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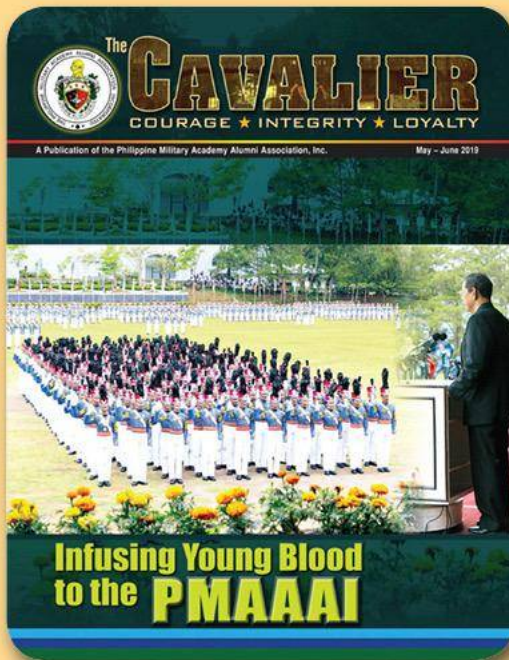
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Cav Rufo A De Veyra '70, Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) Chairman, swears into office new members of the Association composed of newly graduates of PMA MABALASIK (Mandirigma ng Bayan, laalay ang Sarili, Lakas at Tapang, para sa Kapayapaan) Class 2019. Every year, new graduates of the Academy are incorporated as new members of PMAAAI. To this date, the Association has a total of more than

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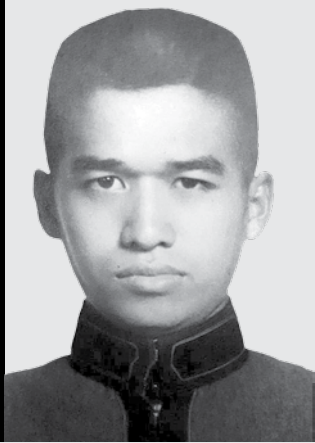
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV ARTHUR V BISNAR '90

## Makabuluhan at May Malasakit

### Ang Kambal na Anak ni Cav Mario Acbang '08 Philippine Army

**Pebrero 14** – Umiiyak na nagsusumamo ng tulong sa PMA Alumni Center si Mario para mailabas sa morge ng PGH ang namatay na anak – isa sa kambal nila ni Michelle na may *congenital disorders* bunga ng *Twin Syndrome* – isang pambihirang sakit kung saan naglalaban sa sinapupunan pa lamang ang magkaibang Blood Type ng kambal.

Siya ay nabigyan ng bahagyang tulong ni Director Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 at ang nag-ambagan o Pass-the-Hat na *Secretariat* - Tere, Diane, Poms, Chona at Vinia – bukod sa referral kay Chairman Cav Alexander F Balutan ng PCSO.

Bahagya at personal na tulong ang mga ito dahil sa kawalan ng polisiya o programa ng Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) ukol sa Emergency Loan Facility para sa mga asawa o anak ng mga miyembro nito.

Ito ay habang ang karamihan sa atin ay nasa Baguio City para sa Alumni Homecoming. At sigurado ako na karamihan din sa atin ay nagdiriwang ng Araw ng mga Pusong katuwang ang ating mahal sa buhay.

**Pebrero 16** – Alumni Homecoming sa Fort del Pilar.

**Pebrero 17** – Naipagbigay alam sa akin ang nangyari kay Mario. Ito ay agad kong isinangguni kay PMAAAI President Jun Azurin.

Hindi natapos ang araw at nakakuha na ng *Pledges* sa halagang Php280K si Mario at Michelle. Ito ay mula sa sumusunod:

#### Tag-Php 10K:

1. Cav Jun Azurin '89
2. Cav Bert Ferro '89
3. Cav Ato Bisnar '90
4. Cav Ronie Olay '90
5. Cav Bong Peralta '91

11. Cav Mat Baccay '92
12. Cav Mario Reyes '92
13. Cav Jonel Estomo '92
14. Cav Steve Ludan '92
15. Cav Joseph Nartatez '92
16. Cav Uly Cruz '92
17. Cav Leo Francisco '92
18. Cav Sidney Villaflo '92

#### Tag Php50K mula sa PNP Chapters ng:

1. Sandigan Class 86
2. Tanglaw-Diwa Class 92

Itong usapin na ito ay tinalakay na sa *Board Meeting* noong Marso 27, at na-irefer na ni Chairman Rufo De Veyra '70 sa *Committee on Membership* sa pangunguna ni Cav Danilo M Servando '81.

Maulit ko lamang na kung kinakailangan na isantabi ang mga nakagawiang mga social gatherings – gaya ng Sporstfest at Christmas Party – ay siya nating gawin para lang magkaroon ng sapat na pondo na pwedeng ituring na *Emergency Loan Facility* para sa lahat ng miyembro na nangangailangan.

Mabanggit ko rin lang na parehong yumao kinalaunan ang kambal na anak ni Mario and Michelle. At ito marahil ang pinakamasakit sa kahit sino mang magulang – ang maglibing ng anak.

Ang mabigyan ng tama at sapat na atensyon at katuturan, katulad ng sitwasyong nangyari kay Mario at Michelle ang magiging haligi at inspirasyon ng aking mga isusulong na programa bilang Presidente ng PMAAAI.

### Corporate Governance at ang Revised Corporation Code

Ang Executive Committee o ExeCom ay binubuo ng mga sumusunod:

1. Cav Ato Bisnar '90 – President
2. Cav Boy Peralta '91 – Vice President
3. Cav Connor Anthony Canlas '89 – Corporate Secretary

4. Cav Roy Galido '90 – Auditor
5. Cav Douglas Defeles '09 – Treasurer
6. Cav Domingo Pequiras '77 - Executive Director
7. Secretariat – Tere, Cynthia, Diane at Amy

Sa kauna-unahang ExeCom Meeting noong Marso 13 ay inimitahan ko si Atty/Police Captain Laiza Avila. Ito ay para maipaliwanag at lalong maunawaan ng bawat opisyal ng PMAAAI kung anu-ano ang kanyang responsibilidad at accountabilities/liabilities sa isang *Juridical Entity* gaya ng PMAAAI. Napag-usapan din dito kung anu-ano ang mga importanteng probisyon ng *Revised Corporation Code*. Ito ang maikling buod ng bagong batas na sumasaklaw sa organisasyon gaya ng ating PMAAAI (na nagmula sa *Open Source* na: <https://www.philembassy.no/doing-business/revised-corporation-code-of-the-philippines>).

*Republic Act 11232, or the Act Providing for the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines, was signed into law by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on February 21, 2019. It amends a 38-year-old Corporation Code in an effort to improve the ease of doing business in the Philippines.*

Ito ay kailangang maunawaan nating lahat. Hindi lamang ito patungkol sa mga Board of Directors at Officers ng PMAAAI. Lahat ay kinakailangan na makialam at maging mapanuri. Ito ay sa dahilang kahit sino sa atin ay pwedeng mahalal bilang Board of Director or Officer.

Sa mungkahi ng Mistah ko at Auditor Roy, daraan sa *Corporate Governance seminar* ang mga *Board of Directors at Officers* ng PMAAAI. Ito ay magiging *Mandatory Requirement* para sa lahat ng mga magiging *nominees* na gustong mahahalal sa PMAAAI Board sa mga susunod na taon. Ang layunin ay masiguro na handa ang natutukoy sa kanyang sensitibong mandato.

### Investment sa ACES, Tambiolo Syndrome atbp.

Ang isyu sa *failed investments* sa ACES ay ibinaba muli ng PMAAAI Board sa *Committee on Investments* sa pamumuno ni Cav Alejandro T Flores, Jr '72. Ang kaibahan lamang sa ngayon ay may kasama ng imbestigador ng PNP CIDG sa katauhan ni PSMsgt Salvador dela Cruz Jr, na siyang itinalaga ni Cav Amador V Corpuz '86, ang Director ng CIDG.

**Visioning** – Ito ay ginawa noong Abril 9 o Araw ng Kagitingan. Ako ay sumusuporta sa Vision, Mission at Objectives na masusing itinakda ng mga dumalo. Isasabuhay at ipatutupad ko ang mga ito sa pamamagitan ng pagsulong ng mga sumusunod:

1. Sa ngalan ng *Transparency*, tayo ay magkakaroon ng eksklusibong Mobile App na maglalaman ng lahat ng *Minutes of Meetings, Board Resolutions* atbp. Lahat ng records ay ipapa-scan at digitize upang ma-upload rin sa App na ito;

2. Masusi nating pangangalagaan ang Php120M na pondo ng PMAAAI;
3. Gawing bahagi ng *PMA Seal ang salitang "Honor."* Ito ay hindi dapat nililimita sa *Perimeter Walls* ng Fort del Pilar;
4. Boodleflight at Beer busting sa Police Regional Offices o Area Commands imbes na lingguhang Board/Excom Meetings sa Camp Aguinaldo at taunang *General Assembly*;
5. Gayahin ng PMAAAI ang PNPAAL sa pagpapahayag upang ma-proteksyunan ang mga karapatan na nakatalaga sa Konstitusyon ng mga karapat-dapat na miyembro na may hinaharap na usaping administratibo o maging usaping kriminal na service-related; at
6. Bibigyan ko ng atensyon ang *Most Vulnerable sa Long Gray Line* – ang mga Tinyente at Kapitan sa *Active Service*, at ang mga Geriatrics o may edad na 70 pataas.


**Tambiolo** - sa paglilinis at pagsasa-ayos ng kapaligiran at bodega ng Alumni Center sa Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, ang aking napansin ay ang dalawang tambiola sa may Transient Quarters na malalaki, gawa sa bakal at kinakalawang na. Sa bodega naman ay mayroon pang isa. Sa Board Room ay may dalawa na gawa sa *Polymer Plastic* na siyang ginamit sa nakaraang *General Assembly*.

Ito ba ang sumisimbolo sa ating organisasyon? Na ang pangunahing ginagampanan ay ang makaltasan ang ating buwanang sweldo; magbenta ng Raffle Tickets; at dumalo sa Annual General Assembly para sa napakasarap na tanghalian at sa pagbabakasakali na mabunot ang ating pangalan sa mga Tambiulong ito?

*The PMAAAI has, and will continue to stand the test of time.* Ito ay mananatiling nakatayo, umulan man at umaraw. Ayon nga sa liham ni Cav Salvador M Mison '55 patungkol sa suporta na dapat ibigay ng PMAAAI kay Cav Alexander F Balutan '83, at sinisipi ko:

*"In the present administration under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, there are many PMA graduates entrusted with key sensitive government positions in his government. Now more than ever the Association should be doubly concerned, because their conduct and performance as public servants reflect upon the image and reputation of the Association and the Academy as a whole."*

*I will end this article by quoting the personal Credo of Cav Senator Panfilo M Lacson '71, my Chief of the PAOCTF and CPNP circa 1998 to 2001, as follows:*

***"What is right, must be kept right. What is wrong, must be set right."*** 



# SUPE'S REPORT

CAV RONNIE S EVANGELISTA '86

## Our Challenge: Everything Right Should Start in the Academy

We lead in producing military leaders. We all take pride in this mission as much as we constantly believe we are relevant. But what does it take to keep our mission solid and vibrant? What does it take to fortify the belief that we train the best? Since I assumed as the Superintendent, PMA, I have been pondering on these questions and the answers are seemingly difficult to contain in one single plate. The challenge is immense, but something must be done.


Character, honor, discipline, a sound curriculum, excellence, and commitment to service: these are the fundamental elements that will keep us relevant as the leading military training and educational institution in the country. Unless we anchor our plans and programs and our concrete actions on these virtues and standards, we can never hope to grow, evolve or adapt to the changing environment we live in. We can never hope to fulfill our true mandate.

It remains our duty to secure the indestructible virtues of Character, Honor, and Discipline in the Academy. These virtues are at the heart of our training and education. While we train cadets to be tough so that they can surpass any kind of challenge, we want them to earnestly embody these virtues so that they will evolve as exemplary breed of individuals distinct from others. It is in this aspect that everyone in the Academy, be it Manong or Manang, Junior or Senior Officer or Personnel, Part-time or Full-time Employee, is called to play as a model of Character, Honor and Discipline. Everyone must partake in the character development of the cadets as much as we wanted them to police their own actuations and behaviors. We all

have roles to play in restoring, improving, and instituting discipline within the walls of PMA.

The Academy must also embrace a good curriculum that is truly aligned to its mandate if it aspires to grow. It can never aspire for excellence unless it starts with the right path. Likewise, it cannot commit to a noble work unless everybody is willing to perform his or her own job. The pressing need to improve as an institution is real and we need genuine steps to remain relevant. It is for this reason that I call on every one to exude greater passion for work and better commitment to the PMA's vision and mission.

Raising achievement among the cadets will not be possible by just introducing innovations in infrastructure. More importantly, we need to help our cadets perform effectively as scholars by providing them essential and well-planned activities. Competency and character development of cadets should always surface as a priority. With this, plans and programs within the institution should be geared towards building quality education, both in military and academic aspects.

How we see our mission; how we organized and implement the curriculum; how we support the cadets develop their character; how we choose to discipline them; how we push for excellence; and how we translate our plans and programs into reality: all these have profound effects on our objective to stay relevant. The accomplishment of this goal rests in the hands of every one. The challenge is real. But no matter how big it is, the means to address it will always be available. But first, everything right should start in the Academy. 

# EDITOR'S NOTE

CAV FACUNDO O PALAFOX IV '90



## Taking on the Publication Challenge in the Digital Age

The first quarter of the year witnessed another two momentous events for members of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc:

In January, we held the Annual General Membership Convention that subsequently resulted to the election of the new Board of Directors for A.Y 2019-2020.

Relatedly, the outgoing Board of Directors tied all loose ends to ready the turn-over of responsibilities to the incoming set of Directors, Trustees, and Officers.

The following month, the PMA Alumni Homecoming showcased the cohesiveness of the Alumni with each class parading in the hallowed grounds of the Borromeo Field.

I feel elated to be designated as the new Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Magazine. It's really an honor to join the prestigious line up of Editorial Board and Staff of the magazine. Despite the daunting task, I commit myself to live up to the expectations of our fellow Cavaliers and those who served before me. I am willing and ready to take on the challenges of the position.

The Cavalier Magazine has been in existence for quite a long time. It went off the press in 1961. During its formative years from 1961 to 1968, The Cavalier circulated in a newsletter format. But as the publication caught the interest of members of PMAAAI, it evolved into a magazine starting in January 1969.

Before the age of digital technology, the magazine is one of the primary mediums of keeping updates about the PMA, the Association as well as our fellow cavaliers. The most read portion of the publication is the "Class Call" because of the published activities of each Class and the latest assignments of Mistahs and fellow alumni. Class Call, to date, is the longest running column in the magazine and constitutes about 55% to 60% of every issue.

On the other hand, article contributors and columnists tackle relevant issues and topics that can stimulate discussions among members of the Association.

But in this present time and generation, technology abounds and the fastest communication and information dissemination could be done with just a click of a finger. Most, if not all, Cavaliers are connected to the internet through their mobile phones, laptops, personal computers and tablets.

We have different social media platforms available on the internet. There is Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and what have you. Most PMA classes now have their own Viber, Messenger or Telegram groups used for a myriad of reasons. But mostly, for information dissemination to update, voice out a concern, discuss an issue or render an announcement that is simultaneously sent to all Mistahs listed in the social group.

With this development, we cannot help but think and ask: is printing of the Cavalier magazine still relevant and necessary?

The Association spends a significant amount in the preparation, printing, and distribution of our publication. While the Cavalier Magazine is part and parcel of the Association's mandate, it is high time that we re-think of other possibilities that maybe more practical. By doing so, the Association will be able to reduce cost in managing the affairs of the Cavalier's Magazine and re-appropriate the funds to other worthwhile and noble projects.

The Association may opt to commission or undertake a comparative study relative to the viability of an e-magazine while at the same time printing a few hard copies. Off hand, the use of the technology may optimize viewership or readers; have faster or lesser downtime for feedback making the magazine more interactive- if the Cavalier will shift mode, readers will be given the option to immediately "like" or otherwise, and to share or to give comments on the contents of the magazine. The readers could easily access the e-magazine anytime they wish to, anywhere using their mobile gadgets as long as they are connected to the internet. Using the existing PMAAAI website, we could upload the proposed e-magazine and have it available instantaneously ready for viewing upon approval of the Editorial Board.

Through this magazine, we welcome your opinions, comments, and suggestions that could be sent to PMAAAI regarding your choice of preference for printed Cavalier magazines or for the e-Cavalier magazine. Let us hear your voice, so, the Board could make the necessary actions regarding the concern at hand.

Let's move forward and embrace technology as part of our unending journey to effect positive change complimentary to the ideals of our Alma Mater.





# CAVALIER NEWSLINE

**CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55**

## **MGen Santos designated EastMinCom commander**

MGen Felimon T Santos '86 has been designated commander of the AFP Eastern Mindanao Command, replacing Gen Madrigal, the new CSAFP.

RAdm Rene V Medina '86 has assumed as the new commander of the AFP Western Command. He replaced LtGen Rozzano Briguez '86 who was earlier appointed as PAF chief.

MGen Gilbert P Gapay '86 has been earlier designated AFP Southern Luzon Command commander.



**Santos**

## **Lim assumes as The Inspector General, AFP**

MGen Antonio Ramon A Lim '86 has assumed as The Inspector General of the AFP, replacing LtGen Paul T Atal '84 who retired.

MGen Reuben S Basiao '88 has been designated AFP deputy chief of staff for intelligence, J2. MGen Cornelio H Valencia Jr '87 is the new deputy chief of staff for plans, J5; BGen Antonio G Parlade Jr '87, deputy chief of staff for civil-military operations, J7; and MGen Augusto D dela Pena '89, deputy chief of staff for education and training, J8.



**Lim**

## **MGen Parilla designated PAF vice commander**

MGen Nicolas C Parilla '87 has been designated as the new vice commander of the Philippine Air Force. He was replaced as chief of the Air Logistics Command by MGen Allen T Paredes '88.

MGen Pelagio R Valenzuela '88 has been designated the chief of air staff, replacing Paredes. BGen Glicerio G Peralta '89 has replaced Valenzuela as commander of the Tactical Operations Command.



**Parilla**

## **RAdm Ong designated Navy vice commander**

RAdm Rommel Jude G Ong '87 has been designated as vice commander of the Navy. He used to be the Naval Inspector General.

RAdm Erick A Kagaoan '87 has been designated as commander of the Naval Forces Western Mindanao. He used to be the chief of naval staff.



**Ong**

## **VAdm Legaspi '87 designated PCG deputy for operations**

VAdm Rolando D Legaspi '87 has been designated as the new deputy commandant for operations of the Philippine Coast Guard.

RAdm Leopoldo V Laroya '88 has been designated as commander of the CG Maritime Safety Services Command; RAdm Joselito F dela Cruz '88, CG Maritime Security Command; and RAdm George V Ursabia Jr '87, CG Marine Environmental Protection Command; and RAdm Athelo L Ybanez '84 has assumed as the chief of the Coast Guard Internal Audit Service.

Commo Rolando Lizar N Punzalan Jr '92 is the commander of the CG Logistics Command; RAdm Lyndon Leocadio F Latorre '87, CG Education and Training Command; Commo Jose William U Isaga '89, CG Weapons, Communications Electronics Info System Service; and Capt Tito Alvin G Andal '94, CG Aviation Force.



**Legaspi**

## **P/MGen Macatlang designated DIPO Western Mindanao**

P/MGen Daniel G Macatlang Jr '85 has been designated head of Directorate for Integrated Police Operations in Western Mindanao; while P/MGen Eric Serafin G Reyes '85 is the head of DIPO Northern Luzon and P/MGen Ericson T Velasquez '85, DIPO Southern Luzon.

P/MGen Jose Ma Victor F Ramos '86 has been designated as the director for

comptrollership; while P/BGen Benigno B Durana Jr '88, director for police community relations; and P/BGen Mariel M Magaway '86, director for human resource and doctrine development (DHRDO)

P/BGen Amando Clifton B Empiso '87 has been designated commander of the Special Action Force (SAF), while P/BGen Noli A Romana '86 is the new chief of the SOSIA.

P/BGen Rene P Pamuspusan '88 has been designated as the new head of HSS; P/BGen Joselito M Vera Cruz '87, FS; P/BGen Alfred S Corpus '87, TS; and P/BGen Samuel P Rodriguez '88, ITMS.

## **MGen Limoso assumes as Army vice commander**

MGen Rizaldo B Limoso '86 has assumed as acting vice commander of the Army, while MGen Jesus B Sarsagat '88 is the new PA chief of staff, and MGen Byron H Calimag 85, commander of ASCOM.



**Limoso**

Commanders of the following infantry divisions are BGen Roberto D Ancan '87, 1st Inf Div; MGen Rhoderick M Parayno '85, 2nd Inf Div; BGen Franco Nemesio Gacal '88, 4th Inf Div; BGen Lenard T Agustin '86, 7th Inf Div; MGen Raul M Farnacio '85, 8th Inf Div; MGen Fenando T Trinidad '87, 9th Inf Div; MGen Jose C Faustino Jr '88, 10th Inf Div; and BGen Rey C Pabayo '88, 11th Inf Div; and BGen Bismark D Soliba '86, Mech Inf Div.

BGen Reynaldo M Aquino '86 is the commander of the Spl Forces Regmt (Airborne); BGen William N Gonzales '89, FSRR; BGen Corleto S Vinluan '88, LRR; and BGen Virgilio B Bartolome '87, AAR.

## **MGen de Veyra elected PMAAAI chairman**

Retired MGen Rufo A de Veyra '70 has been elected as the new chairman of the PMAAAI for AY 2019-2000. P/Col Arthur V Bisnar '90 has been likewise elected as president. They were the vice chairman and vice president, respectively, in the past AY 2018-19

The other officers elected are retired P/Gen Edgar B Aglipay '71, vice chairman; P/Col Emmanuel B Peralta '91, vice president; BGen Connor Anthony D Canlas '89, corporate secretary; LCdr Douglas S Defeles '09, treasurer; and Col Roy M Galido '90, corporate auditor. /ra



**De Veyra**

# ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

## PMAAAI Awards: Rules and Criteria

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

### A. CAVALIER AWARD

1. **Number of Awardees** - The Cavalier Award shall be given to twelve (12) outstanding regular members of the Association, in various fields of endeavor as enumerated in paragraph 2 below. At the discretion of the members of the Board of Directors of PMAAAI, the number may be less, but in no case more than twelve (12).
2. **Fields of Awards** - The Cavalier Award shall be given to those selected as the most outstanding members in the following fields of endeavor:
  - 2.1 **Military/Police/Coast Guard Service in:**
    - 2.1.1 **Command and Administration** - for commanders of AFP/PNP/PCG units with TO rank of Brig General / Commodore / P/Brig General or higher, except the AFP chief of staff, PNP chief, PCG commandant and AFP major service commanders.
    - 2.1.2 **Staff Function** - for staff officer positions in the AFP/PNP/PCG units.
    - 2.1.3 **Operations** - for officers holding positions other than those covered under para 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above who are directly engaged/employed in PA, PAF, PN, PNP, PCG and Special Operations. There shall be one awardee per AFP major service, the PNP and the PCG, each being considered a separate field. The awardee for Special Operations may come from any of the above five services.
  - 2.2 **Private Enterprise** - for members in private enterprise who are either entrepreneurs or managers.
  - 2.3 **Public Administration** - for members in government agencies and in government-owned and/or controlled corporations.
  - 2.4 **Contribution to Alumni Affairs** - for members who have made invaluable contributions and/or services to the PMA and PMAAAI.

- 2.5 **Special Fields** - for members who have outstanding achievements in sports, arts, literature, music, academe, science and technology or in other endeavors which at the discretion of the Board of Directors deserve the Cavalier Award.
3. **Qualification and Eligibility.** To be qualified and eligible to receive the Cavalier Award, a nominee must satisfy the following criteria:
  - 3.1 Is a regular member in good standing of the Association;
  - 3.2 Has faithfully lived up and adhered to the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty; and
  - 3.3 Has an honorable and unblemished record and whose reputation is beyond reproach. (Any act of commission or omission that tends to cast doubt on the nominee's reputation shall be sufficient ground not to consider the member for the Award.)
4. **Disqualification.** The following shall be disqualified from receiving the Cavalier Award:
  - 4.1 Those who received the Cavalier Award during the last five (5) years preceding the year of Award; and
  - 4.2 Members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors and Awards Committee during their tenure.
5. **Criteria for the Awards.** The Award shall be based on outstanding, distinguished and exemplary achievements worthy of emulation, personally and directly attained or done by the member during the last five (5) years in any of the fields enumerated above, that have:
  - 5.1 Enhanced the prestige of the PMA and the PMAAAI;
  - 5.2 Contributed significantly to the attainment of the AFP/PNP/PCG mission; and/or
  - 5.3 Resulted in the improvement of the general welfare of the community or country.
6. **Selection Process.** The selection process shall be from as wide a zone of consideration as possible. All regular members of the Association are qualified and should be considered for the Award, except as earlier provided for.
  - 6.1 Nomination. Any PMAAAI member, Class President, or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award **not later than the last working day of July of the applicable association year.** The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the PMAAAI Board of Directors (Attn: Awards Committee), or by e-mail to pmaaaai@yahoo.com. The nomination shall specify the field of award and shall include the following:
    - 6.1.1 Curriculum vitae of the nominee;
    - 6.1.2 Authenticated description or summary of nominee's achievements or accomplishments;
    - 6.1.3 Justification for the award; and



6.1.4 A write-up of the nominee's accomplishments in not more than 100 words for possible publication in the Cavalier Magazine if the award is approved.

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

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

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

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

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

## **B. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This Award shall be given to a regular member in good standing of the Association who has rendered at least fifty (50) years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country, excluding cadet service. The award will be given during the Alumni Homecoming Parade in February. Any PMAAAI member, Class President or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than the last working day of July.

## **C. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

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

## **D. VALOR AWARD**

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

## **E. TIMELINES**

1. March to July – PMAAAI members, Chapter and Class Presidents shall conduct a search and selection process of nominees for the Awards.
2. Last working day of July – Deadline for submission of nominees to the PMAAAI Awards Committee. Screening by the Awards Committee starts.
3. First working day of September – Submission of list of qualified nominees to the Editor, Cavalier Magazine for publication in the September-October issue.
4. First two weeks of November – Awards Committee receives comments on the nominees from members of the Association.
5. Last working day of November – Finalization of the list of nominees by the Awards Committee by categorizing them as Principal and Alternate Recommendees, by field of award.
6. Second Monday of December - Submission of the Awards Committee's recommendation to the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the:
  - a. Lifetime Achievement Award
  - b. Outstanding Achievement Award
  - c. Cavalier Award
  - d. Valor Award
7. Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Week of December – Meeting of the Board to select the awardees.
8. Fourth Saturday of January – Presentation of the Outstanding Achievement Awards during the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting.
9. First week of February – Submission of list of awardees to the Editor for publication in the January-February issue of the Cavalier.
10. Third Saturday of February – Presentation of the following Awards during the PMAAAI Alumni Homecoming:
  - a. Lifetime Achievement Award
  - b. Cavalier Award
  - c. Valor Award

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



# Bigkis Lahi '90 takes the helm of PMAAAI-PN Leadership

• CAV DOUGLAS S DEFELES '09  
PRO, PMAAAI PN CHAPTER



The FOIC PN Cav Robert A Empedrad '86 presiding the Turn-over Ceremony of PMAAAI-PN Chapter from Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89 to incoming president Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia '90.

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated – Philippine Navy Chapter (PMAAAI-PN) added recent milestones in its organization history as it held a Ceremonial Turn-Over of Leadership from Cav Eugenio V Hernandez of Makatao Class '89 to Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia of Bigkis Lahi Class '90 last March 18, 2019 at the View Deck, Headquarters Philippine Navy. No less than the Flag Officer In Command (FOIC PN) and at the same time the PMAAAI-PN Adviser Cav Robert A Empedrad of PMA Sinagtala Class '86 presided the ceremony which was attended by both the outgoing and incoming officers of PMAAAI-PN.

Cav Hernandez expounded his President's Report to the Adviser and to the PMAAAI-PN Board of Officers his well-accomplished tour of duty reflecting the endeavors of the organization during his watch. He has led and transformed the organization in higher platform with several milestones to meet its functions for the Navy cavaliers and for their Alma Mater- PMA. Along with this Report were projects and programs initiated by the PMAAAI-PN which were aligned with objectives of PMAAAI-PN since its inception.

First, for the purpose of fostering strong partnership between the PMA and the Navy alumni projects and preparations included the PMAAAI- PN General Assembly 2018 simultaneous with the Reception of PMA Class of 2018; the PMA Alumni 2019 Preparations; PMAAAI Family Sportsfest 2018 with which Echo Coy emerged as the Champions.

Second is to promote and support the quality of naval education at the PMA by the exclusive block screening of the movie GOYO: Ang Batang Heneral to the cadets, but due to some

unforeseen reasons, the exclusive screening wasn't realized. Nonetheless, PMAAAI-PN has partnered with Philippine Navy Officer's Wives Association (PNOWA) in holding a block screening for GOYO in SM Megamall and SM MOA Premier Cinemas instead.

Third, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the PN Chapter, the PMAAAI-PN has conducted several projects to include Battle of the Classes Golf Tournament last June 13, 2018; the movie block screening of Avengers: Infinity War in partnership with PMA Masiglahi Class of 2009 where portion of the revenue was donated to the Support Your Navy Foundation (SYNF). Likewise, endeavors were made in order to elevate its members into "Good Standing" status.

Lastly, to uplift the welfare and encourage professional growth of the members of the Chapter the following were conducted: The Jurado Cup 2018 where ECHO Coy emerged as the Champion; deliberated and endorsed the Cavalier Award for Naval Operations for Cav Gilbert C Villareal '98. These were highlighted with the printing and distribution of copies of The PMAAAI Code of Ethics and A Cavalier's Code of Conduct.

Likewise, Cav Hernandez expressed his gratitude to Cav Valencia, the 1st Vice President for leading the team while he was away due to exigency of the service and command deployment.

Outgoing members of the Board were given plaques of appreciation for their dedication and service to the PMAAAI-PN and the PN Cavaliers' community. Plaques were handed over by FOIC PN to the recipients led by Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89 – the outgoing president, Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia '90, Cav Noel D Beleran '90, Cav Carlo V Lagasca '91, Cav Alfonso P Tumanda '91, Cav Vincent J Sibala '93, Cav Juarion C Marayag '93, Cav Erwin P Calimag '94, Cav Alexander G Gigantone '95,



Outgoing PMAAAI-PN President Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89 delivering his President's Report to the PMAAAI-PN Adviser and Board of Officers.



Outgoing President Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89 receiving the Plaque of Appreciation from PMAAAI Adviser Cav Robert A Empedrad '86.

Cav Joselito D Marcelo '01, Cav Fernando A Molina '06, Cav Michael S Iglesia '06, Cav Sharon T De Leon '06, Cav Kristoffer A Belmonte '07, Cav Beryl Charity T Bacolcol '07, and Cav Douglas S Defeles '09.

After the ceremonial transfer of gavel, the newly installed President, Cav Valencia, thanked the previous leadership for the trust and confidence. Further, he also shared his vision for the organization and emphasized on projects that would further promote the visibility of the organization to the community and programs intended for benefit of the cadets of PMA.

With his current team of PN cavaliers, he is confident that their programs can be realized. Below is the list of PMAAAI-PN Chapter Board of Officers and Committee Chairmen for AY 2019-2020.

**BOARD OF OFFICERS**

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| President:          | Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia '90 |
| 1st Vice President: | Cav Carlos V Sabarre '91          |
| 2nd Vice President: | Cav Joe Anthony C Orbe '92        |
| Secretary:          | Cav Sharon T De Leon '06          |
| Asst Secretary:     | Cav Carlo T Ligutan '07           |
| Treasurer:          | Cav Fernando A Molina '06         |
| Asst Treasurer:     | Cav Michael S Iglesia '06         |
| Athletic Officer:   | Cav Anthony B Suguran '07         |
| PRO:                | Cav Douglas S Defeles '09         |
| Female Rep:         | Cav Eden Santiago – Esperanza '10 |

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sports & Fellowship:      | Cav Danilo S Aguit '93        |
| Membership & Welfare:     | Cav Estelito B Lagadia '94    |
| Ethics & Professionalism: | Cav Alexander G Gigantone '95 |
| Awards:                   | Cav Gilbert C Villareal '98   |
| Convention & Homecoming:  | Cav Joel M Lazo '95           |
| Ways & Means:             | Cav Alfonspin P Tumanda '91   |
| Finance:                  | Cav Joselito D Marcelo '01    |



PMAAAI-PN President Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia '90 delivering his assumption speech and leadership guidance to the Board of Directors.

The highlight of the program was focused on the message of the PMAAAI-PN adviser Cav Empedrad who took notice of the relevance of PMAAAI-PN for today's challenge in the PN cavaliers. He emphasized that the programs and policies of the PMAAAI-PN shall be anchored on the four basic purposes of the organization.

Further, he said that PMAAAI-PN should focus on activities and programs that would engage the cadets and the prospective sailors and marine officers from PMA graduating classes. Also, that PMAAAI-PN could provide appropriate reading materials for cadets based on their preferred Field of Specialization (FOS) when they join the ranks of Fleet-Marine Team of the Philippine Navy.

At the end of the day, PMAAAI-PN is established essentially for the welfare of PN cavaliers and their families and shall seek to innovate mechanism in making the organization relevant to the current professional environment. It will be always a solid and responsive organization that proudly carries the tradition of excellence of the Philippine Military Academy.



PMAAAI-PN Adviser Cav Robert A Empedrad '86 administering the Oath of Board of Officers PMAAAI-PN AY 2019-2020 led by President Cav Caesar Bernard N Valencia '90.



PMAAAI-PN Adviser Cav Robert A Empedrad '86 providing guidance to the incoming Board of Officers PMAAAI-PN AY 2019-2020.



Board of Officers PMAAAI-PN AY 2019-2020 with PMAAAI-PN Adviser Cav Robert A Empedrad '86.

# Democracy at Work: The 2019 PMAAAI Annual General Assembly, Convention and Fellowship

• CAV LEO ANGELO D LEUTERIO '88

## INTRODUCTION

That we have done this every year since the inception of PMAAAI, has not made the Annual General Assembly, Convention and Fellowship, more predictable nor less exciting. The converse is true, in fact. The venue, the attendees, the issues and the present management has seen to this. Some have said that, in the gathering of Peemayers, there will be as many opinions, even strategies as there are warm bodies present. This might be an exaggeration in some ways, however, the latest General Assembly has proven this point. It is my opinion that this has resulted in the ever increasing interest and involvement of Cavaliers with the affairs of our alumni association.

First, the PMAAAI Management under Cav Jaime de los Santos '69, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, deserves accolades for the wonderful changes in directions of the association during their term as Board of Directors. The same appreciation is well-deserved for its President and Chief Operating Officer (COO), Cav Jun Azurin '89 who was instrumental for the fresh initiatives, as Presiding Officer of its Executive Committee. Then, too, both deserve distinct appreciation for the democratic, yet, decisive manner by which the activity was conducted. That everyone who had something to say, wise or otherwise, were allowed to state them freely, within the limits of time and tolerance (of course), of the body and the Board, proved that the Board had nothing to hide; and, more importantly, can bravely stand on every and all acts made during the course of the Association Year. Their strong conviction, as manifested by their selfless sacrifice of their own resources, personal and family time, and precious talents, shown through clearly in the transparent and free handling of the discussions. The excitement generated by this particular general assembly would reverberate up to the incoming and future assemblies and other meetings, the PMAAAI will be having, assuring an increased and better involvement of the individual alumnus and alumna, to the affairs of the association. The next Board of Directors will be the inheritors of the goodwill generated by this particular board. I propose that the template of their management be studied and sustained by the next set of PMAAAI managers.

## THE PICC AS THE VENUE

The choice of the venue was impeccable. It was big enough to ensure the accommodation of the influx of alumni from even the very junior PMA Classes. It was comfortable with the furnitures being well-appointed. Even the Air-Conditioning was enough not to inflict "colds" on the more low-temperature-sensitive alumni, while making it restful for the more hot-blooded ones. There was ample parking for those who brought their own vehicles. The PICC, of course, is a venue which is a witness to grand and important affairs of our country, even a similar PMAAAI General Assembly in the past. Also, the venue ensured that no more movement of participants from one place to another, even for the lunch-fellowship. This allowed for further discussions and more time to fellowship and renew camaraderies with one another. If the venue for our General

Assembly continue to be as grand as this, I anticipate that the attendance will be larger than in previous years.

## THE ATTENDEES

I observed that this time around, the attendees, both young and young at heart, heeded the call for a more or less formal, if appropriate, attire for the occasion. Every alumnus came either in his/her smartest coat without the tie or the working barong attire. This may be attributed yet again to the choice of the venue and the effective dissemination made by the Board. It was also evident that the members of the assembly were more knowledgeable of the issues and other workings of the board; and were intimately concerned and involved in its affairs. This could be attributed to increase number of fora conducted through the association year which allowed for the closer and wider engagement with PMAAAI members, especially, the different chapter and class officers.

## THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS


The Issues and Concerns were effectively and efficiently brought out in the different media available to the PMAAAI Board. It was noticeable that the members felt empowered. This can only mean that they were informed. The narration of the Amendment to the Bylaws, the Resolutions made and the other Acts of the Board, submitted for ratification was clear and concise. The part where the change of direction was emphatic was the transformation of the PMAAAI as an entity independently able to generate its own funds without need for solicitations was a hot topic.

## THE MANAGEMENT

Managing a gathering of PMA Cavaliers will always be challenging. The common comments of the past General Assemblies is that, it seems, that there was no ample time to voice out opinions and suggestions. There were many concerns on this matter. However, these fears proved to be unfounded as the General Assembly became fulfilling and more meaningful because the discussions were free and encouraged. A lot of members came out of the assembly saying that they learned a lot about the affairs of the association; and, also about Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedures. This is a revelation in many ways.

## THE WAY FORWARD

There can be no other way but forward for our association but to sustain the gains of this General Assembly and of the Board of Directors. Anything which would depart from how this particular PMAAAI activity was conducted would, I fear, be severely criticized by the members. While we are always reminded of the proper decorum when we engage each other let this not get in the way of airing our sentiments. For whatever gains obtainable let us allow disagreements among us, but let us be reminded to disagree without being disagreeable. The kite flies higher against the wind. So cavaliers, let us look forward to better times for all of us.

Mabuhay!!! 



# Successes and Defeats in Defense of the Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUP) Pension System

• CAV ARISTON V DELOS REYES '71

## 1. Background

- 1.1. In the late 2015, I learned that the proposed Salary Standardization Law of 2015 was being deliberated by Congress which among others provided for the suspension of pension indexing to prevailing rate for the retired military and uniformed personnel (MUP) until such time that a new MUP pension system shall be adopted.
- 1.2. The MUP includes the uniformed members of the AFP, PNP, Coast Guard, BJMP, BFP, BUCOR, and NAMRIA. The MUP pension system is non contributory, meaning that members do not contribute to their pension through deductions from their monthly pay while in the active service, unlike the members of GSIS. It is funded through annual general appropriation. Their pension is indexed or automatically adjusted to the prevailing rate for those in the active service. Their pension system is provided for by pertinent laws.
- 1.3. Considering that said suspension was unjust and uncalled for, I wrote Senator Antonio "Sonny" Trillanes, then Chairman of the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security (CNDS), and a number of other senators expressing concern about said suspension. I also posted the same concern to the PMA Class '71 yahoo group account.
- 1.4. Also, in December 2015, I attended the hearing of the CNDS on Senate Bill 3031 which proposed to make the MUP pension system contributory. I submitted and presented my written position paper recommending that the military pension system be exempted because its non contributory nature was provided by the Commonwealth Act No. 1 of 1935, it being patterned after the pension system of the United States Armed Forces.
- 1.5. From then on, I have researched on the MUP Pension System and occasionally wrote papers advocating for resumption of pension indexing in my capacity as a resource person for the Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA) which include AGFO, PMAAAI, NARAAI, PRAI, and other retirees' and veterans' associations. Also, as personal initiative, I kept on forwarding such comments to some legislators, PMA classmates, senior DND/AFP/PNP officials, active or retired, through e-mail.

1.6. This paper enumerates MUP successes and defeats which could serve as sources of lessons learned and inspiration for the MUP to unite and persevere in promoting the common good regarding their pension system. It has annexes that provide details, the truth, on how the Senate supported pension indexing in 2015 and 2017 in an unprecedented manner.

## 2. Successes of the MUP

- 2.1. The Hotel Intercontinental brainstorm of 15 December 2015 between Secretary Ping Lacson, then resigned Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (in Central Visayas after typhoon Haiyan), and Senator Enrile (Annex A). Their telephone coordination with Senators Greg Honasan and Tito Sotto resulted in the recall of the Salary Standardization Bill 2015 from its approval during third reading, back to second reading to support instead of suspending the MUP Pension Indexing. The Senate ultimately supported Pension Indexing; the Lower House did not. Thus, no law was passed in 2015 that could have suspended Pension Indexing, most likely, indefinitely.
- 2.2. Approval of Joint Resolution (JR) No. 1 by President Duterte - the suspension of pension indexing to prevailing base pay rate would be lifted effective 1 January 2019. The pertinent provision on the matter was a last-minute maneuver at the Senate and through the persistent efforts of Senator Honasan, Chairman of the Senate Committee of National Defense and Security and with outright full support of Senator Lacson and Senator JV Ejercito during the committee hearing on the JR adjusting the BP of the MUP. In the end, the other senators followed and supported the Pension Indexing. The Senate through combined efforts of Senators Sotto, Honasan and Lacson had to make a compromise with the Lower House which supported DBM Secretary Diokno's proposal to suspend Pension Indexing until a new MUP Pension System shall have been enacted. For further details please refer to Annex B (Summary of events leading to approval of JR No. 1 S 2018).

**Assessment:** The MUP owe the Senate a lot for its full support to the above successes and which may well be considered unprecedented in the history of Philippine legislation. Twice, the Senate opposed an unjust proposal that would ultimately be detrimental to the morale of the MUP. It was a balancing act to the desire of financial technocrats in government to treat MUP Pension Indexing from a purely financial perspective that is, minimize its cost, by all means. The MUP ought to know; the people ought to know: we have a good Senate.

The total MUP pension indexing will amount to at least P50 billion in 2019 and annually thereafter, benefiting more than 220,000 pensioners. About 69 percent of the amount will go to enlisted personnel (EP) and equivalent ranks; 27 percent to officers; and only four (4) percent to general and flag officers. Furthermore, about 89 percent of pensioners are EP. Hence, the great majority of the MUP beneficiaries are those from the lower ranks.

**3. Defeats suffered by the MUP**

**3.1. EO 201 Deprived the MUP of Benefits Due them in 2016 and 2017**

3.1.1. After President Aquino failed in his bid for enactment of SSL of 2015 that would suspend MUP Pension Indexing, he issued EO 201 to achieve what he wanted. Thus, the opportunity for MUP Pension Indexing to new rate for 2016 and 2017 was lost. Moreover, those in the active service failed to avail of adjustments of the allowances pegged to the base pay for 2016 and 2017. EO 201 coined the terms “provisional allowance” and “officers’ allowance” in lieu of base pay adjustment if only to prevent Pension Indexing from 2016 and onward. The estimated total lost pension benefits of retired MUP for non indexing in 2016 and 2017 is about P37.5 billion. The CONUSA, through a series of letters to President Duterte recommended the amendment of EO 201 in order to provide for base pay adjustment in lieu of provisional allowance and officers’ allowance and allow Pension Indexing to new rate effective 1 January 2016.

3.1.2. Recommendation: The amendment of EO 201 should be pursued in order to do justice to the MUP, active or retired, who had been unlawfully deprived of benefits due them in 2016 and 2017.

**3.2. Improper implementation of RA 9166 resulted in reduced increase in the base pay of military personnel**

3.2.1. DBM had not adjusted the base pay of the military in accordance with the RA 9166 which provides for equivalent salary grade in each military rank. Under JR No.4 S 2009 (Salary Standardization in four tranches that was completed by 2012), the BP rates of military personnel at all ranks were lower than those provided for equivalent salary grades. Likewise, under JR No.1 S 2018, the BP rates for the Chief of Staff AFP (CSAFP) down to master sergeant are lower than their equivalent salary grades but pay rates for technical sergeant and below are higher than those for their equivalent salary grades because President Duterte wanted to give higher salary increase to lower ranked MUP. Thus, in aid of legislation, I submitted the observation through a letter to the staff of the Senate Committee on National Defense dated 15 October 2018 for its review. For example, under RA 9166, the base pay of CSAFP should be that for SG 30 which for civilian officials of equivalent grade is P175,184 (fourth tranche pursuant to EO 201). However, JR No.1, only allows P149,785 for the BP of CSAFP or P25,399 lower than that for his civilian counterparts. Consequently, even the pension of the retired MUP is shortchanged. If indeed the disparity is unjustified, recovery of the annual shortchange is very unlikely, unless JR No.1 will be amended accordingly.

3.2.2. Recommendation: the matter should be taken up with the DBM to clarify the issue so that future salary adjustments of the military should be based on RA 9166.

**3.3. Prolonged and Unjustified Delays in the Payment of Pension Arrears**

3.3.1. For more than 15 years since 2001, DBM had not allocated funds for the annual AFP and PNP pension arrears until President Duterte ordered their payment in 2016. For the AFP, the arrears from 2001 to 2013 amounted to P18.960 billion. For its partial allocation in 2017, some amount had been withheld by DBM for various justifications. Such arrears are in accordance with laws and should have been in the proposed budget annually yet DBM, in the past (2016 and earlier), had continued to defy them and able to get away with it; thereby, resulting in demoralization among affected pensioners some of whom already passed away before receiving their differentials.

3.3.2. Delay for future funding of pension arrears for 2018 pursuant to JR No 1 is likely to occur. Total funding needed is P40 billion.

3.3.3. Recommendation: the matter should be brought to the attention of the President so that DBM will be ordered to fund the P40 billion pension arrears for 2018 in the President’s budget for 2020.

**Annex A to Successes and Defeats in Defense of the MUP Pension System**

**Hotel Intercontinental Brainstorm on 15 December 2015 Regarding Pension Indexing**

- a. On 14 December, the Senate approved the Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 2015 during its third reading (vote:14-0). Since the equivalent bill at the House of Representatives was already approved in its third reading, it would have been an enrolled bill for signature of the President into law.
- b. Secretary Ping Lacson, then resigned Presidential Assistant for Rehabilitation and Recovery (in Central Visayas after typhoon Haiyan) requested a meeting with Senator Enrile at Hotel Intercontinental in the morning of 15 Dec., attended by Lt General Edilberto Adan (AGFO), CSupt Van Luspo (PRAI), and me. They strategized; we listened. After Ping called up Sen Honasan and Sen Sotto, it was agreed that during the session in the afternoon, Sen Sotto (being one of those who voted for the bill would file a motion for reconsideration to deliberate again on the bill with respect to the suspension of indexing of uniformed services retirees’ pension under SSL 2015. Upon motion, Sen Enrile would then have the floor for the approval of the motion. Sen Enrile could not file the motion since he was absent during the meeting. Neither could Sen Honasan since he abstained during the voting; he expressed concern about the adverse implications to the retirees of said suspension. (I received information that OP-DBM would not like the suspension deleted.)
- c. On advice of Ping, available retirees attended the session in the afternoon. The plan was implemented. After the motion, session was suspended; the Senators discussed. After a few more minutes, the session resumed; cordial discussion followed. One thing led to another, the

Senate President then declared that the bill on second (second??!!) reading was approved (unanimously), with the sentence suspending the pension indexing deleted as Ping worked for. After the approval, Sen Honasan, Sen Marcos and Sen Trillanes approached us, retirees, to exchange pleasantries. Sen Marcos remarked that it was the first time he experienced that a bill already approved on third reading could still be reconsidered as approved on second reading to allow for amendments.

- d. However, both houses failed to reconcile on the issue of MUP Pension Indexing during the bicameral committee meeting. The House of Representatives did not agree with the Senate which insisted that Pension Indexing should be maintained and not suspended. Hence, the SSL of 2015 was not enacted. In what may be considered a surprise move, President Aquino issued EO 201 to provide for base pay adjustment for all civilian government personnel with provisions that would consequently deprive the MUP, active and retired, of benefits due them in 2016 and 2017, until the approval by President Duterte of JR No.1 in 2018.
- e. Indeed, the military and uniformed services owe it to Ping and his friends in the Senate for their full support in promoting their welfare. Had the SSL 2015 been enacted as initially conceived, it would have been very difficult to amend it so that MUP Pension Indexing could be resumed.

#### **Annex B to Successes and Defeats in Defense of the MUP Pension System**

##### **Summary of Events Leading to Approval of Joint Resolution No 1 S-2018**

- a. 5 Feb 2017 - BGen Lamberto Sillona, then Class President of PMA '71, wrote Senator Gregorio Honasan, Chairman, Committee on National Defense and Security (CNDS), requesting him to initiate legislation which would allow Pension Indexing for retired MUP. Later, it had been made a basis for his staff to continuously coordinate with DBM/Office of the President on the matter.  
  
On 22 Sep 2017, DBM Secretary Diokno endorsed a draft joint resolution increasing the base pay of active MUP in lieu of provisional allowance and officers' allowance as provided in EO 201 but "strongly" recommending suspension of Pension Indexing to the new rate. He did not submit detailed justifications for such suspension except for its "huge budgetary implications."
- b. 26 Oct 2017 - Sen Panfilo Lacson met with some retired officers to listen to their views on the DBM - proposed JR. Among other things, I explained that if there is no indexing to new base pay, the pension of a CSAFP or Chief PNP will be pegged to a rate that is even less than 50 percent of those for retired members of the judiciary of equivalent salary grade. I also suggested that data from DBM be obtained on the budgetary cost of the MUP Pension Indexing, compared with the total national budget.

(Subsequently, he filed SJR No 10 which would allow pension indexing.)

- c. 29 Nov - Sen Honasan conducted CNDS hearing, with Sen Lacson and Sen JV Estrada present. LtGen Edgardo Batenga, Convenor of the Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA), presented its position favoring pension indexing. The DBM representative did not present any justification for suspension of pension

indexing. However, upon query of Sen Lacson, the DBM rep informed that if pension indexing would not be suspended, its total cost for 2018 would be P38.4B to which Sen Ping commented that it was only one percent of the total budget for 2018 (P3.8 trillion).

Likewise, upon query of Sen Lacson, it turned out that the previous claim/allegation that pension of the retired MUP will soon exceed the pay and allowances of MUP in the active service is unlikely to happen and Sen Lacson termed it as just a "myth." For instance, if the JR is adopted with pension indexing, the PS of the AFP would amount to P108 billion while pension would be P53 billion.

Sen Estrada expressed support to MUP Pension Indexing to new rate.

(Later, Sen Honasan filed SJR No. 11 which also supported Pension Indexing as in the case of SJR No. 10 by Sen Lacson.)

- d. 11 Dec. 2017 - from bad to good news all in one day:
  1. Bad news: Lower House approved HJR No. 18, with provision suspending pension indexing. No member present spoke in favor of said indexing.
  2. Another bad news: The Office of the President endorsed to Senate, SJR No. 9 also suspending Pension Indexing. According to Sen Lacson, Sen Honasan did not agree.
  3. Then, a very good news: a complete turnaround/reversal as President Duterte reconsidered and certified to the necessity of the immediate enactment of Sen Honasan's SJR No. 11 in lieu of SJR No. 9. It is not known how Sen Honasan was able to convince him to set aside SJR No 9.

Thereafter, Senators Sotto, Honasan and Lacson coordinated with Cong Nograles of the Lower House in order for both houses to come up with a unified version. To prevent a deadlock which could delay its approval since 13 Dec would be the last day of session for 2017, both parties compromised that suspension of pension indexing to new base pay will be lifted automatically on 1 Jan 2019 or upon the effectivity of a pension reform law, whichever comes earlier. Thus, the revised HJR No.18 would be adopted by the Senate as the unified version.

- e. 13 Dec 2017 - During the plenary session, and after prolonged debates on its provisions (Sen Honasan answering numerous questions from the floor), the revised HJR No.18 was approved by all the 20 senators present. (It must be clarified that contrary to earlier publications in the social media, Liberal Party senators voted for Pension Indexing not only in 2017 but also in 2015. No senator on both occasions voted against it.)

During the period of interpellation, it was clarified that suspension of indexing would not mean loss of entitlement but merely a delay in the implementation of indexing for 2018. Thus, concerned MUP agencies shall include in their proposed budget for 2019, the cost of indexing for 2018 and 2019.

- f. 01 Jan 2018 - Pres Duterte signed JR No.1.

The total MUP Pension Indexing will amount to at least P50 billion in 2019 and annually thereafter, benefiting more than 220,000 pensioners. It is estimated that 69% of the amount will go to enlisted personnel and equivalent ranks; 27% to officers (01 - 06); and only 4% to generals (07- 010). About 89% of pensioners are EP and equivalent ranks.



# Leadership Excellence Breeds Heroes and Patriots

*(Remarks of Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69 during the Wreath Laying Ceremony for departed PMA alumni on 15 February 2019 at the PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City)*

We are gathered here today at the PMA Alumni Memorial Park to honor and pay tribute to our cavaliers who have gone to the great beyond to render an accounting of their deeds and toils during their lifetime. They answered with confidence before the Almighty, "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, SIR!" They led an honorable life of what the profession of arms demands.

First and foremost, I want to begin today by recognizing all those amongst who have been part of a great institution, the Philippine Military Academy. Our veterans, active duty service members in the AFP, PNP, and other uniformed services, living and departed. It is the service and sacrifice that has kept our country free and safe.

Our departed cavaliers have committed themselves to God, country and people. It was a brave and selfless act. The profession of arms has few guarantees, where you were deployed, in some cases, whether you would return home in one piece, or at all. Many of the cavaliers being honored today paid that supreme sacrifice of losing life and limb.

Thanks to all of them and those who continue to serve today. The country can sleep peacefully at night. Military men

and women face many risks, accept it as part of their job which in many cases others may not understand.

Thousands of cavalier's brave men and women have participated in war throughout our nation's history. I would ask you please to pause for a moment to thank those who went ahead of us. God bless all of us. God bless the PMA. They were men of leadership imbued with the fine traditions of the profession of arms and tempered with the Academy's motto of courage, loyalty, and integrity.

Was "Leadership" the source of their greatness? What did they have in common despite the differences in their brands of leadership? The answer is: Vision. All of them had vision, a dream, and an all-consuming sense of mission that they never lost sight of despite the adversities they had to contend with. Without these dreams and visions, each of them would have been little known names in the archives of the past. They are men of honor cast in the values of courage, loyalty, and integrity.

Loyalty has always been considered a warrior's virtue. Throughout history a legion of men has been true to their colors and died for their causes, and some were pretty small causes,



and many were lost cause. The one noble thing that shines forth from all the bloody pages of history is this capacity of man for loyalty. The officers in the armed services whom we honor and respect hold one thing in common. It is best described as loyalty. A loyalty that serves both as an incentive and as a guide, and sometimes as a very hard taskmaster. Perhaps this is proof enough that we are talking about one of man's greatest needs as well as one of his attributes of greatness.

Yet in its usual connotation it stands for those magnificent traits that make men presidents and generals, and cavaliers, and make presidents generals and cavaliers great. It stands for the time-honored code of the officer corps. It stands for self-discipline, loyalty, readiness to accept responsibility and willingness to admit mistakes. It stands for selflessness, modesty, humility and willingness to sacrifice when necessary.

Courage, I know not of one recipient of our military history's accolade for leadership of enduring fame who was not known for great gallantry. There are two kinds of courage, physical and moral, and he who would be a true leader must have both. Both are products of the character-forming process, of the development of self-control, self-discipline, physical endurance, of knowledge of one's job and therefore, of confidence. These qualities minimized fear and maximize sound judgement under pressure – and with some indispensable stuff called luck – often bring success from seemingly hopeless situations. Putting aside impulsive acts of reckless bravery, both kinds of courage bespeak an untroubled conscience, a mind at peace with God. Courage of our veteran cavaliers inspire the next generation of Peemayers.

Integrity – a collective sense of duty to the nation is paramount in the exercise of the military profession. This sense of duty demands so much for the individual officer that only

those who possess the value of integrity and unselfishness can stand up to the rigors of the service. Our heroes stood up to these rigors.

Character building precedes competence in the profession of arms. It projects strength of personality. These brave men did not only follow the path to greatness but established as well that path for others to follow.

The men and women that are interred in many graves and cemeteries all over the archipelago and in other countries across the seas and most permanently, the Libingan ng mga Bayani are the repository of the time-honored virtues that separates PMA from other institutions. These are courage, loyalty, and integrity.

Let their good works serve as a beacon and a challenge to the future generations of Peemayers to work harder in their given tasks of serving our country and people with dedication, with honor and deep sense of fulfillment.

Not so many were given this training on character which to us will remain as a rare privilege and a golden opportunity. The kind of life that we have chosen as a consequence thereof becomes quite an adventure. Adventure makes men to take risks, calculated or sometimes unreasonable. It gives the opportunity to produce heroes and patriots.

Before I close, I wish to call the members of PMA Class 69 who have gone ahead of us in the great beyond. We honor their services to the nation and to the Filipino people.

*(The names of the departed members of Class 69 were mentioned and medallions were handed to their widows to commemorate their Golden Jubilee year.)*

May God continue to bless us always.



CAV RUFO A DE VEYRA  
Chairman, PMAAAI

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I attended the well-organized PMA alumni convention held last 26 January at the PICC at a well-appointed venue fit for dignitaries and honored guests. The proceedings went very smoothly with instances of heated discussions from the floor which the former PMAAAI Chairman Jaime S De los Santos handled very professionally and with coolness.

It is unfortunate that a formal gathering was an occasion by an articulate member to air his deeply felt grievance against the government on a matter that is very personal, private and self-serving. It is to the credit of another member no less than the incumbent Secretary of DENR who pledged to help with him.

I believe PMA alumni convention is a yearly formal gathering to report matters of interests and benefits to the general membership. More importantly, to rekindle and re-instill the ideals and values taught at the Academy. It is also an occasion for camaraderie, fellowships and fraternal interactions.

Let us go back and read the objectives of the PMAAAI which serve as guides and standards in our alumni gatherings. To quote a relevant one, "To promote the general welfare and interest of members."

## LETTER - - - - - to the Editor

  
CAV MANUEL P OXALES '60

*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

I have completed writing a personal tribute to each of the nine (9) surviving members of the BANAT Class of 1951 (ten including me), which took all of the nine previous consecutive issues of the THE CAVALIER. It was my way of letting people who might find time and interest to know who these oldest fogies are, and what they did for their country before they faded away. Averaging 91 years of age, they are all physically disabled, but still possess active minds, strong spirit and will to live.

I still have to get a feedback from most of my classmates on how they felt about my tribute. I might have hit a different chord if my write-up was inadequate especially if I missed episodes of their glorious past but from the beginning, I emphasized that my sources of information were limited to the three major publications of the class: **The SWORD of '51**, **The SILVER SWORD** and **The GOLDEN SWORD**. I have personal limitations in doing intensive research. I am computer illiterate and I do everything by hand. I hire a typist who also sends the final draft by E-MAIL to the Editor of THE CAVALIER. As a member of the Lead class of the post-war Academy I could not bear seeing an empty column reserved for each class under CLASS CALL. I volunteered to fill up this column in every issue of THE CAVALIER. I may not meet your quality standards in writing so that I beg for your understanding.

The activities of Class '51 after the annual convention of the PMA First Four Classes, Inc. Last 30 November 2018 have been less eventful compared to the previous years. We had no celebration during the Christmas season and we failed to celebrate our 68th graduation anniversary on 17 February 1951. If we consider that only seven of the 10 surviving

members live in METRO MANILA and could hardly attend our monthly fellowship meeting with the PMAFFI, a separate celebration for class '51 alone could be less inviting.

This feeling of lethargy has affected me as one who likes to write. The Christmas Season and start of the New Year were not kind to me. I was down with my COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) that left me miserable and just a bystander to subdued family gatherings. To think that it was not only Christmas but also my 67th Wedding anniversary, my 92nd birthday and my oldest daughter's Silver Wedding anniversary. But true to our Christian faith, perhaps it was God's will for my family to direct its celebration mostly for His worship.

Lethargy is a static situation. You have to utilize more energy to overcome the starting friction. In my physical condition, I almost lost my motivation to write. How I revived my interest is a funny coincidence. What comes to your mind when you hear "TID-BITS"? TID-BITS must mean differently to each person. Mine is simply a grocery item. I do the monthly groceries for my family because my wife's mobility is more impaired. Almost always in my grocery list is pineapple tid bits. I suppose you know how it is used-fruit and macaroni salads, baked ham, sweet-sour recipes etc. Now I have something to write about, unlimited, TID BITS", you saved my day, my deadline!

Now, my first Tid-bit. The Banat class managed to have a representative in the annual PMA Alumni Homecoming. General Delfin (Masaya) Castro, the best SOUTHCOM Commander we ever had, took great effort to attend the yearly Alumni ceremonies despite his physical disability and therefore earned for himself the recognition of being the oldest alumnus among the participants. He will maintain this monopoly unless another BANAT of Class '51 will convince Delfin not to attend the Alumni Homecoming next year. Let me digress at this point to call the attention of the PMA administration that the PMA grounds especially that leading

to the grandstand are not senior-citizen friendly and more for the disabled for lack of ramps.

Another TID-BIT. The PMAFFI meets every last Tuesday of the month at the CP Aguinaldo Officers Open Mess. It is their way of sustaining the bonds of brotherhood that had developed among and within these four classes. We meet over a simple and cheap menu of pancit and half the regular size of a club sandwich. But try to witness how they sing the Alma Mater song with fervor and reverence and be touched by a hair-raising sensation like a strange spirit was upon them waving and saying, "Godspeed, My Son".


At age 92 or 93, what's life for us? Yes, it is the cycle of life. When you were born a baby, you were helpless. All the care and love of parents and family were yours. But as you increase in age, the support comes less and less until you reach the ripe age above the mortality rate when the cycles reverse in favor of the old which would need more and more support as they become helpless. That's where most of us are. But there is a loving God leading us to our final journey.

Writing is a queer hobby. It could take you weeks or months if you cannot focus on a subject to write. But once you overcome this momentum it could take you two or three hours to finish a one thousand word article for the PMA Class Call.

To end my TID-BITS for the issue, let me quote a text sent to me by Cavalier Madriño Muñoz of Class '55 just to release your precious smile.

*"An old man was asked? At your ripe age, if an affliction were to come upon you, would you prefer to get Parkinsons or Alzheimers? The wise old man answered, "Definitely, Parkinsons! Better to spill half an ounce of Johnny Walker Blue, than forget where you keep the bottle".*

I will write more after my next trip to the grocery store. Thanks to "pineapple tid-bits" which provoked me to write again. /

**JESUS T DIZON** 



**SALVADOR M MISON**  
President  
**VANGIE P RIVERA**  
Secretary

### On class activities

The January class gathering was held on the 27th at the Golden Sky Restaurant in Makati. It was hosted by the 2nd gen lady members, namely: Binky Regalado-Ordenez, Teena Navarrete-Alquiza, Carole Sanchez, Vivien Tansingco-Ongkiko, Gemma Cordero-Ibus, Annette Ecarma-Favila, Andrea Ecarma-Escalona, Bing and Sarah Miranda, and Teng Zaide.

The attendees from the first gen members were Grace Alcaneses, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Buddy and Ione Mison, Muni and Ondette Munoz, Lolit Parado, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy and Georgie Solina, Rene and Mila Tanseco, and Gigi Zaide. Guest of the Alquiza family from the States was Rosalie Aquino Pendarvis.

The next class affair, a post-Valentine's party, was held on 24 February at the Dimasupil Hall A of the AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo. It started with a mass officiated by Fr Rommel Kiamco. The lunch was hosted by February-born Ione Mison. There were eight members of the class who attended, five with their wives, same as in the previous month.

The widows present were Grace Alcaneses, Remy Facto, Letty Jotie, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera and Gigi Zaide. Some of the 2nd gen members present were Von Alfabeto, Jomar Alcaneses and wife, Aaron Allanigue, RJ and Teena Alquiza, Rowena Ilagan-Estrella with son Jerome, Jun and Freddie Mison, and the Facto daughters. From the adopted Class of 2005 were Alvin Matienzo, Roberto Rodrigo and Domingo Sumayo.

Among the special guests were former NBI director Mariano M Mison and wife Aurora, Atty & Mrs Ramoncito Mison, Mr & Mrs Bonifacio del Rosario, BGen Rene Torres, Col Angela Torres, Mrs Allen Robles, Mrs Gloria Bautista and the singing Brawners, Felix and Rita, who rendered a song.

Everybody savored the wine and balut, before partaking of the sumptuous buffet lunch.



### On Class Foundation annual meeting

The members of our PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc. held its annual membership meeting and election of trustees on 17 March at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Sky Restaurant. Reported were the activities and financial condition of the Foundation.

Main activity in 2018 was providing financial assistance to the family of two members who passed away (Badong Regalado and Terry Suarez) and to those who suffered some illnesses. The Foundation generated gross revenue of P1.185 million and incurred expenses of P1.271 million during the year, resulting in net loss of P0.086 million. Net asset as of 31 Dec 2018 posted at P9.521 million.

It was decided to strengthen the 2nd gen members' participation in the management and affairs of the Foundation, in anticipation of their take-over when all the members of the class and their wives and widows shall have gone. It was agreed that one 2nd gen brat from the family of each member of the class shall become a regular member of the Foundation, with the right to vote and be voted upon.

It was also suggested to give the 2nd gen regular members of the Foundation burial and medical assistance, on actual need basis, in the same amount as those

being presently enjoyed by the first gen members of the Foundation.

Also decided was to increase the number of members of the board from nine to eleven, with the number of 2nd gen members increased from two to four. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Foundation were amended accordingly.

Elected as new officers and trustees of the Foundation were: Buddy Mison, president; Johnny Sanchez, vice president; Ros Alquiza, corporate secretary; Muni Munoz, corporate auditor; and Czarina R Miranda, treasurer. And elected as trustees were Rene Tanseco, Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Aaron Allanigue, Binky Regalado-Ordenez, and Andrea Ecarma-Escalona.

### On Class 64th graduation anniversary

The class celebrated its 64th graduation anniversary on 23 March with a formal dinner-dance affair at the Dimalupig Hall A in AFPCOC. The Los Caballeros combo of the Army provided the dance music. It started with a thanksgiving mass at 6:00 p.m. officiated by Fr Cris Cordero. Present were members of the class, their wives and widows. Some second gen members were also present.

After a brief opening remarks by Buddy Mison, Johnny Sanchez welcomed





everybody. Ros Alquiza then gave a brief history of the class. He cited donation to PMA of Kiosk 55 and Grove 55 as class legacy, and a special provision in the DND portion of the 1973 General Appropriations Decree, providing that services as a cadet in PMA shall be included in the computation of longevity pay, as a class advocacy.

Invited as special guests were the class presidents and/or representatives of classes '52 to '58, the classes above and

below our class with whom we stayed together in PMA. Those who were able to attend were Cavaliers Marcelo S Nuguid '52, Protacio L Depakakibo Jr '54, Amante S Bueno '54, Fortunato C Corachea '56, Felix A Brawner Jr '57, Eduardo R Ermita '57 and Carmelito G Beltran '58.

Also present as our special guest was Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, who enjoyed having his picture taken with everybody, especially the ladies. He told them: (*Gusto ko happy kayo.*)

**May they get well soon**

Maudie Alfabeto had an accident. She fell on the floor of their bathroom, hit her head against the wall, suffered some brain injury and had to be hospitalized. Betong who had to undergo dialysis also had another accident. Still groggy while undergoing dialysis, he went unaccompanied to the CR, felt dizzy and fell on the floor, resulting in some broken ribs. As of late, both Maudie and Betong are now at home recovering. We pray for their speedy recovery. /raa



Mel and Pat Goyena joined a party of 19 including their three daughters and four grandchildren on a short trip to Macau and Hongkong on 16 to 20 January 2019 mainly to pass thru the 55 kms. bridge now the longest in the world, linking Macau to Lantau Island where the Hongkong International Airport is located and Kowloon in the China mainland. The bridge has three lanes each way separated by a three meters divider. The party took the bus with a fare of HKD 160 each (about PHP 1,000) for door-to-door delivery from their hotel in Macau direct to their hotel in Kowloon. Macau is now the Las Vegas of China and Hongkong its shopping center. The two cities are crowded with mainland Chinese and no longer dependent on foreign tourists for survival.

The Wednesday regular golf game of the class was resumed on 9 January 2019 at the CAGC, after a total break on December 2018 due to the holidays. Only three bogooos, Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena and Levy Malto played because Romy David had allergy

and Patot Paiso was unaccounted for. Mon Farolan stayed at home because his wife Penny used their driver and car to pursue a more important mission than boodling. After golf, Levy brought the golfers to lunch to a place called CRAB n' CREW at Visayas Ave., QC serving good sea food dishes where the diners were geared with plastic aprons and gloves to savor the hearty meal. When the prepared food was served hot and juicy, the diners stopped conniving and concentrated loading and loading, ala real boodle fight, but with lights on. Levy said that as soon as the golfers are fully accounted for, he will bring them back to the place where he is already known as a favorite regular diner.

After golf on 23 January, the golfers returned to the CRAB n' CREW with Boy Paiso and Romy David, trying his new canes provided by Patot to support his heavy weight. Every bodoo enjoyed the dishes, which compelled Patot, Romy and Mel to order chili crabs to take home. The treat was again hosted by Levy hoping to charge it from the forthcoming increase in old age pension to PHP 20,000 per month.

Romy David as usual, although still groggy in walking, hosted lunch on 30 January 2019 at the Kuya's at AFPOVAI in Ft. Bonifacio to enjoy their favorite Crispy Pata, Sinigang na Maya Maya, Pinakbet and Halo Halo. Davo informed the group that his eldest daughter, Dra. Annette

Rubio had arrived from Guam, to bring him to the Asian Medical Center for check up. According to the class Intel network, his wife Pili was compelled to SOS Annette to come, because Davo is very stubborn in heeding her plea to have a check up.

Only Ching Corachea and Mel Goyena reported for Golf Duty at the CAGC on 7 February 2019 because Romy David notified the group that he would be in Pampanga to referee some family problems, while Levy Malto was sick and confined in quarters. Ching who hosted the lunch at the Choi Garden had requested Levy to generate maximum attendance but only Patot Paiso and Mon Farolan were able to make it.

Two days before the scheduled golf at the Northwoods Golf and Country Club in Bulacan on 20 February 2019, Class 59, the host, cancelled the event due to lack of golfers from Classes 57,58, and 59. Only class 56 stood ready with its golfers.

Levy Malto celebrated his 87th BDay on 23 February 2019 with some members of the class at the Korea Garden Resto in Jupiter St., Makati, an old and favorite diner that had been founded and operated by the wife of the late Col Perfecto Flores, a PEFTOK veteran who retired as C1 of HPC. When he was on duty in Korea, he fell in love with a Korean lass, brought her home and together set up the resto in the 50's that remained in operation ever since.



**DIONISIO TAN-GATUE JR**  
President  
**TAGUMPAY R JARDINIANO**  
Secretary

### Look Who's In Town

Some members of Delta Company and their ladies hosted a lunch for "balikbayan" Nelia Nonog Floresca, wife of the late Col Isabelo "Billy" Floresca. Billy Floresca with the late BGen Juan "Kits" Cabrera, a nephew of President Diosdado Macapagal, were assigned as Aide-de-Camp to then "Kong Dadong" with Billy detailed to the First Lady, Mrs Eva Macapagal. Billy was often seen in the Malacañang grounds with the First Lady, notebook and pen in hand and occasionally taking notes. The late First Lady, with Malacañang Engineer Manzanero, would often go around the grounds, seeing to it the premises were clean and neat while the late BGen "Jess" dela Cruz and BGen "Jun" Tan-Gatue, then PC captains of the Presidential Guards, kept watch at Gate No. 2 of Malacañang Palace. Nelia left for the States after "Billy's" death and had stayed there ever since. She had been Billy's OAO when he was a cadet and her picture was prominently on display at his locker. Quite a pretty face, too.



Seated are Sol Tan-Gatue, Rita Brawner and Belen Buenaventura. Standing are Jun Tan-Gatue, Felix Brawner, Nelia Floresca and Lulay dela Cruz.

Present in the intimate affair were Felix and Rita Brawner, Lulay Dela Cruz, Belen Buenaventura, Jun and Sol Tan-Gatue.

Rene and Lety Figueroa were also in town recently. Coming in from San Francisco, they were guests at a lunch in Bonifacio Global City. Present were Vic and Belen Buenaventura, Ting and Baby Enriquez, Jardi and Pat Jardiniano,

Jun and Sol Tan-Gatue and Baby Cabrera with son Ricky. "Figo" was with the Philippine Air Force and he talked about his "flying" days with Ting Enriquez who retired as an international pilot of PAL. "Figo" also talked of his days with Delta Company guys Vic and Jun. He was with the leftmost platoon among the tall guys at the far end of the Corps in formation. Just how Vic and Jun, the shorter cadets, got assigned to Delta, still stirs a lively debate among them. "Lety was a beauty queen at the UP Diliman campus in our student days" Pat recalls. "She is still to us and the family", adds "Figo" with that air of confidence he is known for.

### 62nd Graduation Anniversary

All is set for our Class affair on April 14 at AFPCOC to mark our 62nd Graduation Anniversary. But this time, the Brats 57 are in charge of the preparations with Brats President Gigi Ledesma Pereira of Veterans Medical Center as prime mover. A group composed of Rene de Villa, Jardi and Pat Jardiniano and Jun Tan-Gatue met twice to finalize the details. It's a Luau Party! Call time for the Brats is at 9:00 a.m., Brats have organized who should do what. It's a detailed preparation fit for an AFP Operations Plan. Invitation is through Mila Javier with final head count by March 13, it is an online registration for all fit for the computer age.



At lunch with Rene "Figo" and Lety Figueroa are: (seated from left) Baby Cabrera, Belen Buenaventura, Lety and Rene Figueroa: Standing from left: Baby Enriquez, Jun and Solita Tan-Gatue, Jardi and Pat Jardiniano, Ricky Cabrera, Vic Buenaventura and Ting Enriquez. Jardi celebrated his "nth" birthday complete with singing waiters and cakes lighted with a candle.



The last monthly Class lunch prior to the Diamond Jubilee Homecoming was held at the ELKS CLUB, 7F Corinthian Plaza, Paseo de Roxas, Makati on 12 Feb 2019, with Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Jackie Desquitado, Nick Festin, Paco Francisco and Jim Zumel present. Paco and Jim reported on their inability to join the Homecoming delegation.

**PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019**

Those who trooped to Baguio for the 2019 Homecoming event 14-16 Feb 2019 were as follows: Del Abaya, Nick Festin, Chuck Agustin, Jackie and Sol Desquitado, Hadji Desquitado and family, May Desquitado Tranquilino and daughter Keena, Pat Zumel Manzano with Daughter Erica, and Ronnie and Lydia Baccay with daughter Katrina Aliman and family, who flew in from Cebu via Clark.

Since it was Valentine's Day, all the good food outlets were booked solid and we could only be waitlisted at the JH Manor Forest View so we took that on the first day.

On the 15th (Friday) we went to FDP to register and join the 4:00 p.m. scheduled Memorial Services attended by the PMA Superintendent and staff, the PMAAAI Board and the Golden Jubilarian Class of 1969. It was a short, solemn ceremony which we (Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Nick Festin, Jackie Desquitado and Ronnie and Lydia Baccay) witnessed with interest.



We managed to get the following for the dinner: L to R: Mike Abaya, Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Ronnie Baccay And Nick Festin.

**ANDREW FRANCISCO's 85th BIRTHDAY**

Carmel had prepared magnificently to celebrate Paco's 85th natal day on 26 Feb 2019.

This she planned in response to Andrew's desire to come home to celebrate it here rather than in Colorado. Thus they came about ten days before the Homecoming (although other concerns

constrained them from attending the Baguio event).

This was held at the Man Ho Restaurant at the Marriott West Wing at their Barangay at Resorts World in Pasay. Good venue and event and we wished all of you were there.

Also present were Edna and Bing Garrido, and Chary and Lara Mia Garcia.



Photo shows the attendees of the dinner at JH Manor in the evening of 15 Feb 2019.



Photo shows the Homecoming registrants with Lydia.



The Diamond Jubilee marchers during the Homecoming Parade: Nick Festin, Del Abaya, Mike Abaya, Chuck Agustin and Jackie Desquitado. Ronnie Baccay had to just enjoy watching the Mistahs who marched.



The four attendees were Nick Festin, Eddie Garcia, Chuck Agustin and Del Abaya shown above with Andy Francisco in the middle.

Last minute regrets were sent by Max Dumlao, Timmy Imperial, Benny Lomotan, Jess Alcordo, Jackie Desquitado and Manny Dizon for various reasons.

Speeches by both Carmel and Paco highlighted the evening, with a bonus of some songs excellently sung by the celebrant.

### SOME BAD NEWS

Well, not really bad.

First, we found out that Jerome Ochocho is currently undergoing kidney dialysis, and


is being processed for early retirement (CDD). He has however been able to cope with it, is in good spirits, and we are hopeful all will be well. Let us pray for Jerome.

Then, it was the news on Jojo Casas's sudden hospitalization due to a heart attack, resulting in his quadruple bypass. Mike Abaya's post on our Viber net was quite relieving: "By pass is no problem nowadays. I had it a few years ago." Let us likewise pray for Jojo's early recovery after his successful bypass, which was done without any hitch.

### DIAMOND MEDALLIONS

All living Jubilarians received the DIAMOND MEDALLION. The PMAAAI President stated that all legitimate Associate members (former classmates adopted by the class) are provided the same with the Regular members.

The PMA Superintendent even gave one for Nick Manuel, whose demise last June 2018 we earlier missed.

We have sent over to you living legends all yours, except for Pete Baraoidan, who is still abroad and he will receive his when he checks in with us later this year. 



**ORLANDO B SALIENTES**  
President  
**MARINO P PANES JR**  
Secretary

**Jan 31 2019.** Pete Sistoza, the youngest member of our class, celebrated his 80th birthday. This means that 31 of us who are still standing are 80 years old and above. It was celebrated in the Garden Ballroom of the EDSA Shangriila Hotel. We are one member above 50 percent of the class number who are still standing. Not a bad record for a class at all. It seems 80 is a magic number. If you reach this age chances are you are going to have a few more years to your life.

Nestor and Edith Lim stayed with us for a few days during the first week of February. As most of you know Edith had an emergency medical problem which could almost be classified as NDE just like



sting Carino. It was a wake-up call for the couple. They followed my advice to settle their financial investments here to avoid a litigious process should, God forbid, the unthinkable happen. I still remember with dread the bureaucratic quagmire we had to wade through so that the children

of the late Col Maniquis could claim and withdraw his AFPSLAI investments.

During our class gatherings it is almost impossible not to notice that a few class members and/or their wives are showing signs of Alzheimer's disease. It is a fact of life that has to be accepted. We have

not seen Fred Ruiz for a long time. He said it breaks his heart to leave Linda who is no longer mobile at home. Manny Oxales uses a walker to go around. We have not also seen Ernie and Amy Arzaga for a long time. Of course Nanding Garcia, Rex Reyes, Bill Bas and Roy Aguilar have completely disappeared from the class radar. Roy Aguilar though connects with me through Facebook.

Orly Salientes and I talked to PMA Superintendent Lt Gen Ronnie Evangelista during the PMAAAI convention. He tentatively agreed to the class request to have our Diamond Anniversary celebration with the CCAFP the week before the homecoming next year. The good hotels have been fully booked by the classes celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries. Furthermore, there are already too many Peemayers attending the homecoming. Orly will update us on the final arrangements. It will be similar to the Emerald Anniversary celebration I planned and executed four years ago.

Jenny and I had lunch with Julpha in SM Aura in BGC during her annual pilgrimage back to the Philippines. She visited her UP friends and her Jakarta friends when Rod was the military attache there. She looks perfectly healthy.

Good news for car owners. An American college student was dismissed from college perhaps due to the pressure from college companies. He invented a device that saves you 30% of the oil cost. He found out that the fuel setting for cars were set over the engine requirement.



With his engineer-uncle they invented an eco-save device that you can plug into the car OBD port. OBD stands for ON BOARD

DIAGNOSTIC. Any car manufactured after 1966 has this OBD port you can plug the devise into. Try it. /Loven C Abadia '60



Year 2019 did not seem to enthruse the class as the important Alumni activities on January 19 and February 16 were not well attended in comparison to the previous years. During the Alumni General Meeting at the PICC, only class President, Ernie Tan and Cesar Fortuno responded to the secretary's call for class attendance. It was a muted response to the class attendance call as the two were very quiet.

At the Alumni General Meeting in Baguio City, only Pong and Monchie Biazon were present to represent the class. Pong

has made a covenant to attend all Alumni Homecoming for as long as his health can bear the rigors of a long and cold trek to Fort del Pilar. We remember that when he was the PMA superintendent, he introduced the parade of class colors as part of the Alumni Parade. The class colors is borne by a yearling who would be "hacked" while marching with the class. This is a tradition that continuous to be upheld by the Academy and Pong certainly takes pride in the Academy's appreciation of the practice. It really enlivens Esprit de Corps in the AFP, a cherished value that made the PMA distinct.

Last February 10, the children of Jorge Lagera invited the class to a surprise birthday party at the Romulo's Café in Quezon City. It was really a surprise for both Jorge and Auring because his birthday was on February 22. The venue was the

former residence of Gen. Carlos P. Romulo that was converted to a café. The interior features memorabilia with his former wife and family. Classmates who were present to wish Jorge's 83 birthday were:

Tony and Mar Suratos, Ernie and Beth Tan, Libby and Mining Manuel, Ernie and Cely Calupig and Ray and Xeny Jarque. Ed Cabanlig and Ed Domingo attended stag while Nick Rodriguez came with a very special friend.

All were seated when Jorge was ushered in while everybody sang "Happy Birthday". It was really a surprise for him and his response was a trembling lips with tears falling on his face. He later said that he was never been surprised like so in his entire life. We really made his day.

After lunch, Nick Rodriguez took the microphone to inform the audience of Jorge as a military professional. We

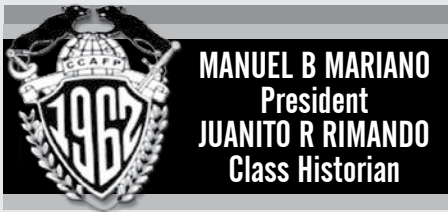


learned that out of the 11 class members who joined the Philippine Air Force, only himself, Jorge and Henry Payaoan completed their career in the Air Force fully. All three of them became generals and retired in the AFP with great pride in serving their beloved Country. Nick and Jorge had much time together specially

in their assignment in Cebu where Nick had a lot to share with Jorge's folks! And indeed, what was revealed made Auring and children more proud of Papa.

Last March 6, President Ernie Tan called for an Executive Meeting to discuss about our preparation for our Diamond Anniversary on February 2021. We agreed

to find out as early as this year who will be able to attend because room reservations must be made one year before. As for expenses, an appeal will be asked from living classmates to contribute an agreed amount from the increase in our pension from the AFP. Let everyone look forward to the event!



**Class First Quarter Socials.** Our first quarter socials fell on Monday, 11 March which was also the deadline for the Cavalier "Class Call." The editors were kind enough to accommodate our request to submit our class call beyond the deadline; thus this article is being written during the water crisis being experienced in Mandaluyong. The first quarter socials was sponsored by the first quarter birthday celebrants. It was held at Dad's Restaurant in SM Megamall at Mandaluyong. Scheduled 1100H, Maury Evangelista was at the place much earlier. This first event of the year was well-attended – about 50 classmates, ladies, children and other companions came. Class president Nano Mariano arrived together with Ramon Rodriguez. Quintin and Luz Alcudia, James and Vicky Ramon, Mara Enrile, Romy and Linda Meana, and Divine and Marian Divinagracia were already surveying the food when Heidi and I arrived. Lolit Bringas and Lizzie Mendoza (and Nora Lee), faces we have missed for a long time, were also around. The rest in the roll call: Charlie Tanega, Paco Atayde, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Al Lumibao, Roger and Hedy Luis, Freddie and Methy Filler, Felix and Zeny Tong, Glo Fernandez, Nick and Helen Custodio (with grandson Francis), Gerry and Baby Kagaoan, Fely Alimorong (and Dana and Minnie), Terry Domalaon (and friend Marissa), Manny Salimbangon, Ray Logan, Pepe Cortez, Lita Pacheco, Rene Motus, Maura Soriano, and Mitch Templo. The first quarter birthday hosts were Nano, Maury, Charlie, James, Ramon (Rodriguez), and Romy (Meana). Aside from food, there was also music and singing with the accompaniment of the restaurant's singing group. We enjoyed listening to oldies and the voices of Rene and Charlie who sang with the group. Another highlight of the occasion was the "testimonial of recognition" accorded to outgoing secretary Ray by class president for



*Class '62 at the PMAAAI annual general meeting.*



*Class '62 first quarter birthday celebrants and party hosts.*

a job well done. The class managed to get a group picture outside of Dad's which was near to impossible inside the restaurant.

**Attendance at the PMAAAI Annual General Meeting.** Our class has always attended and supported alumni affairs. This year, we were again at the alumni general meeting and elections at the Philippine International Convention Center last 26 January. Just like last year when the annual general meeting was held at the Solaire Theater, the PICC also comfortably accommodated the growing number of Academy alumni. Those who attended the affair were Nano, Maury, Tito, Quintin, Ray, Pepe, James, and Romy Meana. Since the class got raffle tickets of the PMAAAI raffle even more than its quota we were hopeful

that some would win at least one of the prizes. No luck this time.

**Farewell Coraminda "Ching" Lumibao.** We will miss her infectious laughter. We will miss her warmth and good-naturedness. Whenever you are with Ching, you are carefree because that's what she creates in you. The last time Ching was with the class was during our Christmas party in December last year. She had just come from the hospital then. On January 30, Ching succumbed to illness and left behind Al and their children – Dinna, Cecille, Antonio, and Alamay and their families. Friends, family, and classmates were with her at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary where she lay in state. On 3 February, Ching remains were cremated and she stays with Al. She was

with Dinna and Al during Dinna's birthday in early March.

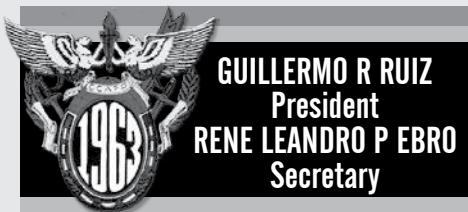
**Farewell David "Dave" Alimorong.** We had barely gotten over the shock of Ching's sudden demise when the news about Dave's death reached us. Sunday, 3 February was when Dave left his loved ones and classmates for the better world. Dave was in and out of the hospital late last year but resilient as he was, we expected him to be joining our activities shortly. Now Dave is gone. He left behind his wife Fely and their children Dennis, Prescy, Armi-Paz, Pamela, and Dana. We paid our last respects to him at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary. Necrological services were held on Friday, 8 February. His children and grandchildren sang for him and recalled how kind and loving he was as a dad and granddad. Roger Luis remembered fondly of Dave when Roger, fresh from West Point, reported to him in Nueva Ecija as his



After the class '62 first quarter socials.

first commanding officer. That started a lifetime of friendship. Nano Mariano gave his remarks in his capacity as class president. Mitch Templo spoke about his days with

Dave as younger officers. On Saturday, 9 February, Dave was borne to his final resting place at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in a fitting military burial. ###(JRIMANDO)



**H**oly week greetings from the PMA Matindi Class 1963.

Our activities from our Corporate Secretary logbook are as follows:

**26 January 2019**

The PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting was held at PICC, Pasay City. Eight mistahs were there. Cavs Bill Ruiz, Ed Batenga, Ebor Ebro, Ardy Abaya, Bigboy Adriano, George Aquino, and Bumi Bumanglag.

**07 February 2019**

77th Birthday of Tony Sibayan hosted by Pert and Inday Andaya at their residence in Provident Village, Marikina City. Tony was joined by his family. Also present were Bill Ruiz, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Kid and Lina Medina, George and Gie Aquino, Naty Laput, Aida Mayo, Rudy and Offie Javier and Rolly and Luz Espejo.

**08 February 2019**

The PMA Matindi Class 1963 regrets to inform you that our mistah Manuel R Estrada passed away at 0430H. He lied in state at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Paranaque City. His body was cremated 10 February 2019 (family only). Necro service was held in Shrine of St. Therese, Newport Blvd., Villamor, Pasay City on 18 February 2019. He was buried in LNMB, Taguig City

with full military honors by the PAF on 19 February 2019.

**10 February 2019** - Birthday of Class President Bill Ruiz. It was a family affair for Bill and Norma Ruiz.

**16 February 2019** - PMA Alumni Homecoming at Baguio City. Only Cavalier Pert Andaya and Tony Sibayan represented the class.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS


**March and April 2019** - The class wishes to extend warmest greetings, good health and good life to all birthday celebrators and may they have many, many more birthdays to come.

**March 2019** - Ardy Abaya (9), +Norma Sibayan (16), Rene Valencia (19), Joe Pineda (19), Norma Ruiz, (30).

**April 2019** - Dante Cruz (4), Ven Roallos (9), +Neng Tillah (29).

March and April are the Lenten Season. To quote St. Julian of Norwich "Pray inwardly" even though you find no joy in it. For it does good, though you feel nothing, see nothing, yes even though you cannot pray. For when you are empty, sick and weak your prayers please me, though little enough

to please. All believing prayer is precious to me." Unquote

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



It is quite unfortunate that our Mistahs in CONUS were affected with the cold and snowy weather thereat. This can be possibly the reason why Jorge and Miriam Agcaoili and Abe and Emet de Guzman spent their vacation here rather than in CONUS.

The longed planned visit at PMA, Loakan was successfully fulfilled with some of the Class '64 members and ladies visit last January 19-20, 2019. As planned the following events were fulfilled:

1. Departed for Baguio Jan. 18, 2019 and checked in with respective hotels, (Jimmy Valeros facilitated hotel accommodation for the class).
2. Arrived PMA, Fort Del Pilar call on PMA Supt and other officials
3. Attended parade PMA Cadet Corps at Borromeo Field.
4. Fellowship lunch for members and spouses.
5. Checked out respective hotels and left for Manila January 20, 2019.

It was indeed a memorable visit for Class '64 members in commemoration of its Emerald Anniversary (55 years). Congratulations to class '64 members!

Among those who attended the visit to PMA were:

1. Clem Mariano
2. Rey and Sandy Reyes
3. Billy and Beth Villareal
4. Terry and Ellen de la Cruz
5. Rene Garcia
6. Arfs and Vicky Arpon
7. Jimmy and Glo Valeros
8. Tony Aguilar
9. Abe and Emet de Guzman
10. Jorge and Miriam Agcaoili

The Class '64 golf club has been inactive for the past months. There was no representation in the PMA Alumni golf tournament in Baguio. Rene Garcia however is still inviting members to join him in our regular Tuesdays and Thursdays schedule.


Happy Birthday to the following March-April birthday Celebrants:

1. Nonong Saludares - April 06
2. Buddy Peran - April 21

Arfs and Vicky Arpon invited Class '64 members and ladies for lunch last March

05, 2019 in their residence at Malarayat Golf Estate in Lipa City.

Those who were present were:

1. Rene Garcia
2. Billy Villareal
3. Abe de Guzman
4. Jorge Agcaoili
5. Terry de la Cruz
6. Rey Reyes 





**MIGUEL A LEONARDO**  
President  
**EVERLINO P NARTATEZ**  
Secretary

**Greetings from the PMA MULAWIN CLASS 1965!**

A major class activity at the start of the year of the pig was A Special Mass Offering in Memorial to all the departed classmates and ladies namely: Rolly Abadilla; Ed Abesamis; Bernie Alejandro; Warieto Capitan; Igoy de Guzman; Emil De Leon; Bangbang De Leon; Pedy Domingo; Frenzy Fernandez; Dencio Gaddie; Hermie Limon; Atong Lintao; Ferdi Llapitan; Romy Malig; Lito Monta; Al Mora; Ed Nepomuceno; Willy Nicolas; Danny Olay; Tony Ortiz; Romy Padiernos; Mike Perena; Tisoy Rosal; Igna Santos; Primy Solis; Roger Umali and Ting Velasco and PMA 65 Ladies namely: Malu Alejandro; Linda Caballero Acenas; Nene Capitan; Tita de Guzman; Blanquita Leonardo; Sylvia Lintao; Jana Mora; Letty Padiernos; Nitz Solquillo; Jane Albano Nartatez; and Esther Velasco. It was done at St Ignatius Cathedral, CGEA, QC last Jan 19, 2019. Some members of the families of the departed attended the Memorial mass and the lunch that followed at the Aguinaldo Hall of AFPCOC. This lunch at AFPCOC is already considered as constituting our 1st Quarter of 2019 get together activity with all the birthday celebrators of the quarter hosting the same.

The attendees in both the Memorial Mass and the luncheon that followed were: Class President Mike Leonardo; Class Treasurer Egay Velasco and Dina Velasco; Doming and Mimi Habos; Susan Abadilla; Susan Abesamis; Bernardo Alejandro V1, Valerie Mora; Enri and Celia Bulan; Tates and Lyn Nartatez; Jess and Boots Candelario; Rolly Cauton; Gerry Guzman; Dianne Malig; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Rose Monta; Vi Santos; and Jomari Solquillo. Noli and Chit Fabic.

**Birthday Celebrators**

Best wishes to the following Mulawins and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in January, February, March and April: Susan Abadilla – Feb 2; Ed Abesamis (+)



-- January 3; Jun Arque - Mar 15; Noli Fabic - April 15; Mon Azurin - March 22; Robert Bruce - Jan 6; Celia Bulan - Feb 25; Warieto Capitan (+) - April 1; Susie Cauton - Feb 10; Tita de Guzman (+) - April 2; Emil De Leon (+) - Jan 29; Vicky De Leon - Jan 12; Lyn De Los Santos (+) - Jan 25; Al Del Los Santos - Mar 10; Frenzy Fernandez (+) - April 18; Cesar Flor - Feb 1; Vicky Guzman - Feb 18; Doming Habos - Jan 21; Janette Lapus - Feb 26; Atong Lintao (+) - Jan 23; Ofring Marcelo - Jan 10; Rose Monta - Jan 19; Ching Nicolas - April 11; Danny Olay (+) - Feb 12; Romy Padiernos (+) - Mar 29; Igna Santos (+) - Mar 12; Vi Santos - Feb 26; Steve Solis (+) - Feb 3; Jomari Solquillo - April 22; Ladio Tangan - Jan 8 and Lito Tapia - Jan 5. May you all continue to enjoy good health and more prosperity. Actually, Susan Abadilla celebrated her 70th birthday on Feb 2 with a dinner and dance at the Community Center of their Village in Loyola Grand Villa Heights, Quezon City which she announced during

the Jan 19 get together lunch at AFPCOC and where she personally invited all the attendees to join her in the celebration of her 70th birthday. As it was also the month of the heart only the couples Ofring and Lita Marcelo and Tates and Lynn Nartatez and Dianne Malig were able to attend. Rose Monta who just celebrated also her 70th + birthday on January 19 attempted to attend but got lost in the heavy traffic. and failed to reach the venue.

**Sad News**

It was not all birthday celebrations and get togethers during the quarter as towards the end of the month of February we received the very sad news of Evelyn Quiazon De Los Santos death which occurred on 261530 February 2019. She died at their residence in AFPOVAI after several years of bravely battling the Big C in the presence of husband Mulawin Major Gen Alfonso Pepe De Los Santos

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# PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING

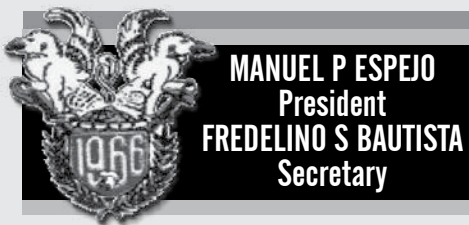
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and two of their three children. The Class expresses its sincerest condolences to the family. Wake for two nights was at Chapel 5 of The Heritage Park and burial was at noon time on February 28, 2019 at the Heritage Park. Several Mulawins and ladies condoled and provided additional moral support to the family during their hours of bereavement and were present during the wake and interment namely: Ofing and Lita Marcelo; Jess and Boots Candelario; Jomari Solquillo; Rose Monta; Joey Mendoza; Jun and Daisy Tucay; Rolly and Susie Cauton; Joe and Janette Lapus; Dianne Malig; Vi Santos; Vickie Turingan; Baby Duque, Lito and Mely Tapia, and Tates Nartatez.

The class was ably represented in the last PMAAAI General Assembly and Election last January 26, 2019 in the persons of our very snappy Major Generals -- Jomari Solquillo and Joe Lapus. And again during the 2019 Homecoming and Parade last Feb 15 - 16 with our two famous Naval Officers - Ofring Marcelo and Jun Tucay and. Rex Robles was just in time in the singing of our Alma Mater song. Thank you Sirs for always standing for the class. Treasurer Egay Velasco is ready to reimburse Ofring Marcelo, Jun Tucay and Rex Robles their hotel accommodation and transportation expenses as directed by Class President Mike Leonardo. We hope more Mulawin attendance in such important alumni affairs activities. /epn



**MANUEL P ESPEJO**  
President  
**FREDELINO S BAUTISTA**  
Secretary

#### PAMBUNGAD

Dahil sa lubhang init ng panahon, maraming may gusto na magkaroon ng summer outing. Magandang ideya, lalong-lalo na sa mga ladies. Ayon sa isang pipit, sila lang yata ang mga kasama. Ayon naman sa mga ibon, okay lang. Paminsan-minsan, bigyan naman kami ng breathing space. Sa katunayan, may mga plano na silang mag-stag sorties.

Sa totoo lang, ibang klase ang tag-init ngayon. Tumatagos sa balat. Nakaka – dehydrate. Kaya kailangang mag-ingat ang mga senior citizens. Mahirap na ang mapulmonya. Hindi lang malayo ang VMCM. Sobrang mahal maningil ang St. Lukes, Makati Med at Medical City at iba pang first-class hospitals.

#### REPORTED EVENTS

Actually, we are running out of official activities/reports to be reported in our Class Call. However, there are some happenings worthy of publication that were communicated to our “core” organization, together with e-pictures. Hopefully, others who participated in similar activities, wise or otherwise, would send reports to the class organization (or what remains of it) for inclusion in the Class Call in the nearest issue of the Cavalier.

#### HONTUCANS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Have you heard of Doming and Grace's Madison Garden and Residences at Barangay Viking (pronounced “beekings” by the Boholanos, according to Bay Galon), Dawis, Bohol? It is a relatively new business in the tourism block in Bohol. Doming and Grace celebrated their pre-Golden Wedding Anniversary thereat last 14 February 2019. On hand from the sixty-six ranks to celebrate with the newly re-weds were Leo and Carol Alvez, Cords and Patri Cordova, Bay and Margie Galon, Tony and Doris Romero, Pons and Cena Millena.

The affair served as a rehearsal for their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 14 February 2020. Actually, the Hontucan's invitation was relayed by Troy Dumadapat during the 9 December 2019 Class 66 Christmas Program. Somehow, not so many responded, in the absence of a group coordinator from Metro Manila to follow-up those in the city or probably because of the possibility of joining the alumni homecoming in the same week of February.

Anyway, the occasion was a happy one and those who saw copies of pictures would probably join during the finale next year.

#### ARUGAYS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Another happy couple who celebrated their wedding anniversary were Temy and Tess Arugay. They shared the happy occasion with mistahs and friends at the Larry's Restaurant in Hi-Street, Global City. Mostly, the attendees were those living nearby who make up the walker's group, morning church goers and some neighbors.

Those who enjoyed the breakfast event with the Arugays were Ruben and Cel Espejo, Fred and Paz Bautista, Pons and

Cena Millena, Bay and Margie Galon, Sylvia Agudelo, Edna Gopilan, son Albie with wife Joanne, Bong Gumtang and Father Betbet Rabonza of St. Michael Cathedral of Bonifacio Global City.

**ESPEJOS' BIRTHDAYS**

The Espejo farm home at Amadeo, Laguna is a fast-growing tourist spot and anytime get away haven for Class 66, never mind the hassle of the trip going back home. Last 3 March 2019, a big group of sixty-sixers and spouses went there to celebrate in advance Leonor's birthday on 26 March and that of Noli on 18 April.

It was so far the biggest Class 66 group who visited the Espejo's vacation home/rest house in this town near scenic Tagaytay City. Those who motored to the place aboard in several vehicles were Temy and Tess Arugay, Fred and Paz Bautista, Pons and Ces Millena, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Tony and Doris Romero, Jacie Aquino, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison, Cel Espejo, Meldy Espina, Susan Gador, Edna Gopilan, Tess Reyes and Fe Sabularse, in the order of recall.

Those who vowed to reduce their weight threw caution to the wind when lechon and bulalo, and noodles were served. There were other Filipino favorites like pinakbet and dinuguan. In short, eat all you can during the day.

**ARUGAY BIRTHDAY**

Max Restaurant in Bonifacio Global City has become a Class 66 Sunday hang-out. For many years now, this is where sixty sixers living in Makati and Taguig cities get together during Sundays – even just to drink coffee or on occasions, eat breakfast and lunch. Mostly KKB, unless someone offers to foot the bill.

It was quite different last 10 March 2019, not only because it was Temy Arugay's exact birthdate. It was because 25 sixty sixers and their ladies were present, an unusually big number for a Sunday in Global City. Perhaps, Temi has suddenly become the biggest crowd-drawer.

It turned out that the Max staff sang happy birthday and presented birthday cakes twice – one for Temy and the other for Bert Varona whose birthday was on 16 March yet but he was around together with Portia. Those who enjoyed the occasion were (not in any order) Noli and Leonor Espejo, Pons and Ces Millena, Bay and Margie Galon, Ben and Cel Espejo, Vic and Tita Belo, Bert and Portia Varona, Fred Bautista, Jacie Aquino, Menong Garcia, Ding Wenceslao, Tess Reyes, Glo Domingo, Sylvia Agudelo, Susan Gador, Fe Cuison, Edna Gopilan, son Albie and wife Joanne, and friend Romy Ucag.

**JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

If sixty-sixers won't watch their diet, they will surely gain additional pounds and inches. Last 18 March, those who celebrated



their birthdays in March 2019 agreed to host a lunch at Niu, SM Aura, Taguig City.

Those who responded to the call of the never mind were Temy and Tess Arugay, Fred and Paz Bautista, Vic and Tita Belo, Noli and Leonor Espejo, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Viusy and Mercy Dauz, Bay and Margie Galon, Pons and Ces Millena, Tony and Doris Romero, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Bert and Portia Varona, Jacie Aquino, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison, Glo Domingo, Susan Gador, Edna Gopilan, Tess Reyes, Ding Wenceslao and Menong Garcia.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

March and April are the two months which have the biggest number of birthday celebrators. How come? These are periods when the cool weather of February gives way to summer heat. Anyway, let us greet them.

For March – Temy Arugay (10), Romy Bruce (29), Joe Escarcha (19), Bay Neis (3), Bert Varona (16), Rhoda Parreñas (01), Fe Cuison (16), Susan Gador (14), Mercy Dauz (25) and Leonor Espejo (26).

For April – Cords Cordova (26), Gerry Cunanan (6), Rudy Eco (6), Noli Espejo (18), Bay Galon (22), Irene Antonio (5), Luz Baylon (7), Edna Gopilan (10), Fe Sabularse (13), April Fernandez (21) and Neneng Tagamolila (22).

**Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens!**

P.S. The March – born birthday celebrators followed thru a precedent established last year. The March – born sixty-sixers and ladies hosted a lunch on 18 March 2019 at the Niu in SM Aura, Taguig City. Those present were Temy and Tess Arugay, Fred and Paz Bautista, Vic and Tita Belo, Gerry and Cel Cunanan, Viusy and Mercy Dauz, Noli and Leonor Espejo, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Bay and Margie Galon, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Tony and Doris Romero, Bert and Portia Varona, Jacie Aquino, Louis Fernandez, Toots Totanes, Fe Cuison, Glo Domingo, Susan Gador, Edna Gopilan, Beth Payumo and Tess Reyes. The pictures below tell much of the rest of the occasion.







## CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the January – February 2019 period:

**11 January** – We gave thanks the sponsors of our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) – Jun and Agnes Avenido, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young – for a sumptuous lunch at the Misto Resto, Hotel Seda, Vertis North, QC.

**11 January** – In the early evening, many Dimasupils attended the BIRCI Annual Membership Meeting at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. The BIRCI is the PMAAAI Chapter where we belong.

**26 January** – Several Dimasupils attended the PMAAAI Annual Convention at PICC, Pasay City. Our delegation was very much bigger than those of other Classes. DND Secretary Delfin Lorenzana represented our very own PRRD as the Guest of Honor and Speaker.

**16 February** – Despite the fact that we already celebrated our 50th Golden Anniversary in February 2017, 20 Dimasupils and many Ladies attended the PMA Alumni Homecoming this year. The occasion was made more memorable with the presence of balikbayans Pol Aliac, Araw Bernabe, Libbie and Arleen Brawner, Myrna Espinosa, Claude Francisco, Oying Pinto, and Rudy and Nora Ruellos. Those from far places in our country also came – Manny Dalipe from Zamboanga City, Edsel and Toto Salvana from Cagayan de Oro City, and Louie Sanchez and partner from Palawan. After the parade, we had our Lunch (instead of Class Picnic) at our hotel, Golden Pine Hotel. In the evening,



we had our Post-Valentines Dinner at the same hotel. The lunch, dinner, and hotel rooms were shouldered by the Class. (We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PMA Superintendent and his staff for detailing a shuttle bus for use of our Class in going to PMA and back to the hotel during this Homecoming.)

**17 February** – From Baguio, the Class honored the invitation of Orly and Reem Tucay to a lunch-boodlefight at their hideaway Villa Amelia, Lingayen, Pangasinan. Three whole pieces of litsong baboy damo and plenty of seafood were wiped out. Our thanks to Orly and Reem for this unforgettable occasion.

B. Watch out for our schedule for the March – April 2019 period, onwards, as follows:

**30 March** – DMF (Lunch) to be hosted by Manny and Maryrose Dalipe, Jun and Ronnie Ibay, and Nic and Glo Parena at Buffet 101, Robinsons Magnolia, Aurora Blvd, QC.

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

**May** – DMF to be hosted by Joy and Noemi Casillan and Vic and May Garcia.

**June** – DMF to be hosted by Hedy Duenas and Ross and Mandie Sibal.

## UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

Congratulations to Jun Avenido and Jun Ibay on their reelection as 2019 – 2020 Chairman and President, respectively, of the PMA Foundation Inc (PMAFI) whose sole purpose is to help the Academy further improve the quality of its instruction. All Dimasupils are members of this Foundation.

Congratulations also to Vic Garcia for winning a laptop computer in the PMAAAI Raffle for a Cause last 26 January.

## UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Congratulations to Zamboanga City Congressman Mannix Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, for having been selected as one of the four recipients of the Mayor's Citation Award during the 82nd Dia de Zamboanga Celebration on 26 February 2019, for having authored various laws and initiated projects that benefit the Zamboanguenos. By the way, Mannix was one of the first Congressmen who filed a Bill in the present Congress increasing the salary of uniformed personnel with the indexation provision for retirees. As we all know, our mistah PRRD readily approved the final consolidated Bill jointly endorsed by the Senate and House of Representatives. We are now waiting for the implementation of this new Law through the GAA 2019.

Congratulations also to Shaina Santiago, daughter of Mar and Beth, on her marriage to Jaycee Moraga on 02 March 2019 at San Antonio de Padua Church in Silang, Cavite. Alice Averilla, Jun and Agnes Avenido, and Linz Gabuna were offerors during the Mass.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jovy and Baby Sales on the death of her mother Lourdes Cruz del Rosario on 26 January 2019 in Metro Manila, due to pneumonia that led to cardiac arrest. We pray for her eternal rest with the Lord.



**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS**

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in March and April: Sonyang Austria (4 March), Lea Vallejera (5), Ching Aguana (8), Josie Dela Cruz (12), Nic Parena (20), Jun Ibay (21), Bennie Ventura (21), Rody Duterte (28), Mely Gatmaitan (30), Manny Dalipe (31), Alice Averilla (9 April), Mila Pinto (9), Nenie Abendan (12), Carol Rigor (12), Bert Torres (16), Eve Villacorta (17), Rudy Gaerlan (18), Mar Gatmaitan (26), and Dinsay Dionisio (28).

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We would like to recognize the following Dimasupils who got or sold at least 10 tickets of our Bingo Fund-raising last December 2018: Ernie Dionisio, Bobby Lastimoso, Romy Odi and Mar Santiago.

Please be reminded that we have to pay our annual contribution to the Social Amelioration Fund in the first quarter of the year to avail the discount for early payors. Contact our Class Treasurer Rody Gaerlan on how to make the payment.

**CLASS TRIVIA**

(This portion of our Class Call is contributed by Bernie "Uncle Bobo" Patino. The opinions expressed herein are solely his



and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Class or this magazine. So beware!)

During our Post-Valentines Dinner in Baguio last 16 February, an Igorot music was played. The Dimasupil Igorots (ang dami pala nila) rendered an impromptu Igorot dance. Unang pumasok ang mga tunay na Igorot – Libbie Brawner, Sancho Sanchez at Pol Aliac. Then, mga fake na Igorot – Abe Din, Mar Santiago at Ompong Ruelos. Kaisang Igorota sa gitna ay fake din, si BFF Alice Averilla. Pati apo kong si Wackee ay nakisawsaw na rin, Igoroting siya – maliit na Igorot. Absent sina Roy Aguana at Vic Buaquen, mga tunay na Igorot.

Madame Alice Averilla hosted another "mahjong/tsibugan" session in her house a

few days ago. Lunch, unli-merienda, dinner at mahjong na talagang enjoyable. Sa mahjong, Nora Ruelos and I were winners while Mar and Mina Cordero were losers. Conclusion: Players with higher IQ are usually winners!

Last January, I had severe constipation for four days. An x-ray of my stomach showed a large fecal obstruction. I was given laxatives. Some Dimasupils offered unsolicited advices. Fred Encarnacion: "Try mo yung kombucha." Orly Tucay: "Have more roughage." Cora Din: "Pineapple fruit/juice and oatmeal." But nothing could beat the advice of that great philosopher, and sage Abraham Din: "Mistah, sa umaga gatas, sa tanghali prutas, at sa gabi butas."

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



The class sincerely expressed sympathy over the untimely passing of Maria Corazon "Cora" Umali-Juan on February 15, 2019. She was an irreplaceable life-partner of Art Juan. She was a great mother and grandmother having fulfilled her Christian duties and obligations. She has transcended from the first chapter of mortal existence to the life of immortality. Born to mortality. Died to immortality.

The year 2019 has some major changes in the class organization. An organizational meeting was held on January 23, 2019 at the Matikas Hall in Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club.

The attendees were Art Carrillo, Dioming Villanueva, Rudy (Bagsie) Rabago, Willy Nuqui, Chris Francisco, Volts Gazmin, Mel Rosales, Abe Abiol, Alex Costales, Dante

Ruiz, Art Juan, Sonny Penilla, Oskie Cabaron and Nori Azcueta. The inspiring ladies present were Rody Gazmin, Isay Nuqui, Candy Azcueta, Julie Ruiz, Gigi Cabaron and ShirLey Costales. It was a 'KKB' lunch-fellowship after the golf game of some CM golfers led by class A, Pat Madayag. Pat and Oskie are offering an incentive for those who can make a hole-in-one a pair of new putting balls. This is in addition to you existing balls. It must be done in the real golf course and not in the home or domestic course!

**Matters taken up:**

**1. Confirmation of elected officers of the Class Board of Directors for the year 2019.**

The following were confirmed and designated as class officers for the year 2019:

Class President- Art Carrillo. Vice President – Dante Ruiz. Secretary – Chris Francisco.

Treasurer- Alex Costales. Auditor/Event Coordinator - Pat Madayag.

a. The outgoing Treasurer, Abe Abiol turned over the class fund financial records

to Alex Costales. Abe Abiol reported that the total Investment (capital contribution and saving; all in AFSLAI ) of the class as of 21 January 2019 is 1.6M (more or less) with a cash on hand of 1, 300 + pesos. Abe Abiol has been updating our financial records for three times since October last year with the latest update on January 21 this year.

b. Report of the Class PMAAAI Raffle Tickets on January 26 at the PICC during the PMAAAI annual convention.

Ticket stubs given to Julie were turned over to Alex Costales that were dropped in the raffle tamboli at the PICC during the convention day on January 26, 2019. The 165 tickets entrusted to the class were all sold out; with 24,000 pesos earned by the class from the proceeds of tickets sale. The class was not lucky enough to win any prize, but the same all were satisfied for having contributed to the fund raising campaign. With vigor and enthusiasm let us keep on trying to have better luck next time. Present at the PMAAAI Annual Membership Meeting at the PICC in Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City on January 26, 2019 were Abe Abiol, Deo Caballero, Nori Azcueta, Chris Francisco,



Sonny Penilla, Rudy Rabago, Oskie Cabaron, Bobby Santiago, Dante Ruiz, Mel Rosales, Volts Gazmin, Hector Tarrazona, Art Juan, Art Carrillo, Rene Santos, and Alex Costales.

c. Fellowship golf (bi-monthly) is being handled by Pat Madayag. Art Carillo has suggested that next time we shall hold it in the PNGC or Kagitingan Golf in Fort Bonifacio. This shall make a balance venue attendance of those CMs golfers south of the border of Pasig river. The southerner golfers south of the Pasig river are Dioming Villanueva, Chris Francisco, Abe Abiol, and Volts Gazmin. Northerner golfers north of Pasig river are Pat Madayag, Oskie Cabaron, Bobby Santiago and Rudy Rabago.

## 2. Action Plan to Manage Class Funds.

The class officers and all members have to tackle the problem of raising funds in preparation for the incoming activities of the class, making provision for the untimely and unforeseen events like the amount of 'abuloy' and other forms of financial assistance. The more important activity we look at the inevitable future is the diamond anniversary of the class comes February-March 2028. We need more funds to cover the activities and of course to provide for the inflation adjustment on the cost of living and expenses.

The following are some suggested

guidelines to be validated and observed:

a. Minimize and/or avoid unnecessary activities that will only drain our resources and funds.

b. Avoid too much giving emphasis to prestige. We must first define and identify such activities that are needed and to choose the alternative course of action that will minimize the cost without sacrificing quality. An example of this is holding activities in an expensive restaurant which we can achieve the same objective in a middle class venue, hence save money. We must have a yearly flow projection of funds for the next nine (9) year until 2028. Note that during our golden anniversary, the class has spent 2 million pesos more or less. We need at least the same amount during our diamond anniversary.

c. The Php5,000

'dole out' to those going up to Baguio City during alumni-graduation activities must be discouraged or stopped. Individual CM must do their share and contribution to the funds build up. We cannot forever be dependent on the class funds which in fact are going down and already depleted. To date, we have only about less than 2,000 pesos (actual only 1,300 ) cash on hand and only 1.6 million pesos total investment. How can we achieve a modest amount for the diamond anniversary come 2028? At a net income of 2 million pesos investment at 10% a year, we can generate about 4 million pesos in nine years.

d. Class fellowship meetings must be shouldered on a "KKB" basis. This is now being done by the class. Generous celebrants may donate. According to unconfirmed statistics, for every 100 pesos donation will add 3 days to you longevity. Say, donate 10,000 pesos, you shall have 300 days added to your life! It is worth doing because "to save a soul, there is a song in your heart". If in doubt, consult Reverend Abe.

e. Look for other sources of investment to raise funds. While fund raising like golf is still valid, it is now very difficult for us to do this since we do not have the influence or status as many other younger classes have. We are the fading generation that we must realize and accept.

Senior citizens never die but just fade away, disappear or relocate in the spiritual world. "mayron din daw na golf course doon." We hope that no mortality shall happen sooner, and at least we are all be around alive and still kicking comes the diamond anniversary.

f. Determine how much do we need to support our diamond anniversary by the year 2028. How about the monthly and mandatory expenses for activities beyond our control and forced financial assistance? An example is the yearly Christmas party. We must make this simple and less expensive.

g. Donation /voluntary contribution from generous CMs to class fund is encouraged.

h. Other matters related to this endeavor are for discussion next class meetings.

## 3. Birthday Celebrants for January-April.

We greet the following birthday celebrants, and may they have long-productive life to continue their 'apos' tolic duties.

**January:** Vic Ramos, Dante Ruiz, Boyet Lim and Evelyn Erolin. **February:** Ted Lasmarias, Rody Gazmin, Rosie Subala, and Celia Canson. **March:** Willy Nuqui, Bobby Santiago, Tony Sierra, Ledy Sierra, Celia Canson, Peewee Tarrazona, Angging Dumlao, and Luz Samonte. **April:** MJ Del Leon, and Agnes Salvio.

## 4. Class Trivia on the Lighter Side of Life. The God Nature's Paradise known as Shangri-la.

Chris, a moderate senior citizen had just returned from a week-long pilgrimage in the South having boosted that he finally found the fountain of youth that had rejuvenated his manliness; fully charged his low battery to the nth degree. The fountain of youth (Shangri-la) is found in paradise islands of Palawan. Famous is the El Nido (island hopping) beaches four hour drive from Puerto Princesa City. Fairer sex from six to sixties in barely clad bikinis (multi-color women & children) abound in the beaches for your eyes only, and even free picture taking. El Nido has been rated the best island resort in the world. Open the whole year round, tourists all over the world flock to El Nido, the Underground River (among the seven modern wonders of the world) and the rest of Palawan. Come to Palawan and rejuvenate your manliness that energizes your spirit; restore youth and beauty to your heart's content! For those who wish to seek adventure, consult Chris, free of charge to maximize enjoyment at the least cost. Do this now while your eyes can still see and your legs are strong! -crf



**JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS**  
President  
**JUSTO P MANLONGAT**  
Secretary

**Nostalgic Trip to Loakan!**

Early morning of Friday, 15 February, Suaviters, their ladies, widows and children excitingly took two Genesis buses, provided with direction and generous assistance of Mistah Tom Lantion, from Navy Golf Club. Meanwhile, other Suaviter families took separate vehicles to trek back to where our youthful dreams were born – Fort del Pilar, Baguio City!

**Wreath Laying for Deceased Alumni**

First activity was in the afternoon of our first day where the Suaviters were honored guests in the ceremony for Wreath Laying for Deceased Alumni was held presided by PMAAAI Chair Jimmy delos Santos '69 and Lt Gen Ronnie Evangelista '86, PMA Superintendent with a contingent from the Cadet Corps rendering the honors and a segment of the Cadet Choir providing appropriate music.

Suaviter widows and children in attendance were: Rachel Gonzales-Kunkle, only daughter of deceased couple Rimbart and Faye Gonzales, Lita Balansay, Andie Mendigo, Luz Lagman, Tina Ariola-Lasig, only daughter of Kayong and Celia Ariola, Decdec Bacungan, Sol Mendoza, Jorie Almaden and Menjie Erfe.

No family member of our deceased Mistahs Lito Labao, Dick Segovia, Oca Tantingco and Damy Yala was able to attend... in their memory, the class silently thanked them for services they unselfishly rendered to God, Country and People and then offered fervent prayers for the Eternal Rest and Peace of their souls.

By his own initiative, PMAAAI Chair De los Santos established a nostalgic and memorable tradition where the widows of departed golden jubilee alumni, beginning with the Suaviters, were individually honored and awarded medallions in behalf of their departed Suaviters by the PMA Superintendent as the kick-off ceremony of the yearly Alumni Homecoming celebrations.

Right afterwards, the Suaviters, their Ladies



and families were treated by the PMA Superintendent to a delectable Reception at Longyanban Hall.

**2019 PMA Alumni Homecoming!**

Bright and early of the following morning, 16 Feb, 21 Suaviters, 19 ladies, eight widows and children cheerfully took their buses and drove through the delightfully familiar route from BCC and Holiday Park to Loakan. *Minutes later, a hush of silence fell as the buses entered the portals of PMA.*

The morning celebrations started with a skydiving exhibition performed by Peemayers representing the Philippine National Police. They sent the crowd into a little frenzy of ohhhhs and ahhhhs as they landed on and near a target in front of the Borromeo Grandstand. On hand to greet the skydivers were PNP Chief Cav Oscar Albayalde '86 and NCRPO Chief Cav Guillermo Eleazar '87.

The succeeding ceremonies, especially the entrance of colors individually representing the various post-war Academy classes, did not fail to awe the audience! By tradition, the Suaviters, as Golden Jubiliarians, were given top honors to lead all graduates in reviewing the Corps. How

time flies! It seems just like yesterday when the 'parades and inspections' were part of our cadet menu!!! When it came a point when we can literally execute its series of movements even while sleeping!!!

Somehow familiar questions lingered in our minds as we watched the Corps: Did I look as confused as that plebe from Alfa Coy? Or as snappy and sure of himself yearling and cow from Charlie Coy and Foxtrot Coy, respectively? Or as inspired and forward-looking as the firsties from the 2nd Battalion staff?

What a thrill to be marching once again on the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field, this time alongside our respected upperclassmen, Mistahs and snappy underclassmen, numbering 53 classes in all! The true essence of the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field may not be too clear to many but for men and women who had been members of the CCAFP, the parade ground evokes a myriad of memories and emotions of time spent on it during ceremonies and other traditional cadet rites of passage – Reception, Weekly Drills, Incorporation, Silent Drill, Physical Fitness Tests, Sports, Intramurals, Recognition Ceremonies, Graduations...



# CLASS CALL

As the alumni continued forming in front of the grandstand, the Suaviter Ladies were asked to put on the Golden Medallions over the necks of their beaming hubbies! 'Twas a very short and simple ceremony, to many it may not seem momentous...but to the Suaviter the medallions hung over our necks by our wives and partners-in-life symbolize the embodiment of how we have lived our lives through 50 years after graduation!

A memorable lunch followed for the Suaviter group at the nearby Lopez Hall. A singer and guitarist provided entertainment and the remnants of *The Sounds of '69* quickly took the occasion to render a few songs, hahaha! (*More than 50 years ago, that same spot housed our Barber Shop and Boodle Bar, remember plebes?*)

### Transition in the PMAAAI Board

Like clockwork, before the 2019 Alumni Homecoming came to a close, an entirely new PMAAAI Board was sworn by GOHAS Cav Roy Cimatu '70. The incoming Board will be led by Cav Rufo de Veyra '70 as Chair and Cav Edgar Aglipay '71 as Vice Chair.

We take this occasion to congratulate our very own Mistah Jimmy de los Santos



who chaired the outgoing PMAAAI Board for a JOB WELL DONE for putting together plans and programs designed to assimilate, invigorate and reinforce the association! Truly, an outstanding Association year for an efficient Board seemed too short!

### Suaviter Birthday celebrators

**Birthday celebrators for March and April 2019:** Odette Aguda (4 Mar), Rey (11 Mar), Amy Maligalig (16 Mar), +Larry (17 Mar), Didi (of Nick) Garcia (21 Mar), Jimmy (2 Apr), Smokey (11 Apr), +Dick (14 Apr), Jess R (19 Apr), Olive Regala (20 Apr) and Vic T (26 Apr).

### Quo vadis, Suaviters?

*So here we are, Mistahs...at the very threshold of our Golden year!*

*Surely, we basked in the heart-warming memories of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Homecoming that will keep us inspired for a very long time...being together once more with our Mistahs, Suaviter Ladies, widows and children...the viewing for the nth time of the Corps of Cadets at the Borromeo Field and most especially being awarded the Golden Jubilarian Medallion by our OAOs, better-halves and significant ones!*

*And a challenge is posed to each of us – Let's see y'all on our Diamond Jubilee in 2029!!! //bingbo'69*



**EDGAR B AGLIPAY**  
President  
**JOSE C LALISAN JR**  
Secretary

### February PMA Homecoming Activities

Twenty Matatags and one adopted member attended the Alumni Parade at the Borromeo Grounds last 16 February 2019 Homecoming. Donned in their elegant white polo jacket with the class 71 logo on their left breast with matching white jacket and black pants, they marched off with gusto to review the Corps of Cadets. Everybody was in step with the bass drum and thanks Lord, nobody bogged down. I think it was the spirit and excitement to grace the once-a-year event of the PMA Homecoming.

More excited, perhaps, than the Matatags were our Mas-Matatags. They were in their white and orange attire. Their presence indeed offered much pride and inspiration to the class. Those who marched off were Egay Aglipay, EQ Fernandez, Tex Balmaceda, Archie Almario, Marte Chioco, Oca Martinez, Dong Tabamo, Rey Rivera, Jun Fabros, Joey Lalisan, Bob Sacramento, Doy Francisco, Dick De Leon, Rey Alcasid, Rollie Garcia, Ruben Domingo, Stan David, Wency Cruz, Rene Paredes, Dan Perico, and Jerry Albano. Our adopted member from Los Angeles Bob Fermin also attended but watched from the bleachers with our ladies. Those Mas-Matatags present were Mawie Aglipay, Rose Almario, Tetet Chioco, Jing Martinez, Consul Lulu Tabamo, Jie Rivera, Celia Lalisan, Eden Sacramento, Annie de Leon, Mina Alcasid, Malou Garcia, Fe Domingo, Lolit David,

Puring Cruz, Sara Paredes, Verna Albano, Lita Gil, Aleli Belonia, Jennie Domingo, Rochee Domingo, Phattz Balmaceda, Chato Perico, and Ine Fermin. After the parade, everybody boarded the coasters provided by Class Prexy Egay and proceeded to the residence of Tita Yan, the sister-in-law of Mawie for the sumptuous lunch. Moreover, a short class meeting was held to review and inform the ladies of the plan for the 50th Anniversary celebration for 2021.

### Valentines Party 2019

Last 14 February, the class had a Valentines Ball at the Crown Legacy Hotel in Baguio City. Our hosts were Class Prexy Egay and Mawie, who were incidentally celebrating their wedding anniversary. Roses were given to the Mas-Matatags during the occasion and the Matatags rendered the



Kaydet Song for them. The night was full of dancing enticing everyone to take the floor especially when a dance instructor led the line dancing to the delight of the ladies. Thanks Egay and Mawie for that wonderful evening.

**Baguio Golf**

Of course, the class 71 Hampaslupa Group could not miss the fairways in Baguio City. Very early in the morning of 15 February, Matatag golfers led by Egay and players Tex, Rollie, Jerry, Joey, Ed Mati, Totoy, ReyAl, Doy, and Jun Fabros, teed off the Pinewoods Golf fairways which was barely opened. It was a very cold morning which resulted to our lousy scores in our first three holes. But as the day progressed, the temperature became warmer and warmer thus improving our game in the process. The big winners were Tex and Ed Mati. Congrats!

**Matatag Fellowships**

More fellowships are now being done by the Matatags. These are in the form of golf, birthdays, class meetings, or small groupings with common interest other than sports. Of course, the Hampaslupas have more of these after the golf game. There is always the kantiyawans against the losers, the bragging rights of the winners, and the "review" always of the cadet life. I guess, all alumni, after rotting for four years in the Academy, cannot forget, forego, or outgrow the experiences in PMA. The life in the Academy is truly ingrained in us. This has always been the case of the class 71 golfers where they had fellowships in Southwood, Navy, Villamor, Northwood, and Anvaya golf courses for February and March.

We had our first quarter class meeting, birthday event, and fellowship last 10 February. This was hosted again by Egay and Mawie at their residence. A mass was celebrated after the class meeting. Small cakes were given to each celebrant. During the class meeting, Jerry Albano, the Chairman of the Uniform Committee for

our 2021 50th anniversary, modeled the attire that the class would wear. This was approved by the attendees.

Yes, as a priest friend said in the viber: "So, let's try to take full advantage of the time we have left. Let us not stop looking for activities that we like. Let's put color in our greyness. Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts." And the day is today and the moment is now. Enjoy Life!

**March Recollection, Mass, and fellowship**

Last 13 March, the class yearly recollection was done at the residence of Egay and Mawie, as always. This was in preparation for the Holy Week. Fr. Manoling Francisco S.J. led the recollection proper. It was an enlightening afternoon for the attendees where they shared some of the lessons in the life of Jesus Christ. The participants were Egay and Mawie, Jing and Oca, Dong and Lulu, Wency and Puring, Bert and Marmie, Joey and Celia, Totoy and Jie, Jerry and Verna, Aris and Nina, Mel and Hazel, Marte and Tetet, Atot and Sara, Aleli Belonia, Lita Gil, Jennie Domingo, Lulu Runes, Eden Sacramento, Rochee Domingo, Annie Lim, and Tess Foronda.

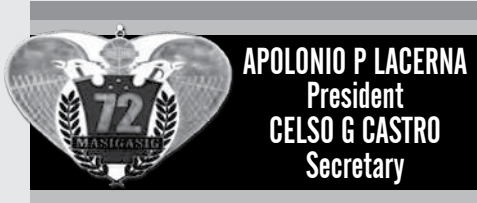
After a 30-minute break for merienda and fellowship, mass was celebrated for the participants led by Fr. Francisco.

**Quote for this Issue:**

In "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." Psalm 1:1 KJV

-JCL//13 Mar 2019





Warm greetings to all!

Let me summarize the details of significant class activities for the first quarter of this year:

### Alumni Homecoming 2019:

The 2019 Alumni Homecoming last February was a resounding success as far as Masigasig is concerned. Sixty eight (68) Mistahs trekked to the City of Pines to join the yearly celebration, among them were four (4) Mistahs from Canada and USA. (Jimmy Viernes, Dulce Bismonte, Willy Mejia and couple Raffy Vilches and his amiable wife Annie). Noticeable was the presence of Ernie de Leon and wife Emily, Yolly Lasar and Lena Urbi who had been absent in previous class activities for various reasons. The trip to Baguio was relaxing and quiet comfortable, thanks to the new bus courtesy of Gov. Pogi Espino, the distinguish governor of Pangasinan. The Espino family consistently supports our class activities for years. As usual, the whole class stayed at Microtel, our second home every homecomings. The check-in process was well organized. The whole afternoon and early evening of Feb 15 was declared open time in preparation for the hectic schedule looming ahead.

The following day, the bus left the hotel earlier than expected to avoid the monstrous traffic on the way and arrived at PMA past 7am. After the usual registration at Melchor Hall, the Masigasigs proceeded to Bahay Masigasig for fellowship and coffee break (ensymada and biko) while waiting for the Alumni parade. After the parade, everybody went back to Bahay Masigasig for lunch prepared by Supreme Hotel, our perennial caterer for years. Lunch over, the traditional class meeting was held presided by the outgoing and incoming Presidents; Manny Teodosio and Pol Lacerna, respectively. In his remarks, the former expressed his thanks to the Class specifically to the officers for the support extended to him during his tenure. Likewise, the later, thanked Teody in behalf of Masigasig for steering the Class to greater heights. Pol



affirmed his commitment to do his best as new Prexy. The highlight of the meeting was the election of Class Officers. Jun Espines was unanimously nominated and elected as Incoming Class President for two years (CY 2020- 2022) in preparation as Chairman of PMAAAI Board for CY 2021-2022. Coincidentally, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2022. Relatedly, Orly Buenaventura was also nominated and elected as Incoming President in CY 2022-2023 to succeed Jun Espino. Through the motion of Gene Senga, all current BOT/ Class Officers were re-elected for another year. It seemed nobody wants to be a Class Officer. For other matters, a Committee headed by Dionix Dionisio was created to evaluate the status of inactive honorary members and to come up with appropriate recommendation. The status of the residential lot bought by the Class from RSBS in the name of Art Lomibao and Mol Sales were also discussed. Celso Castro volunteered to research from RSBS and LRA to find out the facts and status of the said lot.

### Post Valentine Party:

The yearly and most anticipated Post Valentine party was held last Feb 17 at Crown Legacy Hotel. Everybody was at their best and came wearing their "smartest casual." Each company came up with special presentations, backed up by the ladies of course. There were no prizes at stake except bragging rights. The birthday celebrators for the 1st quarter were recognized and serenaded with songs and cheers. There were more of singing and dancing, sumptuous foods and wholesome entertainment. What more can we ask? The party ended at 2300H except for a few who joined Espines for more fellowship over the magical spirit of Double Black.

### BOT/ Class Officers meeting:

The first meeting of BOT/ Class Officers presided by Prez Pol was held last 06 March at PNGC. The following agenda were discussed and approved by the Board:

- a. Minutes of the Class meeting last 16 Feb held at PMA.



b. Class recollection on 05 April at PNGC. The Ladies Working Group headed by Alyn Lacerna was tasked to organize/plan the activity.

c. The 2nd quarter social will be held on May (date and venue to be announced later) to jibe with anti-flu vaccination.

d. As recommended by Alyn Lacerna, the following have been designated as members of Working Group: Yolly Valencia, Ludy Vidad, Neris Batestil, Cely Nobleza, Fe Castro, Vangie Dizon, Faith Ebuena, Lucille Flores and Mila Naval.

e. For Finance update, Bing Valencia reported a surplus of about 240K more or less from our budget to be deposited in our capital contribution to PSSLA. For confidential consideration, we are not divulging our financial statement. It will be for our eyes only. We enjoined everybody to refrain from mentioning it in any form of social media. For those who want a complete financial statement, kindly contact our Treasurer for details.

f. The class will conduct an outreach program for the benefit of senior citizens and other less fortunate persons in the different orphanage and caregiver centers.



The Ladies Working Group is tasked to plan this humanitarian endeavor to be presented to the Board. Likewise, they were requested to visit our sick Mistahs and continuously pray for their immediate healing and recovery; in particular, Eric and Marivic Aurelio, Lads Ladia, Albin Rivera and Cristy Galang and other sick Mistahs.

**BirthDay Greetings:**

BirthDay greetings and felicitations to our celebrators. For April: Lorna Abu, Nap

Castro, Molong Narcida, Marvin Concha (Dec), Gigi Tagamolila(Dec), Edgar Paguio, Cristy Galang, Art Sabado, Rico Teves, Alyn Lacerna, Ressa Reyes, Nina Tor, Ed Sta Clara, Johnny Salvana and Bert Tagamolila. May: Cely Nobleza, Amy Brillantes, Angelito Santos (Dec), Marivic Aurelio, Nene Pestano, Ed Gador, and. Grace Sta Clara. To all of you Happy Birthday and God Bless.

Till next Class call and happy reading to all...OSLEC.



**PMA Class 1974: Sapphire Jubilarians**

To all members of PMA Class of 1974, Happy Sapphire Anniversary!!! It has been 45 long years since we graduated from the Academy, but the memories of it remains as fresh as if it happened just a few years ago. According to Class Historian Mistah Ruben Garcia, the Class of 1974 reported on April 1, 1970 (155 strong) and 114 graduated in January of 1974. Our GHQ orders for commission to the regular force of the AFP state January 5, 1974, but we graduated on January 11, 1974 (the graduation rites should have been on January 7, 1974 but due to unavailability of President Ferdinand Marcos, the date was moved to a later date). The Class was accelerated in academic curriculum because of the death of junior officers in the field. "Marangal" Class of 1974 was in fact ready to graduate by November of 1973; however to retain our identity as the Class of 1974, higher headquarters deemed it wiser to graduate us in Jan of 1974. We

were actually the second PMA Class to be accelerated. The first was the Class of 1951 because of the Korean War. Practically after graduation and the academic break, the whole Class of 1974 was deployed in various parts of Mindanao. The PA and PC groups were assigned in Army and Constabulary battalions operating in war-torn areas. The PN group was assigned in the marine battalions deployed in Jolo and Tawi-tawi while the PAF group was assigned in Air Force stations in Mindanao. Not long after the deployment, most Marangals experienced their first baptism of fire. The Class incurred its first fatality by May of 1974 followed by several others in the next two years. The casualties were mostly from the Army and the Marines. To date, of the

114 who graduated in 1974, 27 had gone ahead to answer the Final Roll Call. PA group has incurred 11 fatalities, the PN/PCG has lost eight, PC has lost four mistahs and lastly, the PAF group has incurred four casualties. The 87 are still up and about and still raring to answer the call to arms all in the name of our country and all that she stands for!

**PMA Alumni Homecoming 2019**

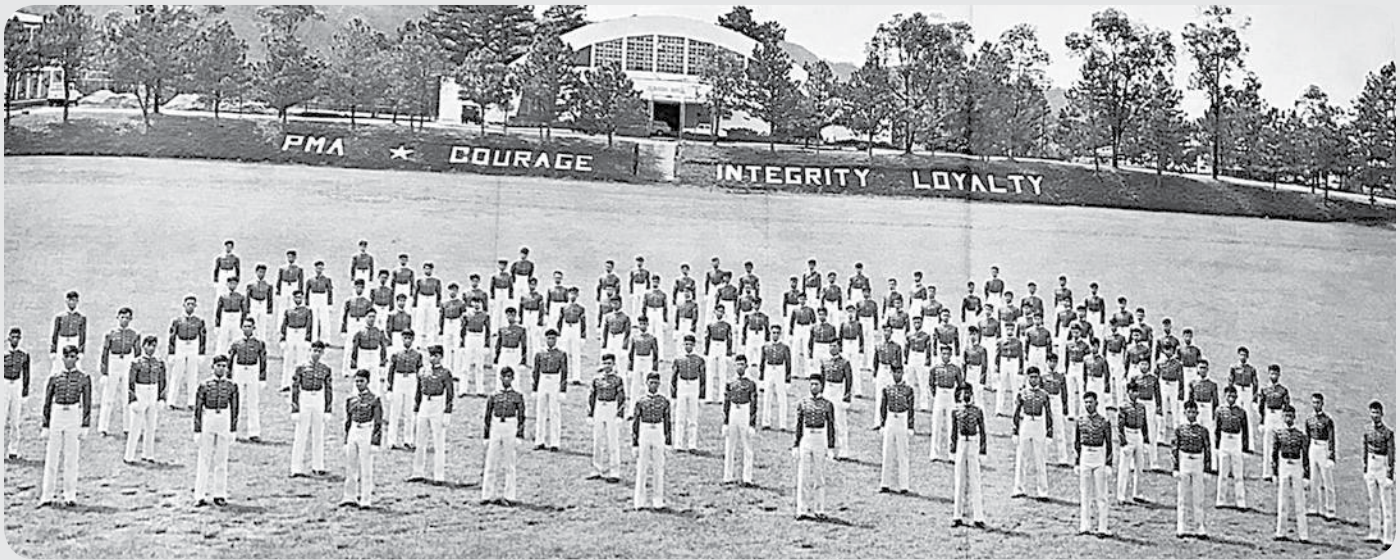
By Rene Rieza

"Let it not be forgot..."

A few years back, in one of those dinners our class holds whenever an expat mistah comes visiting, talk turned to the hot issue of that day: the dismissal of a cadet for Honor Code violation. What made this issue







“extra hot” was because the cadet involved was one of the presumptive topnotchers of his graduating class and the violation occurred a few days before graduation. Like all discussions among mistahs, it was unfiltered but respectful. Some argued that the punishment was too harsh. That was something easy to see and easy to sympathize with because it would be so life-changing for the cadet. Others took a more institutional view, that the Honor Code is uniquely part and parcel of the PMA education and should not be trifled with. A member of the class asked: “Is the Honor Code still relevant, considering the general perception created by the few Cavaliers who were at the very center of graft and corruption investigations? Is it a realistic Code in these modern times?”

Without batting an eyelash the Class President answered that the Honor Code is at the heart and soul of cadet life. He said in a firm but gentle voice: “Dapat ma-experience ng cadet paano mabuhay sa isang mundo na mahalaga ang honor, na may Honor Code na sinusunod. If after graduation he decides to compromise it or maybe even discard it altogether, then that is his decision. But at least he makes that decision after living for four years under the Honor Code.”

If there is anything that separates the Cavaliers from the other college graduates of the country, it is the fact that from Day One, they are taught that they are part of something greater than themselves. This goes beyond the saying that the Mission is always primordial. Being part of something greater than oneself goes beyond sacrificing oneself or one’s time with family, or the usual physical comforts. It is knowing that what you do counts, not just for you but for something bigger and more permanent, that you are laying a brick for others to build



on even as you lay those on layers built by others before you.

And in the life of the cadet the Honor Code, an intangible concept, embodies that “something bigger than oneself”.

**How often have we heard the question: “Paano kaya ako kung hindi ako nakapasok sa PMA?”**

The question is not unusual in itself for it had been asked by so many before. It is what a former President referred to as “social mobility”, the ability to transcend one’s original social class and move higher. But the pride of the Cavalier goes beyond rising above his humble origins; no, it goes beyond the material, for at its core and greater than the social mobility for him, the Cavalier is proud of his service to the country and to the flag, to be part of something greater than oneself.

So it is that every year, the PMA Alumni

Homecoming is not just a social event for all Cavaliers. It is a pilgrimage. It is a pilgrimage to where it all begun. A return to the original Source, to the Fountain whence sprung forth all the aspirations and enlightenment of the boys and girls from the most humble corners of this country. After their stay in the PMA, these boys and girls march out as men and women already part of something bigger than themselves, dedicated to a concept, an ideal that while intangible is nonetheless very real, that of service.

Outside the cloistered walls of the PMA, these men and women, the Cavaliers, contend with a world that is less orderly and predictable than the one they lived in as cadets, a world they must not only cope with but often times have to master. Some fall prey to their dark inclinations, most learn to accept the imperfections they see but all look back to the time when they first learned how it felt to be part of something

bigger, how it was to live in their Camelot.

So it is, the PMA Homecoming is a return to Camelot and it is this returning to a world where there is order and ideals, where the usually intangible ideals first became real, makes the trip for the Homecoming a pilgrimage.

After spending a time of learning in the mountain, the new PMA graduate goes down the mountain to start a life vastly different from what they had before entering PMA, a new life of service. Thus, it is very symbolic that every year, as if drawn to a magical place, every Cavalier tries to go back up the mountain again for the Homecoming. Many bring their families, as if to show them, literally, where each Cavalier is coming from, that they came from their Camelot.

**For as the song goes:**

“Let it not be forgot, that once there was a spot,

For one brief shining moment was known as Camelot.”




**Birthday Celebrants March – April**

**MARCH** - 03 – Rene Elumbaring and Jun Lopez, 04 - Ricky Dela Paz, 05 – Rey Varilla, 08 – Bong Franco, 19 – Pewee Peralta, 19 – Joey Flores, and 20 – Oscar Mariñas.

**APRIL** - 01 – Djasky Rodi, 02 – Nanding Zabat, 03 – Pard Espejo, 04 – Albert Mabaquiao,

06 – Tony Enteria, 07 – Dante Rillorta, 08 – Romy Buenaflor, 12 – Nap Garcia, 13 – Migz Zubiri, 14 – Rody Monte, 14 – Bepbep de Luna and 17 – Junards Junio.

Best wishes and happy birthday to all March and April born classmates. Wishing you all the best! God Bless. 



**S**ummer time again! Enjoy, Play Golf, Bike, Swim, Walk, Dance and Drink Lots of water everyday. Remember: At our age, we should give more emphasis on Health, Wellness, and Happiness.

**PMA Alumni Homecoming 2019**

Forty-three years after graduation, 28 Magilas gentlemen went up to Baguio to attend this year’s alumni homecoming. On the way, we passed by Laoac, Pangasinan to enjoy the delicious picnic lunch again prepared by Boying and Sally Alarcio in their nice farm. Friday evening in Baguio was spent in Forest Lodge where the PNP group hosted dinner. A short program was prepared. Six gentlemen were honored for reaching 65 years old. They were Pol Bataoil, Jogy Fojas, Boying Alarcio, Nelson Allaga, Caloy Caga-Anan, and Del Pomposo. The evening was spent in the usual, happy mood for those who were present.

The next day, early breakfast was served in our very own Magilas Visitors Center. One of the highlights of the Alumni Parade was the Recognition of the 2019 PMA Cavalier Awardees, wherein our very own



Louie Ticman received the Cavalier Award for Private Enterprise. CONGRATULATIONS MISTAH LOUIE. After the parade, a simple lunch was again prepared in the Magilas Center. Thanks to Pete Labiano for taking care of the Center, as well as coordinating for the food that was served. A short program wherein the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees took their oath of office. This was presided by Pol Bataoil. Likewise, outgoing Class Officers were given Plaques of Appreciation for the past years that they have served the class.

**Pompi goes to Heaven.**

Feb 22, 2019 was a Sad day for the Magilas family. Our dear Mistah, Delfin Pomposo had a Cardiac Arrest while in Cabanatuan City. It was only six days ago when we were just with Pompi during the Alumni Homecoming in Baguio. He was even in Borromeo field, although he opted

not to troop the line so as not to get too tired. Mistah Pompi had a multiple heart by-pass operation 11 years ago when he was still in active duty. The past few months, he was again his jolly, old self, that is why we were all shocked at his sudden passing. Pompi’s remains was airlifted back to Manila. His wake was held at the Villamor Air Base mortuary. On Mar 1, the Magilas class hosted the necrological services in his honor. Main speakers were Pres Epoy Marayag, Gibo Teodoro, some other close mistahs, and good friends. Pompi’s Interment was done the next day, Mar 2 at the Libingan ng mga Bayan with Full Military Honors. A good number of classmates attended to bid him the last goodbye.

We will miss you, Mistah, your wit and the funny jokes when you often emceed our class activities before....Condolence to the loved ones you left behind. God bless you, Mistah.



**GOOD LUCK in the coming May Elections:**

**Pol Bataoil** for his bid for Mayor of Lingayen, Pangasinan

**Alex Yano** for his bid for Mayor of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte

**Nong Ikbala** for his bid for Mayor of Zamboanga City

**Jeff Soriano** for his bid as Reelectionist Mayor of Tuguegarao City.

**Ely Dela Paz** for his bid for Mayor of Tubao, La Union

**Boying Alarcio** for his bid as Vice Mayor of Laoac, Pangasinan

**Jimmy Caringal** for his bid as Congressman, 2nd District Laguna

**Michael Javier** for his bid as Mayor of Javier, Leyte

**Erik Verzosa** for his bid as Reelectionist Mayor of Dasol, Pangasinan

**Birthday Celebrants**

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Petty Caballes – **1 March**, Delia Gamos – **2 March**, Nica Teodoro – **3 March**, Gina Bataoil, – **4 March**, Hermie Esguerra - **7**

**March**, Bong Ibrado – **10 March**, Paul Mata – **11 March**, Olga Nano – **16 March**, Tyron Ong – **17 March**, Sally Alarcio and Len Calderon – **24 March**, Delia Bontuyan - **3 Apr**, Jun Sanchez – **8 Apr**, Alexis Cachuela – **17 Apr**, Imelda Agcon - **18 Apr**, Arlene Zerrudo – **22 Apr**, Zaida Labiano – **27 Apr**, Jesus del Mundo – **29 Apr**. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

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



**"MAG-ULAT!!"**

**EVENTS**

1. Mistahs attend PMAAAI general assembly in PICC, Pasay City.
2. Mistahs trek back to Loakan for the alumni homecoming.
3. Welcome balikbayans Raul Bacalzo and Gil Villa from USA, and Mike and Eva Oñate from Australia.
4. Congratulations to Roy Camagay for being elected Director in BIRCI Board.
5. Kudos to Deng Ferrer for his appointment as Chair of FTI Board.

**TSIKENKLAB.**

1. Freedom fighters (FF) continue their lunch conclaves every Miércoles in Kampo Aginaldo.
2. Dan and Lina Cortez host dinner in Perry's.
3. Navy group hosts dinner for Mike and Eva in Perry's



4. Balikbayans Bacalzo and Oñate host lunch in AFPCOC.
5. Butch Supapo treats mistahs for lunch in Vikings (SM Aura Taguig)
6. Salamuch to other snappy birthday hosts.

Going out and socializing is GOOD.  
Getting home is BETTER.  
Remembering next day how you got home is BEST.

**SPORTS**

Who are "tired of being retired"?  
We enjoy today. we are happy.  
Biking or walking is a pleasure.  
Swinging clubs in the fairways is up to par.  
Other physical activities actuate senior bones.

**OTHER NEWS**

1. Demise of Jaime Tagaca+
2. Henry Cinco undergoes angioplasty.
3. Lino Lapinid is involved in a bicycle-motorsiklo collision one early morning.



The winds of change followed the Matapat Class of 1979 at the PMA alumni homecoming in Baguio City. After a year of relentless and unrequited labor of love, the outgoing Class Officers under the leadership of Leo 'Tagoy' Santiago surrendered their class stewardship to the officers elect. Their prior year accomplishments would be a tough act to follow. But not to be outdone, the new officers led by the elected Class President, the affable Mark Supnet, are up to the challenge to make it better.

Through the year, a myriad of activities was undertaken by the class. Notable are the fund raising activities, the intense planning for the forthcoming homecoming in Baguio, the golf outings, birthday celebrations, class fellowships and the holiday get together. All were fun, festive, and a prelude to what will be the Matapat Class' 40th Anniversary Celebration since graduating from its beloved alma mater, the Philippine Military Academy. That means a trek to the mountains in the Cordilleras where in about 5000 feet above sea level is situated the sprawling camp as formidable as it is majestic. There, the class would be the



host that is anticipated to be both nostalgic and eventful.

So our journey to Baguio had now happened this past February. We have in mind our dear classmate John-John Apostol who was unable to join us to celebrate. He will forever be remembered as persistent and untiring in the pursuit of his beliefs and a loyal friend who will always lend a helping hand. John-John joined our creator on January 24th after battling a lingering illness.

The alumni homecoming was a testament to 40 years of transformation from youth to respectable constituents in public service. It was held on the hallowed ground of the PMA in Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City on February

16, 2019. Here lies memories of unyielding commitment to structure and clear vision that will later be the foundation of a good public servant. Unfortunately, not all will be in this together as the road to a successful military career is a long and arduous task that will not apply to all.

The homecoming was preceded by travel day to Baguio. This can be best described as an exodus by many alumni who share the same purpose of reminiscing their glorious past. On that day, the Matapat Class organized a social get together by branch of service. For the Army, Air Force and the Navy it was dinner at each chosen place. For the PNP, it made more sense



Class '79 on the front page of *The Philippine Star* published on February 17, 2019.

to distribute allowances to each member instead of meeting for light pleasantries. Since I was with the Navy group that evening I was a witness to a multi course fine dining experience. It was a boodler's nightmare and a revisit of Emily Post's social graces and protocol. In vast contrast is what happened subsequently. As part of the overall plan we would secretly rehearse after dinner for our performance the following evening. It was wild, chaotic and fun. In the end we really believed we can render the show of a lifetime.

The following day was alumni day that started with breakfast in Fort Del Pilar. It was held at the park donated by the class. This was followed by assembly in the parade ground by all classes for the much anticipated alumni parade. On display was an array of exotic uniforms worn by each class. All glistening under the shining sun it was a sight to behold as the alumni marched by class in columns to troop the long gray

line. One thing stood out that despite our diversity we are all bound by tradition from the portals of this great institution. At the conclusion of a very long ceremony we proceeded to the same park where breakfast was served. Feeling the hunger, thirst, and exhaustion all of us withstood, we were now ready for lunch that we all richly deserved.

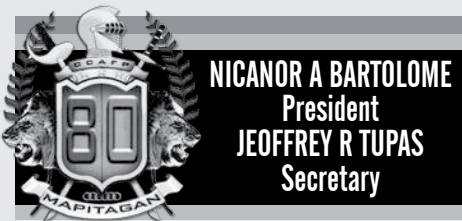
At the end of the day none is comparable to getting together for a Class fellowship later in the evening at the Camp John Hay Golf Clubhouse. Dinner was sumptuous but the highlight of the event was the much anticipated performances by each branch of service. It was an evening of songs and dances under the implied penalty of 20,000 PHP for the group that did not perform. All delivered and all met our full expectation. Thank you all for a job well done!

It is now past the alumni homecoming. Memories will continue to be part of our collective experience that will never be

forgotten. We will see you all in the next opportunity. We will meet again under the best circumstances and wish everyone continued success and the best of health.

### Special Congratulations and Thanks

The PMA Matapat 79 family would like to congratulate and thank Matapat Leo Santiago, the Class' immediate past President, Matapat Rey Lanada, PNP Group's immediate past President, and the rest of the PNP group members, for a job well done. The recent holding of the 40th Anniversary of the Class' PMA Graduation will not be as successful and memorable as it was if not for the time, efforts and resources you have exerted and spent. Special thanks to Matapat Bummy Bumanglag and his Matapat Lady Ellen who did their best for the class activities. /By **Chuck Dizon**



jokes...and sometimes flashes of brilliant ideas and suggestions.

### Updates on Mapitagan Class Activities in Brief:

After the Yuletide season of 2018, a lot of things ensued....There's a lot to try

recalling but here are some:

In JLo's trip back to his hometown of Daet, Camarines Sur, he chanced upon Merong who joined him in laying to her final rest JLo's beloved mother. Together with Ric P and Efren Y, they spent a wonderful time cooling off at Merong's impressively

We're not really dozing off as a class... sabi ni Pres. Nicky Bart. Yes, of course, we've been quite busy the past two months, have we not? Hehehe.

The class viber group "Mapitagan" has always been "a friend", a sure-fire guide for me and it sort of functions like a journal of events happening daily ... that's really cool! It has been logging daily exchanges of pleasantries, birthday greetings, invitations, reminders, anecdotes, notes, quotes and quotations, photos of events or depictions of "wala lang" - type moments and even





beautiful resort, Maria Fatima Resort at Labo, Cam Norte. Invitation to the rest of the class then was inevitable, and so Merong kind of proposed, upon Ric's suggestion, that the June-born mistahs' birthday celebration be held there. Hmm...isn't that great? You can view the fun resort at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rxpX79Z7ufU>

In the soaring riding career of Mie and Rainier, it looks like there's no turning back anymore as they embarked and joined, together with Bob, the Motor Rider Safety Training (MRST) Class 6-18 that included city and night ride activities and a daunting bike jump. They successfully graduated last January 28. Careful guys.

Also, on January 21 & 23, the class reps expressed our deepest sympathy and last respects to Mr. Henry Sy Sr., the beloved father of our mistah, Henry Sy Jr. or Big Boy as he is fondly called by those close to our mistah.

Last 24 January, a sumptuous fellowship lunch was held at Gloria Maris, Greenhills for the January-born celebrators. It was again a fun event as usual.

There's much to be joyful about as we share the pride and dignity that goes along with it as two distinguished classmates of ours won coveted Cavalier Awards during the PMAAA General Membership Meeting in the run up for the PMAAA 2019 Alumni Homecoming last January 26. Sec. Ed Del Rosario was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award for Highest Command and Achievement Category while Jess Lomeda was also awarded a Cavalier Award in Cybersecurity Field, Private Sector. Proud to be Mapitagan!!!

In the First Quarter Aguinaldo Seniors Golf Tournament last Jan 30, Boy George strikes again winning yet another trophy as Gross Champion having scored a gross score

of 74 and the Longest Putt (2 pins from Hole 18)!!! Good job, mistah!

The PMAAA Alumni Homecoming activities on February 14-15 fired off without a hitch as the class spent some togetherness with ladies present during a cool breezy boodle-rich dinner at Cholo's Gastro Park along M.H. Del Pilar St, Baguio City. The following morning came the much awaited Alumni Parade and Review of the Alumni Classes.

But, before that could happen, our Mapitagan Golf Team composed of Boy George, Emil, BongDA, Jojie, Ces, Sammy, Bogs and Oby took the First Runner Up Trophy in the Firstie Category of the PMAAA Battle of the Classes 2019....Ahoouo..ahouo.. ahooo!!!!

For the February-born mistahs, a deluxe fellowship lunch was again held at Gloria Maris, Greenhills last 26 February. It was

again a joke-filled and tummy filling event as usual.

**Birthday Celebrators for the month of February:**

1 Bong De Asis; 1 Ben Noble (+); 6 Mar Mendoza; 7 Noel Coballes; 8 Elmo Garrido; 10 Jose Briones (+); 10 Bin Abu Yaakub; 11 Honorato De Los Reyes; 14 Mike Agudo; 16 Ed Abogado; 17 Eldon Nemenzo; 18 William Campos; 18 Santi Pascua (+); 22 Dipon Carado; 22 Jaybee Javier; and 24 Tony Baraquiel.

**Birthday Celebrators for the month of March:**

2 Mike Asuncion; 7 Tom Orbos; 8 Deo Madriaga (+); 11 George Regis; 14 Ted Torralba; 14 Bert Yambing; 15 Raymund Yed; 16 Nick Bartolome; 18 Nars Lleno; 29 Obe Antonio; and 31 Cecil Sandalo.





**ALAN R LUGA**  
President  
**OSCAR P LOPEZ**  
Secretary

PMA Homecoming activities have just concluded and everyone has gone back to their respective routines. We express our thanks to those who represented the Class especially Cav Mar A for providing the hat for the parade. Thank you also to Cav Yerson D for arranging the Fellowship activities in Baguio City.

We would like to congratulate the Dimalupig Team B for being the Champion in the Firstie Team Category during the PMAAAL Cavaliers Cup held at the Camp John Hay Golf course on 15 Feb 2019. The Team is composed of Cavaliers Onyot M, Rene S, Belay G, Omec P, Omec G, Wilson V, Dan S and Paght H. Mabuhay kayo mga mistah. Next time yung Team A naman ang isasabak.

Just recently, our Class Pres Art V signified his intention to relinquish his post to give way for other worthy Dimalupig to lead the Class. An on-line election was held among four candidates, and Cav Alan L was elected to be our next Class Pres. The informal Turn-over was held during the breakfast fellowship of the Class last 2 March which was organized by the Manlulupigs. This was attended by 23 Dimalupigs and the same number of Manlulupigs, and a few brats.



By the way, this will be a regular monthly activity for us to see one another, and not to communicate only via the social media. The next fellowship will be sponsored by Cav Fil and Jojie Rojas. The date and venue will be announced later, so please keep posted. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Going back to the installation of our new Pres, Cav Alan L will be assisted by four service/branch representatives. Cav Boy D, will be the Air Force Rep and still the Class Treasurer; Cav Jimbo B, will be the Navy Rep and the Golf Affairs Coordinator; Cav Litoy C, will be the PNP Rep and Cav Almus A will be the Associate Members Rep. The new Class Pres thanked Cav Art V in behalf of the Class for outstandingly steering the Class for the past three years, despite the members being Magan, sometimes. The Manlulupigs, on the other hand, expressed their gratitude to Neneng V for her support to Art and to the Class activities.

Cav Alan L, in his acceptance speech, intimated his plans for the Class. Foremost

among these is the upcoming 40th Anniversary in 2021. He said that we have to prepare this early so that our Anniversary Celebration will be significant and more memorable. He said that we have to account for all the Dimalupigs and find out their whereabouts so that they could be apprised on the preparations, and be able to participate in Class activities. Mga mistah, for those who have been out of the loop for some time, we love to hear from you. Again, to our new Class Pres, Cav Alan L, and Beth, congratulations! We will always be behind you.

Finally, I would be ending this Class Call on a sad note. We would like to express our condolences of Cav Onyot M and Rolly A, for the untimely demise of their spouses, Dr Libeth Mendoza and Tessie Amarille. They will forever be in our prayers.

Again mga mistah, stay healthy, avoid stress and enjoy life. Let us make the most of our retirement. Until next Class activity. Mabuhay ang Dimalupig.





**ELMER R SORIA**  
President  
**PHILIP S FORTUN**  
Secretary

At the outset, allow me to apologize to our very own Sander S. – my squadmate even! –for inadvertently omitting his name in the previous Class Call in the list of distinguished mistahs running for public office this upcoming May 2019 election; and at the same time announce that he is indeed running for the elective post of Mayor for Dumarao, Capiz. Bok, may you win in this new battle field, as we all know that your heart is for the further progress and development of your beloved hometown.

As always, our golfers are occupied with their Weekend Fellowship Golf being held in various venues, apart from their attendance at out-of-town venues such as in Bacolod and Iloilo. Already, they are busy preparing for the Davao Eagle Masters Tournament set for Sep 17-23, 2019. May you be declared champions again, Sandigans! Congratulations! You are all indeed our "Champion of Champions!"

Relatedly, the Ateneo de Naga High School Class of 1975, of which our very own Chito T. is a member, will have a fund-raising golf tournament on March 19, 2019 at the Veterans Golf Course. To jibe with this tourney, Chito has arranged the processing of VMMC Patient ID for retired AFP and PNP/PCG mistahs right after the tourney's awarding ceremony/raffle. As such, all mistahs who would like to have their VMMC Patient ID processed are reminded to bring the following: For AFP Retirees: valid AFP Retired Officer ID (with photocopy), Retirement Order (GO/SO), 2 pcs 1x1 picture (latest); For former AFP members (PC, PN, PAF, PA absorbed by PNP/Transferred to PCG): valid PNP/PCG Retiree ID (with photocopy), Statement of Service from PNP/PCG, Certification from NRD, OTAG, GHQ, Retirement Order (GO/SO), 2 pcs 1x1 picture (latest).

In the US of A, the SoCal Group will be hosting the annual overseas Sandigan Fellowship, set to be held on June 7-9, 2019, although the

venue is still TBDL. The Head, Organizing Committee is Ren Pasky and for the purpose of planning, the committee would like to conduct a head count of those who intend to attend the fellowship, as well determine if there are relatives of attendees in the area that would be able to provide accommodation for them to sleep in. If you are planning on joining in this activity, kindly pm Raffy "Tiyo Paeng" M.

After his Yemen posting, our very own Rudy J. has a new designation as Big Boss in Myanmar. Officially, he is now Security Adviser, UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), Myanmar. As such, our gracious Rudy J. has announced that he would be very eager and happy to host Sandigans who might wish to come over there to bolahize with him. Congrats, Rudy J.!

Thanks to the initiative of our servant-leader mistah, the indefatigable Bobby Pai, our mistahs who signified not having been receiving their copies of "The Cavalier" magazine are finally receiving their very own copies! Thank you, Boss Bobby! *Snappy ka talaga! Anong Company ka na nga ba?!* For those who have not signed up and are interested to receive future copies of "The Cavalier" magazine, you may reach Ms. Dianne Santiago at Landline: +6329125074 or Mobile: +639062201196.

**And now, our warm greetings to our March and April celebrants!**

For **March birthdays**: (05) Willy "Tiger Woods" B.; (10) Alex "Valong" A.; Jojo "Pangga" F.; Raffy C.; (12) Job Nolan A.; (13) Gino H.; Jet M.; Arman R.; (19) Frank U.; (20) Jeff D.; (22) Willy "Mr. Suave" G.; and (24) Dado G.

**Wedding anniversaries**: (04) Gamy and Grace C.; (07) Rolly and Eva J.; (08) Jimmy and Ruth M.; (14) Rod and Baby DG.; (15) Butch and Chiqui S.; (19) Lyndel and Maricel

D.; (21) Perci and Priscilla B.; (27) Romy and Fe T.; and (28) Erwin and Amelie L.

For **April birthdays**: (04) Pat "The insistent Skagger" P.; Ademar T.; (05) Santi "Laundry Rm Guru" B.; (06) Wendy "Sayong" R.; (09) Chris "The Witty Comedian" L.; Alex B.; (11) Gerardo "Bam" J.; (12) Lodivino "Sayong" R.; (18) Mon C.; (19) Rolly M.; (21) Jimmy M.; (28) Eugene C.; and (29) Alex S.

**Wedding anniversaries**: (03) Willy and Ditas B.; Jun and Marisa C.; Danny and Daisy P.; (04) Ding and Che-che D.; (05) Rudy and Tess I.; (16) Ivan and Helen S.; (23) Mel and Giselle V.; (26) Orly and Dahlia DL.; (27) Max and Tina C.; Jerome and Annette P.; and (30) Chris and Nelda L.

We would also like to call to remembrance our beloved mistah who have gone ahead of us who would surely have celebrated his birthday with us if he were still around: Igmedio V. Cruz on April 28.

Again, if ever may misspelled names, especially of our ladies, mea culpa. For those whose wedding anniversary were not mentioned, kindly submit your updated info na lang po. Pang-trophy points din yun kay mistah, bok! **-JimMonta82-**



Rudy J.







**SALVADOR MELCHOR B MISON JR**  
President  
**FRANCIS D ALAURIN**  
Secretary

It was one, remarkable, once-in-a-lifetime journey of military, police and coast guard services for members of PMA Maharlika Class of 1984 as Jun Mison, the last of the 221-strong members, including six other US cadets who graduated 35 years ago, finally concludes an illustrious, highly venerable career on 21 June this year.

Indeed, the year 2019 is most significant as we submit our “class cards” before our Rating Masters - the PMA Alma Mater, the PMAAA Inc., and the Filipino Nation – for final evaluation on how vibrant and unsullied the hallowed mottos of Courage, Integrity, Loyalty remain in our mortal selves. Story lines are dissimilar; each one is distinct, and has wisdom to learn from. We culminated the armed services worthy of a 21-gun salute from the Filipino Nation that deserves nothing short of our lifetime service and commitment.

Rey “Jagger” Guerrero consistently bannered the Class, and tons of his brilliance, grit and unfailing steadfastness led him to the 49th Chief of Staff, AFP post. He now heads the Bureau of Customs



enlisting the services of personally handpicked, exceptionally tried-and-tested leaders and managers in SJ/Atong San Juan, Job Yucoco, Raniel Ramiro, Jun Loyao, George Avila and James Joven to help plug in systemic loop holes, and improve revenue collection efforts of the Bureau.

For most Maharlikans, it was a seamless transition to civilian life. They “hit the road running” with their exceptional talents, skills and experiences landing in the corporate world which, for decades, has

keen interest to acquire prominent AFP leaders and managers.

San Miguel Corporation acquired a substantial number of Maharlikans. They are Banji Ramos, “The Guy” of MRT 7, a 14-kilometer mass transport system that will connect Bulacan to Quezon City; Raffy Sera Jose for logistics; and, Ed Maningding, Noe Mislang, Martin Pinto, Jess Alvarez, Caloy Tabo, and Bernie Sun as Security Consultants. Eric Uchida, whose daughter, together with the daughter of another



proud father, Ranier Idio, recently passed the Physician Licensure Examination, is also a new acquisition of SMC. Buboy Merginio is en route to join from AFPGIC.

More have taken the challenge of the corporate world with pride, prestige and bragging rights. They are Jiri Amante to ARMSCOR, and Jun Perez to Asia Brewery. The mining industry has landed blue chip talents, too, in Roy Antonio who has been with the Sagittarius Mines since 2005. Joey Kakilala, who retired as Commander, Civil Relations Service, AFP in April 2016, is also with the Sagittarius Mines, Inc in South Cotabato as Corporate Security and, concurrently, its Community Relations Manager. At the helm of the Security Directorship of Resource Development Philippines in Zamboanga Del Norte is Glen Macasero, while two "siling labuyo" Bicolano "uragons" - Greg Cayetano and Mon Bombais - are, respectively, serving in similar capacities in Agusan del Sur, his former Brigade AOR, and, at the Dinapigue Mining Corporation, Isabela Province. All have sworn to preserve and keep an ideal balance in the country's biodiversity, ecosystem and watershed to prevent environmental degradation and water rationing.

Corollary, the Philippine Government portfolios took back the operational and managerial acumen of Nes Quinsay as DILG Undersecretary. For Joey de Leon and Manny Ramos, they have been, respectively, added to the ageless, reliable staff of the DND as the Assistant Secretaries for Plans and Programs, and for Installation and SRDP. Harold Cabreros is the OCD's Director for Administration. Ding Sevilla is the uncontested choice for the Vice President post of the Philippine Public Safety College, while Pat Morales, who once co-chaired an ASEAN bloc of regional scholars and "think tanks", now serves as an NBI Director focusing on heinous crimes and economic sabotage-related cases. Dong Calanoy, a Member of the Board stalwart of PNCC, ensures that the visionary goals of the "Build! Build! Build!" program of the Duterte Administration is supervised, pursued and accomplished. For Robert Kuinisala, he is now the Assistant Regional Director of LTO 12 which took him in 2012. His office has the functional supervision on LTRFB whose Region IV-B Directorship is now ably discharged by Renwick Rutaquio.

On the academic realm, Jac Motril, a US War College alumnus, was the hands-down, no-contest acquisition of the Development Academy of the Philippines. Herboy Aquino, a veteran of the College for Defense and Strategic Studies in Canberra, Australia,



is still mulling options after a resounding success with the AFPETDC. Nandy Gabriel, a licensed Electronics Engineer himself, has consistently stuck with the teaching profession, today as physics professor in PMA, and serves as accreditor/assessor of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation. Francis Alaurin found himself as a teaching professor at the National Police College, and, occasionally, at the NDCP and AFPCGSC.

A Class never short of talented and adaptable members, three have joined the banking sector. Raffy Valencia, after retiring as the Inspector General, AFP, was recently named the Vice President of RSBS, AFP. Robert Aliggayu is a talent acquisition of AFPSLAI who ensures that a quarter of the 16% dividends to our Capital Contributions are remitted on time. Dan Ubaldo, an exponent to the oil spill containment in Laguna de Bay in 1994, now serves as a watchful Trustee of the PCGSLAI.

There were individual efforts praiseworthy about our Class members. Egay Gonzales, Father of the State-of-the-Art MID, had withdrawn from the lingering argument about whose unit really delivered the fatal blow on the emir of Islamic State forces in Asia that effectively concluded the Marawi seige. He now deals with foreign investors. Rene Babaran led the rebuilding of the Balangiga's municipal building, elementary school and public market that were levelled by Super Typhoon Yolanda. In his personal volition and initiative, he contributed to the total diplomatic effort of the Philippine government for the historic return of the

Balangiga and Bauang bells. In 2000, Indie Vhoy Indanan, Operations Officer of the Philippine Contingent to East Timor, made a strong and reassuring impression when his unit was commended by an Australian Major General as "the first among the multinational forces ever to set foot on that troubled region".

Dino Dino, an outstanding pilot that he is, culminated his military career as the PAF's Inspector General. Another pilot of superior caliber, Jun Palisoc, delivered the once-impregnable Maute Group strongholds in Marawi to their irreversible devastation. With, at least, 50 aircrafts of the Tactical Operations Command pounding on the terrorist positions, he gave no chance for the Islamic extremists to regroup, breath and recover. His reliable PNP counterpart, Artie Sindac, retired from the police service as RD, PROARMM in 2018 with literal "fireworks" after he provided combat, and combat service support efforts of crowd control, civil protection, and management to the internally displaced residences at the height of the 5-month siege. He now quietly serves as Village Manager at the Ayala Alabang Village. Ronnie Estilles, the immediate predecessor of RT, renders invaluable security advice to two companies, and reaps rewards of the housing rental business.

MarQ Marquez, who modernized police investigation before retiring as Head, DIDM in February 2018, now oversees two convenience store franchises in Lapu-Lapu and Cebu City, and a vast of estate inheritances in Masbate. Soon to rise are similar convenience stores for Artie Sindac and Kanols Talino.



**JOSE MA VICTOR F RAMOS**  
President  
**SAMUEL Z FELIX**  
Secretary

**Warm Sinagtala greetings to all!**

The year 2018, just like the previous years, had been very good to us and we had so much to be grateful for. This 2019, we started the year with thanksgiving. Let us all congratulate our ever dashing mistahs for continuously hurdling milestones in their careers!

- **16 January 2019 - LtGen Gilbert I Gapay AFP** assumed as the Commander, Southern Luzon Command ( SOLCOM) . The Chief of Staff, AFP administered the donning of Gapay's 3<sup>rd</sup> star on 04 March 2019.
- **21 January 2019 - LtGen Felimon T Santos Jr AFP** assumed as the Commander, Eastern Mindanao Command (EASTMINCOM). He had his donning of ranks as LTGEN on 04 March 2019.
- **08 February 2019** – Promotion to 2-star of **PDir Amador V Corpus**, the Director of the Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG).
- **09 February 2019** – Promotion to the rank of **Lieutenant General/Vice Admiral** of **MGen Felimon T Santos, RADM Rene V Medina, and MGen Gilbert I Gapay.**



March 4, 2019 - During the Donning of Ranks of LtGen Gapay, LtGen Santos, and BGen Oropesa.

- Promotion to the rank of **Brigadier General** of **Col Arwel R Oropesa** and **Col Emmanuel Anthony V Ramos.**
- **15 February 2019** – **MGen Rene Glen Paje AFP (Ret)** was appointed as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) undersecretary by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.
- **21 February 2019** – The Chief Directorial Staff, **PDDG Camilo Pancratius P Cascolan**, received a Metrobank Foundation Award for Continuing Excellence and Service (ACES) during the Metrobank Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Le Pavilion, Metropolitan Park, Pasay City.

**Other Significant activities:**

- **12 February 2019** – The "Metro Manila Celebration with Will

Graham (MMCWG) in cooperation with the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC) conducted a special event for strategic leaders in government at the Grand Ballroom of Crowne Plaza Hotel in Ortigas Center. With the theme "*Transformational Leadership: The Key to Legacy*," Rev. Will Graham spoke to our key government officials and to our brave key uniformed officers. It is remarkable to note that eight Sinagtalans were able to attend said event.

- **15 February 2019** – The class had a Meet and Greet Fellowship at C,PNP's Quarters, Navy Base, Baguio City as part of the pre-Alumni Homecoming Activity of SINAGTALAS.
- **16 February 2019** – Jibed with the actual day of the Alumni Homecoming was the Ribbon Cutting of our class project. *At eto ay pinangalanan nating SINAGTALA DOME! Sa mga hindi nakapunta at hindi nakakaalam, eto yung 2<sup>nd</sup> floor na verandah dati ng Lopez Hall of Leaders.* Class dinner was held in the evening at 19<sup>th</sup> Tee, Forest Lodge, Baguio City.



February 12, 2019 - During the Strategic Leaders Celebration: A Key to Legacy at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ortigas.

Let us also congratulate and acknowledge our new set of **Class Officers** for CY 2019-2021:

**President:** Cav Jose Ma. Victor F. Ramos  
**Vice President:** Cav Rozzano A. Briguez  
**Secretary:** Cav Samuel Z. Felix

**Service Representatives:**

- PNP:** Cav Lyndon G Cubos
- PA:** Cav Emman Ramos
- PAF:** Cav Rolly Acop
- PN:** Cav Dante M Hidalgo
- BIRC:** Cav Vicente Mauro G Batac

**Birthday Greetings:** Happy birthday mistahs!! We wish you more blessings and many years to come!

| Name                         | Birthdate   |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| PCSupt Reczon Tito T Acabado | 04 Jan 1964 |
| PCSupt Jose Mario M Espino   | 19 Jan 1964 |
| RAdm Samuel Z Felix AFP      | 02 Feb 1964 |
| VAdm Robert A Empedrad AFP   | 03 Feb 1964 |
| PDir Lyndon G Cubos          | 03 Feb 1964 |



**Greetings to all MAALABs!!!**

Hardly had the dust of pyrotechnic residues settled when MAALABs were greeted with the promotion of Coast Guard mistahs Toto Ronnie Gavan, Allan Dela Vega and Chevong Echeverria to the exalted rank of Commodore. More, Toto Ronnie Gavan was named the Cavalier Awardee for Coastguard Operations during the 2019 PMA Alumni Homecoming. To recall, a MAALAB got his first star with the promotion to Brigadier General of Pedring Pedregosa, Wing Commander of 5th Fighter Wing, PAF. 2019 is yet unfolding!

Queuing for the next 07 positions are Leo Fontanilla, Deputy Commander, 5th Fighter Wing; Jess Banastao, Chief of Command Staff, Air Reserve Command; Masang Morales, Chief of Command Staff, Tactical Operations Command; Uli Marquez, A1; Toots Pasamonte, A2; Thad Candelario, A5; Gatchie Catchalian, A8; Pat Amata, G7, PA; Rey Abaya, Deputy Commander Army Artillery Regiment; and Charlie Rances, Commander Coastguard District North Eastern Luzon. Goodluck mistahs and praying for your next 07 assignments.




Burning their eye-brows, rotting in defending their papers at National Defense College of the Philippines and apprehensive on their next assignments after graduation while polishing their golfing skills are: Ronald Baby Alcudia, Rommel Cordova, Pidro Burgonio, Chris Tampoy, Jason Almagro, Jhon Goyena, Dyokie Deocadez, Gutchie De Guzman, Vic Llapitan, Greg Nieveras, Ricky Bunayog, and Rey Ga. Goodluck mga mistah...

In the meantime, other MAALABs remain focused in the government's efforts to transform conflict affected

areas into conflict resilient communities. Leading the charge is Cavalier Awardee Ronnie Babac, U3, EMC who makes mental note of everything with national security implication in Eastern Mindanao. Backstopping him is Randy Remonte, G3, 4ID in Northern Mindanao Ariel Floresca, G3, 8ID in Eastern Visayas and Leroy Daanton, G3, 3ID in Western Visayas. Conducting national security risk management as well in Northern Luzon is Rodney Intal, U3, NOLCOM and Nick Quemado, G3, 5ID.

Watching them with quiet satisfaction is Jun Mandanas, U3, WMC who knows that in due time he will have to shift from the niche of preventing and countering violent extremism to the more complicated world of army operations. But to do this Jun needs to exchange vaultfiles once again with Mike Banua, Cmdt, SRTS for Scout Ranger tactics and Jun Abad, CS, SFRA for Special Forces imperatives.

Glad to know that Tex Suderio has been making waves in his new passion for the moment, while Henry Torres has begun adjusting well to a life framed in a newly found paradox, now that his career lies in disasters. Interestingly, JJ Moreno, as of late, finds himself in Barcelona not only to examine the culture of the Catalan but perhaps to share the mantra that, "whatever it is you do, I hope it is profitable."

Much more needs to be said of the MAALABs but a deadline beckons. So there. 



**MA NOEL T TOLENTINO**  
President  
**IVAN R PAPER**  
Secretary

First of all, allow me to congratulate our 25th Silver Homecoming Organizers, our Baguio Group, Service Reps, and our Ladies group for a very successful and very memorable celebration of our homecoming. Truly, their sacrifices in planning, preparing, coordinating, and execution of our four-day homecoming activities is all worth it. The smiles and joyous laughter of our mistahs and their families are testament to the job well done by the group. The substantial number of our attendees, 174 registered Mistahs comprising the 76% of the 228 class members (less 13 departed Mistahs), symbolizes the tremendous effort of all our mistahs and their families to make these events a momentous and unforgettable one.

On the first night of our celebrations, the Class had respective Branch of Service dinners, coincidentally on the evening of Valentine's day. The Army group, together

with their families had a wonderful and fun-filled dinner at the Presidential Mansion. The Army group ladies painstakingly prepared for the evening with surprise entertainment by singing their hearts out serenading the bravery and sacrifices of their husbands. One highlight of the night was the Army mistahs surprising their spouses with red roses, a figurine of an angel and a heart shaped balloon. On the other hand, our Air Force group had their dinner at the Manor Hotel (Fly boys can afford talaga) with their spouses and children. It was remarkable for all of them to bond and reconnect considering that almost half of the original Air Force group are now BIRCS. The rest of the evening was celebrated with lots of food and drinks as our fly boys mingled together for an informal meeting, while the ladies chat away, and brats bonding on their own. Likewise, the Navy group celebrated Valentines day with a couples dinner at the Atrium, Grand Sierra Pines. It was a simple sit down dinner, with a simple AVP highlighting the "Then and Now" pictures Mistahs and their ladies. It was entertaining to witness how much everyone have matured in age and in looks. While the acoustic band serenaded with love songs, our Sailors and Marines surprised their spouses with red roses and chocnuts.

The 2nd day activity started off with the simultaneous religious celebration at the St Ignatius Chapel and the Evangelical Church with our families. The religious activity was done as thanksgiving in celebration of our 25th Homecoming together with our families. It also marked our offerings of prayers for our departed Mistahs who joined the Almighty ahead of us. The mass was followed by an organized class picture taking at the steps of St Ignatius Chapel, that we tried so hard to control and organize... marami pa rin Magan na Mistah (LOL). The activity was capped by a traditional boodle fight, with limited space, but sumptuous boodles, to let our wives and children experience its essence. Thankfully, everyone survived the fight with full bellies.

One of the highlights of the Homecoming was the Ring Hop ceremony to give importance and appreciation to our spouses and partners. Considering that majority of us donned our rings to our mothers during graduation Ring Hop way back 1994, it was deemed appropriate and meaningful for us to the same after 25 years for our spouses and partners. For this event we were arranged alphabetically in our tables which was a chance to hook up with our original squadmates during beast barracks, though it was intended for the alphabetical roll call


for the ring hop. We were very fortunate to have MGEN ROBERT AREVALO AFP, then the Vice Commander, PA (he bowed out of the service last March 11) as Guest of Honor and Speaker for the occasion, that was very fitting since he shared a very deep connection both personal and professional, as our Class Adviser, and mentor. His message for the class and our ladies during the event was very meaningful and timely, highlighting the importance of unity and camaraderie. He reminded us that we should take the opportunity to rekindle our friendship and brotherhood but cautions us to always respect decisions as a class and not dwell on minor issues that may ruin our relationships. Surprisingly, we executed the event as planned, to the dot, considering that we had more than 150 mistahs and their ladies who attended. Kudos to Mon and Lynette Flores, and Edwin Popa for such feat.

Our main event was the homecoming parade that we all came up for, dressed up for, and prepared for. The mistahs looked very smart and dashing in their suits, the ladies were so elegant and exquisite in their dresses, and the Brats looked cool and unique in their Cadet Company jackets with respective Coy logos. Though we all tried to keep it solemn during the ceremonies, we all had our chances to bolahize, kayahize, and take selfies and groupies not only among

Mistahs but with seniors and juniors as well. The start of the event was marked with a Sky Diving by several cavaliers, and participated (surprising all of us) by our very own Enstein Calaoa, jumping with his gears, in our suit, in a James Bond-like style. Of course, we were all very proud during the awarding of Mon Flores as a Cavalier awardee for Army Operations. And the highlight of the parade was the Awarding of the PMAAAI Silver Medallions to all of us as Silver Jubilarians, that our ladies excitedly donned on us, as challenged by the time limit vs the difficulty of finding us in our formation.

Finally, our last event was the Barbecue night at the PMA covered tennis court that was beautifully decorated with all the lights and sounds and the huge LCD screens. The program was prepared and hosted by our Brats Zoie Papera and Blossom Delima who successfully led us thru night with the help of no other than the Master Entertainer, Bong Delima. We were arranged in our tables by Companies giving us opportunity to mingle and reconnect with our Company mates. Surprisingly, the most cheerful and loudest was the Foxtrot members, who lost the essence of "Coolness" under the spirit of hot darn. The highlight of the BBQ night was the presentation of our Brats grouped according to the Coy of their dads. Given very short time of preparation, we were all delighted and surprised how gifted and

talented they are as they dance, sing, and perform skits for all of us. Thanks to the organizers, their preparation was all worth it according to our children, because they all received sumptuous amount of money as prize for their performance. The Army, Navy, and Air Force ladies also gave surprise song and dance numbers that was wonderful and entertaining as well. Since it was the last of our prepared activities, the event was closed with a message from our Class President, thanking everyone for their active participation, and thanking all the organizers for the time and effort they all gave marking the successful celebration of our 25th Homecoming.

In all those years of attending PMA Alumni Homecomings, I hope that each one of us and our families, would agree that this 25th Homecoming was truly the happiest and memorable homecoming we ever had. Four days was never enough to rekindle our memories of our cadet days, to strengthen our bonds, and to let our families especially our children share the "Magic" that our beloved academy had given our lives. But as short as it is, we all had a good time, we all came up to Baguio with great expectations and excitement, and it all ended with big smiles, happy hearts, and fond memories to share... as we look forward to another chance for all of us to come together as Bantay Laya family. 



**F**ifteen years in the military service!," this echoed in the minds of all Yabers as they went home to the academy that molded them to what they are now, high caliber officers and extraordinary citizens. It was never a walk in the park, but those years gave them many great opportunities

to elevate their lives and the lives of their families. Whatever they do in life – may it be serving in the military, working in other government agency like the DFA, flying in the general aviation, working abroad, or simply living a great life as a housewife – members of Class 2004 are all blissful with





*Yabers featured in one of the country's top newspapers.*

what the PMA and being PMAers have given them.

Last 16 February 2019, the Class marched once again in the hallowed Borromeo Field as Crystal Jubilarians. Out of the 149 Yabers, 78 were able to attend this year's Alumni Homecoming. The boys were all dashing in their barong while the girls raised the standard of homecoming outfit with their barong dresses. The event reconnected mistahs and rekindled memories of their cadetship with their Tactical Officers who were also bugobugos.

On the night of the homecoming, the Class partied with their families at Elizabeth Hotel, Baguio City where they elected new sets of Class Officers. The new President of the Class is Major Owen Monato-Avenido of the Philippine Air Force. She will be assisted by her Vice Presidents who are also the designated marchers of the three branches of service – Major Rolly Joaquin for the Army, Major Michael Dimapilis for the Air Force and Major Ronald Urbano for the Navy. Other officers include Major Edward Estonina PA as Secretary, Major Robert Lee as Auditor, and Major Louie Jagabat as Treasurer.

It was an event to remember with overflowing food and drinks, and a live

band to entertain them through the night. There were parlor games for both the children and adults, where interesting prizes were given to all winners and participants. Best dressed couples were even selected among the attendees.

All Yabers with their wives and children definitely enjoyed the 2019 Homecoming. The new set of Class Officers vowed to make the next alumni homecoming as enjoyable and memorable. HAPPY 15th MALIYAB! To God be all the glory! 🙏

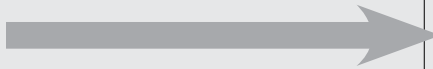


*Army Yabers with one of their favorite Tac-Os, COL RAMON FLORES '94.*



Hereunder is the 2018 Year-End Report:

**A. FINANCIAL REPORT (Class Fund Only)**



**B. CLASS ACTIVITIES**

Conducted/Hosted activities of the Class and Branch of Service (BOS)

1. **Election of Officers (Army Group)** – This was conducted last 24 April 2018 in time with the interview for promotion of our classmates from the Philippine Army. Held at PAOCH.
2. **Golf for a Cause (Air Force Group)** – This was a fund raising activity initiated by our classmates from the Philippine Air Force last 10 October 2018. This was held at Villamor Air Base Golf Course.
3. **Fellowship and Christmas Party (Navy Group)-** Fellowship dinner with Navy mistahs and dependents held at 100 Degrees Hot Pot last 04 July 2018 in celebration of various achievements (birthdays, promotions, assignment, etc..). Last 13 Dec 2018, Christmas Party held at HPN View Deck.
4. **PMA-PNPA-PMMA Tri-Academy Fellowship.** This was held last 19 January 2019 at Camp Aguinaldo. Basketball and Golf Games were part of the said fellowship. It was supposedly a yearend Christmas Party for 2018 where PMA 2006 was the host. However, due to some exigencies and foresighted conditions the event was moved on that day (19 Jan 19).

**C. CLASS RESOLUTIONS**

We have come up with five (5) Resolutions from the regular meetings;

1. Nr 01-2018 Providing new organization of the Board of

| Turned-over Fund                            | Php 34,000 |            |                    |
|---|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Contribution Per Capita (Fellowship) (P500) |            |            |                    |
| Navy  | Php 34,000 |            |                    |
| Army  | Php 80,500 |            |                    |
| Air Force                                   | Php 27,500 |            |                    |
| Donation (Cav Pancito)                      | Php 5,000  |            |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                |            |            | <b>Php 181,000</b> |
| Expenses;                                   |            |            |                    |
| Tri Acad Fellowship                         |            | Php 78,510 |                    |
| AHC 2019                                    |            | Php 83,500 |                    |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                       |            |            | <b>Php 162,010</b> |
| Remaining Balance                           |            |            | <b>Php 18,990</b>  |

- Trustees after having been elected by the members of the PMA MANDALA CLASS OF 2006 dated 01 June 2018
2. Nr 02-2018 Crafting of provisional guidelines for PMA Mandala Class of 2006 Core Group Meetings and Members Meetings dated 27 September 2018
3. Nr 03-2018 Crafting of guidelines for PMA Mandala Class of 2006 Database Information Sheet dated 27 September 2018
4. Nr 04-2018 Crafting of guidelines for the regular output on the Class Call Column of the Cavalier Magazine dated 04 December 2018.
5. Nr 05-2018 Provisions on providing Financial Assistance to Class members and their dependents.

**D. CLASS UNDERTAKINGS (What we have done)**

With the support of our Branch of Service Marchers/Officers we have institutionalized the following.

1. A collegiate decision on financial matters/disbursement of Class Fund as well as the contribution of BOS *Per Capita*.
2. Unification of financial support to our members/dependents.
3. Class Database; basic information of every member.
4. Regular submission of updates to Cavalier Magazine.

5. Regular Core Group Meetings (*Expenses were NOT CHARGED against Class Fund-KKB*)

**E. CLASS WAY AHEAD**

The fact that there are still many things to be done for the Class, we have identified several concerns which we see them to be resolved to the soonest time;

1. Class Swordbook. This is to put an end on this concern and resolve it for the benefit of the class
2. More systematic way of maintaining fund as a class. (Crafting an "APB" annually)
3. Institutionalized the administration of our Class Association. (Revision of By-Laws)
4. Encouraging classmates who are out of the service to be more active.
5. Remembering our departed Mistahs.
6. Acknowledging individual efforts/contributions to the service.
7. Uniform/Attire:  
AHC 2020 – Bush Coat  
AHC 2021 – Service Blouse/Dress blue  
Non-Active – Blue Coat

With this report, we extend our gratitude and appreciation for your support and cooperation for the past calendar year. We wish only the best for everyone and the continuous success of whatever field we are into. God bless us all.





**STEVEN G TALI**  
President  
**JETT MEDIATRIX BM SUR**  
Secretary

Excellence is when no one is left behind. Our class the SINAGLAHI strives to maintain what the PMA has instilled on us that EXCELLENCE is our way of life. It has been four years since we graduated from the academy and indeed the basic character of being a PMAYER is always within us though we are separated by branch of service, still we carry this important lesson in our different journeys.

We are passionate and dedicated to drive our career with excellence. It is our pride to gain the best output in the field of administration, operations, and in all schoolings that we had.

Foreign schooling is an open opportunity in our military career. Where we can possess not just new knowledge but also new experience towards becoming a better soldier. Our class just recently joined several foreign courses and were awarded as one of the top performers in the Young Officers Course at Mechanized Infantry Regimental Centre in Maharashtra, India, the Aviation Leadership Program in Mississippi, USA, the B412 Initial - Transition Course at Flight Safety International, Fort Worth in Texas, USA and the Submarine Force Creation Course in Toulon, France. Indeed, we showed the right attitude that the academy has given to us, not just inside the country but also outside.

*"Excellence is our way of life"*

This month we celebrate women. They are the missing piece to every man's puzzle.

They are known to be the supporters, givers and motivators in every endeavor that we are facing. Moreover, women in our class are the primary initiators and actors in the field of military. Our female class members represented and actively participated in the different foreign missions such as the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, USA, and the Young South East Asian Leaders Initiative Academic Fellowship at University of Nebraska in Omaha, also in USA. They are also the women behind several awards such as three (3) Silver Cross Medals for Intelligence Operations in Central Luzon.

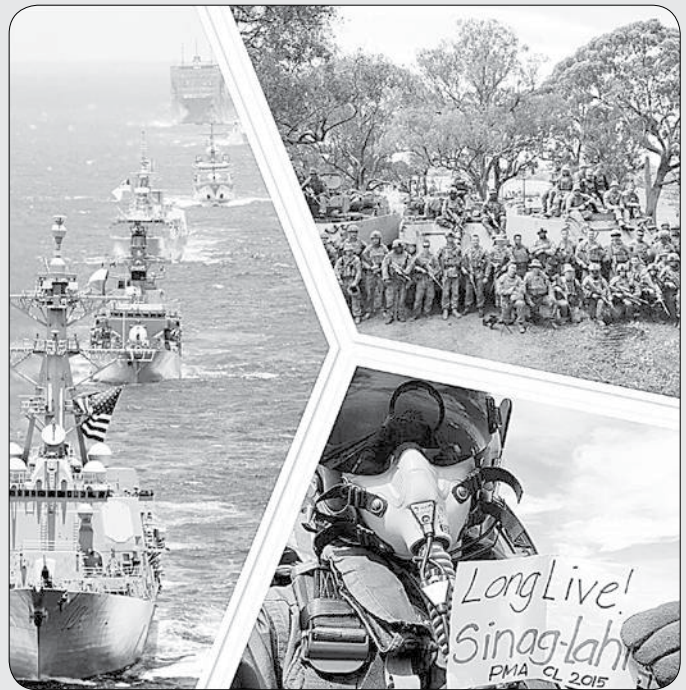
On the other hand, the AFP Modernization program serves as a vital part of our sweet and exciting excursion. Manning the air, surface and sub-surface assets is a challenge that our class will always accept. We proudly say that the Weapons Officer behind the successful launching of the first ever BA491 SPIKE-ER Missile from a ship came from our class.

Recently, the Marawi siege has ended. Most of the frontline tactical leaders belong to our class. We took the risk in fighting for what is right. Even we are in downfall situation and wounded, we never gave up in leading our troops. We are blessed that no one died in this siege. Yes, we fought with

the highest spirit and we did it together. The Pilots, the Sailors and of course the Warriors.

*"No one is left behind"*

SINAGLAHI means Sundalong Isinilang Na May Angking Galing at Lakas, Handang Ipaglaban Ang Bayan. Our class name embodies who really we are. We thank our comrades who sacrifice their lives in portraying the best teachings of the academy. They both showed the true meaning of heroism. With this, we became stronger and motivated to continue our paths with the utmost excellence. To the late Lt Saldua and Lt Alejo we offer our achievements to both of you. And you will be forever remembered. KUDOS!



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

# LAST CALL

**COL CUSTODIO C SALUSAGCOL '76**  
04 June 1952 – 29 November 2018

Col Salusagcol succumbed to his long battle with cancer. He passed away on 29 November 2019 at the VMMC. His wake was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Necro service was on 3 December 2019, and he was laid to rest with full military honors on 4 December 2019. He left behind his loving wife Jennifer and children, Erwin and Leah. Col Salusagcol will always be remembered as a jolly, active, and disciplined member of their class.



**COL DAVID T ALIMORONG '62**  
26 September 1939 – 3 February 2019

Col Alimorong passed away on 3 February 2019, he was in and out of the hospital late last year. He left behind his wife Fely and their children Dennis, Prescy, Armi-Paz, Pamela, and Dana. The members of PMA Class 1962 paid their last respects to him at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary. Necrological services were held on Friday, 8 February. His children and grandchildren sang for him and recalled how kind and loving he was as a dad and granddad. On Saturday, 9 February, Dave was borne to his final resting place at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in a fitting military burial.



**COL MANUEL R ESTRADA '63**  
9 June 1938 – 8 February 2019

Col Manuel R Estrada died in Paranaque City on 8 February 2019. The wake was in Funeraria Paz, Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Paranaque City. He



was cremated on 11 February 2019 (family only). Necro service was in St. Therese Columbarium, Newport Blvd., Villamor, Pasay City on 18 February 2019. He was laid to rest at LNMB on 19 February 2019 with Full Military Honors. He left behind his wife Virginia Aspiras Estrada “Elsie”, and sons Walter (Engineer), Rommel '91 PNP, PAL pilot and Mark (Architect).

A “pilot extraordinaire,” Maning was featured in Reader’s Digest’s June 1983 issue as *Hero and in the Sky*. He was Dodo – Officer class 1965 at PAFFS, until he retired as Aircraft Captain.

**CPT WALTER A NUÑEZ '98**

27 September 1971 - 12 February 2019

Cpt Nuñez passed away on 12 February 2019. He left behind his wife Mary Geraldynne with whom he had three children, namely: Tehya, Bianca, and Hirah. His wake was held at Saint Peters Chapel from 13 to 16 February 2019 and later buried at Beyond the Sunset Crematorium in Baguio City on 17 February 2019. His last assignment with the Philippine Air Force was at the Air Education and Training Command, Fernando Air Base.



**LTCOL FRISCO F SAN JUAN '44**

21 July 1922 – 18 February 2019

LtCol San Juan passed away on 18 February 2019, his remains were brought to Heritage Park on 19 February and transferred to Ynares Center, Antipolo City the following day for the necrological services. He was married to Dr. Amelia S. San Juan with whom he had six children. He was a 3<sup>rd</sup> class cadet at the PMA during the outbreak of the war. He joined the Hunters ROTC Guerrillas on 16 January 1942, which operated in the Southern Luzon provinces. He rose to become the Chief of



Staff of the guerilla unit until the end of the liberation period.

**BGEN DELFIN B POMPOSO '76**

20 December 1953 – 22 February 2019

BGen Pomposo had a cardiac arrest while in Cabanatuan City. It was only six days ago when he attended the PMA Alumni Homecoming (16 February 2019) in Baguio. He had a multiple heart By-pass operation 11 years ago when he was still in active duty. His remains were airlifted back to Manila. His wake was held at the Villamor Air Base mortuary. On 1 March, members of PMA Magilas class '76 hosted the necrological services in his honor. Interment was done the next day, 2 March at the Libingan ng mga Bayan with Full Military Honors. He left behind his wife Beth and children: Ian Dexter, Julie Anne and Karen Mae.



**PDIR JAIME L TAGACA '77**

19 January 1954 – 1 March 2019

P/Dir Tagaca passed away on 1 March 2019. Wake was at his residence at Sta. Rosa City before he was finally laid to rest at the Eternal Gardens in Sta. Rosa City on 4 March 2019. He left behind his wife, Anita and children, Imee Rose Chelleveld, Jessie James, Jaime Jr, and John Paul.



**CAPT ROBERT V GARCIA PN '70**

26 May 1947 – 23 March 2019

Capt Garcia passed away on 23 March 2019 and left behind his loving wife Ma. Evelyn. He was buried on 27 March at the Heritage Park.



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