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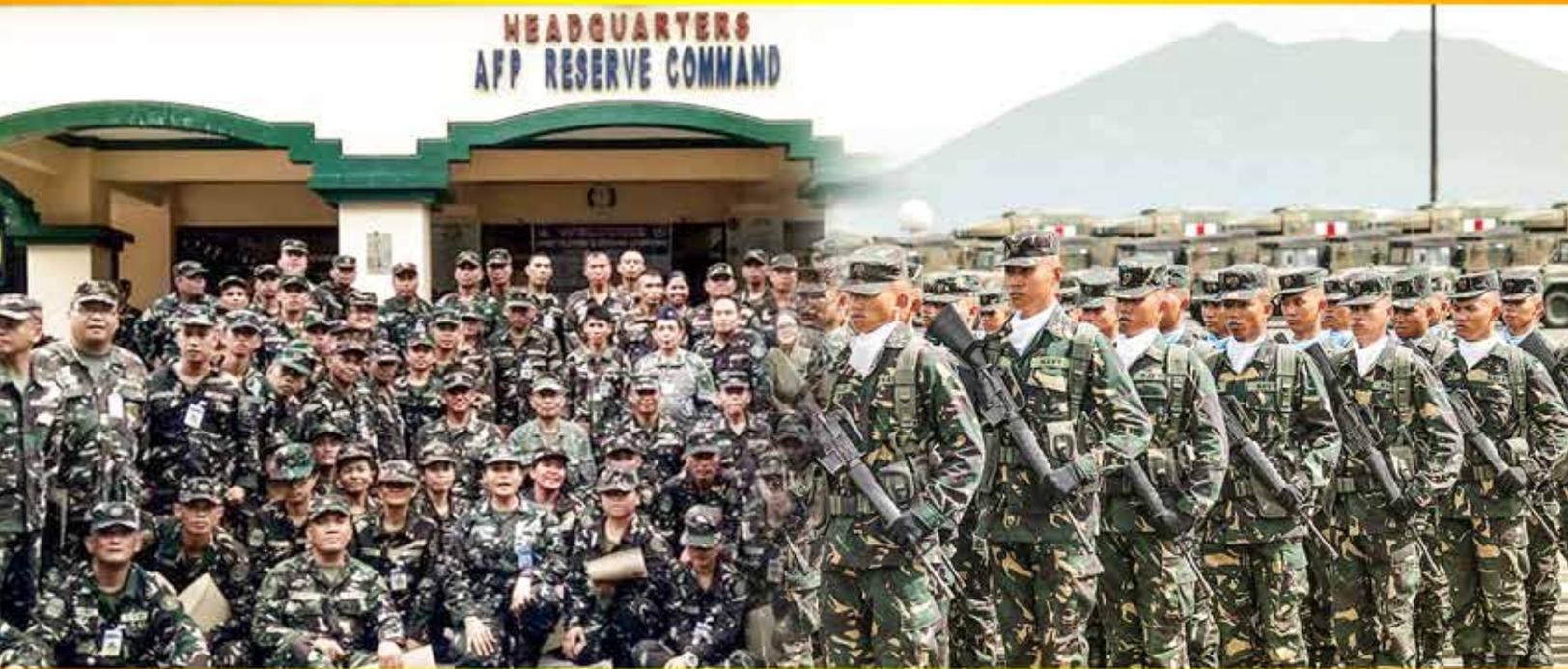
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The crisis in Marawi

City where regular forces of the AFP and PNP from various areas are being redeployed thereat to defeat the terrorists, is now another justification for the DND/AFP to strengthen the reserve forces, particularly the Army ready reserve units. Ready reserve units are supposed to be ready for activation and employment on short notice pursuant to RA 7077 (AFP Reservist Act).

The regular forces have their own AORs. If they leave their assigned areas of operation, they will be creating gaps which may be exploited by insurgent or secessionist forces. Sadly, inspite of the constitutional provision for the creation of a Citizen Armed Force, the DND/AFP has not fully implemented it. More regular units are created; more regular soldiers are called to active duty, increasing the strength of the regular force. This will further exacerbate the problem of a continuously growing pension requirement of those who have retired.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

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The peace process and the AFP; the citizen armed force.

There is a saying which goes, "The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." The adage justifies why the armed forces supports the government's peace process. The Philippines has been facing secessionist and sectarian conflicts for a long, long time and this has contributed to the hampering of our nation's progress toward growth and development.

Around the world, there had been successful peace negotiations that were concluded between governments and revolutionary forces. In 1998, the 32-year old conflict between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republican Army was ended by the Good Friday Agreement. In 2005, the Indonesian government's 25 year fight against the *Gerakan Aceh Merdeka* (GAM) was concluded by the Aceh Peace Agreement. Likewise, the Liberation Tigers in Tamil Ealam, also known as the Tamil Tigers, ended the internal war against the Sri Lanka government with a political solution. Recently, the 62-year old Colombian insurgency waged by *Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia* (FARC) reached a final peace deal.

While the peace process in these countries may have experienced obstacles and challenges, it is important to note that conflict therein has not been renewed, so far. What lessons can we draw from these models that the Philippines can learn from? What have they done that our country may adopt to effect successful peace talks with various insurgent groups that are still fighting the government?

Truth is, there is no single formula to achieve that elusive peace. Peacemakers in our country must prepare for the most difficult part of the implementation of the peace agreement, which is the DDR (disarmament, demobilization and reintegration). The DDR is intended to take away the tools that make armed conflict possible, namely, the arms at the hands of the rebels.

Disarmament calls for the collection, documentation, control, and disposal of small arms, ammunition, explosives, and light and heavy weapons from enemy combatants. On the other hand, demobilization acts as the formal and controlled discharge of these active combatants from the rebels' fighting organization. It includes their reintegration into society with the end in view of providing them short-term livelihood assistance to meet their economic needs. Reintegration is the final phase where they acquire civilian status and gain sustainable status in society, in the long term.

The DDR's objective is to contribute to the stability and security of post-conflict environments to allow recovery to

begin. In retrospect, most pacts agreed upon by the Philippine government with armed groups failed due to the complexity of the peace process in general and failure to put into effect DDR in particular. For instance, the 1976 Tripoli Agreement missed the correct provisions to establish an autonomous region acceptable to the various cultural groups in Mindanao. Neither disarmament nor demobilization was inserted in the accord. It only highlighted provisions for amnesty. Meantime, the various armed groups retained their capability to wage war.

It could be recalled that an integration process was provided for thousands of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) fighters to enable them to be integrated in the country's armed forces. However, the rest did not give up their arms. To make matters worse, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) split from the MNLF and the former gained strength over time with the infusion of more radical and younger members.

In the intervening years after the 1996 Final Peace Agreement, also known as the Jakarta Accord, several major armed uprisings were staged, indicating failure of the peace agreement. Now we see large-scale fighting in Marawi City perpetrated by terrorist groups. The fighting has caused massive destruction, loss of lives and evacuation of civilians forcing the President to declare Martial Law in Mindanao. More challenges are expected to emerge as the government has to confront the continuing violence perpetrated the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), the Justice for Islamic Movement (JIM), and the Maute group.

Because of these internal security threats, a strong and effective armed forces becomes a necessity. In a crisis situation like what is happening in Marawi City, the country has to rely on the regular armed forces, including the reserve forces, the so called citizen armed force pursuant to RA 7077 (The Citizen Armed Force Act). As more regular forces are employed to confront major threats in one area, the ready reserve units must take their place in their vacated AORS. Social, economic, and even political reforms can all be instituted after a strong and effective armed forces shall have successfully subdued all armed groups in the country.

If the peace process fails, there must be a final option. This may include Martial Law. This means giving the armed forces a bigger clout to assert government authority. The action however, must be quick and decisive enough to crush the will of any armed group to continue its depredations. Therefore, in both peace and war, the readiness of the armed forces assumes a higher priority.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88



Empowering the reserve forces

As we read this, the challenges to peace and order in our country are urgent upon us. Martial Law had been declared in Mindanao as the ISIS-affiliated Maute Group laid siege to Marawi City. The Resorts World Manila was attacked by a lone-gunner, causing the loss of 37 lives; and, to be sure, derailing the effort to increase tourist arrivals in our country. The Communist Party of the Philippines had ordered the New People's Army to step up their attacks against government forces, putting a major roadblock to the peace effort. Organized crime groups are sure to be re-grouping, taking advantage of the fact that government is besieged with other huge problems. The terrorist groups in Southern Philippines are gearing for more violent actions funding their nefarious activities with money from kidnapping and the illegal drugs trade. Criminality, while recording a substantial decrease during the first nine months, continue to threaten the security of our people. Establishing control over the internal security situation continues to be a major concern and would require big investments which could otherwise be used for education and poverty-alleviation, and for other purposes.

On the other hand, the threats to our external security are no less urgent. We continue to grapple with the "occupation" by China of some islands in the West Philippine Sea, even as some other countries, knowing that valuable minerals and other resources are obtainable there, seem to think that Benham Rise and some Islands off Batanes are fair game for their exploitation.

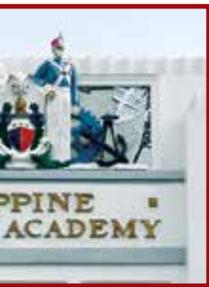
In the midst of all these, both our Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police, seem to address these threats, using only what is available to them at present, in terms of their resources. This is specially true of their human resources, which, at this point, might be at their breaking point and are barely able to bear the strains of the pressure upon them. It must be said that, if not for the

valour and gallantry of the men and women who, because of a deep sense of patriotism, continue to unselfishly and willingly offer their lives to the service to country and people, the limits of their endurance might have been exceeded a long time ago.

Evidently, if push comes to shove, there would be a need for additional well-trained and willing warm bodies to fill the ranks and defend our country from the threats to its peace and order security. Our government, no matter how willing and determined, can only pay for so much regular troop ceiling or strength. It needs the availability of a reserve force, both for the AFP and the PNP. These are the citizen-volunteers who will fill-in the gap between what is needed and what is economically feasible, at this time. These corps of volunteers should be recruited, trained, and generally be made ready for what may lie ahead. It can also be argued, as it is being argued, that even "only" for the sake of instilling a stronger sense of national discipline, and perhaps, a more ardent form of nationalism in our citizenry, this citizen-army or volunteer-police, must be organized, even mandated.

To say the very least, this will entail a unified if not a herculean effort from all of us, as it will be needing a multi-sectoral agreement and, perhaps, a multi-pronged approach for it to happen. Time therefore, will be of the essence. There will be much debates, "hee-haws" and other opposition to such an idea. A lot of politics has to be navigated for this purpose. Minds have to be put into "percolation" so that we can distill a process which is "agree-able" and "do-able". At the end of the day, we envision, the precipitation of a body of citizens, whose nationalistic fervour equals, if not, exceeds, the contrary pull of those who disagree to the idea.

Hence, it is prudent to start the conversation now, since we needed it to happen yesterday! 🇵🇭



SUPE'S REPORT

By Cav Donato B San Juan II '84



Maintaining the Academy standards: New approaches

PMA cadets, once deployed, will operate in a world full of unknowns and uncertainties. They will perform duties not just as soldiers or combatants but also as teachers, engineers and as partners in the country's quest for peace and development. Indeed, in the molding of professional officers and leaders of character who are capable of winning the hearts and minds of the Filipino people, the Academy faces great challenges. These are the ability to strike a balance between educating cadets to be brilliant enough to earn a degree, training them to be competent and combat ready military officers who would do whatever it takes to defeat the enemy and nurturing them to be compassionate enough to become peace advocates as well.

To attain this end, the Academy is in the process of developing a new curriculum that is not only responsive to the strategic needs of PMA's stakeholders but is also aligned with the competency requirement of the future roles of its graduates. A necessary feat that PMA must take and as Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "It is not enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it is not enough to believe in it. One must work at it". With that, the new curriculum continues to deliberately integrate the cadets' character, academic, military and physical (CAMP) development programs. Likewise, it aims to transcend the outcomes from the classroom learning experiences to field performance, enriched with behavioral and social skills.

The objective of the new character curriculum remains to be molding cadets to become honorable, trustworthy and principled leaders. With that, the Academy hopes to create a strong learning environment that enhances professional competence, and develop the cadets' affective commitment and dedication to the service. It also provides social capacity to the future military leaders by equipping them with social and relationship skills, intelligence and attitudes essential for success in the military service and in their personal lives. This curriculum also aims to train leaders who know how to develop and inspire their subordinates, make sound decisions, uphold moral values and possessed with unequivocal passion to strive for excellence at all times.

The academic curriculum, on the other hand, lays the foundation for the cadets to anticipate and respond to the various challenges that will confront them in the field. Hence, the professional academic courses that are offered to cadets are geared towards surpassing national standards as we continually strive to make ours at par with the international military academy. With that, the proposed 2018 curriculum is designed to equip our graduates with the essential competence and qualifications that adheres to the level 6 education qualification standards. Thus, several changes are reinvented in the new curriculum. First, there is a paradigm shift from General Education to Academic Specialization Curriculum, which is comparable to level six international qualifications standards. Said shift is triggered by the major development in our country's basic education system which is

necessary in order to support the strategic objective of the AFP - to have world class and professional soldiers. Second, the intended course offerings will then focus more on subjects and electives that support a specialized or major field of study.

In reference to the implementation of DND's AFP Strategic Human Resource Management Framework, the Academy also has currently designed a level zero military curriculum, where service orientation and basic foundation of military training is emphasized. This is to align PMA, considering its pre-commissioning level of education, to what is prescribed in the Professional Military Education (PME); a system established to standardized a competency-based military education and training for all military officers in the AFP. This development is considered to be an opportunity for the Academy to stress cross-service cooperation in all stages of the military processes from research through logistics and into field operations, hence, such would be given impetus in the course of the training. This endeavor also intends to widen the perspectives of the cadets and ensure that they develop a deeper appreciation of the three branches of service regardless of what they will eventually be joining in the future. Moreover, as to the concept of "interoperability", this approach will also allow cadets to have a better understanding of the distinctiveness in orientation, doctrines and protocols of all three services. Once appointed as officers, they are ready to take on any level 1 PME or be deployed in any of the three services. Such feat, however, would require cadets not to have a specific branch of service yet, not until a month before they leave the portals of the Academy.

Physical development program is also incorporated in the cadets' curriculum. Though it seems to have a lesser number of units compared to the other programs, it still is considered as an essential component in developing military leaders. The Academy believes that physical fitness is the cornerstone of combat readiness. Hence, the Academy is consistent in carefully planning for the physical component of its curriculum in order to maintain a high level of combat readiness among the cadets. One major component being considered is the focus on developing cadets to be experts in at least one combative sport.

Overall, the approach in the new curriculum is more of an interdisciplinary one. Further, the new curriculum intends to integrate more peace and development concepts, so that graduates are able to genuinely understand their role in the peace process and in nation building. Human Security Report indicates that 95 percent of violent conflicts are more of intrastate in character. The nature of intrastate conflict implies that military forces need to maintain proficiency in skills other than those used for large-scale, interstate war fighting. As Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." PMA is one of the institutions fortunate enough to have such weapon and we intend to use it well for the sake of peace and the future of this country. 



Opinions ♦ Letters ♦ Editor's notes

By Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66

Call in the reserves!

There are now at least five extraordinary situations which would move the DND/AFP leadership to sit down and cause the organization, training and utilization of a true reserve force as provided for in the Constitution, RA 7077 (Citizen Armed Force or AFP Reservist Act) and RA 7898 (AFP Modernization Act). These are (1) Declaration of Martial Law in Mindanao (2) Failure of the peace talks with the CPP/NDF/NPA (3) Threat of war made by China in connection with its claims over the West Philippine Sea (4) Possible occurrence of stronger typhoons and earthquakes throughout the Philippines and (5) Calls for restoration of mandatory ROTC.

Of the five, the first is the most compelling justification for strengthening the reserve force (citizen armed force), in particular, the calling to active duty for limited periods of ready reserve units. So far, the statements of their importance are manifested in AFP campaign or operation plans and pronouncements during special occasions. There are also assembly tests or some kind of mobilization training which are limited in scope and duration but which do not prepare them to be credible forces ready to perform missions on short notice. Sadly, the AFP does not have ready reserve units fully capable of performing even limited security mission, on call.

The crisis in Marawi City which constrained the President to declare Martial Law in Mindanao, necessitated the employment of regular combat forces to contain numerically inferior terrorist groups. For sure, regular forces from other AORs had to be pulled out to be deployed in the crisis area, leaving behind territorial forces reduced in strength and capability to perform their mission. Had ready reserve units been available they could have been mobilized to fill the gaps and perform stay behind missions.

The second situation is closely related to the first. Even while the peace negotiations were on-going on, the NPA continued to attack government forces in the countryside. This only confirms the observations of political and defense analysts that the CPP/NDF has no control over the NPA in the countryside. In the meantime, while government forces are limiting their actions to defense and show of force missions, the NPA continues to collect revolutionary taxes from business establishments to raise funds to buy supplies, ammunitions and firearms. If they tie up with the terrorist groups in Mindanao, more government regular forces have to be pulled out from relatively less critical areas to contain the added threat from the NPA. While terrorist depredations are contained in only a few areas in Mindanao, the NPA guerillas, though small in number, are all over the rural areas of the country.

Another national worry is the threat of war posed by a bullying China in the West Philippine Sea. Although the reality of an invasion from China is remote, according to AFP Intelligence assessment, the situation exposes the fact that throughout these years, the past governments had not done enough to make the AFP a credible force to protect its maritime interests- largely for the reason that funds had to be prioritized to support operations against internal threats posed by the CPP/NDF/NPA, Muslim

secessionist groups and terrorist groups. The opportunity to modernize was provided by the AFP Modernization Act of 1995, but it was not exploited by government. Add to the woes of the DND/AFP is an anti-military attitude of society and left-leaning groups that have gained strong influence in society and even in civil government. One glaring result of this anti-military attitude is the repeal of RA 1700 (Anti-Subversion Law) which made the CPP/NDF legal organizations although in the past and even up to the present, they are the ones giving orders to the NPA to continue their armed struggle.

The threat arising from conflicts in the West Philippine Sea does not envision the utilization of ready reserve ground forces. RA 7077 is silent on organization of maritime and air reservists but this could be gleaned from Section 10 (Affiliated Reserves, Article III (Mission and Organization of the Citizen Armed Force), which provides that private and government entities, corporations, establishments and organizations which provide essential public services such as water, light, transportation and communications which are necessary to support the prosecution of national defense plan or to meet an emergency shall be organized as affiliated units of the reserve force. Therefore today, more than in any other time, it behooves on the DND/AFP to organize maritime and air transportation assets as ready reserve forces to be a factor in the defense of West Philippine Sea.

The fourth situation that also justifies the strengthening and calling to active duty of ready reserve units is the possibility of stronger earthquakes and typhoons. As far as typhoons are concerned, the reservists had demonstrated during past calamities in the Visayas and NCR that they could be at the forefront of disaster, rescue, relief and rehabilitation operations. With them at these frontlines, regular forces of the AFP may not be employed in large numbers in these endeavors although they should be ready to render assistance using their assets.

Finally, there are now moves and strong advocacies for the revival of the mandatory ROTC program which was scrapped years ago because of an isolated hazing case and which led to the passing of RA 9163 (National Service Training Program). In a J9, AFP report on the strength of the Reserve Force as of 2011, there were already 298,464 reservists coming from the different major services and Affiliated Reserve Units. At present, this number could be more. However, it is more than what the AFP needs to man the Citizen Armed Force. If mandatory ROTC is revived, most of its graduates will just be reflected in roster of reservists but without specific assignments in the force structure.

If indeed mandatory ROTC will be revived, it should not be along the lines of post Martial Law ROTC. It should be drastically improved such that the youth enrolled in the Program will really be challenged or inspired to be cadets. It should not be an added financial burden to the parents. Likewise, its graduates should have a definite place in the Citizen Armed Force organization, as officers of the regular force or as officers of the ready and stand by reserve forces. 



Gen Cimatú appointed DENR secretary

Retired Gen Roy A Cimatú '70 has been appointed by the President as Secretary of the Dept of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). He replaced



Cimatú

Secretary Gina Lopez whose appointment was rejected by the Commission on Appointments (CA).

Cimatú, a former AFP chief of staff, used to be a special envoy to the Middle East.

PDDir Cuy designated DILG acting secretary

Retired PDir Catalino S Cuy '81, a DILG undersecretary, has been designated by the President as acting secretary of the Dept of Interior and Local Government, when Sec Ismael Sueno was relieved by the President for alleged corruption.

Retired PCSupt Nestor F Quinsay



Cuy

Jr '84 has also been appointed by the President as DILG assistant secretary. He will oversee the Bureau of Fire Prevention (BFP) and other public safety concerns.

Gen Año designated implementor of martial law

With the declaration of martial law on 23 May 2017 covering the entire Mindanao under Presidential Proclamation No. 216 by President Rodrigo R Duterte, AFP chief of staff Gen Eduardo M Año '83 was designated by the President as the implementor of martial law. He would be working under SND Delfin N Lorenzana '73 as the administrator of martial law.

The President extended the service of Año, who is due to retire on his 56th



Año

birthday on 26 October 2017, by six (6) months. Earlier, the President had announced that Año would take over as DILG secretary by the first week of June.

PDDir Corpuz appointed PCSO chairman; MGen Balutan, PCSO president

Retired PDir Jose Jorge E Corpuz '82 has been appointed by the President as chairman of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).



Corpuz

Like wise, retired PN(M) MGen Alexander F Balutan '83 has been appointed as PCSO president.

LtGen Luga appointed GSIS board member

Retired LtGen Alan R Luga '81 has been appointed as a member of the board of trustees of the Government Service



Luga

Insurance System (GSIS)

He is the president of the AFP General Insurance Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the AFPMBAI.

BGen Lim appointed as MMDA chairman

Retired BGen Danilo D Lim '78 (USMA) has been appointed by the President as chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).



Lim

He was appointed by then Pres Aquino as Bureau of Customs (BOC) deputy commissioner but he resigned in 2013 after Aquino criticized the BOC for corruption.

MGen Ecarma and Capt Gambala appointed BOC deputy commissioners

Retired PN(M) MGen Natalio C Ecarma III '81 has been appointed by the President as Bureau of Customs deputy commissioner.

Resigned Capt Gerardo O Gambala '95 has also been appointed as Customs deputy commissioner.

RAdm Gopo elected president of AFPMBAI

Retired RAdm Primitivo P Gopo '83 has been elected president of the AFP Mutual Benefit Association, Inc. (AFPMBAI), following its annual membership meeting and election last 29 April 2017.

Elected with him as AFPMBAI chairman is the AFP chief of staff, Gen Eduardo M Año '83. Gopo replaced retired MGen Edgardo



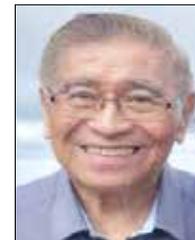
Gopo

Rene C Samonte '81 as president.

Designated as AFPMBAI vice president and compliance officer is retired BGen Librado B Moog '83, the former PGMC head.

Commo Lazo elected president of AGFO Foundation, Inc.

Retired Commo Liberato A Lazo '56 has been elected president of the AGFO Foundation, Inc., following its annual membership meeting and election last 12 May 2017. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Association of General



Lazo

and Flag Officers, Inc. (AGFO)

The AGFO Foundation, Inc. provides cash medical assistance in an amount not exceeding P30,000 to its members who are sick.

MGen Valencia designated TIG, AFP

MGen Rafael C Valencia '84 has been designated as The Inspector General (TIG), AFP, replacing LGen Mayoralgo M dela Cruz '83 who retired.

MGen Noel S Clement '85 has replaced Valencia as commander of the 10th Inf Div, PA, while BGen Isidro L Purisima '85, the former AFP Command Center chief, has replaced Clement as deputy chief of staff for operations, J3, AFP.



Valencia

BGen Noel S Buan '84, the former assistant deputy chief of staff for reservists affairs, J9, AFP, has assumed as commander of the AFP Reserve Command. 



ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

Professorial Chairs established to help PMA

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55
PMAFI founding president

The Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) was established in 1988 to help the PMA improve the quality of its instruction. It is a vehicle to raise funds to support the various projects of the Academy, such as faculty scholarship, training equipment acquisition and training facilities improvement.

Among the Foundation's programs to generate funds is the establishment of professorial chairs in the Academy, administered by the Foundation. The chair fund donation is kept intact and invested the earnings of which are intended to support the project of the chair grantee. The amount to endow a chair fund started with a minimum of P50,000.00 in 1989 when we launched the professorial chair program, but that has been gradually increased to now P300,000.00. As an incentive, the chair is named after the donor or his designee. The number of such chairs has grown to over 120, and the chair fund balance in the books of PMAFI has now reached more than P74 million.

The PMA and the Foundation wish to extend to the chair donors their sincere thanks and appreciation for their generous support to the Professorial Chair Program which has since benefited the members of the faculty for the improvement in the training and education of the cadets.

By the way, the Foundation was registered with the BIR as a tax-exempt donee institution, such that any and all donations to it are fully tax deductible by the donors.

Listed hereunder are the professorial chairs, arranged chronologically according to when they were established:

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MGen Ramon E Montano Chair
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BGen Jacinto A Galang Jr Chair
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Col Felix P Duenas Sr Chair in Economics
VAdm Carlito Y Cunanan Chair in Physics
Union Bank Chair in English
Col Juanito N Ferrer Chair in Engineering
Dr Feliciano F Miravite Chair in Actuarial Science
LGen Loven C Abadia Chair
Gen Lisandro C Abadia Chair
Lt Lino C Abadia Jr Chair
PMA Class 1942 Chair in English
Far East Bank & Trust Company Chair
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Philippine Ports Authority Chair in Maritime Studies
The Maritime League Chair in Maritime Studies
PMA Class 1952 Chair in Mil Science & Tactics
College Assurance Plan Chair in Computer Science
BGen Angel G Kanapi Chair in Mil Leadership
Philippine Army Chair
Amb Alejandro B Melchor Jr Chair in Nat'l Security
Col Feliberto B Cavorsora Chair in Ethics and Leadership

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Seven PETFI scholars graduate

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

Seven (7) scholars of the PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) are graduating from college this year.

They are Geniah Laureen D Aguinaldo, BS Psychology, San Beda College, daughter of the late Rodolfo E Aguinaldo '72; Carlo B Benieglia, BS Marine Engineering, St Joseph Institute of Technology, Marjun B Benieglia, BSBA major in Operation Management, Fr Saturnino Urios University, and Romer B Benieglia, BS Radio Technology, Fr Saturnino Urios University, all brothers of the late Romeo B Benieglia '12;

Robert Lee Espiritu, BS Management Accountancy, UST, son of the late Arnulfo N Espiritu '77; Carmela S Magayanes, BS



PETFI chair Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (left) looks on as GOH Cav Archie Francisco F Gamboa '86, PNP Chief of Directorial Staff presents Certificate of Recognition to graduate Geniah Laureen D Aguinaldo during the presentation of scholars on 02 June 2017 at AFPCOC.

Environmental Science , Ateneo de Manila University, and Gino Ramon S Magayanes, BS Materials Engineering, UP Diliman, both children of the late Odelardo V Magayanes '87.

The PETFI was established in 1976 as a vehicle to generate and administer funds for the education of children of deceased and disabled members in good standing of the PMAAAI and regular members of the Foundation, and younger siblings of those unmarried. (To become a regular member, a PMAAAI member should make a contribution to the Foundation of at least P2,000 only.) The Foundation supports the education of those qualified from elementary to college, with a yearly stipend of P18,000 for those in the elementary, P20,000 for those in high school and P30,000 for those in college. (For a mere P2,000 membership contribution, just one child of a deceased member would be able to avail himself of support from the Foundation amounting to P340,000 from elementary to college.)

No high scholastic performance is required of a PETFI scholar. All that is needed to maintain his scholarship is to pass his course.

For school year 2016-17, the Foundation has supported the education of 60 scholars; 29 in college, 19 in high school and 12 in the elementary.

Since it was established the PETFI has already supported more than 500 dependents of our deceased and disabled alumni-members and graduated from college with a baccalaureate degree 300 of them. 

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BGen Mamerto S Bocanegra Chair in Engineering

PDGen Roberto T Lastimoso Chair

PN Capt Antonio O Tansingco Chair in Civil Eng'g

Col Ramon L Lugtu Chair

Congressman Roilo S Golez-PMA Class 1970 Chair

BGen Antonio P Abaya Chair in Info Technology

PMA Class 1953 Chair

Balbanero Group of Companies Chair

National Security Council Chair

Don Sulpicio Go Chair

WG and A Philippines Chair

Gen Joselin B Nazareno Chair

PMA Class 1971 Chair

BGen Orlando Q Antonio Chair

Juan O Pena Chair

Jesus N Alcordo Chair

BGen Eustaquio V Meim Chair

PMA Class 1959 Chair

Congressman Plaridel M Abaya Chair

Herminio S Esguerra Chair

Ayala Corporation Chair

Col Generoso F Tanseco Chair

Gen Angelo T Reyes Chair

Col Graciano P Lacanlale Jr Chair

PMA Class 1975 Chair

PMA Class 1970 Chair

Capt Emmanuel V Gaor Chair in Elect'l Eng'g

PMA Class 1974 Chair

PMA Class 1969 Chair

LGen Benjamin P Defensor Chair

BGen Bernabe D Salvador Chair

BGen Teodulfo S Bautista Chair

PMA Class 1951 Chair

PDGen Leandro R Mendoza Chair

Gen Diomedio P Villanueva Chair

Carlos De Leon Chair

VAdm Ariston V de los Reyes Chair in Mathematics

PDir Diony A Ventura Chair

LGen Ernesto G Carolina Chair

Salvacion S Alquiza Chair in Accountancy

PDDGen Anselmo S Avenido Jr Chair in Leadership & Management

Philippine Veterans Affairs Office Chair

PDGen Jesus A Verzosa Chair

LGen Oscar H Rabena Chair in Engineering

PDGen Raul M Bacalzo Chair

1st Lt Christopher Alexis Mariano Chair

JC Binay Foundation Inc Chair

PDGen Nicanor A Bartolome Chair

MGen Jose C Lopus Chair

Col Rodovaldo Maluyo Chair

PDir Rufino G Ibay Jr Chair

BGen Pacifico M Lopez de Leon Chair in Fil Language

LtGen Jeffrey F Delgado Chair in Dev Management

Col Edgardo Q Abesamis Chair in Military History

Mr Ricardo S Tanseco Chair in Info Technology

VAdm Jesus C Millan Chair

PDGen Ricardo C Marquez Chair

PDGen Edgar Aglipay Chair

LGen Eduardo Año Chair

PMA Class 1956 Chair 

PDFI grants business loans to members

By Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55

The PMAAA Development Foundation, Inc. (PDFI) has recently granted entrepreneurial or business loans to two (2) members, who have ventured into business enterprises for the past years.

LCdr Bienvenido Pelonia Jr '02, a Cavalier awardee, started his taxi business of one unit in Sept 2015. In April last year, he got his first loan of P100,000 as additional payment for his taxi franchise. Early this year, he secured his second re-loan of P200,000 as down payment for an additional taxi unit. A good borrower, he has been paying promptly his monthly amortization.

Another member of Class 2002, Maj Percival Macaranas Jr PAF and his wife started their Marauoy Learning Center (Lipa) in Lipa City in 2004. He got his first loan of P100,000 in Aug 2011 for the expansion of their business. Again in Dec 2012, he got his second re-loan of P200,000 for further expansion of the business. In May this year, he secured his third re-loan of P300,000 for the transfer of their office. A successful entrepreneur, he keeps expanding his family business, a Kumon learning franchisee, being managed by his wife.

As a matter of policy, the first loan given is P100,000. The second availment or re-loan is P200,000, and the third re-loan is

P300,000. Of course, a re-loan is granted only if at least half of the preceding loan has been paid.

During its meeting in April this year, the PDFI board of trustees decided to increase the maximum amount of business loan from the previous P300,000 to P500,000 and extended the amortization period from three (3) to five (5) years.

The interest rates on business loans have also been reduced. For example, for a P100,000 loan 2-year term, it has been reduced from 13% to 12.5%, and for a 3-year term from 14% to 13%. For a P200,000 loan 1-year term, from 13% to 12.5%; 2-year term, from 14.5% to 13% and for a 3-year term, from 15% to 13.5%. For a P300,000 loan for a 2-year term, from 14.5% to 13.5%; and for 3-year term, from 15% to 14%.

For the increased P400,000 loan, the interest ranges from 13.5% for 1-year term to 15% for a maximum 4-year term. And for the increased P500,000 loan, the interest ranges from 14% for 1-year term to 16% for a maximum 5-year term.

For the past three (3) years since the present management took over, there were nineteen (19) members who have availed themselves of business loans, six (6) of whom have made 2nd or 3rd re-loans on the same business. And they are all good borrowers.

The PDFI was established in 1982 to help those no longer in the service go into business by providing them with low-interest loans, to start one or to augment their capital to expand their existing business. In addition to business or entrepreneurial loans, the Foundation also extends to its members consumer loans to acquire household appliances or office equipment like computers, laptops or cellphones; educational loans and emergency or all-purpose loans. The interest for consumer loan with a maximum of P100,000 is 12%; educational loan of P50,000 at 10%; and emergency loan of P20,000 at 10%. All the interest rates indicated herein are per annum and are based on the declining balance.



PDFI chair Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (second from left) hands over to Cav Percival Macaranas '02 a check for P300,000 as his business loan. Looking on are Trustees Commo Rene Leandro P Ebro '63 (left) and President Cav Jose C Lapus '65 (right).

PMAAAI PN chapter fetes new navy cavaliers

By Cav Felipe F Bautista '94

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated Philippine Navy (PMAAAI-PN) Chapter held its Annual General Assembly last 20 April 2017 at the Philippine Navy Officers' Club, Bonifacio Naval Station, Taguig City. Also, held in this event was the reception of the 45 new Philippine Navy cavaliers from the PMA Salaknib Class of 2017.

The day kicked off with a morning stretching and road run around BNS as part of the welcome ceremony of the Association which was participated in by the new cavaliers and members of PMAAAI PN Chapter. After conditioning their bodies for the hectic day ahead, the PN Officers enjoyed the boodle fight breakfast at the HPMC Swimming Pool Area.

The program proper was held later that day which was attended by 247 Navy cavaliers. CAV LOUMER P BERNABE '87, President of the PMAAAI-PN Chapter, called the Annual General Membership Meeting to order at 1900. To make their membership to the chapter official, the 45 new members took their oath, administered by the Chapter President. As a sign of their appreciation and gratitude, the newly-sworn in cavaliers entertained the crowd with dance and song numbers. Half of the



Reception Rites - PMA Salaknib Class 2017 in their athletic uniforms as they are warmly welcomed by the PMAAAI-PN Board of Directors.

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Oragon fraternal chapter receives new graduates

By Cav Manolito P Orense '83

It was on a fine evening of 25 March 2017, when alumni of the country's premier institution, whether residing, assigned or just visiting in Bicol, trooped and gathered together at Camp Elias Angeles, the home of the 9th Infantry (SPEAR) Division in Pili, Camarines Sur - the major Army unit in the Bicol Region. Cavaliers from this part of the country once again met at the Division's Officers Clubhouse to rekindle old friendships, reminisce memories of cadet days, and strengthen camaraderie and brotherhood. These cavaliers were either active or retired members of the Philippine Army, Philippine Navy, Philippine Air Force, and Philippine National Police. Around 50 cavaliers attended this activity.

graduates, and extolled them to emulate the values and virtues taught by their Alma Mater. He also reminded the other cavaliers to continue to tread the path of these virtues, whether they are in the active service or are already retired or separated. He advised everyone to enjoy the fellowship that would be filled with nostalgia and "kayahizings".

Cav CLAUDIO L YUCOT '86, Commander, 901st Infantry Brigade, 9ID, PA was the Guest of Honor and Speaker (GOHAS) during this occasion. He asked all cavaliers present to live up to the motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty. He even related anecdotes that exemplified these Academy values. He exhorted the new graduates to be careful of their ways and should guide



CAV ORENSE '83 Commander, 9ID welcomes the attendees.



Reception of the new cavaliers by the oragons.



CAV YUCOT '86 the guest of honor and speaker delivers his message.



CAV VIZCAYA 2017 talks of his impressions on the fellowship.



Class 2017 cavaliers give a memento to CAV YUCOT '86.



The cavaliers enjoy the parlor games and evening fellowship.

This first quarter 2017 fellowship was hosted by Cav MANOLITO P ORENSE '83, Commander, 9ID, PA. One of the highlights of the said activity was to welcome the new graduates of PMA, the SALAKNIB Class of 2017, to the Oragon Fraternal Chapter. Six out of the ten members of said class were received by the Chapter. They were "brought back to the Academy" as they entered the makeshift Brick Gate, saw the Borromeo Field and the Rampart, had a close encounter with Uncle Bobo and Tita Anita, and reported officially to the Guardroom for proper accounting. The venue, the Division's Officer Clubhouse, was configured as a miniature replica of PMA. This set-up added to the nostalgia of the cadet days to every PMAYER present during the occasion.

Cav ORENSE welcomed the attendees, particularly the new

one another towards the road to honesty and integrity.

Cav PHILIP M VIZCAYA of Ligao, Albay, the class salutatorian of PMA "SALAKNIB" Class of 2017 gave his impression regarding the occasion in behalf of his mistahs. According to him, at the end of the night he realized that the bond that every Bugo-bugo shares does not end after he graduates from the Academy. He said that they are very lucky that they have upperclassmen who are very willing to guide and teach them so that they will not fail in the new world that they are in. He likewise, promised that they shall uphold and live up to the ideals that the Academy has imparted to them until their very last breathe.

As a token of appreciation of the new graduates, they presented some mementos to the GOHAS. 

PMAAAI PAF chapter holds general assembly

By Cav Percival C Macaranas Jr '02

The PMAAAI PAF Chapter started the second quarter with the General Assembly (GA) that was held at the PAF Gymnasium at Colonel Jesus Villamor Air Base, Pasay City last 18 April 2017. The GA was the first part of the PMAAAI PAF Chapter activity which started with the welcome remarks given by the Vice President of the PMAAAI PAF Chapter, Cavalier Augustine Malinit '91. It was followed by the induction of the new air cavaliers composed of new graduates of PMA Class 2017. The Class Call followed, showing that 216 air cavaliers attended the activity. The Affirmation of the Minutes of the last GA came afterwards, followed by the presentation of the President's Report by Cavalier Nicolas C Parilla '87, the President of the PMAAAI PAF Chapter. Soon after, the members ratified the AY 2016-2017 Board Resolutions. The results of the election for directors and officers for AY 2017-2018 were then announced. An open forum was held thereafter, followed by some administrative announcements prior to the adjournment of the GA proper.

The second part of the activity was composed of the dinner, oath-taking of the newly-elected members of the Board of Directors and newly-appointed committee members, and the presentation of plaques to awardees. Among those who were given plaques were the outgoing members of the Board of Directors, outgoing committee members, Air Cavalier awardees, Golden Jubilarians (PMA Class '67 PAF Group), and the Air Cavalier Achievement awardees.

The last part of the activities was capped with the remarks of the Chairman of the PMAAAI PAF Chapter, Cav Rozzano D Briguez '86, and his introduction of the Keynote Speaker, the Commanding General of the PAF, Cav Edgar R Fallorina '83.

Elected as Directors of the chapter for AY 2017-2018 were the following: Cav Nicolas C Parilla '87, Chairman; Cav Pelagio R Valenzuela '88, President; Cav Jess G Estoesta '87 & Cav Joselito B Ramos '88, Representatives, PMAAAI Mother Chapter; Cav Augusto D Dela Peña '89, Vice President; Cav Pedro S Francisco III '92, Auditor; Cav Moises L Micor '93, Treasurer; Cav Ma. Christina O Basco '98, PRO; and Cav Percival C Macaranas Jr '02, Secretary.



Young and senior cavaliers at the General Assembly.



Cav Nicolas C Parilla '87



Cav Joseph B Madarang '98

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CAV MERCADO '83 administers the symbolic turnover of gavel from outgoing president CAV BERNABE '87 to President CAV CRUZ '88.



PMA Salaknib Class 2017 Navy cavaliers recite their Oath of Membership before CAV LOUMER P BERNABE '87, PMAAAI-PN CY 2016-2017 President.

class took part in the dance performance while two of their best singers, accompanied by the PMC Band regaled the audience with the songs "Luha" and "Halik" of Aegis.

In the same gathering, Certificates of Appreciation were

presented to the outgoing officers for their dedicated service to the PMAAAI-PN Chapter for CY 2016-2017. Later, CAV BERNABE '87 turned over the stewardship of the Association to CAV ALBERTO A CRUZ '88. The organization likewise approved the minutes of the

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Ten leadership insights of Alexander the Great: Applications in business

By Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69

Introduction

“Alexander is one of history’s most luminous and influential leaders- a man who had conquered 90% of the known world by the age of 25. Alexander led his virtually invincible Greek and Macedonian armies through 22,000 miles of sieges and conquest in just eight years, and by the time of his death at the age of 32 had forged an empire unlike any the world had ever seen. He was many things to many people—a dashing warrior-king filled with ambition, courage, and the arrogance of youth, leading his vastly outnumbered forces against the massive Persian armies...a son desperately longing for the approval of his stern, battle-scarred father, torn and conflicted by his mother’s legacy... a relentless conqueror who never lost a battle and drove his soldiers to the very edges of the known World... a visionary whose dreams, deeds and destiny echo through eternity, helping to shape the face of the world as we know it today. He was all that and more. He was Alexander the Great.”

Synopsis from the website of Alexander The Great movie (<http://alexanderthemovie.warmernbros.com/>)

Strategic Vision

One of the most enduring icons of leadership and power through the ages has been Alexander the Great. His exploits were not only legendary, but also educational, as his deeds are hard to match even in this day and age.

As Alexander journeyed through Persia and Central Asia, he had one vision in mind—to unite as many cultures as he found in his relentless campaign to conquer the earth. This was the driving force that led Alexander to his greatness. It was also the same force he used to motivate and lead his army.

As visionary as he was strategic, this lesson is one that every manager needs to learn. A manager by virtue of his responsibilities must necessarily learn to be strategic. He must be able to clearly define his goals and aim to achieve these goals. All his actions must therefore be in line with the strategy.

Situational Awareness

Alexander’s ability to scan the situation and dealing with it appropriately is yet another skill that a manager should learn. Alexander illustrated such ability before he invaded India. Then, he felt the necessity to reorganize the army that he had led through Persia, and to adapt to the different climate and terrain. With such thinking, he was able to properly prepare his men and identify the leverage that he needed to win the battle.

Essentially, a manager should also learn to scan whatever environment his business or organization is immersed in. He must know the implications and nuances of being in such an environment and prepare accordingly, both himself and his team.

Cultural Awareness

Despite the diversity of Alexander’s men, he was able to command them to battle great odds and achieve epic milestones. He understood the importance of cross-cultural competence. Thus, he was able to breakdown cultural barriers and lead his men to victory. Alexander’s appreciation of other cultures was

manifest during his time in Egypt, where he placated Egyptian priests and encouraged their religion, thereby according them the acceptance and respect needed to further his goals.

Correspondingly, a manager must be able to recognize cultural differences within an organization. He must be able to accept these differences, learn how to accommodate it and harness them to his advantage when needed.

Foresight

Alexander was truly a man of strategy as he propagated the Hellenic culture. He understood that the only way he could truly conquer the world was if he infused it with his own Greek culture.

In fact, in strategic leadership, three kinds of skills are necessary for success: **good management, working effectively with people and creating the future.** Alexander showed that he was indeed a good chieftain by building an empire that defied imagination; creating and fostering strong work relationships with his men as evidenced by their loyalty; and uniting many cultures and propagating the influence of Hellenic culture.

Systematic Solutions to Problems

Alexander’s systematic ways can be observed in his war tactics. Upon engaging in war against Persia, he knew that he was greatly outnumbered. As such, he systematically solved this by striking the enemy at the source.

Alexander was worried about the Persian fleet. There was no way his army could defeat the sheer magnitude of it. So, he conquered all the ports along the eastern Mediterranean instead, thus controlling supplies of the Persian ships.

In effect Alexander was really using the Leadership Action Cycle: In establishing the best tactic to beat the Persian fleet, Alexander first observed that the fleet would need supplies. He then projected that if these supplies were cut off, the fleets would be weakened. He further reflected that these supplies were provided to the fleets at the ports, and therefore decided to take control of the ports, effectively taking control of the Persian fleet’s supplies. With that battleplan, he then sent his army to attack and conquer the ports, dealing a lethal blow to the Persian fleet’s superiority.

As a manager, one will always encounter problems that may seem unsolvable. The good manager has much to learn from Alexander, particularly in employing the Leadership Action Cycle so he may also arrive at possible solutions and courses of actions.

Thorough Preparation

Alexander’s conquest took him and his army thousands of miles away from home. As such, logistics needed to be managed; that is, keeping the army fed and supplied. To solve this, Alexander came up with two courses of action: first, he sharply limited the number of camp followers travelling (and eating) with the army; and second, Alexander established an intelligence and diplomatic service to scout the route that the army would take and arrange to purchase food from the locals.

Alexander’s knack for thorough preparation can also be observed in his cavalry and infantry. These men were fully

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prepared through training, tactics and weaponry. It is said that thorough preparation was a most basic habit of Alexander, and he applied it to everything he did.

Managers should therefore learn to always be prepared—not just for corporate takeovers or major events but even for internal or staff meetings. He must at all times be able to identify the possible outcomes of a decision or course of action and appropriately prepare for such contingencies.

Hire the Best

Alexander recruited the best and the brightest for his army, choosing to employ the highly educated Greeks for technical and diplomatic chores. Also, when he was forced to reorganize his companion cavalry, he chose his best and most trusted friend Hephastion to lead one and another Cleitus, to harness the wisdom of an older man.

Managers should hire people that they believe are capable of doing the job. It may also be wise to put people you trust in critical positions.

Empowered Delegation

Alexander clearly exhibited how he empowered his generals thus gaining their loyalty and trust. Alexander's generals exhibited high morale and commitment. They became more effective as they carried out his orders. Furthermore, keeping in line with his vision of uniting many cultures, Alexander even empowered some of his conquered opponents.

Similarly, in a management setting, a manager must be able to exercise empowered delegation so as to achieve the desired outcomes of productivity, psychological and physical health, proactivity and innovativeness, persistence in work, trustworthiness, interpersonal effectiveness, intrinsic motivation and high morale and commitment.

Physical and Psychological Courage

The Macedonian structure clearly showed how Alexander was at the helm of the army's chain of command. His display of physical courage as he led his men in battle gained for him their loyalty and respect. Not only did he have the physical courage but also mental prowess as exhibited through his tactics in warfare. Alexander was aware that such display of courage would inspire his entire army.

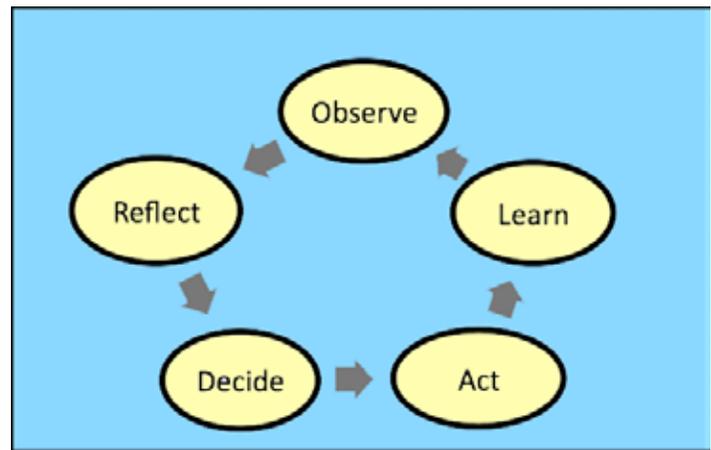
In the same manner, a manager should lead by example. His subordinates must witness his dedication first before they would follow him to the ends of the earth.

A person does not become a leader by virtue of the possession of some combination of traits, but the pattern of personal characteristics must bear some relevant relationship to the characteristics, activities and goals of the followers. Possessing the best combination of traits is not sufficient in itself. Unless these traits are relevant to the needs of the followers, the leader will not prove to be a success. Leadership requires more than just personal characteristics; it must be externally oriented.

Preparing for Succession

At Alexander's deathbed on June 10, 323 BC,

His friends asked: ***"To whom do you leave the kingdom?"***
and he replied: ***"To the best (the strongest)."***



Alexander died at the age of thirty-three (33). With no successor named at his death bed, his empire went out to generals and officers who would then become governors of sections of his empire. Soon after, Alexander the Great's empire split and crumbled. His mother, wives, and children were all killed in the struggle for power that followed his death (some writing though stated that these killings happened around 10 years after Alexander's death). In the end, his empire was divided among his generals in three parts.

The rule of succession during that time dictated that the king's first born son was heir to the throne. But Alexander died too young, quite unexpectedly, and with a son who had yet to be born, hence, there was no default heir to the throne.

The movie and most of the stories told about the life of Alexander the Great showed that there was only one person whom he trusted and treated as his equal, Hephastion. But Hephastion died ahead of Alexander. This, therefore, could be the reason why Alexander was indifferent when asked to whom he wanted to leave the kingdom- "To the best (the strongest)" was all he said.

Business Organizations

In the contemporary business world (or any legal organization for that matter), a leader's reign ends, depending upon the term set by the company/organization or by the country's law, in the absence of the former. Generally, however, whether or not the rule on retirement age is followed is a matter of management prerogative.

The success of a leader is greatly influenced by the manner the transition is handled. Much like the case of Alexander's empire, a vacuum at the seat of power in organizations due to a leader's sudden death could lead to crisis.

In our contemporary organizations, issues and concerns about succession are just as complicated. One of the most common problems is an incumbent's difficulty of letting go gracefully.

There could be a lot of other reasons, but what John P Kotter wishes to emphasize is that ***"Powerful forces can exist to keep people from wanting to retire. And when pressure begins to develop to force them to retire, as it almost always does, these same forces sometimes lead men of integrity to take actions that can have a highly destructive impact on their firms or specific people or both."*** In his book ***Power and Influence***, Kotter gave some of the reasons why some people just won't let go.

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Public policy, inclusive development and the uniformed services

By Cav Wilfredo G Nuqui '68

Context. The uniformed services are major instruments of public laws and policies. Their collective mission is to provide public defense and safety. Their participation in inclusive development is well established in such strategic areas as disaster risk reduction and management and co-delivery of public services in geographically hard to reach areas. Indeed, some units of the AFP are directly tasked with economic and social development. This brief note contextualizes latest public policies and opportunities where the uniformed services could be further engaged in inclusive economic, social and geographic development. To be sure, pursuing such opportunities remains secondary to their primary mission.

Inclusivity and the development literature. Inclusive development is a pro-poor approach that values and mobilizes the contributions of all stakeholders - including marginalized groups - in addressing development issues. It promotes transparency and accountability, and enhances development outcomes through collaboration among national and local governments, civil society, private sector actors and local communities. Inclusive growth advances equitable opportunities during economic growth with benefits incurred by all sectors of society. Climate change resilience is an opportunity for reducing income and social inequalities. Inclusive development is consistent with promoting human rights and the social justice foundation of the 1987 Constitution. Social protection consists of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by diminishing people's exposure to and enhancing their capacity to manage economic, social and climate risks, such as income and asset losses, armed and other conflicts, sickness, exclusion and old age. The lower height requirement and affirmative recruitment of Muslims and IPs into military service are socially inclusive, rights-based policies.

Opportunities and challenges. The approved Philippine Development Plan (PDP), 2017-2022 aims to achieve more inclusive growth. Overall poverty rate is targeted to decline from 21.6 per cent to 14 per cent, and poverty incidence in rural areas to decrease from 30 per cent in 2015 to 20 per cent in 2022. It seeks to make the Philippines an upper-middle income country by 2022. The economic and social agenda includes areas where the AFP can play a refreshed role on national and local development. These are chiefly in: a) infrastructure development where the country has been under-investing and execution capacity is low, b) reforestation and watershed protection in the framework of sustainable development and resilience to climate change, c) human development with emphasis on quality education and public health and nutrition, and d) social protection including financial inclusion. Federalism is extolled as a more appropriate form of governance by the administration but its form and substance are still undefined. Wider participation in inclusive development would require other skills, appropriate tools and a flexible mindset within the security sector.

Critical and inclusive infrastructures. As of 2008, the quality of roads and railways in the Philippines was only 67 per cent and 56 per cent, respectively of ASEAN-8 averages according to the Asian Development Bank. The Philippines ranked 24th out of 41 Asia and Pacific countries based on the 'Access for Physical

Infrastructure Index' of the United Nations in 2015. It is fifth within ASEAN-10. The Index captures the availability, quality and type of physical infrastructure investments covering transport, energy, information and communications technology, and water supply and sanitation. The country has still one of the lowest investment in public infrastructures at 2.5-3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) among ASEAN-6.

DBM has tagged 2017-2022 as the golden age of infrastructure with a targeted public investment of up to 7.4 per cent of GDP by 2022. This includes unsolicited and hybrid public-private partnership projects. Budgetary funding is less an issue if the proposed Comprehensive Tax Reform Program brings tax collection to at least 17 per cent of GDP. Project feasibility and execution capacity are the principal challenges to the 'build, build, build' strategy.

Increased partnership in infrastructure development with DPWH, DoTr, DepEd, DoH and local government units (LGUs) is particularly critical especially in rural and upland areas. For instance, the School Infrastructure Project of DepEd using the public private partnership model still has to cover all regions. This is due to limited implementation capacities of DPWH, local government engineering offices and private contractors, restrictions on foreign contractors and some right of way and security issues. Devolved public health facilities remain inadequate due to low local government priority and underfunding. Construction of better and more climate smart barangay roads, bridges and ports preferably with ownership of local communities remains a national priority.

DBM supports the creation of a new AFP engineering brigade with complete tools and equipment to address the especial needs of areas with serious security problems. The security sector could further update its role in the proposed National Broadband and Cyber Security Plans led by DICT as the national government is the 3rd major player in the telecom industry to ensure fair competition and secured telecom services. The AFP in particular should explore increased access to official grants for funding of its designated development projects. This may require renegotiation of official bilateral agreements.

Environmental protection and rural development. DENR has been unable to enforce mining, forestry and coastal laws and standards as demonstrated by adverse audit findings on several mining companies especially those operating in critical watersheds and protected areas. Win-win solutions are being sought on the social, cultural and economic issues resulting from poorly enforced laws on sustainable natural resource management. Watershed protection and upland and coastal development are rich areas for more intense collaboration. Agri- and eco-tourism which are commercially viable in Thailand and Taiwan will be significantly enriched by environmental protection and green growth. In 1960, the AFP led the explosive blasting of illegal logging trails. Certainly, the AFP could contribute further as environmental stewards in collaboration with DENR and LGUs. The peace process has enabled combatants to engage more in productive natural resource-based and other livelihood activities.

Agricultural reform. Rural poverty in the medium-term

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cannot be reduced if agricultural (including fisheries and forestry) growth remains sluggish. Idle lands in military, state university and college campuses and other public reservations await more productive utilization where commercial trees and internationally traded high value crops such as coffee and cacao can be grown in suitable areas. The replacement of quantitative restriction on rice imports with tariffs compels substitute activities and targeted subsidies to help uncompetitive rice farmers. Increased partnership with the Department of Agriculture, LGUs to which agricultural extension services have been devolved and private agricultural investors is an option.

Sustainable human development. Inclusive development demands a healthy and skilled population. Thirty one percent of the country's population is under the age of 15. There is a negative relationship between birth rate and education. In 2010-2013, the total birth rate was five births per woman belonging to the lowest wealth quintile. Ten per cent of adolescent women age 15-19 years were already mothers or pregnant with their first child. Stunting resulting from prolonged hunger and malnutrition still afflicts 33 per cent of Filipino children age 0-2 years notwithstanding the reduced poverty incidence of 21.6 per cent in 2015. Stunting is more rampant in rural areas and in poorest households with a prevalence rate of 38.1 percent and 49.2 percent, respectively.

Reproductive health (RH) services are under-availed despite the RH law and free family planning commodities. Universal health care is supported by the 90 per cent population coverage of free PhilHealth funded services. Military and police hospitals ought to receive their fair and legal share of earmarked 'sin' tax collections for public health. This would supplement AFP literacy and medical missions. The AFP may identify its role in the inter-agency Pantawid program which provides cash transfer to poor households which satisfies co-responsibilities on maternal and child health and nutrition, child education up to high school and effective parenting.

Social protection. The uniformed services are major beneficiaries of at least three public policies, namely (a) pension entitlement with automatic adjustment based on the prevailing scale of base pay for similarly ranked active personnel; (b) non-contributory pension through the annual general appropriations act, and (c) tax exemption of savings and loan associations and cooperatives. The pension costs on all uniformed personnel are rapidly increasing every year. The day will come when 70 percent of their budget will just go to the pension and a reform must be effected for a more sustainable pension system according to DBM Secretary B. Diokno. A government technical working group which includes DND and DILG is reportedly considering the creation of a pension seed fund and placing uniformed personnel under GSIS. Voluntary membership in SSS is an attractive option to them and their family members in the labor force to raise their social protection. A self-employed qualifies for SSS membership and a lifetime pension after completing 120 months of payment and upon reaching the age of 60 years. Indeed, some military and police retirees receive pensions from the AFP/PNP, PVAO and SSS.

Taxation and financial inclusion. The Philippines collects 13.6 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in taxes which is very low. Some ASEAN countries collect around 17 percent. There is no way the national government can fund the massive infrastructure and other public services requirements if the tax-to-GDP ratio remains low. Otherwise, funding of larger budget

deficits could lead to higher inflation, peso depreciation and debt burden. The Comprehensive Tax Reform Program pending in Congress aims to reduce corporate and individual income taxes in line with those of other ASEAN countries, make up for the revenue losses through reform of excise taxes such as on petroleum products and sugary beverages and remove outdated tax exemptions in several sectors.

Savings and loan associations (SLAs) and credit cooperatives are reportedly not in the list for removal of tax exemptions. They enable the high financial inclusion of members and families of the uniformed services. Their above-market savings and dividend rates are not just the result of generally efficient operations. Their exemption from two-digit tax rates on corporate incomes and interest and dividend incomes of members is a significant contributor. Their corporate social programs such as promotion of livelihood activities and humanitarian assistance are a fitting payback to members, the tax paying public and the government. Digital financial tools and solutions will further raise members' access to their products and services.

Governance, policy reforms and peace talks. The peace process is affected by three major, inter-related reform proposals, namely: (a) the draft Comprehensive Agreement on Social and Economic Reforms (CASER) which is central to the GPH-NDF peace talks, (b) the still to be drafted administration bill on federalism, and (c) a still to be revised administration bill on the Bangsamoro basic law. Peace building must anchor on the pillars of inclusive growth and development as a unifying and sustainable strategy.

There is minimal public conversation on the draft CASER and its legal and policy implications. The GPH-NDF peace talks are for the most part opaque except for occasional official communiques from the negotiating parties and public interviews of chiefs of panels. There is a compelling argument to assess completed peace talks and agreements in other countries with roughly similar contexts and circumstances. The Nepali Comprehensive Peace Agreement concluded between the Government of Nepal and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) in 2006 could be an informative case study.

A recent U.P. School of Economics-Ayala Foundation forum carried the title "If federalism is the answer, what is the question". What federal model could most likely create more inclusive development and social cohesion? These would require more evidence-based scientific research and extensive public conversations.

Federalism will impact national-local government relations through the redefined roles and functions of the federal government, states and LGUs. Should a Bangsamoro state be granted greater autonomy than other federal states? Assignment of tax and expenditure responsibilities to states and LGUs is one of the biggest challenges. Presently, revenues of LGUs from local sources on the average, are only able to finance 41 percent of their expenditures. The rest is funded from their internal revenue allotments (IRA) and borrowings. An equalization fund could reassure that each citizen receives adequate public services regardless of domicile.

There are useful lessons from the: (a) Local Government Code (RA No. 7160) e.g., integrating poverty in the IRA formula and local capacity building; (b) Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (RA No. 9054) e.g., fair sharing of devolved fiscal

powers and public services between the regional government and component LGUs, and (c) GPH-Bangsamoro peace process e.g. consensus building among all key stakeholders. Creating desirable impacts on political dynasties, private armed groups and indigenous communities is as important especially in the additional framework of security sector reforms.

A GPH and NDF-agreed CASER and Comprehensive Agreement on Political and Constitutional Reforms (CAPCR) ought to be joined with LEDAC-endorsed bills on federalism and Bangsamoro in Congress. Integration is essential as these three actions must synergize to maximize positive results. A former and internationally respected Secretary of Finance observes that federalism is a potential fiscal (i.e. taxation, expenditures and debt management) nightmare. Execution of potential peace agreements and related reforms is even more challenging. Citizens and policy makers need scientific estimates of projected costs e.g. free land distribution and compensation, livelihood and equalization funds and peace dividends. How are the projected budgetary and other costs going to be funded, who will bear the burden and how is the burden going to be shared? The latest 20-year Philippine Treasury bonds (T-bonds) rate of 5.1 percent can serve as the minimum acceptable social rate of return on agreed peace-enhancing and related policy reforms.

The present public policy reform and peace agenda is highly complex. It identifies new policy imperatives in the next decade while addressing policy gaps and social exclusion. This complexity contends with global economic, security and other uncertainties. Complete staff work includes a comparison of the counterfactual (i.e. scenario 'without' intervention) with the results of projected peace agreements and other public policy reforms. Miscalculations could have unintended, long-term and hard to reverse political, economic and social consequences. 🌐

10 Leadership insights ... from page 12

(1) Normal human behavior

Who in their right senses would ever give away a powerful position?

(2) High ego and emotional involvement

They have very strong identification with the organization, especially for those who have worked for the same company for 30 to 50 years. The psychological investment is too heavy at this point.

(3) Their life or whose major source of satisfaction centers around work

To these people, work has become a "vicious" cycle; work consumes so much of their time and energy, part and parcel of their DNA, so to speak.

Alexander the Great inspired and influenced many management and leadership concepts that have become the guiding pillars of successful business leaders and prosperous organizations. His legacy may not be just in the accomplishments of grandeur and majesty, but also in the fundamental lessons in leadership that paved the way for his success. Today's savvy managers would do well to heed his lessons, and take a page from his success story.

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President CRUZ '88 (left) awards a Memento of Appreciation to the most senior Navy cavalier, CAV MERCADO '83 (right).

General Assembly 2016 meeting and Board Resolutions Number 01-2016, 02-2016 and 01-2017 pertaining to the apportioning of the proceeds of the fund-raising activities during the Association Year 2016-2017.

In the last part of the program, the attendees lent their ears to the speech of the most senior Navy cavalier, CAV RONALD JOSEPH S MERCADO '83. In his talk, he commended the outstanding



CAV MERCADO '83, leads the ceremonial handshakes with the new members.

leadership and accomplishments of the outgoing President, CAV BERNABE. In return, the organization presented the former with a Memento of Appreciation.

The event was capped by the ceremonial handshakes which signified that the senior cavaliers and upperclassmen welcomed the PMA Salaknib Class 2017 as members of the PMAAAI-PN Chapter family. 🌐



CLASS CALL

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

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



MM VILLAMOR
President

My previous articles for the Class Call of CI '51 sounded a bit morbid perhaps out of my increasing consciousness and sense of reality that the BANATS, without exception, have already "overstayed" in this planet and are just waiting for their last trip beyond.

For a change, I will write about LOVE, a universal subject; one that defines the ultimate in human relationship; and one that is consistent with God's mandate to "love your neighbor as yourself."

But it is not love in the category and mindset of the notorious "Valentino" who wanted his damsels a dime a dozen, but more of the deepest devotion exuded in Elizabeth Barrett Broning's "Sonnets of the Portuguese" and immortalized in her most endearing lines:

"How do I love thee?
Let me count the ways"

Beautiful lines that depict endless love like a cup of wine that continually overflows, but to the beholden, it appears empty wanting for more and more...

I write about the BANATS and their OAO's as great lovers. Let me start with the first five "brave souls" of CI '51, who upon graduation, proceeded immediately to the PMA chapel to exchange their marriage vows with their lovable cadet femmes. They are:

Pete Dumol married Nallie Arvisu; Benchoy Kintanar married Andrea Castañeda; Mike Villamor married Caring Garcia; Cian Tamada married Esther Santos; and Fred Calabio married Linda Balmaceda

I suppose this was the realization of their pent up desires unfulfilled by just strolling along "flirtation walk" and tarrying more at the "kissing rock" hoping that the call to mess would never sound. "I have to bring home a wife and a diploma" was their mocking farewell to their Mistahs. "How will you manage starting your military career and raising a family with a monthly salary of P180.00?" was the reply. And the five "brave souls" shouted in unison "Bahala na si PAPA".

True enough, these risk-takers did their homework for the girls' PAPAs were formidable. You can do the matching yourself as I list them down:

A former Secretary of the Department of Commerce

A former Chief of Staff, AFP

A prominent doctor and well-known family of educators

A prominent family in Baguio whose patriarch could afford to play golf in a lifetime without working.

But the fifth in this batch of lovers wanted to be different by marrying the Head Nurse of the PMA Station Hospital, a first Lieutenant. We can congratulate these BANATS for applying their calculus.

It will be interesting to find out who among the members of CI '51 – "Origins", Associates, and Adopted – have their marriage still intact. We have the following couples:

- FVR and First Lady Ming
- Tony and Cora Abat
- Turing and Rosy Ferrer
- Jess and Lily Dizon
- Flor and Caring Magsino
- Danding and Gretchen Cojuangco
- Rome and Belinda Austria
- Mike and Tessie Villamor (Second Marriage)
- Beb's and Elma Regis (Second Marriage)
- Titoy and Gay Belen
- Delfin and Cora Castro
- Arnulfo and Cecile Bañez
- Edmundo and Estrella Enriquez

Another question. Who among the living BANATS married the girl who put on their Class rings during the traditional RING HOP? They are:

Tony and Cory Abat; and Jess and Lily Dizon

As you examine these two lists, you will notice the preponderance of "PANGALATOKS"

FVR is from Asingan Pangasinan

Cora Abat, Jess and Lily Dizon, and

Rome and Belinda are all from San Carlos Pangasinan

Turing Ferrer is from Mangaldan Pangasinan

How do you explain this? Ask FVR. For longevity he says, "Eat Bukayo," and for an enduring marriage, his advice is "just say, Yes Ma'am". For Jess Dizon he added an eleventh commandment "Love your neighbor's daughter".

Among the "origs" however, are two Visayans – Mike Villamor from Cebu and Bebs Regis from Leyte – who found the "fountain of youth" by marrying for the second time sweet, tender-loving teenagers. No wonder they can still troop (walk) the line in any Alumni homecoming.

At this point, the class would like to pay tribute to the heroines of their class. This tribute is most deserving and long overdue. I refer to the widows of the BANATS who had passed away. Anything that we will say or write about these women are understatements. We can only extol their grit, courage, determination, perseverance and their deep love for their children as they endeavored to provide them a home; support them through college; and still found time for social work and pursue their advocacies. It is an honor to write the names of these outstanding women of Class '51. They are:

- Myrna Bascon Aguirre
- Cristina Laconico Bueneventura
- Josefina Lagasca Sigua Mercado
- Jedi Ver Macabuhay
- Elvira Celso Alcosoba
- Ludy Astraquillo Ongkeko
- Luisa Agnasan Dela Cuesta
- Mercy Santiago Miravite
- Sylvia Duque Basas
- Natalia Rodil Atienza
- Lourdes Lopez Derpo
- Fe Lopez Pecache
- Fraternity Francia Tansingco
- Julie Garcia Diaz
- Norma de Jesus De Guzman

Chito Gaerlan Dumlaio
Eleanor Romero Evangelista
Rosario Faustino Paz
Fidelidad Fernandez Regis
Linda Balmaceda Calabio
Estela Bundang Escudero
Thelma Santos Espina
Bievenida Gonong Montoya
Alice Gavilan Dizon

The Class of '51 extends to them our heartfelt congratulations for a job well done and our prayers for their continued health and happiness. May they be role models for our children!

Now for the SOP Morning Report.

1. No change. No death. No marriages. No sick call. PWDs 99%
2. Flight to outer space cancelled indefinitely
3. All are directed to attend Myrna Aguirre's birthday bash on Monday, 27 March 2017 at her residence in Alabang at 1800H. Surprise gifts for the ladies. / JT Dizon



No news (good news) from our classmates. This means that all surviving members of the class remain as hale and hearty as they were as of our last report.

The Class celebrated the 65th anniversary of our graduation from PMA, last 19 March 2017 at the Talayan residence of Alice Reyes (widow of Rene), who graciously hosted all the activities of the day. Father Jerry M Orbos, SVD said mass and then presided over a very meaningful recollection. Alice served a sumptuous lunch which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Thank you very much, Alice.

There was a good turnout not only of classmates, spouses and widows, but also of the Cl'52 "brats." Present were Nene Del Mundo, Cora Gatmaitan and daughter Carina, Delfin and Enid Mendoza and daughter Pia, Letty Meim, Lolong and OP Nuguid, Manding Pacleb and two daughters, Cesar and Lily Pobre, Alice and son Rafael, Vigi and Sol Vigilar,

Vicky (daughter of Bob) Balanon and Amy Lactaotao. We all are now looking forward to celebrating our 70th anniversary, our Lord willing.

Cl'52 condoles with Cl'51 on the passing of Cav Amado "Agoy" Santiago, who passed away peacefully early last April. Agoy's children brought his remains from Trinidad, Benguet for the necrological services at the Camp Aguinaldo mortuary and interment at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.



Class '54 members in Metro Manila have dwindled. So we clustered with Classes '51, '52, and '53 for our monthly meetings increasing attendance to 20.

Usually, Class '54 is represented by Mante Bueno, president; Pat Lomongo, VP; Gopeng Gorospe, secretary; Pike Depakakibo, treasurer, and Joe Sorreta, OK-man.

Notably, only Mante and Pat wear their class ring while no one wears his wedding ring anymore. Finger joints have developed bukol or fingers have become too thin. Or they have forgotten they are married.

Sammy Ramos is the uncle of Mante. Uncle Sammy attends our meetings for six months then fly to Uncle Sam's domain (USA) and stay with Nena the rest of the year and to keep his green card active.

BTW, Sammy is our Class encyclopedia. Discuss anything under the sun and he has something say.

Dony Guzman resides in Germany. He estimates there in summer and winterizes in the Philippines. He travels long distance in spite of his bum knee.

Noy Gacis, our oldest, sleeps 26 hours a day (mostly) but he never fails to attend our Christmas/New Year celebrations when fireworks interrupt his snoozing.

Joe Guillem seldom shows up in our meetings. He lives in Aero Park and has no driver. Don't they have taxis there? Or airplanes?

Rex Resurreccion has not been attending too. Tita mentioned something fuzzy about his health.

Mezach Corpuz is engrossed in fattening his bangus in Ilocos Norte. Besides, it would take eight hours to motor to Manila. And besides, Pike will

not refund his fare.

Gene Duque, Butch Moreto, Cabby Cabinian, and Boy Ares are citizens under Donald Trump. And they are loyal to him.

Boy e-mailed this message 11 years ago:

"Everybody pays for his sin - my belief - and I've had a lot and, possibly, am still sinning more without intending to. I don't think the Almighty wants us to wait until we die. He/She has designed some kind of Hell in the here-and-now for each one of us. And some kind of Heaven, surprisingly, as well. Let's just say, He/She has a purpose for all of us. As U.S. Senator Obama says, enjoy the "pieces of heaven" God allows you...and I add, suffer the pieces of hell's charcoal, too."

Pat Lomongo underwent bone scan to check if all his bones are still there. Yes, they are, including his dentures.

Balle Ballesteros and Jun Borromeo live in Mindanao. Jun usually attends our reunions with boxes of durian. He comes from Davao City, the virtual capital of the republic. Yes, he travels long distance in spite of his pacemaker.

Pike dyed his hair white. Or is it natural? Whatever, we noticed that Daisy is always with him wherever he goes and sees to it that he brings his cane. How loving!

The '54 Clan including widows and 2nd generation brats observed its 63rd graduation anniversary on March 15 at Club Filipino, courtesy of Club members Pat and Lorna. The occasion was also a welcome for Joe Sorreta who arrived from Moscow and a celebration of the wedding anniversary of Mante and Glo. The affair was sweetened with envelopes containing the earnings of Class investments managed by Pike. The Class should confer on Pike the degree of Financial Wizardry, Honoris Casoy.

Widows who attended: Nita Punsalang, Lita Cepeda, Helen Ramos, Dee Muyargas, Terry Ballesteros, and Lydia with Dada. We also noted the presence of marine engineer Ajie Espinosa, eldest of the four Espinosa sons who are orphaned of both parents.

I am now 86. To counter the ravages of time, I walk around the block daily for half an hour. One afternoon, a young lady gazing intently at her cell phone approached from the opposite direction. We were in a collision course.

My PMA breeding whispered, "Be a gentleman. Give way."

But the DOM in me commanded. "Go ahead. Let her bang you."

You, dirty-mind you. What would you have done? //gopeng



On class gatherings

The class held its April affair at the Federal Seafood Restaurant on the 9th, which was Palm Sunday. The hosts were the couples Rene & Arfeli Ecarma and Muni & Odette Munoz.

As the guests started arriving, they were treated to bottles of red wine. Class prexy Buddy distributed to each member of the class a medallion with the class 55 seal on one side and the CCAFP (not PMA) seal on the other side. He also showed a wooden replica of our Griffin (half lion half eagle).

Eleven members of the class arrived with their ladies, namely: Betong & Maudie Alfabeto, Poncing Allanigue, Ros Alquiza, Dante & Zeny de Guzman, Buddy & Ione Mison, Johnny & Pilar Sanchez, Porfing Santos, Romy & Georgie Solina, Rene & Mila Tanseco, Vangie Rivera, Remy Facto, and the hosts.

Some 2nd and 3rd gen members also attended. They were Aaron Allanigue, RJ and Teena Alquiza, Munoz children and grandchildren, Lubang Mayor Bobby and Carol Sanchez, Facto children, and Dean Carlo Rivera.

The attendees savored the sumptuous Chinese buffet lunch. Muni ordered balut but, sorry, the one who used to procure the balut was in the province.

The May class affair was held on the 21st at the same venue, hosted by Porfing Santos (who was a no show) and Moy & Vangie Rivera.

Seven members of the class with their ladies and four widows attended. In addition to the host, they were Betong & Maudie, Ros, Dante & Zeny, Letty Jotie, Eva Miranda, Buddy, Lolit Parado, Johnny & Pilar, Estel Silva, Romy & Georgie, Rene & Mila, and Gigi Zaide.

The 2nd gen members present were Avi Alquiza, Sarah Miranda, Dean Carlo and Yvette Solina.

The next class gathering will be on 25 June to be held at the Aruga, Rockwell Center, Makati. Johnny & Pilar will be the hosts.

On Class 55 Foundation board meeting

The board had a regular meeting on 20 April, attended by president Buddy, Ros, Muni, Dante, Vangie, Leo and Binky. Taken up were scholarship, medical assistance and improvement of Grove 55.

The Foundation will get two scholars from Lubang to take up agriculture at the Tarlac Agricultural University starting SY 2017-18, with a yearly stipend of P10,000 each. Johnny, former Lubang mayor, will select the scholars.

The Board modified the policy on grant of increased medical assistance of P75,000 by giving an additional P25,000 to those earlier granted P50,000 who are sick again needing medical treatment or hospitalization. Noli Santua in Iloilo City was granted P75,000, and six others were each given additional P25,000.

On the proposed wooden griffin (5-feet long and 5-feet wing span) to be installed at the Grove 55, it was estimated to cost much, so it was suggested that we seek a generous donor, instead of charging it against the Foundation which would deplete its modest funds.

On sick bay

On 31 March, Tante Ochoco was evacuated by his son (Commo Ramon Ochoco '85) to the VMMC for some ailment. On 7 April, Ros paid him a visit at Room 322 (SND Suite) in Ward 21. He appeared in good spirit, but his caregiver revealed that he had to take his food through a tube direct to his stomach. Ros wished him well. Buddy also visited him on a weekend but he was out on pass.

The other classmate who has been there in VMMC since last year is Moy Rivera. He needs blood transfusion every so often.

Terry Suarez underwent surgery of the bile duct at the NKTl on 20 April. The procedure was successful and she is now out of the hospital. We pray for them to get well soon.

Rest in peace

As we go to press, we received word that Virgilio de Guzman passed away. He has not been attending our monthly class gatherings and we have not heard of him for some time. Our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to his widow Lynn and family. May his soul rest in peace. /raa



On 16 March 2017, our class grapevine pass-the-word that our baron, Rod Gutang, had passed away. Pending arrangements, his cadaver was placed at the Angels Chapel in Antipolo City and transferred to the LNMB Mortuary on 19 March. Necro services were held on the evening of 22 March and interment with full military honors was done at 1200H, 23 March 17.

Rod was the 31st casualty of the class leaving behind 23 bodos weathering the passage of time in their mid-eighties. The eulogies were given by 2 relatives and 2 mistahs (Mel Goyena and Mon Farolan) at the necro services at the LNMB Mortuary attended by relatives and friends of his children in Camp Crame who were also PC brats. The necro ceremonies ended with our class prexy giving the abuloys from the class fund and PMAAA. He was buried with graveside honors at 12 noon the next day.

To celebrate the 65th year of our report to duty at Loakan, PMA on 1 April 1952, the April Group (Arevalo, Bello, Almonte, Corachea, Lara, Mangonon, Tolentino, Ordoyo and Villanueva) under the baton of Mac Macabasco hosted lunch for mistahs/ wives/widows at the



Gloria Maris Resto in Greenhills, now the class favorite fine dining venue. Present to savor the dishes personally selected by Emma Corachea, the class first lady, were Mike and Rose Aparri, Mila Barlaan, Tess Calip, Paul and Daly Canalita, Ching and Emma Corachea, Romy and Pili David, Tony Fernando, Mel and Pat Goyena, Olac and Susie Lazo, Mac and Aida Macabaco, Levy and Nora Malto, Tom and Lulu Manlongat, Guzz and Lolit Mateo, Patot Pairo, Lily Pio Roda, Juliet Suarez, Rudy and Lily Tolentino, Plet Brillantes and Pat Lucero, who brought lots of A1 daing from his fishing business for dole out to every member of the class.

Having just barely bid goodbye to Rod Gutang, Joe Bello, the class No. 1 graduate, the corps Bow Wow and roommate of Rod, expired from a lingering disease on 4 April 2017, right on the day of our graduation 61 years ago on

4 April 1956 (as if planned). His cadaver was laid to rest at the De La Strada church in Katipunan Ave. in QC where an informal necro service was held on 7 April 2017. Levy Malto, Mel Goyena, Ching Corachea, Olac Lazo and Mon Farolan rendered endearing praises about Jobel followed by tales of a loving father and lolo from his children and apos. After the necro, the attendees were treated to a nice dinner at the function room of the mortuary with lots of eats brought along by his family. His body was transported to Tarlac, Tarlac, the next morning and buried with grave side military honors in the family mausoleum in the Tarlac cemetery. Only Levy Malto and Ching Corachea attended the Tarlac burial. Rod and Jobel would be up there most likely sharing the same cubicle again with Ben Nicolas, who had gone earlier, waiting to welcome the duo. Only Levy Malto of the

corps Bn staff is left behind golfing on his Wednesday regulars with his buddies.

The youngest member of the class is now Tony Fernando, not because Jimmy Venago had already passed away. After being third degreed to tell the truth, Tony admitted that he was born in 29 August 1935, seven months younger than Jimmy, born in 17 Jan 35.

Each time a member of the class is demised, the brunt of the leg and brain work of notifying living mistahs and widows, getting the abuloys, buying wreaths, preparing programs and letters of condolences, coordinating with families of the deceased, etc., are carried out by the class prexy (Ching Corachea) and the sexytary (Levy Malto) that are no longer easy tasks to do at ages 87 and 85, respectively. The class is indeed lucky to have them able to do these jobs good to the last drop for our departed comrades.



60th Graduation Anniversary

The Class of 1957 celebrated its 60th Graduation Anniversary last 23 April 2017 instead of its actual graduation date of 16 April 1957 because it fell on our commemoration of the Holy Week.

The day started at 1030H with a Thanksgiving Mass and prayers for the departed members and spouses. After the mass, the Brats'57, Inc. had a video presentation where glimpses of the lives of the class members from their cadet days, their military service or civilian service and retirement were shown in a huge screen

with an impressive sound system to boot. It was indeed so nice to see those activities of yesteryears and the notice changes in physical looks of each member...some looks of which were totally different from 60 years ago.

Lunch was then served while music was played and sang by Arminio Estallilla who does so regularly for the class on special occasions. After lunch, Ed Ermita led the class in singing the old favorites we used to sing during mess periods in the academy mess hall like Hi Lili- Hi lo, Copenhagen, plebe song, etc..

The Cadet Prayer was read by Rene de Villa. It elicited comments from members who recalled how they were given punishments whenever they failed to memorize the Prayer word by word. Punishments varied from writing the Cadet Prayer 50 times to drinking glasses of water whenever errors were committed

in reciting it.

We were pleasantly surprised by the presence of Nick Duque whom we have missed for so long. He was accompanied by his lovely daughter Carmen. Also, with us from Quezon were Bobby and Jhum Yapdiangco.

In between singing, prizes were raffled which were solicited from class members by Companies "A" and "B" who jointly hosted the affair. Everyone went home happily with a prize.

Highlight of the affair is the attendance of the members, spouses, widows and widowers totaling about 60. The officers of Brats' 57, Inc. and some children also attended.

As added information, the class at this date have 40 living members and 37 mistahs who left have joined our Creator. The bulk of the living members are in their early eighties.



Gen Ed & Mrs Elvie Ermita 80th birthday of Elvie Manila Polo Club.



(L-R Class'57 Ladies) Merla Basco, Mary Ann Templo, Naty Dayan, Elvie E (celebrant- standing), Ching Ramirez, Pat Jardiniano (in front).



(L-R) Seated: Rem Gopez, Oca Zalamea, Ed Ermita, Mrs. Laid dela Cruz, Benjie dela Cruz; Standing behind: Jun Tan- Gatue, Rene de Villa, Felix Brawner.



(L-R) Onchie Mendoza, Ador de Guzman, Cesar Tapia, Vic Buenaventura.

Elvie@80

Last May 1, 2017, the Cavaliers attended the 80th birthday party of Elvie Ermita, the lovely wife of Ed Ermita, in a summer-themed dinner-dance event held at the Manila Polo Club. The Cavaliers57, the Brats '57 officers, and the family and close friends of the celebrant enjoyed music of 50's and 60's of the Rocking 60's Band. After the sumptuous dinner, the program began with a bouquet parade from the grandchildren, followed by a beautiful

audio visual presentation featuring the life of Elvie. The highlight of the night was Asia's Queen of Songs, Pilita Corrales, who gamely sang Visayan songs with Ed as well as with the family's resident tenor. The Cavaliers then serenaded the birthday celebrant with "Cadet Girl". Tributes were given by Edwin, the eldest child, and of course, Ed, who was given only 7 minutes to speak. The 7 minutes extended to half an hour, as Ed narrated how he met Elvie, got married, and how Elvie successfully hurdled

challenges of raising the family through her resourcefulness and good business sense while Ed embarked on his military career. Indeed, as they say, behind every successful man.... is a very exhausted wife. Belated Happy Birthday, Elvie!

Late information: We sadly wish to announce the demise of our youngest member, Commodore Rogelio Dayan who left us last 15 May 2017. He entered the Academy 1 April 1957, a month before he turned 17 years of age.



CL AGUSTIN
President
PC GARCIA
Secretary

PMA'59 fellowship lunch was held at Inagiku Japanese Resto Shangri-La Makati 12 noon on Tues 9 May.

In attendance were Del Abaya, Chuck Agustin, Nick Festin, Jackie. Desquitado, Jess Alcordo, Eddie Garcia, Max Dumlaog, Mike Abaya and Buster Arrastia. We missed 3 who were supposed to come: Benny Lomotan, who begged off due to lack of driver; likewise, with Bobby Fernandez and Timmy Imperial. Hope they're ok.

Jess briefed us in the progress of his revolutionary project and agreed to help put up a class corporation to operate one power plant unit in an appropriate community, which Chuck Agustin suggested to be at Lubang Island, Mindoro.

Del Abaya meanwhile showed the class a visionary Ayala Land joint venture urban development project in his bailiwick, the Kawit-Noveleta-Rosario Cavite coastal area. These are two interesting future developments which will be extremely exciting for the future.

Del also talked about his visit to California last month in which he met Jim and Cora Zumel at a dinner in SFO. The couple are determined to come home within the year or two, it seems.



OB SALIENTES
President
MP PANES JR
Secretary

We were supposed to have our 57th anniversary—26 April 2017-- to coincide with the blessing of Sting Carino's new house at Ayala Greenfields in Calamba. Unfortunately it is not finished yet. We celebrated it in Buta-Wagyu Restaurant

in SM Aura, BGC. In attendance were Pete and Mameng Sistoza and Jun Balbas who are here in country from the USA. The other attendees were Inday and Orly Salientes, Loven and Jenny Abadia, TG and Lina Fajardo, Pong and Jessie Panes, Ernie and Amy Arzaga, Sting and Fannie Carino.

Our main topic of discussion is our coming diamond anniversary in 2020 which is only 3 years from now. The only funds we have now is the Class 60 Ladies Fund. Some ideas thrown around are the following:

1. Classmates who are decided to attend should make their intentions to do so as soon as possible. Please contact our class president Orly Salientes.
2. Everybody to provide their own ride to and from Baguio.
3. We will stop funding our expensive



traditional Christmas affair and save the Ladies Fund, invest it. The money will solely be used to fund our hotel stay at the Manor in Baguio where breakfast is included. All other expenses will be KKB. We will continue our traditional Christmas party and have it in NIU Vikings KKB as we are doing it now

4. I have volunteered to write our PMA 60 Diamond Jubilee Sword, a simple one. All I need from each of you is a one-page of pictures and a simple write up of whatever you want to write about your career, family and what not. Put it in a USB and give it to me. I will do the rest in my computer.

5. The men will wear any dark suit with a gold necktie. The women will have to decide among themselves their attire.

6. The men will not march. Perhaps one or two volunteers will march with the class flag.

If any of you have any reactions/suggestions to the above, please email Orly Salientes about it.



MB MARIANO
President
RL LOGAN
Secretary

CCLASS '62's 55TH (EMERALD) ANNIVERSARY AND FIRST QUARTER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. Our class was graduated on 26 March 1962. Although we celebrated our emerald anniversary at PMA last February as one of the host classes during the PMA alumni reunion, the class decided to commemorate this significant event in Manila as close as possible to our graduation day. So Saturday, March 25, it was, at AFPCOC. Class president Nano hosted the event. And it happened to be his birthday, too. Twenty nine classmates and ladies came to this class gathering which was themed "continuous camaraderie and loyalty through the years." The roll call: past president Boy Abadia, class prexy Nano Mariano and Lolit, Glo Adiong, Paco and Linda Atayde, Quintin and Luz Alcudia, Dave Alimorong, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Ernie and Hazel Dauz, Divine and Marian Divinagracia, Terry Domalaon, Mara Enrile, Maury Evangelista, Ed and Glo'w Fernandez, Freddie and Methy Filler, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Nanie Jover, Ray Logan,



Class '62 and their ladies at the 55th (emerald anniversary) celebration.



Former custodians or spouses of the Sword of the Black Panther (Lisandro "Boy" Abadia, Mara Enrile, and Maura Soriano) turn over the sword to its new custodian Manuel "Nano" Mariano.



A toast to the birthday celebrants for the first quarter.

Al and Ching Lumibao, Budge and Alma Madamba, Evelyn Maniago, Romy and Linda Meana, Rene Motus, James and Vicky Ramon, Tito and Heidi Rimando, Manny and Vicky Salimbangon, Silver Silverio, Maura Soriano, Felix Tong, and Nonie Zabala.

Gathering at AFPCOC'S Dimalupig Hall B, the celebration began with a thanksgiving mass celebrated by the AFP Chief of Chaplains Brig. Gen. Tirso Dolina. Thereafter, lunch and fellowship followed. Aside from the sumptuous lunch, Nano and Lolit also brought a huge tuna which was amply distributed around as sashimi. Joel and Rio also brought a bilao of pancit. Those who brought wine were Quintin and Luz, Amaury, and Ray. The class brought

the birthday and emerald anniversary cakes. Everyone brought their appetites.

Lunch done, a short programme followed. Tito gave the welcome remarks tracing the history of the class and citing important statistics and achievements. After the "happy birthday song" the birthday celebrants Nano, Lolit, Marian, Luz, Glo A., Maury, Freddie, James, Romy M., Ernie, and Rene, blew the candles of the cake and the first toast was offered to them. A toast was also given to class '62 after the candle blowing of the emerald anniversary cake. In between toasts, we were treated to a presentation in the form of duets by Brig. Gen. Felix Brawner, class '57 and his wife Rita, representing the AGFO ladies. Another

entertainment number was also given by a member of PMA class '92 which the class adopted during their graduation twenty-five years back.

Another highlight of the 55th anniversary was the transfer of the "Sword of the Black Panther" to the new and fourth custodian. This sword is entrusted to the member of the class who occupies the highest government position with the custodian pledging to steer, inspire, and look after the class. The former custodians - first sword custodian Boy Abadia, second custodian Boy Enrile (represented by Mara), and third custodian Orly Soriano (represented by Maura) presented the Sword of the Black Panther to the fourth custodian and incumbent class president Nano Mariano. Acceptance of the sword was followed by remarks from Nano. Accepting the responsibility that goes with being the custodian, he pledged

to carry on the tradition started by his predecessors. He also enunciated his program as the new president of class 62 which was received with enthusiasm by the class. The speech done, Tito invited the class for a toast for health and long life of Nano the new sword custodian and class president.

As a fitting end to the program, the class gave a robust toast to their alma mater after which they sang "PMA O Hail to Thee."

Farewell Alberto "Custer" Castro. Custer passed away after a lingering illness last 12 March at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, QC. Custer was with Alfa Coy during his cadet days where he excelled in humanities and social sciences. He was the editor in chief of the Class 62 Sword. Joining the PC upon graduation, he transferred to the PNP upon the dissolution of the Constabulary. He served the AFP and PNP with distinction

and in achieving his mission, he always looked after the welfare of his officers and men. These deeds and acts of kindness to his subordinates were recalled by a subordinate officer Van Luspo, Class '75 in his eulogy during the necrological services at a chapel II, St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori, Magallanes Village, Makati. His bosom friend Nick Custodio recounted their days as cadets and in the service as both joined the PC and PNP. Class president Nano gave the eulogy for the class after which he invited the class to render their last salute to their departed comrade. Marsha De Castro Cruz, Custer's daughter delivered the response in behalf of the family. Custer's cremated remains were interred at Iligan City where he had established residence after retirement. Custer is survived by his wife Annette and children Barbara, Baron, Bernadette, Marsha, and Baby Ann. (JRRIMANDO)



GR RUIZ
President
RLP EBRO
Secretary

Rainy season greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963. Again, we are looking forward to our Emerald Anniversary (55th year) in February 2018, about 8 months from now. Preparations for this event are underway.

From the Corporate Secretary's logbook our activities are as follows:

24 March 2017 – 55th Graduation Day Anniversary

The class trooped to Niu Vikings 6th Flr, SM Aura – Taguig City. Those who came were Bill Ruiz, Ebor and Flor Ebro, Jimmy and

Brenda Ileta, Ed and Jeanie Batenga, Bigboy and Anabelle Adriano, Rudy and Offie Javier, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Monette and Ester Ong, Ding and Zeny Salipsip, Amy and Angel Ylagan, Kid and Lina Medina, Billy and Rose Enerio, Bob and Yayang Manlongat, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Pert and Inday Andaya, Ardy and Beth Abaya, Inyong and Erlin Reyes, Bumi Bumanglag, Rolly and Luz Espejo, Arnie Acedera, Gaps Sabarre, Ide Tillah, Aida Mayo, Ching Saavedra and daughter Irma, and Naty Laput.

04 May 2017 - Birthday of Lino (Kid) Medina

The 4th picture shows Kid Medina and his one and only kaydet girl Angelina and his well-wishers in his natal day.

11 May 2017 - 1st Quarterly BIRC Fellowship Meeting

GOHAS was Hon Silvestre H Bello III, Secretary, DOLE and Cav Melchor P Rosales '68, Chairman & CEO, PMAAAI as inducting officer. Invitations have been sent to our BIRCI members.

14 May 2017 – Mother's Day

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 greets all mothers/grandmothers for this wonderful day.

Birthday Celebrants May-June 2017

The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend our warmest greetings, good life and may you have more birthdays to come.

May: Lino Noble - 3, Lino Medina - 4, Angie Villamor (+) - 17, Susie Sabarre - 25. June: Baby Domondon - 3, Gie Aquino - 7, Bob Manlongat - 7, Maning Estrada - 8, Marga Lacson - 10, Brenda Ileta - 29. (18121605).



4 May 2017 Kid Medina's Birthday celebration @ Buffet 101 Glorietta with PMA Class '63 mistaha and ladies



24 March 2017 PMA Matindi Class '63 Graduation Anniversary @NIU by Vikings SM Aura



CP MARIANO
President
OT CABANLIG
Secretary

There is not much class '64 summer activities for the past months particularly the usual summer outings that the class used to do. Some classmates like Rey Reyes and Terry de la Cruz spent their time visiting their children in continental US. Our classmates residing abroad prefer spending their summer time in the Philippines. Among them are Winston Arpon, Guzi de Guzman, Ernie Padilla and Jorge Agcaoili. Louie Bareng opted to permanently stay in Philippines being a dual citizen of US and Philippines. SaludSaludores spent a short time in

Philippines to update his AFP pension record.

The class '64 ladies however, are more actively organizing their own outings for the past months. There were three scheduled outings that they have organized namely fishpond of Guzi de Guzman in Pampanga, Palawan (courtesy of Nene Ison), and lately Quezon Province. Some of class '64 gentlemen joined their respectively spouses during the outings. May 01, was a special and memorable day particularly for the original class '64 members. It was during this day that the original members entered the portal of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) to be cadets. Some of the members thought that the reception is enjoying and never expected that it was rough sailing. Last May 02, the class '64 members celebrated this reception event with a lunch at

Vikings in SM Aura, Bonifacio Global City. The occasion was spearheaded by Clem Mariano with Rey Reyes and Terry de la Cruz in support.

The number of original class '64 who were received was eighty (80) and with this original only twenty-five made it.

Happy Birthday to the following May-June birthday celebrants;

- RollyPabellano
- Ben Labre
- Terry de la Cruz
- Louie Bareng
- Rene Garcia

MA LEONARDO
President
EP NARTATEZ
Secretary

GREETINGS FROM THE PMA MULAWIN CLASS OF 1965!!

The Class celebrated its 52nd Graduation Anniversary last March 28, 2017 with a Get together buffet dinner at Sambokojin Resto located at the 3rd floor of SM Mega, EDSA Mandaluyong City. It was also a party for all MULAWINS/Ladies who are birthday celebrants for the 1st quarter. Those who made it to this affair were Mike and Elvie Leonardo; Ofring and Lita Marcelo; Honey Fernandez accompanied by son Colonel Sandy Fernandez PMA Class 1991 with his family; Joey Mendoza; Warly and Heidi Chee; Dianne Malig; Ricky and Paloming Papa; Roger and Gloria Bergado; Tirso and Margie Rosal; Noli and Chit Fabic; Tates and Lynn Nartatez; Vi Santos; Joe and Janette Lapus; Jomari Solquillo; Egay and





PMAFI TRUSTEES CALL ON CSAFP (18 April 2017, OCSAFP, GHQ)

1. CSAFP Cav Eduardo M Año '83 administers the Oath of Office of the trustees of the PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) during their call on 18 April 2017 at OCSAFP, GHQ, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C.
2. Cav Año, center, poses with the trustees. From left to right: Cav Gener P Del Rosario '85 (PMA Commandant), Cav Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88, Cav Florentino P Manalastas Jr '83, Cav Jose Maria G Solquillo '65, Cav Jaime S De Los Santos '69, Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55, Cav Anselmo S Avenido 67 (Chairman), Cav Año, Cav Rufino G Ibay Jr '67 (President), Cav Rene Leandro P Ebro '63 (Treasurer), Cav Jose C Lapus '65 (Vice Chairman), Cav Rafael S Romero '73 (Auditor), Cav Joseph P Villanueva '85, Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66 and Cav Donato B San Juan II '84 (PMA Supt).

BIRCI 1st QUARTER FELLOWSHIP (11 May 2017, AFPCOC)

- 3-4. Directors, members and guests sing the National Anthem at the start of the Fellowship program on 11 May 2017 at the Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo.
5. PMAAAI Chairman and CEO Cav Melchor P Rosales '68, administers the oath of office of the BIRCI Directors. From left to right: Cav Rosales, Cav Jaime S delos Santos '69 (Chairman), Cav Rodolfo G Garcia '70 (President), Cav Edgardo B Aglipay '71 (Vice-President), Cav Danilo M Servando '81, Cav Tristan M Kison '79 and Cav George Q Piano '78 (Auditor).
6. Cav Rosales delivers his message after inducting the Directors of BIRCI.
7. DOLE USEC for Legal, Legislative and International Affairs Atty Claro A Arellano represents the Guest of Honor (GOH) DOLE Sec. Silvestre H Bello III.
- 8-10. Former Senator and Congressman Cav Rodolfo G Biazon '61 and lawyer Cav Mariano R Santiago '67, share their sentiments and recommendations on the peace process, which USEC Arellano gamely answers to the satisfaction of the attendees.



ACTIVITIES

11. USEC Arellano receives a BIRCI memento from BIRC Chairman De Los Santos (extreme left), PMAAAI Chairman Rosales (second from right) and BIRCI President Garcia (extreme right).

PETFI PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARS (02 June 2017, AFPCOC)

- 12. To start the program attended by scholars and their parents/guardians, Cav Avenido delivers the Welcome Remarks
- 13. PETFI Guest of Honor Cav Archie Francisco F Gamboa '86, Chief of Directorial Staff, PNP, administers the oath of office to the trustees. From left to right: Cav Gamboa, Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 (Chairman), Cav Jose C Lapus '65 (President), Cav Rene Leandro P Ebro '63 (Vice-President), Cav Rufino G Ibay '67 (Treasurer), Cav Anselmo S Avenido '67, Cav Jose Maria G Solquillo '65, Cav Fredelino S Bautista '66 and Cav Rodolfo R Rabago '68.
- 14. Cav Gamboa congratulates the trustees after administering their oath of office.
- 15. New scholar Ms Isabella Marie N Macalintal (extreme right) daughter of Cav Fortunato A Macalintal '85 receives a PETFI certification as a new high school scholar of the Foundation from Cav Gamboa. Looking on are Cav Lapus and Cav Alquiza.
- 16. Ms Geniah Laureen Aguinaldo, daughter of late Cav Rodolfo E Aguinaldo '72, receives a certificate as PETFI scholar graduate of BS Psychology, San Beda College.
- 17-18. The trustees, students and parents are all ears as Cav Gamboa delivers his speech and promises to donate/solicit scholarship funds to the Foundation from the PNP and his classmates.
- 19. Cavaliers Alquiza, Lapus and Solquillo are all smiles as the Guest of Honor cracks a joke on The Travel Book, a memento from the Foundation.
- 20-21. PETFI scholars from all levels join Cav Gamboa, Cav Alquiza and Cav Lapus for a photo session, as the parents look on.

Dina Velasco; Rolly Cauton and Enri and Celia Bulan.

Fifty two (52) years after graduation from the PMA on March 28, 1965, twenty four (24) members are no longer around to celebrate with us important milestones in our lives and careers. So far the thirty four (34) remaining are all in the running for the position of LMS with Tisoy Rosal claiming he has the advantage in terms of age and health although our latest retiree, Jess Toling says he should be the one as he is always full of love.. By the way, of the 24 who have gone ahead, 10 were from the PC/PNP; 6 from the PA and 4 each from ther PAF and PN.

The Class again was in mourning early April this year with the death of Malu Alejandro who just two weeks before she died one of her sons died, and it was really a double tragedy to the Alejandro family.. Malu was the widow of Mulawin BERNARDO ALEJANDRO, one of the 10 from the PC/PNP who have gone ahead .

To all birthday celebrants this May and June, we wish all HAPPY BIRTHDAY and may you have more to come: Class Prexy Mike Leonardo -- May 8; Nick Lugtu -- June 16; Romy Malig (+) -- June 14; Al Mora (+) -- May 9; Ed Nepomuceno (+) ---May 9; illy Nicolas (+) -- May 13; Ricky Papa -- May 18; Tates Nartatez --June 9; Benson Rimando -- June 10; Mike Perena (+) -- June 18; Rex Robles -- May 2; Tirso Rosal -- May 12; May Sacro --May 24; ; Mely Tapia -- June 5; June Tucay -- May 30 and Daisy Tucay -- May 31..




MP ESPEJO
President
FS BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Marami na ang nagtatanong kung kailan lalabas ang Class 1966 Golden Sword o ang Class 1966 Family Story. Noong una, ang sagot, malapit na. Ngayon, may mas magandang sagot: Sa Hunyo. Sinisikap ni Editor in Chief Bert Sabularse at ng iba pang kasapi ng Editorial Staff na maiwasto ang mga “grammatical errors” na sumusulpot pa rin kahit na nadaanan na. Gusto rin ng Editorial Staff na matapos na ang aklat upang mapaghandaan naman ang Diamond Anniversary sa taong 2026.

PMA PAYBACK SCHEME

For Class 1966, it has devised a Payback Model which started during its Golden Anniversary of graduation in 2016,



Louie and April Fernandez family poses in front of the new statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the PMA Chapel which the family donated in continuation of the commemoration of the Golden Anniversary of graduation of Class 1966 in 2016.

which it has continued up to the present. For year 2017, in coordination with PMA authorities, the Class donated signages of the Alma Mater Song and Plebe Song,



The Honor Code Monument, the first of its kind ever set up inside Fort Del Pilar conceptualized by Louie, is dedicated to the cadets to inspire them to live up to the values instilled by the Academy. April joins Louie in a pose for posterity.



The ladies at the Espejo farm in Amadeo, Cavite. Foreground: Fe Cuison, Susan Gador. Back row (l-r): Paz Bautista, Edna Gopilan, Elsie Rivera, Portia Varona, Cena Millena, Leonor Espejo, Fe Sabularse, Margie Galon and Sylvia Agudelo.



Temi Arugay (center) is given a surprise party by children, brothers and other relatives.



Birthday boy Temi Arugay poses with Class'66 spouses. Not in the picture are the male sixty-sixers.



Birthday celebrator Noli Espejo blows a candle at Claw Daddy, Hi Street, Bonifacio Global City (left frame). At right frame from left to right: Temi Arugay, Ben Espejo, Noli Espejo, Bing Rivera, Fred Bautista, Bert Varona, Louie Fernandez, Pons Millena and Bert Sabularse.



Class Sixty-six Vets and Associates directors and officers during their April 27, 2017 board meeting at NARAA, Camp Aguinaldo.



Right Frame- Glo and family commemorates death of Rene Domingo on 10 May 2017 at Heritage Park, Taguig City. They are joined by some sixty-sixers and spouses (left frame).



Cavalier Prayer Monument and Honor Code Monument. Mistah Louie Fernandez is the program conceptualizer of all these continuing projects, with the help of many mistahs, most notably, Leo Alvez, Edd Santos, and Class President Noli Espejo who all provided the major supporting fires. Louie and April Fernandez families were also responsible for the major undertakings in the PMA Chapel, most especially, the replacement of the statues of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Blessed Virgin Mary, the erection of the St. Ignatius de Loyola Monument and the latest of which, the Stations of the Cross around the Chapel. The Class considers all these, a small contribution to the PMA in gratitude to the education and training it has provided to them in the past.

SUMMER OUTING

The clamor for a Class summer outing is still alive but it seems it has not generated sufficient interest for a large-scale activity in the likes of those held in the past at Rec Sarmiento's Ouan Resort in Lucena, Quezon and the visit of Maritime Academy of Asia Pacific of Edd Santos, the first and still President, who developed its systems a la PMA. Nevertheless, some sixty-sixers and spouses managed to visit Noli Espejo's farm in Amadeo, Cavite. In fact, there were two trips made, one was on 25 March 2017, in celebration of Leonor's birthday (March 26). The latest was on 22 April which also turned out to be a birthday celebration of sorts for Noli (18 April) and Bay Galon (22 April).

Those who braved the heat and traffic to attend the instant birthday celebrations on 22 April: Noli and Leonor Espejo with daughter Mara, Pons and Cena Millena, Bing and Elsie Rivera, Fred and Paz Bautista, Bert and Fe Sabularse, Bay and Margie Galon, Sylvia Agudelo, Beth Payumo, Portia Varona, Edna Gopilan,

Susan Gador, Ben Espejo, Toots Totanes, Menong Garcia, and Ding Wenceslao. Those who were around on 25 March were practically the same people but included Dolly Lachica and Cel Espejo.

OTHER CLASS ACTIVITIES

There were other activities of the Class which have not been reported in the Class Call. On 11 March 2017, Temi Arugay whose birthday fell on 10 March was given a surprise birthday lunch by his children at Dad's Restaurant EDSA Mandaluyong. Fred Bautista and Noli Espejo were asked by daughter Arlene to "roast" their Dad. Noli preferred to call his talk advanced eulogy.

On 17 March 2017, Tess Reyes held a memorial mass and dinner to commemorate the birthday of late Mistah Angie Reyes at their residence in AFPOVAL, Taguig City. Available classmates, mostly residing in Cavalry Hill Village and former

close associates while in the service were around. Then, last April 21, Louie Fernandez hosted a dinner at Claw Daddy Resto, Bonifacio High Street, Bonifacio Global City in honor of Noli and Bay. This restaurant specializes in big lobsters and crabs, which explains the joint pains the next day among some of those who attended. Those who responded to Louie's invitation: Noli Esejo, Ben Espejo, Fred Bautista, Temi Arugay, Bert Sabularse, Bart Varona, Bing Rivera and Pons Millena.

At Heritage Park, some sixty-sixers and spouses joined Glo Domingo and family to commemorate the death anniversary of Mistah Rene on 10 May 2017.

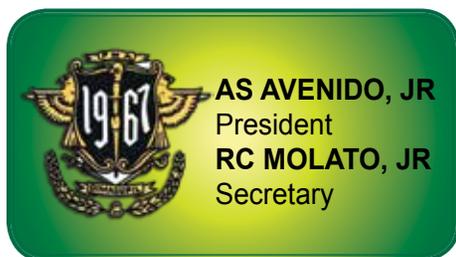
A more serious activity held by some members of the Class who are key personalities advocating veteranism was the board meeting on 27 April of the Sixty-Six Veterans and Associates, Inc. at the NARAA building, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. In attendance were Directors Filomeno

Garcia, Vice President; Artemio Arugay, Auditor/Acting Secretary; Bing Rivera and Fred Bautista; Directors. The President of the Association is BGen Michelangelo Siscar AFP (Ret), a top official of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

We end this issue of the Cavalier Magazine with the usual wishes for long life and good health for the birthday celebrators for May and June. For May – Charlie Batayola (22 May), Reynaldo Gopilan (29 May), Buddy Perez (26 May), Tony Romero (3 May), Raul Urgello (5 May) and Simeon Cruz (22 May). For June – Andres Andres (01 June), Bert Sabularse (8 June), Rec Sarmiento (27 June), Oscar Barrientos (16 June), Roly Dela Cuesta (5 June), Elsie Rivera (9 June), Edna Bello (12 June), Dee Cagurangan (13 June), and Agie Bantolo (23 June).

Happy birthday, fellow senior citizens!



AS AVENIDO, JR
President
RC MOLATO, JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the March – April 2017 period:

19 March – We graduated from PMA exactly on this day 50 years ago. So, we held our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) on this same day at the AFP Museum, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The affair started with a Thanksgiving Mass officiated by Fr Fernando Suarez. Our lunch was hosted by Manny-Maryrose Dalipe, Jun-Ronnie Ibay, and Nic-Glo Parena as a way of celebrating with the Class the birthdays of Nic (20 March), Jun (21), and Manny (31).

06 April – Nenie Abendan, Alice Averilla, Ernie-Dinsay Dionisio, Orville-Linz Gabuna, Rody-Graise Gaerlan, Mar-Mely Gatmaitan, and Bert-Ruby Torres hosted our DMF (lunch) at Sambokojin resto, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Their hosting was for the birthdays of Alice (9 April), Nenie (12), Bert (16), Rody (18), Orville (20), Mar (26), and Dinsay (28).

B. Watch out for our schedule for the May – June 2017 period, onwards, as follows:

26 May (0930H) —DMF to be hosted by Joy Casillan and family at Heroes Grill, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, QC.

June—DMF to be hosted by Ross and Mandie Sibal.

July – DMF to be hosted by Letty Baula and Jovy-Baby Sales.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We extend our congratulations to Jun Avenido and Jun Ibay on their reelection as Chairman and President, respectively, of the PMA Foundation, Inc (PMAFI) for AY 2017-2018. Our Class is among the few PMA Classes that have 100% membership in the Foundation.

Last April, Alex De Guzman was rushed to the Cornel Medical Center, Antipolo City, for Transient Ischemic Attack (mild stroke). He stayed there for five days. According to him, he was already in the pre-departure area, but God cancelled his flight. He has fully recovered.

The Air Force Cavaliers tendered a Testimonial Dinner in honor of the Air Force Dimasupils last 18 April at Villamor Air Base, Pasay City, for having joined the PAF fifty years ago.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Romy and Merle Odi celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last 25 March at the Sampaguita Gardens, QC. Yes, they got married just a few days after Romy's graduation from PMA!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who celebrate their birthdays in May and June: Auring Garcia (6 May), Agnes Avenido (7), May Garcia (15), Jun Gabison (24), Noemi Casillan (26), Ida Aquino (28), Ed Galang (30), Meds Reyes (30), Tante Torrechante (1 June), Joy Casillan (11), Abe Din (15), Ross Sibal (16), Walter Briones (17), Beth Santiago (19), Louie Sanchez (21), and Cora Din (30).

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

The final printing of our Golden Sword will be in June. Please make sure that you have submitted the required pictures and write-ups and reviewed the printed draft of your write-ups, otherwise the Sword Committee will do whatever is appropriate to fill up the space allotted for you. Our P10K contribution entitles us to one free copy of the book and one extra page (in the ads portion). Additional copies will be P5K each. Please inform the Committee immediately as to how many copies you want to order as basis for determining the total number of copies to be printed.

The "First Dimasupil-Rotary Golf Cup" will be held on 16 June at the Wack-Wack Golf Club, Mandaluyong City. Considering that this will be a joint fund-raising

activity of our Class and the Rotary Club of Makati North, we are enjoined to submit names of would-be sponsors to our Class Coordinators Sergs Austria and Bernie Patino or to Jun Avenido immediately.

Regarding the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on September 24 - October 2 organized by Fr Suarez, those who would like to join are requested to contact Fritz Buendia of Supersonic Travel (CP# 0922-856-0162) immediately.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!



On March 16, 2017, the class celebrated its 49th Graduation Anniversary. Class members and ladies first assembled at the Bishop's chapel near Gate 6 of Camp Aguinaldo for the 4 PM Memorial mass in honor of departed class members and ladies. The activity was coordinated and arranged by Rhodie Gazmin with the Office of the Chief Chaplain, AFP.

After the mass, everybody proceeded to Gloria Maris in Greenhills for the 6 PM dinner.

The following attended the mass and dinner: Mel & Millette Rosales, Willy & Isay Nuqui, Volts & Rhodie Gazmin, Bobby & Purita Santiago, Nori & Candy Azcueta, MJ & Bernie De Leon, Sonny & Luth Penilla, Hector & Peewee Tarrazona, Dante & Julie Ruiz, Abe & Roxanne Abiol, Oskie & Gigi Cabaron, Rudy & Arlene Rabago, Alex & Shirley Costales, Cris Francisco, Art Carrillo, Rene Santos, Diomeng Villanueva with daughter Mayumi, Hilda Fajardo, Celia Canson, Tess Pangantihon, and Tita Pangan. The coordination for the reservation and dinner menu was made by Mel Rosales. As usual, Volts Gazmin brought drinks to the delight of Bravo "Patis" lovers! The Memorial mass and dinner celebration was indeed very successful.

On March 25, 2017, Bobby Santiago celebrated his Mar 28 birthday at the Sierra Madre Resort-Hotel owned by Ret BGen Sid Fajardo near their Home in Tanay, Rizal. It was held at one of the newly built structures, Santo Nino hall, overlooking the Sierra Madre mountains. Among his

guests were CMs and ladies namely: Mel & Millette Rosales, Willy & Isay Nuqui, Nori & Candy Azcueta, Sonny & Luth Penilla, Dante & Julie Ruiz, Oskie & Gigi Cabaron, Rudy & Arlene Rabago, Alex & Shirley Costales, Art Carrillo, Cris Francisco with son and family, Hilda Fajardo, Tita Pangan, Tess Pangantihon, and Bebot Madayag with son, Strawberry and wife, Also joining the CMs and ladies were Sid and Dr Bobsky Fajardo and Ret Gen Alex and Estela Yano, who own a house and farm in the area. The party emcee asked some close family members and guests to give short messages. They include Mel Rosales, Art Carrillo and Alex Costales and to prevent them from being mistaken as Eulogies, Bobby readily gave his rejoinders, making the occasion really fun and enjoyable. Ballroom dancing and singing with the band all the more made the celebration memorable to the birthday celebrator.

In preparation for the Feb 17, 2018 Alumni Homecoming, Mel managed to reserve 40 rooms at Baguio Country Club. This includes a homecoming dinner and luncheon and a golden anniversary Ball. He said that is all he can negotiate with BCC. As of Feb 8, 2017, all these 40 rooms have been reserved for CMs/widows as follows:

1. Mon & Baby Montinola
2. Art Carrillo & family
3. Bobby & Purita Santiago
4. MJ & Bernie De Leon
5. Rudy & Arlene Rabago
6. Boyet & Dolly Lim
7. Hector & Peewee Tarrazona
8. Abe & Roxanne Abiol
9. Nori & Candy Azcueta
10. Volts & Rhodie Gazmin
11. Patrick & Bebot Madayag
12. Alex & Shirley Costales
13. Jing & Jenny Caballero



14. Oskie & Gigi Cabaron
15. Mel & Millette Rosales
16. Willy & Isay Nuqui
17. Sonny & Luth Penilla
18. Dante & Julie Ruiz
19. Ted & Louella Lasmarias
20. Celia Canson & family
21. Cris Francisco & family
22. Art Juan & family
23. Claris Dance & family
24. Diomeng Villanueva & family
25. Rene & Ofel Santos
26. Angging Dumlao & family
27. Marivic C. Adcock & family
28. Ferdie Calimlim & family
29. Tita Pangan & Hilda Fajardo

30. Tess Pangantihon & Evelyn Erolin
31. Yung & Amy Palmos (unconfirmed)
32. Tony & Ledy Sierra
33. Art & Marite Garrido

CMs/ladies are reminded to firm up their intentions to avail of the EEC initial reservations made by Willy Nuqui with the Baguio Holiday Park Hotel management for additional rooms for February 2018 which must be confirmed by October this year.

CMs/ladies are reminded to visit the PMA Alumni Center (Attn: Ms Poms Ramirez) and go over the latest CTB draft, particularly the 2-page individual section which they can have photo copied and

edit/revise as they please before the end of June 2017.

The class is pleased to be informed all that Dante Ruiz was again elected to be President of the Philippine Navy Salary and Loan Association, Inc (PNSLAI). Congratulations to Dante!

The class likewise wishes to congratulate Patrick Madayag who will graduate on May 27, 2017 with Master in Environment Management, proving once again that education knows no age barrier. Cris Francisco is now encouraging him to enroll in the Phd program, volunteering to be his thesis adviser.



laden buffet and talked some more about the Golden Sword. It would be great if everyone submitted his historical piece by year's end.

Not so long after it was to the Gloria Maris in Greenhills where we went for Jimmy's treat on 6 April 2017. Thoughtful Lulu brought tiny bottles of colorful hard candies for the early birds which meant all of the ladies.

As Lulu, Mone C., Ellen M., Lily G., Meg D. and yours truly feasted on the yummy congee, assorted dimsum, and "buchi" jokes were exchanged, memorial plans were discussed, the uniform was lightly touched on, and real property sale dos and don'ts were shared by Meg. The good story teller that she is also gave us a peek into the miracle mangosteen supplement production that her children are exploring. This is heartwarming. Her working grandson, Chancey, regularly gives her a couple of thousand pesos for her 'mahjong' fund. Ellen M. was excitedly awaiting the visit of her and Jus' only grandchild from Australia. Ellen M., Lily G., and Inday T. all have only one grandchild.

The record holders are Nonoy and Mone C. at 15 grandchildren. Two of them are in the US Armed Forces so it won't belong before they become "lolo at lola sa tuhod". Proudly, Ike and yours truly also await the graduation of our oldest grandchild, Migs, from the Ateneo de Manila University as a dean's lister in B.S. Computer Science, a merit course. My "radar" was off so God only knows what the gentlemen- Jimmy, Ike, Jus, Nonoy, Mon, Joey, Willy, Chris, RJ, and Benjie- talked about. Congratulations to Garrick RJ on his recent assignment as an MRT 2 General Manager!

Vic T. just treated the class to breakfast at the Pancake House at McKinley Hill on 8 May 2017. Inday and Quincy were with him and so were Ike and yours truly, Mon M., Jus M., Willy W., Garrick RJ and Lily, Greg C. and Jepoy, Jess and Olive R., and Jake. This is touching. The Tiangcos only grandchild, Dominique, recently visited from Vancouver, Canada. The first thing the 13-year old did was buy a very big Teddy Bear from Glorietta. She hugged and slept with the Teddy throughout her stay. On the day she left she gave the Teddy to her Lola

March found the Suaviteros and Fortiteros trooping to the Manila Memorial Park to observe Larry M's birthday on 17 March 2017. At around 10am the Mass commenced and we meaning Nonoy and Mone, Garrick RJ and Lily, Ike and yours truly, Vic T., Jus and Ellen M., Mon, Jake, and Katy Katigbak lifted our prayers for Larry to the Almighty. It must tug Larry's heartstrings that he is dearly remembered by his family and friends. Sol shared how she solved her concern about what to say about Larry and which photos of him to post in the Golden Sword. But I am not telling.

A birthday cake was then brought in and its candles lighted while we all sang the classic birthday song. Then we partook of the delicious food from the generously



Ellen, Sol, Mone, Lily and Ging at the tomb of Larry to commemorate his birthday.



Class members previewing the Golden Sword layout.



Lulu, Meg, Ellen, Olive, Ging and Lily at Gloria Maris, Greenhills.



Breakfast meeting at Gloria Maris Greenhills hosted by Jimmy.



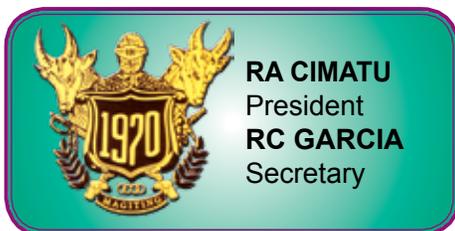
Ladies at Pancake House Mckinley Hill.



Breakfast meeting at Mckinley Hill hosted by Vic Tiangco.

asking her to hug it often to remind her of their time together. Guess what she named it! Lou Lou! She did not forget to include Vic into her loving gesture. What lucky grandparents!

Some life lessons picked up that morning- from Inday: God always repays those who give cheerfully and generously and from Olive: No matter how much money one has it can end up in the cash register of some hospital. I don't know about you but I bank at Mercury Drug.



Niroy at the DENR

It was a great honor for the Class when our marcher Roy Cimatu was named Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Roy took over the helm of the Department last 10 May from Secretary Gina Lopez. Eight Magitings were on hand for the turnover ceremonies held at the Visayas Ave Central Office of the DENR.

Despite the short notice, Eloy Garcia, Ted Delarmente, Boots De Veyra, Dionet Santiago, Mar Ilagan, Glenn Rabonza, Nesty Carolina and Rudy Garcia were there, along with other Cavaliers. Roy admits to being surprised by his designation and the suddenness of his oathtaking before President Rodrigo Duterte. He avers that he was only in Malacanang to submit his plan, as special envoy for OFWs, for the emergency procedures to be implemented in case the situation in the Korean Peninsula takes a turn for the worse. As it happened, he was told to join the cabinet meeting and advised that he would be taking his oath. Seeing everybody was wearing *barong tagalog* and he the only

one clad in polo shirt, he had to ask a PSG officer to let him borrow one. He was able to make a quick change to proper attire just a "few bells" before the oathtaking. The humble admission of Roy in his acceptance remarks that he was "wading in a field far removed from soldiery", asking the rank and file of the agency to be patient with him as he "scans and studies the terrain" and "learns the ropes", was well received. The welcome was warm and enthusiastic. We all know that this is an agency that has many imbedded booby traps that the unwary can unknowingly step on. Yet it is an agency that impacts on all of us greatly, with its delicate responsibilities of protecting the environment and in



Magitings at the office of newly installed DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu.

conserving, preserving and judiciously utilizing our God-given natural resources for the Filipinos of this generation and of the future. We wish Roy a successful stewardship of this critically important Department. We trust without any doubt that he will be able overcome the humps on the way and steer the agency to great heights. Mistah, you do us proud and we solidly stand behind you!

Veterans Week Opening Salvo

Veterans Week opened last 5 April with a parade in honor of war veterans and AFP retirees at the HPA parade grounds. Nesty Carolina, our tireless PVAO Administrator, made sure that the opening salvo of the celebration is a meaningful one, in grateful tribute to our dwindling number of war veterans who mostly are in their sunset years, and the AFP retirees. Gracing the occasion as Guest of Honor and Speaker was our Mistah Congressman Romy Acop, member of the House Committee on National Defense and Security, Committee on Veterans Affairs and Committee on Peace and Order. Magitings made sure that a bunch of mistahs were on hand to welcome Romy. Present were: Glenn R, Boots DV, Roy C, Sonny A, Nes Santi, Jack L, Julius J, Willy P, Jun Ebdane, Rudy G, and of course the host, Nesty C. The company spirit is still evidently alive. Most of the attendees are Romy's Bravo-mates! Well, Cong Romy struck the right chord when in his speech he said something to the effect that: we do not have the right to send our soldiers to war if we can not give due honor and provide for the welfare of our veterans. Spot on, Mistah!

A touching part of the ceremony was when the veterans who still can make it rode in a line of vehicles to troop the line. It was a moving and emotionally stirring moment watching the "old



Sec Roy receives the symbol of responsibility of the office from the former secretary Gina Lopez.

guards" clamber up the vehicles assisted by their military escorts and do the round of the assembled troops. You can imagine what thoughts were running through their minds as they made their way through the ranks of the parading soldiers proudly standing in salute to their sacrifice, gallantry and patriotism that helped build this Nation. That was a fitting accolade you gave our veterans, Nesty. Kudos for your unwavering commitment to the cause of war Veterans that also includes us: the post-WWII veterans.

Fairway Jousts

There still is very much of the golfing prowess and stamina of yesteryears as Magiting golfers hacked their way through the fairways in the 27th edition of the ADL Golf Tournament last 24 April. Named after our adopted mistah Bert Lina who was celebrating his birthday, the tournament, as in the past years, was held at the Greenfields Golf Club at the foot of Mt Makiling. The golfing in this course has never been easy, but it has always been interesting and never fails to offer a good challenge. Those who put their mettle to test were: Ed Israel, Boots DV, Primo E, Eloy Garic, Vic S, Sonny A, Glenn R, Clyde F, Nes Santi and Rudy G. Willy Parayno, long-time associate and friend of Bert, was also there. Thanks for the golfing treat Bert! Looking forward to another day of memorable golfing and warm fellowship next year.

Still on class fairway adventures,



Magitings with Cong Romy Acop at the Veterans Week parade. Joining the group is Cav Raul Urgello '66.



May Birthday girls Dina Gaerlan, Josie Calvo and Emy De Veyra celebrate with other Magiting ladies Nene Galvante, Ludy Garcia, Cecille Garcia, Josie Rabonza, Susan Fernandez, Tess Atienza and Amy Suemith.

Ramsey Ocampo who has not been often seen in Magiting circles, invited the class golfers and their ladies to a two-day visit in Clark where he is the VP for Security of Clark Development Corp. The golfers, Roy, Jack, Glenn, Primo, Eloy and Vic had a two-day golfing holiday at Sun Valley Golf Club and at the Korean Golf Course on 05-06 May. Roy had to forego the second day schedule as he had to leave. This is an event that has to have a repeat!

The Ladies' Wednesday Group & Other Tidbits

Rudy and Len Maluyo hosted lunch at the Los Coyotes Country Club in LA for travelling visitors Willy Lorenzo, Nancy and Amy Villanueva with "bonk" Flor Domingo escorting them throughout the day, seeing the sights and having a tour of Rudy's flourishing "Caremax" Medical Equipment and Supplies business located at Buena Park.

May month birthday girls Dina Gaerlan, Josie Calvo and Emy De Veyra celebrated their birthday lunch with the Magiting ladies at the After All Bar and Grill, a resto bar at the ground floor of Jazz Mall in Makati. This is the latest fun hangout in Makati where food is good, the music soothes and the vibes relaxes. Check it out.

Errata: For this I'll knock my head. So sorry to miss out last issue mention of one of the birthday girls for April, who even hosted the gathering. Apologies to Ning Cimatul! *Mea culpa.*



WA CRUZ JR
President
JC LALISAN, JR
Secretary

Give peace a chance?

The theme for this May-June Issue is Giving Peace a Chance but not at any Cost. Yes, let us give peace a chance but not at the expense of the lives of our uniformed men and women who have been there exposed to the treacherous enemies in the field. Let us give peace a chance but not to our disadvantage. History has it that the government was dealing with the CPP/NPA, Abu Sayaff Group, and the lost commands of the MILF and MNLF. And history has revealed to us that these enemies had not been true to their words and used double-talk in the negotiation table. Again, here is the government dealing in a peace talk with the CPP/NPA while the latter continues to spread havoc not only in the country side but in the Davao City heartland itself. While it is true that the military and police are but tools of the political power of the State, then the government must be wise enough to deliver blows where it should be against the perceived enemy. The government is talking peace with the CPP while the NPAs,

their armed component, are in the attack mode. Ano ba yan, Secretary Jess Dureza and Secretary Bobbit Bello? How can our AFP and PNP move or operate against them when it seem that they are confuse as to the direction of government.

This is only my personal sentiment and opinion and does not involve in any way the class of 1971 organization. To the enemies of the state: Galet ako sa inyo! (as pronounced by PRRD)

Class Meetings

For the second quarter, the class had its second quarter general meeting last 18 April 2017 in Valle Verde residence of Egay and Mawie Aglipay. Highlights of that meeting were the following: the class fund is in the blue; that before the 50th year of the class come 2021, all members must have already paid their dues or memberships in the PMAAAI and its affiliate organizations; that the class thru mistah Aris delos Reyes will monitor the progress of the action by concerned groups on the reconsideration of EO 201; and also for each member of the class to support the 2nd edition of "The Brothers" book of mistah Rollie Malinis. Those who were present were Egay Aglipay, who presided in the absence of Prexy Wency Cruz, Rey Velasco, Edwin Abello, Marte Chioco, Art Lim, Dong Tabamo, Twiggy

Zubia, Tito Legaspi, Rollie Garcia, Manny Foronda, Aris delos Reyes, Bert Sillona, Egay Aglipay, and Joey Lalisan.

Birthday Fellowship

Last 18 April 2017, there was a birthday bash for all second quarter celebrants among the Matatags and Mas-Matatags. Those celebrants who were present during the affair were greeted with a birthday song and a birthday cake. They were Mawie Aglipay, Rey Velasco, Twiggy Zubia, Sarah Paredes, Elbe Dominguez, and Nina delos Reyes. The other Mas-Matatags present were Perla Zubia, Tet Domingo, Tetet Chioco, Verna Albano, Mas-Matatag Prexy Lulu Tabamo, Celia Lalisan, Jing Martinez, Malou Garcia, Beng Ibo, and Luningning Abello.

Congratulations

The class congratulates Egay Aglipay as one of the distinguished awardees of the Filipino War Veterans Foundation, Inc or FILVETS. Our mistah Egay has been very supportive of the projects of FILVETS and it is but fitting that at last, his efforts had been recognized.

The class also congratulates Dra. Annie de Leon as Director of the newly opened Loving Mother General Hospital and Diagnostic Center held in Tarlac last 4 May 2017. Those who graced the occasion were Jennie Domingo, Lita Gil, Lulu and Dong Tabamo.

Condolences

The class condoles with our mistah Twiggy and Perla Zubia and the Zubia family for the demise of Twiggy's mom, Virginia, who passed away last 1 May 2017. May her soul rest in peace.

Quote for this Issue:

Time is the wisest counsellor of all. Pericles

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JP VIDAD JR.
President
CG CASTRO
Secretary

Warm greetings to all.

The members of the Board of Trustees/ Class Officers met last 17 March at PNGC, the first meeting presided by Prez Pepe Vidad. The main agenda that were discussed and subsequently approved by the Board were: the approval of the traditional Lenten activity on April 7 at PNGC, holding of the 2nd quarter class social/fellowship on June 25 either in PNGC or VAB Social Hall to jibe with the anti influenza vaccinations, construction of additional comfort room with separate water tank at the lobby of Bahay Masigasig and lastly, the display of the enhanced class picture in a prominent place at Bahay Masigasig for posterity. With regard to the anti- pneumonia vaccinations, it will be administered anytime between July and December, the exact date to be determined later. Due to the high cost of vaccines, it was decided to divide the payment among the Class and the individual concerned at 50/50 basis. For other matter, Ludy informed the Board

the willingness and desire of our widows to participate actively in the planning and execution of future social events to be undertaken by the Class. It was well taken and recognized. The Class Officers appreciated the sense of volunteerism and commitment of our widows. Thank you ladies for your kind gesture. You are really great and fantastic.

LENTEN CLASS RECOLLECTION:

The Class held its Lenten activity last April 7 at PNGC in observance of Holly Week. This one was very different from the previous recollections we had. It was a sort of spiritual reflection on the Seven (7) Last Words uttered by Jesus while hanging on the cross six(6) hours before His death. Those words have far-reaching meaning for us not being a part of history but remind us the supreme sacrifice and agony of Jesus for our salvation. Mistah Mel Rivera, Babes Flores, Nanette Valles, Lea Santillan, Ed Adan, Ike Galang and Pepe Vidad, all eloquent speakers, expounded brilliantly the significance of the Seven(7) Last Words by sharing their personal thoughts in the presence of forty one(41) Masigasigs. The whole activity ended with a mass and simple snacks in that order.

Our commendation and thanks go to the ladies of the Sunshine Committee headed by Ludy Vidad for doing a good

job. They are the ones responsible for the success of that event; well planned and precisely executed. Congratulations ladies. You are really able, reliable and dependable and of course you are lovable (according to your bunkmates, he he he).

CHAMPIONS AGAIN!

Our golfers regained the championship of the Corps of 70 quarterly golf tournament held in PNGC last April 21 beating the equally good team of Class 74 by four (4) points. Fifteen (15) Mistah played in that tournament. The quintet of Rey Ochoza, Molong Narcida, Gil Batestil, TJ Tejada and Freddie de Vera carried the load for us to regain the championship once more. With complete casts, our golfers are hard to beat and I say this with confidence, modesty aside. We congratulate our golfers for their superb and gritty plays. Carry on guys.

NEWS UPDATES:

*Mistah Boots Camagay Carag donated volumes of books to PMA and AFP libraries from her own collections. Through these donations, she wants to add honor to the service of his late father, Col. Alejandro Camagay Sr, PA(Inf) , an Army Information Officer one time. The best among the donations are complete volumes of great wars and antique European rifles and swords. These items of great historical and tactical values are valuable additions to the shelves of PMA and AFP libraries as reference materials for cadets and soldiers. Thank you Boots for your act of kindness and we are sure your donations will be of great value to military institutions.

*We reiterate our condolences to Mistah Pol and Alyn and family for the passing of their beloved son Paolo last April 23. As we prayed for the eternal repose of Paolo’s soul, we also prayed and implored the Lord of His divine kindness to ease the pain and grief of Pol and Alyn and their family during their moments of sadness.

*Good news to all. Pres. Duterte announced the release of P6.5 B for back pays of AFP retirees who retired in 2013 and earlier. The not so good news is “Kailan natin matatangap? Balitang sink, within 2 months daw.” Nevertheless, it gives us a ray of hope, something that we can ponder on. Take note Ladies. He he he.



CLASS REMINDERS:

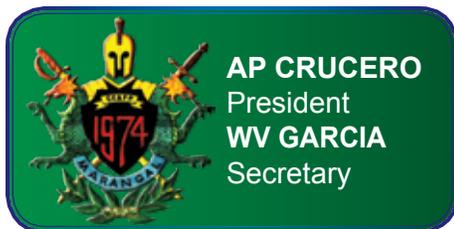
Everybody are reminded to update their records at PGM(C Finance) and PVAO to avoid suspension of retirement pensions and other benefits.

Those who until now, have not applied yet for membership at Veterans Memorial Center, may do so as soon as possible to avail of the medical benefits it offers. The process is very simple, hassle free. Bring your retirement order and marriage certificate together with your issued military ID. It's a big help for us considering the huge expenses for medicines and medical check-up if you opt to go to private hospitals.

BIRTHDAY GREETING:

Belated birthday greetings to our MAY celebrators: Cely Nobleza, Amy Brillantes, Lucille Flores, Lino Caringal, Angelito Santos(+Dec), Marivic Aurelio, Nene Pestano, Roger Favis, Ed Gador and Grace Sta Clara. Happy birthday also to our JUNE celebrators: Eric Aurelio, Raffy Vilches, Med Pestano, En Alino, Julius Yarcia, Luis Bismonte(+Dec), Cora De Vera, Jun Espino, Og Buenaventura, Efren Abu, Neriz Batestil and Malou Joaquin. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL and may you have more birthdays and blessings to come.

Till next class call. Happy reading to all.CGC

**A. Class Updates****1. Class outing and golf**

Because of the huge success of the recent class outing and golf in Lipa City, hosted by Sonny Razon and Ace Tolentino as well as another outing in Batangas City last March and April, the class is planning



to have another one in Tagaytay City this May to be hosted by our Mistah Gani Galang. Lunch will be at the Splendido Golf Club and dinner will be served at Gani Galang's farm in Tagaytay. Ladies and families will join the affair as well. It will be another happy bonding activity for the class. Everyone is excited of course!

2. Marangal Foundation Fund Raising

With the blessing of Prexy Pons Chucero, another fund raising is being planned for the benefit of widows, dependents and classmates in need. Part of the proceeds will also be used for our class projects. Golf will be held this September either in Navy Golf Club or Villamor Golf Club. The format and details of the project are being finalized by the Marangal golfers. We are hoping to exceed the funds raised in the last fund raising last year. Everyone is enjoined to participate!

B. Marangal Ladies Club (MLC) Lenten Activities

Pilgrimage and visit to Cancer Warriors Foundation in Batangas City on March 17, 2017 by Mitz Dela Paz

"Our visit to the Children's Clinic, a private institution funded by the Cancer Warriors Foundation Inc. and run by Dra. Matie Pastor Salvador, Hema-Oncologist with a group of other doctors, was indeed a very heartwarming experience for all of us.

We were surprised to see around 30 cancer patients (from 3 to 17 years of age) mostly smiling and just seated in rows of pink benches while having their treatment done. The children were all jolly and answered our questions willingly. There was an atmosphere of hope for all of them and we were all very happy for this.

We distributed party hats and loot bags filled with goodies inside enough for all the cancer patients of which Becky personally donated. This was on top of the 20k cash money the MLC donated to



the foundation. Bless your generous and loving heart Becky! We are truly blessed to have you as our leader because you inspire all of us to do good.

This was the first time for all of us there so Becky had to explain who we were and introduced our group to them in behalf of MLC. Dra Mayie had the children expressed their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all the gifts we gave them.

On our way to Batangas City, we visited five churches – one each in Banaybay, Lipa City, Cuenca, Alitagtag and two in Taal. On the way back home we visited the Batangas City Cathedral and the Padre Pio Shrine in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.

Thank you very much Becky for hosting lunch at your beautiful ancestral home in Alitagtag. We feasted on sinaing na tawilis, tulingan and lots and lots of bulanglang, suman and fruits (may take home pa!).

Today was a spiritual journey capped with our sharing of gifts to the cancer patients in behalf of the MLC.

Thank you Lord for giving us this opportunity to be personally with you and to be of service to you today. We just wish that more of you ladies shared this beautiful experience with us. It was truly gratifying!"

The ladies who represented the MLC to the Cancer Warriors Foundation Inc were:

Becky Aromin
Ellen Tolentino
Marian Pamplona
Lilia Maralit
Mitz Dela Paz
Malou Crucero

It was a blessing for the class and our families to have had a very spiritually uplifting experience. Kudos to the Marangal Ladies Club for a job well done!

C. First Quarter Corps of 70s Golf Tournament on March 24, 2017 at PNGC

We played a fairly decent golf game.





Unfortunately we fell short by a mere five strokes to concede the championship trophy to Class 72. Congratulations anyway to the Marangal golfers for putting up a strong bid to the title. I am sure we will get back soon.

Gross scores of the team:

- Jun Noble – 77
- Jun Esperon – 78
- Ricky Dela Paz – 79
- Willy Garcia - 82
- Gani Galang – 83
- Damian Carlos – 85



D. Birthday Greetings for the March – April Celebrants

March:

- 05 – Rey Varilla
- 08 – Bong Franco
- 19 – Edgar Peewee Peralta
- 19 – Joey Flores
- 20 – Oscar Marinas

April:

- 01 – Djasky Rodi
- 02 – Nanding Zaba
- 03 – Pardes Espejo
- 04 – Albert Mabaquiao
- 06 – Tony Enteria

- 07 – Dante Rillorte
- 08 – Romy Buenaflor
- 12 – Nap Garcia
- 13 – Migz Zubiri
- 14 – Rody Monto
- 14 – Bepbep De Luna
- 17 – Junards Juinio

I suppose congratulations are in order for the celebrants. Getting older is a privilege denied to many. While youth is a gift of nature, age is a work of art. As we get older, the more we become awesome. Congratulations! Birthdays are good for our health. Studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live longer!

EC MARAYAG JR
President
ZDR CARLOS JR
Secretary

“The Secret of being HAPPY is accepting where you are in Life and making the most out of everyday”

It was a regular summer time for the members of Magilas and their families. There was only one activity-outing last April 5 that was attended by about 12 members in Baby del Mundo’s resort in Imus, Cavite. Coinciding with the Board of Trustee’s meeting, we thank Baby for the delicious food and warm reception. There were also representatives from SunLife Canada, invited by President Epoy to explain how we can invest part of our class fund to grow in preparation for future class activities.

ROLL CALL:

As of today, there are 99 living members of the class. (65 Regular and 34 Honorary members). 11 who are living abroad, and 12 have gone ahead to heaven, including 2 Honorary members. Most of us are now Seniors, except for a handful of honorary members. About 27

are 65 years and older (reckoned from July 11, 2017). The class continues to recognize this well deserved accomplishment. Those who were not present in Baguio last Feb will participate in 65LESS(life experience sharing session) during the coming Mid-Year assembly. In the meantime, let us continue to make our physical health a priority. As we age, the more we need to do so.

SOME UPDATES

Speaking of Physical well-being, many of the class members keep themselves

busy . Bong, Onay, Macky, and Ely are into Biking and Boodling in Bonifacio and elsewhere. Active golfers include Jogy, Rey, Gerry D. Sonny, Toto, Vic, Romy, Lhen, Jimmy among others. Sammie, Pompi, Sluggo, and Cholo travel as much as they can to exotic places. Pol Bataoil enjoys his Zumba sessions in Lingayen. Joey, Abner, Jess, Joel, Boying, Nat, and Sandy are reaping the fruits of farming. Jigs, Efen, Fonting, and Sammy Tayag play tennis frequently. Sagcol is dancing. Toto is still singing. Joe is still griping.

Other Magilas classmates are busy





with consulting and managerial work, like Josol, MonP, Epoy, Onay, Sendong, Adiong, Tanggol, Hermie, and AlexY, etc. DON'T WORK TOO HARD, Mistahs. ENJOY LIFE. Ticboy is also busy with the Rotarians. Wilson is still in contact with the Tanduyay girls.

Mon dela Cruz is back in New Zealand. Armand is teaching in Palawan. Tui is still in Thailand. EpoyL is in Bacolod. Retep is in Baguio taking care of the Magilas Center. Nelson commutes from Banaue and QC. Rey commutes between Zambo and Makati. Likewise AlexY is also in Zambo. Paul Mata likes his Ministry. MelD and Ariel are still recovering.

Allan and Maning are in NY. SammyT, Emil, AlexR. Gerrydong, and Edwin are in California. Pako is in Texas. Caloy Caga-anan is in Syatol. Gono is still flying helicopters somewhere in the Pacific.

DooM is now Chairman of the Membership committee. Paji, Nanie, Dax, Ceasar, Ruben, Pol Dy, Ralph, Larry, are still missing. RaulC is NO COMM. Gibo is getting fat. Jefferson is not a mayor anymore. Caloy Martinez is 74 years old. LouGaboy is writing something. Chris is still Tanabe. Edong is still with Grace. Other mistahs are active either in Facebook or doing Apostolic duties.

LETS KEEP IN TOUCH AND BE ACTIVE, MISTAHS.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (please reserve these dates for your mandatory attendance)

JULY 12, 2017 Mid-Year Assembly lunch at AFP Medical Center (VLuna) hall Oct 9, 2017 Magilas Charity Golf Tournament at PNGC

Dec 10, 2017 Christmas Party Dinner with wives (Green Meadows)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Our best wishes for the May and June birthday celebrators: Ric Blancaflor – 3 May, Jess Del Mundo – 7 May, Malou Chua – 11 May, Toto Golez – 16 May, Jesusa Gaboy – 17 May, Rey Ramirez – 19 May, Vicky Mata – 18 May, Beth Veran – 21 May, Sammie Narcise – 23 May, Caloy Caganan 29 May, Wilie Lino– 30 May, Tanggol Gatdula and Nath Legaspi – 3 June, Salie Salosagcol – 4 June, Suzzete Maclang – 8 June, Rod Maclang – 9 June, Epoy Marayag – 10 June, Jessica Dilodilo – 12 June, Brenda Abadiano -14 June, Ma. Corazon Del Mundo – 16 June, Nidz Ferrer – 17 June, Alex Yano – 13 June, GiboTeodoro and Ed Lacanienta– 14 June, Joe Solidum – 19 June, Cesar Agcon – 20 June, Joseph Bernardo –28 June, Lorraine Sanchez and Rowena Tenazas -30 June.



After the trek to Baguio last February's alumni homecoming, the Masikaps found themselves engrossed in the domestic chores in the comfort of each individual abode. Most of them were back to their 'apos'tolic works, or as official family drivers, some tend to their farms, but a great majority has engaged in physical activities by biking, badminton, and golf, to keep their blood circulations, sugar contents, cholesterol, carbo and what have you, at normal levels. Few have rejoined government offices to

extend their service to the country. In short, as retired seniors, we have already the luxury of time.

It is no wonder then that the regular Masikap Chicken Club held every Wednesday at the AFP Commissioned Officers Clubhouse has been the rallying point during lunch for most of us. Birthday celebrators find it convenient to host the lunch as a way of sharing their blessings for having live for another year. Of course, hosting a chicken club lunch is purely voluntary, and more often, birthday celebrators rush for priority in hosting. We have an average of at least ten celebrators each month and we only have four or five Wednesdays. This eagerness of a Masikap to host a lunch clearly manifests how generous and kind-hearted Masikaps are! There are times though that nobody

hosts a lunch, as when celebrators are far or cannot be reached, or are based abroad, but still, the Chicken Club stays alive and keep the spirit of bonding and camaraderie even as we do it in a kkb (kanyakanyangbayad) style. One comment I got from a Masikap lady where she said that attending chicken club becomes the only event her husband would put on a presentable long pants and polo shirt. Most often, he is in the house or in his farm with short pants and shirt and a pair of slippers! That is the life of a contented senior retired citizen! Huh!

Back to our Masikap activity:

We would like to recognize and congratulate the Masikap brats who made it to the recently conducted bar exams and, of course, the proud parents who are



actually the source of their talents. Manamana lang daw yan, they say! We would like to mention here Atty Rebekah Eunice Supapo, daughter of Butch Supapo; Atty Marvin Lanuzo Milla, son of Jimmy Milla; and Atty Carlo Casabar, the second lawyer-son of Dan Casabar.

Of course, most, if not all of our children are already successful in their chosen careers, and much that I would

like to mention all of them here, I am constrained by space and time. Hopefully, in the coming issues, we will try to allocate a space for them here, because after all, this Masikap Class Call is also for them to cherish and treasure!

Birthday celebrators for May:

Dan Empedrad – 2; Jul Edris (RIP) – 3; Vic Riblora (RIP) – 7; Manny Dahan – 9;

Cidoh Gadjali – 20; Dan Desuasido – 22; Alex Tan (RIP) – 24; Kah Kee Lim and Percy Padla – 26; Frederico Terte – 30.

For June:

Cruz RR (RIP) – 1; Chito Mangubat – 2; Jun Serapio – 13; Jess Seblario (RIP) – 19; Johnny Corcha and Sunny Pequiras – 21; Gannie Cuevas – 27.

Till next issue! Mabuhay ang Masikap!



OH RABENA
 Chairman
VM PORTO
 President
VEC MARTIR
 Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A very, very warm hello to all Makatarungans! We hope everybody is having fun this summer. With kids (grandkids for most cases) on vacation, we are allotted more family bonding time. We were blessed with two very long weekends in the past months, i.e. Holy Week and ASEAN Summit/Labor Day, that allowed us to unwind and escape the hustle and bustle of MetroManila. The Holy Week surely gave us the much needed time to retreat and reflect on the passion, death and

resurrection of Jesus Christ and His great love for all of us. The ASEAN Summit, with the Philippines as the Chair, was an excellent opportunity for member countries to discuss regional interests and concerns. The Philippines was at the center of the world map, once again. The Labor Day, on the other hand, highlighted the need to look into the welfare of our laborers.

We've only had two notable activities during this period. Our class participated in the quarterly Corps of 70s golf tournament last March 24 held at the Philippine Navy Golf Club. The Makatarungan team was composed of JoGav, Art T, Sun Yee, Rody M, Rolly A, Romy P, Ernest V, Willy Y and Oca R. Our team exhibited a highly-spirited game, but was not enough to become a champion (although we've been



champions in the past as evidenced by our class name etched on the perpetual trophy). Our Makatarungan golfers, nonetheless, had fun playing for the class, rubbing elbows with other classes and win raffle prizes. We hope more of our golfers will play next quarter.

Art T celebrated his birthday with the Christening of Andreya Tabaquero last April 17 at the St Michael the Archangel Church n Fort Bonifacio. Art and Amie T invited our spouses to stand as sponsors for Andreya's baptism. The affair was well attended as our spouses were more than willing to be Andreya's ninang. After her Christening, Andreya was welcomed by her "lola ninangs and ninongs" at the Philippine Army Officers' Club, Fort Bonifacio. (photos 1, 2 & 3)

UPDATES FROM THE CLASS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BoD)

1. The BoD is planning another fund-raising activity by hosting a golf tournament on August 17, 2017 to be held at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club. The proposed beneficiary is the Catholic Chapel at Baranggay Santa Monica, Allaga, Nueva Ecija and other charitable institutions.

2. A golf tournament committee to be chaired by CeeGee S will be charged with ensuring the success of the effort. Oca R, Rody M, Tom P, Ralph V, Boysie R, Vic P, Vic M, Rollie D and Cho S will be members of the committee.

3. The Committee on Membership and Welfare policies, chaired by Sam T, submitted to the BoD last April a draft of the proposed policies on membership and welfare. Inputs and comments from the directors will be consolidated by the end of May, 2017 and tabled for discussion during the monthly board meeting on June 2017.

4. In preparation for the election of the new set of directors for the Association's board on February 16, 2018, the current BoD will create a Committee on Elections that will supervise the activity.

5. Preparations for our 40th Homecoming are progressing as planned. For the class attire, we just need to have our measurements taken by our contracted tailor. Billeting reservations are set and currently sufficient. We are awaiting details for catering and venues for the planned picnic/lunch and dinner.

6. Our planned charity visit to the Religious Missionaries of the Divine



Savior, a home for abandoned children and orphans, in Rodriguez, Rizal is still pending while awaiting confirmation from the establishment. We look forward to the realization of this undertaking as it certainly is a heart-warming experience for both benefactors and beneficiaries. Hopefully, we will be able to see this happens this May or June of 2017. (Photo 4)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR MISTAH

April – Frank A, LNA dIC, Mario C, Raul C, Julna C, Arnel C, Vic P, Evans O, Cho S, Vic P, Art T

May – Neptali Y, Julius M, George P, Chay H, Rory H, Nero I, Robert L, Ferdie L, Odette B, Ve B, OrenzdA, Pecos A

June – Joel B and Efren T

GOD BLESSUS ALL!



LS SANTIAGO JR
President
EI CORVERA
Secretary

The Year of the Fire Rooster turned out well for the LOYAL EAGLES!

Two Matapat off springs recently passed the 2016 Bar Exams. Atty Mary Grace Desuasido and Atty Samuelito Pagdilao joined the rolls of the brand new Courtroom gladiators. The families of proud parents, Pete and Yolly as well as Sammy and Chay are in Cloud Nine nowadays! Also, we learned Noy Paguio's daughter passed the Bar earlier. Congratulations and Mabuhay Mistahs!



CLASS GOLF FUNDRAISING PROJECT

For those who missed our report last time, our golf tournament dubbed as “MATAPAT FELLOWSHIP GOLF: A Tribute to the Academy” will be held in Villamor Air Base Golf Club on June 7, 2017. We’re now in the thick of the preparations. The golf committee led by Pres Tagoy, who’s also the Chair of the Solicitation Committee along with PA/PAF/PN-PCG/PNP Group Presidents have reported a good turnout of Golf Sponsors. Tournament Director Benjie Gorres and partners Tattu Sanchez, Orwen Cortez, Rolly Tenefrancia and Rolly Anonuevo are excitedly overseeing the tournament preparations. Giveaways & Souvenirs in-charge Rey Lanada proudly showed off the golf giveaways last meeting. Other Committee members are: Publication- Edwin Corvera; Raffles & Prizes- Rolly Tenefrancia; Awards & Trophies- Orwen Cortez and Food & Beverage- Tungs Tungala. Tete Villarete and his Flyboys will take charge of Ground preparations.

All Mistahs are encouraged to support fully this project by maximizing solicitation of Golf sponsorships.

FORMATION OF PMA CLASS '79 COOPERATIVE

The interim Board of Directors led by interim Chair Tagoy Santiago agreed

to name our budding Cooperative as MATAPAT MARKETING COOPERATIVE. The 16 Loyal Eagles who attended the Pre-Membership Seminar held at CDA NCR Extension Office in Quezon City last March 29, 2017 constituted the Board of Directors. The goals of this cooperative is to help improve the quality of life of its members and aim:

1. To attain increased income, savings, investments, productivity, and purchasing power;
2. To provide optimum social and economic benefits to its members;
3. To teach members efficient ways of doing things in a cooperative manner;
4. To propagate cooperative practices and new ideas in business and management;

As agreed, the membership will be purely voluntary. Only Mistahs who signified their intention to join will be accommodated as members.

GOLF FELLOWSHIP

The Class Fellowship Golf is held every Tuesday at our Watering Hole, Veterans Golf Club. Fajie Fajardo is just too happy to meet the Eagle golfers in his favorite golf course. Assembly time is 530Am. Tee off starts thereafter. Those who intend to play just contact

Fajie or Benjie Gorres, our snappy Sports Coordinator.

AIR FORCE GROUP UPDATE

The year 2017 is now a lot more fun and relaxing for most members of Air Force “Mandirigmang Matapat”. Majority have now reached senior years with Cip Gundao and Banong Albano remaining to close the senior count before the year ends.

Most are now enjoying the privileges and discounts afforded by the government and establishments whenever they go out dining, shopping or simply availing various services offered. Ric B has just turned 60 and has just returned with Flor from a 2-month visit to their daughter in Philadelphia, USA. As of this writing too, Tattu Sanchez along with Annie and family are also on a tour of Visayas (Roxas, Iloilo, Bacolod, Cebu) and Mindanao to visit relatives and enjoy the beauty of the Philippines. Cip Gundao, Tattu Sanchez and other Golf-enthusiasts mistahs are on a weekly Class Golf Meet and provincial Golf tours. The rest are enjoying their moments with their other halves visiting relatives here or abroad.

The Air Force members though mostly retired have stayed around Metro Manila and within reach. DJ is

in Lipa City, Ed Oban is in Silang, Cavite and is involved in some security work with an NGO apart from being an Air Force Cooperative member. Cip Gundao, Tony Villarete and Toto Albano are all in Paranaque City and within whispering distance from each other. Tony V. is currently the Manager of Ayala Aviation, Toto Banong is a corporate pilot of PLDT (Pacific Global Aviation Co). Bong Garbo stays in San Juan and is still a Command pilot in Cebu Pacific flying locally and internationally. Steve Castro is in Taguig City, Yaggie Aguilar is in Caloocan while Diego Cruz is spending full time in his Tarlac farm. Maxwell Oligane has not been active with us for a long time and is now in Pennsylvania, USA.

The Air Force Loyal Eagles are planning some get together especially to jibe with members birthday celebrations and other important occasions or simply gathering together over a cup of coffee.

PHILIPPINE ARMY GROUP UPDATE

The Matapat Army bugs under the dynamic leadership of President Mark Supnet are doing a lot of group activities. They had a ladies tribute night with all the bells and whistles of ballroom dancing. Their latest gathering was hosted by Matapat Anthony Alcantara at Eastwood Quezon City. The said celebration is to celebrate Matapat Cantoy's having his first angelic and lovely granddaughter. Matapat Alex Estomo celebrated his senior citizenship qualifying birthday with Matapat 1979, family and friends coinciding with the dedication of his grandchild. Over all, the Matapat Army group has a lot of dynamic programs on the line. Go go go, Army of our class!

NAVY-MARINES-COAST GUARD UPDATE

There were no major activities during the period except their active participation and support to the Class Golf Tournament. The Navy maybe idling

up but it is full steam ahead in supporting the launch of Coastguardsman Mon Liwag's five (5) new Original Pilipino Music (OPM) composition entitled "Kislap ng Bituin". They were arranged and sung by Mike Bulaong. It's now available in Itune and Spotify. Mistah, grab now your own copy while supply lasts!

POLICE LOYAL EAGLES

Pres. Rey Lanada is actively and enthusiastically leading the PNP Group. The Police Loyal Eagles regularly meet in their watering hole, @ the North Park, SM Hypermart in Cubao. When not busy hitting the greens of Veterans Golf Club, the PNP group is going on a golf tour as a way of reaching out to some class members who have not been heard of for some time. As stated above, 3 Police bugs are prouder these days. Their equally proud kids hurdled the tough Bar Exams. Three cheers for Sammy, Pete and Noy! Hep hep! Hooray!



Congratulation to our new lawyers, who have recently hurdled the Bar Exam. Atty. Gil Meneses gave a tip to all bar takers and said that in order to pass it, the examinee must just follow instructions properly. For instance in the multiple choice, if it says "Select the best answers!" Just encircle the best answer! Okay! No other else! You are not following instructions if you encircle a bad answer hehe and for sure you will fail. The following examinees, who heed the advice of Atty. Meneses are:

- 1) Atty. Czar Augustus C. Colina, the son of Hermie and Grace
- 2) Atty. Neil Owen B. Deona, the son of Nestor and Flor
- 3) Atty. Gemma Lynne P. Layug, the daughter of Gerry and Emma
- 4) Atty. Paola Kathlynn Q. Lleno, the daughter of Onell
- 5) Atty. Alloysius R. Yebra, the son of Efen and Irene

Congratulations too - to the proud parents!



King Reyes of Murcia was our constant contact and guide in visiting Eldon Nemenzo in Bacolod, as you can notice his presence in all the pictures.

The person at the top photo that you cannot recognize is Dr. Marvin Nemenzo, Eldon's brother. People who have visited Eldon are: Jess Lomeda, Bong and Lisa

DeAsis, Daisy Carbonell, Tony and Neva Baraquiel, Emil and Mae Sarmiento, Jardí Mantele, Sammy Diciano, Gil Meneses, Ager Ontog and Arnold Perez (Sabi kasi ni Class President i-mention ko daw yun mga pangalan nasa picture . . . siguro, para dumalaw din yun iba).

One by one of us are already acquiring senior citizenship. Ngayon ko lang na realize na maganda pala ang mas matanda (20% discount); not like when you are still in the service, lahat gusto maging bata kasi last mag retire at baka dumami pa ang stars. Kaya KKB daw sa sunod na kainan, sabi ni Paco!




AG VIDAD
President
OP LOPEZ
Secretary

Summer is almost over and by the time this issue gets published, rainy season has already set in. Get ready with your raincoats and umbrellas, gentlemen and ladies. Not much has happened these past months except for the Dimalupig golfers who continue to indulge in their favourite past-time. They continue to hone their skills with several rounds of golf, in different golf courses, in preparation for bigger tournaments. Just recently, Cav DonM won the overall Championship at the Riviera Golf Tournament. Congratulations bok!

Last May 6, the Dimalupig golfers made an impromptu elimination tournament at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course, on who will represent the Class in the Summer Battle of the Classes on 13 May, to be sponsored by the PMAAAI. More than the cash prize to be won, bragging rights and prestige are on the line, having been the back-to-back Champions in the Battle of Classes held in Baguio, for the past two years. To those who will represent the Class in the tournament, good luck. We are all rooting for you. Maintain the charge!

Our Viber group is burning hot nowadays, with the presence of long missed, Cha, Joel C, Ronnie E and Banjun G. We hope that more mistahs will be popping out soon and join the group, para makasagap ng mga balitang sink. The hottest topic now is the preparation for the up-coming trip to Bangkok, to visit our mistah, Cav ThawipN this July. As of 5 May,

75 Dimalupigs, Manlulupigs and some brats will be joining trip, compared to last year's 43. Kaunti na lang, doble na. Again, this will be another experience we do not want to miss. In fact, mistahs from the US will also be joining this trip. Of course, our host, mistah Al N, his better half, Paew; and staff, will again be very busy in preparation for our arrival. Aside from the usual sight-seeing and shopping, the Dimalupigs will once again challenge the golf courses of Thailand. Happy trip to everyone!

Before we end this short update, let us congratulate Cav Lito Cuy, for having been designated as OIC of DILG. We hope that this will become a permanent appointment. Pang Baron ka talaga, mistah. Congratulations are also extended to those who were involved in the ASEAN Summit meetings last April. The preparations and activities in the next session will be more challenging. Kayang-kaya nyo yan.

Congratulations also to Cav Rene S, for his second retirement. He recently turned-over his post as President of AFPMBAI to Cav Prime Gopo, '83. More family time bok Rene. And to our birthday celebrators for the months of May and June, "Mabuhay kayang lahat".

Again, a reminder to everybody. Stay safe and healthy. God bless!



ROBERT YAP
President
RG BORJA
Acting Secretary

The last members of PMA class of 1982 finally bowed out of the AFP and PNP with the retirement of Cav

Rolando Picar AFP in Feb 2017 and Cav Francisco Uyami PNP in March 2017. After almost 38 years, PMA class of 1982 retired with aplomb producing one (1) Chief PNP - Cav Ric Marquez, One (1) Chief, PCG - Cav Rudy Isorena, two (2) PDDG in the PNP - Cav Constantino and Cav Uyami, One (1) Vice Chief of Staff, AFP - Cav John Bonafos; three Major Service Commanders - Cav Jeff Delgado PAF; Cav Jess Millan FOIC, PN and Cav Cesar Taccad - FOIC PN, four (4) Unified Command Heads - Cav Chito Trinidad - NOLCOM, Cav Nick Vibar - CENTCOM, Cav Alex Lopez - WESCOM and Cav Leo Baladad EASTMINCOM, the rest are two (2) Star Division commanders, SOCOM Commander, Commandant AFPCGSC, and one (1) Star as Commander of JTF, NCR, Brigade Commanders, Chief of AFP Command Center, Regional Chief in the PNP and Fleet and District commanders PN and PCG. After retirement, Cav Jess Millan became a USEC while Cav Chito Trinidad became an ASEC both of DND. Cav Ed Gongona headed the BFAR while Cav Jorge Corpus was appointed Chairman of PCSO. Most members of the Class are enjoying their retirement with their families while joining regular golf fellowship. Several members joined the business sector.

In July 2015, PMA Class 1982 Phil Army Chapter registered with the SEC the PMA Sandigan '82 Association, Inc. to oversee activities of the PA Chapter with Cav John Bonafos as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Cav Bert Yap as its President. Our Association aimed to strengthen camaraderie among members, undertake regular fellowship, support our members/descendants, our Alma Mater PMA, the PMAAAI and pursue advocacy in support to transformation efforts and undertake charity work. In July 2016, the Association

integrated the other chapters of the Class covering the PAF, PA, PN/PCG and PNP. On the 35th Anniversary of the Class on 28 March 2017, the Association elected and inducted fifteen (15) new members of the Board of Trustees composed of PNP-5, PA-4, PAF-3, PN/PCG-3. Cav Bert Yap was elected Chairman/ President while Cav Elmer Soria was elected Vice Chairman/ Vice President. Similarly, the Phil Army Chapter elected the new Board of Trustees with Cav Cens Mayangao as Chairman/ President and Cav Manny Cacdac as Vice Chairman/Vice President. The Philippine Air Force Chapter is headed by Cav Jeff Delgado while the Philippine Navy Chapter is headed by Cav Jess Millan.

Our class celebrated our 35th Jade Graduation Anniversary on March 28, 2017 with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in memory of our seventeen (17) classmates who had gone ahead of us. This was followed by a mass at the St. Michael the Archangel chapel in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City and Golf fellowship at the Philippine Navy Golf Club in coordination with Cav Willy Bonilla- our very energetic President of the PMA Sandigan'82 Golf Club who regularly organized golf fellowship and clinic to hone the golf skills of members. The celebration culminated in a Class dinner at the Makati Polo Club with the induction of newly elected officers and recognition of the past Chairmen of the PMA Sandigan '82 Association, Inc. - Cav John Bonafos and Cav Frank Uyami, recognition of honorary members of the Class headed by Mayor Jay Vergara of Cabanatuan City and his wife Congresswoman Ria Vergara. Other highlights of the night included PAF ladies dance presentation of "Your Face Sounds Familiar" followed by the PNP ladies dance. The PN-PCG Chorale led by the Phil Marines guitarist Cav Orly De Leon rendered the never surrender "The Boxer" while the PA Chapter Chorale sang the never-fade-away Auld Lang Syne. But the PA chapter vowed to present more interesting surprise numbers in the next homecoming. It was indeed a memorable 35th anniversary celebration with the witty jokes of our Stand-up comedian and jolly Emcee and Singer Cav Chris Laxa. But not to be outdone was the always-in-demand singer Cav Gordon Descanzo who always brought happy-endings to our class fellowship with his innovative and delightful songs.



RG MARIANO
President
MN PINTO
Secretary

Contributed by: **Jesse A. Alvarez**

The last time we had our Class Call in the Cavalier Magazine was no less than five (5) years ago. Yes, more than 5 years of snoring to our hearts content that we were simply consigned to oblivion. Indeed, dead men tell no tales! According to Wikipedia, **Resurrection** is the concept of coming back to life after death. Are we back to life now? Yes, we are back, for now. Anyway, **happy resurrection day, Maharlikans!** It is my fervent hope that I, or someone else, will always stay motivated to write for our class call for many years. Calling the "attention" of **Artie Sindac!** Maharlikans, please, always "**Bring Me to Life.**" Music really soothes my soul.

Many things have had happened in the lives of the Maharlikans for the last 5 years. Some were significant, many were insignificant, others were trivial, but the most important of all is that we are in the homestretch of our military and police career. Year 2017 is the retirement year of many, if not most, Maharlikans save for the so-called "aged" in the class who hanged their uniforms earlier. But mind you, the so-called "aged" Maharlikans are aging gracefully that they do not really look old physically. **Sabi naman ng isang mistah, "VERY OLD lang daw!"** With all the moustache, beards, ala rock-star long hairs and age-defying clothes, how can it be? The younger ones of the Class (**hindi yung isip bata ha!**) are retiring in 2018 with a few in 2019. This group includes **Atong San Juan, Raffy Valencia** and **Badong Mison** who are all presently occupying 3-star positions. **Iba raw talaga kung meron kang 3 kay sa isa o dalawa!** For lack of space, reliable information and "enthusiasm"...on my part, others will have to wait for their "one moment in time" in the next resurrection day!

My battalion (261B) mates **Glenn Macasero, Monet Estella** are already retired and enjoying the fruits of their labours somewhere in northern Mindanao, while **Elmer Quiros** is still

waiting for 2018. In the middle of June 2017, I am already retired, but not tired yet! Recent retirees also include **Gerry Amante, Werner Elpedes, Banny Gaerlan** and **Lari Lagnada**. Is **Raul del Rosario** already retired? Someone whispered, "**Sa October 2017 pa si Sayong.**" Would-be retirees are **Eboy Enriquez** in September 2017, and **Rey Guerrero** and **Oca Lactao** in December 2017. Guys, certainly, there is more life after retirement; more fun, more excitement and more challenges. **Huwag lang sana more families!** I have been trying to pick up some transmissions from Camp Crame, but the signal is really faint, as in I am fainting! I believe Hawk Hunter **Danny Maligalig** is retiring in July 2017. **Gene Cerbo**, by the looks alone, with moustache, is recently retired from Camp Crame. Else, he could be still performing his former job, however, as operator or perhaps an "asset" this time around. How about you, **Danny Pelisco?**

Kids and young men usually play big ball games like soccer and basketball. Old men are forced to play small ball games especially golf. No wonder many Maharlikans are now golf enthusiasts! This much I can say, "While the 'numbers' grow big, the 'size' becomes small." Math wizards, is it called Inversely Proportional? Yes, perhaps, it is inversely proportional taking into account the relatively high number of Maharlikan golf enthusiasts we have right now and the low scores they make. Good job, guys! For golfers, indeed, it is not how you drive, but how you arrive. I just hope nobody is "driving else's crazy" on and off the fairways! Avoid the 19th. To those who are not yet enthusiasts nor passionate about golf, follow **Lari L's** advice; **IF YOU CANNOT PLAY, DISPLAY! Kaya pala maraming Maharlikan golfers na maporma at naka-outlandish attire.**

Nowadays, the Maharlika '84 viber, este viber group, where coordination usually happens, is alive with discussions concerning position, promotion, parties, retirement, health and beauty tips, and of course, about golf. We are simply drowned in a sea of golf enthusiasts' pictures. **May mga cute din naman pero mas marami ang mga pa-cute!** As a song goes, "If a picture paints a thousand words, then why can't I paint you?" One bug yelled, "**Baka mukhang 45-90-90!**" Of course, not really true. Many of them are still (thinking and acting like) hunks. Those frequently seen or mentioned in the viber

group are: long-hitter **Ernie Lopena**, slim but fit **Bob Villanueva**, would-be caddie este golfer **Raniel Ramiro**, ever healthy **Paeng Mariano**, mysteriously cool **Noel Armilla**, my beast barracks squad-mates **Bob Aligayay**, **Noelito Albano** and **Richard Albano**, the ever elegant **Banji Ramos**, around the green specialist **Chip Verceles**, passionate and fashionable **Jun Marquez**, Alpha golf-anchor **Jun Perez**, single handicapper **Ding Sevilla**, shot-maker **Manny Prieto**, golf strategist **Pat Morales**, golf Lăoshī **Eddie Cheang**, the one and only **James Jacob**, always available and sought-after **Jerry Alfante**, and the very, very long ago young and restless **Danny Delgado**.

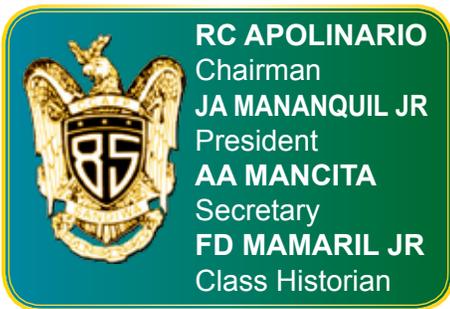
Some observant bugs may have noticed that those mentioned are mostly golfers, or they belong to a particular company. Well, not bad, guys! You may

be right. It is kind of like ‘**Golf and the rest of the sports,**’ or ‘**Golf Gallants and the rest of the Corps.**’ So here they are, the rest of the resurrected bugs: fellow Diamond troopers **Renwick Rutaquio**, **James Joven**, **Egay Gonzales**, **Lito Kakilala** and **Gane Adriatico**, the you-wanna-fight bug **Jay Tindoy**, still single and edible **Pikes Depakakibo**, backstreet este backseat boy **Paeng Sera Jose**, from faraway land **Steve del Rosario**, ‘energy-booster’ guy **Roland Arugay**, basketball coach **Gabby Velasco**, accidental golfer **Harold Cabrerros**, health buff **James Pacis**, on and off golfers **Dino Diño** and **Jun Palisoc**, Mactan island protector **Joey Mirandilla** and the forever lover boy **Alan Arrojado**. Is **Roy Antonio** still working in South Cotabato? He is my beast...barracks platoon mate! Other Maharlikans especially those living abroad

will be our main features in next issue.

By the way, golf is the ‘most resorted to’ sports by new retirees because it affords them at least four (4) ‘glorious’ hours somewhere else. Of course, I am referring to fairways. Where else? In so doing, they keep their bodies in shape and sanity intact. But I hope they do not keep the ‘shapely bodies’ instead! There is really a need to reinvent ourselves after retirement. Some may even prefer reincarnation. According to Wikipedia, **Reincarnation** is the philosophical or religious concept that an aspect of a living being starts a new life in a different physical body or form after each biological death.

Who among us Maharlikans have already or are experiencing “biological” death right now? **Abangan...**



“The value of life is not based on how long we live, but how much we contribute to others in our society.” – Buddha –

All Sandiwans, those who are still in the service, those who have retired and especially for those made the ultimate sacrifice by offering their life, have contributed in not only a small way but to a grand one to the betterment of our society. This was done in a collective effort by all mistahs with the untiring support of our spouses and children to include grandchildren. Thus, our new set of Class officers have been planning for the next actions and goals of the class during their 3-year term.

For the information of all mistahs, the following are our new set of Class Officers:

- Chairman:** Mon Apolinario
- Vice Chairman:** Boy Vingson
- President:** Jess Manangquil
- Vice President:** Manny Salamat
- Secretary:** Arnold Mancita
- Auditor:** Dennis Siervo
- Treasurer:** Tony Treñas
- Class Historian:** Mon Mamaril

Major Services Representatives:

Army: Noel Clement, Jun Cabading, Joey Reyes & Vic Tomas

PNP: Arnie Gunnacao & Macky Macatlang

Air Force: Tj Tanjuan & Jun Padilla

Navy: Mon Ochoco & Gino Hermogino

We would like to congratulate the following mistahs who were recently promoted to the Star/Director rank: Filip Bejar, Arnie Matanguihan and Jun Mendoza for their promotion to Brigadier General. Manny Salamat for his promotion to Major General. Charlie Galvez and Boy Vingson, The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP for their promotion to Lieutenant General (3 Stars) in the AFP. Greg Pimentel, Benjie Lusad and Ed Garado to Police Director (2 Stars) and Mon Apolinario to Police Deputy Director General (3 Stars).

For the Sandiwans Updates-PA Group: Charles Galvez-Commander, WESTMINCOM; Jess Manangquil-Commander with Vic Tomas-DC, JTF NCR; Rolie Bautista-Commander with Tommy Donato-ADC, both of 1ID; Eric Parayno-Commander, 2ID; Jonks Delfin-ADC, 3ID; Benjie Madrigal-Commander, 4ID; Roy DeVesa-ADC, 5ID; Arnel Dela Vega-Commander, 6ID; Dave Diciano-ADC, 7ID; Raul Farnacio-Commander, 8ID with Cesar Idio as the ADC; Chad Isleta-ADC and Nonong Perfecto-IG, both of 9ID; Danny Pamong-Commander, SOCOM; Macky Macario-Commander, LRR; and Filip Bejar-Commander, 51st EBde.

Balong Arevalo-CS, PA; Joey Reyes-TIG, PA with Armingol De Guzman as the Ex-O; Rodel Alarcon-Commander, HHS; G;

Jack Bareng-Commander, 102nd Bde; Arnie Matanguihan-Commander, 302nd Bde; Ely Losanes-Commander, 303rd Bde; Larry Casis-Commander, 703rd Bde; Jun Mendoza-Commander, 802nd Bde; Mario Lacurom-Commander, 803rd Bde; Ric Nepomuceno-Commander, 1003rd Bde and incoming Chief, AFPCC; Ted Dizon-Chief, OACOCS; Byron Calimag-Deputy Commander with Amor Agpalo-IG, both of ASCOM; Joey Villanueva is Dean of Academics, PMA; and Rey Lanuzo-Dir, ALDEC with Mon Mamaril-Deputy Commander, all of TRADOC, PA.

John Pulido-Commander, GHQ and HSC; Boni Cebrian-AJ2, AFP and Chi-Chi Logronio-Ex-O, OJ2, AFP; Noel Clement-J3, AFP and incoming Commander, 10ID; Mel Feliciano-J7, AFP; Gener Del Rosario-Commander, CCAFP, PMA; Jun Cabading-Chief, AFPMFO; Dinoh Dolina-Chief, OLA, AFP; Sid Purisima-Chief, AFPCC and incoming J3, AFP; Ronnie Villanueva-Chief, ISAFP with Ric Santiago-GSMO; Emil Hulipas-DAFA, Timor Leste; Tony Tayag-DC, AFPMCC; and Raul Bautista-GM, AFPCES.

Mon Yogyog and Reuel Sorilla have retired from the service this May 2017. By the way, Jonas Becios is currently confined at AFPMC, V Luna Road, QC, while waiting for his angioplasty and/or by-pass surgery. Let us all pray for his immediate recovery.

For the PAF from TJ Tanjuan starting from those still in the active service: Jun Kintanar-Commander, AETDC; Arnold Mancita-Commander, Airforce Logistics Command; Tj Tanjuan-J6, AFP; Enry Reyes-Commander, 1st Air Div; Miles Milo-Commander, Air Force Reserve

Command; Resty Padilla-AJ7, AFP; and Sai Espino-Commandr, PAFRDC, who is retiring this July 2017. Resty Baclayon had retired last December 2016.

For the PN: Jorge Amba-Commandr, NETC; Boy Vingson-TDCS, AFP; Elvin Velasco-J8, AFP; Jande Francisco-Commandr, Naval Installation Command; Mon Ochoco-TNIA; Virme Torralba-Commandr, Naval Service Support Command; Ty Salamat-Commandant, Philippine Marines; and Gino Hermogino-Commandr, Coast Guard Fleet, PCG. Elson Aguilar, Max Ballesteros and Raul Ubando had just retired.

Updates of the PNP from Arnie Gunnacao: Mon Apolinario- Deputy Chief PNP for Administration, HPNP; Greg Pimentel-Director (Dir) for Intel; Benjie Lusad-Dir, PNP SAF; and Atty. Jun Garado-Dir, DIPO, Southern Luzon.

Regional Directors: Bob Quenery-PRO2; Aaron Aquino-PRO3; Atty. Wilben Mayor-PRO4B; Beltejar-PRO8; Elmer Billy Beltran-PRO9; Atty Boyet Javier-PRO10; Manny Gaerlan-PRO11, Rolly Felix-PRO13; and Rene Gumban-RD PRO18, who will retire May 2017.

Directors, NSUs: Sonny Phillipps-HSS; Edwin Nemenzo-ITMS (CS); Tony Taylan-ES; Dennis Siervo-HRAO; Sheldon Jacoban-AVSEG; Boyet Balagtas-PPDO vice Vert Chavez who retired last March 28, 2017; Rolly Nana-NCRPO; Frank Mabanag-PRO7; and Jonathan Ablang- PRO9.

Deputy Directors: Marlou Chan-DIPO, NL; Bart Tobias-DIPO, Visayas; Benjie Hulipas-DIPO, SL; Eric Velasquez-DPCR; Eric Reyes-DIDM; Reggie Catiis-DHRDD; Arnold Gunnacao-DPL; Ric Zapata-DICTM; Danny Macatlang-EX-O, DIPO, WM; Lito Santos-RCDS, PRO2; and Arnie Palomo-Chief, RID.

We always remember and pray for the eternal repose of our mistahs who had gone ahead of us: (Army) Roger Tacbian, Dante Rosales, Toto Jocson, Arnie Elechicon, Joey Ancanan, Jojo Madarang, and Dante Cubangay; (Air Force) Ronnie Capacio, Danny Cabrigas, George Torralba, and Jun Latonero; (Navy) Ambing Encio; (PC/PNP) Alex Castro, Tuts Maramo, Gerard Pasinos, Adonis Oropesa and Orly Recites and Rino Servano (who joined the PNP from the Air Force); and Andy Ramos, who died when we were still cadets in 1981.

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



Looking forward to Year 2018: One of the most inspiring moments where the grandeur of the Class will truly be. February 2018 shall be a special homecoming for the Maringal Class of 1988 being the senior host class after 30 years of active officer service (1988 to 2018). It would be stars struck Borromeo Field for the morelucky Class members wearing of their dreamed star ranks over their shoulders and more optimism for the others.

The Achievers: From 2016 and onwards in 2017, great number of Maringals occupy positions of greater responsibility in the AFP, PNP, Coast Guard and allied services.

In the PNP (1 two-star rank..*bonglad* ; 8 one-star ranks..*tagoy, caloy, rj, casmot, meejay, bangis, pussy, joyet*) - Dennis P. AGUSTIN (DRDO, PRO7), Anthony S. ALCANESES (DDA, HSS), Ferdinand E. ALCANZO (USA), Michael Ray B. AQUINO (VP, SOLAIRE RESORT), Bernabe M. BALBA (DRDO, PRO2), Dennis L. BASNGI (DD, PNP SAF), John C. BULALACAO (CDS, CSG), Elmer C. CABREROS (AC, NOC), **Aspirinio M. CABULA (+)**, Dionard B. CARLOS (C, PIO), Angelito A. CASIMIRO (EX-O, DL), Marlon L. CASTANEDA (PASIG CITY), Joselito M. DANIEL (C, UTPD, DHRDD), Ferdinand S. DAWAY (DDA, MG), Ferdinand O. DIVINA (DRDO, PRO1), Benigno B. DURANA (UN COMMISSAR, ITALY), Henry Y. DUQUE (ANTIPOLO CITY), Joselito T. ESQUIVEL, Jr (Ex-O, DI), Alonso G. HIMATAY, Jr (USA), Rolando J. HINANAY (EX-O, DPRM), Carlos Rafael P. IMPERIAL (+), Leo Angelo D. LEUTERIO (DEP IG, IAS), **John D. LOPEZ (+)**, Mariano N. MANAOG, Jr (AUSTRALIA), Marni C. MARCOS, Jr (DIR, ACG), **Antonio P. Mendoza, Jr (+)**, Graciano J. MIJARES (DIR, PDEG), **Ronelo M. NAVARRO (+)**, Joel S. ORDUNA (DDA, SPD, NCRPO), R'win SA PAGKALINAWAN (DRDO, PROCOR), Rene P. PAMUSPUSAN (Ex-O, DO), Celso J. PESTANO (DD, FS), Antonio V. PONCE (USA), Samuel F. RODRIGUEZ (DD, ITMS), Danny F. SALVADOR (CAGAYAN VALLEY Business Group), Adolfo S.

SAMALA, Jr (DDO, AVSEGROUP), Francisco B. SANTIAGO, Jr (CONSULTANT, ASTF, ASEAN SUMMIT 2017), Herminio S. TADEO, Jr (CDS, FS), and Wilkins M. VILLANUEVA (PDEA).

The ARMY (1 one-star rank..*boyfaustino*) is at the leadership helm with snappy Maringals : Raymundo R. ACORDA, Harry Eugenio A. ARES, **Wendell Emmanuel A. ARES (+)**, Bartolome Vincent D. BACARRO (Commandr, __Bde), Ferdinand R. BARAQUEL (____), Reuben S. BASIAO (Commandr, 701 Bde), Monico S. BATLE (Commandr, ____), Gabriel P. BUENAFLORE, Arnulfo Marcelo B. BURGOS (Commandr, ---Bde), Andres C. CENTINO (CS, 4ID), **Benedicto B. CUANAN (+)**, Robert C. DAUZ (DBC, 1ST Mec Bde), Edgardo Y. DE LEON (DAFA, Myanmar), Cesar D. DE MESA (DBC, 601 Bde), Pio Q. DINOSO III (Commandr, ____), Henry M. DAYAOEN, Ezra James P. ENRIQUEZ (DBC, 2ND Mec Bde), **Thomas H. ESPINOSA (+)**, Jose O. FAUSTINO, Jr (Commandr, 502 Bde), **Martin Emil DC FERNANDEZ (+)**, **Rogelio R. GABOL (+)**, Franco NM GACAL (Commandr, 402 Bde), **Rommel M. GALIDO (+)**, Rodrigo T. GREGORIO (DBC, 502 Bde), Virgilio M. IBONES, Jr. (USA), Leopoldo A. IMBANG, Jr (Commandr, ____), Dennis RD ISLETA (Victory Christian Ministry), Omar A. LAURANARIA, Rodolfo B. LAVADIA, Jr (DBC, 701 Bde), Teodoro A. LLAMAS (AUSTRALIA), Philip S. LAPINID (DBC, 402 Bde/Commandr, TF Diamond), **Angelito O. LUCAS (+)**, Arnold M. MACADANGDANG, Ignacio B. MADRIAGA, Vener Odilon D. MARIANO, Arnel S. MENDOZA (USA), Larry B. MOJICA (DBC, 1003 Bde), Rynell R. MORE, Aderito S. NAVATA (DAFA Singapore), Erwin BL NERI (Commandr, TF DAVAO), Edgar P. NIGOS, Divino Rey PABAYO (Commandr, 103 Bde), Pierre Robert P. PEL (AUSTRALIA), Adriano S. PEREZ, Generoso M. PONIO (DBC, 103 Bde), Filemon P. RADAM, Jr (ASCOM/LNMB, PA), Peter Angelo L. RAMOS (DBC, 103 Bde), Ferdinand B. RAMOS, Francisco T. RAMOS, Ferdinand B. RAZALAN, Bienvenido Y. REGONDOLA, Jr, Alfredo V. ROSARIO, Jr (CS, 7ID, PA), Angel Adrian N. Sievert III (USA), Gilbert F. SARET (DBC, 1001 Bde), Jesus B. SARSAGAT (Commandr, 603 Bde), **Orlando M. SUAREZ (+)**, Federico J. TUTAAN, Reynaldo U. VERCELES, Oliver T. VESLINO and Corleto S. VINLUAN (CMDR, JSOTG, PA)

The AIR FORCE (4 one-star ranks..*allenP, ericgloria, toinksV, cj*) , **Arnold S. ABARRA (+)**, Carlo BN BUENA, Ferdinand M. CARTUJANO (ASUPT, PMA),

Fidel Ignatius T. CRUZ, Jr, Anthony D. EVANGELISTA (USA), Simon Zamar, FELIX, Jr (Dep Cmdr, 530 ABW), Erickson R. GLORIA , Allen T. PAREDES (Cmdr, 250 Pres Airlift Wing), Joselito B. RAMOS, and Pelagio R. VALENZUELA (Cmdr, 5th Strike Wing)

The NAVY/COASTGUARD (Commodores leo, joselitoC and bordz). Silvino Mat ADIZAS, Rigoberto O. BANTA, Adelius S. BORDADO, Restituto Q. BILBAO, Jr, Alberto A. CRUZ, Joselito F. DELA CRUZ, Ramil Roberto B. ENRIQUEZ (Cmdr, Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao), Ferdinand M. FRAGINAL, Fernando R. GOMEZ, Joseph Melvin A. GUEVARRA, Nestor C. HERICO, David B. ISAAC, Opiniano M. JAYME, Jr (USA), Leopoldo V. LAROYA, Diosdado T. MACASAET, Eugene ER MARTINEZ, Sivert SM MONTEROLA, Ramon D. MITRA III (PALAWAN), Leysander TA ORDENES, Raymundo T. PAGONZAGA, Erano A. PANLAQUE, Jesus L. PORTIZ (ADAF, Washington, USA), Ferdinand Jose G. RIVERA, and Roel Y. TOLIN (USA).

Remembering our fallen comrades:

As the Maringals gear to reach greater heights in one's career, some fell prey to the call of our Creator. The demise of another classmate Col Orlando Suarez (ADAF, Washington) in February 2017- just before the 2017 Alumni homecoming. That incident once again proved the bond of brothers with coordinative efforts bringing him to his final resting place at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani. Last March 16, 2017 news hard to believe rung over the silence in every Maringals - the death of another mistah, TONI MENDOZA JR. What has fate brought over the Maringals in the past 33 years- with 17 joining heaven? An awakening to keep us maintain a healthy active lifestyle - physically, socially, economically, emotionally etc.

An edge to the 30th, The Maringals celebrated the 29th Graduation Anniversary just recently. A pre celebration was held at the Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao, Davao City last March 11, 2017 being organized by Andy Centino and attended by Mindanao-based Maringals. The actual graduation anniversary was celebrated at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani, Taguig City last March 12, 2017 with a wreath laying in honor of those who have gone ahead of the class (Maringals Imperial.....Suarez) followed by a simple lunch, fellowship and exchange of pleasant memories for the past 29 years of active service.

Overcoming of setbacks. As the Class is on its journey of further glory, several challenges are underway wherein some members of the class were unable to wait ... With all the years, Class 88 remains steadfast with 17 not so lucky mistahs who rested in peace and joined our Creator. Class members reunite only during: sports activities, alumni homecoming, birthdays/fellowships, sponsored breakfast sessions after flag raising and funeral service of dead member.

The trademark of Class 1988. Maringals continue to serve this country and protect our people with utmost commitment and professionalism under the direction of Divine Providence.



Last 18 March 2017, exactly 21 years and one day after our graduation from PMA, a wreath laying ceremony was held at the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani as a way of remembering our Mistahs who went ahead of us in joining our Creator. Fortunately there were many Mistahs present mostly those taking the AFPCGSC, those who were assigned nearby and those who took extra effort from work just to join the fellowship, and the family of our fallen Mistahs.

Immediately after the wreath-laying ceremony, an election of Class Officers was held at the OG3, PA. The newly elected Class Officers were: President – Frank Molina, Secretary – Dondi Pambid and Treasurer – Aldrin Orejudos. Major Service representative: Army – Giovani Bermudo,

Air Force – Ronnie Cabingas and Navy – Enyong Hernandez. Breakfast and snacks were served courtesy of Ramir Redosendo. To the newly elected officers, wishing you God Speed and may you continue to serve for the welfare of the class and the Filipino people!!!

Let us also give hurrah to our Outgoing Class Officers for their invaluable services and for making gargantuan accomplishments especially the planning and preparation they have made being the Host Class last 2016 Alumni Homecoming. Our salute to all of you mga Mistah! Your achievements serve as benchmark for future endeavors.

For updates, **fifteen (15) Mabik** members are currently on their AFP Command and General Staff Course at AFP Command and General Staff College: Frank Molina, Dodoy Illana, Dondi Pambid, Ronald Genete, Jess Pagala, Sergio Macarandan, Chris Oquendo, Jearie Faminial, Manny Gallo, Jomar Torrenueva, Art Laylo, Jun Natividad; Sherwin Respeto, Enyong Hernandez and Fred Correo.

By the way, Dodoy Illana was elected as Class Vice President.

For the Army: *Ramir Redosendo* – OG3, PA; *Randy Pagunuran* and *Joel Batara* – AFPPKOC; *Benjie Tapnio* – AFPMFO; *Aldrin Orejudos* – AFP Finance Center; *Giovani Bermudo* – AFPCEC; *Gremel Brual* – BatCom, 551B; *Randy Feraer*, *Jef Villarosa*, *Oliver Alviator*, *Jun Estorquia*, are performing very well in their respective endeavour; *Glenn Caballero* – CentCom; *Pet Garceniego* – HSC; *Boyet Dulay* – HMID; *Jun Matias* – PMA; *JJ Tayamen* – 22K; *Rodil Curiba* – UNMOGIP; *Silas Tramontero* – OTIA, AFP; *Ulysis Laude* – AFP Peace and Development Office; *Mel Somera* – TRADOC, PA; *Marlo Jomalesa* – CGSC Abroad; *Gerry Bahia* – Contracting Office, VLuna; *Bernard Fernandez* - ; *JB Cometa* – Director, XRay Inspection





Project, Bureau of Customs; *Rico Dingle* – BioFuel Processing Company, Cavite; *Jun Evangelista* – Nestle, Philippines; *Alvin Dimla* – Security Sector; *Tony De Vera* – Security Sector; *Jef Cauquiran* – Security Sector; *Jojo Hiponia* – Business Industry; *Gem Arrogante* - ; *Rommel Conte* – Municipal Engineer, Iloilo; *Cromwell Danganan* – ; *Jun Bermudez* – USA; *Gent Armedo* – USA; *John Macarse* – Davao; and *Ramel Pacer* – Qatar, UAE. Hubert Awingan – (+); Fermor Ogoc – (+); Mel Baa – (+).

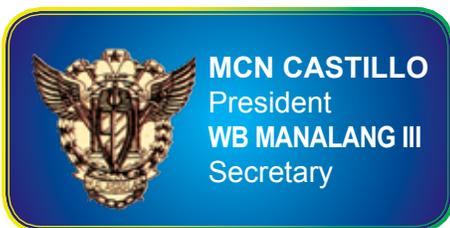
For the Air Force: *Tony Abundabar* – C1, AFPCGSC; *Dex Adecer* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer, PAL; OA4; *Pet Agapito* – Head, DAW, PMA; *Richard Agustin* – Airbus 320 Captain, Phil Air Asia; *Lev Albarece* – Hongkong Airlines, Airbus 330 Captain/ Line Training Captain (Instructor Pilot); *Alfredo Antonio* – Asst DO, 355th AEW; *Julius Bacosa* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer PAL; *Marvin Balabbo* – Boeing 777 First Officer, PAL; *Bernie Basco* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer, PAL; *Ernie Bautista* – GC, 480 MSG, 250th PAW;

Jason Buerano – Registered Nurse, New York; *Deomedes Busog* – Airbus 320/321 Captain, PAL; *Ronnie Cabingas* – XO, OA4, PAF; *Randy Campos* – Captain, A320/321/Simulator/Line Instructor, PAL; *Henry Claveria* – Hongkong Airlines, Airbus 330 Captain; *Edrick Domine* – Genav, Pasay City; *Rodel Gabriel* – Airbus 320-321 Captain, PAL; *Justine Gallen* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer, PAL; *George Galza* – Boeing 777 First Officer, PAL; *Oliver Ibarra* - Airbus 320/321 First Officer, PAL; *Alvin Infante* – Chairman, PAF Coop; *Vic Malaya* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer, PAL; *Iking Manalastas* – Airbus 330/340 First Officer, PAL; *Ulysis Mancao* - Incoming Commander, TOG 5, Albay; *Dennis Mangcoy* – XO, OA2, PAF; *Lino Nierves* – Helicopter Pilot, Beeline Helicopters, Inc; *Alan Obra* – Airbus 320/321 Captain, PAL; *Noel Pablo* – Manager, Training – A320, Cebu Pacific; *Vic Patricio* – XO, OA6, PAF; *Erwin Pecson* – Private Entrepreneur; *Mark Quilloy* – Brisbane, Australia; *Willy Racal* – Stock Trader/Head, Aviation Group, Fisherfarms Inc.; *Joey Ramos* – Dubai,

UAE; *Minel Samonte* – Miami Florida; and *Neil Siñel* – A330 Captain, Cebu Pacific. Moshe Vergara – (+); Junie Amatong – (+); Alvin Alegata – (+)

For the Navy: *Mat Carrido* – LC, 550 BRP Bacolod City; *Gem Escobido* – ACS for Logistics, MC4, PMC; *Stephen Cabanlet* – CO, MBLT1, Sulu; *Fred Baradi* – CO, MTBn, PMC; *Leo Dimoc* – Working anywhere; *Jo Carpio* – CO, PG380, Phil Fleet; *Troy Bumagat* – Private Enterprise, Ormoc; *Louie Razon* – New York, USA; *JID Serana* – New York, USA; *Val Mempin* – Security Officer, Bohol Mining; *Boni Agas* – USA; *Fritz Narciso* – Cathay Pacific, Hongkong; and *Don Lacerna* – Cebu Pacific. Alex Blanco – (+); Ariel Espino – (+); Alan Rivera – (+).

For the Coast Guard: *Winnell Ascuna* – Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Intelligence, Security and Law Enforcement, CG2; *Gov Jun Rosario* – Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Civil Relations, CG7; *Gene Basilio* – Deputy Chief of Coast Guard Staff for Education and Training, CG12; and *Marco Gines* – CO, DA, BFAR MCS 3006, Zamboanga.



Part 2 of 2 Parts

As Immaculates, we realized that it is harder to lead than to follow. But as always, our class was up to the challenge. Chris Agbayani was the designated Cadet First Captain with Ronald Landingin as Class President and David Hontiveros as Deputy Brigade Commander. When the time came that we have to undergo our BOS on-the-job training, we likewise delegated the leadership baton to

the secondclass cadets. The Army cadets had their Basic Airborne Course (BAC 77-96); the Midshipmen cadets their Navy Junior Officers Course; and the Air Force cadets with their Basic Air Force Officers Course. While the Army cadets subsisted on Lumpiang Gulay and Melon Ice Candy, the Air Force bugs' constant companions were Mr and Mrs. Donuts during their endless briefings and flight simulations. The Midshipmen however regularly tasted home cooked meals which were prepared by their designated foster parents in the ports they visited as well as with the various receptions and hops tendered in their honor. The 16th of March 1997 marked the end of our stay in the Academy. Thirteen (13) members of our Class however opted to stay longer to take up

Masters in Statistics and Law as they were able to savor and enjoy the companionship of a certain "terror" instructress for a few weeks more. Sadly, as most PMA classes also experienced, our attrition rate as a class peaked at 67%. In all, one hundred thirty-six (136) of us graduated from the academy although we were later joined by Eugene Cabusao (USMA), Arnold Gasalatan and Rey Gubantes (JNDA) who underwent foreign schooling.

Some of our indelible marks which we left in the Academy will always be our significant first such as:

1. The first female graduates of PMA as punctuated by the Magnificent Seven (Aireen, Arlene, Bonbon, Leah, Misha, Sheryl Jane and Vicky);
2. The first class to graduate with

Baccalaureate degrees in Computer Science, Management and Engineering;

3. PMA's first female Summa Cum Laude - Leah Lorenzo;
4. The first Sword Book Launching - the class had its yearbook launching on 16 Dec 1997;
5. The inaugural and regular publication of the Gray Knights Newsletter;
6. The first Inter-company Cadet Corps Dance Contest held courtesy of the Dialectic Society;
7. It was also during our time that the 100th Nite Show was first performed at the AFP Theater and Museum courtesy of our underclass.

Other notable firsts: we also acted as distinguished escorts to the candidates during the Miss Asia Pacific pageant held at the Baguio Convention Center; designated as PMAEE Cadet Proctors as a 2CL and as a 1CL; some mistah further established the following: Video Club by Encarnacion, Socio-Humanistic Club and Combat Weapons Club (formerly the Arnis Club) by Wil Manalang, Dance Society and Aikido Club by RR Abendan, Golf Club by Chris Meniado, Mountain Bikers Club by Eric de Leon (members of this Club conquered the mountains of Mt Sto Tomas & Cabuyao); our Class Goat, Joel Alviar, further added a Plebe Knowledge - a poem entitled, "What is Recognition Day?"; our Class also added the climactic song sung during every 100th Nite Show penned by Peña, Junie Agoncillo and Mariñas; Our latest contribution is Leah Santiago as the first female Officer to be designated as STO. She is now fondly called by the cadets as LoLeah (pronounced as "lola").

Members of our Class were significantly distributed to the different branches of service, as follows: 64 mistah joined the Army, 36 in the Navy while 39 joined the Air Force. For those in the Navy, six joined the Marines while 29 joined the Navy Fleet. Likewise, Meniado is the lone guardian of our coast. Out of the 64 Armybugs, nineteen had left the service for various reasons while five (Tony Pron, Patrick Baeza, JJ Apura, Ed Tadeo and Sonny Layugan) were promoted as heaven's soldiers. Arlene Orejana eventually transferred to the Corps of Professors in 2002 but left the service in 2009. On the side of the Air Force, twelve are still active while twenty-five chose greener pastures wherein majority of them still continue to provide commercial

air lines their expertise as public drivers (ng Airbus Jet nga lang!). Simon Fargas and our Class Valedictorian, Ephraim Suyom, transferred to our Creator's Heavenly Airlines. The defenders of our seas lost Rainier Reutotar, twenty-four are still in the active service while ten (Abendan; Alzate; Nat Cruz; Landingin; Quinto; Obra; SWAGmen Camino, Paul Rex Amindalan, Ancheta and Galicia) left for diverse ventures.

Likewise, elected Class Presidents who had devoted their time and effort to direct and supervise our class affairs are as follows: Landingin, Rex Bolo, Jerome Santiago, Vicky Agoncillo, Hontiveros, JJ Dator, Randy Bance and Bonbon Nunag-Castillo.

Based on the increasing number of our dependents, it is safe to assume that our number also grows as time goes by. Hence, during our celebration of our 20th year, let us remember the passing away of our little angels and offer a little prayer for them: Jin Somera-Reyes, Jan Caleb Gemoto, Raymond and Raymark Rosario, Crishann Honey Fernandez, Alan Andrew Orejana-Trillanes, Sheianna Louise Bolo and other loved ones.

A year from now, we will already be eligible to join the fifth and last Long Pay "tired and retired" members of the Long Gray Line. Hence, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary we bring back the glory of where we have been, where we are now and where we will be. So,

why is our story entitled "Descending to the top?" The primary reason is that our number in the active service declines as each year passes. However, as we grow older as a class, those in the active service, and even those in various business ventures, are now being given increased responsibilities and higher positions befitting our stature in the military organization. Each year that passes lessens our strength but our present rank and current designations will ultimately lead us to reach the top. 🇵🇭

A tribute to the heroes of Marawi City

The recent battles in Marawi City fought by government forces against terrorists which started on 23 May 2017 and were still raging as of this writing have many stories to tell – tales of bravery, compassion, grief, Filipino virtue of helping those in need and even inhumanity and cruelty among others. But those that stand out are those pertaining to the heroism of soldiers, among them cavaliers who led the attacking forces in close combat, unmindful of the risks to their lives and limbs. Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice. Many more receive wounds from which they may be incapacitated for life.

Through them, the armed forces have once more demonstrated that they could be relied on to respond to the call of duty. To them, especially the fallen heroes, the PMAAAI extends its salute and to their loved ones, its sympathies.

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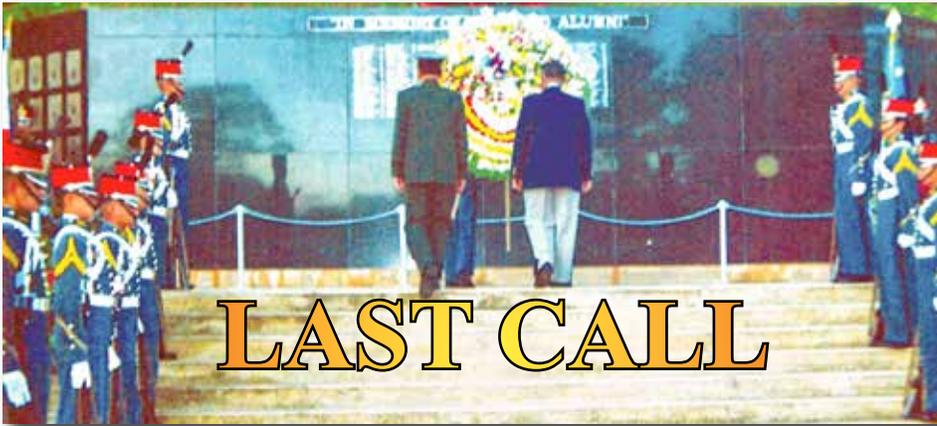


on 31 May 2017. After graduation from PMA in 1955, he was assigned in the Philippine Army which was then engaged in the anti-dissident campaign. In an encounter against the HMB's under Commander Buhay, he was wounded for which he was awarded the Wounded Soldier's Medal. He then transferred to the PC and was assigned with CIS. After that, he served as Comptroller of the PC Metrocom and PC Region IV. He optionally retired in 1976. He was married to Angelina P De Guzman with whom they had seven children.

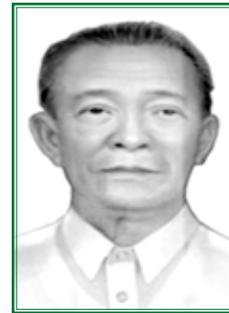
CAPT VICENTE C ESCALA, JR. PN (RET) 10 January 1935- 28 May 2017



Navy Capt Escala Jr. from Naga, Cebu entered the PMA as a member of Class 1961. A born athlete, he was a member of the Bridge club and also a member of the PMA basketball, soccer, wrestling, cross-country and baseball Corp Squads. In the Navy, he was a "Seadog". He died on 28 May 2017 due to lingering illness and cremated on 5 June 2017 followed by his inurnment at St. Therese Columbarium, Pasay City. He was married to Amelita Escala and they were blessed with five children, namely: Michaela, Rommel, Soraya, Vicente III and Divinagracia. 🇵🇭

**COMMO ROGELIO A DAYAN AFP (RET)**

27 March 1936- 15 May 2017



Commo Rogelio A. Dayan is a graduate of PMA Class 1957 which recently celebrated its Diamond Jubilee of graduation last February 2017. He once served as

PMA Superintendent and after retirement as PVAO Administrator from November 2003 to April 2007. Commo Dayan died on 15 May 2017 at VMMC and was buried at Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Quezon City on 20 May 2017. He is survived by his loving wife Dra. Natividad Dayan and their four children, namely: Maria Belinda, Reginaldo Mauro, Maria Teresa and Rogelio Jr.

RADM MANUEL I DE LEON AFP (RET)

15 August 1943- 24 May 2017



RAdm Manuel "Bang Bang" De Leon is a graduate of PMA Class 1965. He became the first Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard after it was placed

under the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC). He had the distinction of being the first PCG Commandant to have the rank of Rear Admiral. He passed away on 24 May 2017 and was buried at Dauis Panglao, Bohol on 30 May 2017. He was married to Sonyah De Leon with whom they had three children, namely: Mari Antoinette, Manuel Jr and Noelle Marie.

COL VIRGILIO M DE GUZMAN PA (RET)

05 January 1933- 27 May 2017

Anative of Pangasinan, Col Virgilio "Guzzie" M De Guzman died on 27 May 2017 and cremated

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BGEN AMADO M SANTIAGO AFP (RET)

12 February 1927 – 1 April 2017



BGen Amado "Mading" Santiago is a graduate of PMA Class 1951. He was a recipient of PMAAAI Cavalier Award in Performance as Military Engineer. During his military

life, he held various positions such as Deputy and Executive Officer, 51st Engineer Brigade and Acting Army Chief of Engineers. Upon his promotion to Brigadier General, he assumed command of the 51st Engineer Brigade Philippine Army. After his retirement, he was appointed as General Manager of Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA). He died last 1 April 2017 and was buried at Libingan ng mga Bayani. He left behind five children, namely: Alice, Arlene, Annie, Alma, and Andrew.

BGEN JOSE C BELLO JR AFP (RET)

2 February 1932 – 4 April 2017



BGen Jose "Jobel" Bello is a member of PMA Class 1956. He received the Presidential Saber Award for graduating No. 1 in his class. After his retirement, he

became well known in the realty business and was once elected as President of the Philippine Association of Realtors Boards. He was also appointed as Examiner of

the Real Estate Broker Licensure Exam of DTI. He served as Chairman of AGFO and President of AGFO Foundation, Inc. He passed away on 4 April 2017 and was buried in Tarlac on 8 April 2017. He left behind his wife Rosaminda P Bello and their five children, namely: Jolly, Jenny, Ronald, Robert and Mary Ann.

LTCOL LYEL M TUGBANG PA (RET)

31 May 1949 – 28 April 2017



LtCol Lyel M Tugbang is a member of PMA Class 1975. He passed away on Friday, 28 April 2017 and was buried at Forest Lake Cemetery in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on 7 May 2017. He was a consultant of PDEA in Region VI. He is survived by his loving wife Evelyn Tugbang and their two children, namely: Elyn and Lyel Jr.

2LT ESTELITO P SALDUA JR

1 November 1993- 11 April 2017



Avery young officer from Brgy. Mojon Tampoy, San Jose, Batangas, 2LT Estelito P Saldua Jr died on 11 April 2017 during a recent combat operation against the Abu Sayaff at Inabanga, Bohol. He is a graduate of PMA Sinaglahi Class of 2015. He was awarded a Gold Cross Medal by President Rodrigo "Roa" Duterte. He is survived by his parents Gina and Estelito Saldua.



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