largest radio network in the country with an overwhelming 61% of votes cast.

This February 2019, Cav Eleazar will also be feted by the Metrobank Foundation in its annual Awards for Continuing Excellence in Service (ACES), a prestigious tradition of citing outstanding police personnel for their exemplary and noble work in crime prevention and crime solution.

For Alumni Affairs:

Cavalier LEO ANGELO DIEL LEUTERIO '88 has shown exemplary dedication to the promotion of the welfare of the PMA Alumni. This is manifested in his enthusiastic and serious commitment and involvement to activities and organizations which, for their purpose and goals, relate to the betterment of the well-being of PMA Cavaliers and their dependents. He has unselfishly dedicated his personal time, efforts, talents and resources for all of these, even for the improvement and enhancement of systems relevant to Alumni activities. His enthusiasm to involve himself in the work done or being done by his own class, his PNP service chapter, the four (4)



Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated (PMAAAI) Foundations, the PMAAAI Mother board and other instrumentalities for the upliftment of the image of the individual cavalier and alma mater, is a matter of record. He has been an officer of the PMA Maringal Class of 1988 as Chairman and as a member of its Board of Directors since its inception. He has been an officer and member of the Board of the Police Cavaliers Association Incorporated (PCAI); and contributes his share to the important work of the organization. He is a lifetime member and a Trustee of PMAAAI Foundations, meaningfully contributing his own effort to raise awareness and funds of these foundations. He was a member of several PMAAAI Boards and served as its President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) in 2016-2017. He also has done his share in contributing inputs to the Cavalier Magazine, as a contributor, an associate editor, a senior editorial assistant and a member of the Editorial Board. As a frequent visitor to the PMAAAI Center, he has humbly helped in improving the facilities and the over-all appearance of the "Home of the Cavaliers" located in Camp Emilio Aguinaldo. Cavalier LEUTERIO has shown the spirit and the brotherhood expected of a PMA Cavalier in looking after the welfare and benefit of other cavaliers.

For Coast Guard Operations:

Cavalier RONNIE GIL L GAVAN

'93 helped create the enabling environment to end the lingering issue of piracy in the Basilan Strait by leading the inter-agency team who successfully facilitated the surrender of Patha Salapudin and Imbuh Misuari, the sub-leaders of the most active ASG-affiliate KFR group while helping facilitate the revival of maritime trade in a maritime region to reverse



social dissent which drove a maritime people to maritime violence entrepreneurship. He is one of the planners who conceptualized the highly sensitive and extensive maritime operations plan during Pope's visit in Manila and "OPLAN APEC 2015" which became the showcase of cooperation and interoperability amongst the maritime agencies in the country.

He authored the Organized National Engagement (ONE) a Sea concept that helped inform the "White to White" national security policy. Similarly, he provided the framework for the maritime security component of foreign support to the PCG including as an interlocutor for US cooperation on the formation of the National Coast Watch System and in the bilateral negotiations for the establishment of the Joint Coast Guard Committee (JCGC) with China.

A visionary with a heart, he conceptualized and promoted the concept of PEACE for Protocols on Engagement At-Sea for Coastguards and Enforces, aimed to preserve the unique attributes of coastguards in the promotion of regional and global peace.

For Army Operations:

Cavalier RAMON P FLORES '94 has faithfully lived-up to the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. He has an honorable and unblemished record and a reputation beyond

reproach and brought honor and prestige to the PMA.

All throughout his military career, he exemplified the high level of competence both in combat and administrative assignments. What set him apart is his proven track record of excellence in combat operations and field assignment. Cav Flores has the distinction of the only Battalion Commander who has been given the responsibility of leading and commanding two (2) battalions in two major AFP campaigns for a span of two years. The campaign against the Abu Sanyaf Group in Sulu as Commanding Officer of 32nd Infantry (DAREDEVIL) Battalion, 1ID, PA and in the Liberation of Marawi City as Commanding Officer of 63rd Infantry (INNOVATOR) Battalion, 8ID, PA. His sterling leadership in the 32nd Infantry Battalion resulted in major decisive encounters with the ASG and for these feats, President Benigno Aquino awarded his unit with the Presidential Unit Streamer Award in 2016. Cav Flores' combat exploit and superb leadership contributed significantly in the liberation of Marawi City. He was critically wounded while leading his unit in a fierce firefight while extricating troops in the last enemy stronghold in Building 1010. For this feat, he was awarded by President Rodrigo Duterte the Order of LapuLapu (Kampilan).



For Air Operations:

Cavalier ROLANDO CONRAD B PEÑA

III '97 is the Director for Operations 5th Fighter Wing. Through excellent performance characterized by his diligence and commitment to his role, Cav Peña is constantly on-the-go to spearhead the conduct of air support and strike missions against High Value Targets (HVTs).



As the P-A-F gears towards underlining its relevance in providing peace and security to the motherland, Cav Peña, before his designation as the No.3 in the 5th FW hierarchy, was instrumental in various missions flown in order to achieve this purpose. As a seasoned Flight Lead of the FA-50PH Fighting Eagle, he has flown more than 2,000 hours of jet time in different sorties which include a majority of the night strikes and surgical air strike missions against HVTs in Butig, Lanao Del Sur; Cotabato, Basilan, and Maguindanao areas. Mostly as the Pilot-in-Command (PIC), directly involved in Air Operations, he had flown a total of 125 combat sorties and dropped a total of 250 MK-82s (500-pounder bombs) equal to 125,000 pounds of lethal force during the Marawi Siege – a remarkable record that will forever be etched in the annals of the war-fighting history of the Fighters – thus, earning him two Gold Cross Medals, the Distinguished Aviation Cross, and the PAF Officer of the Year CY-2018.

For Naval Operations:

Cavalier GILBERT G VILLAREAL JR '98 is currently the Commanding Officer of SEAL UNIT of the Naval Special Operation Group. His assignments include four years in the

Navy ship as Surface Warfare officer; 13 years as Naval Special Warfare officer in several units of NAVSOG; and as Intelligence and Security Officer in the Navy and to other key personalities in the AFP/DND/PSG.



He is a recipient of various awards: three Gold Cross Medals; three Navy Cross Medals; Gawad sa Kaunlaran Medal; seven Bronze Cross Medals; ten Military Merit Medals; several Military Commendation Medals; and the Distinguished Conduct Star – the 2nd highest award in the AFP which he received for his gallantry in action during the intense campaign against the Abu Sayaf Group on November 2001.

In the most recent historic military campaign dubbed as the Marawi Crisis, he was designated as the Commanding Officer of Naval Task Unit-Marawi. Cav Villareal played a crucial role in securing Lake Lanao which made a great impact on the overall success of the military operations against the local terrorists group that eventually led to the declaration of the Liberation of Marawi City by no less than the President and Commander-in-Chief Rodrigo Roa Duterte on 17 October 2017.

Cav Villareal being a SpecOps, security, intelligence and EOD practitioner is a graduate of PMA Class 1998. He holds a Masters Degree in Defense Analysis for Irregular Warfare and Special Operations from the Naval Post-Graduate School in Monterey California. He has also published several articles to include his thesis on his Masteral Program entitled “*Operation Exodus: The Massacre of 44 Philippine Police Commandos in Mamasapano Clash.*”

For Special Operations:

Cavillero HAROLD L NEMEÑO PA, a member of PMA Class 1999, is an accomplished Army Special Operations Sniper and Commander of a 16-man Sniper Task Group of a Special Missions Unit of the Philippine Army. During the height of terrorism incidents in Western Mindanao Command AOR in 2017, he personally led his Sniper Task Group in non-stop interdiction operations against the enemies of the state, leading from the front, setting the example, sharing the same risks and inspiring his men. These actions of LTC Nemeño resulted to the following:

- A. Eighty-seven (87) confirmed sniper kills, all validated;
- B. Recovery of 21 high-powered firearms from the enemy;
- C. Recorded the longest confirmed night-time sniper kill shots in AFP history from 1,116m to 1,165m, with five (5) confirmed kills, all validated;
- D. Inflicted confirmed sniper kills against seven fully-armed enemy high-value Individuals, all validated;
- E. Decisively ended major conflicts; and
- F. His 16-man Sniper Task Group suffered only one wounded-in-action while inflicting an astonishing number of heavy casualties against the enemy.

B. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This year’s Outstanding Achievement Award is given to the following PMA alumni who have distinguished themselves by

being elected or appointed to high positions in government and in the uniformed services:

Cavillero GREGORIO B HONASAN '71 as Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology;



Cavillero EDUARDO D DEL ROSARIO '80 as Chairman of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council;

Cavillero EDUARDO M ANO '83 as Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government;



Cavillero ROLANDO JOSELITO DBAUTISTA '85 as Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development;

Cavillero CARLITO G GALVEZ, JR '85 for having been appointed as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines on 18 April 2018 and Presidential Adviser on Peace Process on 20 December 2018;



Cavillero BENJAMIN R MADRIGAL JR '85 as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines;

Cavillero OSCAR D ALBAYALDE '86 as Chief of the Philippine National Police;



Cavillero MACAIROG S ALBERTO '86 as Commanding General of the Philippine Army; and,

Cavillero ROZZANO D BRIGUEZ '86 as Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force.





OUR 2019 60th JUBILEE CLASS: THE CLASS OF 1959

There were 110 members of the PMA Class of 1959. Eighty passed the entrance examinations and the rigid physical examinations and reported at the PMA Summer Camp Polo Fields, Baguio City on 1 April 1955. The rest were those who were turned back from the Class of 1958 and those who rejoined for various reasons. Out of these, 33 graduated in 1959 but joining the class in 1960 were our classmates who qualified for and graduated from the US Military Academy (2) and the US Naval Academy (2).

The 37 regular members are reflected in the number of lamps that were installed at the **PMA 59 AMPHITHEATER**, constructed in 1985 during the incumbency as PMA Superintendent by our Class President and First Captain, **Jose Ma C L ZUMEL**.

The Class strictly followed the PMAAAI By-Laws in inviting only former classmates to be Associate Members, of which there were three admitted.

The Current Membership (Regular and Associate) as of February, 2019 is as follows:

Members (21 Living)

ABAYA, MIGUEL C.
 ABAYA, PLARIDEL C
 AGUSTIN, CARLOS L
 ALCORDO, JESUS N.
 ARRASTIA, SEBASTIAN B
 BACCAY, MARIANO L
 BARAOIDAN, PEDRO F
 COMENDADOR, JOSE B
 DESQUITADO, BUENAVENTURA B

DIZON, MANUEL Z
 DUMLAO, MAXIMO S JR
 FERNANDEZ, PROCESO C
 FESTIN, NICETO F
 FRANCISCO, ANDREW R
 GALLOS, EDGARDO B
 GARCIA, PLARIDEL C
 IMPERIAL, RAULS
 LOMOTAN, BONIFACIO C JR

OCHOCO, ROMEO R
 PERALTA, HERMOGENES B JR
 ZUMEL, JOSE MA CL

Deceased Members (19)

ARNAEZ, ROMEO G
 BARCELO, ASCENCION V
 CANDING, SESINANDO C
 CASAS, DOMINICO L
 CASTRO, ARTURO F
 FLORES, GUILLERMO G
 GARRIDO, PIO H JR
 MANLONGAT, WILLIAM P
 MANUEL, NICASIO A
 ONG, PABLO S

PACUNO, ERNESTO P
 SANCHEZ, ADRIANO N
 RAMOS, ALFREDO B
 SARUCA, CRISANTO T
 TADIAR, ARTEMIO A JR
 TRILLANES, ANTONIO F
 UBUNGEN, NESTOR S
 VILLANUEVA, RODOLFO G
 ZULUETA, ROMEO R

CLASS OF 1959 TRIVIA 60th ANNIVERSARY EDITION

THE ENVIRONMENT, THE DECADE OF THE '50S

- How many Congressional districts were there in 1955?
- What comprised the first district of Rizal? – The whole of Metro Manila, less the four districts of Manila and Valenzuela City
- How large was the AFP? – Roughly 30,000, with PGF, PAF and PN
- How many general and flag officers were there in 1955? – 11

What was the grade of the Chief of Staff? - Maj Gen
 What were the military services then? – The combat arms and the technical services (comprising the Ground Force), the PAF and the PN.

What were considered the major services at the time? – The Ground Force with two Major Command HQ - PA and PC, the PAF and the PN.

What was the grade of the major command and service commanders? – Brig Gen.

What was the AFP contending with? – The Huk rebellion, which had encircled Manila in 1951-52, mostly in Central and Southern Luzon, and the Kamlon rebellion in Sulu.

PRE-ENTRY

Who in the class –

Entered directly from high school? – EDDIE GARCIA, SESI CANDING, CUSTER CASTRO

Had military parents? – RONNIE BACCAY, CHUCK AGUSTIN

Had Cavalier fathers? – RONNIE BACCAY

Topped both the PMA and the USMA entrance exams in 1955? – PETE BARAOIDAN

Came from the southernmost province? – RONNIE BACCAY (DAVAO)

Came from the northernmost province? – JIM ZUMEL (ILOCOS NORTE)

Came from the largest province? – KUMEH COMENDADOR (Cotabato) (then one province)

Came from the smallest province? – ERNIE PACUNO (ABRA)

Came from the smallest island? – JACKIE DESQUITADO (Daan Bantayan, Cebu)

Did not have any congressional district or Senate nomination? - WILLY MANLONGAT (Presidential Quota)

Most number from one Congressional District? (7 from First District of Rizal)

AS CADETS

WHO AMONG THE CLASS -

Took finals every year? – TONY TRILLANES

Was Class President and Baron? – JIM ZUMEL

Topped the class? – BUSTER ARRASTIA

Was the class top athlete? – BARCE BARCELO

Had the greatest number of demerits? – RONNIE BACCAY

Was touring up to Graduation Week? – EDDIE GARCIA

Had the greatest number of girlfriends? - CLASSIFIED

Reportedly had no girlfriend? – CLASSIFIED

Designed our Class Seal and Ring? – NETZ RAMOS

Ordered more than one kaydet class ring? – HOOT CASAS

Could make the greatest number of push ups? GINO FLORES

Made the greatest number of sit-ups? BARCE BARCELO

Made the greatest number of pull ups? – ANDY FRANCISCO

Won the award for our class version of “Best in Equitation?” - JOSE COMENDADOR

Was “kidnapped” by a female horse during equitation class, back home to her stable? – NETZ RAMOS

Was Plebe issue Editor of the Corps (1955) – EDDIE GARCIA

Was CORPS Editor? – PIO GARRIDO

Was SWORD Editor? – SESI CANDING

AS GRADUATES

How was the class distributed BY SERVICE?

ARMY - 7 (DIZON, BARAOIDAN, FLORES, MANLONGAT, RAMOS, BARCELO, UBUNGEN)

NAVY - 13 (DUMLAO, GARCIA, AGUSTIN, LOMOTAN, ONG, DESQUITADO, FERNANDEZ, GALLOS, TRILLANES. GARRIDO, SANCHEZ, TADIAR, VILLANUEVA)

AIR FORCE – 9 (FRANCISCO, CASTRO, COMENDADOR, ARRASTIA, ZUMEL, OCHOCO, MANUEL, CANDING, CASAS)

CONSTABULARY – 8 (ABAYA P, ABAYA M, FESTIN, BACCAY, IMPERIAL, PERALTA, ZULUETA, PACUNO)

Was to graduate the oldest? – NETZ RAMOS

Was to graduate the youngest? – ERNIE PACUÑO

Was the first to get out of the service after graduation? – NICK MANUEL (to join PAL)

Joined all PMAAA Affiliate Foundations (PMAFI, PETFI, PDFI, and PFTJI)? – CHUCK AGUSTIN, BENNY LOMOTAN, JACKIE DESQUITADO

Became President, PMAAA? – JIM ZUMEL

Was Cavalier Editor? – CHUCK AGUSTIN (1978-85)

Became PMAAA Board Chairmen? – CHUCK AGUSTIN (2002-04), BENNY LOMOTAN (2008-09)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Was first to go on foreign schooling? – BUSTER ARRASTIA (1961)

Got the PAFS McMicking Gold Wing Award for top Flying Proficiency? – ANDY FRANCISCO

Got the Top Gun Award from a USAF Advanced Fighter Gunnery Course? – ANDY FRANCISCO

Had more than two BS degrees? – PETE BARAOIDAN, TEMY TADIAR, BENNY LOMOTAN, MAX DUMLAO, PIO GARRIDO, CHUCK AGUSTIN, BARCE BARCELO, WILLY MANLONGAT, KUMEH COMENDADOR, NICK FESTIN, PACO FRANCISCO

Was first to get a master’s degree? – MAX DUMLAO (1966)

Had master’s degrees? – MAX DUMLAO, PETE BARAOIDAN, BENNY LOMOTAN, WILLY MANLONGAT, PIO GARRIDO, SESI CANDING, CUSTER CASTRO, EDDIE GARCIA, CHUCK AGUSTIN, ANDY FRANCISCO, JACKIE DESQUITADO, KUMEH COMENDADOR, ROMY ZULUETA

Had two master’s degrees? – PIO GARRIDO, ART CASTRO, SESI CANDING, MAX DUMLAO

Had the greatest number of master’s degrees? - ART CASTRO (MBA, MS OPERATIONS RESEARCH, MA POLITICAL SCIENCE)

Got an MNSA degree? – ROMY ZULUETA, SESI CANDING

Had a Ph.D? – PETE BARAOIDAN, MAX DUMLAO

FAMILY LIFE

Was the first to marry? – JESS ALCORDO

Was first to marry after graduation? SANCHO SANCHEZ

Was last to marry? – PALTING PERALTA

Never married? – SESI CANDING

Sired Cavaliers? – KUMEH COMENDADOR, SANCHO SANCHEZ, TONY TRILLANES, DEL ABAYA, PABLING ONG, ROMY OCHOCO

Had children who became Doctors of Medicine? – JACKIE DESQUITADO, ROMY ZULUETA, CHUCK AGUSTIN,

Had the greatest number of children? – RIDEL ABAYA

Had children who ALL became doctors of medicine? – JACKIE DESQUITADO

Married a foreign national? – NETZ RAMOS

Had children-in-law who are all doctors of medicine? – JACKIE DESQUITADO

Had all male children? – RIDEL ABAYA

Had all female children? – PALTING PERALTA

Had children who became politicians? – RIDEL ABAYA, TONY TRILLANES, ERNIE PACUÑO

Had children who became lawyers? – DEL ABAYA, CRIS SARUCA, PALTING PERALTA, ED GALLOS

Had the greatest number of lawyer children? – DEL ABAYA (2)

Had the first grandchild? – SANCHO SANCHEZ

Had the first great grandchild? – NICK FESTIN (followed by MIKE ABAYA)

Had the greatest number of grandchildren as of 19 April 2019? – RIDEL ABAYA

Had children who became general/ flag officers? – PABLING ONG

Had children who became cabinet secretary? – DEL ABAYA

Had children who served in the military? – TONY TRILLANES, SANCHO SANCHEZ, PABLING ONG, KUMEH COMENDADOR, BOBBY FERNANDEZ, DEL ABAYA, ROMY ZULUETA, ROMY OCHOCO

SERVICE CAREER

Taught classes at PMA? – MAX DURLAO, PETE BARAOIDAN, CHUCK AGUSTIN, WILLY MANLONGAT

Was first to get promoted to Colonel? – JIM ZUMEL

Headed the same Bureau while in active service and after retirement? – NICK FESTIN, MAX DURLAO

Served longest as head of a Bureau? – NICK FESTIN

Was first promoted to general or flag rank? – TEMY TADIAR, JIM ZUMEL

Was first to get a major command? – JIM ZUMEL (PMA, 1984)

Served in more than one service? – TONY TRILLANES (PA/PN), ROMY ZULUETA (PC/PA), PALTING PERALTA (PC/PA)

Commanded the largest support command? – EDDIE GARCIA

Was first promoted to 2 stars? – PALTING PERALTA

Had the longest field duty? – GINO FLORES

Had three stars? – ROMY ZULUETA, GINO FLORES, BOBBY FERNANDEZ

Commanded military services? – TIMMY IMPERIAL (PNP), GINO FLORES (PA)

Was last promoted to general or flag rank? – SESI CANDING

Got four stars? – TIMMY IMPERIAL, PNP 1990-92

Headed Defense Attaché posts? – TEMY TADIAR, CHUCK AGUSTIN, ART CASTRO

Was first to command a battalion or equivalent? – GINO FLORES

Was first to solo an aircraft? – ROMY ARNAEZ

First to get the GSC rating? – RIDEL ABAYA, 1970

Was first to command a brigade or equivalent position? – TEMY TADIAR (1982)

Was first to command a commissioned naval vessel? – CHUCK AGUSTIN (1963, RPS Yacki P60)

Was first to get a Navy Command Badge? – JACKIE DESQUITADO (1967)

Obtained the Navy Senior Command Badge? – PIO GARRIDO, BOBBY FERNANDEZ, CHUCK AGUSTIN

Was first to be a Service Special Staff? – BENNY LOMOTAN and TEMY TADIAR (1966)

Was first to be a Service General Staff? – EDDIE GARCIA, 1972

Served as major service general staff? – RIDEL ABAYA, SESI CANDING, PIO GARRIDO, EDDIE GARCIA, JACKIE DESQUITADO, BOBBY FERNANDEZ, TIMMY IMPERIAL, TEMY TADIAR

Served as J-Staff? – ART CASTRO (J5), CHUCK AGUSTIN (J1)

Had longest time in grade on active duty as Colonel/Captain PN? – TONY TRILLANES

Had longest time in grade on active duty as general/flag officer -? TEMY TADIAR

Became PMA Superintendents? – JIM ZUMEL and ANDY FRANCISCO

Operated a successful registered family business while in the service? – RIDEL ABAYA, CHUCK AGUSTIN, NICK MANUEL, JACKIE DESQUITADO, ED GALLOS

POST ACTIVE SERVICE CAREERS

Became a licensed engineer? – BARCE BARCELO, PETE BARAOIDAN, WILLY MANLONGAT, NICK FESTIN, JESS ALCORDO

Was appointed to cabinet rank? – JESS ALCORDO, 1998

Headed government bureaus or government agencies? – PETE BARAOIDAN, BUSTER ARRASTIA, NICK FESTIN, MAX DURLAO, CHUCK AGUSTIN, JESS ALCORDO, PIO GARRIDO, TEMY TADIAR

Headed the same bureau twice? – MAX DURLAO, PPA, 1983-85 and 1986-87

Headed the greatest number of government bureaus or agencies? – CHUCK AGUSTIN (PCG, PPA, CEZA, NDCP)

Became an Ambassador? – RONNIE BACCAY (Vietnam)

Became lawyers? – PALTING PERALTA, CRIS SARUCA

Became a Pastor? – MAX DURLAO

Ran for political posts? – HOOT CASAS, RIDEL ABAYA, ERNIE PACUÑO, TEMY TADIAR

Had at least a three-term as Congressman? – RIDEL ABAYA

Became CEO/COO/ VP of private corporations? – RIDEL ABAYA, JESS ALCORDO, BENNY LOMOTAN, BUSTER ARRASTIA, CHUCK AGUSTIN, BOBBY FERNANDEZ, NICK FESTIN, TIMMY IMPERIAL

Worked as Pres/CEO/COO/GM IN A COMPANY abroad? – ANDY FRANCISCO, RUDY VILLANUEVA, WILLY MANLONGAT

Ran a regular column in a national daily? – EDDIE GARCIA

Served in government over 50 years? – CHUCK AGUSTIN, 52 YEARS

Became shipping and port executives? – BENNY LOMOTAN (APL, ATI AND WG&A), JACKIE DESQUITADO (APL and ICTSI), JESS ALCORDO (WG&A)

Flew wide-body jetliners? – ROMY ARNAEZ

OTHERS (SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC.)

Made the top 50 taxpayers' list? – JESS ALCORDO

Was first to get a Cavalier Award? – RIDEL ABAYA


Got the most Cavalier Awards? – CHUCK AGUSTIN (2)

Became negotiator with Abu Sayyaf terrorists? – ERNIE PACUÑO aka Cdr Dragon, 2000

Taught in college part time while in the service? – ART CASTRO, PIO GARRIDO, SESI CANDING,

Raised most funds for PMAAA as Chairman or President? – BENNY LOMOTAN, 2008-09

MISCELLANEOUS

Still at work today? – DEL ABAYA, MIKE ABAYA, EDDIE GARCIA, CHUCK AGUSTIN, NICK FESTIN, JESS ALCORDO, MAX DURLAO. 

The Golden Jubilarians: PMA CLASS 1969



We Graduated and Moved, Armed with Traditions

• BY THE CLASS 1969 EDITORIAL BOARD

March 25, 1969 was our big day. Imbued with straight forwardness, the wisdom of the generals and the sensible rules of Emily Post and George Bernard Shaw, we stepped into the real world full of contrivances of seniors and wise professors to keep mediocrity at a distance, a world inhabited by people so different from where we trained that we would so gently ask ourselves:

Will I practice too much civility in an environment full of strange mortals who could make life sweeter or bitter?

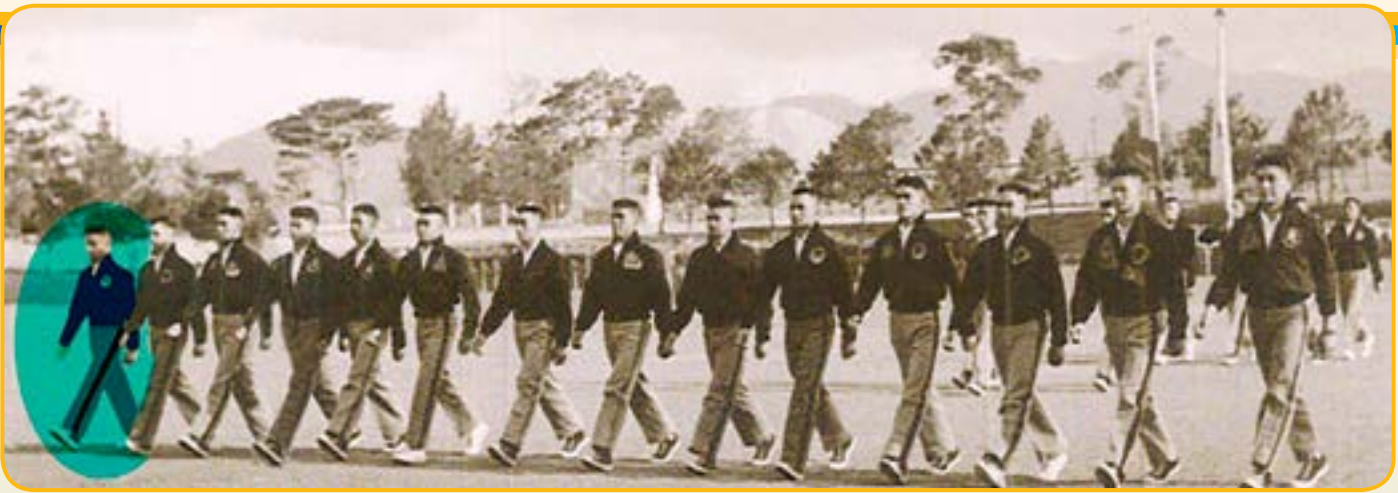
But the call of the field, the call of audacity, regardless of adversity and the promise of faster promotion was too much to bear. Since the PC was the flavor of the times, spiced with on-the-spot promotions if an NPA Commander was captured, almost half of the class (20) were assigned to the PC, 16 to the Army and seven to the Navy. Six of the PC Officers went to the Philippine Air Force for flying training with the arrangement that their branches of service will be changed to PAF upon completion. Ironically, Max Balansa, who was a cadet of the PAF Flying School before joining the PMA, joined the PC, and many years later, continued his flying training in the constabulary flying unit, but fatally crashed and became one of the class first casualties. Cris Abanes, who was assigned to the Army, joined the PAF flyboys but was torn between flying training and an AIM scholarship, and he chose the latter. Dan Reventar was with the troop carriers, Benjie Defensor joined the new air commando squadron as fighting started in Southern Philippines, Nonoy Carranza become a flight instructor, Smokey Cariño went to the fighters, then migrated to New York while Lito Labao flew the U-17s but met misfortune during a flight near Baler Bay and was never recovered.

Similarly, the same fate was suffered much later by Rimbort Gonzales of the Navy, who went missing in the sea on a flight back to Manila. Jake Duller migrated to the US and found his pot of gold in LA and mastered the lessons of California Dreaming while fine-tuning his expertise with new technologies.

As expected the brand new PC and the Army Officers blazed the trail for brilliant conduct and marked services. In various assignments they showed merit and ability and the unique skill of getting things going.

The PC show was led by the irrepressible Luzon assigned budding stars, and, not in any order: Rene Aguda, Rey Berroya, Ferdie Lagman, Tom Lantion, Larry Mendoza, Rudy Garcia, Vic Tiangco, Ed Mendigo, Cris Villanueva and Ike Begonia. Most transitioned from Company COs to Provincial Cmdr or Metrodiscom Chief and some like Rey and Larry became Regional Directors or Task Force heads. Ike was provincial commander in La Union and then Benguet before finally succumbing to the lure of the diplomatic service. Rudy headed the CIDG and Larry rose to become PNP Chief and later, DOTC and Executive Secretary. In Larry's future assignments, he brought with him Tom, who became LTRFB Chief, and Rey Berroya, who headed the LTO. The Visayan top boards included silent-worker Romy Sua, Mon Martinez, who made an impression in West Visayas and Jess Almaden who was winning all the awards in Central Visayas before he was transferred to Central Mindanao where he displayed his charming and handsome side, and got married there. Rene Aguda later moved to Southwestern Mindanao where he got his recommendations for a star.

The Army team, not wanting to be left behind, took on the insurgents in the South and engaged them in Central Mindanao



(Flor Toribio, Greg Camiling, Kayong Ariola and Damy Yala) while the rest of Mindanao became the stage of Vic Erfe, Alex Noble and later, Jimmy De Los Santos. In various assignments in Luzon were Bingbo Brilliantes, Pol Gange, Nick Garcia and the DND boys. Dennis Nagtalon was a major ahead of the rest.

In the Navy, Willy Wong completed his tours of sea duty; Jus Manlongat joined ISAFP and became one of the most informed with the stories and secrets of the AFP in the years that covered the active service of the class. Cleo Erfe and Jess Regala had various base assignments but later on were selected to serve in the Office of the President in Malacañang. Boy Maligalig had assignments in the AFP and DND but had to pause to complete his schoolings. Cutes Bacungan reinvented geographic assignments by claiming that Cebu was the center of the universe because he did not want to leave the province and Manila was mere field assignment.

However, for a class to be credible, it should not only have meritorious achievements in the field but also a complimentary record in the academe. The class exhibited it had a lot of brain power when many topped advanced and other schoolings, the General Staff Courses and the NDCP masters. The top graduates included Jimmy Delos Santos, Ferdie Lagman, Boy Maligalig, Rey Berroya, Rene Aguda, Nonoy Carranza and Willy Wong. Those who finished their Command and Staff courses abroad like Greg Camiling and Benjie Defensor were inducted into the Hall of Fame of their respective universities in the United States for outstanding performance.

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF CADETS OF 69

Foreign Service careers sometimes start after service in another the military or other profession. But since it was martial law, the ironclad rules of diplomacy give way to other priorities and the realities of the moments: gov't had to stay ahead of events by anticipating political movements, locally and abroad. The military attaches were around but the administration needed something more than just intelligence – trust, loyalty and the ability to anticipate events using a realist approach.

Thus, even though diplomacy and military science do not always substitute for the other, selected military officers were assigned to various posts and this included 69ers: Ed Mendigo was very valuable at the Philippine Consulate General in New York, then in San Francisco, as Tom Lantion was in the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles and Joey Syjuco of PMA and West Point 69, the rising star of the class, was assigned as Philippine Consul General in Seattle and London, and Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington DC and London.

Ike Begonia, the only member of the class who developed into a true-blue career diplomat, was assigned as Consul at the Philippine Consulate General in San Francisco, and as the Philippine Consul General in Manado, Indonesia and in Guangzhou, China, before becoming Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

in the State of Qatar, Romania, Republic of Bulgaria and Moldova, representing the government of the Philippines. He developed his diplomatic skills so well, he can say yes to a proponent, even if he means no and the other guy goes home feeling happy, successful and even loved.

Willy Wong, after his retirement as Phil. Navy FOIC, became Ambassador to Vietnam, a profession he could have joined earlier with his idealism, abilities and communicative skills. In Vietnam, he delivered and polished his tennis, making him one of the favorites of the diplomatic community there.

Benjie Defensor was designated Phil Ambassador at large to Chair the Asia-Pacific Economic Corporation (APEC), Anti-Terrorism Committee where he was named Best Performer by the 21 member states because of the record number of initiatives he was able to get consensus for, with a concept called warrior/karaoke diplomacy. At the meeting of the Heads of State, he offered to resign his position for upstaging the Philippine President in an international forum, but as expected, it was refused with a smile and praise.

Jimmy de los Santos proved to the world that the Filipino soldier equaled world standards. He bested other candidates from the ASEAN region in a highly competitive selection in process conducted by the United Nations. That paved the way for his appointment as Force Commander of 24-nation UN Peacekeeping Force in East Timor. He performed creditably well and restored peace, security and stability in war-ravaged country. After retirement he got involved in the academe serving as President, UP Alumni Association, member, UP Board of Regent and Professorial Lecturer (part-time). He was Director of Graduate Studies, Manuel L Quezon University.

Karl Kraus (1936) once asked: “How is the world ruled and led to war?” Answer: ask the diplomats of Class 69. They have plenty of warriors and leaders in their class.

In 1980s, the Dept. of Defense was a nest of comradeship of different classes and commissions, and was in fact, a center for coordination and information of many groups, including Class 69. It was indirectly, a cohesion machine, making the department stronger and more efficient than other agencies. Percentage-wise, Class 69 had one of the highest numbers in the Dept. as initially, they included Mon Martinez, Boy Maligalig, Nick Garcia, Kayong Ariola, Danny Yala, and Vic Erfe – a veritable think-tank and center of information with the latest updates on events of the country. They, together with many others, developed a natural breeding ground for reformists and in fact, attracted several others to make reform a catchword in the months to follow. The RAM was slowly gaining ground and since most of the key speakers were DND-based, leadership centers sprouted. Added to this were the information campaigns conducted by the DND Peace and Order Council which moved all over the country with various messages like the clean election campaign of Oplan “Kamalayan”.

The participants and volunteers were in a sense, a big military family, and supporters grew, until they would look more and more

like a band of brothers, willing to help and fight for each other. When German Field Marshall Von Hindenberg popularized the band of brothers concept, he was thinking of a life and death situation, where under the strains of combat, brothers fight to help the buddy next to him and never let him down. Being part of the band gives confidence, warmth and courage to the members, but few realize that among Peemayers, some classes strongly feel and pronounce they are closer than brothers. Wittingly or unwittingly, the RAM used the idea of brothers to the maximum, such that recruitment became easy as events would show.

Of the PMA classes recruited in this period, Class 69 was one of those in a state of close observation as it had personalities perceived to be genuine and strong commanders. Among them were: Rey Berroya with his reputation and credibility in Central Luzon, Larry Mendoza with his natural leadership qualities, Alex Noble, the Baguio wunderkind, who invaded the south, and Boy Maligalig who combines intellect with courage to confront a major anxiety of the time. Benjie who came from schooling was approached by the RAM boys to be their editor. Thus, major decision-makers and observers then and now, view with great concern, Class 69 as a class of leaders who can easily generate loyal forces and cannot be taken lightly.

An emotional highlight of EDSA 1 was when "PMA, O Hail to Thee," was played unexpectedly on the renegade Radio Bandido during the critical hours of the uprising. Accounts revealed that Peemayers on both sides were stilled by the music, became teary-eyed and some even stood at attention. The anchor June Keithly, asked permission to play the flip side of the recording but was not allowed, fortunately. The other side was "My Kaydet Girl" and June was advised it could cause romantic dancing in the streets. Radio Bandido, operated by Class 69, was DZRJ, owned by Ramon Jacinto, who later on, performed back to back in concerts with the class' band, The Sounds of 69.

After EDSA1, unauthorized military movements followed in 1987 and considered the bloodiest, the 1989 uprising. The 69ers were involved, and one of the most dramatic moments was when Boy Maligalig who was with Commo Calajate '61 at Logcom, attempted to take over GHQ with a handful of men but was met by a battalion of soldiers and had to move back on brotherly advise of a mistah, Damy Yala, who was Chief of the AFP Operations Center. Realizing a bigger common danger, ordered: "Mistah, Talo ka na. Time to run!" Bullets were flying, but with Damy's instinct to think selflessly and because of combat experience, there was something comforting or even charming in the sounds. The rebels lost but they gained a victory of sorts. The uprising debunked the myth that military camps had to move out of Manila because the troops came from the bases and camps inside the Capital City. The troops came from outside Manila so the politicians had to invent another reason to sell the military camps, the proceeds of which could not be accounted for.

After the 1989 uprising, Alex Noble and Vic Erfe moved to Mindanao with their men and continued their struggle. Alex, a poet and literary buff, idolized Ralph Waldo Emerson who once said about life, "The more experiments you make, the better. What if you do fail, and

get fairly rolled in the dirt once or twice. Up again, you shall never be so afraid of a tumble."

Fast forward now to 12 years later. EDSA 2, the condensed version of EDSA 1, unfolded. But the two EDSAs are worlds apart. They are similar only in name. No reformists, no secret meetings, no unauthorized military movements, only back-stage considerations of the five highest ranking military officers, which included three 69ers. With the safety of civilians a major concern. EDSA 2 came to pass.

On Center Stage: The Sounds of 69

Class 69's departure from AFP/PNP centerstage did not mean curtain call for them. Prior to Benjie's stepping down as CS,AFP, the class reinvented itself as the "Sounds of 69 at the Officer's Club in Camp Aguinaldo. It turned out that the class not only produced some of the country's best, if not brightest men in the military and the police, but also nurtured concert artists.

The group was conceived in 2001 at the Villamor Golf Clubhouse. The founding members were the Commanders of the military and the police. They were PAF CG and later, AFP Chief Benjie Defensor, PA Chief Jimmy delos Santos and PNP Chief Larry Mendoza and West Pointer Joey Syjuco. The class deemed it fitting to start a musical journey since the following year, many members were retiring from the service. The affair was also a perfect time to honor a class that scored a feat in both the military and police services despite being one of the smallest in number since World War II. Initial front-liners included Benjie, Jimmy, Larry and FOIC, Willy Wong and Greg Camiling Jr. who became Vice CS, AFP and later on Army Chief. Jus Manlongat and Cris Abanes joined the starting line-up with Vic Tiangco and a resurrected Pol Gange as managers.

So really, how goooood is the Sounds of 69? The class, known to labor hard in any pursuit because they perform to excel, displayed very well this trait in their musical adventure. Perhaps, the only group of generals in the whole world to form themselves into a band, gifted with music, their best description came from a foreign officer: "There are great singers in the military service, but why did the Sounds of 69 sing in our time? They make others nervous." The group usually starts off with Believe in Music, slides into World Without Love, and paces up to Monday, Monday. Jimmy de los Santos pumps up the audience with his Happy Together number. After several performances and concerts, the Sounds of 69 is now at a point where the pleasure in the techniques of music gradually reached a straight and level plane, and in a few moments of inspired solitude and proficient harmony, the 69ers have become the

instruments of the songs they have selected. This is the reason why they have developed "single-malt" smoothness with phrases like "Music is Love, love is music if you know what I mean. People in music are the happiest people I've ever seen."

Younger officers commented that the Sounds of 69 definitely deserves a bigger encore and bookings around the country. Their final call: "We've now seen how retired generals should behave or sound. Believe it or not." Take a bow.



PMA BANTAY LAYA CLASS 1994

The Journey Untold... 25 years at its Finest

ARMY GROUP – THE GUARDIANS OF THE LAND

It is not the destination that counts, but it is the collective stories in every chapter of their journey that matters to the **114 free-spirited Army individuals** who found themselves marching out of the hollowed ground of the Philippine Military Academy on that blissful day of 6th March 1994.

Remarkable as it was, the Journey of the Army Group of PMA “Bantay Laya” Class of 1994 can be best articulated in four important chapters: Training to Serve and Honing the Spirit; Cutting-Edge of the Army; Learning the Rudiments of the Jungles called Headquarters; and finally, Leading the Front...

Chapter 1 – Training to Serve and Honing the Spirit. The Army Group was the recipient of the new Army Pre-Deployment Training which has the following courses: Scout Ranger Orientation Course (SRTC, FSRR, PA); Officer Basic Course (TRACOM, PA); Special Operations Team Training (CMOS, Psyops, PA); Marksmanship Training (AMTU, PA); and, Basic Airborne Course (SFG-A).

Upon reporting to Headquarters Philippine Army in April of 1994, the group was warmly welcomed by the Scout Rangers in a simple but memorable reception “in the *lubloban*” that saw many of the group members wanting to join the rangers, thus, the warrior spirit and the challenge to live-up to ethos of Skill, Stamina and Spirit came into being. The physical and rigorous training made the class bond together.

Immediately after SROC, Training Command, Philippine Army located at Fort Bonifacio took over the training program. The Officer Basic Course (OBC) offered a respite in the rigors of SROC. The AFPOS phase divided the class into Infantry, Armor, Artillery, Signal and Engineers where majority of the Army Group joined the Infantry Officer Basic Course.

The theoretical phase of the SOT was conducted in Fort Ramon Magsaysay, Palayan City. The group had its first experience of being deployed in the field during the conduct of SOT practical exercise in the different municipalities of Western Pangasinan. This experience thought the group one important lesson that will guide them while in the army, service beyond the call of duty.

The year-long training program was capped by the Basic Airborne Course. The BAC provided the class the Airborne wings that added to the repertoire of skills needed prior to deployment. On 14 December 1994, the 1st Chapter of the Army Group journey ended.

Chapter 2 – Cutting Edge of the Army. On 02 January 1995, majority of the Army Group with deployment bags in tow, boarded C-130 enroute to the different mission areas for deployment, the start of their field duties.



The security environment in the mid-90s saw the CPP-NPA-NDF pursue its rectification campaign, the heightened attack of the MILF and the rise of the Abu Sayyaf Group. The security situation worsened in the late 90s and ended in an all-out war against the MILF in Central Mindanao. Throughout this volatile security situation, the Army Group was deployed in the field acting as Platoon Leader, Company Commander and Battalion/ Brigade Staff. The field experience during this time changed the entire perspective of the group and the manner they perceived the words “**Securing the Land and Serving the People**”. Majority of the members of the Army Group came face to face with the realities of serving in the field both in combat and other equally important line of operations of the army (Intelligence Operations, Stakeholder Engagements, Information Operations, Legal Cooperation and International Defense Security Engagement). Throughout these deployments, the group lived-up to be the Army’s cutting-edge by providing services to the people in the countryside and leading the fight against the enemy of the state.

At this point, majority of the group members saw themselves marrying the girl of their dreams, some were their Kaydet girls while most were new found sweethearts in the field. Alongside with their service to the nation, they started to make a home for their families, a dual task that made them genius in striking a balance between service and family life. On the other hand, a number of the Army Group paid the ultimate sacrifice of offering their lives for peace.

Chapter 3 - Learning the Rudiments of the Jungles called Headquarters. The cutting-edge chapter in the Army Group’s journey gave them the tools to assume different staff positions at Division, HPA, GHQ and AFPWSSUs. Some of the members opted to specialize in the field of intelligence, logistics, finance and information technology while others opted to serve in the civilian sector and some migrating to other countries pursuing a different line of work together with their families. The challenging staff work



in the urban jungles of HPA and GHQ taught them the rudiments of completed staff work and the dynamics of working at higher headquarters level where pencil pushing were done by Captains and Majors. This period was also marked by constant get together wherein families of the Army Group developed a bond that became a constant source of strength of each member. It also saw the Army Brats getting closing together with the Air Force and the Navy Brats. Overall, this chapter provided the Army Group the privilege of learning the rudiments of staff work and the time to re-group and build a greater family called – the Bantay Laya Family composed of their spouses and children.

Chapter 4 – Leading the Front. Equipped with valuable lessons from the field and the rudiments of staff work, the Army Group was ready to take on another challenge – leading the front as Battalion Commanders. From 2016-2017, majority of the Army Group were assigned in the different PA Major Units and some had the opportunity to serve in Mindanao. The AFP's main effort in confronting insurgency and terrorism threats are the Eastern Mindanao Command (EMC) and Western Mindanao Command (WMC). Most of the Battalion Commanders were members of the Army Group where they provided leadership to the maneuver Battalions (Infantry, SOCOM and Armor) and Combat Support and Service Support Battalions confronting the NPA and terrorist groups (BIFF, Maute Group and ASG). While those Battalion Commanders in Visayas and Luzon were equally brilliant in leading their units employing different line of operations. The campaign in CARAGA and Davao regions against the NPAs gained ground with Army Group at the forefront of the campaign that resulted to neutralization, capture, surrender of the NPA leadership and its ranks and file and the clearing of two guerilla fronts.



On the other hand, the campaign in Zamboanga-Basilan-Sulu (ZAMBASUL) was spearheaded by the Army Group having commanded the 16IB, 18IB, 32IB, 35IB, 41IB, 44IB, 53IB, 64IB, 68IB, 74IB, 8FAB, 2SRB, 5SRB, 2SFB, 4SFB and 6SFB.

During the liberation of Marawi City from the control of Maute and ASG terrorist groups, the Army Group was again in the thick of the fight to clear the city of DAESH-inspired terrorist groups. They commanded the Special Operations Forces, Infantry Maneuver Battalions, Cavalry Squadron and Mechanized Battalion, Field Artillery Battalions and Engineer Combat Battalions. These units figured prominently in the liberation of Marawi City. Suffice to say, the major urban battle of the AFP was fought with most of the Battalion Commanders belonging to the Army Group, PMA Bantay Laya Class of 1994. A

humbling experience for them to be given the privilege of fighting together and alongside with other equally great leaders and graduates of PMA.

The Army Group is humbled and honored to still have **75 members** serving in different capacities in the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

These colorful chapters in the Army Group's journey is a testament that its members live-up to the Army Ethos of Honor, Patriotism and Duty. They have remained steadfast to their sworn duty of Serving the People and Securing the Land. Others who opted to pursue equally important callings outside the military service are all living-up to the ideals of **Courage, Integrity and Loyalty** that has become the way of life for these fine gentlemen who volunteered to join the Army 25 years ago.



NAVY GROUP – THE GUARDIANS OF THE SEA

On 06 April 1994, after a month of momentary hibernation from the rigid and arduous academic and military training, seventy members of PMA Class of 1994 reported to the Philippine Navy as student Officers to undergo the 137th Naval Officers Qualifications Course "A" at the Naval Education and Training Command, San Antonio, Zambales. Historically the largest batch to graduate at PMA, the challenge of synchronizing the mixtures of different PMA Company cultures/traditions coupled with individual attitudes and dispositions have graciously enriched the adaptation of the young Officers into a strong and united Bantay Laya Navy Group that allowed them to survive the rigors of NOQC life and beyond.



The thrilling and life-changing experience that highlighted the transcendental adventure of these young officers in their NOQC phase was the first-ever ASEAN Tour embarked by PN in May to June 1994 in order to expose the promising naval officers to the different navies of the world and learn the vibrance and intricacies of the naval service. Aboard the newest cargo ship of the Philippine Navy, the LCC 550, the group was able to visit four (4) countries of destinations, such as Sattayip, Thailand; Changi, Singapore; Surabaya, Indonesia, and Port Klang, Malaysia. It was indeed “life-changing” since it did not only allow the Officers to explore the wonders of the ocean world, but it also provided them the compass to determine their specific field of professions, whether to pursue the fleet-bound career as White Cap Officers or the ground-striking force as Marine Officers. Hence, after their completion of the NOQC “A”, 38 of the Bantay Laya Navy Group chose to stay in the Fleet Force, 21 joined the “the few, the proud” Philippine Marine Corps while 11 of them chose to continue their career with the Philippine Coast Guard.

The Navy Group was basically divided in to three sub-groups (PN, PMC, PCG) and its members spread all over the Philippine archipelago in pursuing their sworn duties and mandates. Those who joined the Philippine Fleet went aboard ship and completed their junior billets as Mess and Supply Officers, Deck and Gunnery Officers, and Engineering and Damage/Control Officers in various naval platforms in all parts of the country including the infamous Spratly Islands. During these times, some White Cap Officers have preferred special fields of profession, such as the Naval Air Group, Naval Special Operations Group, and Intelligence while some continued to finish their Executive Officer billets with only a few pursued their Commanding Officers billets. On the other hand, some opted to be part of the Corps of Professor. Unavoidably, the White Caps (both PN and PCG) and the Marines have intermittently crossed paths in their assignments or deployments. Local and foreign schoolings, like the Naval Staff Courses, Basic and Advanced Intelligence Courses,

Finance and Logistic Courses, General Staff Courses, and the Master in National Security Administration, have brought opportunities to the members of the group to rekindle the spirit of camaraderie and friendship that have manifestly characterized the Bantay Laya Navy Group.

Inevitably, there are those who chose paths outside of the armed service either they resigned or retired early from the service and engaged in business or other private employment.

The Navy group through 25 years, also remembers and honors the company of their dear departed Sailors and Marine Mistahs who joined the Creator ahead of them.

Now, out of the original 71 strong members, only 41 have remained to continue their service, most of whom are occupying important and sensitive positions in the PN, PCG, PMC and Corps of Professors.

MARINE WARRIORS

The original 21-strong Bantay Laya Marine Group were volunteers out of the 71 total Bantay Layans who joined the Navy Group. After undergoing the successive courses of Naval Officers Qualification Course “A” and the Mess and Supply Officers Course, they reported to the Headquarters of the Philippine Marines for the



mandatory Marine Officers Orientation Course (MOOC). The MOOC was subsequently followed by the conduct of Marine Basic Airborne Course, most of them lived and survived to finish the tough training, while others chose to forego of copping the coveted wings and just went directly to the line Battalions. By mid-1990s, all Bantay Laya Warriors were scattered in the different Marine units in Quezon, Sulu, Palawan, Zamboanga, Tawi-Tawi, and Basilan as Platoon Commanders.

The first major campaign that the Bantay Laya Marines actively participated was the “all-out war” against the Moro National Liberation Front in 2000. Soon after, the Marine Warriors went on different schoolings for career advancement; undergoing courses in intelligence, logistics and other courses. During this period, a number of them decided to went out of the service and trotted their way in the private sector performing security-related jobs.

The years of these Marine Warriors of Class 1994 faithfully serving inside and outside the Corps have made them what they are now, valuable assets of the military service.

For over two decades of service in the Marine Corps and with the private sector, the Marine Warriors have proven to be best in whatever position or job they occupy. These unparalleled individuals were not only “ripened” through time but were honed by experienced and made tougher by wisdom.

AIR FORCE GROUP – THE GUARDIANS OF THE SKY

The Air force group was chosen from the 241 strong members of Bantay Laya Class of 1994 with 54 strong and able-bodied individuals joined the Philippine Air Force.

After graduation on 06 March 1994, the group was given a month long vacation and reported back to Villamor Air Base and given the marching orders to report to different tactical flying units. The 54 Bantay Layans were divided into five groups. The first ten was placed on Detached Service for OJT to the 5th Fighter Wing, the second group of ten went to 15th Strike Wing, the third group composed of 11 went to 100th Training Wing, another group of 11 went to 220th Air Lift Wing and the remaining 12 went to 205th Tactical Operations Wing.

It was during those deployments where the ingenuity of the members of the Air Force group came into being. Ingenuity on how to survive with less money on their pockets as salaries were given in advance and most of them gave it to their families and leaving just enough money for deployment.

Each group had their own stories to tell but the most common of it was the way they reported to their billet area in their respective training assignments. They were walking like “mga itik, sunud-sunuran sa inahin.” The “inahin” was the marcher and responsible for the group.

After a month, the group was sent to undergo BAFOC and everyone was excited to share stories of their experiences in different tactical wings. Their time at the Flying School in Lipa was a time to bond with their Mistah and spent majority of their time playing, drinking and going out. They gave the weekend warrior term a new meaning where practically more than half of the class stayed over the weekend at TOQs. The group was billeted in two areas: TOQ3 and TOQ5 where each had their peculiar experiences to share. These bond developed their camaraderie and strengthen it that until now, they are still very strong in terms of connections



and bonding.

At flying school, they flew the T-41D under the 101st Primary Training Squadron and finished it on time, however, when they were about to be transferred to 102nd training squadron when an unfortunate event happened that led to revision of training program. This time they were divided into three group: the fixed wing group, the MG group and the Huey Group and were made to specialize on their chosen field of specialization. Those who wanted to be instructor pilots, OV-10 pilots and airlift pilots went to the fixed wing group, 19 went to the huey group (205th TOW) and the rest joined the 15th SW and the rest joined the MG group.

After graduation from flying school, 23 joined the 15th SW, 19 to 205th TOW, 4 to the 5th FW, 3 to the 220th AW and 5 to the 100th TW. After a few months in deployment, the 505th SRG was activated and few Mistah from the 205th TOW and the 15th SW opted to join 505th SRG.

Years past and majority pursue a progressive pilot career and joined the civilian aviation. Two resigned from the service and joined their wives abroad, few were in general aviation and majority were bus drivers (airbus of PAL and Cebu Pac). Of the 54 members of the Air Force Group, 22 are still in the service, five in general aviation, two are OFWs working for Hongkong Air and Viet Air, three are in the United States, three just faded in the limelight, two are with Cebu Pacific and the rest are with the Philippine Airlines.

Majority of those who stayed in the service were given the opportunity to study and train abroad ranging from few weeks of training and seminars to a longer period for a Master’s degree and professional military education. Five graduated from MNSA, three took its equivalent abroad, one is still ongoing, five took their GSC abroad and three took their SOC from abroad.

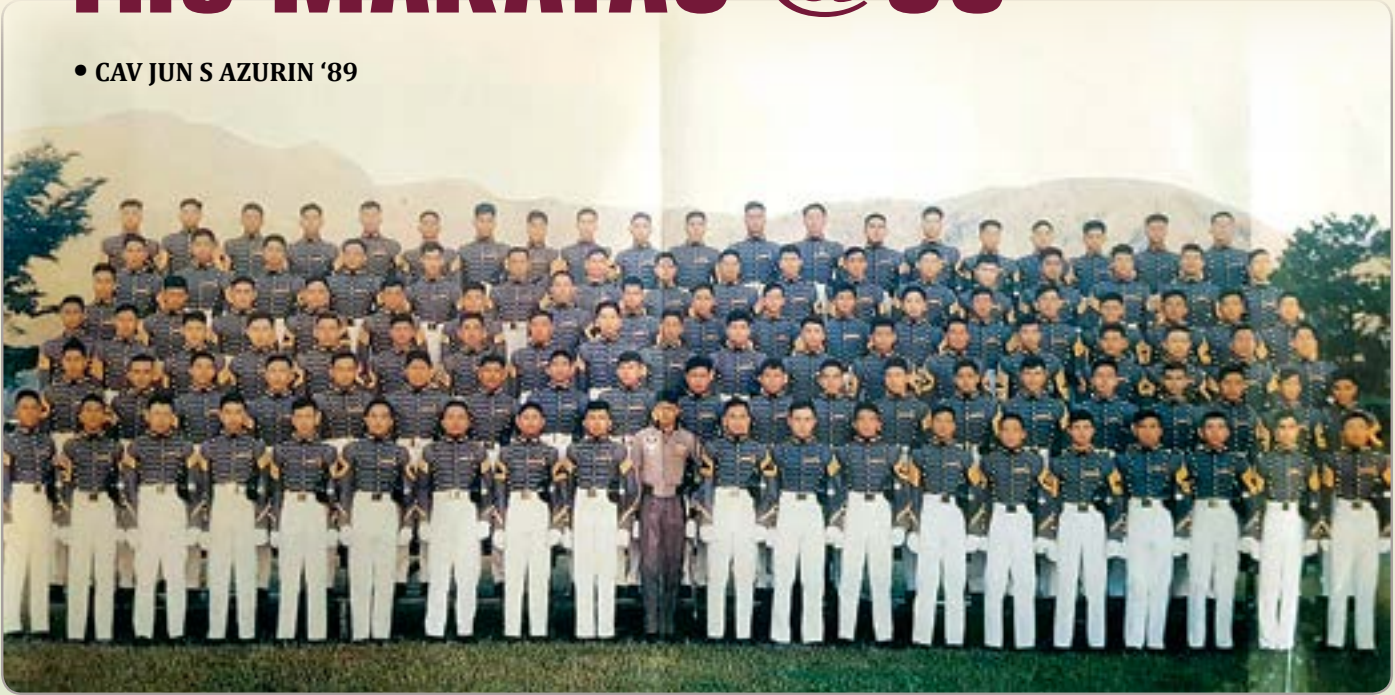
Twenty-five years after graduation and the Air Force Group is already holding positions of major responsibility. Those who left the service or retired early are also enjoying their lives for their selfless service as bus drivers and stick, collective and pedal pushers. They are looking for a bright future ahead as active military officers and retired or resigned airline and general aviation pilots.

IN RETROSPECT.....

Their journey is yet to end, but it is not the destination that counts, how they become out of this journey is what defines them as a CLASS... For the meantime, the colorful and meaningful 25 years of sojourn has ended, the next chapter in the PMA Bantay Class of 1994 journey begins.. till next time.... see you in the Borromeo Field Cavaliers..../Jerusalem 94

PMA Class 1989: The MAKATAO @30

• CAV JUN S AZURIN '89



On the 1st of April 1985, 330 young men from the 7,641 islands of the Philippine Archipelago – each with their own diverse cultures, beliefs, norms, traditions, and reasons – reported to Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City; comprising the PMA Class of 1989. Four years later, on the 19th of February 1989, only 113 out of the 330 graduated and joined the Armed Forces of Philippines. Fifty-two (52) joined the Philippine Army (PA), twenty-six (26) joined the Philippine Constabulary (PC), twenty-five (25) joined the Philippine Navy (PN), and ten (10) joined the Philippine Air Force (PAF). Thirty years later, of the 113 graduates commissioned in the active service, 72 are still in the active service, 27 are enjoying retirement, 11 has joined our Creator in heaven, and three are facing several challenges in life. Of the 72 in the active service, 44 mistahs joined the star rank Officers Corps, while 28 mistahs have yet to join as well.

The 30 years have been fruitful and eventful, filled with blessings and challenges – as every member tries to balance their family life, career, and other activities like business, sports, and pleasure.

Happy 30th year mistahs! Proud to have reached this far... Makatao 89, the Pearl Jubilarians.

The Former PC now PNP: A Fruitful Journey of 30 Years by Bart Bustamante

After 30 years – initially in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, then in the Philippine National Police (PNP) – we are very grateful to report to our Alma Mater, that her sons have lived up to the ideals and aspirations of the Philippine Military Academy; characterized by its motto of Courage, Integrity, and

Loyalty. Seven distinguished members of the Class got their First Star, as follows:

Name, Date of Promotion and Position

1. PCSupt Valeriano T De Leon September 4, 2017 Director, FEO
2. PCSupt Norberto D Solomon September 28, 2017 Director, EOD/K9 Unit
3. PCSupt Rhodel O Sermonia December 27, 2017 Director, PCRG
4. PCSupt Bert Ignatius Ferro February 21, 2018 Director, PDEG
5. PCSupt Ulysses C Caton June 2018 DRDA, PRO12
6. PCSupt Rodolfo S Azurin Jr September 18, 2018 Ex-O, DPRM
7. PCSupt Jose Chiquito M Malayo September 18, 2018 Superintendent, PNPA

Three others have already occupied T.O positions for the one-star rank; however, as of this writing, the appointment papers are still being processed. Certainly, in a few weeks' time, these gentlemen will don their new ranks, to wit:

Name, Date of Designation Position

1. PSSupt Manuel L Abu November 20, 2018 Acting Deputy Director, PNPSAF
2. PSSupt Jesus D Cambay Jr September 2018 Acting DRDA PRO6
3. PSSupt Jireh D Fidel November 15, 2018 Acting EX-O, DIDM

Other gentlemen officers are still awaiting their luck to strike, as they still need one more step to the most coveted T.O. positions for star rank. As snappy as they are, as with the other members of the PMA Makatao Class of 1989, the process must be observed – just like in any uniformed service. They are as follows:

Name, Date of Designation Position

1. PSSupt Bartolome R Bustamante August 1, 2017 Deputy Director, PCRG
2. PSSupt Rex Dela Rosa December 15, 2016 Deputy Director, PRBS
3. PSSupt Sterling Raymund Blanco August 22, 2018 DRDO, PRO Cordillera
4. PSSupt Ulysses Gohel February 7, 2017 Deputy Director, AKG

Not to be outdone is PSupt Mario Sinocruz, who because of his unquestionable dedication and devotion to PRO2 and the Cordilleras, opted to remain thereat no matter what. He refused to undergo further schooling and disregarded taking the necessary eligibility which should have been easy for him. He is looking forward to a peaceful retirement in the hinterlands, ample preparation indeed. Of course, we have also distinguished members of the class who retired from the service upon reaching the mandatory age of 56 years. PSSupt Edwin Paras, better known as Kuya Ed by his circle of friends, retired in 2017. Finding a passion in the business sector, and helping in the economic growth and development of the country, PSSupt Erwin Robles opted to retire early. He is now used to traveling around the world, looking for better business opportunities.

The trials and persecutions were likewise felt. The hazards of the profession hit PSupt Dionisio C Borromeo and PSSupt Eduardo P Acierto. We are hoping and praying that they will be soon be cleared of allegations and charges.

Looking back some 30 years today, 26 young and dashing Second Lieutenants of the PMA Makatao Class of 1989 joined the regular Officer Corps of the Philippine Constabulary – then under the Armed Forces of the Philippines, as one of its major services. Due to the pressing challenges on peace and order at that time, brought about by the insurgents and the southern secessionist groups, the PC leadership decided that the entire PC Group undergo further the Special Ranger Course, with the PC Special Action Force prior to deployment in war-torn areas. Unfortunately, in the course of the training, we suffered our first casualty. 2Lt Perfecto Sagun succumbed to a gunshot wound in the head.

The first combat casualty of the PC group was 2Lt Allan B Flores, whose Company encountered heavily armed dissidents in the Davao Region. Though his Company was outnumbered, they were never outfought; but it cost him his life, a supreme sacrifice for the love of country and fellowmen.

In 1991, barely two years in the active service, RA 6975 was passed – creating the Philippine National Police. Three members of the Class opted to remain with the Armed Forces of the Philippines, viz:

Name – Branch Of Service

1. 2Lt Connor Anthony D Canlas – now a COLONEL and the Chief of the AFP Procurement Service, soon to be promoted to Brigadier General PAF

2. 2Lt Ramon A Tampil – later promoted to MAJOR, retired optionally, then migrated to Ireland PA
3. 2Lt Aldrick B Dela Torre – now a COLONEL PAF

Thus, 22 members of the Class were absorbed into the Philippine National Police as Inspectors; then later, the ranks readjusted to Police Senior Inspector. As we valiantly confront the challenges in the police force that is national in scope and civilian in character, PSupt Hammurabi P Geonzon and PCI Manuel L Chu optionally retired from the service. Both members migrated to the land of milk and honey, USA.

For our adopted PNP MAKATAO: 1. Antonio “TIWAY” Salamat Jr Proprietor, ALCS Trading/ALCS Transport; and 2. Atty Rolly Claveria who is with San Miguel Corporation.

Makatao Army Group @ 30: Staying Strong and United Amidst Diversity by Jun Torres

The Makatao Army group currently has a total of 60 members to include regular and honorary. Thirty-six are still in the active service while sixteen have retired. We also have eight other members who are with the civilian sector.

Majority of those in the active service are holding key positions in the field and directly involved in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism. Currently, we have 12 Brigade Commanders, two of whom are in Luzon: Greg Almerol of 903rd Inf Bde in Sorsogon and Rowen Tolentino of 703rd Inf Bde based in Nueva Ecija. Greg has this to share, “*Our courage to fulfill our vision comes from our passion, not position*”. Helping Greg in the Bicol region is Rod Batang as he heads the 5th Regional Community Defense Group. George Lalaquil is helping out in the army operations in Luzon as DBC of 201st Inf Bde in Laguna area.

In the Visayas, three mistahs are heading Infantry Brigades: 301st Inf Bde in Iloilo is under Kid Desoyo; 801st Inf Bde is under Alex Luna; while 803rd Inf Bde, covering Northern Samar is led by Ramil Bitong. Helping them out as DBCs are Camilo Ligayo and Eman Magpayo of 801st Inf Bde and 803rd Inf Bde, respectively. Also, Lowell Tan is the DBC of BGen Dagoy at 802nd Inf Bde. *Ipinaabot ni Camilo sa lahat na lubos siyang naniniwala sa mga kasabihan ng kanyang kumander na si Heneral Luna.*

A number of our army mistahs are leading the fight in Mindanao. With seven (7) Bde Commanders, two (2) DBCs, three (3) Task Force Commanders and an Infantry Division Chief of Staff.

At the Tabak Division, Ariel Felicidadario heads the 101st Inf Bde which was recently renamed as 1101st Inf Bde. He enjoys the beauty and challenges of nature in the island of Sulu. Bagnus Gaerlan operates nearby with his 102nd Inf Bde. While Omet Brawner is in Marawi area leading the 103rd Inf Bde. He sends his greetings, “from Marawi with love.” Providing the armored fighting vehicles in the area is Tom Sedano, the Commander of the 2nd Mechanized Inf Bde.

In the area of 4th Infantry Division, we have Mau Licudine leading the troops in Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur as DBC of 401st Inf Bde. What keeps him going steadily and effectively is the saying that he believes in, “Patience is not simply the ability to wait, it is how we behave while we are waiting”. Nono Plaza, as the Chief-of-Staff of 4ID, partners with Mau in winning the campaign against various threats in 4ID area.

At Kampilan Division, Juvmax Uy keeps the peace as the Assistant Division Commander. With him is Wibo Mamawag who heads the 603rd Inf Bde. Joey Narciso helps out as the



Commander of TF Kutawato and at the same time, the IG of 6ID. Completing the Makatao squad in Central Mindanao is the versatile shooter, Efren Baluyot, who heads TF Talakudong and leads the 1st Mech Inf Bde as its DBC.

At the Mindanao's Eastern front are four Makataos. Jun Torres maintains the peace in Davao City and Davao del Norte as 1003rd Inf Bde Commander. Manny Sequitin as Commander of 701st Inf Bde, spearheads the operations from Mati, Davao Oriental, the southernmost tip of the country, "Where the sun shines first". And the area considered as the melting pot and crossroad of all threat groups is ably being handled by Don Bajao as the TF GenSan Commander. And ensuring that units are always in step with the Eastern Mindanao Command's campaign is John Oberio as the Command's Inspector General.

At the NCR, you can find Marvin Licudine as he leads JTF-NCR as its Deputy Commander. Also at GHQ is Leo Ramoran as the Chief, AFP Finance Center. He is now very excited to discover what retirement brings, and is ready to join Danbar Barotilla who retired compulsorily last year. Danbar presently lives happily in the fruit basket town of Oriental Mindoro as a full-time employee of DBM (Driver, Bodyguard and Masahista ni Au). With them at NCR is Kiram Grajo, the Deputy Commander of HHSG, PA. He claims to be, "enjoying every work being given to me in the remaining days of my active service and keeping myself fit to enjoy my coming retirement". Also with the HHSG is Roger Migote who at the time of this writing is recovering from an ailment.

Nick Suemith actively reconnected with the class. He now is the Deputy G6, PA and has a son graduating from PMA in 2022. Likewise, Mel Recaido has rejoined us and now heads the Security and Escort Battalion at HPA. Busy providing elite combat troops for the campaign in defeating various threat groups is Ranger William Gonzales, Commander of the FSRR. He wants us to bear this in mind, "If you are looking for a real action 'ranger standard' you can find me in Camp Tecson, San Miguel, Bulacan". Likewise, Lincoln Tagle always keeps the SOCOM forces ready for

deployment anywhere, anytime as its Deputy Commander. And ensuring that the army personnel can hit their target is the team of Bong Doctolero, as the Commandant of the Marksmanship Training School, TRADOC, PA.

Also, the reserve forces nationwide are being recruited, trained and developed under the auspices of Bernie Langub as the Commander of Army Reserve Command. In tandem with him is another Makatao, Joshua Santiago, as the Deputy Commander, who ensures that reservist affairs are well-managed.

Posted as Defense and Armed Forces Attache to the Kingdom of Thailand and non-resident Defense Attache to Lao People's Democratic Republic is Ric Bayhon. He is about to finish his 3-year term by 01 May 2019 and retire by 09 July 2019. He is now looking forward to be playing more golf with mistahs.

Aside from Danbar, 15 other mistahs had retired earlier. Allan Borlisa now works at the Post Office in Orange County, California, USA. While Jojie Raymundo lives quietly and comfortably at the East Coast.

Three are based in Australia, namely: Leo Asuncion, who is with Accenture, Australia New Zealand, Defense and National Security Account; Ricky Carlos runs his own business in Melbourne; while Bayani Fernandez has a unique twist in his military career. In 2008, he joined the Australian Army with the Royal Australian Engineers, where he became the Senior Project Officer at Infrastructure Division. Currently, he is a Liaison Officer of the Australian Defence Force to the AFP, relaxing at a nice condo in Greenbelt.

Mon Tampil is a migrant to the Emerald Isle, Ireland. He sustains as a quality control for Customer Relations of Hertz Dublin. And more than anything else, he asserts to be a follower of Yeshoah (Jesus Christ). In Canada, Jess Rosete works as a Quality Control Officer of Canadian Auto Worker. And also living in Canada with his family is Emil De Leon.

Other retirees are still in the security business. Ace Esmeralda continues to run Ace and Associates Risk and

Management Inc. Alex Tuprio is a security manager of Air Asia. While Dan Olay remains to be the security manager of DMCI. He is likewise the CO, 1305th Ready Reserve Inf Bn and currently NRI of CGSC Class-64, very true to his motto, "Serving back for love of country".

Nick Pongos, who used to be an army aviator, is still an Airbus driver of PAL. While Kiko Baldazo is with Phoenix as Senior Logistics and Distribution Manager. Allan Cordova and Mike Taningco are quietly staying with their family in Dumaguete City and Samar, respectively.

Actively participating in our class affairs is Pakoy Ortega, the Governor of La Union. We really appreciate his hosting of the La Union-leg of our 30th Alumni homecoming. Boy Rulloda is with him in La Union as its PDRMO.

Ram Catadman is the Regional Sales Director of Store Enso South East Asia Pte. Ltd based in Makati but shuttles regularly to Singapore. Bookie Oandasan resides in California and is the System Software Developer of Desert Oasis Healthcare.

Arnel De Guzman is a Pit Officer of PAGCOR at Rizal Park Hotel. While Jun Morales is connected with AXA Philippines as a financial partner and a certified AXA health specialist. And running their own businesses are Jojo Solomon and Medel Raquel.

As could be gleaned from the status of army class members, we have diversified through the years but this diversity is our strength. We are united by the same Makatao spirit that we nurtured for more than three decades. This spirit shall propel us to hurdle the big challenges that lie ahead of us in the next five years and beyond.

The PMA Makatao Class of 1989 Air Force Group Story by Toto Dela Pena

The flight of the Air Force Group of the PMA Makatao Class of 1989 took-off immediately after graduating on 19 February 1989. Ten (10) Makataos out of the 113 members of Class 1989 reported to Headquarters Philippine Air Force, Villamor Air Base in 19 March 1989, after the customary one-month academic break.

While waiting for flight training, the group was assigned for On-the-Job Training (OJT) to various PAF units. On 07 May 1989, the Group got its first glimpse of their future as pilots when they reported to the 100th Training Wing, Fernando Air Base, Lipa City, Batangas. There, they were made to undergo the Admin Officers' Course at the PAF Technical Training Center also in FAB from 24 May 89 to 21 Jul 89. After completing the Admin Officers' Course, the Group reported to the PAF Flying School on 22 July 1989 joined by five other Student Officers (SOs) and 35 Aviation Cadets (ACs) to comprise the Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) of the PAFFS Class of 1991.

During the UPT, the Flyboy Makataos went through the rigors of soloing the Cessna T-41D aircraft, completing the Primary Phase of Flight Training by 1990. Due to the lack of SF-260M Basic Trainer aircraft, the Class was made to undergo Specialization Training. Manifesting their desire to serve with their mistahs in the field, the Group signified to fly the UH-1H and the newly acquired McDonnell Douglas MD-520MG Defenders. Six (6) SOs, 2Lt Dela Peña, 2Lt Macasaet, 2Lt Rayos, 2Lt Marquez, 2Lt Mendoza and 2Lt Villanueva (of OCS Class 1 and an adopted Makatao) along with other ACs volunteered to undergo specialization training under US-Trained Instructor Pilots in the MD-520MG Defenders in FAB, Lipa City while 2Lt Peralta, 2Lt Bihag, 2Lt Cabe, 2Lt Tianchon and 2Lt Cristobal chose to fly the UH-1Hs of the 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing and completed

their specialization in Villamor Air Base. After the specialization course from 11 Apr 1991 to 30 May 1991, the Air Force Group Makataos had their graduation on 01 July 1991, simultaneous with the Air Force Day, with Lt Dela Peña graduating number 1 out the 49 pilots of PAFFS Class 1991.

All the ten Air Force Makataos honed their mettle in the field of combat, either as attack pilots of the 15th Strike Wing or as combat pilots of the 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing. All flew combat missions and fought during the height of the AFPs counter-insurgency campaigns throughout the archipelago in the 1990s. The ten men-in-blue were later joined by Lt Canlas and Lt Dela Torre, who opted to join the Air Force when the Philippine Constabulary was dissolved and reorganized into the Philippine National Police in 1990. Lt Canlas graduated as Top of PAFFS Class 1993 and became an accomplished Instructor Pilot of the 100th TW, teaching many a would-be Air Force pilots the wonders of soaring the big blue skies. Cpt Mendoza, who became an IP after his stint with the 15th Strike Wing, later joined him.

As the Makatao fly-boys climbed the Air Force leadership ladder and occupied various positions of responsibility, their accomplishments further cemented their service reputation as silent but reliable workers, quietly but professionally performing their duties with excellence and dedication. Along the way, two Makatao airmen paid the ultimate sacrifice, 1Lt Glenn B Bihag in a fatal crash of their UH-1H helicopter while conducting re-supply to army units fighting in the highlands of Napaliran, Balingasag, Misamis Oriental and LTC Ferdinand T Macasaet PAF (GSC) who was fatally shot in Loakan, Baguio City.

The flying acumen of Makatao flyers was also recognized when Jerry Cabe and Caloy Cristobal became Presidential Pilots of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing. Later, Nesty Rayos and Toto Dela Peña also got assigned as Directors for Operation of the 250th PAW. As the PMA Makatao Class of 1989 celebrates its 30th Graduation Anniversary, their destinies continue to unfold before them. Starting 2017, the much-coveted stars have fallen upon the shoulders of Makatao Air Force Group as they occupy positions of command, to wit: Toto Dela Peña as Wing Commander, 15th Strike Wing based in Sangley Pt., Cavite City, who earned it during his stint as WC, Tactical Operations Wing Western Mindanao (the air component of WESTMINCOM during the Marawi Siege); Leo Peralta as WC, 420th Supply Wing; Nesty Rayos as WC, TOW West (formerly, 570th Composite Tactical Wing), Puerto Princesa, Palawan and about to assume his next assignment as Assistant Superintendent, PMA; the latest to fall is the star of Cris Marquez as WC, TOW Western Mindanao. Starmen-in-waiting are Connor Canlas as the Chief of the AFP Procurement Service, an O-7 position, after being Acting Wing Commander of the Tactical Operations Wing Northern Luzon and Brigadier Larry Tianchon, Commander of the Joint Task Force Malampaya based in El Nido, Palawan, also an O-7 position. Meanwhile, Aldrick Dela Torre is educating future senior leaders of the AFP as Chief of Staff of the AFP CGSC and Lito Villanueva is still powering PAF Transformation and rebuilding of Marawi's as DWC of the 355th Aviation Engineer Wing based in Basa Air Base. Makatao Aviators who continue to fiercely advance national development by pumping in foreign currency to the Philippine economy are: Jerry Cabe is in Libya flying Bell412s of Gulf Helicopters based in Qatar; Paul Mendoza is flying the Airbus A330 with Hong Kong Air Cargo Limited, an affiliate of Hong Kong Airlines with long haul flights to Europe, USA and parts of Asia; and last but not the least, Caloy Cristobal in the cockpit of PAL Airbus plying regional airways.

We continue to pray for the success of mistahs and their families as well as our mistahs who have joined the Great Pilot-

in-Command in the big blue yonder. May the Lord Almighty continue to shine His Divine blessings to those who have chosen to follow the difficult paths in the service of the Filipino nation as the Air Force Group of PMA Makatao Class of 1989.

PMA 89 Navy Group at 30" by Ariel Caculitan

As the navy takes its course towards a modernizing navy – one that is strong and credible, that our maritime nation can be truly proud of – its precious fleet marine officers of the PMA class '89 have been in the frontline and significantly contributing in this noble aspiration.

In defense of the northern front of the country is Commodore Nicholas Driz AFP who is Commander of Naval Forces in Northern Luzon. His colorful military career includes NISF, N2, and Deputy J3 positions he has held. Commodore Dorvin Legaspi AFP is similarly busy in the Western front as Deputy Commander of Western Command which is tasked of safeguarding our national interest in the West Philippine Sea, and at the same time promoting peace in the region. Commodore Torbio Adaci Jr AFP is the Commander, Fleet Marine Ready Force which major functions is to provide command and control to fleet marine forces during times of man-made and natural emergencies. He is also in the lead during international engagements on international military training exercises and always doubles as ambassador of goodwill which fits well to his very mild mannered friendly attitude. In the unit that promotes the strategic sustainment and development of the Navy is Commodore Alberto Carlos AFP serving as Deputy, Naval Sea Systems Command. His stint as N4 speaks well of having facilitated several big ticket capability assets of the navy such as the del Pilar class frigates, naval helicopters, landing docks, missile projects, and the five (5) TC 90 aircraft from Japan ("in exchange of coco Jam") among others. Modesty aside, his term as Commander, Naval Air Group was the take off point of modernizing pilots, aircraft, and facilities. He is a Metrobank TOPS 2014 awardee. Similarly, Commodore Sean Anthony Reyes AFP has been very busy providing the whole Armed Forces the connectivity to communicate well effectively during combat and in the routine course of our duties. His exploits at NICTC and N6 have prepared him well for the job, where only in the navy that a simultaneous connectivity through VPN is a reality aside from making sure we are free from the cyber attacks of suspicious individuals and entities. Not to be missed is Captain John Garana PN who is the silent worker of the organization in providing the means to the different navy units to effectively accomplish their respective mission. He is the head of procuring entity of the navy under the AFP.

In the same vein, the Philippine Marine Corps takes pride having the "Makatao 89ers." BGen Ariel Caculitan AFP is back at the Headquarters, PMC serving as Deputy to the Commandant of the Phil Marine Corps. He has been an excellent support in terms of capability development and management committee among others. His stint as Commander Naval Air Group saw the continuity of Naval Air Group's modernization, which includes the delivery this year of two (2) anti submarine helicopters, and the amphibian aircraft in the pipeline. He administered the transformation of marine Corps Training center into Marine Corps force development center in order to meet the demands of the growing organization. He has led his men in several systems and facility upgrade at MFDC, including successful bilateral exercises with other nations. In support to the troops during Marawi siege, he organized the sniper instructors and volunteered them to be deployed to Marawi, which resulted to more than 50 enemy neutralization. His contributions to the organization earned

him the award of Metrobank TOPS 2015. Down in Lebak Sultan Kudarat is our six footer basketball star of the class BGen Eugenio Hernandez AFP Commander, 1st Marine Brigade spearheading the campaign against various threat groups such as CNT, SPSG, Dawlah Islamiya, PAGs among others. He holds the distinction of being the first marine officer having been designated as Commander of the PKOC in which he has ensured successful deployments of our Peacekeeping contingents in foreign lands, and by his amiable character establishing good relations with other UN Force contributing nations. Brigadier Charleton Sean Gaerlan AFP is Commander, 3rd Marine Brigade leading all the marine Forces and those attached with JTF Peacock defending the Philippine occupied islands in the west Philippine sea and running after the CNTs in the mainland. Brigadier Raul Jesus Caldez is the Commander, Combat and Service Support Brigade. He is preoccupied with developing and sustaining combat systems capability of the Corps in terms of armor, artillery, combat mobility, assault boat, and service support including ISR. As former MC6, he was instrumental in developing the reliable weapon systems and communication of the corps. Down the farthest south in the island of Tawi Tawi is Brigadier Camilo Balutan AFP who is now busy guarding our borders against transnational crimes and Islamic radicals crossing our borders, and the Abu Sayyaf group. He is at the same time the Commander of JTF Tawi Tawi, which includes other units of the AFP. His unit is also in the lead to our trilateral cooperative engagement with Malaysia and Indonesia in securing our shared borders. Colonel Nestor Marcelino PN(M) is our diplomat so to speak as he steers, at the helm, the PN Civil Military Operations Group making sure that the Navy enjoys a high rating satisfaction survey from its stakeholder through effective communications, strategic networking to meaningful entities, and concrete programs that ensures the navy's relevance to the public. He holds the distinction of hard and soft power combination as he has proven himself in the field of combat. Testament to this is his ___ as gold cross medals which he earned in Maguindanao and Basilan combat encounters. At the GHQ level Colonel Reuben Candelario PN(M) is in charge of the general wellness of AFP personnel through systems and programs including excellence in athletic sports. He holds the distinction of being the only Force Recon officer who has led his men in several special operations in different parts of the country especially Sulu. Commodore Regie Rapanan just assumed as Deputy Commander AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command located sa Camp Aguinaldo. He was the Deputy Commander of Naval Education and Training Command (where he got his star) before he assumed his present position. Notable assignment as N2 of the Philippine Navy. Commodore Francis Gabudao is the Commander of Naval Combat and Engineering Brigade. A position he has held with distinction which gives more credence to him as a Mapua graduate and licensed civil engineer. Randyll Fernandez is our navy mate across the pacific. He is a former US Navy officer and a batch mate of Ariel C at Naval Post Graduate masteral course in 2004-2005. He is now an always willing stop over host for 89ers in Oxnard (nearby LA). Some of the Navy 89ers who left the service early are the following: Rey Barraca is currently connected in an IT company and based in New Jersey along with his happy family. Ismael Climaco is based in New York city living a modestly progressive life with his wonderful family, Orbille Piol is down under living a comfortable life with his loving family. Dong Abellera is in UK with his family and has a decent job owing to his professional competence. Nonon Suniega is in the US with his family and has a promising career in a well-known company. Ronald Mendoza is based in Milan, Italy with his very supportive family and acts as host and



tour guide for every visiting Makatao. Always in remembrance is our beloved classmate Leonard Vincent Teodoro who joined our Creator ahead of us.

For what we are today, for what we have achieved, for what we have contributed to the defense and security of our nation... an immeasurable debt of gratitude is owed to our beloved Alma Mater. Thank you for having prepared us to hold positions of greater responsibility.

“TEAM MARINES: Accomplishing our mission, building our Corps and its future, and committing to God our selfless service to the nation”

The Makatao Coast Guard @ 30 by Ed Fabricante

“After 30 years, the Makatao’s contribution to the premier humanitarian service of our country, Philippine Coast Guard, the country’s third armed and uniformed service, are the proud four (4) Command-at-Sea Badge-holders: 1) Ferdinand M Velasco; 2) Angel F Lobaton IV; 3) William U Isaga; and, 4) Eduardo D Fabricante. And the lone Coast Guard Aviator: 5) Rei Ferdinand B Picar.

The first four Coasties have chosen to remain with PCG when it got separated from the PN, AFP, DND; and transferred to the Office of the President, then DOTC in 1998. Ricip, as the class fondly called him, laterally transferred from AFP to PCG last September 2017.

At present, the very First One-Star General/Flag Officer of the class (dating back 2012), Commo Ferds Velasco is on leave; we hope and pray that he will soon be back to the PCG Service. Commo Ed Fabricante is the Chief of Coast Guard Staff in the PCG, whose predecessor, Commo Wil Isaga is now the Commander of the Coast Guard Weapons Comms Electronics and Informations Systems Service. Capt Butch Lobaton is the present Commander of Coast Guard District Western Visayas; while Capt Rei Picar is

the Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Strategic Studies and Modernization (CG-15), with collateral duty as Deputy Director, National Coast Watch Center (NCWC).

Not to be outdone by a progressive career in the PCG, these Coasties have been blessed with happy families, a supportive and loving wife and children where these Coasties are proud and truly hats-off to them:

- A) **Ferd’s partner:** Ma Theresa Bejemil Wagas and Children: (1) Marifer - 2nd Year College La Salle; (2) Tricia Faye - Grade 9 Statefield School; (3) Mary Denise - Grade 7 Statefield School; and (4) Francine Therese - Grade 4 Statefield School.
- B) **Fabrics’ partner:** Maria Melanie Rio Timbol (Licensed Real Estate Broker) and Children: (1) Jonathan - a Doctor of Medicine (2018 UST); (2) John Paul- a Licensed Private Pilot ((2018 OMNI, Clark); (3) Joshua - 2nd Year Student, BA Film, UP Diliman; and (4) Joanna Mae - Grade 9 Student, Lamblight Catholic School, Bacolod City.
- C) **Wil’s partner:** Babe and Children: (1) Jocel; (2) Dhara Lee; and (3) Gwynneth.
- D) **Butch’s partner and children:** Myra (1) Anna Andrina (BS CS UPD 2010); and (2) Troi Vincent Elijah (BSCS UPD 2016).
- E) **Rei’s partner:** Zet (Engineer and Licensed Nurse) and Children: (1) Miko - Freelance Computer Animation (iAcademy); (2) Kim - Third Mate (Maritime Academy of Asia in the Pacific); (3) Miki - MA in Criminology (University of Cordillera); and (4) Mez - Grade 5 (St GABRIEL International School)."

Class 64's First of May

(Adapted from and singable to the tune of the Bee Gees' "First of May")

We felt so small
'midst pine trees oh so tall
The first of May
Our first at P-M-A.

Don't ask us now
But we survived somehow
Harassed and pressured
"Tackled" all the way.

[chorus]

So we recall
each moment of that day
forever etched in our memory.
Class 64 now proudly standing tall
to celebrate that first of May.

The Baguio chill and the anxiety
Of ninety boys to men transformed that day.

And thus was writ

May 1st, nineteen-sixty
A page engraved
in our history.

[chorus]

So we recall
each moment of that day
forever etched in our memory.
Class 64 now proudly standing tall
to celebrate that first of May.

We felt so small
'midst pine trees oh so tall
do do do do do do do do do do..
Don't ask us now
But we survived somehow
Harassed and pressured
"Tackled" all the way.....
Mmm...mmm...mmm...mmm...mmm

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WAGA is Cavalier Winston Atilano Godinez Arpon, one of the members of Class 1964 who reported to PMA on this day, May 1, 1960. Graduating in 1964, they are celebrating this year their Emerald Jubilee; a parade in their honor to be rendered by the Corps of Cadets at Borromeo

Field on January 18th.

The author of this piece is one of the Ten Outstanding PMAers during the Academy's Diamond Jubilee in 1980, the first recipient of the Cavalier Award for Creative Arts.



We are Leaders in a Calling that Requires Us to Die

(Speech of Senator Gregorio B. Honasan at the PMAAAI Fellowship Dinner and Christmas Party at the Social Hall, Valle Verde IV Clubhouse on 8 December 2018)

Cavalier Del Lorenzana, Cavalier Ed Año, Cavalier Jimmy de los Santos, Cavalier Edgar Aglipay, Mr. Kevin Tan, Dr. Francis Canuto, members and officers of the PMAAAI, class presidents, members of the long gray line and their ladies, brothers in arms, fellow Filipinos, thank you for the honor and privilege of allowing me to share this evening with you.

I have divided what I want to share with you into four parts: where we have been in terms of our recent history; where we are; the way forward; and some reflections.

Where we have been

There have been three defining moments in our recent history which have provided opportunities for meaningful change: the ongoing insurgency, the declaration of martial law in 1972, and the 1986 People Power Revolution. We continue to have the longest running insurgency in Southeast Asia. Martial law tried to instill national discipline, political unity, social cohesion, and patriotism that would result in national security, pride, and economic prosperity.

Morale in the AFP and PNP was high—until there was a palpable diminution of control, partly because the Commander in Chief had health issues which nobody could validate. It was during this time that the Reform Movement within the Armed Forces of the Philippines was born.

The 1986 People Power Revolution was for good government and reform, and not against anything or anybody.

Expectations were high that there would be improvements in a system that continued to breed inefficiency, corruption, and disorder. Instead, we just changed personalities, with very little re-engineering to arrest institutional damage.

Consequently, unrest in the military continued, characterized by military uprisings all the way to the start of the millennium.

Part of our recent history has been the removal of two presidents by People Power in the streets, and the incarceration of two, showcasing our achievements as a democracy in progress. Were these political shortcuts good for the country and our democracy?

Our national heroes—personified by Rizal, Bonifacio, and others—were imperfect men who together dreamed of a Filipino nation which did not exist at the time. Yet our history as a people is a story of robustness more than resilience. We have tried to move forward, have stumbled at times, and have persevered on our chosen path.

Where we are

Ours is a beautiful country, and we are a good and gifted people. Many observe that our land is so blessed that, our shared problems and situation notwithstanding, all we need to do is continue breathing, and we wake up each day to find our economy growing by 6 to 7 percent.

But this is quickly followed by the commentary that as a people, *“We never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity.”*

Like many young democracies and developing countries, we are confronted with damage to institutions, many of which have become inefficient, unprofessional, subjective, partisan, and corrupt.

In governance, we have been relegated to perpetual medium-term policy planning, at the expense of continuity, sustainability, and predictability, leading to long-term instability.

Our front-line LGUs are driven by a local government code that has devolved authority

and responsibility, without the wherewithal and support required to effectively empower them. Corruption at all levels is an issue that must be confronted by strengthening control mechanisms embodied in our internal revenue, auditing, and local government codes, which need overdue amendments.

We also have a non-existent political party system.

The way forward

The first responsibility of any government is the maintenance of order. National defense and security, drugs, criminality, and terrorism are everyone’s concern.

To respond to the institutional damage and systemic defects, we should not answer just the question *“Who?”* but also, *“What?”* Technology and energy self-sufficiency must be included in the way forward.

Faster, cheaper if not free, and secure connectivity must be made available through policy that will impact on government’s ability to harness the power of information and communications technology, to unite our people and move them forward.

Energy self-sufficiency must be achieved to break our bondage to oil producers. We have oil in our undisputed territory. We just don’t yet have the technology and financial capability to produce oil, which requires initiatives towards joint undertakings for oil exploration, sharing, and use.

Reflections

Whatever paths we have followed after our military service, our defining moments will always be when we wore the uniform with pride, dedication, and honor.

The two oldest professions are prostitution and the bearing of arms. There were periods in the history of many countries when we could not tell the difference. We are not an exception.



Professional soldiers cannot afford the luxury of an ego. That is a luxury a country cannot afford in its military leaders. We are soldiers, and a soldier's honor is obedience. In my case, I take orders—but, as you know from my life, only up to a certain point.

I was orphaned by my refusal to wait before change happened. I was orphaned by my decision to make things happen regardless of the political calendar.

We must learn not to wait for elections for change to happen. We must motivate the elected to make the changes between elections. We must remind the elected that if they will not make the needed changes, the people will make these changes for them. My success in four senatorial elections as the first true independent in Philippine political history was always a victory of this principle of popular self-help—and popular impatience. This country cannot afford to wait.

My candidacy brought a great moment in our history back onto the national stage. What is the role of courage in a country? That is the question to which four days in February 1986 gave the answer.

On a personal note: I had to explain this to my daughters. I did not see too much of them. It is hard to be with children while on the run. In the end, they realized that they are a soldier's daughters.

It is right and proper to remember the declaration of martial law on September 21, 1972 and vow, after its excesses, never again. It is more right, more fitting, and more useful to commemorate four days in February when we, the people, and the army stood as People Power for real change and good government.

This may be the last time I will stand on a national platform to deliver a message to you and the Filipino people, so let me tell you: Yes, we can change. Yes, we can change even a bad, cruel, even the most hard-headed government.

No, we don't have to wait and hope for change to happen when we can act now with courage. When soldiers and the Filipino people get together under moral leadership, real change will happen. Remember: Nothing is forever.

We cannot give what we do not have. My platform, our platform, must revolve around one thing: security. We look to harmony in our families, cooperation in our communities, order in the state, inclusive progress for our nation, and security in our shores.

We must look to the cultivation and preservation of our country's most precious resource: our children. I do not, however, like the old, empty platitude that our children are our future. They are not; they are their own future.

But they won't have a future if we don't protect that future, if we don't foster it, if we don't nurture our children to be healthy and teach them by example to be brave and strong. They won't have a future if we do not teach them to be disciplined and therefore dependable, and if we do not enable them through education to be the best they can be. As soldiers, we have seen and experienced what can be achieved with unity and courage and unflagging resolve to win, regardless of the odds.

Farmers, teachers, OFWs, workers in industry and trade, doctors and nurses, office workers, small businessmen, government employees—in sum, the common folk from whom we came, and whom we have never left behind: it is government's first duty to protect them from crime, exploitation, and abuse, from hunger, disease, joblessness, and standstill traffic; from drugs, and from ignorance born of poor education, when quality education is guaranteed by the constitution, and demanded by common sense for the greater good of the nation.

After 17 years as a soldier, seven years as a rebel, 20 years as a senator—yes, after 44 years of public service, I want to go

home to family, to community, to country, where there should be peace, unity, prosperity, food, clothing, shelter, education, health, and self-fulfillment for everyone.

I can go home tomorrow to all these things. I have a wonderful family. But that would not be home as I see it, for my home is my country, my family is my people. As soldiers we have been taught never to leave anyone behind, that no one is saved if some are lost, and that this nation under God shall prevail against its worst enemies at home, which should be enough to take care of our enemies abroad. A strong nation is never defeated. Look at history. Look at little Israel, or little Singapore.

I want to go home to my family and the country I believe we all envision our country should be. And I will fight anybody who gets in the way. I love my children and I wish to be with them—but only for as long as duty permits. I do not relish the thought of dying in my bed, an old man forgotten, a fading warrior, waiting for his last taps.

I know how it feels to be abandoned. That is why I have never let anyone go. Others may fail me in that regard, but that is no excuse for me to be like them. I take the consequences of my actions always without regret, but never without learning a lesson. Okay, sometimes I am apprehended and detained, and I escape with my guards, but that also is a soldier's duty.

We should expect the elections to be clean, regardless of who may be the likely winner. Victory is in God's hands, but cheating is man's work. The answer to electoral fraud is not election protests; the answer to malicious prosecution is not a motion for reconsideration. The answer, brothers and sisters in arms, the answer lies in ourselves.

Just like most of you, I am neither distracted nor impressed by the voices of the prevalent organized hypocrisy, most of whom do not share the risk of a negative outcome. My 20 years in the Senate have exposed me to many who claim to know the military, how it thinks and how it acts.

I have stood at the gates of Malacañang Palace three times in my life in full combat gear, with no invitation except from my conscience. I didn't know how to proceed from there, but now the path seems clearer to me.

In my heart and mind, until you have been on both ends of a gun barrel, exposed to life and death in combat, felt hot metal projectiles entering your flesh, watched innocent men, women, and children maimed, or deprived of life, liberty, and property, you know nothing.


I remember what Merlin the wizard said to the young King Arthur: *"Forget the past, define yourself in the present, and tomorrow you may lead."*

We are leaders in a calling that requires us to die or do what is necessary in the performance of duty. No other vocation demands this ultimate sacrifice.

My late father, a soldier himself, told me once that leaders are needed before scholars are determined.

It is providential that the Yan family is co-sponsoring this historic affair, because I remember the late Amb. Manuel Yan, when he was AFP Chief of Staff, telling the Cadet Corps that the long gray line recognizes only two aristocracies: that of the brain and that of the brawn, which add up to the brand of leadership demanded by men in arms.

At times, in the dark before daybreak, I think I hear the echo of a distant bugle call and drums. My heart pounds, muscles in my arms, legs, and shoulders tense, and my hand grasps in the dark for the familiar feel of metal and oil—and I think for an instant, I am alive.

Tonight, cavaliers, my brothers in arms, as I stand before you, I am alive again. For God, country, and family. Thank you. 

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

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

CLASS CALL



MIGUEL M VILLAMOR
President
JESUS T DIZON
Historian

In this first issue of THE CAVALIER for 2019, I will be writing my last tribute to the last of the nine surviving BANATS of Class '51 (ten including myself).

Class '51 will always be a part of the history of the PMA. It is the class of interest to historians being the pioneer class when The Academy reopened in 1947. Eventually, historians will evaluate the record of Class '51 in the bigger context of the justification of the post-war PMA, its missions and objectives.

Invariably, in our social gatherings with fellow cavaliers, the question most often asked is how many of Class '51 are still living. This gave me the thought that the answer should not be a number but also a brief narration of who are these ten survivors and what they did for the service and their country. This is what I did for the past nine issues of THE CAVALIER. It was also my way of telling my classmates that I value their friendship and camaraderie borne of a common past from Camp Allen to Fort Del Pilar.

Now, I write my tribute to the man who was, who is, and will be the same Mike Villamor, the volunteer president for life of Class '51, the ever-cheerful, 100% extrovert who has erased the word NO from his vocabulary; and who holds the baton of the surviving members in the last tap of their earthly journey to eternity.

Let me quote from the GOLDEN SWORD of Class '51 a part of what was written about Mike which aptly describes him until the present.

"Mike in his cadet days as in his military and retired life, is as graceful in dancing as in knowing his way to people's hearts. Always smiling with a lively disposition, he creates an aura of mystique around him that makes you sympathetic to his cause. Above all, he is ready to lend a helping hand to those in need or in distress.

Being from the corn producing province of Cebu, he is always raring to go. Very active in his endeavors and seems to have a limitless cache of stamina that makes him go, go, and go. Wherever and whatever his job is, he religiously and perseveringly follows the dictates of his duties and never will you hear a word of complaint from him."

On his personal exploits, let me start with Mike as a "great lover." He holds the distinction as the only post-war cadet who won the heart of a young and beautiful, active duty Captain in the Nurse Corps who was the Chief Nurse of the PMA Dispensary (No Station hospital yet) as his OAO. No wonder Mike went on visiting privilege almost every week-end. I have yet to check the number of "sick calls" he made until graduation.

Mike was among the five "brave souls" of Class '51 who took the marriage plunge immediately after graduation bringing home a most coveted diploma and a blushing bride. When asked how they could survive with P180.00 monthly salary, their common reply was that "PAPA", the bride's papa, would take charge; except for Mike and Caring who could comfortably start a family with their combined incomes.

Here's a joke on what happened on their wedding night. Mike quite understandably was confused so that he thought it best to just follow the military tradition on the relationship between a senior and junior officer. Already in his birthday suit, he executed a snappy salute to his bride and asked "Ma'am, permission to mount" to which he got the instant reply, "Granted. Dismount on my order". The order to dismount never came. End of telenovela, courtesy of Colonel Titoy Belen, the present boss of Mike at the PEFTOK VETERANS ASSN.

Mike and Caring lived a full and happily married life for 29 years when sadly on 26 August 1980 Caring passed away. They have three children, all professionals and well-accomplished.

Mike at the age of 54, still had a long life to live and Caring true to her name, intimated to Mike not to mourn for her for the rest of his life.

Mike found new comfort in a second nuptial to an equally loving and caring,

beautiful young lass from Quezon City with a difference, that Tessie Garcia was a teenager. After all, it was Mike, not Bebs Regis, who remarried a teenager much later, who first found the "fountain of youth." You could see the effect of this marriage on Mike. At 93, he still works for a living, commuting daily from his residence in Antipolo to Escolta and back. Another factor contributing to his health is the environment where he lives. He "controls" a well-manicured backyard of some five hectares. Before doing your Arithmetic, let me clarify that Mike has a common boundary with the Antipolo Valley Golf and Country Club. Mike and Tessie also have three children, but Mike is continually challenged to make the 7th to break the equity.

Let me now write about Mike as a military professional. Mike was well-prepared to undertake all his assignments. He finished the ranger and special forces courses and the airborne course. He took his advanced Infantry course at the Ft. Benning, USA; the Command and General Staff Course in Fort Bonifacio; and obtained his Master's degree in National Defense College. He served in the anti-dissident campaign; had a stint in the Korean War with the 2nd BCT (PEFTOK); served as a Tactical officer at the PMA; became the "Governor" of Camp Aguinaldo; and commanded the 5th Inf Bde (Sep) for four years.


Mike talks of the hazard of being a Bde Commander located in Tarlac. He had a allot a bigger budget for gasoline because his unit is the favorite refueling stop-over of Cavaliers and friends going up to Baguio and back.

Mike was more active after retirement serving the government in various positions of responsibility. He worked with the Philippine National Bank, the FMIB, and the EEIB, and the Dangerous Drugs Board-all agencies of the Ministry of Finance. He is still connected with the MBZ International Customs Brokerage as consultant. He is an active member of the Board of the PEFTOK Veterans Assn. and the volunteer president for life of Class '51. Indeed, Mike has done for the Class '51 more than what is expected of each member.

On November 30, 2018, the PMAFFI comprising the Classes of '51, '52, '53,

and '54, celebrated their 25th Founding Anniversary at the Camp Aguinaldo Clubhouse. Noticeably, their numbers are dwindling but their spirit is high and their memories are long.

I believe that this group of classes, has exemplified the strongest bonds of kinship and camaraderie, borne out of a cloistered life for four years struggling to attain for themselves the highest standards

of excellence and professionalism imposed by the Institution that will forever be their identity. Happy New Year to everyone! / **Jesus T. Dizon** 



AMANTE S BUENO
President
BIENVENIDO G GOROSPE
Secretary



Cav Feliciano Gacis, Jr., aka "Noy" and "Gasum", celebrated his 90th birthday at the Spectrum Restaurant, Fairmont Hotel, Ayala on November 17. The party was organized by his son, Rommel and daughter, Cherry with husband Ricky. (Another son, Omar is in Canada.)

Note that Omar was named after Gen. Omar Bradley of WWII fame and Rommel, after the famous German general who invaded North Africa.

Pike and Daisy Depakakibo, Gopeng Gorospe, and Cav (VAdm) Ariston Delos Reyes, CI' 71, led the guest list. Noy and Ariston were DND undersecretaries during their own time.

Look at the picture. Noy wears his iconic moustache, a facial feature he has had since he was old enough to grow one. It is a fitting emblem of his being the "patriarch" of Class '54, being the oldest living member. Joe Sorreta comes next, while Mante Bueno is the "crib" member.

Noy and Gopeng have been together in most of their military assignments, both being artillery men.

In their early years, Noy showed his tendency to write formally. While Gopeng read cowboy pocket books, Noy would read "How To Improve Your Word Power."

They both studied in Fort Sill. He took up the Advance Artillery Course while Gopeng was with the Artillery Basic Class.


Back home, Noy became a member of the General Staff, J-5. Gopeng was Chief, Joint Operations Center. In his field

inspections, Gopeng usually visited the troops in Jolo, birthplace of Noy.

The Class '54 Clan celebrated Christmas at the Close Mess, Cp Aguinaldo Officers Clubhouse last December 15.

Those present were Mante and Glo Bueno, Pike and Daisy Depakakibo, Joe Sorreta, Noy and Rommel Gacis, Sammy and Mike Ramos, Gopeng and Balani Gorospe, Dony Guzman; Lorna Lomongo. Lita Cepeda, Tita Resurreccion, Teng Elvas, Nita Punsalang, Nattie and Abby Redublo, and significantly, Inday Muñasque who has not been with the group for many, many years. Son Mark-Alex accompanied her.

The '54 children who attended were: Adjie Espinosa and wife Ma Luisa, Malou and Isabel Beltran, Erwin and Elna Guillem, and Elsie Ramos.

It was a Masayang Pasko. /**gopeng** 





On Christmas Party

The class held its Christmas party on Sunday, 9 December 2018 at the Dimalupig Hall A of the AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo, QC. It started with a thanksgiving mass at 11 AM officiated by Fr (Capt) Rommel M Kiamco of the AFP Chaplain Service. It was also a mass for the souls of our departed dear classmates, wives and children, whose names were read

It was followed by a sumptuous buffet lunch, with plenty of balut and wine, which everybody savored while waiting for their turn in the long buffet line.

As everybody was enjoying their lunch, several door prizes were raffled off to lucky winners. Binky Regalado-Ordonez, the Christmas party committee chair, handled the conduct of the raffle, assisted by her sister Carie.

A program, participated in by second and third gen members, emceed by Teng Zaide-Garnace, followed. A special dance number, with Hawaiian costume, of three young ladies, namely: Carole Kawabata-Sanchez, Binky and my granddaughter Nina Louise Alquiza, drew applause from the audience. Not to be outdone was a hula hula dance performance by four ladies, I mean gentlemen, made up and dressed as girls wearing wigs. They were RJ Alquiza, Paul Isaac, Alan Muñoz and Freddie Mison.

Several parlor games were officiated by members of our adopted class of 2005, led by DJ Sumayo and Ed Tadea.

Among the games were "jack and poy" contests, participated in not only by the kids but also the adults, with bets of P50 bills.



Then the exciting game where the kids lined up before a glass bowl where crisp peso bills of P20, P50, P100, P200, P500 and P1,000 denominations were put and mixed for the picking. One kid after the other lined up, but was blind-folded so he/she could not see the denominations of the peso bills. Each kid got one piece of different denominations.

Towards the end of the game, there were still plenty of bills left, with just one P1,000 peso bill. And then came my 2-year old grandson Cito for his turn. He was not blindfolded as, anyway, he could not yet

distinguish the denominations. And then he put his hand in the bowl, with everybody eagerly watching and, surprise of surprises, picked the P1,000 bill, to the laughter of all. I don't know if he was coached to pick by the color, but there were P100 bills with same color as the P1,000 bill. He was just lucky.

For the adults, especially the nine members of the class present who were seated in one round table, the game consisted of passing the ball from one member to the one next to him while the music was playing. When the music stopped, the one caught with the ball got his prize and eliminated. Then the music resumed until all got their prizes. Of course, the last one got the major prize.

After the games, the raffle of the major prizes to lucky winners resumed. At the end, before we broke up, each member of the class and each widow went home with a Christmas gift from the class – a kilo of ham.

Before we broke up, our class president, Buddy Mison, delivered his Christmas message, followed by everybody singing the PMA Oh Hail to Thee.

There were nine (9) members of the class, five with their wives and 11 widows present. They were Grace Alcaneses, Poncing Allanigue, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Joven Cordero, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Remy





Facto, Zeny de Guzman, Tess Isaac, Letty Jotie, Eva Miranda, Buddy and Lone Mison, Muni and Ondette Munoz, Lolit Parado, Porfing Santos, Romy and Georgie Solina, Vangie Rivera, Rene and Mila Tanseco, and Gigi Zaide.

The second gen members present were Aaron Allanigue, RJ and Avi Alquiza, Toni Cordero, Anneth Ecarma, Susan Facto, Minjo Gatmaitan, Paul and Agnes Isaac, Greg Jotie, Bing and Sara Miranda, Alan Munoz, Ralph Joseph and Babot Munoz, Freddie Mison, Levi and Binky Regalado-Ordonez, Carie Regalado, Bobby and Carol Sanchez, and Teng Zaide-Garnace. Among the third gen members were Alexis, Louise, Justine

and Cito Alquiza, and Oliver Alquiza Onrubia.

The members of our adopted class of 2005 present were Rizza Mae San Agustin, Ella dela Paz, Domingo Sumayo Jr, Herbert Estabillo, Eric Keith Elumba, Edson Carlo Tadea, Neil dela Cruz, Michael Valdez and Roberto Rodrigo.

The expenses for our Christmas party amounting to P200k was supported by our Class Foundation fund. The Christmas party committee which planned and implemented the activity was chaired by Binky Regalado-Ordonez, assisted by the second gen members. To Binky and the members of her committee, a million thanks from the class for a very successful affair.

On class gatherings

The next class gathering will be held on 27 January 2019, to be hosted by the 2nd gen ladies led by Binky Regalado. And the venue will be, as usual, at the Golden Sky Resto.

And then the Valentine's party on 24 February to be hosted by the 1st gen ladies led by Lone Mison.

The next gathering will be on 23 March in celebration of the Class' 64th graduation anniversary, to be hosted by Buddy Mison, Johny Sanchez, and Rene Tanseco.



The last two months of 2018 were filled with class activities connected with golf, wedding anniversary celebrations and the class Christmas year-end party.

On 14 November 18, Patot Paiso celebrated his 59th wedding anniversary with his two sons and a 7-footer apo, golf mates Ben Lim, Mon Ray Mapa and Ed Hernandez and the class golfers with their ladies at the Vikings Resto at the Podium, Ortigas Center with a buffet lunch that more than satisfied every bodoo's appetite. Romy David, who was unable to golf due to a back ache, escorted Cecile Ampig, Pat Goyena and his wife Pili to the Podium. Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena and Levy Malto joined the group for lunch after their regular Wednesday golf at Camp Aguinaldo. Patot was full of joy seeing

his guests sweat it out moving back and forth scouting for their favorite dishes and boodling with gusto unknowing that the ladies were suffering from sheer weakness in getting their mess rations. The affair lasted past 2 pm with the guests already sleepy from eating too much.

Romy David invited the class golfers to join the 34th Annual Golf Tourney of their Rotary Club of Pasay MIA on 21 November at the PNGC with all expenses (green fee, caddy fee, lunch) underwritten by him. Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena and Levy Malto went home well-exercised, well fed and well endowed with raffle prizes to bring home. Davo was one of the major sponsors of the tourney as could be seen by the banners displayed in Holes No. 8 (for Dr. Joel and Dra. Annette Rubio, his son-in-law and daughter) and No.10 where his two foundations in Pampanga are doing humanitarian aid. Davo is now in good health and has regained his golf form and performance, but not yet deadly to leave Ching much farther behind.

Mel and Pat Goyena for a change treated the same guests (less Patots family and

friends) to lunch on 24 November at the Kimpura, Greenbelt 5, Makati to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The guests were seated in a private function room with two teppanyaki grill tables where black Angus steak and prawns were grilled sizzling hot before their very eyes. Mel brought along some fine bottles of red and sparkling wines as enhancing go-withs in savoring the Japanese meal.

The Christmas party of the class hosted by the PC Group (Paul Canalita, Mel Goyena, Levy Malto, Tom Manlongat and Guzz Mateo) was held on 8 December 2018 at the Centennial Room of the Club Pilipino at Greenhills. Paul Canalita gave the welcome remarks and Lulu Manlongat followed with a lunch prayer. The lunch dishes were all savored well, including a hot lechon personally ordered by Mel and Pat Goyena. It's the biggest affair of the year attended by 15 couples and 10 widows (the Aparris, Canalitas, Coracheas, Davids, Farolans, Goyenas, Lazos, Macabascos, Maltos, Manlongats, Mateos, Tolentinos, Villanuevas and Ben Lim, Pat Lucero, Cecil Ampig, Sharon Almonte, Linda Bello, Tess

Calip, Linda Venago, Nelia Lopez, Tess Lukban, Lily Pio Roda, Juliet Suarez, and Plet Brillantes).

The highlight of the affair was the Christmas gift-giving of PHP 2,000 each from the PHP 58,000 taken from the class fund and distributed by class prexy Ching Corachea. For the next round, the Christmas hat for cash gifts was passed around which yielded a total of PHP 135,000 from the following donors: 20K each from Lory

Galang, Ben Lim, Pat Lucero and Mel /Pat Goyena; 10K each from Romy/Pili David, Tom/Lulu Manlongat, Levy/Nora Malto, Olac/Susie Lazo and Rudy/Lily Tolentino; and 5k from Ching/Emma Corachea. The Christmas pot was distributed to the 25 attendees at PHP 5,000 each. The cash left overs were redistributed at PHP 1,000 each making a total of PHP 8,000 cash gifts given to each of the attendees. The Christmas presents in kind brought by the Canalitas,

Farolans, Manlongats, Davids, and most of the class widows were raffled as the 4th and final round of the gift giving. The affair ended very well with each attendee going home bolstered by PHP 8,000 shopping money for Christmas.

The class suffered one casualty (Tony Lukban, the 29th) in 2018, leaving behind 22 bogooos out of the original 51 who at 85 to 89 years old, are moving to face their last struggle - survival.



With Bravo Company at the helm, the Class held a very successful Christmas Party at Camp Aguinaldo recently. It was unique in that no entrance fee was charged as the usual practice. However, with Elvie Ermita's commitment, food was superb and prizes a-plenty. A bouquet of flowers was handed by Jun and Sol Tan-Gatue to Elvie for her continuing concern for everyone. With Ed Ermita and Tammy Mendoza as emcees, a Thanksgiving Mass started the celebration where collections was overflowing with love and smiles.

Then Bravo President Oka Zalamea started the short program. There was raffle of prizes. The occasion was well-attended to include the Class 57 Brats. The Brats committed to sponsor another "Bakuna Mo, Sagot Ko" for the class. Brats President Gigi Ledesma reminded all to renew their Veterans Cards and she talked on what other services are forthcoming at the hospital.

In attendance noticeably was Nick Duque who, in wheelchair, could still remember faces. Prior to the affair, Bravo company held a series of serious

meetings. It paid off! Three cheers for the braves and their ladies who formed the various committees!

Ladies committee members were: Cora Dator, Aida de Guzman, Bernie Doria, Golly Mirasol

PMA Brats '57 Christmas

PMA Brats '57 celebrated Christmas through a fun-filled dinner party last December 10, 2018. Aside from the Brats officers, advisers Rene De Villa, Ed Ermita, and Jardie Jardiniano of PMA Class '57 were also present. Dinner included an on-the-spot takoyaki station and catering from Betty's Sans Rival. Games were a riot, with Chubby Bunny being a great hit. Brat Jenny Avila Marigomen and Rain Pereira, daughter of Brats President Gigi Ledesma

Pereira, won with their mouths full... of marshmallows! Bato Bato Pick brought out the inner talents (and luck) of the Brats as they all paired off to see who can win the pot prize. Rene De Villa emerged the winner, and he donated the winnings to the Brats Fund. The exchange gift was also enjoyable, with each one describing the person he or she drew up and the rest guessing who that person was. The night ended with closing remarks from Brats President Gigi, thanking everyone for their participation during the entire year of activities, including the free flu vaccination for the PMA Class '57 last May and the movie block screening fundraiser held last July. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!





The last monthly Class lunch was held at the Shangri-La Makati on 28 Sep 2018 as reported in the last issue, as we were unable to schedule another Class meeting due to scheduling issues. However, we had a fellowship lunch with ladies on 12 Nov 2018 at the Manila Golf Club hosted by Jess Alcorido.

The event, which unfortunately was missed by Jim and Cora Zumel due to a medical appointment, are as shown above, (front) Medy Agustin, Sol Desquitado, Edna Garrido, Zen Tadiar, Bernice Dumlao and Bing Garrido; (standing) Glenn Tadiar, Chuck Agustin, Jackie Desquitado, Del Abaya, Max Dumlao, Jess Alcorido, Nick Festin and Mike Abaya.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019

Repeat Reminder:

We are the 60th Homecoming Jubilarians in February, so we're hoping we can maximize presence.

- We will wear the Class 59 BLAZER we used for the 50th in 2010. Similar type and color may be used. We will distribute class blazer seals for those who have lost theirs.

- Use regular khaki pants with white dress shirts.

- Check in John Hay Manor Thursday 14 Feb 2019

- Check out Saturday 16 Feb 2019
- Those who want to check out Sunday should make respective individual arrangements upon checking in.

Here's the status of confirmed attendees:

Room reservations for 2019 Homecoming event 14-16 Feb 2019

1. Del Abaya
2. Nick Festin
3. Del Garcia
4. Chuck Agustin
5. Jackie Desquitado
6. Jim Zumel
7. Benny Lomotan
8. Jess Alcorido
9. Max Dumlao
10. Ronnie Baccay

Adjustments to the above will be made as necessary.

2019 PMAAAI RAFFLE FOR A CAUSE

For the PMAAAI Raffle for a Cause, we were assigned 100 tickets and those who got tickets are indicated below.

We agreed that the unsold ones (originally planned for 50) would be paid

for by the class fund and if any of the class quota wins, we would raffle off the prize at 50% off, which amount will revert back to the Fund.

If you are not listed below, no worry. You can get tickets anytime at the PMA Alumni Center at CGEA, or in the Annual General Meeting and Convention (Saturday 26 Jan at the PICC, Pasay City).

TICKETS FOR PMA CLASS 1959

NAME	NO.	TICKET NOS	AMT PHP	STATUS
Jesus N Alcorido	10	811-820	6,000.00	Paid
Zenaida Tadiar	5	821-825	3,000.00	Paid
Edna Garrido	5	826-830	3,000.00	Paid
Buenaventura B Desquitado	10	831-840	6,000.00	Paid
Maximo S Dumlao	10	841-850	6,000.00	Paid
Plaridel M Abaya	10	851-860	6,000.00	Paid
Niceto F Festin	5	861-865	3,000.00	Paid
Kay A dela Paz	5	866-870	3,000.00	Paid
Jay D Agustin	5	871-875	3,000.00	Paid
Chuck Agustin	5	876-880	3,000.00	
Jim Zumel	10	881-890	6,000.00	
	80		48,000	
PMA Class 1959	20	891-910	12,000	

Good luck to all.

We hope to see you at our next meeting at the Shangri-La Makati, to be announced later (approximate date mid-January)





ORLANDO B SALIENTES
President
MARINO P PANES JR
Secretary

It seems time is moving faster as we get older. It is already one year before our diamond (60 years) anniversary. As I have written before, we are planning our diamond jubilee one week after the PMA alumni homecoming similar to what we did on our Emerald jubilee. There are just too many alumni now that Borromeo Field cannot accommodate all of us. Furthermore John Hay Manor is already fully booked. Orly and Inday Salientes are trying to book us in a new hotel which has just opened or will open soon. Orly already has the names of those intending to attend the affair. Please make up your mind now. It would be very hard for him to accommodate late intentions to attend.

There is good news. Edith Lim who suffered a stroke is recovering well.

Cesar Go who suffered a concussion from a fall has fully recovered. Sting Carino as usual defied the medical prognosis and appears fully recovered. Sadly, three of our classmates show signs of Alzheimer disease. We must keep exercising our mental faculties to keep the devil away. There are still a few of us who do not use computers. The last data I am aware of is that only one percent of people above 60 years of age use computers.

As usual Pete Sistoza is inviting all classmates and spouses to his birthday celebration at EDSA Shangrila on Jan 31 2019.

Jenny and I had occasion to entertain Bart Lim and his wife Atty Cheryl Cercado Lim who are in the country to attend her cousin's wedding and tour the beautiful spots in our country like El Nido. Jenny and I are really happy to see the next generation make their mark in the world. Bart, son of Nestor and Edith Lim, is with the US Federal Reserve Bank. Pete and Mameng Sistoza have a doctor-daughter. Cesar Go has Ronnie Go who is a top



executive. Myrna Apolinario and Lilian Kintanar have 3-star sons. Jenny and I are proud to have raised three successful children who turned out to be decent human beings who are doing very well in the corporate and academic fields. /Cav **Loven Abadia '60**



ERNESTO T TAN JR
President
EDUARDO T CABANLIG
Secretary

We had our traditional Christmas Party last December 8, 2018 when the Catholics also celebrated Immaculate Conception. Two days before, Beng called up to inform the class that Ernie was admitted at the Cardinal Santos Medical Center in San Juan City. By the grace of God, he was alright and was released the next day. He had time to continue soliciting giveaways for the party and finalize the program.

Those who attended our affair were; Pong and Monchie Biazon, Ernie and Cely

Calupig, Bert and Mini Rodriguez, Alex and Charito Aguirre, Ray and Deny Marque, Liby and Mining Manuel and Tony and Mar Suratos. Ed Cabanlig arrived with his grandson Joseph while Limon Agustin came with a beloved. Those who attended without their mates were Ed Domingo and Romy Sanga came all the way from Bangkok, Thailand. Nick came with almost the whole clan with a special purpose. The widows who came were Dolly Nazareno, Flor Marcelo, Fely Codera and Betty Dumlaog.

The affair started with a mass at the Philippine Naval Chapel in honor of our departed classmates and some wives. The latest morning report is that 27 classmates are alive. After the mass we moved to the adjacent Officers Club for dinner and a surprise program.

The surprise was announced by Nick's two daughters who were also emcees in the program. They said that for the succeeding year the family will be active in all the class affairs. They will solicit help from their contacts to provide support for holding such activities. Perhaps this is a reaction from Nick who had been appealing to the class for more opportunities to meet. We look forward to such act of magnanimity.

Ever since Vic Mamon left for Canada, our class golfers have stopped getting together for a round of golf. Only Ed Cabanlig and Bert Rodriguez continue to play with some retired Marine Generals who find our company quite exciting to play with. Vic called that he may join the class for several games sometime after January 2019.



MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary

Happy New Year to everyone! This issue welcomes the new year with the hope that it will be happy and prosperous to all. The class call for the first issue of 2019 will, however, be about the events that transpired during the last quarter of the year that was. It was both happy and sad.

Maura Soriano's Birth Bash. Sunday, 2 December, was Mau's big day. She had turned 80 which is now a very important milestone for classmates. Friends, military associates of Orly and their ladies, relatives and classmates joined her in a party held at the Valley Golf Club in Antipolo. The AGFO van arranged by Maury became the convenient mode of travel for those who did not want to drive the distance although others came in their cars. Lunch was sumptuous and a big tuna all the way of GenSan courtesy of Nano and Maury became sashimi which was served in the tables before buffet. The guests were also entertained with dance numbers and games organized by Lyka. Classmates and ladies who came to celebrate with Mau her birthday were class prexy Nano Mariano, Manny and Becky Salimbangon, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Mara Enrile, Vicky Ramon, Ray and Raymundo Logan (yes, his son), Baby David, Al and Ching Lumibao, Rami and Olga Ramiscal, Linda Atayde, Aila De Ocampo, Evelyn Maniago, and the van passengers Maury Evangelista, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Ernie and Hazel Daus, Tito and Heidi Rimando, Rene Motus, Terry Domalaon, Nonie Zabala, and Glo Fernandez.



"Class '62 ladies and birthday girl Mau."

Class Christmas Party. Saturday, 15 December was our class Christmas party. It was held at Nano's residence in Green Meadows, QC. Although it was announced as "pot luck" and many classmates brought food, cakes, and wine, Nano still prepared several main dishes. Classmates started arriving at 1100H, the announced time, but due to the Christmas rush some classmates came in late. We feasted on "healthy" vegetables like chicharon bulaklak, downed it in red wine, ate balut to our hearts' content, had crispy pata, beef pochero, cheese, varieties of pancit for luck and ended up with cakes, foreign and native; with still plenty to take home after the party. Aside from the bonding and fellowship, the other highlights of the Christmas party were a lecture on estate planning and the TRAIN law and anointing of classmates, children, and ladies by Ramon Rodriguez. The short lecture on estate planning by Nano's lawyer son Cornelius Victor evoked great interest in us

given our age, our properties, and the laws governing inheritance. Lawyer Cornelius Victor gave tips on how to address the law including the advantages the new law grants to heirs. After the lecture, Ramon Rodriguez who is very active in St. Father Pio religious activities in the Philippines being the chairman of the Philippine Centre for St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Inc. gave individual anointments/blessings to those who wished to be blessed. Mon does anointing to churchgoers at the Padre Pio chapel at Libis after mass. We lined up to be anointed with holy oil and we were told of our state of physical and spiritual health. We were also given rosaries and holy oil. Attendance to our Christmas party was encouraging. I counted 32 classmates who came as couples, solo, or single ladies. The roll call: Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Rene Motus, Felix and Zeny Tong, Maury, Gerry and Baby, Baby David, Ernie and Hazel, Nani Jover, Tito and Heidi, Ramon Rodriguez, Nano (host), Quintin and Luz, James Ramon, Paco and Linda Atayde, Roger Luis, Boy Abadia, Al and Ching, Nonie, Ray, Manny and Becky, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Pepe and Bobby Cortez, Divine and Marian Divinagracia, Romy and Linda Meana, Glo Fernandez, Olga, Lita Pacheco, Mau Soriano, Ayla de Ocampo, Nick and Helen Custodio, Terry Domalaon, and Perot and Chona Perez. Before departing, Nano gave everyone Christmas gifts.

Farewell Ruben "Totong" Cruz. The news of Totong's demise caught most of us by surprise. We had always assumed that staying in a healthy environment that was Baguio and living a healthy life would make Totong an unlikely candidate for illness. But death comes like a thief in the night as the saying goes and last November 14, Totong left Beth and their only child Chuck.



"Classmates with birthday celebrant Mau."



"Class '62 Christmas Party."



"Class '62 Christmas Party, the other view."

He was laid in state at the Camp Crame mortuary where classmates, friends, fellow Cavaliers, and his cadet foster children, now military and police officers, paid him their final respects. Necrological services were held on November 21. Boy Abadia and Charlie Tanega delivered eulogies as classmates. Nano Mariano delivered his

eulogy as president of PMA Class 1962. His son Ruel Carlos "Chuck" Cruz gave the response in behalf of the bereaved family. November 22 at high noon, Totong was accorded a military burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He was borne to his resting place by cortege of colors, honor guards and police band. Together with the pall

bearers, classmates stood beside the casket containing the remains of Totong, placed the folded Philippine flag on their breasts and passed it in turn to the next until it reached the burial detail commander who presented it to Beth in recognition of Totong's faithful service to the military and police service. ####(JRRIMANDO) 🇵🇭



New year's greeting from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963. On our 6th year after our Golden Anniversary, we bid farewell to the year of the Dog "Gou" 2018 and we welcome the year of the Earth Boar "Zhu" 2019. The Class also would like to greet everyone a happy, prosperous and exciting 2019. We also would like to extend our warmest greetings to the Diamond Jubilarians – The Class of 1959, the Golden Jubilarians – the "Suaviter" Class of 1969, and the Silver Jubilarians – "Bantay Laya" Class of 1994.

Our activities from the Corporate Secretary Logbook are as follows:

10 December 2018
The traditional PMA Matindi Class 1963 Christmas Party was held at 6 P.M. at the Philippine Navy Golf Club, NS Jose Francisco (BNS), Taguig City. The Philippine Marine Acoustic Band courtesy of Class President Bill Ruiz provided the music. Among the attendees were Bill and Norma Ruiz, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Pert and Inday Andaya, George and Gie Aquino, Rudy and Offie Javier, Ardy and Beth

Abaya, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Jimmy and Brenda Ilete, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Monet and Ester Ong, Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano, Bayani and Teresita Leoncio, Arnie Acadera, Boy Orevillo, Gaps Sabarre, Kid Medina, Ven Roallos, Aida Mayo, Naty Laput, Ching Saavedra and Beth Arevalo. There was an exchange gift, former CSAFP Arnie Acadera gave his Christmas message as well as our Prexy Bill Ruiz who thanked everyone for their presence.

10 January 2019
PMA Matindi Class 1963 first Board meeting at the Philippine Navy Gold Club,

Taguig City was hosted by Cav Danny Delgado. Plans for 2019 were taken up.

11 January 2019
Annual General Meeting and Election of BIRCI and Fourth Quarterly Social at Dimalupig B, AFPCOC, CGEA, Q.C.. Please come and enjoy the BIRCI merriment.

26 January 2019
The PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday 26 January 2019 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City. The PMAAAI raffle for a cause winners (Toyota Fortuner, Innova, and Altis) will be selected plus consolation prizes.



15 February 2019

The 3-day PMA Alumni Homecoming 2019 will commence on 15 February 2019 with the Battle of Classes Golf Tournament. 16 February 2019 will be the Alumni Parade and on 17 February 2019 will be the Religious Services, PMA Canteen Cup (Football) and Silent Drill Exhibition.

Birthday Celebrators

January and February 2019


The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend warmest greetings, good health and good life to all birthday celebrators and may they have many many more to come.

January 2019

Amy Calibuso (+) 2, Josie Bumanglag 4, Luz Espejo 18, Lina Medina 19, Ild Dulinayan 20, Claire Mallillin 26, Ester Ong 27 and Offie Javier 28.

February 2019

Lulu Orevillo (+) 3, Ting Tigas 3, Lou Pizarro 7, Tony Sibayan 7, Gil Domondon (+) 10, Bill Ruiz 10, Billy Enerio 13, and Bumi Bumanglag 17.

To all members of PMA Matindi Class of 1963, be active, be healthy and be happy as we are all growing old gracefully. Keep in touch with your mistahs, friends, both young and young once. (18161205) 



Belated Christmas and New Year Greetings to everyone. May you have a Prosperous 2019 year. The Class 64 members and ladies had their Christmas celebration last December 10, 2018 at the Vikings Aura Center Restaurant in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. It was a well attended affair with nine class members and nine ladies. The members and ladies present received from the class association one (1) piece of Ham each. Clem Mariano took the opportunity to open up meeting of the class to discuss the following items:

- Visit to PMA Loakan of the class in celebration of its Emerald Anniversary;
- Status of Class Fund

Among the members present were:

- Clem Mariano
- Rey Reyes
- Orly Cabanlig
- Terry dela Cruz
- Rene Garcia
- Jorge Agcaoili
- Tony Aguilar
- Winston Arpon
- Ding Odoño

It was also agreed that the next meeting will be on January 16, 2019 to finalize visit in PMA Loakan on January 18, 2019.


The visit to PMA Loakan with our energetic Treasurer, Terry de la Cruz, has been finalized as documented. The following are the proposed scenario:

- Depart Manila January 18, 2019 early morning; arrived Baguio and Check-in with respective hotels;

- On January 19, depart hotel and arrive PMA on or before 8:30AM;
- Visit PMA Supt and other officers;
- Attend Parade PMA Cadet Corps and have lunch with the CADETS;
- January 20, depart for Manila on or before 11:30AM; and
- Transportation from Metro Manila to Baguio and back to be provided using rented 10 seated Van.

The Class 64 golf club has not been meeting as a group during the previous months. Most of the golfers (Arfs, Rey and Guzi) were abroad.

Birthday greetings to the following January – February Birthday Celebrants:

- Billy Villareal - January 02
- Ding Odoño - January 31 



MIGUEL A LEONARDO
President
EVERLINO P NARTATEZ
Secretary

Pleasant greetings from the PMA MULAWIN CLASS OF 1965 As we all welcome and wish one and all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR and hoping for a continued peace, good health and prosperity this year of the pig 2019.!!!

As this is again the start of the year and 1Q (Jan-March) we are extending too, our best wishes and Happy Birthday to all the MULAWINS and spouses who are celebrating their respective natal days this Quarter, namely :Susan Abadilla - February 1; Ed Abesamis (+) - January 3; Jun Arque - Mar 15; Mon Azurin - Mar 22; Robert Bruce - Jan 6; Celia Bulan - Feb 25; Boots Candelario - Jan 17; Susie Cauton - Feb 10; Emil de Leon (+) - Jan 29; Vickie de Leon - Jan 12; Pepe delos Santos- March 10; Ces Flor - Feb 1; Vicky Guzman - Feb 18; Doming Habos - Jan 21; Atong Lintao (+) - Jan 23; Ofring Marcelo - Jan 10; Rose Monta - Jan 19; Danny Olay (+) - Feb 12; Romy Padiernos (+) - March



31; Vi Santos - Feb 26; Jannette Lapus - Feb 26; Ignacio Santos (+) - Mar 10; Steve Solis (+) - Feb 3; Ladio Tangan - Jan 8 and Lito Tapia - Jan 5. To all of you who are still on earth, may you continue to be blessed with good health that you may be able to continue hosting our regular quarterly get togethers!

Our last year's Christmas Party held at the Ogbinar Hall of the Phil Navy Golf Clubhouse on December 13, 2018 was, as always, a BIG Success, was well planned and held at the center of those living south of the Pasig and those living north of the Pasig. The venue selected was a good accommodation in terms of

distance for those from the south and from those of the north. Because of this strategy, we were able to still increase our attendance and as the affair was fun-filled and everyone were able to participate and joined in the various prized loaded games ably prepared by spouses Likta Marcelo and Lynn Nartatez. It was indeed an enjoyably satisfying affair that Class Prexy Mike Leonardo was compelled to give surprise prizes to those who participated in the planning and execution on this year's activity. Even the food and menu prepared were a good and satisfying choice matched to our taste and diet requirements. The attendees were Pres Mike Leonardo; Rolly Cauton; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Doming and Mimi Habos; Gerry Guzman; Roger and Gloria Bergado; Noli and Chit Fabit; Ricky and Paloming Papa (They flew to the USA immediately after the affair); Egay and Dina Velasco; Rose Monta (was adjudged the only cadet girl present); Dianne Malig and daughter Marilou; Lito and Mely Tapia; Ladio Tankgan (Missed many times in previous class affairs and activities); Vi Santos; Pepe delos Santos, who despite his fragile health condition made it to the affair; Boy and Vicky Turingan; Baby Duque who made it alone as her OAO. Mulawin Pat just left for Guam to be with their children who are all residents thereat; Jess and Boots Candelario and; Enri and Celia Bulan.

We hope to still be able to attract our islanders Adolf Borje and Jun Arque to attend in our incoming class activities. And BTW, Mike has already authorized those attending the incoming Alumni Homecoming this 15-17 February 2019 transportation expenses and hotel accommodation for two (2) days So hope to see more Mulawins in this year' homecoming which actually coincides with a year before we again be one of the hosts of a homecoming. See you all!!!/ epn





MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Taong 2019 na. Mabilis na lumipas ang 2018. Handa na naman tayong harapin ang mga araw na darating na punumpuno ng pag-asa para sa isang magandang hinaharap. Bagama't may walong taon pa ang lilipas, naghahanda na tayo para sa ating diamond anniversary ng graduation. Sana lahat tayo ay malulusog pa sa araw na ito. Pero sa ngayon, paghandaan muna natin ang alumni convention sa 26 January 2019 at homecoming sa 16 February 2019.

Sa mga araw na nakalipas, dalawang pangyayari lamang ang ating pag-uusapan - ang golden wedding anniversary ni Cords at Patri Cordova at ang 2018 Class 66 Christmas Party.

CORDOVA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Last 26 October 2018, Cords and Patri Cordova celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Montebillo Hotel, Lahug, Cebu, attended by family, friends, relatives and a number of sixty - sixers and their spouses. Those who were there were Bay and Margie Galon, Leo and Carol Alvez, Vic and Tita Belo, Troy and Lumen Dumadapat, Pons and Cena Millena, Louie and April Fernandez, Fe Cuison and Susan Gador. Happy wedding anniversary, Cords and Patri.

It was a happy occasion. In fact, some classmates are now thinking of how to celebrate their own anniversaries, many of which are in 2019.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

For the nth time, the class held its Christmas Party on 09 December 2018 at



the UNILAB Auxiliary Dining, Mandaluyong City, with President Noli Espejo as host. The affair was so far the most attended, by about a 100 attendees, consisting of 20 mistahs, 28 spouses and the rest, children and other guests.

Leo Alvez played the primary Santa Claus role who donated many complimentary guest certificates at a first class hotel/restaurant, and cash, for the much awaited raffle. Of course, there were other Santas who donated cash gifts to both adults and children. Families were given gifts. Nobody went home empty-handed. Thanks a lot, Leo and the other Santa's who gave on the spot prizes for the games.

An additional good news is that because of the big attendance, the Class was able to sell/dispose of its quota of 201 tickets for the PMAAAI raffle tickets where three cars (Fortuner, Innova, Altis) and other major prizes are at stake. Each ticket costs P1,000. The raffle will be conducted during the alumni convention on 26 January 2019 at the PICC. Edd Santos, Louie Fernandez, Noli Espejo and Rec Sarmiento disposed of much more than the assigned quota to be sold by each graduate, enabling the Class to sell all tickets. As an incentive, the Class was given by PMAAAI a rebate of 40% of its sales, amounting to P80,000. This amount was given to the Class Fund. Thanks a lot, mistahs and other buyers.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

For our birthday celebrators for January and February, we wish to greet the following: January - Paz Bautista(10), Malou Catral (28). For February - Vic Belo(1), Leo Alvez (14), Pons Millena (22), Bert Jabile (24), Toots Totanes (20), Jelly Nicolas(18), Gracela Andres (20) and Beth Payumo(25). We remind our other spouses who have not yet submitted to Sylvia Agudelo their birthdays.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens! 





ANSELMO S AVENIDO JR
President
RUFINO G IBAY JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the November – December 2018 period:

15 November -- Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was hosted by Cords and Mina Cordero, Ben and Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Vic and Eve Villacorta at Buffet 101, Robinsons – Magnolia, QC. This was also a joint birthday celebration of Bernie (3 Nov), Ben (14), Vic (23) and Cords (27).

04 December – We held our Remembrance Day in honor of the departed 29 Dimasupils (out of 85 graduates), eight Adopted Members, and 14 Spouses. We started the day with a Holy Mass officiated by PNP Chaplain Fr Rey Ibanez, upon coordination made by Jun and Ronnie Ibay, in a function room at the Active Fun Building, BGC, Taguig City. Then, we had lunch and forum in the same venue. We also held our election of Class Officers for CY 2019. After that, the ladies took over for our Christmas program. With good food and red wine, good music provided by a professional husband-and-wife band, some dancing, singing and door prizes, and good company, it was certainly another Class affair to remember.

16 December – Several Dimasupils, their ladies and families attended our fundraising PAGCOR Bingo at Rizal Park Hotel (formerly Army and Navy Club), Manila. Jun and Ronnie Ibay won Php100,000 and they donated 10% of it to our Social Amelioration Fund (SAF). To the others who did not win any of the millions of cash prizes, better luck next time. According to Graise Gaerlan, *“Masaya naman dahil sama-sama tayo!”* Besides, our SAF got a sizable amount as our share from the sale of bingo tickets.

B. Watch out for our schedule for January – February 2019, onwards, as follows:

January – DMF to be hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Vic and May Garcia, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young.

26 January (0700H) – PMAAAI Annual Convention to be held at PICC, Pasay City. Attire: Long-sleeved working barong.

16 February – Annual PMA Alumni Homecoming in Baguio City. The traditional Homecoming Parade will be held at 0900H. We will have our Class Lunch (instead of

Picnic) after the Parade in Baguio City. Our Post-Valentines Dinner will be in our hotel. Our attire for the Parade will be our black Class jacket, white long-sleeved shirt and black pants. Our hat will be provided by Rody Gaerlan at the hotel. Other details will be disseminated later.

March – DMF to be hosted by Manny and Maryrose Dalipe, Jun and Ronnie Ibay, and Nic and Glo Parena.

April – DMF to be hosted by Alice Averilla, Ernie and Dinsay Dionisio, Rody and Graise Gaerlan, Mar and Mely Gatmaitan and Bert and Ruby Torres.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

During our Class Forum on 04 December, we decided to retain the 2018 Class Officers as our Class Officers for CY 2019, as follows: Pres – Avenido; VPres – Santiago; Sec – Ibay; Treas – Gaerlan; Asst Treas – Libarnes; Auditor – Sales; PRO/IT Offr – Patino; Service Coordinators (also Survivor and Sunshine Offrs): Air Force – Dionisio and Sibal; Army – Libarnes and Garcia V; Navy – Cordero and Patino; Police – Ibay and Tomas; Adopted – Sales and Reyes; Committees: Ways and Means – Lastimoso, Austria and Patino; Social Amelioration (Medical and Death Financial Assistance) – Odi, Sibal, Gaerlan, Alino, Ibay, Ballecer, Cordero, Dionisio, Tomas, Sales and Patino; Homecoming (Overall) – Avenido; Homecoming (Hotel) – Gaerlan and Avenido; Homecoming (Trans) – Ibay, Din and Torres; Homecoming (Food) – Avenido and Gaerlan; Homecoming (Tarps) – Ibay. Other Dimasupils and Ladies may join any of the Committees.

Last November, we received a text message from Marina Odulio: *“Vir underwent a total left-knee replacement operation at Makati Med last week. He is currently recuperating and doing rehab. We ask for prayers for his early recovery.”* Abe Din commented: *“Will that make him a bionic man?”*

On 08 December, members of the Social Amelioration Committee (SAC) chaired by Romy Odi and the Golden Sword Committee (GSC) headed by Ross Sibal, held a joint breakfast meeting at the residence of Ross and Mandie in Marikina City, together with their ladies. Ross rendered a full accounting of the finances of the GSC and turned over the excess funds to the SAC as earlier decided by the Class. The Class Treasurer, Rody Gaerlan, who is also the SAC Treasurer, also made a report on the financial status of our SAF.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We extend our heartfelt condolence to the family of Bert and Ruby Torres on the death of his mother Antonia Reyes-Torres, 97 years old, due to cardio-pulmonary arrest last 06 December in Davao City. We pray for the eternal repose of her soul with our Lord.

Congratulations to Merle Odi on her election as one of the Board Directors of the UP Medical Alumni Society. Her Class of 1968 was adjudged as the Most Distinguished Class.

Congratulations also to Mikaela Liana Gabuna, Miguel Pio Gabuna and Matthew Pio Gabuna, children of Orville and Linz, and to Krysta Eirene Ventura, daughter of Diony, on the recent approval of their educational scholarship by the PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc (PETFI). Incidentally, Jun Avenido is the new President of PETFI and all Dimasupils are regular members of the Foundation.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who are celebrating their birthdays in January and February: Myrna Espinosa (1 January), Hedy Duenas (2), Bobby Lastimoso (4), Lita De Guzman (5), Queenie Enriquez (6), Pert Molato (8), Cora





Tomas (9), Edsel Salvana (14), Warlie Sadiarin (16), Joseph Young (16), Myrna Cordero (20), Roy Aguana (21), Ernest Escaler (23), Jun Avenida (24), Maryrose Dalipe (26), Ernie Dionisio (3 February), Myrna Andaya (5), Fernando Suarez (7), Lou Ibanez (11), Bay Obillos (18), Diony Ventura (23) and Linz Gabuna (26).

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

Please be reminded that we have to pay our annual contribution to the Social Amelioration Fund in the first quarter of the year in order to benefit from the discount

for early payors. We also appeal to our more fortunate Dimasupils to give their additional donation soon so that our Fund can grow faster, enough to give bigger assistance to those concerned.

May this year bring good health, love, peace, joy and prosperity to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and our families. May God be with us always! 🙏



The PMA Class 68 held its General Assembly, Christmas Party and Yearly Election of Members of the Board of Trustees of the Class at the AGFO Center in Camp Aguinaldo on 09 December 2018.

The activities started with a mass held by Fr. Tirso Dolina at 1730H. After the Thanksgiving Mass, the outgoing class president, Mel Rosales, delivered his valedictory address. Mel deviated from the usual yearly report. Instead, he reported the activities of the class for the last five years that lead to a very successful leadership of the PMAAAI for the year 2018 and to the outstanding execution of the 50th Golden Anniversary of PMA Class 1968 during the annual alumni day celebration in Fort del Pilar in February and in Manila for the actual 50th anniversary celebration at the new Discovery Suites in Makati on March 24, 2018.

Clearly, the litany of activities and projects held by the class for the past five years took some time to just be read. Simply stated, all the activities undertaken by the class for the past five years were directed towards the eventual take-over of the Alumni Activities for 2018. This therefore translates to our

Class President taking over the helm of the PMAAA for the year 2017-2018.

Our sincerest Congratulations to Mel Rosales for a job well done!!! Likewise, our congratulations to the members of the Board of Trustees of PMA Class of 1968 for their full support. Special mention to Volts Gazmin for supporting all class activities especially the coffee table book and the fund raising activities. Our thanks to Sonny Penilla for relentlessly prodding us to participate in the coffee table book project. To our class secretary Bobby Santiago for keeping everybody informed and updated in all activities. To our class treasurer Abe Abiol who took real good care of our finances. To the other classmates who were always there and ready to lend a helping hand. And most especially to the ladies of PMA Class of 1968 for providing the most needed assistance in all endeavors. MABUHAY tayong lahat!!!

After delivering the triumphant valedictory address, the members of the Board of Trustees of PMA Class of 1968 through outgoing Class President Mel Rosales announced their irrevocable resignation from the Board of Trustees. Whether this is good or not, we just hope that this resignation will not mean a resignation from active participation in class activities.

After the President's report came the voting or designation of the new members of the Board of Trustees. Those voted or designated to be members of the Board of Trustees were Cris Francisco, Pat Madayag,

Dante Ruiz, Alex Costales and Art Carrillo. There is no permanent organizational set up yet. The first board meeting shall be held in January 2019.

Maraming Salamat Po at Mabuhay! 🙏



PMA CLASS '69 MARCHES ON!

Welcome Suavitters to 2019, our Golden Year!!!

And by the divine will of God Almighty, you and I, Mistahs, have successfully reached our 50th year since we graduated last 25 March 1969, HalleluJAH!

First and foremost, we thank our Almighty God for His blessings that allowed our Class to weather ALL life's challenges from our graduation day and up until now! Part of our fervent hope and prayer is to be with each and every living and surviving 29 Mistahs, their Ladies and Families in this significant milestone in the history of PMA Class of 1969!

Second, our deepest gratitude to our Parents, still living and all those no longer

with us: for all the great ideals, wisdom, good character and solid moral conduct. With them, we thank all our Teachers, Professors and the like for the education, moral, social and spiritual training and early societal adjustments.

Third, we express our Love and Devotion to the great women who God and we chose to be our Wives, Life Partners and Mothers of our beloved Children! Most of our earthly lives were spent being Loved and Cared for by them, learned very important Life Lessons with them, built and nurtured a Family with them, faced Challenges, welcomed Opportunities and handled Setbacks with Strength and Firm Resolve with them.

We likewise say Thanks! and send our Love to all our Children who were our sources of Inspiration throughout our lives, the Reasons for our Efforts and Struggles in our work and the object of our Hopes and Prayers! And may I include all our Grandchildren, now the targets of our Affection and Devotion!

And as our Class celebrates its 50th year since graduation, our hearts are full of mixed emotions as we remember with fondness, honor the memories of and pray for our 14 Mistahs who went ahead to meet our Creator: *Lito Labao (+9Feb'71), Rimbort Gonzales (+1Apr'76), Max Balansay (+10Sep'78), Ferdie Lagman (+18Aug'91), Kayong Ariola (+4Nov'91), Ed Mendigo (+26Aug'00), Oca Tangingco (+23Oct'02), Dick Segovia (+30Jun'04), Cutes Bacungan (+15Jun'12), Damy Yala (+14Dec'12), Larry Mendoza (+7Oct'13), Romy Sua (11Jul'14), Jess Almaden (10Jul'18) and Vic Erfe (21Oct'18). May their souls rest in Eternal Peace with our God Almighty...*

As we troop back this February to Fort del Pilar where it all started, we will have ample time to reminisce all the cadet memories as they come once again to our minds and hearts...///bingbo'69

Suaviters celebrate Christmas 2018!

The Philippine Military Academy's 2019 Golden Jubilarians gathered at the Navy Golf Club in Fort Bonifacio to break bread and enjoy each other's company once again in their usual Christmas Reunion and Dinner last 3 December 2018! The party was graced by children and grandchildren of the small but 'prolific' PMA Class.

The evening featured the entertainment by a video technician with a one-man organist who provided musical entertainment and accompanied the 'promising' (aka never-say-die!) singers of the class, hahaha!

At the end of the evening, the Suaviters posed for posterity in a group picture graced by the presence of Suaviter Ladies Celia Ariola, Sol Mendoza and Andie Mendigo!

For this Christmas party, the following Suaviters, Ladies and their brood were present: Benjie and Meg Defensor, Jimmy and Lulu delos Santos, Greg Camiling, Nonoy and Mone Carranza, Mon Martinez, Bing and Vikki Brillantes, Boy and Amy Maligalig, Jus and Ellen Manlongat, Rey and Inday Berroya, Chris and Marilou Abanes, Rudy and Lily Garcia and Jess and Olive Regala. (Present during dinner but not around for the group photo-op: Mistah Joey and Tere Syjuco.)

We are grateful also to the indefatigable spouses Mistah Jus and Ellen Manlongat who continue to ensure that our Class enjoys a well-organized dinner and get-together for Christmas year after year. Gratis also to Mistah Chris who singlehandedly spearheaded the games portion encouraging Suaviter *apos* to perform and share their talents! Of course, as Class Santa, he was prepared to distribute rewards to deserving kids!

And finally, we thank Prez Jimmy and Lulu delos Santos for their leadership and inspiration. Jimmy closed the delightful affair (after Mistah Jus announced that the clubhouse will shut the airconditioning units at 2200H as they close the club for the day!)



From left: PN Ens Jayson Tunitit '16, Mistah Chris Abanes '69, PAF 2Lt Blessie Amaro '18

and thanked all Mistahs and families present for everyone's attendance and cooperation in the past year. He also discussed briefly some details related to the class' trip to Loakan on February 16 and 17 for the traditional PMA Homecoming and our Class' Golden Jubilee celebration!!! ///bingbo'69

Chris Attends PMAAAI Consultative Meeting

Mistah Chris Abanes participated in a meeting on "Empowering Our Alumni" held in AFPCOC last 27 July, an initiative of PMAAAI Chair Mistah Jimmy delos Santos. Chris preferred to sit in a table occupied by millennial alumni and engaged them in "conversations" of current "generational" issues and concerns. ///Chris

Suaviter Birthday celebrators

Birthday celebrators for January and February 2019:

Tom (10 Jan), +Cutes (11 Jan), Rudy (13 Jan), Tere Syjuco (22 Jan), Alex (30 Jan),



Meg Defensor (31 Jan), Ellen Manlongat (11 Feb) and Baby Cariño (14 Feb).

At the start of 2019, we thank God for all the Joys, Successes, Opportunities,

Challenges and Blessings He showered the Suaviter Families throughout 2018!

We look forward to our 50th Anniversary and Homecoming this coming 16 & 17 February and hope to see and be with all

Suaviters, Ladies and their Families then!!! Of course, we will feel mighty proud and glad to march with the Corps at the Borromeo Field once again! //bingbo'69



ROY A CIMATU
President
MARCELO R GARCIA
Secretary

The plan of PMA Magiting Class 1970 project of constructing a third floor wing

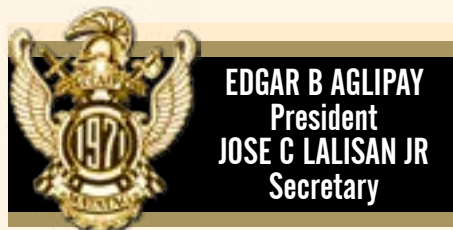
at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center has been revised and approved last Dec 2018. It was returned to VMMC for costing. The VMMC director reported that the cost estimate is again being reviewed because it spiked to P22.0M.

The cost spike was due to the increase in the number of rooms to 12, increase in the size of the private rooms, each having its own toilet and bath facilities, four rooms were

converted to private suites with complete furnishings and first class finish.

The hollow blocks and cement components are being identified since these will come from a donation.

The plans will be available after the cost review by the VMMC director and will be discussed during the class fellowship after golf at Navy Golf this coming January 12.



EDGAR B AGLIPAY
President
JOSE C LALISAN JR
Secretary

Happy New Year!

It is the Year of the Earth Pig for 2019. According to the Chinese zodiac, this will start from 5 February 2019 to 24 January 2020. Pig is not considered as a smart animal in China, but thought of as a symbol for wealth. According to the Chinese astrology, 2019 will be a great year to make money and a good year to invest. Further, this year "will be full of joy, a year of friendship and love for all the zodiac signs; an auspicious year because the Pig attracts success in all the spheres of life." Let us pray that this will be so and through action and not just mere words, we will attain happiness, prosperity, and harmony.

Christmas Party 2018

The class had its Christmas Party last 9 December at the Valle Verde IV social hall and had a good attendance. There were games, exchange gifts, line dancing, live band, and raffles to the delight of all. Emcees for the night were Dra Nona Legaspi and Celia Lalisán and joined in by mistah Dan Francia. It was a time for fellowship and bonding to all Matatags and Mas-Matatags. Those present were Egay and Mawie Aglipay, Bob and Eden Sacramento, Wency and Puring Cruz, Tito and Nona Legaspi, Dan and Arlene Francia, Rene and Sara Paredes, Mel and Hazel Acosta, Rey and Fim Velasco, Dick and Annie de Leon, Dong and Lulu Tabamo, Gel and Lyn Molato, Ruben and Fe Domingo, Efren and Vangie Fernandez, Rolly and Malou Garcia, Joey and Celia Lalisán, Marte and Tetet Chioco, Totoy and Benjie Rivera,



Jerry and Verna Albano, Aris and Nina Delos Reyes, Ed and Elsie Matillano, Bert and Marmie Sillona, Oca and Jinggoy Martinez, Beng Ibo and two daughters, Sandy Navida and two sons, Jennie Domingo, Lita Gil, Esther Domingo, Annie Lim and three kids, Bing Alano, Jake Malajacan, Tex Balmaceda and Sen Greg Honasan.

Golf Fellowships

The class Hampaslupas had joined several golf tournaments last December namely the Navy Christmas Golf Tournament, the Seniors Federation Golf Tournament in Pradera Golf Course, the Navy Seniors tournament, the Riviera Tournament where mistah Ed Mati won the Class B championship trophy, and the golf fellowships in South Forbes, Villamor,

Southlinks, and Aguinaldo golf courses. Now that the new rules of golf are in effect this year, golf will be more fun especially for us seniors. The class jolly golfers are Totoy Rivera, Tex Balmaceda, Rey Alcasid, Bing Alano, Jerry Albano, Joey Lalisán, Dan Belomia, Ed Matillano, Egay Aglipay, Rey Velasco, Rex Piad, Bob Sacramento, Teody Viduya, Rolly Garcia, Archie Almario, and Boy Castellano. We are missing other mistahs in the fairways who, for some reasons, no longer join us in our golf sessions. We hope that mistahs Edwin Galzote, Bussy Cabagnet, Vic Batac, EQ Fernandez, Twiggy Zubia, Rene Paredes, Aris delos Reyes, Marte Chioco, Wency Cruz, Jun Fabros, Manny Domingo, and Narcing Abaya can join us again in the near future.





New CRS Building named after our late mistah Jimmy Canatoy

Last 10 January 2019, the Limbagang Canatoy was unveiled and blest at the Civil Relations Service, AFP Compound in Camp Aguinaldo. The CRS Printing Office Building was dedicated in memory of the late mistah BGen Jaime Canatoy AFP as the 16th Commander of CRS, AFP from 22 February 2000 to 15 March 2001. The citation in the plaque says "his exemplary achievements

involved the advancing of intelligence functions and psychological operations through the discouragement of aggressive actions by the various threats to national security which created demoralization within their ranks, ultimately leading them back to the folds of the law." The blessing were witnessed by CRS Personnel led by its Commander, MGen Bienvenido Datuin, Jr AFP, classmates, friends, and other guests. Class Prexy Egay Aglipay, in behalf of the class, thanked MGen Datuin and the CRS

Family for this gesture in recognizing the efforts of our mistah, Jimmy. Unfortunately, Jimmy's wife Zeny and family could not attend as all of them are based now in the US. However, a letter of thanks was read by Ms Teena Clemente, a family friend, in her behalf.

Quote for this Issue

"There is only one happiness in this life, to love and be loved". -George Sand //JCL/10 Jan 2019



Let me greet everyone belated Happy New Year. May the Year of the Pig brings good tidings to all of us; excellent health, stress free, happy and wholesome family. A lot of things happened last year, and between the good, the bad and the ugly may meant an understatement for most of us. As we welcomed the New Year by raising our glasses amidst exploding fireworks, we have to inculcate in our minds the magical symbolism the New Year brings to us. So let's welcome it with optimism and positivity; a time for new beginning and reflection. As Albert Einstein says

"Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow." So let's ring out the past and ring in the future ahead of us.

NEWS UPDATES:

Christmas Party: For those who missed the Christmas party last Dec 3, it was a resounding success with 71 mistahs in attendance. Everybody came in complete Hawaiian - inspired attire. The ambiance was perfect, food and hot darns were in abundance and superb entertainment, courtesy of Philippine Army band. As an add-in entertainment, the four (4) major services including PNP made short but entertaining presentations (native talent approach) to the delight of everybody. Of course, they were all declared winners after all. No hurt feelings. Mila Paguio shared her talents in singing with her repertoire of lovely songs while her heartthrob, Egay

listened intently as if he was enjoying it (joke lang, Egay). The night would not be complete without the dancing session for the ladies whose passion for dancing is beyond question. Other highlights of the event were the greetings and acknowledgement of birthday celebrators for the months of October to December. This is an established class tradition we don't want to miss during our socials. We awarded a Plaque of Recognition to Mistah Roger Quevedo in recognition of his cash donation to AFP through the Class to enhance the morale of our soldiers and policemen responsible for the liberation of Marawi City from the control of ISIS-inspired Maute terrorists. To Mistah Roger, thank you very much for your benevolence and kindness. With that, you brought honour and prestige to the whole Class and raised its standard to higher level. The night was not complete if not for the raffle draws of special prizes

and cash through the courtesy of the Class and kindness of Mistah Espines and Mely. Everybody went home as winners. It was indeed a night of fun and merriment as we enjoyed the fellowship and socialization with its other.

- We have to give credit to whom it is due shall I say, so we extend our thanks to the Ladies Working Group spearheaded by Choly (Yolly Valencia, Neris Batestil, Alyn Lacerna, Ludy Vidad, Cely Nobeza, Faith Ebuén, Vangie Dizon, Fe Castro and Mila Nava) for the success of our Christmas party. Congrats ladies, we really appreciate your efforts. Thank you very much. What more can we ask?

- **A night with Manong Ben:** Manong Ben hosted a simple dinner for Masigasig in his home last Jan 6. This is a yearly affair started three years ago which showcase the lighting of Christmas lights and decorations of his house, a family tradition which started years ago. A sumptuous dinner and wines were served with delicious ham con pandesal as appetizers. It was an eventful night of fellowship and story - telling sessions with Manong Ben and the rest who graced the occasion: Odeth Bibit, Cora Oliveros, Gene and Pilar Senga, Abe and Lorna Abesamis, Pol and Alyn Lacerna, Ric and Cely Nobleza, Cel and Beth Navarro, Babes and Lucille, Orly and Melba Buenaventura, Vic and Boots Carag, Art and Carol Alabanza and Orly and Marido Ambrocio. Thank you Manong Ben and family for being gracious hosts to us. Manong Ben, we really appreciate your kindness, you are one of the kind. Till next year Manong. May your tribe increase.

2019 Homecoming: By the time you are reading this class call, you are already inside Fort del Pilar mingling and exchanging pleasantries with our tormentors (uppies) and tormented (underclassmen). Make your days folks and enjoy the alumni activities. How




many days, oh Noble Catherine: Sir there are three years, 36 months, 1,080 days, 25,920 hours and 1,555,200 seconds before we celebrate our 50th Golden Anniversary. I'm sure all of us are looking forward to this significant day. Let's pray that we stay intact to spend together this memorable day. STAY HEALTHY. LET'S GO ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, DELTA. LET'S GO, MASIGASIG.

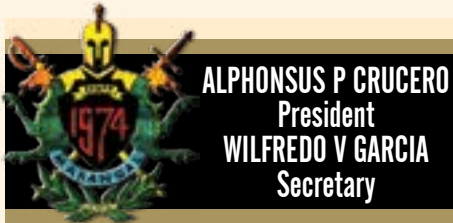
Birthday greetings: We extend our birthday greetings to our celebrators. January: Cora Oliveros, Vic Carag, Elmer Romano, Mila Paguio, Eddie Adan, Mol Sales (dec), Manny Teodosio, Beth Adan, Sheryl Luga, Pogs Santillan (dec) and Cris Balaoing. February: Ping Berroya, Albin

Rivera, Gay Concha, Pol Lacerna, Lorna Abesamis, Rudy De Castro, Rey Jucutan, Helen Evangelista, Bobby del Pilar (dec), Ludy Vidad, Ogie Alino, Manding Naval, Lily Romano, and Babes Flores. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL. May you have more.

Food for thoughts: *"The real act of marriage takes place in the hearts, not in the ballroom or church or synagogue. It's a choice we make not just on our wedding day, but over and over again, and that choice is reflected in the way we treat our respective husband and wife— Barbara de Angelis".*

Happy homecoming and have an enjoyable reading....oslec 





I. CHRISTMAS PARTY

The traditional Marangal Christmas Party was held at AGFO Center, Camp Aguinaldo on the 15th of December. It was hosted by Class President Pons Crucero and Marilou Crucero. It was a simple yet festive holiday party. We settled in for an evening filled with delicious treats, festive drinks and even exchanging gifts as activities. There were some of our favorite recipes including the tasty lechong baka graciously provided by Jun Esperon.

It was an evening to remember; lots of bonding and lots of boisterous laughter and jokes on top of never ending narration of stories and episodes of life in the PMA and in the service.

Fifty-nine (59) Mistahs including their ladies attended, namely:

- Jun Esperon, Nick Radovan
- Pons Crucero, Manny Carta
- Ace Tolentino, Danny Abinoja
- Rod Obaniana, Boy Bernal
- Pete Fernando, Dante Rillorta
- Butch Maglaya, Romy Buenaflor
- Tato Salud, Nick Manalo
- Ricky Dela Paz, Jun Abueg
- Gene Cedo, Raffy Alunan
- Rogie Calunsag, Stan Pagdilao
- Tony Romero, Bong Franco
- Rene Rieza, Pete Ramboanga
- Sonny Razon, Nap Concepcion
- Benny Cabierto, Lito Gamit
- Fidel Sy, Amy Tolentino
- Jun Lopez, Willy Garcia
- Ed Doromal

To one and all:

May Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

II. PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019

We will celebrate our 45th Anniversary of graduation from PMA with the following activities:

Feb. 13, 2018 – Trip to Baguio

Feb. 14, 2018 – First day, Golf Battle of Classes, John Hay GC, Valentines dinner with spouses/former Kaydet girls



Feb. 15, 2018 – Second Day, Golf Battle of Classes

Feb. 16, 2018 – Bus to Fort Del Pilar, Alumni Homecoming parade. Bus back to Baguio, lunch at Mario's. Free time follows.

So far, 38 Mistahs have already signified to attend the homecoming including some of our US-based mistahs. Many will bring along their families to join the celebration. Those who have confirmed are as follows:

1. Ernie and Nell Belen
2. Willy and Hazel Garcia
3. Nick and Mila Radovan
4. Sonny and Cecille Razon
5. Fidel and Linday Sy
6. Jun and Lorna Esperon
7. Larry and Boots Doria
8. Boy and Chato Bernal
9. Lito Gamit
10. Nick and Merle Pasinos
11. Jun and Ditas Lopez
12. Romy and Jeng Tolentino
13. Danny and Sim Abinoja
14. Rogie and Mellie Calunsag
15. Aji and Judy Gutierrez
16. Oca Mallabo
17. Bepbep and Cecille De Luna
18. Ramby and Edith Ramboanga
19. Benny and Jo Cabrieto

20. Manny and Annie Carta
21. Oca and Agnes Valenzuela
22. Ed and Maricel Doromal
23. Ace and Ellen Tolentino
24. Rene and Nora Rieza
25. Nick and Cynthia Manalo
26. Ajun and Tess Abueg
27. Roland and Myrna Rodriguez
28. Ricky and Mitz Dela Paz
29. Tony and Bechie Romero
30. ELbon and Malou Noble
31. Tony and Nanette Ramos
32. Vlady and Jie Punto
33. Ralph Amador
34. Tony Seville
35. Romy and Chu Buenaflor
36. Pete and Tess Tan
37. Amy and Winnie Tolentino
38. Buddy Esguerra

III. BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings and best wishes to the all the birthday celebrants for the months of January and February!

January

- 1 - Abel Alonzo
- 1 - Manny Carta
- 1 - Mike Lopez
- 4 - Tito Cagurangan



- 10 - Serafin Padilla
- 17 - Boie Sevilla
- 20 - Willy Dormitorio
- 23 - Boy Bernal
- 31 - Pete Fernando

- 14 - Romy Mayo
- 17 - Bert Sylim
- 18 - Rene Rieza
- 18 - Romy Carlos
- 20 - Tan Ju
- 26 - Oscar Valenzuela
- 26 - Pipes Vakria

Inc. Major General Alphonsus Crucero '74 (Ret). Pons Crucero was elected Chairman/President during the annual membership meeting and election of directors held on November 29, 2018 at the AGFO Center, Camp Aguinaldo, QC.

We are pleased to see you at the top management of AGFO. Your election brings to AGFO a wealth of experience, knowledge and skill necessary to attain its mission and vision.

February

- 1 - Oscar de Guzman
- 7 - Ace Tolentino
- 9 - Jun Esperon
- 9 - Ed Doromal
- 13 - Benny Cabrieto

IV. CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations and best wishes to the new President/Chairman of AGFO





EMILIO C MARAYAG JR
President
ZOSIMO D CARLOS JR
Secretary

Happy New Year to everyone! Happy Homecoming, too!

General Assembly Meeting and Christmas Party

A RECORD of Sixty (60) Magilas gentlemen and three widows attended the Class Year-end General Assembly held at the Philippine Army Officers' Clubhouse last December 9, 2018. Through the intercession of former CGPA and CSAFP, Bong Ibrado, the class was charged gratis for the use of the Santos Hall and Luna Hall for the night.

Mistah Paul Mata delivered the nice invocation to start the general assembly meeting.

President's Report – Epo Marayag summarized the accomplishments of the Association for CY 2018, as well as the plans for the class for the coming year 2019. Noted were the rejoining of long-lost members of the class, more participation in class activities, acts of the Board of Trustees, recognition of those 65 year old mistahs, encouragement of more physical and healthier lifestyle of all class members. The successful completion of the Bridges of Hope Program, as well as the success of the Magilas Charity Golf Tournament was also mentioned. Plans are also being made to look for other sound placement for our funds in available business ventures as well as investments.

Treasurer's Report – Gerry Defensor updated the members on the status of the class fund. Emphasis was the big income generated by the Golf Tournament. Also, all board resolutions and acts of management as enumerated by the Class VP Ely dela Paz were ratified by the assembly.

2018 Year Summary – Cholo Carlos presented a nice slideshow of pictures of class events as well as latest pictures of class members at their best.

This year's yuletide celebration was again filled with much fun and enjoyment. Dinner served was great, wine overflowed, and the entertainment was provided by the guest entertainer and DI's while the



Magilas and their ladies enjoyed dinner and danced the night away.. Kudos to Sammy Narcise for the great preparation, including raffle prizes and gift bags for all.

ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The results of the Election are as follows.

"A" - Boying Alarcio, Ely Dela Paz, Sendong Ferrer

"B" - Abner Cabalquinto, Bong Ibrado

"C" - Vic Boco, Cholo Carlos, Epo Marayag

"D" - Tanggol Gatdula, Louie Ticman, Carly Divinagracia

As of printing time, the 11 members will choose among themselves who will be the Class officers for the next two years. Congratulations to the COMELEC Committee composed of Joe Solidum, Jogy Fojas, and Gerry Defensor for the peaceful and orderly election.

Congratulations:

Four Magilas Brats were recognized during the night. Ms Marie Angela Lim



Cachuela, PCInsp Magilas Salvacion, Capt Rafael Rodriguez, PA and Dr. Gemmie Defensor -Sagun, MD. The proud parents who raised them were also present.

We hope to see again more Magilas Brats awardees in the future.

SAD NEWS:

The end of November 2018 was a big blow to the class. We lost two mistahs.

Mistah Custodio "Sally" Salosagcol succumbed to his long battle with Cancer. He passed away on Nov 29 at the VMCM. His wake was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Necro services on Dec 3, and he was laid to rest with Full Military Honors on Dec 4, with maximum attendance of classmates. Sally will always be remembered as a jolly, active, and disciplined member of the class. He was the only Scout Ranger of

the Army Group. He was always present during class activities, even when he was sick. We will miss you, mistah. Condolence to his widow, Baby, and the family.


We also lost a good Honorary member of the class, Dominic Sytin. Dominic, at a young age of 52 was treacherously killed by a lone gunman in Subic on Nov 28. A big time businessman, philanthropist, and dear friend, he always supported our class activities in every opportunity he had. Dominic's wake was held at the Heritage Park, and he was cremated in Dec 4. We will miss him a lot. Condolence to his wife and family.

BirthDay Celebrants

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their

special day: 1 Jan – Efren Daquil and Tess Rodriguez; 3 Jan – Pako Francisco; 7 Jan - Beck Perez; 9 Jan -Ramon Dela Cruz; 11 Jan - Vic Boco and Femar Defensor; 12 Jan –Bebet Ibrado; 24 Jan – Anavelina Loyao; 27 Jan –Eleonor Legaspi and Myrna Divinagracia; 28 Jan - Sandy Javier; 29 Jan - Sammy Tayag; 30 Jan - Allan Bontuyan and Eleonor Soriano; 1 Feb - Emil Lucero; 4 Feb - Corina Carlos; 5 Feb - Olive Solidum; 7 Feb –Nong Ikbala; 8 Feb – Byron Tabangay; 13 Feb - Joey Salvacion; 15 Feb - Armand Rodriguez; 20 Feb - Karen Javier; 24 Feb – Paji Pajarito.

Again, wishing everyone a happy year 2019. As we look forward to another 365 days, may we never cease to thank GOD for the gift of life.

GOD bless everyone. 



RICARDO A DAVID JR
Pangulo
VIXI ABAT
Kalihim

It was a fun evening of **MASIKAP Xmas party** last Dec 8 (Sat), at Perry's Bar and Resto at McKinley West, in Taguig.

Pleasing ambiance for camaraderie and fellowship this holidays season.


Merry mistahs:

1. Ric and Lutul D
2. Dads and Tess D
3. Joe and Bles B
4. Mario and Ongkee C
5. Ogie and Susan D
6. Art and Farah M
7. Vixi and Nena A
8. Dan and Lina C
9. Bobby and Cel E
10. Orly and Loy P
11. Vic and Maryann A

12. Ireno and Juliet B
 13. Eric and Mylene J
 14. Mon and Hennie G
 15. Ed and Lulu C
 16. Dan and Malyn C
 17. Nic and Florence O
 18. Ned and Laarni G
 19. Arman and Marissa T
 20. Manny and Assel A
 21. Dick and Edith M
- Lino Lapinid
Bal Balocating
Annie Pabustan
Nery Espera
Eva Pan
Leggie Sadiarin
Lilibar Ferrer

Salamat sa krismas regalos at raffle regalos.

Salamat sa contributions in cash and in kind.

Salamat for your presence.
Salamat Dan & Lina for Perry's.
Happy New Year! 



RODOLFO Y MAGTIBAY
President
FELIPE HB BUENA JR
Secretary

The following were elected as Board of Trustees during the Annual General Assembly meeting that was held last Feb 16, 2018 in Baguio City:

Oca Rabena – Chairman

Felix Angue – Vice Chairman

Rudy Magtibay – President / Chairman, Executive Committee

Ernest Villareal – Vice President / Chairman, Fellowship Committee

Pipes Buena Jr – Secretary / Chairman, Amendments Committee

Louie Palmera – Treasurer / Chairman, CSR Committee

Rolly Detabali – Sgt-at-Arms

Sammy Tucay – Chairman, Membership Committee

Cho Sabban – Chairman, Ways & Means Committee

Joe Gaverza Jr – Chairman, Sports Committee

Ralph Villanueva – Chairman, Moral & Welfare Committee

Worth mentioning is that several Class Members are still continuing their services to the government and other non-government organizations in various important positions – Art Tabaquero, Ray Mapaggu, Mario Chan, Romy Prestoza, Ralph Villanueva, Vic Porto, Pete Sinajon, Oca Rabena, and Pipes Buena.

The most significant activity of the Class was The MAKATARUNGAN 1978



GOLF CLASSIC held at South Forbes Golf Club, Inchican, Silang, Cavite last Nov 28, 2018 where a total of 124 golfers played. Proceeds from this activity are intended to support families of deceased members and those in need of medical assistance, and class activities such as medical missions and the 2019 Alumni Homecoming.

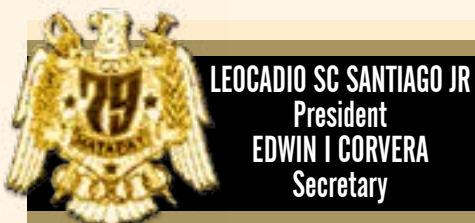
This was followed by the Joint Class Christmas Party and Birthday Celebration of Members and Spouses 4th Quarter Birthday Celebrants at the Social Hall of the Villamor Golf Club last December 10, 2018.

In the recently concluded Corps of '70s Yearend Golf Tournament last December 26, 2018, the Class 78 Golfers were the

runaway winners! Fellowship celebrations followed at the Villamor Golf Club.

The Class decided to hold its Annual General Assembly meeting on January 26, 2019 at the PICC immediately after the PMAAAI Annual Convention.

Everyone is looking forward to the next PMA Alumni Homecoming on February 15, 2019.



Only ever positive and progressively forward will be the actions of the PMA Class of 1979 for the year 2019. The year 2018 have been very fruitful and full of blessings for the class. None Metro-Manila residents were able to reach out as well as vice versa. Even those overseas were able to update and enjoyed exchanges albeit via multi-media. Each member has the goals focused individually. Collectively, having diverse and opposite polarities in issue appreciation, the Loyal Eagles were able to launch several successful and notable class activities.

Several members of Matapat 1979 abroad was able to update their status. Our PNP Grp President Matapat Rey Lañada reported that some out of country based Matapats are looking forward to the upcoming Alumni Homecoming at PMA, Fort Del Pilar. Matapat Jonathan Guimbatan however had an early trip home because he had to attend to family matters in Ifugao. Matapat Riot Reyes was visited by PAF Grp President Noelo Albano in Texas, US of A. Provincial based Matapats got updated, too, Matapat Jun Khu is busy farming in Cagayan de Oro, Arnold Revilla is becoming an excellent financial wizard in Albay, Bicol Region, and all is well for Matapat Druz Bolodo.

As to the PAF Service Grp under the baton of Matapat Noelo Albano, soaring in the skies continues to be reflected by Matapat flyboys. Two are still flying, Matapat Noelo Albano is still flying choppers and Matapat Marlon Garbo is still flying for Cebu Pacific. On the corporate side, Matapat Ed Oban and Matapat Tete Villarete are in managerial positions. Matapat Ric, on the other hand, is still in the government being a deputy director at CAAP.

Always afloat and sailing the high seas of life, Matapat PN Service Grp under the helm of Matapat Rex Recomono (currently,



Welcome Dinner for Matapat Jonathan Guimbatan.

PN Service Grp Cholo Alano relegated the duty because he is making sure that the Philippine Coast Watch matures to its mission). They spearheaded the Matapat benevolent activities showing and sharing cares towards our low key classmates.

The ever green PA Service Grp under the baton of Matapat Mark Supnet showed that they have planned their retirement well although still tapped in the government like Matapat Art Ortiz, others in corporate consultancies like Matapat Vicksie Felix, Matapat Boygie Pangilinan and their Grp President Mark Supnet himself. Other PA members of Matapat are happily attending to their farms and private businesses. But noteworthy are those assigned at DBM - Driver Bodyguard ni Mrs., but also are proud care takers of their grandchildren.

To cap this flight issue - as mid-national election is afoot, the following Matapat members are throwing their hats into the cauldron of Politics; Matapat Councilor Romy Calizo is running for re-election as city councilor at Cagayan De Oro City, Matapat Edwin Corvera is running as vice mayor at Estancia, Iloilo, Matapat Frank Villaroman is running for Mayor at San Rafael, Bulacan which will also showcase our President's appreciation of our classmates devoted services to him and City of Davao, once again, Matapat Amor Bumanglag will run for city councilor in Baguio City. Mga Matapat na mistah, you have our class' belief in your capacity to lead your respective constituents, but we remind you, Philippine Politics is not binded to our alma mater, Philippine Military Academy's motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty!



Matapat Ronnie Bacolod giving lessons about life.



NICANOR A BARTOLOME
President
JEFFREY R TUPAS
Secretary

A great New Year 2019 to all Mapitagans! 2018 was a year that was.... and there's much to be thankful to God for the blessings and wonderful events that took place in our lives in that year!

We see events and incidents from different points of view. One may look at a specific or a confluence of events to be that which constitute quite an unfortunate year and yet another may take the same event or incidents as an enormous blessing. As one famous writer, Spanky Meer, wrote and I quote, *"In our daily lives, we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful but gratefulness that makes us happy. There's always, always something to be thankful for."* Thank you JLo for sharing that inspiring viber message...

Well, just to cap that year, let me once again greet all of our mistahs a (belated) Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year!!!

Updates on Mapitagan

Class Activities in Brief:

The celebration of Class 1980 Mapitagan Christmas party at Oakwood/Joy Nostalg, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, was again a success for having had the biggest attendees so far...in what I may describe as a very joyous occasion! Lots of cheers and gifts galore! and that was again a time for renewing acquaintances amongst mistahs.

Well, as a saying goes, pictures speak volumes. So here are some of the photos taken during those event.



First off, last 17 November, a usual fellowship lunch was held at Gloria Maris, Greenhills for the above-mentioned birthday celebrators for the month of November 2018. It was again a gastronomic event with lots of jokes and fun...

Birthdays Celebrators for the month of December:

- 3 Carlos Clet (+)
- 7 Romeo Prado
- 8 Romerico Carbonell
- 16 Romualdo Palaroan
- 16 Edmund Tan

- 19 Ramon Loria
- 24 Noel Dominguez
- 24 Delfin Lee
- 31 Hermie Colina
- 31 Silvestre Primer

Birthdays Celebrators for the month of January:

- 2 Jess Atoc
- 6 Melchor Fajardo
- 7 Albert Rivera (+)
- 8 Ely Tianco
- 9 Vic Caragan
- 9 Herold Ubalde





- 15 Boy Bolo
- 15 Mervin Tiu
- 16 Allan Sta. Ana
- 22 Lito Cruz (+)

Then, the Class Christmas Party was held at Oakwood/Joy Nostal, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center last December 16, 2018. As you can see from the following photos and described earlier....yes....lots of fun!!!

Other activities:

During Eugene's 1st Death Anniversary, November 27, 2018, a Memorial Mass was held at St. Therese Columbarium Chapel at Villamor, Pasay City attended by some of our mistahs and ladies.

A group headed by Herbert visited one of our smiling mistah who has gone back in the government service, the Honorable Secretary Ed Del Rosario. Sayong is doing

very well as the top honcho of HUDCC! Saludo!

For a game or rounds of golf, contact Emil or Onell or Herbert or Hermie!

Last 03 January, several of our classmates attended the interment of JLo's beloved mother at the Daet Old Cemetery. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your relatives, mistah and prayers for the eternal repose of your dearest mother, JLo. Our hearts go out to you and your family at this difficult time.

For those who want to see the countryside tour via motorcycle, contact Mie or Rainier! Palagay ko, they are more than willing to accommodate more Mapitagan bikers to share their long and great treks!

Announcement:

For announcement, let's all prepare and attend the 2019 PMAAA Homecoming!





ELMER R SORIA
President
PHILIP S FORTUN
Secretary

Happy new year mga mistahs!

Let us not forget to give our full support to our mistahs in this new battleground that they dared to fight in: Vic C. for Mayor, Bugallon, Pangasinan; Rod DG for Mayor, Sta. Teresita, Cagayan; Ahmed E. for Mayor, Basey, Samar; Benjie M. for Mayor, Baguio City; Amin U. for Mayor, Kalingalan Caluang, Sulu; Chet C. for Mayor, Pasay City; and Rey E. for Congressman (Galing sa Puso Party List). May you all win and serve to be true Sandigans of your constituents, gentlemen!

Retirement has not dampened the Sandigans' desire to pay back and do service for the better good of our country and people. Late last year, upon the invitation of the Director, VMMC, a snappy representation of our Class attended the blessing of the newly-renovated VMMC Emergency Ward, which showcased its first-class rooms and state of the art equipment. This new Emergency Ward can now effectively address the growing number of patients of VMMC, whether they be veterans, authorized dependents, or other emergency cases. Congratulations to the leadership of VMMC! After the turn-over of our first VIP Room Rehabilitation Project, the Class is now busy planning to start with the second VIP Room Rehabilitation Project for VMMC.

The past few months was a frenzy of activities for our Sandigan golfers. Worth



Mighty Sandigan Champions: (L-R) Kleng C., Edwin E., Elmer S., Chris L., Ed L., and Gordon D.

noting among the various tournaments was the recent 4th Quarter Inter-Battalion Tournament and Christmas Party held at the CAGC, which provided our golfers the opportunity to share their blessings with their ever-loyal caddies and UGs. Likewise, our Mighty Sandigan tamed the competition and emerged champions in the prestigious Senior Fil-C Division of the 69th Fil-Am Invitational Golf Tournament held at the Baguio Country Club. Truly, the regular Weekend Fellowship Golf, apart from the various birthday celebrant-sponsored and other fund-raising golf tourneys (too many to mention here!), played by our Sandigans at various high-end golf courses all over the country and even abroad are paying off.

Congratulations, too, to our Class leadership for the successful conduct of the Class Christmas Party held at the Makati Sports Club last 17 December 2018. Thanks

for a wonderful and memorable night, everyone!

Of course we would like to join in celebration with our two distinguished mistahs on their new lease on life – Santi B. and Vic L.! Be sure wala nang skagging and hot darn, hah?! I am sure 2019 would be a great year for you both!

And now, our warm greetings to our January and February celebrants!

For January birthdays: (10) Henry "Ang Probinsyano" L.; (14) Fort "Reveille" R.; (19) Vic "Sonny Boy" Cejocs; (22) Jess "Gatchi" G.; (25) Kiko S. and Zaldy "Zee" S.

Wedding anniversaries: (06) Madsy (+) and Chie M.; (09) Willy and Sel G.; (12) Chito and Juvy T.; (14) Alex and Tess B.; (16) Bae and Ochie L.; (20) Elmer and Emie S.; (23) Jet and Melda A.; (28) Raffy and Nenita M.; (29) John and Joy B.

For February birthdays: (01) Natz O.; (04) Ernie B.; Johnny "Blatz" T.; (05) Danny "Alco" A.; (07) Ozlec C.; (08) James B.; (09) Cris A.; (12) Romy "Tiny" T.; (13) Romy "TY" S.; (15) Bitoy C.; (16) Onie B.; (18) Danbags B.; (20) Vir S.; (24) Jinggie A.; (25) Jun "Caster" C.; (26) Rolly "Pikes" P.; and Nes P.

Wedding anniversaries: (04) Abraham and Marilou C.; (08) Bien and Rowie C.; (14) Gordon and Precy D.

We would also like to call to remembrance our beloved mistahs who have gone ahead of us who would surely have celebrated their birthdays with us if they were still around: Edgardo "Ed" Valmonte on January 8 and William "Bill" Ylanan on February 3.

Again, if ever may wrong spelling or wrong sa names, especially of our ladies, mea culpa. I accept full responsibility and rest assured that it was unintentional.

Assembly Call for Homecoming na! See you all at the Borromeo Field!

-JimMonta82-



L-R: Gene C., Bob U., Alex L., Jess M., Allen F., Bong J.



RAFAEL G MARIANO
President
MARTIN N PINTO
Secretary

Happy 35th anniversary and congratulations Maharlikans!

The year 2018 had been an exciting and banner year with 96% of the class already retired. Exciting in the sense that we have many testimonial golf games (of course the raffle prizes), countless retirement dinners and monthly all-weather Testimonial Parade and Reviews in PMA.

Last 2018 Homecoming, our Maharlika Golfers won the Senior Division Championship during the Battle of the Classes at Camp John Hay.

BTW, congratulations to former CSAFP and Former Marina Administrator Rey Guerrero who was appointed as the new Customs Commissioner and also to Hon. John Castriciones, on being confirmed as Secretary, Department of Agrarian Reform in mid-2018.

Our year-end activity last December 2, 2018 started with a Fellowship Golf; then a Mass offered to our ailing classmates and departed brethren: and, a well-attended Family Christmas Party at BNS O'Club with kids and apos. Again, thanks to the Companies and to our special donors and supporters for the extra viand and raffle prizes.

However, we are saddened with the demise of Mistah Boyet Ricaforte and before the year ended the daughter of Gentiles and son of Bernie Sun. Our sincere condolences and prayers for the repose of their souls.

We started 2019 with the retirement of Paul Atal, Jack Motril and Noli Talino. Come March 2019, Agane Adiatico, Herboy Aquino,



Jonjon Miano and Bay Ybanez will also bow out of service. The last Maharlikan standing is VCSAFP Badong Mison who will retire by June 2019. Let us maximize bonding time, FORE!

Mistahs, welcome to the retirees' world ... back to the land of the kings where everyone can do what he wishes!

Stay connected and be counted! I enjoy all mistah who are not yet members to join our different Viber Groups to interact and receive the latest news, announcements, inspiring stories and daily explosive social feeds.

Majority of our projects and activities were executed such as the HC 2018/2019, fund raising, class uniform, Xmas Party 2017/2018 HC Maharlika Sword in 2019. For our financials, we are on the blue.

Kudos to all of us - Class Officers, Company Reps and all Mistah and Ladies for the support and cooperation. Bravo Zulu!

Congratulations also to the new set of Class Officers!

Keep safe and stay healthy always. God bless us and guide us in our future endeavors!





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JESUS A MANANGQUIL JR
President
ARNOLD A MANCITA
Secretary
FELIMON D MAMARIL JR
Historian

"I believe its our decisions, not the conditions of our lives, that determine our destiny! – Anthony Robbins

We would also like to congratulate our mistahs for their well deserved promotions: Benjie Madrigal - 51ST CSAFP to General; Noel Clement - Cmdr, CENTCOM to LtGen; and Danny Macatlang-DIPO, Western Visayas to Police Director. By the way, Benjie and Gemma Madrigal hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for the class at the Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City last 08 January 2019.

For the Sandiwan Updates:

PA Group: Benjie Madrigal-CSAFP; Bob Arevalo-Vice Commander, PA; Gener Del Rosario-TIG, PA; Byron Calimag-Cmdr; ASCOM; Roy De Vesa-Cmdr, TRADOC; Jack Barend-ADC, 1ID; Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Dinoh Dolina-Cmdr, 3ID with Jonks Delfin-ADC; Ronnie Villanueva-Cmdr, 4ID; Raul Farnacio-Cmdr, 8ID with Ely Losanes-ADC; Arnie Matanguihan-ADC, 9ID; Mario Lacurom-ADC, 10ID; and Mon Mamaril-Deputy Cmdr, TRADOC, PA.

Danny Pamonag-Cmdr, SOLCOM; Arnel Dela Vega-Cmdr, WESTMINCOM with Tommy Donato-Deputy Cmdr for Admin, who is also Chairman of the GPH CCCH; Larry Casis-Cmdr, NCRTF; Filip Bejar-TCE, AFP; John Pulido-Cmdr, GHQ and HSC; Purisima-J3, AFP; Chad Isleta-J7,AFP; Jun Mendoza-AJ8, AFP; and Ronald Manahan of the Australian Army.

Those who had retired were Rolly Bautista-Secretary of DSWD; Charlie Galvez-Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process; Alex Macario-ASEC, DILG; Vic Tomas is also with DSWD, Joey Reyes, Jess Manangquil, Ric Nepomuceno, Ed Torrelavega, Joey Villanueva, Cesar Idio, Raul Bautista, Boni Cebrian, Amor Agpalo, Armingol De Guzman, Rodel Alarcon, Mel Feliciano, Ric Santiago, Emil Hulipas, Jun Cabading, Tony Tayag, Chi-Chi Logronio, Nonong Perfecto, Dave Diciano, Ted Dizon, Rey Lanuzo, Nick Alarcio, Mon Yogyog,

Chito Limuaco, Rolie Cailing, Bolines Bolina, Alan Pajarillo, Tino Gonzales, Jorge Lomboy, Ed Clerigo, Oca Solamo, Louie Binwag, Jess Dosado, Jayvee Javier, Boboy Pabayao, Dax Daquipil, Bong Aguinaldo, Reuel Sorilla, Ed Davalan, Vic Bayani, Mon Mayo, Julius Flores, Bernie Fabula and Jun Bisnar.

For the PAF from Arnold Mancita: Jun Kintanar was replaced as CG, PAF by Cav Ros Briguez last 21 Dec 2018 but did not retire. He was offered by President Duterte to head the Philippine Coconut Authority; Tj Tanjuan-VC, PAF, who is retiring 21 Feb 2019; Arnold Mancita-Cmdr, AETDC is retiring 20 Mar 2019; and Resty Padilla-J5, AFP is retiring 13 Feb 2019.

Those who retired were Miles Milo who is with CAAP, while Enry Reyes is with AFPSLAI, Ronnie Go, Tom Bustos, Bher Lambot, Aureo Sapo, Ernie Fonbuena, Ric Milan, Sai Espino, Art Apud and Resty Baclayon.

For the PN/PCG: Gino Hermogino-Cmdt, PCG; Manny Salamat-Cmdr, NOLCOM; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP, who is also Acting Cmdr, AFPETDCOM; and Jande Francisco-J6, AFP; and

Those who retired were Boy Vingson-OIC of MARINA, Mon Ochoco, Virme Torralba, Jorge Amba, Max Ballesteros, Raul Ubando, Pi Pernes, Rudy Quinto and Elson Aguilar.

For the PNP from Arnie Gunnacao: there are still 13 in the Active Service namely: Directorial Staff: Greg Pimentel-TD for Intel; Atty. Jun Garado-TD for PCR; Rolly Felix-Dir, DIPO Visayas. Danny Macatlang-DIPO, WM;

Regional Directors: Directors NSUs: Dennis Siervo-HRAO and Rolly Nana-PRO Cordillera.

Deputy Director, Directorial Staff: Benjie Hulipas-DIPO, NL; Marlou Chan-DIPO, SL; Bart Tobias-DIPO, Visayas; Eric Velasquez-DPCR; Eric Reyes-DIDM; Arnold Gunnacao-DPL; and Benjie Lusad-OCNP.

Business, Industry, Retirees, Commerce and Government: Frank Mabanag, Jon Ablang, Reggie Catiis, Wilben Mayor, Ed Tinio, Sonny Philipps, Bob Quenery, Billy Beltran, Manny Gaerlan, Mon Apolinario, Sheldon Jacaban-PAL; Conrad Capa-BOD PCA and Director for Security and Safety, Resorts World; Wilson Caubat-Executive Assistant, EMME Security Group, Ortigas; Pete Cabatingan-Director, PNCC; Aaron Aquino-Director General, PDEA; Joji Castro-Business Partner, Palawan Express Pera Padala; Tods Ebon-Chairman, Board of

Director, PRO6 Development Cooperative, Camp Delgado, Iloilo; Manny Velasco-Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Alaminos City; Alex Roldan-Lecturer/Professor, PNP Training Center and Security Consultant, Matapat Pilipino Security Agency; Pete Obaldo-Resort Manager, La Union; Boyet Javier-Lawyer, Nueva Ecija; Ted Quiano-Chief of Staff, PCSO.

Enjoying their Retirement: Tony Tayan; Pete Guibong-Igugao; Mon De Guzman-NCR; Bernie Reamon-Pangasinan; Vert Chavez-HRAO SME; Rene Gumban-Iloilo; Ric Zapata-Nueva Ecija; Lito Santos-Cagayan; Edwin Nemenzo-NCR; and Elmer Beltejar-Nueva Vizcaya.

Those PNP mistahs abroad: Rommel Palis-IT for CONED, New York City, New York, USA; Fred Siwa-Los Angeles, California, USA; Dennis Cacanindin-Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada; and Leo Espia-Homeland Security, Safety & Investigation, Guam.

A Peaceful and Prosperous 2019 to everyone!!! Happy Alumni Homecoming to all Sandiwans and Cavaliers!!!

Finally, all Sandiwans can send their updates to Mon Mamaril @ 0917-728-1985 or e-mail at filemonagile44@yahoo.com and/or Arnold Mancita @ 0917-875-5161 or email at mancita9247@yahoo.com. **(FDMJr/AAM/JAMJr/RCA)**



RAMON O PURUGGANAN
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Secretary

NEW YEAR, NEW HOPE

Mistahs, despite the many challenges we faced last year, I am confident that over the next 12 months we will continue to make much progress in our respective careers as well as in our lives. Throughout our history as a class, we have, with God's guidance, triumphed over any adversities.

As we usher in another year, let our past year's achievements motivate us to further endeavor towards new triumphs. Our success is a testament of God's faithfulness expressed in the timeless Gospel: "Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Revelation Chapter 14, Verse 15).

Thus, let us together in 2019 roll up our sleeves and sow, and we shall reap joyfully and abundantly. And in our reaping, let us



Empedrad as the FOIC, PN; Lieutenant General Macairog Alberto as the CG,PA and LtGen Rozzano D Briguez as the CG, PAF.

Christmas Party 2018

Our class celebrated the festive season and had a once-a-year leisure and fun-filled Christmas get-together. The Party was held at Philippine Army Officers’ Club Patio Garden in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on December 15, 2018 wherein we enjoyed the night with lots of music, raffles, hot darn, more raffles, parlor games and bigger raffle prizes. The event was highlighted by the message of the Class President who expressed his gratitude and appreciation for all the support manifested by the Sinagtalans.

Retiring Soon

Our retiring mistahs, just remember that if you put as much effort into enjoying your retirement as you have in all the years you’ve been working, you’ll have an amazing, productive, dynamic and long lasting life.

May you enjoy your retirement to the fullest!

Name	Date of Retirement
Angara, Renato C	January 20, 2019
Naldoza, Gilbert L	February 4, 2019
Ganzon, Marlon M	February 6, 2019
Murillo, Roseller G	February 8, 2019
Riveral, Clifford Cyril Y	February 19, 2019

Birthday Greetings

Being old does not make the years and not the gray hair. You are old when you lose your heart and no longer interested in anything. Just learn to grow old with a young heart and give each day the opportunity to become the most beautiful time of your life. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MISTAH!**

also be caring and stand united as always. It would be most fitting to do so in the year when we will celebrate our 33rd anniversary. And during our Homecoming this February, let us rekindle our good ol’ days together for *‘any man without a history stands in nettles with no butterflies to console him.’*

Grounded in our glorious past, we shall succeed with one goal and one destiny. So, let us face the year 2019 with great optimism!

PNP Organization Movement

Our Class President, PDIR Ramon O Purugganan of the Directorate for Comptrollership (DC) has retired from the police service last December 19, 2018 and was replaced by PDIR Jose Maria Victor DF Ramos. While the vacated position of PDIR Ramos in the Directorate for Logistics (DL) was occupied by PDIR Edwin C Roque, who oversaw the Directorate for Plans (DPL)

for two productive years. PCSUPT Mariel Magaway was also designated as the Acting Director of the Directorate for Human Resources and Doctrine Development (DHRDD).

New CGPAF

The PAF welcomed our mistah, LTGEN Rozzano D Briguez as its new Commanding General during the Change of Command Ceremony held last December 21, 2018 at the PAF Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Colonel Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City, with no less than the Commander-in-Chief, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte presiding the event. Congrats Baron! With you at the helm, the PAF will certainly reach new heights.

Incidentally, with his promotion, the Sinagtalans are now occupying the highest positions in the Police and Major Military Services with Police Deputy General Oscar Albayalde as the C,PNP; Vice Admiral Robert



Thanksgiving and Fellowship Dinner on the Retirement of PDIR Ramon Purugganan, PCSUPT Renato C Angara, PCSUPT Marlon Ganzon, PCSUPT Edmund A Gonzales, and PCSUPT Elpidio Gabriel last December 8, 2018 at Baguio Country Club, Baguio City.

JANUARY	
Del Castillo, Jose M Jr	January 3
Tamisin, Rainier L	January 3
Acabado, Reczon Tito T	January 4
Tresplacios, Robert A	January 6
Arenas, Ronaldo C	January 11
Reconquista, Aaron T (USCGA)	January 13
Briguez, Rozzano D	January 17
Lanting, Apolinario L	January 18
Basada, Geronimo A	January 18

Espino, Jose Maria M	January 19
Angara, Renato C	January 20
Dela Rosa, Ronald M	January 21
Aniñon, Raylindo S	January 29
FEBRUARY	
Felix, Samuel Z	February 2
Cubos, Lyndon G	February 3
Empedrad, Roberto A	February 3
Naldoza, Gilbert L	February 4
Gapay, Gilbert I	February 4

Ganzon, Marlon M	February 6
Murillo, Roseller G	February 8
Santos, Leouel A	February 11
Tabuga, Amador T Jr	February 15
Edjawan, Gavin D	February 19
Riveral, Clifford Cyril Y	February 19
Tacderas, Luis Vincent A	February 20
Tabian, Valfrie G	February 24
Gopico, Alexis E	February 28
Fabia, Daniel B III	February 28



The Maringal Christmas Party was held last 15 Dec 2018. It was an 80s themed party dubbed 1988s in the 80s. The Maringals came in dressed in leather/denim jackets and the ladies in bright neon colored attires.

It was a strictly couples night event. Everybody left their kids at home (some griping, some perhaps celebrating) so that the Maringals and their ladies can party and reminisce the days when they were still teenagers.

And they partied indeed. Suicide squads from the Army, Navy (rep by the Marines Igarf and Jerics) and the Associates wowed everybody by their song numbers. The Airforce flyboys were joined by their lovely ladies as they offered an 80s song and dance number.

There were also games to keep everybody awake after a sumptuous dinner. And since prizes included bottles of wine, it didnt take long before Talbog and Ono shifted to "happy mode", and started begging for more "bring me" challenges.

Several raffle prizes were drawn courtesy of the respective major services and generous honorary members of the class. The emcee commented that it was the first time that she saw sad winners as their names were being called. Well, everybody was perhaps eyeing instead the couple of 55 inch TVs and the other bigger prizes.

While everybody took effort to be in their best 80s look, it was the couple, Igarf d Marines and his wife, Lanie who were adjudged as the male and female best in 80s costume. Howahh!

The Associates came in full force. It was indeed a nostalgic experience for everybody when they introduced themselves before the oath of membership was administered to them by Maringal JB Ramos. There was a reunion of sorts for former company mates, even squadmates and this indeed brought back a lot of memories.

Before the night ended, Maringal JB talked about looking forward to a Bigger 88 family, giving stress to the word 'inclusive' instead of 'exclusive'. He encouraged more interactions, to find more reasons to celebrate, and to look into the deeper purpose as to why we are together.

The venue of the Christmas party was decorated with numerous parols, signifying the holiday spirit and the stars hovering above all Maringals and ready to fall. Promotions and designations to higher responsibilities continue to be bestowed to the Maringals. Nesty Herico, Jhune Felix, Aji Madriaga, Larry Mojica, Alfred Rosario, Peter Ramos, Gilbert Saret, Bob Dauz and Cesar De Mesa were recently promoted to Bgen. Additional stars on the other hand fell on the shoulders of Boy Faustino and Jess Sarsagat. Congratulations everyone!

ARMY GROUP ACTIVE

1. Maringal Acorda - Dep, PGMC
2. Maringal Bacarro - Comdt, PMA
3. Maringal Basiao - C, AFPC
4. Maringal Batle - Dep, SOLCOM
5. Maringal Burgos - 202 Bde Cmdr
6. Maringal Centino - 401 Bde Cmdr
7. Maringal Dauz - 2 Mech Bde Cmdr
8. Maringal De Leon - 403 Bde Cmdr
9. Maringal De Mesa - C, AFPPDO



10. Maringal Diñoso - J4, GHQ
11. Maringal Doyaoen - 503 Bde Cmdr
12. Maringal Enriquez - IG, MID, PA
13. Maringal Faustino - 101D Cmdr
14. Maringal Gacal - 402 Bde Cmdr
15. Maringal Gregorio - DBC, 501Bde
16. Maringal Imbang - 1st BCT, PA Cmdr
17. Maringal Lapinid - DBC, 402 Bde
18. Maringal Lavadia - DBC, 701Bde
19. Maringal Macadangdang - IG, 2ID, PA
20. Maringal Madriaga - 302 Bde Cmdr
21. Maringal Mariano - C, ASR
22. Maringal Mojica - 901 Bde Cmdr
23. Maringal More - HMSG
24. Maringal Navata - ISAFP
25. Maringal Neri - C, ISAFP
26. Maringal Nigos - Dep, AIA
27. Maringal Pabayo - 11ID Cmdr
28. Maringal Perez - C, OSSSM
29. Maringal Ponio - C, JTF Ranao/Dep, WESMINCOM
30. Maringal Radam - LSB Cmdr
31. Maringal Ramos PAL - 501 Bde Cmdr
32. Maringal Ramos FT - C, FIF, ISAFP
33. Maringal Razalan - Dep, OESPA
34. Maringal Regondola - IG, ISAFP
35. Maringal Rosario - 602 Bde Cmdr
36. Maringal Saret - 1001 Bde Cmdr
37. Maringal Sarsagat - CSPA
38. Maringal Vesliño - C, AFPHRO
39. Maringal Vinluan - LRR Cmdr



BIRC

1. Maringal Ares HEA
2. Maringal Baraquel
3. Maringal Ibones
4. Maringal Isleta
5. Maringal Laurinaria
6. Maringal Llamas
7. Maringal Mendoza
8. Maringal Pel
9. Maringal Ramos FB
10. Maringal Salvaleon
11. Maringal Sievert
12. Maringal Tutaan
13. Maringal Verceles

DECEASED

1. Maringal Ares WEA
2. Maringal Buenaflor
3. Maringal Cuanan
4. Maringal Espinosa
5. Maringal Fernandez
6. Maringal Galido
7. Maringal Gabol

8. Maringal Lucas
9. Maringal Suarez

**NAVY GROUP
WHITE CAPS**

1. Adel Bordado - Cmdr Naval Forces Southern Luzon
2. Abet Cruz - The Naval Internal Auditor
3. Ramil Enriquez - Cmdr Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao
4. Melvin Guevarra - ISAFP
5. Zoji Jimenez - Dep Cmdr AFP Reserve Command
6. Jess Portiz - Asst DAFA Washington DC USA

MARINES

7. Nesty Herico - Asst J2, Office the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, OJ2
8. Fernando Gomez - awaiting for the next assignment
9. Ferdi Friginal - Superintended, Marine Corps Training Center
10. Eugene Martinez - OJ9


BIRC

1. Jun Abaya
2. Dondi Adizas
3. Resty Bilbao
4. Dave Isaac
5. Jun Jayme -(USA)
6. Bon Lobaton-(USA)
7. Dado Macasaet -(USA)
8. Jun Mejia -(Sweden)
9. Mon Mon Mitra
10. Sivert Monterola
11. Ley Ordenes
12. Rey Pagonzaga
13. Erdi Panlaque-(USA)
14. Ruel Tolin -(USA)

COAST GUARD

- Leo Laroya - Commander, Maritime Security Command
Lito Dela Cruz - awaiting for the next assignment

CORPS OF PROFESSORS

- Ferdi Rivera - Assistant Dean, Corps of Professors 





CRISTOPHER T CALULOT SR
President
JOEL ALEJANDRO S NAGNAC
Secretary

Happy New year, Cavs!! Yes, it's holiday rush and yet everyone's busy in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Yuletide crowd but no one could stop us from joining the festivities during the holidays. And to show off, below are some of the Christmas parties' photos attended by the PMA Bigkis-Lahi Class1990.

It was indeed a real fun seeing classmates you haven't seen for quite some time; a true manifestation of goodwill and cheer atmosphere this season. We thank you all, Cavs and your lovely families, for making this event a successful one.

Of course, this season isn't merely about partying and gathering for exchange gifts and raffle draws. Despite hectic Christmas activities, another milestone that deserve to be recognized are our Cavs who just moved upward to a One-Star Rank, namely:

1. PC Supt Pascual "Pax" G Muñoz Jr
2. PC Supt Sotero "Jong" DG Ramos Jr
3. PC Supt Eliseo "Ely" DC Cruz
4. BGEN Florante "Lakay" M Amano
5. BGEN Caesar Bernard "Toinks" N Valencia
6. BGEN Marlo Guloy
7. Arthur Cordura

And those who have just been newly designated to O7 positions:

1. Col Elpido "TJ" B Talja
2. Col Roy MGalido
3. Col Roberto S Capulong
4. Col Marceliano "Mandy" V Teofilo
5. Col Facundo "Dong" O Palafox IV



Bigkis-Lahi '90 Christmas Party held at the QCPD Headquarters, QC last 01 Dec 2018.



Army '90 Class Christmas Party at the AIR Swimming Pool last 16 December 2018.

Congratulations, mistahs!!! We wish you all everything of the best in your promotion. Continue to serve and protect as you have always done. 🇵🇭



Army '90 Class Christmas Party at the AIR Swimming Pool last 16 December 2018.





STEVE B LUDAN
President
LEO M FRANCISCO
Secretary

Tanglaw-Diwans....are alive again and kicking very well. While our last article in this class call have been long forgotten, can anybody amongst us remember this question? Do you know that a Butterfly has 12,000 eyes, believe it...like a butterfly, our class soared high the past years. We have many achievements on and off our military, police and other aspects of our lives. The BIRC have also their own triumphs and stories that were significant in the overall success of the class. This adage was written in our class call in the year 2014, and five years from its publication, indeed the prophecy has been written in the wall, so to speak.

We are now reaping the fruits of our labors and as the new year in the lunar calendar come into fore, the year 2019 will be a welcome change, a year of positive developments, a year of higher responsibilities, a year of getting the promotions - which all of us have been working on, and a year of the "STARS". While we have the first "star" in the person of Commodore Timoteo "Toti" Borja of the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Toti, as he is fondly called by the Alfans, is with the Project Management Office of the PCG, brought the first bacon to our class and it is undeniably a great Honor and Rare Distinction that boosted our stock as a class. It is the first "star" and certainly there will be second, third and so forth and so on, and we are all ready for it. Congratulations "Toti" Borja for a well deserved star rank promotion. CHEERS for you!!!

Schedule for our AHC 2019: February 15-17. We will be using the same venue of billeting of the previous years. Dinner on Feb 15 is at the Crown Legacy Hotel. Venue for the Lunch on Feb 16 will be announced

during the class meeting after the dinner on Feb 15. Remember that Feb 16,1992 was the date of our graduation and after 27 years, we will commemorate our homecoming in the same date. Coincidence or Coincidence... whatever it is... we are graduates of the most prestigious military school of Asia... our beloved Alma Mater...the PMA AND ... we are all doing GOOD.

Year 2018, like any other year in a life of a Tanglaw-diwans, had been fruitfully rewarding. Many of us were given the positions and higher responsibilities, which is a step closer to our dreams. So now, once again, it is important that we all practice the tenets of our Alma Mater... live with COURAGE... INTEGRITY... andLOYALTY.

Many of the Tanglaw-diwans are asking for so long, why only now that we have read this class call. The reason behind it was the activation of our Viber Groups (Tanglaw-Diwa, PMA 92 Cavaliers, Alfa Group, Bravo Bulls...etc, Tanglaw-Diwa 92 Golfers, PA Group 92, PAF Group 92 .etc.. Lotto Group 92...at marami pang iba). Sa dami ng viber groups natin, wala na akong maisulat pa sa class call, lahat napag-usapan na, so pagdating sa class call ay panis na. Definitely, viber groups are welcome development and a very positive avenues amongst us. Mas updated tayo at readily available ang mga information as needed. There are numerous and different, including adverse views being shared by each member of our class in our viber groups. Basta pag nag referee na ang mga magan na Admin ay stop na ang mga heated and un-called for na mga usapan. On the other hand, these discussions developed more



matured Tanglaw-diwans and help ensued communications between us. Let us all continue to visit, share, bolahize and "kayahize" in this forum. Healthy communication is hereby demanded to each and everyone of Tanglaw-Diwans. Sabi ko nga sa inyo, simula ng magkaroon tayo ng Viber groups, ang hirap nang humugot ng isusulat dito sa class call.

Anyway, with the stewardship of our indefatigable and untiring president, Prez Steve, our class can ask no more... Thank you Mr Prez for herding the Tanglaw-Diwans to this heightHep... Hep ...Hurry for you.

To everyone, Congratulations for hurdling 27 years of untiring service to GOD, COUNTRY and PEOPLE!!!





MA. NOEL T TOLENTINO
President
IVAN R PAPER
Secretary

WHEW!!! Its Bantay Laya's 25th Homecoming!!!

The 25th Homecoming of PMA Bantay Laya Class of 1994 is almost at the doorsteps of our beloved Academy. As the event comes close, final preparations and coordination are being made by selected Class members and their ladies. Celebrating the 25th Homecoming is not as simple as the yearly alumni homecoming, as class members highly anticipate the grandiose events prepared for them and their families. Silver Anniversary Homecoming is a significant milestone truly worth celebrating that the class must prepare for, as majority members of the class, both active, retired, and immigrants undertook months of planning their schedules (the whole family), bookings, and finances.

However, preparing for this major event is not as simple as it may seem. There are so many challenges that were both joyous and painful for the members to experience that hopefully are all worth the experience when the event is over.

But what's all the fuzz about the 25th Homecoming that we are putting so much time and effort for it? Strange as it may seem, not everyone realizes that for most alumni, as attested by senior classes, 25th is the best time to celebrate our Homecoming after graduation. Twenty-five years after PMA, it's the period where all members are still able bodied to enjoy the celebration... imagine celebrating the 50th Homecoming where most of the members are aged 70's. It's the period where the class is still at the peak of their population. It's the period, where are dependents are still our dependents, on the verge of having their own families, that we need to expose to the members of the class and their families, so that they may be able to build a lasting relationship and network among themselves, to continue the bonds of the Bantay Laya's. Noticeably, the Brats of some very senior classes were able to establish and form their own group, knowing that eventually, their parents will not have the strength and will to carry on with the annual and traditional activities of the class. Thus, their Brats or dependents organize and prepare the events for their parents.

Additionally, 25 years after, most of the active service Mistahs, are on the verge of crossing over to the O-7 Positions, where

professional competitiveness, jealousies, and intrigues happen. Before, we cross over to that period, it would be better to build on the camaraderie of the class, and unitedly help and support one another without jealousies, intrigues, and in-fighting. The 25 years after is the opportune time for the class to get back together, avoid divisiveness and service distrusts, and support one another in our individual professional growth.

The support and camaraderie expected of everyone, is direly needed to face the challenges of preparing for this event. While most members are now handling sensitive positions, as Commanders, and staff, Managers of private entities, it is difficult to get everyone on board to organize and plan for the homecoming. Thanks to social media, the technological advantage provided the class the means to coordinate, organize and plan despite differences in locations, and time discrepancies. Thanks to several mistahs and their ladies, who sacrifice their own time and finances, to help organize and prepare for this momentous event. It is an accepted fact that behind every powerful man is a woman, that we all recognize the efforts of our ladies to support our activities. And despite their own intrigues and infights, they are able to will themselves to unite and respect decisions of majority, for the class and their families.

The pro-activeness of the class members is the most important and influential factor that contributed in the preparation for this major event. As early as four years ago,

members started to organize and create committees for different requirements like uniforms, billeting, activities, etc. The class agreed to brace for the impact of possible expenses, hence increasing monthly dues for the last several years, so as to spread the burden of financial costs for each member. Fund raising activities were conducted to generate additional sources to support our class endeavors.

The most remarkable in the preparation for the 25th Homecoming is the maturity of each member of the class in accepting decisions of the few organizers. Although consultations are conducted thru social media, more often decisions for organizing, planning and executions would often rely on the minority (organizers). Yet, the class, with few resistances, would eventually accept the democracy of decisions. The members, despite absences, would reach out to support activities and meetings, through recommendations, financial support, or goodies and delicacies from their AORs. The members, though deployed, would send their families to participate in our class activities that truly manifest their support for the class.

Truly, the 25th Homecoming is a very important milestone among the different classes of the PMA that we are all ready to face the challenges, and embrace the joy and pain of preparing for the event. Post 25th Homecoming, the experience will make everyone ready for future endeavors, working as a class, as a family, as Bantay Laya's.



RODERICK V GEMINO
President
RONALDO M MAMANGUN
Secretary

A new year, a new beginning. This year marks our 20th year in the service (4th Long Pay na) and we can proudly say that for two decades, the class has stayed true to its name "Mandarangan" - Mandirigmang May Karangalan (Noble Warriors). It seems like yesterday when we were busy shining shoes, ironing uniforms, dozing in classes, sweating in parades and more inside the hallowed grounds of Fort del Pilar. From our graduation until now when members of the class gathers, it's always stories from our cadet days that keep the bolahizing lively.

The year 2018 has been very kind to us (nabaitan eh), it showered us with countless blessings and gifts. As always, we capped the year by conducting our traditional

Christmas Party hosted by the Army Group last 09 December at the Philippine Army Officers' Clubhouse. Congratulations to the organizers headed by the snappy Army Marcher Jie Carag for a very succesful party.

Rollcall:

Army: HPA - Jerry Jaucian, Owen Moga, Ed Sia-ed, Joe Panes, Jeff Bugnosen, Ronald Mamangun, Jay De Guia, Jun Tan, Rey Daet, Jaicris Mendoza, Nanie Martin, Mike Villanueva and Orville Lapada; NOLCOM - Tara Cayton and Paul Masa-ad; AIR - Utoy Ruby, Mike Demafelix and Jovert Pimentel; HHSB, PA - Ronald Riva; AFPSOCOM - Warren Daroy; TRADOC - Cris Gargar and Dennis Santos; CENTCOM - Julius Taniza; 202Bde - Marco Magisa; 1002Bde - Myrvin Gargar; 101D - Jo Lalas; AAR - Fritz Montemor; AFPHSC - Marlou Paclibar; EASTMINCOM - Hector Estolas; AFPETDCOM - Ferd Mariano and Mark Espiritu; MID - Raul Escat; GHQ - Matt De Ramos, Jie Carag, Richard Pimentel, Ed Lanzar, Harold Villaviza, Wil Basquinas and



James Navarro; ISAFP - Lorie Calma, Carmelo Cortez and Joe Gilbuela; PSG - Roverick Abalos; DND - Emil Bautista; MILOBS, Indai/Pakistan - Rio Mallanao; Masters, Australia - Wani Ante; CGSC, US - Acoy Maborang and Haciendero - Will Geston.

Navy: Naval Air Group - Noel Marzan, Rod Gemino, Joseph Lauron and Donnix Belandres, WESTMINCOM - Ariel Tero; BNS - Alex Tejones; LCF - Emman Binalla, Ronald Paras; NIF West - Jener Jebulan; Sealift Amphibious Force - Lex Basilio and Rey Maa; FMWC - Abner Guevarra, CG District NCR-CL - Larry Cendaña; CG Aviation Force - Havelino Salih; PDEA - Lex Alonzo; Businessman - Ron Inumerables; Corporate Lawyer - Elmo Cortez; Supply Chain Manager - Mitch Tamayo; Foreign Land - Josie Estadilla and Senate Staff Officer - Spencer Lo.

Airforce: HPAF - Arvin Acosta, Jay Balanay, Aris Galang, Ryan Igama, Oliver Osias and Al Reyes; 220AW - Antony Amora; 5FW - Cris Barela and Mark Madduma; 15SW - Jimmy Brey; PMA - Rene Capili; Masters, Australia - Ramil Daet; 205THW - Randy Dela Cruz

and Juji Generalao; 250PAW - Ric Garcia, Ceazar Pascua and Eric Tipon; GHQ - Ron Salas; Foreign Land - Ruel Sabaten and Jay Medallon; CGSC, Korea - Nick Ombao; AFPETDCOM - Paqs Malano; AETDC - Ed Elona and Charles Manalo.

In this years Alumni Homecoming, the Mandarangan Basketball Team will defend

their Championship Title. The Mandarangan Golf Club will also try its best in this years Battle of the Classes. To all of our athletes, goodluck and more power.

"Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking"-
Mahatma Gandhi 🇮🇳



Class meeting with our Class Adviser MGen Arevalo and celebration for December birthday boys.



LENELL A LACSON
President
MICHAEL ANGELO E CASTRO
Secretary

The yearend of 2018 was amazing for the class. We are very proud of our 151 mistahs who have been promoted to Major or Lieutenant Commanders: 121 from the Philippine Army, 21 Whitecaps and eight Marines from the Philippine Navy, and Cav Martinez from the Philippine Air Force. With greater power... comes more expenses for changing the gold or silver linings of your uniforms. We are very optimistic that the rest of our mistahs will get their suns by 2019.

The PAF group, spearheaded by Cav. Fontanoza, conducted the 1st PMA Mandala Class 2006 PAF Chapter Golf Tournament on October 10, 2018 at the Villamor Air Base Golf Club, Pasay City. The group is grateful for the support of the class members, the different units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and numerous sponsors that contributed in one way or another for us to achieve our goals. The activity was successful allowing the class to provide financial support to the children of late Taganas, late Capio, and late Samera. Their widows expressed their profound thanks to the class for remembering their children.

A Christmas party was held by the Navy Group on December 12, 2018.



The Army guys pose for a pic after a "no amount" Physical Fitness Test for promotion.



The new Lieutenant Commanders and Majors pose for a photo after their Donning of Ranks.



The organizers smiling like hell during the Golf for a Cause Tournament on October 10, 2018 at Villamor Air Base, Pasay City while Cavalier Benolerao dressed in his busy look.



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