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The white dove, with an olive branch between its beaks has become one of the most accepted symbols of peace, historically derived from the early Greeks and Romans. Ironically, they were always at war during their glory days of yore. It was also used by the early Christians to symbolize love, hope and prosperity.

It is amazing, if not a phenomenon of some kind, that as the country moves toward the end of the year and prepares to celebrate Christmas, Christendom's longest holiday, people suddenly become warmer toward each other. They become less belligerent, kind and generous; cold hearts thaw; estranged friends and lovers reconcile; Christmas greetings of peace and love are exchanged.

Sadly, after this year-end event, it is back to normal.

When can our country attain lasting peace and prosperity? The reported economic growth does not mean a thing if the benefits do not filter to people living in slums, below bridges, along riverbanks and begging on the streets. Or there are groups in the mountains and hinterlands fighting the government for whatever reasons their leaders are espousing.

The key to peace are the leaders. If they sincerely want peace and prosperity, they should lead their followers toward this goal, not toward their personal objectives.

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Theme for the next issue: Welcome home, Cavaliers!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



The pursuit of peace and prosperity: our urgent goal

The choice of our theme for this issue, as for other issues, has been deliberate. The months of November and December are associated with the Christmas season and when we talk of Christmas we immediately call to mind the birth of Jesus and the announcement of the angels to the shepherds regarding this event: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."*

Two issues ago, we talked about keeping in step with our new leaders toward peace and prosperity and we cited that our national strategy is based on the mantra that without peace and security, there is no prosperity, progress or development. And may we add, if there is prosperity, progress or development, peace and security are enhanced.

We therefore believe that the pursuit of peace and prosperity should be our urgent goal, whether as an individual or as a nation.

Although the common notion is that uniformed personnel like us Cavaliers are warmongers, one can readily see the following quotation prominently displayed on the walls of offices and barracks of military and law enforcement units: *"I wish for peace, but if violence must come, may it come in my time so that my children can live in peace."*



One of the major thrusts of the Duterte administration is to end the insurgencies that have plagued our country for the last several decades. We Cavaliers have been at the forefront of these conflicts and have borne the brunt of the effects of the armed struggles and we therefore easily understand the value of having peace in our land and the hope that the generations after us will no longer have to go through what we have undergone.

The government is now stepping up the peace talks with the Communist and Moro rebel groups. The goal of the peace process is to end the hostilities between them and the government, to address their grievances, to reintegrate them into the mainstream of our society, and to allow development and progress in the affected areas and other parts of the country. Once internal peace and security are achieved, we can refocus our efforts on the other pressing concerns like territorial defense and poverty alleviation.

When we think of peace, we do not only consider peace with the rebel groups. We also have to deal with the peace and order problems brought about by drugs and criminality. The campaign of the government to solve these problems certainly deserve the support and cooperation of all peace-loving citizens. But if we cannot be part of the solution, as often said, we should at least not be part of the problems by just being law-abiding.

In our pursuit of peace and prosperity, we pray that God be with us always.

Reminder: PMAAAI members attending the annual membership meeting on 28 January 2017 are encouraged to read the minutes of the previous annual meeting, full text of the resolutions passed and other pertinent documents through www.pmaai.net, the new PMAAAI website. For details turn to page 8.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



On members not in good standing

Editor's note: In lieu of the usual commentaries of the President, PMAAAI this article is being published as a reminder to all alumni, particularly those being nominated for the CAVALIER AWARDS and those applying for medical assistance and burial assistance (abuloy) who should satisfy membership in good standing requirement.

This is to clarify definition of regular members of the PMAAAI in good standing and not in good standing according to the provisions of the PMAAAI Bylaws.

Pursuant to Section 2a of Article VIII of the Bylaws, "a regular member shall pay a monthly dues of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00): Provided, That a member in the active service who has not been paying his monthly dues for at least five (5) years shall pay Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.00) to take care of his unpaid past dues and resume paying his monthly dues in order to regain his status as a member in good standing."

A regular member is in good standing if he has been paying regularly his membership dues until his 50th graduation anniversary or, if he is no longer in the active service, has paid a one-time non-refundable lifetime dues or has made a refundable deposit the earnings of which take care of his monthly dues. Otherwise, he is considered not in good standing.

A member not in good standing is not entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of a member in good standing, like the right to vote and to be voted upon, the privilege to receive the Cavalier Award, and the benefits of medical assistance in case of sickness or hospitalization, and burial assistance or "abuloy" in case of death.

Many members are possibly of the belief that payment of monthly dues, which is being deducted from their pay while in the active service, is up to their retirement only. They are wrong. They have to continue paying their dues until they reach their 50th graduation anniversary. This wrong belief is manifested by the long list of members not in good standing in the records of the PMAAAI accounting office. There are 953 members not in good standing from the classes of 1956 to 1984. There possibly might be some errors, so concerned members are advised to visit the

PMAAAI to update their records. These are members no longer in the active service, either retired or resigned.

The breakdown by class of those with 10 or more members not in good standing: 1962 - 10, 1969 - 13, 1971 - 22, 1974 - 59, 1975 - 55, 1977 - 46, 1978 - 90, 1979 - 78, 1980 - 85, 1981 - 102, 1982 - 143, 1983 - 130 and 1984 - 91.

To regain his status as a member in good standing, a member no longer in the active service and has not reached yet his 50th graduation anniversary but has not been paying his monthly dues for at least five (5) years shall pay Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.00) to take care of his unpaid past dues, and shall pay either a one-time non-refundable lifetime dues (of P6,000.00, P7,000.00 or P8,000.00 before his 40th, 45th or 50th graduation anniversary, respectively) or make a refundable deposit of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) if he has not reached yet his 40th graduation anniversary.

Pursuant to Section 2d of Article VIII of the PMAAAI Bylaws, "a member not in good standing at the time when his class had its 50th graduation anniversary shall remain not in good standing, and shall not be entitled to the rights, privileges and benefits of a member in good standing: Provided, That he may be allowed to regain his status as a member in good standing if he pays a one-time non-refundable dues of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00), in addition to Six Thousand Pesos (P6,000.00) to take care of his unpaid past dues." /raa



PMAAAI members answer the roll call by class during the alumni convention held on the fourth Saturday of January every year.



SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Our cherished traditions

With the many traditions in the Academy, there will probably be one thing that we cannot forego—celebrating our founding anniversary. Last October 29, we, as a community, commemorated the 118th Foundation Anniversary of the Philippine Military Academy with a simple yet meaningful celebration that enabled us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and provide a legacy for the future. Devoid of excessiveness and pageantry, our celebration was centered not so much on musing over our tangible achievements but more on reflecting on the things we need to do. Our commemoration becomes only as important as our past, unless we realize that it is more essential for us to create among our personnel and cadets a sense of ownership that ultimately makes them stewards of the Academy. This is what laying the foundations of the future genuinely means.

I have always heard many leaders say that they are not responsible for the past they inherited. I agree. However, our bigger and more important responsibility is to create a new history without losing sight of our institutional memory. A Danish philosopher reminded us that “Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.” It is for this reason that on that same day when we all celebrated both the past and the present, we decided to dedicate another historical milestone in the Academy- the New Cadet Barracks-which we aptly named the General Arturo Tiangson Enrile Hall.

The New Cadet Barracks is a dream-come-true not only for our cadets but for everyone in the alumni community. We who are privileged to serve the Academy ought to make things happen. It is not only important for us to claim that we are the best leadership school in the country but more importantly, we have to provide our cadets the most vital requirements of their training. This is our urgent goal and not doing this simply robs the Academy, as well as the cadets, its future.

This month, we also look forward to another tradition that was kept and passed on from one cadet generation to another—the 100thNite Show. I then take this opportunity to invite all alumni to watch this year’s performance as the cadets showcase their talents and ingenuity.

As the year is about to end, we realize that there is more work to be done. The past 11 months have been marked by noteworthy achievements and revolutions. It is for this reason that we will maintain our momentum and actively work on making our aspirations and dreams come true. With God’s abiding grace, next year will be as fruitful as the years gone by!



Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana receives a birthday token from MGen Donato B. San Juan II, Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Superintendent, as they commemorate the Academy’s 118th Founding Anniversary at Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City. Secretary Lorenzana arrived at the PMA on October 28, 2016, which was coincidentally his birthday.



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Desiderata: Peace, prosperity, unity

Without doubt, there is in place a government program for the attainment of lasting peace in the country. For a long time, the people who are most affected by fighting, violence and the resulting disruption in their way of life, have been clamoring for it. Sadly, if present developments are indications, its realization has remained a dream as new obstacles litter the way, in addition to existing ones.

The peace negotiations with various insurgent groups are on track. The government has even bent a little, allowing a number of CPP/NPA cadres in detention to be released to become part of their negotiation panel. The issue of withdrawal of troops in communist-insurgency affected areas, as demanded by their panel, has yet to be settled. The AFP has objected for the reason that if this is done, their armed components (NPA) would be free to roam the countryside, demanding revolutionary taxes and sustenance from villagers. Add to this is a more critical question: When are they giving up their firearms? Also, not yet clear, is whether or not, they would demand a coalition with the party in power, if not choice slots in the Executive Department.

There are also peace initiatives with the Muslim secessionist groups. On the surface, the support of the MILF and MNLF leadership to the peace effort is a positive factor. But there are other groups, sometimes warring against each other, if not fighting government forces, which are expected to demand to have a slice of the anticipated pie of benefits. Only recently, a break-away group figured in battle against government forces in Lanao del Sur. But perhaps, the most problematic of all, is the expected revival of moves for the passage of a Bangsamoro Basic Law which had been strongly objected to by various sectors of society because of its onerous provisions.

Complicating the internal situation in Mindanao is the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) which has continued its kidnap for ransom operations not only in Sulu and Basilan but also in international waters. Intensified military and police operations and killing or arrest of their top leaders notwithstanding, they continue to kidnap locals and foreigners, demanding huge ransoms and beheading some captives to demonstrate their viciousness. For one thing, their depredations have forced the government to deploy more troops in the area and enlist more soldiers which will result in the further increase in the size of the regular forces of the AFP (further increasing the number of retirees with unpaid

pension arrears in the future). These eat big chunks in government funds which could have been spent for development. What cannot be accurately quantified is the displacement of civilians in the conflict areas.

One positive note is the major effort of government to eradicate the drug problem and other forms of criminality which was correctly given priority in the short term. The drug problem, if not solved now, will only grow worse and like cancer, eat into the whole fabric of Filipino society, destroying future generations. As a stop gap measure, even the AFP has been tasked to help, a deviation from its traditional duty of defense and security.

All these endeavors require that a major slice of the yearly appropriations be spent on enhancing the capabilities of the armed services. How to skirt constitutional/legal restraints in allocating a bigger budget to them will be a problem of Congress, a significant number of which are still enamored by communist-inspired ideology or plain anti-military activists who will surely oppose the measure. Surely, the pundits in Congress and the academe are not lacking in number, and together, they should be able to answer the proverbial question: Which comes first, economic development or security?

In the face of all these constraints, peace will remain as elusive as ever. The main reason: greed for money, power and authority on the part of leaders of armed groups fighting the government. The followers merely follow, even if it means their death. The lessons of the first and second world wars are again forgotten. The scenes of death and destruction in the conflict areas in the Middle East are no deterrent.

The country now awaits the coming of the Christmas season and the start of a new year. Hopes for peace are again rekindled. It is at this time of the year that belligerent emotions are somewhat softened in the direction of friendship and love. Recall that during the past world wars, fighters at opposite sides of the front line even exchanged greetings and cigarettes.

The quest for peace must not be given up, not only by Filipinos but by people all over the world. Because of rapid advances in technology, total destruction is so near by the mere push of a button.

CAVALIER

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

NEWSLINE

**LtGen Año is the new AFP chief of staff**

LtGen Eduardo M Año '83 has been appointed by the President as the new AFP chief of staff, replacing his classmate Gen

**Año**

Ricardo R Visaya '83 who retired on 8 Dec 2016.

LtGen Glorioso V Miranda '83 has replaced Año as the new commanding general of the Philippine Army. And Miranda has been replaced as AFP vice chief of staff by LtGen Salvador Melchor B Mison '84, the incumbent TDCS, AFP.

VAdm Mercado designated PN chief

VAdm Ronald Joseph S Mercado '83 has been designated as the new flag officer in command (FOIC) of the Philippine Navy, replacing VAdm Ceasar C Taccad '82 who compulsorily retired last 13 Nov 2016.

**Mercado**

Lactao will remain as the inspector general (TIG) of the AFP, in a concurrent capacity.

LtGen Luna appointed as DND undersecretary

Retired LtGen Cardozo M Luna '75 has been recently appointed by the President as the undersecretary of national defense. He replaced former USND retired Col Honorio S Ascueta '68.

**Luna**

Before he retired from the service, Luna served as the AFP vice chief of staff. After which he was posted as ambassador to the Netherlands.

Retired MGen Cesar B Yano '80 has likewise been designated as USec for Defense Operations. And retired MGen Felicito Virgilio Trinidad Jr '82 has also been designated as ASec for human relations.

RAdm Estioko designated as NDCP president

Retired RAdm Roberto Q Estioko '77 has been appointed as the new president

**Estioko**

of the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP). He holds a masters degree in national security administration (MNSA)

Estioko has replaced his classmate retired BGen Fermin R de Leon Jr '77, who served as NDCP president for the past six (6) years.

MGen Cabreros assumes as PA vice commander**Cabreros**

MGen Harold N Cabreros '84 has assumed as the new Army vice commander, vice MGen Edmund R Pangilinan '83 who retired.

Pangilinan, who only recently assumed as PA vice commander, used to be commander of the Army's 6thInf Div when the massacre of 44 commandos of the PNP SAF in Mamasapano occurred.

Cabreros has been replaced as 3rd Inf Div, PA chief by his classmate BGen Jon N Aying '84.

BGen de la Vega designated AFPCGSC commandant**De la Vega**

De la Vega used to be the commander of Task Force Sulu.

BGen Del Rosario assumes as PMA commandant

BGen Gener P del Rosario '85 has assumed as the commandant of cadets at the Philippine Military Academy, replacing BGen Noel S Clement '85 who has

**Del Rosario****LtGen Batenga elected chairman and president of AGFO**

Retired LtGen Eduardo E Batenga '63 has been elected as the new chairman and president of the Association of General and Flag Officers, Inc. (AGFO). He was elected directly by the members during the AGFO annual membership meeting

**Batenga**

and election on 25 Nov 2016. His term starts on 1 Jan 2017.

He will replace retired LtGen Edilberto P Adan '72 who has served as chairman and president of AGFO since 2013.

Col Kapunan appointed as ambassador to Myanmar

Retired Col Eduardo Wynfred E Kapunan Jr '71 has been appointed by the President as ambassador to Myanmar.

**Kapunan**

He was one of the founding members of the Reform Armed Forces Movement (RAM) that played a major role in the EDSA People Power Revolution in 1986.

BGen Alquiza designated as acting executive director

Following the approval of Board Resolution No. 16- 40 prescribing new qualifications of the executive director, doing away with age limit, the Board during its meeting on 26 Oct 2016 appointed retired BGen Rosalino A Alquiza '55 as the acting executive director.

He declined but he was prevailed upon by the board to accept the position until a full-fledged executive director is appointed.

He had been designated by the present board as director-in-charge (performing the duties of executive director) since 1 March 2016.

ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

PMAAAI Activities

By Cav Cristopher T Calulot Sr '90



Annual Membership Meeting

The PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Saturday, 28 January 2017** at the AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. The tentative Agenda is as follows:

Part I 0700 - Registration (AFP Theater)

Part II 0830 - Annual Membership Meeting

- Entry of Colors
- National Anthem
- Invocation
- Welcome Remarks
- Roll Call by Class
- Call to Order of Annual Meeting
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Annual Membership Meeting
- Report of the President
- Ratification of All Acts and Resolutions of the Board and Management
- Presentation of Proposed Resolutions
- Election & Proclamation of PMAAAI Board Directors
- Report of the PMA Superintendent
- Other Matters
- Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Part III 1030 - Arrival of the Guest of Honor

- Awarding of Outstanding Achievement Award
- Introduction of the Guest of Honor
- Speech of the Guest of Honor & Speaker
- Presentation of Memento to the Guest of Honor and Speaker
- Exit of Colors

Part IV - Lunch and Fellowship (AFPCOC)

- Raffle Draw
- Singing of Alma Mater Song

Alumni Homecoming Schedule

TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE/REMARKS
17 Feb 2017 (Friday) 0600 – 1700	Continuation of Alumni Battle of Classes Golf Tournament	Venue: Camp John Hay SPR: MA7 in coordination with PMAAAI
0800	Continuation of PMA Alumni Registration	Venue: Melchor Hall OPR: PMA Registrar
0800	Opening of PMA Canteen Cup (Basketball)	Venue: Jurado Hall OPR: CSSO/SPDU UPR: HTG
1645	Wreath Laying Ceremony	Venue: Alumni Memorial Uniform: Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Barong Business Suit UPR/SPR: HTG/MA3
1700	Closing and Awarding Ceremony Alumni Battle of Classes Golf Tournament/ Raffle/ Message	Venue: Camp John Hay SPR: MA7 in coordination with PMAAAI
1800	Superintendent's Reception	Venue: Lopez Hall of Leaders SPR: MA1/MA7 in coordination with PMAAAI Attire: Smart Casual

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Nomination for honorary membership of PRRD

Pursuant to Article II, Section 3C of the Amended New Bylaws of the PMAAAI, all members of the Association are hereby informed that PMA Classes 1966, 1967 and 1988 have nominated President Rodrigo R. Duterte, the Commander in Chief of all the armed forces of the Philippines, as honorary member of PMAAAI.

The President was born on 28 March 1945 in Maasin, Southern Leyte. He got his baccalaureate degree from Lyceum of the Philippines but earned his Bachelor of Laws degree from San Beda College in 1972. He served as special counsel at the City Prosecution Office of Davao City, became Assistant City Prosecutor two years later and elected Vice Mayor of Davao City

in 1986. He was again elected Davao City Mayor in 1988, and served for seven terms, broken only by stints in between as Congressman and Vice Mayor. Under his no-nonsense leadership, Davao City became a model city of the country, a feat which contributed significantly to his election as President of the Philippines. His advocacies for lasting peace and change, and the war against illegal drugs, criminality and graft and corruption continue to receive massive support from the people.

Any comment pertaining to his nomination as honorary member may be sent to the Secretariat, PMA Alumni Center, Camp General Aguinaldo, Quezon City.

PAF chapter co-sponsors empowering women training

By Cav Cecille Bernabe-Frias '99

The PMAAAI Air Force Chapter, through the leadership of the Chairman, CAV ROZZANO D BRIGUEZ '86, teamed up with the PAF Office of Ethical Standards and Public Accountability (OESPA) in the conduct of "Empowering Women in the PAF: A Mentorship Training" held from 20 to 21 September 2016 at Col Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City.

The activity was facilitated by a team of four counselors headed by Ms Agnes Hautea-Nano, wife of Cavalier Jose Nano '74. She had been a "foster mom/aunt" to some cavaliers and a confidant of some female cavaliers with sexual harassment experiences in the past.

Ms Nano had beefed up her counselling skills by taking up courses with the internationally renowned Institute for Solution-Focused Therapy, described as "future-focused, goal-directed and focuses on solutions, rather than on the problems that brought clients to seek therapy". She has earned a certification as Master Solutions-Focused Practitioner, the third level certification for this brand of therapy and counselling training.

The conduct of enrichment talks veered away from the

traditional lecture format. Instead it was made lively with the infusion of participative activities designed to encourage attendees to share their experiences in the discussions. They also performed actions such as drawing, coloring, writing, and dancing, in order to make the training as experiential as possible. The two-day activity was participated in by two separate groups coming from Luzon-based PAF air bases. A total of 60 PAF female personnel attended and were given some training on mentoring other women who had been victims of violence and abuse.

The feedback from the participants was positive. They favored the civilian-led, non-traditional format of the training and welcomed the chance to voice out personal concerns among fellow females. Most of the participants appreciated the solutions-focused brand of counselling, which basically aimed to draw out positive solutions from problem scenarios instead of focusing on negativism.

Because of the positive feedback, the Air Force Chapter's Special Committee on Female Cavalier Affairs is considering the endorsement of a similar activity next year.



From left: MAJ ROMMEL FAJARDO of OESPA, Ms Agnes Nano, COL MAXIMA O IGNACIO PAF (GSC), Guest of Honor and MAJ JONAH TANGGAWOHN, a participant.



The participants fill up evaluation sheets and write comments about the conduct of the activity.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2017 ... from page 6

18 Feb 2017 (Saturday) 0700 – 1000	Continuation of Alumni PMA Alumni Registration	Venue: Melchor Hall Uniform : Major Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Appropriate Alumni Class Attire OPR: Registrar
0730 - 0830	Open House	Venue: Cadet Barracks UPR/OPR: HTG/MA3
0800 0900	Arrival Honors for GOHAS	Venue: Sundial Area Military Host: SPMA Uniform: Major Service Blouse Alumni Attire: Appropriate Alumni Class Attire UPR/SPR: HTG/MA3

	Alumni Parade	Venue: Borromeo Field SPR: MA3/MA7 UPR: HTG
19 Feb 2017 (Sunday) 0800	Religious Services	Venue: Mass with the respective visitors at their designated worship areas. OPR: OCC SPR: MA1 UPR: HTG
0800	Opening of PMA Canteen Cup (Football)	Venue: Jurado Hall OPR: CSSO/SPDU UPR: HTG
1000	Silent Drill Exhibition	Venue: Cadet Barracks UPR/OPR: HTG/MA3
1700	Closing of PMA Canteen Cup	Venue: Borromeo Field UPR/SPR/OPR: HTG/CSSO/SPDU

Changing of the Guard at the Philippine Navy

By Cav Marineth R Domingo '02

The baton symbolizing Navy leadership has been passed on and the three-star vice admiral in-charge of the AFP's Western Command is at the receiving end.

VAdm Ronald Joseph Mercado, PMA Class 1983, succeeded VADM Caesar Taccad, PMA Class 1982, as the Flag Officer In Command of the Philippine Navy (FOIC,PN) as the latter reached the mandatory retirement age of 56.

In the Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony on Nov. 12, 2016 held at the Sailor Heroes Memorial at Naval Base Heracleo Alano in Sangley Point, Cavite, the AFP Chief of Staff, Gen. Ricardo Visaya, handed over the PN Command Flag to VADM Mercado as FOIC, PN, in acting capacity. With his new appointment, Mercado is concurrently holding two positions: as acting FOIC, PN and Commander, AFP Western Command.

In his speech, VADM Mercado vowed that "the Philippine Navy will continue to focus on the development and sustainment of Fleet and Marine forces for operations".

He has been in the active military service for 37 years now. He held various positions of major responsibility before taking over the helm of the Navy. Foremost of these assignments were Philippine Fleet Commander, Navy Vice Commander and Chief of Naval Staff. He is a well decorated military professional and a graduate of numerous military courses here and abroad.

VADM Taccad compulsorily bowed out from the service after 38 long years as a Navy officer. A member of PMA "Sandigan" Class of 1982, he capped his military career at the top of Navy hierarchy where he made sure that the AFP's naval

arm would continue performing its constitutional mandate and sustain its efforts toward modernization.

Noteworthy during his incumbency as FOIC, PN were the acquisitions of floating assets that significantly improved the PN capability especially in the conduct of Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) operations. During his term, the Navy acquired the following floating assets: the Navy's newest and biggest vessel to date, the amphibious landing dock BRP Tarlac (LD601), the recently launched second vessel of the same type from Indonesia which is due for delivery to the Philippines next year; three additional Landing Craft Heavy (LCH) vessels from Australia; research vessel BRP Gregorio Velasquez (AGR702); and the third Hamilton-class cutter, BRP Andres Bonifacio (FF17).



"pmaai.net" - The new PMAAAI website

By Cav Ferdinan B Picar '89

PMAAI IT Administrator

The importance of the social media cannot be over emphasized. The age of information technology (IT) brought with it the fastest medium of information dissemination with the capacity to handle large volumes of information, anytime and anywhere as long as there is an internet connection.

In line with this, the PMAAAI would like to announce the new official website named "pmaai.net". Said site transformed from pmaai.com to pmaai.net. It has been online since 2014 and very active in disseminating the organization's data information particularly the electronic copy of the PMAAAI official paper called "CAVALIER MAGAZINE". Through this medium, members that cannot be reached through normal post mail especially those from abroad

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Retirees lead Payback Scheme donors

By Finance Committee, PMAAAI

From an initial seed of P200,000 from Class 54 for the contributions of living members of the class (both generals and colonels) and some generals from a few other classes, who contributed P10,000 each, the total fund of the Special Fund for PMA Payback, including contributions from those retired below general's rank and those in the active service, has reached P20,192,720 as of 31 October 2016, as reported by the PMAAAI Finance Committee. Of this amount, P18,963,819 had been spent to support PMA projects, like repair of two water pumps, renovation of the Firing Range, purchase of collapsible tents and computers, and installation of CCTV and WIFI. (See Sept-Oct 2016 issue of the Cavalier).

In AY 2009-10, on recommendation of then PMA Superintendent RAdm Leonardo C Calderon Jr '76, the PMAAAI Board approved a resolution, ratified by the 2010 General Assembly, enjoining all members to contribute to the PMA Payback Fund to support projects of the Academy. Those in the active service were asked to contribute monthly P100 for company grade, P200 for field grade and P300 for general officer grade. The retired were asked to contribute at least P10,000 each for the generals and at least P5,000 each for colonels and below.

Notably, the first responders to the call for voluntary contributions were the retirees in the rank of general. To recognize their initiatives, their names are listed below in alphabetical order. The other contributors will also be recognized by chapter in succeeding issues of the Cavalier.

Name	Class	Amount
Abinuman, Manuel NA	1982	P10,600
Abogado, Edgar L	1980	P10,800
Aglipay, Edgar	1971	P10,000
Aguilar, Restituto	1978	P10,000

Aguirre, Alexander	1961	P10,000	Depakakibo, Protacio L	1954	P10,000
Agustin, Carlos	1959	P10,000	Descanzo, Jesus	1982	P10,000
Alcoriza, Danilo	1982	P10,000	Dolino, Rex	1981	P10,000
Alano, Jose Luis M	1979	P11,700	Donato, Honorato	1983	P10,000
Alano, Leopoldo M	1982	P12,000	Ebdane, Hermogenes Jr	1970	P10,000
Alfabeto, Edgardo	1955	P10,000	Ecarma, Renato	1955	P10,000
Alquiza, Rosalino A	1955	P10,000	Ecarma, Rodolfo A	1954	P10,000
Arzaga, Ernesto	1960	P10,000	Espina, Leonardo	1981	P10,000
Avenido, Anselmo S Jr	1967	P10,000	Estilles, Napoleon	1981	P10,000
Bacalzo, Raul	1977	P10,000	Fernandez, Jose	1982	P10,000
Baladad, Abraham	1955	P10,000	Filler, Alfredo	1962	P10,000
Balutan, Alexander F	1983	P13,200	Florece, Bernardo	1983	P10,000
Bañez, Armando V	1982	P11,200	Fortes, Allen	1982	P10,000
Bartolome, Nicanor	1980	P10,000	Gacis, Feliciano M	1954	P10,000
Barlis, Wilhelm	1982	P10,000	Garbo, Marcelo Jr	1981	P10,000
Bautista, Fredelino	1966	P10,000	Gatchalian, Jesus	1982	P10,000
Bernardino, Jaime S	1981	P14,100	Genabi, Isagani Jr	1983	P10,000
Betita, Cesar C	1954	P10,000	Gopo, Primitivo P	1983	P11,800
Biazon, Rodolfo	1961	P10,000	Guerrero, Rustico RO	1981	P17,100
Bueno, Amante S	1954	P10,000	Guillermo, Julius Cesar	1982	P13,000
Cacayan, Philip L	1981	P11,200	Habulan, Antonio Jr	1981	P10,200
Cacdac, Arthur Jr	1978	P10,000	Hermogino, Elvin E	1983	P13,200
Calderon, Leonardo Jr	1976	P10,000	Hernandez, Virgilio E	1983	P13,600
Campanilla, Cristino	1982	P10,000	Heredia, Rommel	1979	P10,000
Carlos, Zyril D	1980	P13,500	Hitosis, Gil	1981	P10,000
Carrillo, Elmer C	1983	P10,400	Ibay, Rufino	1967	P10,000
Cejoco, Vicente L	1982	P11,800	Ignacio, Alexander	1983	P10,000
Cenabre, Jose JM	1983	P13,000	Kagaoan, Agerico	1962	P10,000
Chen, Cecil R	1982	P10,000	Khu , Felicisimo Jr	1979	P10,000
Cortez, Orwen J	1979	P10,200	Lañada, Rey	1979	P10,000
Cruz, Agrimero	1982	P10,000	Lapus, Jose	1965	P10,000
Cuy, Catalino	1981	P10,000	Lopez, Alexander S	1983	P12,600
Damazo, Rogelio	1982	P10,000	Luga, Emilio S Jr	1954	P10,000
Datu, Christie	1973	P10,000	Mabilin, Melito	1982	P10,000
De Asis, Elpidio Jr	1980	P10,000	Mackay, Edwin M	1983	P13,200
De Guzman, Dante	1955	P10,000	Magnaye, Emerald C	1983	P12,600
Dela Cruz, Lauro Catalino	1980	P11,700	Marquez, Ricardo	1982	P10,000
Dela Cruz, Joel T	1983	P10,200	Meneses, Gil	1980	P10,000
De Leon, Fermin	1977	P10,000	Millan, Jesus C	1982	P10,800
De Leon, Orlando E	1982	P13,200	Mison, Salvador	1955	P10,000
Delgado, Daniel	1963	P10,000	Monteagudo, Alex Paul	1981	P10,000
Delgado, Jeffrey F	1982	P12,200	Montenegro, Francisco	1981	P10,000
Delos Reyes, Noel	1982	P10,000	Munoz, Madrino	1955	P10,000
Delos Santos, Jaime	1969	P10,000	Muyargas, Rodolfo	1953	P10,000
Delos Santos, Jose AM	1979	P10,000	Nebres, Romeo SO	1982	P11,400



Perimeter fence and steel gate at FDP Elementary School



Construction of soil erosion control structure at Eco-Trail Area

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Produce the best officers

By Cav Delfin N. Lorenzana '73

Speech of Secretary of Defense Delfin Lorenzana '73 on the occasion of the PMA 118th Foundation Day Anniversary celebration and Recognition Rites of the PMA Class 2020. On 29 October at PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City

I, gladly thank General San Juan for his generous invitation for me to be with you today.

My sincerest felicitations and best wishes to the faculty and staff, the officers, men and women, and civilian employees of our country's premier military learning institution, as you commemorate the proud occasion of the 118th Foundation Anniversary of the Philippine Military Academy.

My warmest congratulations to all our awardees for their individual accomplishments that, as a whole, serve as the paragon of performance by our government workers in the different categories of leadership, and levels of duties and responsibilities in this academy. Their excellent achievements clearly mirror and reflect the ideal sets of standard that the academy prescribes for the quality of its human resource, and their deeds are most worthy of emulation.

Let I fail to mention, I wish to thank you for the distinct honor that you have accorded to me today. It is rare and heartwarming, coming from my dear Alma Mater. And I am truly humbled and grateful.

Forty three and a half years ago, I went out of the portals of Fort del Pilar bearing with me the uncommon feeling of extreme fulfillment. I was in a state of highest morale, contented and very happy.

I was relieved of so many things. I was freed from the boring daily duties to petty routines. I lost sight of the hapless and suffering plebes who, time and again, were the favorite playmates of the yearlings. Most of all, I regained my freedoms, as I became an officer and gentleman possessed with the right to exercise sound judgment in everything I do.

I exited from the gates of Fort del Pilar embedding in my heart and mind the motto of our Alma Mater. In all of those more than four decades that I was out of this Academy, wherever I went and whatever I

did, I never failed to seek guidance from its tutelage on *Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty*. These three words have been always my constant reminders in all of my actions, both in my personal and professional life and endeavors.

Today, I am happy to be back on a homecoming and to report to our beloved Alma Mater that I have always lived up to our avowed ideals and devoted my being to the best interests of our nation and citizenry.

In all modesty, allow me now to relate to you a summary of my modest achievements as a military and civil service professional.

As Commander of the 2nd Scout Ranger Battalion from 1987 to 1989, my unit cleared Davao City from insurgents, sparrow units, and criminal elements, in cooperation with then newly elected City Mayor Rody Duterte and the local police. The restored peace and order of Davao City had allowed it to flourish into what it is today.

As operations officer of the Presidential Security Group from 1989 to 1991, I ensured the combat operational readiness of the troops that defended Malacañang complex against rebel soldiers who attempted to overrun the seat of government.

As Commander of the AFP Rapid Deployment Force Battalion from 1992 to 1994, I organized, trained, and led the RDF in the successful operations against the CPP-NPA insurgents in Camarines Sur and Southern Leyte.

A Chief of Army Personnel, Philippine Army from 1993 to 1998, I was instrumental in implementing the 1995 Peace Agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front resulting in the integration of 5,000 MNLF fighters into the Philippine Army.

As Commanding Officer of the 601st Infantry Brigade, I headed the capture of

the notorious kidnap-for-ransom group leader, Tahir Alonto, and his men, and the rescue of their hostages in 1999. I likewise led the recovery of over 50 escapees from General Santos City police prison in 2000, after Alonto's men attacked it to free him from prison.

As Ground Commander of Task Force Libra, I prevented the overrun of Malacañang Palace by about 70,000 mob intending to unseat the then newly installed President on May 1, 2001. Retired General Ramon Farolan had this to say of the said operation, and I quote, *"The slightest miscalculation or poorly coordinated reaction to aggressive moves by the mob could have easily resulted in bloodshed and violence. Lorenzana's cool and mature handling of the delicate situation saved the day for the nation."*

As Commanding General of the Special Operations Command, I was instrumental in the rescue operation of American couple Martin and Gracia Burnham from their Abu Sayyaf kidnapers in July 2002.

As Defense and Armed Forces Attaché, in Washington D.C., I assisted the Philippine Ambassador in effecting foreign military sales amounting close to \$100M, military training and exercises worth \$9M, the grant-in-aid of 20 Huey helicopters and one cyclone special operations ship, and obtained annual grant-in-aid for the veterans memorial medical center that summed up to more than \$10M from 2003 to 2015.

Finally, as Head of the Office of Veterans Affairs, I was at the forefront in lobbying for veterans benefits for Filipino soldiers who served under the U.S. Army during World War II. Our landmark accomplishment



SND Cav Delfin N Lorenzana delivers his speech at the Borromeo Field.

came in the passage of the *Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation*, or the FVEC fund with an appropriation of \$265M. It benefitted more than 18,000 living veterans, paying one-time lumpsum of \$9,000 to veterans who are Filipino citizens and \$15,000 for American citizens.

I was also part of the group that spearheaded lobbying for the unification of U.S.-based World War II Veterans with their families in the *Philippines*. As a result thereof, U.S. President Barack Obama approved the Filipino World War II Veterans Parole Program. Thus, starting June 8, 2016, certain Filipino World War II veterans and their spouses who are U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents may request parole for certain family members to join them in the U.S.

I was also one of the prime movers of the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project, which served to perpetuate the memory of the valor and heroic deeds of our World War II veterans. Our objectives include the grant of the Congressional Medal of Honor to all Filipino veterans who fought for the U.S. And the *Philippines in World War II* and the inclusion in the American educational curriculum of the crucial role played by our veterans in shaping the outcome of the war. Those projects have been gaining ground with legislative support from the U.S. Congress.

As your humble *Secretary of National Defense*, I am now entrusted with primary responsibility to ensure that our *Defense Department* will continue to accomplish its mandated mission: *"To maximize its effectiveness and efficiency for guarding against internal and external threats to national peace and security, promote the welfare of soldiers and veterans, and provide support for social and economic development."*

In this job, I am primarily charged with the continuing task of steering the *DND proper* and propel the relentless accomplishment of the respective missions of its *five (5) bureaus*.

The *Office of Civil Defense* must be professionally capable of ensuring the security and safety of our citizens from both natural and man-made events and calamities, including the ill effects of climate change.

The *Philippine Veterans Affairs Office* should be able to timely pay the financial entitlements, and service the health needs of our veterans and their legal beneficiaries



Filipino veterans who served in the US Army during WWII now enjoy the benefits of Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation.

through the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, and other medical institutions throughout the country.

The *National Defense College of the Philippines* should professionally address the academic requirements of our national leaders, and assist in the formulation and development of national security policies and strategies.

The *Government Arsenal* must continuously produce ample supplies of reliable ammunition for the armed forces of the *Philippines*, and the *Philippine National Police*.

Most of all, the *Armed Forces of the Philippines* must attain its credible level of operational readiness through genuine upgrading and modernization of its capability in order to competently address its fundamental duty as *protector of the people and the state*.

Today, it is gratifying to observe that our officers, men and women in uniform have been patriotic and upright in the performance of their constitutional duties. They are security professionals who subscribe to and faithfully abide with the lofty values of respect for human rights, abidance with the rule of law, and adherence to the principles of international humanitarian law.

But more importantly, it give us utmost gratification to note that with the President's clear message of (a) Removing red tape in the civil service, (b) Fighting corruption in all levels of government, (c) Ridding society of the scourge of illegal drugs, and (d) Pursuing an independent foreign policy-the president in 100 days in office had continued to receive the support and confidence of the public with the 86% satisfaction, performance, and trust rating from the surveys done by *Pulse Asia* recently.

Remembering the humble birth of our *Alma Mater* from the *Akademya Militar*


ng Pilipinas in 1898, the PMA has tutored and produced thousands of alumni who dedicated their lives in the defense of the freedom of our motherland and our social and democratic ideals. They are the countless heroes and veterans who engaged in various wars and campaigns, and peacekeeping operations in our shores and in distant foreign lands, AS instruments of peace, security and progress for our nation and the whole of humankind.

Our Academy must continue to progress and produce the best officers - patriotic men and women whose love, dedication, and devotion for our country and people are beyond question.

If I were in this Academy as *Cadet Lorenzana* today, I would study hard and learn as much as I could. I should embrace its ideals, nurture and inculcate myself of their true meaning, and make them as my real guides in my daily life. I shall go out of this learning institution ready to begin the performance of my duty, as I have been tutored with the lofty teachings of our academy. And my measure of success shall be the honest conviction that in the future I can go back to my endeared alma mater, clean in my person that i did not betray the Academy's teachings on the core values of *"selfless service to god and country, honor and excellence."*

With these humble reflections, let me, once more, extend my sincerest appreciation to General San Juan for the privilege of his invitation.

And to the entire personnel complement of the *Philippine Military Academy*, especially to our *Cadet Corps*, my warmest congratulations on your *Foundation Day Anniversary and Recognition Ceremony!*

**Mabuhay ang PMA!
Mabuhay tayong lahat!** 

Exploring interfaith dialogue for lasting peace

By Cav Jaime S. De Los Santos '69

(This is part of a lecture delivered in August during the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The symposium tackled the issues related to the alternative approach to conflict resolution with special emphasis on interfaith dialogue. Posted on November 08, 2016 issue of the PDI)

Last Sept. 2, 2016, a bombing at a night market in Davao City caused 15 deaths and 70 injuries. In Thailand, tourist attacks were the targets in August 2016. In January 2016, Jakarta was the scene of an ISIS attack that claimed 7 people and injured 23 more. The specter of terrorism looms large and dangerous in our region, and the challenge of securing people and property remains.

THE THREAT OF ISLAMIC TERRORISM

International Islamist terrorism may arguably be the single most serious challenge facing us all today. Its scope is global -- without regard for national boundaries and borders. Its victims cut across nationalities, cultures, classes, ages, and genders. It undermines foundations of international cooperation and understanding already established, and exploits differences and distrusts to create new conflicts.

In Southeast Asia with its significant Muslim population, Islamist terrorism threatens to drown out generally moderate voices of the Islamic faith. Generally, Southeast Asian societies and governments are tolerant, representative, and responsive. The region has its own indigenous Islamic militant groups but the linkages among these groups have been traditionally and relatively weak, with most operating only in their country, focusing on domestic issues, such as promoting the adoption of Islamic law (sharias), and seeking independence from central government control.

Recent developments show that the conjunction of several phenomena has allowed Islamist terrorists, such as al Qaeda and ISIS, to make significant inroads into the region by forging links with these domestic radical groups. These

include frustration arising from repression by secularist governments, and the desire to create a pan-Islamic Southeast Asia.

While the threat of terrorism in the Southeast Asia has strategically been contained into a local concern owing to the active collaboration of law enforcement agencies within the region, terrorism is far from defeated. Governments and their peoples have to remain vigilant and focus their efforts in addressing the root causes of extremism, one crucial part of which is bridging the Muslim-Christian divide, or the perception of it.

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE INITIATIVES

Southeast Asia, given its high cultural diversity, is vulnerable to this "divide-and-rule" tactic by terrorists. Governments and peoples should, therefore, continue if not reinforce current initiatives in interfaith dialogue as part of a broader regional strategy to counter terrorism and preserve diversity.

Interfaith dialogue is a process of bringing together groups coming from different religious affiliations for the purpose of listening and try to understand each other's beliefs, how they worship and live. It does not make a comparative study of religions nor try to persuade and embrace another's religion. Interfaith dialogue can rebuild relationships in conflict-affected areas even if religion is not the root cause of the problem. It helps advance reconciliation and cures traumatic experiences in conflict, and can bring down the barrier of a Christian-Muslim divide.

The Philippine experience in interfaith dialogue attests to the important role that civil society plays and the necessity of government-civil society collaboration. It is national policy in the Philippines that "government-civil society partnership shall be strengthened to serve as the backbone of the country's interfaith advocacy in the international community."

Within civil society, the Philippines has a rich network of interfaith groups and organizations which, together with the Philippine Government, have been instrumental in fostering a culture of

peace, cooperation, and development, especially in the southern part of the country.

These programs, however, were not significant enough to influence peace initiatives. It means that a lot of opportunities are available that can be exploited and pursued that promise positive results. The program can be directed both from the institutional and educational dimensions.

A milestone year for interfaith dialogue in the Philippines was 1996. The signing of the Final Peace Agreement between the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Government of the Philippines on Sept. 2, 1996 paved the way for the establishment of the Bishops-Ulama Conference (BUC) on Nov. 29 of the same year in Cebu.

Not only did the Final Peace Accord succeed in "breaking the ice" between religious leaders... [with a wider impact, it was] also a "pioneer" of interfaith dialogue becoming the Philippines' advocated 'format,' as well as an important element of the peace process..."

Other major programs were conducted in March 2010, as Manila hosted a Special Ministerial Meeting called "Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and Development of Nonaligned Movement, and in January 2011, when the Philippines sponsored a resolution entitled "Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue" adopted during the 65th session of the UN General Assembly.

COMPLEMENTARY PEACE INITIATIVES

Interfaith dialogue must be complemented with other educational and institutional initiatives in order for it to achieve a multiplier effect. These can come in the following (dimensions/action plans):

- Strengthen civil society and the democratic process. Likewise, greater civil liberties, including the freedom to form political parties and other associations, will help to level the political playing field and allow "healthy" outlets for dissent. Particularly, emphasis should be placed on institution-building so as to preserve

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From the PNP Chapter

The PNP Internal Affairs Service: Cleaning up the ranks, gearing up for the future

by Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88

(Acting Deputy Inspector General, PNP-IAS)

On November 18, 2015, 12:30PM, during the APEC Summit, the members of the Regional Internal Affairs Section (RIAS) NCR fanned out all over the National Capital Region to conduct inspections as well as audits in several deployments made by the NCRPO to secure the very important event.

Earlier, and in several interviews, the then Chief, PNP Cav Ricardo C Marquez '82 assured everyone that there would be sufficient food and other logistical supply for the deployed troops. On its initial engagement, the IAS teams found out that the food was insufficient in quality and severely challenged in quality. Moreover, the food did not arrive on time. Worse, the portalets for the troops who stayed overnight (sometimes beyond), were lacking.

IAS immediately reported this to the responsible commanders and to the Chief, PNP. The next day, the food arrived on time, in sufficient quantity and volume; AND in far better quality. Heads rolled!!The shortage in portalets was immediately addressed as well.

These anecdotes illustrate how IAS could work for commanders and for the troops to improve conditions at cutting-edge levels of policy.

Dawning of the IAS

The PNP Internal Affairs Service (PNP IAS) was established in 1999, the dawn of the new millennium; a time when the need for a competent internal disciplinary body was apparent in order to clean up our ranks. Since then, the IAS has undergone a lot of changes – innovations, to be more apt. However, before discussing these innovations, we must first cover the bases:

Legal Bases and Mandates

RA No. 8551 states that the power and functions of IAS are as follows (1):

- Pro-actively conduct inspections and audits on PNP personnel and units;

- Investigate complaints and gather evidence in support of an open investigation;
- Conduct summary hearings on PNP members facing administrative charges;
- Submit periodic report on the assessment, analysis, and evaluation of the character and behavior of PNP personnel and units to the Chief PNP and the Commission;
- File appropriate criminal cases against PNP members before the court as evidence warrants and assist in the prosecution of the case; and
- Provide assistance to the Office of the Ombudsman in cases involving the personnel of the PNP.

Motu-Proprio Investigations

Aside from the aforementioned functions, and perhaps the unique feature of IAS, is the power to conduct motu-proprio or automatic investigation of the following cases:

1. Incidents where a police personnel discharged a firearm;
2. Incidents where death, serious physical injury, or any violation of human rights occurred in the conduct of police operations;
3. Incidents where evidence was compromised, tampered with, obliterated, or lost while in the custody of police personnel;
4. Incidents where a suspect in the custody of the police was seriously injured; and
5. Incidents where the established rules of engagement were violated.

Other Functions

In addition to these, IAS shall provide documents or recommendations as regards to the promotion of the members of the PNP or the assignment of PNP personnel to any key position.

Meanwhile, in EO 101, it is stated that IAS shall be the lead agency for the PNP organization in campaigns against all forms of misconduct in the police service. It was also stated therein that IAS shall be accorded the status of an independent, impartial and objective investigative and adjudicatory agency within the PNP.(2)

Organizational Relationship with the PNP

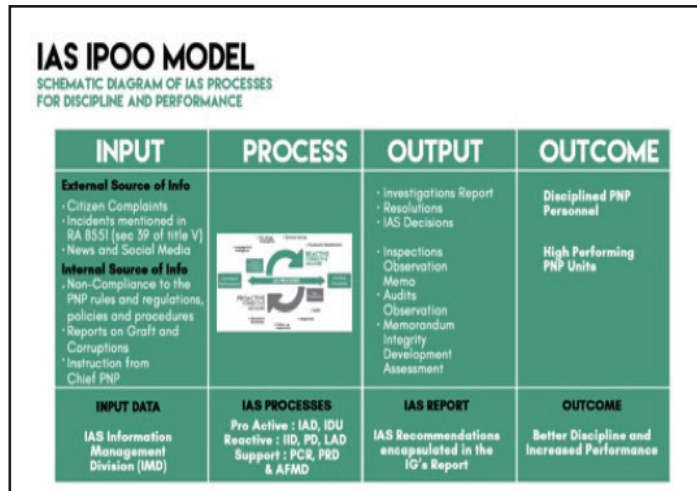
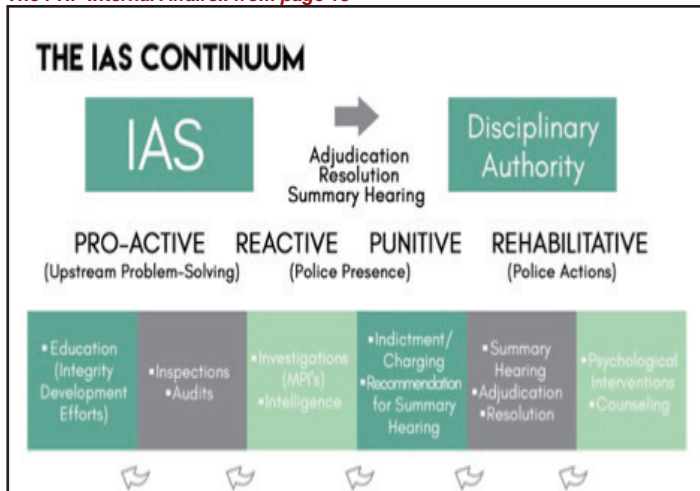
In the PNP's organizational structure, the IAS is directly under the C, PNP but enjoys functional independence as provided under RA 8551, mandating it to conduct motu-proprio, investigations, inspections and audits, and exercises other functions of its own initiatives. This ensures IAS is able to deliver its mandates objectively. Being under the C, PNP as his "Special Arm" (EO 101) strengthens the IAS independence and autonomy, as it is accountable to the "big man" for his actions and their results.

The RIAS and PNP IAS are directly under the control and supervision of the Inspector General, IAS. They shall have a coordinative relationship with their counterparts in the regions and provinces.

To be effective, IAS must understand the goals, expectations and vision of the Chief, PNP and PNP commanders, as well as the standards and operating methods of the organization. The relationship between the two – the IAS and PNP – shall become the foundation of a capable, effective and efficient police force. This is why it is pertinent that the IAS is part of the C,PNP's Personal Staff.

The Universal Models used by IAS

The IAS uses two universal models in order to operate. First, is the IAS Continuum model which describes a series of activities of the PIAS which are not perceptibly different from the second model and which exist between two different outcomes: Instilled Discipline and Increased Performance as illustrated:



Second is the IPOO Model which is an input, process, output and outcome of IAS processes. The IAS IPOO Model demonstrates the IAS processes function from collection and gathering of data, processing of said data and producing an output. Information is vital in the operations of the PNP IAS. The IPOO Model starts from the Input Data, these are the external and internal sources of information as described in the above table. Those data will be processed by its operating units namely: IID, PD, LAD, IAD or LDU (3) thru the conduct of an investigation or audits then produces its reports which is the output. The said final output is encapsulated in the Inspector General's Report. The IG's Report tells the state of the PNP Internal Affairs; it talks on how the PNP performed and behaved during the covered period of the report.

The IAS Operations and its vital role in the PNP Organization

The significance of IAS was made more prominent during the launch of the invigorated campaign against criminality and drug syndicates. Such volume of operations made some of the PNP personnel prone to lapses in the Police Operational Procedures. Consequently, the PNP Organization becomes more prone to public scrutiny. In all activities, IAS is there to keep our men in check and ensure that the proper procedure is followed and those who were not able to do so are made answerable for their mistakes. In summary, the significant roles of the IAS are as follows:

1. Confidential advisors and fact-finders of the Chief, PNP and PNP Commanders.

IAS must be the confidential advisor and trusted by the Chief, PNP and Commanders.

2. Eyes, ears, voice and conscience of the Chief PNP and PNP Commanders
IAS is responsible for advising these commanders on the state of their command and for enhancing the command's readiness and capability. However, for IAS to be effective and efficient in performing its mandates it has to understand the PNP mission and objectives as well as the commanders' personality.
3. Ensure discipline of the PNP personnel

CONCLUSION

The primary measure of the level of discipline within the organization is its orderliness which is directly related to the conduct of the personnel. This conduct of policemen is regulated by rules and standards of behavior set forth by the law. Inspecting, investigating and auditing the compliances to the said rules is the job of IAS; in doing so, it helps the PNP to have better discipline and improved police force.

In summary, IAS must maintain a clear distinction between being an extension of the commander and its sworn duty to serve as fair, impartial, and objective fact-finders and problem solvers. At the same time, it must also be sufficiently independent so that those individuals requesting assistance will continue to do so—even when the complainant feels that the commander may be part

of the problem. PNP Commanders must understand this distinction for IAS to become effective. The IAS is the disciplinary body of the PNP, however, it must not be construed as the enemy of the police. IAS is more like a mother for the PNP, guiding, reminding and ensuring that discipline and integrity is always within our organization as it grows.

At the end of the day, DISCIPLINE is a result of SELF-RESPECT. It is homage to human dignity and to humanity itself.

IAS stands as a reminder of this.

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Upholding supremacy of civilian authority

By Cav Manuel E Mariano, Jr '75

(Part 2 of 2 parts)

Going back to the story of the Jewish people, World War II ended in 1945 with the defeat of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito (actually the Japanese military), the so-called axis powers by the allied nations led by Great Britain and America. Three years later in 1948, the Jews returned to Israel after a span of 1900 years from the time they were driven out in 70 A.D. by the Roman Emperor Nero when he ordered his General, Titus to destroy Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple. The British then implemented the Balfour Declaration of 1917 which created the Jewish homeland in Israel, but like in biblical times, the Palestinians who claim to be the original occupants also declared that the land was theirs. Since then, conflict has been ongoing in this area between the Arab nations and the Israelis. All nations of the world are eagerly watching this situation because indirectly or directly, they are affected from the spiritual angle. As believers, they await the return of the God of the Bible called Yahweh, or Jesus Christ who promised to come back, resolve this conflict once and for all and rule over all people on earth forever. This is a Christian belief, another theocracy in action which is a direct intervention of God in the affairs of man.

A point to ponder: Is the return of the Jews to their homeland, an act of man or of God? For one thing, the Egyptians, Babylonians, Medo-Persians, and Grecian Empires were used by God to protect his chosen people from perdition and return them to the promised land. Since these events actually occurred in history, not taking religion into consideration, were these events proofs that a divine being is dictating the destinies of men and nations.

Let us now look at societies that advocate a subordinate-centered or democratic government. These include Norway, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, Austria, and Belgium. These countries and their people became prosperous, peaceful and contented and now, their utopian societies are the envy of the other nations. Some countries however have a democracy mixed with multiple ruling bodies, example of which are Bhutan,

Dominican Republic, Malawi, Pakistan, Poland, Puerto Rico, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, Sudan, and Uganda.

These democracies are characterized, in varying combinations by: fair, free and competitive elections among two or more political parties; sharing of government powers by three equal branches of government; rule of law and protection of human rights, civil rights, and political freedom for all citizens.

In the 21st Century, this style of governance became the predominant political system in the world with monarchial or dictatorial regimes becoming unpopular.

The types of governance discussed above namely, theocracy, autocracy and democracy, gave us a clear picture of how to rule over the people. They were all tried and tested by many nations and incorporated them in their constitutions. Whether they worked for their societies or not, the manifestations are now seen in terms of peace and prosperity. We can now choose which among these types suits our country.

Today, the Philippines may have the structure of a democracy. It however experiences certain weaknesses like the lack of accountability of public officials which has resulted in abuses in the disbursement of pork barrel funds in the form of PDAF, DAF, and Malampaya Funds. This is the reason behind the idea of reviving the now well-known Napoles case and resolving this issue into a conclusion.

Meanwhile, personal interest and biases in the exercise of check and balance in the three branches of government is evident in the ongoing senate hearings concerning illegal drugs, extra judicial killings, traffic problems and political dynasties. A wide economic disparity exists between the rich and the poor and creates an environment of criminals and beggars among the latter who are the majority. This situation is like the Spanish colonial times when there existed a Filipino Caste System where encomienderos who were either Insulares or Peninsulares acquired vast tracts of land and made the Indios or natives as slaves. This elite group who opted to

live in the country metaphorphosed into politicos of today who employed guns, goons and gold to maintain the status quo leaving the Indios to remain poor and ignorant with no room for advancement. Lastly, there is widespread corruption and inefficiency in public service especially in the regulatory and tax collection agencies.

All these manifestations of greed and selfishness on the part of people in authority and the rich and powerful elite are causes of underdevelopment in wide areas affecting many people and depriving them of decent livelihood and job opportunities resulting in the prevalence of poverty.

As a result, many people are disgruntled with the widespread unequal distribution of the wealth. Some sectors opted to wage armed rebellion like in the case of the CPP/NPA/NDF, the Muslim secessionist groups and Lumads who feel that they are being deprived of their ancestral domains.

In this kind of environment, when people are deprived of access to most of the necessities of life and suffer starvation, they resort to illegal means, including criminality and use of drugs in order to survive.

When the situation grows worse. the civilian authority, chiefly the executive branch of government headed by the President himself being the Commander-in-Chief, may be constrained to resort to the use of the armed forces and police to enforce the law prevent anarchy and restore order.

The Duterte administration has been confronting all these problems but his critics are opposing his moves, especially on the issue of alleged extrajudicial killings by the police. According to statistics, more than 2,000 have been killed since over two months ago. (According to the Bible, God decreed that two million Israelites would die in the Sinai Desert for their disobedience; 186,000 Syrian soldiers were killed by angels overnight during prophet Elisha's time to save the nation of Israel in the Battle of Dothan; and a lot more killings upon the direction of God in the old testament for the survival of the Israelites). For the sake of the Filipinos, the President clearly stated that breaking

the chain from the drug lords to the users is an uphill battle and most often, the victims are the poor and downtrodden.

At present, with all these happenings in the country today, the President is faced with a dilemma of changing the balance between order and freedom as well as between freedom and inequality. The concern of the heads of the three branches of government is to perform their mandate, each one highlighting his own authority which has resulted in heated lengthy debates. There is a big amount of check but no semblance of balance or compromise to resolve the impasse in decision-making.

The executive branch has the primary responsibility of resolving the country's problems. It believes that disobedience to the established norms of behavior necessitates punishment or sanctions even to the extent of death (as in the case of a theocratic government).

The fight against illegal drugs, terrorism, rebellion and corruption is not the sole concern of the armed services but the whole nation. Nevertheless, it is the police and the military which are in the frontlines. It would be grossly unfair to them that in spite of their best effort to discharge their mandated duties, they are investigated or charged in court for extrajudicial killings and human rights violations.

Dealing with drug syndicates and dealers, armed rebels and terrorists who do not hesitate to kill is the contentious issue here. Treating these evil doers as not guilty unless proven otherwise is not applicable in a running gun battle otherwise in a split second of hesitation, the law enforcers lose their own lives

instead. Investigating these policemen and soldiers in the midst of the fight or a continuing operation is a disruption of the momentum and this is frustrating. Tons and tons of illegal drugs are confiscated all over the country and even inside the prison. Many people have already submitted themselves for drug rehab a big evidence of the seriousness of this problem.

The question now is: is a police state necessary and death penalty justified? By definition, a police state is control of people's freedom by the police. Or, is federalism, a unitary form of government, a better alternative to resolve all these peace and order issues?

In the case of president Duterte, he used to enjoy a comfortable life in Davao as Mayor. Now that he has been given a resounding mandate by the people as President of country, he has to make good his promises during the presidential campaign, (like Moses, the man of God who was ordained to bring the Israelites back to the "land of milk and honey", he cannot back out anymore). There's no other way he can go except to lead the people to the land of promise no matter how bloody and steep the climb is. As he envisioned, the Philippines will be a land of peace and prosperity with accountable public officials, an efficient bureaucracy rid of graft and corruption, honest taxpayers, god-fearing, and contented drug-free society. The magic words here are change for the better for all the Filipinos and with a political will of the civilian authority to pursue national goals. If change and political will can start at the top, it can also start at the middle and at the bottom

of the social structure all at the same time.

But one thing is definite. We cannot have all the rights and freedoms as a people, rich or poor, and not have obligations and responsibilities too. To borrow the words of President Ramos, we should be makadios, makatao, makabayan and makalikasan. In this situation, can the three branches of government work in harmony? Is compromise possible? Will they insist on too much check and balance? Or will they pursue a hidden political agenda to impeach one or the other?

Today, with voluminous information or propaganda being unleashed by the social media, we the Filipino people are now into a truth or dare game. Meantime, with the 91% approval rating of the president, we can already identify by names the 9% opposing him. Whether we interpret these bits of information shared by both sides as reality or falsehood, the consequences of success or failure as a nation are in our hands.

Meanwhile, with God's blessings and continuous prayers, the armed components of this government, the military and police will have no qualms in trusting and upholding the supremacy of that civilian authority. We have no doubt that the situation now would result to a better quality of life not only for the 104 million Filipinos of today but also the future generations. With hope and optimism, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and in due time, have the opportunity to enjoy living in a prosperous, harmonious, and peaceful country called the Philippines. 🙏

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democratic gains from being undermined by automatic regimes or exploited by nondemocratic opposition forces. Facilitate the political participation of peaceful, moderate Islamists can help to develop an effective counterweight to Islamist militants and their violent tactics.

- Enhance the capacities of local governments through training and perhaps funding, in an effort to reduce corruption and politicization. Political reforms focused on good governance, particularly greater transparency, accountability and the rule of law, will play a key role in neutralizing Islamist militant ideology calling for the overthrow of corrupt regimes.

- Expand educational opportunities, especially for the youth. Integrate in the curriculum subjects relating to Muslim-Christian relationship history and culture.

Given the pressing reality arising from 21st century terrorist zealotry, the avenue of Interfaith Dialogue as a means to bring an end to this threat becomes a viable and attractive plan of action. That the strength of faith to heal and to unite cannot be discounted, and now is the time to find out just how effective it can be in bringing about the peace we all seek.

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CLASS CALL

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

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

RR CABANTAC
President
RJ JOPSON
Secretary

The 86th Birthday of Greg Castro was celebrated on September 25, 2016 at Valle Verde. It was attended by members of his family relatives and friends. Of course members of PMA Class '53 were there too include wives and widows – Romy and Laura Cabantac, Sauro and Lily Guiang, Miling and Dely Melendres, Mert and Malou Bocanegra, Tessie Lizardo and Beth Lopez Deleon.

On October 23, 2016 was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Vic and Ethel Hans held at BF Parañaque Sport Center. Present were Romy Cabantac, Sauro Guiang, Mert Bocanegra and Ciloy Bueno. Ladies who attended were Laura Cabantac, Lily Guiang, Malou Bocanegra and Tessie Lizardo. It was a big crowd attended by relatives and friends.

SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

On Class gatherings

The class had its October class gathering on the 9th at the Ogbinar Hall of the PN Golf Club in Taguig City. It was hosted by the class only October-born member, Tante Ochoco. The attendees savored the lechon

pulutan before the buffet lunch was served.

Eight (8) members of the class attended, namely: Ed Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Rene Ecarma, Buddy Mison, Johnny Sanchez, Romy Solina, Rene Tanseco and, of course, the host. And the ladies of the class: Maudie Alfabeto, Arfeli Ecarma, Eva Miranda, Ione Mison, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Pilar Sanchez, Estel Silva, Georgie Solina, Terry Suarez and Mila Tanseco.

From the second generation are RJ Alquiza, Bing Miranda, Dean Carlo Rivera, Anthony Suarez, and of course, the son of the host, Commo Ramon S Ochoco '85.

The next class affair was held on 20 November at the Milky Way restaurant at Arnaiz Avenue, Makati. It was hosted by November-born Rene Tanseco and his wife Mila. The second, third and fourth (if any) generation members were invited.

Eleven (11) members of the class were present, namely: Ed, Ros, Rene, Buddy, Muni Munoz, Tante, Fel Parado, Johnny, Porfing Santos, Romy and, of course, the host. Sixteen (16) ladies attended: Grace Alcaneses, Maudie, Sally Arceo, Zeny de Guzman, Arfeli, Eva, Ione, Ondette Munoz, Lolit, Vangie, Pilar, Estel, Georgie, Terry, Mila and Gigi Zaide.

Where are the other members of the class, someone asked. There are now only 19 alive, after two passed away in July (Armin Gatmaitan and Sting Padiernos). One in the States (Louie Amigo), another in Iloilo (Noli Santua), which leaves 17 in Metro Manila. One in Antipolo (Virgilio de Guzman) has not been attending for years. One in Alabang who suffered a stroke (Badong Regalado) and another confined in VMMC (Moy Rivera). That leaves 14 who should be attending. But presently, one is in the States for medical treatment (DQ), and another visiting his

relatives in Tarlac (Abe Baladad). That leaves one unaccounted for (Poncing Allanigue).

Several second and third generation members were also present. To mention some: retired LtGen Leo Baladad '82 and wife Didi; Mayor Bobby and Carol Sanchez with their four children; RJ and Teena Alquiza, with their children Louise, Justine and Cito, and nephew Oliver; Apollo Silva, his wife and daughter; Allan and MJ Munoz with baby; Yvette Solina-Salih; Teng Zaide-Garnace, Dean Carlo Rivera, Sarah Miranda, Anthony Suarez, and Minijo Gatmaitan,

Everybody enjoyed the party. The buffet food was superb. Wine was also served to the menfolk.

On Christmas party

The class president announced during the October meeting that the Christmas party will be held on December 11 at the Federal Seafood Restaurant in Makati. It will be hosted by the class, with each member contributing P10,000, as suggested by Ros. Nobody objected to the contribution, as the members of the class who are all in their 80's just received more than P200k each in accumulated total administrative disability (TAD) pension since they reached age 70.

(Under the proviso of Section 5 of RA 7696 passed in 1996, a veteran who is 70 years old is considered totally disabled and shall receive a monthly disability pension of P1,700 and P500 for his wife. This, however, had not been implemented for lack of funds. Only this year when this TAD monthly pension of P1,700 has been implemented for the veteran but not for his wife, and payment of the accumulated TAD implemented in October 2016 for veterans who are 80 years old and above. The others have to wait for availability of funds.)

Back to the planned Christmas party, the members of the class present during the November meeting, except Parads, gave their P10,000 contribution to Buddy. Some widows gave P5,000 each as their voluntary contribution. And the second generation members led by Carlo Rivera and Sarah Miranda, under the supervision of Pilar and Mila, were asked to plan and prepare for the party. See you all there at Federal on December 11. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. /raa





After the windfall of PVAO funds given to 80-year olds and above were received, the class golfers went into a dining frenzy at the Gloria Maris resto in Greenhills to take advantage of the 50% dining discount using the Metrobank platinum credit card. The first of the series was given by Mel Goyena after golf at CAGC on 5 Oct 16 with the Bellos, Coracheas, Farolans, Maltos, Paisos, Romy David, Juliet Suarez and Jorge Lagera (of cl 61 who had depicted to 56).

The following Wednesday, 12 October, Ching Corachea invited the same group with the addition of Pili David and Pat Goyena to dine at the same place to celebrate his 86th bday. Ching is the oldest of the class golfers but the only one that's not beset with any old age maladies. He can still play 18 holes golf in a hinay-hinay but steady and lasting manner.

The class now stands at 25:29 living to deceased mistahs moving into their 80's and beyond. Of the 25 still alive and kicking, the 3 most senior in age are Mike Aparri (05/07/30) who had successfully survived a stroke and was recently WIA at Paul Canalita's place, Rudy Tolentino (07/28/30) who is now moving in his indispensable motorized wheelchair and Ching Corachea (10/14/30) who is taking his time playing in the golf courses. Catching up are the 3 bodos from Charlie coy: Guzz Mateo (07/07/31); Tony Lukban (08/02/31) and Mac Macabasco (10/06/31) now on their 85th. Our ladies are a stronger breed. Of the 52 (excludes that of Cesar Ignacio's and Lino Encarnacion's, who died as bachelors) that are accounted for in the class roster, only 3 are deceased, Linda Ribo, Mimi Deveras, and Puring Santos, who followed their husbands in the great beyond. The remaining 49 are still moving on with or without canes and having some old age maladies. Only one, Tita Gutang is now in a wheelchair recovering from her bathroom head bash and surgery.

On 21 Oct 16, 4 class golfers (Paiso, Goyena, Malto and Corachea) participated in the PMA '57 Brats Cup fund raising golf Tourney at the PNGC against 4 from 57 (Ermita, Jardiniano, De Villa and Templo)

to resume their 27th friendly games now renamed " very friendly games" resulting in a 387 vs. 409 total team score in favor of cl '56 by 22 points. The best player was Patot who scored a spectacular 79 (9 over the par 70 PNGC course) which may yet qualify him as a pro golfer if allowed to play with a golf cart.

On invitation again of Del Abaya of cl 59, 8 golfers from class 56 (Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena and Levy Malto), Jardi Jardiniano and George Templo of class 57, Ding Adriano and Chuck Agustin of class 58 and Robert Manlongat of class 63 enjoyed a 18-holes golf game at Del's Royal Northwoods Golf Course in San Rafael, Bulacan in optimum golfing weather. The golf trip started at 0420H home reveille, assemblies at 0500H at the PN Golf Club and 0530H at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club for vehicle assignments, breakfast at 0630H at the NLEX Shell Station in Bocaue and Tee-off at 0800H for the 5-hour golf that ended with a waiting hearty lunch for very tired and starving 80+ years old bodos. Del with mistahs Ridel Garcia and Niceto Festin with Raul Urgello of class 66 played hosts to a classy boodle fight with fine reds to recharge lose calories and resume never ending fun stories as cadets and officers of the AFP. With darkness looming under an overcast sky, the affair closed with profuse thanks for Del and his team at 1545H to endure the heavy traffic all the way in the return trek to MM. Mel Goyena arrived home in Muntinlupa at 2030H, after 16 hours of staying awake, without dosing a bit.



The '57 Cavaliers held a meeting last October 2, 2016 at the Lakambini Hall, AFPCOC, from 5pm onwards. This meeting coincided with the celebration of Jun Tan-Gatue's birthday, and included a sumptuous merienda cena feast and entertainment from Marcy David and band. Attendees included the spouses and widows, and the officers of Brats '57.

At the meeting, various topics were discussed, including the financial report, total administrative disability payments from the PVAO, the Diamond Jubilee

arrangements, attire, costs, and the upcoming Christmas Party.

A headcount was made for those who will attend the Diamond Jubilee in Baguio on February 18, 2017, for the accommodations, transportation to the PMA venue, and family lunch in Lungayban Hall.

A special portion of the meeting was the giving of a certificate of appreciation to Manuel "Onchie" Mendoza for having the longest tour as Treasurer of the Class, and in recognition of his sound investment practices for which the Class funds practically doubled in amount.

For the Christmas Party, it was agreed that it will be held on December 4, 2016 at Valle Verde Country Club, to be organized by Delta Company.

The meeting ended with the guests singing Happy Birthday to the celebrant, and the usual sing-along of romantic songs and impromptu performances by the guests capped the fellowship night.

-Jo Tan-Gatue Sarte

After many months of meetings and meticulous planning, the PMA '57 Brats successfully held their 2nd Invitational Golf Tournament early Friday morning of October 21, 2016 at the Philippine Navy Golf Club in Fort Bonifacio. The group hosted a similar undertaking four years ago in November, 2012 to be exact, also at the same venue.

The week of the event, there were last minute jitters, as super typhoon **Lawin** made its presence felt and threatened to derail the scheduled tournament. But Mother Nature sided with the Brats and good weather prevailed on that day. As early as 5 am, the Brats were already assembled, ready to welcome around 60 excited golfers! In attendance were mistahs from Class '57 and other batches, family members, friends and sponsors. Pleasantries were exchanged, pictures taken and light snacks served. After registering, the first set of golfers teed off, with the rest following in quick succession.

After a couple of hours, the golfers finished their game and joined the Brats at the function room that had been set up for a hearty buffet lunch. During a short program, Brats president Dr. Gigi Ledesma Pereira thanked everyone for waking up early to attend the event, and for helping make the tournament the success that it was. Glass trophies were awarded to the best golfers of the day, and raffle prizes

were given to many lucky attendees. There was laughter as Class '57 mistakes were initially the winners of the major prizes (a flat screen tv, a home theater system and a microwave oven) which they graciously waived to give way to others.

The similar aim of primarily raising funds for the *Bagang Bayani* Foundation benefitting the pulmonary ward of the Philippine Veterans Memorial Hospital was realized.. The brats are overwhelmed and are truly grateful for the outpouring of support from everyone. We cannot thank you enough!

Before closing, the PMA '57 Brats would like to take this opportunity for yet another year-end shameless plug, because we believe it is never too much when a purpose is to raise funds that will go a long way in helping others. We are sponsoring a premiere film screening of Star Wars: Rogue One at 6:30pm, Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Promenade Cinema in Greenhills. We hope to see you there and Happy Holidays to one and all! The Brats are one in wishing you a prosperous 2017!

-Ricky Cabrera



Fellowship at Northwoods



Jardie Jardiniano'57 presenting a commemorative trophy to Del Abaya on behalf of the uppies



Mel Goyena'56 airing the consensual thoughts of Class '56 and '57 regarding "the series"



PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 Feb)

Those who will join PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (17-18 Feb) please text or confirm by email ASAP. We have booked 7 rooms and so far, only 4 (Del Abaya, Chuck Agustín, Nick Festin and Garrick Garcia) confirmed.

Golf fellowship

In the last issue we reported Del Abaya's wish to have another golf fellowship for CCAFP 1955-56. That would be for Classes 1956 to 1959, to be held at Northwoods GCC, San Rafael, Bulacan and to be arranged by Chuck accordingly.

Well, it came to pass on 28 Oct 2016 but only Del Abaya, Chuck Agustín, Eddie Garcia and Nice Festin who represented us, showed up. Buster Arrastia, Timmy Imperial, Bobby Fernandez, Bulakeño Benny Lomotan and Paco Francisco begged off for various reasons. Fortunately, Eddie brought with him his bunkmate Charie and daughter Lara Mia.

The others who attended included Bob Manlogat'63, who again represented Tom Manlongat'55 and our own departed Willy. The others were: Ching Corachea'56, Mel Goyena'56, and Levy Malto'56 (Expected attendees Romy David had a minor ailment while Patot Paise had a family gathering in Cebu); George Templo and Jardie Jardiniano of '57 (Eddie Ermita had a sudden escorting task to Dipolog); Ding Adriano'58, and lastly, a special guest, Raul Urgello'66, Del Abaya's fellow

Party List nominee in the last election.

There were no clear winners, except that the Class of 1956 seems to be more active in golf among the four classes of the 1955-1956 Corps of Cadets, followed by the Class of 1957. This is indicated especially by the fact that there is an ongoing series at PNGC (mostly) and CAGC between them and the only one between '58 and '59 is that between Chuck Agustín;59 and Ding Adriano'58, with Ding clearly ahead.



Orly Salientes is planning our Christmas party on Dec 7 at the Greenside Dining Area of Villamor Golf Club. The format will essentially be the same as in previous years. The following already have pledged 10,000 Php each to buy the Christmas baskets for everybody: Loven, Orly, Pong, Nestor, Sting, Pete and Tony. Andy K and Jun B maybe convinced

to contribute also. The Ladies Class fund will take care of the food and other supplementary expenses. The PAF Strings will provide the music. This has been arranged by me. Orly will continue the practice of giving away Christmas baskets for every class member and widow. So please call/text/email Orly or Pong that you are attending. I think we are one of the few if not the only class still holding Christmas parties. We will continue to do so up to the last man standing!

I am not sure but I think only Orly, TG and Pete are the only ones not yet 80 years old. 28 members have gone West and thus 32 are still going strong. The 80 year olds are going to receive their complete



Please bring your senior citizens card. Seniors have 20% discount. Those 75 years and above enjoy 50% discount.

We will see you all on Dec 7 during our Christmas party.
Loven C Abadia



We were unable to report on a class activity that happened in the last week of August. This was a Class trip to San Juan, La Union. On the invitation of Nick Rodriguez,, about four couples signified to join the trip but in the last minute, only two couples and Ed Domingo were able to join. The weather was not very conjusive to for a trip at that time. Also, the class golfers were preparing to send off Vic Mamon with a game of golf and lunch.

The group enjoyed the beach of San Juan and the tour to the adjoining town of San Fernando. Nick prepared the rooms of his ancestral home such that “the boys and “the girls” connive in the other room. However, Nining Manuel objected to the idea because she had to watch Liby sleep. Beng also said that Ernie needed special attention during bed time. What happened was that only Nick and Ed Domingo talked together for as long as they could. Ernie and Liby of course had a wonderful rest although Nick’s help observed that both had urinating problems. We are happy that the group had a wonderful time at Nick’s home. A future arrangement could be planned for a larger number of the class.

Last October 22,2016, Flora Marcelo invited the the Class to the first death anniversary of our classmate, Billy. A gravesite service was celebrated at Billy’s burial pace at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. This was followed by dinner at the Philippine Officers Club with the Marcelo family and friends. Those who were present were Manny and Yayot Lukban, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Ernie and Beng Tan, Ray and Xenie Jarque, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Tony and Mar Suratos, Liby and Nining Manuel, Ed and Claire Domingo, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Betty Dumlao and Fely Codera.

disability pay. Frankly I do not know what this is all about or how much the amount is but it is substantial enough to make your day.

28 Sep 2016. PMA 60 and ladies welcomed Nestor Lim to the Philippines with a lunch at NIU Vikings, SM Aura, BGC. In attendance were Loven and Jenny, Nonoy, TG and Lina, Pong and Jessie, Orly and Inday, Pete and Mameng. Nani and Dot, Tony L and Nelia. Myrna A, Chit P, Cristy C.

If you are 80 years old and older, you will have to update your pension records at PVAO and PGMC every 6 months. If your records are not updated, your pension will automatically be stopped. Dual citizens who retired under RA 240 and not under PD 1638 (1979) have been placed back on full pension status effective June 2016. I don’t have any info when your pension

arrears will be given. The new PGMC chief, Col Gavin Edjawan, PMA 86, is a field officer. He impressed me as one who cares about the plights of retirees and not some pencil pusher who hides behind memos and regulations.

Oct 23 2016. Ayala Greenfield Golf Clubhouse. Sting celebrated his 81st birthday. The CASADI golf tournament for the Sta Rita Orphanage was simultaneously held. PMA 60 who attended the party were Loven, Orly and Inday, Sting and Fannie, Pong and Jessie, Nonoy, Jun B, Bill Iban, Tony L, the widows Crisy C, Monchi, Cathy, Myrna. The son of Poli and Myrna, Ramon Apolinario is now the PNP Dep Dir General (3 stars). The son and namesake of Gally Kintanar is now a 2-star PAF general.

Pong Panes is inviting the class to his 80th birthday party to be held at the NIU Viking Restaurant at the SM Aura BGC.

A short meeting followed to discuss the details of the Class Christmas Party on December 8, 2016. It was decided that the menu and program be arranged by a small group in the class. Ernie also briefed classmates on the arrangement they are doing about our pension arrearages. We hope that the present administration would look at the plight of the retirees with better concern than the previous one.



Christmas greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963. Again I would like to quote the Rev. Fr. Mario Jose C. Cuadra "Pray straight from the heart because God listens" unquote. A Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year to one and all. From our PMA Matindi Class 1963 logbook, the following events were noted.

18 October 2016

PMA Matindi Class 1963 Board meeting held at the PMA Alumni Center, CGEA, Q.C. at 11 AM in the PMAAAI Alumni Board Room. Agenda – PMA Matindi, Class 1963 Annual General Membership Meeting and Election 2016 and Christmas Party and last Quarter Socials 2016 and plans for 2017.

19 October 2016

PMAAAI Consultative Meeting at 1400H, Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, CGEA, Q.C. class presidents, chapter presidents, PMA Foundations officers are invited. Cav Ebor Ebro represented the Class. In the evening at 1800H the Testimonial Dinner for Cava RR Visaya '83, WM Melad '83 and RM Dela Rosa '86 was pushed through but the honorees were not around.

13 November 2016

COMMISSIONER IDE TILLAH invited the class to his birthday party (his birthday is 12 November 2016) at his residence in 2 Sacrepante Street, Boni Serrano Avenue, Mandaluyong City Back of Rizal University).

25 November 2016

The PMA Matindi Class 1963 Annual General Membership Meeting and



Election at 11 AM in the Philippine Navy Golf Course, Naval Station Jose Francisco, (BNS), Taguig City.

At 1830H will be a Testimonial Dinner of PMAAAI for Sen PM Lacson '71, Cong. RM Acop '70, Cong AT Espino Jr '72, Cong LN Bataoil '76 and Cong GC Alejano '95 at Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, CGEA, Q.C.

04 December 2016

At 7AM, the PMAAAI Sports Festival, in the PA Grandstand, Fort Bonifacio. Please come and enjoy the fun.

At 6pm will be the PMA Matindi Class 1963 Christmas Party and the last quarter socials at the Philippine Navy Golf Club, NS Jose Francisco (BNS), Taguig City. Please come and enjoy the camaraderie. Our class president invited the Philippine Marine Quartet for ballroom dancing and singing.

06 December 2016

At 1830H will be a Testimonial Dinner of PMAAAI for Cav DN Lorenzana '73, SND,

Cav HC Esperon, Jr '74 NSA; Cav RR Visaya '83, CSAFP; Cav WM Melad '83, CPCG and Cav RM Dela Rosa '86, CPNP at Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, CGEA, Q.C.

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend its warmest greetings to the class celebrants:

November 2016: Frank Adriano, 1; Romy Landingin, 11; Ide Tillah, 12; Nolan Laput (+), 14; Josie Nale, 14; Pio Carranza (+), 18; Boy Orevillo, 22; Warlie Tigas, 22; Grace Valderrama, 23; Inday Andaya, 25; Nena Delgado, 29.

December 2016: Cire Cirera, 7; Aida Mayo, 10; Jenny Batenga, 12; Ebor Ebro, 14; Dy Ylagan (+), 14; Arnie Acedera, 19; Mike Miguel (+), 21; Amy Ylagan, 21; Josie Resos, 24; Naty Laput, 25; Veny Venadas, 29; Bobby Babiera, 29.

Again Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963, as we await the year of the "J1" – "Cock" 2017. (18121605).



PMAAAI 4TH QUAR

A. PMAAAI CONSULTATION/DIALOGUE WITH CLASSES/CHAPTERS (19 OCTOBER 2016, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo)

1. PMAAAI President Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87 delivers the Opening Remarks
- 2 - 3. PMAAAI Board and participants sing the National Anthem.
- 4 - 6. Director Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (left frame) briefs the participants on PMAAAI, affiliate foundations; PMAAAI Vice Chairman/BIRCI Chairman Melchor P Rosales '68 (center frame) moderates the Open Forum; PMAAAI Chairman Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67 (right frame) summarizes the entire activity and delivers his Closing Remarks.

B. PMAFI BOARD VISIT Of PMA (18-19 November 2016, PMA, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City)

7. Board of Trustees headed by Chairman Anselmo S. Avenido Jr '67, leads the signing of the Guest Book at the main lobby of Administration Building on 18 Nov 2016.
8. PMA Class of 2019 are all ears as PMA Commandant Cav Gener P Del Rosario '85 presents a video presentation on cadet procurement; later introduces the PMAFI trustees. The entire class signs up for membership in PMAFI and other affiliate foundations.
9. PMAAAI Chairman Avenido and PMA Assistant Supt Cav Emmanuel B Salamat '85, lead the PMAFI Trustees during the Trooping the Long Gray Line on 19 Nov 2016 at Borromeo Field.
10. After the Parade and Review, the visitors, accompanied by PMA officials, pose for posterity with the Cadet Brigade Staff in full dress (with raincoat).

C. TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR CAVALIER LAWMAKERS (25 Nov 2016, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.)

11. Three of the honorees for the Testimonial Dinner are (from left to right): Cong. Cav Leopoldo N Bataoil '76, Cong. Cav Raul C Tupas '94 and Cong. Cav Romeo M Acop '70. (Not in the picture – Cong. Cav Gary C Alejano '95). Other honorees during the dinner, but were not able to make it are Sen. Cav Panfilo M Lacson '71, Cong. Cav Amado T Espino Jr '72.



QUARTER EVENTS

12-13. Like in other alumni formal activities, the honorees and the alumni guests first sing the National Anthem, then recite the Cavalier Prayer.

14-15. Cav Cong. Alejano and Acop deliver their response after receiving Testimonial Awards from the Association.

16. Cong. Cav Bataoil (center) is flanked by PMAAAI Chairman Avenida and PMAAAI President Kagaoan after receiving the Testimonial Award.

D. PMAAAI CAVALIER FAMILY SPORTSFEST (4 Dec 2016, HPA Parade Ground, HQ Phil. Army)

17-18. Cavalier athletes, with dependents, assemble for the start of the Family Sportsfest. To start the fun games, Sports Committee Chairman, Cav Rolando D Legaspi '87 leads the reciting of the Oath of Sportsmanship, with the PMAAAI Board and VIPs at the background. (Note the "Bato" replica at the extreme left).

19-21. The Sportsfest format is not a competition among chapters but among cadet companies. It is not about brawns, but cunning, strategy and technique and fun for the spectators. Delta Company emerges as over-all champion.

E. TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR NSA, SND, CSAFP, CPNP, CPCG (6 Dec 2016, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.)

22-23. CPNP Cav Ronald M Dela Rosa '86 and CSAFP Cav Ricardo R Visaya '83 take turns at the podium to deliver their response after being "roasted" by their mistahs (Cav Eddie B Benigay and Cav Manolito P Orense respectively) and receiving Testimonial Awards from the Association.

24-25. Likewise receiving Testimonial Awards are Cav Athelo L Ybanez '84 in behalf of CPCG Cav William M Melad '83 and USND Cav Cardozo M Luna '75, in behalf of SND Cav Delfin N Lorenzana '73.

26-27. National Security Adviser Cav Hermogenes C Esperon Jr '74 (center) is all smiles after receiving a Testimonial Award from PMAAAI Chairman Avenida and PMAAAI President Kagaoan and maintains the same aura throughout his response



Billy Villareal, a former VCSAFP, was in his element at the AFPCOC ably representing the class in the PMAAAI meeting to honor the new AFP Chief of Staff and the new head of PNP.

The thaw in the relations between the two countries apparently had little, if any, impact on the class as Rey Reyes visited his children in the US, meeting with California resident Pabe Pabellano, and, Terry dela Cruz visiting his daughter in Washington. From Chicago, Tagoy and Sofie Dino visited the Philippines in time for a class activity that, over the years, has become a tradition: memorial mass for departed classmates and OAOs. With his ubiquitous camera and all, Tagoy had the first - and probably the last - word, and, with his ubiquitous camera, the first and last photos on that memorial mass, with his posting on the Web (PMAClass64@yahoo.com). Excerpts of his post:

A solemn mass of remembrance celebrated All Souls Day at Ft. Bonifacio's St. Michael Chapel on October 27, 2016..... list of the departed prepared by Class President and former AFP Chief Gen. Clemente P. Mariano included 19 members and 9 spouses (Abe and Concy Paray; Eric Pilapil; Paul Sencil; Sammy Farre; Sammy Cortez; Terry Bas; Eric Miraflores; Manny Arevalo; Jun Cruz; Tikboy Tiqui; Amerigo Ariosa; Gerry Ruiz; Ben Danao; Mike

Santos; Angel Mendoza; Butch Bautista; Baby Garcia; Paz Bareng; Amy Bunoan; Pilar Arpon; Mercy Padilla; Joker Hocson; Lito Ison; Myrna Saludaes; Danny Bangit; Dick Alqueza; Charito Aguilar; Angel Mendoza; Teresita Mariano)

And “a few pictures for distribution to all who attended, those who could only participate in spirit as well as the numerous friends who condoled with the class,” showing retired representatives from the three major branches of service doing the readings: Army Col Santiago L. Dino - the names of 19 departed classmates and 9 spouses; Navy Capt Winston G. Arpon - the day’s petition; Air Force Maj. Gen Reynaldo V. Reyes - special thoughts for the occasion; finally, a group picture of the attendees joined by the officiating priest.

After the special mass, the attendees, while having a brunch at Larry’s Restaurant near Ft. Bonifacio, shared the unique memories which highlighted the lives of the departed classmates and some spouses.”

Two days later, in Fairfax, Virginia, Arfs Arpon was HIA, Honoree In Absentia, during a belated celebration of his 75th birthday last October 5, a “Diamonds are Forever” Bingo Night hatched by Cav Harold Ochoco ’81 who replaced Arfs as President of DJLF Charity Foundation, DCF. Attended by family members, Cavaliers of the East Coast Chapter, USA, and friends of both the family and the Foundation, the fundraising affair was quite successful in adding to the LOAF, Loakan Fund that supports the Foundation’s advocacy in youth education and development through LEAP, Loakan Educational Assistance Project. Arfs claims he was “kicked upstairs” to chair the Board

of Governors, recently organized as the governing body of the US-based DCF and PH-based, DJLF Charity Philippines, Inc., DCPI. Guzi de Guzman replaced Arfs as DCPI Chairman. Guzi and Arfs, long-time US residents before returning home, have been involved in this advocacy since its inception 16 years ago.

Other BBs, Birthday Boys, for this issue of The Cavalier were Guzi (November 10), and, Tony Aguilar (December 15).

Meanwhile, with the Dynamic Trio of Clem, Rey and Terry leading the way, as usual, plans have been firmed up for the traditional Christmas get-together on December 20, at a resto near you. Until then, the fate of weekly Class 64 Fellowship Golf rests Rene Garcia and his own brand of *EJK, Excessive* (but) *Justifiable Kulit*.



PAMBUNGAD

Malamig ang simoy ng hangin sa umaga at sa kailaliman ng gabi. May mga himig at awit na di karaniwang naririnig sa radio at telebisyon. Maaga sumapit ang dilim at ang pagbubukang liwayway ay matagal ang pagdating. Sa madaling sabi, nalalapat na ang pagdating ng pinanabikang kapistahan sa daigdig ng mga Kristiano. Muli, lalambot ang ating mga puso at mangigibabaw ang kapayapaan sa ating mga damdamin.

A CLASS TRADITION REENACTED

For sometime now, Class 66 has been practicing a sentimental tradition – remembering classmates and spouses who had left this earthly abode at least once a year. Thus, early on 31 October, members of the Class and spouses who were around Metro Manila assembled at the gravesite of the late Angelo Reyes at the Dignitaries’ Section, Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB), Fort Bonifacio, Taguig for their yearly ritual. From this point, in groups, they spread all over the different sections to offer flowers, light candles and say prayers at the different graves.

From LNMB, the group converged at the nearby Heritage Park, Taguig City to perform the same ritual for classmates and spouses interred there. The observation of the tradition ended with a mass at the gravesite of Rene Domingo, after which Glo Domingo hosted a tasty but healthful lunch thereat.



Front L to R: Emmet de Guzman, Estela Alqueza, Susan’s sister Bedset, Sandy Reyes, Susan Arevalo, Minnie Bas, Nene Ison, Fr Steve, Sofie Diño, Ellen dela Cruz, Doty Farre, Beth Villareal. Back Row L to R: Rene Garcia, Tagoy Diño, Guzi de Guzman, Arfs Arpon, Clem Mariano, Rey Reyes, Terry dela Cruz, Orly Cabanlig, Billy Villareal, Louie Bareng.



Sixty-sixers and their ladies listen to the homily during the mass at the gravesite of the late mistah Rene Domingo at Heritage Park, Taguig City on 31 Oct 2016. Visitation of graves of departed classmates at Libingan ng mga Bayani and spouses at the Heritage ICOW All Saints Day has become a class tradition.

For the information of sixty-sixers, spouses and families, the following are now resting in peace in this national cemetery for soldiers, and the Heritage Park.

At the LNMB: Angelo Reyes, Joselin Nazareno, Benito Alba, Calixto Banaña, Napoleon Baylon, Alfonso Cagurangan, Joseph Espina, Teogenes Gonzales, Juan Mamorno, Victor Mayo, Victor Obillo, Jose Agudelo, Jesse James Catral, Juan de Leon, Hernando Lopez, Fermin Cuison, Saturnino Domingo, Roger Fernandez (USMA), Hernani Figueroa, Tirso Gador, Renato Pascual, Santos Payumo, Rolando Roque, Ireneo Syquio and Arturo Tagamolila. Also buried here are associate members Jose Lachica, Roy Papa and Camilo Santos.

Buried elsewhere: Benjamin Alamon (Cagayan de Oro), Carlos Atienza (Manila Memorial Park, Paranaque), Rodolfo Bondoc (San Fernando, Pampanga), Renato Capili (Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina), Benvenuto Corpuz (Loyola Memorial Park Marikina), Renato Domingo (Heritage Park), Rico Javier (Vigan, Ilocos Sur), Rafael Leon (Manila Memorial Park Marikina), Mamerto Maddela (Manila Memorial Park Marikina), Antonio Paginag (Heritage Park), Filemon Reodica Jr (Christ The King Church, Q.C.), Gerardo Verder (Loyola Memorial Park Marikina).

For deceased spouses: Jean Alamon (Cagayan de Oro), Juana Aquino (Heritage Park), Flor Arugay (Heritage Park), Gloria Figueroa (Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina), Jane Gonzales (Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina), Josephine Mayo (Heritage Park), Girlie Nazareno (Heritage Park), Jane Tañedo (UNK), Minda Teleg (Heritage Park).

Those who were around to pay tribute to the deceased: Artemio and Tess Arugay, Fredelino and Paz Bautista, Vicente and Tita Belo, Manuel and Leonor Espejo, Octavius and Mercy Dauz, Alfonso and Elsie Rivera, Eriberto and Portia Varona, Ruben Espejo, Hercules Galon, Edd Santos,

Raul Urgello, Sylvia Agudelo, Malou Catral, Fe Cuison, Glo Domingo and Dolly Lachica.

CLASS 1966 FAMILY STORY: OUR GOLDEN SWORD

The printing of our Golden Anniversary Sword, our second publication actually after the one published before graduation, is now in the process of publication. The first draft, consisting of articles of those who have submitted their family stories, was already shown to sixty-sixers at Max Resto sometime last month. The second draft is being prepared. Those who have not submitted articles will have only their cadet pictures before graduation.

Everybody is reminded that he/she should pay a participation fee of P5,000 which will entitle him/her to one copy. Extra copies will be at cost per copy. The original target date for printing is December Christmas Program but due to late submission of articles, this will not be attained. But for sure, the Class Sixty-six Family Sword shall come off the press, as promised by Editor-in-Chief Bert Sabularse and the members of the Editorial staff.

PMA PAYBACK SCHEME

By now, most, if not all sixty-sixers are aware of the PMA Payback Scheme. If you

are not reading your copy of the Cavalier Magazine, then maybe you are not aware. The concept is, we owe a lot to PMA for whatever we are now. Ingratitude, PMAers, are voluntarily giving one time donations (for retirees) or monthly contributions (for those in the active service) to raise funds to support PMA projects that could not be funded by government appropriations.

Last February 2016, the Class (among the first to do so as a Class) donated P90,000 to the PMA Payback Scheme (courtesy of Edd Santos), in addition to the Endowment Fund of P250,000 for PMAFI (c/o Noli Espejo and Louie Fernandez). Recall that in previous years (When Vic Mayo and Johnny de Leon were Superintendent), the Class also donated the Tower for airborne training, the Class 66 Modern Classroom and the Class 66 View Deck. (Read the Sept-Oct 2016 issue of the Cavalier Magazine for more details).

In addition to all of these, Louie Fernandez has conceptualized a form falling under the PMA Payback Scheme which is still part of the Class Projects ICOW our Golden Anniversary which will result to signages inside Fort del Pilar containing the Alma Mater and Plebe songs. Watch out for developments in the January - February 2017 issue. As individuals however, we are expected to give one-time voluntary donations for the scheme, at least P10,000 for general officers and at least P5,000 for Colonels and below. You may also give said amounts in installment.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Finally, our last birthday greetings for 2016 go to Cesar Bello, Ruben Espejo, Louie Fernandez, Dominador Hontucan, Auring Paginag, and Delia Jabile for November; Conrado Bruce, Azucena Millena and Lucy Sarmiento for December.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens!



A typical Sunday morning on 16 Nov 2016 at Max's Resto, Bonifacio Global City where anything under the sun is discussed over a cup of coffee. Present this date (clockwise): Leo Alvez, Noli Espejo, Edd Santos, Bing Rivera, Fred Bautista, Gerry Cunanan, Louie Fernandez and Ben Espejo. Sometimes, spouses also attend.



AS AVENIDO, JR
President
RC MOLATO, JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the September-October 2016 period:

24 September -- Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF - Breakfast) was hosted by Romy and Merle Odi in Mom and Tina's Bakery Café, C5, Pasig City. It was a birthday celebration of Romy (28 Sep) with the Class. They were ably supported by their entire family.

18 October— Aging Alino, Joe-Myrna Andaya, Ching-Papoose Ballecer, Vic- Mely Corpus, Andy- Meds Reyes, and Sammy-Cora Tomas hosted our DMF - Lunch in Four Seasons resto, MOA Complex, Pasay City. It was their way of celebrating with the Class the birthdays of Vic (4 Oct), Joe (6 Oct), Ching (8 Oct), Sammy (9 Oct), Aging (17 Oct) and Andy (17 Oct).

B. Watch out for our schedule for the November-December 2016 period, onwards, as follows:

16 November (1130H)—DMF-Lunch to be hosted by Cords-Myrna Cordero, Ben-Lea Libarnes, Bernie-Aying Patino, and Vic-Evelyn Villacorta in Buffet 101 resto, Magnolia Robinsons Mall, QC.

15December(1030H)—Remembrance Day in honor of the departed Dimasupils and spouses and also Christmas Lunch to be held in Jalandoni Hall, PA Officers' Clubhouse, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The affair will start at 1030H with Holy Mass (for Catholics). Lunch and then Christmas program will be at 1130H.

January— DMF to be hosted by Jun-Agnes Avenido and Joseph-Reina Young. Details will be announced later.

13 January (1730H) – BIRCI-PMAAAI Annual Membership Meeting and Election to be held in Camp Aguinaldo, QC. Attire: Polo barong.

28 January (0700H) – PMAAAI Annual Convention to be held in AFP Theater and AFPCOC. Attire: Working long-sleeved barong.

17-18 February -- Alumni Homecoming in Baguio City, with the Dimasupils as

Golden Jubilarians. On 17 February, we are enjoined to attend the Memorial Wreath Laying at 1645H and the Superintendent's Reception at 1800H. On 18 February, we will have our Class Lunch (instead of Picnic) after the Parade to be hosted by Diony - Bennie Ventura and our Post- Valentine's Dinner to be hosted by Jun-Agnes Avenido. Our attire for both days will be our new Class uniforms.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

President Digong Duterte has been invited by the PMAAAI Board to be the GOHAS in the Alumni Homecoming on 18 February 2017. In this connection, we have been informed by his staff that PRRD will meet our Class Officers and Committee Chairmen in the early part of November to talk about the affair.

Last 19 October, our Class Officers attended the Consultation Meeting with the PMAAAI Board at AFPCOC. Jun Avenido, our Class President, who is also the PMAAAI Chairman, presided the meeting. Among the important matters taken up was the policy earlier adopted by the Board that only regular members would be allowed to join the Alumni Homecoming "Trooping the Line", but the honorary, affiliate and adopted members would be issued appropriate ribbons during registration and provided reserved seats at the grandstand, and their presence would be duly acknowledged.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of: (1) Aging and Baby Alino on the death of Baby on 20 September in Metro Manila; (2) Rollie and Emay Bautista on the death of Emay's mother on 18 September in Cebu City; and (3) Manny and Maryrose Dalipe on the death of Maryrose's mother on 22 September in Metro Manila. We pray for the eternal repose of their souls.

On 30 October, many Dimasupils and ladies attended the prayer service for the 40th day of Baby Alino's death which was held at the Alino residence in Las Pinas City.

Cora Din successfully underwent laparoscopy (removal of a portion of the gallbladder) at Makati Medical Center

on 31 October. We pray for her early full recovery.

Congratulations to Col Armand Arevalo '91, husband of Jo Anne Avenido, eldest daughter of Jun and Agnes, for graduating No.3 (bronze medalist) from NDCP on 1 September and No.1 among the officers from the uniformed services (AFP, PNP and PCG).

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in November and December: Cherry Garcia (3 November), Bernie Patino (3), Libbie Brawner (4), Yolly Encarnacion (7), Penny Lastimoso (10), Merle Odi (13) Ben Libarnes (14), Araw Bernabe (16), Ed Larroza (16), Cesar Quiambao (17), Romy Enriquez (18), Nora Ruelos (20), Vic Villacorta (23), Mar Cordero (27), Papoose Ballecer (29), Moises Boquiren (4 December), Lulu Perez (6), Lea Libarnes (10), Emay Bautista (11), Abe Sadul (27), and Vic Garcia (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 are reminded to submit our pictures and write-ups (for the member, spouse and family) for our Golden Sword immediately to Beth Santiago (birdseyeview@yahoo.com). We have passed the deadline 31 October 2016.

Our Class will shoulder our hotel accommodation for two nights (17 and 18 February 2017). Those who have not made reservations yet, please contact immediately Jun Avenido or Diony Ventura since we are now finalizing our reservations with our hotels, namely Crown Legacy and Golden Pine.

CLASS TRIVIA

We welcome contributions to this portion of our Class Call, particularly anecdotes pertaining to the Dimasupils that would enliven our spirits or make us laugh or at least smile. Please send them via email or text to Jun Avenido.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and their families!



MP ROSALES
President
AB CARRILLO
Secretary

The first 10 months of the year saw the class losing 5 members. First was Manolo "Ike" Diamante, USMA "68 in January, followed by Atty Vicente "Dodong" Pangantihon, Norman Samonte, Tomas "Tom" Ortega and Apolonio "Ka Ponyong" Reyes. After Tom Ortega passed away on Sep 22, the class decided to go on a pilgrimage trip to the Our Lady Of Manaoag Shrine in Pangasinan to offer prayers, not only for all departed class members and ladies but also for the entire class whose members and ladies are going through various health problems. However, before the scheduled trip on Oct 11, Ka Ponyong Reyes followed Tom Ortega on Oct 9. His name was therefore included in the list of departed members and ladies read during the class prayers offered in the church.

The following members and ladies joined the pilgrimage: Mel & Millet Rosales, Willy & Isay Nuqui, Nori & Candy

Azcueta, Bobby & Purita Santiago, Rudy & Arlene Rabago, Alex & Shirley Costales, Oskie Cabaron, Evelyn Erolin and Tess Pangantihon.

After hearing the mass and offering the class prayers at the Shrine, the group had a sumptuous lunch at Matutina's before the journey back to Camp Aguinaldo from where a number of the pilgrims led by Mel & Millet Rosales proceeded to the wake of Ka Ponyong Reyes at the St Peter's Memorial Chapels in Sucat, Paranaque City.

REMEMBERING TOM AND KA PONYONG

Tom Ortega, fondly called "Tegay" or "Tegs" in latter cadet years was one the many so-called "local boys who made good" in the class. He was a simple, unassuming, innocent looking but intelligent provinciano from Argao, Cebu. He was one of easiest to get along with mistah in Bravo Company whose wit oftentimes add more fun on jokes played on him. One such memorable instance was when a mistah from the north pointed to his black socks while preparing to join the Corps formation and remarked "Mistah, parehong kaliwa ang suot mong medyas!" Obviously surprised and taking it seriously, Tegs raised his feet one after the

other, closely looked at his socks and after regaining his composure, snapped back and exclaimed, " di nabale mistah, hindi naman halata eh!"

Seldom receiving visitors during weekends and having nobody to visit in Manila whenever the cadet corps went down for parades and ceremonies, he was usually invited by Tony Siapno to their Baguio home along with Bobby "Tagoy" Santiago and joined Tagoy and his parents during their visits and to Tagoy's home many times in Valenzuela, Bulacan. Tegay therefore became like a member of the Siapno and Santiago families.

Tom was indisputably the first member of the class to get married. In fact, he was not in a hurry to go home to Cebu after graduation. Afraid of losing his love, Alice Sabile, he chose to stay in Baguio City and married Alice two weeks after graduation!

Tom served a full Navy officer's career. Unknown to many, he always finished high if not on top of career courses. He served a wide array of staff and command duties. After compulsory retirement he served in other line and staff functions with the Office of Civil Defense.

Colonel Apolonio Reyes PC (Ret) passed away last October 9, 2016. Better known as Ka Ponyong not only to our class which adopted him but also to many other classes which made use of his room at the Camp Crame BOQ as meeting place/dressing room of cadets while in Manila. Ka Ponyong was active in all class activities. His Vigan inspired house in Antipolo City also served as venue/event's place in a number of class parties. Choosing to remain a bachelor, he dedicated himself to the class and to cadets and cavaliers with no place to stay in Metro Manila,

"KA Ponyong was so special to most of the members of the class he took care of many of us as early as during our cadet days. After our graduation many of us were beneficiaries of his kindness and generosity We learned how to comport ourselves as junior officers from him. Why was this so? He was just very accommodating to equally nice and kind people like us. To reciprocate Ka Ponyong's generosity and kindness PMA Class 1968 adopted him as member and sponsored him to become an Honorary member of the PMAAAI."





Magiting Ladies' Meeting and Flu Shots

For the longest time, the Magiting boys have been clueless on what goes on during our Magiting belles' monthly meetings. Thanks to the free anti-flu vaccination given during their last meeting last 9 November, the Magiting guys got to be invited to the ladies' meeting to have their shots, which, uh-uh, is not really an attractive proposition. But seven magnificent or "can't afford to refuse" husbands obliged, on the proddings of their missus. And so without deliberately intending to, we were able to listen in. We kept a respectable distance away though, in our own separate roundtable, for our own manly talk, but we can't help observing what was going on. Believe you me, the ladies are a very organized bunch, with the meeting flowing smoothly from item to item in the agenda. Don't get the idea that it was all business though, since girls will be girls. There was a lot of giggling and laughter, in between tackling the more serious business which surprisingly did not get off-tracked. And yes, their meeting has one unique content we don't have in our own noisy, sometimes rambling meetings. They set time for sharing. One of the ladies would talk about a personal life experience and get support and comfort from the others. It is no wonder that our ladies have bonded tightly through these years. They are one big support group to one another. The Magiting guys who got a lucky "peek", with a flu shot to boot, were: Boots De Veyra, Roy Cimat, Sonny Atienza, Glenn Rabonza, Nesty Carolina, Ed Israel and Rudy Garcia. The birthday girls "Novembelles" were also feted during the meeting. They were Jessie Israel, Enya Santillan, Nancy Pipo

and Cecille Garcia. Happy birthday ladies and many thanks to Nesty and Au for the preparations and the flu shots.

New Class President and Christmas Party Plans

In that same meeting, Roy C, with some reluctance, had accepted the offer to be President of the class once again, in view of Prexy Egay Galvante's begging off due to job commitments at the LTO. Roy, by the way, is back as a Special Envoy to the Middle East. His first act as the new President was to toss the preparations for our Christmas party to the ladies' group. The ladies wasted no time. Initially decided was the date: 7 December, a Wednesday. The ladies will be scouting for a venue and line up the program. A great Christmas get-together awaits us, what with the ladies at the helm.

A Mini-Reunion in LA

Rudy and Marlyn Maluyo hosted a get-together at their home in LA for the visiting group of Clyde and Susan Fernandez, Vic and Marlen Signey, Amy Villanueva and Neneng Daluyaya. Those who made it to the welcome party were Irwin and Gemma, Flor and Emma Domingo, Irene Perez, Edna Ballesteros (who drove all the way from Las Vegas), Mao Mauricio, Paco Francisco and Pitong Heredia. There was surely a lot of catching up they did.

The Magiting Photobook

Expect the Magiting Photobook to be out soon. A project initiated by Ludy Garcia, the hardbound 100-page photo album will be coming out early December, hopefully in time

for our Christmas party. Ludy toyed with the idea of having the pictures of class activities over the years compiled and "memorialized" for posterity. That idea is now a reality, with just some final touches left to do. Our thanks to Ludy and youngest son Emmanuel for the hard work put into collecting and compiling these photos. Eman is a digital arts whiz and he put this into good use in enhancing some of the old photos in the compilation and laying out the book's pages. Kudos to the mother-son team Ludy and Eman! Place your orders now, mga Mistah. This is a photobook of wonderful memories which you will surely enjoy and treasure.

Health Issues

Health issues as we advance in years are to be expected. We can only implore God that we get early notice of an ailment before it can get more complicated to treat. And this we thank the Almighty for, in the case of Remy Gojo. She was initially hospitalized for an appendectomy but she experienced diarrhea and dehydration after the procedure. Back to St Luke's for more tests, it was discovered that she has a stage 1 breast lump. She was operated on and is now doing well. Let us continue to pray for her complete healing.

Magitings to Host Corps of the 70s Tournament

Our hosting of the Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament happens on 2 December and preparations are in full swing to make the golf fellowship a success. We will have known how we fared before this issue comes out. Good luck and happy golfing Team!



The photobook: Ludy and Eman's labor of love. Order na!



After the flu shots and hearthy lunch, picture naman!



At Rudy Maluyo's LA abode. Sitted from left: Susan, Gemma, Irene, Marilen, Amy, Neneng, Emma and Marilyn. Standing, from left: Clyde, Irwin, Mao, Paco, Maluys, Pitong, Flor and Vic.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The Yuletide season is here and I hope everybody is well and merry. It is a season most awaited by apos to visit their lolos and lolas and receive their pamasko. It is the time for family bonding, exchanging gifts, dinner for the noche buena, and the simbang gabi. Yes, a time of celebration for the birth of the Lord Jesus!

Golf Fund Raising Activity

The Class Officers and the Committee on Ways and Means had several meetings for October and November to finalize the preparations for our golf fund raising this 22 November in Camp Aguinaldo. All the class members were requested to participate by way of soliciting donors and sale of tickets for the project. This major activity was aimed to support the different projects of the class like donating some of the proceeds to the PMAAAI affiliate organization like the PEFTI, payment of membership of some mistahs who are not in good standing in PMAAAI and BIRCI, improvement of the Class 71 room in VMCM, and financial support for medical assistance to classmates and dependents who are in need. Tasked to take the cudgels to surely make this project successful was Rey Acop, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and ably assisted by Rex

Piad, Rey Velasco, VP for PNP Egay Aglipay, Class President/VP for PAF Bert Sillona, VP for PA Bob Sacramento, and VP for the Navy Wency Cruz. Class Secretary Joey Lalisan was assigned as Golf Tournament Director and Coordinator. The dissemination of announcements relative to meeting schedules and sponsorships were done by Art Lim and Buggy Cabagnot. Mistahs who are based in the US also started their campaign for getting sponsors. Hawaii based Tex Balmaceda started the ball rolling by donating one-hole sponsorship followed by California based Archie Almario and Totoy Rivera. We all pray and hope this project will be successful and turn out well.

Fellowships and Bonding Activities Abroad

The month of October is one of the best times to travel abroad particularly to the US and Europe. It is when the autumn leaves start to fall. It is also the time when the weather becomes colder and travelling to these places is a welcome respite to free one's self from the hot weather here in RP. Thus, some of the Matatags and Mas Matatags did some vacation during this time.

Sarah and Atot Paredes had a month long vacation spree to visit relatives and friends in the US and Middle East. After a pilgrimage tour in Italy and other parts of Europe with Dong and Lulu Tabamo, Jinggoy and Oca Martinez, and Rochee Domingo, the Paredes couple flew to the US east coast and visited New York and Virginia. The couple had a dinner and sightseeing with Dania and Chato Perico who are Virginia based. After a short stay there, both flew again to Abu Dhabi to visit their son who is working there.

I would say it was a tiring but well spent vacay for the two.

The NorCal group had also some get-together in Las Vegas during the third week of October. As reported in their FB page, Totoy and Benjie Rivera, Ernie and Ching Fernandez, Archie and Rose Almario, Ave and Ava Cruz, Stan and Lolit David, Manny and Tess Foronda, Tess Paynor, and Edd Maranon had a swell time boodling in that City of Lights with crabs and lobsters and international buffet. They were joined in by Jerry and Verna Albano who happened to be in Vegas visiting their daughter, son-in-law, and grandson.

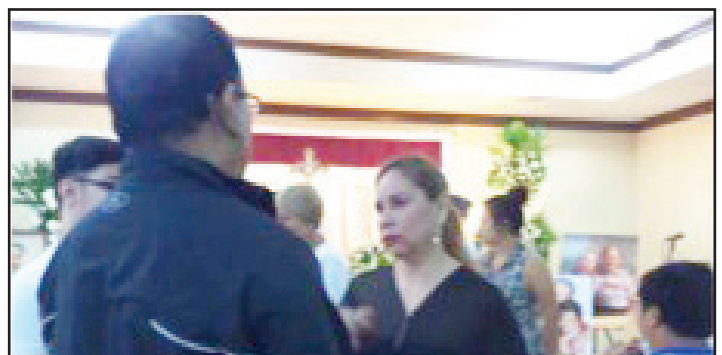
During the fourth week of October, Tex Balmaceda, Jerry Albano, and Joey Lalisan had a golf bonding play in Angel Park Golf Course in Las Vegas. Tex and Jerry were able to dine also with mistah Ave Cruz with their mas-Matatags namely Phattz, Verna, and Ava, respectively in Wynn Hotel the following night.

Farewell Mistah Bobby Navida

Our condolences to the family of our departed mistah Bobby Navida who met his Creator last 14 October due to cardiac arrest. Bobby was my co-member in the Karate Club during our cadet days, a black belter in the Okinawan Sho Rin Ryo, a member of the cadet combo The Men of Gray and the Class 1971 Four Winds and A Shadow vocal group, a veteran pilot, a good golfer, and former President and CEO of the PADC. An articulate speaker and with a good singing voice, Bobby was known as "Jaforms" among mistahs. During the Necrological Rites in the Villamor Chapel, mistah Boy Castellano delivered the eulogy. Barrie Castellano counted thirty-one Matatags and eleven mas-Matatags who attended. His remains were laid to rest at the Libingan ng Mga Bayani. Farewell mistah as we render our last snappy salute!

Quote for this Issue:

Time has been transformed, and we have changed; it has advanced and set us in motion; it has unveiled its face, inspiring us with bewilderment and exhilaration. KAHLLIL GIBRAN//JCL/8 Nov 2016





LD EBUEN
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

Maligayang pag-bati sa buong pamilya Masigasig.

Here are the news updates for the months of November and December:

Class Christmas party:

The Class held the early Christmas party last 04 Dec at Villamor Air Base Officers Club. Like the previous holiday parties, it was a complete success with a good number of classmates in attendance. As usual, fellowship and camaraderie were the central focus of the event. Sumptuous foods and hot darns were in abundance. For entertainment, the Masigasig balladeers provided endless music from their vault files that practically brought the house down (pauli-ulit, pero di nakakasawa). Like “kuwentong plebo” their songs never bored us. As captive audience, we had no choice but listen to their supersonic voices, trying hard to the bones, shall they say. He he he. Thank you guys. Honestly you made us happy (alright sir?) like contented cows at that. Of course the party was not complete without the traditional birthday greetings to all celebrators for the months of May, June, July and August. The celebration ended with a group singing of holiday medleys, coupled with never-ending huggings and greetings of Merry Christmas with each other. It was the culmination of our social activities for CY 2016.

2017 Alumni Homecoming Updates:

The preparation of class activities for the forthcoming Alumni Homecoming

next year is on target. Clothing materials for uniforms were distributed to those who signified to attend. As of this writing, ninety(90) signed up to attend and still counting. We are expecting more Mistah from overseas to join us. Probably this will be the most well attended homecoming for us since late 90’s. Coincidentally, it will be the commemoration of our 45th year anniversary. Prez Queck is not leaving any stones unturned to ensure all preparations are in order. Here’s the tentative schedule of activities:

Feb 17(Fri):

- 0500H : Assembly, GHQ Grandstand
- 0600H : Departure for Baguio City(By bus)
- 1200H : Estimate Time of Arrival, Baguio City
: Registration/Check-in at designated hotels.
: Free Time
- 1700H : Anticipated Mass (Benjamin Hall,Crown Legacy Hotel)
- 1800H : Post Valentine Party
- 2300H : End of Party
Attire : Smart Casual

Feb 18(Sat):

- 0500H : Breakfast
- 0600H : Departure of bus from Crown Legacy Hotel to Microtel.
- 0630H : Departure, Microtel to PMA
- 0730H : Estimate Time of Arrival, PMA
: Registration(Melchor Hall)
: Coffee break at Bahay Masigasig
- 1000H : Alumni Parade
- 1200H : Class picnic/lunch(Bahay Masigasig)
: Class meeting/election of Pres in Waiting
: Picture taking
- 1500H : Departure, PMA to hotels
- 1540H : Arrival, hotels
: Free time
Attire : Designated Class Uniforms

Feb 19(Sun):

- 0600H- 0730H: Breakfast
- 0900H: Estimate Time of Departure of bus for Manila.

As regard to the hotel accommodation, we have enough room reservations in Microtel and Crown Legacy hotels. You are enjoined to re-confirm your reservation and indicate your hotel preferences(Microtel or Crown Legacy) to the Class Secretary or Faith Ebuén.

News Update:

We are saddened with the untimely demise of our beloved Mistah Bobby Del Pilar last Oct 4 at National City, San Diego, California due to heart complication. Dony and Rosie Rosete represented the Class during the wake and conveyed our condolences and words of sympathy to Tessie and at the same time handed over our financial contribution for Bob’s wake. We remember Bob as a dear classmate, a friend, brother, true Cavalier and professional Army officer whose integrity and professionalism is beyond reproach. Goodbye Mistah and may you rest in peace. To Tessie and her family, again, our condolences.

We are elated and felt relieved after Mistah/Cong Jun Espino was cleared from the alleged inclusion in drug matrix with finality. President Digong absolved him of non involvement by apologizing publicly to Espines three(3) times. We knew from the start of his innocence and the allegation imputed to him is obviously a handiwork of his distractors to malign his good name. More power Mistah and we assure you of our unwavering and unequivocal support all the way.

The “ Matigasigs” golfers joined the 9th Rafael M. Salas Golf Cup 2016 at the Aguinaldo Golf Course last 11 Nov upon the special invitation of Manong Ben de Leon, the Chairperson of the tournament and our close friend. He is a proponent of the full implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law.



Those who joined the tournament were: Gene Senga, Efren Abu, Art Lomibao, Ike Galang, Rock Tor, Babes Flores, Ric Nobleza, Boogie Agustin, Ogie Alino, John Salvana, Manding Naval and this writer. Efren Abu emerged as 1st Runner-Up in Class C, Senior Division. Surprisingly, Ike Galang won a special prize for Nearest the Pin, when his tee shot landed few inches near the pin at Hole Nr. 8 island green for a birdie. His "ball" almost roll into the hole for a hole in one. (ang kanyang ball kamuntik ng pumasok sa "butas". Ganyang katindi is Ike). He he he. By the way Dony Rosete who was in town, joined the awarding ceremony and fellowship with our group.

The updated Class Directory, one of the pet projects of our Class Prexy is almost complete, albeit unavailability of data from few Mistah. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this class call, the copies of the Directory were already distributed to us. We thank Mistah Louie Abano, who volunteered the printing for free.

Masigasig Name Recall:

Do you remember vividly the following?

- Dean's Cup : Alfa Coy(1st Cl Cdt. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo)
- Commandant's Cup: Bravo Coy(1st Cl Cdt Elmer M. Ignacio)
- Athletic Cup: Alfa Coy(1st Cl Cdt. Rodolfo E. Aguinaldo)
- Company Close Order Drill: Bravo Coy(1st Cl Cdt Elmer M. Ignacio)
- Pres. Dialectic Society/Debating Council: (1st Cdt. Narciso A. Catalan)
- Chairman, Class Ring Committee: (1st Cl Cdt. Edmundo R. Aquino)
- Sword Board Editor: (1st Cl Cdt. Emmanuel R. Teodosio)
- Chairman, Honor Committee: (1st Cdt. Cdt. Wilfredo S. Mejia)
- First Captain/ Baron: (1st Cl Cdt. Arsenio S. Santos)

Birthday Greetings:

The Class extends warm greetings to the following birthday celebrators; November: Mel Rivera, Benny Liwag(Dec), Dionix Dionisio, Alvin Urbi(Dec), Linda Berroya, Johnny Abuan, Mar Conaco, Willy Blanco, Torch dela Torre, Maribel Espadero, Helen Viernes, Jimmy Lasar(Dec), Carol Alabanza, Jimmy Viernes, Odette Bibit and Lou Rivera; December: Jack Joaquin(Dec), Siony Cordero, Eric Evangelista, Mila Naval, Rock Tor, Tata Velasco, Monying Dizon,

Tony Villarosa(Dec), Ric Brillantes, Ces Conaco and Emi Rivera.

The Class Officers greet the whole Masigasig family a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year. May this holiday season brings more blessings, excellent health, love and compassion and peace of mind to all of us.

Till next class call. Happy reading and Merry Christmas and Happy New New Year....CGC.



A man named John Lennon once wrote a song entitled "Imagine" in which he wrote the words that would forever challenge all nations: "Imagine all the people living in peace... and the world will live as one." Peace - a term often equated with harmony and absence of conflict - is one of the highest ideals that mankind can strive to attain. However, with so much hate and discord that our world has seen and continues to experience, peace is becoming merely an illusion instead of a reality.

The new leadership under President Rodrigo Roa Duterte has put so much emphasis on making peace a reality for Filipinos. In his pursuit for peace, the government has waged a relentless war against drugs and criminality – an iron-fisted policy that has taken the spotlight in the international arena. Our government has likewise made steps towards ending the age-old secessionist movement and insurgency through peace initiatives and reconciliation. They have initiated unprecedented peace talks with our neighboring countries. All of these plans and programs are aimed at attaining

genuine peace – the kind of peace that enables men and nations to grow, prosper, and build a better life.

However, in the government's pursuit for peace, our leaders must acknowledge that the paths towards its attainment are diverse, complex and difficult. They must recognize that disagreements and social tensions may arise among national and international bodies that do not necessarily share the same views and objectives. To address this issue, our leaders should continually offer peaceful solutions through proper diplomacy, constant negotiations and open lines of communication. The President is admirable in that he takes peace and order as his foremost agenda and considers it his most urgent task. However, he must not lose sight of the objective of peace and that is this to attain prosperity and development for our country. As can be seen from other wealthy nations, prosperity is a natural by-product of peace.

Is there hope for peace and prosperity? The Lord himself wants it for all mankind. Psalm 1:1-3 says: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on the Law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

In the pursuit of peace, we shall prosper. We all share this dream.

Comments of some Class 74 members on related topics:

Roland A. Rodriguez: "Two strategic objectives in our draft national security policy for 2016-2022 are: (1) Promote external harmonious relationships and strengthen alliances and strategic partnership with our neighbors and the





world at large, and (2) pursue regional and international cooperation in various areas and identify new cooperative security arrangements with allies and neighbors.”

Benny Cabrieto – “Between democratic countries, business/foreign investments are not normally affected by their government policies. That’s why our BPO industry, mostly from the US, will not be affected as long as we do not change our policies toward them; they will stay and even grow.”

Vladimir Punto – “It is up to the country to entice foreign companies to invest here. We have an advantage because our people speak fluent English. We have IT industries at par or even better than other Asian countries.”

Tid bits:

PMA Marangal Class 1974 will once again hold a Christmas Party and Reunion on 10 December 2016 at the Philippine Army Golf Clubhouse, Taguig City. All members, together with their families, are expected to attend this annual class activity. There will be singing, dancing and games for the children and grandchildren. To add to the merriment, there will be never-ending beers, wines, jokes, laughter, and funny stories as cadets in the service, etc. Let us all come and have fun as we celebrate the Christmas season!

Birthday Celebration of Mistah Sonny Razon By: Mistah Rene Rieza

The Marangals came together again last September 27, 2016 to celebrate the September-born members. It was a well-attended affair that saw the usual suspects detain the microphone of the karaoke machine. The ladies were there too and joined in the festivities, singing the songs of the good old days.

As we approach our tenth year of retirement from the service, we are convinced more than ever that the ties that bind us are lasting and enduring. If at some point in our careers we took for granted our common heritage forged at the PMA, today, well into our retirement, we cherish our being part of the long gray line every day. We remember our cadet years, especially our plebe years when we were snot-nosed kids thrust into a man’s world. That we not only survived but flourished is both a source of wonder and pride, especially in our retirement.

Our careers may have taken us to different paths, and to some of us, to different shores, but we remain mistahs who we can always depend on.

We now fight a different battle. If before we fought for our flag and country, today our battles are more personal, those that afflict people of our age, and as in past battles, we again turn to our mistahs. If before the “P” words we frequently use are promotions and positions, now they refer to prostate and pneumonia. Yes, times have changed and our challenges with them. Student IDs have been replaced by Senior IDs and senior moments have lost their novelty as funny jokes. Top Secret Clearances have been replaced by cardio clearances and seems more important now.

So it is against this “maturing” background that the Marangals now gather, as we did last September 27. Birthdays have now become another convenient excuse to get-together. The other equally convenient excuse is of course golf. In both cases, the underlying camaraderie and fellowship is an ever-deepening spring that continue to nourish us.

While we have here a few pictures of that communal birthday celebration, rest assured that these pictures do not even

come close to describing the sights and sounds of that event.

After all, the order that was cut and came down was for the official attire to be that of the ‘60s. So many came in their psychedelic (as far as memory served them) outfit. One mistah visiting from the US was unrecognizable in his ‘60s costume, complete with Afro hairdo. A few who came in ordinary street clothes were taken to task for not being in proper “uniform”. Their reason: “Sabi ‘60s. This was what wore when I turned 60!”

The conversation swung from the sublime to the ridiculous with equal ease and level of seriousness. After all, we have done our watch and are now slowly “fading away”.

Except for a few who were allowed what we call a “mulligan” because they are again serving our country after having been plucked from retirement. These are the mistahs who are deadly serious in the computation of their golf handicaps, knowing fully well that they are now really at a handicap. After all, Monday mornings see them at flag ceremonies again while the rest of us are teeing-off.

More power to everyone!



RA DAVID JR
President
DM PEQUIRAS
Secretary

As we always hear during this time of the year - Christmas is just around the corner! Yes! How many days oh noble ???

The Masikap Class’ early Christmas party will be on Friday, 02 December 2016 at the Philippine Navy Golf Clubhouse, as arranged by the former FOIC Adm Dan Cortez. Every Masikap and their ladies



within the Philippines, especially those in Metro Manila and suburbs are required to attend, otherwise you will be included in the agenda for discussion... hehehe. Quoted from Dick: Pag present, nag uusap usap, pag wala, pinag uusapan! Foreign-based mistahs are encouraged to come if your schedules will permit.

Prior to the Christmas party however, the Class made an arrangement with Class 2001 to have a joint golf fund raising project on November 30, 2016 at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course. Why joint? Well, this saves us the rigors of coordination and hassles of holding such event. All the Masikap members will do is to solicit for sponsors/donors or sell tickets. Proceeds from our share in this joint venture will partly fund our requirements for our PMA Alumni Homecoming on February

17-18, 2017. Take note that next year will be our "Ruby" or 40th anniversary and preparations are already being made to make it a memorable and enjoyable as possible. Billeting accommodations is being coordinated by our Class Treasurer, Dan Casabar Jr. To our mistahs based abroad, please make coordination directly with him as early as you can, as rooms are limited, however, efforts are being made to make your stay in Baguio comfortable. *(That will depend on how good you could still fix tent properly, hahaha...jokejoke!)*. Kidding aside, our uniform for the parade will be the blue coat with three buttons, white long sleeve inside, beige or khaki pants, and of course, good black marching shoes. No necktie needed, and the headgear will be provided by Nebu. For the ladies,

Lulut David and Florence Ojeda are the coordinators.

The long running Masikap Chicken Club held every Wednesday at AFPCOC, CGEA, has been a convenient occasion to celebrate birthday, anniversary, to welcome a visiting mistah from abroad or just a mere chatting session of the never-ending plebe life and or any other topics under the sun. This is where we meet at lunchtime even if only two are present.

During the observance of the 40th day of our Mistah Ted Pan's death last 19 October 2016, a big attendance was recorded. After all, this was the pet activity of Ted Pan handed down from the early days when it was being held at Camp Crame.

The Masikaps continuously keep their minds and bodies healthy by engaging in

various sports and leisure activities. The Masikap Bikers Club frequently makes their spins inside Camp Aguinaldo while others are joining other bikers group or doing it on their own. Dick Morales, for one, is planning a bike tour to Tirad Pass in Ilocos sometime this coming December. Interested bikers can signify with him. Nickie Ojeda is also proposing to have a bike run on the Death March Route from Bataan to Capas, Tarlac. For those golf enthusiasts, the 77 Golf Squad find their ways on the golf courses in camps in Metro Manila. Noticeably, when Amb Nes Ochoa returned to the Philippines from his stint in Greece, he is seen frequenting these golf courses. Others sweat it out in gymnasiums playing badminton.

Let us greet our birthday celebrators for the month of November and December:

Dads Domingo	November 8
Bobby Estioko	November 9
Ernie De Guzman	November 27
Anselmo Roxas	November 27
Larry Atendido	November 28
Nic Corpuz	November 29
JP Bondoc	December 3
JB Buenaflor	December 6
Nes Ochoa	December 8
Ed Divina	December 14
Fidel "Mayor" Cimatu	December 15
Jimmy Milla	December 16
Nong Gammad	December 19
Ric "Mayor" Padilla	December 23
Butch Supapo	December 26
Jhunnie De Leon	December 29
Zaldy Damazo	December 30

Happy Birthday sa mga celebrators and Merry Christmas sa ating lahat na Masikap!



VM PORTO
President
VEC MARTIR
Secretary

Makatarungans: Merry Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year to all of us. We've had an awesome time this year and our Board of Directors (Vic P, Oca H, Boysie R, Ralph V, Romy L, Sam T, Rody M, Art T, Rene O, Jo G and Vic M) continue to work towards a better future for the class (Makatarungan 1978 Association, Inc). Our BoD jumped



PGMA Wedding Anniversary



ART C's Testimonial Dinner



SOE Al Cusi's Dinner with mistahs

into action early this year to energize our organization by reestablishing a board to provide direction and oversee the success of our prospective activities. During the first semester of 2016, our BoD focused its efforts on the reorganization of the class, formulation of a new constitution and by-laws, reestablishment of the new organization into a juridical entity and consolidation of class funds. Some of these efforts are still work in progress as the board intends to present the final proposal to the class early next year. There was a marked increase in class activities, mostly fellowship (what senior citizens enjoy doing) in the past several months. These were: 1) June 8 – class hosted dinner for newly appointed SOE, Al Cusi at the Milky Way Café, Makati City; 2) June 15 – Grand

opening of Rene O's Kawasaki Leisure Bikes in Davao City; 3) June 25 – Testimonial dinner hosted by the class for USec Art C (Director, PDEA) at the Greenside room, VABGC; 4) June 2016 – our ladies call on PGMA at Veterans General Hospital; 5) July 17 – Nestor and Juliet L's birthday party at PNGC; 6) July 21 – June/July birthday celebrants get-together at Maricar C's residence; 7) July 28 – Resty A's Academy Register book launching at the AFP Museum; 8) August 1 – PGMA's Wedding Anniversary celebration at Quezon City; 9) September 4 – August/September birthday celebrants bash at Maricar C's residence; 10) September 7 – 2nd successful fund-raising activity via golf tourney at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club, Cavite; 11) September 21 – Rolly D's birthday party



Makatarungans' Golf Classic



July-August Birthday Celebrants' Bash

at the AFPCOC, Quezon City. The BoD has lined up the activities for this coming Christmas season. We plan to have a lunch fellowship at VABGC on December 3 and a gift-giving visit to a yet-to-be-determined charity organization also in December. We hope more of our mistahs attend these activities. The class congratulates our mistahs who lately chose to continue their government service: Art T (OPAMA), Jo Gav (DND), Rolly D (Congress) and Conrad L (Hagonoy, Davao del Sur). The class will sincerely miss our ever-helpful and departed mistah Mayor Leovic Reyes Dioneda. We extend our sincerest condolences to Leovic's loved ones. See you all come December!!!



JTE VILLARETE
President
NC ALBANO
Secretary

"The pursuit of peace and prosperity: our urgent goal" is the theme for this issue of the ever-vibrant Cavalier Magazine. There is no doubt that peace in our nation is a significant goal. It can even be argued that it is the most important goal, without which none of the other goals of our country can be attained and sustained.

However, this goal is also just as complex as it is significant. Most of us view peace, security and governance as complex political issues that fall squarely in the purview of governments. Nevertheless, attaining peace is not just about ending wars and reducing the incidence of violence. Drivers of conflict include access to justice, corruption, transparency, fundamental freedoms and participatory decision-making. These drivers of conflict are often activated when various actors, be it governments, societal groupings, or even corporations seek to enforce ideologies or acquire resources and power. There are opportunities for non-government actors to contribute to the attainment of this goal. The urgent goal of peace and prosperity seem like a daunting goal that needs the support of all sectors of society. Peaceful societies are as much a means to an end to achieving the other goals. The great nature of this task means that it has to be all hands on deck – the government, NGOs, businesses, communities and us, individual citizens. Let us do our share, Matapat! If you would like to keep yourself current on peace, order, and national security issues, tune in to "Sir Tsip Reporting for Duty" on DZRJ 810 AM, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 5-6pm. Listen to our mistah former Congressman Sammy Pagdilao as he engages public officials and subject matter

experts on the latest issues and concerns of our country.

As the year 2016 ends, it is nice to look back at what happened this year and plan where we are going next. We had our first quarter fellowship sponsored by the PNP Group last January. It was also a time for us to plan for our yearly trek to Loakan. And yes, some of us did go and participated in the Battle of the Classes, the Alumni Parade and the lunch fellowship that follows. The Matapat Park '79 was once again brought to life even for only a couple of hours. Other than the regular golf fellowships and the active participation of the Class in the Corps of the 70s Quarterly Golf Tournaments where we are the defending champion as of this writing, the next Class activity shall be the Annual General Assembly and Christmas Party in December. As you read this, we now have the PNP Group at the helm of the Class. The PNP Group President for 2016 is Rey Lanada but as I was writing this, Rey called to inform me that the PNP group has just elected Leo Santiago as their new President during their meeting last 03 Nov. Good luck and more power to the PMA Matapat Class of 1979 new President, Leo "Tagoy" Santiago.

The Matapat Ladies clamored that instead of the Christmas Raffle, the Class will just allocate the money to be spent





for the raffle to charity, specifically for the victims of Super Typhoon Lawin in Northern Luzon. Therefore, in pursuit of peace and prosperity, the Class decided to do away with the raffle and donate the amount to be collected from each member of the Class to the victims of the latest disaster Lawin.

We look forward to more and regular Class fellowships next year 2017. Thanks to the Navy Group for sponsoring the fourth Quarter PMA '79 Golf and Lunch Fellowship at the Philippine Navy Golf Club last 26 October. God bless everyone. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Cheers!

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



The passion for golf continuous to inspire the Dimalupigs. Last November 5, the first ever Dimalupig Cup Golf Tournament ala Ryder Cup Style, was held at the VABGC. The Class was divided into two teams composed of the 1st and 2nd Bns (Blue

Team) and the 3rd and 4th Bns (Red Team). The captain of the Blue Team is Cav Rene Samonte while for the Red Team is Cav Don Montenegro. They were responsible for the pairings/match-ups, based on the official handicaps of each player. They also came up with the tournament rules. Aply supervising them is Cav Boy Domingo, our designated Golf Club President. Fourteen players signified to be part of each team, however, on the day of the game itself, one player from the Blue Team begged off to attend to some important personal matters. Thus, only 13 players were made to count for the total score of the team.

The teams were represented by local and foreign trained Classmates (According to our Class Prexy, he is You Tube Trained). We were fortunate to have a vacationing mistah from the US, Cav Gabby Dizon, to be part of the Red Team. Another mistah from Canada was here, Cav Jerry Berenguer, but unfortunately, he was not able to join the tournament because of some official business.

It was a cardiac finish, while waiting for two players from the Blue Team (Cav Dan Servando and Cav Alan Luga) and one from the Red Team (Cav Bennie De Leon) to complete their rounds. These three came in late because of their delayed flight from Jakarta. They

reported directly from the airport in NAIA to the fairways of Villamor upon arrival.

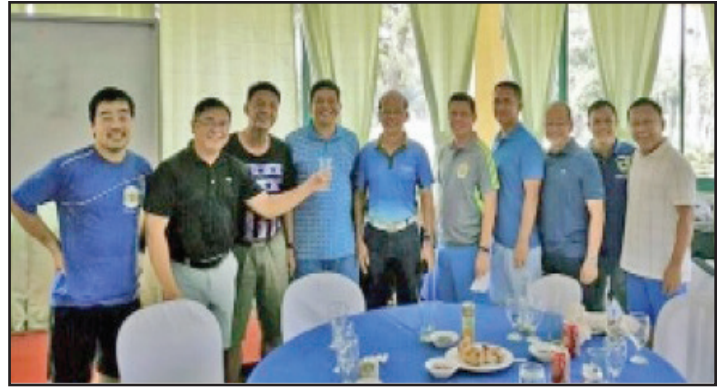
After the grueling and stiff competition, the Red Team (3/4Bns) won the tournament and brought home the perpetual trophy with a total gross score of 1,211 as against the Blue Team (1/2Bns) with 1,231. Individual awards were also presented. Let us congratulate the following for winning in their respective categories:

- Class C – Champion –** Cav Art Vidad
- Runner-up –** Cav Yerson Depayso
- Class B – Champion –** Cav Greg Catapang
- Runner up –** Cav Alex Monteagudo
- Class A – Champion –** Cav Boogie De Vera
- Runner up –** Cav Beloy Gador
- Lowest Gross -** Cav Don Montenegro

The tournament was capped with a Fellowship lunch for the golfers and non-golfers alike. A couple of Manlulupigs were also around, not to check if the Dimalupigs are really in the golf course, but to congratulate the winners, and coordinate for the upcoming Class Christmas Party. At this point, let us express our sincerest gratitude to the organizers of this tournament for its success. The next fellowship tournament will be on Dec 18 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm (tee-off) at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. The format



Group picture before Tee-off



The 1/2Bns (BlueTeam)



The Low Gross Champion- Cav Don Montenegro



The Champion Team - 3/4Bns (Red Team)

is Ryder Cup four-ball and single matches. Other details to follow later. Keep posted in our Viber group for announcements.

Immediately after the fellowship golf, the Class will hold its Christmas Party (Dec 18) at one of the function rooms at the PNGC Clubhouse. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The Manlulupigs, in coordination with our Class President are

finalizing the plans for our Christmas party. Details will also be disseminated in our respective Viber groups. Classmates are encouraged to sponsor some items for the raffle and give-aways to make the party more exciting.

By the time this is published, it is already the Christmas Holidays. We will now take this opportunity to greet every

Dimalupig and their families and loved ones, a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May we always be blessed by God Almighty, so that we can be a blessing to others. May we continue to be healthy, so that we can perform our respective roles in service to others. May we continue to strengthen the bonds as Classmates.

MABUHAY ANG DIMALUPIG!!!!!!



The year went fast. So did all the years. You wonder where they went. It would be pointless to keep track of the movement of all of us after every two months - so much happens so fast. Testimonial parades, turnover of commands, retirement honors and golf tournaments practically happened once a week.

So, we are looking at a few who remain in uniform - a few, but very good men who will be succeeded in a matter of months and weeks.

Heading the uniformed section, we still have:

- General Bong Visaya, CSAFP
- LtGen Dovie Miranda, VCSAFP
- LtGen Ed Ano, CGPA
- LtGen Gary Fallorina, CGPAF
- LtGen Romy Tanalgo, COMNOLCOM
- LtGen Kid Quidilla, COMSOLCOM
- LtGen May dela Cruz, COMWESMINCOM
- VAdm Ronnie Mercado, COMWESCOM
- VAdm Willy Melad, CPGC
- MGen Gerry Barrientos, C,1ID
- *MGen Romy Gan, C,2ID
- MGen Noli Orense, C,7ID
- *MGen Ed Pangilinan, VCOM,PA
- MGen Elmer Pabale, C,ASCOM
- MGen JayAr Parra, VCPAF
- **MGen Allan Rosal, J1
- *MGen Vir Hernandez, J2
- MGen Andre Costales, CPMC

- RAdm Louie Tuason, PCG
- BGen Allan Martin, C,GHQ&HSC
- BGen Demy Tejares, ADC, 1ID
- PDDir Keith Singian, DHRDD
- PDDir Rene Ong, DRD
- PDDir Alex Ignacio, DIPO-NL
- PDDir Manny Felix, DIPO-NEM
- PCSupt Jet Villacorte, PPSC
- **PCSupt Tom Bañas, PRBS
- PCSupt Asher Dolina, back to PNP
- **PSSupt Jojo Donato, PNP TS

- *- Retiring in a few days
- ** -Retiring in Dec

Recent appointees in government civilian service include:

- Alex Balutan, GM PCSO
- Jimmy Manabat, USEC
- Bong Pinili, Ambassador



Allan Guisihan, USEC
 Abe Villacorta is with NICA
 Allen B gives 'precious' advice to Abe V and Alex B
 Mccoy is back with SBMA as consultant
 Edwin Mackay and Kenneth P provides advices to Alex B
 Rolly A is getting darker and losing all his hair at BUCOR.

For those of you who have mobile data or continuing internet access to your smartphones, a very convenient way of keeping in touch would be to join the class Viber group (for the boys only). Please contact PerQ to be admitted. He is the doorman.

And how good is it? One effective way to gauge its' success is the formation of the Matikas Golf Club, which has for its first president, Allen Bantolo. You will get more details from both Allen and JQ about the golf club when you actively participate in both the Viber group and the club. No one beats Doc Linus Mercurio in active participation - specially with photos and other media. Runners up include Kid Florece, Mike Antonio and BongVi.

What will we be looking forward to soon? One idea being bandied about is a common cacao plantation spearheaded by Jun Balibalos, who intends to retire in his "yutang tinubuan", ably assisted

by good friends Clarence Martinez and Mike Manquiquis. Igle Iglesia has begun his own enterprise in the plains of Luzon already. These would be ideal venues for an extended reunion with healthy menus as most of us need to shift to these kinds of diets already.

A few more testimonial parades, retirement honors and there will be more golf games scheduled for the swinging Matikas boys.

Retirees for the period:

NOVEMBER

1. 10 - ROMY GAN
2. 13 - ED PANGILINAN
3. 27 - VIR HERNANDEZ

DECEMBER

1. 08 - BONG VISAYA
2. 15 - ALLAN ROSAL
3. 28 - TOM BAÑAS
4. 29 - JOJO DONATO

Planned Activity – The Matikas Golf Club will have its first "Golf for a cause" on 26 Nov at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. Proceeds are intended to support the educational needs of dependents of deceased Mistahs. Tickets are at Php 2,500.00 each.



FDB SANTIAGO JR
 Chairman
JM DANIEL
 President
LAD LEUTERIO
 Secretary

Allen Paredes (PAF) earned his first star; and a lot of Maringals celebrated their birthdays; even as Dionard Carlos became the permanent PIO of the PNP (thus a star-in-waiting). November saw the likes of Bob Daut, Nanding Gomez, Adrian Perez, Ferdinand Encomienda, Boyet Samala, Dennis Agustin and Ono Daway celebrate their birthdays. Ono had his birthday bash in his events place in Commonwealth, with his 94 year-old dad in attendance (what a blessing, mistah!!!). Even Monmon Mitra found time to attend the occasion with his beautiful wife. October came the reminders that Alex Barros, Rynell More, Alfred Rosario, Lito Casimiro and Sievert Monterola were celebrating their birthdays somewhere, someplace and with some others. Happy birthday and more celebrations to come mistah!!!

Fitness became the conversation dominating groupings in the PNP and even in the AFP if stories are to be believed. Mike Aquino, Celso Pestaño and Rene Pamuspusan began inviting everyone to a basketball game every Tuesday, at the PNP Gym in Camp Crame, 6PM onwards. On the other hand, we have been regaled with biking stories and pictures of Ezra James; the marathon exploits of Brando Perez and the PFT results of Boy Faustino.

Of course, the golfers of the class would claim that golf is also a form of physical fitness. Hence, we saw the Navy host the Philippine Navy Cup at the PN Golf Course in Fort Bonifacio. Abet Cruz was front and centre in organising the tournament, testament to how he was able to ably steer the "ship" donated to us, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; earning the distinction of being the only officer to have accomplished the feat. At this point, the MGA became less visible since, perhaps, many of our mistahs have been deployed to other places outside of Metro-Manila. But, we have been hearing of golf games played by John Bulalacao and RJ Hinanay in some golf courses, in and around the metropolis.

The vibe accounts of Maringals have become two. All of these established by Maringal Lito Daniel. One is where Regular and Adopted members of the class may join. The other one is where the regular members of the class and their better

halves may join. These fora play important roles in information dissemination and for the discussion of topics from the social to the political.

The PNP Maringal Chapter continue to expand its ranks with more fraternal members being adopted; and more people expressing their interest in joining the class. By the way, back in harness is a PNP fraternal member by the name of Rupert Buenaventura, who is back permanently in the Philippines from Australia. Our other Australian mate of course is Zjunboie Manaog, but, he is a regular member.

It is worth mentioning in this article that, seemingly, Mike Aquino had discovered a cave system in Bani, Pangasinan which just might rival that which is found in Australia in length, even in interest. The pictures were alluring and speak of a probable heritage sight and a possible tourist attraction in that part of he country.

At this point, Christmas is upon us all and soon another year is urgent upon us. The preparations for the Christmas parties by the mother group and the different chapters have or are being laid down as we speak. We wish everyone could attend. We wish each family a healthy, prosperous and productive New Year ahead.

God bless us all!!!



The members of PMA “Sambisig” Class of 1991 conducted the traditional wreath laying ceremony in honor of the departed mistahs at Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Andres Bonifacio, Taguig City Last 06 November 2016. The said activity started with a holy mass, wreath laying,

offering of flowers and lighting of candles at the tomb of the departed mistahs. It was followed by a breakfast, after which the members of the class had a chance to conduct an informal meeting presided by the acting class president, Caloy Lagasca, where the future activities of the class was discussed. The wreath laying activity is being conducted yearly in honor of the “fallen but not forgotten” mistahs who offered the ultimate sacrifice and went ahead of us.

Among those who took the time from their busy schedules to attend the said activity were: Bong **Nebrija**, William **Peñañiel**, Arnil **Angeles**, Rene **Honasan**, Filmore **Escobal**, Marion **Sison**, Arnel **Morada**, Poten **Camba**, Ronnel **Torres**, Ernie **Baldovino**, Norwyn **Tolentino**, Jimmy **Larida**, Toto **Vestuir**, Dennis **Pacis**, Dennis **Quines**, Jay **Divino**, AJ **Papa**, Stephen **Pareño**, Alex **Rillera**, Jeff **Hechanova**, Ireneo **Sebastian**, Yoyong **Agnila**, Ed **Gubat**, Alfred **Tingabngab**, Star **Estrella**, Odie **Edralin**, Oriel **Pangcog**, Denie Mar **Clemencia**, Zosimo **Oliveros**, Nhel **Patricio**, Ignatius Bong **Patrimonio**, Jose Ernesto **Gaviola**, and Joey **Leviste**. Three prospective members for adoption also joined the class. They were Colonel Serme **Ayuyao** JAGS, Mr Fabian **Go** and Iñigo **Golingay** Jr, from the private sector and both are graduate of Masters in National Security Administration (**MNSA**).

The class also wishes to congratulate the new graduates of MNSA Regular Class 51 namely: Erwin **Alea**, Armand **Arevalo**, Dan **Benavides**, Allan **Hambala**, Lenart **Lelina**, AJ **Papa**, Paji **Pajarillo**, John **Divinagracia**, Dennis **Pacis**, Nano **Mariano**, Glenn **Calambuhay**, Toto **Vestuir**, Ed **Palma**, Jono **Pasamonte**, Florante **Sison** and Mark **Moro**.

Presently, eleven (11) mistahs continue to pursue their progressive military career by taking up the MNSA RC 52 at the National Defense College of

the Philippines in Camp Aguinaldo. They are: Monico **Abang**, Johnson Jeemar **Aseron**, Anton **Abrina**, Jun **Balaoro**, Nap **De Vera**, Odie **Edralin**, Bernardo **Fortez**, Giovanni **Franza**, Shalimar **Imperial**, Pitong **Peñaedondo** and Erwin **Lamzon**.

By the way, one of the salient topics during the meeting was the plan to hold the **Sambisig Christmas party** tentatively scheduled either on the **10th or 11th of December**. All mistah are encouraged to join the said activity in order to maximize attendance and enjoy the fellowship. Don't forget to bring along with you your gifts for the said occasion.

To the Sambisig golfers, bring your sets as well. We will be having games in the morning, get together in the afternoon, and party all night in the evening.

Advance Merry Christmas!



Mga Mistah, we are already getting old. Proof of this matter is that some of our mistah are already Colonels. This year alone, three were promoted to Colonels: Gene Menor, Roger Luna and Kotit Villacrusis. Many more are coming for the Navy and the Air Force hopefully early next year. We also hope that the Army group will have their promotion together with the Air Force and the Navy.

Another proof of the matter of getting old is the fact that some of our Mistahs are already grandfathers. Do I need to mention who? But the most glorious proof of all is the attempt of succession of our class to the long gray line. Its is still an attempt because sons of our Mistahs are still cadets trying to earn their spots in the Long Gray line fighting obstacles like academics and physical exercises. The sons of Mon Gupit, Armand Custodio, Darrel Banez and Orly Brillantes were recently Recognized. Good thing they have upperclass brat in the sons of Faye Ventura, Omar Orozco, Mon Flores and Jun Omar. Kim Agatep's son who is also an upperclass was sent to the US Air Force Academy after fourthclass and is now a yearling at USAFA. The class is very proud of these young men who will continue the legacy of the class.

The class has few students right now in CGSC and abroad. Our class had been sending students to CGSC since 2012 and probably our last batch will be on 2017.



PMA SAMBISIG CLASS OF 1991

The CGSC students are Gerry Garrido, Ivan Papera, Armand Custodio, Einstien Calaoa, Jun Bolor, Mac Buena, Ronel Manalo, Mart Daiz, Omar Orozco, Palmer Parungao, Charles Villanueva, Willy Manalang, Vincent Dy, and Consti Espina. They are ably guided by the faculty Mistah Ryan Sonza as the Asst CD, Prudy Patricia as the C4, Kim Agatep as the STAD, Jam Samonte as the former C6 who is now CO, 8SigBn at Samar, Chito Bello as Directing Staff who transferred to G2, 3rd Mec, Monching Almodovar who went back to the Scout Ranger as Commandant SRTS and Roger Luna as module director but was sent to Australia as exchange instructor at Australian Defense College. Two of our Mistahs took their GSC abroad. They are Eric Sales in Germany and Harold Cabunoc in Australia. Gene Menor is also at US NDU together with Larry Batalla.

Our class is also very proud of our Mistahs who are now in the frontlines as battalion commanders. Aluad- 2FABn, Amaro- 30IB, Aquino- 6IB, Argamosa- 39IB, Aynera- 29IB, Bacala- 4SFBn, Balbanero- 3MechBn, Banez- 62IB, Bantillan- 10MIB, Batalla- 44IB, Bautista- 49IB, Bongosia- 42IB, Cabarloc- 64IB, Cabasan- 2SRB, Canilla- 60IB, Carandang- 58IB, Comia- 16IB, Cordova- 411B, De Ocampo- 68IB, De Villa- 3SFBn, Delos Santos- GC, MIG12, Derilo- GC, MIG16, Espino- 31IB, Estranero- 4FABn, Flores- 32IB, Hamos- 53IB, Jadloc- 74IB, Liboon- ESBn, Lucero- 18IB, Mercado- 71IB, Monjardin- 83IB, Oliveros- 1MechBn, Osias- 81IB, Pagayon- 36IB, Palma- 20IB, Panopio- 2SFBn, Pardo- 6FABn, Portiz- 8FABn, Resuello- 6SFBn, Roldan- GC, MIG21, Rosales- GC, MIG24, Rosana- 3CMOBn, Ruiz- 66IB, Tolentino- 2CavSDRN, Vlad Villanueva- 35IB. Agpaoa- GC, 5CEISG, Cana- Ex-O, 2MechBde, Criste- CO, PA Shooting Contingent, Cruz-APMC, Del Fiero- Mech Div, Diaz- 5ID, Fontiveros- OG6, PA, Gloria- GHQ & HSC, Guinolbay- OJ7, Hernandez- 51EBde, Lamaton- G3, 10ID, Logan- ISAFP, Luzon- U2, EastMinCom, Malig- 303InfBde, Rebanco- 52EBde, Romero-OJ3, Tono- 2ID, Sababan- LRR.

The Air force group are also positioning as commanders. We have TOG commanders Julius Nazi, Joel Inacay, Ritchie Pabilonia, Jong Balanza and Jun Omar. We also have school commandants Onorly Brillantes and Joseph Archog. Nomer Tumesa and Aldrin Annani are Director for Operations of their Wings. Jack Genete is Ex-O, A3, Faye Ventura is Deputy A6. Robert Bitas and Johnson Grayda are in J-staff as directors. Adrian Duadico and Paulo Teodoro are in the UC Staff, Myroad Deleon still with PSG. Erwin Solomon is at Fernando Air Base as Group Commander. Edmon Gupit is the PAF MFO.

For the Navy, the only news we have is the probable promotion to Colonel/Captain

of four of our mistah Ed Nera, Olaer, Cacho and Cure Curaming. Last I heard was that Junjie Tabuada is the deputy N8, Pipoy Calimag is at Navy Fleet along with Glen Dizon and Jones Gianan. Our class is also very proud to produce another awardee for the Ten Outstanding Philippine Soldiers in Willy Manalang for this year.

For the BIRC, Karl Young is still doing good in his business. Cristal and Palapar are in Texas; Bertiz in Maryland; Posadas and Opena are in New York; Olarte in North Carolina; Fuertes in California; Alamban and Simpas in Florida; Cordova Clifford and Jorge Pendon in Chicago; Obico in Washington; Voloria in Arizona; Abrau in Connecticut; Pantaleon at this time is at UK.

The Air Force BIRC are doing good as they are Captains and First Officers already. PAL pilots are Captains Ibarra, Manasala, Saavedra, Sempio, Ricalde, Tumpalan and Badiola; first Captains are De Vela and Cadiz. Cebu Pac has Captains Gil and Marzan. Captain Nitoy Parra is with Vietnam Air and Capt Bong De Lima is with Hongkong Air. Capt Panaguiton and Delvo are still flying regional while Jonas Liwag and Jaime Peralta are flying local helicopter routes.

This is the best I can do for the updates of our class. Rest assured that next time, those who were not included here will be listed with your full names just to get even with you. Even though you are not listed here, it does not mean that you are forgotten. Just sound off next time for you to be heard.



Golf, Gulf and Golf

Composing this piece sober, the writer noted that November and December for Marilag are filled with golf and gulf. By press time, the golf tournament of 25 November shall have been undertaken, and, by all indicators as of writing, is successful. This can be attributed to those who poured man hours, time and logistics for the event. The Class snappily salutes you, Mistahs, and also gives its deepest appreciation to the sponsors for supporting the noble intention of the tournament. Of course, one can only imagine the gulfs (gasps) of the members as they share stories – old and new – about each other during the Christmas party on 26 November 2016 at Villamor Air Base. Most probably,

these anecdotes are exchanged gulping/sipping hotdarn. So, the Class also conveys gratefulness to the host, the Air Force Group, for the anticipated snappy event. And to be consistent with the theme of this call, the issue will also present the Company symbolized by Gerardo Gramata.

Golf Company, the Gallants

James S Acosta C – 8547/O – 11845 is faithful, plays the guitar well, artistic, funny, sincere, helpful and transparent, says "Success is always at your hands, work for it with all your best and don't forget to seek God's help and guidance."; **William O Arquero C – 8926/O – 11899** described as handsome, persistent, determined, humorous, music lover, playboy, faithful, snappy, man of reasons and a real navy man, concurs with Deane Edwards: "Pray and then start answering your prayer."; **Ronaldo U Bautista C – 8950/O – 11949** is a very pessimistic person, easy to get along with, sports-minded and someone one could always hang on. May appeal sa mga chicks and usually mistaken as Edu Manzano, he believes "A true man accepts failure as a challenge."; **Charles P de Jesus C – 8663/O – 11839** - of honor, dignity, simple, busybody and loyal, thinks of Gene Brown: "A righteous and noble man living in faith will never be afraid to pay even a thousand debt."; **Ali Nikho P de la Cruz C – 9007/O – 11996** believes "It makes a difference when those unseen eyes are watching."; **Tommy A Deliva C – 9013/O – 11798** is dark, faithful and pa-cute, quotes Richard M Devos: "I believe that one of the most powerful forces in the world is the will of the man who believes in himself, who dares aim high, to go confidently after the things that he wants from life."; **Isaololo H Diroy, JR C – 9022/O – 11867** – loyal, faithful, future money – maker, ala Bon Jovi, thinks of Longfellow: "In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, be not like a dumb driven cattle. Be a hero in the strife."; **Bayani Agosto L Ferrer C – 9046/O – 11963** is tall, dark and cadet; refined and a gentleman, believes Khalil Gibran: "Do not follow where the path will lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."; **German L Galam C – 9054/O – 11973** – a silent, shy type, with a lot of talents, an army guy who does not want to join the army, quotes Conte Vitorrio Alfieri: "Often the test of courage is not to die but to live."; **Gerardo B Gramata C – 8714/O – 11844** is described as the perfect ladies

man, never loses impact, of honor, says: "I woke up confused in the realm of life, walked undirected with time until I finally found the reason of my existence and fully understand that there is nothing sweeter than dying for my motherland (ed)."; **Christopher A Magdangal C – 9109/O – 11793** is the lady's choice, a perfect gentleman, quotes 2 Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."; **Roland A Narciso C – 9133/O – 12004** – cool, perspicacious, never lets down, flies high, sincere, responsible and approachable, quotes Shakespeare: "All that glitters is not gold."; **Alain D Osano C – 9172/O – 11814** is snappy and a friend, likes Longfellow: "Be not like dumb driven cattle. Be heroes in the strife."; **Randy R Pedroso C – 9172/O – 11978** is a darkman, boodler, a nice

person, girls' friend, quotes John 15:7: "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it."; **Phil S Roa C – 9188/O – 11898** – future businessman, frustrated singer, like a movie star, quotes Freya Stark: "There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do."; **Antonio C Salgado, JR C – 9196/O – 11794** appears awesome, sincerely intelligent, always there when needed, quotes Antoine de Saint-Exupery: "What is essential is invisible to the human eye."; **Senen S Sarno C – 9204/O – 11866** is ferocious, says: "Success can be achieved, if you will strive for it."; **Rommel A Supangan C – 9212/O – 11828** prays "Oh, Lord, make me a servant, humble and meek."; **Charlie L Tiu C – 9220/O – 11959** is cute and silent, may break heart (if given

a chance), quotes Romans 8:28: "A good leader is a leader that produces many leaders, and we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."; **Xerxes A Trinidad C – 9228/O – 11920** is the ultimate male, fixes rooms of underclassmen including plebes, says: "Do not die till death comes; so long as we love, serve and loved by others, we are indispensable; no man is useless while he has a friend (ed)."; **Allan SC Victorio C – 8532/O – 11903** – a big guy suited for different type of sports, handsome, tries not to worry a lot, advises: "Stay close to your Father when you suffer goodbyes. Lean on this love and believe in His power to sustain you and raise you from your dark and lonely places." **Happy holidays, Marilag ! IVSJ**



AT MARQUEZ
President
MGA SOLIS
Secretary

Malugod na pagbati ng Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon sa ating lahat. The class is happy to announce the lucky winners of the recently concluded PMA Banyuhay 2000 Inc. Fund Raising Project Raffle Bonanza 2016 (Attached: list of winners). Special mention goes to **CPT MARCIALITO S ESCUDERO (INF) PA** for winning our grand prize of **Mitsubishi Mirage Hatchback GLX 1.2G MT Model 2016** drawn last 16 Oct 2016 at Lopez Hall, PMA, Baguio City. Di natinag nang malakas na bagyo ang ating raffle draw. Maraming salamat sa lahat ng suporta para sa ating proyekto. Special mention goes to the ff Mistah who were in PMA and within the vicinity of Baguio City that time na kahit may bagyo still find time to join us: Ryan, Christian, Badecs, Ron, Umali, Lozi, Owen, Emcee Obols, Gimay, Cabs, Agu, Jim Gemenz, Vic, Ranier and ex-Mistah Remonds and Anits. We would like also to congratulate our Mistah Nilo Siddayao, the solicitor of CPT ESCUDERO for winning the solicitor prize of Php 10,000.00. Bok, ung libre mo kahit yung favorite naming cake lang. All of the winners were notified thru their number or thru their solicitors. Congratulations to all the winners. Further, posted in our FB

PMA BANYUHAY 2002 INC.			
CONGRATULATIONS!			
#	PRIZES	WINNER/ADDRESS	PHONE
2ND	EL NIDO TOUR PACKAGE	CIELO MARQUEZ (Baguio City)	5717
3RD	HP LAPTOP	LEE JAY PUNZALAN (39 AISO, C/VAB, Pasay City)	0453
4TH	SAMSUNG 32" TV	GLORIA BUAKEN (Taguig City)	5996
5TH	APPLE IPAD MINI 2	VENANCIA IC ERMAC (Capas, Tarlac)	3019
6TH	CLAUDE BERNARD WATCH	XY-OHE KIM RAMOS (ASCOM, PA)	4343
7TH	SAMSUNG HOME THEATRE PACKAGE	CPT JANICE P VELASCO NC (Camp Aquino, Tarlac)	1218
8TH	SAMSUNG J1 MINI	JOSEPH B DAGOHY (20TH AS, Sangley PL, Cavite City)	1009
9TH	Q+ PHONE	WARREN LLOYD S GO (Mandaue City, Cebu)	6950
10TH	Q+ PHONE	EDSEL RYAN CELEBRE (Samar)	3298

Grand Prize Winner
CPT MARCIALITO S ESCUDERO (INF) PA
(PSG, MANILA)
Stub # 6678



Raffle Draw held last 16 Oct 2016 at PMA, Baguio City



Fellowship Dinner with PNPA 2002

group page is the net income of our fund raising project. Some suggest na ituloy natin ito next year para sa pag build-up ng ating Class fund. Well, we will study to your proposal mga Mistah and we will come up with a decision ASAP. Congratulate din pala sa pa Golf Tournament ng Army Group held last 27 Oct 2016. Dahil nalalapit na rin ang Alumni Homecoming 2017, muli kong pinaalala sa lahat kung saan kung sino ang di pa nagpapasukat ay maaring magpasukat na sa lalong madaling panahon. I posted some pictures of our class activities which includes the Fellowship dinner and the friendly basketball game match with our counterpart (PNPA2002). Let us continue our establish camaraderie and let us make



Friendly Basketball Games with PNPA 2002

it even stronger and stronger each day. We will post the updates and whereabouts of all the members on the issue of cavalier magazine (Alumni issue Jan-Feb 2017).

Muli ingat sa ating lahat, mapalupa, dagat o himpapawid man tayo, doble ingat mga Mistah. God Bless. Long Live Banyuhay.---
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MAU RUBY
President
MR GARGAR
Secretary

Merry Christmas Mandarangers!!!

The Yuletide season is here finally!!! This time, we will celebrate the fullness of life and the blessings bestowed by the Almighty. The spirit of giving and merriment is around to inspire us of the good things in life. Let us welcome this season with a joyful heart and enjoy every moment with our family and loved ones. Every Christmas means another unique kind of happiness for us. We take this opportunity to be a blessing for our loved ones especially to those who need it most. As we embrace the joyful spirit of Christmas, let us also remember others who are not as fortunate as the rest and do whatever we think is appropriate for us to become unique blessings for them as well.

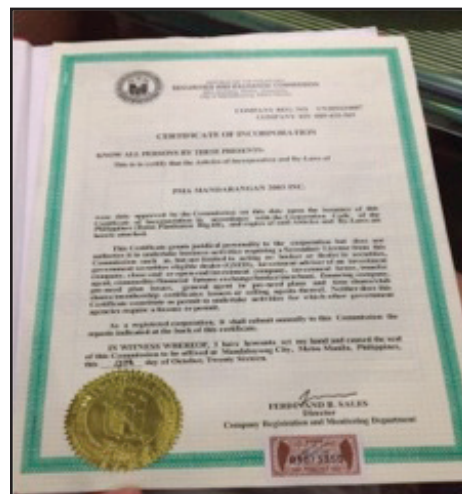
Forgiveness is another magic word that comes with this season. The

Mandarangers are solid and strong as always. This is again a great time to talk about and heal adverse moments and perceptions we have against anyone. Prejudice and has no place in this season. Let us encourage each other and ourselves to be generous in granting forgiveness and be humble enough to ask for whom it is due. For how truly great it would be to celebrate Christmas and embark for a new year without resentments in our heart.

The chance of being together at once for any gathering maybe too rare to consider, however, those who gather together never fails to remember others who don't make it. In short and simple language, kung hindi ka man makadalo sa pagtitipon, wag kang mag alala mistah, napupulutan ka pa rin. Wherever we maybe, let us take care of ourselves and our loved ones well and continue to pray for each other's blessings and abundance.

**UPDATES:
Registration to Security and Exchange Commission:**

The class is more than happy to have been informed that the **PMA**



Mandarangan 2003 Incorporated is now duly registered with the Security and Exchange Commission. This is another milestone that the class has achieved after 13 years. Thanks to the President MA Ruby and those who labored to work it out. The essence of such registration may be detailed in one of our future gatherings.

Congratulations Mandarangan!!!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

We also join our mandarangan brothers in thanking the Almighty for another fruitful year of their lives (Wani & Raul E- Dec 21, Jay B-Dec22, Bugs-Oct 8, Ramil D-Dec 8, Rey D-Sept 13, Josie- Sept 23, Loloy- Sept 13, Galang & Garic - Oct 23, Gemi - Sept 19, Gilbuella- Sep 21, Igama R - Oct 23, Enyu- Oct 25, Ma-ao - Sept 16, Rio - Sept 16, Mamangun - Dec 1, Nano - Oct 29, Marzan - Dec 26, Pablo M - Nov 5, Owen- Oct 16, Navs - Dec 19, Nick - Dec 9, Pax - Dec 2, Peyns - Nov 8, Riva- Oct 27, Ruby - Oct 3, Salas - Nov 1, Salih - Oct 7, Anto - Oct 29, Sia-ed - Sep 14, Tanjo - Oct 30, Julius - Oct 15, Tero - Sep 1). Happy birthday mga Mistah!!!





Nag Basketball (AFPPNPPC OLYMPICS)



Namumulutan ng mga wala sa grupo



Nag Art Work (Army boys on SOC)



Nag pa cute



Keep cheerful and full of life mga mistah. This season will surely bring us a lot more with prayers and faith. Before the year ends, let us maximize

doing the things that are worthy for our family, the class and our country. May we continue to cherish our glorious past, enjoy our responsibilities today

and look forward to a promising future ahead.

**Merry Christmas Mandarangers!!!
May the FORCE be with us!!!**



DB SUMAYO JR
President
FD VILLAVIZA
Secretary

Early mornings now greet us with a cool breeze of Amihan. It's been awhile that Sanlingan submitted an entry to the Class Call of Cavalier Magazine. But before 2016 ends, the year which most of us were promoted to the rank of MAJOR/LCDR, let's try to recall and cherish the memories of sportsmanship, camaraderie, fellowships and whatnots which the Class would consider as jewels of our brotherhood/sisterhood.

The first quarter of this year was very busy for the first batch of Navy Group who finished NCSC and accomplished their requirements as they pushed themselves towards to their goal of being promoted

to the rank of MAJs of PMC and LCDRs of the PF. Eight (8) of these snappy mistahs were donned at the Headquarters of the PN. Significantly, during this time as well, the Class was identified by the Academy Scribe to be the Class which was given "privilege in mall". Likewise, our brother Bong Dimayuga also checked-in at VLuna, after the untoward incident during his Airborne Training. At this time, he has now recovered and doing several rounds at the PMC parade grounds, Uwaah! Notable fellowship was done in Sulu with our snappy Baron Tony Bulao, Ranger Mmel Sandoval, Ranger Sayong, Ranger Cabalu and Marine Jack Sparrow.

Our mistahs were very busy before, during and after the National Election, ensuring that the conduct of which must be Honest, Orderly and Peaceful. Last May was the last singlehood hoorah of our mistah Chic Opayns after being tied forever to Mr. Andi Sarmiento, the wedding celebration was a blast in Tagaytay. The

very physical Basketball Fellowships were held at the BNS Gym, sponsored by our snappy FOIC Ubod and Marine Jack Sparrow, lined-up were matches between PAF vs PN vs PA, which at the end nobody seem to identify which team was the champion. These games were followed by simple boodlefights which filled the stomachs of our Cagers. Our June bride Aviator Jovy tied the knot with LT Neil. The occasion was held at the PNOG and was attended by mistahs from the branches of service of the AFP with our mistah from PCG, LTG2. Several mistahs were detailed paraders during the Change of Command Ceremony of the Commander In Chief of the AFP, rain or shine spotted therein were Aviator Estabs, Aviator Elumba, CO Opeña, Bro Passion, and Army Andal. Our mistah Sy celebrated his birthday with a boodlefight at the Navy BOQ right after a basketball game.

The Fund Raising activity of the Class was conducted last July 8, 2016. This



Naval Aviators Gus Bercades and Eric Keith Elumba are taking up GSC courses in India and Germany. Pilot Jowi Martinez is taking up Safety Course in Malasia. The first batch of the Army Group received their much awaited promotion in September. A breakfast fellowship was hosted by Volts and Jologs, which was graced with a MAJOR shoulderboard cake by Reyn Laboy. Some Sanlingan Babies celebrated their birthdays and christening this October, Miggy and Baby Mia BIO at Palawan, and Baby Liam CONCEPCION at BNS. Our mistah Ranger Dranreb Lansang married the beautiful lass Congresswoman Chedeng Alvarez. The #DranAwayWithMercedes feast was celebrated together with other Rangers and Sanlingans at the historic Las Casas Filipinas Resort in Bagac, Bataan.

A Sanlingan Brat, the daughter of our mistah Gil Tario, is scheduled for an open heart surgery in January of 2017. All possible contributions are still being encouraged to support her needs. Let's all hope and pray that the Almighty Father rest His healing hands upon her.

Holidays are coming and the members of our Class is still full of enthusiasm and vigor to face the challenges. Challenges in our fields of endeavor, family responsibilities and self-improvements. May the Good Lord bless us all! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

activity raised a P100k contribution for the Central Class Fund. Our mistahs, Bong Dimayuga, Froi Villaviza, Harvs Lustre and Robert Digoy won some raffle prizes. The raffle draw was followed by a dinner fellowship. Some mistahs went to Badung, Bali, Indonesia for some executive mission, particularly Pilots Carlo Tadea, BeeBelga Barrameda, Flareg Andal, Wil

Custodio, Rizza Mae San Agustin and Cool Chris Cargo. The DND is now jampacked with Sanlingans, Rizza Mae, Wil Custodio, Cool Chris, Flareg Andal, Dubs Dubal and Jack Sparrow. GHQ boys and girl are likewise seen, Haydee Tabangay @J1, Volts Puruganan, Jologs Jaluague, with Airforce Tipan @SECRET and DJ Sumhs and Joey Plan currently taking up FMC.

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were able to secure their own digitized electronic copies. Further, through this medium, they were able to keep abreast of important information and updates with regard to the organization in real time.

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LAST CALL

On behalf of the PMAAAI Board of Directors and Management we convey our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved families of the following alumni who recently passed away. We pray for the eternal repose of their soul. And may they rest in peace.



COL ROBERTO DEL PILAR PA (Ret)
20 Feb 1947-
4 Oct 2016

Col Roberto "Bobby" del Pilar, PA (Ret), a member of PMA Class 1972, passed away in San Diego, California, USA on 4 October 2016 due to heart complication. He is survived by his wife Tess. One of his major contributions to the counter insurgency efforts was his role in the Army operations in Panay as Commander, 121B, 31D, PA in 1986.



COL ROBERTO R NAVIDA PAF (Ret)
5 Jan 1949 –
13 Oct 2016

Col Roberto R Navida PAF (Ret), of PMA Class 1971, died on 13 Oct 2016. During his cadet days, Cav Navida with some PMA cadets formed the first cadet combo in 1969 where he was a drummer and lead singer. As an officer, he did much flying with the PAF Strike Wing. Later, he had a stint in intelligence operations. After retirement he became President/CEO of the Philippine Aerospace Development Corporation. He is survived by his wife Suzanne Marie.

SSUPT CLIFORDO V NOVERAS PNP (Ret)
7 June 1949 - 22 Oct 2016

A native of Umingan Pangasinan, SSupt Clifordo V Noveras of PMA Class



1973 had a major heart attack in 2000. In May 2016 he had a stroke and was admitted at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Angeles City, Pampanga. He passed away on 22 Oct 2016 and was interred at La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City on 30 Oct 2016. He was married to Maria Angelie Noveras with whom he had four children: Candice, Clifford Mark, Carles Michael and Angel.



CAPT MARIO A BALTAZAR O-5206 PN (Ret)
25 Sept 1942 –
10 Nov 2016

Navy Captain Baltazar entered the

PMA as member of Class 1965. He went to US Naval Academy and after graduation in 1966, he served the Philippine Navy but retired early.

He pursued graduate studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and got employed at Lloyd's Register. In 1989, he moved to Canada, where he worked at the AECL Quality Assurance until he retired in 2009.

He was married to the former Heather Barber and they have three children namely: Christina, Jonathan and Elizabeth.

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Nerez, Isagani	1984	P10,000	Quinto, Rodolfo T	1985	P12,600	Silva, Isagani P	1983	P12,000
Ochoco, Brillante	1955	P10,000	Rabago, Rodolfo	1968	P10,000	Solquillo, Jose Maria	1965	P10,000
Ontog, Ager Jr	1980	P10,000	Rabonza, Glenn	1970	P10,000	Suarez, Jose Renan C	1982	P12,600
Orticio, Arturo Jose G Jr	1984	P12,200	Rabusa Jr, Aurelio A	1983	P13,000	Subong, Arrazad	1983	P10,000
Pacia, Angelito	1980	P10,000	Rafal, Reynaldo	1979	P10,000	Sylim, Samuel DG	1983	P10,000
Pagdilao, Samuel Jr	1979	P10,000	Ramirez, Roque	1980	P10,000	Templo, Cesar D	1954	P10,000
Paguio, Guillermo	1979	P10,000	Ramos, Andres B	1954	P10,000	Tanyag, Andre P	1983	P12,400
Pan, Teddy O	1977	P10,000	Ramos, Diosdado	1983	P10,000	Tigulo, Remy	1962	P10,000
Pan, Franco ST	1983	P12,000	Rañola, Henry	1983	P10,000	Trinidad, Felicito Jr	1982	P10,000
Parado, Feliciano	1955	P10,000	Regalado, Salvador	1955	P10,000	Valdez, Remigio C	1983	P13,200
Pereyra, Celestino C	1980	P11,700	Renales, Ramon C	1983	P12,900	Valmoria, Carmelo	1982	P10,000
Perez, Valerio C Jr	1954	P10,000	Revilla, Arnold	1979	P10,000	Vano, Jacinto	1983	P10,000
Piad, Rex	1971	P10,000	Reyes, Reynaldo	1964	P10,000	Velasco, Reynaldo	1971	P10,000
Pinili, Anselmo	1983	P10,000	Rodriguez, Umberto	1961	P10,000	Vicente, Roland	1983	P10,000
Pinto, Martin N	1984	P11,400	Rojas, Felipe Jr	1981	P10,000	Vivar, Nicanor M	1982	P13,200
Punsalang, Rodolfo M	1954	P10,000	Rosal, Allan B	1983	P13,200	Yanga, Mario	1983	P10,000
Purisima, Allan	1981	P10,000	Rosales, Melchor	1968	P10,000	Ybañez, Athelo	1984	P10,000
Purugganan, Rolando	1981	P10,000	Santos, Eduardo	1966	P10,000	Yoma, Reynaldo L	1982	P10,600
Quebrar, Ronilo	1983	P10,000	Santos, Rene L	1983	P11,000			
Quedding, Angelo C	1954	P10,000	Sarmiento, Emelito	1980	P10,000			
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