



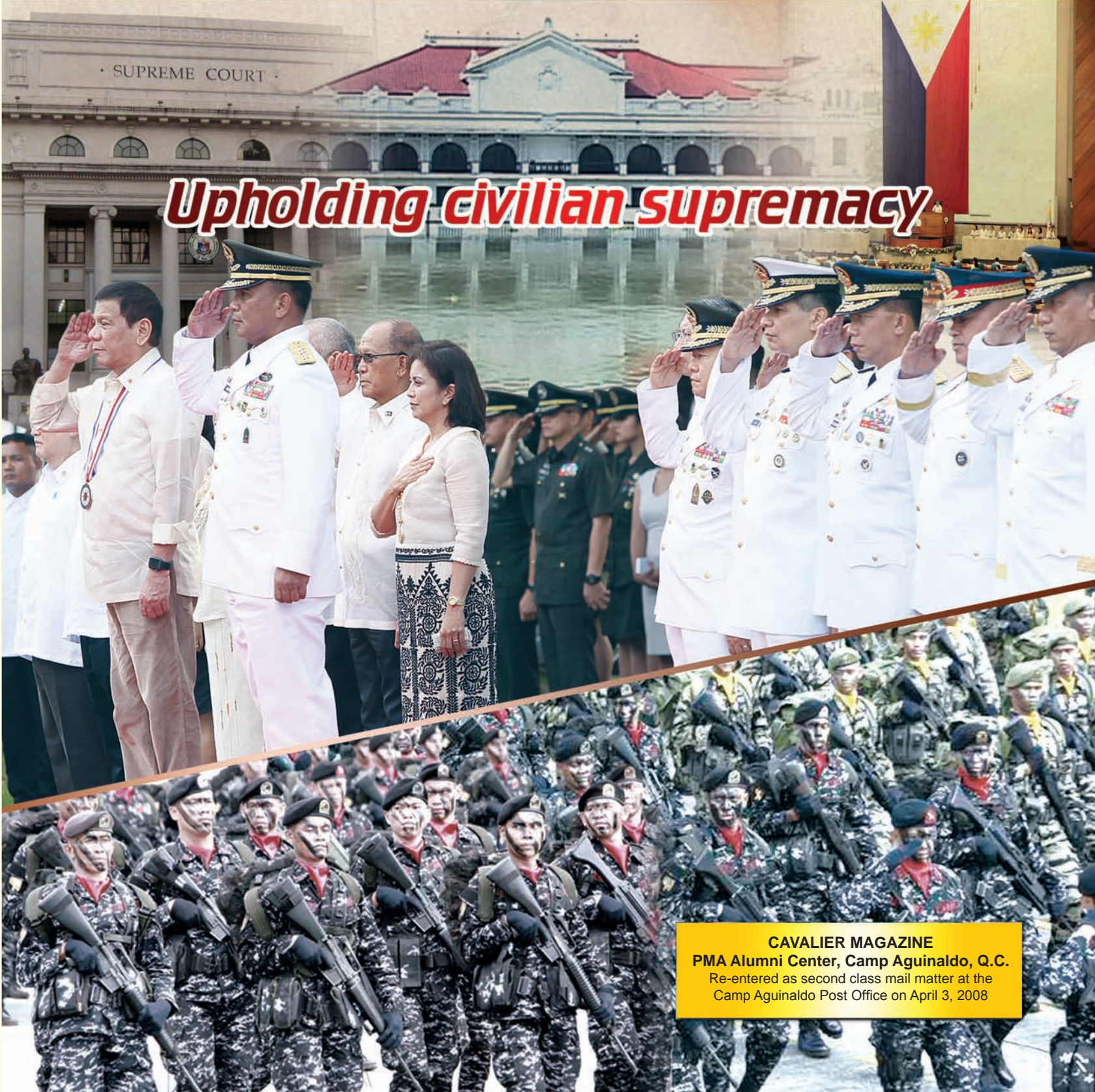
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ABOUT THE COVER

Historically and traditionally, the civilian sector of society which sadly includes political and civil leaders, harbors apprehension over the actions and behavior of the armed forces. Being the “managers of violence” legally authorized to bear arms, there is still that fear that they would one day intervene, especially if the country is faced with perceived problems and threats to national security.

In reality, the armed services of the country which are led by a professional officer corps, have always rallied behind the duly elected President, their Commander-in-Chief, the highest civilian authority. Whoever he designates to take over leadership positions, they are immediately accepted. The doctrine of supremacy of civilian authority is always emphasized, from the lowest training institutions to the highest, and during troop-information assemblies.

The development and maintenance of a highly professional officer corps is paramount in any democratic society. In them is deeply ingrained the noble values and virtues of the profession of arms. Hopefully the civilian sector will do its part, to “militarize the military”, another term for professionalizing the services.

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Theme for the next issue: The pursuit of peace and prosperity: our urgent goal.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

By Cav Anselmo S Avenido Jr '67



Upholding civilian supremacy

The theme for this issue is very closely related to that of the past issue which is “keeping in step with the new leaders.” As Cavaliers, we have to understand and observe this principle of “civilian supremacy” at heart.

The concept of civilian supremacy is inherent in a republican state like the Philippines. It was impliedly provided in our previous constitutions, but because of past experiences, the framers of our present 1987 Constitution deemed it proper to clearly express this policy. And so Section 3, Article II of the Constitution states, “Civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military. The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereign state and the integrity of the national territory.”




Does this mean, as some laymen say, that civilians in general are superior to the military? Far from it!

It only means that the military establishment takes order from the proper civilian authority headed by the President who is the Chief Executive and Commander-in-Chief of all armed forces of the Philippines. As Chief Executive, he ensures that the law be faithfully executed. Please take note that he is

the Commander-in-Chief of not just the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) but of “all armed forces” of the government including the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard and other armed forces organized by the government.

Historians and other experts agree that “civilian control of the military is a doctrine in military and political sciences that places ultimate responsibility for a country’s strategic decision-making in the hands of the civilian political leadership, rather than professional military officers.” It is “the proper subordination of a competent, professional military to the ends of policy as determined by civilian authority.” The military “serves as a special government agency, which is supposed to implement, rather than formulate, policies that require the use of certain types of physical force.” Civilian authority simply means “the supremacy of the law because authority, under our constitutional system, can only come from law.”

When military personnel enter the service, they swear to uphold and defend the Constitution thereby also swearing to uphold civilian supremacy. They who are issued guns must use these arms properly. The “physical force” that they possess must be utilized to promote peace and security and to contribute to the development and prosperity of our country and people. Abuses must not be tolerated.

The incumbent Commander-in-Chief, in his first few months of service, has given the appropriate orders and guidance to the military and other armed forces as to what they must do and how they must carry out these orders. Those in the active service must take heed and comply. Those of us who are already out would do well just to facilitate the proper performance of duty of those in the active service. 



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cav Erick A Kagaoan '87



The Cavalier Magazine Editorial Policies

Editor's note. *In lieu of the usual column of the PMAAAI President, the salient points of the recently approved Editorial Policies are published below, to be effective starting in the November-December 2016 issue.*

GENERAL

The Cavalier Magazine is a professional journal published monthly by the PMAAAI. It serves as a general forum for the exchange of information among the alumni of the PMA. It is also a vehicle for the expression of their stand on vital issues of the country, especially on defense and security and other fields where they are subject matter experts.

The primary objectives, among others, are to (1) Broaden the professional knowledge and information base of the Magazine's readers by publishing articles which provide significant discussions and current information in various fields of alumni interest and national issues in general; (2) Promote the writing of quality studies and articles related to the objectives of PMAAAI and PMA and; (3) Portray the Academy as the country's premiere leadership institution made unique through its Honor Code and motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty.

While professional articles are encouraged, the main focus of contributions shall be activities of PMAAAI and its affiliate foundations, chapters and class organizations. In pursuing the objective of exchanging information, articles shall likewise foster camaraderie and preserve Academy traditions and values. Moreover, articles shall not be primarily the "cut and paste" types characteristic of academic papers. Rather, they shall contain enlightened and rational assessments and evaluations based on their personal and professional experiences.

THE EDITORIAL POLICIES

a. The Cavalier Magazine respects freedom of expression as enjoyed by the citizenry in general and journalists/other writers in particular. However, the Magazine shall portray the PMA and the PMAAAI in a positive light. It shall be in harmony with the Association's values and objectives. Although contributions may address contentious issues, those that are highly critical, personal and tend to create an animosity between and among Association members, as deemed by the Editor-in-Chief and/ or Editorial Board, shall not be published.

b. The Editor-in-Chief shall have the right to select and edit articles for length, grammar and syntax but shall insure that their main themes and ideas are maintained and the author's style of writing is respected.

c. All contributions selected for publication shall be the

property of the Cavalier Magazine. Those not selected may however be returned to the authors when requested.

d. Dimensions. The dimensions of the Magazine shall be 8 ½ inches by 11 inches. The number of pages shall depend on the quantity of articles selected to be published. It may range from 48 to 60 inside pages.

e. Byline. All published articles shall have a byline consisting at most of two main authors. If there are more, they shall be identified at the end of the articles. An article written by a committee or group shall identify the designation of said committee/group and the names of the member shall be placed at the end of the article.

f. Class Calls - Class organizations shall have the right to select the style and language of their articles. However, Class Calls shall not be more than one thousand words or about one page of the Magazine and shall contain only significant updates about the members, class activities and informative materials. Financial statements, poems, lengthy literary excerpts, redundant information, and those already published are highly discouraged. Class calls may be returned for editing as to length. Articles shall be sent to the Editorial Staff and not directly to the printing press. Since Class Calls are the most numerous and need laying-out in the printing press, they shall be submitted on or before the deadline. No article shall be accepted after the lay-out has been finalized in the printing press.

g. Theme - Each issue of the Magazine shall have a theme approved by the Editorial Board.

h. Types of articles - Articles that may be published in the Magazine are as follows:

(1) **Regular columns** - usually, but not limited to, articles written by the Chairman, the President, the Superintendent and the Editor. Cavalier Newline (information about alumni designated to key positions), the Adjutant's Bulletin (PMAAAI and Chapter activities and Foundation updates), and Last Call. The Last Call shall be an obituary of the deceased alumni, consisting of a short summary of the highlights of their career, instead of a lengthy eulogy. This is to have more space for other alumni who died during the period.

(2) **Class Calls** - information pertaining to the various classes.

(3) **Professional articles** - feature stories and essays reflecting enlightened and well-thought-of treatises of current issues of interest, both at the international and local levels.

(4) **Letters to the Editor** - addressed to the editor but is intended not only for perusal of the alumni but also of offices and personalities occupying key positions from which some actions may be initiated, in terms of policies, decisions and moral support among others.

(5) **Guest articles** - written by non-alumni but may deserve

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SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Sustaining the gains

The month of August is often the busiest for the Academy as it prepares not only for the conduct of regular classes but also for the simultaneous nationwide PMA entrance exam.

This year's entrance exam had been quite a challenge for us, given that the whole country is currently in a transition period for the implementation of the K to 12 Program. Because of the implementation by the Department of Education of Grade 11 for the first time, the Academy centered its recruitment on college students, the number of which has also decreased. Long before the K to 12 Program came into play, many tertiary institutions already anticipated the sharp drop of their enrolment this year. Consequently, this greatly affected this year's recruitment program. It also resulted in a decrease in the number of applicants for the recent PMA entrance exam. Only those who have long finished high school, along with students from private high schools who already finished Grade 7, Kinder 1 and Kinder 2 in their curricula, were eligible to take this year's entrance examination. From the 10,803 applicants for this year who passed the entrance exams, the Academy will select the future members of Class 2021.

To further cushion the impacts of the K to 12 Program in the succeeding entrance examinations, the Academy is formulating a five-year Comprehensive Recruitment Plan to increase the number of its cadet-applicants. For the past five years, the Academy's recruitment data has been fluctuating despite the efforts to promote the Academy. The Recruitment Plan aims to attain a sustained recruitment growth consistent with the Academy's long-range goals stated in the PMA Roadmap 2020. Hopefully, the Recruitment Plan would build long-term relationships and outcomes with aspirants, parents, the media, and the community, in general.


More importantly, the greater task of ensuring that the Academy would provide the essential education to the cadets requires the interplay of many factors, including the role that the

alumni play in attracting qualified applicants. For who can best promote the Academy than our distinguished alumni who have brought honor and prestige to the Academy?



New cadet barracks

Over and above our external recruitment efforts, the Academy continues as well to ensure that the quality of its education and training is not compromised. This means we have to beef up the Academy's facilities in order to provide our cadets with a favorable learning environment. Thankfully, last July, we have inaugurated the new cadet barracks which can house 464 cadets. The new cadet barracks will be fully dedicated and renamed during the Academy's 118th Founding Anniversary this October. The construction of the new barracks was made possible by the generosity of the Bloomberry Cultural Foundation and Resorts World Philippines Cultural Heritage Foundation through the efforts of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation and the Department of National Defense.

As it has always been, there is so much work for all of us in the Academy and the tasks are ever daunting. One could readily be overwhelmed by the weight of what we want to do and accomplish given that there are expectations from the Academy and these are ever increasing. Thus to the PMA faculty and staff, the years ahead of us shall be challenging for we have to **sustain the gains we have made.** 



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Supremacy of civilian authority; the Commander-in-Chief

More than four months after the May 2016 national elections, the political atmosphere is still charged. It is perhaps because of extraordinary events which transpired after President Rodolfo Roa Duterte took over the reins of government. These occurrences are much more different from the relative calm of the first 100 days of previous administrations. As the President continues to pursue a different leadership style and makes surprising pronouncements that impact on internal and external defense and security policies, a number of which have already elicited both positive and negative reactions, the remaining days up to the end of the year would surely bear close watching.

For one thing, the many visits of various military and police camps by the President are given a different color by critics. Visits were not done by previous Commanders-in-Chief early on in their terms. The suspicion is, is he trying to get the sympathy of the armed services given also that they are promised packages of benefits like increase in pay and allowances? On the part of the men and women in uniform, these visits go a long way into their sense of loyalty.

In reality, in the armed services, the visits of field units of new commanders is no big deal, even required. Not only do these sorties create bonds between higher leaders and their subordinates. They are also subtle ways of saying I am in command; I am closely watching you so do your duties well. More importantly however, the field visits enable commanders to know what is happening in their AOR, giving them the confidence to command and expect results.

In this light, the President as Commander-in-Chief is aware of a vital function of command. This is to his credit. The position that attaches to the presidency is a constitutional rank, not a military rank in the vein of a General, Colonel, or Major for which, an officer is entitled to a command and staff structure directly serving him 24 hours a day and seven days a week, giving him information in real time.

The apprehension of critics over these field visits is understandable in view of past misadventures by soldiers. But at this stage of our country's history, they are unfounded. The military professionals, the officer corps, are ardent students of history. They have not only demonstrated in unmistakable acts that they respect the constitutional provision of supremacy of civilian authority, and the processes in which they are participants. Consider the following:

When they enter the service, when they assume command positions and when they are promoted to higher ranks, they take an oath that they will uphold the Constitution and duly constituted authorities


The top leadership themselves defend their budgets before congressional and senate committees and their plenaries, patiently waiting for their turn even up to the wee hours of the morning.

Newly promoted Colonels and General officers pass through the scrutiny of the Commission on Appointments. During confirmation hearings, they are as meek as lambs, sincerely praying that they satisfactorily answer the questions thrown at them, no matter how irrelevant to their careers and performances. In many occasions, they are by-passed, sometimes without justifiable reasons, but the decisions are accepted anyway.

But on top of all these, the biggest single proof that they uphold the supremacy of civilian authority, is their instant obedience to whoever is elected as President. Likewise, whoever he appoints to key leadership positions, they immediately accept, regardless of their seniority in the Lineal List.

The whys of the disciplined behavior of the men and women of the armed services may find explanation from doctrines of civil-military relations from more advanced militaries which they have internalized and ingrained in training institutions. Exhortations from "The Soldier and the State: The Theory and Practice of Civil-Military Relations," shown below guide the behavior of the military professional.

"The military profession exists to serve the state. To render the highest possible service, the entire profession and the military force which it leads must be constituted as effective instrument of state policy. Since political direction comes only from the top, this means that the profession has to be organized into a hierarchy of obedience. When the military man receives a legal order from an authorized superior, he does not argue, does not hesitate, he does not substitute his own views; he obeys instantly. (Page 73)... A highly professional corps stands ready to carry out the wishes of any civilian group which secures legitimate authority within the state." (Page 84).

Unfortunately these doctrines are not widely known, even by many political leaders. To the officer corps and the alumni, upholding civilian authority or supremacy over the military, is not a problem. 

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By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

NEWSLINE



(Erratum: In the previous issue of the Cavalier we erroneously reported Commo Julito M Casillan II '67 as asst secretary in Dept of Agriculture. Our regrets).

MGen Pangilinan designated Army vice commander

MGen Edmundo R Pangilinan '83 has been designated the new vice commander of the Army, vice MGen Demosthenes C Santillan '83, who retired. Replacing Pangilinan as 6th Inf Div, PA commander is MGen Carlito G Galvez Jr '85.



Pangilinan

Emmanuel B Salamat '85.

MGen Edgar F Gonzalez '84 has been designated commander of the Army's Mechanized Infantry Division, and BGen Raul T Atal '84 has taken over the 5th Inf Div from MGen Lysander A Suerte'82, who retired.

MGen Parra assumes as Air Force vice commander

MGen Conrado V Parra Jr '83 has assumed as the new vice commander of the Air Force, vice MGen Emeraldal C Magnaye '83, who retired.



Parra

MGen Domingo B Palisoc Jr '84 has been designated as the commander of the 3rd Air Div, vice MGen Raul L del Rosario'84 who was earlier transferred as commander of the AFP's Central Command. BGen Enrique C Reyes '85 has taken over as the 1st Air Div commander, while BGen Jose G Mirandilla Jr '84 is the 2nd Air Div commander.

MGen Arnold A Mancita '85 is now the commander of the Air Logistics Command.

RAdm Amba designated head of Naval Forces Western Mindanao

RAdm Jorge F Amba '85 has been designated as commander of the Naval



Amba

Danilo R Rodelas '86, Naval Forces West; Commo Loumer P Bernabe '87, Naval Forces Central; Commo Giovanni Carlo J Bacordo '87, Naval Forces Southern Luzon; and Commo Erick A Kagaoan '87, Naval Forces Northern Luzon

RAdm Raul R Ubando'85 is the new Navy inspector general, while Commo Ramon S Ochoco'85 is the new internal auditor.

Commo Virme P Torralba'85 has been designated as the new commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command (NASSCOM), and Commo Robert A Empedrad '86 as commander of the Offshore Combat Force, Philippine Fleet.

BGen Clement takes over as J3, AFP

BGen Raul S Clement '85 has taken over as the deputy chief of staff (DCS) for operations, J3, AFP, from MGen Carlito G Galvez Jr '85 who went back to the Army as 6th Inf Div commander.



Clement

The other new AFP deputy chiefs of staff are: MGen Jose P Tanjuan Jr '85, DCS for communications, electronics and information systems, J6; and BGen Melquiades L Feliciano

Forces Western Mindanao, which covers the Sulu Sea.

The commanders of the other naval forces are; Commo Elson K Aguilar '85, Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao; Commo

'85, DCS for civil military operations, J7.

New commanders of AFPWSSU are BGen Rhoderick M Parayno '85, Civil Relations Service, AFP (CRSAFP); BGen Ronald C Villanueva '85, Intelligence Service, AFP (ISAFP); BGen Rolando Joselito D Bautista '85, Presidential Security Group (PSG); and BGen Alvin Francis A Javier '85, AFP Procurement Service.

BGen Dinoh A Dolina '85 has been designated as chief of the Office for Legislative Affairs (OLA), AFP, BGen Reuel N Sorilla '85 as the adjutant general (TAG), AFP, and BGen Arnel M Duco '86 as SMA to SND.

MGen Balutan moved to PCSO as chairman

Retired PN(M) MGen Alexander F Balutan '83, former PN vice commander and reported in the previous issue of the Cavalier as having been appointed chief of the Bureau of Corrections, has been moved to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) as its chairman.

Crow Valley Gunnery Range renamed after Col Ravina

The former Crow Valley Gunnery Range, where US aircraft from Clark Air Base used to practice aircraft bombing and gunnery, has recently been renamed after the late Col Ernesto P Ravina PAF (Ret), a member of Class 55.

The facility is now named **Col Ernesto Ravina Air Base** or CERAB. The renaming ceremony held on 28 Sept 2016 was presided by chief of air staff, MGen Rozzano D Briguez '86 who read the PAF chief's message. Col Ernesto P Ravina Jr '84 gave the response. /raa





ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

Nominees for Cavalier Awards 2017

By Cav Melchor P Rosales '68
Chairman, Awards Committee, PMAAAI

The second stage of deliberations for the search of the 2017 Cavalier Awards for the outstanding regular members of the Association is now set. From the initial screening of the different chapters (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, National Police and the Business, Industry and Retirees) a total of 50 cavalier nominees had been recommended for deliberation. They will be evaluated based not only from their manifestation of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, the epitome of values that Peemayers hold dearest, but they must also exemplify the best in their chosen fields.

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

For Command and Administration

- CAV RONALD JOSEPH S MERCADO '83 PN
- CAV BAYANI R GAERLAN '84 PN
- CAV RAUL DEL ROSARIO '84 PAF
- CAV DOMINGO B PALISOC JR '84 PAF
- CAV ATHELO L YBAÑEZ '84 PCG
- CAV JORGE F AMBA '85 PN
- CAV GALILEO GR KINTANAR '85 PAF
- CAV ROLANDO S ACOP '86 PAF

For Staff Functions

- CAV ANDRE M COSTALES JR '83 PN (M)
- CAV JOSE P TANJUAN JR '85 PAF
- CAV DENNIS A SIERVO '85 PN
- CAV GUILLERMO A MOLINA II '86 PAF
- CAV JOSELITO B RAMOS '88 PAF

- CAV JULIANO C LLARENAS '92 PAF
- CAV CHRISTOPHER G SALIMBANGON '99 PN

For Army Operations

- CAV MELQUIADES L FELICIANO '85
- CAV FELIX RONNIE B BABAC '93
- CAV LENNON G BABILONIA '93
- CAV RYAN N SEVERO '99
- CAV MARION B CAYAT '02
- CAV EMERSON P NELVIS '07
- CAV DIONIZER MO DELOS SANTOS '08

For Air Force Operations

- CAV FERMIN M CARANGAN '92
- CAV LORETO B PASAMONTE '93
- CAV STEPHEN C CALIZO '02
- CAV MICHAEL VR MALLARI '02
- CAV CHESTER R GUANZON '02
- CAV JULIBERT P TABIGUE '02
- CAV ROGELIO A OMBAO '06

For Navy Operations

- CAV ERNESTO O BALDOVINO '91
- CAV ANTONIO G MANGOROBAN JR '92
- CAV JUARIO C MARAYAG '93
- CAV CONSTANCIO AM REYES '93

For Police Operations

- CAV ROBERTO B FAJARDO '87
- CAV ALBERT IGNATIUS D FERRO '89
- CAV ALEX B SINTIN '90
- CAV JONNEL C ESTOMO '92

For Coast Guard Operations

- CAV TITO ALVIN ANDAL '94
- CAV JOSEPH M COYME '94

For Special Operations

- CAV REYNIR S NIRZA '02 PA

For Alumni Affairs

- CAV JOSE C LAPUS '65

For Public Administration

- CAV HONORIO S AZCUETA '68
- CAVE SIEGFRED B MISON '87

For Private Enterprise

- CAV MANUEL P ESPEJO '66
- CAV MARIO A AVENIDO '81

For Special Fields

- CAV VICENTE C PANGANTIHON '68 (deceased)
- CAV ROBERTO Q ESTIOKO '77
- CAV STEPHEN L CABANLET '96 PN (M)
- CAV OLIVER A BANARIA '97 PAF
- CAV MICHAEL T AQUINO '99 PA

The PMAAAI also confers the Lifetime Achievement Award to those who have rendered 50 years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country and the Outstanding Achievement Award to those who presently occupy the positions of AFP Chief, PNP Chief, PCG Commandant, PA Chief, PN Chief, Senator, Speaker of the House Cabinet members and Ambassadors. For AY 2016-17, the Outstanding Achievement Awardees are CAV DELFIN N LORENZANA '73, SND; CAV EDGAR R FALLORINA '83, CG, PAF; CAV RICARDO R VISAYA '83 CSAFP; and CAV RONALD M DELA ROSA '86, CPNP. They will be given their respective awards during the Alumni Convention on January 28, 2017

The Awards Committee members are CAV SALVADOR Q ESGUERRA '74, BIRC; CAV ELSON E HERMOGINO '85, PCG; CAV RAMON EVAN T RUIZ '87, PA; CAV JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO '89, PNP; CAV JEFFREY M VILELA '92, PAF; and CAV LUED L LINCUNA '93, PN. We are most happy to receive comments and information to make the selection more thorough. Inputs may be sent to PMAAAI Alumni Center at pmaaai@yahoo.com. The nominees chosen by the Awards Committee will be deliberated on and approved by the PMAAAI Board in its meeting in December 2016.

PDFI gives two business loans; supports eleven scholars

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55, PDFI chairman

The PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI) has recently extended business loans to retired Col Alejandro T Flores Jr '72 and retired LtGen Rodolfo S Obaniana '74.

Cav Flores' renewal loan of P300,000.00, repayable in 3 years at 15% interest per annum based on the declining balance, was intended for expansion of his existing livestock business of cattle and goat raising in Tala, Orani, Bataan.

On the other hand, Cav Obaniana's renewal loan of P300,000.00, at same term as that of Cav Flores, was intended for expansion of his Petron Refilling Station in Nasugbu, Batangas. Both are good payers for their previous loans.

The PDFI also supports the scholarship in college of eleven (11) bright children of members, who are potential national leaders, during the current first semester of SY 2016-17. To qualify for scholarship, one must be the son/daughter of a PMAAAI regular member in good standing and a regular member of PDFI, and must have had during the preceding semester a weighted average grade of 1.75 or better with no grade lower than 2.25 in any subject, or their equivalent. To be a regular member of PDFI, one must have made a contribution to the Foundation of at least P2,000.00.


The three (3) new scholars are: Carlos Renerio S Batalla, son of Cav Renerio Batalla '90, 2nd year, BS Materials Engineering, UP Diliman; Czarmaine Dorothy H Idio, daughter of Cav Cesar M Idio '85, 2nd year, BA Linguistics, UP Diliman; and Peter Jempsun P de Guzman Jr, son of Cav Peter Jempsun V de Guzman Sr '93, 1st year, Law proper, UP Diliman.

The five (5) continuing scholars are: Kylee Ann Elsa R Borja,

daughter of Cav Rolando G Borja '82, 4th year, BS Pharmacy, UST; Nicole Anne G Mempin, daughter of Cav Nolasco A Mempin '90, 3rd year, AB/MA Political Science, ADMU; Jeremiah Nathaniel F Reyes, son of Rommel Anthony D Reyes '89, 4th year, AB Political Science, UP Diliman; Rommel Edwin T Tello, son of Cav Rommel K Tello '90, 2nd year, BS Med Tech, Trinity University of Asia; and Karen Joyce S Velasco, daughter of Nestor T Velasco '83, 5th year, Medicine Proper, UP Manila.

There are three (3) scholars who have been reinstated, after satisfying the grade requirement in the preceding semester when their scholarship was suspended. They are Rachele Cristina Acorda, daughter of Cav Raymundo R Acorda '88, 3rd year, AB Psychology, DLSU Manila; Eloise Fae H Pulido, daughter of Cav Romeo P Pulido Jr '91, 2nd year, Interior Design, PWU; and Gabriel Hernandez, son of Cav Eugenio V Hernandez '89, 2nd year, BS Community Development, UP Diliman.

Each scholar is given a stipend of P45,000.00 per school year or P22,500.00 per semester.

The different types of loans being extended by PDFI to its members are: project or business loan not exceeding P300,000.00, with 12% to 15% interest pa, payable in 3 years; consumer loan not exceeding P100,000.00 with 12% interest pa, payable in 2 years; educational loan not exceeding P50,000.00 at 10% interest pa, payable starting upon completion or termination of study; emergency or all-purpose loan of P20,000.00 at 10% interest pa, payable in 1 year; and expected dividend advance (EDA) loan equal to the EDA from any of the AFP, PNP or PCG financial institutions at 1% interest per month, payable upon release of the EDA. 


PAF Chapter conducts fellowship

By Cav Isagani F Quiming '01

In line with the thrust of the current PAF Chapter Board of Trustees to foster stronger camaraderie among its members, a fellowship was conducted on 30 August 2016 at PAF Aerospace Museum, Col Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City.

The fellowship was attended by subchapter representatives from Clark Air Base, Basa Air Base, Fernando Air Base, Benito Ebuena Air Base, Edwin Andrews Air Base and from Classes 1990-2016. The Chairman, PAF Chapter, CAV ROZZANO D BRIGUEZ

'86, spearheaded the fellowship and was ably assisted by the Board of Trustees and Committee Chairpersons.

The plans, programs and financial status of the Chapter were discussed during the event for wider dissemination to the members. Moreover, during the open forum, the attendees were encouraged by the Chairman to ask questions and voice out concerns for appropriate action of the leadership. Overall, the fellowship was a success and it is intended to be replicated in PAF Subchapters in other Bases. 



Navy triggers first ever invitational shootfest

By Cav Marineth R. Domingo '02

The Philippine Navy, spearheaded by the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. – Philippine Navy Chapter (PMAAAI-PN), 'went great guns' in staging its first ever invitational shootfest held early morning of Sept. 12 at the Philippine Marine Corps (PMC) Firing Range in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. Gracing the event was Navy Chief Vice Adm. Caesar C. Taccad, PMA Class 1982 and his wife, Mrs. Joy Taccad.



This event was made possible by three PN-wide organizations namely, PMAAAI-PN Chapter, National ROTC Alumni Association (NARAA) and AFP Officer Candidate School (AFPOCS), in partnership with the PN Officers Wives and Husbands Association (PNOWHA).

Sailor and Marine marksmen and other shooting enthusiasts had their guns 'locked and loaded' as they tried to outclass each other in a friendly battle of strategy, speed and accuracy. Outstanding shooters were also recognized and given trophies in the awarding ceremony held after the shootfest.

The shootfest competition was primarily aimed at fostering strong camaraderie and acquaintance among Navy and Marine officers and other participants who are products of the different sources of commission. It was also envisioned to support various projects of the officers and the PNOWHA.



BIRCI Activities

BIRCI QUARTERLY FELLOWSHIP

Members of the retired, separated and business sectors of PMAAAI had a chance to hug the limelight on 17 August 2016. On this date, starting 6:00 P.M., an unusually large number of alumni flocked to Dimalupig Hall B, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo for their 2nd Quarter Fellowship. The difference this time was the presence of Cav Hermogenes C Esperon, Jr. '74, National Security Adviser who was Guest of Honor (GOH).

BIRC President Jaime delos Santos '69, formally welcomed the attendees, while Cav Salvador Q Esguerra '74, classmate of the GOH, introduced him in a light manner, focusing on untold stories of their cadet days which elicited laughter. For his talk, Cav Esperon dispensed with his prepared speech and chose to speak extemporaneously on the subject of national security and the efforts of government to forge peace with insurgent and secessionist elements, and other information not previously announced by media. He also surprised everybody by acknowledging by name senior retirees whom he had not seen for a long time.

The evening turned out to be a real fellowship of upperclass and underclass retirees. As usual, the affair ended with a Closing Remarks by BIRCI Chairman Melchor P Rosales '68. Everybody went home with mementos – umbrellas for the rainy season, to be tandemed with bull caps with BIRCI markings in gold, which were given to attendees in previous fellowships.

SEMINAR ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Subject matter experts on management in their own right, members of the Board of PMAAAI and BIRCI together with other guests invited on the spot, attended a seminar on special topics in corporate governance held at the Lakambini Room, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo on 17 August 2017 at 1:00 P.M. It was intended by the PMAAAI Board for the Directors to get updates from management professionals on current trends in investments & trust operations.

Speakers for the day were Dr. Eulogio T Castillo Ph.D, Executive Director of Cooperative Development Authority and Cav Romeo D. Roderos '77, Professor of Management, MLQU and former SVP, DBP and Cav Hector M. Atienza, USNA '83, EVP and GM, AFPSLAI.

Dr. Castillo of CDA found himself at the receiving end of most questions raised from the floor, considering that many cavaliers and PMAAAI Foundations have invested their funds in cooperatives. The seminar turned out to be a learning experience. One lesson learned from this endeavor was, in cooperatives, no member of the Board is part of management. To those present, that explained a lot of things in one of their long-time investments involving a cooperative presently experiencing liquidity problems.

Learning is a never-ending process. The attendees agreed.

Gun ownership: a perspective

(Why you should not own firearms when you're a senior citizen)

By Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88

Introduction

The PNP is a service organisation. Thru some of its regulatory bodies it is able to serve the interests of the everyday citizen.

Its law-enforcement functions are geared towards making the streets safe for the citizens, especially the civilians. Hence, by its very nature, the PNP is an instrument to uphold civilian supremacy and protect their rights at all times.

However, this character of the PNP services came into a lot of questions in the most recent periods because of the issue of firearms licensing. A new law was passed and this made it difficult if not impossible for civilians to get licenses for their firearms, much more permits to carry outside residence, from the organisation.

Reacting to issues raised relative to this, the PNP deployed caravans to alleviate conditions while explaining the purpose and intricacies of the new policies. Of late, the PNP has begun re-visiting if not re-engineering the entire process in so far as the law would allow it.

However, in the midst of all these, one voice was raised which made a deafening impact on the way the whole scenario was unravelling. This was the voice of one who said that "it is not good to own firearms."

The following is the result of an interview with Police Senior Superintendent John Bulalacao '88 who at the time of this interview was assigned with the Firearms and Explosives Office of the CSG, PNP.

My mistah, John Bulalacao was assigned with the Firearms and Explosives Office, when I sat him down for an interview, specifically on his views about gun ownership. He owns a particularly unique and maybe, controversial, opinion on the matter. I learned of this when, during one of the many times I had to "usher" some cavaliers applying for a License to Own and Possess Firearms (LTOPF), we took advantage of his office and his hospitality. He was quite "brave" in trying to convince "senior-citizen-cavaliers" to cease from owning firearms, so that they would not have to go through the gruelling process of licensing these and; much more, of trying to acquire a Permit to Carry Outside of Residence (PTCOR). Now, my mistah is not wont to expressing strong opinions. Hence, this made his thoughts on the matter more interesting. It also allowed us to stay in his office for four hours; and with meals to boot. Leaving his office, I knew I had to go back and get this interview.

Discussion

It is expensive.

Owning a firearm is expensive. The regular maintenance owing to the natural wear-and-tear of a gun costs money. Obtaining a License-to-Own-and-Possess a firearm would run to an average of four thousand pesos (php4,000.00) not counting the actual cost of travelling to some government offices to get the necessary clearances and travel. The man-hour cost alone would be challenging with an average of four days to conclude all transactions. The miscellaneous costs add up to the total expense. While some would say that it is within their financial means to own a firearm, my mistah insists that it is an unnecessary expense.

It is time-consuming.

This is true and follows closely what is mentioned above. Now, one thing about time is that, when it is consumed, there is now way of replacing it. For a senior-citizen-cavalier, especially, the time spent (some report a consumption of two-weeks time) to obtain and

LTOPF, Gun Registration and a PTCOR would have been better spent with love ones; if not for some other more productive endeavours.

It is tedious.

The stories about the "horrors" of obtaining the required licenses for a firearm are many; and at times atrocious. Queueing for Neuro-Psychiatric Tests and Drugs Test is a herculean challenge, as they can be long. Even the "courtesy lanes" have a line which can test the patience of any gentleman; what more, of those who are not. Lining up to get Orders of Payments (OPs) from the Firearms and Explosives Office of the PNP and then, lining up in Land Bank to actually pay and get the receipts is a test of fortitude and patience. It is a familiar sight to see retired officer losing their tempers in frustration; and, sometimes, losing their composure and deportment. Some have even lost or sold their principles just to have an "edge" in the facilitation of their firearm licenses.

There are even reports of problems in coordinations in the procurement of clearances. A popular complaint is in getting an RTC clearance, an MTC clearance as a requirement. However, the MTCs require a PNP clearance to be issued, which in turn requires an MTC clearance before its issuance. So, the proverbial "chicken-and-egg" situation ensues.

It is a burden to descendants.

This is true. Everyone has to pass away at some point. When this happens, the firearm and the many burdens which accompany its possession are, inadvertently, passed on to the heirs of the original owner. Even donating the firearm to any one is a trying task; and requires complicated, if not, infuriating paper work. Now, my mistah says this, if your heir does not obtain licenses for inherited firearms, criminal charges may be filed for Illegal Possession of Firearms. If, somehow, the heir decides to license it, then the usual tedious and expensive process becomes urgent and attendant to the situation. It echoes what the Nobel-prize winner for Literature, Gabriel Marquez-Garcia said in his book "100 Years of Solitude" that, "...I was not a criminal, until you made the Law..." In this case, "...I was not a criminal, until you kindly bequeathed to me your gift..."

It increases the probability of becoming violent.

The "machismo" culture of gun owners is observable. Hence, when confronted with "challenges" to their authority or a perceived attack on their person, the propensity to be stern or be violent, increases. The chances of using the firearm becomes high. In this situation, the reported incidents of road rage are instructive to any one.

It makes you a target.

Colonel Bulalacao postulates that owning a firearm increases a person's susceptibility to violence. Certainly, having a firearm attracts attention. That it makes a person more of a magnet to violence, could certainly be debatable. It resonates with the saying that "...those who live by the sword, die by the sword..." But, he believes that owning a gun is like wearing a target paper on the body which could entice some to shoot at it, and try to hit the bulls-eye.

It allows for accidents.

The stories about children accidentally stumbling on a firearm and fatally shooting some family members with it abound. The requisite element here is that there is a firearm inside the household.

It may be that during some episodes of “senior moments” a firearm is left exposed and unattended; and, therefore, available for the attention of a child; and, then, the recipe for accidents is completed.

Conclusion

My mistah ends his position with the following:


Unless there is a compelling reason, do not desire to own a gun.

Of course, his is an advise. There, certainly, would be disagreements to his theories. However, it would also be wise to consider his point of view. In fact, not one of those he happened to speak with during our exploitation of his hospitality withdrew their applications for obtaining an LTOPF or a PTCOR.

He strengthens his argument with the metaphor of the wisdom

of having a girlfriend in your senior years. It might not only be unhealthy, but, may also be expensive both in the short-term and in the long-term.

But, who’s says that it would be good to follow his assertions. Maybe it is true that “...it is better to have a gun and not need it; than not to have a gun, and face a need for its use....”

What is obvious is that there is an imperative for more caravans by the FEO, PNP in relation to the processing of licenses; and, more importantly, a re-invention of the whole process. The sole purpose is to make it extremely convenient for law-abiding “civilians” to obtain them, because after all, their supremacy should be upheld and their welfare served. 

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publication because of their importance to alumni affairs and to defense and security issues and also considering the credibility and high standing of the authors.

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Upholding supremacy of civilian authority

By Cav Manuel E Mariano, Jr '75

In the Philippines today, a question is raised on who is ruling over the Filipinos now. Is it the civilian authority or its armed components, the military and the police? By definition, civilian authority is synonymous to civilian government. The Philippines as a republican state follows democratic principles that it is to be governed by the people, of the people, and for the people and this is embodied in the 1987 Constitution under Art II Sec 1 which states that sovereignty resides in the people and all authority emanates from them. Civilian authority is all times supreme over the military (Art 11-Sec3). This civilian government, has three branches namely: the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary and share co-equal powers instituting a check and balance system to avoid the abuse of power over one or the other. This concept of governance is copied initially from France, Belgium and the Latin American countries.

The Revolutionary Government of Aguinaldo framed the Malolos Constitution of 1898. This was amended in the 1935 Commonwealth Constitution of President Quezon following the American model of democracy. This was also adopted in 1973 by the Marcos Government and the existing version is the 1987 Constitution under President Corazon Aquino in which the death penalty was abolished. At present, the Duterte government is pushing for another constitutional change to enable a shift to a federal system and restore the death penalty.

For a better understanding of what is going on now, it would be nice to know how the present government is running the country especially how President Duterte is addressing the day-to-day concerns of the nation particularly peace and order and how he relates with his critics in the senate and the judiciary. From here, analysts could judge if upholding the supremacy of the civilian authority could be sustained for the Philippines or there would be in place a police state or martial law purportedly for better governance to stop the perceived state of lawlessness now.

Historically, the country has always been, governed by civilian authority. There was never an instance when the military ruled over the people. A military junta never governed this country like in the case of Myanmar. Even during the martial law years, Ferdinand Marcos, a duly elected civilian president, imposed his authority over the armed forces. During the term of President Aquino who took over Marcos through a bloodless coup which the late cardinal sin termed as people power (or was it civil disobedience or mob rule?), she too controlled the military. Although her administration was threatened by coups from rightist groups in the military, she finished her six-year term with the support of soldiers loyal to the Constitution. (Note: in fairness to the true actors of EDSA 1, the credit should go to JPE, FVR, and RAM who led the bloodless coup. The so-called yellow army had nothing to do with it but they made it appear through their media that the mass action that happened toppled Marcos. Hopefully, historians would be able to highlight the true events before they would be lost in oblivion).

There were sixteen presidents who had ruled the country since 1898 Even President Aguinaldo who led the Revolutionary Government against Spain and later against America was elected by the people. Not anyone of them assumed the position by means of a military takeover. Historically, the armed forces has always obeyed the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. Despite the fact that the country's security has always been threatened by insurgents and rebels, the military as an instrument of national power formulates its campaign plans in support of political objectives, i.e. to defend the people and maintain the territorial integrity of the republic.

Today, the country is still confronted by various threats to national security. The Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed component, the New People's Army have been waging war against the government since 1968 and never abandoned their plan to grab power and establish a Marxist Rule. The Muslim secessionist rebellion both

waged by the MILF and MNLF still pursue the establishment of a Bangsa Moro homeland in Mindanao inspite of the ongoing peace process; the Abu Sayaf Muslim extremist group justifies its terroristic acts of bombing and kidnapping as a holy war against Christians or unbelievers of the Islamic faith. The territorial dispute with China involving the West Philippine Sea endangers the country's territorial integrity.

Added to these threats are peace and order problems from criminal syndicates engaged in bank robberies, carjacking and kidnapping. Lately the situation turned for the worse with the uncovering of large scale manufacture, selling and use of prohibited drugs. Exacerbating the problem is the involvement of some high people in government, local gov't executives like mayors, councilors and barangay captains, judges, policemen and military personnel as druglords, pushers and users. Despite all these threats, the military and the police to their credit have largely remained steadfast in their mandated role to submit to civilian authorities in all their actions.

How did the concept of civilian authority in governance evolve? Looking back in history would be useful in answering this question. There is a popular adage which says, "the real university of life is life itself." What we have become today is a result of what we did yesterday. The Bible says that everything has already been said and things done in the past. They only differ as to when and where they happened. There's nothing new under the sun. These are the words of King Solomon, the wisest ruler since time immemorial. Therefore, history, the works of scholars in the different disciplines and to some extent, even the holy books of the different religions and their moral standards explain how authority is exercised in the modern world. However, our focus would be the evolution of how governments exercise their authority over the people.

As students of Public Administration, we learned from management books about the concept of a leader-centered

versus a subordinate-centered approach of doing things to achieve the ends of an ideal organization or society. Usually, the goal of any leader of a nation is to justify his actions by rationalizing them as, **“for the love of country and people”, or simply patriotism.**

Without delving so much on the scholarly approach to the topic, let me cite examples of governments which used leader-centered (authoritarian) and subordinate-centered (democratic) styles of governance.

During the ancient civilization, (about 2000 B.C.), when Jacob and his household of 70 went to Egypt to avoid the famine in their land, Joseph, one of his sons, who was then the administrator of a compassionate Pharaoh, settled them in Goshen where they temporarily lived and raised their flocks. They were supposed to stay there during the seven years of famine only, but instead settled there for more than 400 years. In that span of time, Jacob also known as Israel, the head of the family of twelve sons, and their respective households died. A new generation of Israelites which had grown into a nation numbering about two million, became slaves to a new Pharaoh who was not aware of their past history. While they suffered hardships, Moses was born and was commanded by God to bring them back to the promised land. This biblical account was the beginning of a nation where governance in its simplest form evolved.

From this nation, a theocracy evolved, with an unseen God controlling them through an arc which moved them through the signal of a pillar of clouds by day and a pillar of fire by night. Instructions of this God were given to Moses who acted as the leader (the civilian authority) with the help of his brother Aaron who acted as the Chief Priest. The Ten Commandments and more than 300 hundred other instructions which prescribed their norms of conduct were handed to Moses personally from God. These became their sets of law or Torah, a sort of a constitution for Israelites to follow.

However, in their journey in the Sinai Desert, they became rebellious by worshipping a golden calf which was a violation of the first commandment. Because of their disobedience, God told them that no one who came from Egypt

would reach the promised land alive, to include Moses. Only Joshua, Caleb and all those born in the desert were able to enter the promised land. This divine judgement was probably the reason why it took them 40 years to cross the desert while in actuality, it would just take them only three to five days to do it.

Earlier in time, when God created man, he gave him freedom of choice between good and evil. In the garden of Eden, God tested Adam and Eve, the progenitor of mankind, by giving them everything they needed except to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge at the center. They disobeyed, were banished from the garden and eventually punished with death. In the same manner, God later repeated the test to the Israelites by giving them laws to obey, but they opted to rebel and so they were punished with banishment from the holy land and death too. This in effect, is a Divine Law and is absolute.

The theocracy described above came about in 1979 when the late Grand Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran toppled the monarchical regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. He enforced the doctrine that the only legitimate ruler of a Muslim state is the one who can interpret the Quran in the tradition of the Prophet Mohammad and enforced Muslim law called Shariah. The absolute power in all matters rested with the supreme leader and the guardian council acted as the consultative body. Although they had a president, he was not the commander of the armed forces.

There were differences between the Israeli and Iranian theocracies. For that of Israel it was Yahweh who appeared to them and let his presence felt and demanded obedience to their written laws contained in the Torah. On the other hand, Iranian theocracy absolutely ruled and judged the people by Shariah Law based in their holy Quran. Who would question this law if it came from Allah, the God of the Islamic faith? In here, man-made laws don't matter.

These theocratic governments in which a deity is officially recognized as the civil ruler are governed by officials regarded as divinely guided. They are in pursuant to the doctrine of a particular religion or religious group like Judaism and Islam. It is an example of a leader-centered rule and who would question

the authority of God, the Creator of heaven and earth if he condemns his people by death for disobedience. In here, the message of God is clear. Freedom goes with a responsibility to obey and violation means judgment and eventual punishment. Simply, that is governance.

Autocracy during World War II was demonstrated by Adolf Hitler, the German Chancellor who wanted to create a superior race from his people and ordered the extermination of the Jews. In the process, he killed six million people but failed to achieve his objective of a superior race. A tyrannical leader with an evil intent, he started a disastrous war which led to chaos and destruction instead. He ended by killing himself by committing suicide.

Lessons from history tell us that, autocratic leaders suffered dire consequences as exemplified by the likes of Hitler, Benito Mussolini of Italy, Joseph Stalin of Russia, Idi Amin of Uganda, Pol Pot of Cambodia, Saddam Hussein of Iraq and Qaddafi of Libya. While all these leaders killed a lot of people to establish an ideal society they envisioned, they all ended up in a tragedy of defeat, shame, condemnation and demise.

The characteristics of these earthly autocratic leaders mentioned here are usually associated with: a demand of absolute obedience to their authority; restrictions on the activities of individuals and groups; state censorship of news and information; secret laws; secret courts; arbitrary detention and punishment; arbitrary taxation; different application of public policies; multiple bodies with legislative powers and political cliques and factionalism. In situations dominated by autocratic leaders, the people have no participation in decision-making. There is no semblance of civilian authority but rather, a military or strongman ruled as a despot.

Going back to the story of the Jewish people, World War II ended in 1945 with the defeat of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito (actually the Japanese military), the so-called axis powers by the allied nations led by Great Britain and America. Three years later in 1948, the Jews returned to Israel after a span of 1900 years from the time they were driven out in 70 A.D. by the Roman Emperor Nero when he ordered General Titus to destroy Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple.

To be continued in the next issue -

A PeeMayer on the wall

by Cav Harold S Ochoco '81 with Cav Winston G Arpon '64

The 2-acre Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. which, according to the statistics of the National Parks Service that maintains it draws about three million visitors yearly, honors members of the U.S. armed forces who died in service or were Missing in Action during the war in Vietnam/South East Asia. Their names – 58,307 in 2015 – are etched on the Memorial Wall, the main part of the memorial, in Constitution Gardens adjacent to the National Mall northeast of the Lincoln Memorial, the names listed in order on panels 1E to 70E, for casualties in 1959 to May 25, 1968 and panels 1W to 70W for casualties thereafter through 1975.

One name, Eckwood H Solomon Jr., a PeeMayer, Class of 1963 is on Panel 09E, along with others who died July 6 to August 13, 1966.

Flashback: May 28, 2011

“It was the year 2011,” reminisces Gabriel “Gaby” Riego de Dios, my bunkmate at PMA, a long-time resident of California who moved to the East Coast just a couple of years ago, and currently the President of ECC. “Harold was the ECC president and I was his VP.” It was not a particularly good year for PMA alumni, Gaby recalls. Philippine media was feasting on incidents that put his beloved Alma Mater in a bad light: the controversy around Chief of Staff, Gen. Angelo Reyes and his suicide; the so-called ‘Euro Generals’ scandal involving PeeMAyers in the PNP; and amidst these alleged scandals, a reference to PMA as the “Philippine Millionaires Academy.” Against this backdrop, Gaby’s thoughts turned to the good, honest, and hardworking majority of PeeMAyers. And when his thoughts turned towards countless PeeMAyers that paid the ultimate sacrifice, it was inevitable

that Cavalier Eckwood Solomon was on his mind. It was on my mind as well, as this became a topic of conversation between Gaby and me that eventually sparked the idea of the ECC’s “Pilgrimage to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall,” held perhaps appropriately, on the weekend of Memorial Day during that year.

The event was well planned and well executed, all pieces coming together predictably, beautifully as the day unfolded like brush strokes on the palette of the painting of Gabriele – Gaby’s nom de guerre as a painter – from the time the 40 who joined the march-off from the Lincoln Memorial. Countless Vietnam Veterans Memorial revelers were there when we reached “The Wall,” watching the proceedings in silence, some with tears in their eyes, listening to the sound of Taps and the singing of the Alma Mater Song, PMA Oh Hail to Thee! Maybe I was being melodramatic when I said that on that day of our pilgrimage, time stood still at the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. To be sure, however, May 28, 2011 is and will always be a day to remember in the history of the PMAAA East Coast USA Chapter.

Fast Forward: July 30, 2016

The infographics that was widely circulated among the members of the East Coast Chapter (ECC), a fraternal chapter of the PMAAAI Overseas, said it all: the event, venue and date; the purpose; the honoree.

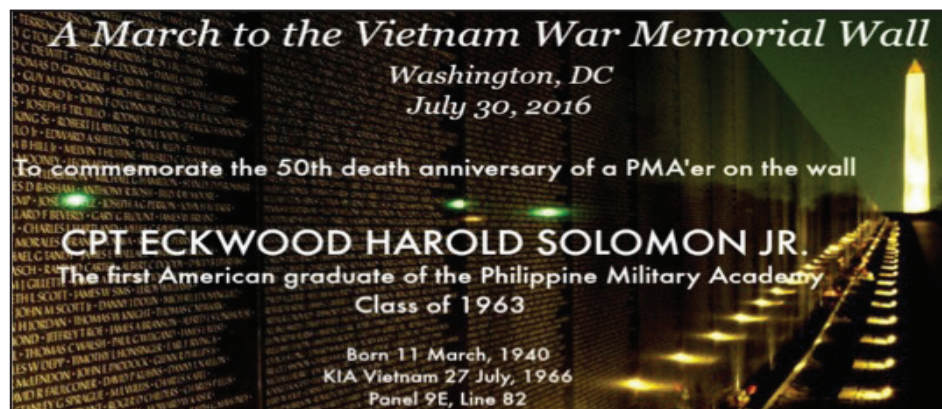
Thus, on that Saturday, July 30, 2016, thirty members of the ECC - its officers (Cavs Gaby Riego de Dios '81, President; Rey Regis '86 (USCGA), Vice President; Harold Ochoco '81, Secretary; MJ de Leon '68, Treasurer; Ray Malenab '87, Ex-Officio VP; Willie Mejia '72, Chairman, Membership Committee; Sonny Busa '86 (USMA), Chairman, Special

Events Committee) and other members, from the most senior (Jun Tucay '65) to the most junior (Cadet 1st Class Don Dalisay, USMA 2017) with some family members in tow were joined by Cav Arnel Mendoza, President of the PMAAA North East Group, Ambassador Patrick Chuasoto, Charge d' Affaires of the Philippine Embassy and other guests that included the executive director of the US-Philippine Society Hank Hendrickson gathered at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C.

With the conspicuous presence of both the Philippine and American flags, they stood before the wall where the name of Cpt Harold Eckwood Harold Solomon Jr. is etched as taps was played, followed by the singing of the PMA Alma Mater Song, while hundreds of tourists already at the memorial wall stood in silence and palpably in unity with us in our demonstration of respect to a warrior 50 years and three days after he fell, the casualty of a mine that exploded while he was leading as team probing for buried mines.

Rendering my salute, like the others, for this heroic act of Captain Solomon, as I did five years ago on my first pilgrimage to The Wall, and, as ever, in awe of the outstanding academic record of Cadet Solomon known to perhaps every PMA alumnus, I did allow myself the thought, call it a flight of fancy, if you will – that he and I had something in common. Alas! For Even before hearing the last note of Taps, I realized that our similarity - the Harold in his second name and Harold in my first name - ended there. Which became even more obvious during the denouement of the day’s activity – a fellowship picnic – which was punctuated by emotional and inspirational tributes to the honoree.

It may come as a surprise now – barely





two months later – that, given the present tenuous state of the relations between Manila and Washington, a central theme woven into the speeches extolling this one American who spent four years of his youth, arguably the most formative of his entire life, in the top military institution of learning in the Philippines was the strength and permanence of the special relations between the two countries.

Sonny Busa, a West Point alumnus who currently chairs the Special Events Committee of ECC, gave his own tribute. “The Wall behind us,” he said, “is a reminder of all that is good about America, and the presence of Harold Solomon’s name on that wall is a true symbol of the good about the Philippines.” Captain Solomon not only “modeled the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty” but was also a shining example of the West Point motto of Duty, Honor, Country.

If he had any qualms of passing up cadetship at West Point in favor of cadetship at PMA would be a matter of conjecture. But, as Busa suggested, this is an unalterable fact: had he not chosen PMA over USMA, Solomon would have missed the benefit of “internalizing the Filipino values of ‘pakikisama’ and ‘utang na loob’.

Busa may have articulated the common sentiment of all of us present on this pilgrimage to a PeeMayer on the Wall when he concluded: Rest in peace Cpt Eckwood Harold Solomon. You are with your comrade in arms enjoying boodle fights and telling war stories... We the living will continue to live up to the honor of what you have bestowed upon both the Filipino and American people.”

The Honoree

Eckwood Harold Solomon Sr. and his wife Faye raised their son Eckwood Jr. in their hometown, Key West, Florida, a quiet island where Ecky grew up with older brother Millard, older sister Betty and younger brother Joseph. Active in several sports,

he was co-captain of the Key West High School basketball team and a key member of the baseball team that won twice the Florida State Championship. He was the valedictorian of the graduating class of KEY West High School in 1958.

Pursuing his interest in a military career, he passed the West Point entrance examinations, to end up as an alternate for the Class of 1962. He was enrolled at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) when the US Army, noticing his outstanding academic and athletic records made him a most unusual offer – cadetship at USMA or PMA, with Ecky after thoughtful deliberation eventually choosing the latter.


So one fine day of April 1959, a US Army Private named Eckwood H. Solomon Jr. arrived in the Philippines and shortly thereafter, reported to the PMA, together with the other freshmen of his Plebe Class. He quickly made the adjustments to cadet life, excelling in sports and academics during the next four years, dropped Ecky in favor of a new nickname, “Kiko,” and throughout his four years in Fort del Pilar gained the friendship, admiration and respect of his fellow cadets.

Kiko was not the first foreign cadet to attend PMA; neither was he the first PMA foreign cadet to graduate at the top of the class. That honor belongs to Thaval N. Sawangpunka, a Thaiander, not unknown to Solomon who was a plebe when Thaval was a firstclassman. But Kiko, the first American cadet in PMA – he was followed by four

others: Donald Philpotts ‘64, who did not graduate; Franklin Besecker ‘66; William Geier ‘67; Dance ‘68 - was not to be denied the honor of graduating at the top of his class, and topping Thaval, garnering the most the number of academic awards, a record unmatched to this day. When, in the presence of his proud Mom on Borromeo Field – Dad and Mom Solomon had chosen this particular time to visit the Philippines for a family reunion - he received the Presidential Saber for being valedictorian of his class, along with a haul of other medals, the loudest cheer in the audience was from one T/Sgt Millard Solomon of the US Air Force who had somehow managed to get a 3-year tour of duty at nearby Clark Air Base while his kid brother was at PMA.

Upon his return to Florida, the former Regimental S2/3 of the Corps of Cadets AFP, now a 2nd LT in the US Army was all for the challenges of a progressive military career, but first things first: marriage to his long- time sweetheart, Christina Pinder; a union that produced three offspring: Eckwood III, Cynthia and Aaron. His military resume includes Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma where topped the Artillery Officer Basic Course; Fort Benning, Georgia, where he earned his Parachutist Badge; posting a NATO missile site in Italy where Christy was able to join until she had to return to the States when her husband volunteered for an assignment in Vietnam.

Kiko’s mistahs were asked for some trivia for this article. Like others invoking bout with senior moments in response, Cav Francis T Malillin texted, “Sorry, it has been too long,” only to make an about-face with this text on one memory of his mistah and company mate (Alfa): Now it comes back! I first learned to smoke because of the skags we asked ECKWOOD to buy for us at CAMP JOHN HAY whenever he goes on privilege.

Senior moment or not, we may not have heard the last of this outstanding Cavalier. Neither was this year the last pilgrimage of this PeeMayer on the Wall of the Vietnam War Memorial. 




The PMA Payback Scheme

by Finance Committee, PMAAAI

Are you one of those who believe that they owe to their Alma Mater what they are now? If you are one of them, it will warm your heart to learn that there are now thousands of our alumni, both active and retired, who have translated their gratitude to regular membership in the PMAAAI and its affiliate Foundations (PMAFI, PETFI, PDFI, PFTJI). By being members, thru their membership dues and donations, they have contributed greatly to the attainment of the goals and objectives of the alumni association. Even PMA upperclass cadets have become members of the four Foundations, thanks to recruitment efforts of the various Boards of Trustees everytime they visited the Academy.

Already gaining headway is a very worthy program of PMAAAI which was launched during Association Year 2011-2012. Known as PMA Payback Scheme, it directly assists PMA in funding projects that could not be fully supported by AFP appropriations. With an initial funding of only P250,000 in 2011, initially contributed by PMA First Four (P200,000) and a number of retirees from different Classes (P50,000), the fund has grown to P20,192,720 (including interests earned from investments). To recognize the efforts of these groups, their identities are enumerated below:

are the repair of the swimming pool (P1.18M), repair of Alumni Memorial (P1.7), repair of water pumps Nr 1 and Nr 2 (P2.57M); renovation of firing range (P4M); procurement of collapsible tents (P1.47M); installation of CCTV and WIFI (P1.85M); purchase of 75 desktop computers (P3.19M), repair and renovation of Boodle Bar and Lorenzo Hall (P1.75M). The funds for the last two projects were approved by the PMAAAI Board during its September 2016 regular Board meeting.

All projects approved by the PMAAAI Board are based on priorities determined by PMA. There is left a balance of P1,228,901 which is expected to grow before the end of the year as more alumni and friends respond to the call for donations. So far, the total number of those who have or are continuing to contribute to the Fund is 2,743 as of the latest. Of this number of contributors, 440 cavaliers donated at least P10,000 each for a total of P5,521,000. The chapters with the most number of contributors in this category are the PAF Chapter with 178, PN Chapter with 148 and PNP Chapter with 76. It is hoped that donations by Class ('66) or by family (Arevalo '56), would soon grow in number. 



Concrete floor extension of the wreath laying area at Departed Alumni Memorial


PMAFF	P	200,000
PA Chapter		3,275,038
PAF Chapter		5,739,273
PCG Chapter		40,000
PN Chapter		7,251,076
PNP Chapter		737,390
PMA		2,715
Retirees		758,957
PMA Class 2001		5,000
PMA Class 1966		90,000
Cav Filoteo Arevalo '56 & Family		500,000
Partial share of net proceeds of		
Golf Tournament (BOC)		364,656
Interest income		1,228,615
Total		P20,192,720

Of this amount, P18,963,819 have been spent to support PMA projects since 2012. The major projects that have been supported

Letter to the editor

I am very happy to see many different classes contributing to the class call columns. It helps keep track of fellow Peemayers which is one of the reasons for the existence of the Cavalier Magazine. What I find depressing is the lack of human interest stories. Newsweek and similar publications have folded up. Time Magazine survived because it continued to tell stories through people. The editorial board mandates the articles to be written in an issue. This is alright if it is limited to one article. The rest of the articles should be "free fire" to hold the interest of the readers. I have heard that Winston Arpon's book LAUGHTER IN THE SOUTH is a good read. Why not serialize it in the Cavalier Magazine? I for one would like to read a Peemayer's encounter with Pres Duterte or about an encounter with the Abu Sayaff or how a pilot supported a field operation or how he survived a crash, etc. These are stories everybody would like to read about, not boring academic dissertations good for the classroom.

Cav Loven Abadia '60

In so far as types of articles selected for publication are concerned, these are covered by Cavalier Magazine editorial policies. Preference is given to writings on issues which reflect the competence of the alumni as military/police professionals, since the Magazine is a professional journal. Moreover, because of space considerations, only two or three articles of this type are published every issue. Notwithstanding, human interest stories are not excluded, provided they are really experiences that really attract the reader's interest because they are a notch above ordinary life episodes. - Editor 



CLASS CALL

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

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

(Only at the PMA)

It will be recalled that the first 4 classes – 51, 52, 53 and 54 organized themselves as the PMA First Four, Inc. These 4 classes have an enviable bond of camaraderie and brotherhood perhaps closer than that of blood relatives. They have a common set of values and grit for survival and excellence. Indeed in our smallness our bond is the strongest.

And now to close my random thoughts. In our monthly fellowship meetings as they PMAFFI, invariably, the first item in the agenda is the roll call by classes. Death is a reality of life, and as the roll call ends inevitably, the question asked is, who is next?

We now belong to what I call a “waiting club” anxiously waiting at the departure lounge for our final call to the flight beyond to eternity. Please wish for us Bon Voyage and sing the lullaby of Auld Lange Syne. Hasta La Vista! /JT DIZON



After being absent during the last two issues, we are back in circulation again. We are glad to announce that there have been no changes in the class morning report. CI '52 still has ten surviving members up and about. Philippine-based: Mente Brazil, George Gaona, Delfin Mendoza (who is still recuperating from his knee operations), Lolong Nuguid, Cesar Pobre and Vigi Vigilar. US-based: Rey Alcaez (USMA '52, who has been out of touch for so many years now), Ed Arciaga who lives in the West Coast, Enteng Angeles who regularly commutes between the US and the Philippines, and Dante Simbulan who lives in Virginia. Add to these our two associate members: Nano Imperial and Romy Zamora.

OP Nuguid who lives in Washington, D.C. performing “apostolic” duties for her granddaughter, has been here for a month with Lolong, who prefers retirement in the Philippines to that in the US.

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing away last 05 September



Don't count the BANATS out! We are still alive and kicking – 13 “origs” (Tony Abat, Titoy Belen, Delfin Castro, Jes Dizon, Eddie Enriquez, Turing Ferrer, Andy Garrucho, Cesar Miel, Bebs Regis, Mike SM, Mading Santiago, Vic Tongson, and Mike V. 3 Associates (FVR, Flor Magsino, and Romy Austria) and 2 honorary (Danding Cojuangco and Arnie Banez).

According to VG, President of class '52, the BINANATAN class, (all plebes out!) it is not the number but the quality. Yes, quality. Thus our pride is FVR, the best president the country has ever had. He is about to make history. He is going on a mission of peace to tame a bully, and like the Biblical David vs. Goliath, he brings with him a slingshot with a stone of gold for harder and deadlier impact. We wish him a success, VIA CON DIOS! ABANGAN!

The BANAT Class has a unique organization. It does not hold any election to choose its officers. We do it by “turo-turo”. Sorry nalang for the “pointed”. There is no refusal. At an average age of 88 years and already delisted from the AFP social register, who would volunteer to manage a class of ‘VIDAS” and “HAS-BEENS”. So our choice for President and Vice-president is limited to Mike Villamor and Bebs Regis, respectively. What are their special assets and qualifications? Both are endowed physically with undiminished stamina having married teenagers the second time around. (Inggit). For those who want free tutorship on marriage satisfaction, you can call either Mike or Bebs on their dedicated lines only Pangilinan of the SALIM Empire

can give, Mike’s number is xxxyyyy and Babes’ yyyxxxx.

Now the sad news. The inevitable has come. The BANATS lost Ampin Aguirre who succumbed to multiple organ failure on 5 July from prostate cancer. He was indeed an officer and gentleman. Our condolences again to Myrna. Apin and Myrna were such a perfect couple. Apin was 50 and Myrna was 20 when they got married. Of course “STUPID”, Viagra was already available 40 years. If you need to pawn your “last shirt”, go to any of the Myrna Aguirre pawn shops and get a special appraisal at actual present value and no redemption period. But please don't quote me. Myrna is also a very gracious lady. During her birthday parties, she would gift each Banat lady present a piece of jewelry, like the vivacious Imelda to her “blue” ladies.

I remember Apin not because he was my compadre, but more as cadets. In our second class year, the Department of Tactics adopted a policy of rotating cadet officers every 3 months as a basis for selecting the permanent officers. It was my “misfortune” to be chosen as Baron of the corps and Apin as my Bow-wow.

The highlight of our stint was the participation of the corps in the Independence Day parade in 1949 at the Luneta. For the cadet corps, this was a big event. That was the time people went to Luneta not to listen to the speeches, but to see the PMA cadets march in precision such that if you view from their flanks, you would see just one cadet in each line (YABANG). As the corps staff led the parade, I could read the minds of the onlookers asking themselves why the corps is led by the shortest cadet. However, this had an anti-climax. I knew that my group did fairly well in running the corps for 3 months, but I ended up a sergeant.

2016, of Father Daniel Dennis Meim, son of Tacquio (+) and Letty Meim. Father Dennis was a Salesian Priest of Don Bosco for close to 25 years. Immediately after his ordination, he worked as a missionary in Papua New Guinea for 12 years. Upon his return to the Philippines, he worked on several assignments with the various Don Bosco Schools for Boys. At one time, he also was the Parish Priest of the San Ildefonso Parish, Makati. He was working with the Provincial House of Don Bosco in Makati at the times of his passing. Even while he was suffering from a lymphoma of the esophagus, he continued to work, among others as the Editor of the *Salesian World and Life* publication.

In spite of his heavy work schedule, Father Dennis always found time to be present at our Class '52 meetings, annual reunions, funerals, etc., of members of Class '52, etc. The ashes of Father Dennis was inurned at the cemetery of the Salesian Seminary in Canlubang, Laguna last 10 October. We of Class '52, as well as the multitudes which he selflessly served, will certainly miss his inspiring homilies and down-to-earth counsels. May our Lord grant Father Dennis a well-deserved eternal rest.



AS BUENO
President
BG GOROSPE
Secretary

FRIENDSHIP AMONG VETERANS OF ALL NATIONS

Retired Colonel General Vladimir Grebenyuk, First Deputy Head of the Russian Veterans Union (right), hands over a scale replica of the statue that symbolizes the 70th year

of the victory of the then Soviet Union in World War II to retired Colonel Jose C. Sorreta (2nd from left), member of the Supreme Council of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines. Witnessing the event are retired Lieutenant General Alexander Kravchuk of the Russian Veterans Union (2nd from right) and Philippine Ambassador to Russia Carlos S. Sorreta (left). The statue was given when Colonel Sorreta paid a courtesy call on the Russian Veterans Union at their headquarters in Moscow on 27 July 2016. (photo by L. Camoying)



SM MISON
President
TC SUAREZ
Secretary

On Class gatherings

The August class gathering was held on the 21st at the Federal Seafood Restaurant in Makati, hosted by Ros Alquiza. The attendees savored the balut brought by the host before the buffet lunch was served.

Nine members of the class attended, namely: Poncing Allanigue, Ed Alfabeto, Dante de Guzman, Rene Ecarma, Buddy Mison, Tante Ochoco, Johnny Sanchez, Rene Tanseco and, of course, the host. And the ladies of the class: Maudie Alfabeto, Sally Arceo, Zeny de Guzman, Arfeli Ecarma, Ione Mison, Vangie Rivera, Pilar Sanchez, Estel Silva, Terry Suarez and Mila Tanseco.

The host invited the second and third generation members, plus the officers of our adopted class of 2005. But only

the following were able to attend: Aaron Allanigue, RJ Alquiza with wife Teena, Carmelie Gatmaitan, Katrina with brother Gerard Guerrero, Carol Sanchez (first lady of Mayor Bobby Sanchez of Lubang), Lizette Silva, Apollo Silva with wife Marsha Kay. And the only third generation present were Alexis, Oliver, Louise and Justine, grandchildren of the host.

Weeks before the meeting, the president asked the host to talk on estate planning and what to do and what benefits to expect in case a loved one passes away, both being subjects of articles

he published in the Cavalier magazine. But for lack of material time during the lunch gathering, the host just distributed to those present copies of both articles. (Relatedly, on invitation of Ernie Tan and his wife, Ros Alquiza discussed above subjects with members of PMA Class 1961 and their ladies at the PMA Alumni Center board room on 9 August 2016.)

The September affair was held on the 11th at the Lakambini Hall of AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo, hosted by class prexy Buddy. Leading the attendees were the birthday celebrator himself, Buddy Mison,





and his family, namely: wife Ione, son Jun with his wife Socorro and daughter Maria, and brother former NBI director Mariano with his wife Aurora

Others present were: Grace Alcaneses, Ed and Maudie Alfabeto, Poncing Allanigue with son Aaron, Dante and Zeny de Guzman, Rene and Arfeli Ecarma, Letty Jotie, Lolit Parado, Muni and Ondette Munoz with sons Alan and MJ, Tante Ochoco, Vangie Rivera with son Dean Carlo, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez,

Bobby and Carol Sanchez with sons Clyde and Paeng and daughter Clarisse, Estel Silva, Porfing Santos, Romy and Georgie Solina, Yvette Solina with husband, Terry Suarez, Gigi Zaide with daughter Teng and son Jun, and the Gatmaitan children Minijo and Carmelie.

Gracing the occasion is the new SND, retired MGen Delfin N Lorenzana '73.

The next class gathering was held on 9 October, hosted by October birthday celebrator Tante Ochoco.

Brat News

Jun Mison Jr '84, who had been designated as TDCS, AFP several months ago, finally got his third star as Lt General. And Ramon Ochoco '85, the PN internal auditor, got his first star as Commodore. To them, the class extends its sincere congratulations for a well-deserved promotion. Ernie Ravina Jr '84, Solcom deputy commander, is still waiting for his promotion to star rank. /raa



On 21 Jul 16, only 3 golfers (Corachea, Goyena, and Malto) were able to practice at CAGC without Patot Paiso who injured his rib from a bed fall and Romy David who had a flu. After golf the trio repaired to the residence of Juliet Suarez at Don Enrique Hts, QC to join Emma Corachea, Nora Malto and Minda Bello to enjoy the lunch prepared by Juliet (wifey of our late mistah, Chito) to celebrate her birthday. Minda, missing in action since December 2015, look fresh and happy to announce the good news that Joebel will join the class lunch on 23 Jul.

The class second group (with Mon Farolan, Romy David, Tony Lukban and Tony Fernando) under the chair of Patot treated 14 mistahs (Joebel, Paul Canalita, Rudy Canieso, Ching Corachea, Mel Goyena, Badong Lara, Mac Macabasco, Levy Malto, Tom Manlongat, Guzz Mateo, Rudy Tolentino and their ladies (13) including the 5 widows – Lory Galang, Mila Barlaan, Tess Calip, Cecile Ampig and Lily Pio Roda), making a total of 34 diners

to enjoy the Chinese cuisine selected at Gloria Maris Greenhills for the occasion. Patot delivered the lunch invocation, followed by pep talks from Romy David, Tony Fernando who volunteered to foot the bill, it being his birthday too, Mon Farolan and Ching Corachea, who closed the lunch socials.

Surprises were provided by Rudy Tolentino who attended riding in his motorized wheelchair after being AWOL from class socials for some years and the return of Joebel after his dizziness attack in the PN golf course 2 years ago. Our mistahs and ladies, now nearing their mid-80's afflicted with various old age maladies are still in good health though and eagerly moving toward the 90's. At exit time, Penny Farolan stood by the door to distribute impanadas as her paala ala of the affair.

On 1 August, Nita Canieso informed the class that her husband Rody, suffered a stroke and was brought to the Medical Center in Bacolod in comatose. Barely 2 weeks ago on 23 July 16, the couple attended the class socials in good form and nobody expected any untoward happening that would beset Rody. At 1650H, 13 August, Nita texted that Rody had expired at 1620H. He stayed in wake at the Bacolod St. Peter Chapel and brought on 19 Aug to the PA Mortuary at

the LNMB where necro service was held on 20 August with 5 speakers led by SND Delfin Lorenzana, MGen Ricardo Brillantes and LTGen Alfonso Dagudag (Rody's former staff officers and commanders) Mon Farolan and Mel Goyena for the class. He was interred at high noon of Sunday, 21 August (a national holiday commemorating the assassination of Ninoy Aquino) with full military honors at the LNMB. In attendance at the necro and final rites of our mistah were: the Aparris, Arealos, Canalitas, Coracheas, Davids, Farolans, Goyenas, Badong Lara, Lazos, Lukbans, Macabascos, Paisos and widows Cecile Ampig, Mila Barlaan, Minda Bello, Tess calip, Lily Pio Roda and Juliet Suarez.

On 4 August, Ben Lim, USMMA Class 54 at Kings Point, gave a stag treat at the Rockwell Club in Makati attended by Ching Corachea, Romy David, Mon Farolan, Mel Goyena, Tony Lukban, Mac Macabasco, Levy Malto and Patot Paiso to savor a delicious steak lunch with Moet Chandon champagne and Mouton Cadet red wine to go with. Ben at 85 is still an active golfer and looks young for his age. Over lunch, one after another, endless jokes, wits and humors were told until 3 pm when the party ended by giving profused thanks to Ben for a wonderful lunch out.

Patot Paiso celebrated his 81st birthday at the Vikings in Aura, Global

City with his golf mates (mistahs Romy David, Ching Corachea, Mon Farolan, Mel Goyena, Ed Hernandez, Monray Mapa and Rene Francisco) classmates in the PAF Flying School (Gus Dario and Sisoy Narciso) and golf adversaries from class 57 (Ed Ermita, Jardie Jardiniano and Rene De Villa) on a very significant date – 8 AUGUST, just 2 days after the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima that heralded the end of WW II. At that time Patot was only 11 years old whiling away his time in Marawi City, Lanao Sur. Seventy years later, realizing the historical import of his birthday to the birth of the nuclear age, he felt that it is a good think for a celebration, whether the Japanese or the Americans like it or not. True to the memento that was handed to him during lunch by class 57, he was foreseen as the LAST MAN STANDING (in class 56). With this omen, it is expected that Patot would pursue his birthday celebrations until he stands alone.

“It’s really our chance to go back to PMA. But this time, some will need assistants for the long trip and the precarious steps to take,” says Ed Singson. “For those who had missed the chance to watch a parade, having raised families in the Visayas, or stayed long on assignments in Mindanao, the occasion is just right,” says Batangueño Made Maderazo, by now a Cebu City resident, with the late Gani delos Santos and Parks Parcon. Pangalatok Benjie Cruz resettled from Cebu City back to his hometown in Pangasinan.

“We once worked closely together,” Renesaid of the incumbent Superintendent. “So I am sure he will give maximum assist to us to go for the Diamond.”

“You can just imagine how the qualifiers for the TAD will move to their seats at the Grandstand without holding on to escorts,” adds Ed.

Incumbent Officers of the Class are: Jun Tan-Gatue, President; Franie Dumpit, Vice President; Jardie Jardiniano, Secretary; Onchie Mendoza, Treasurer; Ador de Guzman, Auditor; Trustees are: Sar Tapia and Ty Taleon, Alfa; Oca Zalamea and Lito Doria, Bravo; Franie Dumpit and Fidel Samson, Charlie; and Jun Tan-Gatue and Felix Brawner, Delta. **DSTan-Gatue**

Eduardo “Ed” Ermita celebrated his birthday last July 13, 2016 at the Philippine Army Officers’ Clubhouse. The event was attended by his family, friends and relatives including his Cavalier family from PMA Class ‘57. The celebration was another opportunity to rekindle familial

ties, especially amongst the Mistahs of Class ‘57. The event was also highlighted by a surprise from the celebrant’s wife, Elvie, when she brought in Ms. Pilita Corrales who performed songs well loved not only by the celebrant, but also by the guests. The birthday party was indeed a blast filled with memories and laughter.

July and August (the period covered by this article) were busy months for birthday celebrations.

Aside from Ed’s yearly bash, which always turns out to be a class gathering itself, and Rene’s once-in-five-years shindig, unheralded were: July birth anniversaries of Felix Brawner, Bay Ramirez, and from the distaff side: Luz Abad, Dolly Padilla, Daling Samson. August celebrants were Benjie Cruz and Rene Figueroa plus spouses Baby delos Santos, Sol Tan-Gatue, and Myrna Ungson.

BRATS’ CORNER

VIVA...Von de Guzman

Thirteen years ago, the Teatro Comunale Degli Avvaloranti sent word to Ms. Karen Salliant artistic director, International Opera Theatre of Philadelphia that it has been decided that Citta della Peive was going to be the perfect place for projects it had in mind to bring young artists from all over the world and create original opera music.

This year, featured was our very own composer, VON DE GUZMAN, son of Ador and Aida De Guzman. He created and composed the music for



Class ‘57 Reaching for Diamond

The Board of Trustees of the Class met recently to plan for its participation at the PMAAAI Homecoming in February 18 next year. A Diamond Committee was formed by President Jun Tan-Gatue to make the necessary arrangements for this event. Who else but two former Secretaries of National Defense, and Executive Secretaries Rene De Villa and Ed Ermita, (with Rene as former Commandant of Cadets as well) as Co-Chairmen can do the job? The two are reinforced by former Navy Chief Ipe Jardiniano who was at PMA once upon a time. By all indications, the trio have been doing an excellent job. For starters, Rene and Jardie travelled to Loakan and Baguio City to arrange things. Two hotels were contracted (one from the ruins of the last earthquake) fully recommended by Ling Dayan, a past PMA Superintendent. Cesar Tapia, a former Commandant of Cadets agreed on the choices. Surely, were he still alive, the late Jimmy Echeverra, another former Commandant would have seconded the choice. Other former Loakan guys like Nitoy Dator, a mean Math Instructor, look forward to the homecoming.



Midsummer Nights Dream, an Opera in two acts in Italian on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of W. Shakespeare at International Opera Theatre of Philadelphia last August 26, 27 and 28, 2016.

On a sad note, we bid goodbye to fellow brat member Dr. Raymond Rufo Navarrete Recina who suddenly passed away of a heart attack at the young age of 50 last June 28, 2016. He was the son of the late Gen. Romeo Recina and Judge Aurora Navarrete Recina. A well-loved doctor and farm owner, he left behind wife Celerina and daughter Louise Renee.

Coming up soon in the Brats' agenda is the 2nd PMA '57 Brats Cup to be held early morning on Friday, October 21, 2016 at the Philippine Navy Golf Club in Fort Bonifacio. Once again, with the combined efforts of everyone, we are hopeful that we will be able to raise funds that will go to the group's worthy causes.

Capping the Brats' year will be a special premiere screening of the blockbuster film 'Star Wars: Episode 8' to be held at the Promenade cinema in Greenhills in mid December. This will be followed closely by the Brats' opening salvo for next year, our intended participation in the 60th diamond anniversary events of the PMA Class of 1957 happening in February, 2017. We are truly blessed! So much to look forward to and celebrating together! **Ricky Cabrera**



NFF, BCL, SBA, PMA, CLA, MSD, PCG



NFF, BCL

It was, however a good dinner, with Benny Lomotan and Max Dumlaoshowing up after a long absence (Max did show up last year as he is now based in PH, but seldom comes to Makati, like most of the Mistahs due of the traffic.

Those 8 classmates present during the Shang Palace dinner were, Nick Festin, Benny Lomotan, Buster Arrastia, Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Paco Francisco, Max Dumlao and Garrick Garcia.

Paco somehow missed the photo shots, for reasons unknown. Must have gone to the sink, or probably not yet arrived when shot was taken.

Two others were confirmed also but likewise begged off just before the dinner, both for reasons of sudden exposure to the cold virus: Timmy Imperial and Jacki Desquitado. This happens in the "ber" months for old fogeys, we guess.

Those present are shown in the photos.

During the dinner, we agreed to have one fellowship stag dinner every month, and all present said "Inshallah" for "best effort".

Chuck fortunately met Rommel Jude Ong (Pabling Ong's bugo son' 87), a senior OJ-3 staff, who gave an excellent presentation on the AFP vis-à-vis the WPS on 2 Sep to the Philippine Council for

Foreign Relations, and told him that he should relay messages on our fellowships to his Dad or parents, and he agreed. He also promised he would provide transport and driver for Pabling, who should then have no excuses.

Golf fellowship

Del Abaya reiterated his wish to have another golf fellowship for CCAFP 1955-56. That would be for Classes 1956 to 1959, to be held at Northwoods GCC, San Rafael, Bulacan to be arranged by Chuck accordingly. He said it's really for the fellowship lunch after the game, as it gives him an excuse to visit the Club, of which he's a director, aside from their monthly board meetings, to which he often just sends a representative. Paco intimated his desire to join

Like last time, we get to kaya all our uppies but it should be a "scramble" as we seem to have run out of players for '59. Hope to get Timmy, Andy, Chuck and Jess this time. Chuck suggests we do it by company instead of class.

Prayers

Let us all continue praying for the early recovery of our sportsman, Barcè Barcelo, and for his family to have the patience and the fortitude to cope. Barcè was visited by Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin and Nick Festin



CL AGUSTIN
President
PC GARCIA
Secretary

PMA Alumni Homecoming 2017 (18 Feb)

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

Fellowship dinner

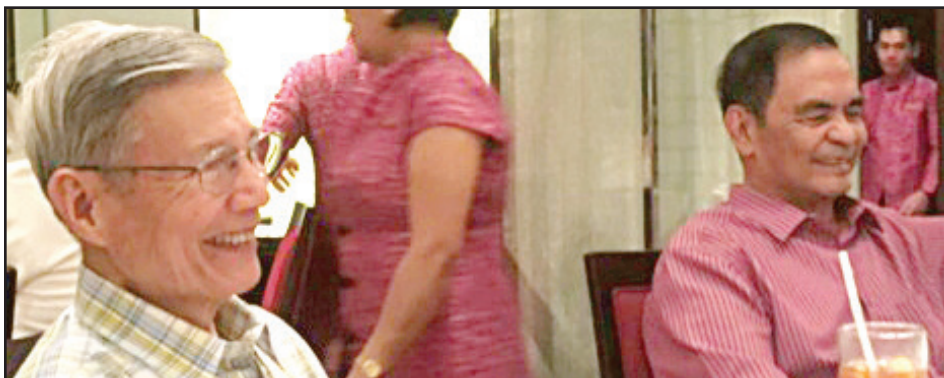
Jess Alcorido, who hosted out May fellowship stag dinner at the Manila Golf Club on 24 May, missed the last one at the Shang Palace, Shangri-la Makati on 31 Aug. He was supposed to, though, but had a last minute change due to an important business. Must be that new fangled power generation system he's trying to perfect.

on Aug 31, and he seems to be recovering. He might check out of Adventist Hospital Monday (Sep 4), but we're convincing the family to put him at VMMC as he needs oxygen occasionally. Those who want to visit or touch base with him or his family may contact any of his two sons:

Ascension (Jun) – 0917-582-2718
asi.barcelo@gmail.com

Francis (Job) – 0917-889-0525
francisjobbarcelo@gmail.com

(Col Barcelo passed away on 12 September 2016)



NFF, BCL



I got an email from Bill Iban that per info from Lina, the first wife of Bernie Ceguerra that Bernie died last Oct 2015 at an Assisted Senior's home in America. The last info I had for the class about him was told to me by Nestor Lim a few years ago. He was an unkempt homeless guy who appeared in front of his house in Daly City CA. The neighbors were worried and the police was called. Nestor went home in time before Bernie could be hauled off by the police. Bernie narrated his life in America. He really was a homeless guy. He also said that before this he married 2 American women. Bernie never ceases to have a good story worth repeating. He is remembered for his book about UFOs landing in Mt Makiling. He personally gave a copy to Pres Marcos. Class 58 might have a Tiqui and Class 62 might have an Alimorong who both tried to run for President but Class 60 has a Ceguerra who never ceases to astound us. He is the 28th member of the class to pass away leaving 32 super seniors still alive and kicking. Godspeed Bernie.

26 July 2016. I attended the wake of the late Col Mo Flores, PMA 44 at the Forbes. He was a math instructor when I was a plebe. One of his sons, Joey Flores, was a West point graduate who is now an airline pilot. One of his daughters is married to Guy Camacho. PMA 65, who got out from the service very early to

work in the Middle East. Our condolences to the family of Col Flores.

8 August 2016. I celebrated my 80th birthday. My son Lindsley came home from Australia together with his family to surprise me on my birthday. Together with his brother Carlo and sister Jemila they treated Jenny and I for a birthday celebration at the Sofitel. We were complete as a family.

I attended the wake and necro services of MG Rodolfo Canieso last Aug 20 2016 at the mortuary of the LNMB.

Two of his classmates, MG Ramon Farolan and BG Meliton Goyena spoke at the services. They talked of him being a battle-tested commander being loved by his troops because he took good care of them. These were compliments that MG Canieso really deserved.

I supported his battalion operating against MNLF rebels in the Liguasan Marsh of Cotabato during the MNLF rebellion in the early 70s. I hitch hiked in a Huey helicopter bringing the payroll money of his battalion in Liguasan



Marsh. It was a scene straight out of the movie Apocalypse Now. Col Canieso was enjoying himself treating me to buko juice in the midst of battle. There were Kamagong recruits running errands for us. They had no rifles. They could only have one if a regular soldier dies. I think he got into trouble, delaying his promotion, when he said in jest not to worry about the casualties in his battalion. There were a lot of Ilocano boys to replace them. This got to the ears of Gen Fabian Ver.

I find it hard to get hold of pictures of classmates to accompany our class call. If you have one to share with the class, please give it to me. I am posting here my picture on my 80th birthday celebration surrounded by my 6 grandchildren. There is also a picture here of Orly and Inday Salientes and their son in London. Inday is attending an insurance conference in London. As usual Orly gets to tag along. Because of her business the two travel abroad very often.

Roy Aguilar still lives in Bacolod. He is active in Facebook. Bill Bas through self-discipline and will power has regained his health. He and Monina still lives in our hometown of Talisay, Cebu. The last time I heard Cesar Go practices his ministry in Dinalupihan, Pampanga. I am not sure if Joey and Boots Asanza still operate their school without walls for the indigenous people in the Sierra Madre Mountain. We have not heard for a long time from Roging Villanueva in Mindanao. /Loven C Abadia '60



Last July 22, 2016, Beng Tan informed the class that Marino Filart was admitted at the St. Luke's Hospital in Taguig City, in a state of comatose. She left the cellphone of his caregiver with whom to coordinate with in case anyone wished to pay him a visit. Mai, Marino's daughter, informed the class that he was hospitalized from July 3 to 17 for heart complication. Marino suffered a stroke on July 22 and was re-admitted for possible treatment.

On July 27, 2016, Mai Filart informed the class that Marino finally succumbed to his inevitable fate to be with his Creator and Lord. Mai informed us that his remains will be brought directly to the Loyola Memorial at Sucat, Paranaque City for cremation and from there the ashes will be brought to the Mortuary at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio. Those who were present for the cremation at the Loyola Memorials were Vic Mamon and Zaldy Ventura. After the cremation, Marino's ashes, placed in an urn, was moved to the mortuary at the LNMB in Fort Bonifacio. On hand to join the family in witnessing the prescribed honors were; Pong and Monchie Biazon, Ed and Lina Cabanlig, Manny and Yayot Lukban, Ray and Xeny Jarque, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ernie and Beng Tan, Ed and Claire Domingo, Liby and Nining Manuel, Bert and Nini Rodriguez, Vic Mamon, Nick Rodriguez, Limon Agustin and Fely Codera. The vigil that followed was the first time that was followed by the class because instead of his remains laying in a coffin, draped with the National Flag, his

ashes in an Urn was placed on the altar for "viewing".

There was no sign of sadness observed among his family members because there were no remains lying in state at least to be mourned for and felt sorry for.

On July 29, the memorial service in Marino's honor was held. A Mass was celebrated by the PNP chaplaincy. It was quite impressive because it was a mobile type service as the hymns and songs that accompanied the service were all recorded. After the mass, Necrological ceremonies followed. Alex Aguirre gave the Eulogy in behalf of the class. He extolled aptly on Marino's memories as a constabulary and Police, professional. Nobody could make an account on his life as a cadet because he moved from one company to another so that nobody knew him intimately. The other speakers were members of the Filart family and intimate friends. The response was delivered by his third child, Marcial who is a successful doctor practicing in San Francisco, USA. Members of the class present during the Necrological services were the same as in the first day of vigil.

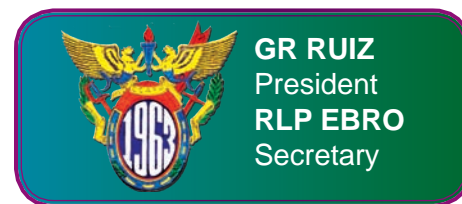
The Class will long remember the burial ceremony of Marino. When we asked the authorities of LNMB what they call the event, they said it was "Urnterment" ceremony which had earlier precedence. For the class we will remember the rites as something new, considering that the interment ceremonies were all followed even if the subject of the rite is in Ashes kept in an Urn.

The visual departure honors was provided after the Urn was brought out of the Mortuary. The military procession to his final resting place was observed as most of or classmates joined the kilometer march to his grave site. The usual graveside honors like the gun salute and the playing

of taps took place. Instead of the casket being hoisted down, parts of his ashes were poured into the grave. This grave site will be entitled to him as a soldier and veteran. Indeed the ceremony is very unique. Worth the uniqueness of a man who once served this country to the best of his ability.

Marino is the 28th member of the class who reported back to his creator. The number is exactly one half or 50% of our number as PMA Class 1961. We hope and pray that this situation remains for sometime. We remind everyone to continue to be active physically and mentally and try to join the Class Golf Fellowship every Friday. Join us and savor on a hearty brunch of friend rice with danggit or bagnet.

Almost all classmates are in the Metro Manila area. Tony Ocampo resides in Cebu city still busy managing his security business. Vic Lucero is in Tagudin and tends a large farm of high value fruit trees. Vic is very proud of his dragon fruit business.



Greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 as we welcome the first of the BER months and the October Festival 2016. This early you can hear from the TV and radio the Christmas carols.

From our Class logbook we have the following events:

19 July 2016

AGFO Fellowship meeting held at the Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo,



Q.C., Tuesday, 19 July 2016 at 9am. Our guest of honor and speaker was H.E. Trough Theu Duong, Ambassador, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, a former Vietnamese soldier and statesman. He explained about the maritime domain within the South China Sea. The class was represented by Cavs Ed Batenga (AGFO Moderator), Ebor Ebro, Bob Manlongat and Monet Ong.

“marang” and “rambutan”. We had a feast of “durian” after lunch. According to Pepe who planted the durians and other fruits some 50 years back. He was then a classmate of the late Nick Blancas in UP, Los Banos, Laguna.

Among those who came were Danny and Nena Delgado, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Rudy and Offie Javier, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Pert and Inday Andaya and Bobby and Yayang Manlongat. Pepe lectured us on the farm, and the solar-powered facilities of the Sanctuary.

07 August 2016

Pepe and Nena Pestaño of Pestaño farm and the Philip Sanctuary of Marikina invited the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 Board of Directors to a Durian and Marang Party. The board rendezvous at Petron station after Cogeo and motored to the Philip Sanctuary. The Pestaños prepared a sumptuous lunch after a merienda of

17 August 2016

The PMAAAI Seminar-Workshop on Special Topics in Corporate Governance was held at the Lakambini Room, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. at 1pm. Our speakers

were Dr. Eulogio T Castillo PhD, Executive Director of Cooperative Development Authority and Cav Romeo Roderos '77, Professor, MLQU and former SVP of DBP who spoke about the Board of Directors duties, responsibilities and expectations for both the corporate world and the cooperative development authority and Cav Hector M Atienza, USNA 83, Exec. Vice President and GM, AFPSLAI who discussed on basic principles and concepts of investment and trust operations. Cavs Bumi Bumanglag and Ebor Ebro attended the seminar-workshop.

This was followed in the evening at 6:00 pm by the 2nd quarterly fellowship meeting of BIRCI with General Hermogenes C Esperon, Jr '74, the National Security Adviser as Guest of Honor and Speaker. Cavs Pert Andaya, Ebor Ebro and Bob Manlongat represented the class. The GOHAS talked on the national security issues of the country specifically on West Philippine Sea.

Not much to report now as the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 has not lined up any activities for September and October.

So I quote Dr. Michael F Rizzen, MD, his 10 Easy Steps to a Healthier Heart: 1. Walk 30 minutes a day everyday no matter what and then call someone 2. Know your blood pressure and do whatever it takes to get down to 115/75. 3. Eat an ounce of nut a day. 4. Learn your HDL and do what you can to raise it to 50. 5. Eat 10 tablespoons of tomato sauce a week. 6. Floss your teeth regularly, 7. Eat no more than 20 grams of saturated fat a day and as little transfat as possible. 8. Read labels and throw out all food that has sugar in the first five ingredients. 9. Have a glass of wine or beer today. 10. Eat 9 servings of colorful fruits and vegetables a day. Unquote and I am sure you will have a healthier heart.

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 extends our warmest greetings and many more blessings to all birthday celebrants: For September Yayang Manlongat and Ching Saavedra - 1, Rose Enerio - 4, Vicky Capada, Rudy Javier and Reggie Lacson - 7, Art Capada - 8, Filong Pante - 13, Eve Venadas - 14, Monet Ong - 15, Ding Sallipsip - 26. For October: Perla Dario - 1, Beth Arevalo - 2, Beth Abaya - 9, Nick Blancas (+) -11, Fred Romero (+) - 12, Johnny Andaya (+) - 19 and Estela Andaya - 21, and Gaps Sabarre -22. May you all have many, many more birthdays to come. Cheers to one and all senior citizens. (18121605).



CP MARIANO
President
OT CABANLIG
Secretary

It was indeed a lot of joy and happiness for both Terry and Ellen de la Cruz as their youngest Son, Nelson was married last August 31, 2016. The occasion was held at The camp Aguinaldo Chapel and followed by the reception at the AFP Officers Club. Class '64 members and ladies present were Clem Mariano, Rey and Sandy Reyes, Guzi de Guzman and wife. Congratulation and best wishes to Nelson and Cristina, Clem Mariano took the opportunity to meet with the class officers, Rey Reyes, Orly Cabanlig, and Terry de la Cruz to discuss the following items:

1. Status of class fund
2. Christmas Party for 2016

As regards to the proposed Christmas Party, it was suggested by Terry de la Cruz to have the occasion at Vikings Aura, SM Aura, Bonifacio Global City on December 20 (Tuesday).

The proposal has been relayed to the rest of the class '64 members via the group e-mail address.

The first year death anniversary of Lito Ison was celebrated last July 21, 2106.




Mass was held at The Philippine Navy Chapel and reception dinner was at the NAVY Officers Club in Fort Bonifacio. Club '64 members and ladies present were Clem Mariano, Rey and Sandy Reyes, Billy and Beth Villareal, Guzi and Emmet de Guzman, and Terry and Ellen de la Cruz.

The class '64 golf club has not been playing for quite sometimes. Rey Reyes suggested that the class golfers organize some sort of "fun golf" where the objective

has changed from counting scores to counting loss balls, double boogies and just finishing the 18 ole golf game. Good suggestion mistah! It may even encourage non-golfers to join.

Birthday wishes to the following July – August Birthday Celebrants;

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| 1. Jorge Agcaoil | July 04 |
| 2. Tagoy Diño | July 25 |



MA LEONARDO
President
EP NARTATEZ
Secretary

Greetings from PMA MULAWIN CLASS 1965!!

How time flies! We are again in the "ver" months and soon Christmas na naman. So last 9 Sept 2016 the class held a meeting at CGEA Golf Clubhouse to plan for this Christmas 2016. It was decided that our class Christmas party be held again (Suki na) at the Magellan Penthouse of The Discovery Suites (located at the triboundary of QC, Pasig and Mandaluyong) on December 10, 2016. Agaon Mulawin Rolly did the legwork of coordinating and arranging this affair with the management of Discovery and it looks like we'll be

having again a good arrangement for the class as well as a good set of menu for the season. You know naman how Rolly works, very detailed and nothing is left to chance.

The following attended the meeting, wherein welcome too Mulawin Joey Mendoza who just planed in from Down under the day before; Class Prexy Mike Leonardo, Rolly Cauton, Joe Lapus, Ofring Marcelo, Willy Nicolas, Jess Candelario, Tates Nartatez, Pepe delos Santos, Egay Velasco, Roger Bergado, Tisoy Rosal, and Noli Fabic. The foursome Mike, Willy, Ricky and Noli failed to tee-off for their round of golf as sabi nila di naman daw nagprepare si Cande na dapat daw sasagot sa lunch. Anyway folks don't worry, gumaganda na ang panahon and the green (whether at Veterans, Aguinaldo, Navy or elsewhere are becoming superb again and playable!!

The class have now decided that the next get together for our 3rd quarter birthday celebrants is this Wednesday,

September 21, 2016 to be held at Gloria Maris in Greenhills. And so we are extending our Birthday Greetings to the following Mulawins and Ladies who are the celebrants for the quarter:

Rolly Cauton - Sept 25; Enri Bulan -- Sept 7; Guy Camacho - August 22; Warly Chee - July 22; Tony Daza - July 21; Gerry Guzman - Sept 3; Bangbang de Leon - Sept 15; Pat Duque - July 13; Honey Fernandez- Sept 21; Joe Lapus - July 9; Elvi Leonardo - Aug 29; Nic Lugtu - Sept 16; Lita Marcelo - August 14; Joey Mendoza - July 19; Lito Monta (+) - August 1; Linda Perena - July 17; Nitz Solquillo - Sept 23; Virgie Bruce - July 24; Bing Superable - July 9; Boy Turingan - July 29; Adolf Borje - Sept 23; Rod de Guzman (+) - Sept 19; and Sammy Dunque (+) - Aug 30.

Last July 26, 2016 was Mulawin Romy Padiernos' 1st death anniversary and the class together with Letty Padiernos and family and friends and associates in the

service remembered him with a solemn mass at the St Ignatius Cathedral followed by a dinner at the AFPCOC. The Mulawins and Ladies who joined Letty in the mass and dinner were : Enri and Celia Bulan; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Tates and Lyn Nartatez; Pepe and Lyn delos Santos; Willy Nicolas; Dianne Malig; Linda Perena; Susan Abadilla; Noli and Chit Fabric; Joe Lapus; Jomari Solquillo./epn



PAUNANG SALITA

Tulad ng nakaraang sipi ng Cavalier Magazine, wala tayo gaanong naiulat na mga nangyari o ginawa ng klase sa buwan ng Hulyo at Agosto. Kaya naman, muli nating bigyan ng pansin ang ating paghahanda sa Golden Anniversary Sword. Tulad ng maaasahan, marami pa ring hindi nakapagbigay ng kanilang Family Story at Participation Fee na P5,000. Ganoon pa man, marami nang nagawa at wika nga, nasa tamang landas ang mga namamahala.

INITIAL REPORT

We are on track with our preparations. Editor-in-Chief Bert Sabularse has already copies of several versions of the cover of the Golden Sword. They are all good and it is hard to choose which one. Below are some of the versions. Your comments are welcome.

A good number of our classmates have already submitted the lay-out of the four pages allocated to them. Essentially, they pertain to events that happened after graduation from the Academy, highlights of their active service, the beginnings and development of their families, the emergence of the succeeding generations in the family tree and how they appear now in their retirement years. You will be surprised if you compare how you looked as a cadet, as a lieutenant, as a senior officer and as a grandfather senior citizen.

There are some questions the answers to which are not yet clear. Can the pages allotted to those who did not submit their portions after the deadline be allocated to the others? You may comment on this.

We have already submitted the down payment (20%) and first draft payment (30%) of the printing cost, as stipulated in the contract. So, there is no turning back. The Class 66 Golden Anniversary Sword also known as Class 66 Family History shall come into print. However, those who failed to submit their family histories will still have a page – their cadet picture as

published during the graduation sword. Those who want to see the first draft can coordinate with Bert Sabularse at Max’s Restaurant every Sunday.

VIBER GROUP

Not to be left behind in cyber technology, there is emerging a viber group in the Class, thanks to the initiative of Louie Fernandez. It is not only a forum for real-time exchange of information. It is also fun, the number of members is still few, but in time, we expect that the number will increase. Some did not like for fear of becoming an addict.

Question is: should the viber group be all male or all female? The ladies may want an all-female group so that they can engage in “girls only” talks. If so, the boys will also enjoy “for the boys only” Anyway, ladies, you have nothing to fear. We are already entitled to Total Administrative Disability (TAD) pension. After reaching age 70, we are considered by government as “disabled.” *(If you don’t know yet, that is an additional P1,700 per month, and subject to availability of funds P500 per month for spouses).*

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE HORIZON

In cadet parlance, when this issue is out by October 24, 2016. There are 61 days, 1,464 hours, 87,840 minutes and 175,680 ticks before Christmas. In short, we should start preparing for Christmas – like putting out Christmas decorations stored in the closet, listing names of those whom we will give Christmas presents, scheduling trips to Divisoria to buy things at cheaper cost.

We usually hold our Christmas Program in the first Sunday of December. This time, it is December 4. Hopefully, our Golden Anniversary Sword will be ready for distribution by that time.

GOOD BYE, CHARLIE

For the fourth time this year, another sad news was received by the sixty-sixers. Charlie Atienza passed away in the evening of 6 October 2016 at the Parañaque Medical Center. He was rushed to the hospital after complaining of extreme

stomach pain which was later diagnosed as Raptured Abdominal Aneurism. Recall that earlier, the Class lost Rico Javier, Reggie Regalado and Johnny de Leon. That leaves only 42 graduates to carry the Class Colors during our Diamond Graduation Anniversary in 2016.

Upon learning of his death the next day, Class President Noli Espejo and Bing Rivera went to Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels in Sucat, Paranaque to condole with the family. The Class also made arrangements with the Army Chief of Staff (BGen Robert Arevalo ‘85), for the military vigil guards who also arrived that night. The Class and the family would like to thank Gen Arevalo for his quick reaction for a departed comrade. He was accorded military Necrological Services in the evening of 11 October and buried with military honors at the Manila Memorial Park, the next day.

The Class condoles with spouse Magdalena and sons Michael and Leo Vincent.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

For September and October, we have a relatively bigger number of celebrators. For September – Jacie Aquino, Serge Belleza, Ric Tañedo, Lysias Cabusao, Jesli Lapus, Tita Belo, Lulu de Leon, Dolly Lachica and Puri Eco. For October – Mar Antonio, Viusy Dauz, Roy Nicolas, Tony Edd Santos, Menong Garcia, Greg Llorca, Tess Arugay, Tere Reyes, Lita Garcia, Margie Galon, Cel Cunanan and Glo Domingo.

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens!

By the way, we do not have yet the birth months of the following: Nena Atienza, Dorie Romero, Lil Santos, Carol Alvez, Irene Antonio, Mila Capili, Cynthia Bruce, Vilma Regalado, Lita Obillo, Lita Javier, Grace Hontucan, Meldi Espina, Sally Escarcha, Lumen Sarmiento, Neneng Tagamolila. Please relay your birth month to Beth Payumo at 0917-822-7620. We need them for our new Class Directory.

P.S.

Your P5,000 participation fee for the Golden Sword is eagerly awaited. Please refer to the July-August issue for other details.



This is the proposed cover of the Class 66 Golden Anniversary Sword. What say you, guys?



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the July – August 2016 period:

11 July – Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) was hosted by Lettie Baula and Jovy – Baby Sales in Café France at Jupiter St, Bel-Air, Makati City. It was their way of celebrating with the Class the birthdays of Cesar Baula (26 July) and Jovy (28 July).

20 August – Serge – Zeny Austria, Ed – Myrna Espinosa, Vir – Marina Odulio, and Mar – Beth Santiago hosted our DMF in Club Filipino, San Juan City. Marina, Serge, Mar, Vir and Ed are birthday celebrators on 3, 11, 19, 23 and 27 August, respectively.

B. Watch out for our schedule for September – October 2016 period, onwards, as follows:

24 September – DMF (Breakfast) to be hosted by Romy – Merle Odi in Mom and Tina’s Bakery Café, Rodriguez Ave (C-5), Pasig City.

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

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

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

After several attempts to locate him, we finally established contact (via email) with Bill “Gorio” Geier. He now resides with his family in Frankfurt, Germany. He will attend our Golden Graduation Jubilee Homecoming in February 2017.

Vic Garcia recently underwent a surgery involving the cutting of a portion of his colon. He is now recuperating in his home in Muntinlupa City. We pray for his early full recovery.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Baby Alino has just had a stroke and is now confined in Medical Center Manila. We also pray for her full recovery soon.

Congratulations to: (1) Anselmo “Nino” Avenido III, son of Jun and Agnes,

on his wedding to Rosario “Nina” Sandejas on 15 August 2016 in Hermosa, Bataan; and (2) Joshua Enriquez, son of Titong and Queenie, on his wedding to Rebecca Lange on 8 July 2016 in Snohomish, Washington, USA. Oying Pinto witnessed the affair.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in September and October: Arleen Brawner (2 September), Elen Reventar (2), Lettie Baula (3), Clod Francisco (7), Baby Sales (12), Jake Caruncho (23), Tina Quiambao (27), Romy Odi (28), Ruby Torres (28), Vic Corpus (4 October), Lulu Larroza (4), Joe Andaya (6), Ching Ballecer (8), Sammy Tomas (9), Toto Salvana (9), Fredeswinda Enriquez (15), Aging Alino (17), Andy Reyes (17), Rudy Ruelos (21), Mely Corpus (22), Norma Aliac (27), Sonia Briones (29), and Ronnie Ibay (31).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Those of us who are using smart phones with internet connection are encouraged to make use of “Messenger” of Facebook to facilitate our exchange of messages, either talk or text, free of charge. You may request your grandchildren to help you in this regard.

2. Ross Sibal and Mar Santiago, co-chairmen of our Golden Sword Committee, are requesting all Dimasupils to submit to them your current photo, your wife’s current and college photos, and your children’s and family photos to be printed in our Golden Sword. They also need your write-up, your wife’s write-up, and those of your children. You may submit these requirements to them personally or through email NLT 31 October 2016.

CLASS TRIVIA

(This portion of our Class Call is contributed by Bernie “Uncle Bobo” Patino. The opinions expressed herein are solely his and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Class or this magazine. So, beware!)

I was AWOL in past several issues of the CavMag and for this I apologize. Like a good plebe, I will not invent plausible alibis. I will just “take life” and play the cards dealt me by the gods of Loakan. A

man in Navotas was sentenced to 20 years in prison for having sex with a vacuum cleaner. His lawyer is also from Navotas and a PMA graduate at that. The lawyer’s arguments included: (1) The vacuum cleaner was already 20 years old, thus, no longer a minor. (2) It actually seduced his client by emitting sexy sounds. (3) Since the vacuum cleaner did not complain, the sex act was consensual. (4) The vacuum cleaner brand was “Linis Tubo” and it only did its job, thus no crime was committed. The lawyer is our Mistah and I say without any fear of contradiction that he is a damn good lawyer. Why, he even convinced the judge to imprison the vacuum cleaner together with his client. I told you, basta Dimasupil magaling!

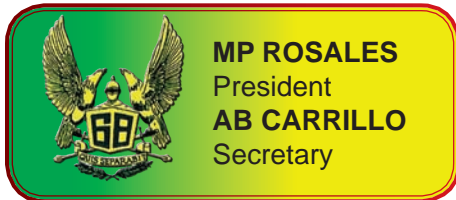
We have another Classmate who answers to the name Rudy G. He is always late in our meetings, be it daytime, nighttime, springtime and even summertime when the living is easy. He teaches post-graduate students in a big university in Manila. I checked with one of his students and I found out that even as a professor of Management, he was always late in his classes. Curiosity got the better of me, so I confronted him about his nasty habit of being late. His explanation was one for the books: “Alam mo Mistah, I was never a proponent nor a practitioner of that dreaded ‘premature ejaculation’ syndrome. I do not come early, much less come on time. I am ‘long-playing’ in everything that I do and my students, especially the ladies, love me for it.” Well explained, Mistah, well explained! Kung sa bagay, libre lang naman magsinungaling!

Our Classmate Abraham D established his own religion and yes, you are right, he named it “Iglesia ni Abraham”. He has over ten thousand members now but sad to say, none of us Dimasupils joined him. People are curious about his church but they swear they found the right path to eternal salvation. Instead of the “Ten Commandments”, his Iglesia talks about the “Ten Suggestions” only. It is never a sin to violate any of the suggestions. Going to heaven is a “done deal” provided one pays 20% of his gross income as tithes. Furthermore, a member is required to take a bath once a year only. He explains that extreme body odor is the key to heaven. In his church, toilets are self-flushing and odor-activated. His toilets are patented and sold in the Middle East, India and all points in between, where water is a luxury.

Abraham is inviting Dimasupils and other Cavaliers to any of his church services. He promises to return your tithes if you do not like his sermons, much less his looks as a messiah of his lord and savior Ibrahim!

There you are. I hope this short piece of tidbits atone my sins of omission by not writing in every issue of the CavMag.

So long Dimasupils and other Cavaliers. See you soon!



It is all systems go for one of our projects for the 2018 Golden Anniversary. This is the publication of the Golden Sword 1968 which is slated to be distributed to each member and widow during the March 2018 celebrations. The board of trustees and other class members met last September 08, 2016 at the PMA Alumni center with our creative consultant. Mervin Vergara presented the first draft of our digitized coffee table book. This was in compliance with our contract which also required our initial payment of half the eighty thousand contract for lay-out and editing jobs for the book. Gaps and errors were noted for proper action in the next

version. Some of our class members have already received an e-copy of the draft from Willy and responded. Very soon, a printed copy will be available at the PMA Alumni Center c/o Mel Rosales Please find time to review it or the e-copy and give comments especially on your respective service and personal spreads. Help also in providing dates and captions to class wide photos. You may e-communicate with any member of the coffee table book committee. All updates/corrections will be consolidated and forwarded to the consultant by mid-November. The 2nd draft will be presented during our Christmas party on early December. With everyone's help we will surely produce a good coffee table book.

Meanwhile, overseas, Johnson and MJ participated in the recent Jurado Cup Alumni East Coast vs Midwest tournament in New Jersey, U.S. Ludy and Bernie were likewise present to bring cheer. The event is held every Labor Day weekend. MJ played bowling and tennis. Alex and Oca also visited North America and were busy with apostolic duties. Mel visited Ward 21 VMMC after Norie advised him of the medical condition of Tom Ortega. In a consultation with medical staff, he learned that Tom will need another surgery. Mel advised Toms brother who was watching over him, that we will assist them with some of their medical financial

requirements with PMAAAI if we could get the family request and supporting doctors certification and receipts. Class members are also enjoined to visit Tom Ortega who is still confined at VMMC.

Bells were rung for our Mistah, Norman. His final three rifle volley fire and his last taps were played last September 15, 2016 at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, attended by fifteen of our classmates and some ladies. On the first night of the wake we met with Luz and gave the One Hundred Thousand assistance which our 1968 Foundation always give to its members in their hour of bereavement. Mel also gave the PMAAAI abuloy of fifty thousand. Respecting the wishes of the family to have a simple but meaningful wake and burial, we celebrated a mass and a sharing session on the night of September 14, 2016. Cris prepared a tribute which will be printed in the last call page of the Cavalier and he spoke in part of the tribute. Mel also highlighted the fine attributes of Norman when he showed determination from beast barracks training all the way to the PMA graduation and on to the Asian Institute of management for his MBM.

The class had a brunch after the funeral and met also to discuss the situation of Tom Ortega and raise through "pass the hat" some money for the legal financial needs of Percy Subala. Following are photos of the class get together.



Willy Wong gladly hosted the May class breakfast on 30 May at the Pancake House in McKinley Hill. Getting together to bond were Nonoy and Mone; Ike and yours truly; Boy M, Amy and Chelsy; Jimmy; Greg; Mon; Jake; Jus; Chris A. and our host, of course.

Conversations swirled around appointments in government with the national election just over. While the class Golden Sword was being discussed the distaff trio just enjoyed each other's company and delighted in the photo ops courtesy of Chelsy.

Nonoy volunteered to host the June breakfast with Rene Aguda because of his impending long vacation with Mone down under. So on 27 June PNGC it was for the



The Suaveters during the breakfast fellowship at Pancake House McKinley Road hosted by Willy in May 2016.



Blessing the birthday celebrant and host Boy M at the PN Golf Clubhouse in July 2016.



The lady suaveters bonding together during Ike's hosting of the monthly fellowship at the ol' reliable 'n tasted Pancake House at McKinley Hill in August 2016.

class. In attendance were Jus; Mon; Greg; Jimmy; Jake; Benjie and Meg; Chris A.; Jess and Olive; Boy, Amy and Chelsy; Vikki B.; and Luz L; and the day's hosts. There was talk on spiritual renewal segued by an in depth brainstorming on the Golden Sword of the class. On hand to set the guideposts was a publishing consultant who Jimmy invited to the meeting precisely to get the project off the ground. Those who attended got a questionnaire from Jake to help them commence their individual recollection/gathering of memories/mementos so the deadline for the project could be met. Let's go team!

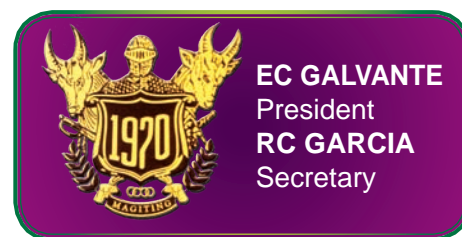
On 22 July Boy M. together with Amy and Chelsy treated the class to another mouth-watering breakfast at PNGC (ang sarap kaya ng pinaksiw na isda!). Boy's

siblings and their spouses together with the Suaveters (including surprise couple Cleo and Vivs) were there to celebrate with Boy. It was Throwback Thursday (or Monday or...) to our younger years for the girls. If ITALY means I trust and love you, what does HOLLAND stand for? For sure it is not hopia which someone thought it was. Ang nagwagi ay si Mone na nagbigay ng tamang sagot!

August-born Ike was the host of the "Balik Pancake House" treat on 26 August. Mon was the early bird who was sometime later joined by Jus and Ellen; Boy, Amy and Chelsy; Benjie and Meg; Vic E; Jimmy; Willy; and Jess and Olive. Birthdays, indeed, are a wonderful time to spend with friends who can generously share lessons-rich experiences in their own lives as what happened that day. Too, birthdays

can bring special gifts of answered prayers and a surprise encounter with a friend who we truly want to see as what happened for the natal day of yours truly. A heartfelt thank you to the Author of life and to all the hosts of fruitful get-togethers is in order.

Our prayers go to the family of Amy whose brother, Martin, recently passed away. Godspeed to former Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago! May healing in all areas of her life be the answer to our prayers.



We have just entered the "ber" months. Pretty soon the cool northeasterly winds will blow and with that the unmistakable feel of Christmas. The cool nights will be most welcome after the long warm spell. This is also the time to draw our shopping list and brace up for the traffic gridlocks on the trips to the shopping malls. However taxing this may be on our patience and endurance and, yes, on our pockets, the excitement over the coming festive season is still very much with us. By the time this issue comes out, Class plans to celebrate the season would have already been finalized. Egay and our class officers, with our ladies inputting their ideas, will see to that.

From where we left off last issue, the Magiting activities for the period were the regular weekly golf and lunch meetings at the Navy and Aguinaldo (and occasionally Veterans) courses and the Ladies' Wednesday group monthly mass and lunch meetings.

Last 28 July a dinner meeting was held at Gloria Maris Greenhills joined in by Jun Ebdane, now unburdened by political responsibilities. To while his time now that he has faded from the political limelight, Jun now spends most of his time on other concerns. He is enjoying working his farm, tending the family business, doing 'apos'-tolic work and giving solicited advice to son Rundy who is now mayor of the capital town of Iba. As is usual, a lot of interesting and quite intriguing stories were shared during the freewheeling conversation over dinner. Among those who attended were Roy Cimat, Bang Adriano, Dionet Santiago, Nesty Carolina, Eloy Garcia, Boots De

Veyra, Glenn Rabonza, Vic Signey, Primo Esguerra and Rudy Garcia.

On the golfing front, Magiting golfers were blown out of contention in the 23 August edition of the Corps of the 70's Tournament hosted by the Classes of '71, '74, '77 and '80 at the Aguinaldo golf course. We could have been in the running for a team prize with our players' good scores but one of our two flights did not have a member of another class in their flight as required, so we were DQ'd. Magiting golfers who composed our contingent were: Roy C, Boots DV, Clyde, Jack, Glenn, Eloy, Primo, Sonny and Vic. While our Team did not get into

the winner's circle, they had great fun in the fairways and in the jolly company of golfers from the younger classes during the fellowship.

Last 20 August, Jack and Vic, August birthday boys, hosted lunch at the Aguinaldo golf clubhouse attended by Clyde, Nesty, Roy, Primo, Toti Tan, Bobby T, Eloy, and civilian friends Leo De Jesus and Gerry Sevilla. Last 24 September, it was Egay's and Eloy's turn to give a lunch treat at the Veterans golf clubhouse. I can bet there must have been some inspired golfing here! Many more birthdays and free golf lunches to come Mistahs!

The Magiting ladies, on the other

hand, had kept their their monthly First Wednesday mass and lunch meetings going. Last August, lunch was at Red Box to celebrate the birthdays of Marlyn Signey, Alice Parayno and Lou Ugale while last September, it was at Chef Lau's at the Venice Piazza at Mckinley Hill after a mass at St Michael's Church at Fort Bonifacio. In October, to celebrate the natal days of Au Carolina, Susan Fernandez and Tess Javier, mass will be at the Landmark chapel and lunch at Buffet 101, Glorietta2.

Till the next report, keep well everyone!



Dinner meeting at Gloria Maris with Jun Ebdane



Magiting ladies at the Red Box



The Magiting Team at the Corps of the 70's Tournament



FVR joins the Magitings at an after golf lunch



LB SILLONA
President
JC LALISAN, JR
Secretary

Christmas is near!

With the coming in of the month of September, the days seem shorter and for all we know, it is already December. Yes, Christmas season is just around the corner and so, it is just right to prepare for it both physically and financially. Physically, because there will be socials to attend to and we need the energy for fellowship and boodling. Financially, well, we need to save for our gifts to our "apos" and "inaanaks" when they visit us during the Yuletide season. It is time for giving and sharing.

Jun Paynor is the new Philippine Ambassador to the US

As of this writing, Amba Jun Paynor is yet to report to Washington for his posting as the new ambassador to the US. These days, Amba Jun was seen with President Digong in his visits to Laos and Indonesia as the Malacanang Chief of Protocol. From my mole in DFA, Jun is considered as "The Authority" as far as APEC preparations and protocol procedures are concerned. No wonder, he was "commissioned" again although he already retired from the diplomatic service about two years ago. Now, he is back again in the US where he served as consul of LA and Frisco. Congratulations again Amba Jun!

Fellowships

The Matatags and Mas-Matatags had been busy in their bonding activities here and abroad. Consul Lulu and hubby Dong Tabamo, Rene and Sarah Paredes, with Jinggoy Martinez are in pilgrimage tour in Italy and Israel. Tex and Phattz Balmaceda gave a dinner for some mistahs and friends in California last September and also Edd

Maranon for the NorCal group on the occasion of their respective birthdays. Totoy Rivera and Archie joined the Jurado Cup tournament with other bugo-bugos in Berkshire Valley Golf Course in New Jersey. Meantime, the Matatag golfers played in Camp Aguinaldo in the Corps 70 tournament last 23 August and last 13 September in Camp Aguinaldo. The mas-Matatags joined the Matatags during the joint celebration of all September born celebrators hosted by Egay and Mawie last 13 September. Special cakes were given to them also.

Class Meetings

The class had a third quarter general meeting last August 2 at the Valle Verde residence of Egay and Mawie. Nineteen (19) Matatags were present who discussed about the incoming golf fund raising activity for the year. The second meeting was held last 13 September and fifteen (15) members attended. Discussed were the update in the preparation of the golf fund raising committee and the incoming Class Christmas party scheduled on 6 December to be held in the Valle Verde 4 residence of Egay and Mawie.

VMMC Medical Cards

Oca Martinez announced during the meeting that Mas-Matatag Dra. Mona Legaspi will be retiring this December 2016. He advised other mistahs and their bunkmates to get already their medical cards so that they can avail of the medical services in VMMC. So, mga boks, let us apply already for these.

Quote for this Issue

When you focus on problems, you'll have more problems.

When you focus on possibilities, you'll have more opportunities. /JCL//14 Sept 2016



LD EBUEN
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

Warm greetings to all.

To all my dear captive readers, let me apologize for the wrong class call published in the last issue of Cavalier Magazine(July-August). If you notice, it was a duplication of the one published last year when Gil Batestil was the Prexy. A sort of "senior moment", I inadvertently sent the soft copy of the wrong article; hence the "bruhaha." Sorry for the oversight. Anyway, here are the news updates from July to September for your reading pleasure:

The 3rd Quarterly Social:

The 3rd quarter social/fellowship was held last July 31 at Villamor Officers Club. It was a tremendous success and one of the most attended social affairs we had in the past with more or less seventy(70) Mistahs in attendance. As usual, LudyVidad, our permanent "social anchor" single-handedly orchestrated the events from the beginning to the end. Not to be outdone, Prexy Queck and other Mistahs provided extra entertainment with their signature songs that amused everybody to the bones. What more can we ask for; good entertainment, sumptuous food and never-ending fellowship. Perfect.

The anti-flu vaccination administered by Dr. Melba Buenaventura and Pilar Senga was jibed with this event, courtesy of the Class as part of our

health care program. Also, the clothing materials for class attire for 2017 Alumni Homecoming were distributed to those who are sure of attending. As of this date, forty(40) Mistahs signified their attendance and still counting. For the ladies, they were given the free hand as to the material and design of their uniforms. Faith Ebuén and some ladies are in-charge. For the record, the Class did not spend a single centavo for the clothing materials. It was given for free, thanks to the initiative of Ogie Alino. Thank you Ogie, you are always there. As a matter of policy, the class will subsidize the four thousand (Ph 4,000.00) pesos per Mistah, as payment for the tailor of men's uniform and two thousand five hundred (Ph2,500.00) pesos each for the ladies attending the homecoming. That's the rule.



did in the past to give leeway for those who wish to leave for Manila after the class picnic.

The Untimely Death of Mistah Ven “ Pogs” Santillan

It was early morning of September 5 when I received a call from Lea informing me of the sad news; that of the untimely death of his beloved husband and our Mistah Ven “Pogs” Santillan at his residence in Cagayan de Oro. The entire Masigasig family mourned the death of Pogs as as we expressed our condolences and sympathies to Lea and their siblings. He is more than a Mistah and a brother to us and we will remember him always as a professional and dedicated police officer. We are proud of his integrity and competence that inspired us most. After his cremation, he was laid to rest last September 10 at Divine Memorial Garden, Cagayan de Oro City. Pogs, may you rest in peace in the kingdom of our Creator.

Masigasig Reminders:

Everybody is reminded to update your records in PVAO, Finance, AFPSLAI/ PSSLAI to avoid unnecessary stoppage of your pensions and accounts particularly in AFPSLAI/PSSLAI.

The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 4 at VAB Officers Club while the 2017 Alumni Homecoming will be on 17-19 Feb 2017.

Time runs very fast so everybody is enjoined attending to all class activities and reach out with each other. Mistahs are always Mistahs come what may. Let’s relish the happy and memorable moments as cadets. It’s not yet too late Mistahs, brothers and friends.

Birthday Greetings:

Greetings to our birthday celebrators. For September: Bobby Santos, Renee Ignacio, Queck Ebuena, +Rudy Aguinaldo(dec), Suzette Sabado, Pepe Vidad, Freddie De Vera, Ernie de Leon, +Jun Luspo(dec), Leony Narcida, Paco Fuentes and Alex Quirante. For October: Mel Rivera, +Benny Liwag(dec), Dionix Dionisio, +Alvin Urbi(dec), +Ed Leyritana(dec), Linda berroya, Johnny Abuan, Mar Conaco, Willy Blanco, Torch dela Torre, Maribel Espadero, TJ Tejada, Helen Viernes, +Jimmy Lasar(dec), Carol Alabanza, Jimmy Viernes, Odette Bibit, Lou Rivera and Lennie Mejia.

Till next class call. Happy reading to all.....CGC

The Corps of 70s Golf Tourney (3rd Quarter) :

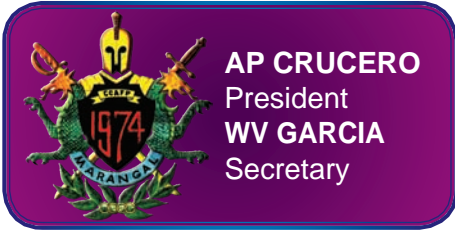
The 3rd quarter of the traditional Corps of 70s golf tournament was held in Aguinaldo Golf Course last August 23. Our golfers did not play well and landed 4th place despite the participation of Ping Berroya and Dionix Dionisio. Be as it may, we congratulate them just the same, and let’s remember that “winning is second only to the love of the game itself” as stated in our Oath of Sportsmanship. Remember? But salamagan you must also win “ducrot”. You guys enjoyed golfing after all.

The Special Board Meeting(Board of Trustees/Class Officers):

The Chairman of the Board/ Class President, Queck Ebuena, called for a special meeting of the Trustes/Class

Officers last August 31 at PNGC to tackle some issues and concerns. Foremost is the alleged implication of our Mistah/ Cong., Jun Espino in the matrix of drug trade. The Class Officers undoubtedly believe Espines will never ever indulge in such nefarious trade. He is absolutely a victim of a demolition job concocted by his enemies trying to put him down. We vouch for his morality and integrity and expressed our full confidence and faith of his innocence. The truth will set him free. To our beloved Mistah, we are behind you. Vindication is not far behind.

In that meeting, it was also decided to hold the Christmas Party on December 4 at Villamor Officers Club to give ample time for everybody to calendar it. As regards to the 2017 Homecoming, the Post Valentine party will be held on Friday, 17 Feb instead on Saturday as we



PMA Marangal Class of 1974 firmly believe in the supremacy of the civilian authority at all times. They believe that civilian supremacy is an indispensable prerequisite to the country's stability, security, and development; that it serves as an effective counter measure against any attempts to destabilization. In view of this, let me offer some ideas and food for thought which might be of use to all of us:

1. Definition of Civilian Supremacy

Civilian supremacy over the military is a doctrine that places ultimate

responsibility for a country's decision-making in the hands of the civilian political leadership rather than professional military officers. It is inherent in every democratic and republican State like ours where "sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them".

In other words, supremacy of civilian institutions over the military is understood to describe a democratic system where the military is under the control of an elected civilian authority which holds prerogative to control, manage, and decide on any policies relating to government including the military.

Thus, it is of prime importance that civilian supremacy be preserved, upheld, and defended at all times, because it is a powerful deterrent to any destabilization attempts and somehow creates an atmosphere of stability which is good for the country.

2. Propagation of Civilian Supremacy

Our Constitution mandates that all members of the armed forces must be required to take an oath or affirmation to uphold and defend the Constitution. The Constitution also insures professionalism in the armed services and insulates them from politics, so that it is the duty of every member of the armed services to comply with this provision with utmost professionalism and non-political partisanship.

In addition to this, the State has existing laws, rules and regulations processes, and agencies, to guarantee proper civilian direction and control/civilian supremacy:

- 1) Establishment of a civilian President within the chain of command as the commander-in-chief of all armed forces;
- 2) Establishment of civilian agency that is charged with the direction and supervision of the military;
- 3) Issuance of combination of policies, laws and the inculcation of the values of civilian supremacy in the armed services;
- 4) Establishment of a distinct civilian police force, militia and other para-military units to mitigate the disproportionate strength of the military;
- 5) Institutionalization of civilian supremacy through professionalism in the armed services, and thru transparency and accountability mechanisms.
- 6) Significant role of Congress in legislating on defense and security matters including military budget



3. Conclusion

Upholding the supremacy of the civilian authority is paramount as it is a prerequisite to a stable liberal democracy. The roles of the civilian authority and the military are clear, defined and delineated to guard against usurpation of power. The civilian authority has been given the ultimate responsibility in government while the military as the protector of the people is charged with securing the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory. The State must continue to enact laws, rules and regulations to further strengthen the current measures and processes to propagate the principle of civilian supremacy. The Constitution which is the basic law of the land should protect the

State from potential dangers that would undermine its own existence.

Tid bits...

1. Members of the Class are requested to attend the conferment ceremony of the degree of Doctor of Humanities in Business and Economics Honoris Causa upon Harry Lintong, an honorary member of the Class, on September 26, 2016, 4PM at the Le Parc, Edsa corner Roxas Blvd, Pasay City. Congratulations Mistah! Your achievement makes us all proud.

2. Mistah Sonny Razon will be holding a golf tournament and fellowship on September 26, 2016 from 0600-1500 at the Philippine Navy Golf Course, Taguig City on the occasion of his birthday. Expected to participate are some government dignitaries, golfer-members of PMA Class



1974, Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines golfers, and personal friends. Congratulations Sonny and best wishes on your birthday! Many happy returns of the day. May you have many many more birthdays to come.

3. Let us give a round of applause to the Marangal Golfers for having won

the runner up trophy in the recently concluded Corps of 70's golf tournament and fellowship held in Philippine Navy Golf Course, Taguig City. Marangal Golfers were: Jun Noble, Rici Dela Paz, Pons Crucero, Ed Doromal, Amy Tolentino, Sonny Razon, Rene Rieza, and yours truly. You made the Class proud once again.



Three important programs and activities of the Class for the rest of the year are; the Magilas Fundraising Golf Tournament 2016, General Assembly and Election of new Board Members for CY 2017-2018 and our Christmas Fellowship.

The golf tournament spearheaded by the indefatigable JojieFojas will be held at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course on 10 Oct. It will be a Monday tournament. Jojie is concerned that as of this writing there are no significant remittance of funds yet. He is appealing to the company supervisors to hurry-up their company mates with their solicitation effort otherwise we might be losing our objective.

On fund investment, the Board upon the recommendation of Joey Salvacion will place some idle class funds on long term investment. Abner Cabalquinto canvassed the market and found Sunlife a viable investment establishment. Accordingly, the funds invested now will provide what we need to fund our golden homecoming anniversary in 2026.

On Yuletide preparations, Del Pomposo reported that all is set on 11 December 2016 at the Ricarte Hall of the PA Officers Clubhouse. Class Assembly will

start at 1700H. The Class extends its thanks to LtGen Eduardo Ano, CGPA for allowing us free use of the clubhouse. Bong Ibrado personally made the request.

Jess Versoza would want to reiterate and remind once again the important points to know about the existing membership policy which are the following: attendance in at least one (1) programmed activity of the association (*Class Assembly/Christmas Fellowship or Homecoming*); participation in at least one (1) project in a year (*Fund raising or Outreach project*); and payment of membership dues (*P1,000/Annually or P10,000/Lifetime*).

Two prospective candidates who have pending application for membership to the Magilas Class 76 Association, Inc. are businessman Dominic Sytin and Reverend Sin Jung Ju aka Pastor James Sin. Sytin is being sponsored by the PNP Group while Pastor James is endorsed by Jun Calderon. Aside from being a golf enthusiast,

Dominic Sytin owns and operates several business establishments based in Subic, including Foton an automotive distributor in the country. Meanwhile, Pastor James ministers a Christian Church in Baguio City, owns a Korean restaurant and a big donor to PMA.

Homecoming Committee Chair, Abner Cabalquinto promised to look for a more suitable and reasonably priced billeting for next year's homecoming. Some members have commented that the Manor has become too pricey and there are other hotels in Baguio that cost less for the same accommodation and service.

Joey Salvacion recommended during the Mid Year General Assembly in July that the class pay tribute to members who have reached 65 years of age. It will be held during special occasions of the class where the honouree will either be roasted or extolled by the speaker that he chooses. After which, the latter will give



Dominic Sytin



Rev Sin Jung Ju

his rebuttal in a five minutes speech. It was surprising to note that Joey's data would show 18 among us have already reached that threshold in 2016 including himself.

Secretary Joe Solidum volunteered to chair the coming election on 11 December for members of the Board of Trustees for CY 2017-18. However, during the last Board Meeting, it was decided to go the federal system of electing members to the board, i.e. each company will choose their respective two members to the board. The eight chosen or designated company reps will then choose three additional members from the whole assembly to complete the required 11 trustees to the board.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our felicitations to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: Gloria Goltiao – Sept 1, Sendong Ferrer - Sept 5, Chris Tanabe – Sept 11,



Cynthia Verzosa – Sept 12, Mary Ann Lino – Sept 13, Grace Acuña – Sept 14, Cholo Carlos – Sept 16, Joel Goltiao – Sept 19, RetepLabiano – Sept 23, Alice Hilomen – Sept 28, Myrna Divinagracia – Sept 30, Lourdes Ramirez – Oct 1, Tui Deemongkol – Oct 6, CecilleBoco – Oct 7, Ely Dela Paz – Oct 9, Ariel Zerrudo – Oct 9, Abner Cabalquinto – Oct 9, Rose Gurrea – Oct 9, Louie Ticman – Oct 10, Tess Calderon – Oct 10, Malou Esguerra – Oct 13, Ed Gurrea

– Oct 15, Bing Dacanay – Oct 16, Shirley Golez – Oct 17, Maria Montelibano – Oct 17, Alex Yapching – Oct 18, Wilson Young – Oct 18, JojoMaligalig – Oct 19, Pol Bataoil – Oct 22, Raffy Dacanay – Oct 24, Efren Veran – Oct 28, and Joey Paz – Oct 31. Enjoy your special day and may you continue to be a blessing to others.

Apostle James says; *“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead”.*

Best regards and God Bless to us all!



It was a sad month for the Masikaps. Our Class Secretary, COMMODORE TEDDY OSEA PAN, bid goodbye to join our Creator on September 11, 2016 after suffering from a mild stroke and had to stay at the Philippine Heart Center for a week. He was accorded military burial honors at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 15 September 2016.

Ted, as we usually call him, was my kababayan in Goa, Camarines Sur. We both studied high school at St. Paul Academy in that town, me as Batch 71 and he as Batch 72.

During the necrological service at BNS chapel, many of those who rendered eulogies remember Ted as the soft spoken Bicolano whose dedication to his duties is beyond compare. In fact, as Class Secretary, he diligently published without let up, the birthday celebrator/s for the day or for the month in the Class' Facebook page. In most occasions of the Masikaps, you would always see him clicking his camera even at your unguarded moments and post them on the FB page. Masikaps and their ladies, living far or near, poured or sent their heartfelt condolences and moral

support to the bereaved family – Eva Maria Pan, wife, and his three sons, Kay, Ian, and Rex.

I overheard Dan Casabar, our Class Treasurer, that during that night, he had counted about 30 Masikaps, and probably more, plus those who may have paid homage during the wake at Loyola Chapels Commonwealth. And for those who were not able to be present physically during those times of sorrow, we know you have prayed for Ted's eternal rest.

Dan Jimenez, (danmeljim) our prolific classmate-writer based in Maryland, USA, remember Ted, being his Navymate, in his FB post as:

“I remember Ted.

He was the very snappy class marcher to a bunch of very lax new Ensigns of NOQC Alpha. Them whose priorities were leave, passes, booze and “beltok”. Ted managed

to haul everyone to class. In spite of him being the youngest.

I remember Ted.

The studious cadet who graduated number 5 of 125 brilliant young men from the Philippine Military academy, one sunny day in March of 1977. He was humble as he was jolly, taking compliments in stride, never letting such get to his head.

I remember Ted.

The goal oriented, ever dependable staff who would never refuse a job. One who would work like nobody else would. One the commander would always turn to.

I remember Ted.

In Washington DC in schooling, facing challenges head on. I saw his vulnerability





but never his surrender. That he was just a man with frailties and shortcomings but with all the strength lesser mortals could only wish for.

I remember Ted.

The indefatigable Class Secretary who kept each Masikap apprised of the various concerns be such a birthday, an anniversary, a celebration, a mishap in need, a meeting, a golf game, a death. He never failed to inform and by doing so, fostered a closer relationship among classmates and their OAOs. His dedication and kindness truly shone.

I remember Ted.

The officer and a gentleman. The mishap and a dear friend. The devoted husband and father. The real child of God. There are a lot of people who will miss Ted. A testament to how he purposely and fully lived his life. Still, the tears that must be shed should turn to smiles as he must have preferred. He smiled all his life. We must do so for him.

Good bye, Ted. Always, in God's time." On the lighter side:

Having done our task to honor Ted up to his final resting place, it is time for

us to greet our September birthday celebrators, headed by Arman Taluban, 9/2, Mar Catacutan, 9/4, Raul Bacalzo, 9/15, Mike Onate, 9/16, Benhail Sevilla & Jess Melegrito, 9/18, Gil Villa, 9/20, Roy Camagay, 9/21, Lino Calingasan, Lino Lapinid & Nes Castro, 9/23, and Art Hontanosas, 9/29.

May you have many more birthdays to come and enjoy more your senior citizen discounts! (and may anyone of you sponsor one Wednesday Chicken Club lunch!)

Domingo M Pequiras.



The principle of supremacy of the civilian authority over the military is inherent in every democratic and republican State like the Philippines where "sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them (Article II Section 1). It is a vital safeguard against any military takeover and the rise of military dictatorship. Preserving and upholding it at all times is crucial to the success of a democratic country.

In Section 5, Article XVI of our Charter, all members of the armed forces are required to take an oath or affirmation to uphold and defend the Constitution. And this Constitution, in the same section and article, insures professionalism in the armed forces and insulates it from politics (Section 5[3]). Specifically, it provides: that "adequate remuneration and benefits to its members shall be the concern of the State; and that "no member of the military shall engage directly or indirectly in partisan political activity except to vote". As shown in the past, the principle of supremacy of civilian authority over the military is good and effective only as long as the civilian authority has the support of the people. And the people will support the civilian authority only if they see and are convinced that it is defending and upholding the Constitution. EDSA I and II have proven that if the people see that the civilian authority itself culpably violates or fails to uphold the Constitution, this principle of supremacy of civilian authority over the military does not work because the people supports the military or the military supports the people in toppling the civilian government. Just sharing our thoughts on the theme for this issue of the Cavalier Magazine: *Upholding Civilian Supremacy.*

Last July 23, the Matapats had their first Golf and Lunch Fellowship at the



Veterans Golf Club with Romy Fajardo and Benjie Gorres at the helm of Veterans Golf Club management. There is no doubt that this Golf Club will move forward under these two astute Matapat Golfers. As usual, there were early birds who came early not only to avoid traffic but as a habit, as well as those who came late better than never. Noticeably, there are many of us who are residing very near Veterans Golf Course: Sammy Pagdilao, Alex Estomo, Rollie Teneffancia, Boy Espino, Tattu Sanchez, etc.

For those who were not satisfied with their game for the day, for sure, were appeased by the preparations and hospitality of Romy and Benjie. As preferred clients of the VGC, the Matapats had their lunch fellowship at the veranda overlooking the fairways and Hole #18, which will now be the official venue of most of our future fellowships. The PNP Group is hosting the 3rd Qtr Class Fellowship on September 10 in the same venue.

The PMA Matapat Class of 1979 made a comeback as Champion in the 3rd Quarter Corps of the 70s Golf Tournament held at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course last August 23. Rey Lanada, Zaldy Tungala, Bobby Morales, Rollie Teneffancia and Romy Bambao did it for the Class. Frank Manalo, Benjie Gorres and Arnold Palma went home happy with their winnings in the raffle, with Arnold as the biggest winner. Congratulations!

It appears that the game of golf is what keep us connected as a Class and what keeps us strong and united. A Golf Professional, Will Rogers once said: *I guess there is nothing that will get your mind*

off everything like golf. I have never been depressed enough to take up the game, but they say you get so sore at yourself you forget to hate your enemies. They say golf is like life, but don't believe them. Golf is more complicated than that.

For this issue of the Cavalier Magazine, we will attempt to give you updates of the different groups: The PNP Group headed by Rey Lanada is still doing their weekly lunch fellowships being attended too, by the other mistahs from the other groups. Based on the Viber postings of Tagoy, it seems that PNP meetings are also held in the fairways almost every day in different golf courses to include one in Korea? The Air Force Group is not meeting regularly but they always find the time to gather and update each other. They still prefer a venue near an airport. Resorts World was once a part of Villamor Air Base. In the Navy, the July 23 Class fellowship was attended by Alex Pama and Jolu Alano of the Navy Group. We have lost connection with Monli and Orwen and the rest of our Navy mistahs and hoping they will be back in the fairways soon. The Army Group is always represented in every Class activity as they have the numbers. They continue to lead us in Golf tournaments. Jun Valentin and his wife, who are now residents of Germany, came to visit the Philippines last August. I heard they were able to meet with some of us and even had the opportunity to hit some golf balls with Benjie at the VGC Driving Range. Now that we have a very active Viber Group, our mistahs abroad and everywhere with internet access can now reconnect with us.

We look forward to more and regular Class fellowships. Thanks to the PNP Group for sponsoring the 3rd Quarter PMA '79 Golf and Lunch Fellowship at the Veterans Golf Club. The Navy Group is sponsoring the 4th Quarter Fellowship tentatively on 29 Oct at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. God bless everyone. Cheers!

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



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We had regularly been during Business 101 reminded with this mantra and perhaps we might even have mumbled the banalized word in our dreams - location, location, location. Apparently, the same holds true in Government 101. A few Mapitagans happened to be located in Davao when the President was then Mayor. Now we have five snappy mistahs ably assisting SND Del Lorenzana '73 in the Defense department: Ed Sayong as USec for Civil, Veterans and Retirees Affairs; the Onay as USec for Defense Operations; Jude T is Director of Legal Affairs; Jess Rey absconded Vancouver, but not Blue, to be the Chief of MIS Services; and Bong Cab will shatter the silence in OCD-NCR.

Clustering seems to be the Class trend in the corporate milieu as well - there are five "civilians" working for a



tycoon under his LT Group, Inc.: Ces Ords with Philippine Airlines; Omie Carb flies the Airbus for PAL; Noel Cobar with Asia Brewery, Inc.; Colines the Baron with Philip Morris Fortune Tobacco Corp.; and Onell coping under Badong Mison '55 in Basic Holdings Corp. With the new dispensation taking over, though Ager left NICA, behind stayed Sammy, Fajie, Gil and Ariel. Mai left Customs, and Rainier, to Dolly's relief, tired from all the "galugading" left BuCor.

Still talking corporate, is Emil over-employed, as security consultant of the Yuchengco Group of Companies slash president of its security training academy,

and again security consultant slash chairman of the security management team of Armscor Philippines? Herbert keeps an eye over a famous hacienda in Tarlac; Junie Carb after decades with Cemex is considering better options; Mon Lors is toiling for Nissan in Pasong Tamo, Makati; Jeff Tupas we heard last left NGCP for a better pasture; and Ige the Eyeiful runs, but answers to Aleli, a pension house in Puerto Princesa. Down there in the queen city of the south, if Cebu City can still lay claim to the title, we have Tanjo, Bai Cecil, Atty Jess and Boy Obols. Tanjo has this standing invite that should any

Mapitagan find himself marooned in Cebu, to send him an SOS and he will in turn award the key to the city.

Golf. The sport, or pastime, favored by retirees. Exhilarating, at the same time, exasperating. And exasperation seems not to bother Rainier, Pasambic, DanteBal and Paco, who pretend to be undaunted by the unforgiving fairways and greens of Camp Aguinaldo every Sunday. Herbert and Onell on the other hand prefer to enjoy watery Kagitingan, and must buy used golf balls after "jabonging" so many every round. Ces and Cobar on Sundays can be seen sometimes rotting in the flight of Badong Mison Sr. in CAGC. Caloy Z and Bogs favor Navy Golf, obviously.

Meanwhile, Class Prez JayVee leads the class among the pious and meek who have dedicated their lives devoutly to their apostolic calling. Class Elder Statesman Tony B is busy being, well, the Class' elder statesman. We will be disclosing usable information about other Mapitagans as soon as we ascertain their retirement whereabouts.

Now, where on earth is Romy Paladaon?



FORE! It seems golf has become the favorite past time of the Dimalupigs nowadays. After months of preparation and coordination, 42 Dimalupigs and Manlulupigs finally had a taste of Thailand hospitality, courtesy of our Mistah Gen Thawip Netniyom, the Director General of the National Security Council, and his wife, Paew. The much awaited PMA "Dimalupig" Class 81 International Golf Tournament pushed through last 21-24 July, in three different world class Golf Courses: the Royal Thai Golf and Country Club; the Royal Thai Army Golf Course; both in Bangkok and the Phoenix Gold Golf and Country Club, in Pattaya City. Nineteen Dimalupig golfers braved the challenging lay-outs offered by these courses, but the most challenging is how to communicate with our respective caddies. Hand and body signals were the most preferred means of communication.

After 3 grueling days, Cav Beloy Gador became the over-all individual winner, while the partnership of Cav Boogie de Vera and Cav Almus Alabe was the Team Champion. Runner up in the Team category was Cav Beloy Gador and Cav Alex Verzosa.

While the golfers were having their fun-filled day, the Manlulupigs did some shopping and tour in the various scenic and historical spots of Bangkok. They were escorted by 3 snappy Dimalupigs who opted not to hit the fairways. Our gratitude to Cavs Mike Saquisame, Philip Cacayan and Cris Mercado, for being the official chaperones of the Manlulupigs. They saw to it that the ladies were safe, and also having a wonderful time.

In behalf of the Bangkok Tour Group, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to Mistah Gen Al Netniyom and his wife, Paew for their warm reception and for going out of their way to take care of the needs of the group; from arranging for the golf venues, billeting, tours to transportation, and for hosting sumptuous meals. We would also like to thank our escort officers: Col Poj Fuangfoo, the Personal Staff of Cav Al at the NSC: Col Oat (Surapap Prompattaraporn), and Ms Parichart Pantapalin, for their patience and

assistance to the numerous requests of the group. We hope that we can reciprocate their gesture in the future. Our Class Prexy is already planning for the next Bangkok trip, in time for Al's retirement next year. I am sure more members of the Class will be joining.

On the local scene, the monthly golf fellowship continues, rain or shine, thunderstorms, signal no. 1 typhoon or any weather disturbance. Many wonder if PDG Bato will one day be seen waiting for the Dimalupig golfers after a round, para hulihin ang mga addict. "Addict sa golf". More players are improving because of constant practice (secret or otherwise) and more match-ups are brewing. Magkaka-alaman na sa mga susunod na laro. Good luck to the players.

Also on the local scene, a few more Dimalupigs have joined the new administration. Cavs Leo Ferrer, Charles Calima and Edwin Remotigue are with Cav Bong Morente at the Bureau of Immigration. Cav Manny Bautista has been re-appointed to his former position as Executive Director of the Cabinet Cluster on Security, Justice and Peace under the Office of the President, with the rank of Undersecretary; and just



Posing in front of the Royal Thai Army Golf Course with Mistah Cav Thawip Netniyom



Dinner hosted by Cav Thawip Netniyom



At the mountain get-away of Cav Jolly Mabanta



Manlulupigs invade Davao City

recently, Cav Benny de Leon as Head of the Davao City Public Security and Safety Operation Center. With the professional preparation of the Dimalupigs, I am sure more appointments will follow, to help effect meaningful Change. By the way, our Class Prexy is organizing a celebration to recognize our newly appointed mistahs. Keep posted.

Many of our classmates have relocated outside of Metro Manila, permanently or temporarily. In order to keep in touch, a group of Dimalupigs and Manlulupigs visited Cav Jolly Mabanta and Gigi last August 28 at their vacation house in the mountainous area of Pililia, Rizal. The group was impressed with the location of Jolly and Gigi's house because of the magnificent view of Laguna de Bay. The hosts treated the guests with a tour of the place, and an overflowing array of food (sira ang diet) that followed. And just recently, 13 Manlulupigs invaded Cav Benny and Annabelle de Leon in their Davao City home from 2-6 Sept. The De Leon residence was temporarily converted into a hostel, to accommodate the guests. Knowing Annabelle, the ultimate Chef, the food was superb. The tense situation and the increased security in Davao City after

the bombing incident did not deter the 13 Manlulupigs to roam around the city and do some souvenir shopping and sightseeing. Of course, they were escorted by the hosts to the different tourist attractions in Davao City. Part of their itinerary was a visit to Cav Mar and Fe Avenido's mountain resort, more popularly known in the area as the Sunrise Hillscape Avenido Farm and Resort. (you may check this at their website). Mistahs, this is a must-go place in Davao. Highly recommended!

Again, an expression of thanks and gratitude to Jolly and Gigi, Benny and Annabelle, and Mar and Fe, for being perfect hosts during the Dimalupigs' and Manlulupigs' visit. Huwag sana kayo magsasawa.

Finally, it really pains to be the deliverer of unfortunate news. We lost another mistah due to illness, Cav Eric Vahn dela Rama. He was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani last Aug 2. To the Dela Rama family, the Class extends its sincerest condolences.

Hanggang dito na lamang at abangan ang susunod na mga kaganapan. Umantabay lagi sa ating Viber group para sa mga balita. To everyone, stay healthy and safe. God bless.



RJS MERCADO
President
AV ALVAREZ
Secretary

The "Ber" months are here! (Not "beer", General Manquiquis ha?)

We are fast approaching the end of 2016 and we are toting again: "Where did all that time go? Parang kailan lang..."

It was as if it was just two weeks ago when we were running past the bougainvillea shrubs in Fort Bonifacio where we were billeted as 3cl Marines in BNS for 15 days and now, two Marine generals from the class recently retired - one as a commandant, and the other, a premature retirement to accept a new assignment as a civilian.

A few updates about our Marine gentlemen: the recent Marine retiree is Remy Valdez, who started his military career as a 3cl Marine and retired as the Marine Commandant! Andre Costales replaced Remy to become the 3rd Matikas Marine Commandant. Another marine general who retired is none other than

In Memoriam

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



PSSUPT VENERANDO S SANTILLAN '72
O-6266 PNP (Ret)
28 January 1947 –
5 September 2016

PSSupt Santillan was hospitalized for pneumonia and later died in his sleep on 5 September 2016 at his residence in Cagayan de Oro City. As a professional and dedicated police officer, he was last assigned at PNP Region 4, Camp Vicente Lim, Laguna as Deputy Regional Director for Administration. After his cremation he was laid to rest on 10 September 2016 at the Divine Memorial Garden in Cagayan de Oro. He was married to Lea Belen M. Santillan with whom he had five children.



COMMO TEDDY O PAN '77 O-7434 AFP (Ret)
17 July 1955 –
11 September 2016

A member of Class 1977, retired Commo Pan died on 11 September 2016 after suffering from a mild stroke, for which he was hospitalized at the Philippine Heart Center for a week. He was active in PMAAAI and BIRCI where he was a Board member at the time of his death. He was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of PMAAAI. He was interred, after being accorded military burial honors, at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 15 September 2016. A native of Camarines Sur, he was survived by his wife Eva Maria and three sons, Kay, Ian, and Rex.



COL ASCENCION V BARCELO '59 O-4378 PA (Ret)
30 March 1935 – 12 September 2016

Col Barcelo was confined at the Adventist Medical Center, Pasay City for acute hypoxemic respiratory failure, where he later died on

12 September 2016. While in the service, he served as deputy chief of staff for reservists and retirees affairs, G9 of the Army. He was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. Aside from the abuloy, the PMAAAI Board of Directors approved the grant of medical assistance to Col Barcelo. He was married to Imma Patria Barcelo with whom he had one daughter and 7 sons.



PSSUPT NORMAN V SAMONTE '68 O-5453 PNP (Ret)
22 July 1945 - found dead on 9 September 2016

PSSupt Samonte passed away peacefully while asleep on 6 September 2016. He initially was assigned with the Navy. He took up graduate studies in business management at the AIM in the early 1980s. He had been detailed with selected commercial and industrial banks in Metro Manila as management trainee and consultant. This experience galvanized by other education and training had proven to be an asset not only to the Philippine Navy but also in the police force when he joined the PNP in 1991. He was interred in the LNMB on 15 September 2016. He was married to Luzviminda Samonte, with whom he had four sons.



CAPT TOMAS M ORTEGA '68 O-5414 PN (Ret)
21 September 1946 –
22 September 2016

PN Capt Ortega passed away on 22 September 2016. Among the ships he handled was BRP Iloilo PS 32. During the later part of his naval career Tom became a Task Force Commander and onward a Naval District Commander in Northern Luzon. Tom retired as a Captain of the Philippine Navy. After retirement he joined the NDRRMC to become a Regional Director. He was interred at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He was married to Ma. Alicia Sabile-Ortega.



COL CARLOS P ATIENZA '66 O-5167 PA (Ret)
10 March 1941 – 6 October 2016

Death mercifully overtook Col Atienza in the evening of 6 October 2016, shortly after being brought to the Paranaque

Medical Center while suffering from extreme pain later diagnosed as abdominal aneurism. He did not suffer long and this somehow eased the pain of the family.

Col Atienza was the lone Class 66 graduate who was assigned to the Cavalry, a combat arm of the Philippine Army. At that time there was only one Cavalry unit of the Army based in the First Infantry Division, Fort Magsaysay. He had stints as Tactical Officer, PMA and instructor, Philippine Army School Center. He had a share of combat hardship as Executive Officer of the 10th Infantry Battalion based at Cotabato, Mindanao.

He optionally retired in 1983, took a shot at a fishpond project in Batangas, his province. He also tasted corporate life as Manager for Business Development, Philippine Aviation Security Services Corporations. He was accorded by the Army military vigil guards during the Necrological services on 11 October 2016 at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapels, Sucat, Paranaque City and burial honors at Manila Memorial Park, also at Sucat Paranaque at 12:00 noon the next day. He was married to Mrs. Magdalena Atienza and they are blessed with two sons.

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

To be a regular member of PETFI, a PMA alumnus must make a contribution to PETFI of at least P2,000.00 only. The scholarship covers from elementary to college, with a total stipend for one scholar of more than P300,000.00.

The qualified children or the widows and parents concerned may get in touch and file their application with Mabel or Rhodelyn at the PETFI office, PMA Alumni Center, A. Luna Ave., Camp Aguinaldo, QC or by telephone at 421 2807 or 911 7642 or by email at petfi@yahoo.com.

(Editor's Note: As decided by the Editorial Board, the "In Memoriam" column published for the first time in the inside back cover in the previous issue of the Cavalier is now renamed the "Last Call" in the next issue. Eulogies will no longer be published in full, although relevant short extracts may be included under the new format.)

The PMA Museum



Combat Boots

The PMA Museum is mandated to promote, perpetuate, conserve and disseminate and heritage of the Academy. Being the repository of artifacts and other historical collections and warehouse of archival materials about the Academy, the museum must develop and enhance its current collection both in the area of history and culture of the Academy.



Helmet

The PMA Command Historian is coming up with this initiative in developing its resources with the following objective: To request from PMA alumni and friends of the academy to donate atleast a maximum of three (3) memorabilia only of national significance, and historical and cultural value to PMA.

The PMA Museum wants to collect memorabilia from the alumni and friends of the PMA to donate at least a maximum of three (3) memorabilia only of NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, HISTORICAL and CULUTURAL VALUE to PMA.

For more details on the project, please feel free to contact the following contact persons at their numbers and email addresses:



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Medal



the Mandirigma, Alex Balutan, who hung up his uniform to sell sweepstakes and lotto tickets at the PCSO. But he will do it extremely properly this time, with the watchful eyes of a yearling during noon mess.

More updates: Ronnie Mercado, COMWESCOM and „Quid“ Quidilla, COMSOLCOM recently got their 3rd star. RD „Boy“ Santillan just retired and was replaced as Vice Commander, PA by Ed Pangilinan. Allan Martin, at last, is now in NCR as Comdr, GHQ&HSC. Noli Orense is now Comdr, 9ID, PA after serving as IG, PA.

Other recent retirees: Edwin Mackay, Bert Supapo, Jojo Cenabre.

Update on recent occupations of our mistahs:

Chito Dizon - Chairman, Diamond Finance Corporation

Henry Sabarre - President, Matrix Corporate Security Services

Dennis Arellano - General Manager of Core Agri Tech Solutions, Inc.

Jeff Almazan is now relaxing after his stint with golf course construction and currently on the lookout for a possible active job posting. **Alfie Rabena** is a licensed property appraiser and real estate broker so look for him on any real estate needs. **Sanny Gadot** replaced **Hec Atienza** as Head, Treasury Dept at AFPSLAI while **Hec** settled as the Executive Vice President, AFPSLAI.

Government postings:

Allen Bantolo and **Abe Villacorta** are with the NICA as Consultant and Chief of Staff, respectively. Resty Santos is shaken, not stirred and may be a 007 in NICA.

Jet Villacorte is now the Director, National Police Training Institute (NPTI)

in Laguna. He is concurrently the OIC, VP for Admin of the Philippine Public Safety College. **Manny Felix** is now the Director, DIPO WM. There are unconfirmed reports that **Boy Cardos** will be joining DILG for a still unconfirmed portfolio.

Abe Bagasin settled as GM, Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. Joining **Ric Jalad** at OCD are the ff: **Atty. General Jun Manalastas**, **Ute Rabusa** and RD **“Boy” Santillan**.

The new farmers include:

Bert Mercado, after spending some time in the US of A, is back in the country and tends a farm somewhere in Bukidnon. Paul Liwan – with Bert Mercado in CDOC/ Bukidnon. Bimbo Colina- retired in cognito also in CDOC. Dennis Arellano is still in the poultry and pig raising industry and now the General Manager of Core Agri Tech Solutions, Inc. The company supplies, installs, and maintains Controlled Climate System (CCS) houses for poultry and pigs.

Retiring in a month or so: Elvin Hermogino – 22 Oct; Arnold Quiapo – 29 Oct; Romy Gan – 10 Nov; Ed Pangilinan – 13 Nov; and, Vir Hernandez – 27 Nov.

Here is a full and comprehensive report from JR Parra, Vice Commander, PAF of our

Air Force mistahs:

The Matikasans in the Air Force had one by one left the service and retired but four are still active and leading the organization. LTGEN GARY FALLORINA is at the helm of the Philippine Air Force as its Commanding General and will continue to be so until he retires in November next year. He is supported by his Vice Commander, MGEN JAY-AR PARRA. Still J2 is MGEN VER HERNANDEZ who is now

servng his fifth Chief of Staff if we count LTGEN DOBIE MIRANDA. He will retire in November this year. BGEN TOINKS RASCO is the Wing Commander of 560 th Air Base Wing based in Mactan, Cebu at the BGen Benito N Ebuena Air Base.

The newly-retired EME MAGNAYE is General Manager of the Mactan Island Golf Club trying to teach Toinks to golf and plays the gracious host of Korean golfers. GANI SILVA is the General Manager of the Air Cavalier Credit Cooperative based in Villamor Air Base and is also the Assistant General Manager of the Villamor Air Base Golf Club. RENE SANTOS is in Canada visiting his siblings and mother. NINOY AQUINO is a trustee of the MBAI. Likewise, BOODS LUNA is still with MBAI as part of management. Meanwhile, JUMO JUNIO is working at MIA helping ALLEN CAPUYAN and ROMY LABADOR solve the problems of what used to be one of the worst airports of the world. DANTE VILLANUEVA is engaged in a very successful business and ANDRE TANYAG is looking for a job as a hobby according to GANI SILVA. IGLE IGLESIAS is still in Zamboanga but is now busy preparing his significantly-improved version son to join the Nurse Corps of the AFP.

MANNY GONZALES is helping to untangle the traffic problem of Metro Manila as he now works in MMDA and JERRY AMAGNA heads the MIS of PVAO, doing what he loves best, high tech computers and electronic equipment.

Those who joined the general aviation are still there, enduring the traffic jams in the sky and circling over Metro Manila amidst the grumblings of impatient passengers. The pack is led by DONDI CUSTODIO who is still with Cebu Pacific and is joined by BONG SILVA AND JAYJAY

MAGNO. JUE HAUTEA leads the mistahs in Philippine Air Lines; BONG MASMELE and BERT CARRANZA who trails him. President DUTERTE has vowed to fly to and from Davao on board either PAL or Cebu Pacific which will make Dondi remember the times when he flew Presidents before as a pilot of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing. JOEY SARROZA is still with Vietnam Airlines and swears that Chaolong is only found in the Philippines and not in Vietnam while APOL MAGUNDAYAO flies helicopters in Africa.

Next year, by Christmas, all Matikasans of the Philippine Air Force will be retired. After a long and dedicated service to the nation for over thirty-five years, the last Air Matikasan, LT GARYFALLORINA will bow out of the service in November, fittingly, as the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force He will definitely leave a proud legacy to the Air Force for himself and in behalf of all the Air Force Matikasans.

There are many grandfathers already but none other more enthusiastic to post about it than Edong Lasam in Virginia who is very happy to attend to his apostolic duties. Another mistah in the US of A is Manny Ancheta who is an IT Data Network Engineer, Port of Seattle, Washington.

These are the days when we look to coffee towards sunset, either in the ranch of Clarence Martinez or the soon to be launched cacao farms of Jun Balibalos. General Manquiquis will provide more information about that.

Regards to everyone and stay healthy and happy!



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Introduction

Birthdays were celebrated for the months of July, August and September. Officially, therefore, all Maringals have stepped to the level of the Golden Era of their lives. Thus, life has begun for them also. September celebrators included Siever Monterola, Boogie de Leon, Arnold Abara (+), Bords, Tatang (+), Saret, Razzie, Bob (MOV), Nato Salvaleon, Joyet, Cruz FIT, Dory Llamas, Eric Gloria, and Papay for the Month of September. August



celebrators included Toinks, Leuters, Gosni, Corleto, Imbang, Baraks and TomCruz.

PNP Maringals

New assignments which placed Police Maringals in strategic positions to get their “stars” were the order of the day. The Regional Chiefs of the Directorial Staffs were aplenty. Agu, Balba, Casmot, Divines, Marni, Meejay and Digoy became RCDS of PROs 7, 4A, Cor, 1, 8, 3 and 5. Made Deputies are: Papay, Cabre, Ono, Joyet and Talbog. NSU Chiefs of Staff are: Bangis, Johnbul and Celso. Super Division chiefs are Lito, RJ, Pusi, Boyet, and Tadyo. I will not forget the Chief of PIO-- Caloy who is occupying a star-rank position as it is. We also have diplomats in the PNP ranks namely, BongD, TonyMendo, and Rwin.

The PNP group also officially assumed the leadership for the Board of Trustees of the Maringal group with Tagoy (chair), Lito (prez), bongluters (secretary), johnbul (treasurer), bangis (auditor), pusi (sports and fellowship), talbog (ways and means) and rj (sgt-at-arms).

AFP Chapters

The PA, PAF and Navy chapters are also all being deployed. However, Abet and Fiscal are often seen attending the

PMAAAI Board meetings, despite their hectic schedules.

PCG Chapter

Our two star-ranked mistahs (leo and ugis) are still deployed as they were, but, we might just be in for a surprise when they shall be catapulted to the higher echelons of their hierarchy.

Adopted Members

Our program to expand our ranks beyond those who graduated with our class is ongoing and getting stronger. Each chapter has absorbed adopted members, as of this writing.

MGA

The MGA still leads the class in the colour and frequency of activities. The most recent was the Maringal Golf organised by the Ways and Means chair, Talbo Orduña which was very successful financially and socially. It even saw the attendance of Zjunvoie Manaog, who came all the way from Australia.

Conclusion

As we face the christmas season, the frenzied planning for the yuletide activities and for the homecoming are reaching a maximum. Let us all synergize for the success of our class projects and initiatives.



This part of the year can be compared to the last round of the PFT run. Signs of the holidays, the longest Christmas season – that of the Philippines, are now evident. In fact, the Air Force Group has already started preparation for the Christmas party on 26 November 2016 at Villamor Air Base. Of course, busyheads are now distributing letters for the golf tournament come November 25th. CGSC students, while sacrificing steamed rice so that John Gabun and Windell Rebono could ask questions from instructors before noon mess, are completing the last legs of the course. Despite the dash, somehow featuring a company in this issue will remind the Class that, amid the adrenalin, we should keep it cool.

Sidebar: Warren, Keys, Floor Wax and Rubber Shoes

To punctuate the coolness of this issue, the Marilag world came ablaze with SMS/posts about a certain Warren being the new flavor of a colorful national figure. The namesake, violently reacting, of course denied ever riding a motorcycle. Confirmed: he is NOT the guy. Now, HE Bote is also offering prize for those who can guess who are the following Marilags: 1) He denied he got drunk at HK9 but cannot find the keys of the vehicle he drove during the evening and got surprised of its new side scratches and pulutan bits on its floor. Clue: Double Black. 2) He was excused in applying floor wax while only wearing bathrobe because, to the dismay of the FI, the hallway got scraped of the applied wax in consistent curves throughout his line. Clue: Not needed. 3) Near the completion of a 10k run, he walked the last 30 meters, allowing others to finish first, not knowing top finishers get new pairs of rubber shoes. Clue: J.O.

Foxtrot Company, the Foxes

Gary C Alejano C – 8909/O – 11830 is described as a total cadet, a master on his own way who means what he says, believes Harriet Beecher Stowe “When

everything goes against you, never give up, for the tide will turn around (ed).”; **Philipp G Alvarez, JR C – 8302/O – 11803** – a true friend who contemplates “Ang pag-asa ay tulad ng araw, laging kaakibat ng buhang liwayway.”; **Norman N Ancheta C – 8917/O – 11993** is serious, studious, fatherly and never smiles in front of a plebe: “Have faith with Him, for He loves you so much.”; **Norbeto P Aromin, JR C – 8925/O – 11894** loves kids, responsible, courageous, self-confident, trusts God and eloquent, for him “Sometimes what you hate brings success, one can always have what he wants if he knows what he wants (ed).”; **Jorry L Baclor C – 8933/O – 11827** likes to relax during open time, helpful and understanding, thinks like Bernard Shaw: “Talents differ; all’s well and wisely put. If I can’t move a mountain on my side, neither you can crack a nut.”; **Wendell J Basat C – 8949/O – 11829** is jolly, sleeps during study period, listens to sweet music and says: “If there is something to consider in man’s success, it is the intervention of the Divine Providence.”; **Edgar L Catu C – 8981/O – 11796** - innocent – looking, of principle, professional, selfless, cool under pressure, firm believer of God, advises: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness will be added unto you; failure does not mean for you to give up but to try harder (ed).”; **Roehl Joy O Darilag C – 8997/O – 11938** shares mind and emotions after taps, reliable, sincere, dedicated and humble, likes R Stevenson: “I have little shadow that goes in and out with me, and what can be the use of him is more than I can see.”; **Alaric Avelino P de los Santos C – 9014/O – 11956** is someone who can be trusted, likes to write letters, gets crazy and “pogi”, to him what he does is “Para sa bayan!”; **Alvin H Ebreo C – 9029/O – 11806** turns heads, so big yet so small(?), for him: “Men attain success not at the same time but through luck, endowment or long journeys. What is important is that they succeed (ed).”; **Gilberto T Esteban, JR C – 9037/O – 11966** is different, faces problems with a smile, a true mistah: “Do not worry about becoming famous; worry about living to your best. Do not worry that a few know you; worry about whether you are worth knowing.”; **Manuel Leo Q Gador C – 9053/O – 11895** is the epitome of coolness, moves slow and will makes you smile, for him: “Don’t blame yourself, charge it to experience.”; **Alvin G Iyog C – 9077/O – 11927** is the one foot long

cadet, talks while asleep, with lots of ideas (and comments), likes the passage: “Hear the cry of war, louder than before, people dying, war without end, no remorse, no repentance, no escape...”; **Gerardo G Lapada, JR C – 9084/O – 11850** of firm convictions, disciplined, with high standards, achiever, humble, sets the example: “The tension between dreams and realities is that you have to live to make those dreams become realities.”; **Jose Mekel Zhan M Lim C – 9092/O – 11837** blurts out his sentiments during study period, good partner in crime, agrees with the Little Prince: “What is essential is invisible to the eye.”; **Arnold Q Linantud C – 9093/O – 11881** is simple, works best, unpredictable, talks like hell during study period and believes Lun Yu: “If we can remain happy in our work even though we are not famous, then we call ourselves men.”; **Joe Van S Magbanua C – 9108/O – 11882** has all the brightest ideas, snappy, good neighbor, good writer, faithful, firm, likes WE Henley: “It matters not how straight the gate, how charge with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my faith. I am the captain of my soul.”; **Gracioso D Merioles C – 9124/O – 11958** loves basketball over duties, Tom Clancy and Ludlum over the revised penal code, affirms “We choose to live in danger to the let the flame of freedom keep on burning.”; **Rozel P Narag C – 9132/O – 11832** – persistent, of indomitable will, agrees with Napoleon Hill: “The strongest tress are not those in heavily protected forests but those in the open in constant struggle with the elements and weather... The same reason why some people are ‘soft and unprepared with the resistance of life.’”; **Arwin A Payot C – 9171/O – 11905** has a distinct sense of humor, brings civilian closer to the heart of the military, with unusual talents says: “the best way to distinguish ‘improper’ is to learn first the ‘proper.’”; **Clark T Ricafrente C – 9187/O – 11907** is figure conscious, disturbs roommate for urgent sentiments, affirms: “Undaunted, spirit keeps me alive, It’s just a matter of strong determination and will to surpass everything.”; **Emil Rex C Santos C – 9203/O – 11808** is the silent type, cool, talented, a good manager, recites the Desiderata: “If you compare yourself to others, you may become vain and bitter, for always, there will be greater or lesser person than yourself.”; **Laurence Louis Somera C – 8863/O – 11902** is the idol

of the Corps, tall, dark and -, gentleman, mister body beautiful, agrees with La Roche Faucauld: “True bravery is shown by performing without witness what one might be capable of doing before all the world.”; **Von Albert Sumergido C – 9211/O – 11799** aims for something and often gets it: “The strength of a man is not measured on how many times he falls, but on how many times he gets up everytime he falls.”; **Bernardo A Taqueban C – 9219/O – 11809** is a someone for everyone, a buddy of everybody, follows Mao Tse Tung: “When the enemy advances, we retreat; when the enemy camps, we harass; when the enemy tires, we attack; when the enemy withdraws, we pursue.”; **Ramilo B Trinidad C – 9227/O – 11887** is so simple yet so complex, says: “Man is nothing else but that which makes of himself.” **IVSJ**

AT MARQUEZ
President
MGA SOLIS
Secretary

As all the members of the Class are busy preparing for the incoming holiday season and attending personal and command related activities, the Class Officers is also busy thinking on different activities that the Class will do comes February. For the past months, your Class Officers (Board of Directors) are busy preparing for the billeting requirements, updating the measurement of uniforms, fund raising activities and attending different engagement to the different stakeholders. On the updates of the Raffle Bonanza, as scheduled, the Raffle Bonanza will push through on 16 October 2016. All preparation made last night are all accounted for. We will announce the lucky winners on the next issue of Cavalier Magazine. Good luck to the one (1) lucky winner of Mirage Hatchback GLX 1.2G MT model 2016. As agreed in our previous meeting, all of the proceeds will primarily go to the billeting requirements, food, admin/operation requirements of the Class for Alumni '17 and all excess proceeds will be form part of our Class fund. On the measurement of uniform, as of this moment a total of 107 members and spouses had already finished their measurement. So almost



50% na, so I'm urging those who haven't had their measurement to please had their measurement ASAP. On the billeting for Alumni '17, your Board of Directors canvassed last 10 September 2016 the billeting requirements of the Class. Among those considered were the allotted budget for billeting, the proximity to PMA, the traffic condition during Alumni Homecoming, view, and the function hall. As agreed, the Class will be billet at the AIM, Igorot Lounge, Camp John Hay, B.C. Exclusive dates are 1400 17 Feb 2017 (Friday) to 1200 19 Feb 2017 (Sunday). I'm urging everyone especially those who will avail rooms to kindly signify your intention to our FB page. Avoid natin yung super late para di plaging rally tayo. Other operational requirement of the Class will be determine later on. Likewise, last 14 September 2016, the Class signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with AFPGEN Insurance Corp., both parties mutually agreed to help the AFPGEN Insurance Corp. and the Class to reach its own goal. The Class notes the importance of insurance to our life and to our friends. The alliance will also help the Class to support our activities and help the AFPGEN to promote its services all over the country. LTGEN ALAN R LUGA AFP (RET) and the Class Board of Directors

were present during the MOA signing. Special mention to those who were with us during the signing: CAV Buntag, CAV Rodriguez WA and CAV Siddayao. Of course, also present is CAV UY who signed in behalf of our Class Secretary/Treasurer CAV Solis and also present is the young and ever dashing CAV Vergara. I was also informed that na kapag mapadaan daw kyo ng GHQ dalawin nyo naman daw si Nilo sa AFPDOC. Ayan Mistah special mention na kita dito. I would not mention na lang na nagkaroon ng pep talk after the roster problems. On other related Class activities, the Class is deeply saddened for the early passing of Ayen, wife of Cav Brazal, who joins our Creator. May she enjoy the ever lasting peace with our Lord. Likewise, we extend our condolences to our Mistah Pong Hibionada, his father died last 10 September. Be strong Pong and we are all here for you. We also extend voluntary assistance to the sister of our Cav Riano, other details are posted to our FB page. Lastly, let me remind everyone to please help us to support all our activities. Let me assure you that your Class officers are doing its best to give all us comfort when we celebrate our 15th years of service to our country comes Alumni '17. Stay Safe always mga Mistah. God Bless. – Coolmaxx.



CAV RODOLFO A CANIESO '56
 17 April 1932 – 13 August 2016
 Last rank held: MGEN PA

Eulogy by Cav Meliton D. Goyena '56



In pursuance of our military career, Rody was one of 2 in our class who had reached the rank of major general and the position of Commander of the

PA- his first love among the major services of the AFP, where he gave the best of him by hard work and faithful performance of duty. Thanks to the end of Martial Law that made his rise to such position possible.

Rody and I belonged to Alfa Company of the Cadet Corps, AFP and were roommates from 1952 to 1956. After our graduation leave in 1956, our class was deployed to the BCTs operating against the HUKs in Southern Luzon. Rody and I were assigned as platoon leaders of Item Company of the 3rd BCT then, already inside the Sierra Madre jungles in Sampaloc, Quezon. With more than 4 years of living together in one room and one unit of the AFP, here are my recollections of a fallen comrade whose rise to a high position of the AFP was achieved strictly on merit.

Rody was a very simple and quiet guy who loved to listen to the tales of his roommates, wise or otherwise. His only recreation outside Loakan was to see the movies in Baguio. He was not a

social bug and never went to cadet hops or dances held on weekends, To enable his roommates attend the hops, he substituted for them if they were assigned on weekend duties in the cadet corps. With this generosity, he served the longest tours of duty as CCQ, OG and OD in our yearling, cow and senior years. Of the 10 roommates that had benefitted from Rody's kindness, 7 had already passed away ahead of him leaving only 3 survivors: (1) Commo. Mike Aparri who was WIA by accident on April this year, while attending Paul Canalita's birthday party at his residence in Antipolo City; (2) Col. Danny Pantaleon who had been MIA since our retirement in 1986 and believed to be residing in the USA and (3) me who had been nearly KIA in a plane crash in 1957.

As platoon leaders of the 3rd BCT, Rody did not take advantage of any weekend pass. He preferred to stay in a coprasan (shed for making copra) in the mountains rather than walk for more than 3 hours to the nearest road and take a bus ride to Manila to look for a date. He did not waste his time and money in searching for targets of opportunity because he had already set his eyes deliberately on the woman target of his life who is no other than Nita, his one and only and the mother of his son and 2 daughters

When we were already colonels, as provincial commander of Negros Occidental, I had hosted Gen. Romeo Espino, the CSAFP and his party whenever they drop by Bacolod for RON after their visits in Mindanao during the MNLF

uprising in the 1970s. In these visits, Gen. Espino had told me that the President with great concern, had often asked him about Rody, whose Battalion was then in the thick of large scale battles with the rebels in Cotabato. Gen Espino proudly passed the info to me, knowing that Rody and I were classmates and that no less than the President had already recognized him as a valuable and battle-tested combat commander worth caring for.

In one of our visits in Sulu, we were briefed once by Rody on his area of operations as Brigade Commander. Later, while he entertained my boss after the briefing, I sneaked into his bedroom at the basement of his Hqs which was a 3 x 6 meters cubicle with a spring bed, a small writing table and a pantry with canned sardines and some packs of dried fish. That was Rody in his usual self- living simply but effectively in leading his men by example. In this aspect, Rudy was tops among his colleagues assigned in the field.

After the EDSA People Power revolt on February 1986, Rody's mettle was tested on a ticklish problem brought about by the first coup against the new government. During the Manila Hotel siege on that year, 2 of our classmates in the hotel phoned him as CG, PA in his HQs at Fort Bonifacio, to say that an upperclassman, a retired major general, would like to talk to him. Rody readily obliged and heard the caller asking for assistance to support their cause. Without mincing words, Rody retorted that he was only waiting for the go-signal of higher ups to fire his long range artillery howitzers that were already sighted to demolish the Manila Hotel. As his parting shot, he tactfully advised the upperclassman to be safe by getting out of the hotel immediately. That was Rody in his friendly, cool and no-nonsense tough personality.

Rody had passed away with great respect from all of us who knew him well. In his demise, our class will miss him greatly. We therefore share our sadness and extend our condolence to Nita, Bong, Cynthia and Patricia during this time of deep family sorrow.

GOOD BYE RODY. 

CAV NORMAN LESLIE V SAMONTE '68

22 July 1945 – found dead on 9 Sept 2016

Last rank held: Senior Superintendent, PNP

Eulogy by Cav Crisogono R Francisco '68



Seventy one years ago, a mortal being came into this world; the youngest child of a prominent family from Santa Ana, Manila. He was baptized with a Christian name

Norman Leslie Villanueva Samonte; associated with the ruling planet Venus that symbolizes energy, power, Love and compassion. Norman had been adventurous - trail blazer along the frontiers of unconventional challenges. He had shown that Courage is not a mere having physical stamina but of the iron will to survive miseries, tribulations and difficulties beyond all forms of mental and physical adversities. He defined Courage as, "a test of bravery of a strong mind with unyielding spirit."

Our departed friend, Norman Samonte passed peacefully asleep, ending the first part of his journey to life. He left earlier ahead of us to commence the next chapter of spiritual existence. He was born to mortality; died to immortality. The memories and legend of Norman Samonte will remain in the throbbing heart of every God-fearing mortal. His legend-shadow remains through the night toward the refulgent glory of dawn in the spiritual world of a never ending happiness. He is survived by his loving wife, Luz De Guzman Samonte, their four sons, five grandchildren, family relatives and friends.

Having known and associated with Norman for 53 years, allow me to cite some of his personal attributes and sterling character as a righteous person, and achiever.

On April 1, 1963, we entered the Academy as part of the original batch of the PMA Class 1967. My initial impression about Norman was a picture of perseverance and high determination. He was a dashing young man weighing about 160 pounds with a waistline of 40

inches. So many of us had even predicted that he would not last longer during the six week summer camp training known as "beast barracks" for the incoming fourth class cadets or "plebes". But Norman was not an ordinary guy who easily give up at the 'slightest wave and sign of tempest'. Despite being overweight, he survived the summer camp training having finally reduced his waistline by ten inches in a matter of six weeks. This was unbelievable as many among us resigned even before the Incorporation Day. He had prevailed as exceptional that had gained respect among his peers, and upperclassmen. He became a legend of struggle and success.

Destiny had ruled over us that we joined the incoming batch of the PMA Class 1968. We were assigned with Delta company. Despite the rigors of academics, he survived and passed all his subjects for the next four years, which was an impressive performance despite of many setbacks. He was indeed an epitome of survival endowed with a warrior's soul that energizes the human spirit of achievement.

Norman made his parents and family so proud after graduating from the Academy with a Bachelor of Science on March 24, 1968. He was following the footsteps of his elder brother, Franklin of PMA Class 1957, and his brother-in-law, Edgardo Alfabeto of PMA Class 1955. He joined the Philippine Navy after graduation.

Norman was a man of many talents- as an avid literary amateur writer, singer and sportsman. He was a regular staff writer of the cadets corps magazine. His philosophical ideas were of classic standing with statesmanship fervor. He had a golden heart for all and was willing to risk personal convenience to extend help. I remember his famous Christian philosophy, "to save a soul, there is a song in your heart". Loyalty was a quality trademark of Cavalier Norman Samonte. His personal car, the beetle Volkswagon was our utility service vehicle. His loyalty to his classmates was supreme. In 1974, It was Norman Samonte who accompanied me to seek the approval and confirmation of the former AFP Chief of Staff for my schooling at the US Naval Postgraduate School in Master of Science in Operations Research/Systems Analysis. There were so many aspirants for the 26 month course, and if not for his personal assistance, I

could have missed the course.

Norman was an action-dreamer who was conscious to improve his professional upbringing. He took up graduate studies in business management at the Asian Institute of Management in 1973 and was among the first graduates. He showed good academic performance worthy of respect as a visionary student-cavalier, for which he was detailed with selected commercial & industrial banks in Manila as management trainee and consultant. This experience substantiated and galvanized by other education and training proved to be an asset not only to the Philippine Navy but also to the police when he joined the PNP in 1991.

According to him, "an achiever is one who is not afraid to dream in order to conquer the frontiers of the unknown... and only through being bold and ambitious that we can translate dreams into productive realities". Indeed, as an opportunity explorer, Norman joined the Philippine National Police(PNP) in 1991 when the latter became the national police that replaced the Philippine Constabulary. He joined the PNP Maritime Command (PMC) where among other duties, he was an integral part of the "think tank" group in improving the administrative and operational capabilities of the PMC. He had other job assignments with the PNP Directorate for Police- Community Relation, and the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

He was active in some entrepreneurial and religious activities even beyond his retirement in 2001. His sense of altruism to extend a helping hand especially to the younger people who had the potential but needing financial assistance was his supreme commitment. This is uncommon Christian virtue which he explained, "that an examined life is designed to serve others, and that it is a godly attribute to put substance to a life of nobility..." With a good sense of humor, he had the flexibility to face problems as basic entities of survival.

Norman Leslie Villanueva Samonte was a proud son of his Alma mater. He lived well in service to his family, country and people. He remains as a pride of an illustrious PMA Class of 1968 having exemplified the ideals of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. 