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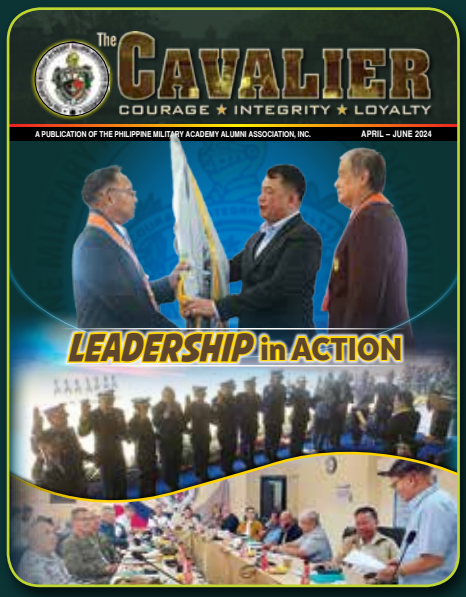


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Empowering Change: Unveiling the Faces of Leadership in Action

In this issue of Cavalier Magazine, we explore the dynamic world of leadership. Discover inspiring stories of individuals who are driving positive change, leading by example, and making a significant impact in their communities and beyond. Join us as we celebrate the essence of leadership in action and the transformative power it holds.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75

With a profound sense of honor and humility, I step into the role of Chairman of the PMAAAI, succeeding the esteemed Cav Danilo Abinoja. As a former Philippine National Police officer, I bring with me a deep respect for the principles of discipline, integrity, and service—a reverence that aligns seamlessly with the ethos of the Philippine Military Academy and our esteemed alumni association.

When I assumed chairmanship of PMARAI, I emphasized the importance of upholding the values of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty, even in the twilight of our service careers. Today, as I assume leadership of the PMAAAI, I carry forward this commitment to excellence and ethical service. We, as Cavaliers, are entrusted with a sacred duty—to serve as beacons of transformational leadership and to uphold the highest standards of conduct in all our endeavors.

Reflecting on the progress made under the stewardship of Chairman Abinoja, I am inspired by the strides we've taken towards realizing our shared vision of becoming the most respected, responsive, and efficient alumni organization. The foundations laid by my predecessor serve as a springboard for our future endeavors, and I am committed to building upon them with unwavering dedication and determination.

As we continue our journey forward, I envision a future where the PMAAAI stands as a beacon of unity and support for our fellow Cavaliers. It is imperative that we remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering fellowship, camaraderie, and esprit de corps among our members. Through strategic initiatives and meaningful engagements, we will create opportunities for networking, professional development, and welfare support, ensuring that every member of our esteemed association feels valued and supported.

In moving forward, I envision a path guided by the acronym **FORWARD,** each letter representing a core principle that will shape our collective journey:

Foster Unity: One of our greatest strengths lies in our unity as Cavaliers. Together, we must foster a sense of solidarity that transcends individual differences and regional boundaries. It is through unity that we will achieve our collective goals and uphold the legacy of excellence that defines us.

Optimize Resources: As stewards of our association, we must strive to optimize the resources at our disposal. This means maximizing the potential of our members, leveraging technology to enhance communication and collaboration, and ensuring the responsible management of our financial resources.

Revitalize Engagement: In a rapidly changing world, it is essential that we revitalize engagement among our members. This includes creating meaningful opportunities for networking, professional development, and social interaction. By fostering a culture of active participation, we can ensure the continued relevance and vibrancy of our association.

Wield Influence: As alumni of the Philippine Military Academy, we carry with us a legacy of leadership and influence. It is incumbent upon us to wield this influence responsibly, advocating for the values of integrity, excellence, and service in all aspects of our lives. By leading by example, we can inspire the next generation of Cavaliers to uphold these cherished ideals.

Advance Our Mission: At the heart of our association lies a noble mission: to serve our fellow alumni, support our alma mater, and contribute to national development. As Chairman, I am committed to advancing this mission with integrity, purpose, and unwavering dedication. Together, we will strive to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our members and the communities we serve.

Reignite Passion: Finally, let us reignite the passion that first brought us together as Cavaliers. Let us embrace each day with enthusiasm, determination, and a sense of purpose. By approaching our work with passion and dedication, we can inspire others to join us in our mission and continue the proud legacy of the PMAAAI.

Drive Innovation: In a rapidly changing world, innovation is key to our growth. We will embrace new technologies and approaches to ensure that our programs and initiatives remain relevant and impactful. By fostering a culture of innovation, we will enhance our ability to meet the evolving needs of our members and society.

As I look ahead to the road that lies before us, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the journey ahead. Together, let us continue marching forward with courage, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to excellence.

In the wake of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I recognize the importance of resilience and adaptability. Building on the momentum generated by the PMARAI's recent initiatives, including webinars, sports activities, vaccination drives, and regional fellowship activities, we will harness the collective strength of our membership to overcome obstacles and seize new opportunities for growth and development.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I call upon each and every one of you to join me in continuing the proud legacy of the PMAAAI. Let us march forward with courage, integrity, and loyalty, united in our shared commitment to serving our Alma Mater, our fellow Cavaliers, and our nation with distinction and honor.

Together, let us continue marching forward.



President's Corner

CAV GEORGE M BERGONIA '95

Leadership in Action

As we delve further into the month of May and soon into June, I am reminded of a certain story from World War II. On June 6, 1944, Major Richard Winters - then First Lieutenant - led 12 of his men and from different companies to attack a German artillery regiment which had been disrupting the landing forces of the US Marines. This assault, which was later known as the Brecourt Manor Assault, is a textbook example of a small unit defeating a larger regiment through great leadership and tactics. Winters, I believe, truly embodied our theme for this month: leadership in action.

While we are in no way in the same state as the world was back in Winters' time, we must still be reminded presently of our capacity to lead with our actions. With this, I present the updates with regard to our PMAAAI Center of Leadership and Excellence (PMA Alumni Center) building. The Main Contractor Works, which pertain to the Architectural and Structural Works, is now up to 99% completion. Furthermore, its Electrical Works and Auxiliary Works are now at 92% and 81%, respectively. Several equipment to be used for the building, such as the Air Condition, GenSet, and Elevator, are to be supplied and installed in the following months of May, June, and July, respectively.

Moreover, we are expecting the building's bare shell completion to be by the end of July this year. As for the interior fit-out (which pertains to the complete furnishment of the building), the proposed timeline of completion is by the early months of CY 2025. Additionally, the budget for the aforementioned interior fit-out amounts to more or less THREE HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P300,000,000). The current PMAAAI Board of Directors headed by the Chairman, Cav Raul Gonzales '75, are doing their best to solicit funds intended for the said project and we aspire to achieve this within the Alumni Year (AY) 2024-2025. As your leaders, we are adamant to put that in action for the benefit of not only the current PMAAAI members, but also to our future members.

Speaking of future members, another update I would like to present is with regard to our new graduates, the PMA "Bagong Sinag" Class of 2024. Having been invited to be part of their Class Crest Unveiling and Ring Ceremony on May 12, I have witnessed and am moved by their spirit of camaraderie and leadership. As we witness their graduation, I personally request that we all give them our hopes and prayers as our future leaders. We must see to it that they do not sit on their leadership capabilities, but rather act on them and move forward.

To end, I encourage everyone to be a leader in their own way. While the PMAAAI Board of Directors are committed to follow through with our activities and projects as we have always done, we cannot do this alone. To be a leader is not to stagnate like a lake, but to move and flow forward like the river. Be the reason for positive change and betterment for the Association, and surely we shall accomplish our goals with flying colors.



The under construction Center of Leadership and Excellence (PMA Alumni Center) in its 99.5% completion as of May 3, 2024.

CAVALIER NEWSLINE

Cav Gonzales elected PMAAAI chairman; Cav Punzalan vice chairman

Cav Raul S Gonzales '75 has been elected as the new chairman and CEO of PMAAAI for AY 2024-2025. Cav Ramon T Punzalan '76 has been likewise elected as Vice Chairman. The other officers elected are Cav George M Bergonia '95, president and COO; Cav Pedro S Agapito '96, vice president, Cav Danilo E Estranero '94, corporate secretary; Cav Ryan L Bakabak '95, corporate treasurer; and Cav Allen J Dalangin '95, corporate auditor.



Gonzales



Punzalan



Bergonia

Likewise, the PMAAA major chapters have elected their respective Board of Directors: PMARAI chairman, Cav Ramon T Punzalan '76, and president, Cav Ricardo A David Jr '77; PN chapter president, Cav Virgillo C De Guzman '95; and PCG Chapter president, Cav Hostillo Arturo E Cornelio '95.

PMAAAI affiliate foundations elected their chairmen and president

The PMA Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) and PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI) held their annual meetings and election of officers on 01 March 2024 and on 02 May 2024, respectively. Reelected chairman, vice chairman and president of PMAFI are Cavs Rufino G Ibay '67, Jose C Lapus '65, and Leo Angelo D Leuterio '88. Cavs Magtanggol B Gatdula '76, Miguel Jose S Rodriguez '80, and Guillermo A Molina Jr II '86 were likewise elected as chairman, vice chairman and president respectively of PETFI for AY 2024-2025.

Cav Marbil appointed as new PNP Chief

Cav Rommel Francisco D Marbil '91 has been appointed by President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. as the new Philippine National Police chief, becoming the 30th Chief PNP and replacing Cav Benjamin Acorda Jr '91 who compulsorily retired on March 31, 2024.



Marbil

Prior to his appointment as Chief, PNP, Cav Marbil headed the PNP Directorate for Comptrollership. Cav Marbil had served as chief of the Police Regional Office 8, which has jurisdiction over Eastern Visayas, and as director of the Highway Patrol Group. He has a master's degree in public administration from Ateneo de Manila University.

Following the latest reorganization of PNP officials, Cav Marbil reassigned Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management (DIDM) chief Cav Leo Francisco '92 as the new director of the CIDG.

Cav Francisco replaced Cav Romeo Caramat Jr. '92 who was named the new chief of the Area Police Command-Northern Luzon. Cav Matthew Baccay '92 will replace Cav Francisco as chief of DIDM.

Cav Alquiza appointed as PMAFI Chairman Emeritus for Life

Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 has been appointed as PMAFI CHAIRMAN EMERITUS (for life) by PMAFI Board of Trustees during its regular Board meeting on 25 April 2024 at Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Cav Alquiza is the Founding Director of Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. (PMAFI) and was also the driving force behind PMAFI's establishment in 1985 and its subsequent registration with the SEC in 1988.



Alquiza

In Memoriam

The PMAAAI board of directors conveys its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the bereaved family of the following alumni who have passed away on dates indicated:

BGEN VICENTE F CUSTODIO '53	01 Jan 2024
BGEN ERNESTO DR MILO '85	02 Jan
COL VIRGILIO B BAS JR '60	09 Jan
PBGEN AURELIO C TRAMPE JR '86	05 Feb
MGEN RUBEN F CIRON '68	15 Feb
BGEN JONAS R LUMAWAG '90	15 Mar
MGEN RUPERTO R PABUSTAN '77	22 Mar
RADM HONORIO RE BALANON JR '79	23 Mar
PBGEN MARIO R SANDIEGO '77	29 Mar
MGEN GUILLERMO R RUIZ '63	02 Apr
BGEN VICTOR N CORPUS '67	03 April
LT IZZAH LEONAH S TACCAD '22	11 April
COL APOLONIO P LACERNA '72	14 April
CAPT ANDRES M ANDRES '66	15 April
COMMO HERNANITO D GABALES '60	21 April
MAJ DENNIS L MORENO '08	20 April
LTGEN RODOLFO S OBANIANA '74	25 April
CDR DENNIS A SANCHEZ '73	26 April
CAV ILDEFONSO C CARADO '80	12 May

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

The qualified children or the widows and parents concerned may get in touch with Jane Lucente at PETFI office, PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. or at her cellphone no. 0968 854-5593 or by email at petfi@yahoo.com.

PMAAAI Awards: Rules and Criteria

• CAV RICARDO A DAVID JR '77
Chairman, PMAAAI Awards Committee AY2024-2025

Pursuant to Sec 3, Art. IX of the PMAAAI Amended By-Laws, the Association shall confer the **Cavalier Award**, the **Lifetime Achievement Award**, the **Valor Award**, and the **Outstanding Achievement Award** to qualified regular members of the association in good standing for distinguished, exemplary and unblemished service and outstanding performance of duties, under such rules as the Board shall prescribe: Provided, That an affirmative vote of at least thirteen (13) or two thirds (2/3) of all the voting members of the Board is required for the grant of the above awards. Accordingly, the following Rules and Criteria in the selection of the awards are hereby prescribed unless modified by proper authority.

A. **CAVALIER AWARD**

1. **Number of Awardees** - The Cavalier Award shall be given annually to the twelve (12) most outstanding regular members of the Association for outstanding performance of duties during the last five (5) years, in various fields of endeavor as enumerated in paragraph 2 below. In addition, a Cavalier Award (slot) may be granted to outstanding junior officers in the following field: Army Operations; Naval Operations; Air Operations; Police Operations and Coast Guard Operations. Additional Cavalier Award may also be granted to Special Operations and Public Administration provided that the total number of Cavalier Awards shall not exceed twenty (20) Cavalier Awards every Association Year.

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

2.1. **Military/Police/Coast Guard Service in**:

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

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

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

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

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

2.4 **Contribution to Alumni Affairs** - for members who have made invaluable contribution and/or services to the PMAAAI and/or the alumni.

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

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

3.1 Is a regular member in good standing of the Association.

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

3.3 Has an honorable and unblemished record and whose reputation is beyond reproach which could be verified thru various information, written or oral, more particularly from court of law and other intelligence agencies.

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

4.1. Self-nomination - a cavalier cannot nominate himself for any award.

4.2. An Alumni who has been a recipient of an Association Award is disqualified from receiving another Association Award in the same category within the next ten (10) years reckoned from the time he received his last award. Association Awards are categorized as 1) Cavalier Award; 2) Lifetime Achievement Award; and 3) Valor Award. Outstanding Achievement Award is exempted from the above provision which can be granted to a recipient cited for his/her designation to another position of major responsibility;

4.3. Current members of the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the particular Association Year, regular or ex-officio, to include the Awards Committee members of PMAAAI and the Chapters are disqualified to any award while still acting as active members.

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

5.1 Enhanced the prestige of the PMA and the PMAAAI;

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

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

6. **Selection Process**. The selection process shall be from as wide a zone of consideration as possible. All regular members of the Association are qualified and should be considered for the Award, except as earlier provided for.

6.1 **Nomination.** Any PMAAAI member, Class President, or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than last working day of July of the applicable association year. The nomination shall be in writing, addressed to the PMAAAI Board of Directors (Attn: Awards Committee), and e-mail to pmaaai@yahoo.com. Soft copy must also be furnished to the Committee in a word format saved in the USB. The nomination shall specify the field of award and shall include the following which should be in seven (7) copies each and properly filed in appropriate folders.

6.1.1 Curriculum vitae of the nominee;

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

6.1.3 Justification for the Award; and

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

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

Composition of Search Committees:
Committees, particularly from the service chapters that perform rating and evaluation of nominees must be composed of at least **field grade officers and one (1) company grade officer**, minimum of five (5) and maximum of seven (7), preferably assigned in Metro Manila, Region 3 or 4.

Ratings of 100% or 70% and below for a particular nominee must be accompanied by a justification on why such rating was arrived at. Likewise, ratings of a particular rater with a difference of 10 points or more from the ratings of other nominees he has rated must also be accompanied by a written justification.

6.3 **PMAAAI Awards Committee**. The PMAAAI Board of Directors has a standing Awards Committee composed of Chapter Presidents from the various service chapters and chaired by a member of the PMAAAI Board. The Awards Committee shall evaluate the qualifications of the nominees in accordance with these rules. It will submit to the Editor-in-Chief of the Cavalier Magazine the names of those favorably considered after the initial screening, indicating the particular field of the award for which nominated.
The names of nominees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine 3rd quarter issue to solicit comments or reactions from members of the Association, for or against the nominations. Screening and consultations with Class Presidents and Personnel Chiefs of the AFP/PNP/PCG and other resource persons shall be completed by the PMAAAI Awards Committee by the **1st week of December**.

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

6.4 Deliberation of Board of Directors. The Board shall deliberate on the recommendees and select the Cavalier Awardees during its meeting in December. Approval of any of the awards requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote or 13 of all the voting members of the Board. The Board shall limit its deliberations only to those recommendees submitted by the Awards Committee. The list of Cavalier Awardees shall be published in the Cavalier Magazine's 1st Quarter issue in time for distribution during the Alumni Homecoming.

6.5 Any complaints on the decision of the Board must be submitted to the Board for resolution within three working days from the publication of the Cavalier Magazine. The Board reserves the right to deny the complaint if submitted late, after which the decision of the Board is final.

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

B. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This Award shall be given to a regular member of the Association who has rendered at least fifty (50) years of distinguished, outstanding, exemplary and unblemished service to the country and people, whether in government and/or in non-government organizations, who must have served for at least two (2) years as head of any such organization, and who must have been a recipient of any of the other Association awards as provided herein. The award will be given during the Alumni Homecoming Parade in February. Any PMAAAI member, Class President or Chapter President can submit nomination for the Award not later than the last working day of July of the applicable association year.

C. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

D. VALOR AWARD

The Valor Award shall be given to regular members of the Association who have been recipients of the Medal of Valor.

E. TIMELINES

For the Association year 2024-2025:

1. **18 March to 31 July 2024** – PMAAAI members, Chapter and Class Presidents shall conduct a search of nominees for the Awards.

2. **31 July 2024** – Deadline for submission of nominees to the PMAAAI Awards Committee. Screening by the Awards Committee starts.

3. **9 August 2024** – First meeting of the Awards Committee and Submission of list of qualified nominees to Editor, Cavalier Magazine for publication in the quarterly (September) issue.

4. **Sept-Nov 2024** – Awards Committee receives comments on the nominees from Cavaliers.

5. **30 September 2024** – Submission of Chapters Deliberation.

6. **15 Nov 2024** – Finalization of the list of nominees by the Awards Committee by categorizing them as Principal and Alternate by field of award.

7. **6 Dec 2024** - Submission of the Awards Committee's recommendation to the PMAAAI Board of Directors for the:

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

8. **10 December 2024** – Meeting of the Board to select the awardees.

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

PMAAAI Holds Annual Alumni Homecoming

More than a thousand active and retired Philippine Military Academy alumni returned to their alma mater to celebrate the annual PMA Alumni Homecoming on 17 February 2024. The graduates marched at the hallowed grounds of PMA's Borromeo Field, headed by Cav Danny Abinoja '74, PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) Chairman and CEO. Invited guest of honor and speaker was Senate President Juan Miguel Zubiri who also administered the oathtaking of incoming PMAAAI Board of Trustees.

During the main event, the PMAAAI gave honor to outstanding cavaliers for their achievements in their own field of expertise. This year's Cavalier Awardees included: Cavs Arturo G Rojas '90 for Command and Administration; Eric E Noble '92 for Staff Functions; Ferdinand L Marcelino '94 for Special Operations; Von Albert M Sumergido '95 for Army Operations (Senior Officer); Cielo RU Dolorican '18 for Army Operations (Junior Officer); Lee M Sarpamones '99 for Air Operations (Senior Officer); Ernest F dela Cuadra '07 for Air Operations (Junior Officer); Mark Erick R Garcia '12 for Naval Operations; Westrimundo D Obinque '92 for Police Operations; Allen J Dalangin '95 for Coast Guard Operations (Senior Officer); Larry C Cendana '03 for Coast Guard Operations (Junior Officer); Raul C Tupas '94 for Public Administration; Edgard A Arevalo '90 for Special Field (Journalism); Joey T Fontiveros for Special Operations (Cybersecurity); and Roberto dela Cruz Yap '82 for Private Enterprise.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Awards went to Cavs Thompson C Lantion '69, Ricardo F de Leon '71; Reynaldo V Velasco '71, Alejandro T Flores Jr '72, and Hermogenes C Esperon Jr '74. Likewise, the Pandemic Heroes Award was conferred each to Cav Raul L Del Rosario '84 and Mr Enrique K Razon, Jr. for their valuable contributions during COVID pandemic that benefited not only fellow cavaliers but majority of the citizenry.

During the Alumni Homecoming, the PMAAAI also gave special recognition to members of PMA Class of 1964 as Diamond jubilarians; Class 1974 as Golden Jubilarians; and Class 1999 as Silver Jubilarians.

Host classes for this year were Class 1994, as Lead Host Class, Classes 1969, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019.

To date the PMA has produced 12,214 graduates, some of whom are key holders of AFP, PNP and PCG positions while others have served the government and the private sectors after retirement from military and uniformed service.








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Outgoing, Incoming Board of Trustees In Simple Turn Over Rites







Newly elected Board of Trustees for Association Year 2024-2025 accepted the baton of leadership as outgoing PMAAAI Board of Trustees, AY 2023-2024, relinquished their respective posts to the incoming in a simple turn over rites held aboard BRP Teresa Magbanua at Pier 13, South Harbor, Manila on 01 March 2024.

Cav Danilo A Abinoja '74, outgoing Chairman and CEO, turned over the helm of leadership to incoming Chairman and CEO Cav Raul S Gonzales '75. Other members of the board for AY 2024-2025 are: Cav Ramon T Punzalan '76, Vice Chairman; Cav George M Bergonia '95, President; Cav Danilo E Estranero '94, Corporate Secretary; Cav Ryan L Bakabak '95, Treasurer; Cav Allen J Dalangin '95, Auditor; Directors: Cav Juan M Sanchez '55, Cav Miguel A Leonardo '65, Cav Ricardo A David '77, Cav Franklin Moises R Mabanag '85, Cav Narciso A Vingson Jr '85, Cav Westrimundo D Obinque '92, Cav Charlie L Tiu '95, Cav Hostillo Arturo E Cornelio '95, Cav Jesselito L Castro '98, Cav Lester T Sinlao '05, Cav Marie Elaine M Ibanez '15, and Cav Steven G Tali '15.

Philippine Coast Guard Commandant Cav Admiral Ronniel Gil L Gavan '93 graced the turnover ceremony. In his speech, he commended Cav Abinoja for his efforts to raise funds for the medical needs of the Association's alumni and helped improve the facilities of PMA and for his invaluable service towards boosting the morale of the alumni, especially those who are still active in the service and those who are deployed in operations.



Cav Gavan congratulated the incoming Chairman and CEO along with the new set of officers and assured of the PCG's support in all their endeavours.

MEET OUR TEAM

The Officers



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Executive Director's REPORT

CAV DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS '77

This column is added to this magazine which will become a regular portion, featuring in-depth views of PMAAAI activities, Board resolutions, announcements, trivia, and other matters that pertain to the association.

This is a maiden issue for this column. Topics that are included here may have already been published in some social media groups and other publications of the association. For emphasis therefore, and to give significance to the subject matters as they affect our members, the republication is necessary.

We start with our membership status. Latest tally (as of June 1, 2024) listed 12,214 members who have graduated from the Academy starting from Class 1945 to the present Class of 2024 who have just graduated last May 2024. Of this total, 2,783 have already gone ahead to rest, with 9,431 members living.

Not all of these living members though know their membership status with the association or have complied to the requirements of being a member, based on our bylaws. We have members who are not in good standing. These are the members who may not have yet paid or failed to pay their membership dues, probably because they are not aware, or have forgotten their obligations, or simply refused. Whatever their reasons are, the association cares for them and offers ways on how they could update their membership and be qualified to receive the benefits the association provides. For one, the association, through its Board, approved a reduced payment which is considered as affordable for most of our members. From the maximum payment of P18,000.00 lifetime membership dues for the retired members, or those who left the service early, it has temporarily pegged the amount, on a limited time, to only P10,000.00 for PMAAAI membership and P2,000.00 for PMARAI. This has been running for almost three years already, dubbed as "amnesty program" for payment of membership dues. It will end on September 30, 2024 after which, payment will revert to the P18,000.00 level again. We are encouraging therefore our esteemed members who have not availed of this program to pay their dues while the program is still in effect.

The benefits a member can avail of include the following: (1) medical assistance; (2) burial assistance or "abuloy"; (3) privilege to receive a copy of this magazine; and (4) any other benefits that the Board may grant.

Medical assistance is a benefit extended to a member who incurred expenses due to his being hospitalized. In 2016, this medical assistance was increased from a maximum of P40,000.00 to P50,000.00. Hospitalized member can file their request for this assistance together with the expense receipts not later than three (3) months upon discharge from the hospital. In cases where a hospitalized member eventually died, his next of kin can still avail of this medical assistance provided that the application for such claim together with the medical expense receipts shall be submitted within three (3) months after the death of the sick member. The amount that can be granted is based on the following table:

Medical Expenses Incurred	Medical Assistance
P 50,000.00 to < P 200,000.00	P 10,000.00
P 200,000.00 to < P 300,000.00	P 20,000.00
P 300,000.00 to < P 400,000.00	P 30,000.00
P 400,000.00 to < P 500,000.00	P 40,000.00
P 500,000.00 and above	P 50,000.00

Mutual Relief or the "Abuloy" is given to the next of kin of members who died. The amount granted is P60,000.00 for a member who was in good standing. If not, his next of kin can only receive P10,000.00 or if he has contributed or paid his monthly dues but defaulted paying and subsequently declared as not in good standing member, the amount his next of kin can receive will be based on the number of years he has contributed or paid his dues. For those who have paid for 20 to 25 years, the amount that can be received by his next of kin is P15,000.00; for 26 to 30 years, the amount is P20,000.00; and for 31 years and above, it will be P30,000.00. This is embodied in a Board Resolution number 22-26 dated 24 January 2023.

So for now, I have only discussed the membership status aspect of our organization. For next issues, more topics will be discussed in details, all for the information of our members.

Any comment, suggestion and improvement to this presentation is most welcome from our readers. Please email direct to pmaaai@yahoo.com and we will promptly attend to your needs.

Thank you very much!

CAV DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS '77
Executive Director, PMAAAI



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89

The Academy: Onwards to Excellence

In the face of shifting global landscape with the trend of technological and educational advancements, challenges have likewise developed. However, the role of the Academy in training and shaping the future leaders of the nation remains firm and unwavering.

By combining various competencies such as leadership, collaboration, and integrity with the core values of PMA: Honor, Patriotism, Professionalism, Commitment, and Excellence, acquiring target goals become feasible. I firmly believe that with dedication and collaborative efforts, these goals can be reached within the institution.

Cavaliers dedicate themselves to extending help and contributing to the institution that has been part of their 4-year education. In these silent efforts, the primary goal to support the institution that has played a crucial role in shaping the fullest and finest version of one's character remain unchanged. This likewise serves as an epitome for others, reminding that one looks back from where they came from.

The improvement of the Academy has been driven by the proactive efforts of devoted individuals specifically its personnel, PMA alumni, and stakeholders. The construction and maintenance of various infrastructures of the academy were completed while some are still underway. Likewise, seminars and trainings have been continuously conducted for both personnel and cadets to ensure continuous growth and development. Stakeholders also provide their full support in the course of education, training, and betterment of the facilities.

I am proud to present the accomplishments of the men and women of the Philippine Military Academy for the First Quarter of the Calendar Year 2024.

Despite the fact that not everyone has acknowledged these efforts, the goal remains to provide support to the institution that has played a significant role in shaping the fullest and finest version of one's character. Giving back to the academy is one of the objectives of the Cavaliers.

Infrastructure and Facilities

Remarkably, certain PMA projects have been successfully completed such as the Construction of the Cadet Barracks II and the Rehabilitation/Repiping of the PMA Water System, while the Construction of the 4-story HAG and HTG building and the Design and Build of the PMA New Library are ongoing.

Likewise, the repair of Regis Hall Barracks, Rope Course, Lim Hall Roofing (Phase II), and Comfort Rooms at Lim Hall ground floor (left wing) was completed while the repair of Enrile Hall Barracks, Rope Course (Phase I), and Comfort Rooms at Lim Hall ground floor (right wing) are still on progress.

The progress continues with the construction of the DND-DPWH Convergence Program (TIKAS) projects including the Access Road from Globe Tower to SAO Area (Phase II), PMA Museum (Phase II), Concrete Road from TMC to Tower '66, Five (5) Storey Officers Condominium Quarters, Five (5) Storey EP Condominium Quarters, and Completion of PMA Security Road.

Additionally, projects under the DPWH-BCDEO Regular Infra Program FY 2023 (GAA) remain underway such as the Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction of Roads with Slip Slope Collapse and Landslide fronting the Hospital area, Construction / Rehabilitation / Upgrading of Drainage along Quezon Avenue, and Construction of PMA Rainwater Harvesting Facilities (II and III).

Trainings and Seminars

Among the many trainings and seminars for this quarter were the following:

- Environmental Science Guest Lecturing on the topic "Field Techniques in Documenting Biodiversity" to Secondclass Cadets with Dr Aimee Lynn Dupo of the University of the Philippines Los Banos last 11 January 2024;
- Drone Operation Training to selected HAG and PAO personnel by the Safer PH held at Taguig City on 13-15 January 2024;
- Basic Radio Communication to Army Candidate Soldier Class 791 by the Office of the Academy Information and Communications Technology Center on 12 January 2024;
- Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) Lecture Forum on the role of BCDA in the AFP Modernization Program to Firstclass Cadets and selected command personnel with BCDA Chair Honorable DELFIN N LORENZANA on 29 January 2024;
- "Voices of the Leadership" lecture series to the graduating members of PMA Class 2024 Army Group with MGEN REYES PA, DCS for Operations, J3, COL DEMA-ALA PA (MNSA), and CPT ROMO PA at the Lopez Hall of Leaders on 12 February 2024;
- Officer Preparatory Course (OPC) and On-the-Job Training (OJT) to the graduating class "BAGONG SINAG" Class of 2024 with the Headquarters Tactics Group at the different military camps and bases nationwide from 19 February to 20 April 2024;
- Fire Safety Seminar to selected personnel with the Command Safety Office conducted a 05 March 2024;
- Summit activities to command personnel by the Baguio City Health Care Provide Network at the Lopez Hall of Leaders on 01 March 2024; and
- Fire Fighting Seminar to selected personnel with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Baguio City on 14-15 March 2024.

Alumni Homecoming 2024

The successful execution of the PMA Alumni Homecoming 2024 on 17 February 2024 with HONORABLE JUAN MIGUEL F ZUBIRI, President, Senate of the Philippines as Guest of Honor and Speaker, was achieved through the collaborative efforts and constant preparation of the command personnel.

Participation of PMA in different Local and National Activities

The Philippine Military Academy Band performed in the Opening day Parade of the Panagbenga Festival 2024 on 03 February 2024.

PMA Band also joined the Panagbenga Street and Grand Float Parade in collaboration with the Baguio Flower Festival Foundation Incorporation (BFFFI) held at the DILG – Melvin Jones Football Grounds, Baguio City on 24-25 February 2024. Various individuals from different regions of the country witnessed the expertise of the PMA Band in marching exhibitions.

Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines

The PMA "Siklab-Laya" Class of 2025 was invited to perform at the 6th Tinungbo Festival which was held at Pugo, La Union on 21 January 2024. Likewise, they also exhibited their Silent Drill Performance in celebration of the 8th Pakwan Festival of Bani, Pangasinan on 28 January 2024.

One (1) Platoon of Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines (CCAFP) and Cadet Colors participated in the Opening day of the Panagbenga Festival 2024 on 03 February 2024. In addition, on 24-25 February 2024, CCAFP engaged in the Street and Grand Float Parade as they spearheaded the colors of said parade.

CCAFP rendered a mini show titled the 100th Nite Show with a theme, "Ang Pahimakas" on 09-10 February 2024 wherein they performed slow drill exhibitions and an array of musical and theatrical performances that reflect their artistic prowess and creativity.

Likewise, CCAFP rendered a Silent Drill Exhibition during the Closing Ceremony of Panagbenga 2024 on 03 March 2024.

Second Class female cadets participated in the Women's Forum with Mentoring Sessions with COL AGNES LYNNETTE A FLORES PROF (MNSA), Director, Learning Resource Center, PMA; CPT KERLYN KAYE I ASUNCION (FS) PA, Alpha Company Commander, Security and Escorts Battalion, HHSG, PA; and Ms. Trizia Ann Magalino RMP, MBA, Consulting Project Manager, Acumen Strategy Consultants as guest lecturers.

The Office of the Assistant Academy of Staff for Education and Training, MA8 administered the conduct of the Secondclass Cadets (CL 2025) Interdisciplinary Tour 2024 last 18-22 March 2024 across various areas of the National Capital Region (NCR). The primary objective was to fulfill the vision and mission of the academy, which is to incorporate classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Also, OMA8 facilitated the request of the TRADOC Mobile Training Team (MTT) to conduct the Practical Exercises of CSC CI 791-2023 BMT at TRADOC, PA on 11 March – 12 April 2024. The conduct of the Philippine Army Warrior Fitness Test (PAFWFT), Marksmanship (250m), Marches and Bivouacs, Field Training Exercises (FTX), Escape and Evasion procedures, and Tactical Evaluation are part of the courses and serve as mandatory prerequisites for graduation.

Recruitment

The Office of the Cadet Recruitment and Admission facilitated the Complete Physical-Medical Examination (CPE) for PMA Class 2028. This involves 11 Medical Stations of the AFP Medical Board Nr 1 in the rigorous screening the 1,243 Cadet Candidates in the Academy's attempt to obtain the best 'cadet material' for the incoming members of PMA Class 2028.

Linkages

Establishing connections with other schools, universities, institutions, and professional personalities in the field of education is essential for the success of one's institution. Their endeavor in attending courtesy calls, delivering lectures, and maintaining ongoing collaborations have significantly enhanced the academy's involvement in molding and educating the future officers of the nation.

The collaboration among institutions this year 2024 commenced with Ms. Marie Vallejo's lecture on World War II History to cadets. Additionally, Dr Aimee Lynn Dupo, a Professor from the University of the Philippines Los Banos, shared valuable insights with cadets about Field Techniques in Documenting Biodiversity.

Headquarters Academic Group coordinated the Faculty Evaluation of all Military and Civilian Teaching Staff, administered by San Beda University. This initiative contributes to the academy's continuous improvement in the quality of education and effectiveness of the teaching staff within the Academic Group.

The PMA Board of Visitors (PMABoV) had likewise convened for the First Quarter Meeting 2024 on 22-23 March 2024. The members of the PMABOV serve as valuable consultants on the improvement of the Academy along various facets through making recommendations to the SND to this effect. The present members include:

- Dr Theresita Atienza – Chairperson, PMABOV
- Dr Alex Brillantes Jr. – Chairperson, Education and Training Committee
- Dr Brian To – Member, Education and Training Committee
- Mr Hans Sy – Chairperson, Resource and Finance Committee
- LTGEN RAFAEL C VALENCIA AFP (RET) – Chairperson, Marketing and Recruitment Committee
- LTGEN OSCAR H RABENA AFP (RET) – Chairperson, Governance and Values Enhancement Committee
- COL LEAH L SANTIAGO PA (GSC) – Chairperson, Gender and Development Committee
- USEC. IGNACIO B MADIAGA – Member, Resource and Finance Committee and Governance and Values Enhancement Committee
- LTGEN ARTHUR M CORDURA PAF – Vice Chairperson, Marketing and Recruitment Committee
- LTGEN STEVE D CRESPILLO PA – Vice Chairperson, Governance and Values Enhancement Committee

Aside from their regular meetings, the board was able to see for themselves the different facilities inside Fort del Pilar, and had likewise witnessed the ranks inspection, barracks inspection, and the parade and review.

These pinnacles of success have been achieved through the tireless efforts of Team PMA. The standards of excellence as espoused by the Academy continue to be pursued and remains the sole criteria in PMAs accomplishments. These results do not mark the end but rather as a prompt in continuing the mission-capability of the Academy.



Baron's Dissemination

JOSHUA ADRIANNE T GONZALES
Cdt F/Cpt 1CI "G" Co, CCAFP
Regimental Commander

Leading from the Front

As the Regimental Commander of the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines, I am entrusted with the noble responsibility of shaping the future leaders of our armed forces. I aim to delve into the essence of leadership in action, a theme that resonates profoundly with our cadets, officers, and the entire military community.

Leadership is not merely a title or a position of authority; it is a relentless commitment to service, integrity, and excellence. It is about leading from the front, setting the highest standards, and inspiring others to surpass them. At the core of effective leadership lies the ability to translate vision into reality, to navigate through challenges with resilience, and to empower others to unleash their full potential. In the dynamic landscape of the national security, where uncertainty is a constant companion and challenges are multifaceted, the demand for exemplary leadership has never been greater. Our fellow countrymen look up to us, the vanguard of its defense, to uphold the principles of honor, duty, and sacrifice. It is incumbent upon us to lead by example, to demonstrate unwavering dedication to our mission, and to instill in every cadet the values of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty, that define our profession.

Leadership in action is manifested not only in times of triumph but also in moments of adversity. It is during the peak of challenges that true leaders emerge, resilient and undeterred. Whether it is leading troops in the heat of battle, navigating through complex diplomatic negotiations, or spearheading humanitarian missions in the aftermath of natural disasters, leadership is about making tough decisions with conviction and compassion.

As part of the Cadets Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines, we are undergoing a transformative journey, honing our skills and character to become the future leaders of our armed forces. Embracing every challenge as an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to test our mettle. Remember that leadership is not confined to the Borromeo Field; it permeates every aspect of our life, shaping our thoughts, actions, and values. To be a leader in action is to lead with humility, empathy, and integrity. It is about earning the trust and respect of your subordinates through your actions, not just your words. Leadership is a privilege bestowed upon those who are willing to shoulder the burdens of command, to place the welfare of others above their own, and to lead with honor and courage.

As the guardians of the national security, we must constantly strive for excellence in everything we do. Whether it is mastering the art of warfare, fostering camaraderie within our ranks, or engaging with our civilian counterparts, we must always endeavor to be the best version of ourselves. Leadership in action demands nothing less than excellence, and it is incumbent upon each and every one of us to rise to the occasion.

In conclusion, leadership in action is the bedrock upon which the Armed Forces of the Philippines stands. It is the guiding principle that drives us forward, even in the face of adversity. As Cadets, we are the torchbearers of this noble tradition, entrusted with the sacred duty of defending our nation and upholding its values. We embrace the challenges that lie ahead with courage and conviction, for it is through adversity that true leaders are forged. We should lead from the front, we should inspire others by our example, and together, we shall overcome every obstacle that stands in our way.

Unveiling of CLASS CREST and RING CEREMONY of PMA Bagong Sinag Class of 2024



CAV BERGONIA with CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89, PMA Superintendent and CAV RAMON P FLORES '94, Commandant of PMA Cadets during the unveiling of Class Crest and Ring Ceremony of PMA "Bagong Sinag" Class of 2024.



The 278 graduating Philippine Military Academy cadets of "*BAGONG SINAG*" Class of 2024 took their oath on the Long Gray line on 12 May 2024. The Salute to the Class and Ring Ceremony was led by PMAAAI President and COO, CAV GEORGE M BERGONIA '95 as Keynote Speaker. PMA Superintendent, CAV ROWEN S TOLENTINO '89, also graced the event to show his unending support and guidance to the graduating cadets. The ceremony, dubbed as "*The Salute to the Class*," is a symbol of the graduating class acceptance of bigger challenges and responsibilities as they shift from being members of the Cadet Corps AFP to being full-fledged members of the AFP and the PMAAAI who are ready to serve the Republic of the Philippines and its people. During the unveiling of the Class crest, CAV BERGONIA said in his speeh, "

"…However, your military life does not end with the crest. It is surely the beginning, but remember the goal, and the reason you joined in the first place: to serve our country. Let this crest be the spark to inspire you into the next chapter of your military life. Unveil the fire within to always love and serve the Philippines to the best of your abilities, and never waver in your responsibility to always do so. Always be her faithful stewards, and never neglect to also be God-fearing and loyal as well. Most importantly, never forget to be human. You will make mistakes along the way, but I encourage you to learn from them. It is only through this that you can truly learn, especially the lesson of Life."





PMAAAI and Affiliate Foundation Briefing with Newly PMA 2024 Graduates

CAV GEORGE M BERGONIA '95, President and COO of PMAAAI, along with representatives from the PMAAAI Board of Trustees and its affiliate foundations, visited the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) to conduct a comprehensive briefing for the graduating members of the "Bagong Sinag" Class of 2024, on May 12, 2024.

The program commenced with the "Philippine National Anthem", presented by AVP (PMA), followed by the Cavalier Prayer, led by CAV IGNACIO M UMALI JR '02. CAV CARLOMAR O CONCEPCION '86 then administered the Cavalier Pledge.

CAV HOSTILLO E CORNELIO '95, PMAAAI trustee and Chairman of the Membership and Welfare Committee, delivered the Welcome Remarks. He provided an insightful briefing on the plans, programs, and projects of PMAAAI, emphasizing the numerous benefits available to members, such as medical assistance, burial assistance (abuloy), and other potential benefits that the Board may grant.





Following this, CAV MIGUEL JOSE S RODRIGUEZ '80, a trustee of PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI), along with CAVS CARLOMAR O CONCEPCION '86 and GUILLERMO A MOLINA JR '86, informed the cadets about the scholarship opportunities offered by PETFI for the dependents of deceased or disabled members.

The event included an Open Forum moderated by CAV BERGONIA '95, providing a platform for the cadets to ask questions and seek further clarifications.

The briefing concluded with Closing Remarks from CAV BERGONIA '95 again, reinforcing the commitment of PMAAAI to support its members and encourage their continuous engagement with the organization.

After the detailed briefing, all members of the Class of 2024 expressed their commitment by signing up for membership in the foundation.

PMA Graduation 2024: Honoring Excellence and Leadership

Baguio City, Philippines –The Philippine Military Academy (PMA) proudly announced the graduation of its 2024 class, marking another milestone in the institution's long-standing tradition of producing outstanding military leaders for the nation. This year's graduation ceremony, held at the historic Borromeo Field, saw the commissioning of new second lieutenants and ensigns who have successfully completed the rigorous training and academic programs at the academy.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, graced the event as the guest of honor, commending the graduates for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to service. In his speech, he highlighted the crucial role of the new officers in safeguarding the country's sovereignty and contributing to national development.

Top 10 Cadet Graduates

1. **Cadet 1CL Jeneth Elumba** (Surigao City, Surigao del Norte)
   Other Awards: Magna Cum Laude, Presidential Saber, Philippine Army Saber, Jusmag Saber, Australian Defense Best Overall Performance Award (Army), Tactics Group Award, Army Professional Plaque
2. **Cadet 1CL Mark Armuel Boiles** (Novaliches, Quezon City)
   Other Awards: Vice Presidential Saber, Philippine Air Force Saber, Academic Group Award, Management Plaque, Air Force Professional Courses Plaque, General Antonio Luna Award, Australian Defense Best Overall Performance Award (Air Force)
3. **Cadet 1CL Kim Harold Gilo** (Villa Kananga, Butuan City)
   Other Awards: Magna Cum Laude, SND Saber, Philippine Navy Saber, Australian Defense Overall Performance Award (Navy), Natural Sciences Plaque
4. **Cadet 1CL Cyril Joy Masculino** (Nabua, Camarines Sur)
   Other Award: Magna Cum Laude
5. **Cadet 1CL Rosemel Dogello** (Jamindan, Capiz)
   Other Award: Cum Laude
6. **Cadet 1CL Alexa Mye Valen** (Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte)
7. **Cadet 1CL Floyd Niño Arthur Roxas** (Leganes, Iloilo)
   Other Awards: Information Technology Plaque, Department of Leadership Plaque, AGFO Incorporated Award



8. **Cadet 1CL Giselle Tong** (Tuguegarao City, Cagayan)
   Other Award: Mathematics Plaque
9. **Cadet 1CL Danica Marie Viray** (Pasay City)
   Other Award: Cum Laude
10. **Cadet 1CL Neriva Binag** (Cabagan, Isabela)

These distinguished cadets have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, leadership skills, and physical fitness throughout their time at the academy. Their achievements serve as a testament to their hard work and dedication, as well as the high standards upheld by the PMA.

As the newly commissioned officers embark on their respective careers in the Philippine Army, Navy, and Air Force, they carry with them the core values of courage, integrity, and loyalty instilled by the academy. The PMA community extends its heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and their families, wishing them success and fulfillment in their noble calling.

Cav Gonzales administers PMAAAI Membership Oath to Class 2024

CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75 PMAAAI Chairman and CEO, administered the oath of PMAAAI membership of the 278-strong *"Bagong Sinag"* Class of 2024 after their Commencement Exercises on 18 May 2024. As regular members of PMAAAI, they swore that they will faithfully perform their duties and responsibilities; abide to its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws; obey the rules and regulations promulgated by its Board of Trustees; uphold the PMAAAI Code of Ethics; and be guided in all their undertakings in life by the PMA's motto of Courage, Integrity and Loyalty.

As members of PMAAAI, they are entitled to the benefits and privileges due to members in good standing including, among others, "abuloy" in the amount of P60,000.00 to the next of kin upon death of members; medical assistance for members who are suffering from a serious or dreadful disease or a serious injury and legal assistance and services who are facing criminal, civil and/or administrative charges before any courts, administrative bodies or any other tribunals for acts done in connection with or arising from the lawful performance of official duty.



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RETIREES SECTION

• CAV RAMON T PUNZALAN '76
Chairman, PMARAI

• CAV NARCISO A VINGSON JR '85
Director for Public Relations

1. **Transition of PMARAI Chairmanship: CAV Gonzalez to CAV Punzalan**



Transition of PMARAI Chairmanship: CAV Gonzalez to CAV Punzalan

On March 11, 2024, the Philippine Military Academy Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI) bids farewell to the esteemed leadership of CAV Raul S. Gonzales '75 as he takes the helm of the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc (PMAAAI), and extends a warm welcome to CAV Ramon T. Punzalan '76 as the new Chairman.

During CAV Gonzalez's tenure, PMARAI has thrived, embodying its vision to become the model alumni association of retirees, recognized as a respected and influential organization. His dedication, wisdom, and commitment have guided PMARAI towards achieving its goals, leaving an indelible mark on the association's legacy.



Cav Ramon T Punzalan '76, Chairman of PMARAI, presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Cav Romeo V Poquiz '81 at Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, on April 8, 2024. The recognition honored Cav Poquiz's meritorious service as a member of the Board of Directors for the PMA Retirees Association, Inc. during the Association Year 2021-2024.

As the leadership transitions to CAV Punzalan, PMARAI anticipates continued growth and prosperity. With his wealth of experience and leadership acumen, coupled with a passion for serving the retired military community, CAV Punzalan is poised to lead PMARAI into a new era of excellence.

The members express gratitude to CAV Gonzalez for his invaluable contributions in fulfilling PMARAI's mission and, at the same time, excitement to embrace the dawn of a new chapter under the capable guidance of CAV Punzalan.

New Members of the PMARAI Board 2024-2025



2. **Smooth Transition: Board Member Steps Down, Equally Capable Replacement Steps In**

In a recent development within our organization's leadership structure, Cav Romeo "Omec" Poquiz '81, a seasoned board member who has served in various capacities, has announced his departure from the Board. With his departure, the organization bids farewell to a dedicated and influential leader who has made significant contributions over the years. During his tenure, Cav Poquiz has played a pivotal role in guiding the organization through periods of growth and transformation. He has served the PMA Retirees Association, Inc. as a member of the Board of Directors from Association Year 2021-2024, and Chairman of the following Committees:

- Sports Committee from 1 March 2021 to 28 February 2022,
- Nominations and Election Committee from 1 March 2022 to 28 February 2023, and
- Professional Development Committee from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

As Cav Poquiz transitions out, the board acknowledges his outstanding service and expresses gratitude for his unwavering dedication and leadership. His presence will be deeply missed, and his legacy will continue to inspire us as we move forward.

Stepping into Cav Poquiz's shoes is Cav Domingo "Sonny" Tutaan, a highly qualified individual who brings a diverse set of skills and experiences to the table. With a proven track record of leadership and accomplishment, Cav Tutaan is well-equipped to uphold the Board's responsibilities and contribute to its continued success.

While we bid farewell to Cav Poquiz with gratitude and appreciation for his invaluable contributions, we look forward to embarking on this new chapter with Cav Tutaan at the helm. Together, we remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing the mission and goals of our organization, guided by a shared vision of excellence and impact.

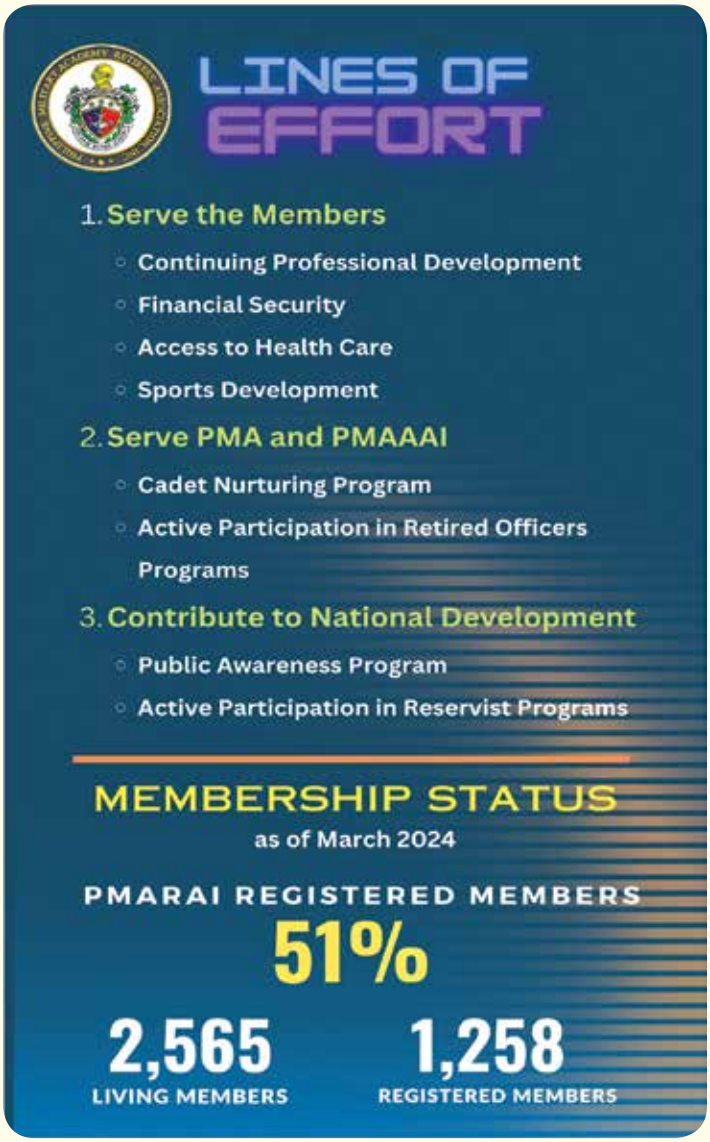
PMARAI Raffle for-A-Cause Generates Excitement and Support for Community Welfare

Quezon City, April 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - The Philippine Military Academy Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI) held its highly anticipated "Raffle for-A-Cause Project" on April 30, 2024, at the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Drawing a crowd of eager supporters, both in person and streaming live via Zoom and Facebook, the event aimed to raise funds for vital community welfare projects. The highlight of the event was the drawing of raffle winners, with an array of enticing prizes up for grabs. Ticket Number 5655, sold by the Philippine Navy Savings and Loans Association, Inc (PNSLAI), emerged as the lucky recipient of the first prize, a luxurious Lexus hybrid car, while Ticket Number 4970, sold by PMA Class of 1976, secured the second prize, a sleek Toyota Yaris Cross hybrid car. Ticket Number 1003, sold by PMA Class of 1962, won the third prize, a stylish Honda motorcycle. Additionally, ten mountain bikes were awarded to lucky winners, adding to the excitement of the day. The event kicked off with the Cavaliers' Prayer and Pledge, setting a tone of camaraderie and unity among attendees. Cav Ricardo A. David Jr. '77, PMARAI President, delivered a warm welcome address, expressing gratitude to all participants for their support and generosity. Cav Ramon T. Punzalan '76, PMARAI Chairman, followed with opening remarks, underscoring the importance of community welfare



initiatives and the significant impact they have on society. Cav Edmund C. Tan '80, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, provided a recap of the raffle mechanics, ensuring transparency and fairness throughout the process. The drawing of the raffle winners was conducted with much anticipation, with PMARAI Directors Narciso A. Vingson Jr. '85, Joel G. Cantos '84, Domingo J. Tutaan Jr. '81, Ramon C. Liwag '79, and Felipe H. Buena Jr. '78, announcing the ten fourth prizes.

The major prizes were drawn by distinguished officers of PMARAI, with Cav Ricardo A. David Jr. awarding the third prize, Cav Ramon T. Punzalan presenting the second prize, and Cav Raul S. Gonzales '75, PMAAAI Chairman, announcing the coveted first prize. In his closing remarks, Cav Raul S. Gonzales extended his heartfelt appreciation to all participants and sponsors for their generous contributions. He reaffirmed PMARAI's dedication to serving the community and commended everyone for their role in making the event a resounding success. The event was gracefully hosted by Cav Marcelino J. Llorca '83 and Cav Job Nolan D. Antonio '82, infusing the atmosphere with camaraderie and warmth. Overall, the PMARAI Raffle for a Cause exemplified unity in diversity, uniting individuals from varied backgrounds to support a common cause and effect positive change within the community.





Cav Raul S. Gonzales '75, PMAAAI Chairman (center), drawing the first prize winner during the PMARAI Raffle for-A-Cause Project on April 30, 2024, at the PMA Alumni Center, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. He is being assisted by the event hosts, Cav Jojo Llorca '83 and Cav Job Nolan Antonio '82.

Celebrating Success: Raffle for A Cause Project Awards Luxurious Prizes to Winners!

In a momentous event held at the PMA Alumni Center in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, on May 2, 2024, the winners of the Raffle for A Cause Project were announced and celebrated. Among the distinguished attendees included the Chairman of PMAAAI, Cav Raul S Gonzales '75; the Chairman of PMARAI, Cav Ramon T Punzalan '76; and the Chairman of the Raffle Committee, Cav Edmund C Tan '80. The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of prizes to the lucky winners. Mr. Luisito C. Tatoy was awarded the grand prize, a luxurious Lexus UX 300h Premier Hybrid SUV valued at P3,098,000 SRP. Additionally, Mr. Marklester R. David received the second prize, a sleek Toyota Yaris Cross Hybrid Electric Vehicle valued at P1,598,000 SRP. Mr. David's winning ticket was sold by Cav Magtanggol B Gatdula '76, President of Magilas '76 and Chairman PETFI. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and joy as the winners received their prizes, marking a successful conclusion to the Raffle for A Cause Project.



Turnover of the GRAND PRIZE LEXUS UX300h Premier Hybrid SUV to Raffle Winner Mr. Luisito C. Tatoy.



Turnover of the SECOND PRIZE TOYOTA YARIS CROSS Hybrid Electric Vehicle to Raffle Winner Mr. Marklester R. David.

The 2nd PMAAAI-PMARAI Invitational Fellowship Golf Tournament

The 2nd PMAAAI-PMARAI Invitational Fellowship Golf Tournament held at the Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo Golf Club (CAGC) on May 23, 2024, was a resounding success, bringing together golf enthusiasts from PMA classes up to 1988 for a day of camaraderie and friendly competition.

Event Summary - Golf Competition: The tournament saw 122 participants engaging in a spirited display of skills and sportsmanship, adding to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of the event. - Lunch and Awarding Ceremony: A delicious lunch was served following the golf rounds. The PMARAI Board Membership Committee, led by Cav Mon Liwag '79, provided valuable insights through an AVP presentation on "Buhay Sundalo" and shared information on the organization's mission and benefits.

- **Opening Remarks and Class Roll Call**: The event kicked off with opening remarks and a roll call of classes by Cav Ramon T. Punzalan, Chairman of PMARAI, acknowledging and appreciating the participants for their presence. The success of the tournament was attributed to the teamwork and dedication of various committees led by PMARAI members.

- **Awarding of Winners**: Cav Ric David '77, President of PMARAI, along with Cav Joel Cantos '84, the Tournament Director, recognized and awarded the winners for their outstanding performances on the golf course.

- Message of the Chairman: Cav Raul S Gonzales '75, Chairman of PMAAAI, outlined the significant progress of the association under his guidance in his keynote address. He highlighted various initiatives and accomplishments, particularly the ongoing development of the PMAAAI building. The event was further enriched with exciting major raffle draws, granting significant prizes to lucky participants.

The seamless flow and engagement of the event were further enhanced by the excellent hosting of Cav Jojo Llorca '83 as event emcee, contributing to the overall success of the day. The 2nd PMAAAI-PMARAI Invitational Fellowship Golf Tournament not only provided a platform for golf enthusiasts to come together but also served as a catalyst for building and strengthening bonds among the attendees while fostering the spirit of unity and camaraderie within the retired Cavaliers community.



Cav Raul S Gonzales '75, PMAAAI Chairman, delivers a message of leadership and solidarity, fostering growth and commitment.



Cav Ramon T. Punzalan '76, PMARAI Chairman, delivering his Opening Remarks and Class Roll Call.

2ND PMAAAI-PMARAI INVITATIONAL FELLOWSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Winners

- Low Gross Champion: Cav Ron Santos '84
- Low Net Champion: Cav Boni De Castro '79

Divisions	Champion	Runner Up
Division 1: Classes 68-77	Cav Gerry Doria '75	Cav Rey Ramirez '76
Division 2: Classes 78-82	Cav Rolly Añonuevo '79	Cav Boysie Rosales '78
Division 3: Classes 83-88	Cav Mar Mejia '83	Cav Ed Tinio '85

- Special Awards:
  - Longest Drive at Hole #10: Cav Boy Vingson '85
  - Most Accurate Drive at Hole #10: Cav Raul Farnacio '85
  - Nearest to the Pin at Hole #8: Cav Agane Adriatico '84
  - Longest Putt at Hole #18: Cav Willy Bonilla '82



Tournament Winners.



2nd PMAAAI-PMARAI Invitational Fellowship Golf Tournament Directors/Coordinators.



Grand Prize - 65-inch Samsung Smart TV Cav Chip Verceles '84.



Second Prize - 50-inch DEvant Smart TV Cav Dino Diño '84.



Third Prize - American Home Bar Refrigerator Cav Beloy Gador.

EXTENDED AMNESTY PROGRAM
FROM 02 MARCH 2024- 01 SEPTEMBER 2024

Regular Lifetime Dues		Amnesty	
Alumni Classes	Amount	Alumni Classes	Amount
Class 1979 and older	P18,000.00	1960-1989	P12,000 (P2,000 will go to PMARAI one-time membership dues)
Class 1980 to 1984	P16,000.00		
Class 1985 to 1989	P14,000.00	1990-2023	P10,000 (Retired and separated from the active service; P2,000 will go to PMARAI one-time membership dues)
Class 1990 and younger	P12,000.00		

BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES
FOR LIFETIME MEMBERS OF PMAAAI

1. MUTUAL RELIEF/ABULOY: P60,000
2. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: UP TO P50,000
3. COMPLIMENTARY SUBSCRIPTION TO CAVALIER MAGAZINE
4. ACCESS TO TRANSIENT QUARTERS AT CAMP AGUINALDO AT A NOMINAL FEE
5. COVERAGE OF FEES FOR ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Easy ways to Pay!
Online transactions or direct bank deposits:

Particulars	LANDBANK	DBP
Account Name	PMAAAI	PMAAAI
Account Number	1671095304	4350001731
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Send the scanned copies of the validated deposit slip as proof of payment to Ms Amy Lactaotao, PMAAAI Investment Assistant & Cashier, with Viber Nr: 09471968293.

PMAAAI PAF Chapter News



Blessing of Deluxe Rooms by PMAAAI-PAF Chapter - A Gift to the AFGH

In a heartwarming display of support to the Airforce General Hospital located at CJVAB, Pasay City, the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) – PAF Chapter, headed by its Chapter President, CAV GENARO C MENOR '94, has initiated the renovations of Deluxe Rooms 3 and 4 on said hospital last 15 March 2024.

This activity was graced by the Guest of Honor, the Deputy Commander, Air Installation and Base Development Command, COL ERIC A GACHALIAN PAF, and attended by members of PMAAAI PAF Chapter and hospital staff. The blessing of the rooms showcased the generous gesture of the organization which underscores the spirit of solidarity within the military by enhancing the healthcare experience for patients admitted to the AFGH.

Moreover, aside from the renovation, the PAF Chapter also donated two (2) Units of Smart Television with GMA Affordabox, two (2) dining and sala sets for both deluxe rooms. These amenities and furnishings, symbolize a commitment to excellence in the delivery of service to the patients. Those admitted to these rooms will benefit from enhanced comfort and privacy, fostering a conducive environment for recovery and healing. Furthermore, the provision of deluxe accommodations reflects a holistic approach to patient care, prioritizing not only medical treatment but also their overall well-being under the hospital's care.

This momentous occasion was made possible thru the help of those who participated and supported the golf for a cause of the association dubbed as "Golf with the Stars." Part of the proceeds from said fun golf was allotted to the renovation and donation.









The support given by these people will truly give a profound impact on the lives of countless military personnel who will benefit from the upgraded facilities at Airforce General Hospital. Each deluxe room represents a beacon of hope and comfort for patients facing illness or injury, reaffirming the military's commitment to service, compassion, and excellence in all endeavors.

In conclusion, this act of generosity is a testament to the power of unity and collective action in creating a brighter future, build a healthier more resilient organization together for the PMAAAI and the Philippine Air Force as a whole. /CAV NICASIA B CALICCO '17





PMAAAI PN Chapter News



PMAAAI-PN Chapter Turnover of Duties and Responsibilities





The PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024 board and committee members successfully relinquished their duties and responsibilities to the newly appointed members during the Turnover Ceremony at the Fleet-Marine Restaurant on April 08, 2024.

CAV IVAN DR PAPERA '94, formally turned-over the helm to CAV VIRGILLO C DE GUZMAN '95 as the PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2024-2025 President. CAV TORIBIO D ADACI '89 graced the ceremony as Adviser.

CAV PAPERA '94, PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024 President, along with the chapter officers, assumed the mantle of leadership beginning March 23, 2023, of which showed great feats of effort and dedication in pursuing and upholding the objectives and initiatives of the association as such: To foster strong partnership between the PMA and NAVY Alumni; To promote and support the quality of Naval Education at the PMA; To advance the interests of the PN chapter; and, To uplift the welfare and encourage professional growth of members of the chapter.

PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024 board and committee members successfully conducted several annual activities and other initiated activities. One of which was the traditional oath taking of PMA *"MADASIGON"* class 2023 as new members of the PN cavalier family, a ceremonial tradition of welcoming the young blood of the organization that took place at the Baguio City Country Club last 20-22 May 2023.

Second of which, PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024 board and committee members conducted Golf for a cause last 26 August 2023, wherein an approximate amount of P500,000.00







was raised to support the conduct of various upcoming activities of the association, that boost the morale and welfare of the PN members.

Third of which, The Association Year 2023-2024, has successfully coordinated with the Securities and Exchange Commission Philippines, and updated all the deficiencies and compliances.

Forth of which, The Association Year 2023-2024, also contributed to the small organizations around Manila for the conduct of Barangay Pamaskong Handog, that brought smiles to children around the community, during the last Christmas Duty.

Fifth of which, The Association Year 2023-2024, also supported the conduct of the first Philippine Navy Female Cavaliers' Fellowship and Forum. The activity was graced by seasoned Female Cavaliers who gave their guidance, and shared their experiences on personal, career and family choices, to help guide the Female Cavaliers as they venture into their career.

Sixth of which, The Association Year 2023-2024, has successfully conducted the Annual Jurado Cup, a traditional activity which highlighted the competitiveness and camaraderie of different companies to win the Perpetual Trophy.

Finally, PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024, conducted the PMAAAI Family Day 2023. The activity aimed to boost the bond between Families and cavaliers, through a series of family-themed games and activities.

PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2023-2024 board and committee members who took an oath to take over all the responsibilities of the former members and vowed to exert their utmost effort and dedication in fulling their given roles and uphold the objectives of the association, has successfully exceeded all expectations, and fulfilled all their oath and vows. As they handed over the helm, the incoming officers expressed their gratitude, *"I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to my predecessors for their tireless efforts and dedication in advancing the goals of our Association,"* CAV DE GUZMAN '95 said in his speech.

CAV DE GUZMAN '95 emphasized the importance of camaraderie and solidarity among the members, *"As Naval officers, we understand the significance of Teamwork and Cooperation in achieving our objectives."*

PMAAAI-PN Chapter AY 2024-2025 board and committee members with the guidance of the Association's adviser and as the new President CAV DE GUZMAN '95 further said, "*…will work tirelessly to uphold the proud Traditions of the Philippine Military Academy, to strengthen the bonds of camaraderie among members, and to continue the unwavering commitment of serving our Country."*

PMAAAI PCG Chapter News

Oath-taking Ceremony of New PMAAAI-PCG Chapter Officers

The Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association Incorporated (PMAAAI) - Philippine Coast Guard Chapter held its Cavalier's Fellowship Night at Newtown Plaza Hotel, Baguio City on 16 February 2024 as the new members took oath of their offices and positions in the organization. This ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter for the association, aiming to enhance camaraderie, professional excellence, and commitment to service among its members.

The event commenced with the arrival of distinguished guests, including high-ranking officials and was presided by the Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard, CG ADM RONNIE GIL L GAVAN '93. The presence of these esteemed individuals underscored the importance of the PMAAAI and its role in fostering leadership and unity within the association.

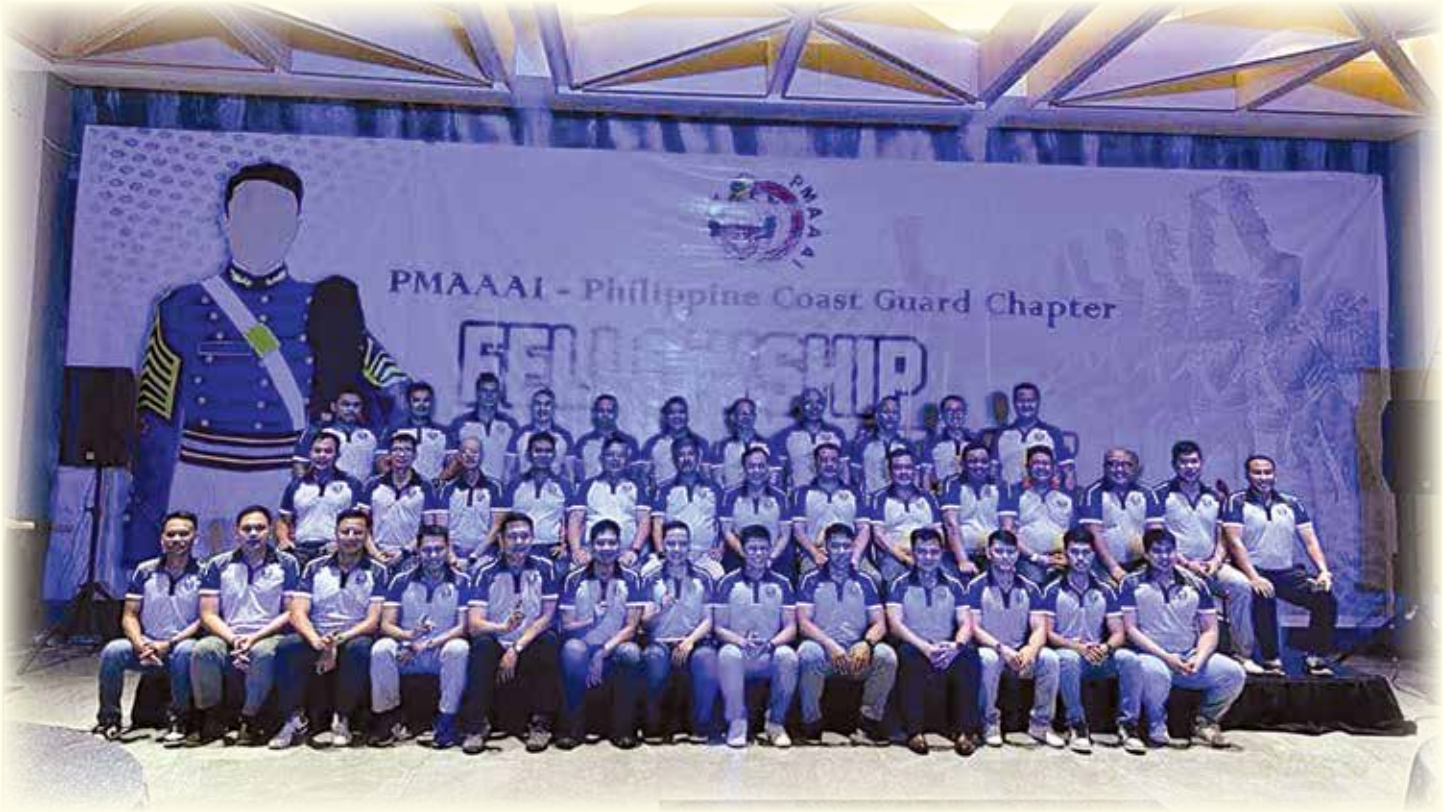
The ceremony began with the invocation and the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, followed by an opening address from the outgoing PMAAAI-PCG Chapter President. In his speech, he highlighted the achievements of the association during his tenure and expressed his confidence in the incoming officers' ability to continue the legacy of excellence and service.

Following the address, the oath-taking ceremony was conducted. The new officers, led by their newly elected President, stood proudly as they recited their oaths, pledging their dedication to uphold the values and principles of the PMA and the PMAAAI. The administering of the oath was presided over by the Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard, who emphasized the critical role of the association in the professional and personal development of its members.

The new officers sworn in included:

1. President: CAV HOSTILLO ARTHURO CORNELIO '95
2. Vice President: CAV INOCENCIO C ROSARIO JR '96
3. Secretary: CAV LARRY C CENDAÑA '03
4. Treasurer: CAV NELSON JAY T TIMBANG '01
5. Auditor: CAV HAVELINO A SALIH '03
6. Awards: CAV TITO ALVIN G ANDAL '94
7. Ethics: CAV ARNALDO M LIM '95
8. Membership and Welfare: CAV GENITO B BASILIO '96
9. Public Relations: CAV JHON A BARRAMEDA '98
10. Sports and Fellowship: CAV ARJOHN B ELUMBA '01





11. Finance: CAV RUBEN N DE GUZMAN ’95
12. Ways and Means: CAV JOHN B ESPLANA ’95
13. Convention and Homecoming: CAV ROMMEL A SUPANGAN ’95

The officers took their pledge with a strong sense of duty and honor, promising to work diligently towards the betterment of the association.

In his acceptance speech, the newly elected President, CAV HOSTILLO ARTHURO CORNELIO ’95, outlined his vision for the association. He emphasized the importance of mentorship, professional development, and community service. He encouraged all members to actively participate in the association’s activities and to strive for excellence in all their endeavors.

The ceremony concluded with the singing of the PMA Alma Mater Song, followed by a fellowship night where members and guests had the opportunity to socialize and discuss future initiatives.

The oath-taking ceremony was a testament to the enduring spirit of brotherhood and commitment that defines the PMAAAI and the Philippine Coast Guard. The newly inducted officers are expected to lead with integrity, inspire their peers, and contribute positively to the association

This event not only reinforced the bonds among PMA graduates and Associates serving in the Philippine Coast Guard but also highlighted their unwavering dedication to serving the Philippines with honor and excellence.



PMAAA Educational Foundation, Inc. (PETFI)

Meet New PETFI Board of Trustees and Officers, AY 2024-2025

CAV MAGTANGGOL B GATDULA '76	-	Chairman
CAV MIGUEL JOSE S RODRIGUEZ '80	-	Vice Chairman and Membership Committee
CAV GUILLERMO A MOLINA JR II '86	-	President and Executive Committee and Special Concerns Committee
CAV RESTITUTO F PADILLA JR '85	-	Vice President
CAV ANGEL RENATO V JIMENEZ '93	-	Corporate Secretary
CAV JOHN A JURADO '86	-	Treasurer and Finance Committee
CAV ROLANDO M AQUINO '83	-	Corporate Auditor
CAV JOSE C LALISAN JR '71	-	Scholarship Committee
CAV DANILO S AGUIT '93	-	Election Committee
CAV ERLYN R REYES '93	-	Ways and Means Committee
CAV EDGARDO D TAMAYO '80	-	Policy Formulation Committee
CAV CARLOMAR O CONCEPCION '86	-	Trustee
CAV VIRGILIO C DE GUZMAN '95	-	Trustee
CAV CHARO ESPAÑOLA '06	-	Trustee
CAV FRANCEL MARGARET PADILLA-TABORLUPA '00	-	Trustee

The First Quarter of the Year 2024 Activities

February 29, 2024. Establishing partnership with Ms Aileen Uygonco-Ongkauko, President and CEO of the Uygongco Group of Companies, a prospective benefactor.



March 19, 2024. Courtesy call on CPNP Cavalier Benjamin Acorda '91, a benevolent donor to the PETFI Special Scholarship Program.



Presenting: PETFI's Ten (10) Very Promising Elementary Scholars SY 2023-2024



ADAN, ARIS BRENTT A
Grade 2, Blue Danube School, Inc.
209 Brgy Sta Cruz, San Pablo City, Laguna
0950-091-5197

8 years old, born on January 29, 2016, son of the late **Cav Markevin M Adan '17 PN**, who died of a gunshot wound on March 10, 2022 in Brgy San Pedro, Leyte. His mother, Mrs Mary Rose Adan, works as a part-time real estate agent.



BERNARDO, LUCIUS FEODORE P
Grade 6, Minds That Matter Tutorial Learning Center
Parkview Village, San Felipe, Naga City
0998-950-1443

11 years old, born on December 26, 2012, is the son of **Cav Fiorelio D Bernardo '10 PAF**, who died of a serious burn injury sustained in a helicopter crash on July 23, 2020, in Cauayan City, Isabela. Currently, his mother, Mrs Lumibien Bernardo is unemployed.



CAPIO, ESTHER MAY L
Grade 5, University of St La Salle – Bacolod
Bacolod Homes Royale, Bacolod City
0923-478-2036

The daughter of **Cav Clinton L Capio '06 PA**, who was killed in action in Basilan Province on January 12, 2017, is now 10 years old and was born on August 19, 2013. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Sheil Capio, runs the family company.

CONSTANTINO, SEAN JAY S
Grade 2, Precious International School of Davao
130 Mars St. GSIS Heights, Matina, Davao City
0933-947-3039



8 years old, born on September 12, 2016, son of **Cav Jayrold E Constantino '07 PAF,** who died due to extensive thermal burns on June 23, 2021 in Capas Tarlac. Currently, his mother, Mrs Sylvette Constantino, is unemployed.

CUBILLAN, MA. SOPHIA VENICE M
Grade 4, Anne-Claire Montessori De Lipa
B12 L4 Bloomfield Homes, Tambo Lipa City, Batangas
0917-577-1615



10 years old, born on February 11, 2014, daughter of **Cav Raphael Vicente T Cubillan '14 PA**, who was killed in action in Catbalogan City, Samar, on February 5, 2015. Mrs Janine Cubillan, her mother, was a former nurse, but after his husband died, she was forced to leave her career and become a full-time parent.

DAMIAN, SOPHIA ANDREA C
Grade 5, Integrated Montessori Center
F5E JOQ Santan, Marine Barracks, Fort Bonifacio Taguig
0917-574-0118



10 years old, born on January 31, 2013, daughter of **Cav Francis G Damian '07 PA,** who was killed-in-action in Zamboanga City on September 24, 2013. Her mother, Mrs Aemy Damian is also a uniformed personnel.

DAGUIO, MARLJON R
Grade 6, Murong Elementary School
Purok 1, North Murong, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya
0917-543-7974



12 years old, born on December 30, 2011, son of **Cav Marlou C Daguio '05 PA,** who died due to severe acute pancreatitis on January 01, 2023. His mother, Mrs Joanne Daguio, works as a contractual nurse at a regional hospital.

DAGUIO, MARC JOHN R
Grade 3, Murong Elementary School
Purok 1, North Murong, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya
0917-543-7974



9 years old, born on December 09, 2014, son of **Cav Marlou C Daguio '05 PA,** who died due to severe acute pancreatitis on January 01, 2023. He is the youngest brother of Marlou Daguio. Currently, her mother, Mrs Joanne Daguio is a contractual nurse in a provincial hospital.

MILLER, ANDHEE THEREZE V
Grade 5, Tarlac Montessori School
B22 L21 Elm St. Regina Northview, Capas, Tarlac
0932-972-9228



Born on February 13, 2013, she is the 11-year-old daughter of **Cav Jessie D Miller '10 PAF**, who died on September 16, 2020, from a blast damage sustained after an aircraft accident in Basilan. Her mother, Mrs Rachzel Miller, is currently unemployed.

PASINOS, RUTH MARIANNE DG
Grade 2, De La Salle Lipa
B2 LT 1, Sentrina Subd., Brgy Latag, Lipa City Batangas
0966-664-3534



9 years old, born on November 12, 2015, daughter of **Cav Ian Gerru C Pasinos '11 PAF**, who died due to a plane crash on January 25, 2023, in Pilar Bataan. Cav Pasinos was also a PETFI recepient. Currently, her mother, Mrs Jonna Pasinos is unemployed.

NURTURING LEGACY: The Impact of a PETFI'S Scholarship Program for Children of Deceased and Disabled Alumni

Education is a cornerstone of societal progress, and its significance is amplified when a group of people extends support to their less fortunate peers and their loved ones. One such initiative is the Foundation's Scholarship Program, designed to raise and administer funds for the education of dependents of deceased and disabled fellow alumni.

The Foundation's Scholarship Program serves as a beacon of hope for these young learners. It opens doors to educational opportunities that might otherwise be out of reach due to financial constraints. By providing scholarships, the program not only eases the burden on families but also instills a sense of possibility and ambition in the scholars. They will realize that their circumstances do not define their potential, fostering resilience and determination early in their academic journey.

Children of alumni-members of PETFI and the PMAAAI, despite their loss or challenges, feel connected to their parents' legacy, which honors the contributions of deceased and disabled comrades, while nurturing the aspirations of future generations. This intergenerational bond promotes a culture of support, empathy, and shared goals among cavaliers and their families.

Furthermore, the impact of the Foundation's scholarship grants extends beyond individual beneficiaries. These scholars, who will be equipped with knowledge and opportunities after completing the program, are poised to become leaders and change-makers in their communities. They carry forward the values instilled by their parents and the Foundation, creating a ripple effect of positive influence and progress.

In conclusion, the Foundation's Scholarship Program for children of deceased and disabled alumni is not just about financial assistance; it is about nurturing potential, honoring legacies, and building a brighter future. By investing in these young learners, we invest in the resilience and unity of the PMAAAI family, as a whole.

PMAFI AY 2024-2025

"Stronger and More Resilient"

Meet the new PMAFI Board of Trustees AY 2024 – 2025



CAV RUFINO G. IBAY JR. '67
Chairman

- BS PMA 1967 with Academic Board Star
- Masters Degree in Economics, UP School of Economics
- Director for Comptrollership, PNP
- President & CEO, AFPSLAI, 2003-2006
- Acting Chairperson, John Hay Management Corporation
- Member, Rotary Club of Pasay MIA
- MA in Economics , PhD on Peace and Security, Ateneo University



CAV JOSE C. LAPUS '65
Vice Chairman

- BS PMA 1965
- Cavalier Awardee, PMAAAI, 2017
- Commanding General, Visayas Command
- MBA, UP
- MPA, MLQU
- Board of Director, PHIVIDEC
- President, Mindanao Steel Corporation



CAV LEO ANGELO D. LEUTERIO '88
President

- Chairman, Executive Committee
- BS PMA 1988
- PhD units in PASA, Bicol University
- Masters in Management (Industrial Relations), UP
- Diploma in Results Based Management, AIM
- Vice Chairman, Holy Child College of Davao



CAV SALVADOR Q. ESGUERRA '74
Vice President

- BS PMA 1974
- BS Electrical Engineering, UP Diliman
- Commander, AFP CEIS
- Master in Management
- Executive Director, AGFO
- Trustee, AGFO Foundation, Inc.
- Deputy Administrator, PVAO
- Vice President for Operations, VFP
- Cavaliers Award, Naval Operation, PMAAAI 1974



CAV GIL C. MENESES '80
Corporate Secretary

- BS PMA 1980, Magna Cum Laude, Grad #2
- PhD, Peace and Security Administration
- Masters, Public Safety Administration, Silver Medal
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Cum Laude
- Director, Civil Security Group (CSG), PNP
- Technical Consultant, PMS, DP, 2017-2022
- Member, Rotary Club of Loyola Heights, QC
- Member, Philippine BAR, 1994



CAV RESTITUTO L. AGUILAR '78
Treasurer

- BS PMA 1978
- Deputy Administrator, Philippine Veterans Affairs Office, 2022 to date
- Executive Director, National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2020-2021
- Editor-in-Chief, Cavalier Magazine, PMAAAI, 2002-2012
- Editor, Cavalier Handbook, 2012 & 2015 Editions
- Author, Academy Register, 2015
- Treasurer, PMA Foundation, Inc., 2020 to date
- Cavalier Award, PMAAAI, 2011



CAV JOSE C. LALISAN JR. '71
Corporate Auditor

- BS PMA 1971
- Director, Directorate for Personnel and Record Management, PNP
- Master in National Security Administration, NDCP
- Executive Security Consultant, EEI
- Past Director, Rotary Club of Davao
- Charter Member, Rotary Club of San Juan del Monte



CAV MANUEL B. MARIANO '62
Chairman, Bylaws Amendment Committee

- BS PMA 1962
- Masters in Management, AIM
- Masters in Business Economics (UA and P)
- Commander, AFP LOGCOM
- Chairman and CEO, Videogram Regulatory Board
- Member, BOT, TG PMA HOP Foundation
- Distinguished Conduct Star
- Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award
- President, Rotary Club of Greenmeadows
- First AFP Senior Officer Graduate of the National Defense University at Washington DC, USA



CAV ANSELMO S. AVENIDO JR. '67
Chairman, Policy Formulation Committee

- BS PMA 1967, Grad # 1, Summa Cum Laude & Academic Star Awardee
- PVDeputy Director General, PNP
- MPA, UP; MBGA; AOMJ; & MMAS, USACGSC
- PLtLieutenant General, PNP (Ret)
- Chairman, Dangerous Drug Board
- Director General, PDEA
- USec, DILG
- DCA & TCOS, PNP
- Chairman, PMAAAI, 2015-2016
- President, PCTFI
- Chairman & President, PMAFI



CAV DEMOSTHENES C. DOPLAYNA '82
Chairman, Membership Committee

- BS PMA 1982 with Academic Board Star
- Master in Business Management, AIM, 1993
- Head, Investment Assistance Department, AFPRSBS 1994-1996
- President, PMA Development Foundation Inc., 2013-2016
- Managing Director, Facilities Managers Inc.
- Chairman & President, Facility Services Inc.
- Cavaliers Award, PMAAAI, 2023



CAV ROLANDO M. AQUINO '83
Chairman, Finance Committee

- BS PMA 1983
- Undergraduate Pilot Training, PAF Flying School 1985
- Master in Defense Studies, University of Canberra, Australia
- Corporate Governance Orientation Program 2016
- Basic Politics Process Course, DAP, 2022
- Independent Trustee, AFPMSAI, 2015-2016
- Member, BOD Air Cavalier Credit Coop, 2015-2021
- Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award, CSC, 2014
- The Outstanding Phil Soldier 2006
- Cavalier Award Air Force Operations, 1994
- Golden Aviator Award, Combat Operations PAFFS 1997



CAV FLORENTINO P. MANALASTAS JR. '83
Chairman, Ways & Means Committee

- BS PMA 1983
- Master in Business Administration 1988, UP
- Bachelor of Laws 1994, St. Louis University, BC
- Executive Doctorate in Education Leadership (Lacking Dissertation), Development Academy of the Philippines



CAV ALLAN O. CORPUZ '91
Chairman, Nomination & Election Committee

- BS PMA 1991
- MBA (Top Executive Program), PLM
- MPM Major in Security & Development, DAP
- PhD in Public Administration, OPTU
- MNSA, NDCP
- Commander, Coast Guard Mindanao Area Command
- Deputy Chief of CG Staff for Operations, CG-3
- Director, CG Command Center
- VP for Operations, Smart Oil Tekvolog
- District Grand Lecturer, Masonic District NCR-C
- Governor, Davao Region VI, TFOE-PC
- Secretary, Riemento Carpio Masonic Lodge No. 359
- Past High Sheet, Bislong Shrine Club
- Member, Manila Bodies – Scottish Rite
- Member, Rotary Club Molino
- Most Outstanding Worshipful Master, MD NCR-C for MY 2022-23



CAV BARTOLOME VICENTE O BACARRO '88
Chairman, Project Evaluation Committee

- BS PMA 1988
- Medal of Valor Awardee
- Former Chief of Staff, AFP
- Former Commandant, PMA



CAV IRVIN S. HIBALER '11
Chairman, Awards Committee

- BS PMA 2011
- MS Environmental Management,
- Military Assistant, Anti-Terrorism Council
- Program Management Center
- Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners



CAV ROWEN S. TOLENTINO '89
Trustee, Ex Officio

- BS PMA 1989
- PMA Superintendent
- 2ID, PA – Division Commander
- Chief of Staff, PA
- Gold Cross Medal, Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Officer)
- Member, PMAAAI

The PMAFI Board of Trustees acknowledged and expressed its profound thanks to the family of **REAR ADMIRAL RAMON T PUNZALAN** PN (Ret.) and **Mrs Ma Concepcion (Ching) Punzalan** who donated P250,000 to the Foundation's Professorial Chair Fund. It will be named after the late **BGEN LEONCIO S TAN**, Class 1928, father of Mrs Punzalan. The plate indicating the name of BGEN TAN '28 will be posted on the PMAFI Display Board, located at Melchor Hall, PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City.



The PMAFI Board of Trustees conducted its 1st Information Briefing with the PMAAAI on Thursday, 25 April 2024 at the Cavaliers Restobar, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City to provide a concise overview of important information regarding the Foundation. The activity was graced with the presence of the following: **CAV RAUL S GONZALES '75 -** Chairman, PMAAAI; **CAV RAMON T PUNZALAN '76 -** Vice Chairman, PMAAAI; **CAV GEORGE M BERGONIA '95 -** President, PMAAAI; **CAV RYAN L BAKABAK '95 -** Treasurer, PMAAAI; **CAV DOMINGO M PEQUIRAS '77 –** Executive Director, PMAAAI; **CAV MAGTANGGOL B GATDULA '76 -** Chairman, PETFI; **CAV EDMUND C TAN '80** – Director, PMARAI and **CAV ROBERTO C YAP '82 –** Member, PMAFI.

PMAFI Cleared

The Quezon City Regional Trial Court Prosecutor's Office dismissed the charge of Perjury filed against the PMAFI Board





of Trustees in its most recent decision dated April 28, 2023. The Prosecutor denied the petition for "lack of merit." This is the 3rd case which has been dismissed. It can be recalled that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) earlier dismissed the case filed with the regulatory body in 2023. A similar criminal case was also dismissed by the QC RTC Prosecutor's Office last October 2023.

In dismissing these cases, the SEC and the QC RTC, upheld the rules and procedures adopted by PMAFI, contained in its By-laws, its Manual of Operations, promulgated by its NOMELEC and approved by its General Membership during its Annual Meeting.

It must be mentioned that the PMAAAI Ethics Committee, then under Cav Manuel Mariano '62, also dismissed similar complaints. It is noteworthy that the Special Investigation Committee led by Atty Florentino P Manalastas Jr '83, dismissed the very same complaint.

In summary, five (5) bodies tasked to investigate and prosecute the actions of the Board of Trustees, upheld their decisions.

CAV ALQUIZA Appointed Chairman Emeritus for Life

CAV ROSALINO A ALQUIZA '55 has been appointed as PMAFI CHAIRMAN EMERITUS FOR LIFE by PMAFI Board of Trustees during its regular Board meeting on 25 April 2024 at Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Cav Alquiza is the Founding Director of Philippine Military Academy Foundation, Inc. and was also the driving force behind PMAFI's establishment in 1985 and its subsequent registration with the SEC in 1988.



Photo shows Cav Rosalino A Alquiza '55 receiving his appointment as PMAFI Chairman Emeritus for Life from PMAFI Board of Trustees with his children, Avi (left) and RJ (extreme right).

PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI)

The PMAAA Foundation for Truth and Justice, Inc. (PFTJI) was organized in 2004 to support the objectives of the PMAAAI in providing legal assistance and services to deserving regular members of the PMAAAI who are facing criminal, civil and/or administrative charges before any courts, administrative bodies or any other tribunals for acts done in connection with or arising from the lawful performance of official duty, or who are victims of injustice, by providing them funds, material aid of any kind, technical assistance, organizational support and other suitable forms of assistance.

The Board of Trustees will to be more pro-active in providing legal assistance and financial support to needy cavaliers, and to intensify its campaign for membership among graduates of the PMA.

In order to attain these ends, the Board of Trustees has updated the Foundation's Guidelines on Legal Assistance which provides policies and procedures governing the availment of the Foundation's services. The former financial assistance of P30,000, was recently increased to P50,000. In appropriate circumstances, PFTJI may provide legal services to PMAAAI, the other Affiliate Foundations, and the PMAAA Regular Chapters.

The PFTJI has so far provided financial assistance to support court litigations of at least 20 members, and numerous legal services, as requested, since 2004.

The PFTJI elected its new Board of Trustees for AY 2024-2025

CAV GIL C MENESES '80	-	Chairman
CAV ERICSON T VELASQUEZ '85	-	President
CAV ANTONIO I SUPNET '79	-	Vice President
CAV EFREN O YEBRA '80	-	Treasurer
CAV RHODEL O SERMONIA '89	-	Corporate Secretary
CAV JOEL ALEJANDRO NACNAC '90	-	Corporate Auditor
CAV MIGUEL ASUNCION '80	-	Trustee
CAV ROLANDO G BORJA '82	-	Trustee
CAV AGRIPINO G JAVIER '85	-	Trustee
CAV RICARDO A NEPOMUCENO '85	-	Trustee
CAV MATTHEW P BACCAY '92	-	Trustee

REGULAR COMMITTEES

Membership Committee	-	CAV RICARDO A NEPOMUCENO '85
Finance Committee	-	CAV EFREN O YEBRA '80
Legal Assistance Committee	-	CAV ROLANDO G BORJA '82
Ways And Means Committee	-	CAV RHODEL O SERMONIA '89

ADHOC COMMITTEES

Legal Advocacy Committee	-	CAV JOEL ALEJANDRO NACNAC '90
Bylaws Amendment Committee	-	CAV AGRIPINO JAVIER '85
Election Committee	-	CAV RICARDO A NEPOMUCENO '85

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TGPMA HOP Foundation, Inc.
LATEST UPDATES

TGPMA HOP extends immediate assistance to fire victims near Camp Aguinaldo



In the face of adversity, the true strength of a community is revealed through acts of kindness and support. The recent fire incident along 18th Avenue, Brgy. San Roque in the early morning of March 8, 2024 brought sorrow and devastation to almost 200 families. In response to this tragedy, the TGPMA HOP exemplified the spirit of compassion and unity by swiftly organizing a relief effort to aid those affected.

Led by the dedicated team of Chairman CAV GENEROSO S. SENGA, Vice-Chairman CAV HONORIO S. AZCUETA, President CAV ROBERTO D. YAP and Project Manager CAV LYSANDER A. SUERTE, the TGPMA HOP has demonstrated unwavering commitment to providing assistance to the distressed residents. Their immediate action and thoughtful coordination have allowed for the distribution of essential relief goods at the evacuation center in Fort Aguinaldo Elementary School on March 10, offering much-needed support and comfort to the victims. Troops under 1LT NIVAL were sent by LTC GENE ORENSE, Commander of 11th Civil-Military Operations Battalion of CMOR, PA, to assist in the orderly distribution, in coordination with San Roque Barangay officials led by Chairman Ortega and Kagawad Sagun.

The outpouring of generosity from donors who selflessly contributed to the relief efforts has been truly heartwarming, highlighting the power of collective efforts in creating a positive impact on the lives of affected individuals. It is through such acts of kindness and compassion that hope is reignited in the midst of challenges.

The assistance provided to the fire victims once again highlighted the Core Values of the Foundation: Gratitude, Giving-back, and Compassion.

In times of darkness, the warmth of human compassion shines brightest. The TGPMA HOP's dedication to assisting the affected residents serves as a testament to the power of unity and kindness in uplifting spirits and rebuilding lives. Together, we can make a meaningful difference, one act of kindness at a time.







4th Class Club METRO MANILA (4CC MM) Held its 1st Fellowship and Organizational Dinner Meeting

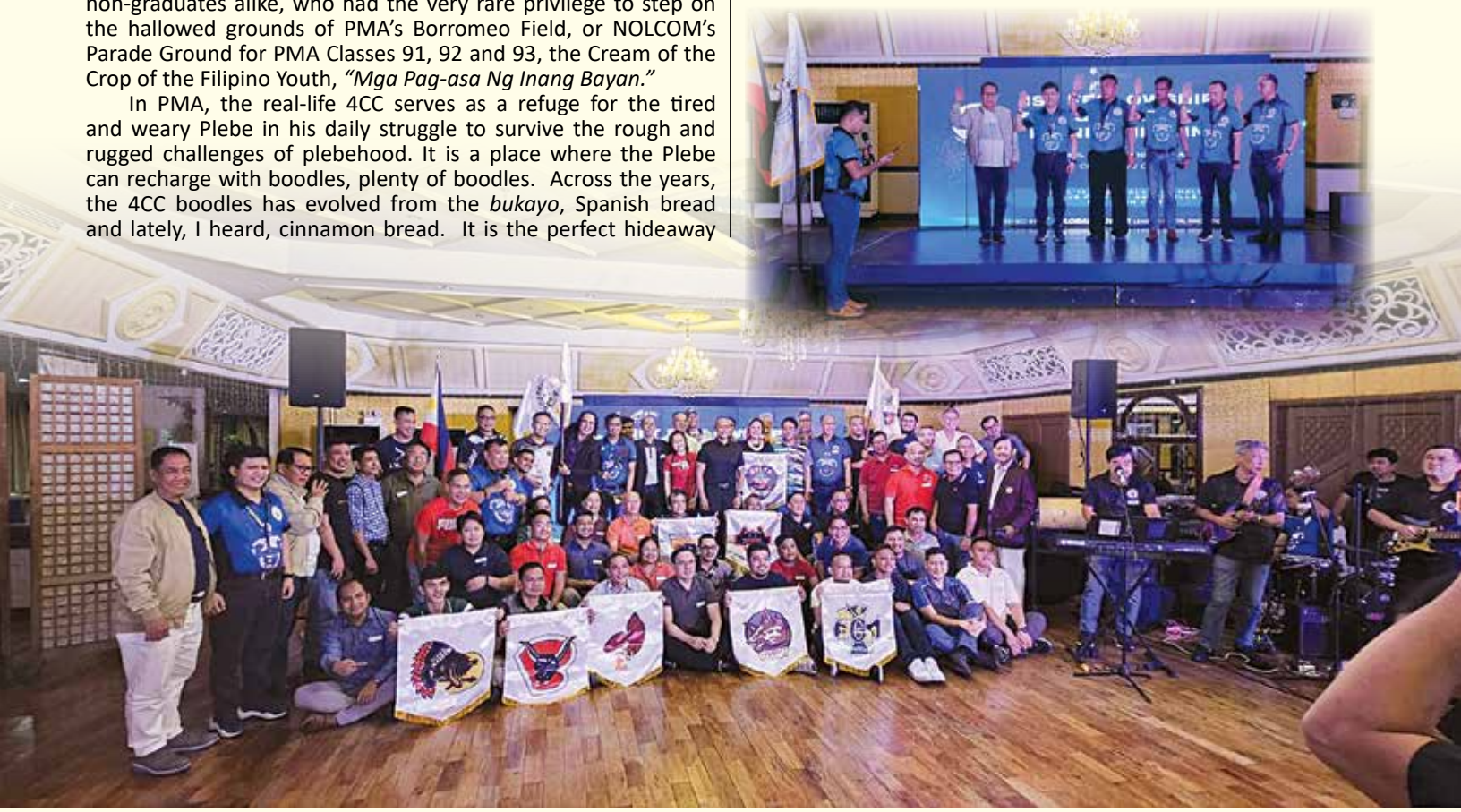
• Cav Audie A Mongao '92

After several weeks of sleepless nights spent on intense planning and preparation, finally, the 4th Class Club Metro Manila held its 1st Fellowship and Organizational Dinner Meeting last Saturday, 13 April 2024, at the historic Kalayaan Hall, Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City. According to the Wikipedia, Club Filipino was the first exclusive social Club in the Philippines, founded on 06 November 1898 by Filipino high society, including Spanish mestizos and members of the native aristocracy. The Club has developed a reputation for being a meeting ground for Filipino political progressives throughout history and was the site of several political events immediately prior and during the country's Post-Martial Law Era. The present location in Greenhills was inaugurated on 18 October 1970 and served as the venue for the inauguration of President Corazon Aquino on 25 February 1986 at the height of the People Power Revolution.

The 4CC is an aggrupation of former cadets, graduates and non-graduates alike, who had the very rare privilege to step on the hallowed grounds of PMA's Borromeo Field, or NOLCOM's Parade Ground for PMA Classes 91, 92 and 93, the Cream of the Crop of the Filipino Youth, *"Mga Pag-asa Ng Inang Bayan."*

In PMA, the real-life 4CC serves as a refuge for the tired and weary Plebe in his daily struggle to survive the rough and rugged challenges of plebehood. It is a place where the Plebe can recharge with boodles, plenty of boodles. Across the years, the 4CC boodles has evolved from the *bukayo*, Spanish bread and lately, I heard, cinnamon bread. It is the perfect hideaway to nourish the self without being bothered by upperclassmen; *bolahize* and familiarize with fellow plebes from other companies and battalions, sharing the day's ups and downs and the torments and compliances waiting at the end of day; it is also a good place to ask extra instruction (EI) on plebe life and learn Best Practices to avoid *kamalasan*; a rallying point to find out the incoming menu and the incoming Guard Detail; and, as a venue for taking a "power nap" to be again ready mentally to face the remaining hours of the day with a more brighter perspective having been equipped with a full stomach which translates to a higher morale.

Today, the 4CC serves as a refuge for the tired and weary "Plebe" in his daily struggle to survive in the rough and rugged challenges of life be it in the active military or police service or in the civilian world. It is a place where the Plebe can recharge with boodles, plenty of sumptuous boodles to wine and dine on, to nourish the self far from the office bosses; a venue to "*bolahize*,











familiarize and *kayahize*" with fellow Senior Plebes sharing the day's ups and downs; it is also a good place to ask extra instruction (EI) on life and work's TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures) and Best Practices from these uppies or upperclassmen; and, as a venue to take a "power nap" over a cup of coffee or "hot darn" (any alcoholic beverage) to be again ready mentally to face life with a more brighter perspective and enough courage to change things for the better.

Currently, the 4CC serves as a Home Away from Home, a Midway Place, for all 4C men and women, a *tambayan* for *bolahan, balitaan* and *kayahan*. It is also a good place to find Ms Marie and Tess.

The 4CC MM 1st Fellowship and Organizational Dinner Meeting started with the registration of attendees, major sponsors and guests from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the evening. After registering, several of the attendees were requested to perform the modified front leaning rest position for picture-taking purposes.

As part of the official launching of the Club, the first part of the program was the unveiling of the 4th Class Club Colour by the Interim Club Officers and Board of Trustees led by 4C ROBERTO "BOBBY" LASTIMOSO, PMA Class 1967; 4C BERNIE G MIAQUE, PMA '87, Trustee, President and CEO; 4C AUDIE A MONGAO, PMA '92, Trustee and Secretary; 4C LEO A BUNGUBUNG, JR, PMA '98, Trustee and Treasurer; 4C EDMUND C TAN, PMA '80, Trustee and Public Relations Officer; and, 4C RAUL P VILLANUEVA, PMA '90, Trustee and Business Manager. 4C AUGUSTUS CESAR B ESMERALDA, PMA '89, Trustee and Auditor was not around due to some personal reasons. He was in Negros that time.

The unveiling was followed by an Invocation and the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. It was followed by an Opening Act by the Angel Fire Dance Troupe, one of Cebu's Best and a world class Philippine Awardee in 2023 and 2019 as an Outstanding Dance Troupe.

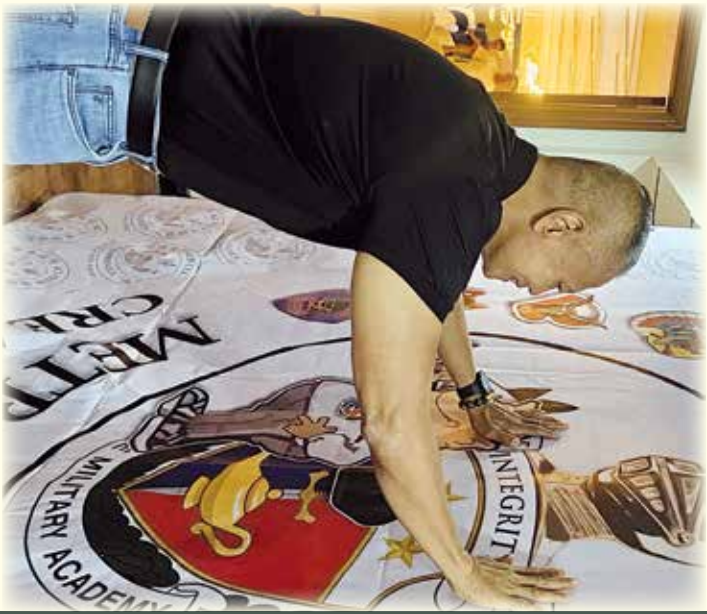
After the Opening Act, 4C LASTIMOSO gave his Welcome Remarks thanking all those present and all who in one way or another have supported the Club in conducting the said activity. It was followed by the Giving of a Plaque of Appreciation to 4C LASTIMOSO by the Interim Trustees and Officers. The Interim BOT and Officers were likewise given plaques by the Interim Chairman.

Afterwhich, 4C MIAQUE presented a short background of the Club, its rationale and way ahead. These include crafting of the Club's rules, regulations and by-laws and registering of the Club to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

During the dinner, 4C JORDINE ROSE R OCON '11 of the National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP) gave the Grace Before Meals. The attendees were entertained during dinner by the Don Conejos Band.

Major and minor raffle prizes were also drawn during the event.

4C BENJIE C ACORDA '91, the former and 29th Chief, Philippine National Police gave a message for all 4th Classmen and women



present. Afterwhich, he was presented a Plaque of Appreciation by the Interim Board of Trustees and Officers.

The Most Senior 4th Class from the Retired/Civilian/Private Sector present was acknowledged in the person of 4C ARTHUR G BALMACEDA '71 and was also given a Plaque of Appreciation. 4C DENNIS PACIS '91, the Most Senior 4th Class from the Active Military/Police/Coast Guard Service present was also given a similar plaque.

Starting the tradition of receiving or welcoming new members to the Club PMA-style, the most senior 4C present being 4C LASTIMOSO '67, he welcomed in the butt with the infamous *pala*/ spade 4C BALMACEDA '71. On the other hand, 4C BALMACEDA welcomed 4C QUERUBIN '79. Due to lack of material time, the *Pala* Reception stopped with 4C QUERUBIN. Maybe, on the Club's next meeting, with ample time, again, the Most Senior 4C present will again receive the 4C next most senior to him and so on and so forth.

Afterwhich, a Special Plaque of Appreciation was also presented to 4C RESTY AGUILAR '78, the author of the PMA Academy Register 2016 Edition, which serves as the "Bible" or the "Akashic Record" of the Club when it comes to membership. To be considered as an official member of the Club, your name must appear in the Club's "Bible/Akashic Record."

All throughout the programme, the attendees were entertained by the Cavaliers Band managed by 4C TAN.

Atty Neil Albopera, serving as the Chair of the COMELEC created for the purpose of electing the regular set of Officers of the Club, presided over the Election of the Board of Trustees and the Officers.

At the outset, 4C BALMACEDA, who was impressed by the performance of the Interim Board of Trustees (BOT) and Officers of the Club as shown in the general flow of activity of the night, moved that all the Interim BOT and Officers be "regularized." Said motion was duly seconded and hearing no objection, Atty Albopera closed the election and declared all the Interim Officers as the regular BOT and Officers of the Club.

Afterwhich, the group photo by PMA Company followed and the photo ops (opportunity) for all 4th Classmen/women present. The national anthem of the Plebes followed, the effervescent Plebe Song which was repeated three (3) times by the Cavaliers Band.

At the sound of the first note of the PMA Alma Mater Song, all "Plebes" present stood to attention and sung the Alma Mater Song teary eyed… With that, the programme was officially closed.

After the closing, Moymoy Palaboy also gave a Special Performance to the group. Moymoy is a GMA Network Contract Artist-Showbiz/TV personality, entertainer, comedian and the Optical Media Board (OMD) Vice Chairman. He is also a member of the Bubble Gang TV series.

The following is the profile of the Elected 4C Club Metro Manila Board of Trustees and Officers:

☞Trustee and Chairman - 4C ROBERTO "BOBBY" LASTIMOSO
-PMA Class 1967
-Former Chief, Philippine National Police
-Former Head, Land Transportation Office
-Former Chairman, Philippine National Railways

☞Trustee, President and CEO - 4C BERNIE G MIAQUE
-PMA Class 1987
-Chairman and CEO BGM CORPORATION
-Trustee and Secretary-General, Association for Philippines-China Understanding Inc. (APCU)
-Trustee and Secretary-General, Kapisanan ng Social Media Broadcasters ng Pilipinas Inc. (KSMBPI)
-Trustee and Secretary-General, Clean Air Philippines Movement Inc. (CAPMI)

☞Trustee and Secretary - 4C AUDIE A MONGAO
-PMA Class 1992
-Director, Training Development Center, TRADOC, Philippine Army
-Pioneer and Lead Organizer, 4CCs of Lanao, Western Visayas and Central Luzon

☞Trustee and Treasurer- 4C LEO A. BUNGUBUNG, JR.
-PMA Class 1998
-VP and Head Corporate Security and Safety Division (CSSD), ABS-CBN

☞Trustee and PRO - 4C EDMUND C TAN
-PMA Class 1980
-Former Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard
-Former General Manager, Cebu Ports Authority
-President/CEO, Aceseas Shipping Agencies - Philippines

☞Trustee and Business Manager 4C RAUL P. VILLANUEVA
-PMA Class 1990
-SVP, Security and Monitoring Cluster, PAGCOR
-Member, PAGCOR Executive Committee and Housing Committee

☞Trustee and Auditor - 4C ACE B. ESMERALDA
-PMA Class 1989
-Class Baron
-President and Managing Director, Ace and Associates Risk Management Inc.
-Author, Security Matters Magazine



Among the noted 4th Class present were former Senator and DICT Secretary, 4C GRINGO HONASAN '71; Medal of Valor Awardee, 4C ARIEL O QUERUBIN '79; Sara, Iloilo Mayor and former Squad Leader/President of the 4CC of Western Visayas, 4C JON AYING '84; and, Vice President of the Mayor's League of the Philippines and President of the 4C Club of Lanao, 4C MARCOS MAMAY '04.

On the other hand, as of 13 April 2024, 4CC MM have 70 members who are in good standing. As members in good standing, they may vote or be voted upon; and, have a formal say in all of the Club's programs, projects and activities. More or less 150 former 4th Class Cadets of the CCAFP graced the historic event.

Moreover, as declared by the Chairman, Club Filipino will be the official Tambayan; and, as declared by the President, Globe Telecom Plaza will be our official Kapehan.

For the information of everybody, the Club will be holding monthly and/or quarterly meetings/events.

The 4th Class Club of CENTRAL LUZON Elected its Interim Officers

• Cav Audie A Mongao '92



On 14 March 2024, on its second organizational meeting and fellowship, the 4th Class Club of Central Luzon (4CC of CL) elected its Interim Officers which shall serve the Club for a period of more or less four (4) months before the members elect its set of Regular Officers which shall serve for a period of one (1) year. Said meeting and fellowship was held at the Hilltop L Cuzins based in Brgy Sta Lucia, Capas, Tarlac.

The following were elected as Interim Officers of the Club:

1. Squad Leader – 4C MAFFY BAZAR;
2. Assistant Squad Leader for Administration - 4C PETE BALISI;
3. Assistant Squad Leader for Operations – 4C BERNIE TAQUEBAN;
4. Staff for Personnel, S1 – 4C JOHN MARK COMPETENTE;
5. Staff for Finance, S5 – 4C LAURO OLIVEROS; and,
6. Auditor – 4C AUDIE MONGAO.



The purpose of the 4th Class Club is to organize all PMA Fourthclassmen and women, withersoever dispersed in any part of the world, for whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and whatever is commendable for the Philippines and the Filipino people.

As a matter of tradition, the most senior 4th Class present, 4C BONNY SALES, welcomed the next most senior 4th Class to him with the "pala"/shovel and the latter does the same, so on down the line. The Club also started a new tradition of doing the modified front leaning rest position while singing the Plebe Song.

The Club was initially organized by 4C MONGAO who was also responsible for the establishment of the 4CC of Western Visayas with 4C JON AYING; and, the 4CC of Lanao with 4C WILLIAM ALUNDAY. 4C MONGAO and 4C BERNIE MIAQUE are also in the process of organizing the 4CC of Metro Manila.

4C RESTY AGUILAR's PMA Alumni Register 2016 Edition serves as the Akashic Record of the Club when it comes to membership.

The meeting and fellowship ended with the singing of the revered PMA Alma Mater Song with peace and harmony prevailing.





January 28, 2024

CAV DANILO A ABINOJA '74
Chairman and CEO, PMAAAI
PMA Alumni Center, A. Luna Avenue
Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo
Quezon City

Greetings Sir!

I would like thank you and the entire PMAAAI Board of Directors, including the Membership and Welfare Committee Chairmen Cav Henry G. Sabarre '83 and Cav Norsal D. Dimaporo '94, respectively, for the successful facilitation and approval of my associate membership pursuant to Board Resolution No. 23-06 dated April 12, 2023.

Kindly allow me to express a brief sentiment regarding this matter. As a backgrounder, I was then a very active Army cadet of PMA Class of 1998, having been molded by an army officer father. But fate did not allow me to successfully finish the course as I was dismissed for maltreatment on January 1997, a two-month shy of becoming a firstie.

Unsatisfied with the Battalion Board's recommendation of separation from the service/dismissal, I appealed my case coursed through proper channels from PMA, AFP GHQ, DND and eventually reaching Malacanang but still to no avail.

After graduating from BS Accountancy, coincidentally on 1998, I attempted to re-enter the military service via the newly created Army OCS as pioneer batch. But then again, I was not included in the final list be it for Australian OCS or for Tanay-bound Philippine Army OCS, even if I was the number 1 in the ranking among OCS applicants/candidates.

In spite of those frustrations and failures, I respected the system. I did not "rock the boat", so to speak. I did not sue the personalities and entities who decided my maltreatment case and Army OCS application. I did not rebel against the government *(although the idealistic human in me, it crossed unto my mind for a while),* for what good will it achieve for being as such, so I thought.

But instead, I took up law studies and corny it may sound, I guided myself with our very own Honor Code and integrity. I did not sever ties with the PMA community, the AFP and the PNP. That gave me the chance to serve, help, give back to fellow PMAyers, graduates and associates alike, including the community. I can say that a huge part of my way of thinking and actions was greatly influenced with our PMA values.

Lastly, my nomination would not be possible were it not for the favorable initial endorsements coming from my mistahs and upperclassmen who still believe in my person. Having taken my oath as an Associate member on January 27, 2024 is a big deal for me - - - "*malaking bagay po ito sa akin."*

Rest assured that even in my private capacity, I will continuously be advancing the interests of God, our Country and our People.

Maraming salamat po sa inyong lahat!

Respectfully yours,

Mr. RAMESES VICTORIUS G VILLAGONZALO
Associate, PMA Class 1998

ERRATUM NOTICED:

In the article "The Department for Cyber Warfare authored by CAV JESS V LOMEDA '80, published in the July-September 2023 issue, an erratum was noticed by CAV RAMON P ESPERA JR '77. Please see below comments:

Page 52, Left Column, Lines 10 and 12, for "*Combined Operations*" should read *"Combined Arms."*

The author wishes to thank the reader, CAV RAMON P ESPERA JR. '77 for noticing the mistake by texting the writer:

"Jess good evening gusto ko lang mag comment sa article mo sa Jul - Sep 2023 The Cavalier.

About your definition of Joint and Combined operations. Joint operation involves the participation of all local armed services (military, police, coast guard). It may also involve other govt agencies as needed.

And when you say army of course it has its infantry, armor, artillery, special force, and others. The navy has ships, special warfare group, etc. the air force has also different specialized units.

Combined operations involves the participation of the armed forces of other countries."

MANIFESTO

A Call for Respect and Honor: Condemning Mr. Raffy Tulfo's Unacceptable Treatment of Citizens and the Men in Uniform

We, a coalition of concerned citizens, strongly condemn the disrespectful and dehumanizing actions carried out by Mr. Raffy Tulfo against both military personnel and civilians, whether through his radio broadcasts or in the context of Senate hearings. Of particular concern is an incident from 2020, which deserves public awareness - the unjust treatment of PFC RAYMOND CANLOG, a dedicated soldier who had bravely served our nation. It is disheartening to witness Mr. Tulfo exhibit a clear lack of regard for the sacrifices and unwavering dedication demonstrated by members of our armed forces.

The incident involving PFC CANLOG serves as a stark example of Mr. Tulfo's insensitivity and disregard for the duties and responsibilities of a soldier. It is unacceptable for an individual to trivialize the service of a soldier for personal gain and media attention, especially when the soldier has valid reasons for excusing themselves from participation while on an important mission.

PFC CANLOG of the 57th IB, PA, whom Mr. Tulfo insulted and called "DUWAG", would later be killed in action in Barangay Penditen, Datu Salibo, Maguindanao, on July 29, 2020. Like any good soldier, he willingly offered his life so that our freedom, including Mr. Tulfo's, is preserved and protected.

Mr. Tulfo's hasty judgment and disrespectful labeling of PFC CANLOG as "DUWAG" reveals a concerning lack of appreciation for the challenges faced by our military personnel. His actions not only disrespect the courage and dedication of our soldiers but also perpetuate a harmful narrative that undermines the profound sacrifices made by those who serve our country.

By assuming the roles of investigator and judge without regard for the dignity of a soldier engaged in active duty, Mr. Tulfo has shown a disregard for principles of fairness and respect. His actions on his radio program foster an environment of snap judgments devoid of proper examination, detracting from the truth and context of each situation.

We stand united in our disapproval of Mr. Tulfo's conduct and call for a return to core principles of respect and honor for our armed forces. We urge Mr. Tulfo to abandon his authoritarian inclinations and embrace his role as a public servant dedicated to fostering understanding and empathy.

Let us cherish and honor the bravery and sacrifices of our soldiers by fostering a culture of appreciation and solidarity. Together, let us commit to upholding the values and freedoms defended by our armed forces with the respect and dignity they rightfully deserve.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing."

(SIGNED BY 543 PMAAAI MEMBERS)

Comments on a Manifesto authored by Cav Mars Santiago '67

• Cav Manuel P Oxales '60

This refers to the Manifesto of Support to President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr in his announced fight against corruption in government which was presented during the PMA Alumni Convention at the Officers Club Camp Aguinaldo on January 27, 2024. It was endorsed to your Board for consideration. It was a well intentioned advocacy, ably written by Cav Mars Santiago '67, a highly motivated Cavalier, a noted lawyer and a former Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

To me the one page paper Manifesto appears too broad in content. I suggest it has more specifics to elicit a response. Let me cite a few examples.

1. Retired Maj Gen Ramon Farolan '56, ex CG PAF exposed in his PhilStar column the purchase from Russia by the past administration of 16 heavy lift helicopters costing P12.7B with a down payment of P2B. It was more a political decision as the PAF recommended helis of U.S. manufacture or source citing operational and logistical advantages. To the credit of PRRD he cancelled the deal reportedly due to threat of U.S sanctions. Had the sale pushed through it would have been awkward for PBBM to pivot back to a closer security and diplomatic relations with a traditional ally, the United States.

Also, General Farolan for two decades wrote in his column on the the 'revolving door' phenomenon' in the top post of the AFP. There were 27 AFP Chiefs of Staffs appointed by four Presidents for the first 21 years of the 21st century. A new law RA 11939 was signed by President BBM on May 18, 2023 (which revised RA 11709 signed in May 16, 2022 by PRRD). RA 11939 provides for a fixed tenure for five top general positions in the AFP namely; three years for the Chief of Staff, two years for the three Major Services Commanders and the PMA Superintendent.

2. Retired Colonel Leonardo Odono '64, with ex DICT Retired Brig Gen. Eliseo Rio Jr (son of Colonel Eliseo Rio Sr '42), an ex COMELEC Commissioner and prominent professionals petitioned for the disqualification of Smartmatic an electronic systems supplier citing allegged fraudulent transmission of data in the 2022 national election. Smartmatic which had a P6B contract with COMELEC was disqualified to bid in the next election.

3. Retired VAdm Ariston de los Reyes '71 presented to the House Committee on Defense a position paper citing figures in the national budget that the annual pension of soldiers, policemen and other uniformed personnel, the MUPs, will not result in fiscal collapse. The Committee assured that the pension of MUPs is in the 2024 national budget and studies are to be taken to build a pension fund set-up for MUPs. DND Sec Gilbert Teodoro batted for the a non-contributory pension system for the soldiers.

4. Retired Major Gen Romeo Poquiz '81 wrote a lengthy and intense letter to ex DBM Sec B Diokno published in The Cavalier and excerpted in the PhilStar pointing the very distinct difference in the services of soldiers and policemen compared to the civilians and that military personnel can be required to serve and fight for his country even after his retirement. He said indexing of pension is allowed in few favored government offices and most militaries in the world. He pointed out the 'huge salaries and allowances and golden parachutes of high officials of SSS and GSIS' and top officials of BSP 'working in the comfort and safety of fully air conditioned offices'. His letter created a awareness of the sworn duty and obligation to country and people of the MUPs -- foot soldiers, air crews, policemen, prison guards, firemen, sailors and Coast Guards (facing actual risks from superior forces on WPS, Marines on sentry duty in Batanes islet and firemen fighting huge fires shown on TV).

5. Retired Police Major Gen Benjamin Magalong '82, a lawyer and Mayor of Baguio City in a speech during a Flag ceremony in Camp Crame, speaking from experience said public works and flood control projects are big sources of corruption and wastage of government funds. He also pointed at PDAF, derisively called pork barrel as another huge source. Citing official figures and data he further stated that massive and widespread corruption and increasing national debt will endanger the economy not the annual budget for MUPs. Retired military and police retirees publicly supported his advocacy.

6. Retired Maj Gen Edgard Arevalo '90 a Marine officer and lawyer, in articles published in The Manila Times and The Cavalier cited the iniquities and inherent difficulties in implementing RA 11709 (above) passed in May 2022 which provided for fixed terms for 14 top general positions in the AFP. Demoralization has set in among senior colonels who would be adveresely affected as it would slow down their advancement in rank. (The unusually big number of top positions to be given a fixed term was seen more as political endearments and capital rather than instilling professionalism and ensuring stability in the organization.) A new law RA 11939 signed by President BBM excluded the AFP Vice Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff, the Inspector General and the Unified Commands from the list of having a fixed tenure in office.

7. Retired Lt Gen Edilberto Adan '72 Chairman of the Advocates for National Interests, with three retired AFP Chief of Staff, ex PNP Chief, Chairman of AGFO, top ranked military and police retirees and an ex Congressman signed a petition an "Appeal to Congress to Enact a Law Prohibiting Political Dynasties", PhilStar March 1 column by Jarius Bondoc. It cited studies from Ateneo School of Government that 75% of representatives, 85% of governors and 66% of mayors belong to dynasties and thus have better chances of being reelected. (Democracy has taken a backseat, family name, means and connections have take over). Research revealed that the poorest regions and localities are under the rule of reigning family political dynasties. Significantly ex Secretary Mars Santiago joined the petitioners and said that legislators could be cited for malfeasance for neglecting to pass an anti-dynasty law.

As shown above a well supported published paper will most likely elicit a response.

FEMALE CAVALIER SEGMENT

CAV CYRINE LEE D MAPILI '18

Championing Excellence in the PHILIPPINE ARMY



CAV CYRINE LEE D MAPILI is a proud member of the PMA "Alab-Tala" Class of 2018. She is an Army Engineer assigned with the 551st Engineer Battalion, 55th Engineer Brigade, Philippine Army stationed at Camp Arturo T Enrile, Malagutay, Zamboanga City. Currently, she is designated as the Battalion S7 or CMO Officer of said unit as well as the Commanding Officer of Engineer Equipment and Maintenance Company (EEMC).

CAV MAPILI's journey in the Philippine Army has been marked by a series of significant milestones. Having initially served as Commanding Officer of Alpha Company, 551st Engineer Battalion, she showcased her leadership prowess and tactical acumen. Her ability to inspire and motivate her subordinates earned her the recognition as the Best Officer of said unit for CY 2021.

Beyond her role as a Commanding Officer, CAV MAPILI has emerged as a fervent advocate for good governance within the Philippine Army. Recognizing the importance of transparency, accountability and efficiency, she has consistently strived to implement best practices and promote a culture of excellence. Her efforts have not gone unnoticed, as she was recently honored with the Best Army Transformation Roadmap (ATR) Officer Award of the 55th Engineer Brigade, Philippine Army for CY 2023. This accolade underscores her commitment to promoting positive change and driving the unit to greater heights.

As the CMO Officer and the CO of EEMC, CAV MAPILI has displayed exceptional leadership skills. Her ability to envision and execute strategic plans has resulted in improved unit performance, increased operational readiness and enhanced overall effectiveness. Through her transformative leadership, she has not only earned the respect and trust of her subordinates but has also become a role model for aspiring young officers.

CAV MAPILI's achievements extend beyond the confines of her unit. Her remarkable journey serves as inspiration to all young cavaliers, particularly women who aspire to make a difference in the Philippine Army. Her unwavering dedication, resilience and unwavering commitment excellence embody the values of a true cavalier.





YOUNG CAVALIER HEROES

CAV MARY CLAIRE P MAYO '18

Not Over BULLETS and FIRES



In a world full of endless problems, we had solved them by coming up with solutions. Little did we know, these solutions are our mere professions. To combat illiteracy, we have teachers. To combat sickness, we have doctors. To combat terrorism, we have soldiers. All are remarkable professions but there is one that does not require a problem to shine through. This profession already solved the problem before encountering it. You may be skeptical, but when a "problem" arises it will always be for development ALREADY.

Picture these. . . Merry is a child that goes to school with basic facilities. Merry is a soldier who goes back to a livable barracks. Merry is an athlete who can play his sport rain or shine. Merry is a farmer with opened roads to market/sell his goods. Merry is a community with the Corps of Engineers.

Having the best of both worlds by being a soldier and an army engineer adds a little more sparkle in serving the people. It doesn't need illness, illiteracy, nor terrorism. Building infrastructures or just a small facility indicates growth in the community not limited to its economic factors. It manifests that an area is open for development, thus improving the lifestyle of its citizens.

Making it all possible with God, family, and loads of guidance and support from upperclassmen and peers, making almost everyone merry. . . 1LT MARY CLAIRE P MAYO (CE) PA.

1LT MAYO is a proud member of PMA Alab-Tala class of 2018 who hails from Urdaneta City, Pangasinan. Her assignment which gave her a wonderful opportunity was the 55th Engineer Brigade which is now the Combat Engineer Regiment. Being stationed in Camp Pintoy, Brgy Suarez, Iligan City since January of 2020, she had gained experience in the far-flung barangays of Iligan City. She led construction teams in building toilet facilities and classrooms in schools for pupils. The lack of toilet facilities in elementary schools in Brgy Dulag, Brgy Kalilangan, and Brgy Rogongon is sadly a norm. This affects the comfortability and privacy of its pupils. In addition to her contribution to the outskirts of Iligan City was the farm-to-market roads which until now has high impact among farmers since previously, light rains already meant closed roads.





Projects in the community such as road openings, construction of classrooms and toilet facilities are some of the accomplished missions which targets the youth and the farmers to a long term impact.

Fare share for improvement of military camps was also a stepping stone in gaining experience for 1LT MAYO. She had accomplished projects through construction and repair and maintenance of barracks, admin buildings, badminton court, and other facilities as well. Together with the backbone of the unit, the enlisted men and women paved and showcased their skills in constructing and repairing military facilities making camps a place conducive to work and a place soldiers can call a second home.

The transparency in project costs and honest assessment and recommendation in After Accomplishment Reports is one thing she enjoys making. For her it's like a puzzle that should fit all together perfectly, making no room for unnecessary cover-ups.

Operations in the Corps of Engineers does not take place as quick and as gallant as our very much noble infantrymen does it. "Project" as we call it, could take months! Its results do not and also cannot even come close to the well-accomplished reports of the body counts and recovered firearms. Like the time it took to accomplish the mission, it also takes time to see its results. Its impact. . . . a lasting peace. These accomplishments did not happen over bullets and fires but was made over the intention of area development and peace among its citizens. A modern-day Dr Rizal gaming, I should say.







VISITOR'S ACCOUNTS



CAV RAUL C TUPAS '94

At the Nexus of Two Worlds: MILITARY and CIVILIAN

• Atty Norman Tayag

Raul 'Boboy' Tupas belongs to the class of soldiers who heeded the call of military service and later, civilian political life.

As a military officer, he displayed astute management skills, decisiveness in the field, and led subordinates by example.

Raul or Boboy, as he is fondly called, belongs to Philippine Military Academy Bantay-Laya Class of 1994 and was the Class President during his cadet days. After graduation, Boboy chose to serve in the Philippine Army where he was assigned to and deployed with the Special Forces. Initially, he was Team Leader (2nd Lt.), 23rd SF Company, SFR(A), then was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and transferred to the 26th SF Company as Executive Officer. From 1999 to 2001, he was a Captain and became Company Commander of the 14th SF Company. All of his assignments were in Mindanao.

In 2001, another form of public service called out to him. It was the call for public duty and a difficult one to resist due to the clamor of the people in his hometown. The municipality of Barotac Viejo needed a leader and he answered that call. He won and served as Mayor for three consecutive terms (2001-2010).

The soldier-farmer that he was, there was a brief opportunity to serve in the Department of Agriculture as a director. But elective public service came calling again. He ran for and was elected Vice-Governor of the Province of Iloilo and served in that office from 2013 to 2016.

In 2016, he made a bid to run as District Representative of the Fifth District of Iloilo where he decisively won. He is now in his third consecutive term as Congressman of the Fifth District of Iloilo Province.

But even in Congress, his military experience, roots and ties proved to be invaluable.

For the 18th and 19th Congress, Cong Boboy serves as Chairman of the House Committee on National Defense and Security. This Committee has jurisdiction over "all matters directly and principally relating to national defense and national security, The Armed Forces of the Philippines, citizens army, selective services, forts and arsenals, military bases, reservations and yards, coast and geodetic surveys." Cong Boboy is likewise the Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on AFP Modernization and Disaster Preparedness. He is also Co-Chairperson of the Oversight Committee on Visiting Forces Agreement.

Important measures tackled under his watch include R.A. 11479 (Anti-Terrorism Act), R.A. 11709 (An Act Strengthening Professionalism and Promoting the Continuity of Policies and Modernization Initiatives in the Armed Forces of the Philippines), and the House concurrent resolutions to the Presidential Proclamations granting amnesty to members of the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas / Revolutionary Proletarian Army / Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPMP-RPA-ABB); Communist Party of The Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CCP-NPA-NDF);Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF); and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Strengthening the AFP

Cong Boboy headed the team of legislators who embarked on extensive consultations with officers, enlisted personnel, and the top brass of the AFP and the DND to address clamors to make R.A. No. 11709 more responsive to the needs, organizational, and professional development of the AFP. This led to the enactment of R.A. 11939 that was signed by the President on May 17, 2023. This legislation contains the following salient provisions:





1. Retirement Age for all Officers and Enlisted Personnel is fixed at 57;
2. Increased the percentage of General/Flag Officers to 1.25% from 1% based on AFP Table of Organization;
3. Chief of Staff, AFP is given a 3-year Maximum Tour of Duty unless sooner terminated by the President;
4. Major Service Commanders and PMA Superintendent are given a 2-year Maximum Tour of Duty unless sooner terminated by the President;
5. Lateral Movement is allowed except for Major Service Commanders and PMA Superintendent;
6. To be eligible for Appointment/Promotion to Grade of Brigadier General or Higher, the Officer must have at least one year Remaining of Active Service before Compulsory Retirement;
7. LtGen/Vice Admiral - 3 years tenure;
8. Major General/Rear Admiral - 3 years tenure;
9. Brigadier General/Commodore- Increased tenure from 3 years to 5 years;
10. Colonel/Captain- Increased tenure from 8 years to 10 years;
11. The President may lengthen the Tenure-In-Grade of Officers in Grades of Captain, Major and Lt Col up to two Promotional Cycles; and
12. Removed the Tenure-In-Grades Provision for Enlisted Personnel.

Pension System Reform

Over the recent months, Cong Boboy, as member of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Military and Uniformed Personnel Pension System, propounded the sentiments of the military and uniformed personnel in the proposed reforms of the MUP pension system.

HB 8969, the House of Representatives' version of the MUP bill, creates two separate MUP trust funds within the Government Service Insurance System: one for the AFP and another for the rest of the uniformed personnel. The separation is necessary to keep the funds of soldiers for soldiers and not mingle them with the funds from the other uniformed services.

In the first ten years of the reformed pension system Cong Boboy explained that, "there shall be a guaranteed annual adjustment in the base pay of active Military and Uniformed Personnel of three percent (3%) which is a huge sacrifice on their part."

Cong Boboy added that the House also approved the automatic indexation of pension and survivorship benefits for retired Military and Uniformed Personnel and their qualified survivors to adjustments in the salary of MUPs in the active service holding the same rank.

HB 8969 creates a special window under the MUP Trust Funds for assistance to indigent MUP pensioners. Additional sources of funding are also identified which may be derived from the proceeds of lease, joint development, auction of development rights, and disposition of government properties or investment income.

In HB 8969, the mandatory contribution will only apply to new entrants but the national government will still shoulder the larger share in the retirement account of each MUP.

The House and the Senate will meet to reconcile the differing provisions of the MUP bill.

Self Reliance Defense Posture

Cong Boboy underscored that Congress needs to revitalize the program, after it slowed down in the past years due to the decreasing funding support, minimal incentives for the private sector, lack of strategic direction, and lack of market for the local industry due to the country's heavy dependence on foreign materials.



Cong Boboy explained that the Self Reliance Defense Posture bill recognizes the important role of the defense industry in nation building. *"The development of the defense industry must be strengthened in support of the goal of protecting our national sovereignty. This is consistent with the constitutional mandate for the country to develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos"* he said.

Alongside tax and other incentives, the bill provides that self-reliance would be manifested in the continued preference for local materials for the country's defense forces through military-civilian partnerships. The government would resort to importation only for materials that cannot be locally produced with the ultimate objective of acquiring technology for the production of these materials.

It is imperative that the Philippines must keep abreast on issues related to Philippine security, territorial integrity and sovereignty. As a soldier and legislator, Cong Boboy is committed to better the lives of our soldiers and support the defense sector in its strategic thrusts and directions.

"The Gathering of Philippine Eagles"

Message for the National Computer Center (NCC) 2024 Reunion, AFPCOC, GHQ, Quezon City

• **Cav Johnny M Sanchez '55**
NCC Founding Managing Director

I turned 92 just a few months ago. At this stage of my life, I am less engaged in creating memories but more on reliving them. My life's journey is a varied and interesting one. | feel great that I am among the lucky ones who live life to the fullest as it should be. At 92, I am still being urged to run for Mayor of my beloved Lubang, with supporters believing that I can still put back the Island on the state of Growth and Development. Anyway, I am a fulfilled and contented man, having achieved most of what I aspired and dreamt for. I served a colorful military career, was a government technocrat serving no less than the President of the Country, been a successful corporate executive, and served as Mayor for 15 years. I have a wonderful wife with a growing clan of five successful children. Life has been more than good to me and I couldn't ask for more.

Yet in all these, I have said and will say it again and again that the most fulfilling and the summit of my life's journey is my stint at the National Computer Center. It started with a call from Executive Secretary Alejandro Melchor, a brilliant and avid nationalist, following the footsteps set by his equally brilliant predecessor Executive Secretary Rafael Salas. To this day, I do not know why he chose me, I was just told to set up the National Computer Center, to support the management information needs of the Office of the President. It was a daunting challenge with nothing but a mere idea to start with; no budget, no office, no equipment, no people. The idea itself was daunting - at that time - as it threw me head on to the very new, very mysterious, and highly intimidating world of computers, **that I knew nothing about, as in zero.** I only found comfort that I was to serve the Office of the President, and was directly under Exec. Secretary Melchor or "ESAM" as he was fondly called.

ESAM was a very powerful and influential man; he can knock on any door at a moment's notice. I recall joining him to the Office of USAID Director, Manila to seek for a computer grant, then costing a fortune. ESAM made a case before the USAID Director to acquire a state-of-the-art computer for the Office of the President. He was rudely cut off by the Director with the snide remark: "Mr. Secretary, don't you think the Computer Setup, you are envisioning is too advance for the Philippines?" ESAM was equally rude and shot back at the USAID Director. "What do you think of us, we still live on trees?" Then turned to me. "Johnny, let's go!"

Wasting no time, we were with the Japanese Ambassador in a few days. Not much later, we were given the best Japan could offer, a large- scale FUJITZU Computer System, the largest and most powerful in ASEAN at that time! Within a few months we had a 3-storey Computer Center Building with an ultra large and modern Computer Room, high-end and well-designed Staff Work Stations and Executive Offices with Conference Room that got Secretary of Defense Johnny Ponce Enrile green with envy during those times.

Next to rise was the 3-storey state-of-the-art Computer Institute Building funded by the National Science Development Board in support of the comprehensive Training, Educational and Research Program of NCOC for the Country.

But it was not the structures and equipment that mattered in the end. Mrs. Arcega and her lean team of psychologist, helped me gather what turned out to be the best and the brightest of the country by any measure. In my address for the Australian reunion in 2019, I referred to you as "Techie Eagles." Now, you can be aptly called the "Philippine Eagles" for many reasons. So now, I call this night as the "Gathering of Philippine Eagles. I always feel a sense of pride and fulfillment whenever I think of NCC and you that have made such feeling possible. For through you I fulfilled my life-long dream of making a difference. To be sure, I did make a difference as a soldier, a corporate man, and more so as a town mayor. But nothing beats my connection with you my fellow NCCians. For all your successes are also mine, and the lives that you have touched in your career here and elsewhere, I too have touched.

ESAM once grieved when he knew that many of you have left for greener and more lush forests in the world, lamenting; "What a waste, what a waste." To which I differ in view. I am proud that you flew elsewhere, making you global eagles and spreading your wings to wider horizons. For after all, any person we connected with and made his life better is well worth it anytime, anywhere.

But there is also that side of the Philippine Eagle that saddens me. That you and I, like the Philippine Eagle, are a vanishing breed. For we are losing so much of the lush, green forest that we thrive on the work environment and leadership that nurtures dedication, integrity, pride in one's work, and exemplary work ethics, are rapidly dwindling. There is little of these sacred grounds now. There is also less and less of us, as the new breed of techies are more inward looking - seeking fame, glory, gold, and power rather than having that much nobler desire of making a difference for others.

Nonetheless, tonight I congratulate you once again with the wish that you will continue to carry the NCC brand as far and as long as you can. I have said it before and say it again that It is a good brand that makes us all proud. I also want to thank you for helping me achieve my dream of making a difference - far beyond my beloved Lubang Island and the Philippines.

MOST OF ALL, I wish to thank you once again for the final awakening that after all, it was never about ME or US. It is about pursuing the broader vision of being of Service to Others, no matter who and where they are. This is the true NCC spirit and the most fulfilling, for this is what's life all about!

Welcome "Philippine Eagles," may we have more time to gather in years to come, before we meet again for the final and grand reunion at the lush green forest in the sky.

Thank you and continue to FLY HIGH.

Cavalier Quest: Navigating the Spiritual Realm

Life Guards: Saving Lives

The Life Guards is one of the two oldest regiment of the British Army under the Household Cavalry.
This unit protects the King & his household. To date, it upholds the safety, practices and time-honoured traditions of the British Royalty.
This section is created to highlight the need of protecting, and the safeguarding of the soul of every uniformed man and woman serving the country.





Daily Devotion and Prayer at the Southern Police District PRMO led by CAV JAIME SANTOS '91.

Your Job: A Blessing or a Curse?

Work, in as much as it is a blessing, can also become a curse. In today's very busy and competitive work environment, setbacks are felt, many frustrations experienced and even the most painful seasons can take place. The rat race can become the most challenging part of living life.

However, a beautiful manual has been written and proven to yield awesome results. The Word of God has laid out the fine prints so that work becomes a blessing.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." – Colossians 3:23-24

How can work become a blessing?

1. **When the worker works IN God.**
   God, the Great Creator, after He finished His work of creation, He rested. He is the very proponent of work and He authored the paradigm of the work-life balance. He showed Adam the joy of work and enabled him to experience and enjoy the rewards of it. One's relationship with the Author of work leads to the full understanding of work's purpose. Knowing the Maker, enables one to properly utilize what He intends for good. God honors the hardworking and also rewards the faithful steward. When the worker works in God, clarity and purpose in the workplace is achieved.
2. **When the worker works FOR God.**
   The end pursuit of work must be God, not men. Work becomes a sweet delight when it is done for God, not for men. Most work-related frustrations are not caused by work itself but of the relationships surrounding it. When the pursuit of work is to please man, it is bound to end up in disappointment and exasperation. When a worker works for God, all other circumstances are obscured by the absolute pursuit of service to God, not man. When the worker works for God, every task is a willing, joyful sacrifice!
3. **When the worker works WITH God.**
   Working daily with God liberates. The intentional reliance on God, on a daily basis, brings about the awareness that He also is the One who provides wisdom in work-related decisions, grace in work stresses, and strength in making each work day, a day of dependence and trust.

People have a tendency to please people, but embracing the challenge to work with God, in wherever He has planted each one, liberates one from the daily strain of deadlines and quotas. To work with God merges excellence and surrender resulting to freedom from man's approval, and complete reliance on God. When the worker works with God, every work day is a happy adventure!

Your friend,
ike '93

CG RADM EUSTACIO NIMROD P ENRIQUEZ JR (Ret)
Head Pastor
Coastguardians' Christian Lighthouse Community
Philippine Coast Guard







CAV JAIME SANTOS '91 with the Prisoner's Journey Program.



Wartime Resilience for Effective NAVAL DEFENSE

"Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win." – Sun Tzu

• CAV JOSE RENAN C SUAREZ '82

RESILIENCE IN WARTIME

The strength and credibility of an armed force is determined by the assessment and reaction of adversaries. A valid measure is whether enemies are deterred or not. Deterrence happens when opponents are compelled to exercise the utmost discretion and care so as not to provoke another armed force. It is dangerous to assume that one's force is already strong without gauging the behavior and reactions of potential foes towards one's forces. Self-declarations of strength without basis can be destructive because the appropriate efforts to strengthen armed forces are not undertaken as they should. Assessment of defense requirements must be exacting and comprehensive.

Peacetime requirements and operational tempo are nowhere as great and as demanding as those during wartime. A force that is not prepared would be unable to provide the combat needs of its units and personnel. In war, the greater usage of assets, frequent use of firepower and elevated expenditure of resources, plus personnel and materiel casualties in battle can overwhelm support and replenishment systems as quickly as the conduct and tempo of operations incur material losses and consume stocks. A viable strategy, holistic force development, establishment of reliable supply chains and the development of local defense industries to support war operations must be formulated, executed and/or produced. It is utmost that forces are kept battle ready and sustained without let up.

Wartime resilience must always be a prime consideration of countries. Their defense forces must be kept strong to ensure that the business of defense can be undertaken indefinitely particularly during periods of open conflict. Peacetime and the absence of hostilities can make defense leaders and planners complacent in setting directions and building up defense forces. As the cost of defense is prohibitive, there is a tendency to disregard essential items that cost a hefty sum. Stocks for high priced missiles, torpedoes and expendable decoys and sonobuoys are not maintained. Even the best platforms and weapons systems cannot be useful if they have inadequate weapons load outs to deliver firepower. All assets and materiel have to be operationally available and ready.

EFFECTIVE NAVAL DEFENSE

Effective naval defense must be developed and maintained to assure resiliency in periods of violent conflict and actual open warfare. The ability to defend a country, even to the extent of being drawn to war, requires enough resources to outlast adversaries; or to put up an effective resistance for an indeterminate period of time until the resolution of a conflict or cessation of hostilities. Failure to provide sufficient provisions to sustain a naval force in prolonged combat can lead to defeat outside the actual battlefields. Depletion of needed assets and resources can lead to the loss of capability to go to sea and engage and destroy the enemy. Defeat would be inevitable without reliable wartime sustainment.

While the balance of power can be based on the number and capabilities of naval assets, these in no way assure advantage unless important conditions are met. The competence of the crew, the cohesion of units, the quality of command, the availability of skilled support personnel and technicians, the completeness of overarching infrastructure that sustain administration, operations and force development, the logistical linkages and access to needed resources, equally matter. A country must be sufficiently self-reliant to sustain forces in wartime. It must not be dependent on foreign suppliers for the conduct sustained, prolonged and intense combat operations.

The acquisition of new assets and development of new capabilities are only initial steps to the creation of defense forces. The lethality and sophistication of the weapons systems would be useless if crew competence, force cohesiveness and sustainment are wanting. Able organizational systems, capable human resources, essential infrastructure, responsive doctrines and adequate logistics are essential to create effective fighting forces needed to provide adequate defense. The wherewithal to employ the weapons systems and sustain their continuous operation in high-intensity combat over prolonged periods are only possible if the conditions for wartime sustainment are met.

SHIP/EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION

Possession of war machines and implements does not confer any advantage without the appropriate systems to qualify crews and sustain these assets. The acquisition of ships, weapons platforms and combat equipment add to the inventory and offer potential to effectively engage in combat. However, it does not bestow outright advantage to a naval force. Besides the technology used, the men behind the machines at the operational and sustainment levels are equally as, or even more important. While it is satisfying and confidence-boosting to have the material assets, their proper and effective operation and upkeep have to be established and made to function effectively to realize the capabilities made possible by these new additions.

New crew members and teams still have to familiarize with new systems and procedures. They have to gain experience and develop skills before they could be considered competently-functional personnel and teams. The support personnel that maintain, repair and sustain the systems likewise have to develop expertise in on-board and ground-based activities to keep systems available, working effectively and highly reliable. Simultaneously, the off-board support systems have to be built-up as well. Necessary infrastructures must be set-up, notwithstanding the cost. The procurement system that assures availability of supplies and spares must be made responsive and reliable, particularly in maintaining inventories and keeping them properly replenished. The support systems must have continuity and could be ramped-up in wartime.

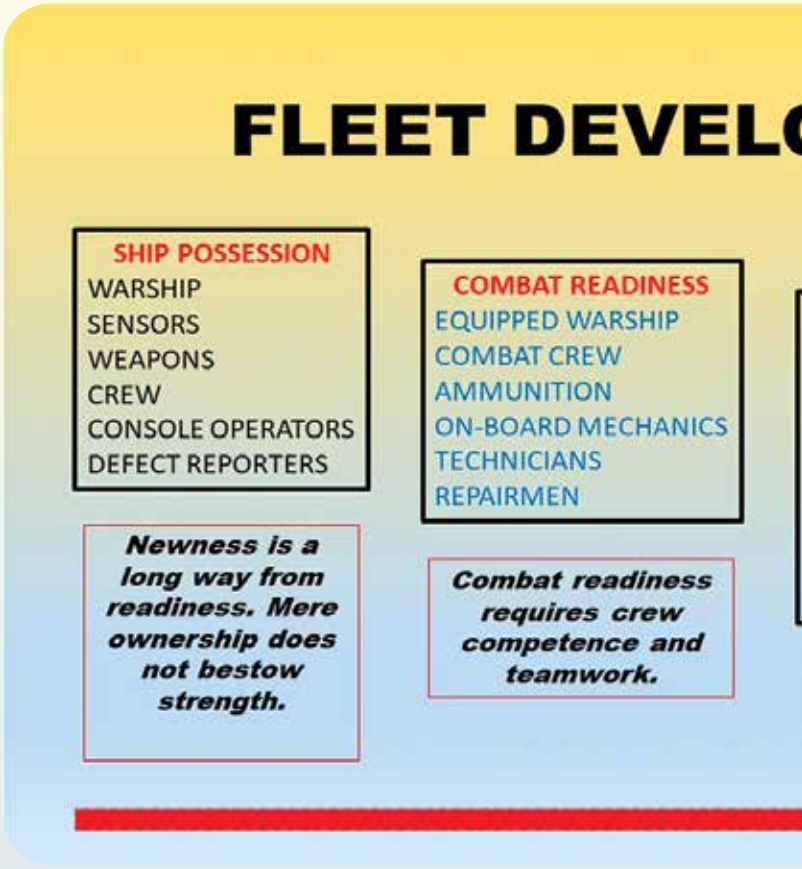
DEVELOPING COMBAT READINESS

The ability to fight and deploy firepower require competent personnel and well-trained crews that are adept in employing their platforms and weapons systems. Men must be made highly knowledgeable and skilled in their jobs and well capable of employing their systems effectively. The ships' complements must be more than a match for their opponents. Continuous qualification and personnel development must be Institutionalized to enhance competence and develop expertise in each person's functional specialty and area of interest. Simultaneously, teamwork and cohesion among crew members have to be developed. The crew must be honed to be a fine fighting machine able to out duel adversaries.

Warships availability must be assured. Naval vessels must put out to sea regularly over long periods of time with systems always combat-ready. Technicians on-board can keep the systems running and operationally available all the time. Minor and frequently occurring problems aboardship must be well within the ship's crew's capability to address so ships could remain at sea for longer periods and not made to face enemies with handicaps due to weapons and machineries derangements. Problems beyond the crew's capability and major repairs that require yard work must be effectively and expeditiously dealt with in port. Technicians, mechanics and logisticians on land have to deliver the needed support to sustain ships.

PEACE-TIME SUFFICIENCY

Peacetime is the most opportune time to develop self-reliance and self-sufficiency that free a country from being overly dependent on foreign/outside suppliers and service providers to sustain forces and assets. Having the ability to stand alone provides dignity, strength and flexibility to a nation and its defense forces. However, it takes national commitment and time to establish the needed systems to realize self-reliance in basic necessities and sustaining forces at war. Industries that are needed must be set up or made capable of providing support and needed materiel to forces. Technologies must be obtained to keep weapons systems effective and reliable. Technical expertise that will cater to systems sustainment must also be developed and enhanced.



Research centers to keep abreast with the advancements and developments in all defense fields need to be established so defense forces are not unknowingly rendered obsolete and inutile. Deliberate effort and initiative are required to manage capability gaps vis-à-vis other forces and defense industries. Technological surprises engineered by adversaries must be prevented and new technologies must be harnessed to gain advantage. Furthermore, the centers keep upgrade and improvement programs on track and responsive rather than being reactive. Defense forces cannot be clueless to the changes that may improve or impair their ability to fight.

Essential logistic trains and supply lines must be in place. Operations can easily ground to a halt if there is no reliable sustainment. The ability to sustain normal operations and thence to conduct war and engage in combat must be assured. These would allow forces to operate in wartime or periods of combat and high operational tempo. The demands of war cannot be overlooked and underestimated in peacetime. Low logistical capacity may be a minor issue during peacetime but could potentially be lethal to fighting forces in wartime. If support and sustainment systems are lacking, they must be set up to ensure that wartime requirements are addressed.

WARTIME RESILIENCE

As war would be fought with varied means at long stand-off distances, an ill-defended base may not be able to safely



shelter ships, planes and war vehicles. The first requirement of protecting forces is to provide adequate defense of bases. There must be adequate surveillance and self-defense systems must be in place so no enemy surprises are sprung. Bases, vulnerable or not, are the first ones to be targeted and attacked. Ships, aircraft and ground vehicles are best destroyed while on the ground, far away from the battlefield where they are most lethal. Without adequate cover, they can be lost in the opening salvos of a war. Without protection while the platforms are in port, these battle assets can be eliminated with ease.

Furthermore, the indefinite period of war requires sufficient stockpiles of ammunition, spares, repair parts, replacement systems and even full platform repairs and replacements. Failure to have ample quantities of materiel will undermine the war efforts militarily. Without the ability to move, shoot and communicate, units would be useless or worthless. Enemies would be able to do as they please without resistance. With high attrition and expenditure rates, limited resources and long ordering lead times, the logistics problem would be enormous and could easily be unmanageable. With inadequate supplies, defense forces would have to make do with crude weapons or even fight without weaponry. The absence of in-country capability to sustain forces would condemn forces to paralysis and eventual defeat.

Local defense industries needed to sustain forces in wartime are indispensable. In their absence, the foreign/external supply chains must be assured and maintained open all through the periods of conflicts. Foreign contractors and suppliers must be able to provide requirements without delay and diminution of quality. Shortages must be kept to a minimum or addressed promptly. To avoid the high risk of dependence on foreign sources, self-reliance programs and the ability to substitute foreign-supplied war materiel are necessary. Technical expertise must also be developed or made available in-country otherwise material conditions and readiness of platforms and weapons systems would be compromised.

THE RIGHT MINDSET

It is pre-mature and fatal in wartime for authorities to assume that the acquisition of new platforms and weapons systems would automatically increase defense capabilities. It is first necessary to satisfy the requirements by which these capabilities are realized and sustained. Failure to do so would not only compromise units and personnel but also the security of a country. It must be understood that there are considerable amounts of work to be done in many areas to reach combat readiness and thence wartime resilience, from which victory and the country's survival are dependent on. Non-appreciation of the necessities that make armed forces strong and capable of accomplishing their missions would lead to unaffordable and unacceptable failure.

The following conditions must be met:

- Personnel must be competent
- Crews must be battle-ready
- Weapons platforms and systems must be in combat-ready states
- Ammunition must be ample and replenishable
- Supply chains must be assured, responsive and efficient
- Reliable support and security infrastructure must be in place
- Technicians to keep things in working order have to be available always
- Self-reliance in defense must be operative

There is little to expect from defense forces if these conditions are not met. The relatively light workloads and mission requirements in peacetime do not reflect wartime requirements. If national defense is to be effective, a country must create conditions to be resilient in war.

CONCLUSION

Countries can only be realistically and effectively defended if they develop wartime resilience. The efforts required are great and may at times not be easily discernible. Without adequate understanding of the requirements, expected defense results and goals cannot be achieved. Naval defense must be self-reliant and sustainable with available national resources. Navy ships can only be combat-ready during their service lives only with the right systems configurations both in peacetime and wartime. Naval strength must be sustained even in hostile times and environments. Continuous honest self-assessments are mandatory.

Achieving wartime resilience is a holistic process and not a mere collection of programs and activities that seem to be an improvement over present conditions. It has to involve competent personnel, adequate infrastructure, responsive support systems, reliable supply chains, available technical expertise and supportive local industries. Addressing the requirements to attain the desired conditions is imperative and best done in periods when there is yet no conflict. To be indefinitely operative in wartime is required. Preparation prior to the manifestation of actual need is primordial. Otherwise, there is no recourse but to maintain the peace or avoid war altogether.

Be Aware of the Cyber Mercenary

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The 17th of January 2024, a Wednesday, was the second day of the cybersecurity conference hosted by Stratbase ADR Institute in collaboration with the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines. Its theme was, "***Fortifying Cyber Cooperation Towards Digital Security.***"

I was starstruck by the big names in the programme: Secretary of Defense Gibo Teodoro, Ambassador David Hartman of the Canadian Embassy, the Head of Canada Centre for Cyber Security Sami Khoury, CISOs of Telcos and Banks, government secretaries with their undersecretaries and assistant secretaries, and so many more, to include notable personalities in the audience.

I had the honor to be grouped with former Commissioner Raymund Liboro of NPC and Atty. Raymond Panotes of the NBI (the counterpart of the FBI Cyber Division), in the main event, with the topic: "***Enabling a Cyber-Safe Population***." The panel was moderated by Ely Tingson of Kroll Solutions, my underclassman in PMA, who served as adviser-to-the-adviser of President Duterte at the National Security Agency (NSA) on cybersecurity matters.

In his Powerpoint presentation, Comm. Liboro showcased statistics of security breaches. In one slide, I was dumbstruck by the mesh of cable wires running on the seabed of China Sea, a strong reminder of one of the compelling reasons for supremacy.

NBI lawyer Atty Panotes assured us that they are doing their best to deal with the hundreds if not thousands of reports about cybercrime. Unfortunately, his agency is hard pressed as they are undermanned.

On that particular day, I made it a point to introduce myself to Ambassador Hartman. When I saw that the seat beside him was vacant, I took it and introduced myself as a permanent resident of Vancouver. He beamed upon hearing this, that someone from "his side" is a resource speaker. But when I asked him for a selfie, he raised his right hand and made a Stop sign and said softly, "After."

Embarrassed I kept quiet while the panel discussion on stage went on. In my mind, it was a sin to lose my military decorum by descending to the level of a screaming fan, wanting to snap photos with his idol. Yes, my excitement overcame my senses to break protocol. I learned my lesson well.

When the discussion on stage was over, I was genuinely surprised when the good Ambassador came over and with all the kindness in his heart said politely, "We can now take the selfie." I jumped up, stood beside him and "double-tapped" my iPhone. Then I gushed, thanking him profusely and got ready to go on stage, at the same time sending these pictures to my children in Vancouver.

On stage, I made a three-minute opening remark about three things: first, I compared my cybersecurity experience in Canada with ours; second, the need to bring the confrontation in cyberspace into kinetic by sending hackers to jail; and lastly, the rising fear factor of – The Cyber Mercenary.

My Canadian Experience:

The head of the Canada Centre for Cyber Security was not at the presidential table. I cannot see him around. Sayang! I opened with a story about the hacking of the Facebook account of Fr. Gerard Deveza, a healing priest, where the scammer was very successful in getting cash from most of the friends of the priest. The Cybercrime Investigation Coordinating Center (CICC) failed terribly to apprehend the culprit – despite leads from the Cyber Battalion. The hacker is still free out there, and the next victim might be you! (Pointing my fingers to the audience).

Upon arriving in Canada as an IT skilled-worker in 2012, same year I retired from the Army Signal Corps, I took up the first Network Systems and Security Professional (NSSP) course that was offered by UBC, the University of British Columbia. There is a website: www.getcybersafe.ca – about a national public awareness campaign created to inform Canadians about cyber security. In Facebook, there are certain links being blocked by Canada, to protect Canadians from fake news.

Due to the limited time, I was unable to tell the audience about the things I enjoyed most in Canada. I love to enter libraries in between my long walks (then, if I feel lazy to walk back home, I simply take the bus using my senior-bus-pass). I can read from a wide array of books and magazines, to include my favorite magazine "Wired," all for free. I sometimes take pictures of the pages to continue my reading back home. However, later, I discovered that there is a phone app called



Libby where I can borrow eBooks and audiobooks online for 21 days, then listen to audiobooks during my lengthy walks. Let me share, the cybersecurity books I came across that you might be interested to read:

1) The Two Michaels (Blanchfield and Hampson, 2021) is about Canadian captives and high-stake espionage in the US-China cyber war. An audio book read by Miles Meili.

2) The Digital Silk Road: China's Quest to Wire the World and Win the Future (Hillman, 2021) is about what the title says.

3) The Ransomware Hunting Team: A Band of Misfits Improbable Crusade to Save the World from Cybercrime (Dudley and Golden, 2022) is a real-life technological thriller about these misfits taking on the biggest cybersecurity threats – ransomware. The misfits created a website to ID the ransomeware. They even offered solutions, for free, without the need to pay the ransom. Better, read the book!

4) Cyber Mercenaries: The State, Hackers, and Power (Maurer, 2017) is the secretive relationships between states and hackers, that I included in my lecture.

Bringing the Fight from Cyber to Kinetic:

The Philippines suffered a lot of network breaches last year. The Philippine ambassador to the US, Babe Romualdez, complained about our eroding cybersecurity situation. I do not need to expound and enumerate them. You all know the incidents. What DICT did was to encourage the hacking victims in hardening on their critical infrastructures. The confrontation remained in cyberspace. Nobody ran after the cyber criminals – they are free to do their next crime.



In the AFP Day last December, General Brawner is promising to create the Cyber Command. With the creation of the Cyber Command, I expect them to bring the confrontation from cyber to kinetic. By "Kinetic", I mean any actions outside cyberspace – pinpoint location of hackers and Identify Advance Persistent Threats (APTs) through the intelligence assets and networks of the AFP. The role of Cyber Command must be beyond data breach. It includes: counter intelligence on cyber recruitment of radicals and combatants (just what happened in Marawi – there were foreign jihads monitored at the dark web), cyber espionage, cybercrimes, hacktivism and cyber terrorism that may involve damage to properties and loss of lives, through hacking of: electrical gridlines, air traffic control, drinking water, financial systems, stock mark ets, hospitals, GPS, HVAC, electric cars and other Internet of Things (IOTs) – anything hackable! So, in the latest National Security Policy Framework of the country, under the paragraph: Defense and Military Security, the document states cyberspace as part of our sovereignty and territorial integrity to be protected and defended by the AFP.

Cyber criminals must now be warned that there will be a military unit that will be neutralizing them and stop them at their tracks...

The Cyber Mercenary:

I tend to believe what the author wrote. Tim Maurer served as the adviser of President Biden at Homeland Security.

Some countries, instead of putting up their cyber commands, they employ cyber mercenaries. The head of country can easily disavow knowledge about them when accused of a state-sponsored hacking; and the cyber mercenaries do not have to be inside the country; and when pursued, they can just move to another country.

For offensive cyber operations, these nations deemed it is better for them to outsource and utilize third party groups, cyber mercenaries. Maintaining own cyber team is costly. The cyber mercenaries have the expertise. They can attack without being seen and act with impunity, the freedom from punishments. These private criminally financed industry can be self-funding, even bringing in money to the host country. Cyber mercenaries are also offering their services to private corporations in business wars.

Cyber mercenaries will be the worst nemesis in cyber that can create the greatest havoc with hybrid result.

In Closing:

I'm glad there are many coalition groups wishing for a cyber-safe environment, foremost of them is Cybersecurity Tech Accord, which is composed of 144 global companies e.g. Palo Alto Networks, Fortinet, Cisco, CrowdStrike, IBM, Microsoft and the rest – joining forces to protect and empower users online and improve security. I told the moderator, Ely Tingson of Kroll, to let their company join the coalition.

In essence, as I simply understand their accord, it means no members of the coalition will abet or let their products be used by hackers in committing crimes ...

Cybersecurity is not simply reacting to threats but it is about shaping creative and sustainable combinations of technological and social responses which include capturing cyber criminals. With such set-up, we can build better confidence, better transparency, better cooperation and ultimately a cyber-safe population.

Selected Public and Economic Policy Challenges and Developments

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Philippines faces continuing hurdles in raising the quality of public policies, attaining inclusive development and raising economic and other opportunities of the population. Philippine economic outlook in 2024-2025 remains clouded by various risk factors and challenges. The mix of slow global growth and stubborn inflation, high interest rates, debt issue and the impacts of geo-economic fragmentation, political conflicts on supply chains and international energy prices remain challenging. Asia drives 60% of GDP growth in 2024, led by India (IMF).

1. Fiscal consolidation. The NEDA Board Development Budget Coordination Committee's (DBCC) fiscal consolidation policy is anchored on fiscal discipline. It should at least mitigate its contractionary economic impact and establish a foundation for stable and sustainable growth over the medium-term. Addressing long-term structural challenges and public infrastructure gaps require substantial fiscal resources.

   Public debt took up 59.2% of GDP and external debt at 27.1% of GDP as of end 2023 (ADB). Japanese investment bank Nomura forecasts "a still-high" budget deficit-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio of 5.9% this year. The shortfall may again breach government's deficit-to-GDP target of 5.6% for 2024, which caps the fiscal gap at P1.5 trillion. As the administration ends its term in 2028, the budget deficit is projected at P1.37 trillion or 3.7% of GDP which exceeds the internationally acceptable 3% guidepost prior to COVID period.

   Philippines has one of the lowest tax effort (tax to GDP ratio) in ASEAN 5. This continues reliance on public debt. DoF has announced (a) a 'no new taxes' policy and (b) an emphasis on better tax collections. It refreshes unacted tax proposals of the previous government and emphasizes digitalization of the tax system.

   The country had the largest external trade deficit within ASEAN in 2023 at -2.6% of GDP and as projected in 2024-2025 at -1.6% of GDP (ASEAN Macro Research Office). The peso has depreciated since April 19 and remains at P57.+/USD. BSP projects headline inflation to remain high in April and breached its 2-4% target. This delays any graduated reversal of the unusually high BSP policy rate.

   The national currencies of some developed countries such as Japan, Canada and Eurozone have likewise depreciated against the US dollar. This is why central banks diversify their international reserves. Countries such as China, Brazil and Malaysia support de-dollarization in international trade which carries risks too. The US Fed is careful in its next monetary policy decisions as these influence the forthcoming US presidential election.

   LGUs will be provided P1.008 trillion, equivalent to 17.5% of the FY 2024 national budget (DBM). This allocation includes statutory shares of LGUs from national taxes, such as the National Tax Allotment (NTA) and the BARMM Annual Block Grant. NTA has a dis-incentivizing effect on many LGUs to raise local tax and non-tax revenues e.g., regular valuation of real estate. This substitution effect persists as all LGUs received annually increasing national tax allocations. The quality of local governance and absorptive capacity in implementing local projects are companion challenges.

   MUP pensions may continue to lag if the rest of the Philippine bureaucracy as proposed in Senate Bill No. 2611 receives New Pay Adjustment in 2025. It is apparent that the increase in pay of civilian personnel will continue to outpace that of MUP should the increase in the latter is pegged at 3% annually (A. de los Reyes, 2024).

   The share of investment in GDP of Philippines is much lower than the 30% ratios of Indonesia and Viet Nam (ADB, April 2024). Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows remain lower than our neighbors, largely reflecting the country's low global ranking as an investment destination. Philippines ranked 52 out of 64 countries in the 2023 World Competitiveness Report (IIMD). It ranked 13th out of 14 countries from the Asia and Pacific region.

   Huge infrastructure gaps remain in energy, transportation, public schools, irrigation, logistics and other areas. The need to sustain hefty spending on infrastructure will make it difficult to achieve fiscal consolidation goals in 2024-2028, with the national budget deficit staying elevated. Government must maximize its more attractive and revised Private-Public Partnership (PPP) Code IRR to implement its 5-6% of GDP annual infrastructure program.

   The *Maharlika* Investment Corporation (MIC) has signed a deal to upgrade the power infrastructure of Mindoro and an agreement to explore investments in Clark, Pampanga. It is also exploring co-investment in select NEDA Board approved public development projects. Domestic shipyards however, face stiff bidding

requirements when competing for building contracts on government vessels (MARINA, 2024). A revision of legal bidding requirements is recommended. Local shipbuilders can play a bigger role in providing for the development and defense of Philippine maritime territories.

Many large Filipino conglomerates have been making significant and continuing investments such as in tertiary schools, quality expressways and tollways, airports and modern hospitals all over the country. The public, whose feedback has been positive, expect more.

Strategic collaborations with global partners and networks offer more diverse and enriching education, research and entrepreneurial opportunities. Philippines could benefit from the experiences of Singapore and Malaysia on the internationalization of tertiary education services. "Malaysia has a more developed tertiary educational sector with branches from ten foreign-owned university actively participating in its educational program. There is sufficient private competition to raise the quality of tertiary education (Sicat, 2024)."

2. Poverty alleviation. A study by PIDS Fellow R. Albert revealed that economic growth averaging 4.8% in 2003-2009 failed to significantly reduce poverty. This was largely due to an uneven distribution of opportunities e.g., education and access to broadband internet (4.8% among the poorest, WB 2022), and income inequality which limit the impact of development on the most vulnerable. Further, the study cited the "near-poor" who are mostly located in rural areas are exposed to greater vulnerabilities such as natural disasters, commodity price hikes, or job losses that could push them back into poverty.

   The study showed that of two-thirds of Filipinos living in poverty. A staggering 66% reside in rural areas. Geographic disparity underscore the urgent need for immediate government intervention. Specifically in poor households over 60% of families have education only up to elementary level. As of 2022, *BARMM* had the highest incidence of poverty at 37.2% while Metro Manila had the lowest at 3.5%. It remains challenging to achieve an annual GDP growth of 5.5-6.5% as targeted in 2024-2028 by the NEDA Board Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC), become an "upper middle income country" by 2025 and reduce national poverty rate to 9% by 2028.

3. Challenges of extreme climate change. The United Nations has warned the public of "global boiling" (Guterres, June 2023). Dangerous heat from El Nino and destructive rains are a constant reminder of the perils of extreme climate on electricity, agriculture, education and water supply. More base load power plants are needed including use of cheaper coal and natural gas. Meralco wields monopsony (single or dominant buyer) power on consumers which use 500 kilowatts and above. This limitation should be rescinded to allow positive competition (Habito, April 2024).

   The area-differentiated NFA buying price for palay provides a more attractive option for rice farmers. DA seeks to help address gaps in farm infrastructure e.g., solar post-harvest facilities. DA's 2024 budget has been raised by 31%. Increasing agricultural productivity can not rely on infrastructure alone. Fresh policy reforms, increased private investments and making agriculture more profitable to farmers are imperative. An ASEAN Food Security Alliance is being pushed by private sectors of Philippines and Malaysia (J. Concepcion, 2024). It intends to build partnerships with agricultural companies of the other ASEAN member-states.

   Education suffers from class disruptions due to intense heat. At least 3.6 million students have been affected by the suspension of classes in more than 5,000 schools (NEDA). Distance education hurt poor students most which have no access to internet. This calls for better distance learning tools and increased support from local school boards to minimize learning gaps.

   Philippines has over 240 national parks and protected areas, encompassing about 15% of the country's land area (Wiki). Protected areas such as forest cover provide shield against extreme climate changes. They are managed by DENR Biodiversity Management Bureau. Many are illegally occupied and subject to destructive practices. Built-up areas within closed forests increased from 167 hectares in 2010 to 10,388 hectares in 2020 (PIDS). DENR, DILG and LGUs are very weak in enforcing environmental standards and compliance certificates. As an encouraging note, Calamba City ranked 6th in Southeast Asia for having the cleanest air quality in the country (IQAir's Quality Air Report, 2023).

4. Investment promotion. The Constitution of 1987 contains many very restrictive policy measures of yesteryears. These include: a very tight retail nationalization law, highly protective tariffs even on industries with low international competitive advantage, and 60-40 equity (Filipino to foreign capital) limits for joint ventures for business that served the domestic economic market (G.P. Sicat). The world economy has substantially changed since 37 years ago. Globalization, de-risking, cross-country supply chains and advanced technologies have dramatically changed the dynamics of investment and capital flows (Chikiamko, FEF).

   Restrictions on foreign participation were eased in 2022, allowing full foreign ownership in sectors such as renewable energy, telecommunications, airports, shipping, railways, urban roads and expressways. Capitalization requirements for foreign investors in retail trade have been lowered. Initiatives to further liberalize economic policies demand massive public information on net advantages especially for millions of less educated voters, unemployed and OFWs.

   The recent trilateral summit of US, Japan and Philippines in April raises cooperation in defense and development. Newly agreed cooperation with US includes technology-based and productivity enhancing

fields such as digitalization, communication networks, clean energy, semi-conductors and critical minerals. Philippines needs to massively improve its national broadband and spectrum policy, infrastructure sharing, and universal access (AMRO). U.S. expressed to support a Luzon corridor effort aimed at infrastructure and manufacturing projects including ports, rail, clean energy and semi-conductor supply chains. Japan has been consistently the country's biggest and increasing source of ODA.

Free trade agreements (FTA) aim to reduce barriers to stronger development and commercial ties. Philippines' Economic and Free Trade Partnership Agreement with Japan was formalized in 2008. The Phil-European Free Trade Area covers trade in goods, services, investments, intellectual property, government procurement, competition, and trade and sustainable development. A FTA was signed with South Korea in Sept 2023.

US is the country's 2nd largest export market, 3rd major trading partner and 4th largest source of imports. The President-led PH team urged US to fast track the reauthorization of the US General System of Preferences (GSP) which granted duty-free privilege to nearly 3,500 products from Philippines (PDI, 2024). US demands include greater protection of human and intellectual property rights, good governance and digital trade.

5. Access to quality public education. Formal schooling is the most reliable indicator of social and economic class. In the national survey of Social Weather Stations (Dec 2019): (a) 16% of household heads did not finish elementary school; (b) 33% finished it, and may have entered junior high school (JHS); (c) 29% finished JHS and possibly went to senior high school (SHS) and/or vocational school; (d) 12% were SHS/vocational graduates and possibly entered college; and (e) 10% were college graduates. These have negative effects on employment, incomes, other economic opportunities and wise choice during national elections.

   Data from UPCAT 2020 and UPCA 2021–2023 from the UP Office of Admissions was analyzed (Kule, former Philippine Collegian, 2023). Public schools are classified under science high, UP-administered, other State Universities and Colleges, barrio, vocational, Philippine schools abroad, and others.

   In 2023, public general, barrio, vocational, community, and Philippine overseas schools composed only 20.7% of all passers, concentrated in Luzon, where a majority of public schools are located. This, despite public schools comprising 58.9% of all senior high schools (SHS) as of 2020, with only around a hundred classified as science high schools as of 2017. Cadet admission, performance and completion at PMA are likewise influenced by family status, geographic origin, type of attended school and other factors. PMA Class 1968 had only one member from Mindanao.

6. Public governance. Philippines ranked 52th out of 64 rated countries based on the Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Index 2023. It is 40th in economic performance and low 58th in infrastructure. Its ranking is below that of the other ASEAN 5 members.

   Many elected public officials are members of political dynasties and have unexciting education. Virtually all are unwilling to publish their SALNs. "Dominant dynasties and weak political parties are a plague in elections (T.C. Rivera, CENPEG 2024)". It will be very unfortunate if the national elections in 2025 and 2028 shall be dominated by two leading family dynasties. A group of lawyers have asked the Supreme Court to compel Congress to pass a law defining and prohibiting political dynasties. "To uphold the supremacy of the Constitution, the Honorable Supreme Court in the exercise of its judicial power should, through a *Writ of Mandamus*, order and direct Congress to perform its duty, to enact forthwith a law defining political dynasties, and thereby operationalize and enforce the state policy prohibiting the same."

   The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has agreed to begin accession talks with Indonesia. OECD currently has 38 developed and developing member countries. Countries wishing to become OECD members must demonstrate a "readiness" and a "commitment" to adhere to essentially two fundamental requirements: (a) democratic societies' rule of law and protection of human rights; and (b) open, transparent and free-market economies (OECD, 2018). Surviving the accession process is a vote of confidence in the country as a business and investment destination. Philippines is a democracy. It is a signatory to UN conventions on human rights which are embodied in the 1987 Constitution. The U.S. Dep't of State acknowledged incidents of extrajudicial killings and other abuses by government agents decreased in 2023 (PhilStar). Is it to the country's best interest to apply for OECD membership?

   The economic growth of BARMM averaged a respectable 5.9% in 2021-2023. The first *Bangsamoro* Parliament election is planned in 2025. BARMM adopts the theme "Moral Governance: Building Strong Foundations for a Better *Bangsamoro*" in its recent foundation anniversary. Honest, efficient and high quality governance is imperative in driving the national development agenda.

   The Pulse Asia survey (March 2024) revealed that significant factors hindering foreign investments are: complicated regulations (56%), restrictive foreign ownership rules (55%), and public sector corruption (46%). Equity rules may represent a hindrance to FDI but their potential effects are small in comparison to other explanatory variables such as the ease of doing business, physical infrastructure, and corruption" (UPSE professors, 2024). The SONA of the President in July 2024 shall provide a review of national development and policy agenda. The country deserves and expects a more effective and honest governance in terms of legislation, policy and execution and delivery of justice.

The Matikas Day: An Enduring Class Tradition

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The Matikas Day is a distinct class tradition that has endured for 28 years and counting. It has evolved from just a simple visit to the Libingan ng Mga Bayani by some class members who are available to grace and witness the memorial celebration for the departed classmates: commencing with a wreath laying ceremony; followed by a mass or a commemoration service by a chaplain; and, then a dinner at some appointed place by the attendees and members of the family of classmates who passed away.

Today, the event follows the same format with some few minor variations. It now starts with a golf fellowship game in a designated course; a memorial celebration comprising of a grand wreath laying, commemoration service, and hearty snacks; dinner in a designated venue; election of class officers; and, turnover rites in the second year of those officers duly relieved. Even in the midst of the pandemic, we trudged on holding it without skipping the essentials.



This tradition has caught on with other classes who now also assign a special day to remember their departed classmates. We are not privy to the details of what they do, but we are proud of what we have started. It is for this reason that we decided to share to all cavaliers how we began this practice as related to us by the very classmate who started it all: Mistah Sanny Gadot

"It started when I was assigned at Philippine Military Academy (PMA), I was designated as Secretary Academy Staff (SAS) under two (2) Superintendents namely: then BGen Arturo T. Enrile and Commodore Virgilio Q. Marcelo.

As SAS, one of my functions was to monitor and supervise the conduct of major command activities and ensure that these were executed with utmost precision. Among these activities are the PMA Foundation Day or PMA Day, PMA Graduation and PMA Alumni Homecoming.

Among these events, I observed that PMA Day had the highest alumni attendance, with each class being well-represented. It's a special day for all alumni to pay homage to our dear Alma Mater, a time for reunion, bonding, and fellowship, particularly among class members. Having a special day to look forward to would allow each class member to stay connected and rekindle the Matikas spirit, no matter where they are stationed.



The day starts with a wreath-laying ceremony to honor deceased alumni. This is followed by arrival honors for the Guest of Honor (GOH) in front of Melchor Hall. While the GOH is enjoying refreshments at the Superintendent's office, the cadet corps forms up for the parade. After refreshments, the GOH and party, accompanied by the Superintendent, proceed to the grandstand. Once everyone is settled, the entry of troops to the Borromeo Field commences.

As soon as the cadet corps is formed at Borromeo Field, the alumni parade follows, with classes marching off in front of the cadets. After the alumni parade, each class returns to its original formation. Then, the GOH delivers their address. This is followed by the parade and review by the cadet corps. After the parade and review, there's a class picnic, with each class proceeding to their designated areas.

This day holds a special place in the hearts of all alumni, no matter where they are. Many exert their best efforts to be physically present for this special occasion. While this day is a time for reunion, bonding, and fellowship, it primarily serves as a reminder of our identity as PMAyers, products of our dear Alma Mater, embracing the virtues of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty.

During my time as SAS, an idea sparked in my mind: why not establish a special day for our class, the Matikas? A day we could all cherish wherever we are, a day everyone would look forward to, where we could gather and pay homage to our dear class, the PMA Matikas Class of 1983. At that time, most of us were in our field assignments, making it difficult to come together at a specific location for understandable reasons.

Having a special day to look forward to would allow each class member to stay connected and rekindle the Matikas spirit, no matter where they are stationed.

I planned to present this idea to the class officers at an opportune time. However, unexpectedly, I became Class President in February 1994, right after PMA Foundation Day. Initially, I prioritized fundraising projects to generate funds for the class. With the support of the class officers and all members, we were able to launch three major



fundraising projects: Golf for a Cause and Sponsorships of the Premiere Showings of the movies "River Wild" and "Dumbodrop." These projects generated funds that enabled us to support class activities, including Alumni Homecoming, Class Summer Outing,





and Christmas Party, with remaining funds reserved for future projects and contingencies.

While actively fulfilling my duties as Class President, I recalled the idea I conceived as SAS at PMA. I pushed forward to turn this concept into reality, and with the support of all class officers, we decided to designate March 11th, our Graduation Day, as Matikas Day.

This decision was disseminated to all class members. Thus, on March 11, 1996, the first Matikas Day was commemorated. The event was highlighted by two major activities: a wreath-laying ceremony and a dinner fellowship.

The wreath-laying ceremony, held at 3:00 p.m. at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, primarily honored our departed classmates. Reverend Joel Saladaga, Protestant Chaplain of the Philippine Army and a full-fledged Colonel in the Chaplain Service, officiated the ceremony.

The dinner fellowship followed at 6:00 p.m. at PAOCH, Gumamela, JUSMAG Area. Brigadier General Emilio de Leon, the Commanding General of the Training Command, Philippine Army, then occupying the area that now houses Bonifacio Global City (BGC), served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. HPA Canteen provided catering services for the event, which fit within our budget of P10,000.

On that day, my term as Class President ended, and I handed over the class leadership to Cav Juanito "Boy" Vaño. My term began in February 1994 and concluded on March 11, 1996.

I am happy and thankful that the succeeding class leaderships found meaning in what I have started and sustained the commemoration of Matikas Day every March 11. Now, it is institutionalized as part of our class tradition."

We couldn't picture exactly how this tradition will prosper over the years, because this presumes that it will continue for as long as there is a number of us bidding goodbye to those who have gone ahead. And as we count our finite lives, we know that our number will dwindle until we'd whittle to one and then none... But for now, we are committed to sustaining this tradition as our way of manifesting our respect, regards and love for each other until we can no longer do more.



Then 1994 Class President: Sanny Gadot, with his then secretary: Ed Año.

JPE, the Centenarian

• **Cav Panfilo M Lacson '71**

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Secretary Juan Valentin Furagganan Ponce Enrile, better known as JPE – former assemblyman, minister of defense, senator, congressman (representing the 1st District of Cagayan province), Senate president, and as Presidential Legal Counsel, the first and longest-serving and — STILL breathing — oldest public official on planet Earth and probably the entire universe – celebrated his 100th birthday last Valentine's Day.

JPE, who was born on Feb. 14, 1924, may well be considered by the Guinness Book of World Records as the only centenarian still working in government. Truth is, while we use the term *"legendary"* as empty platitude to describe people, it tends to become an understatement for JPE.

Unknown to many, he was – and still is – the champion defender of the military and uniformed personnel (MUP) pension system, for which more than 600,000 MUP, active and retired, as well as the future generations of MUP entrants, including (and more importantly) their families, will forever be grateful.

As Chief Presidential Legal Counsel, he publicly opposed the proposal of then Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno in March 2023



for a drastic overhaul of the MUP pension system. He argued: "*Iba ang trabaho ng sundalo eh*" and that the soldiers are *"gambling their lives to protect the country*." His advice: "*Kung ako si Secretary Diokno, dahan-dahan ako diyan. That is very explosive*." (Quotes extracted from "Reforming the MUP Pension System: A Position Paper of PMA Class of 1971, Inc.," published in The Cavalier April-June 2023 Issue, p.45).

Years earlier, as a senator just released from confinement (and hence unable to attend previous Senate sessions), he orchestrated the Hotel InterContinental brainstorming session on December 15, 2015. I was with him as then resigned Presidential Adviser for Rehabilitation and Recovery in Central Visayas for Typhoon Yolanda and then-senatorial candidate for the May 2016 elections. Along with my Mistah, the most tenacious MUP pension advocate Vice Admiral Ariston de los Reyes PN (Ret), and other retirees, we exhaustively deliberated on the arguments to oppose the indefinite suspension of pension indexing through the enactment of Salary Standardization Law (SSL) 2015.

At that time, the bill had already been approved on third reading by both houses of Congress. During a meeting and subsequent telephone discussions with then-incumbent senators Gregorio Honasan II (PMA '71) and Vicente "Tito" Sotto III, it was agreed that Sotto would address the Senate in the afternoon to file a motion for reconsideration of the bill. It was decided that he would invoke a provision in the Rules of the Senate to return it to second reading, and deliberate again on the bill to delete the suspension of pension indexing. Senator Enrile would second the motion. The plan was executed in toto.

The Senate, which included then-senator Ferdinand Marcos Jr., made a final stand to oppose the suspension of pension indexing, continuing into the bicameral committee meeting. Had SSL 2015 been enacted, it would have been more difficult for pension indexing to resume.

Going back to our brainstorming in December 2015, I noticed Senator Enrile's vibrant demeanor as he arrived at the Intercontinental Hotel. He mentioned how he had been spending more time readling, one of which was about the West Philippine Sea (WPS), which is proven to have huge deposits of oil and other mineral resources. He likewise detailed a litany of information and data that fully convinced him that the country should protect and defend our national interest in the WPS. For someone who was 91 years old at the time, his mental acuity was exceptionally and unbelievably sharp and brilliant.

On a different note, back in November 2008, then Senate president Manuel Villar Jr. stepped down after losing the support of the majority of the sitting senators. Thereafter, I had the privilege of nominating Senator JPE as our new Senate president. Garnering the support of 14 senators and with five abstentions, he formally took his oath as the 21st Senate president of the Republic of the Philippines.

While serving as Senate president, he ably presided over the impeachment trial of the late Chief Justice Renato Corona. The rest, as they say, is history. Considering his advanced age, JPE has the distinction of retaining not only his legal acumen and skills but also his brilliance and mental acuity that lawyers half his age would not dare challenge in any forum.

As he celebrated a century of his lifetime, so do we who had the privilege of witnessing a century of his wisdom and experiences. I only wish that he put in good use his well-deserved P100,000 centenarian "dole-out" - and may he have many more years to live.







Editor's Note: Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile is an honorary member of PMAAAI and a Cavalier Awardee in 1974. He is PMAFI donor of Professorial Chair in Political Science.

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

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

CLASS CALL

JOHNNY M SANCHEZ
President
ROSS JOSEPH S ALQUIZA
Secretary (2nd Generation)

The spirit of PMA Class '55 is alive and well, not only among the five remaining members of the Class namely, Ponciano Allanigue, Rosalino Alquiza, Renato Ecarma, Juan Sanchez and Renato Tanseco, but also among the wives, widows and brats (2nd Generation).

The Foundation

The PMA Class '55 Foundation, the "Foundation", which was established and incorporated in 1998 by the class members has been serving as the anchor of the Class '55 community. It is through this Foundation that most, if not all Class '55 immediate and extended families, socialize through get togethers and treat each other as next of kin.

Through the years, the Foundation, spearheaded by the late Buddy Mison since its incorporation, along with Johnny Sanchez, the late Ernie Ravina, Rene Tanseco and Ros Alquiza, managed to solicit, sustain and grow the Foundation's funds until where it is right now. Of course, this would not have taken place without the support and encouragement of the entire Class '55 members.

To name a few of the Foundation's projects were the (i) building and maintenance of PMA '55 Grove located near the PMA Superintendent's Quarters and the Kiosk at the Borromeo Field; (ii) donation of solar lamp posts at Borromeo Field; (iii) scholarship grants to deserving individuals, and (iv) currently medical and burial assistance to the 1st Generation (class members, wives, widows) and regular foundation members belonging to the 2nd Generation.

During the height of the pandemic, the Foundation formed a COVID 19 Assistance Fund primarily to support the 1st Generation members financially, if needed. It somehow gave them peace of mind in those uncertain and trying times.

The Transition

Undeniably, it was through the selfless effort of Buddy Mison who cleared the path for the 2nd Generation to get involved in Foundation matters – he who made a way to preserve the aspiration and legacy of the Class.

In order to ensure its continuity, the Foundation's Board of Trustees is now composed of both 1st and 2nd Generation members unlike before when all members belonged to the 1st Generation only.

Last March 24, 2024, the Class '55 Foundation held its annual General Assembly at Dimalupig B, COC in Camp Aguinaldo. A seven-member Board was elected. One (1) member from the class

Foundation members who attended the General Assembly 2024



Standing: 2nd Generation Members (Left to Right): Sigrid Reymundo -Lizares, Agnes Isaac - Bañez, Paul Isaac, Didi Parado- Baladad, Sarah Miranda, Teng Zaide-Garnace, Bing Miranda, Joseph Solina, Dr. Leah Arceo-Plucena, Rene Santos, Babot Muñoz-Joseph, Gen Jun Mison (ret), Dr. Ruth Arceo, Gen Ernie Ravina Jr. (ret), Avi Alquiza, Atty. Fred Mison, Veronica Alcañeses-Pantig, Joemari Alcañeses, Grace Garganera-Alcañeses, Marc Rivera, RJ Alquiza.

Seated: 1st Generation Members (Left to Right): Col Johnny Sanchez (ret), Lolit Parado, Tess Isaac, Sally Arceo, Ondette Muñoz, Ione Mison, Gen Ros Alquiza (ret), Grace Alcañeses, Vangie Rivera, Pilar Sanchez.

itself (who is also the President), one (1) from the wives or widows and five (5) from the children (2nd Generation).

For the year 2024 to 2026, the elected members of the Board from the 1st Generation included Johnny Sanchez, Vangie Rivera (widow) and the elected members from the 2nd Generation were Jun Mison (PMA Class 1984), Ernie Ravina Jr. (PMA Class 1984), Bing Miranda, RJ Alquiza and Teng Zaide-Garnace.

The Elected Board of Trustees



Jun Mison, Teng Zaide-Garnace, Bing Miranda, Vangie Rivera, Johnny Sanchez, Ernie Ravina Jr., RJ Alquiza.

Also, regular membership of the Foundation was extended to two (2) children per family, who also are entitled to medical and burial assistance.

Last year, the previous Board approved the payment in advance the unclaimed benefits due to the remaining 1st Generation members namely – medical assistance amounting to one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) and burial assistance or abuloy amounting to another one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) in order for them to enjoy their benefits immediately. The remaining fund of the Foundation is intended solely for the benefit and discretion of the 2nd Generation for its initiatives and projects in the future.

The 2nd Generation, consisting of 50 members is now the majority members of the Foundation, as represented by the brats seating in the Board. As a sign of their love and gratefulness, they will continue to take care of the surviving 1st Generation members by granting them a cash gift of ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) yearly on their birthday. It is an honor and out of respect to their fathers that the brats are committed to continue their legacy. / *teng zaide-garnace (2nd Generation)*

EDUARDO R ERMITA
President

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) recognized this year's "*Gawad Kapayapaan*" awardees in honor of the critical role they have played in achieving peace in the country.

Among the recipients of the Gawad Kapayaan Highest Distinction Award include former Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and painter Rameer Tawasil. The awarding was held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) on 29 September 2023.

Cav Ermita said that the cause of peace has been part of his unwavering advocacy throughout his 57-year-long tenure as a government official and public servant.

In his acceptance speech, Cav Ermita emhasized a principle which he strongly believes: "*Peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is the presence of justice, unity, and prosperity for our people*."

Cav Ermita served as the AFP Deputy Chief of Staff from 1986 to 1988, and Vice Chief of Staff in 1988 during the time that the administration of then President Corazon Aquino fought back a series of coup attempts.

Upon his retirement from the military service in 1988, he was appointed by then Defense Chief Fidel V. Ramos as an Undersecretary of National Defense (USND) during the last major coup attempt in 1989. He also handled the program for the reconciliation, reintegration and rehabilitation of rebel returnees in the DND from 1976 to 1984, and 1988 to 1992.

In 1992, he ran for Congress and served for three terms as the representative of the first district of Batangas until 2001. In the Congress, Cav Ermita sponsored the ratification of several proclamations for amnesty directed at the Communist Party of the Philippines – New People's Army – National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), and other rebel and Muslim secessionist groups under the administrations of former Presidents Ramos, Joseph Estrada, and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

He served as the head of the then Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process,



the predecesor to OPAPRU, from 2001 to 2003. In 2003, he was also appointed as Chairman of the Government Peace Negotiating Panel in talks with the MNLF.

He became the Secretary of National Defense from 2003 to 2004. The last government position he held was as the Executive Secretary and Presidential Spokesperson under the Arroyo administration from 2004 to 2010.

"My views on peace making is from the perspective of a military professional who gives value to my own life story. That we, old soldiers, would tell also those who dare to listen, that no one wants peace as much as the soldiers who witnessed the horrors of war," Cav Ermita said.

Acceptance speech of Cav Ermita during the awarding of Gawad Kapayaan Highest Distinction Award

....With profound gratitude and a heart filled with humility, I accept the Gawad Kapayapaan Award, an honor that touches me deeply. To be recognized for my efforts to advance the cause of peace in our beloved Philippines, a cause that has been my unwavering advocacy throughout my long tenure as a government official and public servant, is truly an honor and a privilege.

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is the presence of justice, unity, and prosperity.

We emphasized this principle when the National Unification Commission, or NUC, crafted the comprehensive peace process policy in the time of the administration of President Ramos. I was then a member of the NUC, representing the House of Representatives. This policy, with its emblematic "Six Paths to Peace," has since been the cornerstone of our peace process agenda.

My journey in peace advocacy begun many years ago, driven by a profound belief in the transformative power of dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation. And my recollection of my work for peace still remains vivid –

- *the 1976 Tripoli Peace Agreement with the MNLF in the then administration of President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Sr.;*

  Prior to this, I led back-channel talks with MNLF commanders and had successful negotiations that led to a number of them returning to the folds of the law, one of whom was then Kumander Gerry Salappudin who would later become Governor of Basilan and a three-term Congressman and House Deputy Speaker for Mindanao.

- *the 1996 Peace Agreement with the MILF during the time of President Ramos;*

  Incidentally, President Ramos started me in my work for peace. He was my commanding officer in Vietnam where I learned that wars can be won by winning the hearts and minds of people. This paved the way for my being a champion of civil relations service as a core function of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

  While in Congress during President Ramos' term, I led the call for the repeal of the anti-subversion law as the most significant law in the Ramos administration's first 100 days.

  My work in Congress would later lead to advancing the bill on the Charter of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during President Estrada's term and which later would be enacted as Republic Act No 9054 under the administration of President Arroyo.

- *the ceasefire agreement with the MILF in the time of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, which the Philippine negotiating panel I headed was able to achieve.*

  It was during the time of President Arroyo that I was appointed as Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process that allowed me to broaden the work for peace beyond the negotiating table. While there, we pursued area peace process conferences that led to the creation peace and development communities. We furthered the establishment of zones of peace, and introduced peace education as part of the education curricula.





But I was never alone in my peace journey. As I stand here today, I am reminded of the countless individuals who have dedicated their lives to this noble cause, often working behind the scenes without recognition but with unwavering determination.

They were our principals and colleagues in government who came together for a common good. They were the soldiers who fought for flag and freedom and who sacrificed and gave their lives. They were the former rebels willing to lay down their arms for the prospect of lasting peace. They were civil society and non-government peace organizations working hand in hand with the government to bring about positive change. And they were our citizens on the ground – common folks in far-flung communities – empowered by the government to rebuild what conflict had broken apart.

Indeed, the pursuit of peace is a collective endeavor; a testament to the tireless efforts of many strong and resilient people who faced adversity. My commitment to peace is inspired by them; to them, I dedicate this award.

I am mindful that the journey to lasting peace is ongoing and evolving. Its path is not always smooth as there will always be challenges and setbacks along the way. Nonetheless, our shared commitment to peace shall remain unwavering and our dedication to its pursuit sustained. Indeed,

peace is not a destination but a continuing process that demands our vigilance and patience.

My deepest appreciation goes out to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, led by Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., and its able officials and staff, for spearheading this relevant event, the success of which we now witness. The Gawad Kapayapaan Awarding Ceremony is not simply to bestow honor. More importantly, it is to emphasize that the work for peace must be embraced and celebrated as a continuing legacy.

Thank you, once again, for this honor, and let us continue our journey toward a more peaceful and harmonious Philippines.

MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary

ILLUSTRIOUS CLASS OF 1962

• CAV JOEL R HINLO '62

We are officers in arms by profession. From the time we take our oath of office till we die, we are officers. We chose to lead a life of discipline and of rigor. We are not beholden to no one but to the nation and people.

We guard the nation in peace and train to be gallant in war. In war, we are trained to fight with all our strength and leave behind our families and loved ones.

We help shape the nation and its people. In the annals of men, we are courageous and heroes as we fought with supreme sacrifice. In short, this is the Illustrious Class of 1962.

The Class has to share we have Ambassadors, Department Secretary, AFP Chiefs of Staff, Defense Attache, and Generals. Our Alma Mater song, "When the bells for us are rung and our last taps are sung," Philippine Military Academy, Illustrious Class of 1962 will be told in history and the next generation.

Last March 16, 2024, our Class President, Manuel "Nano" Mariano celebrated his 84th birthday at the Dimalupig Hall of the AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. As expected, Nano's birthday bash did not disappoint with the abundant food including fresh cut sashimi from two whole tuna fish and a whole roast pig from Rico's Lechon. Mistahs and their families showed up to greet Nano. While the guests totaling at least 120 were enjoying the food and refreshments, they were continuously entertained by a multi-talented singer and pianist. Truly, it was a well attended and enjoyable event! We look forward to celebrating your 85th birthday next year, Mistah!















GUILLERMO R RUIZ
President
RENE LEANDRO P EBRO
Secretary

Greetings from PMA Matindi Class of 1963!

Twenty-nine out of 77 Matindis stately stand proud while 48 have joined the Great Beyond.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE NOR FADE AWAY. THEY ARE FOREVER REMEMBERED:

On **20 December 2023**, we bid farewell to Big Boy Adriano then last 2 April 2024, Bill Ruiz, our Class President.

16 January 2024 - Pert Andaya had his birthday celebration at his residence.

27 January 2024 - Ebor, the lone representative of the class, attended the PMAAAI Alumni General Membership Meeting where he was very much honored and felt at home with his upper, lower classmen, old Navy Village neighbors, colleagues, friends as well as the active men and women in uniform currently serving the nation and protecting our land.

12 February 2024 - Reggie and Marga Lacson hosted the Matindi 1963 Valentine's Lunch Party at One Uptown Residences BGC.

20 March 2024 - We celebrated our 61st Graduation Anniversary at the Philippine Navy Golf Club, Taguig City. We dined at longest table with a little less of us yet we had a wonderful family style lunch.

2 April 2024 - Major General Guillermo R. Ruiz, Marines, AFP (Ret.) or Bill passed away nearly two months after turning 83. The wake was initially held at the Heritage Park Chapel. Necrological Mass was at the BNS Chapel in the evening of 5 April. Internment was at the Libingan ng mga Bayani the next day, 6 April.

Eulogy for Bill Ruiz as Narrated by Commodore Danny Pizarro:

Major General Guillermo R. Ruiz Marines, AFP (Ret.) was fondly called Bill. Our close relationship started at the PMA Battalion Staff Room of two double bunk beds. With us were Ding Salipsip and Sancho Sanchez. Three of us joined the Philippine Navy while Sancho joined the Air Force. As adjutant of the battalion he had to bark out orders and commands in troop assembly and formation. This developed his deep baritone voice. It's that same voice that would entertain us with love songs for Bill was a gifted singer and loved music. This talent was inherited by his grandchildren that made him very proud.

When the Navy Village housing was created, priority was given to officers in operation and providentially Bill and I ended up as neighbors on the same street opposite each other. Thereby, the relationship was further fertilized for over 20 years. Here, our families, our children grew up together sharing a healthy, happy and peaceful environment.

His military service is something to be emulated. His leadership qualities led him to shine in combat and peacekeeping duties. His achievements were recognized by numerous medals and awards. PMA, likewise, appreciated these accomplishments with the Cavalier Award in 1991 and 2013. Although, Bill was a bemedalled officer, he remained humble and modest. Truly, an epitome of an Officer and a Gentleman.

Bill is full of love. Love for his lovely and charming wife, Norma, love for his children, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, siblings, love for his friends and classmates, love of country and above all, love of God. They say old soldiers never die. They just fade away. However, to Bill this is different because of love. Where there is love, fond memories prevail in our heart. Never, never to fade away.





And so, Mistah Bill, as you join your Maker and Creator, we will always cherish in our heatts fond memories we had with you. Rest in peace.

SNAPPIEST SALUTE TO OUR CLASS PRESIDENT BILL RUIZ:

Bill has been the Extraordinary Class President after our Golden Jubilee in 2013. I have worked with him even more through the pandemic along with my personal back office team of two, (my wife Flor and my only daughter Mymel) when I was falling short and feeling under the weather. We would frequently do facetime not only for proof of life but importantly to manage class affairs remotely leading to our Diamond Jubilee 2023 until the recent activities.

Even if Bill was already feeling under the weather himself sadly missing the recent gatherings, a true workaholic that he was, he unwaveringly ensured everything was in order, coordinated and designated right before he left us. More than the facetime in recent years, Flor, Mymel and I will always remember you for being very professional, organized, efficient, diplomatic and practical as well as our neighbor in Navy Village likewise. Vaya con dios, Mistah Bill! With much appreciation for a job well done and being one Matinding pillar of strength for our class!

30 April 2024 Summer luncheon meeting and get-together at our favorite go-to place the Philippine Navy Golf Club.

PROUD MILITARY GRANDPA MOMENT:

Kirsten Abaya Reyes joined the US Coast Guard Academy as a member of 300 Cadets of Class 2027. Leah, mother of Tenten who is married to Earl Reyes member of PMA Class 1993, is the eldest daughter of Mistah Ardy and Beth Abaya.





CLASS CALL CONTENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

As suggested by our class president last year, mistahs are encouraged to contribute to the class call content.

forEBOR NOTEWORTHY NOTES:

May you always remain hearty and hale, happy and healthy! In all your endeavors, forEBOR cheering you on!

Many thanks for reading my entries all these years. This is Rene Leandro Piccio Ebro, also known as Ebor, forEbor the class secretary since 1963, SIGNING OFF from the Class Call of the Cavalier Magazine and as Class Secretary of Matindi Class of 1963.

Offering my final snappiest salute, firmest hand shake enough to hold well and multifold of thanks! (18121605)

CLEMENTE P MARIANO
President
WINSTON G ARPON
Secretary

PMA ALUMNI HOMECOMING
February 17, 2024, Borromeo Field, Fort del Pilar
Loakan, Baguio City
CLASS of 1964
Diamond Jubilarians, Front and Center



Dictador Labrador Alqueza; Jorge Pabellon Agcaoili; +Manuel Antonio Serranilla Arevalo; +Amerigo Sugarol Ariosa; Winston Godinez Arpon; +Danilo Natividad Bangit; +Miguel Luis Bareng; +Asterio Baraclan Bas; Santiago Bringas Bunoan Jr.; +Orlando Torres Cabanlig; +Samuel Tolentino Cortez; +Feliciano Alcantara Cruz Jr; +Ruben Limos Danao; Santiago Lanuza Diño; +Samuel Tadeo Farre; Renato Morales Garcia; +Avelino Balingit de Guzman; +Salvador Viloria Hocson; + Manuel Ison; Clemente Pionilla Mariano; +Eriberto Lafuente Miraflores; Leonardo Olivera Odoño: Rolando Alcazar Pabellano; Ernesto Asuncion Padilla Jr.; +Abraham Carlos Paray; Salvador Garcia Peran; +Enrique Angeles Pilapil; Reynaldo Vitug Reyes; +Guerreador Segundo Ruiz; +Casiano Valencia Saludares; +Michael Alebin Santos; +Pablo Palomo Sencil Jr.; +Ignacio Villarta Tiqui; James Salen Valeros; Leo Ismael Zaldivar Villareal



Present: ***Jorge Agcaoili; Rene Garcia; Clem Mariano; Paddy Padilla; Buddy Peran; James Valeros; Jimmy Valeros; Billy Villareal.*** Also present: **Jim Vandevoort.** In absentia: **Arfs Arpon; Santi Bunoan; Tagoy Dino; Ding Odono; Rolly Pabellano.** Ladies present: **Miriam Agcaoili; Dely Cabanlig; Grace Cortez Ellen de la Cruz; Nida Garcia; Emmet de Guzman; Cora Mariano; Nena Nebrida-Padilla; Lina Pilapil; Sandy Reyes; Glo Valeros; and Beth Villareal.**



Reflections

"Our 60th jubilee of graduation from the Philippine Military Academy was for a long time anticipated by each class member as a very exciting momentous event, filled with pride, nostalgia, mixed emotions, and reflections.



"Approaching this milestone has prompted us to reflect on the past, the unique, unexpected kind of reception by the cadet corps that ushered us into academy life, our summer beast barracks training, the hardships endured, the wet and flooded (with sweat) floor of Melchor Hall hallways after mass punishment exercise sessions, the challenges we overcame, and the camaraderie developed among classmates. We refreshed memories of raids into the mess hall to play the phonograph and memorize the song titles or to satisfy our growling bellies after bad dinners with upperclassmen, early morning cold showers while finishing writing orders, rigorous drills particularly the repeated orders of the Tactics Group S2 to go back to the slope and march in again, late-lights study sessions, the punishment tours for exceeding the allowed number of demerits every month, the weapons training with the different services, the cruises to southern Philippines, the kaydet girls we "dragged" to the hops and many more formative experiences which kept flooding back.



"We realized that graduating from PMA was an achievement. After six decades, our sense of pride in our service to the nation, the sacrifices, accomplishments and battles we won and lost can be quite overwhelming. Our transformation from civilians to cadets, to seasoned officers and then back to being civilians is a story of courage, sacrifice, resilience, commitment, and love of the Philippines. We remember with gratitude our mentors, instructors, and fellow graduates who played significant roles in the formation of our professional lives.

"Throughout our lives we developed a strong sense of camaraderie and brotherhood. Each of us appreciates the guidance, discipline instilled, and support received during our formative years. During this jubilee celebration we hoped to reconnect with our Alma Mater on our return to the academy, meet cadets, and see how the institution has evolved. The homecoming, in fact, evoked a deep sense of connection and pride in our mother institution. Together with the joy in celebrating the milestone, we cannot also avoid feeling sad for our fallen comrades and the sacrifices they made. The occasion evokes bittersweet feelings.

"Commemoration of our 60th jubilee of graduation from PMA is an experience of pride, nostalgia, gratitude and anticipation. It's a time to honor the journey, meet with old classmates, former underclassmen, upperclassmen (if there are survivors), relive memories and be grateful to GOD who has been good to us all this time."

-Reynaldo "Rayot" Reyes

"Despite the miniscule physical attendance, compared to the younger classes, it was a memorable and successful celebration of our diamond anniversary. Everybody, including the widows, had fun in the 3 - day affair culminated on Sunday by Glo Valeros' guided tour



of Baguio tourist spots. Rey and Sandy did most of the planning and coordination, investing their time and resources to make the affair flawless and worthwhile. For some of us present, we made sure we would not falter in the trooping of the line considering out rheumatic knees and worn-out joints. And we succeeded in pretending it was an easy run.

"We are hoping to go up Loakan again on our 64th Anniversary to recall and relive past and glorious memories- in 2028, 64th because it sounds more meaningful."

-Clemente "Clem" Mariano



"I've been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2020. PD is a brain disorder that results to unintended or uncontrollable movements, shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with walking and balance. So, when Rey told me in a get-together in Florida about our Class's plans and preparations, I could not help but doubt my physical abilities to participate. Nevertheless, I made a silent vow right there and then that I WILL strive to attend the ceremonies in PMA, that I WILL strive to join my classmates in marching in front of the Corps of Cadets, my PD notwithstanding.



"I embarked on five times a week 50-minute walking exercise wherever I was … in Florida, in Illinois, and finally in the rolling terrain of Antipolo. I tried to walk as fast as I could, but of course I had no way of knowing if my best is good enough to allow me to march in cadence to the tune of martial music.

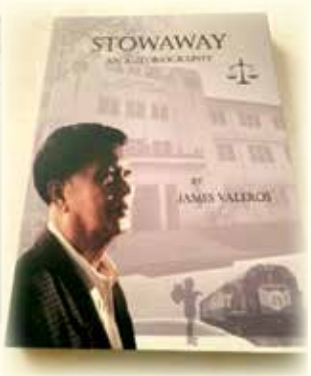
"When I got off the grandstand to gather in the waiting area, Clem met me and tried to dissuade me from joining. Apparently, he saw me walking like a duck and worried that I was in no condition to make the march, but I insisted. I have had so many setbacks and frustrations, and I just won't turn my back on what could be my last chance to reach a meaningful milestone in my life. So, I persisted … and I MADE IT. And finally, when Miriam came to place the Diamond Medallion around my neck … oh what a very joyful and exhilarating moment in my life. THANK YOU, LORD!"

-Jorge "George" Agcaoili



"True to our made beforehand that "we will be there" the majority nine of us comprising what remained of the 13 members of the class hopped to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee this year were truly there at the Borromeo Field marching





in step abreast members of the Long Grey Line celebrating the 2024 Alumni Homecoming

"For a second smallest batch graduating at 35 next to Class 1959, to be there marching in cadence during the Diamond Jubilee celebration was proof again that our class amidst decades of challenges over the years will never be few forever.

"In fitting celebration of the 60th year of the class, I hurriedly completed an autobiography book. As earlier suggested and recommended by Arfs Arpon and Rey Reyes, the book was entitled "THE STOWAWAY' – a narration of the author's travails from birth until his short-lived military career upon graduation from the Academy. Completed on the dot, before February 17, to coincide with the Alumni Homecoming and our Diamond Jubilee celebration."

-James "Jimmy" Valeros

"Jubilee is time for togetherness and intense bonding. This celebration of our class jubilee was an opportune time for Nena, my new partner, the ladies of our class, most if not all of them, for the first time. A time to see for herself how my first wife how Merc, my late wife, was so close to every lady, how she was appreciated and loved. Nena saw among the ladies the intense closeness and happiness. The Jubilee gathering provided me the chance to show my son and grandson the Academy environment, hoping that they will be encouraged to aim for the PMA as their school of choice after high school thus fulfilling my dream of having my son and grandson joining the Long Gray Line."

- Ernesto "Paddy" Padilla



"I was one of the seven members present and join them on ground ready to march with the group I considered the Class 64 Lucky 7, As it turned out, only five marched. Buddy Peran sat at the grandstand with the dignitaries as the oldest alumnus present. I also opted not to march due to a bad knee.

"Many memories of that day, including of course seeing our President ***Clem Mariano*** cutting the diamond jubilee cake" at lunch."

-Ismael "Billy Villareal

"One of the greatest honors this USNA 2003 graduate has had in his life was being adopted as a brother by the PMA Class of 64. Throughout the last decade, I been to many meaningful events with my



classmates. Being able to be present and bring my children to the 60th reunion was not only on top of the list with them, but it was also a top life experience for my family and myself!

"The weekend was full of memories, experience, and celebration! It started with a walk down memory lane during registration, receiving the first copies for Atty Jimmy Valeros's book (since have read it and hoping more in 64 decide to do the same) and the epic Trooping the Line run by Rey Reyes. Run is literal, he invited other classes much younger than ours to join but he was the only PMA graduate that jogged during this event."

-Jim Vandevoort

"I was among the six MIA, present only in spirit, on Diamond Jubilee Day at Borromeo Field, for reasons of health, not mine, that of ***Vicky***. But back home, I had the good fortune, thanks to today's technology and a longtime AFPM, Associate and Friend Pa More **sent, thanks** Cavalier ***Ron Ordoyo***. On his own initiative, the good general shared with me videos of the unfolding events as they occurred, affording me practically a front view seat at the grandstand, right in our bedroom.



It was impromptu, a spur of the moment decision on my part, triggered by the part of the festivities: the awarding and donning of the Diamond Jubilee Diamond medallion. I decided to participate, right in our bedroom and my wife *Vicky* was game about it giving my medallion. As it turned out, I donned my medallion a good 49 minutes before my mistahs did at Borromeo Field. It gave me a thrill, certainly nowhere close to the thrill my mistahs must have felt but good enough for me under the circumstances.

-Winston "Arfs" Arpon



Santi and ***Nida Bunoan*** were also no-shows, also for health reasons of the former. But ***Nida*** – bless her – has extended an invitation to visit their home,214 Purok Talisay, sitio Cangcayat, Brgy. Tinago, Ararroy, Masbate.

April

Jim Vandevoort - 9/1980; ***Buddy Peran*** - 21/1935; Sophie Diño – 30/1942

May

Sandy Reyes - 21/1946; ***Nida Garcia*** – 22/1976

June

Rolly Pabellano - 20/1941; + ***Louie Bareng*** - 22/1938; ***Rene Garcia*** - 26/1941



A couple of weeks after the Diamond Jubilee celebration in the north, March 8, roads lead the opposite direction, south, to Masantol, Pampanga. ***Emmet***, widow of ***Avelino "Guzi" de Guzman*** was the toast of several guests – family, relatives, and friends, including of course the Class 64 family; guests that included the administration, staff and students of San Miguel Academy, a high school founded by father of ***Emmet***, a physician, now managed by only son ***Michael***.

MEANWHILE.....

Clem reports: "With Cora and children..... 'spur of the moment idea' and 'let's go' to beat the heat and buy cheaper fresh seafood and famous Bataan Geno Ice Cream in Orani, Bataan, (but) ended up with higher heat index than Taguig City."







The book of ***Arfs Arpon***, Laughter in the South/Footnotes to the Southern Conflict that a good run last year through Amazon continues to rely for its continuing sales on friends like our very own adopted brother ***Jim Vandevoort.*** His latest reader: LCDR LCDR ***Brian Matic***, Commanding Officer of Navy Reserve Center Guam. A USNA grad (2009) like **Jim. Brian** is the son of **Cavalier *Bayani T Matic*, firstie of *Arfs*** during his plebehood. ***@waga/cc64-2402***



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President
EVERLINO P NARTATEZ
Secretary

SPECIAL GREETINGS FROM THE PMA MULAWIN CLASS OF 1965!!!

Exactly 59 years after graduation, the PMA MULAWIN CLASS OF 1965 celebrated its 59th graduation anniversary with a carefully planned lunch buffet and appropriately and acceptably designed for a health conscious group at the Cavaliers Resto-Bar located at the former LOGCOM AFP driving range in CGEA, QC last March 28, 2024. Our Class President Mike had to shorten his vacation down under just to be able to join his classmates in this special occasion to further the bonds of brotherhood and friendship and camaraderie in the Mulawin family. It was also considered as our Q1 2024 Fellowship Gathering and Get Together. Earlier that day at 1000H (10:00 a.m.) was our traditional Memorial Mass Offering for deceased classmates and ladies 30 and 16 of them, respectively.

Attendees were Pres Mike; Enri and Celia Bulan; Berlie and Lynn Nartatez; Dianne Malig; Rose Monta; Rolly Cauton; Lito Tapia; Jolaps; Jess and Boots Candelario; Pat and Baby Duque; Lita Marcelo; Roger and Gloria Bergado; JunJun Abadilla; Col Domingo Francisco Fernandez; Raffy Alejandro; Valerie Mora; and TingTing Velasco.

As in a year time the Class shall have reached another milestone, that of being a DIAMOND JUBILARIAN and as such may have a special part during the Grand Alumni Homecoming on FEBRUARY 15, 2025 (the date of the Saturday nearest the 17th). The class started brainstorming on what are the things and activities to do and how to carry them about. It was agreed that we will have a a more dedicated meeting of the ManCom on May 10, 2024 at the Conference Room of CGEA Golf Clubhouse. As advised by Mistah Rolly Cauton, who unquestionably and successfully Chaired and steered as Chief Editor of our Class Golden Sword Committee in 2015, a Plan of work or Outline of what should come first, what are the materials needed to be gathered and determine schedules or calendar of activities, deadlines to be set coordinated with a printer who has to be determined first also, and of course agree if in the first







place there is a compelling need for the Class to have some kind of a Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Comemorative Publication.

Wishing the following birthday celebrators of March, April, May and June ALL THE BEST, HEALTHFUL AND JOYFUL HAPPY BIRTHDAYS PA MORE TO COME: MON AZURIN - March 22; WARLITO CAPITAN (+) - April 1; ALFONSO PEPE DELOS SANTOS - March 10; FRANCISCO FRENZY FERNANDEZ (+) - April 18; MIKE LEONARDO - May 8; RICKY PAPA - May 9; FERDIE LLAPITAN - April 1; ROMY MALIG (+) - June 14; ALFONSO MORA (+) - May 9; BERLIE TATES NARTATEZ - June 9; WILFRED WILLY NICOLAS (+) - May 13; EDUARDO NEPOMUCENO (+) - May 13; JOMARI SOLQUILLO - April 22; and DOMINGO TUCAY JR - May 30.

The Class conveys its deepest sympathies and condolences to our Mistah JUN TUCAY and the bereaved Tucay family for the passing of her beloved wife DAISY last March 28, 2024 due to cerebral aneurysm at the Inova Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax Virginia USA with her loving husband JUN and children at her side. MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE AND JOY. / epn







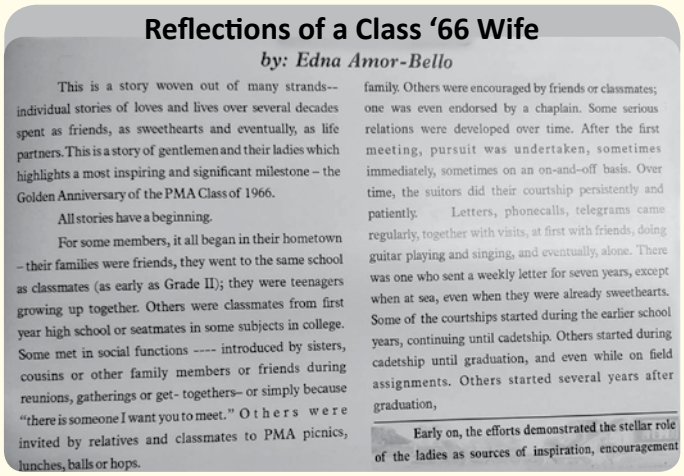
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PAMBUNGAD

Ang nilalaman ng isyung ito ng Cavalier Magazine ay ang mga pangyayari sa Class 1966 mula Abril hanggang Hunyo, at iba pa. Ang ika-isa ng Abril, na kilala bilang April Fool's Day, ay hindi malilimutan ng mga sixty-sixers na dumaan sa tinatawag sa Akademia na Reception Ceremony sa harap ng Melchor Hall noong taong 1962. Mabilis na lumipas ang apat na taon, ngunit sa mga plebo, napakabagal ng paglipas ng mga araw dahil sa mga hirap na pinagdaanan. Kaya naman, noong ika-20 ng Marso 1966, saya naman ang makikita sa mga mukha ng 81 na nagsipagtapos.

AGAIN, SAD OCCASIONS

Once again, members of the Class and their spouses went through another two sad events – when they received news that Edna A Bello, wife of of Mistah Cesar "*Bitoy*" Bello and Mistah Andres M Andres returned to our Creator. The first to go was Edna who left us last 20 March 2024. She lay in state at Loyola Memorial Chapels in Commonwealth Ave., Q.C., where delegations of mistahs and spouses visited the wake and condoled with Bitoy who displayed composure through the difficult



Reflections of a Class '66 Wife

by: Edna Amor-Bello

This is a story woven out of many strands--individual stories of loves and lives over several decades spent as friends, as sweethearts and eventually, as life partners. This is a story of gentlemen and their ladies which highlights a most inspiring and significant milestone – the Golden Anniversary of the PMA Class of 1966.

All stories have a beginning.

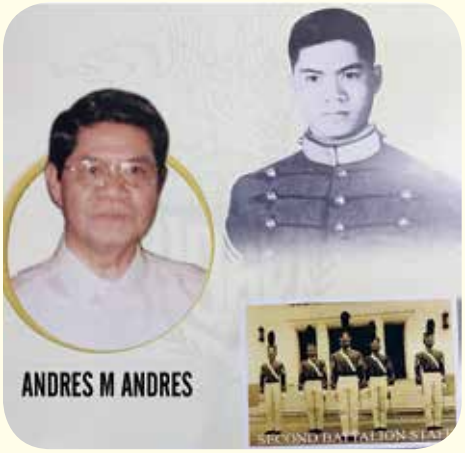
For some members, it all began in their hometown – their families were friends, they went to the same school as classmates (as early as Grade II); they were teenagers growing up together. Others were classmates from first year high school or seatmates in some subjects in college. Some met in social functions ---- introduced by sisters, cousins or other family members or friends during reunions, gatherings or get- togethers– or simply because "there is someone I want you to meet." Others were invited by relatives and classmates to PMA picnics, lunches, balls or hops.

family. Others were encouraged by friends or classmates; one was even endorsed by a chaplain. Some serious relations were developed over time. After the first meeting, pursuit was undertaken, sometimes immediately, sometimes on an on-and-off basis. Over time, the suitors did their courtship persistently and patiently. Letters, phonecalls, telegrams came regularly, together with visits, at first with friends, doing guitar playing and singing, and eventually, alone. There was one who sent a weekly letter for seven years, except when at sea, even when they were already sweethearts. Some of the courtships started during the earlier school years, continuing until cadetship. Others started during cadetship until graduation, and even while on field assignments. Others started several years after graduation,

Early on, the efforts demonstrated the stellar role of the ladies as sources of inspiration, encouragement

times. Edna's earthly body was cremated on 27 March 2024. Instead of pictures during the visits, we are showing abstract of an article written by Edna, a prolific writer in her own right, an article which provided depth to our Golden Anniversary Sword which we titled Family Story Book. Here, Edna wrote how the wives managed the home front (See page 70.)

About a month later, on 14 April 2024, Mistah Andy also passed to the great beyond, sort of unexpected to most of us. In the few instances when he attended Class activities, he looked healthy and young looking (see picture below). We remember that during our cadet days, he looked the neatest, meticulous in arranging his locker, bunk and shoes. We recall that he never experienced "touring" under the heat of the sun on the old parade ground as a punishment for excess demerits.



But we already accept that life for the likes of us who passed the Academy is just like that. There are no rules as to who would be in the advance party in going to high heavens. And thanks to our mistahs and spouses who had gone ahead, we are now better prepared and unafraid, as octagenarians (less than 3) in the pre-departure area, so to speak.

LIFE GOES ON

And so, during the three-month period under review in this issue, we carried on day to day. A significant event happened. There came into being an informal group composed of cadet corpsmates who graduated in 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967, possibly more to be added. Called C6-4567, which is now also a viber group, it is the brainchild of Winston Atilano Godinez Arpon '64, who likes to be called WAGA, The Resident Gardener in Lipa City. This group is now meeting quarterly for lunch at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, Q.C. and every Tuesday for breakfast at selected eateries in Bonifacio Global City. To add more flavor to an emerging story of brotherhood, a picture is added above. We bet our friends will find it difficult to identify who's who, considering wrinkles and hair.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PONS

This time, it is the time for the Marines to steal the show. Mistah Pons Millena, once PN Marines Commandant, celebrated his 80th birthday on 9 March 2024, but he was born on 22 February 1944.

His birthday celebration was held at Seda Hotel, BGC attended by his family and other relatives, PN and Marine officers, friends and members of the Class. With music provided by a professional band, there was even group dancing participated in by ladies of the class who still had the grace as ballroom dancers. Even Pons stood up from his chair and joined he dancing. If there is a will, there is a way. It made the night, a night to remember to those who attended.



THE LADIES TOO, AREN'T IDLE

They find time to get together, whether it is just going to church or not, or go to the malls together, they get together. Moreso, if the reason is more justified like birthdays or wedding anniversaries.

So last 16 April 2024, it was April Fernandez birthday. Because of cell phones, words spread around easily. She hosted a lunch at Romulos Café, Bonifacio Global City. For sure, they threw weight problems to the air, as shown in the picture below. It would be a crime if the writer does not identify them. From left to right, Sylvia Agudelo, Mercy Dauz, Cena Millena, Paz Bautista, April Fernandez, birthday girl and host, Cel Espejo, Fe Sabularse, Glo Domingo, Tess Reyes and Susan Gador. It was an all girl affair.





Then on 06 November, at Nono's Cafe, Uptown Mall, Viusy and Mercy celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary. Congrats mula sa Class! Mercy and Viusy are at the foreground of the right half of the picture, with guest Father George Villocillo beside Viusy.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

As usual, we are listing the names of those who celebrated/will celebrate their natal days during the last three months.

April - Cunanan, Gerry (06); Espejo, Noli (18); Eco, Rodolfo (06); Baylon, Luz (07); Gopilan, Edna (10); Sabularse, Fe (13); Fernandez, April (20).

May - Gopilan, Rey (29); Perez, Buddy (26); Romero, Tony (03); Urgello, Raul (05); Cruz, Simeon (22).

June – Sabularse, Bert (08); Sarmiento, Rec (27); Barrientos, Oscar (16); Dela Cuesta, Rolly (05); Rivera, Elsie (09); Cagurangan, Dee (13), Bantolo, Agie (03).

Happy birthday, fellow senior ciitzens!

ANSELMO S AVENIDO JR
President
RUFINO G IBAY JR
Secretary

CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the January - April 2024 period:

17 January – Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF) hosted by Jun and Agnes Avenido, Bobby and Penny Lastimoso, and Joseph and Reina Young in Alba Restaurante Español, Estancia Main Mall, Capitol Commons, Pasig City.

27 January – PMAAAI Annual Membership Meeting at AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. Several Dimasupils attended and our delegation was very much bigger than those of other retired Classes.

17 February – Annual PMA Alumni Homecoming in Baguio City. The traditional Homecoming Parade was held at 0900H. After the Parade, we had our Class Lunch (instead of Picnic) at Fortune Restaurant, Paragon Hotel, in Baguio City. Our Post-Valentines Dinner was held in our hotel, Golden Pine Hotel. The lunch, dinner, and hotel rooms were shouldered by the Class. (We would like to take this opportunity to thank the management of John Hay Management Corporation, through Jun Ibay, for lending us their shuttle van for use of our Class in going to PMA and back to the hotel during this Homecoming.)

19 March – DMF and celebration of our 57th Graduation Anniversary hosted by Manny Dalipe, Jun and Ronnie Ibay, and Nic and Glo Parena at the AGFO Social Hall, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. Special features were seafoods from Zamboanga City and several bottles of premium hot darn from a friend of Bobby Lastimoso and Jun Avenido. Libbie and Arleen Brawner, who came from Washington, USA where they are based, won the best dressed couple of the day.

18 April – Joint DMF for April and May hosted by Alice Averilla, Ernie and Dinsay Dionisio, Linz Gabuna, Rody and Graise Gaerlan, Mar and Mely Gatmaitan, Judith Pajaro, Tante and Prosy Torrechante, and Bert and Ruby Torres in NIU-Viking Resto, Podium Mall, Mandaluyong City. Maria del Mar Bernabe and children, who are based in Madrid, Spain, and were here for the inurnment of Araw, attended the affair. The Tagasupils, headed by Agnes Avenido, presented souvenir items to them.

B. The following will be our schedule for May - June 2024, onwards:

May - No more DMF since the one for this month was held jointly with the one for April.

June - Joint DMF for June and July to be hosted by Abe and Cora Din, Hedy Duenas, Jovy and Baby Sales, Louie and May Sanchez, and Ross and Mandie Sibal.

August - Joint DMF for August and September to be hosted by Sergs and Zeny Austria, Fred Encarnacion, Ed and Myrna Espinosa, Vir and Marina Odulio, and Mar and Beth Santiago for the August group; and Jake Caruncho, Merle Odi, Vlady and Josie Olivares, and Elen Reventar for the September group.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

We are very sad that Vic Corpus passed away on 3 April 2024 in VMMC, QC, where he had been confined after suffering from a cerebellar stroke. From the hospital, the body

was brought to the crematorium and was cremated on 5 April. The urn was brought to the Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary for the wake on 5-8 April. The necrological service was held on 7 April wherein Jun Avenido, Mar Cordero, Bernie Patino, Mar Santiago, and Ross Sibal, were among the speakers, to include FPGMA. Full military arrival (5 April) and departure (8 April) honors were provided by GHQ elements led by the Camp Commander, BGen Armand Arevalo '91, son-in-law of Jun and Agnes Avenido. From Camp Aguinaldo, the urn was brought to his residence for overnight stay and the private inurnment was done on 9 April at Saint Therese Columbarium, Pasay City. Vic died at the age of 79 and is the 44th Dimasupil who already departed out of 85 graduates. May his soul rest in eternal peace in the bosom of the Almighty and may God comfort his family in this trying time of bereavement.

The inurnment of Araw Bernabe was conducted on 14 April 2024 at the Plaza of Wisdom, Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City. Memorial services and wake were held on 12-13 April at the Christ the King Memorial Chapel, Greenmeadows, QC. During the necro on 13 April, the following Dimasupils delivered eulogy: Jun Avenido, Cords Cordero, Abe Din, Titong Enriquez, Bernie Patiño, Mar Santiago and Ross Sibal. Araw died in Madrid, Spain, on 5 December 2023 due to stroke while undergoing surgery to correct a thoracic aortic aneurysm in the chest area. He was cremated the following day. Per his last request, his urn was brought by Maria del Mar and their children to the Philippines on 3 April for inurnment here.

Congratulations to Manny Dalipe for his highly successful participation in the IGF 2024 Hobby Expo, Pasay City, last February. All the fighting cocks promoted by his Dalipe Game Farm were the first to be sold out.



Wake of the late Capt Araw Bernabe PN (Ret.).



Wake of the late BGen Victor Corpus (Ret.).

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We received, through Mar Cordero, the following message from Maria del Mar Bernabe: "*Please send our gratitude and love to all (Dimasupils and Tagasupils). We had a very nice time with them. Also thank all of them for their help. Don't forget to give them my number so I can take care of them in Spain.*"

Congratulations to Atty Angela "Gia" Ibay, daughter of Jun and Ronnie, for shepherding, as National Director, the successful conduct of Earth Hour PH 2024 last March and for being featured in Vogue Philippines recently.

According to Alice Averilla, "*ang mga lolo at lola ay may 'inalienable right' para magyabang about their apos*." So on this note, we congratulate Dra Audrey Averilla, granddaughter of Cesar and Alice, for being a full-fledged doctor now.

We also congratulate Dra Samantha Nicole Dalipe, granddaughter of Manny and Maryrose, on her graduation in London this year and for passing the course with distinction.

After nine long years, Zamboanga City under Mayor John Dalipe, son of Manny and Maryrose, is again the champion in the Zamboanga Peninsula Regional Athletic Association meet. Its athletes won a total of 102 Gold Medals. Congratulations!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and Tagasupils who celebrate their birthdays in April, May and June: Alice Averilla (9 April), Nenie Abendan (12), Carol Rigor (12), Bert Torres (16), Eve Villacorta (17), Rudy Gaerlan (18), Mar Gatmaitan (26), Dinsay Dionisio (28), and Mila Pinto (29); Auring Garcia (6 May), Agnes Avenido (7), May Garcia (15), Jun Gabison (24), Ida Aquino (28), and Meds Reyes (30); Tante Torrechante (1 June), Abe Din (15), Ross Sibal (16), Walter Briones (17), Beth Santiago (19), Louie Sanchez (21), and Cora Din (30).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be informed that no Dimasupil won in the PMARAI-PMAAAI raffle which was held on 30 April 2024. Better luck next time!

We enjoin everyone to be conversant with the Revised Guidelines on the Funding and Utilization of the Dimasupil Social Amelioration Fund (SAF) for Medical Assistance and Death Benefit, which we approved last year. It covers eligibility, benefits, and contributions. This was published in our chat groups.

CLASS TRIVIA

We would like to share with you some interesting quotes from the Dimasupil chat groups:

Merle Odi — "*The bane of the elderly is fall and fracture. It can lead to surgery and possible pneumonia from immobility. Please everyone take heed.*"

Vir Odulio — *"Did you know that the human brain starts working the moment you're born and never stops until your wife asks where you were last night?"*

Mar Cordero — "*Chess has the right power set-up. The King, by definition and by perception, is supposed to be most powerful. Yet in chess, the King is the weakest piece. Who/what is the most powerful piece in the chess board? The Queen, of course (especially if the King is* takot sa asawa).

Bernie Patino — "*Proverbs are supposed to be old. A modern supposition is called a 'dictum'. Whatever it is, Ilocanos believe that 'A day can never go wrong if one starts it with a sexual activity, not necessarily with the wifey."*

May God be with all of us and our families always!



Celebrating our April '24 Fellowship at NIU.



Celebrating Dimasupils 57th Graduation Anniversary.



PMA Alumni Homecoming picture with GOH Senator Miguel Zubiri.

FOR ELECTION
President
WILFREDO G NUQUI
Interim Scribe

1. Nine CMs participated with interest in the annual PMAAAI General Assembly Annual Membership Meeting and Convention in January 2024. Those who attended were: Volts, Willy, Sonny, Bobby, Mel, Oscar, Rudy, Nori and Hector.

2. 56th graduation anniversary. The Class joyfully celebrated the event on Mar 24, 2024 at Gloria Maris. It was attended by Hector, Oscar, Nori, Rudy, Alex, Volts and Sonny (1Bn, CCAFP); and Willy, Mel and Paco (2Bn). The accompanying ladies included Cecille, Millette, Luth, Rhodie, Tess P, Isay, Shirley, Arlene, Julie, Roxanne, Hilda, Candy, and Gigi.

3. The formal election and confirmation of available Class officers for CY 2024 was postponed until the arrival of CY 2023 Pres Art C. from a family visit in Los Angeles. Based on the notes taken by Rudy during the 2023 Class Xmas party, the unofficial line up of Board members/officers for 2024 are: Art C. (pres), Bobby (vp), Willy (sec/scribe) Nori (treasurer), Patrick (auditor), and Volts and Rudy (Board Directors).

4. As of April 2024, the Class is considering a simplified sequel to its 50th anniversary publication "*PMA Class of 1968 - Fifty Years and Beyond*" in 2018 for its 60th diamond graduation anniversary in 2028. Early ideas include: a) buying a laptop to store and organize Class pictures and other relevant information, b) an update of the brief PMA Class story published in the 2018 CAVALIER special homecoming issue, CYs 2023-2028 Class events, and brief individual write-ups and select pictures emphasizing significant events e.g. PMAAA lifetime awards, 50th year wedding and family prayers and religious wishes for senior years, and c) hiring of a professional to polish the project.

5. As an annual religious initiative and commitment of Rhodie, Isay and Candy over the past many Holy Weeks, a group of CMs and ladies conducted Visita Iglesia and

prayers in San Fernando, Pampanga. The visited churches were: 1) Sta Lucia Parish Church, 2) St. Jude Thadeus Church, 3) Archdiocese of San Fernando – Virgen de los Remedios, and 4) Metropolitan Church of San Fernando-Our Lady of the Assumption.

6. Memorable and official visit to PMA on April 2. Nori initiated the memorable visit to PMA to mark our 60th year since April 1, 1964 Reception Day. An excited team of CMs led by Mel, Volts, Rudy, Willy, Nori and Oscar, their respective wives and other ladies joined. Our itinerary was well coordinated by Mel, who used to be a PMA Superintendent and consisted of a) mass for departed CMs and ladies, b) wreath laying for all departed alumni, c) tour of PMA facilities, and d) courtesy call on PMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. Rowen Tolentino, Class '89 with a conversation on PMA reforms and projects.

The visit was highlighted with a lunch with the Cadet Corps. It excited us particularly the ladies. We were distributed to the original four Corps company tables. A solemn silence fell across the big mess hall, as grace was said. One '68 cadet girl-lady noticed though that some cadets in her assigned company table were physically shorter and thinner than what she used to see in the past. She observed discipline and both articulation and shyness during the table conversations. The lunch accompanied by loud music and austere Mess Hall cadet food enabled '68 ladies to observe cadet life both as plebes and upperclassmen during meals. We recall that 'mess time is one of the most challenging and unforgettable aspects of plebe life. Daily face to face interaction of plebes with upperclassmen during meals can often create unwelcome and challenging consequences.'

Before lunch was over, the Superintendent delivered his remarks, introduced the members of Class 1968 and Mel shared thanks for the privilege of joining lunch and memories with all. The Corps clapped in appreciation of the joint lunch as well. PMA Class 1968 is extremely thankful and appreciative of the excellent PMA reception and hosting by Cavalier Rowen who escorted, joined and shared views with us during the entire visit.



PMA general assembly meeting January 2024.







7. Visit to Pangasinan. The visiting team proceeded to Pangasinan on April 3-5 upon the invitation and generous sharing of Julie Ruiz starting with lunch at the original Matutina in Dagupan. Our productive visit included a two-night stay at the BOATHOUSE and Yellow Beach Villas along Binmaley Beach. We enjoyed watching sunrise at the beach, early morning harvesting of net-fishing, buying local dried fish from a vendor and dining at Bali Bali and Chattanooga Grills while listening to live bands and fine singers therein.

We visited host CM Tony Siapno and his lady Mae. All were overwhelmed and excited in the reunion meeting. Our host couple shared a wonderful and fresh seafood lunch with a live band at the Maxine by the Sea which has a scenic view of the sea and Hundred Islands. We prayed

at St. Dominic Minor Basilica in San Carlos before buying famous local mangoes at Malasiqui and driving home to MMA. The well maintained, wide, clean and concrete road network and scenic nature of Pangasinan are indeed very notable. We profusely thanked Tony and Mae and wished them good health.

It was a week well-spent with Class friends who crave for excellent and exciting memories and adventure every now and then - going to places we seldom go to and discovering new things. The company was great and so with all the food and drinks we consumed in Baguio and Pangasinan. We look forward to the next travels, events and other interesting activities.



After the mass for departed '68 classmates and ladies.



Honoring departed alumni.



Prior to call to PMA Supt.



After the call on and with PMA Supt.



Welcome and joyful lunch and reunion with Tony and Mae Siapno in Alaminos, Pangasinan.



JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JESUS B DULLER
Secretary

Birthday Greetings ... *from our Brilliant Sunshine Committee. Thanks, Bobing.*


Bobing Brilliantes

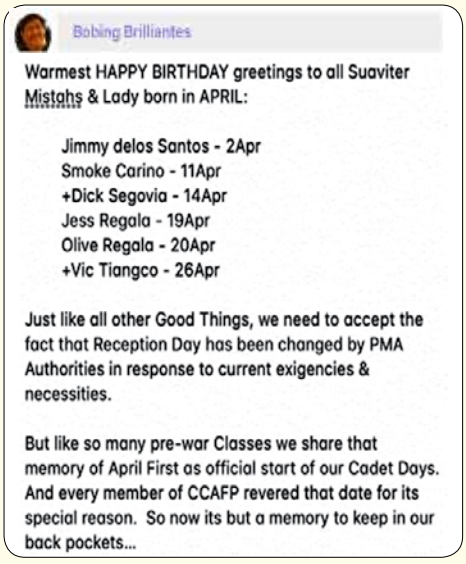
Loving HAPPY BIRTHDAY Greetings & Well Wishes to All March-born Suaviter Mistahs & Ladies:

Odette Aguda - 4 Mar
+Rey Berroya - 11 Mar
Amy Maligalig - 16 Mar
+Larry Mendoza - 17 Mar
Didi Garcia - 21 Mar

We Thank our Almighty God also for ALL the Blessings, Opportunities & Second or more Chances He graciously showered us throughout our Cadet-days and all 55 years, this March 25, afterwards!

(Kindly let me know ASAP if I missed greeting anyone. My verrrry old cp containing Suaviter files has ground to a halt!)

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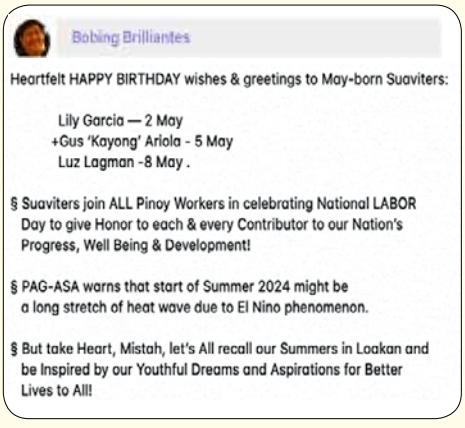

Bobing Brilliantes

Warmest HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to all Suaviter Mistahs & Lady born in APRIL:

Jimmy delos Santos - 2Apr
Smoke Carino - 11Apr
+Dick Segovia - 14Apr
Jess Regala - 19Apr
Olive Regala - 20Apr
+Vic Tiangco - 26Apr

Just like all other Good Things, we need to accept the fact that Reception Day has been changed by PMA Authorities in response to current exigencies & necessities.

But like so many pre-war Classes we share that memory of April First as official start of our Cadet Days. And every member of CCAFP revered that date for its special reason. So now its but a memory to keep in our back pockets...


Bobing Brilliantes

Heartfelt HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes & greetings to May-born Suaviters:

Lily Garcia — 2 May
+Gus 'Kayong' Ariola - 5 May
Luz Lagman -8 May .

§ Suaviters join ALL Pinoy Workers in celebrating National LABOR Day to give Honor to each & every Contributor to our Nation's Progress, Well Being & Development!

§ PAG-ASA warns that start of Summer 2024 might be a long stretch of heat wave due to El Nino phenomenon.

§ But take Heart, Mistah, let's All recall our Summers in Laakan and be Inspired by our Youthful Dreams and Aspirations for Better Lives to All!

This Apr-May-Jun 2024 Class Call commemorates two important events for the Suaviter family: 1) the 59th anniversary of the PMA Class 1969 Reception Day on 1 Apr 1965, and 2) the 55th anniversary of Class 69 Graduation Day held on 25 Mar 1969. Let us take this opportunity to thank our God Almighty for all His love, providence, and guidance over the years. We also pray for the peaceful repose of all our beloved departed, our truly "*gentle but firm*" brother soldiers who served our God and country faithfully. It is with this spirit of commemoration, thanksgiving, and prayer that we dedicate our class get-together for the month of April 2024 to celebrate the birthdays of Jimmy delos Santos (2 Apr), Smokey Carino (11 Apr), +Richard Segovia (14 Apr), Jess Regala (19 Apr), Olive Regala (20 Apr) and +Vic Tiangco (26 Apr). According to JusM, Smokey and Baby came home in February to visit and attend his 99-year-old mother's birthday. Although Smokey and Baby couldn't stay in town long enough to grace this month's celebration, the other celebrants were more than ready to make the affair fun-filled and memorable. Jimmy and Lulu made sure Gloria Maris was perfectly prepared to host and cater for the event. Jess and Olive came with their grandchild who helped make his Lolo and Lola gracefully host the event while celebrating their natal day happy as can be. In the same vein, Inday Tiangco and son Quincy wore their celebrant smiles all day for the late Vic Tiangco. The pictures don't lie as you can see, attested by the much more than usual turnout of well-wishers, guests and classmates who all came with empty stomach and wild appetite for Gloria Maris food, delicacies, and birthday cakes. Looking forward for the next get-together?



Clockwise (L-R): Inday Tiangco, Odette Aguda, Viviene Erfe, Tere Syjuco, Lily Garcia, Ellen Manlongat, Lulu delos Santos, Olive Regala, Luz Lagman and Amy Maligalig. Venue: Gloria Maris Resto, Greenhills, San Juan on 9 April 2024. Celebrating April born Suaviters: Jimmy delos Santos, Smokey Carino, +Richard Segovia, Jess and Olive Regala and +Vic Tiangco. Also, in commemoration of 55th Suaviter's PMA Reception Day on 1 Apr 1965.



All smiling beautifully (L-R): Meg Defensor, Lulu delos Santos, Olive Regala, Luz Lagman and Amy Maligalig. In the background table in a rather engaging and serious conversation are the Suaviter boys.



Standing L-R: Quincy Tiangco, Jimmy delos Santos, Lulu delos Santos, Olive Regala, Meg Defensor and Ellen Manlongat. Seated L-R: Luz Lagman, Amy Maligalig, Inday Tiangco, Odette Aguda, Viviene Erfe, Tere Syjuco and Lily Garcia.



Clockwise from left: CleoE, WillieW, JessR, ReneA, JusM, JimmyD, JoeyS, CrisA, TomL, BenjieD (partly hidden), JessR's Apo, QuincyT (VicT's son) and LemonL (Ferdie's son). Bon Appetit!



Seated L-R: CleoE, WillieW, JessR, JusM and ReneA. Standing L-R: CrisA, BenjieD, TomL, JimmyD and JoeyS.

Alumni Homecoming 2024 Pictures



Lifetime Achievement Awardee: Gen. Tom Lantion. Our class now has the greatest number of the highest PMA award, numerically and percentagewise. See that, plebes?



L-R: Jimmy, Ike and Nonoy. Alumni Homecoming 2024 BCC early morning golf tee off. Missing in Action: Rene, JessR and Jake.



Before we forget, half of the population of Nueva Viscaya attended Tom's awarding. Naubos ang raisin bread sa coffee shop ng Baguio Country Club. Mabuti na lang, Mistah Jimmy saved the day!



Call on CSAFP Omet Brawner '89, two decades difference relative to Class '69, but only a few years difference in looks and bearing.



Evening mess with the cadets. --- Cleo and Viviene Erfe.



Thanks, Mistah Willie! We didn't know you were in the grandstand taking our pictures. --- Benjie, Tom, Nonoy, Jimmy and Ike.

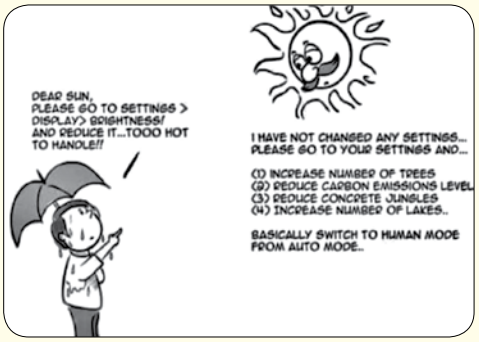
EVENTS IN THE SOUTH ...



Having breakfast with my bunkmate Alex at the Luxe Hotel in CDO! Happy Bonding. -- Ike Begonia.



Our visit to Alex Noble and wife Marie at CDO last March 20, 2024.Finally, we met the big man in CDO... we had fun recalling our shared experiences in Mindanao...-- Nonoy and Mone` Carranza.



Taken from recent posting in PMA69 Ladies Chat... Thank you, Ingging. Brilliant! Thanks to its original owner.

ERNESTO G CAROLINA
President
ROBERTO G NUQUI
Secretary

Magitings in Full Force at 2024 Alumni Homecoming

The traditional homecoming for the year 2024 looms to be a warm up on the eve of Magiting's Emerald 55th year anniversary next year. It was one of the best attended affairs of the decade by the Magitings topped only by their Golden Jubilee in 2020 when almost all of our Mistahs from abroad came over to attend. Magitings and Mas-Magitings are doubly proud to observe that they were one of the longest formations to march in the parade ground even outdoing some host classes. There was loud cheering from the gallery from the Mas Magitings for the marching men. It is the time of the year when the class experience comes full circle every February in a gathering at the Academy. Homecoming is a most awaited, most planned and most memorable event. It sums up all the *Saturdays added* to Magiting's fulfilling past of welded kinship and of fun working as one. The homecoming was planned very early and spawned an energy that drove all Magitings to join one another in a joyous homecoming.

After the parade the gentlemen and ladies gathered for a photo in their uniforms for 2024 at the PMA Beacon, a Magiting project which has become a landmark on the hollowed grounds of Borromeo Field.

The Magitings enjoyed their welcome dinner at the Rose Bowl Restaurant. After the homecoming parade, lunch was served at Mario's and dinner at Vallejo Hotel where live music proved too enticing for nimble-footed Mas-Magitings and partners.



2024 was the most widely attended homecoming by the Magitings.

Never Ending Magiting Business

Magiting Irwin Ver finally acquires his Plaque of Appreciation from all past Class Presidents. Irwin was the class marcher for four years in 1970-1986. He was cited for strengthening Magiting camaraderie, cohesiveness and promoting class prestige and keeping alive the class's stature as the *Thinking Class that is Ahead of its Time*. He received his plaque so wholeheartedly during the 2024 PMA Homecoming during an all-Magiting dinner at Vallejo Hotel on February 17, 2024. We can recall that during his term the Class volunteered to manage the then newly established PMA Educational Trust Fund (PETFI). The Class also undertook a vigorous fundraising campaign to build up the working capital of the fund. To date the PETFI continues to provide scholarships to direct dependents of veterans who were Killed-in-Action or disabled in line of duty.

Godo Olores organized a lunch meeting at Mann Hann, The Stop Over, BGC Makati on February 21, 2024. Notably expats Irwin and Rody were present. Several days later Teddy hosted a despedida dinner for Irwin at the Manila Hotel on March 1, 2024.

The numerous after-golf settings at Doris Restaurant at the VMMC Golf Club and PN Golf Club had become sessions of super ideas, fun and camaraderie. Magiting golfers who reside nearby fancy calling themselves Magiting South golfers and on the other end of EDSA are Magiting North golfers.

Unforgettable Family Milestones

Magiting Santi and Enya Santillan revered the wedding of their youngest daughter Ashley Melissa Gabor to Dr. Juan Miguel Roberto Tiongco Delgado. The event was held on February 8, 2024 at Our Lady of Ephesus Chapel, Bella Rosa Gardens at Silang, Cavite. Nesty, Bob, Al Suemith and Bert Lina attended the rites.



Never ending Magiting business as usual.

Mas Magiting Alma Ebdane treated everyone to her birthday on January 3, 2024 at XIU Fine Cantonese Dining at Greenhills. Mas Magiting Remy Gojo feted the entire class during her birthday on March 6, 2024 at the Jade Garden, Makati. Much more, Romy and Remy Gojo were proudly jubilant on the wedding day of their granddaughter at the Manila Hotel.

For his 75th birthday Glenn Rabonza the alleged youngest Magiting organized a golf fellowship and threw a huge lunch treat for all available Magitings at the PN Golf Club on January 12, 2024.

The Fairway Habitués

It was the turn of Classes 72 and 73 to host the Corps of 70 Fellowship Golf Tournament now running seven years after Magiting Clyde Fernandez organized the games. Class 72 was the champion, Magiting was second, Class 71 and 73 were third and fourth, respectively. Tournament boss Rey Ochosa '72 called out the lowest five scorers of Magiting, namely Ed, Boots, Roy, Nesty and Bob. Clyde paid for lunch as his belated birthday treat last April 1st. Our Magiting golf uniform supplied by Clyde seems like an ever-evolving *tradition*. Everybody went home with a raffle prize.

Some of our golf sorties were played at Villamor Air Base Golf Club, Philippine Army Golf Club and VMMC Golf Club. An Inter-Battalion Fellowship Tournament on March 24, 2024 was sponsored by Magitings Tony Ilagan, Uly Sevilla, and Bert Tagayuna at the Summit Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas. The First Battalion won by one stroke.

Magiting '70 Wing Nears Completion

Some 36 weeks after the Ceremonial First Pouring of cement of the Magiting '70 Wing Project on September 22, 2023, a brand-new building finally rises on the grounds of the Veterans Memorial Medical Center. Its inauguration is proudly awaited by sponsors, donors, supporters and members of Magiting Class '70. The Project Handover is slated in late June and the inauguration could be in early July 2024.

Upon turnover of the facility by way of a Deed of Donation, the VMMC is mandated to maintain and operate the medical facility. In this connection, the Secretary of National Defense has submitted a formal letter request to Congress thru the House Committee on Veterans Affairs for the appropriation of funds for the operation and maintenance of the Magiting 70 Veterans Wing beginning FY 2025.

The cluster of pictures serves as a swift recall of start-to-finish snap shots across nine months of brisk construction.



Unforgettable Family Milestones



The Fairway Habitués

The Wing is envisioned to become the base of the VMMC Wellness Center which aims to boost the current program to develop among veterans the culture of undergoing regular executive checkup for early diagnosis of life-threatening medical conditions. Many veterans are discouraged to avail of a comprehensive executive checkup due to lack of private rooms thus they need to return for succeeding tests. The Magiting '70 Wing project addresses this experience in behalf of all veterans. The facility is truly a great value added to the VMMC Wellness Program.

The hospital annex is located and designed on a site that will allow the construction of future extensions. We are confident that other classes are eager to collaborate among themselves to explore this possibility. The basement is completely paved that may be used as a covered parking space and other purposes.

Class Treasurer Vic Signey hands over a check payment from Amethyst Corps of Seventy in favor of DMCI, the Magiting Wing Project Partner and Contractor. Several days earlier Vic likewise handed over another Amethyst check to President Nesty for the same purpose. An inspection on April 18, 2024 was conducted with VMMC Administrator Peter Paul G. Galvez MD.

On April 24, 2024 Magitings Hon. Romy Acop, Boots de Veyra, Mar Ilagan and Nesty Carolina secured a firm commitment from the PAGCOR Chairman Al Tengco for a P30M additional funding to cover the remaining works to complete the Magiting Wing Annex such as the new building's water system plus the so-called Fixtures, Furnishings and Equipment (FF&E).

With this positive development, we look forward to having the Magiting '70 Veterans Wing fully operational by the 3rd quarter of this year.



The Magiting Wing Project nears inauguration.

JOSE C LALISAN JR
President
ARTHUR G BALMACEDA
Secretary

Lifetime Achievement Awardees

Last 17 February 2024, during the PMA Alumni Homecoming and Parade at the hallowed grounds of the Borromeo Field, two Matatag Mistahs were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. Mistahs Dick de Leon and Rey Velasco proudly received the award after having rendered at least 50 years of distinguished, outstanding, and unblemished service to the country and people, whether in government and/or non-government organizations. This event was witnessed by all cavaliers and civilian guests in attendance. They received the award from Speaker Juan Miguel Zubiri who was the Guest of Honor and Speaker. Earlier, Rey and Fim Velasco tendered a dinner at a Chinese Restaurant in Baguio City while Dick and Annie de Leon hosted a dinner for the class at the Baguio Country Club where awards were given to Hampaslupa'71 winners who played in Pinewoods Golf fairways in the early morning. Again, our congratulations to Dick and Rey. Twenty-three Mistahs joined the alumni parade and 18 Mas Matatags graced the occasion.

First Quarter Fellowship

The first quarter birthday fellowship was held last 17 March 2024 at the residence of Mistah Egay and Mawie Aglipay at Valle Verde IV. This was hosted by all first quarter birthday celebrators. There was a mass celebrated and after which, a class meeting was held before the fellowship. During the class meeting, all mas-Matatags were invited to hear the lecture of Mistah Miles Millena on estate planning. Miles is an experienced estate planner and engaged in this business in Australia. A part of his lecture was a discussion about A Family Survivor's Guide authored by Miles. This Family Guide includes personal information of the husband and wife, registry of their children and relatives, their estate and real estate information, funeral service instructions, and memorial instructions. This Guide, according to Miles, is designed to enable one to record the necessary facts for the

family and administrator. Miles also cited the importance of having a will. After his lecture, Miles answered all the questions of the attendees and gave copies of the Family Survivor's Guide.

After this activity, the fellowship started with the welcome address of Class Prexy Joey and Mas Matatag Prexy Celia Lalisan. There was a group singing challenge rendered by the Mas Matatags which was started by the ladies from the PNP. Not to be outdone, the Phil Army ladies group followed suit, then by the Air Force ladies group, and eventually, the Navy ladies group. During the line dance portion, Mistah Wency Cruz displayed his "dance moves" ala Travolta to our surprise. For the first time in the history of our class fellowhip, couple Aris and Nina Delos Reyes rendered several songs to the delight of all. The birthday celebrators for the first quarter were called to blow the candles on their cake while the attendees sang Happy Birthday to them. Present during this fellowship were Egay and Mawie Aglipay, Dong and Lulu Tabamo, Rollie and Malou Garcia, Wency and Puring Cruz, Sec Greg and Jane Honasan, Rey and Mina Alcasid, Dan and Arlene Francia, Oca and Jinggoy Martinez, Dick and Annie de Leon, Rey and Benjie Rivera, Bobby and Chit Yarisantos, Aris and Nina Delos Reyes, Jerry and Verna Albano, Marte and Tetet Chioco, Joey and Celia Lalisan, Tex Balmaceda, Rene Paredes, Alex Lasan, Miles Millena, Evie Ocampo, Lita Gil, Aleli Belonia, Sandy Navida, Jane Paid, and Jennie Domingo.



First Quarter Fellowship.

Hampaslupa '71 Golfers Activities

HL'71 joined the Corp of 70 Golf Competition last 5 April 2024 held at the Navy Fairways which was hosted jointly by Classes 72 and 73. While we were the defending Champion last quarter, we lost



Attendees of the 1st Qtr "We" time.

to Class '72 team for this first quarter tourney. They came well prepared and in full complement. Only the top five players were counted. For the Matatags, the top five players whose scores were counted were Egay Aglipay, Rey Velasco, Rey Rivera, Joey Lalisan, and Tex Balmaceda. The HL'71 also attended the golf fellowships hosted by birthday celebrators Oca Martinez last 7 February in Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course, Boy Castellano at the Navy Golf Course, and HL'71 friend Francis Pua at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course last 7 March 2024. The Matatag golfers also played at the FVR Cup Golf Fellowship held in Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Batangas last 18 March 2024. Mistahs Egay, Rex, and yours truly played at the Bravo Coy versus Charlie Company Golf Fellowship last 1 May 2024 where the Bravoans won convincingly. On the other hand, Mistahs Twiggy Zubia, Bing Alano,Teody Viduya, HL'71 Prexy Rey Acop, Nelson Eslao, Rollie Garcia, Ed Matillano, and Oca Martinez played at the 20th Bishop Otto Cenzon Golf Cup in John Hay Fairways last 3 May 2024. In spite of the hot weather, the Hampaslupa'71 players bravely played and enjoyed the game of golf and most especially, the fellowship after. Cheers to them!



Hampaslupa '71 activities.

Mas Matatag Prayers Warriors

Last 4 April 2024, at exactly 9:00 a.m., the Mas Matatags had a rosary prayer session via Zoom for the mistahs and ladies who have health issues and for the repose of the souls of the departed. Those who participated were Mawie Aglipay, Celia Lalisan, Jinggoy Martinez, Lulu Tabamo, Lita Gil, Aleli Belonia, Barrie Castellano, Jennie Domingo, and Vicky Seron. Some Matatags also joined this prayer session namely Mel Acosta, Boy Castellano, Joey Lalisan and Egay Aglipay. This prayer session is being held every first Saturday of the month.

Quote for this Issue

***Strengthen our hearts with fortitude that we may discipline our lives to trail the difficult paths rather than to stray on the easier ways. Teach us to aspire above the levels of common lives*. PMA Cadet Prayer//JCL/4 Apr 24**



First Saturday of the month prayer warriors.

JULIUS F YARCIA
President
CELSO G DE CASTRO
Secretary

Hello all.

Here are the recap of class news and updates from January to April 2024 for your reading pleasure:

January:

Art Alabanza and Carol renewed their marriage vows and celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last Jan 6 at their new abode in Cuenca, Batangas. The solemn ceremony was officiated by Fr Glen, in the presence of their family, relatives, and friends and some Masigasig/Mas of course. Sumptuous foods and drinks were abundant. A touching scene was when Art gifted Carol with special wedding ring while she was shedding tears of joy. To Art and Carol, congratulations again and may you have more blissful and blessed years ahead.

The Board of Directors convened last Jan 16 at PNGC. The main agenda were: PMAAAI General Membership meeting on Jan 27, Valentines Party, 2024 Homecoming attire, lunch at Bahay Masigasig on Feb 17 and Art L invitation for merienda at Casa Antonia, Mangaldan.

Last Jan 20-24, Efren, Bing and Yoly, Elmer and Rene, this writer and Fe went out of town to Bicol as a respite from NCR hassles. We enjoyed the sceneries, foods and down to earth hospitality of Bicolanos. Watching the majestic Mayon Volcano and Cagsawa ruins closely was a great joy for us. A side tour to the progressive province of Sorsogon was very memorable as we watched the green vegetation; clean and clear beaches are too enticing. Bathing at hot spring in Irosin, Sorsogon was exhilarating and refreshing. To

Bing and Yoly, our tour guides and snappy hosts, thank you so much. Let's be there again next year.

The Charlie Cats and Queens (female cats) had a fellowship lunch last 29 Jan hosted by amiable couple Cel and Beth at their palatial home in Alabang Hiils. Foods and drinks were abundant; courtesy of Charlie's 2nd place winning during the Christmas party last December.

Charlie Queens brought extra boodles to the delight of everybody. There were lots of singing, dancing and "bolahizing" around. Those were the days, sabi nila. Cris Balaoing was serenaded with birthday songs as advance greetings on his birthday on 30 Jan.

It was a successful and melancholic affair; Charlie Cats and Queens will do it yearly.

February:

The traditional Valentines Party was held last Feb 11 at PNGC. As usual, a HOLY MASS, was officiated by Fr Glen, including the blessings of birthday and wedding celebrators. The election of class officers followed and Julius Yarcia and Mar Conaco were unanimously elected as President and Vice President for CY 2024-2025, respectively. Dinner was served and everybody partook the sumptuous foods from PNGC. After dinner, Prez Art and Incoming Prez Yaric delivered their short messages followed by picture taking by photo booth photographers, courtesy of Mistah En Alino. Everybody enjoyed the exciting and enjoyable program prepared by the ladies. The party ended with Masigasigs serenading the ladies by singing the lovely song "Kaydet Girl" repeatedly.

As regard to the 2024 Homecoming, 42 Masigasig and Mas were in attendance. The Inter BN Golf tournament (rematch) was held in Pinewood Golf and Country

















Club, Baguio City last Feb 16. This time, 1st Bn emerged as winner and got even with 2nd Bn. Fellowship lunch followed after the golf tournament as everybody savored the sumptuous lunch from Pinewoods. Credit goes to Mistah Clyde for organizing this momentous event. Thank you Clyde. We were happy to note the 100% attendance of Baguio based Mistah/Mas: Vic and Cheryl Luga, Clyde and Lita Cabreros, Rey and Mila Jucutan, Percy Brawner and Boogie Agustin.

Also present were Willy and Lennie Mejia and Jimmy Viernes from USA. On D Day, Feb 17, Masigasig and Mas proceeded to PMA earlier for the homecoming activities. While waiting for the parade to start there was a short fellowship at Bahay Masigasig over cups of hot coffee and ensaymada. The limelight for Masigasig/Mas during the parade was the awarding of PMAAA Lifetime Achievement Award to Babes Flores in grateful recognition of his more than 50 years of dedicated, exemplary and unblemished service to the country and PMAAAI worthy of emulation. Congrats, Babes. By the way, Jun Espino received the same award two years ago.

The Class is very proud of you guys. Lunch was served at Bahay Masigasig with picture taking at the sideline. Prez Art officially relinquished the Presidency to Yaric. At 2:00 p.m., everybody started to leave PMA going separately to their respective destinations. On the way back home, some Mistah/Mas passed by Art L's place to make good their commitment for free merienda.





The unexpected demise of Mas Cristy last Feb 20, left a deep void on the morale of Masigasig family. Ike was totally devastated on the passing of Princess and Cristy, lately. Losing a lovely daughter and beloved wife is very unfortunate. We share the pain and sorrow that Ike and family is experiencing now. Cristy's inurnment was done last April 14 at Holy Mary Memorial Park, Angeles City; the same place where the inurnment of Princess took place last November.

March:

Prez Yaric presided the first BOD meeting under his watch last March 15 at PNGC. The main agenda were: Quarterly social/ fellowship activities, fixed budget per official activities, expenses to conform with approved budget, evaluation of financial assistance to Mistah/Ladies. The Ladies Technical Working Group to plan/execute social activities.

April:

April 14 was another black day and mourning for Masigasig family due to the untimely passing of our dear Mistah Pol Lacerna. Pol is a full-blooded Batangueno, "being true to his word" (may isang salita). He is best remembered as kind and generous specially to enlisted personnel, an ideal family man and true friend. He lived his life with integrity and honor, his conviction is impeccable. Pol was accorded the traditional military honors by Air Force personnel before his inurnment at St Therese Cathedral, Pasay City last April 21. We will miss you Pol. Sleep well and may you rest in peace eternally. To Alyn and family condolence again from Masigasig family.

The Masigasig par busters re-claimed the championship trophy during the Corp of '70 last April 5 at PNGC. Congratulations guys; keep it up. Mistah Glykes Sua emerged as champion, scoring the lowest gross in individual category. Last April 24, Masigasig golfers had a fellowship at VGC.

Lunch was served later and everybody enjoyed "boodling" the lechon and kambing delicacies (cooked by Chef Rey), courtesy of Freddie. Next fellowship will be on May 17 at Riviera.

Till next class call. Happy reading to all: OSLEC

GEORGE T UY
President
EPHRAIM M RIO
Secretary

The PMA Maagap Class of 1973 was caught 'SLEEPING ON POST' during the 1st Quarter of 2024. That is the primary reason why their portion of the Class Call in the 1st Quarter Issue of the Cavalier Magazine was empty. Anyway, they promise that will never happen again.

Therefore, hereunder is the Maagap Class Call for the 2nd Quarter 2024 Issue of the Cavalier Magazine.

The significant activities of the Maagaps during this period are as follows:

1. April 29-30, 2024 – Necrological Service and Interment of Dennis 'Dempot' A. Sanchez.

Necrological Service was held in honor of Dennis Sanchez at the Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo Mortuary, Quezon City on Apr 29, 2024. 'WORSHIP SERVICE' was held at 5:30 p.m. which was followed by the 'EULOGIES' rendered by the following Speakers:



Ms. Alice S. Sanchez, the widow of Dennis, stands beside the picture of Dennis during the wake.

Mr. Val Estor – Representative from the MUXOP GROUP

Cdr. Norbero Sosa PN (Ret) – PMA Class '73, Co-Manager at Shell Philippines

LtGen Alan Cabalquinto PA (Ret) – PMA Class '73, Company Mate at Charlie Coy

VAdm Mateo Mayuga PN (Ret) – PMA Class '73, Former Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy

RAdm George Uy PN (Ret) – PMA Class '73 President



Alice with her eldest daughter, Lex, and sons Toto and Thirdie.



George Uy, the Maagap Class President, rendering his Eulogy during the Necrological Service for Dennis.



The Maagaps (Upper) and their Ladies (Lower) who attended the Necrological Service for Dennis.

Maj Michael Sanchez PC/PAF (Ret) – PMA Class '81, Brother of Dennis

The following immediate family members of Dennis gave their 'RESPONSES':

Dennis Paul S. Sanchez – Eldest Son

Dennis Alexander S. Sanchez – Youngest Son

Ms. Maria Alicia S. Sanchez – Wife



Ms Alice S. Sanchez delivering her Response Speech during the Necrological Service for Dennis.



Pastor Dennis Alexander Sanchez, the youngest son of Dennis, delivering his Response Speech during the Necrological Service for Dennis.



The Maagaps singing the PMA Alma Mater Song after the Necrological Service for Dennis.

The Interment of Dennis was held on Apr 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina.



The Philippine Navy rendered Military Funeral Honors for Cdr. Dennis Atega Sanchez PN (Ret).



The Pallbearers execute Hand Salute as Taps is sounded before folding the National Colors.



Ms Alice S. Sanchez with the National Colors.



The Maagaps and their Ladies who attended the interment of Dennis.

2. April 05-11, 2024 – Romy Alamillo was a busy 'BUGO-BUGO' during the 2024 Philippine Veterans Week. As President of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP), he coordinated the participation of the veterans in the most significant activities during the celebration. These were the following:

a. April 08, 2024 – LTGen Jose L. Reyes PAF (Ret) was Guest of Honor and Speaker during the 82nd Araw ng Kagitingan Commemoration Replication Ceremonies at Fernando Air Base, Lipa City, Batangas.



LTGen Jose Reyes shakes the hands of the Commander of the Honor Guard Battalion after the Arrival Honors.



LTGen Jose Reyes lays a wreath during the Araw ng Kagitingan at Fernando Air Base.

b. April 09, 2024 – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. was the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the 82nd Araw ng Kagitingan Celebration at the Dambana ng Kagitingan, Mt. Samat, Pilar, Bataan.



The audience are seated at the gallery awaiting the arrival of the guests.



The veterans have their special space at the grandstand.



President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and the other guests stand at their respective positions at the grandstand as the Bishop of Bataan gives the Invocation during the 82nd Araw ng Kagitingan Celebration.

c. April 10, 2024 – MGen Delfin N. Lorenzana PA (Ret), Chairperson of Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), was the Guest of Honor and Speaker during the **Joint Tribute to all Filipino Heroes and Paggunita sa Capas** (Pagpaparangal sa Kagitingan ng mga Beterano: Saligan para sa Nagkakaisang Filipino) held at Capas National Shrine in Capas, Tarlac.



MGen Delfin N. Lorenzana and MGen Romy D. Alamillo sit in the Audience Gallery with the veterans while waiting for the other guests to arrive.



MGen Romy Alamillo lays a wreath at the Capas Shrine.



MGen Delfin Lorenzana salutes as the National Anthem was being played during the Arrival Honors.



MGen Delfin Lorenzana and all the guests take their respective positions at the center stage.

d. April 11, 2024 – Sunset Ceremonies at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig City. MGen Romeo D. Alamillo, President of the Veterans Federation of the Philippines, was the Guest of Honor and Speaker.



The audience all seated at the gallery waiting for the Sunset Ceremonies to start.



MGen Romy Alamillo is delivering his speech during the Sunset Ceremonies.



Guests of the Sunset Ceremonies salute or place their right hand on their left chest as Taps is sounded and the flag is lowered.

3. April 07, 2024 – George Uy with the assistance of his wife, Toots, organized the 2024 First Trimester (Jan-Apr) Maagap Joint Birthday and Wedding Anniversary Party. It was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Social Hall, 6th Floor, PAFCFIC Building, AFPOVAI, Bayani Road, Ft Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

It was a fun-filled evening with abundant 'BOODLES and HOT DARN'. It was made livelier with the 'FLOWERS' from Baby Gutierrez; the 'LEATHER SHOULDER BAGS' from Romy and Tess Alamillo; and the fresh strawberries from Baguio, and the juicy pomelos and delicious durian from Davao, suman from Batangas, lechon and spirited drinks from Metro Manila. Furthermore, the one-man band provided 'ROCK and ROLL' music all night long; and even encouraged several Maagaps and their ladies to render some memorable songs 'DURING OUR TIME'!



Everybody enjoying the sumptuous dinner...

.....And sang & danced to the music of a one-man Band!!!

4. April 05, 2024 – The Maagap Golfers joined the Corps of '70 Golf Sportsfest.



The Maagaps who joined the Corps of '70 Golf Sport are: (L-R) Ed Saporsantos, George Uy, Chris Datu, VQ Querol, Rody Luis, Boy Sosa, Sam Bagasin, Bong Habacon and Val Prudencio.



Chris and Ed aboard their golf car ready to join their flight as George bids them 'GOOD LUCK'.



The 0750H Flight composed of: (L-R)Cav. Rey Rivera '71, Cav. Dong Tabamo '71 and George.



Val (leftmost)with his 0630H Flightmates: (L-R) Uly Sevilla '70, Bert Tagsyona '70, Atty Gil Mamaril (guest).



Boy S. (leftmost) with his Upperclass men: (L-R) Cav. Clyde Fernandez '70, Cav. Rufo De Veyra '70 and Cav. Glenn Rabonza '70.



The 0640H Flight composed of: (L-R)Romy Acop '70, Ed, Cav. Clyde Fernandez '70 and Chris.



Val claims his raffle prize.



VQ claims his raffle prize.



Ed claims his raffle prize.

5. February 08, 2024 – An election of the 2024 Maagap Class Officers was held through online voting. George Uy was unanimously elected as Maagap Class President. The Maagaps also approved the proposal to add a Sports Director to coordinate all sports activities of the Class. Furthermore, George was given a free-hand to choose the other Class Officers.

The 2024 Maagap Class Officers are:

President	George Uy
Vice President	Tiks Besas
Secretary	Boy Rio
Treasurer	Chris Datu
Auditor	Joe Reyes
Sport Director	Val Prodencio

The 2024 Maagap Class officers held their first meeting at the PN Golf Clubhouse on Feb 15, 2024 where they were confirmed and took their Oath of Office.



The first 2024 Maagap Class Officers' meeting at the PN Golf Clubhouse.



6. At present, all the Maagaps are already retired. Only Del Lorenzana is still working as Chairman of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA). It is now the time of their children and grandchildren who are making history and bringing honors to their respective families.

a. November 2023 (Notice was received only on Feb 12, 2024) – Graduation Ceremonies of SN Clarence Noveras from the Basic Seaman Course of the US Navy.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD
SN Clarence Noveras
Division 368
Las Vegas, Nevada

The youngest son of Cliff and Kimi Noveras has successfully completed the Basic Seaman Course of the US Navy at the Fallon Range Training Complex in the Naval Air Station Fallon in Nevada, USA. He received the Academic Excellence Award and the Second in Markmanship Certificate. He carried the State of Nevada Flag during the Graduation Ceremonies.



Successful trainees in formation during the Graduation Ceremonies.

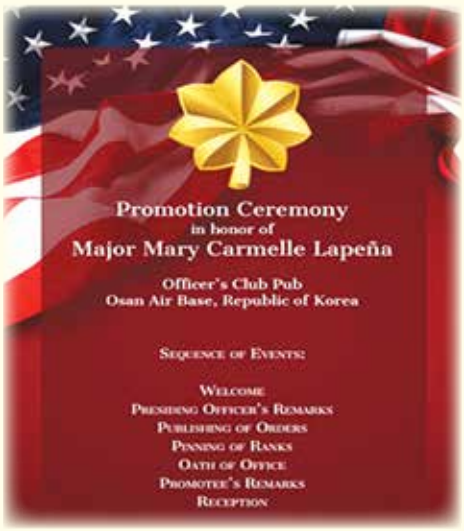


SN Clarence Noveras awaits to be called to receive his Academic Excellence Award.



Kimi hugs her 'BUNSO', Clarence, after the ceremonies.

b. January 31, 2024 – Promotion of Major Mary Carmelle T. Lapeña USAF.



A Promotion Ceremony was held in honor of Mary Carmelle Lapeña, 3rd daughter of Sid and Becky Lapeña, as she was promoted to major in the US Air Force at the Officer's Club Pub at the Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. The activity was presided over by Colonel Todd C. Williams, Chief of the 607th AOC Strategy Division.

c. March 11–15, 2024 – The 2nd Meeting of the ASEAN Expert Group on Competition and Related Meetings.



Maria Victoria S. Querol, only daugther of VQ and Myeth Querol, chaired and orchestrated the 2nd Meeting of the ASEAN Expert Group on Competition and Related Meetings, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand.

d. April 06, 2024 – The Interclub Track and Field in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.



Noa Mayuga Schlossberg, granddaughter of Matt and Gi Mayuga, won the gold medal in the 400-M race.



She also won the gold medal in long jump. She really has the potential to be a great track and field star someday – in the Olympics, maybe.

e. The grandsons of Joe and Tina Reyes were constant Champions in their fields of endevors, both in National and International Competitions.



RJ Felix is a constant Math and Science Champion.....



.....and his younger brother, Rem, excels in Math.

AVELINO I RAZON, JR
President
BENIGNO T CABRIETO, JR
Secretary

The **Philippine Military Academy (PMA) "Marangal" Class of 1974** celebrated its Golden Jubilee during the Alumni Week from February 16-17, 2024. This 50-year milestone marks a significant achievement, embodying a lifetime of national service and a testament to our enduring camaraderie and dedication.

Preparations for this landmark event began as early as five (5) years ago, including booking accommodations at the Forest Lodge and Manor hotels in Camp John Hay. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 posed significant challenges and impacted movement and coordination. Even our activity to celebrate our Golden anniversary as plebes on April 1, 2020 was moved to April 1, 2023. Despite these hurdles, the class demonstrated remarkable resilience by publishing a 400-page Class 1974 Golden Sword yearbook which was distributed in early 2023. The class also completed the construction of the 150 sqm View deck project located below the Flirtation Walk.

1. **Class activities preceding the Alumni homecoming.**

On **January 13, 2024**, the class, represented by its President **Sonny Razon**, officially donated the newly constructed View Deck to PMA, represented by its Superintendent, Cavalier **Rowen Tolentino** '89. Attending the event were the PMA officers and staff, our class officers, some members of the class with our ladies. This event coincided with the testimonial parade in the morning and lunch at the cadet mess hall hosted by the PMA in honor of the outgoing PMAAAI Chairman, our Mistah **Danny Abinoja**. On **January 20, 2024,** the class hosted a lunch in honor of the widows and next of kin of our departed Mistahs at the Philippine Navy Golf Clubhouse. The





event was capped by a ceremony where our Class President **Sonny Razon**, officially presented to the widows, the Golden Medallions of their departed husbands. On **January 25, 2024,** the class participated in the PMAAAI annual membership meeting at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club in Camp Aguinaldo. It was well-attended by our class being the Golden Jubilarians. On **February 7, 2024**, the Class had a quarterly birthday joint celebration of our Mistahs and their ladies who were born on the first quarter and held at Villamor Golf Clubhouse. This was a well-attended activity because some Mistahs based abroad have started to arrive. This gathering also served as an opportunity for final coordination and to discuss common issues of Mistahs attending the Alumni homecoming. On **February 14, 2024**, the class hosted a welcome lunch at the Philippine Navy Golf Clubhouse for the Mistahs based abroad, who by this time, almost all have arrived. Since it was Valentine's Day, the occasion also served as an opportunity to



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distribute roses to our wives and the widows who attended the event.

2. **Alumni homecoming Feb 15-17, 2024**

On **Feb 15, 2024**, the class officers, some members of the class and widows and next of kin of our departed classmates, attended the wreath laying ceremonies at the PMA Museum and Memorial of the departed alumni. The ceremony was particularly touching for the widows and next of kin, as it formally honored their departed loved ones. As the guest of honor and speaker of the event, our Mistah **Danny Abinoja**, then PMAAAI chairman, said that "*... the PMA is the only institution in the country that remembers all its departed alumni. So, the monument stands as a symbol of our loving memory for our alumni.*" On **Feb 16, 2024**, the alumni started to arrive and register. The class held its first major activity which was a formal dinner held at the CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center of Camp John Hay. It was a grand reunion of our class attended by the Mistahs, their ladies and the widows/ next of kin of the departed classmates where we reunited to share stories and enjoy an evening of camaraderie. We ended the celebration by 10:00 p.m. because everyone should be up early the following day to board our buses going to PMA early in the morning. **Feb 17, 2024** was the Alumni Homecoming Parade and the high point of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the class. The guest and honor and speaker of the event was no other than our very own honorary Mistah, **Senate**



President Juan Miguel Zubiri, who proudly wore our class uniform on that day. Mistah **Migz,** as we call him, joined our class as we marched off during the trooping the line. As Golden Jubilarians and septuagenarians, the class was still able to march properly and in step to the rhythm of the bass drum without anybody lagging behind. After trooping the line, the ceremony followed where our wives presented and donned the Golden Medallions to all attending class members. During the awarding ceremonies earlier, the following Mistahs were recognized by PMAAAI with their following achievements: **Lifetime Achievement Award –** Mistah **Jun Esperon; Plaque of Meritorious Achievement** - Mistah **Jun Lopez** as USEC of National Security Council**,** Mistah **Pete Ramboanga** as Executive Director of Visiting Forces and Mistah **Oca Valenzuela** as USEC of Peace and Order, DILG. After the Alumni parade, the class lunch picnic was held at the View Deck that the class built and donated to PMA. The View Deck offered stunning vistas and a perfect backdrop for commemorative photographs and selfies. The Golden anniversary and reunion activities was capped by a dinner by Major services to include the widows and next of kin of our departed classmates. The Army group held theirs at the 19th Tee of the Forest Lodge, the PNP group at the PSSLAI Extension Office in Baguio, the Airforce group at Bunoan Restaurant, Iggy's Inn in Baguio and the Navy group at Le Chef at the Manor Hotel. Here is a narrative of Mistah **Willie Garcia** on the PNP group celebration: "*To wrap up our Golden Jubilee, the PMA Class of 1974 held group dinners. The PNP group gathered at the PSSLAI Extension Office in Baguio City, hosted by Mistah* ***Ernie Belen****. Over 130 members, with some from distant regions and from the USA, joined. The host's meticulous preparations were evident, from venue decor to classic 70s music, delectable cuisine, and lively entertainment. A video showcasing then-and-now photos added nostalgia. Members expressed gratitude on the group chat. The event marked a memorable conclusion to our Golden Jubilee, setting the stage for future reunions, including our Diamond Jubilee at PMA*".

3. **Forthcoming class activities**

The class will hold its quarterly birthday celebration for those born on the 2nd quarter on May 17, 2024 at the AGFO building in Camp Aguinaldo.

4. **Announcement**

The class regrets to announce the passing of our esteemed Mistah, **Rody Obaniana**, on April 26, 2024. We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, **Irene** and to all his family members. May he rest in eternal peace.











RAUL S GONZALES
President
DANTE T FERRER
Secretary

PMA *Makabayan* Class 75 Attends the Annual General Membership Meeting – Class president Raul S Gonzales led a bunch of Makabayans in attending the 2024 Annual General Membership Meeting held at Tejeros Hall, AFP Commissioned Officers Club, Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on January 27, 2024. The Guest of Honor and Speaker was Secretary Gilberto Eduardo Gerardo C. Teodoro, Jr. of the Department of National Defense. Members of the Class who attended were Raul S. Gonzales, Noe A. Wong, Dante T. Ferrer, German B. Doria, Cardoso M. Luna, Fernando L. Mesa, and Cesar L. Carranza. The theme for this year's observance is "Strengthening Unity: Sustaining the Tradition of Excellence." The meeting concluded with photo opportunities of various classes with the guest of honor and speaker and a modest lunch served for everybody.

Visit at the House of Representatives - PMA Class 1975 officers, led by class president Raul S. Gonzales, joined some retired AFP and PNP generals from the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI), Association of Generals and Flag Officers (AGFO), Philippine Military Academy Retirees Association, Inc. (PMARAI), and National ROTC Alumni Association, Inc. (NARAAI) in meeting with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez. The visit on February 22, 2024 was made to manifest the side of the retirees that there is no truth to allegations being circulated in social media that PMA alumni and other groups of AFP retirees were supporting destabilization moves against the administration. Raul Gonzales, who is also the chairman of PMARAI, supports the sentiments of the PMA alumni to defend the Constitution even now that the retirees are out of service. Raul Gonzales presented the Speaker with a copy of an open letter released by PMA Class '75, abhorring acts that undermine the economic, social, and political gains that the current administration has put up over the years. It further says that the Class stands in unanimity and conformity with the duly constituted authorities, and obeys the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated, in the light of the numerous misinformation and propaganda prevalent in social media that tend to polarize certain groups in our communities.

Gerry Doria, vice chairman of AGFO, also reaffirmed the organization's support to the incumbent administration, saying their members are always united behind the duly constituted authorities. Members of PMA Class 75 who were present during the visit were Noe A. Wong, German B. Doria, Jeffrey Sodusta, and Raul S. Gonzales.



Makabayans pose with Secretary Gilbert C. Teodoro, Jr. SND, Guest of Honor and Speaker 2024 PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting, AFPCOC, CGEA, QC.



2024 PMAAAI Annual General Membership Meeting, Tejeros Hall, AFPCOC, Gen Emilio Aguinaldo, Q.C.

Makabayans During the 2024 PMAAAI Homecoming Activities – Nine brave Makabayans namely Raul S. Gonzales, Noe A. Wong, Gerry B. Doria, Dante T. Ferrer, Ernie D. Boac, Arsenio Arugay, Fernando L. Mesa, Jeffrey Sodusta, and Juanito Samuya stood up to the tackling of the underclassmen and attended the 2024 PMAAAI Homecoming



Raul S. Gonzales presenting to Speaker of the House of Representatives Martin C. Romualdez a position letter entitled "Standing With the Authorities and the Law" by PMA Class 1975, January 22, 2024 House of Representatives, Batasan Hills, Q.C.



Makabayans troop the line during the 2024 PMAAAI Homecoming PMA Baguio City. Marching are Raul Gonzales, Noe Wong, Ernesto Boac, Dante Ferrer, Jeffrey Sodusta, Arsenio Arugay, Fernando Mesa, German Doria, and Juanito Samuya.



Newly-sworn in Chairman PMAAAI 2024-2025, Raul Gonzales and family, pose with the GOHAS Senate President Juan Miguel F. Zubiri and wife, Mrs Audrey T. Zubiri.

Activities. Actually. however, it was a call by the class president to the Makabayans to have the opportunity to observe and feel the nooks and crannies of being the Golden Jubilarians come Homecoming 2025. There was no organized travel to Baguio City, so to speak. The Makabayans went up individually and stayed in different hotels and met up at the parade grounds in PMA.

The homecoming activities included a wreath-laying ceremony on Friday afternoon, February 16, 2024 at the Alumni Memorial Monument, PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City. Our class president participated in this event by offering wreaths along with Cav Danilo Abinoja, then CEO and Chairman PMAAAI 2023-2024. The Homecoming Parade was held on Saturday, 17 February 2024. Registration started at 6:00 a.m. at the ground floor Melchor Hall where PMA '75, along with other classes belonging to the decade of the 70s. Fortunately, Raul S. Gonzales managed to get some gate access cards and parking cards for the class, thereby giving admittance to parking spots near the parade grounds. Except for our class president, who is also the incoming chairman of the PMAAAI 2024-2025, the rest of the Makabayans and other cavaliers assembled at the Borromeo Field. The Guest of Honor and Speaker, also an adopted member of PMA Class 1974, was Senate President Juan Miguel F. Zubiri. One of the highlights of the affair was the swearing-in of new officers of the PMAAAI Board 2024-2025 where the PMA Class 1975 class president, Raul S. Gonzales, is the new chairman and CEO.

After the parade, various classes had their respective lunches with relatives and friends in different locations. The PMA Class 1975 had their lunch at the Iggy's Inn and Bonuan Seafood Restaurant, South Road, Baguio City. A popular menu consisting of broth milkfish (bangus), grilled milkfish,



Raul S Gonzales swearing in as the new Chairman, PMAAAI 2024-2025 during the 2024 PMAAAI Homecoming parade at the PMA grounds.



2024 PMAAAI Homecoming Parade. *In the picture: German Doria, Noe Wong, Raul Gonzales, Dante Ferrer, Ernesto Boac, and Fernando Mesa (partly shown).*

"crispy pata," and vegetable salad was served. Families and friends of Raul Gonzales, Fernando Mesa, Dante Ferrer, Ernie Boac, Gerry Doria, Jeff Sodusta, and Arsenio Arugay were treated to lunch.

Golf Matters - For some, the trip to Baguio City to attend the homecoming would not be complete without a round of golf played, thus, before proceeding to PMA, avid golfers like Jeffrey Sodusta, Arsenio Arugay, Raul S. Gonzales dropped by at the Luisita Golf course located in Tarlac City, Tarlac and engaged themselves with a round or two of golf.



Lunch at the Iggy's Inn and Bonuan Bangus Seafood Restaurant with family and friends.



Jeffrey Sodusta and Gerry Doria pose during a break at the Luisita Golf Course, Tarlac City.

Raul Gonzales and Arsenio Arugay are measuring the distance for their next shots at Luisita Golf Course in Tarlac City.

Dennis Memorial Cup – A group of friends led by Dr. Emil Padre and the Makabayan Golf Team organized an annual golf tournament called the "Dennis Memorial Cup" in honor of our classmate, Dennis Regis. Denis was a passionate golfer who passed away on March 24, 2020. He was known to his classmates as a funny, witty, and intelligent person who always made class activities and reunions livelier with his jokes, metaphors, and similes. His infectious smile was his best trait and will be missed by everyone who knew him.

The Dennis Memorial Cup Trophy is a perpetual trophy which means that the trophy is awarded to the winner and the title lasts over some years. The trophy was

Homecoming Dinner: A dinner hosted by no less than the first couple of the class, Raul Gonzales and Ollie Gonzales, was held at the Mama's Table Private Dining located on Ambukalo Road, Baguio City last February 16, 2024. Makabayans who attended this fine dining affair were Raul Gonzales and Ollie Gonzales with some members of their family and relatives. Likewise, couples Noe Wong and Len Wong, and Dante Ferrer and Lilly Ferrer were present. Gerry Doria and Arsenio Arugay came unchaperoned. Mama's Table Private Dining is a fancy restaurant with an elegant ambiance, delicately designed decor, soft lighting, and luxurious furnishings. The group was treated to an exquisite menu not common to ordinary restaurants. The food was typically of the highest quality, prepared precisely and using the freshest ingredients available. Undeniably, the epicurean appetite of the group was assuaged.



Fine dining at Mama's Table Private Dining, Ambuklao Road, Baguio City.

donated by Gerry Doria. The name of the winner is etched on the trophy. The winner's names accumulate on the trophy. The initial tournament was played at the Hollow Ridge Golf Course, San Pedro, Laguna held last February 20, 2024. Chito Blanco won the tournament. During the awarding ceremonies, Emma Regis, wife of Denis, was presented with a trophy in recognition of her enduring support to the Class. *Dtf/01/04/2024*



Dennis Memorial Cup trophy



Emma Regis receiving a trophy from the organizers of the Dennis Memorial Cup.

MAGTANGGOL B GATDULA
President
LUIZO C TICMAN
Secretary



MAGILAS CHRISTMAS 2023 FELLOWSHIP

The spirit of Christmas came alive at the Magilas Christmas party on December 3, 2023, at the opulent Solaire Resort and Casino in Paranaque City.

Attendees were greeted with warmth and festivity. The ambiance was set for a night of merriment and cheers.

The evening unfolded with an array of engaging activities and entertainment. There were live performances by Milo Ibrado and Miss Bonavie. Festive dances were performed with the accompaniment of the PAF Band and Combo.

The Magilas widows were given cash gifts. Grocery bags were also distributed courtesy of Abner Cabalquinto. Other incidental expenses were mostly shouldered by our ever-generous Mistahs. Warmest appreciation and thanks to all of them.

PMA HOMECOMING

The PMA Alumni Homecoming was a memorable event filled with camaraderie and celebration, showcasing the unity and spirit of the Magilas.



On February 16th, a delectable brunch was hosted by Boying and Sally Alarcio at their farm in Laoac, Pangasinan. Up in Baguio, billeting accommodations were facilitated by Abner Cabalquinto at Baguio Country Club and Manor Hotel.

In the evening, a grand dinner was held at the Camp John Hay Golf Clubhouse, sponsored by the PNP Group. Mayor Pol Bataoil provided for the lights and sound and DI, allowing the Class to revel the night with music and dancing.

Efficient transportation arrangements were made to ferry all attendees to Fort del Pilar by Ely dela Paz.

The Magilas congregated at the Magilas Visitors Center for lunch. The center had undergone massive renovations due to damage from the recent typhoon. Kudos to the supervision of Nelson Allaga and Pete Labiano, for the timely use of the venue.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

On March 15, 2024, the Magilas General Assembly Meeting convened at the AGFO Center. A hybrid format was adapted to facilitate the participation of foreign based members via Zoom. This innovative approach ensured that all members remained informed and engaged in the association's proceedings.

The General Assembly Meeting boasted a strong participation, with a total of 47 in actual attendance and 15 foreign-based members. The majority turnout underscored the association's global reach and the dedication of its members.

Magtanggol Gatdula presented his comprehensive President's Report, with detailed overview of the association's activities and accomplishments. The Board of Trustees addressed key issues and outlined plans for the association's future.

A moment of jubilation ensued as the association recognized the members who had reached the significant milestone of 70 years of age.

Mon Punzalan had moved for the extension of the board's term for another two years. This was aimed to facilitate the continuous preparations for the upcoming Magilas Golden Jubilee Anniversary in 2026. The proposal was unanimously seconded by all present Magilas.

Other discussions were centered on legalizing the Magilas Association in all aspects, with Atty Ric Blancaflor presenting several Board Resolutions to the body. These resolutions sought to ensure that the association perpetuity to include our heirs and compliance with all legal requirements. This will solidify our future status and operations. The members wholeheartedly supported these initiatives, recognizing their importance in safeguarding the association's interests and legitimacy.

CORPS of 745687 GOLF TOURNAMENT

On March 21, 2024, the Philippine Navy Golf Club (PNGC) was the venue to the prestigious Corps of 74567 Golf Tournament and hosted by Magilas Class 76. The event brought together PMAyers from classes 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977 for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie on the green.

Magilas Class 76 emerged as the overall champion. The stellar performance and chairmanship of Sonny Cachuela earned the admiration and respect of the participants.

WAY FORWARD

As the Magilas Association embarks on its journey towards the momentous Golden Jubilee Anniversary in 2026, preparations are underway for what promises to be a landmark event in the association's history. With unwavering dedication and forward-thinking initiatives, the Magilas Board of Trustees on its 2nd term is gearing up to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime milestone.



ROMEO D LUSTESTICA
President
FELIPE HB BUENA, JR
Corporate Secretary

10 Feb 2024 began a golf fellowship at VAGC with five flights of 78 Mistahs in the morning – special as it was graced by our visiting overseas Mistahs like Jong Valencerina, Phil Plaza, and Rommel Gomez.

The AGMME activities followed after the 1200H Lunch attended by more than 25 families at the Greenside, Villamor Airbase Golf Club. The newly elected Board of Trustees for AY 2024-2025, to wit: Prestoza R (Chairman) Lustestica R (President), Magtibay R, Villanueva R (Vice-Chairman), Ho SY, Rosales R, (Vice-President Internal), Plaza P (Vice-President External), Buena F (Corporate Secretary), Piano G, Perez B (Treasurer), and Tucay S. As always, our BOT needs the continuing support of our Mistahs in discharging the trustees' duties and responsibilities.

Immediately following the AGMME Program Proper was the birthday celebration of Romy Prestoza.



L-R: Goody Ignacio, Rommel Gomez, Jong Valencerina and Ralph Villanueva.



We are proud that our Mistah Ambassador Mario Chan received the prestigious Cavalier Outstanding Achievement Award of the PMAAAI in January 2024.



Romy Prestoza – the birthday boy surrounded by a bevy of Class 78 beaus.



Birthday boy Romy Prestoza with the 78 Mistahs.

The 702nd Infantry Brigade invited our class to attend the Wreath Laying Ceremony in Camp Tito Abat in Manaoag, Pangasinan on 16 Feb 2024 – suitably represented by Chairman and President Pipes Buena, IPP Rodolfo Yema Magtibay/ Nene with Son, Raymon Mangonon, Herbert Sancianco, Gil Maglaque/Partner, George Piano, MGEN Romy Prestoza/Lilian and Jess Fajardo, joined the Abat Family, led by TJ (son), Sigrid Reymundo Lizares, Dra Abat and their three children during the



Our energetic entrepreneur Mistah Nerio Ignacio and supportive other half Cynthia in Malaysia - lifelong learner and soon to be "agar tree-preneur."



Chairman Pipes and other seven Mistahs at the 2024 Alumni Homecoming.





As part of our CSR, the Class held a successful Charity Golf on 8 March.



As if it's not enough, the class had another round at Beverly Hill on 14 March.



Sadly, our Mistah Gigi Porto left us on 25 Feb 2024 after a lingering illness and seven months after the late Mistah Vic Porto left us in July 2023.

Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the 45th Death Anniversary of our Mistah Toti.

We play hard and work hard too to serve the less fortunate – courtesy of Mistah Cho and Irene Sabban annual PROJECT TIMOG, a medical mission in the main municipalities that targeted Rizal and Española in Southern Palawan on March 16 and 17 with resources like Doctors, dentists, volunteers and relief goods such as free medicine, vitamins, food packs, hygiene kits, toys and books – served 6,078 beneficiaries.



On 1 Apr 2024, more than 50 Golden Plebes and their spouses of PMA "Makatarungan Class of 78" had a nostalgic Sentimental Journey back to PMA to commemorate our 50th Reception with Thanksgiving Mass at the St Ignatius Chapel, a courtesy call on the

Superintendent, LGen Rowen Tolentino, tour of the facilities and a dinner with the cadets at the Yap Hall. Our Mistah Ho Sun Yee was given the privilege to share a lunch talk on the same day to the cadets on "Excellence At Work and Life." Of the original 210, only 80 plus graduated as part of the final 139 who graduated in 1978.

Remembering the Day of Infamy on 1 Apr 1974 when "all hell broke loose" after the Commandant of Cadets ordered the Plebe Details from PMA "Magilas" Class of 1976 "Take Charge."







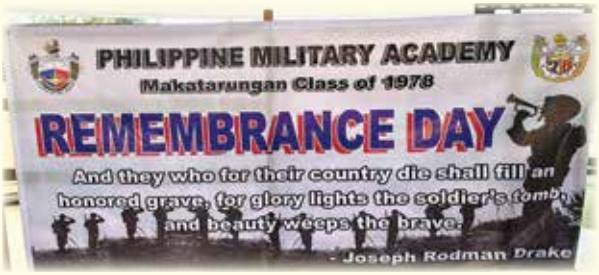
Dinner at Aguinaldo Officers' Club – with Class 76 and former members of Class 78.

The celebration would not be complete with the snappy Class of 1976 – we had a "3-in-1" activity with a Golf Fellowship between Class 76 and Class 78 with two in each flight – camaraderie at this best where winning is second only to the fun of the game itself and a dinner at the Officers Club at Aguinaldo.

On 15 Apr, 55 Mistahs and spouses attended the annual Remembrance Day in honour of our departed Mistahs at Bulwagan, Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Extracted from Mistah Charlie Holganza's blog, " *Every April, we – the members of PMA Class of 78 – take time to honor our dead. This year, another three among us had broken ranks – Ret PC/Sup Luisito (Louie) Palmera, Ret PC/Sup Valiant (VeeGee) De Guzman and Ret MGen Vicente (Vic) Porto. This time, too, we have included the deceased wives of our mistahs, to honor them as well for their noble service while manning the homefront.)*

In the twilight of our years, we – the members of the PMA Makatarungan Class of 78 – reflect on the brave souls we have lost – our fallen comrades, brothers as well as sisters-in-arms. We honor them for their sacrifices, and we acknowledge their heroism not just at work, but in their respective fields of endeavor. We have a shared history with our mistahs, and we take inspiration from the challenges each one of them have had to hurdle. We also recognize the wives for their unwavering resolve to raise their respective families, even in the frequent absence of their partners. Each one of them is a hero in his/her own right, each one with his/her own poignant story to tell."









PMA MATAPAT CLASS OF 1979: Good Beginnings and Forward-thinking

We are back! Yes, after a long hiatus, the PMA "Matapat" Class of 1979 is back in the pages of the Cavalier magazine. Contrary to a wrong notion, the class was not "sleeping on post" at all. Neither we were dozing. We were just too busy with a lot of things. Nonetheless, here we are and this will surely be for good.

The year 2024 is turning out to be packed with momentous and action-filled milestones for the PMA Matapat Class of 1979. Indeed, many things are worthy of celebration for us, especially that this year is the 45th anniversary since we graduated from the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). Added to this is the much-anticipated lineup of events planned for the rest of the year by the current class officers led by Class President, CAV Irineo Espino, who is currently serving as the Senior Undersecretary of the Department of National Defense.

We started the year with planning and organizing our class activities for the PMA 2024 homecoming. The class officers and several members of the class arranged for the transportation, billeting at the Baguio City Country Club, class meeting venue at the Baguio City Convention Center, food for everyone including family members, lunch with the cadets, alumni parade attire, preparation of the Matapat picnic area, and many other small details including the cleaning of the comfort rooms at the picnic area. Of course, we cannot forget the important contribution of our Matapat Ladies who, with their ever-scrutinizing eyes, were able to help make things run smoothly and flawlessly. Never mind their mouthful of criticisms. The Matapats have grown used to that through the years.

Then came February. After celebrating Valentine's day, a sizeable number of the class travelled to Baguio City on the 16th while many opted to travel using their private vehicles. Guess what took place during the travel to Baguio City. For those who took the bus, it was a four-hour drive of "bolahizing," telling and retelling of stories during cadet days which still elicit laughter even though everyone has heard them a thousand times already.

On the night of the 16th, each major service had their respective dinner with their families held in different venues.













On the 17th, there were 65 members who proudly marched on the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field during the alumni parade that was watched by almost a hundred of our loved ones including spouses, children, in-laws (not sure if there were outlaws), grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc, etc, etc. By far, it was our most attended homecoming. Among those who marched with the class were newly minted adopted members of the class, House Minority Leader Congressman Marcelino Libanan and retired Police Colonel Robert Ganzon, who incidentally are mag-balae. After the parade, everyone went to the Matapat picnic area and partook of the sumptuous food and drinks. Photos here, photos there, selfies here, selfies there. With everyone armed with smart phones, the activities were recorded not only in fading memories but in the icloud for our posterity to surf, hopefully.

In the evening of the 17th, we had our class dinner at the Baguio City Convention Center where, again, everyone was treated to a much sumptuous dinner. There were songs and dances for all. Members of each major service showcased their skills in dancing and singing as well. Congressman Libanan practically enthralled the whole class and their spouses when he rendered a couple of musical number with his guitar. Nope. He did not sing. But the way he played the guitar, it was as if the guitar was singing the lyrics. Fantastic presentation from a man who is not only eloquent on the halls of Congress but also someone who speaks his heart out with his music.

The 18th was another big and unforgettable experience especially for the Matapat Ladies. For the first time, they, together with us their husbands, had lunch with the Cadet Corps. There, our ladies were able to see how we ate and behaved when we were plebes as well as when we became upperclassmen. Many said that this was the highlight and most memorable of all the activities attended by the class.

A few weeks after the fun-filled homecoming activities and after each has recovered from aching knees and muscle pains, Matapat class President Cavalier Boy Espino presided over a hybrid Annual General Assembly Meeting of the class on







March 9 at the Veteran's Center in Camp Aguinaldo. A number of mistahs based abroad attended via Zoom. Some of our espouses were also present to observe and when prompted, they provided unsolicited advice to the class members. Having our ladies with us was not actually a show of woman power in the class but our way of showing importance to the role of women, our spouses to be specific, in our class affairs. Afterall, the United Nations and even our laws advocate inclusivity as far as gender is concerned.

Several board resolutions were approved by the class during the meeting. It was also unanimously agreed upon by everyone to support our Mistah Ariel Querubin whatever his plan is in the coming 2025 elections.

Equally significant an event was the courtesy call of our class officers and their ladies to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. last March 18 at Malacañang Palace. We were joined by Iñigo Zobel, another newly adopted member of our class. During the courtesy visit, we presented to the president, in behalf of the class, a wooden class seal, a bull ring for the president and a mini-ring for First Lady Louise A. Marcos. President Marcos is an adopted member of our class. A short video presentation about the class was viewed by the president which included some of his activities with the class in our younger years. He expressed his elation and gratitude for the visit and the tokens given to him. He emphasized that his having undergone military training has contributed a lot to his becoming a president.

A FITTING MEMENTO FOR A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER. President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., an associate member of PMA Matapat Class of 1979, receives a memento from the Class officers during their courtesy call in Malacañang on March 18.

SUPPORTING SPOUSES. Some of the wives of Class '79 members were also present during the courtesy call to President Marcos.

GOOD GRIP. President Marcos also met the two Valor awardees of Class '79 – CAV Ariel Querubin and CAV Arturo Ortiz.

For many Matapats, life in retirement even becomes more interesting because of golf. Yes, Golf! Playing golf probably is the secret why many among our mistahs are able to maintain their vigor. For, regardless of the weather, rain or scorching heat, the alluring greens, meals, raffle prices, fun, stories, and many more continue to attract more and more of our mistahs to play golf. I hope I did not miss any enticement.

Recently, Cav Diego Cruz and his lovely wife Ruby hosted the weekly golf fellowship at the Luisita Golf Course in Tarlac. Two teams bannered by Bummy and Bonie had a friendly competition which was won by Team Bummy. By the way, Bummy has recorded the greatest number of holes-in-one among our class golfers, 14! Surely, this is a tough act to follow just like what Cav Fred Peralta has achieved by running 100 miles in a little over 32 hours besting a field which included many runners younger than him.

Social activities have spiced up the camaraderie amongst us Matapats. Where before the quarterly birthday celebrations of our ladies were almost exclusively for them, the activity has become a regular class affair with the men already included in the parties held recently. That's how











Matapat ladies love their husbands. And that is also the reason why we, the Matapat men, cannot live without our wives!

The first half of 2024 is not over yet, but the Class '79 has already accomplished many things. All these brilliant and noteworthy accomplishments, thus far, can be attributed to the capable leadership of the class President, CAV Espino, his efficient officers, the members of the board, and the staunch support and cooperation of all Class members. But there is more to come and be done.

The year 2025 will mark another milestone for Class '79 as it will be the 50th year since we became plebes of PMA. And in five years – 2029 – it will be Class '79's turn to celebrate 50 years of fruitful and colorful years of service to the nation and the people. And this early, planning and preparation for the golden anniversary of the Class has begun. The aim is to make it significant, exciting, and valuable, and the Class will surely deliver.



TEAM BUMMY FOR THE WIN. *Members of the winning team are all smiles after gaining victory over Team Bonnie.*



TEAM BONNIE. *Gracious and happy about how the competition fared.*

CAESAR RONNIE F ORDOYO
President
EDMUND C TAN
Secretary

Summer came early this year of 2024. With El Niño keeping in step with the seasons, by March the heat index in several cities in the country started to rise. By late April, 36 areas in the country endured scorching temperatures of up to 47° Celsius, with PAGASA classifying these areas under "dangerous" heat index. We thank Bong Cabantac for always giving the Class updates on this heat index situation regularly.

Indeed, a little earlier, Baguio City's temperature soared as thousands of fervent PMA alumni descended (ascended is more appropriate), upon the City of Pines for the Philippine Military Academy Alumni Homecoming 2024. Culminating in the Alumni Parade on 17th February in Borromeo Field, it "unfolded with the weight of tradition and the promise of the future" as most Cavaliers succinctly put it.

Fourteen (14) Mapitagans, namely: Prez Ces Ordoyo, Larry Dela Cruz, Bogs Abogado, Bobby Ramos, Gil Meneses, Sam Diciano, George Regis, Emil Sarmiento, Gil Pacia, Efren Yebra, Raffy Torres, Mon Loria, Noel Manabat and Edmund Tan, made the trip to our Alma Mater, showcasing Class 1980's unwavering adherence to the noble principles and hallowed traditions of the Academy. The night before the Homecoming Parade at PMA, the Mapitagans gathered for a dinner at the Baguio Country Club together with four Ladies (Cheryl Ordoyo, Baby Pacia, Mae Sarmiento and Lou Ramos).

Early this year, Boy Bolo, the youngest Mapitagan still around, celebrated his 65th. For us, a milestone: one, all qualified Mapitagans now enjoy the old age pension; and two, all Mapitagan Golfers can now tee off from the white tees, such as in Villamor Golf Course, during fellowship games.

Be that as it may, age does not have to be a death sentence for golf performance - the winningest Mapitagan Golfer insists on defying age and persists in winning tournament championships, thus making

all Mapitagans head up then brace up beaming with ecstatic pride.

For the record, proving his longevity in the fairway, our very own George Regis won as Class A Champion during the KONTOR (Kontra Terrorista) Special Forces, PA Golf Open Tournament held in the Veterans Golf Course last 3 May. Another Mapitagan bagged the First Runner-up trophy, Comm. Rainier Cruz. Congrats Mistahs George and Rainier!

Earlier, George was Low Gross Champion of the Master Builder Masonic Lodge No. 461 Fellowship and Golf Tournament held last 24 March in Villamor Airbase Golf Course. Mere days before that, he played two rounds in the 2nd Araw ng Kagitingan "Battle At The Fairway" Golf Tournament held on 18 March in Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course, then on 21 March in Veterans Golf Course. Playing magnificently against even some younger opponents in the two-day event, Mistah George again bagged the Low Gross Champion trophy as well as Team Champion of Matatag Team Category as member of the Quezon City LGU golf team. Our loudest Congrats George, for a job very well done!

Much prior to that, last 18 January, Onell Lleno won as Class B Champion in the Air Installation and Base Development Command's "Golf For A Cause" in Villamor Airbase Golf Course. His birdie in the Par 3 17th Hole island green apparently helped. Congrats too, Bai Onell!

Meanwhile, other Mapitagan Golfers were busy swinging, some with their ladies. Last 3 March, 10 MGs and two MLGs played in the FOBISIA Golf Championship 2024 held in windy Mount Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa City. Kudos to all Mapitagan Golfers for standing up and never conceding nor acceding to the unstoppable march of time and the onslaught of aging!

We have all read articles online or heard the advice of our doctors egging us about "How To's" to cope with aging. One obvious tip is to engage or indulge in a hobby ... Check! Well, for us, admittedly, golf is a hobby, undeniably a recreational one, and no longer a sport. Another in the top list is travel. Check! A few Mapitagans have played tourists, with Sammy Diciano spending time with his kids in the US at the same time chilling in the East Coast away from the sweltering heat here, while Baron Hermie Colina and Grace are Down Under enjoying precious bonding moments with their Aussie kids and five wonderful apos in Sydney at the same time also chilling away from the sweltering heat here. With so much time in his hands but still with less



Six of the 14 Mapitagans during the PMA Homecoming Parade on 17 Feb at PMA. (L-R): Emil Sarmiento, Raffy Torres, Prez Ces Ordoyo, Bobby Ramos, Edmund Tan and Gil Pacia.

golf, which he has in abundance when in sunny Philippines where he'll be back to swelter in the heat this May, Colines keeps fit by taking long early morning walks in a park west of the city with his eldest son, and sometimes with kangaroos.

Bogs and Sionie Abogado, meanwhile in late March to mid-April, went on tour in Europe, finding time to visit Vienna and have dinner last 5 April with Bobby and Lou Ramos, the newly posted Admin Officer and Attaché in the Philippine Embassy in Vienna. After dinner, the four of them took time to visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, a historic landmark in Vienna. On the other hand, Emil and Mae Sarmiento went sightseeing in Vietnam in the second week of April, savoring tourist attractions such as the Golden Bridge, a 150-metre-long (490 ft) pedestrian bridge, and other famous points-of-interest in Vietnam.

Most of us may have wholeheartedly embraced retirement, content in finding exercise in daily walks and weekly golf at the same time social interaction with golfing mistahs, plus the occasional travel as tourists to visit other places for pleasure or curiosity. Nevertheless, a few Mapitagans still find happiness and fulfillment working in both government and corporate sectors





George Regis (left photo) accepts his trophy as Class A Champion of the KONTOR Golf Open Tournament held in Veterans GC on 3 May, while Comm Rainier Cruz (right photo) receives his First Runner-up trophy in the same Tournament.



Onell Lleno with his trophy as Class B Champion in the AIDC's "Golf For A Cause" last 18 January in VABGC.



Bogs and Sionie Abogado with tour guides Bobby and Lou Ramos before the historic St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

mostly as consultants, which befit the wealth of experience and invaluable wisdom they progressively gained after decades of leadership and managerial work.

A select few find pleasure in being worthwhile working for the PMAAAI in its many affiliate organizations. The latest Mapitagan who accepted to "rot" and devote his time, expertise, experience, talents, skills, and wits to the challenging affairs of the alumni is Ed Tamayo. Ed was elected to the Board of Trustees of PETFI (PMAAAI Educational Foundation, Inc.), last 24 April, and joined Ige Rodriguez who has a year left as member of the PETFI Board. Kudos to Ed, as we know he'll make himself useful just like Ige.

Meanwhile, another Mapitagan made us all proud, with Atty. Gil Meneses assuming the post as Chairman of the PMAAAI Foundation for Truth and Justice (PFTJI). Gil was already President of said Foundation for quite some time and now has moved up as the Chairman, with the able support and assistance of Mistahs



Ten Mapitagan Golfers with two Mapitagan Lady Golfers (and one guest) played in the FOBISIA Golf Championship 2024 in Mt Malarayat Golf and Country Club (MMGCC), Lipa City last 3 March. L-R: Onell Lleno, Larry Dela Cruz, Herbert Yambing, Bong DA with Lisa, Mae with Emil Sarmiento, Prez Ces Ordoyo, Noel Dominguez, Bobby Ramos, Rocky Ramirez, Lance C (Guest) and Oby Antonio.



Emil and Mae Sarmiento crossing the Golden Bridge, with one of the giant stone hands bridge support visible, in Bà Nà Hills, Da Nang, Vietnam.

Efren Yebra and Judge Mike Asuncion who are both Trustees of the Foundation (with Efren as the Treasurer). But take note that aside from Gil's work in the Truth and Justice Foundation, he was also the Corporate Secretary of PETFI and the PMA Foundation (PMAFI). Whew, hope Gil can still find time to do his other "favorite" pastime in the company of Efren Y, Benj M and others in their hang-out place, a watering hole of sort for some of us like Ige. Hehehe. . .

Another Mapitagan, our Class Secretary who, despite his busy schedule helping Prez Ces manage the affairs of the Class, was re-elected to the PMARAI Board as our Class Representative, and is now its Treasurer. In addition, the indefatigable Tanjo is also a member of the AGFO and AGFO Foundation Boards, as well as the Corporate Secretary of the Maritime League. He had been busy in the first quarter of the year, as the Chairman of the PMARAI Raffle For-A-Cause Project, which was quite successful generating an income of P1.9M from a gross sale of P7.1M.

We may have hung our uniforms for good for quite a time now, but for some of us, our progeny carries on trodding the path of service to country and people we blazed while young men ourselves. No denying it, they are our improved versions.

Navy Lt. Edgarson Gil "Egee" Abogado made his parents Bogs and Sionie, and the entire Class 1980 as well, proud for graduating with distinction as Number 1 in the Naval Staff Course last 13 March, besting 54 other students. Egee is a graduate of PN-OCS NOCC Class 25, and is presently serving as Pilot-in-Command of a fixed-wing PN aircraft with the Naval Air Wing. Ang galing ni Egee... mana talaga sa Tatay (or kay Sionie?). LOL.

Lastly, the Mapitagan birthday celebrants for the months of March and April might have made the Mercury rise some more stoking the heat index, aggravating the discomfort of people because of the combined effects of the temperature and humidity of the air, as they warmly hosted the Mapitagan Fellowship Lunch on 9 May in the Summer Palace of EDSA Shangrila Hotel. The March and April birthday boys were joined by other Mapitagans whose warm greetings and best wishes highlighted with the loud staccato of the birthday chant of the 39 attendees, that reverberated with warm resonance in the halls of the Summer Palace and exacerbated the already searing May temperature.

On the other hand, the Class mourned the passing away of Mistah Dippon Carado who succumbed to acute respiratory failure due to community acquired pneumonia at 1:30 in the early morning of 12 May 2024. His remains were laid at the St. Peter's Memorial Chapel Commonwealth until May 17 when it was cremated in the morning. The Class led by our Prez Ces Ordoyo had a simple necrological service



Trustee Gil Meneses receives his Plaque of Appreciation as outgoing PETFI Corporate Secretary 2023-2024, witnessed by other trustees including Ed Tamayo (looking at the camera), during the first organizational meeting of the PETFI Board on 2 May.



The Birthday Boys of March and April (L-R): Ted Torralba, Efren Yebra, Larry Dela Cruz (holding his . . . can't tell you what it is but we know it's his!), Onell Lleno, Raymond Yap, Prez Emeritus Nick Bartolome, Herbert Yambing, Leo Kison, George Regis and Jojie Segovia.

for Dippon on that night. His urn was finally laid to rest on 19 May in the Columbarium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Cubao, Quezon City. Godspeed, Dippon ... No more pain. May the Good Lord grant you eternal rest in peace.

To all Mapitagans, please keep safe always and stay healthy. We still have so many things to look forward to in the coming years, starting with our being Homecoming Host next year, then on 01 April 2026 for our 50th year as Dumbguards, and in 2030 for our 50th year graduation anniversary! GOD bless us all!



Navy Lt. Edgarson Gil "Egee" Abogado made his parents, Bogs and Sionie, proud by topping the Naval Staff Course, during graduation rites on 13 March.



Mapitagans during the Necrological Service for Dippon Carado with Ferdinand, brother of Dippon (5th from Left. (L-R): Juni Carbonell, Paco Francisco, Arnold Perez, Prez Ces Ordoyo, Ferdinand, George Regis, Gil Meneses, Jun Sanchez, Efren Yebra, Edmund Tan, Raffy Torres and Nene Delos Reyes.

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THE DIMALUPIG SPIRIT AND FUN LIVES ON!!

THE DIMALUPIG CLASS greeted the coming year with a lot of expectations of good tidings. It never missed a beat when it comes to making the most of their retirement in the golf courses and other occasions in different colors.

Despite the different colors they now have in their heads, be it bigen black, brown or blond, gray, white, and flesh for those without (as seen in the blue picture below), Dimalupigs show their unity by wearing the same color wherever field they play their favorite pastime to keep themselves happy for a day during their days-off as DBMs (Driver, Bodyguard ni Ma'am)







Sometimes they wear blue for serenity, inspiration, stability, and wisdom.

Sometimes they wear green for rebirth, renewal, and health.

Sometimes they wear red for passion, courage, and compassion.

This year's PMA Alumni homecoming drew out Dimalupigs who are rarely seen. The yearly homecoming never fails to call to mind the indelible fond memories when we "rotted", lived, learned, and laughed in the Academy.

The Dimalupig Class Golf Cup held on April 5, 2024, drew in over 60 sponsors and 144 avid Gold Players that filled the Villarmor Air Base Golf Course for the day. The response from benefactors was awesome. It speaks well of the Class's strong bond of friendship with them. The fund raised in the tournament is a great help in funding the Class's various social projects and advocacies.





The Dimalupig Class's finest hours are when they rally to provide prayers, moral, and material support to "hospital bugs" near or far, whose number is seen to inevitably grow in the coming times.

The coming and going out of the country of Dimalupigs is always an occasion for celebration and "wine and belly busting".

All the above are collectively known as the Dimalupig Way.







"The 40th Graduation Anniversary Celebration"

Practically, the year 2023 was spent planning and preparing for our grand anniversary celebration in March 2024. It also gave us enough time to save extra money for the big event especially those coming over from abroad, and from Visayas and Mindanao. Indeed, the saying that "***no plan has ever survived the first shot of the battle***" is true, however, the Class leadership under the baton of **Banji Ramos** steered us clear of the first and succeeding shots! As D-Day approaches many shots were fired, including rapid fires, but they only recorded skin-deep scratches. Not a single wound that never heals occurred even after the exfiltration phase of the Class plan. Good job, guys!

The efforts of **Herboy Aquino**, et al, paid off well as we all looked decent and good-looking in our dark grey suits during the activities at PMA, Fort del Pilar, Baguio City in March 16, 2024. ***Hindi pa pala tayo beyond economical repair!*** The Class spent significant amount of money for the repair, I mean for our suits. But literally, some bugs had to order for the repair of their suits due to issues of fitting or length. ***Mas madali yata mag-suck guts kaysa pahabain o di kaya paigsiin ang mga kamay o paa***. *Isang bagsak para kay Herboy!*

On the way to Baguio City, I had to deplane at Clark Airport and passed by Bataan province for my free, rather pre-Baguio City accommodation and subsequent golfing pleasure in Bataan and Pampanga. Thank you very much, squadmate **Gerry Amante**. You're the beast, *este* the best!

Majority of the Maharlikans and their respective families arrived in Baguio City in the afternoon of March 14, 2024, except perhaps for those who are living in or near Baguio City, and some Maharlikans who do not have golf potentials. Hahaha. At ION Hotel the Class leadership had a last-hour meeting just to ensure that everything goes on smoothly as scheduled. The ever visible and sometimes magan secretary **George Avila**, along with other Class officers, were busy with their own things while the rest were busy boodling. Peace, George!

The official celebrations started in the morning of March 15, 2024. It started with a wreath laying ceremony for our departed mistahs early in the morning at PMA grounds, with Maharlikan **VP and DepEd Secretary Sara Duterte** as guest of honor. A good number of us led by the Class President were present to attend the ceremony and of course welcome VP Sara. I was already wearing my golf attire with a borrowed black jacket on, all zipped up to conceal my attire. But my white golf shoes did me in. Camp John Hay Golf Course, the venue of Class Golf Fellowship, was already waving! Photo opportunity with VP Sara followed after the wreath laying ceremony. Click here, click there, click everywhere. When my turn came, VP Sara asked me, "How are you?" I told her I am fine and still residing in Cagayan de Oro City. Little did I know that I would have given her a different answer if the Class Golf Fellowship came in first in the schedule of activities. By the way, **George Avila** and **Art Evangelista** ensured the smooth conduct of our wreath laying ceremony. Two thumbs up!

VP Sara also proceeded to Camp John Hay Golf Clubhouse for an early lunch, chit-chat and photo opportunity with available Maharlikans and their spouses. Then the much-anticipated tee off followed. **Ike Eslao** and **Joel Cantos**, we appreciated your great efforts. Here goes the winners of our Class Golf Fellowship: Low Gross champion - **Ike Eslao**, Low Net champion - **Noli Taliño**, Class A champion - **Ronald Santos**, Class B champion - **Gilbert Sosa**, and Class C champion - **Louie Oppus**. The champion guys received their trophies, however; the organizers may have ruled out an award for a hole-in-one. Yes, yours truly (**Jesse Alvarez**) made a hole-in-one at par 3, hole number 11, using a Taylormade 9-iron to negotiate the 145-yard uphill green. I guess I heard someone made a comment that it was the biggest news in our Class Golf Fellowship? **Paul Atal**, **Jun Palisoc** and **Norman Gomez** witnessed my feet, rather my feat. *Cancel all bets na kaagad ang hi-low!!!* Thanks, **Raffy Valencia**, for the Inquirer Golf alert. I was told **Elmer Quiros** left the clubhouse when the news broke out.

Hello to my Camp John Hay cabin-mates **Salih Indanan** and **Jun Sapit**. We did not have time to bond together due to my hectic (golf) schedule. The evening of March 15, 2024 was spent for company get-together. An evening of boodles and hot babes, I mean hot darns. ***Oh, Tukso layuan mo ako!***

March 16, 2024, the D-Day, started with tackling of cadets and mock inspection of ranks by some former Maharlikan-cadets who dreamt of reliving the traumas they suffered in the hands of our Tac-Os. I thought it was the other way around! Then the big thing followed afterwards when we marched off, all in snappy dark grey suit, and made our trooping the line of the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines at the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field. Trooping the line evokes a special feeling for all of us Maharlikans. Doing it every decade hence would be nice before our eventual sunset comes. ***Sana maulit muli!*** The 3 Stooges, I mean the Triumvirate of **Banji Ramos**, **Nanding Gabriel** and **George Avila** facilitated the successful and emotional event. Thanks, guys. Thanks also to **William Uy** for providing us with the neckties.

Lunch time came and we proceeded inside the Cadet Mess Hell, *este* Mess Hall, families included. ***Bakit walang strawberry with cream dessert?*** I hope the Maharlikans did not deprive the cadets of their food shares. ***Hindi po pwede ang take-out para pang-boodle fight***. Perhaps, **George Avila**, **Nanding Gabriel** and **Art Evangelista** chose the simple menu for us. Afterall, the food was only second to the experience of eating again inside the once dreaded mess hall of our time. I must have heard a mistah tackling plebe-tablemates at the top of his **horse** voice. Is it the correct spelling?

In the evening at ION Hotel, the dashing and young no more Maharlikans and their spouses slowly filled the ballroom. Pres. **Banji Ramos**, you made a good speech. Congratulations for a job well done in steering the Class. The much-anticipated part of the night started when the less anticipated activities ended. Girls, just wanna have fun! Enter the Dancing Queens, but wait for a while because dancing to the tune of Kaydet Girl in fix bunk fashion must come in first. "*Can I have this dance?*" Then came the crisp answer, ***"Gahilas hilas!"*** Hahaha. Thank you, **Chona Nerez**, **Millet Jaurigue**, **Evelyn Eslao** and **Cynthia Gabriel** for that wonderful night of boodles, hot darns and dancing. Lastly, my best regard to **Badong Mison**!

The 40th graduation anniversary celebrations ended with a mass at PMA St. Ignatius Chapel in the morning of March 17, 2024. **Gerry Amante**, **Ike Eslao**, **Steve Del Rosario** and yours truly ended it with a bang of our drivers at Baguio Golf and Country Club.

EDWARD E CARRANZA
President
VICENTE G MAGARO
Secretary

Fellowship Lunch

Sinagtalans gathered for fellowship lunch on February 7, 2024 at Origine in Brittany Hotel Bonifacio Global City, Taguig hosted by our generous mistah, Senator "Bato" Dela Rosa. The good Senator treated the class to an extensive menu of Spanish dishes to celebrate his natal day last February. As in similar past fellowships, this gave everyone an opportunity to interact and get updates from each one. Cocktails were served prior to the host's arrival, and a buffet of authentic and vibrant dishes from different regions of Spain ensued.

This gathering also served as a venue for closer coordination and dissemination of important announcements about the class participation in various activities of the forthcoming PMA Alumni Homecoming.

Sinagtala Fellowship Dinner

Sinagtalans who flocked to Baguio City to attend the annual event were ushered in to a fellowship dinner held at the Baguio Palace Hotel. The fellowship brought together classmates, some of them with their families while others coming all by themselves. To complement the evening, the attendees were served with a wide array of delectable Asian cuisine which gave them a delightful culinary taste.

Highlighting the event was the President's Report by Ted Carranza who gave an account of the humble accomplishments of incumbent officers, aptly chronicled from the time they took office on March 7, 2023 until the Fellowship Dinner. He also mentioned plans Class 86 intends to accomplish during the current officer's term. Part of the ceremony was the oath taking of former Cadet Erwin I Ibarreta as an associate member of the PMA Class 1986, presided over by the Class President. In an expression of support and cooperation to the class, Class Secretary Vic Magaro, representing the Associate Members, formally handed over their modest contribution of P86,000.00 to the Class President and Class Treasurer Noli Romana.



Participation in the PMA Alumni Homecoming

The Annual PMA Alumni Homecoming is an occasion valued by every PMA alumnus. For us Sinagtalans, it gave us time to reacquaint with classmates, a moment we nurture as the presence of each one brings encouragement to every member. It gave us time to recollect about the countless undying memories of our youth as cadets. We were able to indulge reflecting on our passion as we pursued our dream to serve the noble profession of arms.











We felt the excitement as we once again set our feet on the hallowed grounds of the Borromeo Field. Clad in blue suit and white cap embroidered with Class 86 seal, we marched with pride. And as we passed by the long gray line, we reminisced the day when we were the ones standing there in ramrod attention. Bearing the class color was Cdt 1CL Martin James O Alberto, a son of our mistah, Macky Alberto, former Commanding General, Philippine Army and former Ambassador to the Holy land of Israel.

1st Quarter Golf Tournament

The Sinagtala Early Messers Golf Club (SEMGC) hosted an inter-battalion fellowship golf tournament on March 2, 2024 at the Camp Aguinaldo Golf Course. Golf is a constant leisure and social activity for SEMGC. This tournament became a fellowship with Sinagtala golf enthusiasts whose birthdays fall on the 1st Quarter of 2024. The birthday celebrators present were Cris Tumanda, Guido Rimando, Johnny Gulla, Joji Guillermo, Alex Gopico, Getz Naldoza, Bob Empedrad, Rozz Briguez, Rollie Manalo, and Valfrie Tabian. The event did become a successful sports. leisure and social connect.

Here are the results of the tournament:

Individual Awards
Tim Pacleb - Champion, Class A
Rey Biay - Runner-up, Class A
Pepoy Concepcion - Champion, Class B
Jong Jurado - Runner-up, Class B
Charlie Collado - Lowest Net
Dan Rodelas - Lowest Gross

Special Awards
Jong Jurado - Most Accurate Drive
Dan Rodelas - Longest Drive
Egay Gonzales - Nearest the Pin

For Inter-battalion Contest
1st BN - First Place
2nd BN - Second Place
3rd BN and 4th BN - Third Place.

A Loss for the Sinagtala

It is with a heavy heart that another Sinagtalan passed away, just months after the class lost two mistahs due to lingering illnesses. PBGEN AURELIO C TRAMPE JR PNP RET or "Doi", as he is fondly called, succumbed to cardiac arrest at 11:46 p.m. on February 5, 2024. He is survived by his loving wife Bebs Trampe and children Gio, Georel, Doison, and Doiyee. We all pray for strength and comfort for the family in this period of sadness.





FERNAN T TRINIDAD
President
TOINKS H VALENCIA
Class Historian



Greetings, Hinirangs and all!

In the Hinirang Class General Assembly last 03 February 2024 held at the PNGC, a new set of officers were elected. The President is Fernan Trinidad. The Vice Presidents and Service Representatives are Bert Ancan





and Henry Robinson for the Army, Nick Parilla and Boyet Sotelo for the Air Force, Joby Bacordo and Nats Casem for the Navy and Marines, Ringo Licup and Mao Aplasca for the Police, Lyndon Latorre for the Coast Guard, and Ariel Nepomuceno and Amber Pagtalunan for the BIRC. To complete the list, Peter Suchianco is Corporate Secretary, Loumer Bernabe is Treasurer, Bong Fajardo is Auditor, and Toinks Valencia, the Class Historian. One cannot escape destiny as you can be elected in absentia; but one thing is for sure your officers will serve with their heart – their success depends much on your support.

Mistahs attended the PMA Homecoming last 17 February 2024 not only to enjoy the City of Pines but most importantly, to pay homage to our Alma Mater. Hinirang was ably represented at the









Borromeo Field by Mike Evangelista, Robert Ancan, Joey Absalon, Ariel Nepomuceno, Mao Aplasca, Eugene Gepte, Albert Mogol, Henry Robinson, Fernan Trinidad, Serge Sarno, Fajie Fajardo, Erick Kagaoan, Orly Macatlang, Lye Carabbacan and Cirilito





Sobejana. Cliff Empiso, Greg Lim and Vera Cruz were also there somewhere on that great sunny day. And when night came, there was an excellent night of fun, food and hot darn. It was a cozy night with the Hinirang ladies and one loud night with mistahs. Big thanks to Ariel Nepomuceno for hosting the sumptuous formal dinner at Ion Hotel and kudos to Albert Mogol for organizing everything.

Happy 37th Hinirang Anniversary!!! The Class commemorated our graduation with a series of events on 22 March 2024 at the PNGC. The day started with a golf game in the morning with Copong managing his game to win many Mekeni points.














In the evening, a Thanksgiving Mass was held at the Alano Hall to recognize the Almighty's role in Hinirang's journey starting in cadetship, which culminated in a an "explosive graduation" and continued with dedicated years of military service to God, country and people. The Quartely Socials ensued; and the event started with a prayer led by Naneth Vinoya remembering mistahs who have gone before us. A highlight was Joby Bacordo's speech about the class history which many appreciated, generated loud laughs, and others even had goosebumps. The night was also a celebration of mistahs whose birthdays are in the first quarter of the year.

The attendance was more than good, some played golf and others only attended the dinner. There were 36 couples and nine mistahs, a record attendance: Fernan and Gina, Sergs and Carina, Al and Aya, Loumer/Leonor, Erick/Myla, Mike E and Geralyn, Henry R and Lyn, Joby and Rachel, Ramie and Choelo, Fajie and Tess, Poopsie and Eve, Mao and Cookie, Vir Bart and Cecille, Ross and Winchie, Joey and Babes, Jess and Marissa, George and Agnes, Lyndon and Ping, Lito and Edna, Tintoy and Ami, Cesar and Agnes, Jim and Joy, Errol and Baby, Peter and Dimples, Eric and Naneth, Romy and Liza, Nelson and Majo, Robert and Janet, Apol, Mon and Mia, Cliff, Art and Jane, Raul and Nene, Sagat and Hermie, Noly and Sarah, Amber P, Jojo and Lyn, Elie G, Boots and Floi, Erwin and Tess, Magic and Emily, Bong D and Mylene, Louie D, and Art Asis (based on the VG).

It was a memorable night full of energy and good vibes. It was great seeing mistahs you havent seen for quite a long time. There were games; and certainly, everyone had a great time dancing. Joby even forced the Navy Group to sing!!! It was a night one would wish to continue without end. Our many many thanks to Gina and the beautiful Hinirang ladies. We acknowledge all your efforts from decorating to ensuring good food and a smooth program. The Hinirang ladies' touch is indeed magnificent.

Feedback was great, and we want a sequel! And according to the grapevine, the next is on 05 June 2024. Wait for the announcement of details and be there, or you will miss all the fun.

Attention to announcement! The Class is organizing the inaugural PMA HINIRANG '87 CHARITY GOLF CUP scheduled on July 30, 2024 (Tuesday) at the West Course of Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City. Be part of the event, get in touch with your respective VPs and Service Representatives.

There are lots of meetings to come to make this happen, join us. We need all hands to make this project a great success.

God bless Hinirang!







FIDEL I T CRUZ JR
President

For this edition, the class is posting info including rank and position held by the member when he retired and what is keeping him busy nowadays, whether work, business or play plus some recent class activities.

Air Force

Lt Arnold Abara (+). **BGen Carlo Bueno N Buena:** Deputy Commander, Air Logistics Command, PAF; Tambo, Lipa City. **LtGen Ferdinand Cartujano:** Superintendent, PMA; President, NDCP. **BGen Fidel Igmedio T Cruz Jr:** Wing Commander, TOWNOL, PAF and former ASEC, DOTr; Bustos, Bulacan. **MGen Simeon Z Felix Jr:** Commander, AMC, PAF; Tanauan, Batangas. **LtGen Erickson R Gloria:** Vice Chief of Staff, AFP; aspiring farmer; Paranaque City. **LtGen Allen T Paredes:** 37th Commanding General, PAF; refused offers and retired contentedly and happily ever after; memoir writer, footslogger, leisure traveler, lecturer, wishful freeholder, Jewel's lifemate and Alyanna's pop after God's heart. **MGen Joselito B Ramos:** Vice Commander, PAF; Assistant Secretary, DND; Lipa City. **MGen Toinks Valenzuela:** Commander AETDC, PAF; 2GO Group Inc; Lipa City.

Police

PMGen Dennis P Agustin: Director, DI; pensioner, consistent hypertensive, diabetic. **PBGen Anthony S Alcañeses:** Regional Director, PNP Region 5; senior citizen. **Michael Ray B Aquino:** Deputy Director PNP Intelligence Group and Chief Operations Div, PAOCTF; dismissed from PNP for AWOL; enjoys quality time with family; Security Head of Razon Group of Companies; still trying to learn how to pitch and chip to lower golf score. **LtGen Bernabe M Balba:** Commander, APC Visayas; Board of Trustee, AFPSLAI 2022-2024; full time dad, part time golfer; Agoncillo, Batangas. **PBGen John C Bulalacao:** Regional Director, PRO6; happy golfer, family man, and doting grandpa to Zachary. **PBGen Dennis L Basngi:** Director, HSS, working in a private company. **PBGEN Elmer C Cabreros:** DDO, PNP, Pag-IBIG Fund, HDMF, 2022-present. **PSSupt Asprinio Cabula** (+). **PGen Dionard B Carlos:** 27th Chief, PNP; NRI (No Regular Income), pensioner, rider, skydiver, scuba diver, shooter, camper, enjoying to the max. **PMGen Angelito A Casimiro:** Director, Directorate for Logistics; Vice Chairman, Banko Cooperatiba de Zamboanga; Lower Cabatangan, Zamboanga City; **Marlon Castaneda:** formerly with Bureau of Customs. **PBGen Joselito M. Daniel:** DDHRDD; barista, chemist. **PMGen Ferdinand "Ono" B. Daway:** Director, Civil Security Group; No Permanent Address (NPA); professional tourist, farmer, Speaker of the House, Covid-19 survivor (intubated), all for the GLORY OF GOD. **PLtGen Ferdinand O. Divina:** Deputy Chief PNP for Operations; PSMBFI Board of Trustee 2021 to present; son, father, husband, driver, tennis player, security and many others, a friend to all!. **PMGen Benigno B. Durana Jr:** Director, PCR, Board of Trustee, PSMBFI 2022-present; full time DBM (Driver at Bodyguard ni Mrs), enemy of no one, friend and servant of all. **Henry Y. Duque:** Acting Chief, RFSO5; dismissed from the service 11 years ago; retired from previous job but still willing to work. **PBGen Joselito Esquivel:** Regional Director, PRO CARAGA; resort business. **Alonzo Himatay:** unaccounted; CONUS. **PMGen Rolando J Hinanay:** Director, DPRM; regular golfer.

2LT Carlos Rafael Imperial (+). **MGen Leo Angelo D Leuterio:** Chairman, Philippine Finance and Loans Consultants Inc., President, PMA Foundation Inc., Trustee, PMAAAI, Chairman, Bantay-Bayani Cooperative; driver, security, JuneGolfer. **PSSupt John D Lopez** (+). **Mariano N Manaog Jr:** CIDG 3; Victoria Police (PSO), Harbour Center Port Terminal Inc; JE Hydro and Bio Energy Corp; full time caregiver, triple citizenship, SEAPBL player, coach, referee and committee, founder Australian Filipino Golfers, bogey golfer but sometimes sensational. **PLtGen Marni Marcos:** Commander, APO Northern Luzon; enjoying retirement with family; Ilocos Norte and Metro Manila. **PSSupt Antonio P Mendoza** (+). **PBGen Graciano J Mijares:** Director, PDEG, RD, PRO BARMM; may isang Hole-in-One na. **PSSupt Ronnie Navarro** (+). **PBGen Joel S Orduna:** Regional Director, PRO1; full time retired; nangangarap pa rin maka hole-in-one. **PBGen Rwin Pagkalinawan:** Regional Director, PROCOR; 2x Hole-in-One (1 Par 3 and 1 Par 4). **PBGen Rene P Pamuspusan:** Regional Director, Region 6; stays at home, travels to Australia, Quirino and Metro Manila; unemployed. **PMGen Celso I Pestano:** TDICTM, TDIPO-SL; VPO PSMBFI; golfer, DND (Driver Ni Doc). **PBGen Samuel P Rodriquez:** Regional Director, PRO BARMM; full time DSWD (Driver of Son, Wife, Daughter), CHDF (Concerned Husband, Devoted Father). **PSSupt Danny Salvador:** private business: Cagayan. **PBGen Adolfo B Samala:** DDI; currently employed with private firm; yayo to grandchildren when in NSW, Australia. **PBGen Francisco DB Santiago Jr:** Director, PNP Regional Internal Affairs Service 4A; still working. **PMGen Herminio S Tadeo Jr:** Director, PRM; apostolic work, rider, golfer, traveler. **Dir Wilkins M Villanueva PhD:** Director General, PDEA; resort and acoustic bar owner, pensioner, golfer, malapit na rin magka hole-in-one.

Army

BGen Raymundo R Acorda: Chief, AFP Human Rights Office; SMC Security Consultant. **Col Harry Eugenio A Ares:** AFPCGSC. **1Lt Wendell Ares** (+). **LtGen Bob Bacarro:** 58th Chief of Staff, AFP. **BGen Monico Batle:** Commander, LRR, PA. **LtCol Boyet Baraquel:** Chief, Mgmt and Fiscal Div and Cmdr, TF NorthStar (CI) ISAFP; golfer and full-time retired. **MGen Ben Basiao:** Commander, 10ID; Consultant, SMC. **1Lt Bay Buenaflor** (+). **LtGen Arnulfo MB Burgos J**r: Commander, NOLCOM, AFP; Head of Security, Special



Last March 12, 2024, the class commemorated its 36th graduation anniversary with a golf fellowship, mass and dinner where President Maringal Bernabe Balba of the PNP Group turned over the class leadership to President Maringal Fidel Cruz of the PAF Group.

Projects Unit, Office of the President, SMC. **General Andy Centino:** 57th and 59th Chief of Staff, AFP; Secretary, Presidential Assistant for Maritime Concerns. **2Lt Benedict Cuanan** (+). **LtGen Robert C Dauz:** Commander, Visayas Command AFP; Security Manager, Solar Tanauan Corporation, Prime Infrastructure. **MGen Edgardo "Boogie" Yao De Leon:** Commander, 8ID, PA; Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS), OPAPRU; Consultant, DND; Head of Corporate Security, Steel Asia Manufacturing Corporation. **BGen Cesar De Mesa:** Chief, AFP Peace and Development Office; Executive Director for Local Conflict Transformation, OPAPRU. **MGen Pio Q Diñoso III:** Commander, 8ID, PA; Vice-President for Business Development, ARMSCOR Global Defense, Inc. **MGen Henry Doyaoen:** Vice Commander, PA; MBAI. **BGen Ezra James Iking Enriquez:** ADC, Armor Division; cyclist. **2Lt Thomas Espinosa** (+). **General Jose Faustino Jr:** 56th Chief of Staff, AFP; OIC Department of National Defense; farmer. **1Lt Martin Fernandez** (+). **Cpt Roger Gabol** (+). **LtGen Franco Nemesio M. Gacal:** TIG, AFP; Undersecretary DND. **2Lt Rommel Galido** (+). **Col Rodrigo Bapak Gregorio:** IG, WMC. **Cpt Virgilio Ibones** (+). **BGen Leopoldo Boyet Imbang:** Dep, EMC. **Colonel Dennis RD Isleta:** AFPCGSC; Pastor, Victory Mandaluyong. **BGen Philip Sanchez Lapinid:** Installation Management Command PA; AFPMBAI Trustee, Head of Security and ComRel, Prime Metro BMD. **LtCol Omar Laurinaria:** 11RCDG, ARESCOM. **BGen Rodolfo Lavadia:** Cmdr, HSC; full-time retired. **Col Ted Llamas:** Commander, AFP JSOG; process worker, Bradken Pty Ltd., Victoria, Australia. **1Lt Lito Lucas** (+). **Col Arnold M Macadangdang:** IG, 2ID PA; seeking employment. **BGen Ignacio B Madriaga:** C, OSSM; Undersecretary for Strategic Assessment and Planning, DND. **MGen Vener Odilon D Mariano:** DCS for CEIS, J6, AFP; Head, General Services, Vinoca Manufacturing. **BGen Larry B Mojica:** Chief, AFPPGMC; Panabo City Boy. **Col Rynell More:** Dep Cmdr, HHSG, PA; President Kalayaan Philippines Inc, Consultant Dynamic Global Soft Inc., Consultant Everlite Security Systems Inc. **Col Adel Navata:** Chief, 2ID; GSMO. **MGen Erwin Neri** (+). **BGen Gary Nigos:** Army Internal Auditor; Member, VGC Council. **MGen Divino Rey Pabayo Jr:** Commander, SOCOM AFP; fully retired. **Rocky Pel:** Australian Army. **MGen Adriano S Perez Jr:** DCS for Pers, J1; SVP for Treasury AFPSLAI. **MGen Gene M Ponio:** Commander, 1ID, PA. **Col Jojo Radam:** Cmdr, LSG, ASCOM. **Maj Andy Ramos:** S7, Light Armor Bde, PA; Capas, Tarlac. **Col Francisco T Ramos:** Force Comdr, FIF, ISAFP. **MGen Peter Angelo L Ramos:** Commander, TRADOC, PA; VP/ Head, HRD, AFPMBAI. **BGen Ferdinand S Razalan:** Commander, GHQ/HSC; Head, Admin Division, AFPMBAI. **BGen Bienvenido Y Regondola Jr:** Commander, HSG, PA; President, AFPMBAI. **LtGen Alfredo V Rosario Jr:** Commander, Westmincom; Lipa City Boy. **MGen Gilbert F Saret:** Inspector General, PA; SVP for Administration Dept, AFPSLAI. **MGen Jess Sarsagat:** CS, PA; farmer. **Maj Angel N Sievert II:** G3, SOCOM, PA; Managing Director SR99 Consulting; farmer. **Col Dado Suarez** (+). **Col Tuts Tutaan** (+). **BGen Oliver T. Vesliño:** 4ID, PA; Chief, AS, DND. **LtGen Corly Vinluan:** Cmdr, WestMinCom; GM, VGC.

Navy

Cdr Joseph Emilio "SecJun" A. Abaya: Commander, CIG, NISF; former Congressman, 1st District, Cavite and former Secretary, DOTC; now trying to be a good husband and father to his family. **2Lt Silvino Ma. "Dondie" T. Adizas III:** Platoon Commander, 4MC, MBLT-4; Security Officer at Cebu City. **Capt Restituto "Kuya Resty" Q. Bilbao Jr** (+). **VAdm Adeluis "Adel/Supremo Bordz" S. Bordado:** 39th Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy; Floor Manager and Environmental Officer of Bordado's Abode at Malolos City, Bulacan. **Commo Alberto "Abet" A. Cruz:** The Naval Internal Auditor; former SVP for Treasury, AFPSLAI; enjoying his retirement at San Mateo, Rizal. **VAdm Ramil Roberto "Iking Navy" B. Enriquez:** Commander, Western Command; former EVP/GM, AFPSLAI, now with ARMSCOR. **BGen Ferdinand "Fragie" M. Fraginal:** Commander, AFP Reserve Command; enjoying his retirement at AFPOVAI, Taguig City. **Col. Fernando "Gomay" R. Gomez:** Deputy Commander, Fleet-Marine Ready Force; happily performing his duties as full time husband and father to his wife and kids. **Capt Joseph Melvyn "MelGibs" A. Guevara:** Inspector General, Naval Installation Command; Security Consultant, San Miguel Mills Inc. **MGen Nestor "Nesty" C. Herico:** Commandant, Philippine Marine Corps; Deputy Director General, National Security Council. **Col David "Dabong" B. Isaac:** Div Chief, O/J8, GHQ; spreading GOD's Word as Pastor at Angeles, Pampanga.

CG Adm Leopoldo "Leo" V. Laroya: Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard; enjoying like the dickens his retirement at Parañaque City. **Col Eugene Erwin "Chamarts" R. Martinez:** Director, JCTC, AFPETDCom; lecturer; Doctor of Philosophy Public Safety and Security Governance Candidate; consultant/resident fellow Ph Public Safety College. **CG Cdr Maximo "JunM" Q. Mejia Jr:** CG-5, HPCG; former Administrator, MARINA; now President, World Maritime University, Malmö, Sweden. **Cpt Ramon "Mon-mon" B. Mitra:** MC-6, HPMC; Highly Technical Consultant (HTC) at the CyberCrime Investigation and Coordinating Center, DICT. **Capt Sivert Santiago "Monte" M. Monterola:** Commander, Headquarters Support Group, Naval Reserve Command; enjoying retirement at Manila City. **Cdr Leysander "Ley" T. Ordenes:** W3 Naval Forces West; strong advocate of West Philippine Sea; Founder/Chairman West Philippines Seatizen, Puerto Princesa, Palawan; Country Manager, Philippines Air Ambulance. **Capt Raymundo "RayPagô" T. Pagonzaga:** Commander, Naval Sea Systems Training Center, Naval Sea Systems Command; enjoying retirement at Noveleta, Cavite. **BGen Ferdinand Jose "Punky" G. Rivera:**



On April 11, 2024 President Maringal Cruz together with former Chief, PNP Maringal Carlos as GOH and other mistah joined the blessing and unveiling of the 2Lt Carlos Rafael Paz Imperial Monument at a PNP camp named after him - Camp Imperial - in Sipocot, Camarines Sur.

Dean, Corps of Professors; SVP, AFPMBAI. **CG RAdm Joselito "Ugis" F. Dela Cruz:** Commander, Maritime Safety Command; enjoying retirement at Taguig City. **Capt Zosimo "Zoji" DG. Jimenez Jr:** Deputy Commander, AFP Reserve Command; enjoying his retirement at San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan. **Capt Jesus "Jess" L. Portiz:** Naval Attache, PH Embassy-Washington, DC, USA; enjoying his retirement playing golf in Manila and nearby provinces; stays in Pangasinan working in his farm.

North America-based Maringals

Bong Alcanzo: retired from PNP in 2005; presently working in the private sector and is based in Maryland, USA; expecting their firstborn grandson this June (first apo); **Anthony Evangelista:** retired from the PAF in 2004; enjoying walking for 12 miles a day as a retarded mailman with USPS, San Diego, California. **Jun Jayme:** AC of NS for Plans, N5, PN; reunited with his family and his siblings in Glendale, Arizona; gainfully employed at Amazon keeping their supply chain delivery on schedule to support his waning golfing career. **Bonn Lobaton:** Branch Chief, DLO, MW, PP, and H, O/N1, HPN; Deputy Labor Commissioner, State of California; lives at Historic Filipino Town in Los Angeles. **Diosdado Macasaet:** PSG; works with County of San Joaquin County, Public Health Services as a Lab Information Systems Coordinator. **Arnel Mendoza:** avid golf player working in IT at Rutgers University in the state of New Jersey; loving the simple pleasures of life, and always look forward to any opportunity to travel near and far. **Erdie Panlaque:** TIG, NISF; based in Concord, California with an only daughter pursuing a medical program in the Philippines (so if you have son seeking for a bride na US Citizen, mag call na kayo kay Erdie). **Tony Ponce:** Branch Chief, R2 RECOM 7; continuing their world financial literacy program while traveling around the globe; CEO Marketing Director, World Financial Group; Supervisor/Advisor, Transamerica Financial Advisors, Inc; Social Security Analyst, NARSSA; Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor, NAPA; grandfather, trying hard golfer. **Nato Salvaleon:** J11; managed to be here, there and everywhere... living and working at Redlands, California; occasionally visiting wife Lindy in Atlanta, GA and kids in Phoenix, Arizona; continues to visit Philippines regularly to help advocate his love and passion for geospatial technology at PMA and other local entities. **Roel Ybañez Tolin:** Commander, Naval Reserve Center; Security Supervisor Century Plaza Towers, Century City, Los Angeles. **Chip Verceles:** retired from the Philippine Army in 2013; residing in Alberta; working as Head Custodian at Edmonton Public School.



ERNESTO C TORRES, JR
President
ADONIS R BAJAO
Class Historian

Remembering our Departed Mistahs

Every year, as the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Alumni Homecoming approaches, a tradition like no other takes place. It is a solemn yet poignant ritual that embodies the integrity and camaraderie ingrained in the hearts of the PMA "Makatao" Class of 1989.

On the Sunday prior to the grand reunion, members and dependents of our class gather to pay homage to our departed brothers. It is a day marked not just by remembrance but also by a profound sense of duty and brotherhood.

For us, Makataos, this annual pilgrimage is not only about honoring the memory of our fallen mistahs; it is a testament to our unbreakable bond forged through rigorous training and shared experiences.

As we stand together at the gravesites, sharing stories and memories, we reaffirm the oath we took: to never leave a comrade behind. A singular demonstration of our unwavering commitment to each other, even in death.

Despite the passage of time and the physical separation caused by death, our unity remains undiminished. Through this tradition, we send a powerful message that in our class, no one is forgotten, and no one is left behind.



1Lt Ronaldo U Baliota PA



Two (2) years after we graduated from the hallowed grounds of PMA, Dodong died in an encounter in Kalinga, Apayao, during a test mission of the Special Forces Operation Course (SFOC). His remains were brought to their residence in Malita, Davao del Sur then, and finally entombed near the house of his nephew, Hon. Alberto Baliota, in Davao Occidental.

He was single at the time of his untimely demise. Although in despair, his family continued with their lives and kept themselves occupied by managing businesses here and there, and serving as elected officials in various capacities. His father served as a Board Member of Davao del Sur, while his eldest sibling became a board member of Davao Occidental (formerly Davao del Sur).

Now, only three (3) out of eight (8) siblings are alive. They are still well known as businessmen and public servants in their hometown.

1Lt Glenn B Bihag PAF



After graduating from the Philippine Air Force Flying School in 1991, Glenn was first assigned at the 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing and later, at the 208th Tactical Helicopter Squadron. He was deployed in Central Visayas and rotated to different areas in Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Pagadian, Davao and Zamboanga.

In one of his flying duties in Cagayan de Oro, he met a fatal accident at the Lantad Complex that tragically ended his young life.

Glenn was not able to meet his son, because Josie, his wife, was still pregnant at the time of the chopper crash. By God's grace, his son studied in Canada and is now a construction professional in Vancouver, British Columbia. Glenn's apo is named after him, Glenn Joseph. His sacrifice was truly not in vain.

1Lt Alan Gel S Cordova PA



Alan was the lone West Point graduate of our class. As an idealist, he resigned from the military service early on and pursued a career in law, academe and politics.

Alan was the Vice Mayor of Dumaguete City when he died in 2021, days after he recovered from COVID-19 infection. He joined a "bike for a cause" in Tanjay City, about 41 kilometers away from Dumaguete City, when he suddenly collapsed along the national highway in Barangay Bantayan.

He is best known for his honest public service. His brand of good governance in Dumaguete City has left a lasting imprint that every Makatao can truly be proud of.

Cpt Chito V Corpus PA



Chito met our Creator in one unfortunate land navigation exercise during our Infantry Officers Advance Course in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija way back in 2000.

He is remembered as intelligent yet fun to be with. His jokes would resonate in the classrooms of the Training and Doctrine Command where he served as an instructor.

Chito was single at the time of his death but even after his passing, he brings a smile to those who can still vividly recall his witty tag lines and antics.

2Lt Emilio A De Leon Jr PA



Shortly after graduating from PMA, Emil migrated to Canada and worked at TD Bank for over 20 years. He also served as a board director at the Church Planting Ministry Incorporated (CPMI), where his life was filled with hours of preaching and Bible study leading. He was known to be a God-fearing man who cherished a strong relationship with our Maker.

He died from a heart attack in 2023, leaving behind Josephine, his wife, and two children, Matthew and Mark. Emil left a legacy of service to the Lord that lives on after his demise.

1Lt Benjamin M Enriquez PA

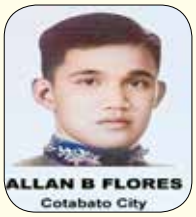


In a fierce firefight in Barangay Upper Mabiga, Conner, Kalinga, Apayao in 1992, Benjie was killed-in-action, succumbing to his serious wounds. His early death left his family devastated as he was still in the prime of his youth.

According to his sister, Elen, it took them a very long time to accept his death. They were not able to talk about it, but they eventually found comfort in realizing the unselfishness of Benjie's sacrifice for our country.

The family now finds love and care in the company of Makataos. They were able to get by because of our mistahs that they now consider as family.

2Lt Allan B Flores PC



Allan was killed in action during an encounter against the NPAs in Mati, Davao Oriental sometime in 1989. He was a member of the Regional Special Action Forces assigned at Camp Catitipan in Davao City then.

His brother, Arnel, shared that their family went through unimaginable pain and sorrow, leaving them with heavy hearts and a profound sense of loss. During those challenging times, the presence of friends and family provided them the comfort they needed to overcome their loss. In his own words, "we would be grateful for the understanding ear and empathetic presence of his mistahs, allowing us to share our grief openly without judgment."

Allan was single at the time of his death and his family takes solace in the company of our fellow Makatao's sentimental journeys to Cotabato City.

BGen Bagnus P Gaerlan Jr PA



Bagnus fell victim to COVID-19 in 2021. He was rushed to the Zamboanga del Sur Medical Center after testing positive from a rapid antigen test and confirmatory RT-PCR swab test, but later died due to acute respiratory failure. He was the Assistant Division Commander of the 1st Infantry "Tabak" Division at the time of his death.

Lanie admitted that the loss of her husband was heartbreaking and his absence left a big void in their lives, especially for their children. However, while the pain was undeniable, they found the courage to cherish their memories together and honor Baggy's legacy in everything that they do.

By God's goodness, two of their children, Jethro and Lilibeth, have grown into their own, taking on positions of responsibility. Jethro now serves as an Army lieutenant in Maguindanao while Lilibeth manages their Airbnb business in Amadeo, Cavite. More so, Lanie keeps herself busy by managing their business in La Union, while actively taking good care of their children at the same time.

1Lt Arnulfo M Luna PA



Nonoy was a true-blue infantry officer who died while leading his troops in an offensive across Marag River in Luna, Apayao in 1992. They were part of a Division-size contingent that was tasked to capture Marag Valley from the NPAs.

For two weeks, Army troops had been trying to cross the Marag River under heavy enemy fire. Nonoy bravely swam across the river to tie a rope on the other side so that his troops could cross safely. Unfortunately, the strong river current from upstream swept him away. He was found downstream in the town of Pamplona, Cagayan three days later.

Nonoy did not have offsprings, so his family remembers him with much fondness, while braving the sorrow and pain of his demise.

LtCol Ferdinand T Macasaet PAF



Ferdz was the head of the PMA's Department of Air Warfare, Headquarters Tactics Group when he died in 2011. His vehicle was strafed as he was plying the Loakan road in Baguio City after leaving his work at Fort Del Pilar.

His death was a big loss to the Air Force as he had specialized in flying the MG 520 and joined the 15TH Strike Wing and the 18th Attack Squadron. He had also been assigned at 410th Maintenance Wing, 100th Training Wing in Lipa City, and at A-4 HPAF as a staff officer after he finished his Command and General Staff Course.

Ferdz's business acumen might have propelled him to greater heights beyond flying. But the Almighty's plan is mysterious, yet perfect. He left his wife, Melissa, in Baguio City, and their daughter, Kyri Mikaela, now a fourth year student of BS Physical Therapy at the University of Baguio.

Task Force Macasaet was formed to investigate the case. More than a month after the incident, the suspect was eventually caught and charges were filed.

LtCol Danilo T Olay Jr PA



Danny met our Creator while confined at the V Luna Medical Center due to COVID-19 in 2021. He finally joined his father, the late MGen Danilo Olay Sr, in the loving embrace of our Almighty.

Danny retired from the military service after serving as an instructor at the Academic Department, PMA following our advance course. He started experiencing serious health issues during our Infantry Officers Advance Course in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija then. Whilst he had a bit of speech impairment, he served our Alma Mater with vigor and pride.

He later worked at DM Consunji Incorporated (DMCI) after his retirement, but affirmed his love for the army green by joining the Reserve Force. He became the Battalion Commander of the 1305th Ready Reserve Infantry Battalion Task Force of the National Capital Region's Regional Community Defense Group, Army Reserve Command (NCRRCDG, ARESCOM) before he died. Ever loyal to his family's legacy, Danny remained a military professional till the end.

1Lt Julius A Refran PA



Jules was an exceptional athlete who excelled in basketball among other sports. Little did we know that the same love for the game would also lead to his untimely death due to a ruptured aortic aneurysm at the First Scout Ranger Regiment's basketball court in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, in October 1995. He was in the company of mistahs during his last moments.

He left his wife, Karen, who gave birth to their only child, Jeronimo, seven (7) months after Julius died. From her own account, it took her six (6) years to accept that Jules was already gone. She was not able to talk about it or even share her grief with her own family for years.

As she finally found peace through the Almighty, she also refocused her life on a new goal: a good future for their son. She worked tirelessly at the Department of Agrarian Reform to provide for both of them. Thankfully, by God's grace, Jeronimo is now a doctor of medicine, who also dreams of becoming a military professional as a member of the medical corps. We are certain that Jeronimo will follow in the footsteps of his father, whose calmness under fire and exceptional bravery as a scout ranger platoon leader, had left an indelible mark in our hearts.

2Lt Perfecto N Sagun PC



Pek Sagun was lovingly referred to as the ironman of the Philippine Constabulary Group.

He was kind, helpful, considerate, resilient and full of aspirations. Although very determined while in training, Pek contributed his share of witty jokes during light moments. These helped his company weather their hardships and made the experience more fun, enjoyable and memorable.

During the last phase of their Special Ranger Course, conducted by the PC Special Action Force, in Mt. Daraitan, Tanay, Rizal, in April 1989, Pek was felled by a bullet while maneuvering. He became the first casualty of the PC Group.

Pek was a great loss to the class at a very early stage of our careers because he had so many dreams and aspirations for his family and himself. It is only by God's enlightenment that we now understand that his mission in life had already been accomplished then.

LtCol Leonard Vincent D Teodoro PN(M)



Teody was a hard-driven and respectable marine officer. Most notable among his designations was being the Commander of the Marine Battalion Landing Team-7, where he saw action against the Abu Sayyaf Group and other local terrorists in Basilan and Sulu. He was also an operations specialist who had overseen marine combat missions all over the archipelago.

In January of 2011, Teody suddenly collapsed on the grounds of the General Headquarters, Camp Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, after he had completed his mandatory physical fitness test as a requirement for promotion.

Though his passion to serve was cut short, he left a lasting legacy for his wife, Angel, daughter Andrea, and son Adrian, a Las Vegas Police Officer, that will never be forgotten.

Col Claro G Unson Jr COP



Jun retired as a Colonel from the Corps of Professors at the Philippine Military Academy. Shortly after retiring, during a visit to PMA, he contracted COVID-19.

The death of Jun caused Liberty, his wife, undue suffering and pain. After such a great loss, she distanced herself from everyone, especially from mistahs, as she was constantly reminded of Jun in our company.

When the healing process began, she came to see and realize the love and warmth of the Makataos for her and their son, Carlo.

She is grateful for the constant support and recognition of the class for our fallen mistahs. God is good indeed. Carlo is now a professional, just as Jun had dreamt of.

2Lt Allan B Zuñiga PA



Barely two days after graduating from PMA, Nonoy died due to a gunshot wound after accidentally firing his newly-issued pistol inside Fort Bonifacio. He was the first casualty of the class.

It was a tragedy for his family who had pinned their hopes on him. For his sister, Glenda, the loss was hard to accept as their family expected him to lead them out of their hardship. Yet, their hope was gone when he died too soon.

Although she lost her brother, she found warmth and care among our concerned mistahs who remained in contact with their family. They have managed to get by and carry on with their lives.

Dominic Cabalza



Nic was one of our associate members. He was a former classmate at PMA who continued his love for physical fitness by doing power lifting.

Although he did not succeed in forging a progressive military career, he joined the Intelligence Service Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP), where he became a valuable asset.

He eventually rose up the ladder of the strong men's club and became the Vice

President of the Power lifting Association of the Philippines and the Vice President of the Asian Powerlifting Federation. Nic met his untimely demise when he was shot by unidentified men in a senseless confrontation near an eatery in Quezon City way back in 2009. Nic's case remains unsolved to this day.

Jose Odellon Cabillan



Odie was another associate member who passionately pursued his service to our country by joining the National Bureau of Investigation.

In the intricate maze of law enforcement, he was involved in high profile cases that also impacted on his career, making it a roller coaster ride through the years.

He was found dead inside the detention cell in 2022, allegedly due to a self-inflicted wound.

Leopoldo D Leuterio



Juny suffered a heart attack in 2016, while serving as the incumbent Deputy Director for Regional Operations Service of the National Bureau of Investigation.

Armed with a law degree, Juny became part of the 37th Batch of NBI Agents. He joined the 10th Special Investigators Basic Training Course where he graduated Valedictorian and received the Leadership Award. He was also awarded the Best Agent under the Intelligence Service. Indeed, a model Makatao associate member who excelled in law enforcement.

As years pass by and the ranks of active Makatao military professionals continue to thin out, and even as the torchbearers of our tradition change, our resolve remains steadfast.

We vow to continue this sacred ritual until there is one last Makatao standing, ensuring that our fallen comrades are always remembered and honored.

Yet we know that our tradition will live on. In the words of General Romeo S Brawner Jr, the Chief of Staff, AFP: "*When that time comes, it will be our families and dependents who will carry on this legacy, a testament to the enduring spirit of the PMA Makatao Class of 1989.*"

DENNIS GODFREY F GAMMAD
President
CRISOSTOMO S BAS JR
Secretary



The whole class was saddened by the departure of MAJ. GEN. JONAS R. LUMAWAG of the Philippine Marine Corps, Philippine Navy last March 15, 2024. Members of BIGKISLAHI gathered during his wake and attended the necrological service at the mortuary of the Libingan ng mga Bayani (LNMB) on March 18, 2024.



Remembrance Day '90

On April 6, 2024, the class held the Remembrance Day '90, a memorial for the fallen heroes of PMA 1990 at the LNMB. Aside for 40 mistah who attended, the family of Jonas Lumawag, children of Bates Batalla, wife of Batuts Castillo, and wife and daughter of Norman Geronga joined the whole ceremony.

The event started with a morning mass at the Dome. After the mass, our class Vice-President Joel Nacnac gave the opening remarks followed by songs from the CMOR Chorus Choir and showing of a special PMA 1990 audio-visual production.



Our Class President, Dennis Gammad, gave his inspirational message and afterwards, everybody joined the special wreath laying ceremony and prayers at the burial sites of Winston Baguilat, Norman Geronga, Rene Batalla, Batuts Castillo, Suki Salcedo, Allen Toribio, and Jonas Lumawag.

Other mistah who were given tribute but not buried at LNMB are Donato M. Aquino, Angel M. Benitez, Kurt A. Decapia, Sabeniano I. Depay, Michael Angelo B. Martin, Leo G. Mayaen, Noel M. Pontanos, Rene S. Sendin, Tirso C. Sudario, and Ferdinand R. Viray.

Kudos to the newly recognized members of the class for sponsoring the event.

Remembrance Day is one of those events that the current class leadership made sure will be an annual event (through a Board Resolution 6-2024) and sees it as an opportunity for mistahs to bond, get together, and pay respect to those who already departed.

Valentines '90 (2024)

A simple Valentines '90 party was held at the Teacher's Camp in Baguio City on Feb. 16, 2024. More or less 25 couples attended the party with around 10 attending as singles.





The night was made 'red' by the beautiful spouses wearing those sparkling red dresses while the mistahs wore red inner polos in their dark suits.

The CMO Chorale made the night lovelier with a nice performance and a series of love songs. There was also a modified couples' bingo game that mesmerized everybody with laughter. The class tailor came and started gathering the sizes of our uniform for the homecoming 2025.

The night ended early because of the homecoming schedule the following day but there were those stayed behind and maximized singing and dancing all night.

Homecoming 2024

Around 30 mistah participated in the PMA Homecoming 2024. The class wore a dark suit with white inner polo, coupled with a nice cowboy cap donated by Ely Cruz.



After the homecoming parade, the class had a lunch prepared at the back of the main administrative building of PMA. After lunch, the class had its annual general assembly. Most of the topics discussed were focused on the programs for Homecoming 2025.

Dinner for a Retiring Mistah

The Philippine Army sponsored a simple dinner for LT. GEN. BENEDICT AREVALO last March 14, 2024 at the Army Officer's Clubhouse before he reached his retirement age of 57 on March 21, 2024.



More or less 35 mistah and 20 spouses attended the dinner, together with the families of Benedict and his three siblings.

Different mistah gave some inspiring stories about Benedict, to include his brother, Robert. LT. GEN. ROY GALIDO, the host, also gave his message before Benedict gave his message of appreciation.



Other upcoming bonding activities that the class shall expect in the coming days are:

1. Summer outing in May 2024 at the Riviera Multi-purpose Hall, which will be facilitated by mistahs who are residents of the Riviera Residential Estate in Silang, Cavite;
2. Currently ongoing is the 3rd class project undertaken by the Philippine Navy Service Branch intended to support the family of late Jonas Lumawag and to cover costs for class activities on the upcoming class 35th year anniversary. The golf project titled: Golf for Health and Wellness will be held on 16 May 2024 at the Philippine Navy Golf Course, Naval Station Jose Francisco, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City. The usual sale of tickets and the lookout for patrons and sponsors are being undertaken by the active participating mistahs.
3. Christmas party on 14 December 2024 at the Villamor Air Base Golf Club (VABC) Social Hall, which shall be facilitated by the Air Force service branch.

The Board likewise made a resolution to undertake and prepare for activities, hotel accommodation and materials required for the upcoming 35th year anniversary of the class which will be celebrated on the 2025 PMA Alumni Homecoming. The activities that would highlight on this occasion are the following:

1. AHC Golf Fellowship on 14 February 2025 at Camp John Hay Golf Course which will be facilitated by the 9Tee Golf Club officers, while the wives and children will have their city tour at Baguio City;
2. Valentine's Night on 14 February 2025 at the PMA amphitheater for mistahs and their family members;
3. Homecoming parade and lunch on 15 February 2025 at the PMA Parade ground and Jurado Hall, respectively, with election of new set of class officers;
4. Anniversary ball on 15 February 2025 at Forest Lodge Multi-Purpose Hall, and an oathtaking ceremony for the new class officers, and;
5. Morning trail walk and breakfast on 16 February 2025 prior to debarking from Baguio City.

Some announcements were made for the reservation at the Forest Lodge Hotel for mistahs who would like to avail of the 14-16 February 2025 accommodation, with only one night that the class will shoulder; the tailor and uniform measurements for mistahs; the cloth for the uniform of the wives of mistahs, and the apparel for brats of the class. More disseminations will be made as the event draws near and as materials will are made available.

RONIE D PETINGLAY
President
ULYSSES S MARQUEZ
Secretary

PMA Class of 1993: A Legacy of Excellence

As we look back on the years since our graduation, the Philippine Military Academy Class of 1993 has continued to uphold the values and traditions instilled in us during our time at Fort Del Pilar. Our journey has been one of dedication, service, and commitment to the ideals of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty. This Class Call aims to highlight the achievements, milestones, and continued efforts of our classmates as we collectively contribute to the betterment of our nation and the strengthening of our military.

Achievements and Milestones

Our heartfelt congratulations to the following Maalabs for their remarkable achievements:

Maalab MGen Fabian M Pedregosa PAF assumed the position of Commander of the Air





Defense Command of the Philippine Air Force on 01 March 2024, stationed at Clark Air Base in Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Maalab PCG Commo Edgar L Ybañez on his promotion to Rear Admiral of the Philippine Coast Guard.

Maalab Capt Vincent J Sibala PN assumed as the new Commander of Littoral Combat Force (LCF) on 30 April 2024 at Naval Base Heracleo Alano replacing Maalab Lued Lincuna who concurrently held the post in acting capacity. Such position bestowed him a promotion to the rank of Commodore of the Philippine Navy.

Maalab newly promoted Generals and Flag Officers who took their oath before our Commander-in-Chief and RP President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., namely: **MGen Jesus Nelson B Morales; BGen Thad Rufino P Candelario PAF; BGen Loreto B Pasamonte PAF; BGen Glenn Albert C Laguardia PAF; BGen Arsenio DC Sadural PA; BGen Mario DL Jacinto PA; BGen Jose Vladimir R Cagara PA; Commo Brendo J Casaclang PN; and Commo Peter Jempsun V De Guzman PN.**

Maalab PCG VAdm Allan Victor T Dela Vega, as PCG Deputy Commandant for Administration, presided over the transfer of a PhP 54-million vessel maintenance facility from U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Robert Ewing, enhancing PCG readiness to sustain the operating condition of vessels transferred from partner nations including Australia, France, and Japan.

Maalab BGen Joey A Escanillas PA, the former Commander of JTG-Cebu and current Commander of the 302nd Infantry Brigade, played a crucial role in the successful prosecution and release of Warrant of Arrest (WOA) of 27 personalities of Community Empowerment Resource Network, Inc. (CERNET) for violating the RA 10168, also known as the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act of 2012.

Maalab Col Michael G Logico PA who successfully led the Balikatan Exercises 2024 as the Executive Agent. Congratulations also go to Maalab Balikatan Actors: BGen Eric Gachalian PAF (CTOWNL), Commo Edward Ike De Sagon (COCF, M-Firing), Commo Vince Sibala (CLCF/N3, NLOS), and BGen Leo Fontanilla (C5FW).



Maalab Captain Mark Glenn D Millan PN (Ret), as the General Manager of Agila Subic Compass, Inc., played a key role in leasing and managing the former Hanjin Shipyard in Subic. He was instrumental in securing a long-term lease with HD Hyundai Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering, the world's largest shipbuilding company.



Celebrating the Success of Maalab Brats

Our warmest congratulations to the following Maalab Brats for their outstanding achievements:

- **Maalab Brat Johanna Renee G. Bunayog** on her commissionship as Ensign of the Philippine Coast Guard.
- **Maalab Brat 2Lt Joanne Maureen A. Lachica PA** on her promotion to 1st Lieutenant of the Philippine Army.
- **Maalab Brat Cdt 1Cl Reggie Samuel B Intal CCAFP** for graduating from the prestigious Philippine Military Academy and his commissionship as Ensign of the Philippine Navy.













Bond of Brotherhood

The camaraderie and bond forged during our time at the Academy remain strong. Regular reunions, gatherings, and communication through various platforms ensure that we stay connected and support one another. The shared experiences and challenges we faced as cadets have created a lasting brotherhood that continues to provide strength and encouragement in all our endeavors.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, the Class of 1993 remains steadfast in our commitment to excellence and service. We look to the future with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose, ready to face new challenges and opportunities. Our collective experiences and diverse expertise will undoubtedly continue to contribute to the advancement of our military and the nation.

In conclusion, the Philippine Military Academy "Maalab" Class of 1993 stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Academy's values and traditions. We are proud of our accomplishments and remain dedicated to serving our country with honor and distinction. Let us continue to uphold the PMA's motto of Courage, Integrity, and Loyalty, as we strive to be exemplary leaders and patriots.

Mabuhay ang PMA "Maalab" Class of 1993!











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PMA Class Marilag 1995:
A Legacy of Excellence

"*No one gets promoted by just doing her job.*" - Michelle Kingsman

The PMA Marilag Class of 1995 has etched its name in the archives of the Philippine Military Academy (PMA). Comprising a diverse group of cadets, Marilag stands as a beacon of excellence and resilience. The Class has produced exceptional leaders throughout its storied history, and the Marilag Class of 1995 stands as a testament to this tradition. And now, as the years have passed, Marilag's stars continue to rise.

In the hallowed halls of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment shine brightly. Today, we raise our voices in celebration of three remarkable officers who have ascended to new heights. Let us honor their achievements and recognize their contributions. As we celebrate the achievements of Marilag Class, let us extend our heartfelt congratulations to the newly promoted generals who have continued to excel in their careers:

For the Philippine Air Force:

BRIGADIER GENERAL ALVIN M HATE PAF



Recently promoted to a one-star rank, BGEN ALVIN M HATE PAF exemplifies excellence. His journey has been marked by resilience, expertise, and a deep love for aviation.

During the donning of ranks ceremony at the Hall of Flags, CJVAB in Pasay City, he stood tall, adorned with the insignia of leadership. His Command Pilot Rating is a testament to his mastery of the skies. As he assumes the role of Wing Commander of the 205th Tactical Helicopter Wing, we eagerly anticipate the impact he will continue to make within the Philippine Air Force.

Wishing you continued success as you embark on this new chapter of your career. Fly high with pride and honor BGEN HATE!

For the Philippine Navy:

COMMODORE SALVADOR HENRY H QUINTO PN (M)



COMMODORE SALVADOR HENRY H QUINTO PN has etched his name in the annals of the Philippine Navy. His confirmation to the rank of COMMODORE signifies the AFP's commitment to civilian authority. He has held key command positions within the Philippine Navy, showcasing his exceptional leadership and strategic acumen. His command experience has been instrumental in shaping the operational readiness and effectiveness of Navy units under his leadership.

Wishing you best of luck on a new chapter of your career. Fair winds, COMMO QUINTO!

For the Philippine Army:

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSE JESUS C LUNTOK PA



BGEN JOSE JESUS C LUNTOK PA has walked the path of honor within the Philippine Army. Though details of his accomplishments were continuum, we know that his service has left an indelible mark. His unwavering dedication to duty and the well-being of our nation inspires us all. May his leadership continue to guide our troops toward victory.

Wishing you best of luck as you take on new challenges and responsibilities. Serve with pride and distinction, BGEN LUNTOK!

On the other hand, five distinguished members of the Class Marilag from the **Philippine Coast Guard**, whose exemplary leadership and remarkable achievements have earned them the admiration and respect of their peers and superiors alike were also promoted:

1. **REAR ADMIRAL HOSTILLO ARTURO E CORNELIO**



His service within the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) has been unwavering. From joint command conferences to vessel collision responses, CG RADM CORNELIO's dedication echoes across the waves.

Fair winds and following seas, CG RADM CORNELIO!

2. **REAR ADMIRAL ALLEN J DALANGIN**



His journey has been one of challenges and triumphs. Anomaly resolutions, leadership roles, and continued service—CG RADM DALANGIN's commitment to safeguarding our waters inspires us all.

May your compass always point true, CG RADM DALANGIN!

3. COMMODORE ROBEN N DE GUZMAN

As part of the Coast Guard Education, Training, and Doctrine Command (CGETDC), CG COMMO DE GUZMAN's mentorship shapes the next generation of guardians.

May your guidance steer the ship, CG COMMO DE GUZMAN!



4. COMMODORE ARNALDO M LIM

CG COMMO LIM served as the Deputy Commander of Coast Guard District National Capital Region—Central Luzon. His leadership has significantly contributed to the strength and effectiveness of the Philippine Coast Guard.

May your watchful eyes keep our shores safe, CG COMMO LIM!



5. COMMODORE ROMMEL A SUPANGAN

Collaboration, mentorship, and professionalism—these are the hallmarks of CG COMMO SUPANGAN's legacy within the Coast Guard.

May your wake leave ripples of excellence, CG COMMO SUPANGAN!



Indeed, those people who exerted extra efforts were always given the opportunity to level up their positions. Individually, we know our limits and potential. Thus, fully understanding our capability and constantly pushing ourselves to our limits will make us extraordinary.

May this achievement be the stepping stone to a future filled with success, growth, and fulfillment. Embrace the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Your accomplishments reflect not only your hard work but also your resilience and determination to excel.

We, your mistahs, will always be your support system.

Congratulations sirs! Salute! CLTJ





3 DECADES AFTER RECEPTION

Thirty years after most of us were warmly received in the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field, the members of PMA *"Masinag"* Class of 1998 celebrates three decades of memories that all started on that fateful day of 04 April 1994.

For this issue, here's the best effort for a rollcall for those who left the portals of PMA thru the graduation rite:

Ablog - 950 Cyberspace and Electronic Warfare Wing; Alejo – VISCOM; Aquino C – Apha Aviation Group Philippines; Aquino N – Union Bank; Angdason – MNSA; Antig (Patrimonio) – HPAF; Alano – 1ID; Ang - 11RCDG, RCPA; Alfaro - Philippine Airlines; Altre - CRSAFP; Alvaran – OJ1; Banaag – 6ID; Banatao – NTFELCAC; Basco (Ordoñez) – OJ5; Barrameda – CRS, PCG; Baterina – AFRC; Bautista – AMC; Bodegon - NOLCOM; Bogñalbal - FRG, PMC; Boransing – 1ID; Bungubung – ABSCBN; Bumidang - NOLCOM; Busiños - HPAG10; Buted – NLC; Callanta - VVH Properties; Castillo – RCPA; Castro - CIDG, PNP; Cabungcal – NFW; Casuncad - PAFLTC, AETDC; David – HPN; De Ramos - Philippine Airlines; De Velez – Royal Air Philippines; Dela Calzada - NIC, PN; Delamide - 7ID; Delos Santos – AFPDC; Dilag – LRR; Domine (Cartin) – HPN; Domingo B – MNSA; Domingo L – Bayombong; Duriman - Royal Home, Tarlac; Fabian - NRCen-NL; Escaniel – Palm Concepcion Power Corp; Facundo - OJ5, GHQ; Felipe Jr - 3RCDG; Ferrer - Head of Training, Airworks Aviation Academy; Flores J – NOLCOM; Flores M – MNSA; Gallardo - Cebu Pacific Air; Garrido - CO, PAPC; Gotico – MNSA; Gerodias – AIBDC; Gonzales H – HPN; Gonzales (Rodriguez) – OTNA; Grasparil - 2MBde; Gucyam - Philippine Airlines; Guillermo - Philippine Airlines; Hechanova- NAVFORSOL; Hindang – 2ID; Hugo - 54EBde; Ibañez - OCF, PF; Ilagan- PGC, United Arab Emirates; Indab





– LB; Kalahi – FCPA; Jimenez –AFPSOCOM; Kindipan - CMOR, PA; Laurio - OJ5, GHQ; Lazaro - AFPLSC GHQ; Leviste – MNSA; Ley, 2ID; Lugtu- IMCOM; Macatingrao – HPAF; Madarang – PSC; Mateo – HPAG1; Mendoza – ASR; Mundo – Calamba; Musil - NRCEN-WM; Nagac – HPAG3; Navales – Barkeeper (Pasay); Pacis A - Cebu Pacific Air; Pajarito – HPAG8; Pepito – Cotabato City; Pingen – San Mig Log, SMC; Rabara – MNSA; Ramirez F - Philippine Airlines; Remante - Starlux Airlines; Romero - OJ3; Robles- HPN; Rotoni – HPN4; Santos - 4MBde; Salaguinto – J2; Salem – PPI; Sales - NRCEN - NCR; Samilin - Philippine Airlines; Sergio - OJ5; Simon – ODPROF; Suico (Monjardin) – CAAP; Sumilang - OJ7; Tabudlo – NPS; Tadulan – AFPETDC; Tangonan - GenSan; Templonuevo – ADC; Torbela - PMA; Valencia – 6ID; Valdez – TF Davao; Valix - Cebu Pacific Air; Villanueva – OJ2; Villacrucis – Philippine Airlines.

Our prayers to the following mistahs whose last TAPS were already sung; Dimaculangan, Divina, Gay-ya, Halasan, Nuñez, Pacis J, Que, Satumba, Saturno, Tamano, Villareal. May your souls rest in peace.

We promise to post a more organized version of the class call next time.









Beyond the Battlefield:
Class 1999's Contributions in the AFP's Counter-Insurgency Campaign
by Cavalier Joey Baybayan and Cav Ed Talaroc

As the Class embraces its 25th year of service, our changing of the guards also took place and the future of the class has also been outlined for the next two years. And while we aim our sights in the future, it is also equally important to recognize Masikhay's humble contribution to the AFP campaign.

Amidst the ongoing battle against insurgency, the past and present Battalion Commanders of Class 1999 have emerged as paragons of military leadership. Their unwavering courage, astute strategic thinking, and unyielding commitment in the face of the country's internal security operations against the Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) continue to inspire.

Combining acumen in intel, focus military operations and CMO, these fine officers have demonstrated utmost commandership by successfully dismantling 41 guerilla formations (26 guerilla fronts), initiating 500 encounters, recovering 1,278 high-powered firearms and 654 low-powered firearms, and influencing 1,223 regular CTG members to surrender. With the Southern Mindanao Regional Party Committee eradicated in 2022, the insurgency's influence over previously affected areas has been reduced to an inconsequential level, and the way towards peace and development has been charted.

From the AFP triad to its support mechanisms, the impact of these commanders extends far beyond the battlefield, reaching into local communities. Their collaboration with other government agencies to eradicate insurgency from its foundational roots, their focus on winning over civilians, and their efforts to establish confidence between the military and civilian population through community outreach programs and activities, all underscore the importance of community engagement in achieving long-term peace and prosperity.

The Battalion Commanders of Class 1999 have played an essential role in severely reducing the CTG's influence in the communities and laying the framework for lasting peace and prosperity. Their sacrifices serve as an example and benchmark to future generations of officers who will take the helm of the cutting-edge of the Philippine Army. For their bravery, professionalism, and selflessness, they will continue to inspire future generations of Filipino soldiers. In the shift to territorial defense operations, they are combat-ready to continue the country's proud military heritage.







ROMIL M CALERO
President

Hello there, Kaakibats! Time passed much rapidly than we anticipated. Who could have missed how preoccupied each of us had been by the continuous contagion. We set ourselves to prepare for our Silver Jubilee.

Mga Mistah, even with more years to offer for those still serving in the military, a new chapter to turn for those retiring/ retired, and a fulfilling venture for those who have sought such earlier in their careers, let us take this rare opportunity to be informed of our class members' respective careers and personal endeavor updates as of this date. This is in keeping with our sworn duty to serve God, Country, and People.

Army Group

The masters of land warfare at its best are on the verge of anothere productive season as they clean up the remaining threat on Internal Security concerns. Mappy - CO, 47IB; Toto Ilangga - CO, 62IB; SA - XO, 303Bde; Olick - G3, 3ID; Erap - G1, 3ID; Earl P - G4, 3ID; Erwin C – Cmd't, 3DTS; Bong Hidalgo – Ist Councilor, Passi City; Rayman - CO, 5FAB; Delmendo - CO, 100IB; Marvs- CO, 1IMB; Vale - CO, 8IMB; Brother-XO, OG6, PA; Joe Perl - G6, 7ID; Alki - Cmdnt, Signal School, TRADOC; Barrie - G7, ASR; Nini - CO, 39IB; Garic - CO, 27IB; Tabas - CO, 89IB;. Munar - Cmdt, 10DTS; Filven - U3, SOLCOM; Lamcel - Chief, 17FSFO, FCPA; Caido - CS, JSOG; Jam - ACO, 1Tank Bn, AD; Iko - G1, 2ID; Panaligan - C4, CRS; Batingga - Dep G3, 4ID; Gernale - IG, SFRA; Cadiong - DPP, PCTC; Estolas - CO, 21IB; Antonio - G1, 4ID; Mugot - DG1, 4ID; Depayso - G4, 4ID; Buyuccan - C, DCAO, 4ID /GM, 4DGRC (Golf Course); Villanueva – A/U HSC, 4ID (newly assigned); Jale - CO, 30IB; Somar BG - Deputy Commander, CAC, TRADOC, PA; Spokz - Dep Director, MTC, TRADOC; Domeng - CO, 1Mech Bn AD, PA; Frivaldo - G8, AD; Sabado - Ex-O, 1Mech Bde, AD; Hamlag - CO, 1Tank Bn, AD, PA; Villar - CO, 3Mech Bn, AD

Arojo - CO, 43IB; Rugayan - CO, 87IB; Degs - G3, 8ID; Mico - CGSC Faculty, AFPETDC;. Cabunoc - Ex-O, 702 Bde; Bautista - CO, 7CMO; REANO - CO, 7MIB; Vicente - G3, 7ID; Taqueban - Director 105CDC, 1RCDG, RESCOM; Enca - CO,



5SRB; Dayata - G3, FSRR; Boysen - Cmd't SRTS; D5 - CO, 41IB, 11ID; Somar OC - CO, 2IB, 9ID; Guds - Ex-O, 202 Bde; TJ Dalangin - CO 4FSSU and JV Pulmano - CO, 9FSSU. Lastly, the lone Army PCG Torcelino – Director, PMC, PCG.

Air Force Group:

For the active Air Kaakibats, most are now holding key designations as follows: Abu Gador – CO, TOG12; Olave – OJ4, AFP; Ram Tolentino - CO, TOG6; Aguhob – JSOG; Medroso – Mactan; Sevilla - MNSA Student; Quiming – CO, PAF, ALEN; Benitez – MNSA Student; Ty – AFPETDC; Buan – OSACS; Alvarino and Plaza – PDEA; Grande – DD, TESDA; PAL - Vergara, Marinas, Magluyan; Quints- U4, NOLCOM; Parugrug – CO, TOG3. Ret/Resigned (PAF reserves in civilian/business sectors): Hussein, De Guzman, Penaflorida, Caronongan, Vasquez, Carandang, Macarubbo, Fabic, Asis, Anonat-Daniels, Matias, Ariola, Bajesta and Rosete. – Stay safe Air Kaakibugs and God bless us always!

Navy-PCG Group:

For the past months, The Navy-PCG Group has been busy for some fund-raising activities in preparation for the upcoming class hosting in the Alumni Homecoming 2026. Last November 2023, the group conducted the PN - PCG Golf Tournament for a Cause which generated the initial funds for other Navy - PCG group projects and initiatives. Also, last 20-21 April 2024, the group has successfully facilitated the PN-PCG Group Invitational Shootfest 2024, a Level 1-5 Stages PPSA-sanctioned match held at the PMC Firing Range. Meanwhile, this year, the entire PN - PCG group added to its list the following newly promoted







Captains in the Navy this year: Cavalier Coloma; Cavalier Cerezo; and Cavalier Torres. **Congratulations and Bravo Zulu CAPTAINS!**

Moreover, here are the updates on current designations and whereabouts of the entire PN-PCG Group: Cav Rowan Rimas - MC3, PMC; Cav Prisco Tabo Jr - MC1, PMC; Cav Tino Maslan - MC8, PMC; Cav Clifford Basco - CO, MBLT11; Cav Al Pola - Student Officer, MNSA; Cav Eduard Olaso - CS, 1MBde, PMC; Cav Warren Lopez - F1, PhilFleet; Cav Anton Bosch - U5, WESCOM; Cav Jowel De Vera - F5, PhilFleet; Cav Raymund Umbac - F9, PhilFleet; Cav Manny Pantaleon - Acting Deputy Commander, LCF, PhilFleet; Cav Paul Hechanova - Deputy Commander, OCF, PhilFleet; Cav Marc Sandalo - CO, LD602; Cav Alfred Cayabyab - CS, AFPPS, GHQ; Cav Fred Parpan - CO, LD601; Cav Philip Plaza - CO, PS15; Cav Rony Keith Marquez - IC4, HNIC; Cav Romy Mosuela - Student Officer, CGSC 74; Cav Joe Marcelo - Tourist, USA; Cav Ted Cerezo- Commander, Naval Combat Systems Center; Cav Joy Tañag, DC,NAVMETOC; Cav Jess Pilar- Student Officer, CGSC 74; Cav Nelson Jay Timbang - CG2, PCG; Cav Jomel Panes - Student Officer, CGOSEC Cl 03-2024; Cav Arjohn Elumba - CO, SOG-NWLZN; Cav Jinggoy Ruiz - CO, MRRV 9702; Cav Rowene Colita - Course Director CGOSEC Cl 03-2024; Cav Kris Ilarde - Student Officer, CGOSEC Cl 03-2024; Cav Ariel Coloma - PIO, WESCOM; Marissa Librando Mangahas - Asst Chief, AFPIMAC; Cav Ronnie Torcelino - Director, Career Management Center, HRMC; Cav Ariel Nico Torres -Supt, Naval Officer School Center, NETDC; Cav Dennis Resuello -F7, PhilFleet; Cav Henry Mabbagu - IG, NICTC; Cav Bryan Valdez - DYO, J8; Cav Mickey Simeon - Full-time Husband, Metro Manila; Cav Dave Pre - Northern Luzon; Cav Imee Mariñas - Pangasinan; Cav Espie Pretila - Perth, AU; Cav Lyle Rosos - Maryland, USA; Cav Etrobal Laborte - CS, Office of ASec, DILG; Cav Ian Dira - DOLE Philippines; Cav Bem Pontejos - Toolkit Inc, Pasig City; Cav Dennis Donga - PH; Cav Jeff Daquilanea - Senior Manager for Security and Safety, Everise Company; Cav Bryan Babang - PDEA; Cav Florangel Murito - PH; Cav Earl Perez - Country Security Manager, Schneider Electric PHL; Cav Cezar Tamba - Head, Security for Global Supply Chain, APC by Schneider Electric PHL. **May God bless us all Kaakibugs!**

PATRICK WENIEL F ALBANO
President
RIZALIN JOY T LAPINIG-VILLANUEVA
Secretary



"You live only once" or YOLO is a popular jargon of the millennials and Gen Z which means seizing the moment to make memories and doing whatever makes you happy as you go about the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Along this comes the celebration of every bit of accomplishment one acquires as he/she moves towards his/her goal in the ticking of the clock. For us, our clock continued to tick and with the time's passing, our class celebrated our 15th year "Ruby" Anniversary last 16 March 2024. For this year's anniversary, our class chose to start a new tradition of honoring those who have gone before us by holding a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Libingan ng mga Bayani and visited the graves of our fallen Mistahs. It was our simple gesture of making sure that their service and sacrifice are remembered. What followed suit was the typical basketball game of some enthusiasts and NBA fans. The guys would often roast each other in our chatgroup in a hilarious kiddy brawl even weeks before the actual game. They had two teams for the game where all got tired after some hoops and running. While some of us love the burly sweating of basketball, others prefer to relax and converse while polishing their golf skills down the Army Golf Course. Yet of course, the celebration was not complete without the Dinner Fellowship and Get Together, where we and our families gathered to catch up with the ins and outs of our respective works and daily lives. After some walk down memory lane, we also had the opportunity









to hear from our former Class Adviser, BGen Lincoln Francisco Tagle PA, who gave us some heartwarming advice about career and life.

In addition, the Class would also like to acknowledge some of our female Mistahs who have done exceedingly well. On top of the list is Cav Cynthia P Forteza-Guinto PAF who was named as one of the Outstanding Women in Law Enforcement and National Security (OWLENS) for CY 2024. Cav Guinto is a Pilot in Command of the 250th Presidential Airlift Wing's Casa C295M Aircraft who flew various Presidential Flight Missions along with Maritime Patrols and International Flight Missions. She is not only a successful military pilot but is also a sports enthusiast as proven by her active involvement in the Bluebirds Golf and Shooting Team.

On the otherhand, Cav Mary Maureen Baylosis-Susarno PA grabbed the spotlight by having her book signing last 27 April 2024 at the World Trade Center Manila. Cav Susarno authored a book entitled "I Love You" being inspired by her love for her first baby. Wanna know more? Better grab your copy at https://central.com.ph/bookstoreplus/products/AAE047/.

Meanwhile, Cav Atty April Z Bayabao PN attended the Winter Courses of the Hague Academy of International Law in Hague, Netherlands last 08 January 2024. In pursuit of her passion and personal development, she took the three-week course with over 250 attendees who were welcomed by the Secretary General, Professor Jean-Marc Thouvenin. Given her academic background and dedication to service, Cav Bayabao is an epitome of excellence and the embodiment of beauty and brains.

Last, but definitely not the least is Cav Claire Ann Villanueva-Dolino PA who took the Public Affairs Course For International Students (PACIS) at Defense Information











School (DINFOS), Fort Meade, Maryland, USA last 18 May – 28 June, 2023 together with nine other international military students. Said course provided her with intensive knowledge and skills in public affairs especially on the latest public affairs concepts, tools and communication strategies. The highlight of the course was the visit and immersion at the Headquarters United States Department of Defense, widely known as The Pentagon. Among the 11 International Students, Maj Dolino was conferred with the International Military Officer Award for exhibiting the spirit of cooperation and being the epitome of capacity building.

All in all, the Class stands proud of these achievements and the many jobs well done as we continue our junior years in the Armed Forces of the Philippines in the service to our country and our fellowmen.





As the MABALASIK class continues to serve our country as junior officers of our armed forces, a number of Army members have distinguished themselves during their advanced specialization courses, so they can expand their knowledge in their respective fields of specialization and serve better our armed forces and country. Indeed, they diligently pursued service and excellence living up to the Class name, MABALASIK, "MAndirigma ng BAyan LAkas at Sarili Iaalay para sa Kapayapaan".

1LT ALBERT JOHN C PAGAPANG (INF) PA –

Top 1, Infantry Officer Advance Course (IOAC) Class 179-2024

I recall during our plebe days that then Cadet 3CL PAGAPANG was one of our yearling buddies during our Field Training Exercise (FTX) at Ternate, Cavite. Though not my direct yearling buddy then, he seemed to be a serious but approachable yearling that is always willing to guide us, plebes. When he joined our class and became our Mistah during our yearling year up to graduation, he excelled in Army-related subjects and Physical Fitness Tests (PFT). Now as an Army Officer, he proved that a habit of pursuing excellence goes a



long way, graduating at the top of Infantry Officer Advance Course (IOAC) Class 179-2024 in all aspects of the course. Even during plebe days up to now, he continued to show his discipline and perseverance and become an exemplar of what a good officer should be.

1LT ALDREN M ALTAMERO (INF) PA –
Top 1, Infantry Officer Advance Course (IOAC) Class 180-2024



Chux, as we fondly call him, was my roommate during our yearling days, and our Hawk Company Commander during our Immaculate year. We often joke among companymates and tell each other "*This guy right here is my idol.*" He never tolerates mediocrity and displays excellence in everything he does. No wonder that *my idol* graduated at the top of his IOAC class. My salute, as always, Chux.

1LT KENNY D DACUBA (INF) PA –
Top 1, Infantry Officer Advance Course (IOAC) Class 181-2024



Our Mistah Kenny, being the Brigade S1 during the 1st Semester of our Immaculate Year and Bravo Company Commander during the 2nd Semester, has continued to excel as an Army Officer, being an example to his troops and to the Class for being the Overall Top 1 of IOAC Class 181-2024. I still remember the time when he said during our first-class year that he wants to become the Bravo Company Commander during our cadet days so he can experience leading a whole company, since he wants to also prepare himself to lead his own company as an Army Officer. True to his continued pursuit of his dream and living with excellence, I can proudly say that he is and will continue to be a MABALASIK.

1LT ABEGAIL P ARIBAL (FS) PA
Top 1, Finance Officer Advance Course 33-2024



We are proud of our sweet, caring, and soft-spoken Mistah Abi for also graduating at the top of her Finance Officer Advance Course Class. It is worth remembering during our cadet days that Abi continued to try and uplift the morale of fellow Mistah by talking about our problems and day-to-day lives. Also an Honor Com member during our cadet days, it is with great confidence to say that Abi will continue to be a great asset to the Finance Service and in turn, the whole AFP.

1LT MARK IVAN P GENOSA (ARM) PA
Top 2, Psychological Operations Course



Whether it be his articles in the PMA Corps Magazine during our cadet days or during discussions and debates, our Mistah Genos has never failed to write and speak with sound reason always in mind. With the PsyOps Course aiming to equip its students with the knowledge and expertise necessary to effectively influence the beliefs, attitudes, emotions, and behaviors of target audiences to achieve strategic objectives, I know Genos will put his learnings during the course to great use in the service of our country and people. His sound way of thinking and speaking is worth emulating by those who aim to be a good officer.

I'm happy to know that our Mistah continue to live by excellence, shown in their performance during their specialization courses. It reflects their love and drive to be of good service to our armed forces, our people and country. It is with great pride to call them our Mistah. -*Jes Cali '19*

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

LAST CALL

PBGEN AURELIO C TRAMPE JR '86

16 Sept 1962 - 05 Feb 2024



Cav Trampe passed away last 5 February 2024 at the age of 61. He assumed as Director, PNP Crime Laboratory Service on 5 January 2017, a position he held until his retirement on 16 September 2018. He completed more than 32 years and five months of successful career in military and police services.

"Doi," as he is fondly called, is survived by his loving wife "Bebs"and children Gio, Georel, Doison, and Doiyee. His body was finally laid to rest on 10 February 2024 at the Eternal Gardens, Cagayan de Oro City.

MGEN RUBEN F CIRON '68

11 Oct 1944 – 15 Feb 2024



Former CAAP Director General, Cav Ciron passed away on 15 February 2024 and was interned at the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 22 February. He left behind his wife Aida, daughter Tintin C Montinola, son John and their families.

MGEN JONAS R LUMAWAG '90

25 Aug 1968 – 15 Mar 2024



Naval Inspector General, Cav Lumawag joined our Creator on 15 March 2024. Necrological service was held at the Mortuary of the Libingan ng mga Bayani on 18 March 2024.

MGEN RUPERTO R PABUSTAN '77

27 Mar 1955 – 22 Mar 2024



Cav Pabustan peacefully joined our Creator on 22 March 2024.

Wake was held at Premiere 1 Loyola, Guadalupe, Makati City. Interment was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani, Taguig City on 26 March.

MGEN GUILLERMO R RUIZ '63

10 Feb 1941 – 02 Apr 2024



Cav Ruiz '63 passed away on 02 April 2024. He is survived by his wife Norma and children: Yvonee and Richard, Karen and Elmer, Guillermo II and Tet, and Joel, grandchildren and siblings. He assumed as the 15th Phil Marine Commandant and later as Commander of the Western Command. Wake was held at Heritage Park and interment was held at Libingan ng mga Bayani.

BGEN VICTOR CORPUZ '67

04 Oct 1944 - 03 April 2024



Cav Corpus passed away on 3 April 2024 in VMMC, QC. From the hospital, the body was brought to the crematorium and was cremated on 5 April. The urn was brought to Camp Aguinaldo Mortuary for the wake on 5-8 April. The necrological service was held on 7 April. Full military arrival (5 April) and departure (8 April) honors were provided by GHQ elements. From Camp Aguinaldo, the urn was brought to his residence for overnight stay and the private inurnment was done on 9 April at Saint Therese Columbarium, Pasay City. He left behind his wife Germelinda and children Victor Chelin, Vicente Camilo and Cynthia and their families.

ENS IZZAH LEONAH TACCAD '22

Died on 11 April 2024



Cav Taccad from Naval Air Wing was one of the two fatalities in a helicopter crash in Cavite City on 11 April 2024.

GEN APOLONIO P LACERNA '72

08 Feb 1948 - 14 Apr 2024



Cav Lacerna joined our Creator on 14 April 2024, wake was held at the Heritage Part, Taguig City. He was accorded the traditional military honors by Air Force personnel before his inurnment at St Therese Cathedral, Pasay City last April 21. He left behind his loving wife Catalina and children.

CAPT ANDRES M ANDRES PN '66

01 June 1942 - 14 Apr 2024



It was a Sunday, 14 April 2024 when Andy bade goodbye to his family and earthly world. But before calling it quits, he left behind a lasting imprint to his country and service. As a cadet, he was remembered by his mistahs to never have "toured" the old parade ground for excess demerits. As a naval officer, he served with efficiency as Deputy Naval Comptroller and Ex-O, Commander PN Finance Center, Chief of Staff Naval District 2 and PN Adjutant.

The wake for his cremated earthly body was held at the AFP Mortuary, Camp Aguinaldo, where necrological services were held on 19 April 2024. The next day, his remains were inurned at the Santuario San Jacinto Columbarium, Sto. Domingo Church, Q.C. In all these final military honors, the PN ceremonial troops provided the honors.

He was married to Gracella "Grace" Andres, with whom, they had three children – Michelle, Michael and Genevieve Ann.

MAJ DENNIS L MORENO '08

Died on 20 Apr 2024



Cav Moreno, 41, assigned to the AFP Reserve Command Headquarters was shot dead in his personal office in Angat, Bulacan on 20 April 2024.

LTGEN RODOLFO S OBANIANA '74

25 May 1952 – 25 April 2024



Cav Obaniana passed away on 25 April 2024. He retired in 2008 as the Commander of AFP Southern Luzon Command. Necrological service was held at the Libingan ng mga Bayani. He was married to the former Irene Macalalad with whom he had seven children.

CDR DENNIS A SANCHEZ '73

02 Aug 1948 – 26 Apr 2024



Cav Sanchez joined our Creator on 26 April 2024, he was 76. Necrological Service was held at the AFP Mortuary, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City on 29 Apr 2024. Interment was held on 30 Apr 2024 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina. He left behind his wife Alice, children: Alexis, Dennis Paul, Dennis Alexander; in-laws, and grandchildren: Denzel Andrew, Ma. Annika Denise, Alessandra Denise, and Ruth Elizabeth.

CAV ILDEFONSO C CARADO '80

22 Feb 1956 – 12 May 2024



Cav "Dippon" Carado succumbed to acute respiratory failure due to community acquired pneumonia at 1:30 in the early morning of 12 May 2024. His remains were laid at the St. Peter's Memorial Chapel Commonwealth until May 17 when it was cremated in the morning. Cav Carado's urn was finally laid to rest on 19 May in the Columbarium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Cubao, Quezon City.

HUMOR IN UNIFORM

Paperwork

A unit finance sergeant took the annual budget documents to the office of the adjutant, who signs all official papers. He found that the adjutant was not in, but instead his assistant, a young lieutenant.

He gasped at the sight of a huge pile of charts, figures and explanations. "*What am I supposed to do with this?*" he asked.

"*You have to sign it, sir,*" said the sergeant.

"*Thank goodness,*" the lieutenant said, sighing with relief. "I *thought I had to read it!*"



Incidental Findings

An inspecting colonel is known to pay particular attention to how personnel wear their uniforms. On one occasion he spotted a junior private with a violation.

"*Private!,*" he bellowed, "*what do you do when a shirt pocket is unbuttoned?*"

The startled soldier replied, "*Button it, sir!*"

The colonel looked him in the eye and said, "*Well?*"

At that, the soldier nervously reached over and buttoned the colonel's shirt pocket.

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CORE/SHARED VALUES

A - ACCESSIBLE V - VIRTUOUS A - ACCOUNTABLE C - CLEAR C - COMPETENT

TYPE OF LOAN

AFP PENSIONER, ACTIVE MUP, DND,OCD,PVAO

* PENSION LOAN
* SALARY LOAN
* EDUCATIONAL LOAN
* HOUSING LOAN
* EMERGENCY LOAN
* MEDICAL LOAN
* PDC LOAN