

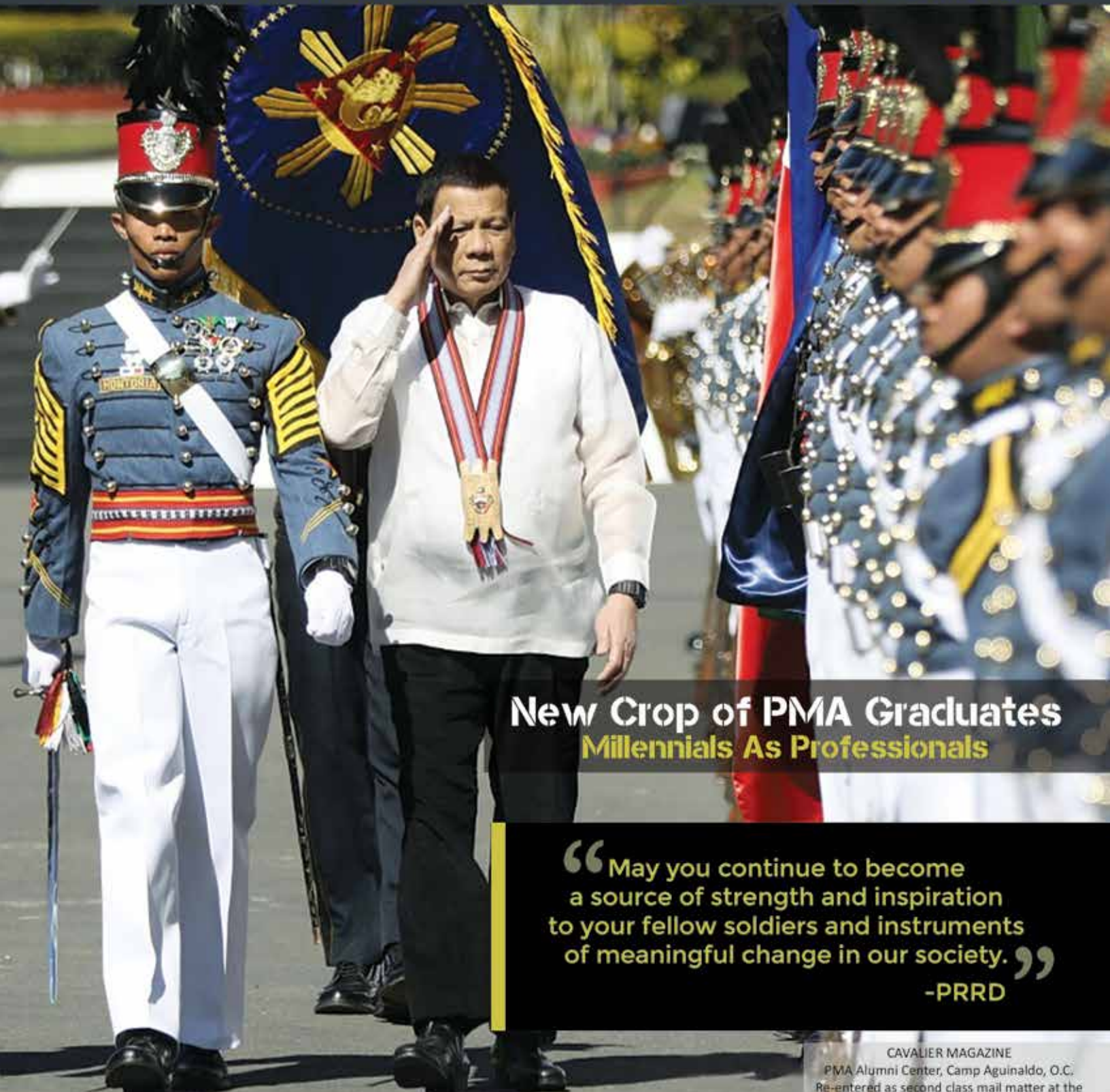


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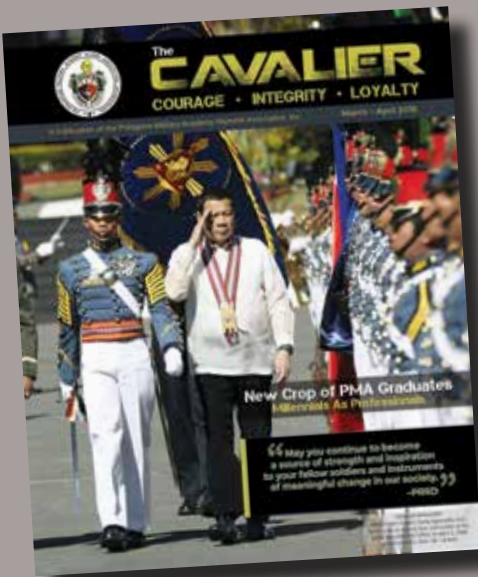


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-PRRD

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Leadership Through Positive Change

Just last 15 March 2018, I assumed the position of Chairman and CEO of the PMA Alumni Association Inc [PMAAAI]. Prior to this, I had been Vice-Chairman and a Director, for two consecutive years. The leadership of the association follows a system that gives opportunity for every class to assume leadership yearly. This fast turnover might have satisfied an equitable power-sharing scheme, but it has also maintained a short-term mindset due to the fast turn-over.

At best, it has mainly addressed the maintenance functions and rarely the developmental functions. Maintenance functions are recurrent activities that require minimal creativity because the systems and processes are already well in place.

For the last two years that I have been on board, PMAAAI focused on its flagship projects, the annual general membership meeting and the alumni homecoming. At the onset, it is important to point out to the alumni body that PMAAAI has been the recipient of unwise advice and unsound decisions resulting in opportunity losses. And sad to say, cavaliers have been responsible for these unfortunate realities.

To recover and reverse the trend, we must acknowledge and accept this reality. Denial will further exacerbate the issue. Peemayers are not exempt and immune from indiscretion. Prudent and responsible leadership requires taking full responsibility and accountability for our actions. We consider this both as a challenge and an opportunity. It is a wake-up call that needs your understanding and commitment.

Under this scenario, my intent and vision as chairman is to elevate governance to a high plane addressing also the developmental

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functions. This means that we will embark on projects with strategic implications in order to create value-added output.

Upon our assumption, we immediately hit the ground by organizing the PMAAAI Council of Class Presidents. It prescribes the position of decade presidents. The details of this will appear in a separate article. The general intent of this concept is to expand its base of influence beyond the chapter level. It is better to have overlaps than gaps.

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Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

and under any Chairman. It shall address both operational and strategic concerns.

My vision of leadership through positive change highlights the unlimited potentials of a cavalier which is articulating a vision of abundance. High intellectual capacity, a competitive spirit, and stability under pressure are our inherent qualities. These potentials must be harnessed further to provide the momentum to manifest abundance and productivity.

Our planning perspective covers medium to long-term but will work for the short-term. The Board shall address short-term concerns with dispatch and importance. Short-term agenda taken collectively pursues a strategic direction.

We are very confident, positive, and upbeat because PMAAAI rests upon a solid foundation of enduring strength, owing to its excellent training in management and leadership, tempered with the time-honored values of courage, loyalty, and integrity. What other or better group can match these distinctive and core competencies. Opportunities are overflowing with the established networks and the record of distinguished service that every Peemayer has performed for the nation across generations.

What do I mean by positive change? Positive change is anchored on creating a climate of positivity, readiness to accept change, generating commitment, and creating a process that will enforce and reinforce the positive change.

Creating a climate of positivity includes commitment and empowering the alumni body. Expanding its sphere of influence through organizational innovations. Presently, control and coordination of alumni affairs are done through chapters. Likewise, its activities are Metro-Manila centered. The members have increased hundredfold and majority of the Cavaliers are based outside of Metro Manila.



How then can we activate these untapped resources and strengths? The inadvertent neglect may have somewhat contributed to complacency and lack of interest among alumni in other parts. Reigniting their interest and encouraging their involvement can create a positive influence.

The PMAAAI Council of Class Presidents was conceptualized to expand the PMAAAI sphere of influence and will also act as the vehicle to improve and enhance the level of commitment of each alumni. Past alumni affairs were concentrated in Metro Manila. It rarely touched base with regional and provincial chapters who are wanting in attention and concern to feel and enjoy the cavalier spirit. With things as simple as finding a Cavalier who was willing to recite the cavalier prayer and sing PMA Oh Hail to Thee. Simple as it may seem, it activates the passion to commit and to serve the Alma Mater. Hence this year, PMAAAI will conduct regional forum and fellowship in key places where there are a considerable number of cavaliers. We shall start in Mindanao and as time permits, go to the Visayas as well.

These planned simple and double organizational innovations shall address in part our developmental functions. It shall concomitantly usher in a gradual shift towards a strategic mindset, which is essential for the long-term requirements of the Association. Every term lasts only for one year. It is hoped that this initial initiative shall cascade towards the succeeding terms.

These envisioned positive change need resources. A big chunk of our investments have turned sour with little hope of recovery. It is in this context that every alumni will be asked to commit and recommit to the Association.

Last year, Cavalier Rosales had intensified the campaign to encourage all members to be in good standing. This will continue and include streamlining and simplifying the process. The President, Cav. Azurin has conceptualized a fund-raising scheme to address our developmental concerns.

Fund-raising is an area that is not too popular. But it is the only vehicle by which we can sustain our operational and strategic requirements. We wish to impress upon every alumni that this is the best time to commit to our vision of “Leadership through Positive Change” because it will provide the opportunities to serve our cause and interests. This is our time also to create a process and encourage the environment that reinforces positive change. The engagement of each individual member is part of the actual process of change, an integral part of pushing for a more dynamic Association. The positive mind-set we need to take on is essential to establish an irreversible momentum.

I call on all alumni to pledge their commitment to this worthy endeavor. Leadership through positive change shall be its vehicle and machinery.

(Comments, suggestions are highly encouraged. Feedback at pmaaaai@yahoo.com)



Last 23 March 2018, a meeting of PMA class presidents was held at Club Filipino in Greenhills. Said meeting which was jointly hosted by PMAAAI and BIRCI Chapter and sponsored by Cavalier Edgar B Aglipay '71, has as its agenda the proposed formation of PMAAAI Council of Class Presidents. A total of 46 class presidents from PMA Classes 1958 to 2017 attended the meeting.

Strengthening the Organization



Cav Rodolfo S Azurin Jr '89

The new PMAAAI Board of Directors for AY 2018-2019 would like to express our appreciation to Cavalier Melchor P Rosales '68 and Cavalier Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88 and the other outgoing members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors for AY 2017-2018.

Last March 1, 2018, the new PMAAAI Board of Directors for the AY 2018-2019 assumed their respective positions as follows:

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Name	Designation	Chapter/Foundation
PMAAAI Officers		
Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69	Chairman/CEO	BIRC
Cav Rufo A De Veyra '70	Vice Chairman	BIRC
Cav Rodolfo S Azurin Jr '89	President/COO	PNP
Cav Arthur V Bisnar '90	Vice President	PNP
Cav Connors Anthony D Canlas '89	Corporate Secretary	PAF
Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89	Treasurer	PN
Cav Jose C Lapus '65	Corporate Auditor	PETFI
Board of Directors		
	Chairman	Chapter/Foundation
Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55	Ethics & Professionalism	PMAFI
Cav Rufo A De Veyra '70	Awards	BIRC*
Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71	Strategic Planning	BIRC
Cav Alejandro T Flores Jr '72	Membership & Welfare	PDFI
Cav Ferdinand M Bocobo '74	By Laws & Amendments	PFTJI
Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89	Finance	PN*
Cav Eduardo D Fabricante '89	Public Relations	PCG
Cav Joshua B Santiago '89	Sports	PA
Cav Arthur V Bisnar '90	Ways & Means	PNP*
Cav Alberto A Cruz '88	Director	PN
Cav Joselito B Ramos '88	Director	PAF
Cav Eliezer R Galam '87	Director	PA
Cav Ma Victor I Blancaflor '97	Director	PA
Cav Diosdado M Domingo '77	Executive Director	BIRC
Cav Donato B San Juan '84	PMA Superintendent	PA
Cav Rei Ferdinand B Picar '89	IT Administrator	PCG
Cav Charlton Sean M Gaerlan '89	Convention & Homecoming	Class President '89

The thrusts of the current Board of Directors are the following:

1. To promote the welfare and protect the interest of the PMAAAI members;
2. To conduct activities that will enhance and sustain the camaraderie among cavaliers;
3. To implement the results of the financial audit purposely to improve the financial operation of the Association;
4. To intensify collection of membership dues from members who are not in good standing (NGS);

5. To rationalize our investment and recover our investment from ACES;

6. To study alternative sources of funds for investment purposes;

7. To conduct corporate social responsibility-related activities;

8. To empower the Executive Director by granting him authority to decide certain matters to improve efficiency in the workplace; and

9. To create a Special Fund intended solely for business and investment to improve financial standing of the association.

Specifically, from March 1, 2018 up to March 1, 2019, the current Board wanted to achieve the following:

1. 100% collection of the unpaid Lifetime Membership Dues of 1,554 members of the BIRC;

2. 100% collection of the unpaid dues of 358 active members of the association through the different Chapters (PN, PAF, PA, PAF, PCG);

3. 100% collection of Lifetime membership dues of all retiring members amounting to P12,000.00 each;

4. To conduct golf fellowship and fund raising activity which will be hosted by PMAAAI and each active chapter (PN/PCG, PA, PAF, PNP);

5. To create special fund solely for investment purposes;

6. To generate funds through the conduct of grand raffle draw;

7. To formulate a TWG through the strategic planning committee to study and recommend the appropriate business that the organization would pursue;

8. To organize the PMAAAI Council of Class Presidents to further strengthen our organization; and

9. To design and issue Identification card for all members of the association.

The specific objectives maybe too bold and ambitious to achieve but it should be considered as a challenge to the 7,868 PMAAAI members to respond, to cooperate and to support our association in much bigger tasks we need to do in the future. We need to grow as an organization. We need to be more significant, vibrant and focused as an organization that is

prepared to achieve the objectives to which this organization was created. We need to promote the welfare and protect the interest of every member of the organization.

When Cav Bong Leuterio '88 (former President PMAAAI AY 2017-2018), invited me to join the Board of Director of PMAAAI, his vision then is to introduce radical change without affecting the "business as usual" activities of the association. He managed to influence majority of the members and redirected the organization purposely to improve the services of the association in the years to come, unfortunately his term ended.

The collection of membership dues and lifetime membership for our retiring members is not enough if we intend to improve the benefit of every member. Medical assistance and Burial Expenses amounting to P50,000.00 & P60,000.00 respectively are the only financial entitlement of our members and yet they need to be members in good standing to avail of such.

It is very painful that when an ailing member request for medical assistance, the Board cannot grant the request because of prohibitions as provided in the policy. The same thing happens when a member dies.

Anyway, it is about time to look at other sources of income like business opportunities the association can explore. We have so much talent among our members, all we need is to tap them for assistance.

Under the Chairmanship of Cav Jimmy De Los Santos '69, we will conduct a Grand Raffle Draw as part of our fund raising activities to be able to generate funds as a start up capital ready for investment in the future. The success of this endeavor will depend on the support and cooperation of our 7,868 members of PMAAAI.

Last March 16, 2018, I was invited by Cavalier Donato V San Juan II '84, Superintendent of PMA, to grace the occasion on the "unveiling" of the Class Crest of PMA Alab Tala Class of 2018 at the Long Gray Line Class Crest in PMA.

Every class has its own class name that would define the "Virtue" that guides every member of the class and as a group. The PMA "Magiting" Class of 1970 started to have a formal class name that distinguishes them as a class and as a group. Succeeding classes followed suit and chose their respective class name that would define the "character" or perhaps behavior expected from every member of the class which is unique, distinct and different compared to other classes.

But, amidst our class or individual differences, as Cavaliers, we need to have a common ground or rallying point that would guide us to what is true, what is noble and what is righteous. Let us not forget what PMA as an institution instilled in us while undergoing training. Above our Loyalty to our class, our organizations or affiliations, all of us must be men and women of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty not just to a chosen few but for the love of our country and for the people we are bound to serve and protect.

On behalf of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated, I welcome the 282 strong members of PMA "Alagad ng Lahing Binigkis ng Tapang at Lakas" or the PMA "ALAB TALA" Class of 2018 to the Long Gray Line.

No person became successful in life without having experienced any frustrations in life. Some cavaliers almost gave up in their life's journey but the "never quit" attitude we experienced as a plebe gave them strength to continue surviving one day at a time. Hence after all the trials, failures and frustrations, we see cavaliers in the Senate, Congress, Cabinet Secretaries, Chiefs of LGUs, Chief of Staffs of the AFP, Chiefs of the PNP, and graduates of prestigious schools worldwide like Harvard, AIM, UP, ADMU, and the like.

As a young leader and professional, start to make a plan for you to become successful in the future. Let me share to you the Five Rules of Success shared by Arnold Alois Schwarzenegger an Austrian-American actor, producer, businessman, investor, author, philanthropist, activist, politician, former professional body builder who served as the 38th Governor of California from 2003-2011.

Rule No. 1 - You Need to Have a Vision.

As an individual, you need to have a clear vision where do you want to be in the future. Every organization, has its own vision. As part of the organization, you need to have motivation in doing your role. A person who has a clear vision is focused and cannot be distracted in achieving his goals.

Rule No. 2 – Think Big.

If you set your goals in life, always “Aim High, and Fly High.” Anyway, your flight would always depend on you. The bigger your goal, the more you will be motivated to be always on the go!

Rule No. 3 – Ignore the Naysayer.

Avoid pessimistic people who always say “I don’t think it can be done. I think it’s impossible!” Always remember that we survived plebehood and PMA. The word “impossible” must no longer be in our vocabulary as cavaliers.

Rule No. 4 - Work your ass off!

You never want to fail because you did not work hard enough! No Pain. No Gain. No successful person became such without experiencing hardships and sometimes humiliations in life.

As you move forward in your careers, you need to remember the 2 C’s that would define you as a person.

You need to be “**Competent**” as a career officer in the armed services to minimize casualty within your ranks because you need to value life. Always remember that the people you are leading have families too!

You need to have the “**Character**” or “**Integrity**”. People do what you want them to do because they respect, believe and know you as a leader. You need to do things right even if nobody is watching. You need to do things by observing the rule of law and its processes.

Some people are given the opportunity to serve and make a difference for the organization. However, they do not last because they either lack the competence and the character to do what is good, what is morally upright and what is legally correct. Worse, they don’t have both!

Rule No. 5 - Don’t Just Take, Give Back and Change the World.

As a leader, you are not indispensable. As a conscientious leader, you should continuously develop your people and you

must believe in the rule of successions. A healthy organization must have a succession plan and must always prepare potential leaders that would lead the organization to function and improve for the better.

Every potential leader must continuously be motivated to perform better everyday because he knows that he is being prepared for a bigger role in the future. Meritocracy must be at work.

We need to develop leaders who would continue to work for a more progressive, environment friendly, peaceful, and orderly place to live for everybody and future generations to come.

Lastly, let me share the thoughts of a great Chinese philosopher and writer Lao Tzu:

“Watch your thoughts; They become your words; Watch your words; They become your actions; Watch your actions; they become your habits; Watch your habits; They become your character; Watch your character; It becomes your destiny.”





Cav Donato B San Juan '84

SUPE'S REPORT

Innovations in PMA

We change to continuously improve.

Higher headquarters has approved the introduction of the new academic programs of Management, Information Technology and Engineering and the shift of the Academic Calendar (where the start of the academic semester will be on August and the Reception day will be moved from April to June of 2018). All these were borne out of deep sensitivity and a bold response to the needs of the major services and the developments in the higher education landscape. Over the years, leading Higher Education Institutions (HEI) have shifted their academic calendars to allow senior high school and higher education students end their semesters on the month of May. Thus, the new academic calendar that is aligned with the schedule of leading HEIs allows PMA to seamlessly coordinate and conduct various forms of engagements in the form of faculty and cadet exchange programs, seminars, immersion and On-the-Job-Trainings with leading HEIs. These and many other findings for PMA improvement were all unearthed from the outputs of the PMA Curriculum development project that started in 2014 following the AFP Curriculum Development System.

"To live is to change, to be perfect is to change often."

-Henry Newman

As the Analysis phase of the project found the disciplines of Management, Information Technology and Engineering as the most pressing competency needs of our modernizing armed forces, other recommendations were also forwarded to usher real, positive and long-lasting change in PMA. The general headquarters' publication of the AFP Strategic Human Resource Framework of 2015 reasserts the PMA mission to deliver "broad and basic military skills" as a pre-commission military school. With this, Tactics Group's Curriculum Technical Working Group has initiated efforts to reinvigorate its basic soldiery program and foundational competencies that broaden the cadets' perspectives on the different major services.

Central to a learning institution are the front-liners of education and training— the military and civilian faculty. They too must reflect the level of dynamism that we see in other HEIs and Foreign Service Academies in terms of instruction, research, production and right disposition towards learning. Thus, efforts are being done to study the academic, professional and personality development needs of the personnel in order to design appropriate hiring, development and evaluation systems. This is to ascertain that PMA is recruiting, retaining and supporting the best mentors for our cadets.

The optimum learning environment necessitates quality cadet rooms, study areas classrooms and support facilities. Through the efforts and contributions of different classes more facilities are improved to further optimize their use. The Maharlika Café, formerly the Enlisted Personnel Association's Clubhouse was renovated and will now be a more adept venue for small group conferences. Model Classrooms and study areas have also been remodelled in the Mayo Hall Annex in the Barrio area to facilitate better learning by separating the working and sleeping areas of cadets. These facilities were recently inaugurated by the Chief of Staff, AFP and the Chief, PNP last 15 and 16 April 2018 respectively. The Model Cadet rooms will serve as the prototype for the construction of new cadet barracks. Many members of the alumni have generously renovated the classrooms at Melchor hall. We hope to see more of our alumni assist us in keeping our learning facilities responsive to the needs of our cadets. PMA has also begun efforts to declare Melchor Hall as a national historical site to recognize the edifice's value in molding generations of AFP leaders.

Henry Newman, the author of the "Idea of a University" once said, "To live is to change, to be perfect is to change often." I enjoin all Cavaliers to contribute in the noble and rightful calling to continuously improve and innovate to keep PMA steady on its mission and aligned with the needs of its stakeholders.



Cav Arnulfo Marcelo B Burgos Jr '88

• EDITOR'S NOTE •

NEW CROP OF PMA GRADUATES

MILLENNIALS AS PROFESSIONALS

To the new Cavaliers, prove to one and all that you can be the millennial professionals of the century.

Last March 18, the members of PMA “Alab Tala” Class of 2018 received their much coveted diplomas from President Rodrigo Roa Duterte which formally signalled their acceptance as the youngest members of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc. (PMAAAI).

That time-honored ceremony is a milestone both for the PMAAAI and the graduates.

For the alumni, it meant continuity of the much cherished virtues of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty in the noble profession of arms which have been passed on from one generation to another and survived the test of times, even the most tumultuous in our organization’s rich history.

For the young lieutenants and ensigns, it meant that the time has come for them to apply what they have learned from the lofty portals of the Academy, to make their mark in history in the same manner that those who came ahead of them did or, simply, to make their Alma Mater proud making sure that she will remain to be the bright beacon of our land.

“young blood shall come to carry on when the old strong hearts are gone”.

Indeed, what we have witnessed during the graduation rites was “prophesied” by the plebe knowledge “Strong Hearts” when one of its lines said that “young blood shall come to carry on when the old strong hearts are gone”.

Similar to all of us when we graduated, these “young blood” have brought with them to the Association, and to the AFP in general, the unblemished idealism inculcated by PMA coupled with the vigor of youth and the audacity of a warrior.

However, the thing that we have which they do not have are the wisdom and fineness which one acquires with each year in the service. On the other hand, the thing that they have which most of their upperclassmen do not have is the much needed perspective of a millennial.

Those are the essential elements that the long gray line needs to ensure that it will remain relevant and responsive to

the ever changing demands of the operational environment. The bigger challenge now for every alumni – both young and old, both active and retired – is how to merge these formulas to develop a modern-day officer ready to lead modern-day soldiers in addressing modern-day threats.

In order to attain this, the old and the not so old predecessors should serve as mentors to the young graduates whose minds, just like a sponge, is ready and willing to accept learnings from experiences which the four walls of a classroom cannot offer. By doing so, we will not only be preparing them to carry on the legacy of the fine men and women who have blazed the trail for us but, also, we will be able to see things in another perspective – from those of the millenials – from whose era, sooner or later, will come the majority of the people whom we are mandated to serve.

When that time comes, our society would prefer PMAers who are better communicators and whose points of view are more liberal compared to the “old school” mindset of being “mysteriously quiet” and “by-the-book commanders”, among other things.

These are the continuous improvements and progressive changes which the members of long gray line need to accept because these are relevant cultural changes which will help the AFP, as an organization, adapt to the very people and the land that it has sworn to serve and defend.

However, such change, similar to others, should be gradual and calibrated so as to ensure that the long gray line, and the AFP, will not implode brought about by differing points of view across the echelon. The core traits of soldiery such as discipline, leadership, honor, valor, patriotism and sense of duty should never be sacrificed for the sake of adapting to the current trends prevailing in our society.

Striking a balance between the thesis and anti-thesis is an attribute that PMAers are capable of doing, thus, everything lies on the hands of every cavalier.

The new crop of graduates must find the equilibrium between their modern inclination and our time mold moral standards.



By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza ' 55



The President appoints new CSAFP and CPNP



Galvez



Albayalde

LtGen Carlito G Galvez Jr '85 has been designated as the new AFP Chief of Staff, replacing Gen Rey Leonardo B Guerrero '84 who retired. Before his elevation as AFP chief, Galvez was the commander of the AFP Western Mindanao Command that had operational jurisdiction over Marawi.

Likewise, PDir Oscar D Albayalde '86 has been designated as the new PNP Chief, vice PDGen Ronald M del Rosa '86, who retired. Albayalde used to be the chief of the NCR Police Office (NCRPO).

Both Galvez and Albayalde assumed their new positions in turn-over of command ceremonies on 18 and 19 April, and were promoted to 4-star rank of general and police director general, respectively.

BGen Felix designated J9, AFP

Marine BGen Samuel Z Felix '86 has been designated as the new Deputy Chief of Staff for Retirees and Reservists Affairs, J9, AFP. He replaced VAdm Roberto A Empedrad '86 who was earlier appointed as the Flag Officer-In-Command of the Navy. Felix used to be the deputy commander of the AFP Education Training and Doctrine Command, formerly the AFPCGSC.



Felix

Col Flores elected President of PDFI



Flores

Retired Col Alejandro T Flores Jr '72 has been elected as the new president of the PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI), replacing retired Col Demosthenes C Doplayna '82 who had served as PDFI president for 5 years. Elected/

reelected along with Flores as officers of PDFI were retired BGen Rosalino A Alquiza '55 as chairman, retired MGen Jose Maria G Solquillo '65 as EVP, Doplayna as VP for investment, retired Col Domingo M Pequiras '77 as VP for management services, retired Col Rolando G Borja '82 as corporate secretary, Comdr Ferdinan B Picar '89 as treasurer, and retired MGen Jose C Lapus '65 as corporate auditor.

Flores has also been elected as a new member of the PMAAAI board of directors, representing PDFI, to serve the unexpired term of retired MGen Solquillo who resigned. He chairs the PMAAAI membership and welfare committee. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Business Industry and Retirees Chapter (BIRC) of the PMAAAI.

BGen Faustino assumes as Commandant of Cadets



Faustino

BGen Jose C Faustino Jr '88 has assumed as the new Commandant of cadets of the Philippine Military Academy, replacing BGen Gener P del Rosario, who has been returned to the Army.

Faustino used to be commander of the 501st Inf Bde, 5th Inf Div, PA, operating in Sulu for almost two (2) years.

MGen Lim designated as Chief of Air Staff

MGen Antonio Ramon Lim '86 has been designated as the new chief of air staff of the Philippine Air Force. He used to be the deputy commander of the Air Defense Command. MGen Domingo B Palisoc Jr '84, formerly commander of the 15th Strike Wing, is now the commander of the Tactical Operations Command. MGen Enrique C Reyes '85, who used to command the 5th fighter Wing, is now the Air Defense Command commander. MGen Nicolas C Parilla '87 is the commander of the Air Mobility Command.



Lim

The Air Force has reorganized its three geographical air divisions (1st, 2nd and 3rd). In their places are the functional commands: Air Defense, Air Mobility and Tactical Operations Commands.

BGen Del Rosario '85 designated as Army IG

BGen Gener P del Rosario '85 has been designated as the new Inspector General of the Philippine Army.

He replaced MGen Joselito M Reyes '85 who moved over as commander of the Army Support Command, replacing MGen Elmer C Pabale '83 who retired.



Del Rosario

While assigned in PMA, Del Rosario was elected as a member of the PMAFI board of trustees. He still has one more year to serve as trustee of the Foundation.

RAdm Collado designated PN vice commander

RAdm Gaudencio C Collado Jr '86 was designated PN vice commander. He has been designated as the new PN vice commander, replacing RAdm Allan Ferdinand V Cusi '86.



Collado

Cusi replaced RAdm Danilo R Rodelas as commander of the Naval Education and Training Command. Rodelas replaced Collado as Phil Fleet commander. (It was a three-way rigodon.)

BGen Burgos assumes as the Cavalier Editor-In-Chief



Burgos

BGen Arnulfo Marcelo B Burgos Jr '88 has assumed as the new Editor-In-Chief of the Cavalier magazine, starting this March-April issue. He used to be the editor of the Army Journal and the Army News Magazine.

PSSupt Arthur V Bisnar '90 has been designated as the managing editor and PSSupt Jonnel C Estomo '92 as the business manager. They will be assisted by Cpt Gemira Dy, associate editor, Lydia V Cabajar and Divinia Naccario as editorial assistants and Abegail Garcia as layout-artist.

Burgos has replaced retired BGen Fredelino S Bautista '66, who served as editor of the Cavalier since 2012.

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PMAAAI Awards: Rules and Criteria

By Cav Rufo A De Veyra '70
Chairman, PMAAAI Awards Committee

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

A. CAVALIER AWARD

1. Number of Awardees - The Cavalier Award shall be given to twelve (12) outstanding regular members of the Association, in various fields of endeavor as enumerated in paragraph 2 below. At the discretion of the members of the Board of Directors of PMAAAI, the number may be less, but in no case more than twelve (12).

2. Fields of Awards - The Cavalier Award shall be given to those selected as the most outstanding members in the following fields of endeavor:

2.1. Military/Police/Coast Guard Service in:

2.1.1 Command and Administration - for commanders of AFP/PNP/PCG units with TO rank of Brig General/Commodore/Chief Superintendent or higher, except the AFP chief of staff, PNP chief, PCG commandant and AFP major service commanders.

2.1.2 Staff Function - for staff officer positions in the AFP/PNP/PCG units.

2.1.3 Operations - for officers holding positions other than those covered under para 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 above who are directly engaged/employed in PA, PAF, PN, PNP, PCG and Special Operations. There shall be one awardee per AFP major service, the PNP and the PCG, each being considered a separate field. The awardee for Special Operations may come from any of the above five services.

2.2 Private Enterprise - for members in private enterprise who are either entrepreneurs or managers.

2.3 Public Administration - for members in government agencies and in government-owned and/or controlled corporations.

2.4 Contribution to Alumni Affairs - for members who have made invaluable contributions and/or services to the PMA and PMAAAI.

2.5 Special Fields - for members who have outstanding achievements in sports, arts, literature, music, academe, science and technology or in other endeavors which at the discretion of the Board of Directors deserve the Cavalier Award.

3. Qualification and Eligibility. To be qualified and eligible to receive the Cavalier Award, a nominee must satisfy the following criteria:

3.1 Is a regular member in good standing of the Association and preferably a regular member of all the four affiliate foundations and has contributed to the Special Fund for PMA Payback;

3.2 Has faithfully lived up and adhered to the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty; and

3.3 Has an honorable and unblemished record and whose reputation is beyond reproach. (Any act of commission or omission that tends to cast doubt on the nominee's reputation shall be sufficient ground not to consider the member for the Award.)

4. Disqualification. The following shall be disqualified from receiving the Cavalier Award:

4.1. Those who received the Cavalier Award during the last five (5) years preceding the year of Award; and

4.2. Members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors and Awards Committee during their tenure.

5. Criteria for the Awards. The Award shall be based on outstanding, distinguished and exemplary achievements worthy of emulation, personally and directly attained or done by the member during the last five (5) years in any of the fields enumerated above, that have:

5.1 Enhanced the prestige of the PMA and the PMAAAI;

5.2 Contributed significantly to the attainment of the AFP/PNP/PCG mission; and/or

5.3 Resulted in the improvement of the general welfare of the community or country.

6. Selection Process. The selection process shall be from as

wide a zone of consideration as possible. All regular members of the Association are qualified and should be considered for the Award, except as earlier provided for.

6.1 Nomination. Any PMAAAI member, Class President, or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than the last working day of July of the applicable association year. The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the PMAAAI Board of Directors (Attn: Awards Committee), or by e-mail to pmaaaai@yahoo.com. The nomination shall specify the field of award and shall include the following:

6.1.1 Curriculum vitae of the nominee;

6.1.2 Authenticated description or summary of nominee's achievements or accomplishments;

6.1.3 Justification for the award; and

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

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

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

The names of nominees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine September-October issue to solicit comments or reactions from members of the Association, for or against the nominations. Screening and consultations with Class Presidents and Personnel Chiefs of the AFP/PNP/PCG and other resource persons shall be completed by the PMAAAI Awards Committee by the 1st week of December. The Awards Committee shall

evaluate the final list of qualified nominees in each category of award and submit the principal and alternate recommendees for each category to the Board of Directors in time for its last meeting in December.

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

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

B. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

C. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

D. VALOR AWARD

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

E. TIMELINES

1. 1 March to July – PMAAAI members, Chapter and Class Presidents shall conduct a search and selection process of nominees for the Awards.

2. Last working day of July – Deadline for submission of nominees to the PMAAAI Awards Committee. Screening by the Awards Committee starts.

3. First working day of September – Submission of list of qualified nominees to the Editor, Cavalier Magazine for publication in the September-October issue.

4. First two weeks of November – Awards Committee receives comments on the nominees from members of the Association.

5. Last working day of November – Finalization of the list of nominees by the Awards Committee by categorizing them as Principal and Alternate Recommendees, by field of award.

6. Second Monday of December – Submission of the Awards Committee's recommendation to the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Outstanding Achievement Award
- c. Cavalier Award
- d. Valor Award

7. Third (3rd) Week of December – Meeting of the Board to select the awardees.

8. Fourth Saturday of January – Presentation of the Outstanding Achievement Awards during the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting.

9. First week of February – Submission of list of awardees to the Editor for publication in the January-February issue of the Cavalier.

10. Third Saturday of February – Presentation of the following Awards during the PMAAAI Alumni Homecoming:

- a. Lifetime Achievement Award
- b. Cavalier Award
- c. Valor Award

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

BENEFITS OF PMAAAI MEMBERS

By PMAAAI Secretariat

The regular members in good standing can get from the PMAAAI the following benefits: **Medical assistance in amounts not exceeding P50,000** depending on the medical expenses incurred and a **burial assistance or abuloy to the family in case of death of P60,000**. The burial assistance is not a legal entitlement that goes to the legal heirs. It is given to the person who took care of the deceased. For the medical assistance, the request must be submitted within three (3) months after the medical treatment or discharge from the hospital. In the case of the burial assistance, the request must also be submitted within three (3) months after date of death. Moreover, subscription to the bi-monthly Cavalier Magazine and Association awards like the Cavalier award require the member to be in good standing to be entitled and qualified, respectively.

Furthermore, there are affiliate foundations which administer other benefits to alumni. The **PMAAAI Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI)** supports the education from elementary to college of children and younger siblings of deceased and disabled alumni. The **PMAAAI Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI)** provides low-interest loans to alumni who want to engage in business and provides scholarship to bright children of alumni with high leadership potential. Lastly, the **PMAAAI Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)** provides legal and financial assistance to alumni who are charged in court for offenses committed in the lawful performance of duties.

To maintain good standing status, the monthly membership dues are to be paid up to the 50th graduation anniversary. However, members who are retired or resigned from the service

can pay their lifetime membership dues. The one-time non-refundable lifetime dues are as follows: **Twelve Thousand Pesos (P12,000.00)** if paid on or before his 35th graduation anniversary; **Fourteen Thousand Pesos (P14,000.00)** if paid after his 35th but before his 40th graduation anniversary; **Sixteen Thousand Pesos (P16,000.00)** if paid after his 40th but before his 45th graduation anniversary; and **Eighteen Thousand Pesos (P18,000.00)** if paid after his 45th but before his 50th graduation anniversary.

A member who is not in good standing when his class had its golden or 50th graduation anniversary shall remain not in good standing and shall not be entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits due a member in good standing. He may be allowed to regain his status as a member in good standing if he pays a total of **Twenty-Four Thousand Pesos (P24,000.00)** as a one-time non-refundable dues.

Retiring or retireable members in the active service can also pay their lifetime non-refundable dues within one (1) year prior to the date of their retirement from the service.

Payment can be deposited in the PMAAAI account in Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), Camp Aguinaldo Branch with account no. 0-00173-435-1 and Land Bank of the Philippines, Camp Aguinaldo Branch with account no. 1671-0953-04.

Payments are also accepted at PMA Alumni Center at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. For alumni assistance, please see Cynthia Serquiña, Amy Lactaotao or Diane Santiago or call tel. no. 912-7432/0927-340-3786.

PMAAAI MEMBERSHIP FACTS AND FIGURES

By PMAAAI Secretariat

The charts and tables below reflect the updates on those figures as of 21 March 2018.

STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP FOR FULLY RETIRED CLASSES (1942-1983)

As of 21 March 2018

PMA CLASS	BIRCI		TOTAL	PERCENTAGE NGS	PERCENTAGE GS
	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)			
1942-1957	0	165	165	0.00%	100.00%
1958	1	24	25	4.00%	96.00%
1959	1	20	21	4.76%	95.24%
1960	4	30	34	11.76%	88.24%
1961	0	27	27	0.00%	100.00%

PMA CLASS	BIRCI		TOTAL	PERCENTAGE NGS	PERCENTAGE GS
	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)			
1962	1	41	42	2.38%	97.62%
1963	3	42	45	6.67%	93.33%
1964	0	17	17	0.00%	100.00%
1965	0	32	32	0.00%	100.00%
1966	1	40	41	2.44%	97.56%
1967	0	58	58	0.00%	100.00%
1968	0	33	33	0.00%	100.00%
1969	9	23	32	28.13%	71.88%
1970	1	52	53	1.89%	98.11%
1971	0	91	91	0.00%	100.00%
1972	0	79	79	0.00%	100.00%
1973	0	48	48	0.00%	100.00%
1974	43	48	91	47.25%	52.75%
1975	43	32	75	57.33%	42.67%
1976	0	63	63	0.00%	100.00%
1977	20	89	109	18.35%	81.65%
1978	68	46	114	59.65%	40.35%
1979	66	44	110	60.00%	40.00%
1980	63	33	96	65.63%	34.38%
1981	64	74	138	46.38%	53.62%
1982	57	120	177	32.20%	67.80%
1983	133	42	175	76.00%	24.00%
TOTAL	578	1,413	1,991	29.03%	70.97%

STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP OF CLASSES IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE (1984-2017)

As of 21 March 2018

PMA CLASS	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE NGS	PERCENTAGE GS
1984	119	78	197	60.41%	39.59%
1985	72	121	193	37.31%	62.69%
1986	55	100	155	35.48%	64.52%
1987	36	97	133	27.07%	72.93%
1988	33	90	123	26.83%	73.17%
1989	21	82	103	20.39%	79.61%
1990	49	88	137	35.77%	64.23%
1991	53	150	203	26.11%	73.89%

PMA CLASS	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE NGS	PERCENTAGE GS
1992	49	145	194	25.26%	74.74%
1993	61	121	182	33.52%	66.48%
1994	60	169	229	26.20%	73.80%
1995	100	104	204	49.02%	50.98%
1996	32	73	105	30.48%	69.52%
1997	48	83	131	36.64%	63.36%
1998	46	107	153	30.07%	69.93%
1999	53	145	198	26.77%	73.23%
2000	39	192	231	16.88%	83.12%
2001	34	155	189	17.99%	82.01%
2002	14	120	134	10.45%	89.55%
2003	11	81	92	11.96%	88.04%
2004	10	128	138	7.25%	92.75%
2005	3	137	140	2.14%	97.86%
2006	19	291	310	6.13%	93.87%
2007	11	268	279	3.94%	96.06%
2008	5	211	216	2.31%	97.69%
2009	3	177	180	1.67%	98.33%
2010	5	216	221	2.26%	97.74%
2011	3	189	192	1.56%	98.44%
2012	86	101	187	45.99%	54.01%
2013	10	111	121	8.26%	91.74%
2014	24	197	221	10.86%	89.14%
2015	136	34	170	80.00%	20.00%
2016	51	12	63	80.95%	19.05%
2017	0	167	167	0.00%	100.00%
TOTAL	1,351	4,540	5,891	22.93%	77.07%

PMAAAI MEMBERSHIP STANDING BY CHAPTER

As of 21 March 2018

CHAPTER	MEMBERS NOT IN GOOD STANDING (NGS)	MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING (GS)	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE NGS	PERCENTAGE GS
BIRC	1,535	1,608	3,143	48.84%	51.16%
PA	167	2,328	2,495	6.69%	93.31%
PN	141	960	1,101	12.81%	87.19%
PAF	45	787	832	5.41%	94.59%
PNP	39	197	236	16.53%	83.47%
PCG	0	54	54	0.00%	100.00%
*PMA	2	19	21	9.52%	90.48%
TOTAL	1,929	5,953	7,882	24.47%	75.53%

Just DO YOUR JOB IN ACCORDANCE with Law

(An excerpt from the speech by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during the commencement exercises of the Philippine Military Academy "Alab-Tala" Class 2018, March 18, 2018)

Vice President Maria Leonor Robredo, the National Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana and the other members of the Cabinet; AFP Chief of Staff General Rey Leonardo Guerrero and major service commanders, officials, faculty members and staff of the Philippine Military Academy; PMA Superintendent Lieutenant General Donato San Juan; Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines led by the "Alab-Tala" graduating class of 2018; Mayor Domogan of Baguio, other distinguished guests; ladies and gentlemen.

At no other time except maybe one president that we have addressed the problem of the Armed Forces of the Philippines profoundly.

And because I would want that before I get out of the presidency, I would have left behind a strong Armed Forces and PNP simply because these troubles now that we are facing will not disappear within the next four to seven to 10 years. Kailangan ko talaga nang matatag na sundalo pati pulis.

My heartfelt congratulations to the graduates of PMA "Alab-Tala" Class of 2018. I join your families and your friends in celebrating this important milestone in your young careers.

From your humble beginnings --- the epitome 'yung bar ninyo --- as applicants to your final days as cadets, every day in the Academy has not been easy. Your courage and bravery have been tested numerous times but despite all of these trials, you have emerged victorious and ready to take on bigger challenges ahead.

As you leave the halls of PMA and enter your chosen branches of service, you will be faced with realities that are far more complex than what you have been prepared for. Mistakes will always be inevitable but have confidence in knowing that the rules of the Academy have honed you for the responsibilities that await you as you assume leadership roles in the Armed Forces.

You have been equipped with the knowledge and skills

to excel but how far can you go will depend greatly on the discipline and determination and faith.

Remember always the three words that have been ingrained deeply in your hearts—courage, integrity and loyalty. Embody these words and use them to guide your actions throughout your careers.

As you dedicate your life in the service of God, country and people, know that the Armed Forces of the Philippines has the government's full support.

With the approval of Joint Resolution (JR) No. 1, the increase in base pay of military and uniformed personnel has been authorized which will also result to an increase in bonuses and allowances.

The administration is also working to implement the Second Horizon of the Revised AFP Modernization Program (RAFPMP) wherein priority projects are currently in several stages of completion to ensure that our men and women in uniform are provided the benefits and armed with the equipment to perform their duties effectively.

To the "Alab-Tala" Class of 2018, this achievement is only the beginning of the many future successes. May you continue to become a source of strength and inspiration to your fellow soldiers and instruments of meaningful change in our society.

The Filipino people look up to you as the protectors of our nation and the next leaders of tomorrow.

Again, congratulations to the graduates at mabuhay kayong lahat! Congratulations and I am happy.

This is the Republic of the Philippines pardon of punishment. In observance to the time-honored tradition of the Philippine Military Academy on the occasion of the graduation of PMA "Alab-Tala" Class 2018, I, Rodrigo R. Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines and Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces of the Philippines, hereby pardon all outstanding punishments of the upperclass men. 2CL, 3CL and 4CL of the Cadet Corps of --- karami naman nitong kasalanan nito --- Armed Forces of the Philippines as recommended by the Superintendent PMA effective today.

Granted this 18th Day of March, in the year of our Lord 2018 at PMA General Gregorio Aguinaldo --- well, Del Pilar Baguio City. So I sign.

Well, the next time after this wala na akong pardon. But let me just also add just a simple sentence.

I will never allow, ever allow anybody be it the police, military, armed forces or the uniformed policemen... You know, this modern trend of neo-libertarians, mas marunong pa sa atin.

But anyway, sabi ko nga huwag kayong matakot. Just do your duty in accordance with law, ako na ang bahala sa inyo.

In the Middle East, they took so much of the oil, they increased their productivity and made the country rich. While

leaving the poor Arabs to fight against one another. They divided the Middle East, sila-sila lang.

And look what happened. You go to Iraq on a pretext of mass destruction weapons, wala; and you destroyed the country. So with Gaddafi. Nandiyan naman kayo noon. And he was taken out --- so it's a fractured country.

Noon pa 'yan kasi iniimbestigahan pa nila akong mayor, I already studied my lesson by way of defend... Ang sinabi ko, you will not have jurisdiction over my person not within one million years.

Isyu lang diyan is publication. The rule in a democracy is ignorance of the law excuses no one. So how do you remedy the situation so that we will know everything to know --- so that we will not be considered ignorant of the law excuses no one?

It is clearly a criminal law. If you read it there is the commissioning of ICC, the judges, then there is the ICC prosecutors; and the definition of the crimes and the penalty attached to the crimes.

Now our rule in this jurisdiction is i-publish mo talaga para hindi ma-ignorante 'yung tao. Because if it is not published, you cannot tell me now that ignorance of the law excuses no one. It has to be published in the Official Gazette. That is the publication of the government.

Ang mga pinirmahan ng presidente, ni-ratify ng Senate, dumiretso sa Rome agreement at inattach na nila 'yung membership natin, without passing the critical publication.

It is there in the publication sa Official Gazette, when you are now put on constructive notice that there is a law as such. Hindi mo kasi mabigyan ng isang kopya ang Pilipino eh.

So ang ginawa by force of law, when it is published in the Official Gazette, it becomes a law. Now, if there is no publication in people kaso na --- Tuvera vs. Tañada --- Supreme Court, it is fatal especially a criminal law.

Iyong treaty na 'yan is purely a criminal --- it does not talk of anything else but of the court, the prosecution, pati 'yung definition ng crimes and the penalties.

It must be published.

Kayo hindi ko na kayo pinapabilib, magkakampi tayo.

Nandito tayo sa gobyerno. I'm not asking for any nurturing of loyalties, wala ako niyan. Trabaho lang.

Pagdating ng mga imbestigador, may magkamali talaga diyan na commander sa base or... Sabi ko, "tumahimik kayo para ako lang mag-isa 'yan, hindi ako magkamali." Kasi alam ko ang depensa ko.

Sabi ko ganun, a few days before, "you will never have jurisdiction over my person, not in a million years."

You know, if it is not a published, there is no law. So there is no reason to withdraw something which is not existing. Walang batas eh. If you can prosecute me kasi walang batas, with more reason mag...

Ang sinabi ko lang "withdraw" simply because to announce to the world and I will convince everybody now who are under the treaty sa IC --- get out, get out.



It is not a document that was prepared by anybody, it's an EU-sponsored. Itong mga 'to 'nung pumunta sila Africa, pinagpapatay nila 'yung mga Arabs, lahat na, dito 'yung massacre sa Marawi, it is really an atonement for their sins sa...

Tapos ang hinahabol nila either itim pati sa lahat marami namang problema, nakikialam pa. My orders are and to you until now, we have been swallowed with drugs. Ang ating mga anak are in jeopardy. If I renege now, mag-atras ako, I would have compromised and placed them in jeopardy itong generation na ito pati 'yung mga anak natin.

Kailangan tapusin ko 'to para mawala na. Hindi ko naman sinasabi ako lang ang may kaya. Pero well, my experience is Davao. Bakit sa Davao wala? Walang snatcher, wala maglakad ka doon. Kasi...

Kasi 'yung media kung sabihin mo ang totoo, sabihin man niya 'yan doon sa... Eh 'di magsabi lang tayo ng bakak, mag-lie tayo. Ewan ko kung nasaan na 'yung mga criminals sa Davao.

Sinabi ko sa kanila, "do not destroy my city, do not destroy the youth of the land." When I became President I told them, I and the criminals, "do not destroy my country, do not destroy the youth of the land. Ang sabi ko sa pulis pati sa inyo because sa --- 'yung declaration of national security threat sa drugs is not mine.

Pirmado ni Arroyo 'yon. Hindi akin 'yan. Binigyan ko ng platform. Wala pang nahuli noon. Kung hindi ako nag-Presidente hindi maglabasan yun...

Kita mo doon by the hundreds of thousands, hindi ka na naawa sa bayan mo? And you have destroyed a segment of a society and made them slaves to a chemical drug that everyday when it rides on their back, 'pag magkati na, they have to look for it --- they have to have a fix.

Kaya 'pag walang pera because commodity sa shabu is for the poor. Malakas na ang pasok ngayon ng cocaine. 'Yan ang problema nating bago.

So we are trying to connect if the

cartel of Mexico is involved in this. Patayan 'yan sigurado. Na itong sabihin mo, "bakit si Duterte mga..." No.

It's a... It does not work na... Lahat ng drug operation is always organized crime. May magluto, may mga distributors, then lieutenants, pati 'yung basurero --- the basurero is the street peddlers.

Now if they are there playing shabu and you get killed at mahirap ka, sorry, wala akong magawa sa iyo.

Because the law... My oath of office says that "I, Rodrigo Duterte, should enforce the law against all who are liable."

Hindi naman sinabi, "I, Rodrigo Duterte would only kill the rich and make the poor live because they are poor." That's not a good law. It is not a good law.

"To the 'Alab-Tala' Class of 2018, this achievement is only the beginning of the many future successes. May you continue to become a source of strength and inspiration to your fellow soldiers and instruments of meaningful change in our society."

It is not...

No person shall be denied of the equal protection clause of the Constitution. Kung mayaman ka, mayor ka, eh bakit? Maliit ba 'yang mayor? Noon, "where's the big fish? Where's the big fish?"

So tayo trabaho lang. Trabaho lang kayo lahat. In war, we are facing ISIS. It will never end in about five years from... Meron pang drugs, then the... You have to worry. You know you have plenty of work to do.

Hindi ako naawa sa inyo but I can see that the sacrifice in the coming days that you have to bear for the country. Kaya kinakausap ko kayo isa-isa. Can you do this for me? Ba't naman ako magsasabi?

Stay with the Constitution, stay in the chain of command, love the Filipino people that you serve.

I never mentioned my name. I do not want to nurture 'yung mga loyalty, loyalty. Nako-kornihan ako diyan. After my time I will go.

If there is a perfect --- perfected constitution by 2020, I'm announcing it to you now, aalis na ako. I will not wait for 2022. Sibab na ako kung may federal government.

Pero kailangan kong tapusin ito kasi nga nakita ko dumami itong ganito at ganito lumabo ang problema because walang ginawa. Alam ninyo 'yan. Every Filipino knows na walang ginawa. Hinayaan ninyo 'yung problema lumaki.

Remember 'yung mga service commanders we had a Command Conference, I was the first one who told them, "there is a darkening clouds there." And sabi ko 'yung ISIS on the dot.

You do not address anybody here by any other name, Mautes noon. They are all ISIS Philippines now; and they are very brutal.

We, we are bound by the rules of government but I will not allow this country to go down. Maski na sabihin nila 'yang extrajudicial, extra... What's extrajudicial? Wala namang crime na extrajudicial. Not in our books anyway.

Maybe 'yung definition nila but the problem is they forgot to... Ngayon sabi nila i... O sige i- publish natin. Na nabuang na. ako nga dito na ginagawa ko na lahat ang what is legal and right, ako pa ang binababoy ngayon.

Saan ba 'yung firing range ninyo? Doon ninyo ako tatapusin. Pero gusto ko i-reenact natin 'yung kay Rizal. Iyong superintendent dito mag parang pari, chaplain, i-bless niya ako bago ako mag...

What's the problem? We all die. It's only once. Mabuti sana it does... It is not like a sore thumb that sticks out painfully every night. Isang beses lang 'yan. So we enjoy it when it comes.

But she's also an adopted class. Ako '67. Wala na ang mistah ko. Is there anybody from Class '67, I just like to... [Sir!] Ah, ayos tayo. Okay tayo.

Then I will say it's about time that we leave the grounds. Thank you for inviting me and goodluck.

A new era for Police Cavaliers Association, Inc. (PCAI) is about to unfold with the election of the new set of Directors and Officers and appointment of different Committee Chairman on March 7, 2018.

The new sets of PCAI officers who will take the helm and lead in steering the Association in achieving another dynamic and successful year are as follows:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

PCAI
W E L C O M E S

**New Set of Board of Directors
and Officers for 2018-2019**

Chairman	-	CAV EDWIN C ROQUE '86
Vice Chairman	-	CAV DANIEL G MACATLANG JR '85
President	-	CAV JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO '89
Vice President	-	CAV FLORENCIO T ORTILLA '90
Corp. Secretary	-	CAV JESSELITO L CASTRO '98
Treasurer	-	CAV MARIO A REYES '92
Corp. Auditor	-	CAV ANTONINO R CIRUJALES '92

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
2018 - 2019**

Awards Committee	-	CAV ANTONINO R CIRUJALES '92
Convention and Homecoming	-	CAV REX M DELA ROSA '89
Finance Committee	-	CAV MATTHEW P BACCAY '92
Grievance / Truth & Justice	-	CAV JESSELITO L CASTRO '98
Membership and Welfare	-	CAV ROBERTO B FAJARDO '87
Professionalism and Ethics	-	CAV ROBERT T RODRIGUEZ '91
Public Relations Committee	-	CAV RHODEL O SERMONIA '89
Sports and Fellowship	-	CAV MARIO A REYES '92
Ways and Means Committee	-	CAV JONNEL C ESTOMO '92

CLASS 84	-	CAVALIER PETER ROSANO P DONATO
CLASS 85	-	CAVALIER DANIEL G MACATLANG JR
CLASS 86	-	CAVALIER EDWIN C ROQUE
CLASS 87	-	CAVALIER ROBERTO B FAJARDO
CLASS 88	-	CAVALIER RENE P PAMUSPUSAN
CLASS 89	-	CAVALIER JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO
CLASS 90	-	CAVALIER FLORENCIO T ORTILLA
CLASS 91	-	CAVALIER JON A ARNALDO
CLASS 92	-	CAVALIER MARIO A REYES
CLASS 98	-	CAVALIER JESSELITO L CASTRO
PMAAAI Representative	-	CAVALIER RODOLFO S AZURIN JR '89 (1 Year)
		CAVALIER ARTHUR V BISNAR '90 (2 Years)

**PCAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2018 - 2019**

During the PCAI meeting, the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen agreed to create a Viber group for easy communication and information dissemination to all the Directors. Similarly, a Viber group for all PCAI members will also be created.

With the new officers, innovative programs would surely be expected as PCAI continues to soar high into new horizons.

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A WISE INVESTMENT FOR CSR

By Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69

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Corporate social responsibility (CSR) has become a major part of the business agenda to ensure the productive life of an enterprise. It measures the sensitivity to social responsiveness and provides a venue to showcase a different side of the organization.

According to Patrick Maclagan Ph.D., social responsiveness is the extent to which an organization is responsive to its perceived social obligations. Various corporate institutions practice CSR through projects that alleviate, enhance, and improve social conditions, in such areas as poverty alleviation, education and training, etc. This influence is translated into the realization of substantial profit and expansion of its market base that guarantees and extends the productive life of business. It should exercise this power to share in improving society. It has an obligation to manifest social responsiveness.

Business, by the magnitude of its financial resources, begets political power. Very few have been involved directly in supporting military and police operational capabilities. Normal support has involved financial assistance to surviving dependents of soldiers and policemen killed or wounded in action. Enrique "Ricky" K. Razon Jr., while his interests are not directly engaged in the defense industry, firmly believes that a healthy business environment must depend on the military and police establishments.

Of late, only Mr. Razon has provided direct support to tactical units engaged in actual combat operations against the enemies of the state, by quietly supporting the efforts of the AFP/PNP to stop the Maute/ISIS rebellion:

Donated P20 million from ICTSI Foundation and Bloomberry Resorts Cultural Foundation Inc. which was used

to buy drones, portable generators, jackhammers, speakers, solar chargers, canned goods, medicines, briefs, socks, cycling shorts, shirts, bottled water, Gatorade, food, and other items for the 10,000 troops.

Distributed 10,000 combat wristwatches to the 10,000 troops in Marawi and gave an additional P5,000 allowance to the 10,000 fighting troops to boost morale.

As a fitting gesture to his benevolence, he was conferred honorary membership to the PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) during its alumni homecoming on Feb. 17. The justification for this singular honor are as follows:

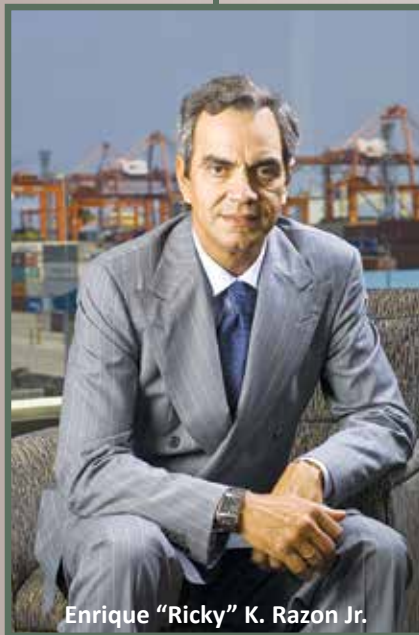
His philanthropy and generosity even extended to providing aid to our soldiers in Marawi.

He is known for his integrity in his dealings in the business world, such stature alone could bring honor and add luster to the PMAAAI.

He donated two wings of the new PMA Cadet Barracks named Enrile Hall, one of which has been completed and turned over to PMA, and the other wing, a new Regis Hall, which is about to be constructed.

The core of his speech was anchored on this statement "the heart and soul of the armed forces is where we stand today, the Philippine Military Academy."

Mr. Razon donated the two cadet barracks courtesy of Bloomberry Resort Cultural Foundation Inc., the CSR arm of ITCSI. Our government can ill-afford to support a modern barracks. Mr. Razon answered the call. He considered these donations an investment in national security.



Enrique "Ricky" K. Razon Jr.



In the fight against the enemies of the state, many business firms capitulated and cooperated with the CPP/NPA and the ASG. Worse is that even local government units and political leaders have compromised their oath of office by aiding the enemy. One has to ask how come the insurgency campaigns against both the local communists and Muslims secessionists have made little progress. It is because of their indecisive and compromising attitude. What a shame and treachery!

This is explicitly mentioned in Razon's speech: "At times, we lost our way and the military institution that was the rudder that always helped the ship to steer as forward at very high seas". True enough, crisis after crisis, in war and peace, the military and police services offered the supreme sacrifice of giving life and limb. It is their sworn duty, a calling, and the only option they know. It was a most meaningful message even heard by the alumni coming from a great business leader and benefactor.

His passion is even more evident in these words, "I can only hope that at some point, our politics will mature, and our laws will apply to all and not just used by political opponents by one administration after another." This is a very valid, relevant reality that has befallen our country in the history of its existence.

A new concept of federalism reverberates in every nook and corner across economic classes. Will this agenda transform our system into political maturity? It seems that political immaturity is predicated on the lack of concern of political leaders for long-term strategy that discourages and mitigates corruption. This political character has bred an extractive institution. The force of arms goes hand-in-hand with good laws and good leadership to maintain a sound and secure nation.

Nations fail because of extractive institutions. Our political system has always been extractive. The rich natural resources that abound in each region, like mining, logging, fisheries, aquatic resources, etc., are under the control of political leaders in partnership with unscrupulous business interests. In simple parlance, a political mindset has always been identified with political power at the expense of people's welfare and security.

In contrast, the military institution's main purpose is accomplishment of the mission and welfare of the men. The soldier continues to be at the forefront of crisis, yet the risk of their profession and avocation are rarely shared by its political leaders. Even high defense and police logistical items are controlled by political patrons. Just consider that some defense and police big item contracts that were the subject of anomalies in the past, and some even originated from the highest political leadership.

The message of Mr. Razon's speech was an earthshaking reminder to all Peemayers to perpetuate its motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty.

Administrations come and go, political structures may change, constitutions may be amended, but the military establishment will continue to respond to any and all challenges because it rests upon a solid rock of patriotism and nationalism of the highest order.

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President - Miguel M Villamor

In my previous contributions to the CLASS CALL, I had placed as the last item a "Morning Report" to update the surviving BANATS of events that would interest them.

I make an exception in this issue. The death of TONY ABAT on March 7, 2018 is a big loss to the BANATS. Tony embodies the word, "Success". Tony is the most outstanding member of the Original BANATS in terms of achievement as a soldier, diplomat, and public servant.

The best tribute that we can give to a soldier is to glorify his death. This was manifested by the large number of people from all ranks who paid their last respects to him. We of Class '51 are proud of TONY and pray for the eternal repose of his soul. We express also our sincerest condolences to CORA ABAT and her family. And now we are TEN!

In this issue of THE CAVALIER, I will write a personal tribute to my fellow "BANAT" Col Arturo C. Ferrer, Turing as he is fondly called. He is the 5th in my list of the ten surviving original "BANATS" of CL '51 arranged alphabetically.

I find that writing about Turing is one of my easiest tasks for a special reason. Turing is my "Kabaleyan". We both come from Pangasinan, the best province in the country. Now it can be told why the plebes from Pangasinan are the most energized group in the Cadet Corps. It was a feat by itself for them to be able to hide their energy food- "bucayo" from prying eyes and canine sense of smell of the TACOS.

To know more about Turing, let me quote partly on what was written about him in the '51 YEARBOOK as a person and

as a potential leader. "Arturo belongs to the reserved and conventional type. A proof of his versatility is the fact that besides being a master of the "grunt and groan" business, he also has a voice which the talent scouts of the chapel choir call superb. He has been advancing steadily in academic also. One thing more Brother, before you say "what has he got that I "haven't got" better take a second look of those nice curls". Of the original six cadets from the "bucayo land" only four graduated with Turing heading this group in seniority. He graduated No. 10 in a class of 62 despite what he called a "sweet" distraction to write a letter to his OAO Rosy every night during his limited study period starting in his second-class year. Turing is one of the five "brave souls" of the BANATS who immediately after graduation married their OAO's thereby returning home with his prized PMA diploma and a blushing, virgin bride to start a family on a P180 monthly salary.

Turing and I have something in common. Our sense of hearing is impaired. Of course, we can attribute this from aging but I think it was triggered by our assignment with the field artillery where we were exposed to the deafening sound of each artillery round fired both in training and in combat particularly in Korea. Turing was with the 19th BCT (PEFTOK) I was with the 20th.

In 1956, we were three classmates assigned with the 11th FA Bn of the 3rd Inf Div as battery commanders. Our units were deployed in Quezon province for garrison duty. Turing was in Lukban, Vangie Evangelista in Mauban, and I in Sampaloc. This was an opportunity for the three of us to display in a friendly competition our standard of performance expected of the first post-war graduates of the PMA. Our Division Arty Commander, the late BGen Francisco Adriano who had the reputation of being a fearsome "TIGER" monitored our performance and treated us more like a father than as Commanding General. And he rewarded each of us with a consistent "6" in our efficiency reports.

My last association with Turing before he joined the Philippine Constabulary was when I needed someone to replace

me as a Senior Military Assistant to USND Alex Melchor. Two months before the 1st PHILCAGV was pulled out from its 2-year stint in Vietnam, then USND Alex Melchor had me assigned to his office. I had no choice. I would have preferred to attend the CGSC which I needed if I have to be considered for promotion to a star rank. Of course, I had to thank USND Melchor for giving me the opportunity to expose myself to a higher level of staff work and establish my network in GHQ, AFP and DND. Luckily, I was selected to attend the CGSC at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas USA. I recommended Turing to take my place and USND Melchor reluctantly released me.

The highlight of Turing's Military career was his stint with SEATO in Bangkok, Thailand for four years starting as operations planner and finally as Military Adviser Representative. This was a rare opportunity for him to be exposed to a high level of planning and policy formulation together with his foreign counterparts in SEATO.

His assignment with SEATO had its downside. It was at the wrong time and the wrong place. It was during this period when the appointment of new generals was at its peak. In an environment of Martial Law and knowing the idiosyncrasies of the promotion process especially for star ranks, a potential candidate must be visible and his presence noticed. Turing missed his star.

Obviously, God's plan for Turing was different. He did not make it to being General, but upon retirement he joined the private sector as Head of a big security agency which he served for 25 years. While most of his classmates lived on one income, Turing had the fortune of having another source which assured him of a more comfortable life.

Turing and I are close friends possibly because of our natural, tribal instinct for birds of the same feather to flock together. In a crowd we seek each other's company. Interestingly, we find it difficult to start a conversation but our feeling of togetherness transcends the gift of gab.

Here is a man I trust, hold in highest esteem, sincere in his words and actions and exudes the ideals of his Alma Mater's Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty.

Turing, like any father, would always claim that his priceless achievement is in raising a beautiful family. He is married to Rosa Benitez of Manila, a member of the clan of educators and philanthropists. He has four children, Aurora, Raymundo, Regina and Lourdes. Raymundo the only son, was the better copy a 3-star general of the AFP. Of course, Turing saluted his son when he visited Raymund in his office. In turn, Raymund had to kiss his father's hand five times when he got home.

That's TURING, the pride of his BANAT classmates from "bucayo land"./JT Dizon



President - Amante S Bueno
Secretary - Bienvenido G Gorospe

The Grim Reaper has started scything Class '54 and their spouses who are in their late '80s.

Last December, it claimed the life of Rody Ecarma. Rody's claim to fame: 1) He was a lawyer specializing on international law; 2) He was the Deputy Commander of Clark, the biggest U.S. Air Force Base in the Far East then; 3) He and Lyn produced five children, the most popular being Natalio "Boing" Ecarma III, PMA Class '81, the tall handsome Marine. Boing was the first child of '54 so that by tradition all members of Class '54 were his "Ninong."

On December 16, Rosauro "Jun" Borromeo finally joined his Maker and his OAO, the late Herming Valderrama. Jun had problems with his lungs and kidney and underwent dialysis. Jun, a.k.a. Borro, was born in Iloilo but chose to settle in Davao after a short stint in PMA with Class '54.

Jun and Herming played tennis like pros. Herming was a good pianist, too.

Starting from a scratch, Jun built up his business until he managed 12 corporations. He was the VP and GM of VLMC (Valderamma Lumber Manufacturers Co.)

Jun's rise to fame started with a BSME at FEATI. His ROTC training evolved into a commission as 1st Lt in the PAF. Ironically, instead of flying, he was more adept in boating and fishing.

We remember Jun for his benevolent donations of tuna during our annual socials. He also sponsored a number of '54 family excursions in Davao and adjoining Samal Island. He would meet the group with roses for the ladies.

As a member of the Davao Rotarians, Jun was awarded the "Service Above Self" honor.

Finally, Jun and Herming were very religious. They received a Papal Award for the Knighthood of the Order of St Gregory in 1987.

Last January 17, Paterno "Pat" Lomongo passed away after a lingering illness in spite of which he attended our monthly "lunches" on a wheelchair.

Pat took up MBA in UE and Law in Francisco Law School. For a while, he was a Law instructor at PMA. He took up CGSC in Ft Leavenworth. He had stints with PhilCon in Vietnam and SEATO Secretariat. Before he retired, he was Camp Commander of Camp Crame.

Class '54 recruited him as associate member. We never regretted it. He was so active in Class affairs that the term "associate" became irrelevant.

Pat and Lorna were born in November 26 and were wed on the same date. We thoroughly enjoyed the annual parties, some held in the prestigious Club Filipino where they are members.

BTW, Pat is the son of Siquijor. Where is that?

Also on January 17, Julian "Boy" Ares, Jr. succumbed to pneumonia in Chicago, U.S.A. For more interesting stories about Boy, please see Last Call.

No. He is not in the list of the Grim Reaper yet. He is only incapacitated. Joe Guillem texted, "I can not even walk.

Can't even text." The last sentence is an oxymoron. He just texted me.

On February 4, we were touring the Pinto Museum and Gallery in Grande, Antipolo when Elsie Ramos texted, "Mommy Helen passed away this morning. Wake will be at Loyola Sucat, Parañaque beginning tonight. Burial at Loyola Sucat on February 10."

Helen was the widow of the late Andres "Andy" Ramos. When we graduated, Andy was second to the goat yet he was the first to attain star rank.

Finally, Ting Elvas reported that Marie Caseñas, spouse of the late Buenaventura "Casey" Caseñas, passed away on March 6. Her remains were interred at St Clement Church, La Paz, Iloilo City.

We hope that after six victims in a row, the Grim Reaper will lay down its scythe for several years.

We mentioned earlier the Pinto Museum and Art Gallery at Bgy Grande, Antipolo City. The place is an A-1 destination of tourists including foreigners. You need not be an art enthusiast to appreciate the place. The variety of art works and cultural heritage is astonishing. Bring your family. A large peacock with several meters of colorful iridescent tail will greet you. Be ready to stay there for four hours./gopeng



President - Salvador M Mison
Secretary - Vangie P Rivera

On Class gatherings

The class held its post-Valentine party on 18 February at the Lakambini Room of AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo, hosted by the February-born ladies led by class first lady lone Mison, with Terry Suarez and Gigi Zaide.



New trustees of Class 55 Foundation: Rivera, Tanseco, Sanchez, Mison, Alquiza, Muñoz, Alcaneses and Baladad.



Nine members of the class showed up smartly in their blazer, together with their wives. They were Betong Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Rene Ecarma, Buddy Mison, Muni Munoz, Johnny Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy Solina and Rene Tanseco.



Eight widows were present, namely: Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Zeny de Guzman, Letty Jotie, Eva Miranda, Vangie Rivera, Estel Silva and Gigi Zaide. There were five 2nd gen members: Aaron Allanigue, Greg Jotie, Inday Miranda, Babut Munoz and Teng Zaide.

The buffet lunch was preceded by a thanksgiving mass officiated by Fr Jumaban.

Present were Betong & Maudie Alfabeto, Ros Alquiza, Rene & Arfeli Ecarma, Buddy & Ione Mison, Muni & Ondette Munoz, Johnny & Pilar Sanchez, Romy & Georgie Solina and Rene & Mila Tanseco. The widows were Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo, Zeny de Guzman, Letty Jotie and Gigi Zaide. From the second generation were RJ Alquiza, Leo & Didi Baladad, Danzena de Guzman, Jun & Cherrie Mison, Alan Munoz and Teng Zaide.

The next class gatherings were the Foundation annual membership meeting on 11 March at the Federal restaurant and the class graduation anniversary dinner on 21 March at the Rockwell Club.

These were followed by a merienda cena on the 15th of April hosted by Babot Muñoz-Joseph at their house in Ayala Alabang.

Annual membership meeting

The annual membership meeting and election of trustees of the PMA Class 55 Foundation, Inc. was held on 11 March. The regular members who have the right to vote and to be voted for are the surviving members of the class and the widows, and from the second gen children whose both parents have died or incapacitated, but limited to only one per family.

The regular members present were Grace Alcaneses, Ros Alquiza, Sally Arceo, Leo Baladad, Rene Ecarma, Zeny de Guzman, Letty Jotie, Buddy Mison, Muni Munoz, Lolit Parado, Vangie Rivera, Johnny Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Estel Silva, Romy Solina, Rene Tanseco and Gigi Zaide.

The nine elected as trustees include Grace Alcaneses, Ros Alquiza, Leo Baladad, Buddy Mison, Muni Munoz, Binky Regalado, Vangie Rivera, Johnny Sanchez and Rene Tanseco. Elected as officers of the Foundation were Buddy as president, Johnny as vice president, Ros as corporate secretary, Leo as treasurer, Muni as corporate auditor, and Vangie as asst secretary.

Before the election was held, President Buddy reported that in 2017

four members of the class passed away, namely: VM de Guzman, Moy Rivera, Fel Parado and DQ de Guzman. (That leaves only 15 surviving members of the class.) In addition, Nino Ecarma, son of Rene and Arfeli, and Rommel Sandoval, a member of our adopted class of 2005 also died. A bad year for the class.

The unaudited financial condition of the Foundation as reported by the treasurer shows a fund balance of P9.606 million as of 31 Dec 2017. Gross revenue for 2017 amounted to P1.086 million and total expenses of P1.043 million, resulting in net income of P43,631 only. Most of the expenses went to abuloy at P0.340 million and medical assistance at P0.425 million.

Class graduation anniversary dinner

The class celebrated its 63rd graduation anniversary with a semi-formal dinner at the Rockwell Club in Makati on 21 March.

Everybody savored the sumptuous tenderloin steak and seafood dinner, with red wine, thanks to the hosts - Buddy Mison, Johnny Sanchez and Rene Tanseco..

We wish everyone a Happy Easter!/raa



President - Fortunato C Corachea
Secretary - Levy M Malto

To celebrate the New Year, the class golfers hosted a lunch for the Top Brass of the Public Safety Savings and Loans Assn., Inc (PSSLAI) on 25 January 2018 at the Gloria Maris, Greenhills, but only three (P/D Ernesto Belen, PMA CI 74, President, Elieza Galvante, VP for Operations and Roberto Santos, VP for Finance) attended. The CEO, Lucas Managuelod, P/D PNP, could not make it due to a rush meeting where his presence was indispensable. The PSSLAI is

now among the first 400 of the first 1,000 corporations in the entire country with assets now at PHP 40 billion. To show their appreciation, more notably by Mel Goyena and Levy Malto, who are members and benefiting from 18% dividends per annum (now the highest in the AFP and PNP SLAs), fine dining dishes were served with red wine to honor them for their job well done. Romy David feeling a little bit envious, asked them, if he could apply as a member, but Ernie Belen, knowing him to be a PAF-man, jokingly told him to get married first with a police woman. Other golfers present were Ching Corachea and Mon Farolan, who arrived late from another lunch engagement, boodled again.

After golf on 31 January 2018 at the PNGC, the class golfers (Corachea, David, Goyena and Malto) repaired to the Singaporean Resto (Din Tai Fung) at Bonifacio Hts, Global City where they chanced upon PNP P/D Ret. Benjamin Magalong, PMA CI 82, whom many remembered as the very professional Investigator assigned in the Mamasapano massacre in 2015. Exchanging notes while waiting in line to enter the crowded resto, we found out that Ben is now the Senior Vice President for Operations of Steel Asia, a major supplier of steel that is supporting the present construction boom. When we entered and took our separate seats to dine, we ordered our favorite chicken soup and Levy Malto, ordered three more to take home for Nora, et al (may be for him again). When we asked for the bill to be paid by Ching Corachea (lunch host), the companion of Ben, Atty. Allan Agati of their firm's Legal Dept. and a lady asst. went to our table to inform us that Ben was called by their office nearby and had already paid our lunch bill. A little bit happily shocked by the surprise news, many thanks were extended to him thru his office mates.

Still golfing and having lots of fun! After golf on 7 February 18 at Camp Aguinaldo, it was Levy's turn to host our lunch at the Choi Garden in the Promenade in Greenhills. Mon Farolan and Boy Paiso were there to make up the last of the six class golfers that could be counted upon for immediate muster. Ching Corachea, the oldest to be 88 years on October, is driving at times the farthest (than Romy David) over 150 meters, sinking far putts and just scoring great. His only nemesis in the golf

course were the sand traps which eat up his good strokes.

While having lunch at the Kuya, AFPOVAL Village in Ft. Bonifacio after golf in the PNGC on 14 February 18, our mistah, Pat Lucero, the fishing magnate from Iloilo, called to inform us that he was in MM eager to connive with us after missing two class socials last year due to maladies afflicting his 89 years of life. When told where we were, he joined us 30 minutes later accompanied by his nephew and looking great in good health. He informed us that he got rid of his condo in San Andres, Manila and his Toyota Prado and driver because they are expensive to maintain. What he does now when in MM, is to check-in at a hotel, get a relative as his aide and take a taxi to go anywhere he pleases. To our surprise, he brought along a box of special daing as his pasalubong, which we gladly divided among us. At depart time, we found his personal taxi parked and waiting for him. We kidded him to change his taxi with a helicopter to suit his high profile status.

On 3 March 2018, Nita Canieso celebrated her 85th Birthday at the Officers Club of HPA attended by more or less 100 guests of mostly ladies of AFP officers and friends that came to greet her a happy birthday. During lunch, her children started an impromptu program by inviting Nita's friends to tell stories from the bygone past which surprisingly turned to be very entertaining and producing lots of applause from the audience. Nita is in better shape and health now and would return to her residence in Bacolod soon.

To celebrate Jardi's (of CI 57) 84th Bday, the five class golfers were invited to play the 28th game of their Infinitum Tourney at the PN Golf Club on 5 March 18 against their available four which resulted to a total score of 371 for '56 (Goyena and Paiso at 89 each, David-94, Corachea-99 and no count Malto-108) vs. 57's 387 (Jardiniano-84, Ermita-95, De Villa-99 and Templo-107), with a loss by 16 strokes. Jardi was the best player of the day with a score of 84 to hail his 84 years of simple and clean living (by washing his hands before and after).

Class Roll Call/Status Report as of 1 Jan 2018. There are 28 casualties out of 51 or 55% in 61 years. The remaining

23 lolos in their mid-80's are classified as follows: deployable for duties in rear areas only - Cananita, Corachea, David, Farolan, Fernando, Goyena, Lazo, Lukban, Malto, Paiso, Pantaleon and Villanueva (12); Very limited duty/risky for deployment - Almonte, Aparri, Arevalo, Lara, Macabaso, Manlongat, Mateo and Tolentino (8); and confined in quarters - Mangonon, Neis and Ordoyo (3). Class password: Stay alive and kicking!



President - Dionisio Tan-Gatue Jr
Secretary - Tagumpay R Jardiniano

Preparations for the celebration of the 61st Graduation Anniversary of the Class is now in full swing. Hosts for this occasion are Alpha and Bravo Companies. Alpha Company's mainstay Onchie Mendoza and Bravo Company's Oca Zalamea are the guys to watch. Onchie came prepared with the program and line-up already in print. Not to be outdone, Oca tapped Ador De Guzman who bared his initial raffle prizes such as an overnight stay in a five-star hotel and pledges in bottles of red wine. The preparatory activity was to be finalized in another "brunch" by end of March. Raffle prizes were assured by Ed and Elvie Ermita. Ed will be joined by Tammy Mendoza to emcee the affair.

The VIP Room, AFPCOC was site of this initial get-together last March 14 hosted by Oca and Auring Zalamea. Members present were: Nitoy Dator, Lito Doria, Ed Ermita. Ladies present were: Judge Auring Recina, Bernie Doria, Naty Dayan and Cora Dator. Guests were Jun Tan-Gatue and Mila Javier. The class is expecting another enjoyable celebration but more subdued this time than the class participation at the PMA Parade Grounds last year. In that event, no one was left seated at the Grandstand when the parade of classes commenced. It was time for the class to personally check whether the grass they planted 60 years ago were still green. /DST



President - Carlos L Agustin
Secretary - Plaridel C Garcia

DEL ABAYA reiterates his oft-repeated suggestion that we should have a monthly class lunch meeting. Well, we did start 2018 with one lunch meeting at Del's favorite 5-star hotel, Shangri-La Makati.

We forgot to take a photo but three stooges remembered just as they went down the main stairway (See photo below)

Our next one is certainly history when this gets off the press: Monday 19 Mar 2017, again at the Shangri-La Makati, with following Mistahs confirmed: Del Abaya.



Chuck Agustin, Benny Lomotan and Eddie Garcia

Chuck Agustin, Jackie Desquitado, Eddie Garcia, Benny Lomotan, Buster Arrastia and Nick Festin.

Hopefully others will show up.

Will try to post pictures and more info on future plans after that meeting.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2018

Nick Festin, Chuck Agustin, Eddie Garcia and Del Abaya went up to Baguio for the recent Alumni Homecoming on 16-

17 Feb. Eddie missed the Homecoming parade due to late arrival at FDP, which made it difficult to get close to the parade ground.

We used the Microtel near the Victory Liner depot, which was convenient.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2019

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

Over the past five homecomings, we've only averaged 3-4 attendees, but to ensure use of JH Manor, we reserved last 16 Feb and paid for 10 rooms for the 2019 PMA Alumni Homecoming. Benny tried to check if the AIM Conference Center has available rooms, but learned that they're not taking reservations after May this year, as their contract with JH Manor expires then. Thereafter here's the status of confirmed attendees:

Room reservations for 2019 Homecoming event 14-16 Feb 2019

1. P Abaya
2. N Festin
3. P Garcia
4. C. Agustin
5. B Desquitado
6. J Zumel
7. A Francisco
8. B Lomotan
9. M Dumlao?
10. M. Baccay?

MSD and MLB previously texted BEST EFFORT but we need them to confirm

We need Senior Citizens Cards. Only those in RED have sent their E-Copies of Senior ID Cards

Those needing two rooms included Andrew, Chuck and Ronnie and we have four rooms wait listed.

Others interested to attend please inform Chuck ASAP so we can determine if we need to increase the number of wait-listed rooms or look elsewhere, such as Microtel. The Class of 1958 had a good small hotel on Military Cut Off Road last Feb and we can use some rooms from that hotel as well. But we need your commitments NOW.



President - Orlando B Salientes
Secretary - Marino P Panes Jr.

Feb 16 2018. NIU Vikings, SM Aura, BGC. The class welcomed the couple Nestor and Edith Lim with a KKB lunch. The attending classmates were Orly and Inday Salientes, Pong and Jessie Panes, Sting and Fannie Cariño, Loven and Jenny Abadia, Cathy A, Myrna A, Monchi S, Malou L, Jun B, Nonoy A, Ike R, Nani G and Tony L. The Lim couple surprised us with a gift of Sees Candies a box each.



For those who did not attend the PMAAAI Convention in Solaire Theater last January, our increase in pension for 2018 will not be given BUT the differentials will be paid in lump sum in 2019. Beginning 2019 we will be given the increase in pension monthly as mandated by law. With this windfall, all of us who are intending to attend our diamond jubilee should be able to give their 10,000 contribution for hotel expenses in John Hay Manor. Come on

guys. This is our last hurrah.

Sec Diokno also said that the present pension system cannot be maintained. A new system has to be found. The RSBS was supposed to fund the system. The past AFP leadership must take the blame for its collapse.

After our lunch with Nestor and Edith in NIU Vikings they went on a tour of Panay covering Aklan, Antique, Iloilo, Roxas City and Kalibo. Nestor wrote me that it was an interesting experience. He was observant enough to notice that our present roads are now 19 inches thick of concrete and able to withstand the ravages of nature and vehicles. He also noticed that the primary means of transport in these places are tricycles and motorcycles, very different from their travels in Europe and the USA. I have travelled by car and motorcycles in these places many years ago after I retired. The 19-inch thick concrete roads now existing is news to me. Mabuhay Filipinas!!! I am waiting for the land bridge connecting the Visayan provinces to be completed. God willing. Jenny and I will drive through the Visayan provinces.

Bill and Norma Iban had an interesting experience flying from the USA to the Philippines last Feb 19. The co-pilot of their PAL 777 plane was Eryn Laforteza, the daughter of Lafo and Malou. They surprised her with a letter given aboard the plane saying they were very proud of her. You can just imagine how proud and happy Malou and Eryn were for their compliment. On behalf of the class, thank you Belay for that magnanimous letter.

SGA stands for Salientes-Gonzales and Associates. It is now on its 3rd year of operation. It has garnered a lot of awards in the insurance business. In the picture below is our very own Inday Salientes who won the award for 2017. The technical



jargon escapes me so I won't attempt to describe them. In short she is tops in her field. Congratulations Inday, from all of us in PMA 60. / Cav Loven C Abadia '60



President - Ernesto T Tan Jr.
Secretary - Eduardo T Cabanlig Jr.

The class activities during the past year were far from satisfactory which caught us "sleeping on post" in the three issues of The Cavalier. The year 2018 ushered in with much optimism for what we foresee as activity-filled year.

True enough, we saw an activity filled months of January and February to start the year. Last January 20, 2018, Oscar Carandang celebrated his 79th birthday in his condominium in Pasay City. We recall that he had been bed ridden since 2014 and could hardly talk. During our Christmas Party, he surprised us all with his presence. This time he was lively and even cracked jokes. Those who attended his simple celebration were Pong Biazon, Ed Domingo and Ernie Tan. They reported that his health has improved much and has entertained his guests well.

Our class has had a satisfactory attendance during the PMAAAI General Assembly meeting in Paranaque City last January 27, 2018. Those who went to listen to Secretary Benjamin Diokno of the DBM were Pong Biazon, Nick Rodriguez, Manny Lukban, Ernie Calupig, Ed Cabanlig, Ernie Tan and Ed Domingo. The affair's Guest of Honor and Speaker was very impressive by explaining what interests the alumni most and that is pay, allowances and pension.

The accomodation and the lunch that was served were quite awesome. The host who owns the venue was feted during the

alumni homecoming for all the donations to improve the facilities in the PMA.

We celebrated a pre-valentines affair with wives at Albas Restaurant in Makati. The direction was to locate the venue along Jupiter street and can see the place at the left. Many got lost because it was not really located at that address. Some did not make it at the appointed time of 11 am on February 10, 2018. Those who were able to attend the affair were: Alex and Chit Aguirre, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Ray and Xenia Jarque, Ernie and Beng Tan, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ed and Claire Domingo and Pong and Monchie Biazon. Limon Agustin arrived with his special friend Doris while Nick came fully guarded by his daughters. Vic Mamon who just returned from Canada came alone as Biyette was busy disposing off their properties. The widows who attended were Flor Marcelo and Fely Codera. The affair was "dutch treat", the fulfillment of Nick Rodriguez' suggestion that the class should meet more often even if we have to pay for our own expenses. The important thing is to have constant fellowship to build our "class spirit".

The sojourn to Baguio City on February 17, 2018 for the Alumni Parade and Homecoming did not appeal much to the class. Even if transportation and accommodation was made available, only three were able to participate in the annual tradition of graduates to march in review in front of the cadet corps. Pong Biazon was one of the awardees during the ceremony. He was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award which is bestowed to an alumni who has served the country for 50 years or more. Aside from Pong so far to General Manuel Yan, Class 41 and Lt. General Eduardo Ermita, Class '57. Pong has served as senator for 15 years and six years as congressman. With 34 years of service as a soldier, he served his country for 55 precious years a fete difficult to achieve indeed.

We learned that Percy and Lolit Padua were back in the country since February 10. They arrived in the evening so that they were not able to join the class for the

pre-valentine affair. We were able to ask him to join the class golfers who had their first game for the year on February 23. We extended the invitation to all classmates to join at the Phiippine Navy Golf Course. The Golfers who pLayed a round of 18 holes were Ray Jarque, Cesar Fortuno, Ed Cabanlig and Vic Mamon. Ernie Calupig only played on nine holes because of his recent colon cancer operation which was very successful. Those who joined for lunch were Ed Domingo, Ernie Tan, Pong Biazon, Tony Suratos and Alex Aguirre. Percy Padua enjoyed the short moment of fellowship as he tried to recall the names of classmates he has not seen for long years. He remembered almost everyone except Tony whom he thought was his underclass. Tony might have been elated by the error that he addressed Percy as "Sir".

Flora Marcelo invited the class for dinner at her residence on February 28, 2018. Those who came to say goodbye to the couple were Ernie and Beng Tan, Ray and Xeny Jarque, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Eduardo and Lina Cabanlig, Alex and Chit Aguirre, Tony and Mar Suratos, Liby and Nining Manuel and Ed and Claire Domingo. Vic Mamon came alone as Biyette was busy attending to their things for disposal. Monchie also was alone because Pong continues to be politically active. Fely Codera was the only widow who came to make sure that Flora had company.

Last March 9, 2018, the class decided to fete Vic and Biyette Mamon with a despedida lunch at the Phiippine Navy Officers Club. The couple is due to leave for good to Canada to join their children. They are due to depart on April 19, 2018 but our president hoped that they could join because they are also scheduled to depart for Las Vegas, USA on the same day. The plan was to hold it on March 7, 2018 but the venue was not available. Anyway those who came to bid Vic and Biyette farewell were: Tony and Mar Suratos, Alex and Chit Aguirre, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Ed and Claire Domingo, Liby and Nining Manuel and Ed and Lina Cabanlig. For the first time, Nick Rodriguez attended alone while Limon Agustin came with Doris. The two widows who came were Fely Codera and Flor Marcelo.



President - Manuel B Mariano
Secretary - Raymundo L Logan

Class meeting and fellowship. Our first class meeting and fellowship for 2018 was held last February 7 at the AGFO Boardroom at Camp Aguinaldo. Presided over by class president Nano, in attendance were Tito Rimando, Amaury Evangelista, Ray Logan, Quintin Alcudia, Joel Hinlo, Romy Meana, Ed Fernandez, Felix Tong, Gerry Kagaoan, Rene Motus, Charlie Tanega, Paco Atayde, Budge Madamba, and Willy Cruz. Pepe Cortez came after the meeting but joined other classmates who stayed behind to continue the fellowship. The main purpose of the meeting was to brainstorm ideas for class activities and projects for the year. Nano announced that he was hosting lunch since it was also the birthday of Lolit. And lunch was indeed delicious. Nano also announced that the class project initiated by him last year is well under way. This is the handbook on "Guidelines in Survivorship." The handbook is designed as an aid to the surviving spouse of classmates (and other military personnel) for military and veteran benefits. This has been the perennial problem encountered by widows and this comprehensive guide that lists the benefits and procedures to obtain them will certainly be useful when "the time comes." PMAAAI, AGFO, PVAO, and PGMCM have been provided with copies and PMAAAI Chairman Mel Rosales has written the class president expressing his gratitude and acknowledging its great help to the surviving wives of departing cavaliers. Regarding our quarterly socials, it was decided that this will continue. It will take the form of quarterly meetings but with our wives in attendance. It will be KKB. Parties sponsored by classmates will not affect the schedule of the quarterly meetings and fellowship. Charlie also extended his invitation to classmates to come, sing, drink and enjoy every Sunday at their "After All Bar" at Jazz Mall.

Class at the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting. The alumni general assembly is an event not to be missed by the class. A squad size of eight classmates led by the president joined other cavaliers at this year's PMAAAI Annual General Meeting at the Solaire Theater in Pasay City. Accustomed to meeting at the AFP Theater and AFPCOC for the alumni lunch, there were some apprehensions initially due to its distance and finding its location. It turned out that it was easy to get there after all and parking was no problem. And accommodations were excellent. We noticed that through the years our class was getting nearer and nearer to that stage. We are getting more senior. Those present were Nano, Tito, Maury, Paco, James, Ray, Charlie, and Romy Meana. Aside from getting updates from PMA superintendent Cavalier Donato San Juan about our Alma



Class '62 (and Class '64) enjoying lunch and fellowship at the PMAAAI Annual General Meeting.

Mater, we were also updated about the new pay and pension scheme of AFP active and retired personnel. The good news is that our class will continue to receive their pensions under the old law.

Farewell to Nelia Evangelista. The class was shocked and saddened to learn about the unexpected demise of Maury's beloved Nelia last January 15. She and Maury were partners for 55 years having gotten married barely two months after Maury's graduation. They lived and raised their children in Baguio where Nelia worked as a nurse at the Baguio General Hospital. While classmates have come and gone at PMA, our families were bound together longer because Maury and I were both professors at the Academy. Classmates and our ladies joined Maury's family, relatives, and friends in condoling with them during her wake at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in

Guadalupe, Makati. Nelia was injured on a Saturday, the 20th of January at Quezon City. Nelia and Maury reared six children, two of them Peemayers: Arthur '84, Alfred, Angel Michael '87, Annabelle, Amalia, and Albert.### (JRRIMANDO)



President - Guillermo R Ruiz
Secretary - Rene Leandro P Ebro

Holy Week greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 and congratulations to our Emerald Anniversary (55th year) in February 2018. There are now 45 surviving members of the class plus 3 associates.

Our activities from the Corporate Secretary logbook are as follows:

27 January 2018 was the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting at the Theatre, Solaire Resort and Casino, Paranaque City. DBM Secretary Benjamin E Diokno was GOHAS. He talked about Congress Joint Resolution increasing base pay of military and uniformed personnel in the active service and updates on the pension system of our retirees in 2018 and in 2019. Among the classmates present were Cavs Bill Ruiz, Ebor Ebro, Gaps Sabarre, Maning Estrada, Ardy Abaya, Big Boy Adriano, Rudy Javier, Bumy Bumanglag, Bob Manlongat and George Aquino.

15-18 February 2018 was the PMA Alumni Homecoming and our 55th (Emerald) Anniversary. Traffic was terrible. 15-16 February was the Battle of Classes, 17 February was the Parade and Review with Mr. Enrique K Razon as GOHAS and adopted as Honorary Member of PMAAAI. He is also Chairman, Bloomberry Resorts Corporation; 18 February Religious Services and Canteen Cup Football. The Parade and Review was participated by Cavs Ebor Ebro, Rudy Javier, Ardy Abaya, Bumy Bumanglag and Bob Manlongat. One retired Marine officer mentioned that after 55 years, the PMA Matindi Class 1963

still looks like Marine officers in marching. We were not able to submit an article in the special homecoming issue 2018 of the Cavalier magazine. It is our 55th (Emerald) graduation day anniversary.



26 February 2018 was the 76th birthday of George Aquino. He was assisted by Gie Aquino, and his "inaanak" Cav Luidegar Casis (USCGA '92), the manager of AFPCOC and his family. Among the attendees were Pert and Inday Andaya, Rudy and Offie Javier, Kid and Lina Medina, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Amy and Angel Ylagan, Stella Andaya, Norma Ruiz, Naty Laput, Beth Arevalo, Ebor Ebro, Boy Orevillo, Ven Roallos, Gaps Sabarre, Tony Sibayan; relatives and friends, Araneta Walk Club, and his Airforce friends.



Birthday Celebrant – March, April 2018

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

March 2018: Ardy Abaya (9), +Norma Sibayan (16), Rene Valencia (19), Joe Pineda (19), Norma Ruiz (30).

April 2018: Dante Cruz (4), Ven Roallos (9), +Neng Tillah (29).

20 March 2018 - PMA Matindi Class 1963 Board Meeting at PMA Alumni Center, CGEA, Quezon City. We will discuss plans for 2018.

24 March 2018 – PMA Matindi Class of 1963 55th (Emerald) Graduation Day Anniversary. We wish to greet everyone Happy Graduation Day Anniversary.

March and April 2018 is the Lenten Season. To quote: St. Julian of Norwich: "Our prayer brings joy and gladness to the Lord. He wants it and awaits it. So he says this: "Pray inwardly, even though you find no joy in it. For it does good, though you feel nothing, see nothing, yes even though you think you cannot pray. For when you are empty, sick and weak your prayers please me, though there is little enough to please. All believing prayer is precious to me" unquote. (18121605).



President - Miguel A Leonardo
Secretary - Everlino P Nartatez

Greetings from the PMA Mulawin

Class of 1965 and as a starter we extend our trademark Birthday Greetings to all 65ers and spouses who are celebrating their birthdays in March and April and correspondingly thank them for hosting our 53rd Graduation Anniversary get together lunch at the DADs Resto located at the 4th level of MEGA MALL Edsa last March 24, 2018.

The celebrators are:

- Jun Arque -- Mar 15;
- Mon Azurin -- March 22;
- Warren Capitan -- April 1;
- Tita de Guzman (+) -- April 2;
- Pepe De Los Santos -- Mar 10;
- Lyn delos Santos -- April 25;
- Frenzy Fernandez (+) -- April 18;
- Noli Fabic -- April 20;
- Sylvia Lintao (+) -- April 19;
- Ching Nicolas -- April 11;
- Romy Padiernos (+) -- Mar 31;
- Igna Santos (+) -- Mar 10;
- Jomari Solquillo -- April 22;
- Thelma Umali -- Mar 2;
- Baby Duque -- March 9;
- Ferdi Llapitan -- April 1

Of the sixteen (16) March and April born Mulawins and spouses only two were present in their hosting as the rest are either have already gone ahead or are based abroad and overseas. Since there were only two of the hosts present, our LMS and Treasurer for LIFE TISOY ROSAL was voluntarily forced by our Class President MIKE LEONARDO to shoulder all the expenses associated with our Get Together lunch celebration on our 53rd Graduation Anniversary. Should be indeed!!! And considering the importance



and significance of a graduation anniversary in our professional lives and that of commemorating the start of our common careers in the armed services for country and people, most of us local based Mulawins were in attendance in our March 24 get together lunch namely Class Prexy Mike Leonardo; Class VP Egay Velasco; Class Treasurer Tirso Rosal and Class Secretary Tates Nartatez and Lynn Nartatez; Offring and Lita Marcelo; Pepe and son Dino delos Santos; Jess and Boots Candelario; Boy and Vicky Turingan; Bert and Donna Acenas; Roger and Gloria Bergado; Joe Lapus; Rolly Cauton; Benson Rimando; Rex Robles accompanied by a granddaughter; Gerry Guzman; Susan Abadilla; Noli Fabic; Vi Santos and our foreign-based classmates who traveled all the way from the US of A and from Down-under to be with us for the very important celebration of our graduation anniversary namely JUN and Daisy Tucay; Vicky and daughter Tere” de Leon; Rose Monta and JOEY MENDOZA who as always, dominated the conversations and tacklings at the expense of Benson Rimando (In fairness, despite his almost inability to travel and walk made it to the affair). Additionally we should also thank JUN AND DAISY TUCAY for representing, together with TATES AND LYNN NARTATEZ the PMA Mulawin Class of 1965 in the February 17, 2018 Alumni Homecoming and Parade. It was awesome to see Jun and Tates still able to march in cadence with the rest of the Long Grey Line. We though hope however of a more representation of the class in the succeeding Homecomings in preparation for our DIAMOND JUBILEE IN 2025./ EPN



President - Manuel P Espejo
Secretary - Fredelino S Bautista

PAMBUNGAD

Tulad ng inaasahan, tag-init na, tataas ang bayad sa kuryente. Hihirap ang biyahe sa kalsada. Lalaki ang gastos sa gasolina. Masuwerte ang may pupuntahang bahay sa probinsya sapagka't maaaring magpalipas

ng mga araw doon kung hindi na matias ang init sa Metro Manila. Tiyak, may mga dual citizens na pupunta sa Amerika upang takasan ang init. Tiyak din na may mga dual citizens na nakatira sa Amerika na pupunta sa Pilipinas upang takasan ang tag-lamig doon.

HOMECOMING LATE REPORTS

Since space was lacking during the January-February 2018 issue of the Cavalier Magazine, we were not able to report our



activities during the Alumni Homecoming on 27 February 2018 at Baguio City.

To start with, those who attended were very few, this time. They were Noli and Leonor Espejo, Bay and Marge Galon, Romy and Cynthia Bruce (from the US), Rod and Nora Clautero (from the US), Heather

Bruce and daughter (from the US), Edd and Lil Santos, Louie and April Fernandez, Fred and Paz Bautista, Sylvia Agudelo, Fe Cuison and Susan Gador.

The trip to Baguio on 26 February 2018 was quite different and would rather be forgotten, this time. Those who left Metro Manila as early as 6:00 a.m. reached their billet areas in Baguio City after a 10 hour trip. Traffic was very bad, starting from the NLEX toll gate in Balintawak and got worse at the Pozzorubio, Pangasinan exit. Reasons: one traffic incident in EDSA before the toll gate, one along the Bulacan portion of NLEX (smash-up of several vehicles) and most harmfully, congestion after the Pozzorubio exit when all the traffic-delayed vehicles going to Baguio joined each other. This is not to mention that the Chinese New Year was being celebrated that day and celebrations for the Panagbenga flower festival were already starting. Result: Except for Louie and April Fernandez who were at Baguio much earlier, most of us were unable to attend the wreath laying for deceased alumni and turn-over of projects (Inscription of PMA Mission Statement on the Lopez Hall façade, I Love PMA signage).

These notwithstanding, all went well in the early evening when the sixty-sixers and spouses met for dinner hosted by Louie Fernandez at the Korean Restaurant in Baguio City attended by everybody. The next day 27 February, the group attended the alumni parade at Borromeo Field, PMA and afterward, the alumni picnic at the View Deck '66, hosted by perennial host, Edd Santos.

OTHER CLASS '66 ACTIVITIES

Aside from the alumni homecoming, the Class had three other memorable events during the months of February and March. On 12 March 2018, birthday celebrators for the month hosted the lunch at the famous 101 Restaurant in Glorietta 4, Makati City. The birthday celebrators for March who hosted the lunch were Bert Varona (16), Fe Cuison (16), Susan Gador (14), Mercy Daus (25) and Leonor Espejo (26) and Nena Atienza, on behalf of Charlie Atienza who was also a March - born mistah (March 10).

Other sixty-sixers and spouses who were around to challenge the sumptuous lunch were Noli Espejo, Ruben and Cel Espejo, Vic and Tita Belo, Fred and Paz Bautista, Bay and Marge Galon, Gerry and Cel Cunanan, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Sylvia Agudelo, Leonor Espejo, Portia Varona, Alice Alba, Tess Reyes, Nena Atienza and Menong Garcia.

On 16 March, it was Fe Cuison's turn to take center stage. Her family, with the help of some Class '66 ladies made it a special 75th birthday anniversary celebration at the BNS Golf Club – complete with dancing, power point presentation, singing and testimonials. Those who braved the traffic inside Bonifacio Global City were – Gerry and Cel Cunanan, Pons and Cena Millena, Viusy and Mercy Daus, Vic and Tita Belo, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Bay and Marge Galon, Fred and Paz Bautista, Sylvia Agudelo, Susan Gador, Edna Gopilan, April Fernandez, Lil Santos, Glo Domingo and Tess Reyes. Edd Santos also arrived toward the end of the evening from a conference. The number of attendees was usually large – mostly ladies, who probably have the idea of making their own 75th birthday also special.

The next day, 17 March 2018, was a special day for Tess Reyes. It was the 73rd birthday of the late mistah Angie Reyes. Tess Reyes prepared a testimonial mass and a dinner to remember Angie Reyes. Joining the family and friends of Tess Reyes from the Class were Bay and Marge Galon, Gerry and Cel Cunanan, Fred and Paz Bautista, Toots Totanes, Sylvia Agudelo, Susan Gador, Fe Cuison, Fe Sabularse. Other former comrades of Angie and their ladies were also around.

The class extends its greeting to the birthday celebrators for March and April. For March - Temy Arugay (10), Bert Varona (16), Susan Gador (14), Mercy Daus (25) and Leonor Espejo (26)

For April - Mars Cordova (26), Gerry Cunanan (06), Rudy Eco (06), Noli Espejo (18), Bay Galon (22), Luz Baylon (07), Edna Gopilan (10), Fe Sabularse (13) and April Fernandez (21)

Happy Birthday fellow senior citizens!



President - Anselmo S Avenido Jr.
Secretary - Rufino G Ibay Jr.

Class Activities

A. The following were our activities for the January – February 2018 period:

18 January – Many Dimasupils attended the BIRCI Annual Membership Meeting at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo. The BIRCI is the PMAAAI Chapter where we belong.

19 January – We thank the sponsors of our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) – Jun and Agnes Avenido, Vic and May Garcia, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young – for a sumptuous lunch at the Circle Resto, Makati Shangrila. Secretary Harry Roque, the Presidential Spokesperson, and Atty Mike Arroyo, the former First Gentleman, who happened to be in the area, dropped by to greet the Dimasupils and Ladies.

28 January – Several Dimasupils attended the PMAAAI Annual Convention at The Theater of Solaire Hotel, Paranaque City. Our delegation was very much bigger than those of most of the other Classes. DBM Secretary Benjamin Diokno, the Guest of Honor and Speaker, discussed the increase in pay and allowances of the uniformed personnel. According to him, the pension of retired personnel will likewise be readjusted starting 1 January 2019.

16 February – Our Class, represented by Sergs Austria (the other Dimasupils were caught in very heavy traffic on the way to Baguio), joined PMA Classes 1966, 1968, 1971 and 1976 in the inauguration of the "I Love PMA" and "PMA Mission" projects of said five Classes. Based on our Class decision that our participation will not involve our Class Fund, some Dimasupils volunteered to pay for the share of our Class.

17 February – Despite the fact that we already celebrated our 50th Golden Anniversary in February 2017, quite a sizable number of Dimasupils and Ladies attended the PMA Alumni Homecoming this year. Many thanks to Sergs Austria for the very tasty Cabanatuan dinuguan and longganisa which he added to our breakfast at the Golden Pine Hotel restaurant before we took off in a PMA bus going to Fort Del Pilar to attend the Alumni Parade. Many thanks also to our perennial co-host, Diony and Bennie Ventura, for our lunch at the Paragon Hotel after the Parade. The food, served in a Chinese lauriat format, was delicious. After a short free time, we had our Post-Valentines Dinner at the Golden Pine Penthouse Restaurant where we also had fun games.

B. Watch out for our schedule for the March – April 2018 period, onwards, as follows:

24 March – DMF to be hosted by Manny and Maryrose Dalipe, Jun and Ronnie Ibay, and Nic and Glo Parena at Serye Resto, Quezon Memorial Circle, QC.

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

May—DMF to be hosted by Joy Casillan and family.

Updates on the Dimasupils

Considering that all of us have reached way past the threshold age of senior citizenship, the Class felt the need to create a Committee on Social Amelioration Fund. Its first meeting was conducted on 26 January 2018 at Serye Resto, QC. This committee was organized with the following as officers:

Chairman – Romy Odi; Vice Chairman – Ross Sibal; Secretary – Jun Ibay; and Treasurer – Rody Gaerlan.

Among the issues discussed were: Scope and Purpose of the Fund; Organization; Qualification of Beneficiaries for Medical Assistance and Death Benefit; and Sources of Funds. The Committee hopes to complete the Work Plan in a month's time and present it to the Class Board before it is presented to the Class for approval prior to its implementation.

We missed the presence in Baguio of Bernie Patino who opted not to join us since he was recuperating from an emergency operation. He survived an aneurysm of the abdominal aorta last January. It could have been fatal and we thank our Lord that the operation was successful.

We also missed Manny Dalipe who had earlier signified that he would join us in Baguio. He had to undergo another major operation after his open-heart surgery a few months ago. This time, it's a series of laser operations to relieve him of his prostate and stone problems.

Congratulations to Jun Avenido and Jun Ibay on their reelection as 2018 – 2019 Chairman and President,

respectively, of the PMA Foundation Inc (PMAFI) whose soul purpose is to help the Academy further improve the quality of its instruction. All Dimasupils are members of this Foundation.

Congratulations also to Romy Odi on his reelection as Member of the PSSLA Board of Directors for another term.

Updates on our Families

Zamboanga City Congressman Mannix Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, recently donated 100 pieces of Dimasupil t-shirts. Fifty pieces were distributed during the 2018 Homecoming in Baguio and the other 50 will be distributed during our DMF in March. By the way, Mannix was one of the first Congressmen who filed a Bill in the present Congress increasing the salary of uniformed personnel with the indexation provision for retirees. As we all know, our mistah President Rodrigo Duterte readily approved the final consolidated Bill jointly endorsed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Birthday Celebrators

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrated their birthdays in March and April: Sonyang Austria (4 March), Lea Vallejera (5), Ching Aguana (8), Josie Dela Cruz (12), Nic Parena (20), Jun Ibay (21), Bennie Ventura (21), Rody Duterte (28), Mely Gatmaitan (30), Manny Dalipe (31), Alice Averilla (9 April), Mila Pinto (9), Nenie Abendan (12), Carol Rigor (12), Baby Alino (13), Bert Torres (16), Eve Villacorta (17), Rudy Gaerlan (18), Orville Gabuna (20), Mar Gatmaitan (26), and Dinsay Dionisio (28).

Please let us know if there are celebrators we failed to mention or if there are wrong data so that we can correct our Class records accordingly.

Announcements

We are proud to announce that PMA "Dimasupil" Class of 1967 has 100% "Membership in Good Standing" in PMAAAI, BIRCI, PMAFI AND PETFI.

We would like to recognize the following Dimasupils who got or sold at

least 10 tickets of our Bingo Fund-raising last November 2017: Jun Avenido, Ernie Dionisio, Jun Ibay, Bobby Lastimoso, Romy Odi and Mar Santiago. We also would like to acknowledge the generosity of Cav Egay Aglipay '71 who got 20 tickets.

More and more Dimasupils and their families are using the internet. We encourage those who are not yet members to enroll in our three Facebook groups: Philippine Military Academy Dimasupil Class '67; PMA '67 DIMASUPIL; and Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Class 1967 – US Group & Friends.

We have observed Holy Week and we pray that God will bestow on all of us special blessings and guidance in attaining good, happy, peaceful and spiritual lives.



President - Melchor P Rosales
Secretary - Roberto P Santiago

The months of January and February were spent by the class to attend the PMAAAI Convention, prepare for the Alumni Homecoming and the March 24, 2018 Class Graduation Anniversary celebration, and finalize the Coffee Table Book.

1. January 27, 2018 PMAAAI Convention. A total of 15 Class members attended the Convention, namely: Mel Rosales, Willy Nuqui, Sonny Penilla, Nori Azcueta, Bobby Santiago, Volts Gazmin, Alex Costales, Art Carrillo, Oskie Cabaron, Chris Francisco, Rudy Rabago, Rene Santos, Hector Tarrazona, Jing Caballero and Dante Ruiz. Held at the Solaire Casino Theatre, the PMAAAI, under the leadership of its Board Chairman and Class 68 president Mel Rosales, held its best attended Convention ever, exceeding even their own optimistic estimates.

2. February 16-18, 2018 PMA Alumni Homecoming Activities. The class participated in all scheduled activities. The class golf team had to be at the Baguio Country Club (BCC) on Feb 15 for the games the following day, just when the rest of the class was leaving NCR including the hired double decker luxury tourist bus which departed Camp Aguinaldo at about 6:15 AM. The bus arrived at BCC after almost 10 hours travel. The group just made it to the PMA Alumni Memorial area a few minutes late for the Wreathlaying ceremony. After the picture taking at the site, the class, together with ladies and widows, proceeded to the Superintendent's reception which was the last activity for the very long Friday.

3. After the early breakfast on Feb 17, the class boarded the bus and two vans provided by Boyet Lim that brought the group straight to the vicinity of PMA Grandstand. The 66 seats assigned to the class were occupied, following the seating arrangement published earlier.

To minimize movements, the conferment of the Gold Medallion was done right in the grandstand by the spouses of the surviving class members present.

Except for a very few members, all those present joined the honoree and led all the other host classes in the traditional review of the troops.

After the presentation of awards and



CMs and ladies during the Class "picnic" lunch at the BCC Ballroom after the Feb 17, 2018 Alumni parade.



Fifteen class members attended the Jan 27, 2018 PMAAAI Convention at the Solaire Theatre. Not in picture were Rudy Rabago, Chris Francisco and Dante Ruiz.



CMs/ladies/widows and some dependents after the Wreath laying at the PMA Alumni Memorial, Feb 16, 2018.

speeches, including that of Mel Rosales as the outgoing PMAAAI Chairman, the class again boarded the bus and vans to have the "picnic" lunch in the comfort of the BCC ballroom. The class dinner, dubbed as the "Graduation Anniversary Dinner" for those who will not be able to attend the March 24, 2018 event, was also held in the same place. The activity was full of fun and merriment, capped by ballroom dancing

with the music from a USB brought by Ying and Amy Palmos who gracefully danced like professional Dance Instructors.

1. The Golden Jubilarians all checked out of BCC in the morning of Sunday, Feb 18 with the bus departing at about 10:30 AM, with lunch in Sison Pangasinan and a halo-halo stop along NLEX, finally arriving at Camp Aguinaldo at 7:10 PM officially ending the 2018 Alumni Homecoming activities.

2. Mar 24, 2018 50th Graduation Anniversary Dinner preparation. As of writing of this Class Call, a total of 48 class members, ladies and escorts of widows/widowers have confirmed their attendance. Representatives from Classes '69, '70 and '71 were also invited to complete the Corps of '68. Likewise invited are Ret Col Cesar Pobre and Ret Gen Amante Bueno to represent the Academics and Tactics groups, respectively and the AFP Chief Chaplain Gen Tirso Dolina who, in recent years have been the Memorial mass celebrant during the class graduation anniversary celebrations except this one when he was simply asked to lead the invocation and prayers for the departed CMs and ladies.

3. CTB launching and distribution will be done also on Mar 24. Since all the copies will be delivered to Discovery Primea Hotel, some CMs and ladies will be requested to receive copies of those who will be unable to attend.



President - Jaime S De Los Santos
Secretary - Justo P Manlongat

COUNTDOWN TO GOLDEN JUBILEE

Last February 17, 2018, in the Annual PMA Homecoming, there was a marked improvement in terms of numbers who attended the affair. Six answered the roll

call which included Benjie Defensor, Ike Begonia, Nonoy Carranza, Boy Maligalig, Cleo Erfe and Jimmy De Los Santos. Though small in terms of absolute figures, it represents about 40% of total average attendance in Class meetings/activities. A breakdown of the class strength will indicate the following disposition. Six members are living abroad. They are Nick Garcia, Dan Reventar, Pacoy Changco, Jen Almaden, Tibs Toribio, Jake Duller, Cleo Erfe and Smokey Carino. They pursued other fields of endeavor after a brief military stint, are all fulfilled professionally and economically. Twelve of our classmates have gone ahead in the great beyond. They are: Gus Ariola, Ed Mendigo, Oca Tangingco, Lito Labao, Rimbert Gonzales, Cutes Bacungan, Larry Mendoza, Richard Segovia, Max Balansay, Ferdie Lagman, Romy Lea and Danney Yala. Their presence in the class are filled by their spouses who continue to be active in class activities. Five of our classmate are fast recovering from certain manageable ailments that go with seniority and age. Slowly, they are gaining strength and energy. They have maintained a positive attitude and hope to join the class come February 2018. Bimbo Brillantes, Greg Camiling, Pol Gange, Denise Nagtalon, and Vic Erfe. They have all the support of the Class in terms of material, psychological, and spiritual considerations. Three of our classmates reside outside Metro Manila, hence, sparingly attend class activities. Alex Noble lives in Cagayan de Oro City, Cris Villanueva in Ilocos Sur, and Rene Aguda in Ilocos Norte. That leaves the following who dominate class gatherings. The active members are: Mon Martinez, Boy Maligalig, Jimmy De Los Santos, Willy Wong, Ike Begonia, Jess Regala, Cris Abanes, Benjie Defensor, Jus Manlongat, Nonoy Carranza, Garic Garcia, Tom Lantion, Rey Berroya, Vic Tiangco, and Joey Syjuco, or a total of 15 members.

Class '69 is one of the smallest post-war classes. In spite of its size, it has occupied all the positions of major responsibility in the AFP/PNP, which include the CSAFP, CGPA, CGPAF, FOIC, PN, and Chief PNP. A number reached one and two star ranks. Likewise two of its members have distinguished themselves in the diplomatic service as Ambassadors. Others were equally successful in their chosen professional fields.

The countdown to February 2019 has started. We are now focused on our preparations that include the publication of a Golden Sword.

Meanwhile, four activities were celebrated during the first quarter. Tom Lantion hosted a breakfast in Club Filipino on the occasion of his birthday. RJ Garcia, a dinner at his residence in Maryland Cubao, Rey Berroya in the LRTA compound and the birthday of the late Larry Mendoza at his graveside in Manila Memorial Park.

Jimmy assumed Chairmanship of the PMAAAI from Mel Rosales. In his shoulders rest the mantle of leadership to insure a productive and successful year. Team '69 commits its time, talent, and resources to this worthy endeavor.



The class '69 ladies, a projection of enduring charm and beauty.



Seated L-R: Greg Camiling, Boy Maligalig, Jess Regala, Rey Berroya. Standing: Nonoy Carranza, RJ Garcia (birthday celebrators), Cris Abanes, Cleo Erfe and Jimmy De Los Santos.



President - Roy A Cimatú
Secretary - Rodolfo C Garcia

Foundation Day Baguio Sojourn

Foundation Day 2018 was another occasion for Magitings and Mas Magitings to bond among themselves and with fellow Cavaliers. The program this year was light, loose and relaxed. Not much serious planning was made for the event in the months before. Things were made easy by the availability of ready accommodations at the DENR Secretary's cottage, thanks to Roy Cimatú. With that, all else came easy. No pre-planned activities were lined-up except for the already scheduled Foundation Day events. Most activities were more spontaneous than planned.

The golfers were the early birds, checking in at the cottage on the 14th for the following day's Battle of the Classes tournament (Senior's category). Others who were not able to tee-off that day played the next day. We fielded two flights of eight golfers for the five-to-count contest. The golf tourney ran smack into Romy Gojo's invitation for lunch at Easter College so the golfers missed the sumptuous lunch Romy and Remy prepared. The non-golfers and the whole of the Magiting ladies however were there. Romy, by the way, is the current President of the Liga ng Barangay in Region 3. The dinner that night was at the old favorite of the class: the Rose Bowl. Clyde and Susan, thanks to them for graciously volunteering, footed the bill.

Altogether, twenty five of us (10 Magiting couples and 5 singles) made it to the annual Baguio celebration. These were Roy and Ning, Nesty and Au, Boots and Emy with son Lee, Madz and Pipao, Clyde and Susan, Rudy and Cecille, Romy and Remy, Jack and Len, Vic and Marilyn, Ed



Class Dinner at Rose Bowl



Magiting Ladies at Remy Gojo's place



Clyde's birthday lunch at Saisaki's



Dionet's birthday celebration

and Jessie, Glenn with son Daniel, Malou Visperas, Dina Gaerlan, Amy Villanueva and Neneng Daluyaya. Only five however made it to the Alumni Parade as a number

had to leave Saturday morning due to prior commitments.

What this trip revealed was that the ladies definitely know how to enjoy themselves. Perhaps honed by their videoke sessions at Red Box, they sang and danced the night away at the cottage for two straight nights, with astonishing verve. The guys appreciated the display of talent and willingly took the backseat, contenting themselves with their usual, never-ending tales of the past, with golf and other interesting updates thrown in, over wine and beer.

Summer Activities

Summer is here, time for that much-needed break to relax, enjoy a change of pace and venture out into the outdoors. Magitings will have a chance to enjoy the natural beauty and blue waters of Potipot Island in Zambales this summer. Jun and Alma Ebdane have invited the class to the island which is now getting known as a vacation destination among local and foreign tourists. Details are still being finalized and would have already been known by the class by the time this issue comes out.

Willy and Alice Parayno are also extending an invitation to their COMMS Farm in Silang, Cavite, lunchtime of 29 April. The occasion is a throwback to Summer Camp 1966, which Willy has themed "Return to Beast Barracks". There will be no reception of the kind we got on that April day, but the day will surely be full of reminiscences of how we triumphed over the difficult challenges of plebehood. The venue is, judging from the invitation card photo, a refreshing, tree-canopied farm of various fruit trees and other greenery. It will be some kind of a back-to-nature trip. Mark your calendars folks.

By the way, a reminder to golfers: the 28th Bert Lina Cup will be held on 23 April, a Monday, at Ayala Greenfield Golf Club. Shotgun tee-off at 8 am.

Birthday Happenings

Remy Gojo and Ludy Garcia jointly celebrated their birthdays at Remy's place last 7 March. There was the usual mass celebrated by Fr Gerry, also a birthday celebrator, and thereafter the lunch and

the fun. Looks like somebody got it started and soon Remy and Ludy had their faces smudged by cake icing. Our ladies can be playful too, no? Following month of April marked the birthdays of Ning Cimat, Monang Santiago, Neneng Daluyaya and Len Ligot. Healthy lunch was served at the Shabu Shabu Resto, SM Aura Skygarden. Mass was held at the mall's San Pedro Calungsod chapel.

Dionet Santiago also celebrated his and Monang's birthdays Sunday, 8 April at the Luna Hall, Army Clubhouse. Mistahs and friends came in force for this surprise party for Dionet. Last 31 March was also Clyde's birthday treat at the Saisaki EDSA. This came after playing at Clyde's Golf Cup at the Aguinaldo course. Magitings and Clyde's golf buddies were there to wish him well.

To all birthday celebrators, Happy Birthday!



President - Wency A Cruz Jr
Secretary - Jose C Lalisan Jr

PMA Homecoming 2018

There were 23 Matatags and 19 Mas-Matatags who went to Baguio City for the Homecoming. A group used the coaster provided for by Egay Aglipay and travelled to Rey Acop's place in Tarlac who hosted lunch before going up to Baguio. Some golfing mistahs went ahead a day earlier and played at John Hay Golf Course with members of PMA Class '70. These players were Rex, Egay, Ed Mati, Totoy, and Joey.

The Matatags were in their bagets looking black jackets with salmon shirt and caps when they marched off during the Alumni Parade. Those present were Senator Ping Lacson, Egay Aglipay, Rey Velasco, Dick de Leon, Ed Elona, Rollie



Garcia, Bobby Sacramento, Rex Piad, Ruben Domingo, Dong Tabamo, Twiggy Zubia, Wency Cruz, Ed Matillano, Marte Chioco, Joey Lalisian, Manny Foronda, Oca Martinez, and foreign-based mistahs Miles Millena from Australia, Totoy Rivera, Stan David, Danny Perico, and Ernie Fernandez, all based in USA and Soc Brazal from Canada. Among the Mas-Matatags, those present were Alice Lacson, Mawie Aglipay, Fim Velasco, Annie de Leon, Eden Sacramento, Fe Domingo, Lulu Tabamo,

Perla Zubia, Puring Cruz, Tetet Chioco, Celia Lalisian, Tess Foronda, Jennie Domingo, Ching Millena, Jie Rivera, Chato Perico, Rochee Domingo, Jinggoy Martinez, and Jane Piad.

After the Alumni Parade, the class with their ladies proceeded to Mawie's brother's place in Loakan where the Aglipay couple hosted lunch. After which, a class meeting was held. Discussed during the meeting was the financial condition of the class fund and the plans for the preparations for the 2021 golden anniversary. Class Prexy Wency Cruz announced again the memberships of the different committees for the 2021 affair and urged for the cooperation of the class. It was encouraged during the meeting that all members of the class be members of all the affiliate organizations. Treasurer Rey Velasco mentioned that although class '71 is 100 per cent member of the PMAAAI, membership in BIRCI, PEFTI, PMAFI, and PFTJ needs improvement. It was agreed in principle that on or before the Homecoming in 2021, these organizations will be paid full by each member.

Fellowships and meetings

The class had the first quarter general class meeting last 4 February 2018 at the residence of mistah Egay in Valle Verde IV. Class President Wency presided over the meeting. Those present were Egay, Rey Velasco, Senator Greg Honasan, Arnt Lim, Miles Millena, Dong Tabamo, Oca Martinez, Tito Legaspi, Totoy Rivera, Manny Foronda, Boy Castellano, Rene Paredes, Soc Brazal, Marte Chioco, Bob Sacramento, and Joey Lalisian. Discussed were basically the plans for the 2021 anniversary, the efforts of Aris with the assistance of Egay and the CONUSA group in following up on the appeal of retirees regarding the pension indexation which was suspended in 2018 and hopefully will be implemented by 2019 as debated upon on the Committee chaired by mistah Senator Greg in the senate and ably supported by mistah Senator Ping and other members, the plans for the Homecoming 2018, and other matters.

After the meeting, lunch was served and later on, all birthday celebrators were given a small birthday cake each by Egay

and Mawie. Those who were feted were Aris, Art, Ed Mati, Boy, Bobby, Tetet, Celia, and Jie.

A welcome lunch was tendered by the Mas-Matatags for visiting Cynthia Brawner, the widow of the late mistah Franklin or Bouncy, in a restaurant in Taguig City. Present were Mawie, Lulu, Lita, Ruth, Verna, Jinggoy, Jie, and couple Barrie and Boy Caste.

Several golf games were held for Balikbayan mistahs Totoy and Doy. Most of the games were played in Villamor, Navy, and Aguinaldo. Jerry sponsored last 4 March 2018 some prizes during the mini-tournament in the Navy fairways won by Teody and Bing. Birthday Boy Caste treated us with pancit after the game.

Another one was held last 13 March 2018 in Camp Aguinaldo where Egay donated the prizes for the ten-man tournament as a despedida game for Canada based Doy Francisco. Winners were Rex, Teody, Rey Alcasid, and Bing. Other players were Egay, Jerry, Totoy, Bert Sillo, Joey, and of course, Doy.

Erratum:

I inadvertently failed to include the names of Romy and Elbe Dominguez as present during the December Christmas Party of the class in the last issue of the January-February 2018 of the Class Call. My error mistah and kindly give me the benefit of senior moments.

Quote for this Issue:

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

-Charles Darwin



President - Emmanuel R Teodosio
Secretary - Celso G Castro

Warm greetings to all.

Here are the highlights of our class activities covering the months of February to April:

2018 Alumni Homecoming:

Fifty three (53) Mistahs and ladies trekked to Baguio City last Feb 16-18 to attend the traditional Homecoming activities. After the hectic schedule, a sumptuous lunch was served at Bahay Masigasig for lunch followed by the yearly Class meeting and election of the new members of Board of Trustees and Class Officers. Outgoing President, Pepe Vidad, relinquished the class leadership to Manny Teodosio after his simple and informal speech. In response, newly installed Prexy Manny assured the class of his firm commitment to do his best for the interest of Masigasig. He then presided the election and Pol Lacerna was nominated and elected unopposed as the incoming President for CY 2019-2020. Through the motion of Gene and duly seconded, all current Trustees and Class Officers were unanimously elected to serve for another year. Alex Quirante was nominated and voted as additional Trustee to complete the 11-member Board. Bing Valencia and yours truly were retained as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Relatedly, Efren Abu nominated Espines as Class President for CY 2021-2022 in preparation for the Chairmanship of PMAAAI Board in time for our 50th Golden Anniversary in 2022. In return, Espines willingly accepted the nomination to the satisfaction of the whole Class.

It was very evident that Bahay Masigasig was well kept with the detail of a house- keeper hired by the Class for a nominal honorarium. A new CR was constructed in the main lobby for use of our ladies and PWDs. This was made possible through the courtesy of our overseas Mistahs and Class fund. Additionally, our Class picture is now prominently displayed at the lower lobby of Bahay, thanks to the kindness of Vic and Boots Carag for donating 50% of the cost. They were also responsible to ensure that the picture is on display in time for the homecoming. To this lovely couple, thank you very much. May your tribe increase, as they say.

Post Valentine Party:

The traditional post Valentine party was held last Feb 17 at Newton Plaza Hotel. The ladies were gorgeous in their long gowns, while the gentlemen looked smarter and handsomer on their coat and tie outfit. If I remember correctly, that was one of the rare occasions we wore formal attire, and that was a great feeling. The party was a mix of fellowship, singing and dancing, serenading the birthday celebrators and of course presentation of Plaque of Recognition and token to Pepe and Ludy Vidad, respectively. A special presentation(cotillion dance) was performed by selected couples and watching them dancing graciously was a great feeling. Thanks to Ludy Vidad, the organizer/ trainor of the newly formed "Masigasig Dance Group." By the way, a cotillion is a lively French social dance originating in 18th century consisting of variety of steps and figures and performed by couples as defined by a dictionary. The graceful dancers were: Pepe & Ludy Vidad, Elmer & Renee Ignacio, Orly & Marido Ambrocio, Mel & Emy Rivera, Ric & Amy Brillantes, Bing & Yolly Valencia, Art & Carol Alabanza, Teody & Manny Teodosio and Ric & Cely Nobleza.

A Date With Class History:

Last April 1 marked the 50th year anniversary since we entered the portals of Fort Del Pilar as plebes. With our own brand of youthful idealism, we took the challenges ahead of us, and felt extremely proud to join the prestigious Long Gray Line unmindful of the unpredictable realities ahead of us. Certainly, that memorable date was the turning point in our life and the rest as they say, is history. We commemorated that memorable day last April 8, at AFP Officers Club, Camp Aguinaldo.

Let's go back to memory lanes and refresh our minds with some historical data about us. Last October 28-29,1967, 6,000 aspiring cadets took the PMA entrance examination in different examination centers through-out the country. Out of this number, only 261 passed the exacting tests. After undergoing the rigid physical, medical and neuropsychological exams, only 151 passed and appointed as cadets comprising the elite Class of 1972. It is



interesting to note that 40% of the Class came from Tagalog region, 27% from Ilocos, 15% from Panay, 12% from Cebu and 6% from other regions. The Class was an assemblage of idealistic young men with diverse cultural and economic backgrounds coming practically from all walks of life. Twelve (12) members of the Class were sons of enlisted men, nine were sons of AFP officers and one was a son of provincial governor. The Class has an intelligence quotient above average while 90% graduated within the upper quarter of their respective classes. There were 12 valedictorians, 9 salutatorians and the rest with different academic awards. About 85% of us attended college before admission, 57 members came UP and MIT combined and the remaining were products of other refutable colleges and universities. The cream of the crop: out of 151 original members, only eight or 5.3% were able to finish the prescribed four year course who survived the rigorous and exacting life of cadetship. The rest left the Academy for various reasons. To sum it up, there were 102 members of Class 72 who graduated on March 27, 1972. Out of this number, 21 joined the Class for some reasons and circumstances.

Birthday greetings:

Our birthday greeting to our

celebrators for APRIL; Lorna Abu, Nap Castro, Molong Narcida, Marvin Concha (Dec), Gigi Tagamolila (Dec), Egay Paguio, Cristy Galang, Art Sabado, Rico Teves, Alyn Lacerna, Ressa Reyes, Nina Tor, Efren Guerero (Dec) and Doming Reyes (Dec). Advance greetings also to the following MAY celebrants: Cely Nobleza, Amy Brillantes, Lucille Flores, Lino Caringal, Angelito Santos (Dec), Marivic Aurelio, Nene Pestano, Roger Favis, Ed Gador and Grace Sta Clara. HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD BLESS TO ALL.

Till next class call....cgc



President - Alphonsus P Crucero
Secretary - Wilfredo V Garcia

Class Activities

1. PMA Alumni Homecoming 2018

The class participated at the annual homecoming this year with the following schedule of activities:

14 February 2018

0500 – ETD Manila
1200 – Check-in at the hotel
1400 – Practice golf, John Hay Golf Club
1800 – Valentines dinner with spouse

15 February 2018

0600-1700 – Battle of Classes, Golf Tournament, John Hay Golf Club
0800-1700 – PMA Alumni Registration
1730-1900 – Cocktails

17 February 2018

0930 – Alumni Homecoming Parade
-Depart for Manila

For the Battle of the Classes, we fielded our strongest team yet composed of the following veteran golfers: Team Captain - Ricky dela Paz; members - Jun



Valentine's Dinner, Baguio City



Get together at Razon's Farm, Lipa City

Esperon, Sonny Razon, Ed Doromal, Pons Crucero, Romy Tolentino, Gene Cedo, Lito Gutierrez, and Bobby Bayona.

They competed under the Super Seniors Division against the best of classes up to Class 1975. Aside from Team Competition, there was also individual competition among Class A, Class B, and Class C players. Congratulations to the team for finishing in second place!

We are indeed extremely grateful to these snappy Marangal members who volunteered to get involved in the alumni homecoming. We appreciate their concern for the class and their willingness to spend precious time, effort and resources in order to fulfill our obligations to the Alma Mater. Cheers and more power!!!

By the way, 2019 will mark the 45th Anniversary for the graduation of PMA Class of 1974. We will be at the center stage of



PMAAA Annual Convention, Solaire Theatre, Paranaque City

the celebration as one of the distinguished honorees. This early, class officers led by Pons Crucero and some volunteers have begun planning and coordinating meetings to ensure the success of this momentous event. So far, around 40 classmates have already signified their intention to join next year's homecoming.

We encourage everyone to attend and participate in next year's Sapphire Anniversary. This is a once-in-a-lifetime activity and a great opportunity for the Marangals to reconnect with the past and make new memories and friends.

2. PMAAAI Annual General Membership Convention

Selected members of the Class attended the PMAAAI Annual General Membership Convention held at Solaire Theatre, Paranaque City on 27 January 2018, with Sec. Benjamin Diokno of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) as the guest of honor and speaker. In his speech, he discussed the Uniformed Personnel Pension Reform Bill.

The Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA) has strongly recommended to the President to



Class 74 Golf Team, John Hay Golf Club

amend Executive Order 201 to correct the inequities in the allocation of benefits and pension system in the country's uniformed services. The amendment seeks to provide for the adjustment of base pay of Military and Uniformed Services Personnel (MUP) in active service and allow pension indexing of the retired personnel.

This is a real positive development for the MUP and retired personnel. We hope and pray that this proposal be considered and approved by the President.

Marangals present during the convention were: Atty. Danny Bocobo, Carlito Gamit, Manny Carta, Benny Cabrieto, Jack Binuya, Roland Rodriguez, Bong Franco, Bobby Bayona, and Danny Abinoja. Danny Bocobo, Benny Cabrieto, and Jack Binuya won major prizes during the raffle.

3. Birthday Celebrants

Belated birthday greetings to all January and February-born classmates and advanced greetings to all March and April-born classmates. May your special day be truly special not only on your birthday but on each day of the year to come. May the Lord fill your life with abundant blessings. Cheers to a long, happy, and healthy life!

January

- 01 – Abel Alonzo
- 01 – Manny Carta
- 01 – Mike Lopez
- 04 – Tito Cagurangan
- 10 – Serafin Padilla
- 17 – Boie Seville
- 17 – Fidel Sy
- 20 – Willy Dormitorio
- 23 – Boy Bernal
- 31- Pete Fernando

February

- 01 – Oscar de Guzman
- 07 – Ace Tolentino
- 09 – Jun Esperon
- 09 – Ed Doromal
- 11 – Severino Estrella
- 13 – Benny Cabrieto
- 13 – Romy Mayo
- 14 – Owen Luistro
- 17 – Robert Sylim
- 18 – Rene Rieza
- 18 – Romy Carlos
- 20 – Tan Ju
- 26 – Oscar Valenzuela
- 26 – Pipes Valerio

March

- 03 – Rene Elumbaring
- 03 – Jun Lopez
- 04 – Ricky dela Paz
- 05 – Rey Varilla
- 08 – Bong Franco
- 19 – Pewee Peralta
- 19 – Joey Flores
- 20 – Oscar Marinas

April

- 01 – Djaski Rodi
- 02 – Nanding Zabot
- 03 – Pards Espejo
- 04 – Albert Mabaquiao
- 06 – Tony Enteria
- 07 – Dante Rillorta
- 08 – Romy Buenafior
- 12 – Nap Garcia
- 13 – Migz Zubiri
- 14 – Rody Monte
- 14 – Bepbep de Luna
- 17 – Junards Junio



President - Emilio C Marayag Jr.
Secretary - Zosimo D Carlos Jr.

It's Summer time! Let's enjoy the Outdoors, but be careful of too much heat. Drink lots of water everyday. Remember: at our age, we should give more emphasis on health and wellness.

PMA Alumni Homecoming 2018

Forty-two years after graduation, 28 Magilas gentlemen went up to Baguio to attend this year's alumni homecoming. On the way, we passed by Laoac, Pangasinan to enjoy the delicious picnic lunch again prepared by Boying and Sally Alarcio in their nice farm. Friday evening in Baguio was spent in Forest Lodge where the PNP group hosted dinner. A short program was prepared. Ely dela Paz and Ariel Zerudo were honored for reaching 65 years old. Plaques of Appreciation were also presented to Pol Bataoil, Jess Verzosa,

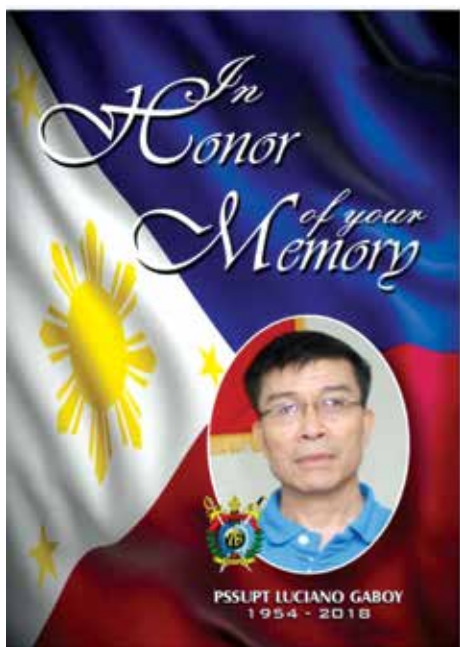


and Jogie Fojas for their contribution to the class. Magilas mistahs looked very dignified in their new long barong, which was donated by Pol.

The next day, early breakfast was served in our very own Magilas Visitors Center. Again, the gentlemen looked very handsome wearing their new short sleeve barong during the Alumni Parade. Thanks again to Jess for the barongs, and also to Louie Ticman for the hats. After the parade, a simple lunch was again prepared in the Magilas Center. Thanks to Pete Labiano for taking care of the Center, as well as coordinating for the food that was served.

Congratulations to:

- Joey Salvacion** for his election to the PMA BIRC Board.
- Erik Espina** for his promotion to Brig General (PA Reserve Force)
- Nicky Prieto Teodoro** for being designated Philippine special envoy to UNICEF.
- Condolences** to the following Mistahs who have lately lost a beloved parent:
 - Jeff Soriano, whose Mother (Mommy Pura) passed away on Jan 26;
 - Jess Verzosa, whose Mother (Nanay Luz) passed away on Jan 31;
 - Sammy Narcise, whose Father passed away on Feb 18.
 - Jimmy and Bibits Caringal.
- MGen Fortunato Abat passed away on Mar 7 at the age of 92. Gen Abat was a seasoned soldier, an Ambassador, and former Defense Secretary who rendered a great service to the country for so many years.
- Our Sympathies to the families, and may they Rest in Peace.



Another Mistah goes to Heaven.

On Feb 1, 2018, our dear Mistah, Lou Gaboy had a fatal heart attack while in his workplace in the gold mines of Masbate. Lou's remains was brought back to Manila. His wake was held in the Camp Aguinaldo mortuary. On Feb 9, the Magilas class hosted the necrological services in his honor. Main speakers were Pres Epyo Marayag and Abner Cabalquinto, representing the class. There were also representatives from PMA Makabayan class of 1975, where Lou spent plebehood at the PMA, and from the West Point Society. Lou graduated from the USMA in 1976. After graduation, he chose to join PMA class 76. A good choice, for he became a true Magilas in heart and spirit. Lou's Interment was done the next day, Feb 10 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. A good number of classmates were there to witness the full military honors given for him.

We will miss you, Mistah. Your jolly and witty character, the funny jokes when you often emceed our class activities. We will remember your books, the Gaboy dictionary, etc....Condolence to the loved ones you left behind. God bless you, Mistah.

Birthday Celebrants

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Petty Caballes – 1 March, Delia Gamos – 2 March, Nica Teodoro – 3 March, Gina Bataoil, – 4 March, Hermie Esguerra -7 March, Bong Ibrado – 10 March, Paul Mata – 11 March, Olga Nano – 16 March, Tyron Ong – 17 March, Sally Alarcio and Len Calderon – 24 March, Delia Bontuyan - 3 Apr, Jun Sanchez – 8 Apr, Alexis Cachuela – 17 Apr, Imelda Agcon-18 Apr, Arlene Zerrudo – 22 Apr, Zaida Labiano – 27 Apr, Jesus del Mundo – 29 Apr. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

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



**President - Ricardo A David Jr.
Secretary - Domingo M Pequiras**

There were only six (6) Masikaps who were able to attend this year's alumni homecoming. It was expected because, as a class, we are only "spectators" so to speak, being a non-host class. Let us thank our Class President, Ric David; VP Dads Domingo, Nes Ochoa, Zards Simoy, Gani Cuevas, and Jim Milla for ably representing the Masikap 77 in the Alumni Parade this year! We do hope though that during our milestone years, 2022, our 45th and 2027, our 50th year, many, if not all of us, can still attend and march on that hallowed ground on those events!

The Masikaps were in grief for the loss of the loved ones of our members, Henry Cinco for the loss of his wife Elvie who succumbed to cancer; Vicsie Abat for the loss of his father, Gen Fortunato Abat. Our condolences to Henry and Vicsie and their families.

On the lighter side, let us congratulate our two mistahs who were recently appointed as Undersecretaries at the Office of the Executive Secretary,

Malacanang: Josefino "Jake" Gamboa Cataluna and Ireneo Almodiel Bacolod. They were additions to our other mistahs who are already Undersecretaries: Ric David at DND and Vic Agdamag at NSA.

In sports, it seems that biking for the Masikap has elevated to a higher level. Instead of the usual routes being taken within Fort Bonifacio BGC area, it has gone to other places farther and farther away, with the latest brand of high end bikes of course. They have already ventured on inter island routes.

In golf, the 77 Golf Squad still continue their regular week end schedule. Luckily, on March 3, Saturday, yours truly, made a hole in one at hole number 10, Philippine Navy Golf Club, with an 8-iron at 134 yards. It was a feat that every golfer craves. Thanks to my flight mates for making me rot at the front nine having to score 16 over.

The overseas based Masikap is organizing a reunion this coming June 8 to 10 in Las Vegas. Interested members may contact Zaldy Damazo for the details. You still have enough time to prepare.

The Masikap Chicken Club continues to prosper. This March alone, not every celebrator was accommodated to host despite their willingness to share their blessings. Among the 12 months of the year, it is in March that many Masikaps were born. The reason? They were the products of June weddings.

Birthday Celebrators

Month of March		
1. Henry Cinco	-	4
2. Spade Espadero	-	4
3. Mon Espera	-	4
4. +Sprite Espiritu	-	5
5. Dick Morales	-	6
6. Ric David	-	8
7. Joe Burgos	-	9
8. Art Quilop	-	12
9. Art Mancenido	-	14
10. Piloy Melliza	-	16
11. Jick Cataluna	-	18
12. Raffy Pabustan	-	27
13. Dan Jimenez	-	29
14. Ric Ver	-	29
15. Chay Taganas	-	29

Month of April

1. Joemas Masferre	-	4
2. Ireneo Manaois	-	5
3. Bal Balocating	-	6

- 4. Orly Pestano - 6
- 5. Dan Casabar - 7
- 6. Noel Cataluna - 8
- 7. Andy Caro - 12
- 8. Alex Taguinod - 15
- 9. Per Palad - 18
- 10. Omec Roderos - 18
- 11. Pete Tango - 29



President - Rodolfo Y Magtibay
Secretary - Felipe HB Buena Jr

Congratulations to all Makatarungans for a very successful 40th Homecoming from 16 to 17 February 2018 at our Alma Mater, Philippine Military Academy!!!

For our Class Board of Trustees, its Executive Committee and its action committees, mission accomplished, job well done and a great many thanks from all mistahs who attended and enjoyed the grandest get-together since our retirement!!!

THE GRAND HOMECOMING:

Our attending mistahs started to arrive early afternoon of Thursday, 15 February at their respective hotels (Sierra Pines, Mines View Park and C Botique Hotels) and welcomed by the members of the Homecoming Executive Committee and its Secretariat. After settling in their respective rooms, the early birds started to group casually at the dining area of the Sierra Pines where boodles and hot darn spurred the endless repetition of plebe year stories, sharing of wellness news, latest “balitang sink” on national issues and future class activities. The evening’s activity ended early as most mistahs anticipated the early tee-off for the Class Golf Fellowship at the Pinewoods Golf Club.

Our homecoming activities kicked off with the class fellowship golf at the newest golf course in Baguio city, the Pinewoods Golf and Country Club and Estates, early morning of Friday, 16 February. More than 30 golfers participated. The course turned out to be friendly to all (low and high handicappers as well). Cart-riding Makatarungans driving thru the fairways, blasting from the bunkers, thrashing through the roughs and putting off the glass-speed greens to pitch in again had the best time for fellowship and fun at the start of the series of events. The fellowship was capped with a raffle of prizes donated by the mistahs.

The fun golf was followed by the class dinner and annual membership meeting for our newly organized class association. Four PMA buses transported our mistahs, family and guests from their hotels to Fortune Seafood restaurant at the heart of Baguio city. A total of 67 mistahs attended the dinner/meeting. Over a hundred participants partook the several course chinese dinner served before the annual meeting began. The highlight of the annual meeting was the election of 11 members

of the Class Board of Trustees for CY 2018. Election Committee Chairman, Resty A, and committee members, Nes L and Carlrix D, conducted the elections superbly. The



class elected Oca R, Rody M, JoGav, Sam T, Ralph V, Louie P, Cho S, Rolly D, Felix A, Pipes B and Ernest V into the new Board of Trustees. A big congratulations to all the elected trustees! The members will elect

among themselves the positions for class officers. At 10 pm, PMA buses again drove all participants back to their respective hotels.

As early as 6:30 am, PMA buses were positioned at the three hotels. Mistahs and spouses in their class attire motored with family and guests to PMA for the much awaited Alumni Parade celebrating our 40th Homecoming. Upon arrival, the ecstatic feeling of 'coming home' was felt by all mistahs. In our gray suits, ruby red ties and black hats, as if in cadet uniform again, each had the time to reminisce as we walk the grounds of our alma mater. The march of seventy-two 72 returning Makatarungans on the hallowed grounds of Borrromeo Field, our parade ground, was a greater experience, electrifying, in fact. Imagining the event 40 years ago when we left as graduates, never certain to return and review the Corps of Cadets which we were a part for four years.

Rommel and Gay's Thai lunch served at the Yap Hall (Cadets' Mess) after the parade was a delight. All enjoyed the hearty buffet. The lunch was followed by the oath-taking of the newly elected Class Board of Trustees officiated by our very own Alex Q. Wrapping up the homecoming was the trip back to the hotels, subsequent checking out, shopping for pasalubong and Baguio vegetables and the journey back to the hustling and bustling metropolis.

Again, we thank the 2016-2018 Class Board, its class officers, its EXECOM, its sub-committee members and mistahs (you know who you are) who 'gave it all' for the class (reorganization into a new association, upkeep of a very active association throughout the two and a half years, mobilization of the class for four successful major fund-raising activities for the association and finally undertaking a very successful 40th MAKATARUNGAN Homecoming)!!!

HAIL AND FAREWELL:

From our outgoing Class President: Makatarungans, his entreaty to the class: Let us all PARTICIPATE, SHARE and PARTAKE! We bid the new set of Class Board and Class Officers fair winds, following seas and clear skies as they navigate our class and its association to a brighter future.



President - Leocadio SC Santiago
Secretary - Edwin I Corvera

PMAAA HOMECOMING 2018 and GOLF CUP

As usual, the PMA Alumni Parade remains a well-attended affair. A jolly team of Loyal Eagles in regal Black and White proudly marched and retraced their steps on the hallowed grounds of Borrromeo Field on that sunny Saturday of Feb 17. Yes, a team, a 7-man team of Loyal Eagles responded to the clarion call. The Magnificent 7 included Rongi Rongavilla, Alex Dicang, Leo Santiago, Ariel Querubin, Art Ortiz, Bumi Bumanglag and Edwin Corvera. Ariel Q was visibly happy that the MATAPAT Eagles hewed closely to the Marines motto "The few, the proud, the Marines!"

On the PMAAA Golf Cup, our MATAPAT golfers led by Pres Leo scored a stunning success! They captured the SUPER SR. DIVISION Championship of the recently concluded 2018 PMAAA Golf Cup held at the Camp John Hay Golf and Country Club last Feb 15, 2018. The MATAPAT Champion Team was bannered by Pres Leo Santiago, Rolly Anonuevo, Frank Manalo, Bumi Bumanglag, Boni de Castro, Zaldy Tungala, Romy Fajardo and Benjie Gorres. Cheering them on was golf wannabe Curves Corvera. Team Capt Rolly A proudly received the Championship trophy. Individual Champions include Matapat Bumi Bumanglag (Low Gross Champion) and Romy Fajardo (Class C Champion). They have been honing their golfing skills by practicing regularly at the Veterans Golf Club and participating in the Battle of the Classes and it paid off handsomely.

MATAPAT GOLF FELLOWSHIP AND SUMMER EVENTS

The Class Fellowship Golf is held every Tuesday at our last Watering Hole, the Veterans Golf Club of Mgr. Romy Fajardo. Fajie is just too happy to meet the Loyal Eagle golfers in his favorite golf course. Assembly time is 530Am. Tee off starts

thereafter. Those who intend to play just contact Fajie or Benjie Gorres, our snappy Sports Coordinator.

Summer is just around the corner! Taking advantage of this time, the 1st Quarter Fun Golf and Fellowship ("Always Together") is scheduled on April 3, 2018 (Tuesday) with the PULIS MATAPAT as Host. This was announced by PNP Group prexy Rey Lanada during the PNP group meeting held last Wed, March 14 at the SM Hypermart in Cubao. The meeting was attended by Romy Fajardo, the newly adopted member of PULIS MATAPAT. Also present in the meeting were Tiger Arne DS (our Most Improved Golfer), Benjie Gorres, Pres. Tagoy, Paco Manalo, Edwin Corvera, Zaldy Tungala, Rommel Heredia, Jun Desuasido and Rongi Rongavilla.

The Golf venue is, of course, none other than Fajie's home course- Veterans Golf Club. Pres Rey promised that it will be another exciting event. Lots of raffle prizes, entertainment and sumptuous lunch await both the Matapat golfers and non-golfers. Golfers uniform; UA Green shirt and khaki pants. Non-golfers are requested to wear red shirt. The Golf Committee is composed



of PNP Group prexy Rey as Chairman, Rommel Heredia (VChair & Finance), Rolly A (Tourney Director), Benjie Gorres (Golf Coordinator, preparations & prizes), Pres Leo (Program), Arne De Los Santos & Romy Fajardo (Venue), Zaldy Tungala & Romy F (Food & drinks) and Jigs Hipolito & Sammy Pagdilao (Emcees).

It was also announced by Pres Leo during the meeting that the Class '79 Family Summer Outing will be scheduled on April 14, 2018 (Saturday) in Binangonan, Rizal. It will be held in Sailor Dino Juan's family resort- Lake Island Resort. It will be a whole day family fun-filled affair. The Event Committee is working on this. Other details will be announced and disseminated to the major services ASAP.

MATAPAT CLASS UPDATE

Flash back to 43 years ago, on 1 April 1975, a total of 199 cadets reported to the portals of PMA to compose PMA Class 1979. Four (4) years later, of this number, 99 cadets PLUS 29 other cadets from various Classes, or a total of 127 cadets graduated and constituted PMA "MATAPAT" CLASS of 1979. After some realignments and changes in assignments lasting until 1983, the 127-strong Class were distributed to the various armed services as follows:

ARMY- 54 (including 1 Corps of Prof, PMA); NAVY- 24; AIR FORCE- 14; PC (Now PNP) - 34 & SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES- 1.

Two (2) graduates from US Service Academies (USNA & USCGA) soon joined the Navy. The Class would later admit eight Honorary members. This brings to a total of 137 members of PMA CLASS 1979 as of 2004.

Thirty nine (39) years after we left the portals of our dear Alma Mater, let's take stock of where we are now. A total of 117 Mistahs were accounted for while 20 Mistahs went ahead of us "to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler has ever returned."

	Accounted	RIP
MANDIRIGMANG MATAPAT (PA/PROF) -	44	11
SAILORS & MARINES (PN/MARINES/PCG) -	23	2
MATAPAT FLYBOYS (PAF) -	12	2
PULIS MATAPAT (PC/PNP) -	29	5
SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES-	1	0
HONORARY MEMBERS -	8	0
Total	117	20

(Source: Pulis Matapat Rommel Heredia's exhaustive research)

We, the members of MATAPAT EAGLES,

our families and loved ones deeply mourn the great loss and untimely demise of our dear Mistah, ORWEN J CORTEZ who joined our 19 dear departed Mistahs. We bid farewell to Sailorman Orwen and wish him fair winds, clear skies and calm seas in his final voyage in the celestial ocean above with our Supreme Grandmaster, Ruler of Heaven and Earth. You won't be forgotten mga Mistah.



President - Nicanor A Bartolome
Secretary - Jesus V Lomeda Jr

Warm greetings to all Mapitagans. After the cool breeze of February, we're back to the usual summer heat of April. The following were the activities of the class for the period:

27 January: PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting

Twelve of our mistahs attended the convention at the Solaire Resort & Casino. with DBM Secretary Benjamin Diokno as Guest of Honor and Speaker.



18 February: PMA Homecoming.

Twenty Mapitagans and 14 ladies made it to Fort Del Pilar, namely:

PNP – Nick B, Tony B, Noel M, Ager O, Gil M, Gil P, Vic C, Efren Y, Paco F, Sammy D, George R, Emil S, Nolet O, Prime P, Jayvee, and Arnold P. **PA** – Ces O, Jess L. **PN** – Hermie C **PAF** – Romy P

Ladies - Neva B, Len O, Baby P, Cheryl O, Ella C, Blu L, Bebs M, Kay N, Ellen P, Chat S, Annie C, Gina J, Ellen P, Grace C

The class enjoyed the fellowship dinner on 17 February and lunch after the alumni parade on 18 February, both at the Baguio Country Club.



Prez Nick Bart encouraged all mistahs to prepare this early for the 40th (Ruby) Graduation Anniversary of the class on Feb 2020. Among the proposed activities is a Valentine's fellowship ball on the eve of the alumni parade (Friday), which falls on Feb 14. The gentlemen will be in their suit while the ladies in their formal wear.

Birthday Fellowship

The February celebrators hosted lunch at the "The Range" Restaurant at LOGCOM Golf Driving Range. Looks like the place is a better option considering the "cozy" environment and the spacious parking area. It can be designated as alternate venue for similar celebrations of the class.



Birthday greetings to the following.
January: Jess A – 2, Faji – 6, Vic C – 9, Herold U – 9, Bai Bolo – 15, Melvin T – 15.
February: Bong DA – 1, Mie M – 6, Noel

CLASS CALL

C – 7, Elmo G – 8, Bin Abu Y – 10, Nene R – 11, Mike Agudo – 14, Edgar A – 16, Eldon N – 17, Willy C – 18, Dippon C – 22, Jayvee – 22, Tony B – 24. **March:** Mike Asuncion – 2, George R – 11, Nick B – 16, Onell – 18, Amador A – 29, Cecil S – 31.

Congratulations to Tricia and Vicky, twin daughters of Edwin and Marian Talens, for making it to the roster of class 2018 of the US Coastguard Academy in New London, Connecticut, U.S.A.



President - Ramon Mateo V Dizon
Secretary - Emerald C Magnaye

On March 9, 2018, just a day before his 56th birthday, Vice Admiral Ronald Mercado, for the last time donned his uniform as he was honored by his Alma Mater, the PMA. There were 34 of our classmates from the PMA Matikas Class of 83 and their ladies who trooped to Fort del Pilar in order to witness the last member of our class bid farewell to the military service in a very touching ceremony, dramatizing the end and relief of his watch as a Naval officer.

It was an event full of nostalgia for most of the members of the class and

their ladies, as the scenes and activities brought back memories of by gone years. Being the class which has, so far, the most number of ranking military and uniformed services officers with the total haul of 147 flag officer rank composed of four Chiefs of Staff, five Major Service Commanders, seven Area Commanders, three Marine Commandants, two Coast Guard Commandants, 92 Generals and Flag Officers in the AFP and 34 in the Philippine National Police many of us had seen these events so many times it seemed. But that day was different, for Ronnie was the last member of the batch to be retired. Being the youngest among those of us who had pursued and completed an active military service, Vice Admiral Ronald Mercado is considered the “Last Man Standing” of the class. The hanging of his uniform marks the culminating point of the class’ service in the AFP and the uniformed services, but not from government. Many of its members still serve in varying capacities as officers and administrators of the government.

Most significant of these is the appointment of Ed Año as the Officer in Charge of the DILG with the rank of USec. Bong Visaya is the administrator of the National Irrigation Agency. He is ably assisted by Abe Bagasin as his Senior Deputy Administrator and Romy Gan is his Deputy Administrator for Admin and Finance. Alex Balutan, the once upon a time “Mandirigma”, is now the General Manager of the PCSO. Bong Pinili is an ambassador to the UN heading the Office of the Special Envoy for Trans-National Crime and concurrently Chairperson of the PCSO. Rick Jalad is the Administrator of the Office of Civil Defense and Executive Director of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. Jimmy Manabat is an USec of the Office of the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission. Allan Guisihan is the Executive Director for the Center of Transnational Crime. Jun Manalastas is the OIC of the Anti-Terrorism Council-Program Management Center with the equivalent rank of Usec. Alen Capuyan, who was the Assistant General Manager for Airport Security of the Manila International Airport, is now the Chairman of the National Commission for Indigenous People under the Office of the President, his former post is now occupied by his

former deputy Jumo Junio. While Romy Labrador is administering the Airport Police as their Chief.

Many members of the class have joined government owned corporations and financial institutions. Caloy Quita was whisked away by the BCDA almost immediately upon his retirement, he is now its current SVP. While Prime Gopo heads an immaculate horde including, Bobett Moog, Vir Garcia, Rolly Aquino, Jeff Almazan, and Jun Manalastas are working in different capacities at the MBI. To complete the Matikasan enclave at the corner of Capinpin Road and EDSA, Eme Magnaye is maintaining a tenacious foothold inside AFPSLAI and Boods Luna has infiltrated RSBS.

A score of ranking general officers were, in no time, absorbed by prestigious corporate entities in the country. Ute Rabusa heads the contingent that now comprise the corporate elite of San Miguel Corporations together with Remy Valdez, Arnold Quiapo, Dovie Miranda (while concurrently serving as member of the BOD in the BCDA) and Allan Martin. Even Jojo Llorca enjoys the long green view from his office on the 24th floor of Bldg 6750 along Ayala Avenue as a country rep of a multi-billion dollar Defense Conglomerate from Canada (goat palang namin yan!!!). Chito Dizon after his stint as USec in the office of the Executive Sec, Office of the President in 2016 now deals with pensioners as Chairman of the Board of the Diamond Finance Corporation and of the Association of Lending Investors for Pensioners.

The former air raiders of the class continue to lord the civilian skies as captains of different airlines crisscrossing the local and international skies as airline captains or as senior chopper pilots. The lineup includes Dondi Custodio, Bong Silva, Joel Magno, Bert Carranza all from Cebu Pacific and Jue Hautea and Bong Masmela from PAL. Our Vietnam resident Joey Sarroza continues to fly with Vietnamese Airline. Apol Magundayao, who with his acute experience in flying rotary wing aircrafts has established an institution handling 40,000 winged cadets in his home province in Nueva Ecija.

All these accomplishments and achievements may have been caused by the incessant prayers of our Mistahs

who have dedicated their lives part time and full time to the call of faith. While Roland Vicente has established a church in Rosario, La Union; and, Mike Morales spearheads the thrust of the Campus Crusade for Military Ministry which is slowly transforming group after groups of military and police officers.



Chairman - Ramon C Apolinario
President - Jesus A Manangquil Jr.
Secretary - Arnold A Mancita
Historian - Felimon D Mamaril Jr.

“A dream becomes a goal when action is taken toward its achievement”

– **Bo Bennett**

The goal of the Class Officers headed by Mon Apolinario, our Class Chairman, to be able to sustain the different plans set forth for the support for the class activities especially during the Alumni Homecoming was an achievement that is worth mentioning. The fund raisings were successful with everyone giving their contributions in one way or another. Credit must also be given to our loved ones for their untiring support.

On the other hand, we would also like to congratulate our mistahs for their promotions and respective confirmation by the Commission of Appointments: Chad Isleta and Gener Del Rosario to Major General; Byron Calimag, Ely Losanes, Joey Villanueva and Mon Mamaril to Brigadier General. Our congratulations to the feat of our Cavalier Awardees for 2018: Benjie Madrigal for Command and Administration; Bob Arevalo for Staff Functions and Ronnie for Business Enterprise.

The attendance during the Alumni Homecoming in Baguio City was also superb. The Class Meeting that was held at Outlook Ridge Residences, Outlook Drive,

V. Delos Reyes, Baguio City on 16 February 2018 was well attended. Most of our mistahs also joined the Alumni Parade at the Borromeo Field on the following day. Then lunch was served at the proposed Sandiwa Lecture Hall, 2nd Floor of Melchor Hall. The abovementioned activities were well prepared. Special mention goes to Julius Flores and Rommel Palis who came all the way from the USA; and Joe Cunanan from Australia, where their lovely spouses were also present. Everyone is looking forward to the next class activity probably this summertime.

For the Sandiwan Updates-PA Group:

Rolly Bautista-CG, PA; Bob Arevalo-Vice Commander, PA; Chad Isleta-CS, PA; Gener Del Rosario-TIG, PA with Armingol De Guzman as the Deputy; Joey Reyes-Cmdr, ASCOM with Byron Calimag-Deputy Cmdr and Amor Agpalo-IG, all of ASCOM; and Roy De Vesa-Cmdr, HHSG.

Charles Galvez-CS, AFP; Benjie Madrigal-Cmdr, EASTMINCOM; Danny Pamonag-Cmdr, SOLCOM; Vic Tomas-DC, JTF NCR; Jack Bareng-ADC, 1ID; Eric Parayno-Cmdr, 2ID; Dinoh Dolina-Cmdr, 3ID with Jonks Delfin-ADC; Ronnie Villanueva-Cmdr, 4ID; Arnel Dela Vega-Cmdr, 6ID with Tommy Donato-ADC; Raul Farnacio-Cmdr, 8ID with Cesar Idio-ADC; Jess Manangquil-Cmdr, 9ID with Arnie Matanguihan-ADC; Noel Clement-Cmdr, 10ID with Mario Lacurom-ADC; and Filip Bejar-Cmdr, 51st EBde.

Ely Losanes-Cmdr, 303rd Bde; Larry Casis-Cmdr, 703rd Bde; Jun Mendoza-Cmdr, 802nd Bde; Jonas Becios-4ID; Joey Villanueva is Dean of Academics, PMA; Ed Torrelavega-Cmdr, HSC, AFP; and Mon Mamaril-Deputy Cmdr, TRADOC, PA.

John Pulido-Cmdr, GHQ and HSC; Boni Cebrian-AJ2, AFP, who will retire on 23 Mar 2018; Sid Purisima-J3, AFP; Ric Nepomuceno-Chief, AFPCC; and Raul Bautista-GM, AFPCEs.

Those who had retired were Rodel Alarcon, Mel Feliciano, Ric Santiago, Emil Hulipas, Jun Cabading, Tony Tayag, Chi-Chi Logronio, Alex Macario, Nonong Perfecto, Dave Diciano, Ted Dizon, Rey Lanuzo, Nick Alarcio, Mon Yogyog, Chito Limuaco, Rolie Cailing, Bolines Bolina, Alan Pajarillo, Tino Gonzales, Jorge Lomboy, Ed Clerigo, Oca Solamo, Louie Binwag, Jess Dosado, Jayvee

Javier, Boboy Pabayo, Dax Daquipil, Bong Aguinaldo, Reuel Sorilla, Ed Davalan, Vic Bayani, Mon Mayo, and Julius Flores.

For the PAF: Jun Kintanar-CG, PAF; Tj Tanjuan-VC, PAF; Arnold Mancita-Cmdr, AETDC; Enry Reyes-Cmdr, Air Defense Command; Miles Milo-Cmdr, Air Force Reserve Command; and Resty Padilla-J5, AFP.

Those who retired were Ronnie Go, Tom Bustos, Bert Lambot, Aureo Sapo, Ernie Fonbuena, Ric Milan, Sai Espino and Resty Baclayon.

For the PN: Manny Salamat-Cmdr, NOLCOM; Boy Vingson-TDCS, AFP; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-J6, AFP; and Gino Hermogino-Cmdt, PCG.

Those who retired were Virme Torralba, Jorge Amba, Max Ballesteros, Raul Ubando, Pi Pernes, Rudy Quinto and Elson Aguilar.

Updates of the PNP from Arnie Gunnacao: Mon Apolinario-The Deputy Chief PNP for Administration. Director, Directorial Staff: Greg Pimentel-TD for Intel; Atty. Jun Garado-TD for PCR; Benjie Lusad-DIPO, Southern Luzon; Rolly Felix-Dir, DIPO Visayas.

Regional Directors: Bob Quenery-PRO7; Billy Beltran-PRO9; and Manny Gaerlan-PRO11. Directors NSUs: Sonny Phillipps-HSS; Dennis Siervo-HRAO. DRDAs are Rolly Nana-NCRPO and Frank Mabanag-PRO7.

Deputy Director, Directorial Staff: Benjie Hulipas-DIPO, NL; Marlou Chan-DIPO, SL; Bart Tobias-DIPO, Visayas; Danny Macatlang-DIPO, WM; Eric Velasquez-DPCR; Eric Reyes-DIDM; Reggie Catiis-DHRDD; Arnold Gunnacao-DPL; Jon Ablang-DRD; Wilben Mayor-DO. Ed Tinio-OCNP; and Arnie Palomo-Force Cmdr, RMF11.

Business, Industry, Retirees, Commerce and Government: Tony Taylan recently retired on 5 Mar 2018; Sheldon Jacaban-PAL; Pabs Balagtas-Travel Agency Proprietor; Conrad Capa-BOD PCA and Director for Security and Safety, Resorts World; Wilson Caubat-Executive Assistant, EMME Security Group, Ortigas; Pete Cabatingan-Director, PNCC; Aaron Aquino-Director General, PDEA; Joji Castro-

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

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

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

Finally, all Sandiwans can send their updates to Mon Mamaril @ 0917-728-1985 or e-mail at filemonagile44@yahoo.com. (FDMJr/AAM/JAMJr/RCA)



**Chairman - Fidel Cruz
President - JB Ramos**

Happy 30th birthday to the Maringals!

Jesus commenced ministry at age 30, Joseph was 30 when he stood before the Pharaoh, King of Egypt, and King David was 30 when he began to reign.

And just like David, the Maringals @30 have started to assume important positions, with stars falling one by one on their shoulders. During the Alumni Parade, the Maringal formation was much brighter

this year from the number of stars as they marched proudly with the Long Gray Line (It would have been much brighter without head gear!).

Congratulations Maringals!

AIR FORCE

Updates from the flyboys.

Big Boy Buena, after piling up considerable frequent flyer miles when he was in the Defense Acquisition Office at DND, is now in the AFP Real Estate Office, making sure that all real estate properties of the AFP are well managed and accounted.

BGen CJ Cartujano, the Asst. Superintendent, PMA has gotten back his yearling instinct. Perhaps it's time to bring him back to the Air Force again.

BGen Fidel Cruz so far has the most number of units commanded, activated and deactivated -- from Wing Commander of 600th Air Base Wing; WC, 1st Tactical Operations Wing (1st TOW), and now the WC, Tactical Operations Wing Northern Luzon (TOWNOL); all in the span of less than a year.

BGen Erick Gloria, after his brief assignment as Deputy Commander, Air Mobility Command in Mactan, is now back to the unit where his flying career all started, as the Wing Commander of the 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing, still in Mactan. There must be something in Mactan that makes it difficult for him to leave.

Jun Felix, after staying in Zamboanga for sometime, is now the Wing Commander of the Tactical Operations Wing Central (TOWCEN), also in Mactan. Ummmm...

BGen Allen Paredes is still the King Bluebird and Wing Commander of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing. He is now an adopted Davaoeño. We hope to see him back in MM.

BGen JB Ramos, after his stint as Wing Commander of the 410th Maintenance Wing, is now in General Headquarters as the AJ-4.

BGen Toinks Valenzuela, the King Trojan



and Wing Commander of 15th Strike Wing, who had his hands full during the Marawi crisis, is still busy retraining his unit and at the same time preparing to transfer barracks from Sangley to Lumbia, CDO.

Lastly, we were indeed very happy to see US based Toto "Vangie" Evangelista joining the class as we celebrated our 30th year anniversary by marching with us in the Borromeo Field during the Alumni Parade, and later in the Ring Hop Reenactment.

ARMY

Just recently six Army Maringals were designated to key positions, except for Maringal Faustino who actually led the group, which will earn them their first star in the near future. And they are: Maringal Larry B Mojica taking the post of a Brigade Commander of 901st Infantry Brigade, 9ID, PA based in Kidapawan, Cotabato last 23 January 2018, Maringal Aji Madriaga as the Brigade Commander of 302nd Infantry Brigade, Bohol, 3ID, PA stationed in Carmen, Bohol on 11 January 2018,



Maringal Peter Ramos getting the 501st Infantry Brigade, 5ID, PA located in Jolo, Sulu on 10 March 2018, Maringal Sayong Rosario as the Brigade Commander of 602nd Infantry Brigade, 6ID, PA deployed in Carmen, North Cotabato on 22 February 2018 and Maringal Bob Daus who assumed as Brigade Commander of 2nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade, MID, PA on 12 March 2018. Meanwhile, Maringal Boy Faustino took the helm of the Cadet Corps in PMA as the Commandant of Cadets after his stint as Brigade Commander of 501st Infantry Brigade, 5ID, PA last 8 March 2018.

On recent rank promotions, we are proud and blessed that Maringal Erwin Neri, Brigade Commander, 1001st Infantry Brigade, 10ID, PA has earned his first star last 14 March 2018. He is already the eleventh 1-star Army Maringal who has



PCSupt Pestaño assisted by Col Vesliño hand over the Certificate of Ownership of Glock Cal. 45 Pistol to 2Lt Arnold Cedric Burgos as token of Recognition being the first Maringal brat to graduate from PMA.

joined that prestigious row of carrying that stars on their shoulders while ten more class members are hopeful that their own chance will also come within this year. We hope that more Army Maringals, who are still in their jumping board positions, will also find their "lucky break" anytime soon!

On the accomplishments side, fellow Maringals Jess Sarsagat and Gene Ponio



and their respective infantry brigades, have been in the limelight both in the national and local news recently with the historic and significant turnover ceremonies related to their respective recoveries of firearms - of various calibers, numbering more than 1,000, with the presence of their respective operational commanders, top local government officials and leaders, non-government organizations and other interest groups. These achievements are truly worth noting because for one, these are feats difficult to replicate and for such opportunities to be coming quite far in between and; second, with a more profound effect, that is, is such surrendering and the recoveries of these high-powered firearms, would contribute to the overall peace and security as well as stability and economic development of these provinces, on one hand, and of the Southern Mindanao region, on the other hand. Kudos to both of you Maringals!

NAVY

1. White Caps

- Adel Bordado- Cmdr Naval Forces Southern Luzon
- Ramil Enriquez- Cmdr Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao
- Abet Cruz- Cmdr Littoral Combat Force, Philippine Fleet
- Melvin Guevarra- DAFA Indonesia
- Resty Bilbao- Cmdr Bonifacio Naval Base
- Jess Portiz- asst DAFA Washington DC
- Zoji Jimenez- Dep Cmdr AFP Reserve Command

2. Marines

- Nesty Herico-Dep Cmdr, 3rd Marine Brigade
- Fernando Gomez- Dep Cmdr for Marines Opns, Fleet-Marine Ready Force
- Ferdi Friginal- Dep Cmdr, 2nd Marine Brigade
- Eugine Martinez- Instructor, AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command

3. Coast Guard

- Leo Laroya- Commander, Coast Guard Education and Training Command

Lito Dela Cruz- Commander, Maritime Security Command

4. Corps of Professor

Ferdi Rivera - Assistant Dean, Corps of Professors

5. BIRC

- Dondi Adizas
- Dave Isaac
- Mon Mon Mitra
- Jun Abaya
- Jun Jayme -(USA)
- Jun Mejia -(Sweden)
- Ruel Tolin -(USA)
- Dado Macasaet -(USA)
- Erdi Panlaque-(USA)
- Bon Lobaton-(USA)
- Sivert Monterola
- Ley Ordenes
- Rey Pagonzaga



PNP

The Police Maringals are in a festive mood as they celebrate their twin-milestones: the donning of 1-star rank of newly promoted PCSUPT Joselito M. Daniel, the current Ex-O of DIPO - Eastern Mindanao on April 10, 2018 and the designation of Maringal Anthony Alcaneses as Acting Ex-O of DIPO - Southern Luzon. The designation of Maringals Anthony "Papay" and Ono to entry posts in effect reduced to only 6 the number of Police Maringals who are yet to get their T.O. positions which for sure will happen within this year as there will be more than enough posts to be vacated by retiring star-rank officers. To date, the Maringal PNP Chapter has already produced 16 star-rank officers.





President - Charlton Sean M Gaerlan
Secretary - Crescenciano A Marquez III

Hello Makatao! The recent alumni homecoming 2018 was attended by not so many mistahs. Most of our mistahs did not attend due to various reasons. Those who are already Brigadier Generals could not leave their posts because of the eminent threat being posted by the enemies of the state. Those wanting to be BGen's need to stay to ensure the peace and security in their AOR. Others did not make a reservation on time; hence, majority of the hotels were already fully booked. Others are already saving for our 30th year on February 2019.

As of this writing, here are the latest assignments of our mistahs in case you happen to be within their AOR.

For the PNP: Starting with our Police Chief Superintendents – PCSupt Val De Leon is still with FEO as Chief; PCSupt Bert Solomon is still the Director IG; PCSupt Rhodel Sermonia is Director, PCRG; and PCSupt Bert Ferro is Director, PDEG.

As for our aspiring PCSupts – Manny Abu is the Chief of Staff SAF; JoJo Acierto is with DPRM; Jun S Azurin is Chief, SOPPD, DPRM; Sterling Blanco is DRDO, PROCOR; Bart Bustamante is Deputy, PCRG; Jess Cambay is DRDO, PRO 6; Uly Caton is DDA, HPG; Rex Dela Rosa is Deputy, PRBS; Jireh Fidel is Chief, SIDD, DIDM; Uly Gohel is DDA, AKG; Chiqui Malayo is Commander, CITF; and Mario Sinocruz is in Isabela PPO, PRO2.

For our retired PNP, Erwin Robles as usual is enjoying his retirement exploring the universe; Kuya Ed Paras is busy with his golfing career local and abroad; Manny

Chu is still in Florida; Hammy Geonzon is all over Las Vegas; and Pastor Jun Borromeo as usual is always praying for the class successes.

For the PN/PN(M) & PCG: Commodore Nick Driz is Assistant J3; Commodore Dorvin Legaspi is DC, WesCom; Commodore Jun Adaci is Commander, Fleet Marine Ready Force; and Commodore Abet Carlos is DC, Naval Sea System Command.

For the Incoming Commodores and Brigadier Generals - Chappy Reyes is Commander, CEISS, AFP; Reggie Rapanan is DC, NETC; Ariel Caculitan is Commander, CSSB; Eugenio Hernandez is Superintendent, MCFDC; Raul Caldez is DC, CSSB; Ruben Candelario is Chief, SSAFP; Nestor Marcelino is Commander, CMOG; John Garana is CO, PNPS; Charles Gaerlan is Marine Corps Inspector General; and Jun Unson is Deputy Head, Academic Group PMA.

For PCG: Commodore Eduardo D Fabricante is Chief of Coast Guard Staff; Commodore Jose William U Isaga is Commander, CGWCEISS; Coast Guard; and Commander Ferdinand B Picar is the Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Strategic Studies and Modernization and concurrent Deputy Director, National Coast Guard Watch Center.

For Philippine Air Force: BGen Toto Dela Pena is Commander, Tactical Operations Wing Western Mindanao. Our Soon to be BGen's – Nesty Rayos is Commander, TOW WES; Leo Peralta is with 420 SW; Connor Canlas is with Air Force Research Development Center; Cris Marquez is AETDC; Larry Tianchon is Task Force Malampaya; Aldrick Dela Torre is with CGSC and Lito Villanueva is AFPRESCOM.

For the Philippine Army: Greg Almerol is Commander 903rd Infantry Brigade; Don Bajao is Commander TF Gensan; Efen Baluyot is Chief GSMO, MechDiv; Dante Barotilla is Personal Driver Body Guard ni Misis; Rodolfo Batang is Commander 5th RCDG; Ric Bayhon is DAFA, Thailand; Ramil Bitong is Commander 803rd Brigade; Alan



Borlasa is with US Postal Service aside from a full time pensioner; Omet Brawner is ACD, for RRA, 1ID/Dep Commander, TF Ranao; Ricky Carlos is Australian Businessman and full time pensioner also; Albert Desoyo is Chief of Staff, 8th Infantry Division; Leomar Doctolero is EX-O, OG8, PA; Ace Esmeralda is owner Ace and Associate; Ariel Felicidadario is Commander, 102nd Infantry Brigade; Bayani Fernandez is Infra Division, Australian Defence Force; Bagnus Gaerlanis Deputy Commander, 102nd Infantry Brigade; William Gonzales is Commander of FSRR; Kiram Grajo is Deputy Commader, HHSO, PA; George Lalaquil is Deputy Commander 201st Infantry Brigade; Emil Deleon is somewhere in Canada; Marvin Licudine is DAFA, China; Mau Licudine is Deputy

Commander, 401st Infantry Brigade; Camilo Ligayo is CUCS, Centcom; Alex Luna Commander 801st Infantry Brigade; Emman Magpayo is Deputy Commander 801st Infantry Brigade; Wibo Mamawag is Deputy Commander, 603rd Infantry Brigade; Roger Migote is A/U HHSO, PA; Joe Narciso is Inspector General, 6th Infantry Division; John Oberio is Inspector General EastMinCom; Danny Olay is Security Consultant, DMCI; Noel Plaza is DAFA, Japan; Nick Pongos is PAL Pilot; Leo Ramoran is AFP, Finance Center; Joselito Raymundo is just outside Muntinlupa; Jess Rosete is in Canada; Joshua Santiago is Commander NCRCDG; Manny Sequitin is Chief of Staff, 10th Infantry Division; Lincoln Tagle is Deputy Commander, FSR(A); Mon Tampil is in Ireland; Lowell Tan is Deputy Commander 802nd Infantry Brigade; Mike Taningco is somewhere in Samar; Rowen Tolentino is Chief, MFO, PA; Jun Torres is Commander, 1003rd Infantry Brigade; Alex Tuprio is Security Consultant; Juvymax Uy is Commander, 104th Infantry Brigade; Nick Suemith is Commander, 4th Signal Battalion; Bernie Langub is Commander, Army Reserve Command.

Congratulations also to our Army Brigadier Generals – Juvymax Uy, Jun Torres, Bernie Langub. Incoming BGens William G, Ariel, Leo R, Ramil B, Alex L, Greg A is almost falling....

Btw, a week before the homecoming, our traditional visit for our fallen classmate was done at the Libingan ng mga Bayani with the Army as our main sponsor and in charge of the activity. A mass was held for our mistahs Benjie Enriquez, Pektong Sagun, Noy Zuniga, Julius Refran, Teody Teodoro, Ronad Baliota, Nonoy Luna; Glen Bihag, Alan Flores, Ferdie Macasaet, Nick Cabalza, and Vir Romuga.

Lastly our Class President is Charles Gaerlan. Our Class Representatives in PMAAAI are the following: PN Chapter President is Eniong Hernandez, Air Force Chapter is Connor Canlas, Army Chapter is Joshua Santiago, PCG Chapter is Ed Fabricante and Rei Picar; and for the PNP Chapter is Chiqui Malayo.

Regards to all mistah and keep me posted always...junaz



President - Carlo V Lagasca
Secretary - Roy Vincent T Trinidad

Nationalism and excellence, we Sambisigs have attached great importance for competence, responsibility and esprit de corps. We have realized that the success of all our efforts will be dependent on the greatest resource, the personnel under us. We have compelled ourselves to gear our efforts foremost towards human resource development, giving emphasis on relevance to the purpose of our existence in the military service. In the process, we have undertaken conscious effort in indoctrinating our personnel in being service-oriented, underscoring the fact that the ethical aspect of a military responsibility goes beyond the perfection of our skills and delves in our social obligation to use our skills for the benefit of the society.

Sambisigs, we exerted our effort to a great length in fully developing our personnel to acquire greater opportunities for service, emphasizing the character that it is not what one wants to do, which is a mere occupational thing, but in what one wants to become, which makes it a profession of the highest calling.

As the profession of arms is always characterized by relations with the society, we have endeavored in providing the traditional task of security including active participation in socio-economic development, inculcating open-mindedness to take in realities unfolding

with the environment and continuing to seek fresh ideas.

In the military profession, where there is always the possibility of exposure to high risk situations, we have developed faithfulness to our duties and obligations, which should be the primary value from where it flows the trust and confidence. With respect to responsibility, as military professionals, we the Sambisigs have held ourselves accountable for the acts of our personnel. While authority can be delegated, responsibility remained solidly with us.

Inherent in our responsibility is developing the initiative of our personnel, cultivating their ability to begin or follow though a plan or tasks. In effect, we have developed an attitude of being outward-looking, pro-active in all our undertakings, adapting to changes and creating changes within the sphere of military laws, rules and regulations. Attached with our responsibility are the virtues of high moral character, principled, and noble.

As members of the military profession, we have nurtured the sense of unity and consciousness as a group, reminding ourselves the commonalities that bind us with the military core values. As such, Sambisig leadership have been primarily anchored on professionalism and competence at all levels, exhibiting the trait of effective management and the judicious utilization of resources and it will be our moral obligation to see this idealism to the very end of our career.

With all of these values, principles, virtues, and philosophies having been faithfully followed by each and every Sambisig, our sacrifices have finally paid off because the “stars have fallen” on the shoulders of three of our mistahs, BGEN STEPHEN S PARREÑO AFP, BGEN AUGUSTINE S MALINIT AFP and COMMO ROBERT N PATRIMONIO PCG. We got what we have bargained for when we made those sacrifices, the coveted stars. Sambisigs, we have breached the barrier and those additional stars that will fall is just a matter of time.

But the road to our success was never a rose garden. We have prepared ourselves physically and mentally fit for what lies ahead. With these stars, Sambisigs that we are, we should remain humble, with immaculate image, proud reputation and an honorable name. So, it is incumbent upon us mistah to live by the ideals of a Sambisig and the Academy.

Fairwinds.



President - Fabian M Pedregosa
Secretary - Ronald Jess A Alcudia

Congratulations to the Maalab Class organizing committee led by our President, Fabbie Pedregosa, the Army, Navy/Coast Guard and Air Force chapter presidents and all Maalabs for the most well-attended, best-organized and highly-successful conduct of our Silver Jubilee Homecoming. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes to the Maalab Belles and Brats who actively participated in the planning and preparation. Thank you, thank you. Astig talaga.

From the pre-Alumni Homecoming activities that started months back, to the Maalab Day of Remembrance (Feb. 13), the Battle of the Classes 2018 and the Alumni Homecoming Parade and Lunch, to the elegant, fun-filled and nostalgic Maalab Ring Hop, our 25th Alumni Homecoming activity was truly unforgettable, memorable and inspiring.

The Silver Homecoming Parade was made more special as the Maalab Color was proudly secured by a much more handsome Cadet Morales (Philip Joseph, son of Nelson and Sue) as Epoy Marayag and Toots Pasamonte received the coveted

AY 2018 PMA Cavalier Awards for Naval and Air Operations, respectively, bringing the Maalab haul to nine (9) Cavalier



awardees. Well done! The fabulous and classy evening Ring Hop also coincided with the birthdays of Ato Jimenez and KC Casaclang. Celebrations and blessings all around indeed.

It was good to reminisce with mistahs whom we have not seen for years and decades, especially those who are now based overseas. The happy reunion spawned many after-parties that further strengthened our bonds and friendships. We, of course, missed our departed Maalabs and their families, as well as those who could not make it to Baguio.

This will be a short Class Call, as words can never fully capture our amazing Silver Jubilee homecoming. The links below can do a better job at that.

<https://www.facebook.com/franalca.ph/videos/954788964677996/>

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Mabuhay ang Maalab!



President - Ma. Noel T Tolentino

Bantay Laya! For this issue we will be enumerating the current assignments of Bantay Layans who are still with the Philippine Navy, Coast Guard and those who have left the service.

NAVY

1. Ipe Bautista - SNS, HPN
2. Kim Dimaporo - Student MNSA
3. Doods Manzano - Cmdr BRP Davao, LD 602
4. Lito Lagadia - Cmdr BRP Tarlac, LD 601
5. Francis Cacho - F5, Phil Fleet
6. Mac Buena - F2, Phil Fleet
7. Erwin Calimag - F4, Phil Fleet
8. Edwin Nera - Commander, NAVMETOC
9. Jun Ruiz - Dep LCF, PhilFleet
10. Jeg Orio - C, JCTD, O/J8
11. Julius E Valdez - Dep N6, HPN
12. Jones Gianan - CO, BRP RAJAH HUMABON, PS 11
13. Jeff Nadugo - F1, Phil Fleet
14. Val Abayon - Cmdr, NAVSOG
15. Lawrence Bolor - Cmdr, PS38
16. Glen Dizon - Cmdr, FF 16
17. Gerry Garrido - Cmdr, FF17
18. Charles Villanueva - Cmdr, PS36
19. Joel Tamayo - Cmdr, AGR 702
20. Ricky Alba - NIC, PN
21. Joey Colico - NIC, PN
22. Richard David - Cmdr, LC550
23. Jorge Aganan - IG/T2, NETC
24. Dino Delfin - CS, NAVFORNORTH
25. Junjie Tabuada - CS, NAVFORCEN
26. John Dela Cruz - Outgoing Dep N6, HPN

MARINES

1. Ivan Papera - MC5, HPMC
2. Chute Adecera - MC1, HPMC
3. Agee Ariles - MC2, HPMC
4. Einstein Calaoa - Deputy N3, HPN

5. Ronald Juan - Deputy, NISF
6. Armand Custodio - CMDR, MARSOG, PMC
7. Gieram, Aragon - Dep N5, HPN
8. Glenn Celebrado - U2, NOLCOM
9. Edwin Olaer - Dep TNIA, HPN
10. Bayani Curaming - Student MNSA
11. Larry Batalla - C,PPD, O/J4, GHQ
12. FL Marcelino - Deputy Commander, Special Intelligence Force, ISAFP/ AFP JCTF 'Noah'
13. Willie Manalang - Group Cmdr, MIG 32



President - Francisco L Molina Jr
Secretary - Diosdado Carlos D Pambid

COAST GUARD

1. Joseph Coyme - District Commander, Coast Guard District Northwestern Luzon
2. Tito Andal - Commander, Coast Guard Aviation Force

BIRC

1. Bong Delvo- Commercial Pilot
2. Rommel Oropesa - Manager, Micro Business(es) in Palawan
3. Richard Carlos - Security Head, NLEX Corp
4. Jude Adizas - President and General Manager of Vindico Protective and Detective Agency Inc.
5. Jet Cristal - USA
6. Bert Tipones - UK
7. Oca Veloria - USA
8. Rommel Abrau - USA
9. Ulysses Deliva - PAL
10. Jorge Pendon - USA
11. Karl Badiola – PAL
12. Wilfred Burgos- private practice
13. Ferdie Panganiban - private practice
14. Rogelio Villanueva- Maritime Ocean Affairs, DFA
15. Karl Young - Businessman
16. Rommel Olarte - USA
17. Neil Palapar - USA
18. Virgilio Garcia
19. Rey Panaguicon
20. Paul Ferrer
21. Angel Calixtro
22. Clifford Battung

For our next issue we will be featuring the Air Force Group. So for your other concerns or matters you want disseminated in our next class call please don't hesitate to call my attention or send me an e-mail at tintoy94@yahoo.com. Mabuhay tayong lahat!

Howdy to all Mabikas. We have just concluded our homecoming and by the looks on those who attended the said event, I can say that it was an enjoyable one. Enjoying to the max si Cadet Adecera while being bolahized by our mistahs. Tamang-tama. By the time na pumasok ng kadete yung mga anak natin, meron ng upperclass na in-charge sa kanila.

Once again, congratulations are in order to our mistahs who have recently occupied key positions in the AFP. To Pits Agapito for being designated as the new Commandant of the Philippine Airforce Flying School. With your experience and leadership, there is no better person to be given that post except you bok. Also, congratulations to our Artillery guys, RAP Genete who assumed command of the 3rd Field Artillery Battalion under the 3rd Infantry Division and Chris Oquendo who assumed command of the 5th Field Artillery Battalion under the 2nd Infantry Division. The Infantry and Cavalry guys will be confident to move forward knowing that you are always behind our backs. Congratulations also to our Special Forces Operators, Macky Macarandan, Commander of the 1ST Special Forces Battalion in Bukidnon and Dondi Pambid, Commander of the 6TH Special Forces Battalion in Zamboanga Sibugay. SF/ Airborne all the way. Also, to our other Kaugnay Warrior, Jearie Boy Faminial who assumed command of the 24TH Infantry (Wildcat) Battalion in Abra.... our congratulations and goodluck to your golfing career.

Good luck to all CGSC Class '63. We have 13 mistahs taking-up the said course, eleven Army guys, one Marine and one

from the Philippine Fleet. Goodluck to the seminar leaders, Boyet Dulay, Gem Escobido, Randy Pagunuran and Jeff Villarosa. Let us go Seminar-Right of Line. Also, kudos to the Vice-president of CGSC63, Jun Matias. Mababangis talaga mga Mabikas. Last time I heard they are already preparing for their Topic-to-Title Defense to be presented before the Holy Week. Kayang-kaya ninyo 'yan mga mistah. Special mention goes to Silas Trasmontero. Ask El ka na kay Chris Oquendo kung papaano makakakuha ng PhD sa CGSC. Special thanks to the gracious hosts of CGSC Class 62 and CGSC Class 63, Oliver Alvior and Rimrad Feraer. Automatic na yung venue kahit sa CGSC '64 bok.

Congratulations are also in order for Step Cabanlet and the whole MBLT-1. Latest updates on their accomplishments:



Air Force guys with our Squad Leader



Members of CGSC Class 63

they were able to effect the recovery and/or surrender of more than 50 assorted firearms and still counting. Same goes through with Mel Brual and the 51st Infantry (Fuerte Uno) Battalion who have so far harvested 42 high-powered firearms

since January of this year. Continue doing your best and make your Mabikas family proud. Kay Joma Jomalesa and Jess Pagala, our prayers are always with you and all of your personnel while performing your sworn duty in the province of Sulu. Inggat palagi mga mistah.

The whole Mabikas community also extends their deepest sympathies and condolences to the families of Jun Natividad and Aldrin Orejudos. We will always be with you, maybe not physically, but in spirit and our prayers.

Some updates on the Air Force guys still in the active service: we have two TOG Commanders in our ranks: Ronnie Cabingas and Uly Mancao. Denis Mangcoy is now the Deputy A2 of HPAF; Oniots Antonio and Patrix Patricio are currently taking up their MNSA; Bote Bautista is a Group Commander at the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing; Tony Abundabar is in charge of all the reservists of the Philippine Air Force that is based in Clark Air Base; Art Laylo is the U8 at WESCOM; and of course Pits Agapito, the Commander of the PAF Flying School.

For the Army guys, Benjie Tapnio recently joined J-jay Tayamen at OG3, PA. Garce Garceniego is somewhere in HSC, GHQ. Melanie Somera is taking up his CGSC somewhere in Southeast Asia (Indonesia ata). Rose Estorquia is somewhere in ZamBaSulta. Confid siya dun bok. Magkapitbahay sina Dodoy Illana at Macky Macarandan sa Bukidnon with Frank Molina providing CMO support. Magpakwento na lang kayo kay Dodoy ng mga accomplishments nila. Soy Torrenueva already transferred his battalion to Aurora. Ineexecute na niya yung planning na ginawa namin sa JOPP.

Updates from other mistahs will be posted on the next Class Call. Pahingi ng mga updates para meron tayo naipopost sa ating Class Call hehehe... until the next updates mga mistah. Always keep your feet on the ground and do our best in making the Mabikas family proud.



President - Dennis G Guillermo
Secretary - Adonis P Matinong

As I write this article, it will be 16 more days before our 22nd year of our military service. During the last homecoming it reminisced on me the fast passing of time and many changes had shaped each of mistah's disposition as well as their physical configuration. I've seen many men never grow old in their heart as many had grown brows in their foreheads or white hairs in their craniums. As a matter of perspectives, the last homecoming looks the same to some or a "history of new" to the few. But no matter and whatever it may stand out, that do not matter. Nonetheless, my specific task is just only to scribble what supposed to transpire in the class activities or as directed by competent president – no more, no less.

Hence, request be informed that the homecoming had successfully been conducted and attended by more than 30-strong Sanghaya cavaliers with their families. Our "Mightiest" had presented the class up to the Semis on Basketball clash of classes. A Special Award also gained on Golf Battle of classes dahil sa longest drive daw ni Allan Tria at most accurate ni Ronald Sarmiento. Kung nandunk lang ni squadmate Ranger Gurat ung basketboard – sana panalo tayo. Congrats to all the participants. Meron tuloy silang jerseys. However, nobody could steal the show from our very own president, Cav Guillermo as among the cavalier awardee. Thanks for bringing the Sanghaya up the stage boss President!

Though, the highlight of the alumni reunion was the class meeting after the stomach fill-up at lunch. Thereat, agendas regarding class projects had

been presented. The army group were too busy to facilitate the Army Group "Fund project". The mechanics and its possible impediments had been cleared and resolve anyway. The Navy Group had successfully settled their obligations. Another Navy project is underway though "The road to success is always under construction." The Airforce Group are doing alright and will soon provide information for their plans and special intentions. It is in that class meeting that it's hereby resolved, henceforth, that any formal class meetings must acquire a quorum of representatives as electorates wherein agendas must be stated/stipulated for deliberation, and presentation of intention/objections. The output will then be resolved by majority of attendees' approval through votes and the basis for final resolution. It is likewise agreed that the output will be binding and final for class agreement. All other issues that will be in conflict with the resolution will therefore be agreed to rescindment.

Therefore it is imperative, rational and maybe logical that all Sanghayans are encourage availing themselves, by participation, in order to make afford any statement on any related and specific issues that is deemed necessary for a council resolution. The class officers are not at all voluntarily been appointed but nevertheless tried to be accountable and responsible despite the hectic and busy schedules. The class officers' intention, together with some "participating" mistahs, is to deliver the class into each one of us. The members are all held accountable to what the class may become. Everybody has a share of involvement, not only in giving their shares of "pay-ins", but also of their presence in any class activities.

Currently, the Class Viber Group had been agreed by most to be the primary means of communication and conversation. Those who were not yet with the mentioned media platform must try to connect themselves. We have the serious Viber Group and "Bolahan" Group wherein lots of genomics resides 24/7. Of course, there were multiple means of communications that anybody could connect otherwise. Anybody could write – clearly, concisely and correctly. Anyone

can communicate face-to face - by Oral Communication. Visual Communication is not difficult. Some can do Radio communication however must know first the procedure or just call Dindo or Panibird for details. Others can also use password or cryptologic techniques for secret exchange – try to ask Tigno. Everything is possible to communicate now but the rule of the thumb remains the same: it must have the transmitter (sender), the medium (means) and the receiver (recipient).

At the least, more program activities are to be put in place for the class undertakings. Each Major Service group are doing initiatives to be productive for the whole class. Everybody though is encouraged to contribute or assist the other Major Service groups' activities. It is likewise helpful that all Major Service class officers are to submit their activity reports to the Class President or to the undersigned for posting anytime. It will be a collective data for consolidation and basis for class resolutions.

To end, let me congratulate everybody for the job well done for the past 21 years of success or survival, may in military service or in the civilian arena. At any rate, we remain a Sanghayan Cavaliers. James A. Garfield once said, "If wrinkles must be written upon our brow, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old." Therefore we should maintain the emblem of courage, integrity and loyalty to the flag. To those who were with the Lord, let us spare a minute to pray in remembrance and for their peaceful repose. May the almighty will find each one to be faithful even until the final conclusion of our fair and fruitful servitude to the constitution.



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After the PMA Class 2018 is recharged and energized with the new leadership under the Army group. The class is proud also to have a class adviser in the person of Philippine Army Vice Commander MGen Arevalo. First class meeting was held in the Headquarters Philippine Army where important agenda on updating of class by laws, class activities, fund-raisers, preparations for Alumni Homecoming 2019 and looking forward on preparations for hosting on the Almuni Homecoming 2020. Very helpful and time tested words of wisdom was given by our class adviser MGen Arevalo on the closing of the class meeting that concluded with class socials.

As a result of said class meeting, a milestone in the history of the class took place last March 2010. PMA Sanlingan Class of 2005 held its first ever anniversary on its 13th year at Libingan ng mga Bayani remembering our fallen mistahs.

The activity started at 8:30 in the morning with the celebration of the holy mass in thanksgiving for our 13th graduation anniversary and also to pray for the souls of our fallen Sanlingan mistahs. Said class activity was graced by our loved ones, dependents Sanlingan family and also our special guest is our class adviser MGen Arevalo. Immediately after the holy mass, the class together with our dependents and MGen Arevalo proceeded with the ecumenical prayers and lighting of candles starting with a ceremonial offering of wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown.

Upon the conclusion of moments of silence and class photoOps, memorial program followed at the Bulwagan where brunch was served. The program includes memorial speech from closed mistahs of our departed fellow Sanlingans. We remembered and offered prayers to departed Sanlingans Army 1Lt Peter Vinluan, Marines Cpt Ludwig Salvador, Air Force Cpt Neil Corpuz, Army Cpt Michael Arugay, Army Cpt Rimando Estrada, Cpt Elwood Balignasay, Army Cpt Godofredo Despojo, Army Cpt Harold Camazo, and Medal of Valor Awardee Cpt Rommel Sandoval. After each memorial speech, the class president Army Major Ivan Fernandez delivered his remarks followed by the introduction of our key note speaker, our class adviser Army Vice Commander MGen Arevalo. MGen Arevalo gave important

advises to the class like saving money, taking care of surviving loved ones of fallen Sanlingans and keeping the class bond burning.

The class activity - anniversary and memorial to fallen Sanlingan - was concluded with visit, candle lighting and group photo opportunity at the grave site of mistahs buried at Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Keeping the class closely bonded is really a challenge especially that its members are scattered in the archipelago. The class is currently preparing for future activities and is keeping the bond burning by active social media interactions with each other and quick gatherings in various areas.



LTGEN FORTUNATO U ABAT '51
10 June 1925 - 7 March 2018



Former Defense Secretary Abat passed away at the age of 92 while confined at the VMMC. He was laid to rest

on 13 March 2018 at the LNMB. He was married to former Corazon Bulatao with whom he had six children: Victor, PMA 77; Evita married to P/Dir Jaime Caringal, PMA 76; Tito, PMA 78 (KIA in Samar, 1979); Asterita; Teodosio, and Roberto.

LTCOL EVARISTO M RIO '78
19 Sept 1954 - 16 March 2018



Cav Rio was interred on 22 March 2018 at the LNMB. He is survived by his loving wife Marissa.

COL JOSE G GUILLEM '54
20 March 1929 - 17 March 2018



Cav Guillem was interred at the Heritage Park, Taguig City on 27 March. He left behind his loving wife Benifrida

with whom he had five children namely: Marivic, Nanette, Hector, Erwin and Jennifer.

RODOLFO B MENDOZA JR '78
23 August 1952 - 28 March 2018



Legendary police intelligence officer Mendoza, one of the Philippines' best spies against communist

guerrillas who also helped uncover the first international terrorist network here, died of a heart attack in his home province of Pangasinan. He served in the PNP Intelligence Group and the provincial police of Zambales before retiring. He left behind his wife Evelyn.

BGEN MANUEL TRECE S ROBLES '86
13 January 1965 - 28 March 2018



Robles was interred in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo on 7 April 2018. He left behind his loving wife Christine Marie with whom he

had one daughter. His last assignment in Philippine Army was with 53rd EBde, Camp Lapulapu, Cebu City.

PCSUPT TIRSO L ROSAL '65
12 May 1943 - 1 April 2018



Rosal died in a vehicular accident. His wake was at Loyola Commonwealth. He was buried at the LNMB

on 7 April 2018. He left his loving wife Marginia with whom he had five children.

MAJ JOSE MANUEL B DICHOSO '99
5 July 1975 - 6 April 2018



Cav Dichoso was cremated at Holy Gardens, Taytay, Rizal on 9 April 2018. He left behind his loving wife Anamarie with

whom he had two children namely: Mariah Jose and Marcus Jesse. His last assignment in Philippine Air Force was with AFPCEs.

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Members of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc., pay their respective calls to Senator Panfilo M. Lacson '71 last March 12; to PDGen Ronald M dela Rosa '86 then PNP Chief last March 26; to Vice Admiral Elson E Hermogino '85 last 04 April; to Lt Gen Rolando Joselito D Bautista '85, CG, PA last April 10; and to Lt Gen Galileo Gerard R Kintanar Jr '85, CG, PAF last April 24, 2018.

The Board Members paid their respect to these distinguished cavaliers who made a niche in their chosen field of expertise and to update these personalities on the current thrusts of the Association.





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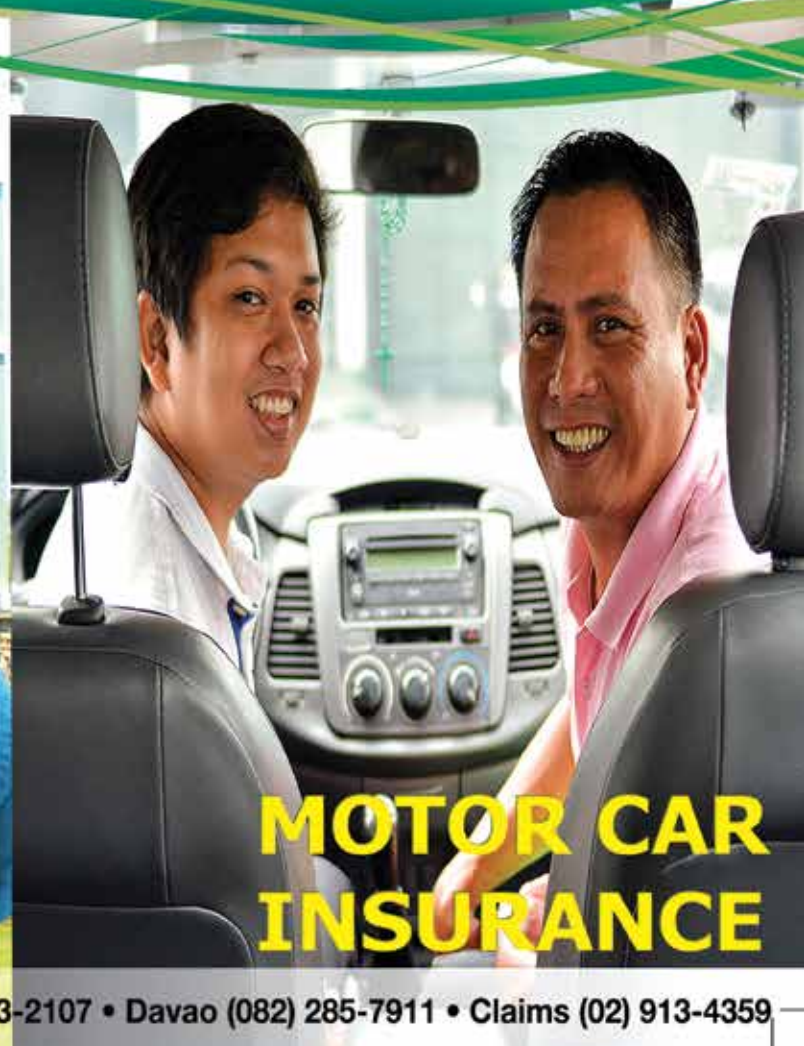
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