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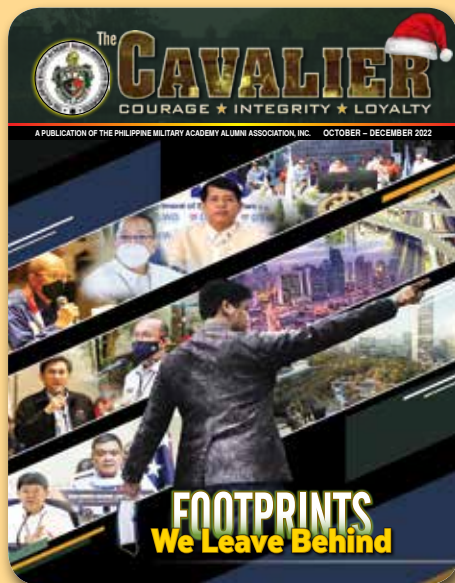
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When the COVID pandemic hit the country in 2020, drastic measures were crafted to mitigate the spread of the virus. The national government ably picked the Cavalier Pandemic heroes as Champions in the fight which together by their strategic minds, combined efforts and steely determination, the country was able to lower the number of casualties. Restrictions were put at ease and Filipinos started to enjoy life again in a normal way, except for the continuous implementation of the health protocols.

The concerted efforts of the Cavalier pandemic heroes etched victorious Cavalier footprints on the "battlefields" nationwide towards economic development in the aftermath of the pandemic.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV AMB VIDAL E QUEROL '73

The PMA is the national bulwark of peace, security and stability
Remember the military heroes of the forgotten Philippine-American War
For the Philippines to be a great nation, first it must have its own great heroes
The destructive war in Ukraine warns us not to be sucked into proxy war
In the US-CHINA rivalry, friend to all and foe to none
is the guardrails against avoidable war

(The Chairman's Desk features his speech as GOHAS during PMA Foundation Day in October 2022)

I wish to greet everybody on the 124th Founding Anniversary of the Philippine Military Academy. It is very fitting to celebrate with the theme: **The PMA: Celebrating 124 years of Producing Principled and Competent Military Officers for the Nation**. Indeed, the PMA has been the bulwark of principled, competent, and dedicated Officers of the AFP, the PNP, and the PCG who have steadfastly contributed significantly to the development of the nation through nation-building and capacitating. It has been said and widely believed that the highest rating of President Rodrigo Duterte as incumbent and retired President with the recent 90% approval rating could be attributed to the highest number of PMA graduates in his Cabinet and Agencies. And rightly so because we were trained and dedicated to doing the job for the nation.

Who would think that Boracay island resort would be cleansed of cesspools accumulated for years? There was strong opposition inside and out but as soon as the presidential order was out, it took PMA graduates led by Sec Roy Cimatu and Sec Ed Año to do the job in our cadet lingo PROPERLY. In the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, when there was no template on how our country must cope with the situation, Pres Duterte called again Cavaliers Delfin Lorenzana and Ed Año to form a new normal of social behavior conducive to effective coverage of health protocols. Through repetitive actions like the transformation of civilian antics to the regimen of plebehood, the desired new normal of wear mask and maintain physical distance was incorporated into a new way of life. When agencies were at a loss on how to trace infected persons, a cavalier Mayor Benjie Magalong emerged to the rescue to become Contact Tracing Czar, not only in Baguio city but also in Cebu and elsewhere.

While the PMA has continuously produced the steady anchor of our nation's security pillar, the recent national elections drew palpable admiration and appreciation to the AFP, the PNP, and the Coast Guard for their professionalism and strict neutrality while other traditional institutions known and expected for their cold neutrality went the opposite direction of political partisanship, this condition added tensions, widened sectoral gaps, and deepened the institutional

disconnect from the people in the margins of society whether in urban squalor or rural neglect. When the traditional guardians abandoned their missions to engage in political partisanship, our military and police stepped on the breaches, kept this nation intact, and ensured the will of the people to prevail.

I note that the roots of the PMA could be traced to the decree of Gen Emilio Aguinaldo on 25 October 1898 which established the Academia Militar. It aimed to produce military officers. However, it was deactivated on 20 Jan 1899 when it became clear as a direct consequence of the American-Spanish war that the American soldiers in Manila were not there as an ally of the Philippines under Gen Aguinaldo in the Philippine revolution against Spain; the US Army was the new invading power. The siege of Manila laid by Gen Aguinaldo Republican Army was lifted by the negotiated transfer of control of Manila from the Spanish colonial forces to the US Army in the infamous Mock Battle of Manila in August 1898.

After landing the US 8th Army Corps composed of two Army Divisions in Manila and being confident that US forces would defeat the Philippine Republican Army under Gen Aguinaldo, the Battle of Manila erupted on 05 February 1899 and so the Philippine-American War began in earnest as the first step in the US overall goal of acquiring the Philippines as colony. This will be the real first US war as emerging global power across the Pacific. The Battle of Manila which was the biggest battle of the war was followed by the Battle of Quingua in April under Gen Gregorio del Pilar and Lt Col Pablo Tecson, and the Battle of San Jacinto in November. And in December, the famous Battle of Tirad Pass in Ilocos Sur where almost all the Filipino soldiers died, including Gregorio del Pilar who defended the retrograde movement of Gen Aguinaldo. South of Pasig River the US Army Division engaged the Philippine Army in the Battle of Santa Cruz, Battle of Pagsanjan, and Battle of Paete, all in April 1899. On 13 June, Gen Henry Lawton and General Maximo Hizon fought the the Battle of Zapote Bridge which was the 2nd largest battle of the Philippine-American war. On 19 December, in the Battle of Paye, the US Army beat the Filipinos and occupied

the town of San Mateo; however, the Philippine Republican Army under Gen Licerio Geronimo killed General Lawton, the first US General killed overseas.

By November 1899 with tremendous losses, Gen Aguinaldo ordered guerrilla warfare as the military strategy against the US Army. Waging Filipino guerrilla wars in 1900 cost more US Army casualties and gave victories to the Philippine Republican Army. In the Siege of Catubig in April, Filipino guerrillas attacked the US Army and after four days retook the town in Samar; the Battle of Makahambus Hill in June, the Ambush of Pulang Lupa and the Battle of Mabitac were Philippine Republican Army victories in September. On 23 March 1901, General Aguinaldo was captured in Palanan, Isabela by Macabebe Scouts and U.S. forces. But the Philippine war of independence against the US Army continued. Gen Vicente Lukban continued the guerrilla war in Samar and Leyte. And on September 28, 1901, the Raid of Balangiga pounced on the US Army unit occupying force on Samar Island where 48 members of the US 9th Infantry died while the Philippines sustained 28 killed and 22 wounded. It was described in American Journals as the "*worst defeat of United States Army soldiers since the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876.*" This biggest US Army defeat befell the island the worst mass killing of all males 10 years and older on the island of Samar orchestrated by Gen Jacob "Howling Wilderness" Smith. He was court-martialled, convicted and sent back to the US.

I talk about this war because despite tens of thousands of Filipino soldiers who died in defense of the Motherland, and hundreds of thousands of civilians who also died of cholera and other diseases in US Army concentration camps, the Philippine-American war is the forgotten war of Filipino heroes. Isn't it ungrateful for us to simply forget the heroism of our forebears who fought pitch battles against Spain's colonial forces in the country for years and then immediately against the better-equipped US Army invaders? Yet we could not blame ourselves for such misgivings, for who among us ever studied the Philippine-American war in high school or even in PMA or in AFP military training and learning institutions? If at all in college, it was read in passing as though it was just a whiff of historical breeze, *nugatorius* of patriotic senses. I encountered this part of our nation's history when I studied in the US Army CGSC, Fort Leavenworth, first out of curiosity to discover the *interregnum* from the mock Battle of Manila in 1898, the Battle of Tirad Pass, the capture of Gen Aguinaldo in 1901, and the execution of General Macario Sakay in 1907. As a young Lieutenant, I encountered the monument of US Army Lt Col John Stotsenberg by the roadside with the epitaph "killed by Filipino insurrectos and tulisanes" trivializing the heroic death of 52 members of the Philippine Republican Army in the Battle of Quingua in April 1899.

This vacuous cognitive domain on the Phil-Am war was programmed under the yoke of US colonial rule as conquerors dictate the narratives of colonial history that tended to expurgate any patriotic fervor or strain on the thwarted Philippine independence, all of these in pursuit of US interests, and all of these in accordance to the accepted norms in the aftermath of nations at war. In high school, we read American history and recited the Gettysburg Address, practically worshipped the great American military heroes of WW2, followed in the wake of the mighty American warship, parroted every American step in foreign, trade and economic relations, bragged to be associated with whatever was American, exceptional America, the shining city on top of the hill for everyone else in the world to see. Practically that's how the microchip USA has been embedded in my Filipino brain. If we bask in the Filipino glory of Liberating Marawi, we did it without public images of foreigners in the entire campaign. It was one singular opportunity of the AFP and PNP to present to the nation such military accomplishments we can call our own.

We pore on the Phil-Am war never to breed hatred nor sour our relations with America because we value our historical friendship with America; because there are more than a million Americans with Filipino blood in the USA. And precisely because we are confident that the tragedies of that war are of no moment anymore. What is of great

moment for the nation now however is the national recognition on the forgotten military heroes of that war who the colonial Filipinos have conveniently forgotten or even ridiculed for fear of retribution from their colonial masters. Up to today. Sad to admit, we do not have yet our official National Heroes. Is naming our heroes a more difficult path for us the living than the path our heroes committed with their lives in defense of the Motherland? Even the National Heroes Committee created in 1994 failed to officially name our national heroes just like the Commonwealth Act of 1938 which declared National Heroes Day in August minus the names of any Filipino Heroes. This utter void fostered the national psyche of pitting aslake Rizal against Bonifacio against Aguinaldo, thus admitting that personal controversies loom far too large and far too important than heroism. This brings me to my stint as Philippine Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia at a time when their government exhumed their forgotten heroes and interred them in the national pantheons of heroes. When asked about my comment, I simply replied, First a country must have its great heroes to become a great nation. Without our Filipino national heroes, we have been inspired by foreign heroes. As the consequence, we produce schoolchildren who do not know that the paralytic carried in a hammock was our hero, Apolinario Mabini. We have to fill up that vacuous cognitive domain on the Philippine-American War by dedicating enough efforts to include it in the study of military history and arts in PMA and other institutions of military training and education. The whole nation must know that under Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, the Philippine Republican Army all by itself more than 100 years ago fought two imperial powers one after the other, first against Spain in the name of freedom and independence and quickly against the new invading US Army in defense of the Motherland. Giving importance to this part of our history will provide us pride as we stand in the community of nations. Especially at this time.

The world now is less peaceful, and less predictable in more ways than one. The war in Ukraine and its huge losses in terms of lives, infrastructures, and economy are simply frightening, simply devastating. It is a case study for our defense and military leaders to learn from, as our country navigates the tricky waters of the West Philippine Sea and the South China Sea amid US containment of rising China in the Asian region and globally. Make no mistake, it was wrong for Russia to invade Ukraine as a matter of principle. However, right now, we don't see the light at the end of the tunnel as the proxy war between Russia and the US-NATO in Ukraine battlefields descended from ugly to horrible. Ukraine has been begging every day for instruments of war; he will beg for more in rehabilitation if the war comes to end. All of us hope so, the sooner, the better. The point is, we do not want our country to be like Ukraine. **Friend to all and foe to none** as adopted by Pres Duterte and Pres BBM is still the best foreign policy at this period of global turmoil, as the US-China relations continue to stay at the edge every day, even as we continue to assert our sovereign rights, even as we strengthen our actual control on islands and features in the West Philippine Sea and South China Sea.

This brings me to my terse reply in April 2012 when the Philippines deployed the PN flagship BRP Gregorio del Pilar to the Scarborough Shoal against Chinese poachers: 1. Remember this: we lose the island despite the MDT. Despite the MDT? Yes, despite the MDT. When you count the marbles, they must be your marbles. 2. We militarize the issue.

For the whole six (6) years, a fellow Cavalier at the helm of the DND did not lose an inch of our territory and regularly resupplied our troops in the Ayungin reef on our own, politely declining support from an external party. **Friend to all and foe to none** is our country's steady guardrails away from the avoidable US-China war in Asia. The nostalgia of historical ties ought to admirably consort with realpolitik and the immutable tyranny of geography. Global affairs and trends towards multipolarity require our country's more creative national address that gives enhanced prosperity, stability, and better living conditions to our people. **War is anathema to national development.**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV JOSELITO E DE GUZMAN '93

Creating an Impact to the Society

When God the Father sent down His Holy Son Jesus to earth it was for a divine purpose – to save mankind from their sins. Jesus' legacy while on earth created a lasting impact to humankind.

Each of us has a given purpose, a role to play and a mission to accomplish. It behooves us to fulfill that purpose to the best that we could.

We, as officers in the PMAAAI Board, raised our right hand during our oath-taking when we assumed our respective posts. Inside us, there is this devotion to duty ingrained in us even while as cadets in our beloved Alma Mater, while in our active military status that extended even to those that are retired cavaliers.

There is this unexplained feeling of fulfillment whenever we are doing something for the benefit and welfare of fellow cavaliers. Being given a position in the Board gives us the opportunity to be of service to the Cavalier community. Hence, we are duty bound to create an impact while serving during our term.

Generally speaking, however, for quite a period of time, countless Cavaliers, past and present, living and dead, have done a great service to our God, our country and our people in their respective time and place, in different types and forms. Each of these cavaliers left footprints that created lasting impact to society.

Cavaliers who won seats in the Senate and Congress did their share in contributing for the good of the nation. Ditto with cavaliers who were/are chosen to be included in the cabinet of the national government, or even down the line in the political hierarchy. They have earned the trust and support of the voting public because their characters are well known to act, to lead, to be managers, to be doers and to do their best as public servants.

Here, as members of the Alumni community, cavaliers still in the active service are also creating an impact to the society whether in garrison duties or in combat fields. Some had even committed the

ultimate sacrifice in fulfilling their mandate as defenders of the land, water and the skies. Others are serving as rescuers in uniform in times of disasters or during emergency situations. There are also cavaliers who act as representatives of the government especially in far-flung areas of the land, providing government services in their locality in collaboration with their military units' partner stakeholders like other government agencies, NGOs, NGAs, people's organizations and similar organizations from the private sector.

Cavaliers based in different parts of the globe are also doing their respective humanitarian acts in their own humble ways to create an impact to their localities. The same could be said to cavaliers serving in different private corporations, organizations or Associations.

Whether they are donating financial resources, sharing their knowledge and skills in different fields of expertise, or their managerial acumen, PMA cavaliers are making a difference in the lives of people they have touched.

The PMAAAI, as the mother organization of all cavaliers, internal and international alike, are creating its own waves to contribute to society as well. The Association is sponsoring the education of qualified PMA dependents. It donates substantial amount to Veterans Memorial Medical Center for the construction of medical facilities, for procurement of other medical equipment and for the sustainment of medicines and other logistical requirements of hospital operations.

Likewise, the Philippine Military Academy is a recipient of the Association's benevolence by donating, too, to the Academy's varied fund-raising projects to further create a conducive learning environment to aspiring future leaders of the country.

The present set of board of directors, as well as the future set of officers of the Association, hope to leave footprints of legacies that will contribute to the overall well-being of the Cavalier community and the society at large.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

As we wiggle the country from the pandemic, picking up the pieces of the beaten economy strewn in the aftermath of the pandemic is the most urgent task ahead for national development. **This is not the time for war.**

Looking back at the more than hundred years of history of our Academy entwined with the glorious history of the Philippine Army from the Battle of Imus in 1886 of the Philippine Revolution and the subsequent Battle of Manila, Battle Quingua, the Battle of Tirad Pass, the Raid of Balangiga in 1901 and the Battle of Coral-na-Bato in 1903 during the Philippine-American War and the recent Liberation of Marawi by the AFP and PNP, we can stand proud among nations and be confident of ourselves and the future of our country.

Loving our Motherland, and keeping her sons and daughters safe, that's what we have been known for. Especially when a storm

portends in the winds and waves, in the warp and woof of the lands.

Let me quote the last words of General Gregorio del Pilar in the Battle of Tirad Pass in 1899:

"The General has given me the pick of all men that can be spared and ordered me to defend the pass. I realize what a terrible task is given to me. And yet I feel that this is the most glorious moment of my life. What I do is done for my beloved country. No sacrifice can be too great."

And the last words of General Macario Sakay in 1907 before he was executed by the Americans:

"Death comes to all of us sooner or later, so that I will face the Lord Almighty calmly. But I want to tell you that we are not bandits and robbers, as the Americans have accused us, but members of the revolutionary forces that defended our mother country, Filipinas! Farewell! Long live the Republic, and may our independence be born in the future! Farewell! Long Live Filipinas!"





SUPE'S REPORT

CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89

Let me start by recollecting my expectations and outlook for the Command from the moment I had assumed as the 84th Superintendent of our beloved Academy and alma mater. That was on 12 August 2022, during the Command turnover ceremony, where I expected extraordinary challenges that differed from a warrior's perspective. I foresaw that I was to nurture more than a thousand sons and daughters who are to be leaders in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and even more, to be heroes of our beloved country. I proudly declared that it was payback time for me. I am greatly honored to be here leading the team PMA.

From my assumption speech, I told a story about my late mother Lucelia who was a teacher and my late father Renato, an enlisted man. Growing up, I sometimes hear my father talking with his fellow Enlisted Personnel about the officers in their respective units, I never heard them even once complaining about their job but when it's about the quality of officers in their respective units, they were really passionate in their discussions. You will see the frustration in their faces when it's about the "shabby" type of officers but it's full of admiration and respect when it is about "professional and snappy" officers. I realized as I went on in the service, our subordinate's morale is not solely dependent on material things and privileges that we give them, it's about the quality of leaders given to them. Giving them a committed, righteous and most of all, a fair leader is the best morale and welfare reward they would really appreciate. With competent leaders, all other good things will follow which includes the soldiers' safety and accomplishments of their mission. Taking the cue from what Gen Pershing said, *"A competent leader can get efficient service from poor troops, while on the contrary an incapable leader can demoralize the best of troops."* It is now incumbent upon me to ensure that the Lieutenants and Ensigns coming out of PMA's hallowed grounds would live up to the standards that my predecessors have done.

From the previous Superintendent until my tenure in the second half of the year, PMA has sustained and accomplished a lot in providing quality education to the cadets. The CREAMS educational framework, which stands for Capable faculty, Responsive curriculum, Enhanced facilities and equipment, Advanced references, Motivated learners, and Sound doctrine, serves as its guiding light.

Capable faculty

Foremost, the tactics and academic group professors help the cadets develop a dynamic relationship with the course content. Effective learning relies on the quality of professors, resulting in an exciting learning environment, from the planning of the course content up to the delivery of all lesson plans under the respective programs of instruction. As a specialized higher education institution in our country, we ensure the continuous development of our faculty members. For the training and professional development of our faculty and training directorate, selected members among our educators attended the seven-week training on the 3rd ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) training course for accomplishing program assessment. Likewise, this Command conducted research colloquia in partnership with the University of the Philippines Los Baños and other subject matter experts in improving the research culture among our faculty members. Other programs implemented in capacitating our faculty likewise involved seminars in a fitness regimen, leadership development sessions, a re-echoing of attended seminars, lectures from prominent subject matter experts in anti-terrorism, and the conduct of workshops in various relevant topics with the objective *"to enhance faculty skillset."*

Responsive curriculum

The current program had undergone a thorough formative review. Inclusive in this review is ensuring that our curriculum irrelevant, appropriate, and responsive to the capacity needs of the learners and the competency requirements of the major services; the demands of the local and international educational landscape; and the units' mission, vision, and roadmap goals.

As a result of the review, the academic board endorsed the implementation of the Bachelor of Science in Management Major in Security Studies in lieu of the current BSNSM and BSIT program offerings. The new curriculum program entails the development of future junior officers equipped with management core competencies with a particular focus on national security studies, along with holistic training in PMA's four tracks of education; character, military, and physical development programs. This new program likewise ensured that the support and sustenance needed could be readily sourced from the available resources of the present Command.

In the Academy's pursuit to validate and evaluate its bid for quality education and quality assurance process, the Academy work on our accreditation with the AUN quality assurance accreditation. Additionally, in light of benchmarking and in pursuit of international standards, the Philippine Military Academy was recently accepted as a member of the International Association of Military Academies (IAMA). Subsequently, the Academy attended the 2022 Hwarangdae International Symposium with the theme: *"Status of defence reform and vision and role of military academies in the changing times."*

Enhanced facilities and equipment

Immediately evident in the academy grounds are the numerous infrastructure projects as part of the PMA master development plan. Highlights of these projects are the new library, the command water system's rehabilitation, the Florendo hall cadet barracks' construction, and the Academic and Tactics Group building.

The Command also has several special projects such as enhancing the Jurado hall canopy, repairing the PMA swimming pool, and constructing the PMA Class 1974 view deck.

Also, part of the continuing repairs, maintenance, and improvements are all facilities relating to the cadet barracks and cadet activities, along with the offices and units of the Command.

May I likewise emphasize the Department of National Defense and the Department of Public Works and Highways convergence program, such as the construction of roads with secured slopes in key areas, access road from the globe tower to SAO area, access roads from the Post Engineering area to Fort del Pilar Elementary School, the spiritual enhancement center building, the kill house at the PMA rifle range, completion of the Headquarters Support Group building, the PMA museum at the relics point area, the access road from the Motorpool to Tower 66, the officers' condominium quarters at the horseshoe area, the Enlisted Personnel condominium quarters at the Globe tower area, and the PMA rainwater harvesting facilities at the proposed lake area.

The Command has been blessed with the construction of all these future amenities and infrastructure, and it is my delight to report that all of these had successfully begun with no hamper towards their nearing completion.

Advanced references

Providing a comfortable learning space is part of providing quality education to the cadets. As of the moment, we are rebuilding our library to allow the cadets for one-on-one interaction, discourses, and open academic conversations to study complex material related to the cadets' academic and tactics courses. In addition, we have designated our ICT officer to

redesign the Academy's digital libraries. We continually provide the cadets with the convenience of learning, accessing advanced related references, and reading the library materials in various digital formats (ebooks, audiobooks, and videos on demand 24 hrs/day). We thanked the PMAFI for their yearly book donations to PMA. Furthermore, the Academy will also subscribe to the Ebsco academic collection of books to aid our digital library educational materials in our e-library system. Our aim is to provide the cadets with academic references so they can build on previous learning and work on developing their knowledge, skills, and attitudes.

Motivated learners

The PMA cadets have continued their growth along the character, academic, military training, and physical development aspects of the PMA curriculum. The cadet learners have also undergone programs under the cadet welfare office in character development and military skills enhancement programs. Our cadets are as determined as they are motivated; selected members of the cadet corps have also undergone the United States Military Academy Foreign Academy Exchange Program hosting phase for 2022 at Westpoint, USA, and in the Royal Military Academy in Australia.

Sound doctrine

As for the doctrine references for PMA's implementation of its programs, the Command anchored its quality education design from the Analyze, Design, Develop, Implement, and Evaluate (ADDIE) curriculum development and the AFP education and training manual. The Academy puts a premium on quality assurance to ensure that the Academy is directed toward developing a unified, technologically driven, and constitutionally-oriented armed forces. In furthering the objectives of the AFP education and training doctrines, the Command conceptualized the institutionalization of the PMA education and training cycle. This move is to capture the larger education and training program needed to organize and integrate the Academy's education and training activities.

These accomplishments are significant aspects of our military education. Providing effective education is valuable in PMA because it allows for an intellectual architecture for battlefield success. It contributes to stabilizing the country's security and safety, which is a serious matter here. We want to assure our major stakeholders that PMA will continually develop our cadets' intellectual architecture and character to contribute to the overall excellence throughout the Armed Forces of the Philippines!

With the support of the entire nation and the PMA alumni, the Academy commits to educating future military officers in a changing world to be molded with the right warfighting skills in addressing the uncertainties and changes of the complex and unpredictable military environment. PMA upholds its quality policy of *"providing quality education to the cadets."*





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Baron's Dissemination



MADASIGON's Odds and Ends: One for the Books

People enter the academy because of various reasons but we all leave this institution for one reason, to become leaders, leaders not only of the Armed Forces of the Philippines but of ourselves. Since the very start of our training as plebes, our leadership trait has been molded to be at its best. We were told to become effective followers so that we will be the best Leaders. The PMA molds its cadets to become great leaders in all aspects and this is made possible by various pieces of training that test and improve our ability to think and act as leaders of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty.

Leadership in the academy is most practiced and trained as First-Class Cadets or as Organizational Leaders. This is the time when we really leave a mark, the time when we set the CCAFP on a specific path it will partake on in the coming years. One thing that would always be asked of First Class Cadets is what legacy would your class leave behind as leaders of the CCAFP. Former Chipotle CEO once said that, "The greatest legacy any of us can leave as leaders is to have made others in some way better". The PMA class of 2023 aims to make everyone around us better and the underclass cadets better versions of themselves. To achieve such a goal a leader should not use fear but rather professionalism and mentorship in ensuring that one's subordinates become better if not the best version of themselves. In the end, the best test of a leader is not creating someone like him but someone better than him.

One thing about PMA Class 2023 is that this class was the class of changes, the class of reforms, the class of new policies, and the class of adjustments. We had to experience them all and we had to adapt to everything. Gone were the days in the academy where malpractices are the way to make someone follow, we have entered a new era in the CCAFP, leadership now is no longer about fear and tyranny, but respect and professionalism. *"I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles, but today it means getting along with people"* are simple words from Mahatma Gandhi but this line perfectly expresses the CCAFP today. Through the newly installed Corrective Training Policy, the CCAFP leadership aims to achieve the standards expected of a cadet through a more positive approach. Offenses or endorsements are no longer corrected by inflicting fear and or by giving physical exercises, we correct them using appropriate and practical corrective measures. The policy intends to guide the CCAFP in correcting the deficiencies of other cadets especially those under their charge; which in the end will ultimately create or manifest positive training in the CCAFP. The class stands firm against giving out punishments through exercise, inflicting pain, and or humiliation considering it bastardization. Disciplinary actions are no longer given by forcing or scaring someone to do it, now it is about motivating someone and changing their mindset to do better.

The Implementation of this Corrective Training Policy has a lot of obstacles and hindrances. For one, the military is focused on strict followership no matter what and enforcing everything in any

way possible. We have been accustomed to giving out corrections through punishments and instant justice. Changing this concept and ideal is difficult for everyone to adopt quickly and wholeheartedly. Further, the unity of command hinders the full implementation of the Policy itself, with even the officers unaware of what it means or what it represents, some are still what we call *"traditional,"* they still stand by their understanding of what they grew up thinking it was the definition of leadership and discipline. This causes confusion not only among them but echoes through the ranks of the CCAFP. Moreover, improper mindset and refusal to change are what really make a speed bump on the institutionalization of this Policy. The cadets grew into the mindset of correcting deficiencies mainly through physical punishments and exercises. Some still think that it is the only way to go, but no one can blame them since they grew up in that type of environment, they were taught to follow or lead through fear, and that's why it is what they try to duplicate once they are the ones in charge. If this mindset would not fully changed or improved then a Positive environment of respect and professionalism would not be achieved.

In every institution, resistance to any type of change or policy is evident every time. However, this resistance will not hinder the CCAFP in achieving its goal of creating an environment centered on professionalism and respect. The PMA Class of 2023 stands firm in ensuring that the tyranny and culture of fear in the academy is something of the past, something that only those that came before us will talk about. This Policy may not be fully accepted or realized today by everyone, but we ensure that the Cadet Corps, under the leadership of the Regimental Staff, the Council of Commanders, and the PMA MADASIGON Class of 2023 will do its best to instill in our Underclass the value of Duty and Excellence without the aid of fear and instilling gripes. We continue to train the Cadet Corps through professionalism and respect that we may push through to achieve our goals and the mission of the PMA as a whole. A time will come when every malpractice and wrong tradition is eradicated in the PMA, maybe not during our stint as the ruling class but in the near future, but if we don't act on it today, if we don't start working together for it today then our vision would not be fully attained. We wish to leave this corps a legacy that is not written in the books but instilled in the hearts and minds of the cadets that will pass thru through the generations and the classes to come. To instill in every cadet today and in the future the mindset of a true leader that gets along with his people and not one who uses his power for someone to follow. Before our Graduation comes we will not stop in doing our best to ensure that as we leave the institution we have made the CCAFP better than it was.

For the Corps! *Mandirigmang may Dangal Simbolo ng Galing at Pagbangan, Madasigon!*





CAVALIER NEWSLINE

CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55

Gen Catapang new BuCor OIC

Retired AFP Chief of Staff Cav Gregorio P Catapang Jr. '81 has been chosen by our President as BuCor officer-in-charge. He replaced Gen Gerald Bantag who was relieved after the Department of Justice tagged him as among the 160 "persons of interest" in its ongoing investigation into the death of veteran radio broadcaster Percival Mabasa or Percy Lapid in September.



Catapang

PGen Cascolan appointed DOH Undersecretary and PGen Lazo, new DirGen of PDEA

Cav Camilo P Cascolan '86, former PNP Chief was appointed as new Department of Health (DOH) undersecretary. He is performing purely operational and managerial functions as head of the Field Implementation Coordinating Team for the Visayas. Meanwhile, President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr, also appointed former PNP Special Action Force commander, Cav Moro Virgilio M Lazo '84 as the new Director General of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency. He replaced former PDEA chief Cav Wilkins Villanueva, who has been serving since 2020.



Cascolan



Lazo

MGen Uy appointed as Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Customs

Cav Juvymax R Uy '89, has been named as Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs. He took his oath of office before

Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin last 20 Oct. Prior to his latest appointment, Cav Uy served as the commander of the Philippine Army's 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division.



Uy

MGen Cordura designated as new Vice Chief of Staff, AFP

Cav Arthur M Cordura '90 is the newly designated Vice Chief of Staff, AFP. He replaced Cav Rommel Anthony Reyes '89 the AFP's Deputy Chief of Staff, who has been acting VCSAFP since the retirement of Cav Erickson Gloria in September. Cav Cordura has served in various staff and command functions, including as the current vice commander of the Philippine Air Force; and formerly as Chief of Air Staff, PAF; Commander, Air Force Reserve Command; Wing Commander, 520th Air Base Wing; Deputy Commander, Tactical Operations Command; and Chief, Air Force Strategy Management Office.



Cordura

RAdm Adaci designated as Flag Officer in Command, PN

Cav Toribio D Adaci Jr '89 is the newly designated Flag Officer in Command, PN. He replaced Cav Caesar Bernard Valencia '90 who was designated in an acting capacity upon compulsory retirement of Cav Adeliud Bordado '88. Cav Adaci was the former Commander of Naval Forces Western Mindanao.



Adaci

MGen Baluyot designated SOLCOM Chief

Cav Efren P Baluyot, a member of PMA Class '89 was named SOLCOM chief. He took the helm of SOLCOM from its deputy

commander, Cav Armand M Arevalo '91, who was named the concurrent acting SOLCOM commander last August following the designation of Cav Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro '88, the then SOLCOM commander, as AFP chief.



Baluyot

MGen Arevalo designated acting VISCOM Commander

Cav Benedict M Arevalo '90 assumed as Visayas Command Commander in an acting capacity after LtGen Robert C Dautz's retirement last 14 November. The turnover of command was held on 14 November at Camp Lapulapu in Cebu City and was graced by AFP Chief of Staff, Cav Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro '88. Cav Arevalo revealed he wants to focus on fighting insurgency in Eastern Visayas and weaken the enemies in the region.



Arevalo

PLtGen Sermonia designated PNP Deputy Chief for Administration and PLtGen Santos as Deputy Chief for Operations

Cav Rhodel O Sermonia '89 has been designated PNP Deputy Chief for Administration, replacing Cav Jose Chiquito M Malayo '89 who retired. Cav Benjamin D Santos Jr '91 was likewise designated Deputy Chief for Operations. Cav Michael John F Dubria '91, meanwhile, has been named as The Chief of the Directorial Staff.



Sermonia



Santos

ADJUTANT'S BULLETIN

Notice of PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting

TO : ALL MEMBERS
PLACE : Baguio Convention Center, Baguio City
DATE : 17 February 2023, Friday
TIME : 1500H

AGENDA

PART I Registration

PART II Meeting Proper

- a) Call to Order
- b) Proof of Notice of the Meeting
- c) Proof of Presence of a Quorum
- d) Review and Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting
- e) Matters Arising from the Minutes
- f) Report of the PMA Superintendent
- g) Reports of the President and the Treasurer
- h) Ratification of all Resolutions and Acts of the Board and Management
- i) Election of Directors
- j) Other Matters
- k) Adjournment

Please respond to: PMA Alumni Center Secretariat

Attn: Ms Diane Santiago 0906-2201196
Isai Corda 0915-0542922
Chona Yabes 0917-5554277

Mode of Celebration: Hybrid (partly face to face, partly virtual teleconference) to maximize participation of members.

Attire for those attending face to face: (wearing of face masks will still be implemented)
Dark Suit or Barong Tagalog and Black Shoes and Black Pants

Active: Major Service Blouse

Those participating via virtual mode are also requested to be dressed in a **presentable attire**.

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING

18 February 2023, Saturday

PROGRAM

PART I Arrival Honors

- 0830H - Arrival Honors for the Guest of Honor
IF - Photo Opportunity (Sundial Area)
IF - Guest Book Signing
IF - Reception at Maharlika Lounge
IF - Proceed to Longayban Hall

PART II Alumni Parade (Fajardo Grandstand)

- 0930H - **Alumni Parade**
- Entry and Formation of Troops and Colors
- **Welcome Remarks**
LTGEN ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89
Superintendent, PMA
- **Awarding Ceremonies**
Lifetime Achievement Awardees
Cavalier Awardees
Diamond Jubilarians, Class '63
Golden Jubilarians, Class '73
Silver Jubilarians, Class '98
- **Oathtaking of the new PMAAAI Board of Directors**
to be administered by the Guest of Honor
- **Remarks and Introduction of the Guest of Honor**
by: CAV VIDAL E QUEROL '73
Chairman, PMAAAI AY 2022-2023
- **Message of the Guest of Honor**
- IF - **Presentation of Memento to the GOHAS**
by: CAV VIDAL E QUEROL '73
Chairman, PMAAAI AY 2022-2023
- IF - **Singing of Alma Mater Song**
- IF - **Pass-in-Review**

PART III LUNCH

PMAAAI Board of Directors' Courtesy Calls

The PMAAAI Board of Directors manifested their support to the leadership of newly designated Officer-in-Charge of the Department of National Defense, Cav Jose C Faustino Jr '88; AFP Chief of Staff, Cav Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro '88; Philippine National Police Chief, Cav Rodolfo S Azurin '89; and Philippine Coast Guard Commandant, Cav Artemio M Abu '92 during the separate courtesy calls made to their offices. The Board took pride in the elevation of these military personalities to highest

positions in the government in recognition of their leadership and outstanding achievements in service to the country and people.

During their calls, upcoming PMAAAI activities, procurement of PMA graduates to join the PNP and PCG to continue providing linkages; implications of the new RA 11709 which affect the morale of AFP officers and the rank and file; and the pending benefits of Military Uniformed Personnel were tackled and discussed.

Call on Cav Artemio M Abu '92, Commandant, PCG on 21 September 2022.



Call on Cav Bartolome Vicente O Bacarro, CSAFP on 3 October 2022.



Call on Cav Jose C Faustino Jr. '88, Officer-in-Charge, DND on 17 October 2022.



Call on Cav Rodolfo S Azurin Jr '89 Chief, PNP on 27 October 2022.



PMAAAI Consultative Meeting and Fellowship held in Zamboanga, 100 Cavaliers Attended

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Inc. together with PMA Retirees Association Inc. Board of Directors, organized a Consultative Meeting and Fellowship held at Camp Don Basilio Navarro, Upper Calarian, Zamboanga City, 11 November 2022, to reach out to fellow cavaliers assigned in Southern Philippines.

The meeting and fellowship aimed to update cavaliers based in Zamboanga with current happenings in the

PMAAAI whom may not have the opportunity to keep track of the activities of the Association because of time and location.

Cav Arturo G Rojas '90, WESMINCOM acting commander, delivered an inspirational message wherein he was grateful for the opportunity to host the event and to mingle with fellow cavaliers from different PMA classes.



PMAAAI Family Sportsfest a Success

The PMAAAI Family Sportsfest, participated in by cavaliers, both retirees and active, and their dependents (from kids to adults) was successfully conducted at GHQ Grandstand, Camp Aguinaldo Quezon City, 26 November 2022. The event pervaded an ambivalent camaraderie and fellowship among participants and gave opportunity to reacquaint after two years of pandemic restrictions.

A Fun Bike-Run kicked off early morning where biker enthusiasts hurdled the 4.8km route/lap twice to complete the circuit. The route started in front of the grandstand and traversed the major streets of Camp Aguinaldo with the GHQ Grandstand as the Finish Line.

During the opening ceremony of the sportsfest, Cav Joselito E De Guzman '93, PMAAAI President and CEO, welcomed the participants while Cav Adriano S Duadico '94, presented the game overview.

In his message as guest of honor and speaker, Cav Jose C Faustino Jr '88, Department of National Defense Officer-in-Charge, exhorted fellow cavaliers to continue inspiring and motivating PMayers in performing their roles by staying fit and healthy. He enjoined them to imbibe the PMA motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty at all times.

Ambassador Vidal E Querol '73, PMAAAI Chairman and CEO, led the awarding of prizes to lucky winners and formally closed the sportsfest thereafter.

Games for the Cavaliers included tug of war, sack race, "complete me" puzzle game; flip the card, the mummy and kalamansi relay. On the other hand, games contested by dependents were sack race, "complete me" puzzle game, flip the car, kalamansi relay, head bang! and Talentadong Cavalier's kid.



Game of the Cavaliers 2022

Game of the Cavaliers 2022 was a two-week golf tournament, fundraising, and fellowship event among PMA alumni, honorary, associate, and fraternal members of the PMA alumni association, alumni spouses and children, alumni friends and civilian guests, held at Camp Emilio Aguinaldo Golf Course and Philippine Navy Golf Course (from 21 November to 02 December) and at Villamor Golf Course (03 December).

The golf tourney was divided into different categories: Team Category, Division Individual Category, Cavalier Ladies Category, Husband and Wife Category, Father and Child Cav, Father and Son Guest, Associate and Honorary Category, and Fraternal Category.

In addition to the several awards, PMA56 sponsored four special perpetual Championship Kahusayan Trophies for the 2022 event.

On behalf of PMA56, Cav Augustus Paiso '56, most senior and only golfer among Classes from the 50s joining all up to 2022, now ageing 88, awarded the trophies to first 2022 champions: Over-All Team Champion – Team03; Over-All Runner-Up – Team 83; Champion Retired – Team 81; And Champion Team Active – Team90.

In his inspirational remarks during the closing and



awarding ceremonies, Cav Paiso said, *"I look forward to the continuing success and longevity of this wonderful assembly - a historic novel and noble tradition. Remember: with its fairways, greens, uphill, sidehills, downhill, doglegs, hazards, bunkers, and rough, golf - like life - is an intriguing, complex, and humbling game. let us all play it well. Thank you and advanced happy holidays to all and your loved ones. FORE!!!"*

GAME OF THE CAVALIERS 2022 RESULT

1. TEAM CATEGORY:

DIVISION	CHAMPION	1 ST RUNNER UP
SUPEs 50S	1956	
COMMANDANT (60-76)	1974	1976
SENIOR TAC-O (77-82)	1981	1980
TAC-O (83-89)	1984	1983
FIRSTIES (90-96)	1990	1993
COWS (97-2004)	2003	1997
YEARLINGS (05-12)	2007	2006
PLEBES (13-22)	2013	2018

DIVISION INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

DIVISION	CHAMPION	1 ST RUNNER UP
SUPEs 50S	PAISO 56	
COMMANDANT (60-76)	ESPERON 74	DELA PAZ 74
SENIOR TAC-O (77-82)	MENDOZA 81	SAMONTE 81
TAC-O (83-89)	PRIETO 84	SANTOS 84
FIRSTIES (90-96)	BELERAN 90	GUINOLBAY 94
COWS (97-2004)	PASCUA 03	RUBY 03
YEARLINGS (05-12)	PETINGLAY 05	SAMONTE 06
PLEBES (13-22)	VALENCIA 13	LANGUIB 18

2. CAVALIER LADIES CATEGORY:

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
CUNTAPAY 04	99 HCP 28- NET 71	97 HCP 29- NET 68	CHAMPION
AYANGGOD 13	94 HCP 24- NET 70	98 HCP 28- NET 70	1 ST RNR UP

3. HUSBAND AND WIFE

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
AYANGGOD CAV	78 HCP 10- NET 68	82 HCP 13- NET 69	
AYANGGOD WIFE	94 HCP 24- NET 70	98 HCP 28- NET 70	CHAMPION
CUNTAPAY CAV	82 HCP 13- NET 69	85 HCP 14- NET 71	
CUNTAPAY WIFE	99 HCP 28- NET 71	97 HCP 29- NET 68	1 ST RUNNER UP

4. FATHER AND CHILD CAV

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
SAMONTE 81	85 HCP 15- NET 70	69 HCP 8- NET 61	
SAMONTE 12	73 HCP 5- NET 68	84 HCP 15- NET 69	CHAMPION
ESPERON 74	76 HCP 7- NET 69	69 HCP 7- NET 62	
MARIN 99	84 HCP 15- NET 69	82 HCP 13- NET 69	1 ST RUNNER UP

5. FATHER AND SON GUEST

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
OCHOA CAV	92-22-70	85-16-69	
OCHOA SON	76-8-68	76-12-64	1 ST RUNNER UP
MOLINA CAV	84-14-70	84-16-68	-
MOLINA SON	80-11-69	73-7-66	
GULLA CAV	83-14-69	85-18-67	-
GULLA SON	84-14-70	91-22-69	
SAMONTE CAV	85-15-70	69-8-61	CHAMPION
SAMONTE SON	88-18-70	84-15-69	

6. ASSOCIATE AND HONORARY CATEGORY

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
GARY SALES	76-7-69	66-3-63	1 ST RUNNER UP
MARIENNELE SALES	81-11-70	79-11-68	
ROMULO NARCIDA	89-19-70	82-14-68	
ED LENA	76-8-68	82-14-68	
ERNEST VILLAREAL	78-13-65	78-13-65	CHAMPION
ALEX GO	81-11-70	84-15-69	

7. FRATERNAL CATEGORY

NAME	PNGC	CAGC	
MANNY SOLIS	75-6-69	80-16-64	CHAMPION



The Wonder Years

COURAGE



INTEGRITY



LOYALTY

RETIREES SECTION

• **CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74**
Chairman, PMARAI

• **CAV JOSE JM CENABRE '83**
Director for Public Relations



PMARAI holds worthwhile social responsibility activities

The PMAAAI Family Sports Festival last 26 November 2022, held at GHQ Grandstand, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City kicked off with a Fun Bike Run early morning, where biker enthusiasts hurdled the 4.8km route/lap twice to complete the circuit. The route started in front of the grandstand and traversed the major streets of Camp Aguinaldo with the GHQ Grandstand as the Finish Line. A simple salu-salo of coffee, pandesal, and hard-

boiled eggs were served to all participants.

Also on the same day (from 0800 - 1200H), the PMARAI, in cooperation with the Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) Medical Mission Team, continued its vaccination program for alumni (retired and active), spouses, and dependents on a FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED BASIS.



PMARAI Flu and Pneumococcal Vaccination for PMARAI members and direct dependents conducted last 10 Nov 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fullon Hall, Ground Floor, Veterans Memorial Medical Center, QC. Another similar activity was also held on 26 Nov at Camp Aguinaldo Grandstand, Q.C.



PMARAI WEBINAR 3

The PMARAI, in partnership with U-FRANCHISE, conducted the PMARAI WEBINAR SERIES #3 with the topics revolving on "How To Invest in the Right Franchise" and "Top Franchise Opportunities" last 2 Dec 2022 from 10:00 a.m. 12:00 n.n.

U-FRANCHISE is the Philippines' biggest franchise sales company. The franchise concepts it offers to investors come from an extensive list of "low-risk-high-yield" industries that suit

various business preferences.

Several franchise consultants were invited and talked on selected presentations featuring the Farron Café Coffee Kiosk; Gamot Publiko Pharmacy and the Hungry Pita Food Kiosk.

Cav Danilo A Abinoja '74, PMARAI chairman, gave the closing remarks. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mr Joey P Dionaldo; Ms Kate F Cruz; and Ms Camille J Malto as resource speakers.



PMAAAI PCG Chapter News



PMAAAI-PCG Chapter: Welcoming Aboard Foreign Service Graduates and Lateral Entrants and Chapter Updates

• ENS ALARICA MARIA S DE LOS SANTOS



Since the beginning, the Philippine Coast Guard has sustained its dedicated and faithful service to our country and its people. This dedication was made possible through the guidance and exemplary leadership of the Coast Guard Cavaliers. Trust and confidence in wisdom and leadership are given to these PCG cavaliers as they hold key positions and oversee PCG's continuous expansion and modernization.

In its pursuit to safeguard the prestige and reputation of the Philippine Military Academy, PMAAAI serves as the mother chapter to its six significant chapters, which include the PCG Chapter. The PMAAAI-PCG Chapter, headed by CAV ALLAN VICTOR T DELA VEGA '93, continues to strengthen the spirit of camaraderie among its members while looking into their professional growth and career advancement. Indeed, PMAAAI-PCG Chapter Members and Associates bear the values that their beloved Alma Mater instilled in them – Courage, Integrity, Loyalty, and Excellence. PCG

Cavaliers are recipients of numerous PMAAAI Cavalier Awards for their outstanding performance and achievements in government service.

The PMAAAI-Philippine Coast Guard Chapter recognizes its Foreign Service Academy Graduates and Lateral Entrants from other branches of services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Apart from PCG Cavaliers, the Chapter comprises Associate Members and adopted members from foreign service academies such as the United States Coast Guard (USCG), among others.

Foreign Service Academy Graduates possess outstanding talent and passion for military service. Their goal was simple: represent the country well, learn another culture, and be the best cadet they could be. They are the few chosen to join classes in the Foreign Service Academy Program. The process they went through to enter the program is no joke. But it is even harder for international students in a military school abroad, especially

their cultural adaptability. Indeed, they are promising students sent to different military schools abroad. They bring with them the knowledge and technical expertise they learned studying in abroad. Training and exchanging military officers and personnel is a vital component of the Strategic Partnership between the Philippines and other countries in the defense and political-security arena.

Now that their stint abroad is over, these foreign service academy graduates reaffirmed their commitment to building stronger ties with their counterparts here in the Philippines. The Chapter warmly welcomed them as brothers and sisters. Through the help of these graduates, the PCG will obtain help through the skills they have developed during training. They will now impart their acquired skills and learnings to better the PCG. They are back to serve the Philippines again – this time as regular officers for the Philippine Coast Guard.

Likewise, several lateral entrants previously working with the AFP shall continue to enhance competition and educational growth by providing new talent and ability and fostering competitiveness and ongoing skills development in the PCG. Their wealth of experience in their chosen field is undeniably needed in PCG's modernization programs as they are constantly reminded that they are selected for a specific purpose. There are standards, unique PCG core functions, culture, and identity that they are expected to learn and live by. Hence, they have undergone the Lateral Entrants' Orientation Course (LEOC) conducted by Coast Guard Education, Training, and Doctrine Command (CGETDC). The said course will give a common ground, better understanding, and march in cadence to each Coast Guardian while considering that they render service bounded with patriotism, humility, and

compassion as part of a seagoing and humanitarian organization.

The PMAAAI-PCG Chapter welcomed its Foreign Service Academy Graduates and Lateral Entrants with open arms as they took oath as members of the Chapter, committed to the duties, responsibilities, and obligations they ought to do. These cavaliers will carry on with the pride and honor instilled in them by their Alma Mater – the Philippine Military Academy. The PCG has its future ensured that it is in good hands because promising men have joined the pool of PCG Cavaliers.

The PMAAAI-PCG Chapter and its members will live on countless generations' legacies, traditions, and cultures. It will strengthen the bond among the members who will surely give our beloved Alma Mater distinct recognition.

To all our new members, welcome aboard PMAAAI-PCG Chapter!

PCG CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The PMAAAI-PCG Chapter provides different opportunities to each member. While everyone looks after each other, the Chapter allows members to share their learning experiences and actively participate in several activities. Some activities are the conduct of several fellowships, meetings, and assessments. Though there were challenges with arrangements during the pandemic, it did not hinder the Chapter from having meetings through online platforms while observing health and safety protocols. Therefore, there is a strengthened camaraderie between the senior and junior members.

Now that restrictions are easing up, upcoming activities are lined up and are worth the foresight. There are sportsfest, and fundraisers activities in honor of PCG retirees, and more!



FEMALE CAVALIER SEGMENT



Cav Marjorie Mukay-Sia '05 (PAF)

FEMALE IN COMMAND

Since time eternal, the ability to fly has always been something out of the ordinary-- sometimes even associated with super powers. Man has always fantasized about flying, that with such great desire, the aircraft came into being. But still, to bring it a thousand feet above the ground, only a number of extraordinary people are capable. They do not wear capes as fictional heroes do but behind their joysticks in the cockpit, they are just as astonishing. These capeless heroes are called aviators or pilots.



Similarly, just as we have Wonder Woman and Darna, it may be unknown to most, but the 220th Air Lift Wing has its own aviatrix who possesses indisputable skills in flying. Definitely not a fictional character but she is the first female pilot-in-command of the ever-reliable C130, LTC MARJORIE MUKAY-SIA PAF.

LTC Mukay-Sia was a pharmacy student in Saint Louis University in Baguio City before she became a member of PMA Class 2005. Despite coming from the modest environment in the medical field, she graduated top 10 in her class while also bagging the class athletic saber along with the 7th rank in her Basic Airforce Officer Course. Shortly after being commissioned, she was assigned at TOWNOL as Chief Doctrine in the Office of the Director for Operations. Eventually, she became the Chief Wing Operations Center, and later on the Chief, Training Branch in said office. Despite such big roles as a fresh lieutenant, she also took up a multitude of schoolings and earned herself a myriad of awards.

Later on, she has been assigned at the Air Education Training and Doctrine Command (AETDC) to become the Admin Officer of the Office of the Commander, and then transferred to the Tactical



Operations Command in Visayas. Finally earning her wings at the Philippine Air Force Flying School at AETDC, she has then been assigned at the 220 Air Lift Wing where she further continued the excellence streak which she began at the academy.

She finished fourth in her Squadron Officer Course when she took it in the year 2013. To add, her passion and skill in her work could not be better explained by the ribbons displayed across her chest when in uniform. From countless Military Merit Medals, Military Commendation Medals, she is also a recipient of the Chief of Staff AFP Commendation Medal and Ribbon, Silver Wing Medal, Bronze Cross Medal, and Distinguished Aviation Cross.

However, with all these achievements she had in her career, remarkable she is as a soldier and the same is true as how she is off the aircraft and the uniforms. She remains a loving wife and mother to her husband and two children.

It wasn't until 1783 that man was first able to get taste of the skies with the invention of the first hot air balloon. Thereafter, humans have continually made efforts to be able to travel on air until it all yielded its fruits to where we are now. Indeed, it always seems impossible until it is done and LTC Sia embodies this kind of perseverance. No matter the gender, anyone could do wonders as long as he/she perseveres.



YOUNG CAVALIER HEROES

Cav Cielo Rose U Dolorican '18 (PA)

A Woman Who Knows Her Worth

The 1st day of April 2014 started the humble beginning of 1LT Cielo Rose U Dolorican (OS) PA as a cadet of the Philippine Military Academy. She was born in Dimataling, Zamboanga Del Sur. During her cadet years, she received awards and recognition in academics and other extra-curricular activities. She received military commendation medal, as a dean's lister and as a commandant's list awardee. 1LT Cielo Rose U Dolorican (OS) PA is a proud member of PMA Alab-Tala Class of 2018. After the class graduation, the junior officers spent their first few days at Headquarters, Philippine Army for orientation as Philippine Army officers. After their orientation, Cavalier Dolorican and her mistahs reported to 9th Infantry (Spear) Division in Pili, Camarines Sur where they took Platoon Leader's Course for a month before reporting to their respective Battalions. After their PLC in 9ID, she reported to the 2nd Infantry (Second to None) Battalion on 17 September 2018.

She has proven her dedication to her duties as a platoon leader and an army officer in the Battalion. As a 2nd Lieutenant, she was assigned as Platoon Leader of Scout Platoon, HHC, 2IB, 9ID, PA. Later, she was designated as assistant operations officer and training officer of the Battalion. She became known to the AFP and especially to the Philippine Army during her assignment as platoon leader of 2IB Scout Platoon where she earned numerous awards and became known as the first female officer to engage in combat against CTG elements that transpired on 17 February 2019 that resulted to the neutralization

of a High Value target and capture of High-Powered Firearms. On March 2020, she was also awarded the Gold Cross Medal during the 123rd Founding Anniversary of the Philippine Army. After her Platoon Leader years, she was then assigned as a CMO officer, playing a vital role in the triad operation of 2IB. During her stint as a CMO officer and the Community Support Program Officer, she was able to contribute to the significant accomplishments of the battalion. Engagement with stakeholders and with the people were critical to this achievement. As CMO Officer, she was able to facilitate the surrender of various CTG personalities along with their High-powered and low-powered firearms during community support programs. Also, as S7 she facilitated the distribution of CLOAs to members of YESPA (an organization established by the CTGs in the AGREV areas. Further, during her stint as CMO officer, she was able to recruit an informant during a "pulong-pulong" which led to the capture of six sacks of subversive documents with high intelligence value, four laptops, high-powered and low-powered firearms, and other war materiel. Said accomplishments of Cav Dolorican made her the best CMO Officer CY 2021-2022 during the founding anniversary of 9ID last 01 October 2022. Indeed, she has proven her efficiency both in operational and tactical level in the early years of her career.

On 30 November 2021, she was designated as Commanding Officer of Alfa Company, 2IB, 9ID, PA. Due to her excellent work ethics, she was again able to produce excellent contributions to the battalion in leading a company. Under her command, numerous firearms and other war materiel have been captured during successful encounters and voluntary surrender. Today, she continuously imparts her best practices to her subordinates in the field.

VISITOR'S ACCOUNTS



Cav Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa ‘86

When the Smoke has Cleared

• DANIEL B PUMECHA JR.

and power. These virtues also helped me survive two bombings and other combat encounters alongside the Philippine Army troop during the election period in 2010.

After my tour of duty in Maguindanao, I was deployed back to Davao del Sur, where I personally witnessed how Cavalier dela Rosa works and how he reflected the virtues he has instilled in me. In 2011 and with his leadership and command, we successfully arrested an MILF Commander who has several warrants of arrest. It was one of his significant accomplishments which contributed to him being awarded as the Best Senior Police Commissioned Officer (PCO) of the Year for Operations nationwide in 2012.

In December 2012, when Davao City was again to be wrecked with terror due to recurring bombings, an international terrorist belonging to Jemaah Islamiyah in possession of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was encountered. Then COL RONALD M. DELA ROSA personally led an operation to neutralize the assailant to the extent of attempting to arrest the terrorist and his wife without knowing that the suspect he grabbed was carrying the IED in a backpack. In a quick decision and to prevent casualties, he decided to deploy his tactical unit after the bomber declared that he would detonate the IED if COL DELA ROSA will not set his wife free. His decision stands in the edge of a knife, gambling not only his career but most of all his life knowing that when the IED will be detonated, there will be massive casualties and it will be the biggest failure in anti-terrorism operations. It was due to his constant display of courage towards his men that the tactical unit was able to neutralize the foreign terrorist after a brief pursuit on the busy and crowded streets of Davao City without any civilian casualty. He knows his men are ready to die for him as he always says when he talks to his men, *“when the smoke has cleared, the good men shall be standing up and the bad guys are down.”*

Six months later, COL DELA ROSA was preparing to be relieved from his post as the City Director when Davao City again became a spotlight on national security concern when a group of kidnappers along with their victim travelled from Quezon City, NCR to Mindanao with the purpose of withdrawing 15 million pesos ransom money from the victim. Reports were received by COL DELA ROSA that the kidnappers were not able to withdraw from a bank in Cagayan de Oro City due to insufficiency of funds and that the victim suggested that she can withdraw the whole amount in Davao City. Again, COL DELA

It was in 2009 when I was first deployed as a new Police Lieutenant in Davao del Sur. Then Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa was the Provincial Director and my direct commander. Just like any other junior officers, we were frightened by his physique and with the way he commands, but in an inspiring way. I have then started to look up to him as my mentor, guide, and inspiration due to the obvious reason that he is a symbol of all that is bold and daring.

With his trust and confidence, he assigned me to far-flung areas which were reported to have sightings of lawless elements. I have gained courage to willingly accept my duties knowing the fact that he has gone through more deadly combat encounters during his days as a junior officer and considering that he even survived a head shot, thanks to that protective Kevlar helmet. My fond for how he was as a police officer has grown more as we go along the way.

For a while, we parted ways when I was immediately reassigned to Maguindanao as ordered by the National Headquarters to reshuffle the troops due to the aftermath of the Maguindanao Massacre. He imparted with me that the only way to survive is to uphold our duties with dignity and bravery and to not be corrupted with greed

ROSA led a daring rescue operation together with his tactical team and intelligence officers. He planned the operation thoroughly to engage the kidnappers with utmost precision so as not to incur innocent civilian casualties as it was initially reported that the kidnappers were heavily armed with high powered firearms. As expected, a firefight occurred in front of a bank where the victim was supposed to withdraw money which then resulted to the neutralization of the kidnappers and the successful rescue of the victim without any other civilian casualty. In an interview with the victim, she revealed that she tricked the kidnappers to go to Davao City because she trusted the capabilities of the Davao City Police under COL RONALD M. DELA ROSA and that she knows his reputation in dealing with criminals. It was during this time that he was awarded once again with the Senior PCO of the Year for Operations consecutively in 2013; a true manifestation of his superiority among others in the discharge of his sworn duty to serve and protect.

These are just but a few of his audacious accomplishments but alongside with him personally, it was a real rock and roll of my career. He kept us at bay, always ready to be called upon anytime to fight. As much as he wanted to contain these events just within the city, it still echoed throughout the country that one COL RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA is very tough in dealing with terrorists, insurgents, drug lords and criminals. I have heard it in the national news that criminals are afraid to step-in to Davao City. That reputation he built in the city of Davao gave hope to the police organization as a whole and a challenge to every member to follow this standard of keeping peace. As he always says to his men, *"We must be good to good people, but we must be more evil to overcome evil,"* a very hard thing to do in the field of law enforcement to balance the two. He constantly reminds us that *"Not everyday is a gun day but when that day comes, it's not enough to be ready. It's better to be always prepared of any circumstances."*

Years have pass swiftly, our only hope for him is that he reaches the rank of a one star general like any other officers' dream. But with the blessing of the Almighty and with his exemplary career records, he became the 21st Chief of the Philippine National Police under the Administration of PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, a blessing more than one could ask for. Being by his side, I have witnessed the true meaning of the plebe knowledge called *"Pledge of Loyalty."* He discharged his duty without fear or favour as the highest-ranking police officer in the nation. He was loyal to the Constitution, to the Filipino people, to the flag, and most of all, to GOD. Others say, *"trabaho lang ito walang personalan"* but for him *"personal ito hindi trabaho lang."* His journey to being a police officer may have concluded but his duty to public service continues as he was elected as a Senator of the Republic after his retirement. Until this very day, he never changed how he was when we first met, strong but not rude, kind but not weak, bold but doesn't bully, humble but not shy, confident but not arrogant and most of all, how he makes us laugh in our light moments. Going back to where it all started, I can now say to myself that once in my life I've made the best decision, I can say there I pledged my loyalty, I can say there's a leader we can follow.

His time eventually came to render his final command to the PNP organization with utmost integrity and a legacy that the PNP has regained the trust the people. Commanders come and go as they say but his burning desire for public service elevated him to be an Under Secretary of the DOJ as the Chief of the Bureau of Corrections and eventually being elected as a Senator of the Republic. For more than 30 years in law enforcement it was another huge challenge for him as a legislator, in his first two years as a Senator he authored very significant bills which benefit service men who are directly rendering service to the community. Some of these are: R.A. 11589 (BFP Modernization Act), R.A. 11549 (PNP, BFP, BJPM and BuCor Height Equality Act). He also filed the Mandatory ROTC Bill, Substance Abuse Prevention Bill, Job Training Program for mature or older workers and

many other more. His actions ever speaks louder than his words, a never ending devotion to empower his countrymen to attain a better life and a better future. As I always remember his speech on the War on Drugs, *"We may not be doing this to benefit ourselves but for our children and their future"* that they may not experience poverty, that they may roam across our streets safely and that they will grow in harmony and peace. Who could ever imagine an ordinary person who came from a less fortunate family could rise up to be one of the great leaders of this country? Even SENATOR RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA himself cannot believe how he gained much of his fame by just being himself. Allow me to just share one of his secrets in life that I've learned: *"Let other people praise you, even strangers; never do it yourself."* (Proverbs 27:2)





Cav Jorge E De Jesus '79 PAF

The Veteran

• KRIS C. DE JESUS

"The highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one's country." – George S. Patton Jr.

I would go home and visit my parents at least twice a month. There's a particular event that I always look forward to, it's the family mealtime or mess to most of us. This is when you will hear the stories of the colorful career of my Dad, Cavalier Jorge E De Jesus '79.

My Dad entered the service during the mid-70's as a cadet. Flew and served with the Philippine Air Force for more than three decades.

Then in December 2011, the standards of my Dad flew and was brought down one last time. He was back to being a civilian. Honestly, it felt like our Dad finally went home. We no longer share him with either the Filipino people or the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The transition was not easy. His regimented lifestyle was replaced with a laid back one. No more formations, no more orders. He has all the time in the world, and he started becoming the master of his own fate again. The normal day would start with waking up and checking the news or the weather with his favorite cup of coffee, then he would either go biking or gardening. During Morning Mess, he would watch his favorite morning show, a televised board work of radio announcers. The rest of the morning will be filled with old Japanese movies about a famous Samurai, or he would play his favorite reggae music. Noon Mess and then siesta will follow. When he wakes up from his siesta, he would go back to his garden or simply annoy his cats. Not a big issue, Dad was from "C" Coy. Merienda would be a light snack, then he would go back to whatever activity that caught his attention. He will be back for Evening Mess with the nightly news on TV. Before he ends the day, he would be saying prayers with Mama. His day

ends. This is almost like his routine day in, day out.

Military as he is, he is very nosy about order and cleanliness. He would check my car whenever it is parked in the garage. It is like a Saturday inspection, with remarks like dusty dashboard. Sometimes even in the garden, you would hear remarks like unaligned Golden Durantas. Even the cats are not safe from his scrutinizing eyes for their improperly brushed fur. We would shine his shoes or clean whatever he finds that needs extra cleaning. There is no corner that would be left dusty. It is very petty, but I find it funny.

One God-given day, my Dad was called to be the Assistant General Manager of Villamor Golf Club. He has something new to do and something very close to his heart. He loves playing golf. Immediately, you would know that there were changes in the Club. I would hear people mumbling about my Dad being strict and unforgiving. The good thing about the Club was it started shaping up and finally looked like an actual Golf Club again. The fairway's grass seemed greener. The greens made more interesting and challenging. Surprisingly even the food at the restaurant started to have class. The people in the Club also started changing, they know the drills suddenly. The Golf Club started operating like a whirly bird of the Philippine Air Force... ready for any mission, on any weather and terrain. His methods were easy, he finds a natural flow of things and sticks to it. He changes things whenever it is needed only. He does not fix something that is not broken. He simply loves what he is doing. He is not working; he is in a paid vacation. Still the military in him is still there, he would wake up early in the morning to play one round of golf. Only to find out, he was inspecting the

playing condition of the entire eighteen (18) holes. You would hear him talking to the groundskeeper mentioning about how to trim the trees so that the golf balls could either get caught or get through. The golf course is simply a battlefield where you must fight yourself to achieve a certain goal and you have to repeat that eighteen (18) times over.

Not all his days were full of adventure and happiness. There was one event in the family that tested everything in my Dad. It was when we discovered that my Mama has the Big C. You could see and feel how my Dad stood true to his marital vows. He never left Mama's side. He made sure Mama will beat the Big C come hell or high water. With God's help, our miracle was given to us. But when we thought the ordeal was over, my Mama suffered a heart attack. We were back in the hospital, this time we saw that Death was sharpening his sickle. My Dad talked to me, and we were drawing a battle plan. The decision was a GO, NO GO one. We decided to give all what we have, to make sure Mama will get back to her feet. Victory was ours. Mama survived the ordeal.

Now going back home, my Dad was always referred to as General. Everyone, and I really mean every single soul in the subdivision, from the gate guards up to our neighbors, they would address him as General. He was almost elected to be the President of the Homeowners' Association, but he declined. He told me that he can serve the community without being the President of the Association. It is true though. My Dad's advice would always be solicited in any event in our neighborhood. Even the nearby Monastery of the Clarisas Capuchinas Sacramentarias would seek his advice on how things should be. It is like my Dad is seated amongst the Council of Commanders.

Another not-so-good part of our story was the COVID-19 Pandemic, which took a good chunk of my Dad's civilian life. Being a senior citizen, he was restricted to our Quarters. He was not afraid of the virus though. He felt like he was just in a biological warfare with China. The good thing about Dad is he would comply with all the safety protocols. He looked like a space man most of the time during the early onslaught of the virus. He made sure everyone is wearing masks and the face shields. The worst part of the pandemic is that since both my parents are senior citizens, I was the designated "Tribute". I would run all the external errands for them. Then comes a very familiar scene in the Academy; every time I come home from my "runs" outside, I was made to comply to take a bath. Every time I step outside, I needed to take a bath. Does it sound so familiar to you? Our battle with the virus continued. Some family members got infected but was able to deal with it with almost no hassle because, luckily; all of us are fully vaccinated and boosted.



As a "Lolo," it would be a different chapter but would be worth sharing; my Dad took his "APO"stolic mission seriously. He loves his grandchildren so much. He was like a Tactical Officer being kind to plebes. His grandchildren find him as kind and generous, something I can always protest as his son. Kidding aside, Dad made sure that we are well-provided. He made sure we live a comfortable life and not merely survive. Traveling was so much part of this story. My Dad being a pilot could not stay in one place. He loves to move around. He loves to travel. Name it: sea, air, and land... he tried it all... not as a military man but as a civilian. He does this for his grandchildren more often. The beaches, the resorts, and even the theme parks would fill-up my Dad's travelogue or adventure file.

Our story is just like the stories of most military families. If there are three words that guides my Dad throughout his newly found civilian life, that would be... COURAGE... INTEGRITY... LOYALTY. Three thundering words that I imbibed too. Before I end this article, let me share a funny story... when I tried to enter the service as a cadet... whenever people would ask me who is my father... I would usually answer that my Dad is a driver... a driver of the President of the Philippines using a Bell 412... hehehe!... My Dad served three (3) Philippine Presidents... One, joined the Creator already... Two, still living their lives as private citizens... but I believed they still ran for public office. The Presidential Flight Crew Badge that most of my pilot friends brag about in the Airline Industry was not a big thing to me. I have been seeing that Badge for several years amongst the chosen few that were selected to be "DRIVERS" of the Philippine President. Now, why would I keep it a secret? You would never want your upperclassmen discover who your father was. When my little secret was discovered since we can't lie inside the Academy, I remembered swallowing several news clippings about my Dad every time he gets featured in the newspapers. About this article, since it is published here in the Cavalier... who do you think should swallow this one? However, things are different now. I'm a Safety and Security Director of one of the fastest growing airlines here in the Philippines. I would meet several veterans, not only of the Philippine Air Force but the entire Armed Forces of the Philippines. Whenever they ask me who my father is, I would snappily answer... "I'm Kris "Deejay" De Jesus... son of Brig Gen Jorge "Deejay" De Jesus, an Aviator, an Officer and a Gentleman, Sir".



Vignettes of Elder CAVALIERS

The Bunting Farm Bgy. Ayusan 1, Tiaong, Quezon.

Our Family's Project Story, THE BUNTING FARM

• CAV MANUEL B MARIANO '62 and ARCHITECT MAY MARIANO

Triggered by a common goal, my children and I, after the passing of their mother Lolit, have decided to continue her dreams and aspirations to make a difference. My wife has been known to be feisty and a dreamer, there is no impossible dream, for her when one works towards a goal, one can achieve it of course given all the required factors such as perseverance, patience and the right timing and opportunity. We continued the conversations on developing the farm in Tiaong, Quezon, the hometown of Lolit. Thus, the birth of our family project which we fondly and humorously call, the Bunting Farm.

As the head of the family, I am grateful and happy that I see a strong sense of cooperativism spirit amongst my children. My children intuitively picked up the vacuum left by their mother, and have just progressively kept things going, simultaneously improving our home and developing our farm. Every mealtime in our home, surprisingly at my twilight years, there is always a fellowship, a gathering, enjoying a great meal and conversation on our newly rearranged dining areas. This kept me looking forward to every meal time, excited what my daughters will whip up from our kitchen. This fellowship activities continue to the farm, where we prepare farm to table food. And we make sure, if schedule permits, some or all of us will visit the farm almost every weekend, for rest and recreation, supervision of work activities and planning for the future development.

Engaging in our family project, injected more enthusiasm in life in my remaining years. It's so joyful, because it gave me back my *Ikigai* (purpose), as a widower, it is very important to find my bearings again after my wife of 54 years had moved on from this life. Although my children are all professionals and busy with their careers they are giving their time, talent and treasure to this worthy endeavor. This

project of ours evolved over time, and now it's slowly becoming to be a tourist destination, a possible farm stay resort and a creative enclave of sorts. So far, we have entertained our friends, relatives, and new friends. The Bunting Farm is also becoming a conversation piece and an inspiration in the communities of Tiaong, Quezon. The work activities that pertain to the farm development are divided into different roles among my children. In the Bunting Farm we have the directors for living and non-living things, my doctor daughter is responsible for everything living, and my architect daughter for everything non-living. And everything in between will be my youngest son as the legal counsel and his wife supporting on the littlest of details.

Dynamic, pragmatic, incremental and guided by a master plan, our Bunting Farm is truly a product of my family's 'labor of love'. We believe that this development project will never end as it is living, it will continue to evolve, adjust to the times, provoke unexpected ideas that come to life, and will just continue to inspire visitors and compel them to do something similar. The following pages are written by my daughter, Architect May, who will be the best person to discuss the background and key components of the Bunting Farm.

In the beginning

Everything started from our mother's acquisition of an agriculture land in her hometown of Tiaong, Quezon. Despite of the rest of the family's objection, she just went ahead and purchased the land because it's what she wanted to do. That was back in 2006, when all of us have grown, had our individual professional careers, some of us busy raising their own nuclear families and mom and dad were in the process of just enjoying the benefits of their hard life's work. They

were at that stage of just 'chilling and cruising'...but I guess that was not enough for my mom and dad, in their minds they are just at the beginnings of something new...as what they always like to say...the struggle continues...

Real challenges and the invitation back

When the 2.5 hectare land was negotiated at a price which my mom can very much agree on, as expected, nothing came after, no land development, no securing of such property happened or not a penny more was spent on that land after the purchase. Everything was just favors from the barangay captain to look after the property, or some informal agreements my mom made with the local community where my mom was privy to, since she likes doing things on her own. Forward to 2009, she invited me, the architect, to come home from the US, to continue my career in the Philippines and start to do something on the land she acquired, rather than look for another job when economic recession hit the US that year. I took the opportunity to do something impactful and creative and fun....thus, an expensive and experimental farm hut, which some visitors described as the Shire, maybe because there were problems of scale...that project was fun but it also came with challenges on resources, skills that are available on site, and much more...that didn't deter me to take this potential into something more....

The aspiration...the conception

During one of our travels in AZ, my mom's last US visit in 2016, we chanced upon a house in Phoenix. It was designed by the turn of the century modern architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. It was the David (FLW's son) and Gladys Wright House which was built in a 10-acre desert across highways and with commanding views of the Camel Back Mountain and the rest of the Phoenix mountain range. The architecture was built right smack on the center of the property and enjoys the views of the mountains since Phoenix is in a valley. The site context was very similar to the property my mom purchased in Tiaong, Quezon. The property in Barangay Ayusan 1 is nestled in a valley and has views of the Mt. Malarayat Mountain in Lipa, Batangas and Mt. Banahaw in Dolores, Quezon. The land size is smaller at 2.5 hectares or at 6.0 acres. I started to get excited on the prospect of applying the Wright design principles in this new architecture design project that I will be proposing to my family...thus the masterplan and the architecture was conceived. I printed out the master plan on a 24" x 36" plot paper and pinned it on the wall in the master's bedroom. This is what my mom first saw every morning, this what kept her excited, what kept her thinking and what occupied most of her thoughts, even at her death bed, she was telling me that we have many more projects to work on. Sadly, she didn't live to see what we were able to accomplish today.



2.5 Hectare Master Plan, Bgy. Ayusan 1, Tiaong, Quezon.

The master plan and its key features

The masterplan follows the organic model farming concept, where it has a farmhouse in the middle, windbreaker trees on the perimeter lines of the property, we created a bit of a fish pond to create some sort of an activity or there is the 'refreshing' aspect in the development. There is a kitchen/diet garden, intentionally placed close to the kitchen for cooking purposes, an experimental greenhouse, for testing of ornamental plants, herbs, and vegetables. Zooming in and out into the masterplan, there were features that were placed just because nature says some plant growth under the acacia canopy will be a challenge, so giant chess pieces were created and placed on a giant chess board, where photosynthesis process will be challenged.

Features:

Bahay Rampa (The Farm House)

Inspired by the natural site, the house sits on the center of the property. With a north-south orientation to minimize heat absorption. Elevated from the ground for natural and passive cooling strategies, ramped access to the front door for accessibility challenges and as a design feature. The concept of the house is just simple isolated bedroom and bath boxes that are attached to a rectangular and bigger living room/gallery. I have envisaged that this living room will have big walls which will hang big artworks and family portraits. It will be of simple specifications, simply because that it's in a farm somewhere in the boondocks, anticipating typhoons, humidity, and a lot of heat. Cooling strategies and air-conditioning units were installed to achieve a desired comfort while in the farm. The kitchen has a lower elevation, situated purposefully in between the kitchen gardens and the views of the banana plantation from the dining area. Waste Not and Want Not values system has been ingrained in our growing years, that my design point of view does not eliminate junk, as it challenges me to even celebrate things that are thrown away and re-purpose and breathe in new life to these otherwise worthless things. The tiles that are installed are actually given to the farm by my friend who is a tile supplier, these tiles were about to be discarded since they are just swatches of old tile models, I had these material re-routed from the landfill to the farm.

Ang Banigan (Annex Building with the Events hall, public toilets, two bedrooms on the deck and unusual toilet and bath on deck)

Banigan is another term we made up to pay homage to our paternal grandmother, our mamang. Growing up we witnessed her dabble into the strange, for a short period she followed the practices of Johnny Midnight. As her grandchildren, we were blindly collected and she made us drink water that had some energy, thus we would humor and describe this as basong nanginginig (vibrating glasses) smashing the words together gives us the word Banigan which can also mean a spread out floor mats. We forcefully adapted this name to the Annex structure we recently constructed in the farm. There



Experimental Green House

is a multi-purpose hall which can resemble a chapel when needed, intentionally planned for future events like workshops, art gallery, game room, etc. Included in the annex structure, are male/female toilets for visitors of the farm. The unit accommodations are intentionally placed at the 2nd level so the views are framed in the windows of the rooms. The toilet and bath on the tree deck intended to bring outdoors inside for a unique experience. The deck has an area for dining and a central mini-kitchen bar with a sink, refrigerator, some kitchen appliances for coffee and simple meal preparations.

Kasilyas Trails

Used toilets found a home in the trails of the Bunting Farm. These old plumbing fixtures are incorporated in the trail system as part of the landscape, we made sure we didn't plant edible plants instead we intentionally planted ornamental plants that will spruce up the trails in the banana shrub area. The trails is composed of compacted earth, loose gravel and bounded by empty water bottles, to contain the gravel bed. We found a creative way on how to dispose the endless supply of the empty water bottles, and helping Mother Nature a bit by not throwing these non-biodegradable materials everywhere and anywhere.

The Giant Chess Board

Is a fun feature that addresses a challenge...and that challenge is the shaded area where no plants or grass can survive. Thus, we have decided to create an activity instead. A game of chess has been a childhood play memory for our family, this is the game where we learned how to think strategically and at the same time mold our character. The chess pieces are made of used form board materials that were used in the building of the 'Banigan' (Annex Structure). And then finished with a very thin cement plaster. Playing this game in the farm, will help exercise your mind and your body.

Green House

This prototype greenhouse structure is an experimental feature for vegetables and herbs that we would like to propagate and eventually sell commercially.

Mama Lita's Garden Café

This garden café is an afterthought. When Jack, the farmer, created a whimsical secret garden, using old fans, CD metal stands, and other odd junks, as objects where vines, ornamental plants can grow on, we were inspired to take this development further and create this cool organic garden café by laying out the canopies with respect to the existing planting placement by Jack. Through the 'recycling' concept of this garden, we have aptly dedicated this to our mom, Mama Lita, who is known to have claimed that even before "Zero Waste Management" became a popular thing, she had been a proponent of this practice. The food delights that will be offered in the Café will be our recreated suman y tsokolate from our yesteryears. A delicacy that would trigger some of the few and fond memories we had of our grandmother, and much more!

The Bunting Story (Mural) Swing and Hangout deck

The theme of this farm development is derived from our formative years when we used to spend the summers with our grandparents



Portrait of BGen Manuel B. Mariano, AFP (Ret) and Lolita L. Mariano by: Angel Cacnio

in Tiaong, Quezon. If you ask us if this was a happy memory, some of my siblings will object to it, thus it is a 'nostalgia'. Bunting is a combination of two objects, in tagalog, it's Bunot at Gunting. BunTing...Bunot is actually a coconut husk used to polish wooden floors when floor polishers were too expensive for a not so wealthy family, and Gunting is actually a pair of shears. The shears are pierced on the coconut husk and this is used as a tool to predict good and bad luck which our lola uses everytime we see her in the house hidden in a dark corner and whispering things to the Bunot at Gunting. It you think our lola was adorable and loving and that we love to run to her whenever we see her, you guessed wrong. We run away as far as we can. Our lola was ever the disciplinarian, who taught us values on integrity and hardwork, while being always kind was the lesson always given by our lolo through his random act of kindness, the dark old man figure in the background. Our summers were spent learning chores, and obeying the elderly and with limited television watching even if our channels were down to only 5.

The big head is my lola's since she is the matriarch that represents our family, in her head are images of her children both deceased and living, they are 7, and my mom was the 3rd child and the first daughter. On the center of the face is my dearly beloved Bella, my black Labrador who embodies kindness and unconditional love, her remains are actually planted and we have dedicated an ornamental tree which we now fondly call Bellachuchi. At the center part of the mural are the members of the Largoza-Mariano family: Mom in her wide hat, Dad who is now the center of all things Bunting Farm, our beloved Kuya Casper who passed in a tragic death at 25 years young, my older sister, Ate Gigi and her husband Joseph, my older brother Kuya Joel and his wife, Taraging, younger brother Victor and his wife Beng, my younger sister Aldine with her three flower horns who kept her happy as long as they could, and that's me with the stylus pen who is responsible on this digital art, along with my current dogs, Enola, Morgan and Bambi. The green ribbons flowing in the artwork is actually the coconut leaves which my lola uses for her suman sa ibos, the suman and tsokolate was a childhood memory of ours and we have recreated that delicacy which made our childhood wonderful. The 13 fire trees represent the 450 seeds picked up from Christ the King Parish in Greenmeadows Avenue, only 13 seeds survived, a 0.028 rate of survival. These fire trees are important element in the development of this farm. The spokes in the coconut husk represent my nephews, leaning onto the virtues. Some nephews lean on the words, and some don't, they are still on the path of discovery and we can only hope that our values are properly passed on to the future generations to provide them direction and the freedom to choose what is good. The coins and paper money drawn even though they are just few changes, are hard earned and that I always remember my mom's cliché: a penny saved is a penny earned. Every little thing has value. Recycle. Repurpose. Recreate. Reinvent. These words are lived in our everyday life growing up in our household. We hope to inspire and bring cherished childhood memories and experience the farm from a different point of view.

We form and farm ideas in the Bunting Farm. In this creative enclave, there is no soul left unloved. —An artwork and narrative by May Mariano



"To be devout is to be deeply devoted to one's religion or to another belief, cause, or way of life. If you're reading this, you're probably a devout believer that you can still improve your remaining life." The Author

A Devout Life for Cavaliers

• CAV JESS "REY" LOMEDA '80

Being a senior citizen these days, sending sympathy messages is becoming more and more frequent to bereaved families of upper and contemporary classes. Having someone who died very dear to us, whom we truly know, we tend to pause and meditate on our own mortality and ask, "Why are we still alive?"

PMA is the only school in the country whose graduates, upon completing their courses, are being sent to their way to gamble with death. Our fate starts with the selection of Branches-of-Service. It may be by choice, luck or draw lots. All classes have their share of dying in less than a year upon graduation. I do not have the data, but you have the feeling in what I said is true.

For class '80, I could have been the first casualty of the class if I have died in the Pata Massacre of February 1981; or, in a nighttime vehicular ambush at the outskirts of Jolo town with my Battalion Commander, the late Ed Pangan '68; or perhaps in the many encounters and harassments at my detachment in Indanan, Sulu. I could have become an early statistic on killed-in-action (KIA) and now forgotten – like upperclassmen and underclassmen whom I know died there in Sulu, mostly as fresh graduates: Pasiliao '75, Grafil '78, Majini '78, Pacheco '78, Naparan '79, Pagunsan '79, Esplana '80, Villanueva '86, Salvador '05, Indammog '06, Loperaz '06, Pinera '06, Solorin '06, Sumera '06 and Flores '09. I'm sure there are many more KIAs at other places, beside in Sulu.

Why did the Good Lord spare me? My mistah, Boy Bolo '80, who was rejected to receive the "Medal for Valor" for the successful operation in saving Bishop Escaler without any casualties from the hostages and his men, has an answer. He said to me: "BOK, no anting anting has saved you. It is the sovereign will of God that you are still alive and survived that massacre and ambush. Maybe because He really wants you to find Him and His truth."

In my book entitled, "A Time to Heal, Bloodbath at Pata Island, Sulu" (Btw, the book is still available at the AFP Museum, Camp Aguinaldo), I reflected on the prayer of Private Ryan, from the movie entitled: Saving Private Ryan. At the end of the film, there was an eerie scene of the old and retired Pvt. Ryan together with his entire family at Arlington Cemetery, praying before the tomb of Lieutenant Miller (the role Tom Hanks played). He beseeched:

"Dear Lord, my children and grandchildren are here



Selfie and pictures taken by Jovit Palo '95 at the ordination of Deacon Adel Abrugena '95 at Tucson, Arizona.

with me today because of You. To be honest with You, I wasn't sure how I'd feel remembering that day. Every day I think about it, I tried to live my life the best that I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that, at least in Your eyes, I've earned what You have done for me. Tell me I have led a good life according to Your will. Tell me I'm a good man. Amen."

However, I still feel it is not enough to just be a good man. We must all have a true devotion to become devout. True devotion tells us that the love of God is the highest form of adoration, when CHARITY reaches that point of not only doing good but also of doing it earnestly, frequently, and readily carrying out God's heavenly inspirations, like what Mother Theresa did.

With this belief, I had this discernment of becoming a permanent deacon, who will serve the poor, the aged, the sick, or the imprisoned.

At the parish of Saint Francis de Sales at the neck of my woods in Canada, I met Deacon Pat and I was surprised that he is married. He invited me to attend and to listen to the talk of Fr. Richard Soo, a Jesuit from the Byzantine Catholic Church, on



Taking down notes on the lecture of Fr. Richard Soo on Discerning the Permanent Diaconate.

Discerning the Permanent Diaconate.

Deacon comes from the Greek word "*Diakonos*", which means "Servant. The origin of the diaconate is traced in the Holy Bible in the Acts of the Apostles where the apostles laid hands on seven selected men to take care of their material needs while they were concerned in preaching the Gospel. One of the seven was Saint Stephen, who died as martyr; and the rest were: Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus.

After flourishing for 400 years, the diaconate declined and became little more than a transitional step to priesthood. However, the Second Vatican Council, 1962-65, restored this ministry of service to its original purpose. The Bishops of Canada reactivated the order of permanent deacons in 1969. In February 2011, Archbishop Michael Miller of Vancouver officially restored the permanent diaconate in his Archdiocese. The deacons assist the priest at Mass. He may administer the sacrament of Baptism, witness and bless marriages, officiate at funerals and burial services, minister at the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at Communion liturgies, in the absence of a priest. This service at the altar is a sign and symbol of the Church's commitment to those in the parish and the community. Likewise,

the deacon proclaims the Gospel, the Good News; and may receive from his bishop the faculty or authority to preach.

In the Philippines, there are no permanent deacons, only transitional ones. Its institution was raised during the second Plenary Council of the Philippines, but it did not receive the necessary support from the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) because the country has enough priests and there are more than enough and willing lay ministers.

Pope Francis, as he addressed the permanent deacons of Rome, said he expects three things from his deacons. They should be humble, without showing off like a peacock or putting themselves at the center. Secondly, by being good spouses and fathers or grandfathers, they will give hope and consolation to couples in difficulties who will find in their 'genuine simplicity an outstretched hand.' Lastly, to be sentinels who know not only to spot those far away and the poor but also help the Christian community spot Jesus in the poor and the distant.

In the history of the Academy, there are few who entered the religious life in exchange of pursuing their promising military careers.

We have Reverent Father Greg Ramos '81, a Catholic priest who celebrated his silver sacerdotal anniversary last year; and who needs our prayers and financial support to help him survive the cancer of the bone marrow - for him to continue his ministry.

There is Pastor Erwin Luga '82, son of General Emilio Luga '54 and brother of General Alan Luga '81, who heeded the call of God for him to become a full-time vocational minister. He is now pastoring the Philippine Military Academy Christian Fellowship (PMAF) at Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City.

Pastor Dennis Isleta '88, son of General Honesto Isleta '58 and a brother to General Chad Isleta '85, a Senior Pastor of Victory Makati of VICTORY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP INC.

Dr. (PhD) Mike Morales USGA '83, younger brother of Dick Morales '77, is with International Graduate School for Leadership (IGSL) at Novaliches, Quezon City. He is a full-time faculty, a coordinator of Military Life serving a ministry to the uniformed services, to help leaders maximize their impact to transform society for the glory of God.

There are other Cavaliers who send snippets of biblical passages and inspirational quotations in the social media, to mention: Ariel Quirubin '79, a Valor awardee and the most decorated soldier, who posts his motivational messages in Telegram's "Batang Gorio"; Oliver Almonares '95, rescuer of Gracia Burnham and author of the book, "The Rescue" (now available online in Amazon); Hermie Colina '80, who sends daily quips from Fr. Art Ledesma; and the rest that I noticed imploring in Facebook, Messenger, Viber, Instagram, Twitter, and Telegram the goodness of the Lord are: Nes Eloja '80 (a DCS recipient), Ver Hernandez '83, Sir Greg Camiling '69, Fred Mison USMA '87, Jojo Cenabre '83, Willy Bactad '75, Neri Caunte '83, Ric Brillantes '72, Dennis Acop USMA '83, Romeo Roderos '77, Dan Desuasido '77, Bien Casis '82, Romy Ranay '74; and then, a couple bugos created their Facebook groups: Alex Quirante '72, admin for "Cavalier Cyber Prayer Warriors" and Abe Purugganan '78, admin for the "Father's Train".

In Islam, we have Tomas Decena '78, a muslim convert who goes by the name: Essa Abdulmalik. He is now a Revert Hadji, as reflected in his Facebook account. He shares in Facebook his knowledge of Koran. He proclaims, "Allahu Akbar!" (God is Great!)



Former Captain Gregory H. Ramos O-8293 (Cavalry) PA

The Academy already has a Permanent Deacon. He is Adelio Javier Abrugena '95 from the parish of Our Mother of Sorrows in Tucson, Arizona. He was ordained on 05 June 2021 by the Bishop of Tucson, the Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger, at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Tucson. He was accompanied during the ordination by his mistah, Jovito Palo '95, who is my only schoolmate at Holy Rosary Minor Seminary of Naga City who also entered the Academy.

My batch in the seminary produced 12 priests out of 24 seminarians. One became a bishop, Bishop Jose Rojas of Libmanan; and another one is a gifted miracle healer, Father Gerard Deveza, founder of the Divine Healer Academy of Sorsogon (offering free education for the poor and deserving students in his diocese of Sorsogon).

Some of my seminary classmates are now retired as priests and leading towards retirement. So, my wife wondered and asked me one day, why am I joining the clergy (people ordained for religious duties: deacons, priests and bishops. As you can notice, not all deacons become priests and not all priests become bishops.) at this point in time when my classmates at the seminary are retiring? My only answer was, "I am now in the 'homestretch' of my life, and I must prepare to meet the Lord! My classmates are already prepared for their afterlife."

On 16 October this year, I received an email regarding my application for the diaconate:

Dear Mr. Lomeda,

I was pleased to meet you at the gathering at the Pastoral Centre. Since then, I have received a glowing letter of reference about you from your pastor. Fr. McGuckin makes it clear that you would make a wonderful deacon.

Sadly, after careful evaluation of our policies a couple of years ago, it was decided that we needed to stick closely to the age limits

established by the Archbishop when the program was started. On top of that, you are five years over the limit.

I did discuss you and your excellent qualifications with the Archbishop, but he agreed with me that it's just not possible to ordain you at 71 or 72, since the retirement age for deacons is 75. I'm very sorry that we can't welcome you to the program.

Yours sincerely,
Msgr. Gregory N. Smith
Episcopal Vicar
Director, Permanent Diaconate Office
Archdiocese of Vancouver

My application was denied! And I realized that being 66 years old is old and getting closer to life expectancy! I could have been a good soldier of Christ. I can go anywhere the Archbishop dictates me – even at a maximum security cells of hardened criminals or at the palliative care ward of cancer patients – I will go! I will be serving only one master because I am already receiving a pension and I do not need any more to balance my ministry with my business job and earn a living to feed a family. I can offer my life fulltime for the diaconate ministry. I have the unwavering support of my dear wife, of 38 years and counting; and also of my three children who are all grownups and have their own family and separate lives. But perhaps, I was rejected for a heavenly reason...

The age requirement for diaconate mandates that the candidate must be 35 to 65 years old by the time of ordination, after completing the 4-year course in Theology at St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia, to be financed by the diocese, on human, spiritual, theological, and pastoral formation. So, for those who are in a place where the program exists and wants to be a deacon, please take note.

For now, I continue to read and listen to the book of Saint Francis de Sales, "Introduction to the Devout Life", that my parish priest, Fr. Mark McGuckin, recommended. I follow closely the instructions of Saint Francis on how to pray and meditate (you can find an e-copy and audio book at CCEL.Org). I listen to the soundbites while I go on road runs, feeling physically and spiritually refreshed after every workout.



Private Ryan with his Family at the grave of Lieutenant Miller, the officer who saved him. (Courtesy of Paramount Pictures)

SECUROLOGY: The Study of Being Free from Care

◦ CAV JOEL JESUS M. SUPAN '81

I have been studying security for some 38 years, mostly not in classrooms and learning sessions as there is a dire need for them but out there in the fields of various human endeavors. In the absence of holistic and formal academic preparation for security, I had to make good use of my God-given faculties of physiological perception to see, hear, feel, smell, taste and instinct, the intelligence and ability for reasoning to process those perceptions, the ability to communicate so as to ask why and the physical ability and dexterity to acquire the skills, to be able to learn security. Like all of us, I have been a subject of security in my life time. But, after all those years of learning, I have been constantly looking for a word that would encompass all the definitions of security in various domains. This word would consolidate, define and represent these domains into a single overarching body of knowledge. The word Security has to be attached to another word for it to have distinctive meaning such as "Security Guard," "Security Camera," "National Security," "Human Security," "Information Security," "Cyber Security," etc.

Security is also a word used in a lot of ways and applied to a lot of things. To a bank, it is the collateral required from borrowers before they can "secure" a loan. To a country or state, it refers to the economic, social and political stability, sovereignty and the freedom from foreign incursions. To states within a geographical region or states with common interests, it means a sound and stable coexistence or relationship with each other. To a public enterprise, it refers to shares, bond, stocks and documents that give a right to an individual to own properties.

To most people, the meaning of security is the provision for physical protection such as military men, policemen, guards, watch dogs, fences, walls, alarms, lights or cameras. Security also implies safety as it can also mean a state of freedom from harm (also called safety), damage or loss. It is a means to protect lives, properties, tangible or intangible assets, such as reputations, and material resources needed to pursue one's goals.

Security is a means from where "sense of security" is obtained. Security is indicated, in one way or the other, in other organizational undertakings and concepts such as risk management, loss prevention and control, crisis management, business continuity, corporate good governance and business intelligence. In simple words, it means safety, refuge, sanctuary, haven, safekeeping, retreat, confidence, well-being, reassurance, guarantee, collateral, surety, insurance, indemnity, underwriting, defense and protection. In its broadest sense, security provides a predictable environment where one can pursue his or her objectives and promote his or her interests without fear from the occurrence of mishaps and their effects when they occur.

With all these ideas churning in my mind or maybe even in my subconscious, I woke up early one morning with a single word in my mind, "Securology." I thought that if there were such words as Psychology, Sociology, Killology or even Victimology, so, why not "Securology." Killology and Victimology are also not

in the dictionary but they are freely used by the authors in their respective publication. Killology, (n): The scholarly study of the destructive act. Killology focuses on the reactions of healthy people in killing circumstances (such as police and military in combat) and the factors that enable and restrain killing in these situations. I immediately search the word Securology from the well known dictionaries and it just isn't there.

I found out also that "Securology" as a word, was first submitted to the Webster Open Dictionary in December 31, 1969 by an anonymous sender and without a definition. Elsewhere it is used as a service brand. I submitted the word to the lexicon dictionary with my definition. I was informed thereafter that for a word to be included in the dictionary, it has to be used widely and frequently. This is the reason why a new word like cyberspace which came into use only in 1980 at the advent of the internet got into the dictionary.

I believe that "Securology" is the most appropriate word to describe the Field of Security. As an academic undertaking, it covers the study of Security and its basic concepts. The concepts of Security are based on time-tested principles upon which all security undertakings must be based. The concepts also include the various security aspects and their elements by which the security principles are applied. It is a study of the different units of organization or society, their aspirations and objectives and how to achieve them. It covers the study and understanding of human endeavors and the resources necessary to achieve the objectives of such endeavors. Thus, it involves also the study of the classification of such resources, their nature and the degree of relevance of such resources.

It covers the study of hazards, threats, risks and mishaps which are the reasons for the need for security of every type of human endeavors. The types of human endeavors are differentiated by the types of resources necessary to achieve them. The types of resource, in turn differentiates the types of hazards that threaten said resources. This field of security is essential for the formulation of methodologies on how to prevent mishaps from happening, how to avoid and how to treat them. Such study includes among others, the field of Security Engineering and Technology, which provides for tools to enhance ones capability in providing security. It includes the study on how to plan and prepare for contingencies in the event of unavoidable mishaps. The preparation for such mishaps includes the procedures on how to react to such mishaps that brings about emergency situations. Lastly, it includes the study on how to investigate a mishap for the recovery of the lost resource and how to prevent it from happening again.

In summary, "Securology" is the study of prevention of mishaps or disruptions, how to react and respond to them and how to investigate them if and when they occur in any type of human endeavor to eliminate his cares and worries and ensure the attainment of his goals. It is the study on how to deter, detect, delay defend, deny, diffuse and document hazards to defend ones resources.

Thus, Securology /sə'kyoo ro ləjē/ (noun) 1. the study of being free from care. 2. the study of security. This being said, a Securologist /sə'kyoo ro ləjēst/ (noun) is a person who practices or a student of security.

"Securology" will provide the distinct single word that will denote the broad spectrum of security study and practice. "Security" is from the Latin word 'se curus' which means 'to be free from care' or 'without care' and the word 'logy' is a Greek word 'logia' which means 'study of', thus the word "Securology." It is not yet in the dictionary. The only way to bring it there is its frequent usage to manifest people's acceptance of it.

The Commission on Higher Education in the Philippines rolled out the Program for the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Security Management. It is the most opportune time to adopt "Securology" as the field of study which the Program covers. I therefore would like to enjoin every Security Professional to start using the word Securology as an everyday by word in describing their profession. The frequency of its use is the easiest way to get it into the dictionary.

Adding "Securology" to our professional vocabulary and adopting it to provide a universal and common description of the broad field of security is challenging the status quo. It is looking for better ways. It is a way of using our God-given faculties of intelligence and reasoning for creativity. If these faculties are being used for our chosen field of protect human lives and endeavors, life for humanity can be much more peaceful and secured.

Security practitioners can thereafter call themselves "Securologist" instead of "Security Professional" or attaching to their names some "alphabets" which none outside the security domain could understand. They can therefore start calling themselves "Securologist". If one has a particular domain of Security Practice like Cyber Security, he can call himself a Securologist and a Cyber Security Specialist. And if all of us in the security profession called ourselves Securologist and that we are practitioners and students of "Securology", in time these two words will be captured by a lexicographer and include them in the dictionary. That will be the time when we the students and practitioners of security will have a Professional Field of Study and Practice that we can call our own.

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Author's notes: This article in its original text was first published in a local Security Magazine, La Guardia in September 2013. Its relevance has not diminished in time. It was also circulated in the internet where a security researcher, analyst and authority from South Africa has picked it up and made it a subject of his study to propose it as new field of study that would make it even in significance and recognition with other fields of study like psychology, sociology etc. I decided to revise some texts and language to make it suitable for submission and publication in the Cavalier Magazine to make the members of the PMAAAI be aware and enjoin their support for the use of the word "Securology". This is on account of the prevailing belief that Military Officers are the experts in every aspect of security so that private companies seek those who have retired or separated from the military service to lead their security units. A big majority of the Security Leads of largest corporations in the Philippines now are from the military. Significantly, most are graduates or former cadets of PMA. One conglomerate even has about 70 former military officers in its roster of Security Leads and Consultants. For as long as I can remember, we have always borrowed the concepts of security if not all our concepts of management and

administration from foreign publications and studies and stayed in that comfort zone. Despite all the development in all human endeavors, there are still a lot of undiscovered and untried concepts and ways out there to improve human conditions. It is just a matter of having the guts and grit to challenge the status quo and make one be heard and supported.

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Buhay Sundalo

• Cav Ramon Liwag '79

Siya'y isang sundalo
Magiting at maginoo
Sigay tapat sa 'ting gobyerno
Tagapagtangol ng bayan
At lahat ng tao.

Handang Lumaban saan man anggulo
Kaya nasa panganib lagi ang buhay niyo
kahit malayo ka sa pamilya mo
kaligtasan ng lahat ang nasa puso mo.

Kahanga-hanga ang katulad mo
kahanga-hanga magandang layunin niyo.
katulad mo'y dakilang bayani
At magiting na beterano,

I wagayway mo ang watawat
Sagisag, ng kalayaan at kasarinlan
Kasama mo'y Sambayanang Pilipino
Laging handang tumulong sayo.

Ating isa-puso, mahalagang ala-ala
Ng mga sundalong nagbuwis ng buhay
Upang maging malaya ka
Kalayaan moy aming ipaglalaman
Pilipinas kong minamahal.

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

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

CLASS CALL



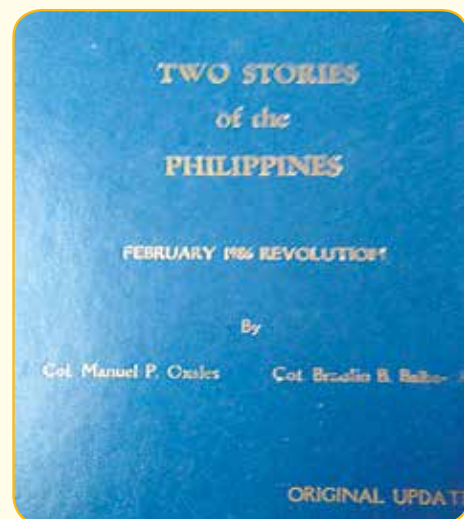
ORLANDO B SALIENTES
President
MANUEL P OXALES
Secretary

The pandemic has really affected many class socials, and reunions have been missed. The last class reunion was in December 2019, a well-attended one, at Seabees Headquarters Fort Bonifacio Naval Station. The latest alumni convention in NCR was in PICC Pasay in February 2020 with former PRRD as Guest Speaker. Orly Salientes, Loven Abadia, Esting Carino and Manny Oxales were in attendance. Averaging 85 in golden years class members are more disposed staying at home. More time for introspection, reflection and with family. With the rapid advent of ICT many became adept with various modes of communicating with families and friends here and abroad. Many engaged in very noteworthy activities. Joey and Butch, a doctor, have been in the Sierra Madres in Pampanga providing medical care to mountaineers. Esting Carino, a PC career man, has over 200 employees in his chicken dressing plant Batangas which supplies San Miguel, Alaska and other outlets. He had the Carino ancestral house in Candon, Ilocos Sur repaired, damaged by typhoon in late 2020. Cesar Go sends Bible verses and tends to his fruit trees and plants in his large tract in San Fernando, Pampanga where he resides. Armand Garcia, an ex-fighter pilot, is active in church and community activities. The late Roy Aguilar, who opted very early for civilian life, improved facilities in the family sugar farm in Negros and provided opportunities for advancement of his farm tillers. And so with late Roging Villanueva in his farm in Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao where he was a Division Comdr. Dra. Dang Catibog, wife of late Doming Catibog as ex DOH Asst Secretary, provided funds for medicines and improvement of facilities at VMMC. The book by Manny Oxales and late Jun Balbas, *Two Stories of the Phil Feb 1986 Revolution*, has been printed by Phil Veterans Affairs Office into 300 copies for distribution to veterans and retiree's groups. The book *Advocacy Even in Retirement*, 2012 by Manny Ox was

designated officially a reference by the heads of National Defense College, Public Safety college, AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command and two Senators. Epi Logic is in Bohol amidst its fine beaches and resorts promoting local tourism. Dra Juliet Yap, busy with her profession, finds time for outreach programs.

From abroad Bob Tagala and wife operate a successful building for lease. Nestor Lim and Edith reside in sunny California with its temperate, no snow winter climate, scenic spots, are active in alumni affairs. (Reunions in U.S. and Canada is a big task due to distance and work demands). These noteworthy socially enriching endeavors give self-fulfillment while enjoying the years of retirement. These are enduring legacies.

Indeed, Class 60 during the pandemic provided hope for each other by searching for one another. While in the states too as is customary one calls on a classmate whom they are close to and so I did and my wife, when we called on Andy and Lina Kagaoan and his wife told us, following day that he was rushed to the ICU, after earlier that day having hit his head in the floor, that morning he was still able to have breakfast, lunch and play tong-its after which he rested and never woke up. Apparently, the fall caused blood clot that was ignored because he remained lucid and up and about. Mistahs, please be careful and be wary about incidents. We were informed later by Lina of the memorable goodbye to a Cavalier, a Father, a Husband, a Mistah, that is ANDY! I also requested Bill Iban to look for Nestor Lim, because he is in California where Nestor Lim is staying



while I'm in New York, (because I sent him a package and I want to find out if he received it), only to find out that the number of Nestor is now owned by someone else, Bill had no luck getting in touch with him.

Few days after we came back in Philippines, another classmate Fred Lardin had a stroke, unfortunately very few was able to visit the wake because of the restriction of this COVID situation especially for senior citizens.

Let us use as guide what happened and how we survived this period in history.

Having been the President for more than five years now, surely Class 60 is not wanting for a volunteer to take the Presidency.

Class 60, Mabuhay, anyone take over from here! Don't forget life is a one-time offer. Let's take it!!!/Orly Salientes



Class 60 Christmas Party, December 2019.



MANUEL B MARIANO
President

(Note: Starting this issue, Class Call for Class 1962 will be write up coming from individual families of their class.)

Life is beautiful.

After being in a "cocoon" for over two years, the Soriano family ventured to the outside world, for the second time (after the Cl 62 Diamond Jubilee last June 5, 2022).

This time to Shangri-la Boracay, from Sept 27 to October 1, believing in the love of God that dispelled our fears and anguish.

For months, we planned and looked forward to this family vacation...hoping that my grandson JC's leave from work will be approved. It was, at the last minute, and though we had to make changes, airline booking and everything for him, with God's grace, we were complete.

Day 1 of our 5D4N vacation, Kaius, my 20-mos old great grandson had his first airline ride which went well. He just went to sleep all the way.

We breezed thru Arrival area, transferred to the Special Lounge of Shangri-la Boracay

for the private speedboat ride and in no time, we were at the resort.

The sound of drums that welcomed us was so heartwarming, in addition to the beautiful smiles of the staff waiting for us.

We had a lovely, comfortable Seaview room which gave us a breathtaking view of the ocean and the surroundings from sunrise to sunset.

So, for five days we had fun, love and laughter from morning till night especially with our adorable Kaius. He loved everything....the walks in the gardens and we played, we marched, sang and laughed a lot. He was however somewhat intimidated by the hammock in the garden and would not go near it.

He enjoyed feeding the Kois at the pond by the Chi SPA, was amazed at the sight of monkeys at the roof of the Main Lobby at dusk and greatly enjoyed the warm bubble bath in the tub prepared by the staff.

Good food everyday for five days starting with a superb breakfast buffet at the Vintana, pizza at Cielo by the pool in the

afternoons and fine dining at the romantic Sirena restaurant at night. We enjoyed the private glorious beach.

JC and Krizzia did not venture to do jet skiing or parasailing but went swimming everyday in the pool, and at the beach. Kaius enjoyed the sea but would not walk on the sand.

I just walked in the sand, picking unusual seashells. It was enough for me to absorb the much needed and missed fresh and exhilarating fragrance of the air and the sea.

Leika who thought of everything to make us happy was busy with her pictorials. She was the photographer of the family, making sure that we were all having a grand time.

An afternoon of calming massage on our last day after several laps for Leika and a quick dip for me in the fine, private pool of Chi SPA was so relaxing and invigorating.

Truly grateful for an amazing, blessed, love and laughter filled, precious family bonding which will be cherished for a lifetime.



GUILLERMO R RUIZ
President
RENE LEANDRO P EBRO
Secretary

Holiday greetings from the Matindi Class of 1963.

4 November, Friday

After missing out on two quarters of 2022, we were delighted to have one MATINDing lunch meeting once again at the

Philippine Navy Golf Club, the old Bonifacio Naval Station to plan class arrangements and activities such as our Christmas party in December, Diamond Alumni Homecoming in February 2023 and our 60th year after our graduation in March 2023.

In attendance were the following: Ardy and Beth Abaya, Big Boy and Anabelle Adriano, Pert and Inday Andaya, Aida Mayo, Gie Aquino, Beth Arevalo, Danny and Nena Delgado, Amy Ilagan + Angel, Jimmy Iletto, Rudy Javier, Reggie and Marga Lacson, Naty Laput, Boy Orevillo, Dan and Lou Pizarro, Rolly Roallos, Bill and Norma Ruiz, Ching Saavedra, and Gaps Sabarre.

Fourth Quarter Birthday Celebrators

It's always a celebration of a new beginning even in the twilight of our lives. Life is what we make it and how we take it. The past built our memories. The future is continuously conceiving in our imagination. The present moment is a gift. Wherever you are, have a good one. Cheers!

October

- 9 - Beth Abaya
- 11 - Nick Blancas
- 12 - Fred Romero
- 19 - Leni Valencia
- 21 - Johnny and Estela Andaya
- 22 - Gaps Sabarre and Beth Arevalo

November

1 - Big Boy Adriano
11 - Mulong Landingin
12 - Ide Tillah
14 - Nolan Laput and Josie Nale
18 - Pio Carranza
22 - Boy Orevillo and Warlie Tigas
23 - Grace Valderama
25 - Inday Andaya
29 - Nena Delgado

December

7 - Cire Cirera
10 - Aida Mayo
14 - Ebor Ebro
15 - Iniong Reyes
19 - Arnie Acedera
21 - Mike Miguel and Amy Ilagan
24 - Josie Resos
25 - Naty Laput
29 - Bobby Babiera and Veny Venadas

Naval Sea Systems Command (NSSC) Diamond Anniversary

On a very personal note from the class secretary, the Naval Sea Systems Command at Naval Station Pascual Ledesma, Fort San Felipe Cavite City commemorated its 75th founding anniversary last 26 October 2022 where I had the privilege and honor to have served as its 29th commander from 12 January 1994 to 13 December 1996. It was then called the Naval Support Command since immemorial. The initiative to the command's present name came to be ten days before my retirement.

The current commander of Naval Sea Systems Command, RADM Danilo G. Fuentes Jr. PN '90 was at the helm of the celebration and presided by the acting Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy, RADM Cesar Bernard N. Valencia '90. Together, they navigated through the activities.

The highlights of the day included the blessing of newly rehabilitated floating yard dock, General Pascual Ledesma Slipway and the newly-built diesel engine laboratory. Likewise, former NSSC Commanders were honored, NSSC Personnel of the Year awardees and NSSC Stakeholders were recognized during the programme.

Among the NSSC Commanders present apart from myself were COMMO Jimmy V. Bantolo PN (RET) '66, RADM Ramon P. Espera Jr. PN (RET) '77, RADM Leopoldo M. Alano PN (RET) '82, VADM Giovanni Carlo J. Bacordo PN (RET) '87, and RADM Rommel Jason L. Galang PN (RET) '87.

For more information regarding the aforementioned event as well as updates within the Naval Sea Systems Command, please view the posts of their facebook page.

On the first week of October, I was graciously invited by my last command. Unable to make the road trip down on memory lane to the C in Calabarzon, I sent



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my only daughter, Mymel on a mission to represent me on my behalf. I would have been the oldest of the bunch had I set on foot in a place where I had spent my years of my life leading to the pinnacle of my military career in the late 1980s and the mid-1990s career, respectively. where I have earned my star.

As a father and proud soldier, I am most grateful that one of my children got a glimpse of their dad's military career as an adult and how far the Navy has sailed into what it is at present. Seeing all the photos and videos speak volumes. I am beyond words to express my homage.

Beyond recognition and regardless of ranks or stars, the real superstars, the force to be reckoned with, are the inspiring and industrious men and women of the command who embody the PACE-core values (Proactive, Accountable, Committed and Excellence) to maintain unwavering

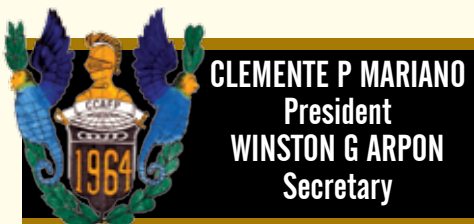
dedication, consistency, cooperation and continuously thrive over challenges. All the best ahead!

My heartfelt gratitude for remembering me. From my end, sending my snappiest salute to everyone at NSSC! BRAVO ZULU!

TIS The Reason and Season to be Merry

May we all have a blissful Christmas, a bountiful 2023 and be blessed beyond, always.

Stay hearty and hale, happy and healthy! In all your endeavors, for EBOR cheering you on!(18121605)



Class 64 deeply mourns the passing of **Avelino "Guzi/ Abe" de Guzman** who passed away in the morning of November 17 in Florida, exactly one week after his 80th birthday. He is survived by his wife, **Emmet**, daughter **Eileen** and son **Michael**.



A most amiable and likable person, loath to wish or to speak, let alone, to do ill to any man, woman or child, he was the personification of an officer and a gentleman.

Guzi joined the Philippine Navy after graduation. After an abbreviated stint in the Service Force of the Naval Operating Forces, he transferred to the Philippine Marines where he served gallantly in the south during the height of the secessionist rebellion in Mindanao. He joined his family



AVELINO B de GUZMAN
Nov 10, 1942 – Nov 17, 2022



in the US, a decision that, in the opinion of his fellow officers, and, certainly in the opinion of all his Mistahs, deprived the Philippine Marines the service of a highly respected, qualified military professional and prospective Commandant.

Given his well-known, consuming sense of purpose and desire to succeed, he eased seamlessly into a new career in Information Technology, first in Canada,

then the US that culminated in an entrepreneurship when he formed his own company, the Sulu Seas, evidently in remembrance of his earlier life as a Marine and service in that part of the country before his retirement from the military.

He served as Chairman of DJLF Charity Philippines Inc., a non-profit that operates and maintains the LEAP/Loakan Educational Assistance Project, an advocacy on the education and development of youth in developing countries, the Philippines in particular.

That he will be terribly missed by his family, associates, and friends he loved and who loved him in return would be a gross understatement.

(Present plans are to bring him back to the Philippines after 40 days; wake and memorial services; burial at the Libingan ng mga Bayani).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS QUARTER

Birthday

October

05 – **Arfs Arpon**

November

11 – **Abe de Guzman**

13 – **Ellen de la Cruz**



Jim and Vanessa.



A Family tradition: Arfs with sister-in-law Rose Leviste and stepgranddaughter Angel Garchitorena joint birthday celebrants in October.



Ellen de la Cruz

December

01 – Ernie Padilla

Wedding

Oct 16 – Billy and Beth Villareal

Dec 16 - Jim and Vanessa Vandervoort

Monthly Get-Together.

Like other face-to-face meetings discontinued indefinitely but resumed September 19, with the easing of COVID-19 regulations, resumed at the usual venue, NIU Vikings. In attendance: **Clem Mariano; Jim Vandervoort; Minnie Bas; Lina Pilapil; Ellen de la Cruz; the Reyeses, Rey and Sandy, with daughter Bambi; the Villareals, Billy and Beth; Arfs and Vicky**, the latter availing of the occasion and opportunity to share an autographed copy of her 240-page autobiography, *My Life and Lessons*.

Christmas Party.

It was inevitable that talk would drift, as it ultimately did, to the traditional get-together for the Christmas season, last held in the same venue three years ago.



Diamond Jubilee.

Just two years to go before this milestone in our class history, it was agreed that preparations should begin in earnest, especially the all-important matter of logistics. Within the week, Class 64's Big Three - **Clem, Rey, and Billy**, President, VP and Treasurer, respectively - hied to AFPSLAI to look into our class fund - documented in our chat group **Rey** described as photo of "three oldies." Yes, sir, oldies out to deliver the goodies.



TGPMA HOP (Acronym for The Graduates of PMA Helping Out Project).

Last September 8. **Rey and wife Sandy and Arfs** joined 15 other PMAers on a visit to Gawad Kalinga's Enchanted Farm situated in Angat, Bulacan. A visit for the visitors to see for themselves this "platform to raise social entrepreneurs, help our local farmers and create wealth in the countryside." In the luncheon meeting after a tour of the site, it was mutually agreed during the ensuing discussion that TGPMA HOP would explore possibilities of a future partnership on an existing or new project.





Fighting City Hall?

Responding to our request for input to this Class Call, Baguio-resident **Jimmy Valeros** apologized, indicating that he continues to be kept busy by a lingering case and sharing his latest column, Fair and Square, in The Junction News. A case that pits him against City Hall and Baguio City Mayor, Cav **Ben Magalong '82**.



GOC/Games of Cavaliers

Our class has been a consistent presence in this annual golf tournament. Way back when it was still held in Baguio and still known as BOC/Battle of the Classes we always managed to put up a team - a minimum of five to qualify for prizes - emerging as Super Senior champions in 2014 during our golden jubilee and successfully defending the title the following year, **Guzi de Guzman** and **Rey Reyes**, the individual champions, respectively. When the 2022 GOC unfolds, **Guzi** from up there wishing he were



with his perennial golf buddies **Rene, Rey and Arfs** teaming up with Cav **Augustus Paiso '56** and 62ers **Francisco "Paco" Atayde** and **Carlos "Taragin" Tañega**.

Seal the Deal

It was more than lunch set up and hosted by **Jim Vandevoort** at the Wooden Horse Steakhouse, Molito Lifestyle Center, Alabang with **Francisca "Cisca" de Zwager and Arfs**. **Cisca** is the one-and-all Joyful Business SOLUTIONS. The University of British Columbia, Metro Manila, a sole proprietorship: founder, owner, and thinking partner to entrepreneurs. On the table, aside from the steak, was an important agenda item - the second printing of the book, *Laughter in the South/ Footnotes to the Southern Philippines Conflict* published 42 years ago. No wax seal on a contract materialized at the end of the give-and-take. But there was no doubt that an agreement was reached; yes, all parties sealing the deal.



Yes and No

Yes, that's our VP (occasionally VIP, as in this photo) **Rey Reyes**. And, yes, that's SIXTY-FOUR, a fusion restaurant.

But no, it's not owned by Class 64.

Yes, that's **Rey Reyes** again. And yes, it's him "bumping into (my) former cadets of Class 70... They held responsible



positions in government, Cavaliers **Roy Cimat, Ernesto Carolina, Glenn Rabonza and Rufo de Veyra**. With Cavalier **Romeo Alamillo '73**.

POSTSCRIPT

It was a big surprise that we received no input for the last Class Call (CC2203) from Jorge Agcaoili, our very responsible Class Call Coordinator for the US and Canada.

But it was no surprise that Jorge - always, a class act - Jorge submitted his explanation for his DR/Delinquency Report. Our judgment: the report is correct; the offense unintentional; so, no demerit awarded; delinquency removed.

"I and Miriam drove to Tampa area last July 16th to attend the wedding of a niece of Miriam; it's customary between her and nine siblings in US and Canada to attend in force such event ... the only absentee this time was the one next to Miriam whose family lives in Rockford, Illinois, 1.5 hours from us (Gloria Basconcillo Jalla, an ex-NC Captain, deployed in Bongao during our Southcom days). She underwent lung cancer surgery a week before the wedding, a robotic procedure supposedly needing only two days confinement but was disallowed by the surgeon to travel.

"On August 3rd, we had to rush back to Illinois ... Gloria's condition deteriorated necessitating another two surgeries only two days apart. The succeeding days saw furious activities and message exchanges, with me in the forefront being the one on the scene and most senior in our extended family. I and Miriam had to be in constant vigil in the hospital ICU to give morale support to Gloria, to lessen the burden on her husband, and keep everyone updated of her roller coaster condition.

"Finally, despite the best efforts of the surgical and ICU teams, she passed last Aug 8th. Practically all those who attended the wedding plus more converged to Rockford. The more I became tied up, taking care of logistics and personally picking up arriving relatives at O'Hare airport in Chicago." /@

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MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Kapaskuhan na naman! Sa mga panahong ito, nagbabago nang kaunti ang ating mga iniisip, pananaw, kilos, ugali at maraming pang iba. Isang halimbawa, iniisip na natin ang mga regalong ibibigay sa mga apo, anak, kamag-anak, kaibigan at kaisa-isang asawa. Anupaman, nadagdagan 'yong magaganda sa ating pagkatao. Maganda ang kaugaliang ito ng Pilipino, ngunit alam ba natin ang tunay na diwa ng Pasko? Sabi nila, kakaiba ito sa mga nakagawian noong mga taong nagdaan. Pero, ibang kuwento ito.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

As in the previous issues, there was not much to talk about, like class gatherings. But again, another sad news came from abroad. Another US-based Mistah, Dominador Hontucan, went back to our Creator last 10 September 2022 (US date). With his passing, there are only 32 of us who left the portals of the Academy as brand new 2LTs and Ens are still around, for our Diamond Graduation Year in February 2026. That's only 40% survival rate for 80 graduates. (Nowadays, total number of graduates sometimes exceeds 250, of the 1300 strong cadet corps. Now, here comes the issue to be resolved: Quantity versus quality? Let our present armed forces resolve that for whatever it is. There are relevant issues to factor in, like the reserve force – regular force ratio.

Inspite of the COVID-19 pandemic scare, the Class managed to sneak in several small get-together like the coffee after walking group, the church group and chance-encounter group. Though the numbers are not impressive – from two to three or to 10 persons, these meetings served to trigger bigger or more organized meetings. To name a few – the breakfast, sometimes lunch, at Denny's Resto, Nono's Resto, Wheat Flour, Niu Vikings (Aura) by small groups for KKB or at times hosted meals. Our 8:00 p.m. Zoom meetings have somewhat been reduced in frequency – from weekly to once a month. Thanks to internet problems.

Just to break the “sea of types” (a journalistic term in printing), we will show just three pictures about on the spot meal hosting – the birthday celebration of Tess



The ladies at Larry's Restaurant, Global City for breakfast.

Arugay for the walking group/church group on 03 October 2022 at Larry's Resto and the birthday lunch of Ben Espejo at Seda Hotel on 9 Nov 2022. Below are the three pictures of the events.

BECAUSE OF PAENG

Since a long time ago, we used to remember the death of deceased mistahs and spouses at Libingan ng mga Bayani and Heritage Park, Taguig. For this year, everything was set for 29 October 2022 for a mass, offering of candles, flowers, and prayers. Then the day before, came Typhoon Paeng. The weather was terrible,

even the day before and on the day of the traditional visit. It had to be cancelled. There was supposed to be lunch at the PN Golf Club, with reservations for 30 people arranged again by Louie Fernandez. Some guys missed more the “papaitan” for lunch).

(P.S. in the para: We will mention here that the Class Christmas Program will push through on December 10, 2022 at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral. It will be reported next issue.)



A few guys at Seda Hotel, Global City for lunch.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

For those celebrating/celebrated their natal days in October, November and December, who are already 70 years or more, happy natal day! In spite of not being an authority on the matter, let me say that according to the Bible, as written by one of the Apostles, the normal life span of a human being, long after Adam who lived for 800 years is only 70 at most 80 years. So we are all enjoying borrowed time. Happy birthday, fellow super teenagers!

For October – Viusy Dauz (20), Roy Nicolas (24), Edd Santos (16); Tess Arugay (03), Tess Reyes (05), Lita Garcia (15), Margie Galon (17), Cel Cunanan (21), Greg Llorca (13), Menong Garcia (07).

For November – Ces Bello (29), Ruben Espejo (09), Louie Fernandez (23); Auring Paginag (21), Delia Jabile (26), Rose-Buck Carrion (11).

For December – Conri Bruce (04), Cena Millena (04), Lucy Sarmiento (05).

May we all have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Stay safe, happy and healthy.

Onward to our Diamond Graduation Anniversary in 2026!



The ladies, also at Seda Hotel for lunch.



ANSELMO S AVENIDO JR
President
RUFINO G IBAY JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. With the relaxation of health protocols, we were hoping that we could resume our Dimasupil Monthly Forums (DMF) and other pre-pandemic Class activities. It's unfortunate that COVID still did not allow us to hold the following DMFs for the August - October 2022 period:

August - To be hosted by Sergs and Zeny Austria, Fred Encarnacion, Ed and Myrns Espinosa, Vir and Marina Odulio, and Mar and Beth Santiago.

September - To be hosted by Merle Odi and family.

October - To be hosted by Aging Alino, Joe and Myrna Andaya, Ching and Papoose Ballecer, Vic Corpus, Andy and Meds Reyes, and Sammy and Cora Tomas.

B. If allowed by COVID, we hope to have the following activities for November - December 2022, onwards:

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

December - Remembrance Day in honor of the departed Dimasupils and Spouses, Christmas Party, and Election of Class Officers.

January 2023 - DMF to be hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, Edsel and Toto Salvana, and Joseph and Reina Young.

17 February 2023 - PMAAAI Annual Convention in Baguio Convention Center, Baguio City (other details to be announced later).

18 February 2023 - Alumni Homecoming in PMA, Baguio City (other details to be announced later).

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We are very sad that Joy Casillan passed away on 2 October 2022 in VMMC due to pneumonia and cardiac arrest. Vigil was held at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary and the Necrological Service was also held there on 7 October. Burial was in LNMB on 8 October. Several Dimasupils spoke during the necro and attended the burial in person. Joy died at the age of 79 and is the 39th Dimasupil out of 85 graduates who have already departed. May his soul rest in peace in the bosom of the Almighty.

Speaking of COVID, we failed to mention in the last issue that its first Dimasupil victim was Ben Samonte. He was hit in January 2021. But its favorite victims were Abe and Cora Din and their family. They were hit for

the second time in October 2022.

Araw Bernabe intends to have his kidney-related medical procedures in VMMC, rather than in Spain. Vic Corpus is making the appropriate arrangements in this regard.

Alex De Guzman was rushed to the VMMC last September due to pneumonia. He did not stay long there. He is now relaxing at home.

Message from Ben Libarnes in October: *"I am presently suffering pains in my lower back due to high creatinine level and heavy coughing. I am now an out-patient of VMMC."*

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

Evelyn Villacorta was brought to the hospital in October for aneurysm. After a few days, she was discharged. She is now recuperating at home.

Congratulations to Sapphina Borromeo Casillan, 7-year old youngest granddaughter of Joy and Noemi, for winning three gold medals and the "Most Outstanding Swimmer" award at the 32nd Valle Verde Country Cub Novice International Swim Meet last August. She won in the 25-meter freestyle, 25-meter butterfly, and 25-meter backstroke categories.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and Spouses who celebrate their birthdays in October, November

and December: Vic Corpus (4 October), Lulu Larroza (4), Joe Andaya (6), Ching Ballecer (8), Sammy Tomas (9), Toto Salvana (9), Aging Alino (17), Andy Reyes (17), Mila Sadiarin (26), Norma Aliac (27), Sonia Briones (29), and Ronnie Ibay (31); Bernie Patino (3 November), Libbie Brawner (4), Penny Lastimoso (10), Merle Odi (13), Ben Libarnes (14), Araw Bernabe (16), Ed Larroza (16), Cesar Quiambao (17), Nora Ruelos (20), Mar Cordero (27), and Papoose Ballecer (29); and Moises Boquiren (4 December), Lulu Perez (6), Lea Libarnes (10), Emay Bautista (11), and Abe Sadul (27).

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Considering that our Social Amelioration Fund (SAF) is now running low, the SAF Committee would like to remind all concerned to pay their contributions for this year 2022 and next year 2023. Please contact our Class Treasurer Rudy Gaerlan for further details.

CLASS TRIVIA

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

Our topic for this issue is sexuality. Please be reminded that it is the readers who attach lewd thoughts to innocent/innocuous dissertations of geriatric old men here who are dirty-minded and not us. We are just playing the game "old man's folly."

Ed Espinosa called up to greet me on my 79th birthday. He lectured me on the "dark side" of numbers vis-a-vis sexuality. The 66 is standing position, 99 is upside down, 69 is baliktaran, and 88 is "I eat you, you eat me!" Since he is now jurassic and incapable of those stunts, libido is just in his head. No way can he bring it down below the waist line! Hahaha, dream on, old man!

Pol Aliac retorted: Unless you can grow bigote like Espine, you can never outdo a Marino."

Henry Kissinger: Power is an aphrodisiac!
Adnan Kashioggi: Money attracts all women!

Hugh Hefner: Fame and the good life are my secret formula in getting the girls! **John F. Kennedy:** Power, money, fame and the good life made me a "chicks magnet!" A Dimasupil from "D" Coy: Bakit ako, sa kapwa lalaki ako na a-attract? (Hahaha, guess who?)

Different folks, different strokes. Tribes in the northern PH have the "Ulog" where couples planning to marry test and taste each other's endowments! Another tribe in western China allow the whole family to witness the first sexual encounter between groom and bride. This is to insure the virginity of the bride. In other places, couples do their thing in motels, forests, likod ng simbahan at bahay ng chick when she is alone. Now, where do you want to live?

Manny Dalipe wants me to deliver eulogies for the dead Dimasupils. However, I mourn the "passing" of that part of our anatomy that died before the end of our physical being. No amount of viagra or cialis can resurrect what is already dead. (I expect Mar Santiago to admonish me to speak for myself only!) Hahaha.

Merry Christmas to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and their families.



ARTURO B CARRILLO
President
WILFREDO G NUQUI
Scribe

I. The state of the Phil economy and ecosystem directly impacts us and our young generations. Consumer inflation increased to a 14-year high 7.7% in Oct 2022 and is projected to average 5.6% this year. BSP actively uses its dollar reserves to minimize currency speculations. BSP policy interest rates will remain high to discourage flight of volatile portfolio capital. Global economic growth in 2023 is projected to slow to 2.7%, which is less than half of the 6% expansion in 2021 (IMF). Phil real GDP grew by 7.6% in Q3 2022, second only to high performing Vietnam (NEDA). Phil economic growth forecasts (in %) for 2022/2023 (6.9/6.3) exceed those of collective ASEAN+3 economies (3.7/4.6) as of Oct 2022 (AMRO). Among ASEAN 6, Thailand, Singapore and Philippines have the fastest inflation although still single-digit rates in Jan-Sept 2022.

The country suffers from long-standing and intertwined poverty, education, health

and hunger crises. The learning gap is at least 5.5 years. Persistently compounding issues, namely Ukraine conflict, COVID-19 and climate change worsen the situation. There were 20 million poor Filipinos in 2021 who represented 18% of the population (PSA). The self-declared 'poor' comprise 49% in October this year (SWS). Only 20% of 7.6 Filipinos age 60 years old and above are covered by either SSS or GSIS, leaving 80% with no mandatory pension (DoF). In 2020, the average monthly pension was P18,525 from GSIS and P5,123 from SSS (PDI). Controlling inflation, creating more jobs with fair wages and sustaining an inclusive development are of highest public priority.

Public revenues and fiscal space remain severely limited. The proposed general appropriations for 2023 may turn out less than that of 2022 in real terms i.e., after correcting for inflation. The national government has large fiscal liabilities such as the reconstruction of Marawi and victims' compensation, rebuilding of damaged public infrastructures, legislated allowances for health workers and even centenarians cash gifts. Philippines tops the list of 193 countries on natural disaster risks (World Risk Index 2022). Agriculture slightly recovered in Q3 but is dampened by 'Paeng' in Q4. Potentially new revenue sources include taxes on

digital transactions, windfall income of oil and other companies, greenhouse gas emitters, and unprocessed mineral exports.

The 'courtesy' Congressional endorsement of confidential funds to the OVP and VP-led DepEd for FY 2023 subverts the Constitution's principle of checks and balances. It establishes a dangerous precedent and has huge social opportunity costs. Opaque no-breakdown funds are better earmarked to: a) build more quality and climate resilient schools and evacuation centers; b) raise competencies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to international standards as called for by PBBM in his 2022 SONA; c) increase teachers' competencies, tools and salaries; d) counsel more learners and their interested parents facing mental issues, and e) expand school-based feeding especially for each one of 4 school-age children, 5-10 years old who are severely underweight.

II. On specific Class matters, President Art C presided over our Oct 6 meeting. It started with silent prayers for Baby (Generosa) Montinola who passed away in early October. Baby is now with Mon and their departed daughter in eternal peace with our Lord. The highly inspiring love story of Mon and Baby started before his PMA days in the mid-



1960s. We individually prayed in All Souls Day for the eternal peace of the souls of our departed beloved whose love and memories shall forever remain in our hearts.

The Class meeting was attended by Art C with his California-based son Armand, Willy, Volts, Rene, Bobby, Oscar, Rudy, Nori and Mel. The attending ladies were Rhodie, Isay, September birthday celebrants Candy and Tess P, Arlene, Evelyn, Puring, Julie, Tita and Hilda. Tess P. shared a much appreciated Cebu lechon to the Class. 'Caballeros' provided excellent music. We are gladly informed of the stable conditions of at least three CMs facing challenging health conditions.

Sonny virtually shared a partial presentation of inputs to the proposed 55th Graduation photobook. Everyone is

reminded to share: a) wedding and earliest joint photos of the couple, b) couple's photo 25 years ago and latest photos, and c) latest family photo. Sharing of preferred background music to the AV/USB version of the photobook is further encouraged. Additional contributions can be shared with President Art C. who taps a Patriot technical assistant in organizing inputs.

Mel joined the wholehearted singing of our forever memorable "Kaydet Girl" with some Class '69 and '70 members during the 'Night of the Singing Generals' hosted by Ramon 'RJ' Jacinto in his TV program in Sept 30. It was extremely heartwarming that RJ publicly commended AFP officers who efficiently managed companies of the Jacintos during the martial law period. They include our proud CMs Hector, Nori, Ben and others.

Some CMs and ladies regularly share prayers, useful information, jokes and endearing messages. From Bobby, a book titled "How to change your legal wife in 30 days" sold 2 million copies in one week. The spelling error was quickly discovered and corrected to 'How to change your life in 30 days.' It sold three copies. And a sincere message to our most beloved ladies "Wishing that every new month be as bright as the sun, as cheerful as the butterflies, as beautiful as flowers and as ever lovely as you are".

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled on Dec 5 at CAGC. The PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting is reported to be on Feb 17, 2023 at the Baguio Convention Center. Class 1968 wishes everyone and our families a cheerful, healthy and blessed Christmas.



JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JESUS B DULLER
Secretary

Thousand words in pictures: Suaviter's September Birthday Celebrations

Bobing Brillantes

Love-laden HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to all October-born Suaviter Mistahs and Ladies:

Nick Garcia - 4 Oct
Jus Manlongat - 17 Oct
Lulu delos Santos - 19 Oct
Nonoy Carranza - 23 Oct
Sarla Duller - 28 Oct

Here's wishing y'all Peace, Happiness and Prosperity and praying that Life be

Kinder, Self-fulfilling and Satisfying for every Suaviter!



Nonoy celebrating with his 99-year-old mother-in-law.



Three of the Celebrants: Nonoy, Lulu and Jus.

LOOK WHO ARE ON THE MOVE AGAIN ... Cleo and Vivian



Good Morning! At Houston airport enroute to Narita.



At the East Garden of the Imperial Palace, Chiyoda, Tokyo. Cleo and Vivian – with Mao Mauricio '70 and wife Ding.



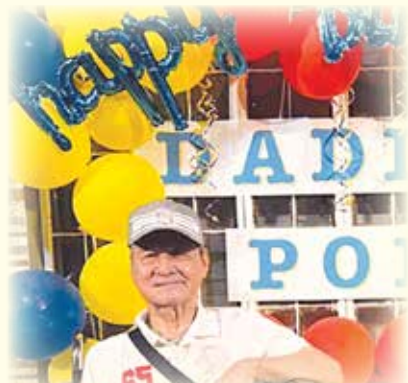
Christmas Party of the Suaviter, Ladies and Guests held at the PA Pavilion last 5 Dec 2022. All looking healthy and fit. Our guests included former Sec and Mrs Delfin Lorenzana, former PMAAAI Chair and Mrs Melchor Rosales, Rufo and Mrs De Veyra, and former PVAO Administrator and Mrs Ernesto Carolina.



The visit of the Lovebirds in PMA, Baguio City. Jimmy and Lulu, Nonoy and Mone, Ike and Ingg.



Our very own Tom Lanton – for the humble beginning and promising future of Partido Federal ng Pilipinas.



Let's all greet Pol Happy Birthday!!!



... and let's not forget the memories of RJ, Rey and Boy M – their last Picture with Cleo. You are all in our prayers.

Jimmy De Los Santos



PNPA Regimental Cmdr and Staff during the testimonial parade and review in honor of CPNP '89. I serve in its multi-sectoral advisory council.



The Night of the Singing Generals back to back with D...



JOSE C LALISAN JR
President
ARTHUR G BALMAGEDA
Secretary

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year to all!!!

Focusing on our own backyard

The present thrust of the class at present is to take care of ourselves, our Mas-Matagtag, and our family. Indeed, at this twilight years of our lives, let us focus our remaining years for ourselves but not necessarily forgetting our duties to God, country, people, and our Alma Mater. Thus, for the past months, the class enjoyed more fellowships such as in the golf courses, during "me" times or bonding moments of the ladies, and celebrations of sorts by mistahs and family. These times



are important and memorable for us retirees. So, let us enjoy these moments and maximize our togetherness!

Fellowships and more

Last September, there was a golf dual meet between Class '70 and '71. It was held in the Veterans Golf Course. There

were individual winners and a competition by cadet companies. Declared winners were: Low Gross Winner – Rufo de Veyra '70; Class A Champion – Joey Lalisan '71, Runner -up Class A – Egay Aglipay '71. 2nd Runner up – Rey Rivera '71. For Class B, Champion – Teody Viduya '71. For Class C, the Champion was Marte



Chioco '71 who made an eagle at the first hole. For the company competition, the winner was Bravo Company composed of Congressman Romy Acop '70, Joey Lalisan '71, Egay Aglipay '71, Rufo de Veyra '70 and Bing Alano '71.

The Hampaslupa '71 also played at the different courses, namely the Summit GC in Batangas, Canlubang GC in Laguna, Beverly GC in Pampanga, Valley Golf in Antipolo, and also in the military courses in Villamor,



Navy, Veterans, and Aguinaldo. By the way, good luck to the Matatag'71 golfers in the incoming Game of the Cavaliers this November. May you have holes-in-one and win the grand prize in the raffles.

Rex Piad and Rey Velasco made a hole-in-one just recently. Rex made his 4th in the Navy Golf Course while Rey V made his first at the Summit Golf Course. Rey V treated all the Hampaslupa '71 players at his farm in Batangas that day at *may pabaon pa*. Congratz!

Dick de Leon celebrated his 73rd birthday last 10 September at the QC Sports Center. This was attended by mistahs and mas-Matatags, personnel from PPSC, former co-faculty of Dick from the Mindanao State University, and staffs from NICA. In his speech, Dick thanked the Lord for the gift of life and the blessings that have continued to come. He said that this birthday party was his way of sharing the "blessings" with his close friends.

Rey Alcasid hosted a golf fellowship during his birthday last October at the Navy GC. His daughter gifted us with trays of sashimi and sushi to the delight of the attendees. Load and load *ang mga plebos*.

Meanwhile, the Navy Group led by VP Bing Alano hosted a luncheon fellowship for mistah Soc Brazal and wife, Weet. Soc is based in Canada and visits the country once a year. Soc, I believed, is our most travelled mistah around the world. He is the only mistah who tried to conquer Mt Everest. He conquered Mt Kilimanjaro with fellow Navy mistahs Bing Alano and Jun Fabros years back. Welcome home, Soc and Weet!

Mistah Rene Paredes and wife Sara hosted the *despedida de soltera* or bridal shower of their youngest daughter Dra Bea last November 10, 2022 at the Manila Polo Club. Invited were Matatag couples, friends and relatives of Bea and fiancé, and other guests. The wedding will be in Baguio. One of the *ninongs* is mistah Amba Jun Paynor.

The mas-Matatags had their grand 3rd quarter "me" time in Seda Hotel in BGC last September 14. This was the moment of relaxing and de-stressing of the ladies as well as a bonding time for them. The excitement was in the air and the conversation was a free willing one, *marites* included. The Matatags, the drivers, were seated at a separate table,

not minding the ladies' tete-a-tete.

The 4th quarter "me" time of the ladies is scheduled this date, November 16, in the same venue during a *merienda cena*. One of the topics for discussion is the preparation for the Class Christmas Party on December 4 at the QC Sports Center. Some of the "drivers" will also be present.

Mistah Egay Aglipay just arrived from his recent trip in the US. He was the guest speaker of the All-Filipino Veterans in the US. Egay spoke about the country's future touching on Food, Energy, Environmental, Territorial, and Health Security. Egay, when he was the Chairman of the PMAAAI, continued to follow-up the construction of the future PMAAAI Building in Fort Bonifacio with Megaworld as the sponsor for its construction. The lot has a usufruct agreement between the Philippine Army, which owns the more than 1,000 sqms, and the PMAAAI. Hopefully, this will be a reality in due time. Way to go mistah!

Quote for this Issue:

"Challenges are what make life interesting; Overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." /Joshua J. Marine//JCL/ 16 Nov 2022/



Hello all. First and foremost, let me extend my holiday greetings to the Masigasig family. This Christmas will be different a little bit for us as we gradually return to normalcy since the outbreak of COVID-19 three years ago. I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and pray that the birth of Jesus Christ will bring you all the happiness and joy, prosperity and peace that you crave for. May you have overflowing blessings in all aspects of your life. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

The Class will celebrate the traditional Christmas party on 07 Dec at Philippine Navy Golf Club, Taguig City, face to face this time. Dubbed as "Chris Masigasig", it is more or less a continuation of our 50th Golden Jubilee, a novel idea from MAS. The Ladies Technical Working Group headed by Mistah Melba is in charge of planning and preparation of the event. There will be a presentation of Plaques of Recognition/Appreciation to deserving Mistahs who



rendered invaluable contributions to the Class. As precautionary measure, those attending are required to undergo antigen tests 24 hours before the event and will ensure that everybody will adhere strictly to health protocol.

At last, the final edition of Masigasig Golden Sword was submitted to the printer last 10 Oct for mass printing and targeted to be completed last week of November for final distribution during the Christmas

party. Kudos to Mistah Manny Teodosio, the Editor in Chief who is solely responsible in the conceptualization and final publication of this precious legacy. Relatedly, we also thank Mistahs Choly, Julius Yarcia, Bing and Yoly Valencia and Egay Paguio who volunteered their expertise in making the Sword a reality. Maraming salamat Team MGS.

The Rafael Salas Cup golf tournament was held last 04 Nov at Aguinaldo Golf Club. This is a yearly fund raising tournament for the FORUM to perpetuate the memory of Paeng Salas and FVR, the proponent of this tournament with Mistah MB as the perennial organizer. As a show of goodwill and support to this worthy endeavor, 16 Masigasig parbusters participated. Mistah Ogie Alino won as 1st Runner-up in Class B Senior Division, while other Mistahs won handsome raffle prizes and did not go home empty handed.

In this issue, we attempted to describe the various situations that led some Mistah to migrate, how their lives changed and face the challenges in the new milieu they are in now. Mistah Willy Mejia took the initiative and initially revisited three of our Mistahs/expats and got a feel of how they are doing now. Other Mistahs will be featured in the succeeding issues of Class Calls. This is what

he gathered: Elmer and Renee Ignacio have chosen the Sacramento, California area as their home place forever. Being avid golfers, it is no surprise they chose their abode 5-minute ride or 15 minutes walk to the golf course. This proximity gave them the advantage of being able to play golf daily if they wish to. This is what they do if they are not away from travel that includes a three-month vacation in their comfortable beach enclave in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte where they welcome Mistahs, friends and family. When asked how is golfing has been lately, Elmer commented that *"while the frequency of golfing has intensified lately, playing is no longer predominantly motivated by the desire to elevate the skill level but rather to stem the tide of deterioration due to slowly emancipating muscles. Nevertheless, continuing to enjoy golfing while staying active remains to be the paramount objective."* Elmer and Renee are blessed with a lovely granddaughter and handsome grandson, both golf enthusiasts.

Remember the adage "what happened in Vegas, stays in Vegas?" Well, as they say every rule has at least an exception. And as far as this adage is concerned, Jimmy and Helen Viernes are one of them. Why so? Jimmy narrates: *"Helen and I left Las Vegas*



for good in June of this year and spent our first summer in our new home in Arlington, Virginia. Nothing against Nevada or Vegas in particular, but our move was more for practical reason, most important of which is convenience. Our "unico hijjo", Louie James, works in the area and seems intents in going up the ladder. Also Helen's younger sister and family live just less than an hour drive in Maryland. While Nevada offers unique features and characteristics that we both enjoyed and now cherish, being in Virginia means being close to family. And that

matters most. Thus far, in the four months the we have stayed here, Virginia seems to be called our home."

Angelina Adam Vilches, widow of our late Mistah Raffy, checked-in to give a brief but touching updates on herself and family. She recalls: *"The two years of COVID pandemic, proved as an undeniable challenge for me and my family. However, in March this year, my youngest daughter Rowena gave birth to her second child, a bouncing baby girl named Elodie. Since then, there never has been a dull moment*



and my hands are fulfilling a new apostolic duty, that taking care of Elodie. Just recently in 4 Sept, I celebrated my 70th birthday with a bash, courtesy of my kids at the Boathouse Club. We not only had fun, but it's worth remembering. She waxed nostalgic as she continued: How I wish Raffy is besides me at this time to witness the accomplishment of our children and feel the moments of success. That great love we all had for Raffy as husband, friend, mentor, great father, grandfather and our hero, will always be embedded in our hearts."

Our birthday greetings and felicitations to our December celebrators: Jack Joaquin(+), Siony Cordero, Eric Evangelista, Yolly Lasar, Mila Naval, Rock Tor, Tata Velasco, Monying Dizon, Tony Villarosa, Ric Brillantes Ces Conaco, Ike Galang, Bay Valles and Emy Rivera(+), **Very special greetings and congratulations to Manding and Mila Naval and Phepps and Ludy Vidad on the occasions of their 50th wedding anniversaries on 17th and 23rd of December respectively. May you have more blissful and blessed years as lovely couples. More power.**

Till next Class Call and happy reading to all.... Oslec



Our Mistah Jose "Sonny" S Gutierrez met our Creator on 23 September 2022 at his hospital bed under the excellent care of VMCM with spouse Baby Gutierrez beside him. The advantages of us, PMA graduates, always manifest in times of grief and sorrow because we have our Class and the leadership ready to do the coordination and necessary preparations. To have blended military burial for Mistah Sonny was one challenge we did overcome with the Army Graves Unit. Our thanks to the Army for realizing the fervent wish of Mistah Sonny and of his bereaved family to have military burial. To me it was very fitting ceremony and could really provide the new template of blended military burial ceremony. The military burial ceremony was one chance albeit dour for Mistahs and Ladies to hang around for latest chatter. Farewell Mistah Sonny, you and Mistah Del were with me when we defeated the rebellious mob which sought to take over Malacañang on 01 May 2001.



Gathering of Maagaps after the burial ceremony of Mistah Sonny.



Last picture of Mistah Sonny.



2Lt Isabelle Prudencio PAF. Like father Maj Gen Val Prudencio PAF, like daughter.



Blended military burial ceremony.

On brighter note, proud Maagap father Mistah Val Prudencio was all too happy to see her daughter Cavalier 2Lt Isabelle Prudencio as full-fledged PAF pilot while Mistah Joe Reyes, former CG, PAF was all smiles with Maagap apo Ensign Lemuel Reyes to have finished the Navy Seals training. On a different dimension, Mistah VQ is proud of his apo Vayil Casius Querol as member of Ateneo Junior soccer team which competed with various schools in Metro Manila and in the regions.

Speaking of sports, no less than the golf great, the legendary Nick Faldo visited in October in Clark, Pampanga, Mistah Del Lorenzana as Chairman, BCD. Faldo talked of his grandiose plan to put up string of world-class golf courses in Clark. If that would push through in three years that will definitely give a boost to tourism in the city. And chance for us to play on beautiful fairways and greens. In October, Mistah Del Lorenzana celebrated his 74th birthday with golf and lunch with fellow Cavaliers and some friends at the Veterans Golf Club.



Birthday of Mistah Del Lorenzana at the Veterans Golf Club.



Our heartfelt congrats to Lolo Ute Reyes and Tina and the Reyes clan on the successful completion of Navy Seal's Training of grandson Ensign Adrian Lemuel Reyes '2020. Hooyah!!!

In Bangkok Thailand, Mistah Romy Alamillo represented the Filipino veterans in the recently concluded meeting of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Nations. At home, the Class goes on connecting with Mistahs who for the longest time have been visibly absent in all class activities. Mistah Romy Alamillo regularly touched base with Mistah Conrado "Pegoy" Peregrino in Sta Maria Pangasinan. We understand that



Vayil Cassius V Querol, 8-year old Ateneo Soccer Team member.



BCDA Chairman Mistah Del Lorenzana with Golf Great Nick Faldo.



Birthday Mistah Del Lorenzana.



Ensign Lemuel Reyes



Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Nations (VECONAC) Ret Gen Romeo Alamillo.

the Golden Anniversary celebrations in PMA is too important for all the Mistahs not to be absent. The class leadership and the committees are almost done with all the necessary coordinations, preparations, contract signing and payments for our hotels, foods, attires, Golden Sword, chamber music for the oldies that we are, and the transportation from Manila-Baguio-PMA and back. The MAAGAPs and families will stay in all rooms of La Fayette hotel and some in Baguio Country Club. In fact, the list of Maagap favorite songs including Original Pilipino Music (OPM) has been forwarded to the acoustic band to be played during the MAAGAP DINNER BALL on 18 February 2023.

On the 124th Foundation Day of the PMA, Mistah VQ was invited as the GOHAS. It is one moment of Mistah VQ to urge the men and women in uniform and the nation to remember the military heroes of the forgotten Philippine-American War. These military heroes have been erroneously labelled as *tulisanes and insurrectos* by the American invaders. At the same time, Mistah VQ exhorted the Cadets *"To stay the course, even though what is right seems wrong and what is wrong seems right. After all, doing good is its own reward."*

Recently the Indonesia embassy in Manila called Mistah VQ, being former Philippine Ambassador to Indonesia, to do the finale of Barong-Batik fashion in the Metropolitan Theatre of Manila. Talking with the Ambassador, he relented to further cement good people-to-people relations between the two countries. Back then, he launched in 2009 the Fashion Fusion when he was the Philippine Ambassador in Jakarta. In the fashion show, lots of friends and colleagues of Mistah Ambassador VQ took time to renew friendship and share best wishes for future fair to all Filipinos and Indonesians.

Like all other Filipinos, the easing of COVID restrictions present greater freedom and mobility of Maagap families; Mistah Tony Billones and wifey Monet always go elsewhere to dine and make up for lost time under the pandemic restrictions while the whole Brgy VQ went to spend the birthday of wifey Marieta in Baguio City. Also Maagap Ladies enhanced their decoupage skills with their personal hand bags.

WISHING YOU ALL, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



With Pegoy in Sta. Maria, Pangasinan.



The Maagap Ladies Attire Committee. Gentle and hardworking bunch.



Maagaps paying in full advance our rooms in BCC.



VQ'73 family.



At the Metropolitan Theatre of Manila 21 November, Barong-Batik fashion of Indonesia Embassy and Phil NCCA.



Got lost looking for the resto serving Vigan food at Alfonso, so ended up at Taal Vista Lodge. So late for mess. But crave for its halo-halo. Mistah Tony Billones and Monet.



Maagap Ladies learning the art of decoupage with Madam Marieta Querol.



AVELINO I RAZON, JR
President
WILFREDO V GARCIA
Secretary

Jurado Cup 2022

For this issue, we just wanted to highlight our absolutely memorable and enjoyable experience in Jurado Cup 2022 held in Cerritos, Los Angeles, California on September 2-4, 2022, hosted by Philippine Military Academy Association (PMAAA) Southern California Chapter. It was a 3-day competitive sports and social event which was attended by PMA Cavaliers both from the US and the Philippines. Aimed at promoting and fostering camaraderie and fellowship, the sports events played were: golf, bowling, tennis, pickle ball, table tennis, badminton, volleyball and basketball. But the most anticipated and fun for all was the Jurado Cup Got Talent portion in which our Marangal Ladies gamely participated with amazing dance performance. Kudos to our dancers – Cecille Razon, Hazel Garcia, Sim Abinoja and Mitz Dela Paz.

It is worthy to note that Class 74 had the biggest delegation to the Jurado Cup 2022 with a total of 32 attendees: Pres. Sonny and Cecile Razon, PMAAA Vice-Chairman Danny Abinoja and wife Sim, Jun and Lorna Esperon, Willy and Hazel Garcia, Amy and Winnie Tolentino, Tony and Nanette Ramos, Vlady



and Jojie Punto, Ricky and Mitz Dela Paz, Larry and Boots Doria, Pete and Baby Cruz, Mar Laurico and Eugene, Ching Lagrimas and Margot, Ralph Amador and wife, Danny Bocobo, Baby Hilomen, Patty Esperon, Arik and Lyka Garcia and Iya Abinoja.

As what Chairman of Execom JC 2022 Peng Goh Class '96 has said, "We were all winners. Special mention to the never-ending fellowship and "kayahizing" among cavaliers (young and old). We truly enjoyed our time

together. Until the next Jurado Cup 2024, we wish you well and prosperous in all your endeavors."

After the Jurado Cup on Sept 5, 2022 some Marangal golfers played at nearby Willowick Golf course in Sta Ana California for the so called "Tony Ramos fun golf." They were Tony Ramos (host), Sonny Razon, Jun Esperon, Vlady Punto, Amy Tolentino, Ricky Dela Paz, Ralph Amador, Larry Doria, Danny Bocobo and Arik Garcia, son of Willy Garcia.



Corps of 74567 Golf Tournament

We also participated in Corps 74567 golf tournament hosted by Class '76 at the Navy golf course on. Members of the fighting team were Pons Crucero, Totoy Cedo, Ed Doromal, Rene Rieza, Sonny Razon, Amy Tolentino, Lito Gutierrez, Errol Pan, Bobby Bayona, Romy Carlos, Willy Garcia, Damian Carlos, and Sonny Tolentino. We placed 2nd in the team-Class competition. Congratulations!

15th Sonny Razon Golf Classic

Of course, Marangal golfers played in full force in the 15th Sonny Razon Golf Classic at Camp Aguinaldo golf course on Sept 27, 2022 in celebration of his 70th birthday. As expected, cavaliers, golfers, friends, brother masons came to greet the celebrator. The buffet spread was delicious with lechon "baka" on the side and overflowing drinks. There was also a combo which provided the music during the funfare. It was a great day field with fun and enjoyment. We thank God that despite our age, we can still play golf and enjoy our life to the fullest. As what Sonny says: "All men are created equal. But the best can still PLAY GOLF in their Seventies (70's)." Well said. Agree!



Important Announcement:

We are glad to announce our upcoming class activities below:

1. Class Christmas Party on Dec. 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at AGFO.
2. Commemoration of April 1, 1970 Reception and Formal Turn over and Blessing of Class 74 View Deck on April 1, 2023 at PMA.

In this regard, we would like everyone to join and participate in these important occasions.



A class meeting was held last September 4, 2022, at the Seda Hotel in Bonifacio Global City immediately following the joint birthday bash of three Makabayans namely Raul Gonzales, Noe Wong, and Gerry Doria. It was a well-attended gathering counting around 28 members attended and almost everyone tagged along their wives. Especial mention goes to Clyde Claudio, a Toronto-based Makabayan who was in town for a personal visit and to work out his pension. Associate member Chito Blanco, honorary member Benny Brizuela, and adopted member Doming Manuel were also present.

The matters discussed during the meeting consist of the President's Report in which the president discussed the topics related to the PMAAAI activities like the initial preparation for the 2023 PMAAAI Annual General Assembly, the Cavalier Awards, where our very own mistah Walter Villagonzalo is one among the nominees for the awards. Raul Gonzales informed the Class that PMARAI has started to deliberate on the candidates for awards. He said that the Class has submitted the nomination papers of Walter Villagonzalo to the PMAAAI Cavaliers Award Board for 2023. Incidentally, Walter was in town in to attend to family matters in Cebu City and to work out his old-age pension as well. Unfortunately, he missed the class meeting by one day. The PMAAAI Cavaliers Awards will include the Recognition Award for cavaliers who have held key government positions and who contributed for the welfare for the Alma Mater.



Members of the PMA Makabayan Class 1975 pose after the class meeting at the Seda Hotel, Bonifacio Global City on September 4, 2022.

Update on the 2025 Homecoming. Regarding the preparation for the 2025 Alumni Homecoming, the president assured the Class that the officers are periodically meeting. He said that the Class has already tackled the major expense item, which is the hotel reservation. The Class has confirmed reservations for Feb 14-16, 2025, of about 40 deluxe rooms and three cottages. He also said that since the "tabungao" drew remarkable fascination and charm during the last 2020 homecoming, the officers decided to have it again as part of the attire for the parade. Raul Gonzales said that he ordered 20 pieces more for those who failed to get one last 2020.

We are still the Champions. Congratulations to our very own Makabayan Golf Team for garnering again the championship trophy for the 3rd Quarter Corps of Classes 74567 golf tournament held at the Philippine Navy Golf Club last September 19, 2022. It may be recalled that the Makabayan 75 golf team was the champion during the previous quarter tournament held at the

Riviera Golf Course in Silang, Cavite last June 8, 2022, where Class 75 hosted the games, lunch, and other fanfare akin to the tournament. The tournament is a quarterly game played by golfers from the PMA classes of 74, 75, 76 and 77 and each tournament is sponsored by a particular class, consecutively.

Praises to our class president Raul S Gonzales and Jeff Sodusta, the class sports coordinator for assiduously leading the team. Immensely, the successful outcome would not have been possible were it not for the combined effort of the members of the team who played, namely: Jeff Sodusta, Raul Gonzales, German Doria, Noe Wong, Arsenio Arugay, Cesar Carranza, Ding Luna, Pet Magno, Doming Manuel, Chito Blanco, Ruel Hiteroza, and Art Tolentino.

We thank again our golf team for bringing home the bacon. Looking forward to the Cavalier Cup on November 22-24, 2022, at the Villamor Golf Course and the Corps of Classes 74567 golf tournament on December 7, 2022, at the Villamor Golf Course.



Members of the Makabayan Class 1975 ladies pose after the lunch-meeting of the PMA Class 1975 at the Seda Hotel, Bonifacio Global City on September 4, 2022.

Christmas Time. The chills of the “ber” months started to swamp the air giving reasons for the class president and officers to make plans for the much-awaited Christmas party of the class. Everyone is looking forward impatiently to the Christmas party because for two long years, the Class did not have one due to the pandemic.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 3, 2022, at 5 P.M. at the Acropolis Greens Clubhouse, Quezon City. The PMA class 1975 husband and wife of regular members, associate members, and adopted members are all enjoined to attend the affair. The attire will be white dress for the ladies while the men will wear white polo shirt (long or short sleeves) and khaki trousers. The Makabayan ladies recommended that the motif for the occasion will be silver and gold.

The French Baker was contacted by the Class to cater the food and the Class will shoulder the cost and other incidental



President Raul Gonzales with the Makabayan ladies, Seda Hotel BGC, September 4, 2022.



PMA Makabayan Class 75 Golf Team - Champion Corps of Classes 74567 golf tournament September 19, 2022, PNGC, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.



The class officers holding a meeting at the PNGC to discuss the preparation for the Christmas party.

expenses. The president suggested that in addition to the catered food, others may contribute additional food, but they must state what kind of food they will bring for the caterer to prepare appropriate plates. It was

suggested also that donation may be made in cash to augment the Class budget for other expense items like prizes, audio/video facility, etc. The Makabayan Ladies will handle the preparation and supervision of the

program, which includes, entertainments, presentations, exchange of gifts, raffles, prizes, etc.

Merry Christmas to everyone!
Some mini reunions captured in picture:



A reunion among mistahs in Cebu City. Clockwise: Rene Navarro, Ronald Roderos, Merito Quijano, and Willie Palugod.



Mistahs and former mistahs. L-R: Rey Ansay, Domingo Pequiras, Isagani Garcia, and Fernando Rosete.



From down under. Walter Villagonzalo dining with PMA Class 75 golfers.



Makabayan Golfers: L-R: Chito Blanco, Ding Luna, Jeff Sodusta, Raul Gonzales, Willie Palugod, and Noe Wong. PN Golf Course, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.



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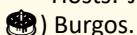
Bon appetit, freedom fighters!

Navy Golf Club.

Al fresco lunch frolics.

Aug 10

Hosts: Joe and Bles (happy birthday!

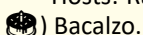


Aug 17

Hosts: Eric (happy birthday! 🎂) and Mylene Javier.

Aug 24

Hosts: Raul and Levi (happy birthday!



Birthday tsikenklab.

Oct 12

Marugame Udon, Venice Grandcanal Mall
McKinley Hill, Taguig

- Hosts:**
1. Ed Caumeron
 2. Vixi Abat
 3. Nebu Alejandrino

Oct 26

Celso 'Sayong' birthday lunch.
AirForce Golf Club

GOLF FELLOWSHIP:

"Corps of 74567" is a group of golfers from "tiger" Classes '74 - '77.

"74567" holds quarterly golf socials, hosting by turns.

Masikap '77 hosts 2022 4th quarter "Corps of 74567" golf fellowship in Villamor Golf Club.

SHOOTFEST:

June 2023.

We congratulate "pistolero" mistah Benjie Belarmino for being overall champion at Karingal Shoot Level 1 and GM Challenge Level 3/Armcor - #9 overall, champion.

OBIT:

Condolence to Lapinid family.

Aug 27, 2022

Rest in peace.

Airforce mistah LINO Lapinid

📖 Memories are kept.

To cherish, not to forget.

wake and inurnment: LNMB in Taguig.

We welcome BER season!

Be safe and enjoy the season's frolics.
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undas 🙏
pasko 🎄

ALL SOULS DAY 📅
Nov 2

We pray for our deceased mistahs.

Ÿ: May they rest in peace.
R: Amen 🙏

PASKO

December 25
MALIGAYANG PASKO!
peace and goodwill



Merry
Be your Christmas
Peaceful
Be your home
Joyful
Be your family
Blessed
Be each one.





ARIEL QUERUBIN
President
TATTU SANCHEZ
Secretary

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Warmest thoughts and best wishes to all for a wonderful Christmas and a Prosperous 2023. May peace, love, and prosperity be with us always. Wishing everybody a joyous Holiday season and a happy and peaceful New Year.

CLASS UPDATES:

The PMA Matapat Class of 1979 is proud to announce that our Class President, Cav Ariel O. Querubin was chosen as one of the 2022 Management Excellence Awardees. As it can be read in the weekly business news magazine, BizNewsAsia, Nov 21-28 issue, Cav Querubin made it among the "Best of the Best" in 2022. Congratulations Mr President! You are truly a gem not only to PMA Matapat Class of 1979, but moreso, of the PMAAAI as a whole.

CLASS ACTIVITIES:

The last quarter of every year has always been a very "busy" part of the year for the Matapat golfers. The Game of the Cavaliers (GOC), which is normally being held in Baguio City as one of the activities during the PMAAAI Annual Homecoming, is something that Cavalier golfers look forward to. This year, just like in the two previous years of the pandemic, the GOC will be held at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course and the Philippine Navy Golf Course for the preliminary rounds, and at the Villamor Air Base Golf Course for the championship round.

Related to this, for the past months, our Matapat Golf team has regularly held their practice rounds at the Villamor Air Base Golf Course, and at times at the PNGC and CAGC as well. These scheduled golf practices became a venue for our mistahs to meet regularly as



the lunch gatherings after the golf practices were not exclusive for Matapat golfers only. Every available Matapat was welcome and encouraged to join the group during lunch time. Thanks to Bossing Rey L for sponsoring all the breakfast and lunch meetings where he was in attendance. During lunchtime, topics of conversation/discussion were not limited to golf only, but also other topics that concerns everyone. Of course, these lunch meetings also became an opportune time for the "marites" in our group to spread their latest "news and findings."

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS and felicitations to the following Matapats and Katapats who are celebrating their birthdays this quarter. We wish you all good health, more blessings, and many more years to come:

October: 2 - Gigi Castro, 3 - Emmeline Pulanco, 4 - Boy Honoridez, 5 - Harlie Llave, 9 - Babylynn Abella, 10 - Bobby Balanon, Marissa Calalang, 13 - Chay Brillante, 16 - Rey Rafal, 20 - Evelyn Soriano, 21 - Tina Recomono, 23 - Angie Catalan, 24 - Drus Bolodo, 26 - Tattu Sanchez, 28 - Amor Bumanglag, 29 - Neth De Jesus, 30 - Leo Orpilla, Ronnie Pagunsan, 31 - Cip Gundao



November: 2 - Mayette Fajardo, 11 - Joy Khu, Rona Rafal, 12 - Yoly Banua, Tess Morales, 13 - Art Ortiz, 15 - Mike Salvaleon, 16 - Bubbles Alcantara, 17 - Maloli Supnet, 18 - Tarik Carino, Gene Calonge, 20 - Aida Cutiyog, Jewel Gaor, Robert Rongavilla, 23 - Annie Sanchez, Ely Fernandez, Jimboy Guimbatan, 25 - Fred Peralta, 26 - Essel Soriano, 29 - Paeng Llano, Lumen Bello, Annie Butalid, 30 - Yaggie Aguilar, Andy Singson

December: 5 - Toton Oban, 9 - Noelo Albano, Gladys Apostol, Chel Dizon, 10 - Freda Aguilar, Edwin Corvera, Mary Rose Delloso, 13 - Ed Oban, 17 - Flor Banayat, 18 - Ric Tamayo, 19 - Eric Mananquil, 21 - Alex Pama, 24 - Orwen Cortez, 25 - Jorge de Jesus, 26 - Yoly Desuasido, 29 - Mafe Liwag, 31 - Hermie Bacolod

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to the following Matapats and their respective Katapats. We wish you all a lifetime of love, joy and happiness together.

October: 15- Alex and Jo Estomo, 23 - Steve and Gigi Castro,

November: 6 - Raul and Ella Leyritana, 25 - Ariel and Pong Querubin, 29 - Alex and Faith Dicang





December: 8 - Boy and Marion Espino, 21 - Jess and Mary Rose Dellosa, 28 - Alex and Carlette Pama, 29 - Vicsie and Dodie Felix

AIR FORCE "Mandirigma" UPDATE:

The Airforce Mandirigmas and their respective Nandirigmas have all been busy with their respective family affairs during the 3rd Quarter of this year. Considering that Christmas is fast approaching, the group will be meeting any time before the month of

November ends to discuss the details of their upcoming Christmas party just to ensure that the event will be merry and memorable to each and every one.

As the year 2022 is nearing its final month, the airforce Mandirigmas, together with their Nandirigmas, are grateful to our Lord Almighty for all the good things that everyone received, enjoyed and shared. We will continue to do our best in everything that we do and continue to endeavor to be

the best that we can be. With the grace and guidance of the Almighty, we look forward to a stronger, faster and better PMA "Matapat" Class of 1979.

From the Airfoce Mandirigmas and their Nandirigmas: Yaggie Aguilar, Noelo and Cyril Albano, Ric and Flor Banayat, Steve and Gigi Castro, Diego and Ruby Cruz, Bong and Ping Garbo, Cip and Malou Gundao, Jorge and Nanette de Jesus, Ed and Toton Oban, Maxwell and Melody Oligane, Ely Raposas, Tattu and Annie Sanchez, and Tony and Vivian Villarete, a **MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a JOLLY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!**

ARMY UPDATE:

The Army Matapats and their ladies had dinner at the Kiwami Japanese restaurant in BGC last Oct 28, 2022. It was also an opportunity to meet Sammy Narbuada who came to visit Manila from Canada where Tet is assigned in the Embassy thereat. It was indeed a wonderful evening of fellowship!

PNP/PC GROUP UPDATE:

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE UPDATE:

In behalf of PMA "MATAPAT" CLASS OF 1979, the Shepherd's Voice, a Bible Study group composed of members of the Class, would like to congratulate our mistah, **Reverend Brother Essel Soriano** for being appointed as President of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF). The Association of Christian Military Fellowships is a community of Military Christian Fellowships (MCFs) composed of individual military and civilian Christians in over 150 nations, who not only spread the Gospel, but also encourage and inspire each other in their spiritual growth and service to their nations. Their presence is in every area of a nation, including the indigenous areas where populations are isolated. AMCF encourages military believers from all Christian traditions and denominations.

On Oct 2, 2022, the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) Executive Committee members prayed for a new



Matapat Robert Rongavilla with wife Councilor Marisa engaging Muntinglupa constituents.



Brother Essel being prayed over by Military Christian Fellowships leaders from US, UK, South America, South Asia and South Korea in Oct 2, 2022, in White Sulphur Springs, Bedford Country, PA.

president who will lead the Military Christian Fellowship (MCF) in over 150 nations. And the Lord has led the Committee to Brother Essel. As a servant to the Lord, Brother Essel has an enormous responsibility to lead the many men/women in uniform of the world to

the Lord, who in turn, are commissioned to lead the population to our Heavenly Father. His God's calling, a 10-year term as President of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF), transcends national and geographical boundaries.

Again, Congratulations Reverend Brother Essel Soriano! Likewise, you are truly a gem not only to PMA "Matapat" Class of 1979, but moreso, of the PMAAAI as a whole.



As senior citizens, the people by our side will continue to diminish in number.

Some of us may still be blessed with parents, and that is a great blessing indeed. The gift of old age, however, has its own set of challenges which we deal with ourselves, since our children will all be busy living their own lives.

And so, we Mistahs have each other, drawing strength and inspiration from the bygone years, praying that while we don't want to be next, we don't want to be the last man standing either, as there will be nobody left to mourn for us. And we can never be ready for this eventuality, no matter how many rehearsals we may have gone through.

We were not ready when in the morning of October 7, 2022, the news of Silvestre "Prime" Primero's passing shocked us. The FB post of Prime's son Zin Karlo Franco was later confirmed by Prime's partner Grace, and by our Mistah Doc Frank Gali, who informed us that Prime indeed succumbed to a heart attack at the VMMC.

We laid Prime to rest at the La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City, on October 11, 2022.

Barely a week after Prime's demise, we were jolted by Mistah Cecil Ezra "Sandy" Sandalo's passing, due to multiple strokes after having been in ICU for more than a month. The strong-willed person and fighter that he was, Cecil fought and survived three consecutive strokes that rendered him immobile and made him lost his sight, until he finally could fight no more on October 14, 2022.

We Mapitagans grieve the loss of Prime and Cecil, as we pray for their eternal repose, and condole with their loved ones. May they both rest in peace... 🙏🙏

We also mourn the passing of Romy Prado's OAO (one and only), Elena, after having suffered from a lingering illness. Elena was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease since September 2012. She battled this sickness for almost 10 years, with Romy always by her side. On August 26, 2022, Elena eventually "went home" to heaven. No more pain. May Elena rest in peace... 🙏

On to other topics . . . following the conduct of Fellowship for Birthday Celebrants every quarter, the 4th Quarter Birthday Fellowship was held on November 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. onwards aboard the newest vessel of the PCG, BRP Melchora Aquino (MRRV-9702), while docked at Pier 13, South Harbor, Manila. A sumptuous dinner hosted by the 4th Quarter Celebrants (34 of them) with music provided by the PCG Symphonic Band made the evening unforgettable. The event was made more energizing by the entertainers brought in by our Mistah Delfin Lee.

A total of 36 Mistahs attended the Fellowship: 32 Regular with Boss Nick B coming all the way from Cotabato just for this; and four Honorary Members: Doc Frank Gali, Willy Lee, Danny Saberon, and Nicky Valdez.

The evening affair was preceded by a familiarization tour of said PCG vessel, a 97-meter Multi-Role Response Vessel built in Japan which first set sail to the Philippines last June 2022.

The Mapitagans are grateful to the leadership of the PCG for allowing us to feel the pride of our country's having a very capable vessel to guard our maritime resources. We likewise thank BRP Melchora Aquino's Commanding Officer, CG CDR Patrick



Mistahs attending the interment of Silvestre "Prime" Primero on October 11, 2022, at the La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City: From L-R: Mario Mendoza, Raffy Torres, Edmund Tan, Nick Bartolome, Gerry Layug, Vic Caragan and Nolet Ojeda.



At the wake of Mistah Cecil Ezra Sandalo in Cebu City. Shown are (L-R): Buboy Salazar, Ces Ordoyno, Trining (partner of Cecil), Baby Atoc, Jess Atoc and Sam Diciano.

Babag, and the entire ship's complement, for their wonderful hospitality. Maraming salamat at Mabuhay ang Philippine Coast Guard!

The birthday celebrants for the 4th Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) were as follows:

1. Lee, Willy	01 Oct
2. Pacia, Angelito N	02 Oct
3. Tupas, Jeofrey Dr	02 Oct
4. Eloja, Nestor Raul P	07 Oct
5. Sta Ana, Ordie	09 Oct
6. Macatol, Douglas C	10 Oct
7. Beltran, Orlando B	16 Oct
8. Deona, Nestor P	16 Oct
9. Talens, Edwin SM	16 Oct
10. Andaya, Art	17 Oct
11. Bambico, Julius	20 Oct
12. Salceda, Joey	26 Oct
13. Tadeo, Judito Angelo C	28 Oct
14. Diciano, Samuel B	02 Nov
15. Bautista, Florencio	07 Nov
16. Heredia, Robert	08 Nov
17. Yap, Art	10 Nov
18. Macapagal, Gregorio E	17 Nov
19. Carlos, Zyril D	22 Nov
20. Del Rosario, Eduardo D	22 Nov
21. Salazar, Marlou L	23 Nov
22. Sanchez, Teodorico Jr V	29 Nov
23. Espineli, Menandro M	30 Nov
24. Ojeda, Stephen	07 Dec
25. Prado, Romeo C	07 Dec
26. Carbonell, Romerico C	08 Dec
27. Caragan, Victorio Jr S	09 Dec
28. Palaroan, Romualdo E	16 Dec
29. Tan, Edmund C	16 Dec
30. Loria, Ramon E	19 Dec
31. Sy, Henry Jr	23 Dec
32. Dominguez, Noel Q	24 Dec
33. Lee, Delfin	24 Dec
34. Colina, Hermie G	31 Dec

Happy Birthday to each one of the 34 Mistahs celebrating their birthdays for the 4th Quarter this year 2022, and may they all continue to have blessings of good health, long life, peace, love, and happiness not only this year but all through the years. Cheers to you all!

By the time this issue of the Cavalier Magazine will come out, the results of the annual Games of the Cavaliers 2022 (GOC), the premier PMA Golf Tournament sponsored by PMAAAI and PMARAI, may have been known already, which was to be held in the three (3) military golf courses in Metro Manila: at the Navy Golf Course from November 21 to November 29, 2022; at the Aguinaldo Golf Course from November 21 to December 2, 2022; and at the Villamor Golf Course on December 3, 2022 for the team championship matches to determine the Overall-Team Champion and Overall-Team Runner-up.

Our Mapitagan Golfers (MGs) headed by Team Captain PB George Regis, has high hopes for our MGs team this year, as they are primed for battle and ready to compete. The 16-man team (George Regis, Rainier Cruz, Larry Dela Cruz, Edgar Abogado, Narciso Llano, Herbert Yambing, Bong De Asis, Emil Sarmiento, Dante Balao, Paco Francisco, Manding Guzman, Bobby Ramos, Hermie Colina, Ted Torralba, Ces Ordoyo and Noel Coballes) sought to defeat five other classes (1977, 1978, 1979, 1981 and 1982) in the Senior Tac-Os Division of the GOC 2022 to vie for the Championship Matches. The well-rejuvenated MGs are eager to prove their worth as they attempt to keep up with the GOC tournament's powerhouse teams. PB George believes the MGs this time can take their first and second games a notch higher

which will earn the team great chances of making it to the championship round. Good luck to you all, MGs!!!

Talking of PMAAAI activities, the PMA Homecoming Week in Baguio City will be on February 17-18, 2023, with the PMA General Membership Assembly to be held at Baguio Convention Center on the 17th (Friday) and the Alumni Homecoming at Fort Del Pilar on the 18th (Saturday). Those who are planning of attending the Homecoming Week, we suggest booking already at this early time your hotel accommodation in Baguio City.

After two years of pandemic, the Class looks forward to having our Christmas party on December 18, 2022, a Sunday, with the venue to be announced later. Let's all be present with our spouses and enjoy growing gracefully together. Merry Christmas, everyone!

In closing, we announce the new first time "Lolos" of the class headed by Nick Bartolome, Bong Cabantac and Ted Torralba. Happy Apostolic mission to you, mga Lolos!



Nick Bartolome and his new 4-month-old granddaughter, Cara Felize or Carabel for short, the first grandchild in his family.



Mistahs getting a Familiarization Tour of the Bridge of BRP Melchora Aquino (MRRV-9702), the newest 97-meter Multi-Role Response Vessel of the Philippine Coast Guard, on November 19, 2022, which was docked at Pier 13, South Harbor, Manila.



Ted Torralba with his first grandson, Samuel Asher Lim Torralba who looks after the proud Lolo.



Birthday celebrants for the 4th Quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) about to blow the kinky birthday cake during the 4th Qtr Birthday Fellowship aboard BRP Melchora Aquino (MRRV-9702) on November 19, 2022. From L-R are: Orli Beltran, Jeff Tupas, Edmund Tan, Ed Del Rosario, Ome Carbonell, Willy Lee and Vic Caragan.



Bong Cabantac with his first grandson, Matias Alexander Cabantac, who turns one year old on Nov 23, 2022. Buti na lang ay nagmana at kamukha ang Apo sa Lola! Hehehe.



We are now in the final stretch of the year and a lot of Classes are already preparing for the year-end activities. By the time this article is published, we shall have finished our Class Christmas activities. A luncheon fellowship will be held at the Riviera Sports and Country Club on 11 Dec. At the moment, the Manlupigs are busy coordinating and preparing for the program where we expect performances from the



Class members and their dependents, and of course, the raffle. We are sure there are generous members of the Class who will provide the prizes for this activity. But prior to the fellowship lunch, a mini-golf tournament will be played at the Riviera Golf Course. We expect maximum attendance this time, as restrictions on mass gatherings have been eased and most of us have received the much needed booster shots.

And speaking of golf, the Class is currently preparing for the Games of Cavaliers this Nov-Dec. to be played in PNGC, VABGC, and CAGC. We are not taking any chances as we try to defend the title we are currently holding, and hopefully, win the Over-all Championship, this time around. While we have two Class A players side-lined because of injuries,

we still have a formidable team to carry the Class colors. Under the management of our Golf coordinator, Cav Jimbo, we are confident that we will reach our goals. To our golf players, we support you all-the-way. You can do it!

We would like to express our congratulations to Cav Greg Catapang for being designated as the OIC of the Bureau of Corrections. We all know that this is a very challenging task and Greg is one who does not shy away from this type of challenges. We hope that he will be successful in this assignment. We are proud of you and the Class is solidly behind you.

From overseas, a Manlupig recently received in behalf of her late grandfather, the WWII hero, Col Ruperto Kangleon, the US Congressional Gold Medal for his services in



commanding the guerrilla forces that enabled Gen MacArthur to return to the Philippines. She is none other than, Manlulupig Melinda Ochoco, the better half of Cav Harold Ochoco. The award was presented by Col Sonny Busa (USMA 76) in a ceremony held in Washington DC. She was assisted by her son, Cadet Harrison Ochoco, a Second year cadet at the USMA. Indeed, he has the making of a great officer, with good military DNA from both sides of the family. Also from abroad, Cav Senator Thawip Netniyom was recently designated as the President of the Thailand-Philippines Parliamentarians Friendship Group, by the Senate of Thailand. Cav Thawip received the Philippine delegation, headed by Sen Bato dela Rosa (PMA 86) during the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Back to local news, Cav Mar Avenido will again hang his civilian attire in exchange for golfing attire, this time. He will be retiring as the President of PSMBFI this November. Congratulations Mistah and may you enjoy your second retirement.



Christmas is just around the corner. We pray that everyone will have a blessed, fruitful and meaningful Christmas this year, and a prosperous and productive year ahead. Let us put to

heart the real reason why we celebrate Christmas.

From the Dimalupig Family, we greet everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year! God bless us all.



HENRY G SABARRE
President
PERFECTO O QUILICOT JR
Secretary

As our youngest member filed for and received his venerable admission into dual citizenship (as Senior Citizen), the class now, as one, joyfully transcended into the literal rank of the "long graying line."

Yes, we have all been graying from the first day we were born, but it's a totally different matter when we are "officially" conscripted into the queue. We now belong to the dreaded foraging horde that by waving our magic cards gets 1/5 of any decent enterprise's loot as part of our gratuity. Wrinkle Payment, Wisdom Pay, Discount of Honor: different names are filing up to give respect to the surviving and consuming bunch that we are. For the most of us, even our spouses are one with us in the privilege. For those of us who hail from places where LGUs have mandated free parking and free movies on some selected days, dating days are set as we crowd the cinemas and dining places for our cheap thrills. Empty nesters? Who cares... were just too busy flying around.

It's just like yesterday that we lost three of our beloved classmates to COVID. In succession, Romy Gan, Asher Dolina and Toto Guisihan succumbed to the invisible wrath of the controversial plague in just few days in between a year ago almost to the day. The sad news is despite the advances



of science, the global mind of medicine still couldn't seem to make tail or head of it. The debate and conspiracy linger on the necessity of a vaccines that do not prevent infection and the strict regime to censure information or declaration to avoid the jab or the futility of doing so. For those of us who have lost our loved ones, we can only feel sad and remember.

As we move on, the primary preoccupation of the class now is to make

another season of Yule (the commercial version) festive and grand... It takes the genius of our president, Henry Sabarre, to appoint our Academic Baron to lead in the preparations. Jojo Gumban is now fully committing himself to the frenetic challenge of making our Christmas Party a **day to remember**. Already he has lined up programs that would make an accomplished event manager's head spin. Instead of a raffle, he has assembled give aways that would excite

the tired old child in each of us to lapse in wide-eyed wonder. There will be songs and dances and the food are projected to make even Lucullus get stirred green in envy. Spoiler alert, the theme is retro. There will be surprises and ones that could be expected from our Starman.

Our Progeny Project is now starting to take root. The different Branch of Service Representatives (BOSRs) are now busy compiling the names of our children who have already gained professional licenses and honors in their respective fields. The list is now starting to emerge and it can already be told even this early that the variety and level of acclaim that they have earned can make the ends of our hair (for those who still have) in amazement and pride. The lineup of doctors, dentists,

vegetarians, lawyers, engineers, preachers, teachers, scientists, nurses, social service providers, entrepreneurs, nutritionists, pilots, military officers, computer engineers and programmers blasted even our most optimistic imagination. Our gene pool has proven to be overwhelmingly better than what we have mostly thought to conceive. It is about time that we should weave them together in a network of synergy that would optimize their potentials as the better version of ourselves. The whole scheme starts with the data and contact numbers of the different brats who are willing to be enrolled into the network. It is no different from any social media except that the brat is given the choice of the level of disclosure that she/he is willing to share in the network. We as parents will encourage

our kids to participate and bring to bare possibilities by which they can collaborate and work together not just to support our class activities but even as possible partners in some selected enterprise of their common interest. Lawyers can organize themselves into legal partnerships, doctors can assemble together in a collaborated medical practice, engineers can collaborate in projects. It would be reassuring to feel that our reach as a collection of men in uniform has created an elaborate facet of professional web that at least know each other and hopefully collaborate together to create an intentional synergized professional collective. This is one that we hope and one that we are working to happen. This is another project that is distinctly Matikas!!! 



As Sinagtala class continues to serve, fellowship that aims to strengthen the bond of the brotherhood of Mistahs, conducts golf tournament, which was enjoyed by many, allows the cavaliers to have fun while keeping their body fit and healthy.

Other members of PMA Sinagtala Class of 1986 are called to serve once again as duly elected officials.

Name	Position
1. Dela Rosa, Ronald	Senator
2. Evangelista, Ronnie	Mayor (Montalban, Rizal)
3. Caranza, Ted	Vice Mayor (Silang, Cavite)
4. Buenafe, Ramon	City Councilor (Naga)



SEN Dela Rosa



VM Caranza



MGEN LIMOSO



VADM COLLADO

While other "Mistahs" contribute to the improvisation of our economic through their post in Government and Corporate offices.

Government Offices

Name	Position
1. Cascolan, Camilo P	DOH
2. Mancao, Cesar	CICC
3. Edjawan, Gavin	DND
4. Ramos, Eman	DND
5. Lorenzo, Pablo	DND
6. Puruganan, Ramon O	Senate office
7. Melegrito, Milfredo M	BuCor
8. Parreno, Alvin	BSP
9. Datuin, Bienvenido R	BOC
10. Cayabyab, Samuel	NBI

Corporate Offices

Name	Position
1. Rinaldo B Limoso	Pres, AFPMBAI
2. Gaudencio Collado Jr	Pres, AFPSLAI
3. Dante Hidalgo	VP, AFPMBAI
4. Diego, Ronaldo	Pres, FABSALAI
5. Madlangbayan, Jesus	Pres, ACCC
6. Mina, Victorino	PSSSLAI
7. Cubos, Lyndon	PSSSLAI

8. Gulla, Johnny	San Miguel Corp
9. Quiboyen, Greg	Merchant Captain
10. Arenas, Kid	SM Group
11. Querol, Alex	Magsaysay Shipping
12. Ingalla III, Angel Maria P	VP, China Bank
13. Santos, Filemon	BOT, CDC
14. Fernandez, Arnold	San Miguel Corp

PMA SINAGTALA CLASS OFFICERS 2020-2022

For their last hurrah this year another fellowship golf will be held before the class Christmas party to celebrate another milestone of brotherhood for the Sinagtalans and Election of officers for 2023- 2025.

The SINAGTALA EARLY MESS GOLF CLUB is a large Sub-group of PMA Sinagtala Class of 1986 formally organized in July 2019 for the following purposes:

FIRST: To stimulate interest in golf for Members of PMA Sinagtala Class of 1986 by bringing together a group of golfers and non-golfers alike, desirous of forming a golfing organization.

SECOND: To promote and foster among members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

THIRD: To encourage conformance to the Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

FOURTH: To provide an authoritative body to govern and conduct club competitions and functions.

To date there are around Sixty (60), both Active and Non-Active Members in its

Excel List and an additional 23 participants in its Viber Group. The SEMGC Golf Club is growing stronger aside from the fact that more members of the Class are realizing they are acquiring free time but also the club is implementing acceptance of membership from its dependents and good friends aligned with the aspirations of SEMGC.

For the year in review there were a total of at least nine Golf Fellowships that took place in various venues:

	VENUE/ DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
1	PNGC/ FEB 9	FEB FELLOWSHIP	Feb celebrants hosted a simple golf fellowship

2	PNGC/ MAR 22	Bon Dan Birthday Golf	Charlie Wildcats and adopted
3	CAGC/ MAR 25	1 ST QTR FELLOWSHIP CTB BOOK LAUNCHING	Realization of Sinagtala Coffee Table Book, Jibed with 1 st Qtr Birthday Celebrants
4	VGC/ JUN 29	2 ND QTR FELLOWSHIP	Jibed T/O of Sinagtala Pavillion to PAF together w/ Cl 89
5	CAGC/ SEP 10	3 RD QTR FELLOWSHIP	Jibed with 3 rd Qtr Birthday Celebrants

6	FAB/ SEP 28	PAF GROUP FELLOWSHIP	PAF Group Reunion
7	SVGC/ OCT 11	PAF GROUP FELLOWSHIP	PAF Group with former PNP Chief Odie
8	CAGC/ OCT 15	CAGC INTERCLUB	1 ST Participation of this kind of event for the year
9	RGC/OCT	RGC PRESIDENT FELLOWSHIP	Invitation of Pres Norman thru VM Ted

1 – February Fellowship at PNGC



2 – Birthday Golf of Bon Dan at PNGC



3 – 1st Quarterly Fellowship jibed with Coffee Table Book Launching at CAGC



4 – 2nd Quarter Fellowship



4 – 2nd Quarter Fellowship



5 – PAF Group Reunion at FAB



6 – 3rd Quarterly Fellowship



7 – PAF Group visiting Sun Valley Golf at Clark



8 – CAGC INTERCLUB Tournament



All above listed events were made possible through the vigorous efforts, strong desires and willingness of the participants. The organizers and movers of those events wish no recognition but once again echo the call to its members

to continue supporting future activities. Besides, it would be healthy to continuously follow the philosophy, "Cooperation always precedes Competition!"

There are Upcoming Events that SEMGC Members are all getting excited

about, (1) the Game of Cavaliers on November 27 and 28 and (2) SEMGC YEAR END jibed with 4th Quarterly Fellowship to be held in Riviera Golf Course on December 7, 2022 to cap the all round activities of the Club. -HMB-



JOEL M BALBA
Chairman/President
Written by
LEO ANGELO D LEUTERIO

Introduction

It can be considered an embarrassing admission on our part, that we have been "dozing" for the longest time from this forum, The Class Call of the Cavaliers Magazine. Perhaps, the excitement of the posts our members held then; or, the pressure these have foisted upon us; or, our involvement in the burning issues of the day; and, maybe, just sheer "laxity" on our part has led us to this situation, where our absence is more palpable than our presence. For true enough, our class, like other classes became a "...class of Generals/Flag Officers...." The truth prophesied in the words of the most remembered and very deeply ingrained battlecry during our plebehood found front and center of the stage inside the PMA Gym became a self-fulfilling prophecy—that "...out of these halls shall emerge the future Generals of the Armed Forces of the Philippines...." And yet, at the same time we seemed to have exceeded such invocation upon us, as we found our other Mistahs in other places of service including the Philippine National Police, the Philippine Coast Guard, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the Philippine Senate and even in the House of Representatives. Of course, this is an excuse we now make for this looonng absence. However, be assured that this will change; and, immediately and with a vengeance.

There were burning issues, to be sure about it, which we found ourselves in. The anti-illegal drugs war, underlining a "...whole of government..." approach consumed a lot of our energies, notwithstanding our times. The COVID-19 pandemic laid claim to our schedules and our focus. The national and local elections burned through our so called "personal time." Nothing was spared. Duty called. We had to respond.

Other than these, the fact that a growing number of Maringals faced the inevitable retirement schedule, dwindling our numbers and birthing the other passions or recreations which were needed to fill-up the "vacant" hours of the day, actually, challenged us greatly. Thus, our absence from these pages.

Again, this will change.

Positions

It is worth mentioning, though, that, indeed our class, the PMA Maringal Class of 1988 has a lot to be proud of, even as we speak. We do have a lot to write about the accomplishments of our classmates, not to brag about them, but, necessarily, to put these on record. At one point, the veteran journalist, Alfred Dalizon, made the pointed observation that Maringals had a stranglehold of the primary security-related positions in Philippine Governance. It is true. At this time, the Director General of the PDEA was a Maringal (who used to serve with the PNP) named Wilkins Villanueva who hails from both Bulacan and Sultan Kudarat, but, was adopted by the Davao City community. The Director General and Chief of the Philippine National Police was Dionard "Caloy" Carlos of Quezon and Samar fame (but, was adopted by Dumaguete). The Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard was Leo Laroya of Manila. These, notwithstanding, was buffered by the fact that, at the same time, the AFP and its major services all had a Maringal at their helms. The Chief of Staff position was held by Jose "Boy" Faustino (Bulacan). At these same exact periods, the Commanding General of the Philippine Army was Andres "Andy" Centino from Cebu; the Flag Officer in Command of the Philippine Navy was Adeluis "Bords" Bordado from Bicol; and, the Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force was Allen "Cute" Paredes. And, just for emphasis, the Commandant of the Philippine Marines was also a Maringal named Nestor "Jerics" Herico (also the tallest mistah at 6' 2"). To be sure, it needs to be mentioned that, during this time, the Superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy (a much-coveted post) was Ferdinand "CJ" Cartujano. I just also have to say that, Boy Faustino has been appointed as Senior Undersecretary and OIC-Department of National Defense. He awaits, and so does the Class, his nomination and appointment as Secretary, DND. He has several mistahs who serve with him as Undersecretaries, namely, Jojo Gacal, JB Ramos, Aji Madriaga and Pio Dinoso. The present Chief of Staff is our lone Medal for Valor Awardee, Bartolome Vicente "Bob" Bacarro.

Where are the others

At this point, I could write more about the involvements of our other mistahs, but, I was advised to take a hold of my thoughts

and my "pen" to write about them in some other days. So be it. In the spirit of HUMILITY, I would make this time pass and not mention them.

Talap-talapars

Among the most exciting products of the time given for much contemplation among our mistahs after retirement, is one which can only be thought of, engineered and assembled by Maringal Joel "Talbag" Orduna. (Applause). This mistah fathered what is now the most active of the Maringal Sub-groups—the Talap-talapars 88 golf club. This is a "membership only" club, alleged to be dedicated to organizing golf games, golf challenges even tournaments involving Maringals and soon-to-be Maringals who are comprised of politicians, businessmen, professionals, movie personalities and what-nots. This is an aggrupation which only Talbog/Joel/Joy/Bong Orduna can gather, arouse, organize and mobilize. The Talap-Talapars Group, or better known as "TT88," married the Maringal Golf Association (MGA) to produce an off-spring which is the present toast of the Maringal Class of 1988. It is now named the MGA-TT88 group. Now, I am constrained to support the rumor that this the political vehicle of Talbog, Wilkins and Arnold Lucena (a fraternal member) but, if it has to be stated, this group seems to be easily convertible into a partylist. That it has not articulated what particular aspiration, cause or marginalized sector it would represent, may not be relevant to any discourse. Its coffers are increasing, though; AND, on a daily basis, it adds more to its funds. For a fact, the MGA-TT 88 is now the core group leading the fundraising efforts of the Maringals, even, its service chapters. Their activities are in so many ways energized by the energies of Boyet Baraquel, Abet Cruz, OT Veslino, RJ Hinanay, Macky "the butt" Macadangdang, Rwin Pagkalinawan, Fil Radam, Howie Pestano, Gene Onyops, Corly Vinluan, Papay Alcaneses and several others. Even from as far as the US of A, the instructions of Nato Salvaleon, Roger San Jose, Bong Alcanzo, Zhunboy Manaog, and several others, continue to intrigue the Viber Community of this group. This the "group-to-watch" in the next periods and gatherings of the Maringals.

Associates

Our Associate Members, a class chapter according to our By-Laws, can be found not only in the letters and provisions of our Class Constitution and Articles of Incorporation,

but, also in the class activities we conduct. It is led by our Mistah, Joey JQ Querubin, as buttressed by the support of Congressman Ben Panganiiban, Justice Ken Ybanez, Art Abastilla, Bernie Castro, Undersecretary Alex Ramos and Ariel de la Cruz. Joey has to sign-off a bit from his chores with the Samahan Otso-otso, as his services were needed asap in Russia with some Power Company. I do not know that he works with Putin's Army but he certainly was directed to that area just as the war was about to breakout. This is his 3rd tour of duty in that area. Keep safe mistah.

Fraternal

Our Fraternal Brothers have been no less active with Class activities. In fact, they were at the forefront of many affairs which involved the Maringals, even its Regular Members. In the recently held Golf Fundraising spearheaded by the MGA-TT 88, the proceeds are intended to increase the Maringal Class Fund, several Fraternal Maringals were at the forefront led by no less than Congressman Paolo Duterte, Southern businessman Glenn Escandor, Congressmen Henry Oaminal, Owen Singson and Steve Solon. Dean Nilo "The Mailman" Divina with partner, Atty Edwin Uy were also very active in rendering Honors and Testimonial Dinners for our mistahs who deserved them. It is a tribute to our mistahs in the Legal Profession that they have been and remain counsels for Maringals who find themselves in some legal entanglements, not of their own doing. All of

these have been effectively dismissed; the others on their way to be flushed down the drain also. We rendered a Testimonial Dinner for Secretary Boying Remulla, an adopted mistah, on the basis of his being appointed to the SOJ post. We mentioned that Maringals have graced the halls of the Senate, and this was due to the election of Senator JV Ejercito to such an august body. This fraternal membership program has worked well for the Maringal Class and for the PMA, as the triad of Enrique Razon, Nato Almeda and Michael Ray Aquino, continue their generous direction of donating buildings to our Alma Mater in Fort del Pilar to the tune of more than a billion pesos on our last count. Also, and since it is that season again, we see the likes of Joven Ong (Dragon Fireworks), Dennis Gelacio (Genesis Corp) and Joy Gutierrez (Trustade) to be at the forefront of the generous gift-giving to charitable institutions and orphanages, under the Maringal banner.

Re-invention

There have been continuous calls for a serious study of the re-invention of the PMA Maringal Class of 1988 as an organization, not only in relation to the mother Alumni Organization, the PMAAAI; but, more importantly, considering how it is constituted at present and the nature and variety of its membership. We have found ourselves meshed into another constituency with innumerable advantages and cannot by any measure remain static and be ruled by

antiquated policies which may have been effective before. Except for a very few, at this point, all of us have found ourselves working in civilian corporations and working with civilian partners. There is a need to start re-inventing the Class. This position was articulated by the erstwhile Class Chairman Tagoy Santiago. It found support in the voices of Allen Paredes, sPBBL, 1Daway and EC Cabrerros, among others. This is, of course, a work in progress, so to speak.

Conclusion

Certainly, the shifting tides of our personal and professional lives have impacted our Class. The run of the times when our physical abilities are not the same as before, for better or worse, might be truly be catching up; and, maybe, had caught up with some of us. Things which happen like Covid-19, elections, even births and deaths have visited a lot of our mistahs. But, this is all "par for the course." Certainly, fate have been good to us. The great architect of the universe has allowed us the capacity to thrive and evolve, even in the midst of challenges, herculean, they may seem or be. We are not the same, for sure. In the greater scheme of things, this can only be good for us. In all these, and even despite of anything, let us remember the truth which has sustained us thru the years and through the coming ones: our GOOD LOOKS and HUMILITY has and will always serve us well.

Merry Christmas, Maringals!!!



JOSE CHIQUITO M MALAYO
President
RODOLFO S AZURIN JR
Secretary

4TH QUARTER 2022 CLASS CALL for PMA Class 89.

As 2022 is about to end, majority of the AMAKATAOs also are culminating their active service to enjoy the fruits of their labors and to have free times to involve in their individual passions aside from the uniform service while those who will be left behind are fortunately designated to different significant posts. This period is also characterized by lots of gathering to celebrate retirement honors, attend testimonial dinners and even weddings of mistahs.

In the Philippine Army, MGEN DON Bajao is the new PA Vice Commander replacing another mistah, MGEN CAMILO Ligayo who was posted as the Commander of the 8th Infantry Division leading the Army campaigns in Eastern Visayas. BGEN GEORGE



Lalaquil heads the Installation Management Command while BGEN Marvin Licudine got the designation as the Commander, AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command. With such designation, Marvin is expected to be promoted to MGEN anytime soon. During the period, our PMA Superintendent MGEN Rowen Tolentino was also promoted to 3-Star.

Noteworthy to mention is the designation of Juvymax Uy as Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs (BOC) and true to his being a distinguished intelligence operator, only a handful knew that this designation was forthcoming. Nonetheless, the experience and influence he had built for almost four decades serving with the military will certainly be handy as



he accomplishes his very challenging tasks of making a difference in the BOC.

The Navy Group likewise has the following updates for MAKATAO members: VADM ROMMEL ANTHONY SD Reyes PN, The Deputy Chief of Staff, AFP; VADM ABET B Carlos PN, Commander, Western Command; MGEN CHARLTONSEAN M Gaerlan PN(M), Commandant, Philippine Marine Corps; BGEN RAUL JESUS L Caldez PN(M), Deputy Commandant, PMC; COMMO JOHN R Garaña PN Assistant, ACS for Financial Management, AFP J10; and RADM JUN D ADACI Jr as the newly designated Flag Officer in Command

while retired mistah, ARIEL R Caculitan is appointed as Undersecretary in the Office of Presidential Adviser on Military Affairs.

As to our Air Force Mistahs, Toto De la Pena was just designated as the USEC of DENR currently crafting strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change supported by Larry Tianchon in greening the environment; Larry is the consultant of VAB Golf Course and placing it among the top 20 in the country.

The PNP group, on the other hand, is proud and supportive to our mistah, PGEN JUN Azurin as the 28th Chief of the Philippine National Police. With him remaining in the

active service is PLTGEN RHODEL Sermonia as Acting TDCA, PMGEN JESS Cambay as the Director for Comptroller, and MGEN VAL De Leon as Director for Information and Communication Technology Management; JUC Gohel, however is still actively providing inputs and advises to ensure a sound management.

With these new designations and rising of MAKATAOs in the AFP/PNP, some are also bowing out from the service culminating their almost four decades of service to God, Country and the Filipino people. Latest list of our retirees are as follows: MGEN





ARIEL Felicidadario, PA last Nov 17, 2022 as Commander of SOCOM; MGEN NESTY Rayos PAF last Nov 7, 2022 as Commander of AETDC; RADM NICK Driz PN as Comdr, Philippine Fleet last Oct 24, 2022; VADM ED Fabricante last Oct 15, 2022 as Deputy Commandant for Operations, PCG; BGEN LITO Villanueva, last Oct 4 as Commander, TOWCEN; PLTGEN CHIC Malayo last Oct 2, 2022, as Deputy Chief PNP for Administration; and PMGEN JIREH Fidel last Sept 8, 2022 as Director of DIDM.

Other MAKATAOs to retire this year are: LTGEN CONNORS Canlas, MGEN ALEX Luna, and BGEN RAUL Caldez (if not appointed to a new position). This would mean that by next year, our class will be represented by 21 active members: twelve from PA, five from PN and four from PNP. Let us therefore maximize attending class activities particularly retirements and assumption of commands for our Mistahs; After this, we will just be reminiscing through our saved pictures and take note, viber will not keep them for us for a longer time.

Generally, the Makataos, as a group, is fast ushering into the next phase of our professional life – from military service to civil service. As we move on to this phase, we are certain that whatever role we are to take, and at wherever field we shall be assigned to, we will always bring with us that Makatao spirit that we so dearly and patiently nurtured throughout our years in the military service. Let us keep the bond together by living with our earned virtues and values and by supporting our mistahs...

As an advance information, it is initially discussed to have our Christmas party in Baguio City to jibe with the Testimonial Parade and Review in PMA for Connors comes December; Class Officers are soliciting your respective inputs.

Mabuhay ang PMA MAKATAO Class of 1989...We are always proud as one...





JOSE MELENCIO C NARTATEZ JR
President
ARVIN R LAGAMON
Secretary

Message of PMA Class '92 President

Few days from now, 2022 will end and a new year will usher in. The full 365 days of the year will not be complete without the Yuletide Seasons' celebration. I am sure each member of the class has already made their plans on how to spend Christmas and New Year.

Let us take the occasion to genuflect on what contributions have we done towards humanity and what goals have we achieved as cavaliers. We may not have kept fulfilled all our New Year's resolutions this year but becoming better in any other ways is enough reason to be joyful.

So let me express my commendations to all members of PMA Class of 1992 for living up to the expectations of our Alma Mater. Thank you for being faithful and respectable public servants, and for being patriotic Cavaliers. Let us continue to be the Tanglaw to other Cavaliers and giving life and breathe to PMA motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty.

In this Christmas season, let us think of ways to make a difference to those people who are deprived of wealth, health and who are still grieving because of the lost of their

beloved ones or any other misfortunes. Let us continue to do simple acts of kindness in any form to any one and blessings will surely come back to you somehow.

Let us also express our gratitude to our Father in Heaven for allowing us to enjoy this journey called life together with our respective families, in better health physically,

mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Let us also be thankful for His continuous provisions in all our daily needs and for His mighty protection against dreaded diseases and illnesses.

Here's wishing every Tanglaw Diwan's a joyous Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



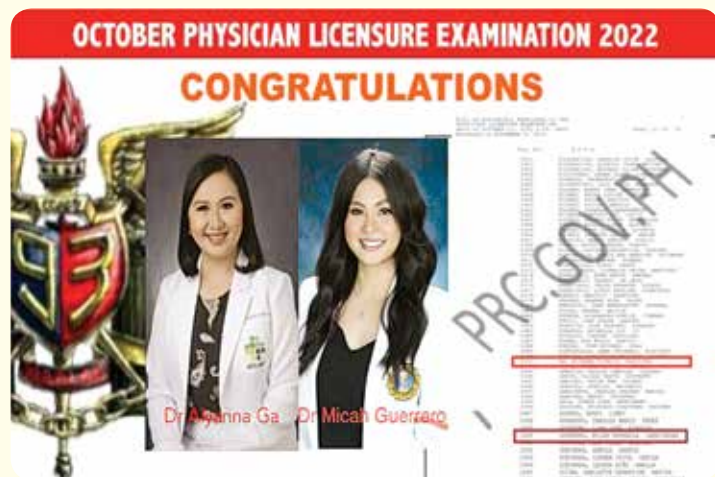


ROY A ECHEVERRIA
President
ALLAN VICTOR T DELA VEGA
Secretary

Another two (2) Maalab parents shouted for joy when their daughters passed the recently concluded Physician

Licensure Examination held last 21 October 2022. Among the Maalab Brats who belong to the roll of successful examinees are **Dr. Alyanna Fedilis Ga**, daughter of Maalab Rey Ga; and **Dr. Micah Raphaela Cabacungan Guerrero**, daughter of Maalab Jagger Guerrero. Congratulations Maalab Brats Doc Aya and Doc Micah! You really have made your both parents and the whole Maalabs so much proud. Godspeed to both of you as you hurdle the journey of your career in the medical field.

As to continue with each burning desire to serve our people while securing our motherland and to endeavor for each respective military careers, the Maalabs gained another significant designations and positions in their respective units and commands. Although these are yet permanent but it would serve as enough opportunity to show the true caliber of a Maalab in terms of excellent performance and quality service, worthy enough to be recognized by the leadership of national



COL LEO A FONTANILLA PAF
Acting Wing Commander, 5th FW



COL THAD RUFINO P CANDELARIO PAF
Acting Commander, AETDC

defense and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. For the Philippine Air Force Maalab Group, **Leo Fontanilla** formally assumed as the Acting Wing Commander of 5th Fighter Wing; **Thad Candelario** as Acting Commander of Air Education, Training and Doctrine Command; **Iking Enriquez** as Acting Wing Commander, 250th Presidential Airlift Wing; **Pedring Pedregosa** as Acting Chief of Air Staff, Philippine Air Force and **Toto Petinglay** as Deputy Commander of Air Defence Command. On the side of the Philippine

Army, **Alex Musngi** assumed as the Commander of Joint Task Force – National Capital Region; **Rey Ga** as Commander of NCR Regional Community Defense Group; **Emong Lachica** as Commander of Vice-Presidential Security and Protection Group; **Mars Gayat** as the Acting Regiment Commander of the Civil-Military Operations Regiment; **Rannie Sevilla** as Acting Commander of AFP Special Operations Command; and **Eddie Pilapil** as Acting Commander of 102nd Infantry Brigade of 1st Infantry Division. In the Philippine Navy

and Coast Guard Group, **Ronnie Gavan** assumed as Deputy Commandant for Administration of Philippine Coast Guard; **Troy Narcise** as Commander of Combat Support Brigade of Philippine Marine Corps; and **Louie Sibayan** as Commander of Coast Guard District Central Visayas. Big big CONGRATULATIONS mga Mistah! May the Maalab spirit be with you as always.

To the hopeful Maalabs, GO GO lang tayo... para sa ating kababayan at sa kinabukasan ng ating Inang Bayan. May the strongest prayers be with us always.





TED C CEREZO JR
President
MARISSA LIBRANDO MANGAHAS
Secretary

Class call current updates:

Navy Group:

Fresh from the oven of AFP Education, Training and Doctrine Command are the Navy Kaakibat AFP CGSC Class 71 graduates LtCol Clifford Basco, Cdr Ted Cerezo, Cdr Ariel "Complete Washing" Torres, Cdr Ariel "Color Care Washing" Coloma, LtCol Wauai Olasso, and Cdr Raymund "Green" Umbac. Remarkably, these Kaakibats ruled the tough 10 - month race with Cdr Coloma (Outstanding Graduate Awardee), LtCol Basco (Honor Graduate Awardee), and Cdr Torres (Honor Graduate Awardee) landing on the Overall Top 1, 2 and 3 spots of their class, respectively. But, wait there's more...Cdr Ted Cerezo (Honor Graduate Awardee) also bagged the Valedictorian Award for the Master's Degree in Public Management under the twinning program of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP). All in all, these Fleet-Marine bugs made an indelible mark in the annals of AFP CGSC.

Out of the 48 members of the Navy Group, 38 are still in active government service in the Philippine Navy, Philippine Coast Guard and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency. Ten Navy Kaakibats already bowed out of the service. The specific updates of their current unit assignment and designation are the following: Assigned at

General Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines and AFPWSUs are Cdr Bryan Valdez - GHQ, HSC; Cdr Marissa Librando - Asst. Chief IMAC; and Cdr Anton Bosch - JC2, AFPETDCOM. Assigned in the peripherals of the FOIC's helm at Headquarters, Philippine Navy are Cdr Roi Marcelo - ExO, N10; and Cdr Kris Ilarde - ExO, N2. Pursuing their Command at Sea at various Forces of the Philippine Fleet are Cdr Manny Pantaleon - CO, PC383 ; Cdr Jowell De Vera - CO, PS38; Cdr Fred Parpan - CO, LC550; Cdr Philip Plaza - CO, PS36 ; Cdr Danish Ruiz - SAF; and Cdr Paul Hechanova

- DYO, PS17. Supporting our Navy's Surface Fighting Ships are Cdr Romi Mosuela - FTDC; Cdr Joy Tañag - Deputy, NAVMETOC; Cdr Henry Mabbagu - IG, NICTC; and Cdr Fred Cayabyab - Supt. NLETS, NLC. Seasoned mavericks of Philippine Naval Aviation with long and dedicated service to Naval Air Wing are Cdr Dennis Resuello - CS, NAW; Cdr Keith Marquez - NA3; and Cdr Mickey Simeon - CO, MARPATCON 32. "The Few, The Proud" and Formidable Staff of the Commandant at Headquarters Philippine Marine Corps are LTC Joe Tabo - MC1; LTC Rowan Rimas - MC3;



LTC Al Pola - MC7; and LTC Tino Maslan - MC8. Securing the safety of His Excellency PBMM at the Presidential Security Group are LA Boys Cdr Jomel Panes and Cdr Jess Pilar.

Currently sharpening their saw and taking up CGSC Class 72 are Cdr Warren Lopez, Cdr Marco Sandalo, and, Philippine Coast Guard's exchange student CG Cdr Rowene Colita. Likewise, "Saving and Protecting Lives At Sea" at Philippine Coast Guard are Capt Nelson Timbang - CG2, HPCG; Cdr Rowene Colita and LT Arjohn Elumba - CO, CGS Zambales. The lone Drug Operative Cav Bryan Babang is now assigned at PDEA Region 3 in San Fernando City, Pampanga. Remains at large / incognito mode are Cdr Flor Murito and Cdr Dave Pre. Lastly, enjoying their civilian lives are Cav Dennis Donga, Cav Lyle Rosos, Cav Espie Pretila, Cav Imee Butac, Cav Earl Perez, Cav Jeff Daquilanea, Cav Cez Tamba, Cav Ian Dira, Cav Etrobal Laborte and Cav Bem Ponteijos.

Air Force Group:

Ariba Kaakibats!!! As the saying goes, "practice makes perfect" ... either in the primary zone or secondary zone, the PAF Kaakibats gave their best in the just concluded O-6 promotion process. Congratulations to the new Kaakibat Air Force Colonels!!!

On the other updates: the GHQ Kaakibats changed their line-up: OJ4- Glen Piquero, Marlon Parugrug; OJ6- Simon Medroso, Ram Tolentino; OJ8- Jun Ty; AFPIMAC- Mark Gavilan; AFPPF- Celito Balico; AFPETDC- Greg Castro, Jonathan De Leon; AFPJSOG- Roy Aguhob.

Staff and Commanders in HPAF and PAFWSSUs: HPAF- Shiela Dauz-Cadungan; AFSSG- Ronald Lacbain; 420th Supply Wing- Glen Cabalquinto; 5th Fighter Wing – Abu Gador; 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing – Ferdinand Benitez; NCOS- Atoy Olave; PAF LTS – Rene Sevilla; TOG 2- Sadiri Tabutol; TOG 7 – Gani Quiming; TOG 8 – Arvin Buan; TOG 9 – Jonathan Hallara; 3rd ARCCen – Rich Somera; 6th ARCCen – Glenn Eugenio; 8th ARCCen – Carlos Chan; and the Hawaiian Air Force Liaison Officer – Jay Baquiran

PDEA Staff and Directors: Joel Plaza, Adrian Alvarino; TESDA Man- Archie Grande

Civilian Sector: Incoming USEC - Jay R De Guzman; PAL Aviators- Francis Vergara, Mike

Magluyan, Emmar Marinas; Helicopter Aviation – Elmer Ariola, Danele Fabic, Ronwaldo Vasquez; Busy businessmen: Jomer Hussien, Melvin Caronongan, Mario Asis; Busy mommy – Rosella Anonat- Daniels; Super busy (unreachable) – Spencer Matias, Raymond Rosete.

Army Group:

Where are the Army Kaakibats?

Those in NCR: The PSG Boys are Gladius Calilan, Paeng Caido and Jason Panaliagan; Batboy Batinga in J3 and Joe Perlas with G6. Romil Calero is with ASR; Jess Jumawan is in HHSG, while JV Pulmano is already with ASCOM. Romar Marvida and Rey Taqueban newly reported in IMCOM.

Central and Northern Luzon: Contact Stephen Encarnacion, Jacon Cordero in Bulacan, FSRR; in Fort Magsaysay are Gene Ignacio and Glen Apresto; The Tarlac boys are Henry Guillermo in TRADOC; Ryan Villar, William Sabado, Ian Hamlag and Don Frivaldo, all in Camp O'Donnel; Fred San Agustin in AFPKOC; Isabela/CAR area, Manny Diasen, Lemuel Baduya and maybe Regie Coloma; and of course in PMA is Fara Askalani Candelaria.

Southern Luzon: Stationed in Southern Tagalog are Perci Alcanar, TJ Dalangin and Roman Sasing; while in Bicol region, Angel Valenzuela, Pee wee Solosa, Orly Ramos, Jerome Cabigon and Nelson Mico will welcome you.

Visayas area: Mar Bautista, Manny Degay, and Sid Vicente are all in Samar. The boys of Western and Central Visayas regions are Earl Panganiban; Cons Cahayon ; Odi

Barrientos, Erap Estrada; Ali Depayso, Erwin Carino, Olick Salayo, Mags Mapalad and Lester Cabunoc.

Going South to Mindanao: In North and Central Mindanao- Chris Mugot, Jerold Jale and Aris Antonio in Cagayan de Oro City and Vic Villanueva, Jelson Buyuccan, Harvey Gernale, and Ric Dayata are commanders in the field; Davao region, Mong Desingano, Julius Munar, Naz Arojo and Rowel Tabas; Cotabato and Maguindanao are Benjie Cadiente, JP Baldomar and Jason Domingo; Zamboanga and Sulu- Filven Noche, Boysen Gawiden, Benito Ramos and Joel Del Mendo.

The students: Graduating members of CGSC CL 71 are Homer Estolas, Francis Rugayan, Evelio Ilanga; Lamcel Caranguian, Rey De Lima and Cheng Reano.

Ongoing CGSC CL72: Ric Agojo, Nini Solamo, Frank Garcia, Nante Occiano, Ron Torcelino and Rino Guda

Three outside the country: Lazaro Quigao in Secondment Post, ADF POTC, and Mongkol Khom-Arwut, Thailand Army.

Then of course, our classmates who left the service but continue to be relevant citizens of the country: Arbern Abiva; Angel Araneta (USA); Joseph Arriola; Aldrin Baldonado; Paulo Busog; Alex Cabales; Gomer Dela Roca; Julius Espiritu; Mel Estacio; Mario Hidalgo; Rithcie Mabalod; Ron Malcon Jemer Pamplona; Antero Prado; Bry Puncia; and Warjam Tayaban; Ronnie Vento; and our very own Selena, Gie "Mars" Espanola and Mayee Ramos.

KAAKIBATS, let us keep moving forward. We will rise as ONE.





OWEN MONATO-AVENIDO
President
EDWARD R ESTONINA
Secretary

WORLD CLASS MALIYAB!

Before we give updates of our very snappy class, let me share with you some trivia which our cavaliers may find useful and entertaining:

- The hashtag symbol (#), also known as the pound sign, is technically called an OCTOTHORPE. The "octo-" prefix refers to the eight points on the popular symbol, but the "thorpe" remains a mystery. One theory claims that it comes from the Old English word for "village," based on the idea that the symbol looks

like a village surrounded by eight fields.

- Unicorn is the national animal of Scotland; although it's a mythical creature, it was chosen because of its association with dominance and chivalry as well as

purity and innocence in Celtic mythology. Tara! Sa Scotland!

- M&M (the famous chocolate that melts in your mouth not in your hands stands for Mars and Murrie)



- Fear of number 13 is called "triskaidekaphobia".

ARMY UPDATES

Our very own General's daughter, a mistah we can always rely on for anything, our pretty Deltan - Julie Javier-Gabrido, retired from the service last 31 July 2022 to be a full time mother to Sam and Gaby and a doting wife to another mistah - Genesis. We can expect more travel pictures from Julie in all her social media accounts, with her adventures in both food and places will definitely make us say "sana all!".

Mark Cimini is now taking up Command and Staff Course in Canberra, Australia. Another mistah added to the list of students/graduates of the illustrious Australian Defence College.

Currently there are five (5) Army peeps who are undergoing CGSC - Mark Tabon, Belle Rosinblot, James Tuguic, Ed Batinay and Jinggoy Eloreta (all members of CGSC Class 72). The rest of the army guys are now processing for the next GSC class.



And the mabangis of us all is Mister Rozell Ticar, who is the new Executive Officer of the Security Battalion in Malacañang. He joins Edwin Duclan and Omar Wynn Gonato in the prestigious unit where only good-looking yet brave fellows are qualified. The pictures below are proofs of their hard work and everything.

NAVY UPDATES

Paul Carbajal is now the Commanding Officer of the Presidential Yacht BRP "Ang Pangulo". He assumed the command from an upperclassman, Cavalier Jess Pilar of PMA 2001. With our FOICable mistah as the Captain of his ship, the President and members of his entourage can safely navigate the waters of the Philippine archipelago.

Gary Hilario is now in France enjoying the views of Paris while studying at the French Joint War and Staff College. His course started last February 2022 and will end by July next year. A very blessed fellow indeed, Gary!

AIRFORCE

Manny Telmo already retired from the service last 31 July 2022, he has been an instructor pilot, operations officer, and a UN peacekeeper. Manny will definitely excel in any field he may choose to enter. On the other hand, our strongman whose 3.2KM is still 12 minutes - Ruel Acero recently assumed the position as Group Commander, Special Mission Group, 300th AISW.

For other movements, Jason Sibayan and Cris Capulong are now in OJ1, GHQ. They added the number of papable 04 in Camp Aguinaldo. Likewise, Gerald Escalante is currently taking up Masters



in Development Management in the Asian Institute of Management, and we can expect flying colors when our baron graduates.

Our class president, Owen Monato-Avenido just got back from her short deployment, shall I say deployments abroad. Details of her trips cannot be disclosed but she shared photos of her encounters with snappy upperclassmen during her trips.



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

LAST CALL

MAJ ROMEO R POSADAS '74 USMA 05 Sept 1951 - 01 Sept 2022

Cav Posadas passed away on 01 September 2022. He was an accomplished West Pointer with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and Fulbright scholar with a Masters Degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Ohio University.



PBGEN JOSE S GUTIERREZ JR '73 4 Nov 1950 - 23 Sept 2022

Cav Gutierrez met our Creator on 23 September 2022 at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. He left behind his caring wife Maria Estrella (Baby), and children Pia Theresa, Franz Josef, and Joseph David. Interment was held at the LNMB, Taguig City.



COMMO JULITO M CASILLAN II '67 11 June 1943 - 02 Oct 2022

Cav Casillan passed away on 2 October 2022 in VMMC due to pneumonia and cardiac arrest, he was 79. Vigil was held at the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary and the Necrological service was also held there on 7 October. Burial was in LNMB on 8 October.



PBGEN SILVESTRE A PRIMERO '80 31 Dec 1955 - 07 Oct 2022

Cav Primero succumbed to a heart attack at the VMMC on October 7, 2022. He is survived by his wife Gracia, daughter, Zionne Crystal and children from previous marriage: Maricar and Karlo. Cav Primero was laid to rest at the La Pieta Memorial Park, Angeles City, on October 11, 2022. His last assignment held in PNP was as RD, IAS at Region 4.



PBGEN CECIL EZRA A SANDALO '80 31 Mar 1954 - 14 Oct 2022

Cav Sandalo passed away on 14 October due to acute cerebrovascular infarction at the Perpetual Succour Hospital. Interment was on 18 October at the Manila Memorial Park, Liloan, Cebu. He left behind his children from a previous marriage (Junia V Matura): Meg Seva and Celso Ezra. His last position held in PNP was as Deputy Regional Director, Police Regional Office, Cagayan de Oro City.



PDG RAUL S IMPERIAL '59 26 May 1937 - 24 Oct 2022

Cav Raul S Imperial '59, former Chief, PNP passed away on October 24, 2022.

The interment service was held on October 27, 2022 at Chapel 3, Heritage Park, Taguig City. The 21-gun salute and bugle taps were also rendered as PNP's final salute to the former Chief, PNP. PDGen Imperial was the second PNP Chief who succeeded PNP Chief General Nazareno from 28 August 1992 to 6 May 1993.



COL GREGORIO VIGILAR '52 USMA 12 August 1928 - 27 October 2022

Former Secretary of Department of Public Works and Highways, Cav Vigil passed away on 27 October 2022. Necrological service was held on 4 November at Loyola Commonwealth and burial on 5 November at Loyola Marikina. He is survived by his wife Dr Sol, children and grandchildren.



BGEN FELIX A BRAWNER JR '57 04 July 1934 - 16 Nov 2022

Cav Brawner Jr. died peacefully in his sleep on 16 November 2022. He was Commander of the Scout Ranger Regiment during the final years of the late President Ferdinand E Marcos, Sr., he also served at the same time as the Armed Forces of the Philippines' Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, J3.

The necrological service of the late Cav Felix A. Brawner Jr., was scheduled on 21 November 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage Park, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The interment ceremony was on 22 November 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City.



COL AVELINO B DE GUZMAN '64 10 Nov 1942 - 17 Nov 2022

Cav de Guzman passed away in the morning of 17 November in Florida, USA exactly one week after his 80th birthday. He is survived by his wife, Emmet, daughter Eileen and son Michael.

He served as Chairman of DJLF Charity Philippines Inc., a non-profit that operates and maintains the LEAP/Loakan Educational Assistance Project, an advocacy on the education and development of youth in developing countries, the Philippines in particular.



COL WILSON L GALEDO '82 22 Mar 1959 - 25 Nov 2022

Cav Galedo passed away at age 63 due to a ruptured brain aneurysm. He was comatose from 6 November 2022 until his passing on 25 November 2022 at the hospital in San Francisco, California, USA.



He graduated with honors from Pasay City South High School. He was a member of the Rotary Club of the Philippines. He also finished his Masters in National Security Administration in 2007 at the National Defense College of the Philippines. He served the Philippine Army for 33 years and raised through the ranks to become a Colonel. After his retirement in the Philippine Military in 2015, he then migrated to the United States with his family in 2018.

He left behind his wife, Criselda, and his four children: Liselle, Leslee, Louie and Camille.



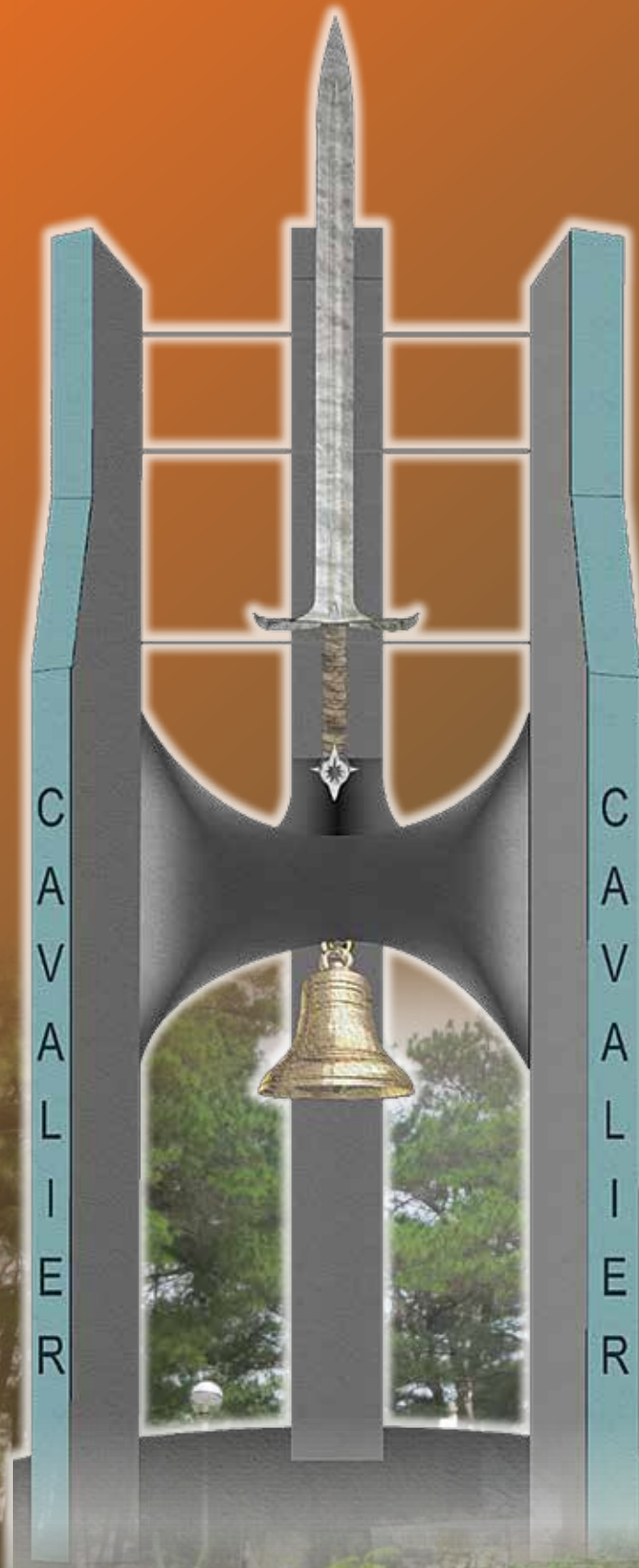
Cavaliers' Memorial Monument in the Offing

In wrapping up at the closing of the year, the PMAAAAI board of directors are busy creating footprints they will leave behind crossing their fingers and positively hoping they are making an impact not only to the Cavaliers Community but also to the society in general.

True to their pledge of fulfilling their sworn mandate to promote the well-being of the Cavalier community, they are doing their respective roles to the best they can and fulfilling their goals to spread goodwill between and among Cavaliers by setting into reality different plans and programs of the Association. They are determined more than ever to serve fellowmen, in and out of the defense establishment.

One of these plans and programs is the creation of the Cavaliers' Memorial Monument which will soon rise at the Philippine Military Academy. The proposed memorial for fallen cavaliers will be a legacy to the nation whom these fallen cavaliers served and protected while in the active military service or even in different sectors of society.

Indeed, living and fallen cavaliers have been contributing in no small measure their talents, skills and managerial acumen to steer the country towards stability and progress etching different footprints of legacy to the country, flag and people.





Message

In this Christmas and Holiday season, may the Lord Almighty bless us all and in the year to follow. I wish all fellow Cavaliers and their loved ones to share together all that is joyful, beautiful, meaningful and memorable. Especially to the little ones and the elderly, may their happy experiences linger in their hearts beyond the holiday season. While we truly rejoice in this season, let us also find one moment of reflection. May our abundance this season overflow to comfort and brighten the lives of those bereaved and of those who are less in life and in spirit.

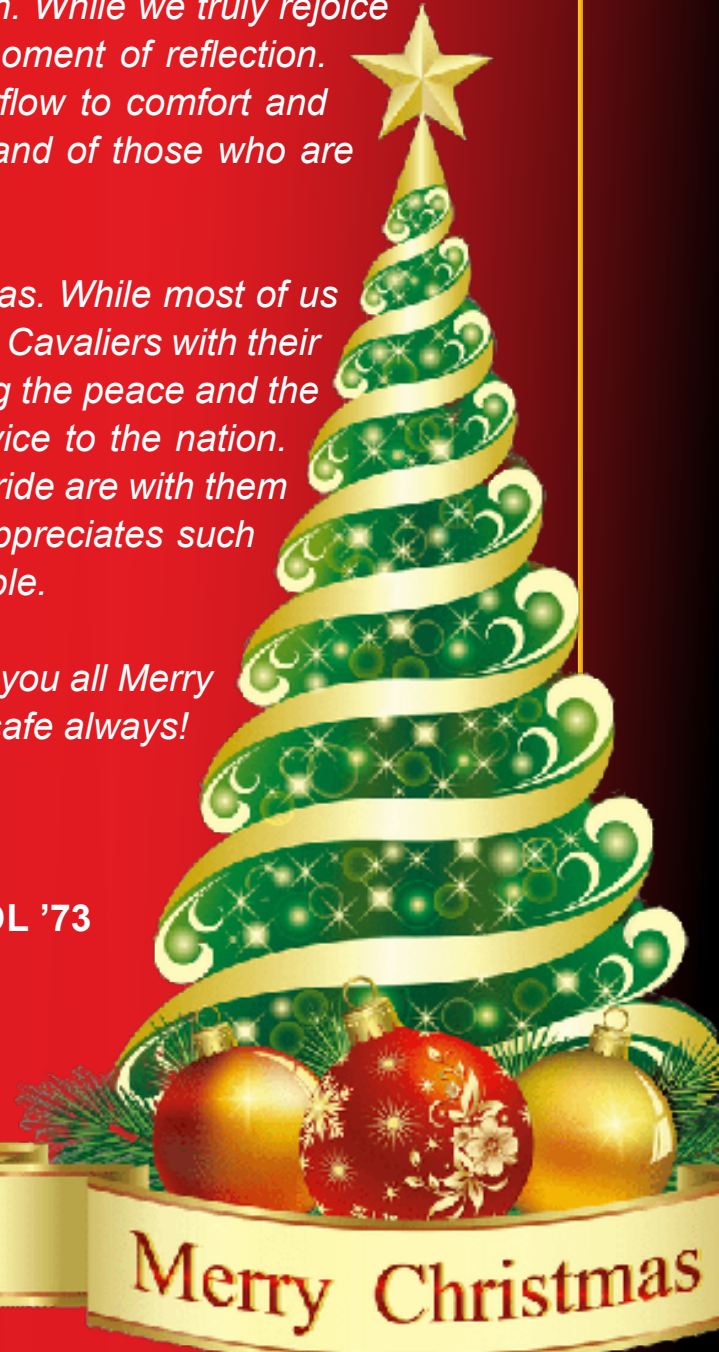
All roads lead to home in Christmas. While most of us spend Christmas with our family, some Cavaliers with their troops are out there in the field keeping the peace and the holiday safe. Others had gone in service to the nation. Our prayers, thoughts, gratitude and pride are with them and their families. The whole nation appreciates such kind of service to our country and people.

In behalf of the PMAAAI, we wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Stay safe always!



AMBASSADOR VIDAL E QUEROL '73

Chairman and CEO



Merry Christmas

