

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

CAV RUFO A DE VEYRA '70

The Cavaliers' Pledge Defines Us

Something magical happened on our way to the Annual General Membership Meeting (AGMM) of the PMAAAI in PICC. Under Board Res. 19-46 on 15 January 2020, six days before and upon representation of Class 1970, thru the Membership Committee, it approved The Cavaliers' Pledge, a 35-word, single-sentence take off from the Cavaliers' Creed. Magical because it probably is the long-running missing link in completing and finally identifying who we are as Peemayers.

In so many ways, it did. First, we are unequivocal about the institutions we respect and adhere to; the Philippine Flag, the Constitution, the Government, and the people. Second, it clearly states our avowed actions (to serve and defend) should there be a violation of our sovereignty. Third, our aspirations as a people are also made clear; one (undivided) Country that relishes the democratic way of life (freedom) and the rule of law (justice) all under a God-fearing environment. That these three values even converge is the other bewildering feature.

The Cavaliers' Pledge comes at a time when most of our institutions are under constant pressure, being assailed and weakened. Under our subculture we have the Cavaliers' Prayer that nurtures our core values of Courage, Integrity, Loyalty, and the Alma Mater Song that lends credence to our Institution. Both invoke the respect, almost in a reverent way, all that we must endure and give to nurture our institutions as we grow. **By its straightforward nature the Cavaliers' Pledge completes and removes all doubts about who we are and what we believe in.**

CAVALIERS' PLEDGE



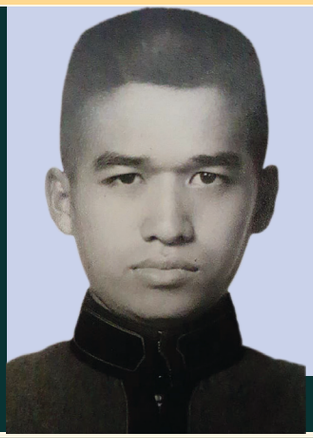
We pledge allegiance to the Philippine Flag,/ the Constitution,/ the Government,/ and the People,/ under one Country we commit to serve and defend,/ where freedom and justice reign supreme,/ in the grace of God Almighty./

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Along the same breath, The Cavaliers' Pledge was ratified during the AGMM, last 21 January 2020 which allows it to be included in all official activities in regular or business meetings of all member institutions under PMAAAI. So much for a smooth-running AGMM, it shall be recited after the Cavaliers' Prayer in unison, almost in one single breath, by all members standing with the right hand over the left chest with reverence and respect.

I implore members to give it their best shot in a slow and rhythmic pace and let the magic seep in.

May we all endure.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

CAV ARTHUR V BISNAR '90

PMAAAI Accomplishment Report Highlights

(Note: Annually, the President of PMAAAI is mandated to render a report on the accomplishments and activities of the Association to the general membership during the annual convention. Below are the highlights of this report during the last Annual General Membership meeting at the Reception Hall, PICC, Pasay City on 21 January 2020.)

In the last ten months, our Association has witnessed or gone through a series of events that helped shape the direction of your Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Last year, on February 14, a Field-Grade Cavalier went to the Alumni Center in Camp Aguinaldo. Umiiyak habang humihingi ng tulong na mailabas ang kanyang anak sa PGH at nang sa gayon ay mailibing nya ito. Days after, his other child also died. Twin Syndrome. Yan ang tawag sa nangyari sa mga bata.

I sincerely apologize to the concerned Cavalier for mentioning this personal tragedy again but the Long Gray Line has to know so that they can better understand what I am about to discuss.

Dahil walang programa ang PMAAAI para sa ating mga pamilya ay P1K galing kay Cav Rosalino Alquiza '55, P6K galing sa ating staff members o civilian employees na nag-pass-the-hat, at isang Referral Letter para sa PCSO ang tanging naibigay sa kanya nung araw na iyun.

Ito ay habang marami sa atin ay nasa Baguio City na para sa Battle of the Classes Golf Tournament at Alumni Homecoming. Nagdiriwang na rin ng Araw ng mga Puso kasama ang ating kabiyak o mahal sa buhay; totally unaware of what is going on in the Alumni Center.

Eventually, some Cavaliers and PMA Classes chipped-in, and I'm sure many others would have done so, if only they knew: Cav Jun Azurin '89 - our President at that time, Cav Bert Ferro '89, Cav Ronnie Olay '90, Cav Bong Peralta '91, Cav Jim Macaraeg '91, Cav Carlo Lagasca '91, Cav Lolong Yu '92, Cav Mat Baccay '92, Cav Mario Reyes '92, Cav Jonel Estomo 9'2, Cav Steve Ludan '92, Cav Joseph Nartatez '92, Cav Uly Cruz '92, Cav Leo Francisco '92, Cav Sidney Villaflor '92, PNP Group of PMA Class 1986, and PNP Group of PMA Class 1992.

The second event was on February 20, 2019, when our GOHAS for today signed into law **Republic Act 11232** - otherwise known as the Revised Corporation Code. And why is this significant? Among others, there are now Penal Provisions under Title XVI with subject: Investigations, Offenses and Penalties. For example:

Section 161 - Violation of Duty to Maintain Records, to Allow their Inspection or Reproduction … shall be punished with a fine ranging from Php10K to Php200K.

Section 162 - Willful Certification of Incomplete, Inaccurate, False or Misleading Statements or Reports… shall be punished with a fine ranging from Php20K to Php200K.

Section 163 - Independent Auditor Collusion … shall be punished with a fine ranging from Php80K to Php500K.

Section 165 - Fraudulent Conduct of Business… shall be punished with a fine ranging from Php200K to Php2 Million.

Section 168 - Tolerating Graft and Corrupt Practices … shall be punished with a fine ranging from Php500K to Php1 Million.

Ang trahedya at batas na nabanggit ko ang siyang naging haligi ng kasalukuyang ExeCom at Board of Directors natin to promote and practice transparency and accountability. Ang katanungan ay kung bakit hindi natin matulungan as an Association ang isang Cavalier na nangangailangan samantalang may Php127 Million na pondo na ang PMAAAI noon?

"*Ang trahedya at batas na nabanggit ko ang syang nagiging haligi ng kasalukuyang ExeCom at Board of Directors natin to promote and practice transparency and accountability.*"

We went back to the basics. We sought the advice and guidance of Cavaliers known for their integrity. We went back to the original intents and purposes of this Association.

At sinundan namin ang Final Report to the Strategic Planning and Investment Committee dated February 12, 2019. As a backgrounder, the previous Board of Directors chaired by Cav Jaime de los Santos '69 with Cav Jun Azurin '89 as President delegated to the said Committee under Cav Alejandro Flores '72 the task of hiring an Independent Auditor who looked into our Finances. Dito na lumabas ang detalye about our failed investments in the Aviation Cooperative for Enhanced Services or ACES, and consequently, naungakat na rin ang mga Individual Rider Accounts. Here are some of the Findings, Analysis and Recommendations on the said Report. Ito ay dapat na maipaalam sa inyo at mapag-usapan natin to set the records straight at para matigil ang kung ano-anong espekulasyon at haka-haka. So we, as an Association, can move forward.

Ang nawalang pondo - Php16.2 Million na Principal at Php8.37 Million na Cumulative Interest - sa ACES ay iniimbestigahan na with the imprimatur of the then CPNP Cav Oscar Albayalde '86 and now, the newly-appointed CPNP, Cav Archie Francisco Gamboa '86. Ang imbestigasyon ay itinalaga sa CIDG sa pamumuno noon ni Cav Amador Corpuz '86 at ngayon naman ay ni Cav Joel Napoleon "Jigs" Coronel '87. Tumulong at tumutulong ang kanilang Deputies – Cav John Luglug '87, Cav Joel Balba '88, Cav Ely Cruz '90 at Cav Leo Francisco '92.

Hindi dapat mag-aatubili ang Alumni Association na sampahan ng kaso - Administratibo at Kriminal- ang sino man na Cavalier na lumabag o lalabag sa Original at Revised Corporation Code lalo't higit kung ang pinag-uusapan ay pondo ng PMAAAI. Hindi tayo ang dapat mahiya. We cannot be too polite sa mga pinangalanan ng ating Independent Auditor na mga tumayo concurrently as either the Chairman or Board Member of both the PMAAAI and ACES at one point from 2011 to 2015. At lalong hindi ito dapat itago. Imbes ay dapat itong malaman ng lahat na nag-ambag ng Monthly Contribution o One-Time Membership Contribution. Dahil pera natin ito ng lahat.

Nag Take Life ka, so be ready for the Consequences. Ganyan kasimple ang ipinamulat sa atin mula Plebo pa lamang tayong lahat.

> *"This will take a few more years to accomplish. Ang importante ay natuto tayong lahat sa istorya ng Field-Grade Cavalier na ito. Na walang aasahan ang ating kapwa Cavaliers, kasama na ang mga katabi natin at ang mga nasa Reception Hall ngayong hapon, kundi kapwa Cavaliers din natin. At ang Alumni Association natin."*

Nakita rin natin sa Final Audit Report na mahigit Php67M na pondo ng Alumni ang nakalagay sa mga Individual Accounts. Hindi kasi pinapayagan as a general rule ng mga Financial Institutions gaya ng AFPSLAI, AMWSLAI, PPSLAI, PAFCPIC, etc. ang Corporate Accounts. Kaya ang ginawa ay sa Individual Accounts inilagay ang mga pondo natin para ito ay mapalaki pa. Lumagda ng MOA at nagpasa ng Board Resolutions para rito.

Ang mga concerned Cavaliers ay sinulatan at na impormahan na nitong nakaraang linggo lamang na isinasantabi na ng Alumni Association ang Board Resolutions at MOA ukol dito at ang pondo ay binabawi na. (Ito ay matapos ang sampung buwan na debate, studies at further studies. Matatawag nga kaming "most studious".) Ganun pa man, lahat ng pondo natin ay nararapat lang na nasa Bank Accounts na nakapangalan sa PMAAAI. Bago pa man naipadala ang mga sulat ay mayroon ng boluntaryong naibalik last year na Php17.3M.

Let me state that it is not only the PMAAAI but also the Affiliate Organizations that have this kind of Investment arrangement. And these were covered by Board Resolutions and MOAs, which were presented before and approved by General Assemblies like this. These maybe acceptable during the previous years but because of the Revised Corporation Code, and the reasons that were pointed-out by the Strategic Planning and Investment Committee, we have to stop this practice altogether.

Going back to the Field-Grade Cavalier or any other Cavalier na mangangailangan ng Emergency Loan, ito ay dapat na mapag-usapan rin dahil kailangan ito ng Approval ng General Assembly. Let us come-up with a Loan Facility or Special Fund that will be given on a case-to-case basis.

At dahil nakatali ang ating mga kamay ay naghanap tayo ng paraan para hindi na maulit ang nangyari. Nagtipid tayo ng pondo at isinantabi na ang mga Social Activities at Sportsfest. Humingi tayo ng tulong sa DPWH para maayos ang ating Alumni Center. Lumapit tayo sa Philippine Army at BCDA para sa mga bagong lokasyon ng Alumni Center sa BGC. Pinag-aaralan natin ang pagtayo ng isang Cooperative gamit ang nalikom sa Raffle for a Cause last year. And we digitized all our records and uploaded them in an App para mas maging transparent tayo. Nariyan rin po ang mga Resolutions natin kaugnay ng Pensyon ng mga Retirees na isinulong ng ating Chairman at ni Vice Chair Edgar Aglipay '71.

At pinilit natin nai-rehistro ang PMAAAI bilang isang Civil Society Organization o CSO sa DSWD, and eventually, the Philippine Council for NGO Certification or PCNC. Ito ay para maka -avail tayo at ang ating immediate Dependents o pamilya ng Corporate Social Responsibility o CSR Programs ng iba't ibang Benefactor Institutions and Corporations. Initially ay nakausap na natin ang gaya ng De La Salle University, University of Asia and the Pacific, Manila Doctors Hospital at Makati Medical Center. To be scheduled na ang sa University of Santo Tomas. Pirmahan na lang ng MOA ang hinihintay natin.

Matapos nila panoorin ang Youtube video ng SOCOM sa Marawi Seige ay nagmamadali silang pumayag sa ating Proposal. Gaya ng De La Salle University na isasama lahat ng eskwelahan at ang network nila ng mga Doktor nationwide. Pati narin ang Ospital nila sa Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Tayo, at asawa't anak natin ay makakapagpa-patingin at makapagpapa-opera sa mga ospital na ito ng wala ng babayaran na Professional Fees ng mga Doktor at may discount sa kung anumang Medical Procedure ang kinakailangan. Sa mga eskwelahan naman ay mag-qualify lang sa Entrance Exams ang anak natin ay makakapagpa-aral tayo na may discount sa Tuition Fees nila kung hindi man outright Scholarships.

Bilang CSO ay mabibigyan tayo ng Donee Institution status ng BIR. With this, kaya nating ibalik sa CSR Benefactors natin ang kanilang itutulong sa atin at sa ating pamilya. It will be in the form of Tax Breaks or Deductions for them. Meaning, lahat po ng discounts or benefits na ibibigay nila ay susumahin at bago sila magbayad ng kanilang buwis sa BIR ay bibigyan natin sila ng Certificate of Donation. Ito ay ibabawas sa kanilang Income or Business Tax.

Sinulatan na rin po natin ang iba pang ospital, eskwelahan, pharmaceutical companies like Mercury Drug, utility and transport companies, Telcos, Retail Stores like Puregold, etc. Pero humihingi kami ng tulong sa mga Cavaliers na nakakakilala o konektado sa mga potential Benefactors na mga ito. Ang layunin po natin ay bigyan ng Peace of Mind at maka-focus sa trabaho ang bawat Cavalier - lalo't higit ang mga Tinyente at Kapitan na nasa Field assignments at ang ating mga Retired Cavaliers - because they are the most vulnerable among us. Na tayo at ang ating mga Pamilya ay may matatakbuhan sa mga oras ng pangangailangan.

Bilang CSO ay na-accredit rin ang PMAAAI bilang Representative sa ilang Regional, Provincial, City and Municipal Development Councils nationwide. Bukod pa ito sa mandatory membership ng mga nasa Active Service sa Peace and Order Councils. Ito ay inendorso ni SILG, Cav Eduardo Año '83 thru the help of my Mistah, Cav Pipoy Natividad, at pinangunahan ng ating Executive Director, Cav Sonny Pequiras '77, Cav Nic Bartolome '80, who took charge in designating Representatives in Mindanao, Cav Dennis Guillermo '00 at Cav Kelly Santos. For example, sa La Union ay si Cav Rulloda '89 at Cav Raul Farnacio '85 ang ating Rep. Sa Cavite ay si Cav Emmanuel Carta '73, sa Naga City ay si Cav Jaime Milla '77, Cav Henry Rañolasa Albay, sa Zamboanga ay si Cav Angel Sunglao '77. Kulang po tayo ng volunteers



Sirs. Through this, kahit mag retire na tayo ay makakatulong pa rin tayo in Nation Building and Community Development.

Sa tulong naman ni Cav Rolly Bautista '85 of DSWD ay magiging Beneficiary tayo, lalo na ang mga Retirees natin, ng ilang Social Programs nila.

This will take a few more years to accomplish. Ang importante ay natuto tayong lahat sa istorya ng Field-Grade Cavalier na ito. Na walang aasahan ang ating kapwa Cavaliers, kundi kapwa Cavaliers din natin. At ang Alumni Association natin. Na hindi kinakailangan na magpa-Raffle para mapangalagaan natin ang ating kapwa. That despite any and all our differences, the interests of our Alma Mater and our Republic will be paramount.

In May 2019 ay nahalal ang ilang Cavaliers sa Mid Term Elections. Pinangungunahan ito ng ating former CPNP, now Senator and an Awardee today, Cav Ronald "Bato" de la Rosa '86, who by the way is celebrating his Birthday today. The other Elected Cavaliers are as follows: Congressman Raul Tupas '94; Governor Hermogenes "Jun" Ebdane '70 of Zambales; Governor Pacoy Ortega '89 of La Union; Mayor Pol Bataoil '76 of Lingayen, Pangasinan; Mayor Jeff Soriano '76 of Tuguegarao City; Mayor Rambo Degracia '82 of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan Valley; Mayor Benjie Magalong '82 of Baguio City; Mayor Jon Aying '84 of Sara, Iloilo; Mayor Fidel Cimatu Jr. '77 of Bangui, Ilocos Sur; Mayor Fermin Mabulo '95 of San Fernando, Camarines Sur; Mayor John Tarrosa '85 of Zarraga, Iloilo; Mayor Andy de Mesa '75 of Alabat, Quezon; Mayor Marcos Mamay of Nunungan, Lanao del Norte; Vice Mayor Alan Cordova '89 of Dumaguete City; Councilor Romeo Calizo '79 of Cagayan de Oro City; Councilor Excel Sanidad of Pidigan, Abra; and Councilor Vincent Revelo of Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur.

In the world of elected and appointed public servants, they are a welcome addition to the distinguished list of Cavaliers, by Class: Senator Panfilo "Ping" Lacson '71; Secretary Roy Cimatu '70 of the DENR; Secretary Delfin Lorenzana '73 of the DND; Director General Sid Lapeña '73 of TESDA; National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon Jr '74; Chairman Danilo Lim '78 of MMDA; Chairman Eduardo del Rosario '80 of DHSUD; Chairman Catalino Cuy '81 of DDB; Director General Alex Monteagudo '81 of NICA; Commissioner Jaime Morente '81 of BI; Secretary Eduardo Año '83 of the DILG; Administrator Ricardo Visaya '83 of NIA; Executive Director Ricardo Jalad '83 of NDRRMCC; Commissioner Rey Leonardo Guerrero '84 of BoC; Secretary Rolly Bautista '85 of the DSWD; Secretary Carlito Galvez '85 of the OPAPP; Director General Aaron Aquino '85 of PDEA; Gen Felimon Santos Jr '86 CSAFP; PGen Archie Francisco Gamboa '86 CPNP; LtGen Gilbert Gapay '86 CGPA; Vice Admiral Robert Empedrad '86 FOICPN; and MGen Allen Paredes '88 CGPAF.

May dalawang insidente rin ng nakaraang taon na may magkasalungat na mensahe galing sa PMAAAI.

Una, sa maanghang na salita ni Erwin Tulfo hindi lang patungkol kay Cav Rolly Bautista '85 ng DSWD kundi sa "mga heneral", nakita natin na kapag nag-A-Balangay ang PMAAAI ay mag-a-align ang Long Gray Line to right a wrong.

Nagpapasalamat rin ako sa mga Cavaliers for leading the way through that fateful incident kasama si Cav Nick Sotelo '87, former CSAFP Cav Benjamin Madrigal '85, Cav Romeo Poquiz '81, Cav Mar Santiago '67, Cav. Toods Detoyato '90 at sa ating lahat for our individual and collective support.

Sa pagkamatay naman ng dalawang Kadete ay nakita natin na hindi sapat ang Bright Ideas lamang. Kailangan ng tuwiran at mabilis na Aksyon. Ng bolunterismo. Ng sakripisyo. Kung nabasa n'yo lang ang July to September Cavalier magazine issue, bukod sa Class Call ay may isang article doon galling sa isang part-time Civilian Lady Instructor ng PMA.

> *"All of us will go back to the proverbial slopes of Loakan. Hindi sapat na ang ambag natin ay ang pagiging Graduate lamang natin. Para sa lahat, tanungin natin ng mataimtim ang ating mga sarili kung ano ba ang nagawa natin para sa kapwa Cavalier natin lately – sa ating Mistah at Underclass, maging sa Upperclassmen natin."*

To quote her, *"My father has taught me the following, as he has learned from his dad: Courage - it is not only found in the battlefield. Courage is doing what is right and standing-up against what is wrong. Integrity - it is going beyond unity within a class or organization. It is what is done behind closed doors. In the context of the CCAFP, it is what is done when there is no upperclass, Tac-O or OC roaming around. Loyalty - it is not loyalty to a particular individual or organization, but it is being loyal to what is right, true and just."*

And she continued: *In relation to the recent death of Cadet Dormitorio as a result of maltreatment, one of several already in the history of PMA, I BEG of you to make a strong, bold and clear stand against maltreatment in the Corps... Because Cadets look up to you, their upperclass..."*

But unlike our united and unwavering stand against the rants of Tulfo, our Association chose to remain almost silent on this. Hindi nag comment man lang o nagpahayag sa publiko ng kahit pakikiramay sa ama ng isa sa namatay na Plebo, si Cav William Dormitorio '74. Mas pinili nito na maghintay ng panahon at saka ipatawag at i-commission ang isang pag-aaral na pinamumunuan ni Cav Edilberto Adan '72 at Cav Michael Morales '83.

Gaya ng pagkakaugnay ng ilang Cavaliers sa mga controversial National Issues, nakita natin na hindi pwede na fence-sitter lang ang PMAAAI. Kailangan na tayuan natin ang ating kapwa. Pero kapag napatunayan na ito ay nagkamali, tatayuan din natin ang pag-alis sa kanya o kanila sa ating hanay.

Sabi nga ni former CSAFP, Cav Noel Clement '85, *"it is important for all Cavaliers to be the Right Role Models for the Cadets".*

And rightly so. Paano nga naman tutuwid ang Cadet Corps kung katiwalian at korapsyon ng iilang Cavaliers ang nababasa o napapanood nila sa mainstream or social media? Paano sila titigil ng Financial Hazing at Shabbity kung ang PMAAAI at Affiliate Organizations nito mismo ang nagpapa-voucherize ng sweldo ng mga Kadete a month or so before their Graduation? Paano, Sirs?

Ang pagiging Cavalier ay hindi isang titulo lamang na ating naaalala kapag may Class Meeting o General Assembly o Homecoming. Sa pang araw-araw ay dapat nating isabuhay ang pagiging PMA Graduates natin. We have to live-up to it, and speak and act like PMAyers.

And despite our differences or misunderstandings, the interests of the Association, and as a consequence, of this Republic, will remain as first and foremost.

Hindi dapat No to Maltreatment ang unahin. Bagkus No to Shabbity dapat.

Hindi iikot ang PMAAA sa isang Tambiolo lamang. Imbes ay mananatili itong haligi ng ating Republika. Ng ating Demokrasya.

Hindi ako humarap sa inyo ngayong hapon para maglitanya ng Financial Statements o mag-entertain nor preach. Bagkus ay nandito ako to acknowledge those who helped, celebrate the successes of our fellow Cavaliers and our Association, at para buhayin pa lalo sa ating lahat ang ating motto. Courage na sabihin at gawin ang ibinubulong lang ng karamihan. Integrity to do the right thing even when nobody is looking. Loyalty to our Country, People and Alma Mater above oneself. And Honor to do all of the above.

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To the Long Gray Line, I leave all of us with a thought that we can reflect over as we go on with our lives as Public Servants.

First, resist the false justification that just because some of our Mistah, Upperclassmen or Underclassmen got away with something ay gagawin narin natin ito. Na ito ay tamang Precedent. Hindi ito kahalintulad lang ng isang Plebo na nag-Take Life ng boodles sa Mess Hall, sa 4th Class Club, sa Sabile o kaya ay sayote sa may ravine ng Amphitheatre.

Second, the Long Gray Line will persist and stand the test of time. That the PMAAAI will remain in the next years, decades and century.

Third, that the only thing that will be left after our Last Taps is sung is our Name and the fact that we represent the Philippine Military Academy. Na kapag binanggit ang pangalan natin, ano ang unang maiisip at bibigkasin ng mga iniwan natin? Ano ang iisipin nila ukol sa PMA? Kaya ingatan nating lahat ang Service Reputation ng bawat isa sa atin. Ingatan natin ito ng buhay natin.

Meritocracy and Professionalism will persist despite the constant changes and adaptations that the Long Gray Line has to go through in the coming years and decades. I join the Board of Directors and the 8,318 living members of the PMAAAI in congratulating our **Outstanding Achievement Awardees** today: Cav Ernesto H de Leon '72 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Commonwealth of Australia; Cav Noe Wong '75, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to South Korea; Cav Noel Clement '85, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines; Cav Ronald dela Rosa '86, Senator, Republic of the Philippines; Cav Felimon Santos Jr '86 Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines; Cav Archie Francisco Gamboa '86 Chief, Philippine National Police; Cav Gilbert Gapay'86, Commanding General, Philippine Army; and Cav Allen Paredes '88, Commanding General, Philippine Air Force.

And our **Cavalier Awardees** in our Homecoming: **Command and Administration -** Cav Franco Nemesio Gacal '88; **Staff Function -** Cav Lyndon Cubos '86; **Army Operations -** Cav Mark Anthony Ruby '03; **Air Force Operations -** Cav Perfecto Magalong '95; **Police Operations -** Cav Joselito Esquivel Jr '88; **Coast Guard Operations -** Cav Charlie Q Rances '93; **Naval Operations -** Cav Rowan L Rimas '01; **Private Enterprise -**Cav Bernard Fabula '85; **Public Administration -** Cav Romeo M Acop '70; Cav Panfilo M Lacson '71; Cav Gregorio B Honasan '71; and **Alumni Affairs -** Cav Ariston V Delos Reyes '71.

Let me end this by thanking those who helped me in this endeavor - Cav Jun Azurin '89 for inviting me to become part of the PMAAAI and guiding me.

The immediate past and the present Board of Directors led by Chairman Cav Rufo de Veyra '70 and Vice Chair Edgar Aglipay '71, and another former CPNP, Cav Nic Bartolome '80.

Our ExeCom, led by our VP Cav Boy Peralta '91, Auditor Cav Roy Galido '90, CorpSec Cav Connor Canlas '89 and Cav Rey Bes '91 and Treasurer Cav Douglas Defeles' 09 together with our Executive Director Cav Sonny Pequiras '77, Sir, and our staff members - Tere, Diane, Amy, Cynthia, Kay, Glessie and Lucille. Special mention to Jen and Claudyn.

The former Chief Cav Oscar Albayalde '86 and our recently-appointed CPNP, Cav Archie Francisco Gamboa '86, my former and current Regional Directors in NCRPO, Cav Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar and Cav Debold Sinas both of Class '87, and my District Directors in QCPD, Cav Joyet Esquivel '88 and PBGen Ronnie Montejo of PNPA Class '89.

I thank them all for giving me the leeway and support so I can attend to the affairs of the PMAAAI. Salamat ng marami, Sirs.

And to PMA Bigkislahi Class of 1990 which was ably-represented in the Board by Cavaliers Pacs Muñoz, Roy Galido, Oscar Endona and Noel Beleran.

Indeed, I am very proud to represent the Philippine National Police and PMA Bigkislahi Class of 1990 in the PMA Alumni Association.

To my family - Ann, Rk and Rachelle. Maraming salamat.

And to all 8,318 Living PMAyers and the 1,261 who went ahead of us, my salute to all of you, Cavaliers all!

Let us give three cheers to all the gallant Men and Women of the Long Gray Line! (Hep hep!). I am Proud to Be a PMAyer. Maraming salamat po.



SUPE'S REPORT

CAV ALLAN FERDINAND V CUSI '86

To Lead and Inspire

"Greatness is inspiring others to be their best."

- Ken Poirot, a young author, entrepreneur and public speaker

Since I took the helm of the Academy back in October 2019, I always wanted to modify the PMA's mission. Notwithstanding the required procedure for that to officially take effect, I really wanted the change to be shared with and supported by the PMA community, including the Alumni. I wish the word INSPIRE to be included in the key words that determine our actions as an institution. I believe that molding great leaders will not only come through instruction, training and development. It is achieved, most importantly, through INSPIRATION.

Latest educational trends in pedagogy and andragogy assert the valuable role of inspiration for genuine and lifelong learning to transpire. Author Tina Seelig argues, *"that teaching is all about building a relationship with your students. In fact, in today's world, when information is at our fingertips, we don't need to go to school to learn facts and figures — a quick Google search, a glance at Wikipedia, or a question posed to Siri will usually result in answers to specific questions."* The difference is that when the cadets march into Melchor Hall and interact with their teachers and classmates, and the rest of us in the Academy, learning becomes largely about inspiration, and goes beyond information. More than just learning the who, what, when, where, they become more focused on the WHY and that in turn, motivates them to do the HOW more efficiently and effectively. The level of their understanding is elevated to a stronger degree of discipline, responsibility and accountability. Virtues that we need from the future leaders of our armed forces and our country. And nothing, more than the inspiration, can do such a change of heart and mind.

It is to my delight that Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana agreed with me and subsequently approved the PMA's revised mission, to wit:

"To instruct, train, develop and INSPIRE the cadets so that each graduate shall possess the character, the broad and basic skills, and the education essential to the successful pursuit of a progressive military career."

As the PMA's mission is revised, allow me to clarify some issues:

First, nothing was taken away from our mission. We still preserve the core, yet stimulate progress. On one hand, it is guided by a set of core values and fundamental purpose- a core mission that changes little or not at all over time. On the other hand, the modified mission stimulates positive progress: change, improvement, innovation and renewal. The core mission of PMA remains fixed while our operating practices, cultural norms, strategies, tactics, processes, structure and methods continually change in response to changing realities.

Second, the great paradox of change is that the organizations that best adapt to a changing world first and foremost know what should NOT change; they have a fixed anchor of guiding principles around which we can more easily change everything else. We know the difference between what is truly sacred and what is not, between what should never change and what should be always open for change, between *"what we stand for" and "how we do things."*

Finally, PMA's core mission provides guidance and direction, not just about what to do, but equally important, what not to do. Including the word "INSPIRE" requires a ferocious focus among the officers and personnel assigned in PMA on doing good, doing the honorable thing, doing the right thing and having the discipline of eradicating what does not fit in the organization. Simply put, we are here in PMA for only one reason: to lead and inspire our Cadets to reach their highest potential.

Along that line, we will steadfastly steer the Cadets into those activities- and only those activities- where we could make a unique and significant contribution of value to the CCAFP, if only to emphasize the positive and divine influence each and every personnel assigned PMA must be held into account in developing and training the future leaders of our motherland.

As cavaliers come home to Fort del Pilar this year, it is my ardent prayer, that each and every one of us will make a personal commitment to inspire our cadets, in any way we can, towards greatness that can only be found through selfless service to God, the nation and the people.



EDITOR'S NOTE

CAV ARVIN R LAGAMON '92

Leadership is about Influence

Books on leadership abound, even on electronic media. On this first issue of the Cavalier magazine for this year, I just want to share my inklings on the topic of leadership. Herein are nuggets of wisdom culled from my various readings on leadership that I am sharing to all Cavaliers, especially to new graduates.

First, be honorable and courageous. Honor, reputation, and credibility are cornerstones of leadership. If your followers don't see these attributes into your person, you would mean nothing to your subordinates. Thus, all Peemayers must put premium on the honor system. These three traits take a lot of time to build, yet they are so easy to lose. Be courageous. Your men must see you leading them at the front courageously and sharing the dangers with them if you want to make a difference as a leader.

Second, be fair and just. Exercise your power and influence but with prudence. Being fair means to avoid biases and being just is to exercise mercy and compassion. Real power is to forgive and save people from unnecessary punishment or even death. Never be tempted to use coercive power. Remember, prudence. Love is enough to get things done. By showing kindness and fairness, you are actually molding others to become just and fair themselves.

Third, never stop learning. As they say you are only as good as your last performance so you have to continuously innovate and evolve. Read books that are relevant to your career and your personal life. If you refuse to open and read a book, you will remain to be the same person even after 10 years. Stay relevant. Alvin Toffler, in his book Future Shock, narrated visions for the "future of the business" that turned out to be startlingly accurate like the Internet, among others, which he described as that knowledge that would become the driving force behind powerful societies. He also predicted sharing economy, telecommuting, and businesses without formal structure. Even Dalai Lama said, that by listening alone, you will learn something.

Fourth, make a difference in peoples lives and in places where you will have the opportunity to serve. Leaders are transformational. They must lead by example. They cause change in individuals and social systems. They must introduce and mentor valuable and positive change to their subordinates. It will be a bigger plus point when you can make your subordinates or students become much better than yourself. Make every workplace or even a community far better than when you first came to the place or area. Simply have the heart to make a difference and touch people's lives. Make an indelible imprint to your men and to your workplace by serving with commitment. Moreover, remember that the heart of a leader demands a love that will get involved in the struggles and messes that their followers face in life, a love that will confront out of a security drawn from knowing God and His purposes in our lives.

Finally, believe in yourself. Isn't it a popular saying, what you perceive you can achieve. That is why if you will aim high, think of the grandest and the grandest you shall be. Exude confidence in yourself especially when leading men into the battle. You cannot afford to have a defeatist attitude- instead adopt the can-do attitude. Having confidence is not an excuse for you to walk into the room with your head held very high with the thought that you are much better than everyone in that room. It should be like walking into that room without having to compare yourself with them. What is equally important is do not quit before even trying. You can never fail if you don't quit.

With these thoughts to live by on leadership, let's welcome the New Year with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Let's all welcome year 2020 with positivity.

Cavalier Awardees and Other Outstanding Alumni, AY 2019-2020

• **Cav Edgar B Aglipay '71**
Chairman, Awards Committee, AY 2019-2020

The Board of Directors of the PMA Alumni Association, Inc. (PMAAAI) has selected the Cavalier Awardees for AY 2019-2020. The 12 alumni who, after a stringent nomination and selection process, have been found to have the most outstanding performance in their respective fields. The Board has also selected seven other alumni to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award. They have brought honor not only to themselves but also to our Association. Besides exemplifying the Academy's motto of courage, integrity and loyalty, they have distinguished themselves among equally competent and devoted alumni-achievers. The awardees, who merit our snappy salute and highest praises, are the following:

A. CAVALIER AWARD

For Public Administration



CAV ROMEO M ACOP '70 – Servant-Leadership captures how Cavalier Romeo Acop has led in his foray into politics. As Bishop Dale Bronner stated, *"If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you."*

COURAGE, INTEGRITY and LOYALTY. These core values are what the Academy has engrained upon its graduates and are what have guided Poca '70.

Having completed three consecutive terms as the Representative of Antipolo City (Second District), Cavalier Acop won despite having no political ticket or party. In his last term, he ran unopposed – an enduring testament to how he served as he captured the imagination, won over the hearts and minds, and galvanized the trust of his constituents.

As a member of the House of Congress, Cav Acop filed 116 bills with several enacted into national laws. He served as Vice-Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Safety (2010-2013), as Chairman, Committee on Government Reorganization (2013-2016), and as Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Safety (2016-2019). He took the cudgels in several congressional inquiries and investigations that were of national interest like the issues on Dengvaxia and smuggling of illegal drugs.

But what mattered most to Cav Acop or Romy was how he served the people. He viewed it as a privilege, and like the true soldier that he is, a life mission. His stint as congressman allowed the people with COURAGE as he valiantly fought for their rights, with INTEGRITY by doing what is right and just, and with LOYALTY to his faith, country and to the people who deemed him as their rightful leader. He served selflessly... particularly those who were last, lost and least.



CAV GREGORIO B HONASAN '71 – *"Whenever we are now, whatever public services we are engaged in, our defining moments were in the noble profession of arms, servicing God, country, and the Filipino people."* This is the curt reply of Cav Honasan when asked how he defines public service. Cav Honasan was first elected in the Senate in 1995, the first truly independent candidate in Philippine political history to win in national elections. He was elected senator four times as an independent. During his 21 years in the Senate, he chaired the Committees on Energy, Labor, Environment, Agrarian Reform, Sports, Public Information and Mass Media, Public Order and Dangerous Drugs. In the Senate's Centennial Year, he was elected as Assistant Majority Leader, Member of the Commission on Appointments, and Chairman of Committees on National Defense and Security, and Peace, Unification and Reconciliation, and Chairman of the Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence. His landmark contributions to legislation include the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, National Security Policy, and Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, and Solid Waste Management Act, among others. He is the main proponent of the Freedom of Information or People's Ownership of Government Information (POGI) Bill. He also proposed a mini marshal plan for peace and development in Mindanao. True to form, Cav Honasan paved the way for the lifting of the suspension of pension indexing of the Military and Uniform Personnel (MUP) by defending the revised Joint Resolution of both Houses of Congress on 13 December 2017. On 1 January 2018, President Duterte signed the JR No. 1. The strong determination and efforts of Cav Honasan resulted in the grant of significant increase in retirement benefits for the MUP and for which they will remain grateful to him.



CAV PANFILO M LACSON '71 – Consistent with his personal credo which goes: *"What is right must be kept right, what is wrong must be set right,"* Cav Panfilo Lacson continues to safeguard public interest through his anti-corruption effort, in particular, through the national budget which he considers the most potent tool to drive the economy's growth. Cav Lacson stressed this in the 17th Congress. Among the many

questionable appropriations exposed by Cav Lacson were the billions of pork insertions by Congressmen realigned to fund programs and projects under the proposed budget of 2019. Said "pork" was among the P95 billion pesos vetoed by President Duterte in RA 11260 of the General Appropriations Act of 2019. Parallel to his agenda of ensuring good local governance, Cav Lacson filed bills promoting transparency and public accountability. To curb graft and corruption, Cav Lacson encouraged whistle blowers by granting them protection, security, and benefits. He was the principal sponsor of the National ID Law (RA 11055) which provides for easier transactions with the government and private entities and which helps to deter criminality. His whole-hearted support to the needs of the active and retired military and uniformed personnel (MUP) paved the way for the increase in their base pays and retirement benefits, respectively as one of the principal authors of Senate Joint Resolution 1. Refusing to yield to political pressure from interest groups, Cav Lacson continues to advance his agenda to initiate programs on budget reforms, transparency and public accountability, anti-graft and corruption, and public order and security.

For Alumni Affairs



CAV ARISTON V DELOS REYES '71 strongly advocated against the arbitrary and indefinite suspension of pension indexing to the prevailing rate for the retired military and uniformed personnel (MUP) as provided under the proposed Salary Standardization Law of 2015 which ultimately did not pass during the Bicameral Committee Conference of both Houses of Congress. The Senate made a stand not to suspend pension indexing. Thus, in lieu of enactment, Executive Order No. 201 was issued to prevent pension indexing from 2016 onward which Cav Delos Reyes vehemently opposed. He conducted continuing research on the MUP pension system and made series of communications advocating for its amendment in order to resume pension indexing and so that the MUP in the active service will be entitled to the adjustment of their pay and allowances that are pegged to the base pay. He was the resource person to the Confederation of Uniformed Services Associations (CONUSA) that included AGFO, PMAAAI, NARAAI, PRAI, and other retirees' and veterans' associations which clamored for resumption of pension indexing. He provided the CONUSA with vital information and data to support its written communications to higher authorities. His tenacious efforts culminated in the Senate where the PMA Class of 1971 rallied all out support for him, spearheaded by the highest order of statesmanship of Senator Honasan and Senator Lacson which ultimately resulted in the signing of Joint Resolution No. 1 series 2018 by the President that authorized the adjustment of MUP base pay and the resumption of pension indexing to the new pay rate. The additional pension due to indexing amounts to about P50 billion in 2019 and annually thereafter benefiting more than 220,000 pensioners including retired cavaliers. Cavalier Delos Reyes in his untiring advocacy also supported the setting up of innovative systems and programs that can make the PMAAAI truly a progressive organization genuinely represented by the majority of its members and so that it may really make a difference in our society.

For Private Enterprise



CAV BERNARDO F FABULA '85 continues to be an epitome of a true Cavalier who excels in any field which he chooses to put his heart and soul into. "Focus, Knowledge and Skill" were the tenets that Cavalier Fabula has imbibed throughout his journey in the military and now, as a licensed Mechanical Engineer who founded the pioneering solar and wind energy company in the Philippines, Equator Energy Corporation (EEC). His company has completed multimillion worth of solar projects nationwide with the main goal of providing renewable energy in every household in the Philippines, most especially in remote areas which electricity providers could not reach. His solar projects range from solar home system, industrial sized solar grid tie system for local government units and state universities, hybrid solar and wind power system, to solar irrigation for farmers and water pump for residential house. EEC has developed and patented Freenoy Power, a remotely-controlled solar and wind power plant that needs no fossil fuel and complicated transmission lines, a technology intended for Filipino consumers in remote areas without power supply. He has, among others, shared his expertise being a former member of the Army Corp of Engineer by providing standalone solar machine to AFP units during the Marawi Battle. As part of his social responsibility with his big heart, he provided Freenoy Solar Machine to the victims of Typhoon Yolanda in Tacloban and Typhoon Nona,Tisoy and Ursula in Mindoro, Bicol and Caluya Island . He also provided solar electricity for health centers, municipal buildings and for satellite antennae in the rural areas in Northern Samar and Caluya Island, and solar home system in conflict stricken areas in Mindanao. As a motivated and innovative entrepreneur, he has also expanded to establishing his own one stop shop solar powered gas station with electric vehicle charging system, as well as in the food industry through economical fast food restaurant and coffee shop.

Cav Fabula desires to go above and beyond what is expected of a cavalier, and with his challenging dream having live in a place with abundant source sea water and very strong sun, as he started doing, related technologies such solar electric vehicles and desalination machine to provide the basic needs of every Filipino such as, what he doesn't intend to stop. Whether in active duty in the military service, or in his life's work in the private enterprise, his purpose-driven leadership will never wane or cease.

For Command and Administration



CAV FRANCO NEMESIO M GACAL '88 led the Peaceful War, an overarching program to operationalize the government's Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) to end the local communist armed conflict in Northeastern Mindanao. He was instrumental in the creation of Peace and Development Zones (PDZ) in Caraga, and championed the establishment of Convergence Areas for Peace and Development (CAPDev) in Northern Mindanao. These peace-building initiatives aim to facilitate the establishment of durable peace and prevent the recurrence of violence by addressing the root causes and effects of

conflict through reconciliation, institution-building, and political and socio-economic transformation. These led to the declaration of 851 conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable barangays as either PDZ or CAPDev focus areas, and the development of about Php 78.5 Billion worth of socio-economic and infrastructure development projects for these areas. Both PDZ and CAPDev now serve as among the national government's models in the implementation the WNA nationwide.

As the Chairperson of the Regional Task Force to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) Technical Working Group (TWG), he actively promoted the implementation of EO 70 in all provinces of Region X through massive and purposive stakeholder convergence initiatives which resulted in the establishment and operationalization of provincial and local task forces. He also led the security sector in securing Region X and XIII during the 2019 Elections resulting in one of the most peaceful and orderly elections in said regions in recent years.

Under his superb leadership, 4th ID was adjudged as the Best PAMU in Operations for the 2nd Quarter of CY 2019 for its outstanding contributions to peace, security and development. Two of its units, the 401st Brigade and the 75th Infantry Battalion, were awarded the AFP Kapayapaan award for successfully clearing a Guerilla Front. Moreover, 4ID successfully achieved the re- certification of its Institutionalized status in the Army Governance Pathway (AGP) and garnered the Gold Trailblazer Award— the first and only Army unit so far to do so.

For Staff Functions



"You maybe on the right track. But if you just stay there, you won't go anywhere". This motto guided **CAV LYNDON CUBOS '86** in introducing reforms in the PNP.

As Director, Finance Service (FS), he prevented waste of government funds when he unearthed irregularities in the disbursement of pay and allowances and introduced policy changes to make sure that the true status of PNP personnel are reported immediately, thereby avoiding overpayment of pay and allowances. For CY 2017 alone, Php56,992,039.00 was reverted to the PNP Accounts as a result of this initiative of PMGEN CUBOS. He also introduced changes in the disbursement of MOOE of PNP units by ordering the opening of bank accounts of COPs and finance sergeants where the disbursing officer deposits the MOOE of the unit, ending the old practice of personally withdrawing the MOOE fund from the latter, thereby removing the risk of handling/carrying cash to their offices.

As the Director, Police Retirement and Benefits Service (PRBS) he initiated the Pension Deduction Loan Information System which is of huge benefit to pensioners.

As Police Liaison Officer in San Francisco, U.S.A., he saw the institutionalization of the Police Education Training program of the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association which promoted stronger ties between law enforcement communities of both countries, and bringing in thousands of US dollar worth of equipment and supplies to PNP units and communities.

Further, one of his significant projects as Director of Personnel and Records Management is the Online Personnel Accounting and Information System, a web-based application and a real time database system, making sure that the status of PNP personnel are reported on time thereby minimizing overpayment of Pay and Allowances. These humble accomplishments contributed to the improvement of administrative and personnel processes in the PNP.

For Police Operations



CAV JOSELITO T ESQUIVEL, JR '88, Regional Director of Police Regional Office 13, previously the District Director of Quezon City Police District, National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) is a proud member of Philippine Military Academy "Maringal" Class of 1988.

For 32 years in the public service, he stands out as one of the most illustrious, highly-esteemed, and greatly admired senior Police Commissioned Officers of the Philippine National Police.

He is a well-accomplished police official who is known for his enduring patience, incurable optimism, creativity, ingenuity, innovation and versatility. In all his assignments, he has consistently offered a service commitment that is focused, quality-driven, results-oriented and fully honors genuine respect for human rights and international humanitarian law.

As a leader, he has shown and demonstrated a brand of leadership that is not only visionary but realistic, fiery yet composed, idealistic yet pragmatic, firm yet humane, uncompromising yet flexible and insightful yet witty.

For Coast Guard Operations



CAV CHARLIE Q RANCES '93 – Is a proud member of PMA class of 1993 and currently the Commander, Coast Guard District North Western Luzon. His bravery and professionalism have led to the successful conduct of significant accomplishments. Under his leadership, MCS3007, as part of Task Force Bajo De Masinloc, has incessantly patrolled Scarborough Shoal to protect the country's sovereign rights; his bold move as Commanding Officer of PCG vessels against the Abu Sayyaf insurgents in Basilan, Sulu, and Zamboanga had effectively eradicated kidnap-for-ransom activities and captivity of ASG/KFRG sub-leaders Kumander Pattah Salappudin and Imbuh Misuari with their followers; and he almost eliminated the rampant practice illegal fishing (hulbot-hulbot) which was rampant in Region 9 and ARMM which was proven to have destroyed the marine habitat.

With these remarkable accomplishments, the PCG recognized his gallantry by bestowing in the "Ship of the Year" awards to all vessels where he served as EXO and CO from 2014 to 2019.

For Air Operations



CAV PERFECTO R MAGALONG, JR '95, currently serves as the Director for Operations, Headquarters Tactical Operations Wing Northern Luzon (TOWNOL), Tactical Operations Command (TOC) of the Philippine Air Force. He has served in various joint and single service staff positions

both in Logistics and Operations. He served as a Combat Pilot of the MG 520 helicopter of the 15th Strike Wing and later become a Test Pilot and Instructor Pilot of S-76A of the 505th Search and Rescue Group. He is also checked out as a co-pilot in the Bell 205A-1 and the Huey II helicopter serving as a Rescue Pilot. He holds a Command Pilot rating, the second highest aeronautical rating for military pilots, and is a recipient of the 2,500 hours PAF Safety Badge. He is a recipient of numerous awards and commendations that recognize his exceptional skills in administrative operations, his sterling and innovative leadership, his exemplary staff work, his academic brilliance and proficient management that made him be awarded as Squadron Officer of the Year, Wing Officer of the Year; the Units that he spearheaded were adjudged as Best Units, and the 600th ABW was adjudged as the best Model Base of the Year CY 2010 during the 64th Philippine Air Force Founding Anniversary Celebration.

For Naval Operations



CAV ROWAN L RIMAS '01 is the current Commanding Officer, Marine Battalion Landing Team-10, Philippine Marine Corps and a proud member of PMA "Kaakibat" class of 2001. He is Marine warrior who paved the way for Naval Task Group Marawi to secure Mindanao State University from terror attacks and clear one of the strongholds of the Maute-Terror Group. He spearheaded Information Operations that improved the fighting capacity of Navy and Marine units during the Marawi crisis. He was the first Director of the country's Maritime Command Center (MCC) in Tawi-Tawi who championed the operationalization of the Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement (TCA) among Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines that resulted to the safe passage of 37,747 ships in Sibutu strait with an economic value of $100B from 2017 to 2019. He also facilitated the surrender of 11 ASG members that ended piracy and kidnapping in Tawi-Tawi.

For Army Operations



CAV MARK ANTONY U RUBY of Mandarangan Class 2003 is currently detailed as DILG Secretary Año's Executive Assistant for Security and Operations. Courage, Integrity and Loyalty have been the pillars he has lived by through his years in intelligence and operations – from the successful ground operations, to the crafting of the "Sword of Gideon" concept, and the development of the "Retooled Community Support Program" which has become the main platform of convergence for local peace engagement, now being run in the local government units, after he successfully defended the concept to the National Task Force and to the Security, Justice and Peace Cabinet Cluster.

B. OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This year's Outstanding Achievement Award is given to the following PMA alumni who have distinguished themselves by being elected or appointed to high positions in government and in the uniformed services:



CAV NOE A WONG '75,
as Ambassador to South Korea.



CAV NOEL S CLEMENT '85
for having been appointed as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines on 20 September 2019.



CAV RONALD M DELA ROSA '86,
as Senator of the Philippines.



CAV FELIMON T SANTOS JR '86,
as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines.



CAV ARCHIE FRANCISCO F GAMBOA '86,
as Chief, Philippine National Police



CAV GILBERT I GAPAY '86,
as Commanding General, Philippine Army.



CAV ALLEN T PAREDES '88,
as Commanding General, Philippine Air Force.

PMA CLASS OF 1960:
The Diamond Jubilarians of 2020

• **Cav Loven C Abadia (Ret)**

Our PMA Class of 1960, numbering also 60, graduated on April 26, 1960. Of the 60 graduates, only 30 or exactly 50% are "Origs". The other 50% are "turnbacks" from PMA classes 57, 58 and 59.

The average life expectancy of a Filipino male today is about 69 years. It means that the exactly 50% (30) still standing, who are all now above 82 years old, have seriously defied the odds against us. We thank the Almighty for this gift of old age.

For the first time in the annals of the Academy a foreigner, Thavan Sawaengpan, graduated at the top of a PMA class. For the first time also the First Captain or Baron of the class, Cesar Go, was not in the first ten in the academic standing in the class as was the tradition. For the first time also a dismissed PMA 59 cadet, Loven Abadia who was given a presidential pardon by Pres Carlos Garcia, was allowed to join PMA Class 1960 in the second semester. This established a precedent for future cadets who were turned back in the second semester. He made another history by graduating as a private in PMA but retiring as a 3-star AFP general.

Thirty two (32) class members made the star rank: Abadia, Abano, Acot, Agustin, Arzaga, Balbas, Blando, Calajate, Capa, Carino, Catibog, Dela Cruz, Dumancas, Fajardo, Gabales, Garcia, Go, Kintanar, Lardin, Logico, Oxales, Panes, Paredes, Quintos, Reconquista, Reyes, Ruiz, Sawengpan, Sistoza, Villanueva, Yamzon, Yap.

Ernie Arzaga was the first member of the class to be promoted to general.

3 became service commanders; 1) Loven Abadia as CG PAF, 2) Leopoldo Acot Jr as CG PAF, 3) Mariano Dumancas Jr as PN FOIC.

1 became Marine Commandant: Brigido Paredes.

1 became Commandant of the Philippine Coast Guard: Dario Fajardo.

2 became Commanders of WESCOM: Braulio Balbas Jr and Epineto Logico.

1 became Commander of SOUTHCOM: Gumersindo Yap.

1 became the Director of the Bureau of Corrections: Pete Sistoza.

1 became President of the National Defense College of the Philippines: Cesar Go.

2 received the Distinguished Conduct Star, second to the Medal of Valor: Loven Abadia and Jun Balbas.

2 became boarded lawyers: Robert Lansang and Teodoro Abacan.

2 became boarded civil engineers: Dominador Catibog and Orly Salientes.Catibog became the AFP Chief of Engineers and Salientes became PN Construction Brigade Commander before retiring optionally.


ABADIA

2 became Team leaders of the PAF Blue Diamonds: Loven Abadia and Armando Garcia.

1 became a 4-star general as Deputy Commander of the Royal Thai Army: Sawengphan. He also served two 4-year terms in the Senate of the Royal Thai Parliament. Loven, Sting, Lafo and Orly attended his Royal Cremation Ceremony in Bangkok as his wife was a member of the royal family.

4 classmates attended the Squadron Officer Course together in the Air Force Officer School in Villamor Air Base. It was quite an honour for the class that three of them graduated as Distinguished Graduates: Loven Abadia, Felipe Abano Jr and Manny Oxales.

Loven Abadia received two cavalier Awards (1975 and 1991). The following received one Cavalier Award each: Diosdado Cunanan (1975), Orlando Salientes (1976), Domingo Calajate (1985), Cesar Go (1985), Pete Sistoza (1988), Galileo KIntanar (1989), and Evaristo Carino (2007).

Loven Abadia and Manny Oxales both received the Golden Aviator Award from the PAF Flying School Alumni Association Incorporated.

The FEU Law Alumni Association gave Loven Abadia an unusual TAMARAW AWARD for the gallant defense of Villamor Air Base and Camp Aguinaldo during the 1989 coup.

Six class members became military attaches to different countries: 1) Ernesto Arzaga: attache in Washington. 2) Danny Quintos: attache in Malaysia. 3) Reggie Calub: attache in Washington. 4) Leopoldo Acot Jr: attache in Israel. 5) Rudy Meana: attache in Thailand. 6) Rod Maniquis: attache in Indonesia.

PMA 60 was the first PMA class to publish and distribute the Golden Sword exactly on the 50th anniversary of their graduation. Loven Abadia was the editor. The class was also the first to put up a class exhibit in the AFP Museum. I think we are also the first class to publish our Emerald Sword on time. Loven Abadia was also the editor.

Some members of the class were seriously involved in the series of coup d'etat attempts against the Cory Aquino revolutionary government in the late 80s on both sides of the fence. Prominent among them were Loven Abadia, Domingo Calajate, Marcelo Blando, Braulio Balbas Jr, Sting Carino and Pete Sistoza. This fact did not break the cohesiveness of the class.

Bernie Ceguerra became and died as an American hobo in the USA. He appeared to be happy as such. He even boasted to our classmate Nestor Lim whom he visited in Daly City that he had two American wives. We will not pass judgment on him. I fondly remember him as giving President Marcos his book on UFOs in the Philippines.

Orly Salientes retired early and became an expat business executive in KSA. After about a year, he returned to the country to become president of Summa Kamaga, a Filipino-Japanese conglomerate. In a strange twist of fate and a reversal of roles, his wife Rosario "Inday" Salientes has become one of the biggest names in the insurance business in the Philippines today.

Rolly Estiandan worked in KSA as an American engineer. Banaticla retired at 48 years old and worked in KSA first at Galaxy Services Group and then at Boeing Middle East Limited. Joe Filio worked as an auditor of the US Defense Contract Agency. Bob Tagala manages properties in Illinois. He rents out houses and doing quite well because he does repairs in the houses himself, saving much in maintenance cost.

Cesar Go has found his calling this late in life by preaching the words and works of Christ. Roy Aguilar, our classmate from Bacolod, is very passionate about helping PRRD. He wants Duterte to declare a revolutionary government to effect changes in Philippine society. I can't forget his brilliant answer when asked by an upperclassman what his father did for a living. He answered "Farmer, sir" which got the sympathy of the upperclassman. He conveniently forgot to mention that his father was a filthy rich haciendero!

Logic has gone to his farm in Bohol to regain his physical and mental health after his stroke. Jess Durian was a very passionate Christian evangelist before he was sidelined by health problems. Two other classmates have pacemakers installed with their hearts. Three others are showing signs of Alzheimer's. One classmate now uses a walker to move around. A few are hard of hearing. All par for the course for those above 82 years old!

Rudy Enojas owns and runs RN International Services, an agency that recruits qualified nurses who want to apply for a US immigrant visa and work in a hospital or nursing home in the United States. Bill Iban worked as a sales rep and auditor of Standard Oil of Ohio. Tony Yamzon became the Administrator of Gateway Business Park in Dasmarinas Cavite after retirement.



Twelve (12) became American immigrants and are dual Filipino and American citizens: Abacan, Balbas, Enojas, Estandian, Filio, Iban, Kagaoan, Lim, Maniquis, Meana, Tagala, Tumbocon. Nestor Lim would personify the hard but successful struggle of a Filipino immigrant to make a life for himself and his family in the USA. His children are all Americans professionals. He is amply provided for in his old age by his pension from three different sources. He retired from the City and County of San Francisco and from the State of California. On top of these, he also receives pension from the AFP as a retired PAF Colonel.

The following took up their GSC studies in the following foreign countries:(1) USA: Abadia, Balbas, Fajardo, Logico, Reyes, Reconquista, Sta Clara. (2) SPAIN: Abaño, Acot. (3) AUSTRALIA: Agustin, Blando. (4) INDONESIA: Dela Cruz, Halcon, Maniquis, Panes, (5) Malaysia, Quintos and Yamzon.

Pong Panes survived four major medical operations. Sting Carino experienced NDE during 9/11 where he was given a 5% chance of survival. He implored the Almighty for a few more years and it was granted. He is still going strong as I write this class history. After retirement, Sting Carino became a big time entrepreneur as founder and president of CASADI, the biggest chicken processing plant in Southern Tagalog.

After military retirement, Loven Abadia joined the PAL Board of Directors allowing him and his wife Jenny to travel all over the world first class for free on NR/MR tickets. Joey Asanza and his wife Dra Boots established an alternative school for the Dumagats in the Sierra Madre Mountain which also served as a haven for abuse victims. The PDI featured their work in Heroes R Us Program. In March 1965, World War 2 caught up with Joey Asanza in Lubang Island. Two remaining Japanese stragglers from WW 2, Cpl Kinischi Kozuka and Lt Hiroo Onoda, attacked his party, wounding him in the leg.

Because of the strained relations between the USA and the Philippines after the closure of military bases in the Philippines, I had the surprise honour of receiving back for our country the Clark Air Base Reservation and Wallace Air station. It must be remembered that Manuel Roxas was instrumental in giving these bases and the Parity Rights Amendments of our constitution to the Americans for their support for his presidential election. Ultra nationalist Julio Guillen tried to assassinate Roxas in a Plaza Miranda rally but was saved by Chief of Staff MG Mariano Castañeda for which he was awarded the only non-combat Medal of Valor.

Jenny and I became a wedding sponsor to the wedding of Ely Laforteza to second wife Malou Melissa. Their union is a beautiful love story for the books.He gave up his general star for her. Their child, Eryn Grace Laforteza, is now a pilot in the PAL Boeing 777 airliner.

Andy Kagaoan did not know how to swim but still joined the PN. During a river crossing exercise in the Pasig River, the young ensign managed to complete the exercise by holding on to a banana trunk for dear life until he reached the other end. Up to now I do not know if he ultimately learned how to swim.

Hugo Buenavides Jr died in an aircraft accident as a T-28 flight instructor in the Batangas Straits while waving goodbye to his girlfriend on an interisland ship sailing for Iloilo. He died forever young. Aside from Hugo we have four other tragic stories. Andres Bustamante was assassinated by the NPA in his town in Bicol. Ernesto Unida crashed and died in a T-34 aircraft he was piloting. Dandy Cunanan died in a U-17 crash in Quezon as passenger doing intelligence reconnaissance. The brilliant career of Virgilio Bas was affected by the Edsa uprising. He could have been the first in the class to get his star. At that time, he was both NISA Chief in Region 6 (a civilian position) and at the same time the Deputy Commander of RUC 6 (a military position). After his relief from these two positions he chose to retire early.

Pres Cory Aquino ordered VCSAFP Lt Gen Salvador Mison and his ad hoc committee to draw up a procedure for promoting AFP officers. They came up with AFP SOP Number 10 which changed the main criterion of SENIORITY in the lineal roster to SERVICE REPUTATION. I am sure this was triggered by my politically incorrect answer to her when asked why I was recommended for promotion to general. My answer was “I do not know ma’am. I did not recommend myself. You should ask the one who recommended me.” I came out number one in the list when the SOP was applied to the 14 colonel-recommendees to brigadier general. In the process I leapfrogged over many PMA and PAFFS senior classes. The AFP was changed forever.

When we graduated from PMA IN 1960 the class president was Joey Asanza. After graduation, we were scattered to the four winds all over the country serving as junior officers in the field. In the ensuing early years there was not much class activity. I am now mining my memory about subsequent events. Ely Laforteza sort of became the de-facto president for a long time as he was assigned in Manila working for Gen Espino and then Gen Ver. After Ernie Arzaga became the first class member to get a star, we elected him our class president. After EDSA, we elected Pete Sistoza followed by Gumer Yap then Gally Kintanar, then Loven Abadia and now Orly Salientes. We thank them for their unselfish services to the class,

We had a very successful Silver, Ruby, Golden and then Emerald class anniversary in Fort Del Pilar, Baguio city. We also had a very unique and successful pre-golden anniversary celebration in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2005. We will celebrate our diamond jubilee in PMA, Fort Del Pilar, Baguio City, in 2020.

The life and times of our adopted classmate Antonio Leviste have enough material for a good movie. Consider the following: youngest governor of Batangas, TOYM awardee, Realtor of the Year, conversion to Islam to be able to marry Loren Legarda, incarceration in Muntinlupa for murder and then freedom at last.His public break up with Loren Legarda was fodder for the tabloids. But he is also now basking in the limelight for the wonderful accomplishments of his son Lean (solar energy) and equestrienne daughter Toni Leviste.

Apolinario, Go, Kintanar, Logico, Quintos, Reconquista and Villanueva have sons who followed their footsteps in the Philippine Military Academy. The long gray line is unbroken. May it last for a hundred years!

We will all have a grander reunion in the not-so-distant future. Colton Bupro, the 4-year child who went to Heaven and back, said that there are no children and old people in Heaven. We appear as our most exalted self. And no one wears glasses. What a beautiful future awaits all of us.

WE HAVE LIVED LONG AND PROSPERED.
HAPPY DIAMOND ANNIVERSAY MISTAHS.



PMA MAGITING CLASS of 1970
Ahead of its Time

Golden Jubilarians for 2020:
By the Class 1970 Golden Anniversary Editorial Board

They came to Loakan

From far and yonder came the wannabees, each to his own perception of what the future would be, each driven by his own dreams, and certainlyby the lure of social and economic emancipation.

"But it was nobody's Fool's Day from any of us who entered this grand Academy. Nobody upon entrance on April 1, 1966 stepped in with moonlight jokes upon his heart. Nobody came with pleasure seeking attitude. ... Thus, we gathered together amidst the throng of virtually mixed youth population, silent, militant, and restless, to gently shatter the world with a humble part in history as the MAGITING, Class of 1970."[1]

"We first met as carefree teenagers - not quite men - eager for camaraderie and adventure and all too willing to lend our hard-working parents a hand byseizing the opportunity for free, quality education. Mostly curious and clueless as plebes, we felt the shock of the PMA regimen in the gut. The crash course in manhood toughened those of us, who endured the grind, while etching in our character time-honored principles to live by and to die for."[2]

They leftits portals

"Soon after we left the cool shelter of the Academy we realized instinctively, why we had been trained that way – in body, mind and spirit. Thrust to lead men at the frontlines just as twin rebellions stretched the AFP to its limits, we knew that we had to live up to the epithet that we had chosen for ourselves: the Magiting."[3]

GRADUATION DAY AWARDEES			
Presidential Saber	IRWIN P VER,Q.C.	Phil Constabulary Award	MIGUEL G CORONEL, Bulacan
SND Saber	EDMUNDO E CASTELLANES, Q.C.	PAF Award	EDMUNDO E CASTELLANES, QC
CSAFP Saber	EDUARDO C JONSON, Rizal	PN Award	EDMUNDO E CASTELLANES, QC
JUSMAG Saber	IRWIN P VER,Q.C.	Tabak Div Plaque	EDGAR C GALVANTE, Manila
BC Mayor Saber	FIORELLO S ADRIANO,Q.C.	NDC	EDGARDO C PEREZ, Marikina
VCSAFP Award	EDMUNDO E CASTELLANES,Q.C.	AFP Supply Center Plaque	ADRIANO C BALLESTEROS, QC
PA Award	ALFONSO R SUEMITH, Surigao Del Norte	Journalism Award	RUFO A DE VEYRA, Leyte

CLASS SUMMARY	
GRADUATION DAY	22March1970
NO OF CADETS APPOINTED	86
NO OF CADETS GRADUATED	65
GRADUATION SPEAKER	PRES FERDINAND MARCOS
BULL RING STONE	AMETHYST

To join their favored Services

BRANCH OF SVC	DIST
PA	21
PC	17
PAF	18
PN	13
TOTAL	**69**

"Dispersed among the major services, we still crossed paths in clusters, supporting one another on land, sea and air – from the bloody battlefields of Mindanao to the dense jungles of the Sierra Madre. Our



In the private sector, 6 Lawyers, 5 Corporate Commercial Pilots, 4 Engineers, 3 Presidents of businesses.

On social affiliations, a PMAAAI & PCOCP Chairman & BIRC Chairman & President, 4 Service Academy Acquisitions, 17 Associates and Honorary members against 20Deceased Members to Date.

How Class 70 will be remembered-unyielding

As we view the horizon, there appears to be very little else that needs to be done, or so it seems. The members of the class will move to where they have individually or collectively,tentatively or with some conviction decide to go. The time, place and circumstances are as dynamic as those still standing with fire in their bellies to craft the proposition to lead.

And because there will always be advocacies that need to be fulfilled and a few undying souls, there will always be opportunities to be seized; and just like the mountains, because they are simply there.

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[1] *The Cadet Years, Cadet Rex Baquiran, The Sword 1970*
[2,3,4,5] *Part One, Looking Back, Golden Sword 1970*

bond as brothers grew well into the period of impermanent peace that followed our fiery baptism, when each of us honed other sets of skills in preparation for ever higher levels of responsibility and leadership."[4]

How they finished or unfinished

"Eventually, some of us occupied positions – within and outside the military – that gave Class '70 the chance to make a difference, individually and collectively, in the life of our nation. Whether or not we lived up to our promise, our ideals and our dreams for our loved ones, we will leave history to judge. But we can cherish our autumn years in the warm embrace of family and in our huddles in and out of the golf course, comfortable in the thought that we gave it our best shot."[5]



They did. And how!

In the AFP, 32 Star rank officers, 23 Colonels/Navy Captains.

In educational attainment; 2 Doctoral degrees, 27 Masters Degree in Business and Public Administration, National Security and the Technical fields.

In the Executive branch;2 Cabinet Secretaries, 1 Commissioner, 4 Usecs, 1 Asec, 7 Bureau Directors.

In local government, a Governor and 1 Barangay Capt.

In the legislative, 2 in the Congress.

SUMMARY CLASS 1970 TRIVIA

CATEGORY	NO	CATEGORY	NO	CATEGORY	NO	CATEGORY	NO
CAVALIER AWARDEES	13	PAF, CG	1	DOCTORAL DEGREE	2	SONS/DAUGHTERS PMA GRADUATES	2
TOYM AWARDEES	2	PA, CG	1	MASTERAL DEGREE	14	CAB SEC/USECS/ASECS	6
PMAAAAI OAA	2	FOUR STARS	3	MNSA	5	AMBASSADOR	1
CONGRESSMEN	2	THREE STARS	6	MASTER IN INTL PLANNNG &RES MGNT	2	BUREAU DIRECTORS	7
GOVERNOR	1	TWO STARS	15	AIM MASTERS DEGREE GRADUATES	6	COMMISSIONER	1
BARANGAY CAPT	1	ONE STAR	4	COLS/NAVY CAPTS	23	US SERVICE ACADEMIES	4
AFP CHIEFS OF STAFF	2	LAWYERS & LLBS	6	PRES, BUSINESS	3	ASSOCIATES/ HONORARY	17
CHIEF, PNP	1	ENGR& BS ENG'G	4	GOLF HOLE-IN-ONE	8	DECEASED MEMBERS	20
COMCL/CARGO PILOTS	3	CORPORATE PILOTS	2				



The MAPITAGAN Class of 1980 @40

• Cav Miguel Jose S Rodriguez '80

The number 40, when applied to a measure of time, is very significant to many people of all ages, that even the Bible has it mentioned 146 times. In sum, whether it be days or years, the number 40 basically refers to a period of testing, trials, and triumph.

Nowhere is this number of greater value today than to a motley group of 146 lads who, on April 1, 1976, from diverse backgrounds, suddenly looked alike (after the haircut), and behaved alike (after the shock and awe), and after having gone through the same four year mold, came out almost alike, exactly 40 years ago, give or take 40 days.

Thus, was born the PMA Class of 1980, and the world was never the same again. Well, at least for us 146 peoples, that is.

As we celebrate our Ruby Anniversary, we look back and realize that 40 years are not enough to erase those wonderful moments in time, when we lived a life reckoned from mess to mess, with every Saturday adding to our past, and every month filled with memories that last. Sounds familiar? It should.

Life in the Academy was totally different, and it didn't matter where we came from. Ours was a life of change, as we left at the end of each day, some weak habits of thought or of play. Indeed, no other words could have described us more.

For ours was a time of change, and externally as well. Happiness was when the M1Garand was replaced by the M14, anything for a few pounds less (still holds true today!). Happiness was when our slide rule gave way to the Casio fx calculators, and 'sliding' became relevant only at the mess hall.

Our Spanish subject gave way to Mandarin, in prep for the Chinese expansion 40 years later, though we never got past'Ni haw ma,' and 'Wo hen hai.'

Unforgettable were the weekly trips to SLU when we ran our Fortran or Cobol programs in such huge computers that can now fit into our hands.

Happiness was when gabardine white pants took over the cotton starched ones. No more creases, except on the faces of our upperclassmen.

It was pure bliss then, beating everybody else to the telephone, where we learned how to say, in the sweetest words, 'Manang, mabalinti zone.'

And receiving four Pemesco letters at the same time was such extreme joy that is forever denied to the cadets of today.

When the buddy system paired us with the Firsties, that was heaven, for the yearlings couldn't get their hands on us, though not all the time. In fact, they loved us so much that many of them joined our class as we graduated, thinking maybe it's more fun to be Mapitagan, than Matapat.

A total of 106 cadets graduated that fateful February of forty years ago. Of that number, 50 joined the Army, 27 the Constabulary, 17 went to the Navy, and 12 to the Air Force. Of the four US Service Academy graduates, Mike Asuncion, Manding Guzman, and Mike Agudo joined the Navy, while Jun Sanchez went to the Army.

The Corps of Professors was enriched by the entry of Mon Loria and Orly Beltran from the Army, while from the Air Force, Van Soloman, Noel Manabat, and Aurelio Tiangco transferred to the Constabulary. Ditto the Navy, with Jeeves Ubalde later adding the P to his PN.

Over time, a total of 38 mistahs left the service, who are now successful businessmen, successful golfers, or model husbands.

The Forty year period was indeed one of trials, tribulations and triumphs. We grieve the loss of 13 mistahs who have made the ultimate sacrifice for love of country and fellowmen.

We beat the odds, dodged the bullets, and the media, went from peacemakers to peacekeepers, and back again, and gave our all for the peace and security of our country and people.

By the time we retired, we were all holding positions of major responsibilities, and rallied behind our marcher, four-star PNP Chief Nick Bartolome, and our 3-stars PCG Commandant Edmund Tan, CGPA Noel Coballes, CGPAF Larry Dela Cruz, TDCS Greg Macapagal, PMA Supt Ed Abogado, ComSolCom Caesar Ordoyo, CGs EastMinCom Jorge Segovia and Rainier Cruz, as well as PNP Deputies Emil Sarmiento and Ager Ontog.

We had 19 two-stars, and 27 one-stars. Some may not have made the star, but for us, it really didn't matter. We all served, and we served well.

We have 11 (and counting) CAVALIER, Outstanding Achievement, and TOPs awardees in the persons of Nick Bartolome, William Campos, Noel Coballes, Larry Cruz, Nes Eloja, Gerry Layug, Jess Lomeda, Greg Macapagal, Jorge Segovia, Edmund Tan, Efren Yebra. The next 40 years will definitely see more added to this list.

The Class became even more distinguished by the entry of our honorary members, USec Nabil Tan, Gov Art Yap, Cong Joey Salceda, Cong Ricky Sandoval, Cong Joey Zubiri, Commisioner Ed Escueta, Ordi Star Ana, Buboy Salazar, Nicky Valdez, Willy Lee, Maria Elena 'Balsy' Aquino-Cruz, Aurora Corazon 'Pinky' Aquino-Abellada, Tim Orbos, Dr Manuel Chua Chiaco of the Heart Center, DZRH mainstay and Cong Angelo Palmones, Industry leaders Henry Sy Jr, Raymond Yap, Delfin Lee, Anthony Almeda, and our latest inductees, Dr Frank Gali of the VMMC, and businessman Danny Saberon.

As retirement came, it appeared that some of us didn't know what it meant, and continued to serve in other capacities, notably Sec Ed Del Rosario of the Dept of Human Settlements and Urban Development and his able Chief of Staff Zyril Carlos. The Defense Department has USec Cesar Yano and ASec Ted Torralba, with Jess Lomeda having done his share as Director of MIS, DND. Over in OCD, we have three Regional Directors, Bong Cabantac, Dante Balao, and Buboy Salazar. Rainier Cruz did his stint as Head of BUCOR, and Edmund Tan was Head of the Cebu Ports Authority in the very lonely place called Cebu. Ager Ontog was Chief NICA where Sammy Diciano, Ariel Bernardo, Melchor Fajardo, and Gil Pacia still do what they do best.

Our class produced six lawyers, Gil Meneses, Jess Atoc, Jude Tadeo, Jun Ancheta, Jeeves Ubalde, and our lone Judge, Mike Asuncion.

In the private sector, Hermie Colina became Director of Philip Morris International. Tony sits as Director of the Public Safety Savings and Loans Assn. Caesar Ordoyo is Vice President of PAL, and Noel Coballes a top honcho of Asia Brewery. Jeff Tupas specializes in Security Agency Operations while Noel Dominguez put up his own Pest Control business in the USA that helped many alumni in that part of the globe. Nes Deona is Gen Manager of Luzon International Premier Airport Development Corporation based in Clark, Mike Rodriguez is Project Director of the MTD-BCDA Joint Venture at New Clark City, the developer of the National Government Administrative Center, and the site of the 30th SEA Games, and Emil Sarmiento is VP for Govt Affairs of the Philippine Practical Shooting Assn. Ome Carbonell alternates between sailing his yacht and flying the 747 in order to support his yacht.

Nick Bartolome and Jess Lomeda served as President and Vice President, respectively of the PMAAAI, Juni Carbonell as Director of BIRC, and Gerry Layug as Director of the AGFO, bringing great honor to the class.

Since biblical times, the period of 40 years represents how long it takes for new generations to arise (numbers 32:13). We see this happening now as we sit back, and let our grown up children handle the hot seat, with the likes of:

LTC MARC ANTHONY A YAMBING PAF
LTC MICHAEL DEON COSTES MAC
MAJOR DOMINIQUE M. SUGON PA
CPT CHARLES DENNIS I. TAN PN
CPT ROBBIE CRUZ PA
CPT JAMES WHIRLWIND O. SALAZAR PA
CPT RAYMOND DEREK P. CARBONELL (SC) PA
CPT JOSIF GINO C. JUBAS PA
CPT LEE VAN JAN S. MARAYAG PAF
CPT NOEL CHRISTI MACAPAGAL (MC) PAF
CPT JULIUS YANO JAGS
CPT LEONARD REY MANABAT (MC) PA
LT JOEY LITO S. MARAYAG PN
LT KEVIN DWIGHT CJ LOMEDA PN
LT RUSSEL JOHN BAUTISTA PN
1LT LOU CHRISTOPHER DELA CRUZ PAF
1LT GERARD EMMANUEL P LAYUG DS
LTJG EDGARSON GIL ABOGADO PN
LTJG JOHN TEO GUZMAN PN
2LT DRUCILLE EVA SUGON PA
2LT MARIELLE JEN D BERNARDO MAC
CPT KARL AGUDO USAF
LT VICKY TALENS USCG
LT TRICIA TALENS USCG

For indeed, there is no greater happiness than in seeing our children once at play, now assuming positions of great responsibility, and proving to be better copies than their fathers.

This is who we are after 40 years. We may be the old age of youth, but definitely, we are the youth of old age.

We are kept young by our equally young wives, the love of our lives, our forever Kaydet Girls, who have supported us through the years, who been very patient trying to mold us some more, and still the most beautiful in our eyes. Because for us, they will always look 40 years younger than their age. And that's our secret and guarantee that we will last and enjoy the next forty years.

And in case any one of us forgets the way we were, just listen to any Barry Manilow song, and it will all come back...



A SILVER STORY:
Philippine Military Academy
MARILAG CLASS of 1995

• **Cav Ivan V San José '95**
Secretary

Marilag

"Marilag", meaning the highest form of excellence, was chosen by the members to be the Class name in the summer of 1991. The Filipino term also translates to positive English words as splendid, prominent, preeminent, pompous, noble, illustrious, eminent, effulgent, solemn, stately, sumptuous, superb and trimly. To a layman, the word is immediately interpreted as a feminine virtue - of beauty. For some members of the class, it has also acquired other significance as success, class pride, distinction, sentimentality, honor, or the entirety of the symbolism of the class emblem.

Syllabicating the word, *ma – ri – lág* is versatile for both prose and poetry. It is a favorite in early Tagalog literary pieces, sounds good in *kundiman*, and rhymes well in *tula*. No doubt, because of the punch in the last syllable, it too will be snappy in marching songs. In contrast to some four-syllabled PMA class names, it only has three. Along with simplicity, the number three is commonly associated with the third dimension, multiplicity, creative power, and growth. Three is a moving forward of energy, overcoming duality, expression, manifestation, and synthesis. Three is the first number to which the meaning "all" is given. It is The Triad, being the number of the whole as it contains the beginning, a middle, and an end. It is human as body, soul, and spirit.

One will probably wonder why an all-male PMA class would adopt the "feminine" word to describe itself. Perhaps it was because of the rare combination of its subtlety and familiarity in everyday discourse, and Filipino literature. Perhaps it was a statement of the class as a non – conformist, its liberalism, or its openness to change. Maybe, too, it was a premonition on balance – among others, the need for the *yin*, or a welcome on the entry of the opposite sex in the Academy. Maybe the members believed in this universal law on fairness and justice, on being whole – men, or on a combination of beliefs that this text may fail to fathom. Whatever the reasons – individually and collectively - for choosing the name, Providence destined Marilag to happen in 1991.



Cadet Environment, 1991 – 1995

The era saw the prospects of military life for the Filipino youth as attractive. It was a new decade with traces of martial law in the AFP ranks slowly fading, plans to modernize the AFP in the offing, the tri-media highlighting the cadet rescue operations in the aftermath of the earthquake that struck Baguio, the society's admiration of Major Abendan, and his superior General Florendo in a real life drama of loyalty and courage, as well as products of the institution who emerged as catalysts of change of the new Philippine society. To the youth, PMA was a dream - noble, prestigious, glorious, challenging, fix-it-all solution to college, and the surest way to a secure employment as officers in the Armed Forces of Fidel V Ramos' Philippines 2000. The recruitment office did not even need to sell to the youth what PMA was. The prestige of the institution, and the deeds of its graduates at that time were enough to attract him. To the youth's eye, entering the Academy would make him stand out from among his chums, honor his family, and make him the most eligible bachelor in his hometown. He would be a hero.

Inside the Academy, it was a mix of Sparta and Athens. The all male Corps, until 1993, had the penchant for toughness and excellence, largely contributing to the development of the whole man within each cadet. Tactics and academics had to compete for the cadet's time to enable him to win wars. Yet, this system was bravely adopting in the midst of modernization – for modern warfighting, and nation-building. Partly because of these, the Class of 1995, as cadets, has certain distinctions from other classes. It boasts of the highest 23,000 applicants for cadetship in 1990; the only class to have yearlings, until recently, as their plebe detail; first recipient of the tri-service curriculum; first to have their branches of service as cadets;as squad leaders in 1993, pioneers to train female cadets; first to undergo the Officer Preparatory Course; and first to be specialists, having in their diplomas either BS Major in Management, Aeronautical Science, or Naval Systems Engineering upon graduation.

Values, Lessons,and Class Character

Aside from the default courage, integrity, and loyalty, Marilag aptly describes the Class. The denotative and connotative light of the word combine the aspirations of the early 1990 youth from Batanes





to Tawi-Tawi. The experience, brotherhood, and idealism of the young men – their passion for excellence, patriotism, and hope for a better country wholly define them. In fact, their individual wisdom, immortalized in the The Sword, reflects the virtue that is Marilag.

This *nom de guerre* of the class speaks it all - *Marilag*. The old form Tagalog word means the purest and highest form of excellence. It is not kagalingan, kadakilaan, kagitingan, kapinuhan, etc but encompasses them all, and more. The name sums – up all that the Academy imparted to the class – service to the Filipino nation in its highest form possible. This ideal is to be accomplished by a select passionate, intelligent, and talented young Filipino men minted by the Academy tradition.

Most Notable Members

Laurels of the Class are members who distinguished themselves in the military, and public service. As cadets, leading were Gerardo O Gambala, graduating number one, and Antonio C Salgado, Jr., the Class baron. After graduation, most members distinguished themselves in combat – in land, air, and sea. Recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Star, the second highest military decoration, are Gary C Alejano in the Camp Abubakar campaign in 2000; Oliver D Almonares in the rescue of Gracia Burnham in Zamboanga del Norte in 2002; Samuel G Yungque in a battle against the Abu Sayyaf Group in Basilan in 2004, and against the DI-Maute Group in Marawi in 2017; Elpidio T Factor in protecting Zamboanga during the Moro National Liberation Front siege of the city in 2013; and Jose Jesus C Luntok in the 2017 battle of Marawi. Factor is also a 2015 Cavalier Awardee for Naval Operations.

In public service, Antonio F Trillanes IV was elected as a senator of the Republic in 2007, and 2013. The most productive senator based on the number of authored bills passed into law, Trillanes served the Senate in the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th Congress. Among the top five most productive congressmen, Gary C Alejano served as Magdalo representative for two terms: 2013 – 2016 (16th Congress), and 2016 – 2019 (17th Congress).Manuel G Cabochan, in 2019, also became a congressman of the Magdalo Partylist. At the executive branch, Fermin M Mabulo was twice elected mayor of San Fernando, Camarines Sur.

Contribution to Philippine Society

While security is obviously the main contribution of the Class to the people, it also offered much to aspects as public service, business, and aviation. Most of the members are veterans of AFP campaigns as second lieutenants and ensigns in 1995, up to lieutenant colonels, colonels, and captains in 2019. The Class members contributed much in the government's effort to curb insurgency, secessionism, and terrorism. They saw actions in the All Out War in 2000, Zamboanga Siege in 2013, and Marawi Siege in 2017, erstwhile maintaining government presence in urban centers, and countryside against the New People's Army, and Abu Sayyaf Group in Basilan and Sulu, and even in isolated United Nations posts for peacekeeping all throughout. While a number of the Class also figured in the Oakwood Mutiny in 2003, and Manila Peninsula siege in 2007, their advocacy for reforms has become basis of some policies now benefiting not only the security sector but also, largely, the country. Some members have also authored bills catering to the well-being of the people, actually implementing good governance in some towns, advocating corporate responsibility, delivering quality goods and services, educating pilots, and, even, flying in dignitaries, as Pope Francis, to the country.

Pro Patria

Of the 318 cream of the 23, 000 crop of the Class, graduated were 214 officers on 4 March 1995. Thirteen already perished - eight paying the ultimate sacrifice in combat, and seven succumbing to the limits of the mortal world. Pursuing careers outside the military are 112, making their marks in business, politics, aviation, and other endeavours, both in country and abroad. They include one who resigned before the mandatory eight-year service. Remaining Marilags in the active service are 89: 64 in the Army, 12 in the Air Force, nine in the Navy, and four in the Coast Guard.






THE TRICENARIANS: Philippine Military Academy "Bigkis Lahi" Class of 1990

• Cav Edgard A Arevalo '90

The PMA "Bigkis Lahi" Class of 1990—the first post EDSA I Revolution Academy graduates turns tricenarian in 18 February 2020. If it were a natural person, it may well be in his wisest as David became King at age 30. Biblically, that age is one of physical and mental maturity. And we are exactly just that--mentally and physically-- well, once so. It is undeniable that we now experience certain changes in our cognitive, affective, and psychomotor make-up inherent to those who are inevitably advancing in age. In short and simple language, *tumatanda na tayo, marami nang nakalilimutan, nagiging bugnutin, may mga sumasakit-sakit na sa katawan, bumabagal na ang kilos, at may mga maintenance medicines na.* It cannot be otherwise, save for those who refuse to admit these facts of life.

As all of us have gone past the golden age waypoint, it's a useful exercise to look back how far have we gone from life's mound from where we all begun to tee off.

A brief trivia

On 01 April 1986, a total of 540 cadets reported to Fort del Pilar in Baguio City. Out of the sum, 414 successful applicants were appointed to compose the original members of PMA Class 1990. They were joined by 126 "turned back" cadets from other classes. After nearly four years, on 18 February 1990, only 146 members of the class out of those 540 cadets were conferred the Bachelor of Science (PMA) degree and took their oaths as Second Lieutenants and Ensigns.

Records reveal that out of the 414 original appointees, only 90 (or 21.74% success rate) graduated with the original class while 56 out of 126 "turned back" cadets (or 44.44% success rate) who joined the class made it to graduation day. The class has produced a *Magna Cum Laude* in Arthur Bisnar and four *Cum Laude* namely: George DP Alvarez, Arthur Cordura, Nolasco Mempin, and Ricardo Petrola.

The Philippine Army got the lion share with 67 members of the Class led by Winston Baguliat wore the green. The next biggest share of 35 BL90 went to the Philippine Constabulary (before it got defunct in 1992) with Arthur Bisnar, the Class First Captain, as Marcher. Meanwhile, 26 graduates led by George DP Alvarez joined the Philippine Navy —14 of them later volunteered to join the Philippine Marine Corps with Ric Petrola as Marcher. The Navy Group holds the distinction of having the largest Marines-to-White Cap ratio of 14:12. The record does not only remain unsurpassed to date, the migration to the Philippine Coast Guard of four sea-going *Mistahs* led by Allen Toribio made Toinks Valencia and Tony Palces of the Philippine Fleet most delighted (or benefitted the most) until today. Finally, 18 *Mistahs* went to the Philippine Air Force led by Bruce Concepcion, the Class Valedictorian.

Looking further back the memory lane in retrospect, when our dress coats and full-dress coats still fit, the class takes pride of many firsts.



We were the ruling class when the Academy had a Corps-wide view of how to rid the institution of "hazing" malady. Members of PMA Classes of 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993 in an unprecedented but heralded move, raised their right hands to pledge "No to Hazing". It was also the time when BigkisLahi '90 was the immaculate class when *"Barrio Fiesta"* was born in an effort to lead the refocusing of our energies and talents to better use than maltreat fourth class cadets. The Cadets from Alpha, Bravo, and Foxtrot companies, then "residents of the barrio", were its pioneer. The then Superintendent BGen Arturo Enrile was the *"Hermano Mayor"* and Mrs. Mara Enrile as *"Hermana Mayor"*. The event was replete with typical *fiesta sa barrio* games like *palo cebo, hulihan ng biik*, *paramihan ng makuhang barya* by blowing on a pan filled with flour, and the like. There was stage show replete with magic shows, *Awitan* and a *Balagtasan* to boot!

It remained unsurpassed to date that a particular class, the Class 1990, was the Cadet Corps' "strongest". For straight four years (from plebe year up to firstclass year) BL'90 beat all the classes of the Corps in all sporting events. And the prowess exuded beyond the hallowed walls of Fort del Pilar. The PMA's Judo Corps Squad thrown the opponents when the Team of Noel B'walk, Evets Crespillo, Bouncy Mines Mina, Kid Baluyan, and Joel Nacnac won in the National Judo Championship!

The PMA Taekwondo Team was the first and only National Champion in this sports, according to reports. That's both unsurpassed and unchallenged as in "All Right" *yan, sabi ni Dabong*! The TKD jins kicked their way to championship and fame in the 1989 National Taekwondo Championship and the names Velay Velasco, RJ Rojas, Fajie Fajardo; Bouncy Mines Mina (again), Joel Nacnac (again), and Arnel Santos became synonymous to the chant, "PMAaaaaaa, Kill! Kill! Kill!".

In the arena of intellectual discourse and argumentation, the Class set the bar. The PMA Debating Team composed by Ed Arevalo (Team Captain; First Speaker and Rebuttal Speaker), Alex Flores (Second Speaker), and GenGen Hidalgo (Third Speaker) regained supremacy in the lectern by defeating Saint Louis University Debating Team.

Fast forward, decades went by our lives. We may not have gotten any younger, but thirty years were witnesses to the many changes in us . What have stayed in us for sure are our happy predispositions, never ending stories about plebehood and "take-lifes"; our passion to love, to serve, and to discourse on undying topics. We have gone past the so-called midlife but some issues remain hotly argued upon. Who really is taller by half an inch? Who did secure height waver? Who really won that boxing Championship? Was the opponent Mistah sent to the canvas by a lucky punch or by a skillfully timed and executed one-two-three punch combination? That has been settled, finally by the vivid recount of Edwin Celzo. That ended the "controversy" and the promoters' hard push for a "rematch".

As life itself is a journey that BigkisLahi '90 travelled, we have reached far and wide as a class. We have our collective and individual growth not just in terms of wisdom but progress in our careers in and out of the military profession. Some are a bit ahead the rest are closely following.

The Class has produced three Cavalier Awardees and an awardee of Ten Outstanding Philippine Soldiers namely: Benedict Arevalo (Army Operations, 1994), Bong Artuz (Army Operations, 2000), and Alex Espinosa (Special Projects, 2001), (TOPS 2001). There were other sterling accomplishments by *Mistahs*, but most refused to be named or their feats mentioned.

Allow us a rundown of the Philippine Army Group. The Group has, thus far, 12 Brigadier Generals. Oliver Artuz (C, ISAFP); Marlo Guloy (DAFA USA); Benedict Arevalo (AJ8); Laurence Mina (Cmdr, 502nd Bde); Antonio Nafarrete (Cmdr, 1101st Bde); Glenn Cruz (Dep, ASCOM); Marceliano Teofilo (ADC, 2ID); Robert Capulong (Cmdr, 602nd Bde); Roy Galido (Chief, AFPSEO); and Facundo Palafox IV (Cmdr, 2nd Mech Inf Bde); Rommel Tello (Cmdr, 902nd Bde); Gabriel Viray (Cmdr, 901st Bde).

The promotion to Brigadier General of six more Mistahs are out soon. Jose Maria Cuerpo (Cmdr, 103rd Bde); Nolasco Mempin (Cmdr, 1003rd Bde); Noel Baluyan (Cmdr, 302nd Bde); Audrey Pasia (Cmdr, 702nd Bde); Andrew Costelo (Cmdr, 703rd Bde); Rolando Nerona (SMA to SND).

The careers of 24 Colonel Mistahs are off to "Stardom". Jaime Abawag, Jr; Benjamin Batara, Jr.; Luis Rex Bergante; Alexis Noel Bravo; Christopher Calulot, Sr.; Steve Crespillo; Ernesto Cruz; Gregory Docil; George Domingo; Santiago Enginco; Dennis Godfrey Gammad; Domingo Gobway; Jovencio Gonzales; Leodevic Guinid; Benjamin Hao; Leonidas Hidalgo; Romulo Manuel, Jr.; Joel Alejandro Nacnac; RosalioPompa; Jose RandolfSinocruz; Rogelio Ulanday; Wilfredo Villahermosa; Raul Villanueva; and Jose Augusto Villareal.

Fifteen *Mistahs* are now in or are ready for their second careers having decided either to leave warfighting to others as an option or by constraints due to age. In alphabetical order, not by age or seniority: Noel Detoyato; Rogelio Percol; Teody Toribio; Danilo Aquino; Crisostomo Bas, Jr.; Noel Biyo; Santee Cababasay; Perfecto Cabanayan; Honorato Crisostomo; Rolan Garin; Ariel Laguardia; John Lavetoria; Noel Lontoc; Jon Thaddeo Salazar; and Bernard Valmonte.

The next biggest is the Philippine Constabulary Group. In 1991, the group disbanded and 29 of them joined the Philippine National Police and six remained in the AFP in the branches of service they love—one joined the Army, six landed in the Air Force.

After 30 years in the service, 12 were promoted to Police Brigadier General. Rolando Anduyan (RD, PRO10); Sotero Ramos, Jr. (Police Attache, USA); Felipe Natividad (Special Police Assistant, DILG);

Eliseo Cruz (C, HPG); Florencio Ortilla (C, NOC); Marlon Madrid (DRDA, PRO4A); Pascual Munoz (ExO, DL); Ronaldo Olay (DD, DC); Alex Sintin (DD, DICTM); Ronald Genaro Ylagan, (District Director, NPD); Rolando Miranda (ExO, DHRDD); Flynn Dongbo (ExO, DIDM).

Two await the Presidential approval of their promotions to star rank: Eden Ugale (DRDA, PRO11); and Oliver Enmodias (ExO DIPO-NL). Meanwhile, four await their designations to one-star post: Arthur Bisnar (DDA, QCPD); Benjamin Villasis (DD, ES); and Nickson Muksan (DD, PNPTS); Ritchie Medardo Posadas (DRDO, PRO13).

Mitchel Amos Filart (EA, OSETC) and Oscar Buenaobra (COP, PRO9) are still in the active pursuit for excellence in the area.

Leo Mayaen (Poro Point Mangement Corp); Robert Mesa (Baguio City); Simon Fernan (INTERPOL); Aeschylus Arnold Silva (United Nations, NY, USA); Alex Flores (USA); VerboCabus (USA); Ronald Olarte (Baguio City).

The Navy Group comprised by Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guards now have seven Flag Rank/General Officer.

Commodores Renato David (Cmdr, NavForWest); Danilo Fuentes (Dep, Naval Sea Systems Command); Antonio Palces (Cmdr, NavForEM); and Ceasar Bernard Valencia (Cmdr, NavForNorth). Ruben Fajardo (Military Adviser, Permanent Mission of the RP to the UN, New York, USA)

The Marine Corps has Brigadier General Edgard Arevalo (Asst. J7 and AFP Spokesman).

Three Marine Mistahs are soon going to wear the star. Epoy Cuison (Deputy TIG); Jonas Lumawag (CO, 1MBde); and Chito Roxas (CO, 2MBde). Closely following the quest are Noel Beleran (DepCom for MarOps, FMRF; concurrently the C, NTG 82 "Pagpauli"); Rodyer de la Peña (Dep. TIA); Ric Petrola (Cmdr. CMOG-PN); Robert Velasco (JSOF2 SOCOM)

Meanwhile, all Philippine Coast Guard Mistahs made it to Flag Rank. Oscar Endona (Cmdr, Maritime Safety Service Command); Norman Reyes (Cmdr, CG District Eastern Visayas); and Allen Toribio (DepCmdr, Maritime Security Command).

Marines who are now in some other missions, at large, locally and abroad are Joel Albino (Canada); Joseph Calderon (Pilot-in-Command Hongkong Express Airways); George Frogoso (operates the largest fleet of TNVS); Alberto Guariña (LA, California); Danny Palma (Security Manager); Ronaldo George Rearo (Global Lead, Operations and Field Support, Civil-Military Coordination Service, UNOCHA, Geneva, Switzerland);

These Naval Aviators, Sailors, and Coast Guards were up and about around the globe: George DP Alvarez (Chief Pilot, Airbus Narrow Body Div., Flight Operations Dept., PAL); Edwin Celzo (Director, Phil Natl Oil Company); Jason Malilay (one of the country's richest entrepreneurs); and Robert Ruaro (USA's prime health service provider).

And the group called "Guardians of Philippine Skies" has the Class' first Major General in Florante Amano (Air Force Inspector General) and five Brigadier Generals. Fernyl Buca (AJ4); Arthur Cordura (WC, 520th ABW); Ralph Mamauag (WC, 355th AEW); Araus Robert Musico (WC, 15th Strike Wing); and Elpidio Talja, Jr. (Dep, Tactical Operations Command). The next to occupy a Brigadier General's post will be the Fighter Pilot and lone member of the Blue Diamond from the Class, Rocky Binag (Asst Chief, AFPPDO).

The other pilots who fly aircrafts other than those of the Air Force or are in other worthy endeavors in the United Nations or the diplomatic Corps are Roy Agarrado (Jetstar Sinagpore); Bonifacio Bonavente (UN Dept for PKO-Somalia); Bruce Concepcion (Diplomat; Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary); Rainier de las Llagas (Canada); Alex Espinosa (Cebu Pacific); Honorio Formantes (PAL); Jojo Llemos (Cebu Pacific); Chito Mayuga (Cebu Pacific); Otik Ortiz (UN Dept of PKO-Congo); Ferdinand Rosimo (Cebu Pacific); Bonifacio Sales III (Vietjet Airlines); Arnel Santos (Cebu Pacific); Noel Vinoya (USA); Jesus Emmanuel Valbuena (Texas, USA);

The Class pays its highest tribute to fallen *Mistahs* from the Army: Winston Baguilat; Renerio Battala; Angel Benitez; Pacianito Castillo; Kurt Decapia; Norman Geronga; Abraham Salcedo; Rene Sendin; Tirso Sudario; and Ferdinand Viray. We offer prayers of sympathy to the families of Donato Aquino of the Air Force and Michael Angelo Martin of the PNP.

Noel Pontanos of the Philippine Constabulary, the first from our Class to have offered the supreme sacrifice, we render our salute and eternal gratitude.

We shall continue to write our individual and collective stories of triumph over life's mighty struggles. Some heralded; some never heard of. We may stumble and fall along the way but to the quest, we shall persist --never to quit or falter. That is the way; the BigkisLahi way. **#Basta90**



Four Classes Barracks Integration Scheme:
Perception and Implications
(Part 2 of 3 Parts)

• HEADQUARTERS ACADEMIC GROUP, PMA

First Class Cadets' Perception in the Integration Program

The overall mean of the 1CL cadets' response pertaining to the perception on the Integration Program yield a mean of 3.17- which means that said group of cadets have a positive response on the Barracks integration scheme. But the said response is not that high as expected. Being the precursors of leadership values and moral ascendancy to the members of the Cadet Corps Armed Forces of the Philippines, the 1CL cadets had a positive feedback on the items in the survey. This response embodies the desire of the class to be free from maltreatment, give way for effective leadership and reforms that shall benefit all members of the CCAFP.

The result of the cadets' response on the survey indicated that 1CL cadets have a very high positive response on the impact of integration program on cadets' leadership and personal development but has only an average positive response on the implications of the integration on academic and non-academic aspect.

The quantitative result was also supported with the graduating cadets' positive response in the verbal comments. Just like the other four classes, 72% of the First Class cadets cited that that the integration scheme is very good, beneficial and effective. It encourages the cadets' in exercising both their leadership and followership skills. Each cadet became responsible in each action as follows: 4CL to 2CL cadets became very responsible in observing the military protocol of seniority inside the room due to the presence of the 1CL cadets. Moreover, just like the other classes, 1CL cadets mentioned that mentoring and observation learning was greatly enhanced under this scheme. Personal hygiene, orderliness and cadets' cleanliness has also greatly improved.

The room environment is already being viewed as a simulation of the cadets to thrive in the real environment of military service. This is also an avenue wherein cadets' full potential will be developed where uppeclass cadets can exercise their roles in mentoring, role modeling and practice what they have preached to the lower classes. In like manner, underclass cadets simulate the upperclass roommates, and likewise observed servant leadership and followership skills. Valencerina and Velasco as cited by Velasco, et al, 2004, described such dynamics goes as well into the operating environment where planning process is a joint effort among different levels of classes towards a common operational objective.

Barracks routines were also greatly improved under the integration scheme. Cleanliness, room orderliness and personal hygiene of each cadet were also enhanced and closely monitored. Underclass cadets continually perform on what is expected of them based on the standards of the Corps. The system created multiplier positive implications such as: all cadets are compelled to observe and attend all duties as upperclass cadets need to do proper way to show positive role modeling to the underclass cadets. In like manner, under class cadets tried their best to attend all duties and do the tasks in proper manner due to the presence of the upperclass. The upperclass cadets' action tend to show especially high motivation and persistence on tasks that are framed that they need to model to the underclass cadets, called positive role modeling. This notion gains support from evidence suggesting that positive role models encourage the adoption of the kinds of strategies favored by people pursuing goals. It stands to reason that people in this state of mind will also be especially susceptible to positive role models, who exemplify positive outcomes to be pursued. Positive role models inspire others by encouraging the pursuit of success (Lockwood, et al, 2002).

Similar to the responses of the lower classes, the integration scheme was perceived by the 1CL cadets as effective in deterring maltreatment and other malpractices in the Corps; venue of the 1CL to mentor and coach the underclass cadets wherein 1CL cadets can immediately correct cadets' failure, give advice on some doubts and can immediately check the status of the underclass cadets; and the integration program changed the Corps for the better. Moreover, 1CL cadets described that the new system greatly improved cadets performance in academics and character development.

Despite of the very high positive response of the 1CL cadets on their qualitative feedback of the program, 19% members of the said group of cadets gave negative comments of the integration program. Similar to the other classes' response, 1CL cadets still reiterated that academic compliances in group work, class team building, class integrity and disseminations became very difficult. The camaraderie of the class weakened. Further, 1CL Cadets noted that "shabbity" among 4CL cadets was observed. Some of the plebes did not join the barracks' general cleaning because they are under the protection of the other upperclass cadets. Some also mentioned that integration program adds problems to the upperclass and "rottment" to the lower classes.

These negative comments of the 1CL cadets closely linked the assumptions and perceptions of the people- who perceived that change initiatives impact is failure. One mistake that people are motivated to work towards goals they have been. Since this is a new program, the end result of this is that, perhaps due to their short-sightedness or their overzealousness to see a particular change initiative through, change agents fail to identify, educate and communicate with relevant stakeholders on whom particular change initiatives impact, resulting in the phenomenon referred to in policy terms as 'imposition of change from the outside' (Nudzor, 2013).

Per Item Analysis of Cadets' Response on the Perception of the Integration

Table 2: Cadets' Response Per Class on Item 1, "I perform my academic compliances better."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	36.09%	39.64%	14.79%	7.69%
Second Class	152	47.37%	29.61%	20.39%	2.63%
Third Class	245	20.66%	56.20%	21.49%	1.65%
Fourth Class	255	43.92%	50.20%	5.49%	0.00%

Majority (47.37%) of the 2CL cadets "Strongly Agree" and admitted that they performed better in their Academic compliances right after the implementation of the Integration Program. Moreover, substantial positive feedback of "Agree" in the figures of 56.2%, 70.13%, and 50.2% of the First Class, third Class, and Fourth Class cadets respectively is shown in terms of performance of academic compliances with the integration program. On the other hand, 25% of the lower quartile answered "disagree" in this item statement in all classes and minimal responded strongly disagree. Academic compliances take time to complete, as these involve completion of projects, group meetings, drafting of reports, and other activities. Cadets responded with an average positive response in this item because they are still on the calibration stage of adapting to the new environment at the time of the study. Cadets cited that coordination among classmates and section mates became very hard since the composition in each room is from different classes.

Table 3: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 2, "I learn better under the new integration scheme."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	36.09%	36.69%	19.53%	5.92%
Second Class	152	38.82%	42.76%	16.45%	1.97%
Third Class	245	18.18%	62.40%	16.53%	2.48%
Fourth Class	255	50.98%	45.10%	3.14%	0.39%

Three out of the four classes (3CL to 1CL cadets) majority "agree" that they learn better under the new integration scheme while more than half of the 4CL gave a response of "strongly agree." Learning involves classroom activities and the retention of what cadets gained during their lectures. Learning also extends to the review of lessons and lectures during study period.

Table 4: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 3. "Academic compliances are more difficult under the integration."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Disgree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
First Class	169	15.98%	34.32%	28.99%	18.34%
Second Class	152	15.79%	48.03%	23.03%	12.50%
Third Class	245	9.50%	54.55%	27.27%	8.26%
Fourth Class	255	27.06%	46.27%	19.22%	7.06%

Corresponding to item 1, majority of all classes (34.32% for 1CL, 48.03% for 2CL, 54.55% for 3CL, and 46.27% for 4CL) would disagree that academic compliances are more difficult under the integration. The presence of the 1CL Cadets may likewise encourage the underclassmen to complete their academic compliances, in addition to providing guidance and suggestions.

Table 5: Cadets' Response Per Class on Item 4, "I am more motivated to study."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	31.95%	37.28%	20.12%	8.28%
Second Class	152	34.21%	53.29%	9.87%	2.63%
Third Class	245	18.18%	59.09%	21.07%	1.24%
Fourth Class	255	35.69%	50.98%	11.76%	0.78%

Majority of the cadets in all classes "agree" that the integration system motivates them to study. As the integration removes the homogeneity of class in the barracks, idle time, frolicking, and procrastination are discouraged which would otherwise be common in a room with classmates who are familiar with each other. As underclassmen would be pressured to act 'proper' during study period due to the presence of upperclassmen, the latter would likewise experience the same pressure as they would need to be examples of snappy cadets to their underclassmen.

Table 6: Cadets' Response Per Class on Item 5, "I can read my lessons in advance under the integration system."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	23.67%	41.42%	23.08%	8.88%
Second Class	152	32.24%	48.68%	15.79%	2.63%
Third Class	245	11.16%	50.41%	37.19%	1.24%
Fourth Class	255	27.06%	49.80%	20.00%	1.96%

Similar with Items 1 to 4, majority of cadets who affirmed that the integration benefited their academic activities likewise agree that the integration enabled them to read their lessons in advance. This observes the same rationale that cadets can focus on their after-class academic activities due to heterogeneity of classes in the barracks.

Table 7: Cadets' Response Per Class on Item 6, "I perform my non-academic compliances better."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	32.54%	40.83%	16.57%	7.69%
Second Class	152	42.11%	49.34%	5.92%	1.97%
Third Class	245	18.60%	54.13%	24.38%	2.07%
Fourth Class	255	33.73%	55.29%	10.59%	0.00%

Majority of the cadets in various classes responded "Agree" that cadets can perform better in their non-academic compliances due to the integration. In the verbal response, it was noted that both organizational and barracks routines greatly improve under this scheme. Moreover, underclass cadets responded that they also learned to fulfill their non-academics compliances better through mimicry, imitation and observational learning done by the upperclass cadet.

Table 8: Cadets' Response Per Class on Item 7, "The integration is beneficial to most of the members of the CCAFP."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	40.24%	37.87%	10.06%	9.47%
Second Class	152	53.95%	38.16%	6.58%	1.32%
Third Class	245	30.99%	56.61%	11.57%	0.41%
Fourth Class	255	45.10%	49.41%	4.71%	0.39%

Majority of the 1CL and 2CL cadets "strongly agree" that the integration is beneficial to most members of the CCAFP. While the 3CL and 4CL cadets only responded with "agree". This logically follows the affirmation of the previous items on the said benefits of the integration, both in academic and non-academic contexts. Thus majority perceived that it brought a lot of advantages as compared to disadvantages in various constructs.

Table 9: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 8, "Routines in the barracks are strictly observed."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	37.87%	34.91%	10.06%	14.79%
Second Class	152	43.42%	40.79%	9.21%	5.92%
Third Class	245	26.03%	60.74%	10.74%	2.07%
Fourth Class	255	41.57%	53.73%	3.53%	0.78%

A significant majority from 1CL and 2CL cadets responded "strongly agree" that routines in the barracks are strictly observed while the vast majority of 3CL and 4CL cadets answered "agree." The concept of 'properliness' is enforced across classes as corresponding class roles are observed; leadership for the upperclassmen and followership for the underclassmen. It was also revealed in the cadets' qualitative response that the reporting system and organizational system was strengthened under this new program.

Table 10: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 9, "The new integration scheme is favorable only to the plebes."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Disgree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
First Class	169	27.22%	31.95%	21.89%	16.57%
Second Class	152	26.97%	50.66%	12.50%	9.21%
Third Class	245	12.81%	43.80%	31.82%	11.16%
Fourth Class	255	34.12%	52.16%	9.02%	4.71%

Majority of the classes disagree that the new integration scheme is favorable only to the plebes. This is consistent with previous findings where most cadets agree that the integration scheme is beneficial to all classes. Noteworthy is the significant majority from all classes stating that the implemented system is not only favorable to them.

Table 11: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 10, "The new integration scheme gives more responsibility to upperclassmen."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	50.30%	30.77%	8.88%	7.69%
Second Class	152	54.61%	37.50%	5.26%	2.63%
Third Class	245	38.84%	51.65%	7.85%	1.65%
Fourth Class	255	21.18%	38.04%	30.59%	9.80%

More than a half of the 1CL and 2CL cadets "Strongly Agree" that the new system gives more responsibility to upperclass cadets while 3CL and 4CL cadets majority "agree" in this item. The hierarchy of ranks/class in the barracks necessarily imposes the corresponding responsibilities for the upperclassmen with the continuous presence of underclassmen up until their barracks time.

Table 12: Cadets' Response per Class on Item 11, "Leadership by example is conveyed to underclassmen."

CLASSES	NO. OF RESPONDENTS	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
First Class	169	55.62%	35.50%	1.78%	4.73%
Second Class	152	62.50%	36.18%	0.00%	0.66%
Third Class	245	46.69%	47.52%	4.96%	0.41%
Fourth Class	255	48.63%	44.71%	5.10%	0.78%

A vast majority from all classes strongly agree that leadership by example is conveyed to underclassmen due to the integration scheme. Similar with the previous item where the said scheme gives upperclassmen more responsibility, the presence of underclass cadets in a room would prompt upperclassmen to extend their leadership capacities in a barracks context.

(TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE)

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

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

CLASS CALL

AMANTE S BUENO
President
BIENVENIDO G GOROSPE
Secretary

The '54 Clan held its Christmas party on Dec 15 at the Close Mess, Camp Aguinaldo Clubhouse.

Class President Mante Bueno with Glo, led the celebration. Pike and Daisy Depapakibo came with Nold (Cl '84) and Alma. Gopeng Gorospe was accompanied by son Balani. Sammy Ramos and Nena appeared with son Mike. Nena who lives in the US is here on a 6-month vacation. Joe Sorreta came alone, pretending to be a bachelor.

Rommel Gacis represented dad Noy.

At our age, we have a string of widows: Inday Muñasque (with son Mark), Lita Cepeda, Dulce Muyargas (our baroness), Lorna Lomongo, and Lydia Santos with Dada.

Ditto with parentless children (orphans): Adji Espinosa with Ma Luisa, Malou Beltran, Abby Redublo, and the Guillems - Erwin with wife Elena and Nanette with husband Capt. Chinky Coloso.

Our two star-ranked sons graced the occasion - Natalio "Boying" Encarma III (Cl '81) and Arnold "Nold" Depapakibo (Cl '84 and BSCE UP).

Boying is the first born son of Class '54. Being so, all members of Class '54 are his "ninongs."

When Boying was a plebe, he was required by his upperclassmen to produce a girl's picture. He sought Mama Lyn's help. Lyn ran to Terry Ballesteros who has four pretty Ballesteras. Terry learned that if the girl was not pretty enough, Boying would chew and eat her picture. With lightning speed, Terry declined Lyn's request. *"I don't want my girls nibbled."* She reportedly said.

Boying took Advanced Course in Fort Benning. He is a scuba diver, marathoner, paratrooper, and a Marine. He was the G3 of the Presidential Security Group, Malacañang.

With such credentials, it is no wonder that he was selected to command the Philippine Contingent of the UN Disengagement Observation Post (UNDOP) in Golan Heights at the Israel-Syria border. He was promoted temporarily to Major General to give him the personality to command the 5-nation UN peacekeepers.

For his achievement, the PMAAAI bestowed on him the Prominently Meritorious Achievement Award. We salute Boying.

Arnold "Nold" Depakakibo, Cl '84, was a starman in his 2nd and 1st class years. He was a cadet captain. Upon graduation, he harvested the Aguinaldo Saber Award.

(In high school, he wormed his way up from Section 8 to 1.)

He became the Chief Engineer AFP, concurrently commander of the Visayas Engineer Brigade.

We recall when we observed one Mother's Day, Nold, representing the sons of '54, recited a stanza from an anonymous poet -

"There is no love like a mother's love,
No stronger bond on earth -
Like a precious bond that comes from God,
To a mother when she gives birth."

Nold then went pecking the cheeks of the mothers of '54.

Nold was our longest living bachelor until he met Alma, who cut it short.

Back to the Christmas party, it was capped with an exchange of gifts. I got a "4 x 4" bottle of scented candle from Nena Ramos. Every time I light it, it attracts moths. I now have a framed collection of moths and butterflies.

Next time, Nena, give me a scented candle that attracts lizards but not snakes.

Inday brought two bottles of wine. No wonder Mante and the guys went home tipsy, thinking that the moon rose from the west. Susmaryosep!

During the PMAAAI Convention at PICC last Jan 21, the prizes were TVs, yogamats, flat iron, among others. When Stim Muñasque was PMAAAI president in 19-forgotten, the first prize was a Toyota car won by a young lieutenant. The last prize was a nail clipper.

Last 26 Jan, Sammy Ramos celebrated his 89teen birthday anniversary in an eat-all-you-can lunch at La Creperie restaurant. If my stomach bulges, he is to blame./ gopeng





SALVADOR M MISON
President
VANGIE P RIVERA
Secretary





On very sad news

On 1 Jan 2020, we greet everybody a Happy Healthful and Prosperous New Year! On the next day, 2 January, we got the very sad news, the untimely demise of our classmate BGen Ed Alfabeto, who had been undergoing hemo-dialysis for almost a year. We extend our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to wife Maudie, who has been in a wheelchair following a head injury, and her children. May his soul rest in peace His wake was at the Camp Crame Mortuary, where a requiem mass, but no necro, was held in the evening of 6 Jan, prior to his interment the following day at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

Present at his interment were Buddy Mison, Ros Alquiza, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Rene and Mila Tanseco, Vangie Rivera and Estel Silva, and of course his children, Frank, Girlie and Von. Maudie did not attend the wake and interment.

On 5 January at the wake, the Class 55 Foundation abuloy of P100,000 was advanced to Betong's children - Girlie and Von, by Buddy Mison, witnessed by wife Ione, Ros, Johnny and Pilar.

On Class 55 Foundation matters

The board of trustees of the Foundation had a breakfast meeting on 7 January at the Charter House in Makati. The corporate secretary reported that with BGen Munoz' death and the resignation of Annette Ecarma-Favila, we have two vacancies in the Board. Alan Munoz was elected to replace Annette, but the Board decided to keep the seat vacated by Muni vacant as none of the other living class members is available. The board then decided to amend the Bylaws by deleting the provision prescribing a quota for each category, i.e., 5 from the class, 2 from the widows and 4 from the 2nd gen regular members, by approving Board Resolution No. 20-01.

Taken up were the tentative Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Foundation as of 31 Dec 2019, and tentative Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the period from 1 January to 31 Dec 2019, prepared and presented by Bing, the treasurer, which were noted by the board.

Bing also presented the proposed budget for 2020, which complies with the requirement that at least 60% of the total income is for project expenses and not more than 30% is for gen & admin expenses. After some discussion, the proposed budget was approved.

It was reported that, since there was still no sufficient cash in bank, Buddy advanced the P100,000 abuloy to the family of Betong.

The trustees present during the board meeting were Buddy Mison, Johnny Sanchez, Rene Tanseco, Ros Alquiza, Bing Miranda, Grace Alcaneses, Sally Arceo and Aaron Allanigue.



On Class activities

The first class activity for the year was the lunch at the Korea Garden Restaurant at 128 Jupiter Street, Bel-Air Village, in Makati on 18 January 2020. It was a good change of venue, being more accessible to many. It was hosted by the 2nd gen ladies, namely: Binky Regalado-Ordonez, Teena and Avi Alquiza, Carole Sanchez, Didi Parado, Veronica and Grace Alcaneses, Sarah Miranda, Joy Solina, Daizy Isaac, Teng Zaide, Viviene Tansingco-Ongkiko, and 3 others who were not present but shared in the expenses, namely: Babot Munoz, Annette Ecarma and Leah Arceo.

The other second gen members present were Freddie Mison, Aaron Allanigue, RJ Alquiza, Jomari Alcaneses, Babot Baladad, Paul Isaac, Nikky and Flor Miranda, Levy Ordonez, Ricky Ongkiko and Jed Pantig.

The first gen members present were Buddy and Ione Mison, Johnny and Pilar Sanchez, Ros Alquiza, Porfing Santos, Zeny de Guzman, Letty Jotie, Lolit Parado and Gigi Zaide.

The next class affair will be on Sunday, 23 February, to be hosted by Ione Mison and other February–born ladies. The Venue will be announced later. **/ra alquiza**

FORTUNATO C CORACHEA
President
LEVY M MALTO
Secretary

On 18 November 2019, the class was informed that Nita Canieso, widow of the late MGen. Rodolfo Canieso, was confined at the ICU of the Asian Hospital. Mel and Pat Goyena, staying nearby the hospital, paid a visit and found Nita at the ICU looking tired and tethered to a dialysis machine. Nita was confined in the hospital ICU for having a heart attack, renal failure and her lungs full of water, quite a three-some that was hard to overcome at her old age. She succumbed after a few days and was interred at the Loyola Memorial Park, Paranaque City on 28 November 19. Nita is the 9th deceased widow of the class from the 29 deceased married members.

The class held its Christmas party at the Gloria Maris Resto at Greenhills on 13 December 2019 hosted by the PC Group (Paul and Daly Canalita, Lory Galang, Mel and Pat Goyena, Nelia Lopez, Tom and Lulu Manlongat, Levy and Nora Malto and Guzz and Lolit Mateo).

As in previous years, it's the most attended class affair with every boodoo attending in high spirits and offering many Christmas cheers and gifts. A total of 38 mistahs, wives, and widows (Mike and Rose Aparri, Ching and Emma Corachea, Romy and Pili David, Mon and Penny Farolan,Mel and Pat Goyena, Olac and Susie Lazo, Mac and Aida Macabasco, Tom and Lulu Manlongat, Levy Malto, Guzz Mateo, AC Paiso, Sharon Almonte, Cecil Ampig, Minda Bello, Tess Calip, Lory Galang, Nelia Lopez, Lily Pio Roda, Lily Tolentino, Plet Brillantes and Dennis Mangonon and three alalays) were there to partake of the Chinese dishes prepared by the hosts. Dra. Lulu Manlongat started the program with a lunch prayer immediately followed by lunch. Thereafter, Mon Farolan gave a briefing on the new Veterans Hospital encouraging everybody to take advantage of its free, new and modern machines(Dialysis, CT Scans, MRIs, etc.) and its first class amenities. He also issued some poop sheets listing the required documents needed to claim for retirement and death benefits by the several offices handling them at Camp Aguinaldo.

Ching Corachea and Levy Malto took the floor to distribute the PHP2,000 cash gift from the class fund to each member and widow of the class amounting to some PHP42,000.

Earlier, in response to a class announcement not to bring Christmas gifts in kind, a Xmas Gift Pot was passed around the dining tables requesting the diners to drop some cash gifts into the pot, which was thereafter inventoried and found to contain PHP112,000.00. To make it up to PHP 115,000.00 that will be good for PHP 5,000.00 for each member and widow present, Romy David pulled some extra PHP3,000.00 from his wad of bills to solve the problem. After giving all the cash gifts, there remained some PHP 11,000.00 which was raffled to five winners at PHP2K/3K each (won by Pili David, Penny Farolan, Pat Goyena,Tess Calip and Sharon Almonte). The cash gift-giving ritual was quite exciting and all the attendees were thrilled to bring home PHP7,000.00 each with the five raffle winners getting a total PHP9,000.00, not a bad Christmas present to shop with.

Ching Corachea as the class prexy gave his year-end message to formally close the affair followed by the class singing: "PMA,Oh Hail to Thee", loud and clear.

The class suffered two casualties in 2019 (Rudy Tolentino and Ralph Mangonon) leaving 20 survivors out of the 51 graduates. Of the 20, more or less seven had been missing in class reunions for varied reasons (Filo Arevalo in Baguio, Al Neis in Cebu, Danny Pantaleon in USA and Joe Almonte, Badong Lara, Rod Ordoyo and Paul Canalita are confined in quarters). Only 13 (Mike Aparri, Ching Corachea, Romy David, Mon Farolan,Tony Fernando, Mel Goyena, Olac Lazo, Mac Macabasco, Levy Malto, Tom Manlongat, Guzz Mateo, AC Paiso and Cat Villanueva) can be counted upon to "CALL TO ARMS" on rear area missions.

Levy's son, Dr. Roy Malto, now on vacation from Australia, had been invited to speak on: "The Role of Health Informatics in Population Health: The New Zealand Experience", at the 5th Floor Conference Hall of the St. Lukes Medical Center at the Global City on Jan 2, 2020. Admission is free on first come first serve basis.

May 2020 be a good and happy survival year for the class!

EDUARDO R ERMITA
President
TAGUMPAY R JARDINIANO
Secretary

As we approached the holiday season and the coming of the New Year, we can just look back to the wonderful things that happened in year 2019, with our classmates, their spouses and brats getting together as one big family.

We try to recall the events from April to December. It was a continuous get-together from Oscar's birthday in April to Elvie Ermita's birthday in May; Rene De Villa and Ed's birthday in July, to Jun Tan-Gatue and Solita's birthday in August and October, the wedding anniversary of Onchie Mendoza



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and Tammy's birthday in November and class Christmas party on December 7 celebrated at the AGFO building with the full-support of Class '57 brats led by Dr. Gigi Pereira, the very industrious and efficient brat's President, She is the daughter of Capt. (PN) Manny and Minda Ledesma, both deceased.

The Christmas party was a huge success with the close cooperative spirit displayed by the class spouses with Elvie Ermita, Aida De Guzman, Bernie Doria, Cora Dator, Baby Enriquez, Auring Pattugalan, Mila Javier, Pat Jardiniano, Tammi Mendoza, Lulay Dela Cruz, and Gigi Pereira, the brat's President in the forefront, managing and directing the various activities such as generation of the resources for the event, decoration of the venue, food selection and preparation that more than met the needs of about 90-100 who attended the party as well as gathering some gifts as give-aways and acting as moderator in the affair that made the affair wholesome and enjoyable.

Jun Tan-gatue turned over the Class presidency to Ed Ermita thru a symbolic transfer of the President's jacket during the Bravo Co. monthly brunch at the VIP Restaurant at the AFP Officer's Club.

But it was not all partying as five of our classmates (Enzo Rapanan, Oscar Taleon, Resty Padilla, Nick Duque and Ely Javier, honorary member had gone head to the "Great Beyond." May they rest in peace.

Class '57 and their brats are looking forward, to 2020 with more fervor and excitement. We hope we can reach out to those classmates who have been on "extended leave" and unable to join us for various reasons. Ernie Maderazo is in Cebu, Rey Dilan in La Union, Benjie Gomez in Bataan, Robert Yap-Diangco in Quezon, and Cornelio Barangan in U.S.A., Tony Samonte, Bay Ramirez, Tom Dumpit, Francisco Dumpit and Ed Singson, are just around in Metro Manila area, and a few on "sick leave" we are optimistic that we can bring them all to join us in our continuing march to our more senior years. *"Let's go mistah, about time you show up. All the more reason to participate in our class gatherings and move forward gracefully with the usual vigor of guys in their 20s. There is much to look forward to in this world. God guides us all."*

It is interesting to share with our readers that Ines Perdices Templo, daughter of George and Mary Ann Templo, won the Silver Medal in Underwater Hockey in the recently concluded 30th ASEAN Games. George Templo is from Cagayan Valley. George is fast approaching 88 years old this coming February, and still consistent with his golf game, raking in a lot of winnings with his 39 handicap. He still sleeps well, he said.

CARLOS L AGUSTIN
President
NICETO A FESTIN
Secretary

The past year saw the loss of a few classmates.

The good news is that Andrew and Carmel Francisco were able to have their wedding anniversary as a Thanksgiving Breakfast at their condo clubhouse at Resorts World with friends and relatives on Christmas Eve, indicating Andrew had overcome his crisis.

As we know, 24 December is a bad date for invitees but Garrick Garcia managed to come and reported: "*Privileged to be at the Thanksgiving Breakfast of Mistah Andrew F. Glad to see him sitting with us, relatives and friends a day before Christmas. God is Good forever.*"

BIRCI Chairman Edgar Aglipay '71 has been hosting monthly meetings of class presidents and the last one was attended in our behalf by Nick Festin, who fortunately lives not too far away from Valle Verde. It was the PMAAAI BIRCI Class Presidents Christmas party where the elders were seated together with Nick Festin - Mon Montano '58, Ed Ermita '57, Mike Villamor'51, joined by Mrs. Tess Villamor. This was held on Friday, 6 Dec at Valle Verde IV Clubhouse.

Kids in mid-December had an interesting exchange in our Viber Forum on X Files and aliens, initiated by May Desquitado, Bing Garrido and Jojo Casas. This caused Chuck Agustin to relate his own personal experience, not actual encounters but as an intelligence collector and analyst. It was in 1977 and those interested who did not see the exchange may refer to our Viber Group.

Jess Alcordo has returned to golf, and volunteered to join Del Abaya's PMA56-59 Golf Fellowship as alternate host. His initial offer was to host a flight or two at MGC on 7 January, and out firstie Ka Patot Paiso'56 immediately accepted the challenge.

The PMAAAI Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 January 2020. Other plans are, we understand, being made in relation to the President's availability. Hope we get the update right away. But we should have a class lunch soon before that, hopefully with Romy O who promised to attend the annual meeting. Hope Pete Baraoidan also comes.

See you then and please post important developments on our Viber,

Happy New Year and hope our casualties will not be so much this year.



ERNESTO T TAN JR
President
EDUARDO T CABANLIG
Secretary



The month of December was very much a blessing for the Class as it offered us several occasions to meet in fellowship. The class celebrated Christmas as a matter of tradition, on the first Saturday of December, December 7 to be exact which sometimes fall on immaculate Conception Day. A mass was celebrated to honor our departed classmates at the Philippine Navy Chapel in Fort Bonifacio. The role call revealed that out of the 56 members of the Class, 30 have already reported back to our Creator. Out of the 26, four are abroad one is in Cebu City and the rest are in Metro Manila.

There was a suggestion to compute the mean age of those who are still alive, but when we found out that Lito Santos has in fact celebrated his birthday only 40 times because he was born on February 28, 1940, a leap year, the attempt to do so just faded away. Anyway, those who attended the affair were Pong and Monchie Biazon, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ernie and Cely Calupig. Jorge and Auring Lagera, Manny and Yayot Lukban, Ernie and Beng Tan and Bert and Nini Rodriguez. Those who attended without their wives were Ed Domingo, Romy Sanga, Ed Cabanlig and Nick Rodriguez. The widows present were Betty Dumlao, Flora Marcelo, Dolly Nazareno and Fely Codera. Limon Agustin was represented by Doris Mercado. Of course, there were children and grandchildren of our classmates who attended the affair. Exchange gifts and "giveaways" were also a major part of the program. Our class president Ernie Tan gave his message to the Class with a reminder to focus our preparations for our Diamond Anniversary on February 2021.



On December 20, 2019, Flora Marcelo celebrated her 80th birthday. Her children surprised her with a dinner and dance party at the classroom restaurant in Pasig City. Those who were able to attend were Pong and Monchie Biazon, Tony and Mar Suratos, Ernie and Cely Calupig, Jorge and Auring Lagera and Ernie and Beng Tan. Nick Rodriguez came stag while Doris Mercado represented Limon Agustin. All of Floras children were present to celebrate this very important occasion in her life time.

On the 26th of December 2019, it was Nick Rodriguez' turn to observe his 80th Birthday. The preparations were supposed to be a big surprise from Nick and Doris children but Nick said he learned about it even before they could finalize details. It was an important milestone for Nick such that the occasion was celebrated at the Officers Club of the Philippine Air Force at Villamor Air Base. The club is new and certainly fitting for an occasion like this. Those who attended the affair were Pong and Monchie Biazon, Manny and Yayot Lukban, Ray and Xeny Jarque, Ernie and Beng Tan Ang Jorge and Auring Lagera. Attending without their wives were Alex Aguirre, Lito Santos, and Ed Cabanlig. Widows in attendance were Babes Payaoan, and Flora Marcelo, Doris Mercado to represent Limon was also present. Pong and Manny delivered testimonials honoring the celebrant on behalf of the class.

MANUEL B MARIANO
President
RAYMUNDO L LOGAN
Secretary
JUANITO R RIMANDO
Class Historian

It's 2020. Another year has passed and our class saw the past year filled with get-togethers, socials, bonding among classmates and families and active participation and support for alumni activities. In this new year, we foresee again an equally active class, more class bonding activities and attendance to alumni activities. For January, we are looking forward to dancing during the birthday of Ernie Dauz. There is also the annual alumni general meeting and the reunion of those who went to the Holy Land last year. This class call being written in the first week of January, we can only report on our last activity for 2019.

The Class Christmas Party. Typhoon Tisoy disrupted the original schedule of our class Christmas party but the festive mood was unchanged when we had it a few days later on 11 December. The host was Ramon Rodriguez and he invited all classmates, ladies, and our children and grandchildren. We had a fine December weather on this Wednesday morning when we went to the St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Chapel in Libis, QC. The Christmas socials started with a holy mass where special intentions were offered for the class. Nano, Tito Rimando, Quintin Alcudia, Ray Logan and Gerry Kagaoan presented the class offerings to the priest celebrant. After the mass, Ramon Rodriguez and the mass celebrant Fr. Jaranilla anointed classmates and guests with the holy oil. Then we proceeded to Cucina di Francesco also at the St. Padre Pio Centre for lunch. Instead of exchanging gifts as earlier planned, raffles were held for those who participated with a joining fee of P1,000.00, with the money collected being raffled off. Winners of the big prizes were Boy Abadia and Lolit Bringas. Other winners were Ernie, Quintin, James Ramon, Ed Fernandez, Ray Logan, and Nick Custodio. Allan Cusi '86, the PMA Superintendent, and son of Kelly and Linda Cusi also won but forfeited his prize since he had already left and had given permission to have his prize reraffled in case he won. In his Christmas message, Nano cited the significance of Christmas and the holiness that it brings even as we enjoy its festivities during the birthday of Jesus. He encouraged everyone to take care of his health now and in the coming days. He also talked about future class plans that will be discussed more extensively during our class meeting this January. He also invited the whole class during his birthday party on 28 March. The Christmas party was well attended. I counted more than 50 classmates, ladies, and other guests. The attendance: Class prexy Nano, party host Ramon, Tito and Heidi, Quintin and Luz, Ray, James Ramon, Divine and Marian Divinagracia, Freddy and Methy Filler, Ernie and Hazel, Noni Zabala, Maura Soriano, Felix and Zeny Tong, Boy and niece Joyly Caballero, Ed and Glo, Paco Atayde, Charlie and Grace Tanega, Al Lumibao, Joel and Rio Hinlo, Budge and Alma Madamba, Willy and Chiquita Cruz, Romy and Linda Meana, Lolit, Aila de Ocampo, Gerry and Baby Kagaoan and son Carlo, Nick and Helen and son Samuel, Nani Jover, Rene and Cynthia Motus, and Linda and the late Kelly Cusi's son Allan Ferdinand and Cookie, daughters Anne and Aleta, and grandchildren Gian, Dian, and Janine. Other guests were Fr. Sirenio Jaranilla, and Rose Blaquera and Ben Turla. ###(JRRIMANDO)





Class '62 Christmas party

GUILLERMO R RUIZ
President
RENE LEANDRO P EBRO
Secretary

New years greetings from the PMA Matindi Class of 1963 and congratulations to our 57th year in February 2020, three years to go for our Diamond Jubilee (60) anniversary.

The PMAAAI building is under repair. The offices are billeted in the six-room barracks behind. Please visit to appreciate.

We have a new Chief of Staff, hope Cav Farolan will not complain for the short term of CSAFP. Another turn-over before the end of the year. So just watch for the changes in time. It's 2020, many things will happen. The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 wishes to extend our warmest greetings to the class celebrators. May they have many more to come.





January 2020 – Amy Calibuso (+) (2), Josie Bumanglag (4), Luz Espejo (11), Pert Andaya (16), Rolly Espejo (18), Lina Medina (19), Ild Dulinayan (20), Claire Mallillin (26), Ester Ong (27), and Offie Javier (28).

February 2020: Lulu Orevillo (+) (3), Ting Tigas (3), Lou Pizarro (7), Tony Sibayan (7), Gil Domondon(+) (10), Bill Ruiz (10), Billy Enerio (13), Bumi Bumanglag(17).

March 2020: Ardy Abaya (9), Norma Sibayan (+) (16), Rene Valencia (9), Joe Pineda (9), and Norma Ruiz (30).

24 March 2020: The PMA Matindi Class of 1963 will have our 57th Graduation Day Anniversary. March and April 2020 are the Lenten Season. To quote again: St. Julian the Norwich: *"Our prayer brings joy and gladness to the Lord. He wants it and awaits. So he says this: "Pray inwardly, eventhough you find no joy to it. For it does good, though you feel nothing, see nothing, yes even though you think you cannot pray. For when you are empty, sick and weak your prayers please me, though there is little enough to please. All believing inprayer is precious to me,"* unquote (1812160).



CLEMENTE P MARIANO
President
ORLANDO T CABANLIG
Secretary

Previous months of October, November and December were not busy as far as class activities are concerned. The only event was the early Christmas party held last December 2, 2019 at Vikings restaurant Aura, Bonifacio Global city. It was not well attended. Among some of the attendees were Clem Mariano, Rey Reyes, Rene Garcia, Abe de Guzman, Billy Villareal.

Some of our classmate spent their Holiday season abroad particularly in CONUS. Special mention is made on Rey Reyes where he was a guest of Pabe Pabellano. Pabe and wife hosted Rey's and wife visit at their residence.

Dogoy Diño and wife seem to have enjoyed spending the holiday season with some fellow Peemayers in their CONUS residence. They seem to have enjoyed dancing throughout the right night special during Christmas Eve and New Year Eve.

Happy Birthday To the following October – December Celebrants:

Jun Padilla –Oct. 1, Winston Arpon– Oct. 5, Sol Flores – Oct. 26, Roger Soledad - Oct. 28, Guzi Guzman – Nov. 10, and Tony Aguilar – Dec. 15

May you have many more Birthdays to come.







MANUEL P ESPEJO
President
FREDELINO S BAUTISTA
Secretary

PAMBUNGAD

Lubhang naantala ang paglabas ng July-September 2019 issue ng Cavalier Magazine, kaya't halos limot na natin ang mga nakasulat sa mga buwang iyon. Tiyak, ang October-December 2019 issue ay hindi rin nating matatanggap sa takdang panahon. Upang masariwa ang mga nakaraang kaganapan, ating isa-isahin: (a) Una, ay ang agahan sa Larry's Restaurant noong 03 October 2019, upang ipagdiwang ang kaarawan ni Tess Arugay (03 Oct) na siya ring sumagot sa gastusin; (b) Pananghalian sa NIU, SM Aura, noong 07 October 2019 upang ipagdiwang ang kaarawan ni Tess Reyes (05 Oct), na kung saan, si Tess Reyes, kasama si Tess Arugay ang tumayong sponsors; (c) Hapunan sa isang function room sa Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park kaugnay sa kaarawan ni Viusy Dauz (20 Oct), pagkatapos ng isang misa sa Santuario; (d) Pagdalaw sa Libingan ng mga Bayani at Heritage Park sa Taguig City noong Oct 30 bilang pag-alaala sa mga yumaong mistah at maybahay.





DECEMBER EVENTS

08 December. Isang Testimonial/ Recognition Dinner ang ginanap sa Blue Leaf Filipinas, ASEANA City. Ito ay upang bigyang halaga ang pagdating ng mga sixty-sixers sa edad na 75 o higit pa at pagpapahalaga sa mga maybahay na nagsilbing haligi sa kanilang buhay at propesyon. Sa programa pagkatapos ng hapunan ay nagbigay ng Testimonials sina Fred Bautista, para sa Army, Bert Sabularse, para sa Air Force at Bert Varona (na may karagdagang pangungusap mula kay Pons Millena) para sa Navy. May audio-visual din na pinakita ang mga mahahalagang larawan ng bawat sixty-sixers, kasama na ang sa mga yumao.

Bago sinimulan ang programa sa Blue Leaf, nagkaroon muna ng misa sa St. John Paul II Chapel na pinatayo ni Ding Wenceslao sa ASEANA City.

Ang mga dumalo sa okasyon ay ang mga sumusunod (ayon sa Attendance Report ang pagkasunod-sunod): Fred at Paz







Bautista, Menong Garcia, Toots Totanes, Nena Atienza, Bert Jabile, Buddy at Olive Perez, Jacy Aquino, Viusy at Mercy Dauz, Bert and Portia Varona, Fe Cuison, Pons at Cena Millena, Temi at Tess Arugay, Sylvia Agudelo, Ding at Sylvia Wenceslao, Bert at Fe Sabularse, Noli at Leonor Espejo, Doming at Grace Hontucan, Louie at April Fernandez, Tess Reyes, Ben at Cel Espejo, Glo Domingo, Leo at Carol Alvez, Meldy Espina at Edna Gopilan. Si Louie Fernandez na nagdiwang ng kaarawan noong 23 November ang may kathang isip sa Testimonial Night at siya ring nagtaguyod upang matagumpay na mairaos ang espesyal na pagtitipon.

14 December. Ang araw na ito ang siyang tumayong Christmas Program ng Class 1966. Isa itong tradisyon na taunang ginaganap maging noon pa mang nasa serbisyo ang klase. Naging masaya ito dahil sa pagpupunyagi ng mga maybahay na siyang namahala sa programa, bumili ng mga raffle prizes, Christmas gifts para sa bawa't pamilya, premyo para sa mga laro, at iba pa. Nagpasaya rin ang pagdalo ng tatlumpong (30) mga apo.

Ang mga sixty-sixers na dumalo ay ang mga sumusunod (ayon sa Attendance Sheet): Fred at Paz Bautista, Gerry Cunanan, Viusy at Mercy Dauz, Nena Atienza, Toots Totanes, Menong Garcia, Pons at Cena Millena, Fe Cuison, Sylvia Agudelo, Bert at Fe Sabularse, Jacy Aquino, Buddy Perez, Ben at Cel Espejo, Baby Baylon, Serge at Precy Belleza, Bert at Portia Varona, Noli at Leonor Espejo, Bay at Margie Galon, Mars at Patri Cordova, Edna Gopilan, Tita Belo, Tess Reyes, Alice Alba, Malou Catral, Glo Domingo, Meldy Espina, Alice Alba, Jimmy at Agie Bantolo, at Dee Cagurangan.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Binabati ng klase ang mga nagsipagdiwang ng kanilang araw ng kapanganakan sa buwan ng Enero, Pebrero, at Marso.

Enero – Paz Bautista (10), Malou Catral (28)

Pebrero – Leo Alvez (14), Vic Belo (01), Bert Jabile (24), Pons Millena (22), Toots Totanes (20), Jelly Nicolas (18), Beth Payumo (25).

Marso– Temi Arugay (10), Romy Bruce (29), Joe Escarcha (19), Fel Neis (03), Bert Varona (16), Dora Parrenas (01), Susan Gador (14), Fe Cuison (16), Mercy Dauz (25) at Leonor Espejo (26).

ANSELMO S AVENIDO JR
President
RUFINO G IBAY JR
Secretary



CLASS ACTIVITIES

A. The following were our activities for the November – December 2019 period:

23 November -- Our Dimasupil Monthly Forum (DMF - Breakfast) was hosted by Cords and Mina Cordero, Ben and Lea Libarnes, Bernie and Aying Patino, and Vic and Eve Villacorta at Legend Villas, Pioneer St., Mandaluyong City. This was also a joint birthday celebration of Bernie (3 Nov), Ben (14), Vic (23) and Cords (27).

14 December – We held our Remembrance Day in honor of the departed 31 Dimasupils (out of 85 graduates), eight Adopted Members, and 14 Spouses. We started the day with a Holy Mass officiated by PNP Chaplain Fr Lucio Rosaroso, upon coordination made by Jun and Ronnie Ibay, at After All Bar and Cafe, Jupiter cor. N Garcia St, Makati City. Then, we had lunch and forum in the same venue. We also held our election of 13 Directors of our Class Board for CY 2020. After that, the Ladies took over for our Christmas program. With good food, fruits and red wine, good in-house music, plenty of parlor games and door prizes (including those for best costumes) solicited by our Ladies, and good company, it was certainly another Class affair to remember.

B. Watch out for our schedule for January – March 2020, onwards, as follows:

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

21 January (1300H) – PMAAAI Annual Convention to be held at PICC, Pasay City. Attire: Dimasupil black jacket and checkered shirt.

15 February – Annual PMA Alumni Homecoming in Baguio City. The traditional Homecoming Parade will be held at 0900H. We will have our Class Lunch (instead of Picnic) after the Parade in our hotel. Our Post-Valentines Dinner will also be in our hotel. Our attire for the Parade will be our black Class jacket, white long-sleeved shirt and black pants. Our hat will be provided by Rody Gaerlan at the hotel. Other details will be disseminated later.

March – DMF to be hosted by Manny and Maryrose Dalipe, Jun and Ronnie Ibay, and Nic and Glo Parena.

April – DMF to be hosted by Alice Averilla, Ernie and Dinsay Dionisio, Rody and Graise Gaerlan, Mar and Mely Gatmaitan and Bert and Ruby Torres.

May - DMF to be hosted by Joy and Noemi Casillan.

June - DMF to be hosted by Abe and Cora Din, Hedy Duenas, and Ross and Mandie Sibal.

UPDATES ON THE DIMASUPILS

During our Class Forum on 14 December at the After All Bar and Cafe and the Organizational Meeting of our Class Board at the Closed Mess, AFPCOC, the following were elected/reelected as our Class Officers for CY 2020: Pres – Avenido; VPres – Santiago; Sec – Ibay; Treas – Gaerlan; Auditor – Sales; PRO/IT Offr – Patino; Service Coordinators (also Survivor and Sunshine Offrs): Air Force – Dionisio and Sibal; Army – Ballecer and Corpus; Navy – Cordero and Din; Police – Ibay and Tomas; Adopted – Sales and Reyes; Committees: Ways and Means – Lastimoso, Austria and Patino; Social Amelioration (Medical and Death Financial Assistance) – Odi, Sibal, Gaerlan, Alino, Ibay, Ballecer, Cordero, Dionisio, Tomas, Sales and Patino; Homecoming (Overall) – Avenido; Homecoming (Hotel) – Gaerlan and Avenido; Homecoming (Trans) – Ibay, Din and Torres; Homecoming (Food) –Avenido and Gaerlan; Homecoming (Tarps) – Ibay. Other Dimasupils and Ladies may join any of the Committees.

On 27 November 2019, Rudy Ruelos passed away in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, due to cardiac arrest. He was buried in Hayward, California on 10 December. During the funeral services before the burial, the eulogy of Jun Avenido as Class President was read by Libbie Brawner. Warlie Sadiarin and Pol Aliac were also present. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Nora and their children Tessa Lowe and Ronald, and we join them in praying for his eternal rest in the bosom of the Almighty.

On 9 December 2019, Ed Galang also passed away in Quezon City, due to myocardial infarction. He was cremated on 11 December and the wake was held at the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish Church, West Triangle Village, QC. During the necrological service on 12 December, Jun Avenido, Mar Santiago, Mar Cordero and Bernie Patino delivered eulogies on behalf of the Class. The inurnment was



conducted on 13 December at the West Triangle Columbarium after the military honors provided by the Navy just outside the church. Our heartfelt condolences to Regie and their children Dong, Gina, and Roy, and we join them in praying for his eternal repose with our Lord.

UPDATES ON OUR FAMILIES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Tante and Lorna Torrechante on the death of their son Oliver, 49 years old, on 20 December 2019 in Makati City, due to heart attack. The wake was held at Don Bosco-Makati Chapel and the burial was on 27 December 2019. We pray for the eternal repose of his soul with our Lord.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS

Best wishes to the following Dimasupils and spouses who are celebrating their birthdays in January, February and March: Myrna Espinosa (1 January), Hedy Duenas (2), Bobby Lastimoso (4), Lita De Guzman (5), Queenie Enriquez (6), Pert Molato (8), Cora Tomas (9), Edsel Salvana (14), Warlie Sadiarin (16), Joseph Young (16), Myrna Cordero (20), Roy Aguana (21), Ernest Escaler (23), Jun Avenido (24), Maryrose Dalipe (26), Ernie Dionisio (3 February), Myrna Andaya (5), Fernando Suarez (7), Lou Ibanez (11), Bay Obillos (18), Linz Gabuna (26), Senyang Austria (4 March), Lea Vallejera (5), Ching Aguana (8), Josie Dela Cruz (12), Nic Parena (20), Jun Ibay (21), Benny Ventura (21), Rody Duterte (28), Mely Gatmaitan (30), and Manny Dalipe (31).

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be reminded that we have to pay our annual contribution to the Social Amelioration Fund in the first quarter of the year in order to benefit from the discount for early payors. We also appeal to our more fortunate Dimasupils to give their additional donation soon so that our Fund can grow faster, enough to give bigger assistance to those concerned.

CLASS TRIVIA

Bernie Patino recently posted the following on Facebook: "If forcing sex on your wife is now rape, will forcing your husband to give you money not be armed robbery?" Until now, Facebook has not decided whether to delete this post or not.

In one of our Class forums, a Dimasupil suggested that we should have dancing once in a while. A lady asked, "How can we dance if our partner does not like to dance?" His partner's quick reply: "Well, you dance with your baston!"

May this year bring good health, love, peace, joy and prosperity to all Dimasupils and other Cavaliers and our families. May God be with us always!





ARTURO B CARRILLO
President
HECTOR TARRAZONA
Secretary



November 2019

On November 27, 2019 the class had a general assembly meeting and election of the board of directors. Elected to the board and later elected as officers of the PMA Class 1968 Foundation were Art Carrillo, President; Volts Gazmin, Vice President; Hec Tarrazona, Secretary; Alex Costales, Treasurer; and Nori Azcueta, Auditor.

To celebrate his 75th birthday, Hec Tarrazona hosted the lunch. In addition to the ordered menu, crispy black grapes and a shako-shaped cake were served.

Present were Bobby Santiago, Sonny Penilla, Volts Gazmin, Nori Azcueta, Mel Rosales, Alex Costales, Rene Santos, Willy Nuqui, Patrick Madayag, Art Carrillo, and Hec Tarrazona.

The ladies present were Shirley Costales, Rhodie Gazmin. Candy Azcueta, Isay Nuqui, Dolly Lim, andCecil Canson.

As an added regular activity of the class President Art Carrillo scheduled every second Wednesday of the month a prayer fellowship at Fort Bonifacio Aura.

December 2019

Our well attended Christmas party at The Metropolitan Club in Makati last December 1, 2019 seemed too early, but not really, considering that Christmas in the Philippines starts on the first day of the 'ber' months of the year, on 1 September.

The following attended: Art Carrillo, Arthur Juan, Mel Rosales, Bobby Santiago, Tony Sierra, Patrick Madayag, Rene Santos, Volts Gazmin, Alex Costales, Abe Abiol, Sonny Penilla, and Hec Tarrazona.

President Art Carrillo delivered the opening remarks followed by a simple dinner.

Tess Pangantihon must have convinced Guada Sol Pangantihon-Barcelon, her and Dodong's lovely daughter, to emcee the program. It was a big change and a great precedent. Perhaps another second or third generation of PMA Class '68 could be our emcee next time.

The hired Angel Jun Macabuhay Combo produced lively but somehow nostalgic music that mainly drew to the dance floor Tita Pangan, Tess Pangantihon, Roxanne Abiol, Marite Garrido, and Evelyn Erolin. The two male DIs led them to display their suave footsteps and smooth-swaying hips. Once again they were teenagers dancing to their hearts' content.

The other ladies present were Milette Rosales, Rhodie Gazmin, Lut Penilla, Carmen Madayag, Purita Santiago, Angging Dumlao, Shirley Costales, Celia Canson, and Pee Wee Tarrazona.

The closing remarks of Treasurer Alex Costales reminded us all that the most dangerous period in our life is from 70 to 79 years old. It was meant for us to take good care of ourselves and to love one another. Yes, at our ripe age who else will love us more, except our immediate family members, and our classmates and their spouses?

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!





JAIME S DE LOS SANTOS
President
JUSTO P MANLONGAT
Secretary

The golden jubilee year (2019) of the class culminated in a most memorable Christmas party held last 2 December 2019 at the Philippine Army Officers Club. One of the highlights of the affair was a performance of magicians that entertained the attendees: apos, children, and Suaviters. It was an outstanding show courtesy of Rene and Odette Aguda.

Last 26 November the Suaviters golfers participated in the BIRC Golf tournament, Class 69 sponsored Hole No. 18. It is the only class below class 70 that volunteered to support the tournament through a hole sponsorship. The following deserves a laudable commendation for extending financial and moral support, and for participating in the tournament. Ike Begonia, Manny Carranza, Rene Aguda, Jess Regala, Jimmy delos Santos, Rey Berroya, Benjie Defensor, and generally to the class for wholeheartedly supporting the activity.



As always, the yearlong series of activities showcased the unity and stability of the class nurtured with long years of camaraderie and fellowship, garnished with class grace and beauty of its irresistible ladies.

Happy New Year to all.









RUFO A DE VEYRA
President
MARCELO R GARCIA
Secretary

The 2019 Christmas party of Magiting 70 was held early last Dec. and was attended by the following (together with our OAO's): 1) Rufo de Veyra, 2) Dionet Santiago, 3) Garic Chika, 4) Glenn Rabonza, 5) Willy Lorenzo, 6) Danny Sta. Clara, 7) Rudy Ocampo, 8) Bang Adriano, 9) Eloy Garcia, 10) Mike Coronel, 11) Ed Israel, 12) Sonny Atienza, 13) Nestor Santillan, 14) Clyde Fernandez, 15) Bob Nuqui, 16) Romy Gojo, 17) Teddy Delarmente, 18) Dodong Resos, 19) Vic Signey, 20) Primo Esguerra, 21) Roy Cimatu, 22) Bert Tagayuna, 23) Nesty Carolina, 24) Willie Parayno, 25) Egay Galvante, 26) Romy Acop, and 27) Mar Ilagan. Of course, our Mas Magitings were with us (or else@#$/^&*!).

The following Magitings celebrated/ will celebrate their birthdays this 1st qtr, 2020: 1) Romy Acop, 11 Mar, 2) Sonny Atienza, 18 Feb, 3) Ed Castellanes, 11 Feb, 4) Flor Domingo, 9 Feb, 5) Mar Gomez, 15 Mar, 6) Ed Jonson, 31 Mar, 7) Ram Ocampo, 12 Jan, 8) Glenn Rabonza, 12 Jan, 9) Maning Reyes, 5 Feb, and 10) Bay Suemith, 26 Jan.Best wishes and our felicitations on your natal days.

Groundbreaking ceremony for the 12-room Magiting Wing project will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, 08 February 2020, at the VMMC to be attended by the Class, Director Chiong, and DMCI project contractors after all plans had been finalized. Golf fellowship follows.





EDGAR B AGLIPAY
President
JOSE C LALISAN JR
Secretary

Happy New Year and welcome Year 2020, the year of the Metal Rat!

According to the Chinese Horoscope, the Year of the Metal Rat will be a year of new beginnings and new opportunities! The rat symbolizes strong vitality due to its strong reproductive capacity and its fertility. The rat has the first position in Chinese Zodiac. Hopefully, the year 2020 will be a productive one to all of us.

Class Christmas Party 2019

Last 14 December 2019, the class had its Christmas Party held in the Valle Verde IV social hall in Pasig City. This was preceded by mass and short meetings of the Matatags and Mas-Matatags. The party was a blast with the music provided by a live band Highway 54. Music of the 70s was played to the delight of everybody. There was a line dance led by some DIs and several games that made everyone active. Hosted by Dra Nona Legaspi and with the support of Oca Martinez and Rollie Garcia, the program was managed beautifully. The exchange gift format was instructed by Dra Nona where a big circle was formed by all participants and gifts were passed on to another either to the left or right depending on the story being read by her. It was fun although there were several instances when the instruction was not followed by some, maybe due to "hard of hearing" or that "senior moments" prevailed. Ouch! The raffle time was just as exciting. A 50-inch smart TV was the grand prize. Popop and Evie Ocampo donated some sacks of rice to all who were there. Those present were Egay and Mawie, Rollie







and Malou, Wency and Puring, Rey and Benjie, Oca and Jinggoy, Jerry and Verna, Joey and Celia, Popop and Evie, JB and Beth, Bobsac and Eden, Bert and Marmie, Aris and Nina, Ruben and Fe, EQ and Vangie, Mel and Hazel, Tito and Dra Nona, Tex and Phatz, Dong and Lulu, Dania and Chato, Rene and Sara, Boy Caste and Barrie, Rey and Fim, Dick and Annie, Dan and Arlene, Stan and Lolit, Gel and Lyn, Amba Jun Paynor, Sec Greg Honasan, Jake Malajacan, Ed Elona,Pastor PabyPabuayon, Dan Belonia,Jun Fabros, Obet Pagdanganan, Annie Lim, Beng Ibo, Jo Galvez, Tet Domingo, Marie Velasco, Jennie Domingo, Lita Gil, and Sandy Navida.

Golf Fellowship and Bonding Time

The class golfers or the Hampaslupa '71 (HL'71) as we call ourselves had a great time in the fairways last December 2019 and this January 2020. There were golf plays that were sponsored or hosted by individuals or group or just our ordinary weekly games. We also joined in some tournaments like the Year-end Navy Seniors, The Year-End Navy and Aguinaldo tournaments, and the Corps of 70s hosted by PMA Class 1970. Last 18 December, the PNP Group hosted the Golf Tournament in Beverly Golf Course in Pampanga and after which, the group visited our sick mistah, Ralph Flores, in his residence in Angeles City. The PAF Group hosted the golf play at the Villamor Golf Course last 23 December. The joint Army and Navy Group will host theirs at the Navy Golf Course on 13 January 2020. There were grudge

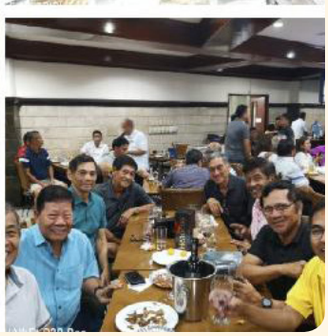












fights among the players which made the golf fellowships more interesting due to "bragging" rights of the winners. There were also members who called themselves the *Hampaslupa* '71 Corps Squad namely Oca Martinez, Rene Paredes, Rey Acop, Dong Tabamo, Dan Perico, and Jun Fabros. They are doing their secret practices at Beverly Fairways to hone their swings and putting. Anyway, whatever the results of the game will be, the most welcome part is the fellowship. Win or lose *dapat lahat masaya*. That is now the mantra of Tito, Beloys, Totoy, ReyAl, and Rollie over a bottle of beer.

The HL'71 Prexy Tex Balmaceda is happy that the class can now generate four to five flights participating specially during the sponsored tournaments. This is a positive development and hopefully, there will be more mistahs who will participate this year and learn the gentleman's game of golf.

"ME" Time and Travels

Last 2 January 2020, some Matatags and Mas-Matatags had a "ME" time during lunch time at The Seda Hotel in BGC. Those who were present were Romy and Elbe Dominguez, Stan and Lolit David, Boy and Barrie Castellano, Mel and Hazel Acosta, Dong and Lulu Tabamo, Rey and Benjie Rivera, Tex and Phatz Balmaceda, Mas-Matatag President Verna Albano, Jane Honasan, Jennie Domingo, and Lita Gil.

Just recently, Dania and Chato Perico had their Asian Cruise to Thailand while Rey and Mina Alcasid with Dong and Lulu Tabamo spent some time in Lourdes for their annual pilgrimage there.

Meanwhile, Amba Jun and Tess Paynor and Popop and Evie Ocampo visited Los Angeles to join the necro mass for the late mom of Bob Sacramento. Other who joined them were our foreign based mistahs Archie and Rose Almario and EB and Ching Fernandez.

More travels, bonding times, and fellowships for the year 2020...let us toast to that!

Quote for this Issue: *Write it in your heart that every day is the best day of the year.* Ralph Waldo Emerson / JCL/5 Jan 2020

APOLONIO P LACERNA
President
CELSO G CASTRO
Secretary



Warm greetings and belated Happy New Year to all.

Everybody for sure enjoyed the magical moments of the holiday season. Let us thank God for the blessings He bestowed on us. As last year unfold, we welcome 2020,the year of "metallic rat" which according to some Feng Shui experts is the year of new beginning and full of opportunities to make things happen for us particularly for those who were born during this Zodiac sign. Unknown to some of us, 1972 is one of the four classes "born" in the year of metallic rat. We can vividly recall, way back in 1968 when we were plebes, we had our own version of "metallic rot", a ritual employed by the "uppies" using metal protectors to "entertain" us. Remember? For now we have one common and simple wish for each other: "may the good Lord keeps us healthy, trouble-free and happy always." Here are the class news updates for the months of November and December:

Class Officers Meeting: The Class Officers met last November 13 at PNGC. The main agenda of the meeting was focused on the final preparation of the 4th quarter social/fellowship and Christmas party to be held jointly on December 8 at PNGC. The final plan for the conduct of the Outreach program as recommended by the ladies was also discussed in details. It was suggested to solicit donations from Masigasigs either in cash or in kind to augment the 40K budget allocated for the purpose. The plans for the 2020 Homecoming was also a part of the agenda particularly the proposed class activities, billeting, uniforms, transportation and budget allocations. The Class Sec was tasked to coordinate the availability of bus and band, hotel accommodations, catering and venue for the Valentines party on Feb 14. Mistah Orly Buenaventura was unanimously designated as the Bus Commander. Those who wish to avail of the bus may signify to him for listing.

Outreach Program: The outreach project was held last December 8 at the House of Sumang (Home for Elders) located at Better Living Subdivision, Las Pinas city. There was a special program prepared by Ludy to entertain the occupants of the house. Bing Valencia shelled out cash (personal donations) as prizes for the winners of the parlor games. The class donated two electric fans and assorted laundry items, shampoo, bath soaps, toothpaste and other similar items. In the end, the said outreach program was a total success. In its simple way, it brought happiness and joy even temporarily to the elders of House of Sumang who were abandoned or rejected by their loved ones. No words can describe their happiness and contentment at that particular moment. When the program was about to end, they expressed their thanks and gratitude to Masigasigs and in unison asked a question of *"kailan kayo babalik, we love you."* Kudos to our Ladies Working group for their patience and dedication in the planning and execution of this laudable project (Alyn, Yolly, Melba, Faith, Vangie, Neris, Cely, Choly, Mila and Ludy). Thanks also to Bing, Pol and Alyn, OG and Melba, Mel and Emy, Ludy and Nanette who took their time out during the conduct



of the project on behalf of Masigasigs. Likewise, we thank and commend the following Masigasig Samaritans who donated cash and assorted items: Ogie Alino, Ed Gador, Torch dela Torre, Vic and Boots Carag, Alex Quirante, Dulce Bismonte, Manong Ben and Babes and Lucille Flores. Thanks for your donations. May your tribe multiply.

4th Quarter Fellowship/Social and Christmas Party: The joint 4th quarter social/fellowship and Christmas party was held last December 8 at PNGC. That was one of the most attended socials we ever had with 78 Masigasigs and ladies in attendance. After a long absence, we were very pleased of the presence of Bobby and Chiquit and Elmers and Lily. Direct from LA, Angie Vilches who happened to be here making follow-up of her pensions was also there. The biggest surprise was Tita Catalan who came in a wheelchair direct from Veterans Memorial Hospital where she is presently confined. Accompanied by her daughters and apos, she received rounds of applause and cheers as she entered the venue. From Maryland, Vic Carag was also there with his charming OAO, Boots. He intends to stay here longer to attend the 2020 Homecoming. We also rejoiced the presence of Eric and Marivic Aurelio. The fellowship and social were interrupted momentarily with variety of group games and raffles of cash prizes, courtesy of our kind patrons, Jun Espino and Mayora Mely. As a whole, the fellowship and socialization was superb. As the saying goes everything has its end, so everybody sang Christmas carols and Kaydet Girls as the party neared its end.

Fellowship/Social at Manong Ben's place: Once again Manong Ben hosted a fellowship/social at his house at GSIS Village last Jan 5. This is a fulfillment of his yearly standing invitation to the class in time for the lighting off of Christmas lights displayed at his house. The light display is a family tradition that Manong Ben religiously does yearly in memory of his loving wife who died years ago. As usual there were plenty of foods to partake and endless supply of drinks. The Knights of the Sacred Hearts choir provided music that spiced the subtle atmosphere during the occasion. Those present were: Bing and Yolly (earliest birds), Ric and Cely, Teody and Choly, Art and Carol, Gil and Neris, Ogie and En, Cel and Beth, Pepe and Ludy, Eric and Marivic, Abe and Lorna, Babes and Lucille, Alex and Daysin, Rey Ochosa, Glykes Sua and Odette Bibit. Thank you Manong Ben, you are really great.

Birthday Greetings: Belated happy birthday to our January celebrators: Cora Oliveros, Vic Carag, Elmer Romano, Mila Paguio, Ed Adan, Mol Sales(dec), Manny Teodosio, Beth Adan, Sheryl Luga, Pogs Santillan (dec), and Cris Balaoing. Happy birthday and felicitations to our February celebrators: Ping Berroya, Albin Rivera, Plo Lacerna, Lorna Abesamis, Rudy De Castro, Rey Jucutan, Helen Evangelista, Bobby del Pilar(dec), Ludy Vidad, Ogie Alino, Manding Naval, Lily Romano and Babes Flores. God Bless and may you have more to come.

Till next class call and enjoy the cool weather of the City of Pines.....oslec.





ALPHONSUS P CRUCERO
President
WILFREDO V GARCIA
Secretary

For this issue, we would like to highlight a few memorable events that the Class had been into the past months. They are the Christmas Party dubbed "Nostalgic Moments with the Marangals," the group visit to US-based Mistahs in Las Vegas, Nevada and San Francisco, California and the Jurado Cup Sports Competition. We would also look at what's up in 2020 for our Class.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

As in the past, we held our Christmas Party at AGFO Social Hall on December 14 at 6:00 p.m. Except for some who begged off due to prior commitments, we came over in full force with around 38 couples. The hosts, President Pons Crucero and his lovely wife, Marilou, were just so gracious welcoming each and every couple. The venue was perfect. It allowed us to socialize and greet everyone in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. The gentlemen hung around the self service bar for some liquor before the dinner proper. We later feasted on a sumptuous dinner meal made up of a variety of dishes and drinks.

Then followed by exciting raffles (thanks to Sec. Jun Esperon for the prizes) exchange gifts, fun games as well as singing and dancing the night away.

All in all, the party was a huge success. The preparation (thanks to President Pons Crucero and members of the committee) was impressive. The venue was festively decorated. Food and drinks overflowed. Above all, we fostered a greater sense of team spirit and bond amongst ourselves. We've spread the holiday cheers and wished everyone the best of health and a blissful year ahead.

Along with this, let me share a message by Fr. Art Ledesma about Christmas from another Viber group, which to me could be the true meaning of Christmas. He wrote:

"Christmas is celebrated everyday throughout the year. The joy you feel in visiting and meeting our friends is not just concealed in one short season but throughout your life. The sharing of gifts selects no time when there is compassion in the heart of the giver. You do not have to wait for the clock to strike 12 in order to hug someone. Time does not constrain us only at this point to do this. Feel the warmness of love and happiness all year through without limit, without time."

Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to everyone!

JURADO CUP USA 2019 AND GROUP TRIP TO CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

PMA Class 74 competed in the recently concluded Jurado Cup Sports Competition staged by the PMAAAI USA Chapter in Las Vegas, Nevada with the following schedule:

Day 1 (Friday October 25, 2019)

1300 – 1600: Bowling at Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas

Day 2 (Saturday October 26, 2019)

0700 – 1200: Golf at Revere GC, Henderson, Nevada

1700 – 2200: Karaoke singing at Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas

Day 3 (Sunday October 27, 2019)

0700 – 0830: Tennis at Las Vegas

0900 – 1030: Basketball at Las Vegas

1030 – 1200: Volleyball at Las Vegas

1300 – 1600: Luncheon/awarding and closing ceremonies

Class 74 won the Battle of Classes Golf Team Competition in the Seniors Division. Members of the champion team were: Jun Noble, Sonny Razon, Amy Tolentino, Tony Ramos, Danny Abinoja, Larry Doria, Willy Garcia, Rene Rieza, Ralph Amador, Pards Espejo. Willy Garcia also won individual awards.

After the Jurado Cup, the group made a side trip to Grand Canyon and to Lake Tahoe in California. The group also played golf at Lake Tahoe Edgewood Golf Club and San Francisco Presidio Golf Club. Other Mistahs went to other destinations like the Seven Magic Mountains in Nevada and to Los Angeles, California.

The schedule was a little tight and a bit hectic, but it was worth it. We had fun





CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS

JURADO CUP USA 2019







and bonding all throughout the trip. We would like to thank our hosts, Tony Ramos and his wife Nanette and Larry Doria and wife Boots for their efforts and hospitality in accommodating us during our visit.

The reply of one of our hosts, our Mistah Larry Doria was simply remarkable. And I quote, "The pleasure is ours. At this stage in our life, spending time, bonding and travelling with Mistahs Sonny, Willy, Amy, Rene, Boy, Ajie, Danny, Elbon, Oca, Pards, Ching, Peewee and their significant others whenever and wherever it may be are moments we will cherish for the rest of our lives."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

We are wishing all the best on this very unique day for all the celebrants. We hope that you continue to contribute to the lives of others with positivity, wisdom and love. Cheers!

January - 1- Abel Alonzo, 1- Manny Carta, 1- Mike Lopez, 4- Tito Cagurangan, 10- Serafin Padilla, 17- Boie Seville, 17- Fidel Sy, 20- Willy Dormitorio, 23- Boy Bernal, and 31- Pete Fernando.

February - 1- Oscar De Guzman, 7- Ace Tolentino, 9- Jun Esperon, 9- Ed Doromal, 13- Benny Cabrieto, 13- Romy Mayo, 14- Owen Luistro, 17- Bert Sylim, 18- Rene Rieza, 18- Romy Carlos, 20- Lito Tan, and 26- Oscar Valenzuela, and 26- Pipes Valerio.

March - 3- Rene Elumbaring, 3- Rufino Jun Lopez, 4- Ricky Dela Paz, 5- Rey Varilla, 8- Bong Franco, 19- Peewee Peralta, 19- Joey Flores, and 20- Oscar Marinas.

WHAT'S UP FOR 2020

A. Golden Jubilee Preparation

Our Golden Jubilee preparation is a work in progress. We will still constitute different Committees to tackle issues and concerns regarding Alumni Homecoming 2024, considering we would then be the most senior host. So far, we have already made and confirmed our Hotel reservation for the class.

B. Quarterly Birthday Party

Started only late this year, birthday celebrations will be observed every quarter for birthday celebrants.

C. Fundraising for a cause

We will see if we can have a fund raiser for a cause in 2020. We haven't had a fund raising activity for three years so it is about time to stage one this coming year.



EMILIO C MARAYAG JR
President
ZOSIMO D CARLOS JR
Secretary

Happy New Year to everyone! Happy Homecoming too!

General Assembly Meeting and Christmas Party

A RECORD of Sixty (60) Magilas gentlemen and three widows attended the Class Year-end General Assembly held at the Philippine Army Officers' Clubhouse last December 8, 2019. Through the intercession of former CGPA and CSAFP, Bong Ibrado, the class was charged gratis for the use of the Santos Hall and Luna Hall for the night.

Mistah James Sin delivered the nice invocation to start the general assembly meeting.

President's Report – Epoy Marayag summarized the accomplishments of the Association for CY 2019, as well as the plans for the class for the coming year 2020. Noted were existing class projects, investments, more participation of members in class activities, Acts of the Board of Trustees, Recognition of those 65 year old mistahs, encouragement of more physical and healthier lifestyle of all class members. The successful completion of the Magilas Charity Golf Tournament was also mentioned. Plans are also being made to look for other sound placement for our funds in available business ventures as well as investments.

Treasurer's Report – Carly Divinagracia updated the members on the status of the class fund. Emphasis was the big income generated by the Golf Tournament and our Andok's investment project. Also, all board resolutions and acts of management as enumerated by the Class VP Tanggol Gatdula were ratified by the assembly.





2019 Year Summary – Secretary Cholo Carlos presented a nice slideshow of pictures of class events to include the latest pictures of class members at their best.

This year's yuletide celebration was again filled with much fun and enjoyment. Dinner served was great, drinks and wine were brought in by individual class members, and the music was provided by the Phil Army combo and some guest singers like Milo Ibrado, while everybody (about 150 persons) enjoyed the night. Kudos to Efren Daquil and Nonong Cayton for the great preparation,which was like Alex Yapching always mentions, "Simple but Extravagant". Additional gratidute goes to the following mistahs. Carly and Louie Ticman for the two lechons. Sammy Narcise for the ensaymada. Wilson Young for the Tanduay gift sets. Abner for the gift bags. Toto Golez for the nice Magilas t-shirts and Tyrone Ong for the original Nike shirts with class logo.

Congratulations:

Six Magilas Brats were recognized during the evening. Mrs Angelique Corrine Carlos, Mr Milo Victor Ibrado, Dr Mutya Salvacion De Vera, PCapt Agmon Arca Alarcio, Mr. Angelo Narcise, and Dr. Erika Blanca Daquil. The proud parents who raised them were also present.

There are now 14 Magilas Brats awardees since we started the tradition in 2017. We hope to see again more Magilas Brats awardees in the future.

Congratulations also to Mr. Archie Armada as the latest honorary member of the class. Archie has been joining class activities for a long time and is an avid golfer, being a member of the Magilas Wednesday group who plays golf at the PNGC every Wednesday.

2020 ALUMNI HOMECOMING:

The PMA Alumni homecoming will be held in Feb 14-15. Let's go up to Baguio and enjoy the reunion. We guarantee a weekend of fun and laughter. The schedule of activities will be similar to previous years. Let's monitor our two Viber groups and Messenger group for updates and announcements. See you in Baguio, Mistahs.

Birthday Celebrants

Our birthday wishes to the following Magilas who are celebrating their special day: 1 Jan –Efren Daquil and Tess Rodriguez; 3 Jan – Pako Francisco; 7 Jan - Beck Perez; 9 Jan - Ramon Dela Cruz; 11 Jan - Vic Boco and Femar Defensor; 12 Jan –Bebet Ibrado; 27 Jan –Eleonor Legaspi and Myrna



GOD MADE LASALLITES TOO RICH AND UP STUDENTS TOO BRAINY. HE COMBINED BOTH TO MAKE ATENEANS TOO AIRY.

A LITTLE PERFECTION WAS WHEN HE COMBINED ATENEO AND UP, A BREED OF BRAINY, SLIGHTLY RICH, COMPETETIVE, YET HUMBLE INDIVUDUALS. GOD NAMED THEM AFTER A SAINT. HE CALLED THEM THOMASIANS,

BUT THEN, HE NOTICED THAT THEY ARE TOO SAINTLY IMPERFECT. THERE IS SOMETHING MISSING, SO HE ADDED LOOKS TO MAKE THEM PERFECT

LOOK AND BEHOLD! HE NAMED THEM PEEMAYERS.

BUT NOT YET SATISFIED, HE CATHERED THE MOST BRAINY, THE BEST LOOKING, AND THE MOST HUMBLE, AND NAMED THEM MAGILAS 76

Divinagracia; 28 Jan - Sandy Javier; 29 Jan - Sammy Tayag; 30 Jan - Allan Bontuyan and Eleonor Soriano; 1 Feb - Emil Lucero; 5 Feb - Olive Solidum; 7 Feb –Nong Ikbala; 8 Feb – Byron Tabangay; 13 Feb - Joey Salvacion; 15 Feb - Armand Rodriguez; 20 Feb - Karen Javier; 24 Feb –Paji Pajarito.

Finally, I would like to share a message from one of our dear Mistahs, Sonny Cachuela. "Mistah, wishing you the best for 2020. We will always march together in the parade of life. Walang iwanan, each of us has his own cross to carry but we will weather the storm that will hit us from time to time. Stay Positive and let's enjoy life".

GOD bless everyone.

RIC A DAVID JR
Pangulo
VIXI ABAT
Kalihim

MAG-ULAT!

SPORTS

Masikap golfers join several alumni-organized golf tournaments in Metro Manila and in Baguio.

TSIKENKLAB

1. We are merry "freedom fighters" of the long table! Frolics continue during our regular Wednesday lunches or during birthday treats.

2. Masikap celebrate krismas dinner in nice NDCP canteen. Gifts pa more! Merry mistahs and spouses enjoy the evening frolics. Maligayang Pasko

VISITS

1. Some Masikap couples visit Gov. Jurdin Jesus Romualdo in Camiguin. They enjoyed the island's festive activities. Salamuch, JJ. Hanggang sa muli." Come again to Camiguin!"

2. Raul and Levi BACALZO meet mistah LIM Kah Kee and wife, Cynthia, in Singapore.

OCCASIONS

1. We start leap year of the rat 2020 with positive vibes. Each new year offers us 365 opportunities to be happy.









♪♪♪
BAGONG TAON ay magbagong buhay
Nang lumigaya ang ating bayan
Tayo'y magsikap upang makamtan
Natin ang kasaganaan.

2. Some Masikaps and spouses trek back to Fort Del Pilar for the alumni homecoming. The annual "Balik-Loakan" for the Long Gray Line. Salute!

3. February 14 💕
THAT'S AMORÉ
o pag-ibig na makapangyarihan, kapag pumasok sa puso nino man hahamakin lahat, masunod ka lamang.
SWAK (Sealed With A Kiss)
Happy Valentine's Day!

4. LENT is a time to renew our relationship with God. Let's respond to His chasening hands and renew our spiritual vitality.
Pillars of Lent: AFP
~Abstinence, Fasting, Prayers

NICANOR A BARTOLOME
President
JEOFREY R TUPAS
Secretary

CLASSMATES ARE A BLESSING

Message of the Class President during the Mapitagan Christmas Party on Dec 15, 2019:

My dear classmates…

For so long a time we have regarded each other not just as brothers in arms but as members of a family. In fact, even more than that, with close kinship and cultural bond.

Over the years, from the time we established a common social relationship at Fort del Pilar until now, the natural affinity with each other has grown in our hearts in increased pace and in significant proportion. You will agree with me, when I say that neighbors and loved ones wish each other well, just as classmates do to each other.

If you still remember last Dec 2018 during our Christmas Party I said that, just like diamonds, classmates are forever.

This time I say that, "classmates are a blessing." We enjoy a different kind of friendship, unity, and trust which we have learned from the academy and embedded so deep in our system.

I have every reason to believe and expect that our bond as Mapitagans will achieve greater strength and prosperity in the coming years. Let us therefore, work together towards that direction.

From my family - Noemi, Nicar, Nico, and Neo- to all of you my dear classmates and family members, a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Before I end, let me acknowledge the following:

Chat Sugon, Kay Navarro, Gina Jubas, Esther Velasco and Beth Bernardino for joining our fellowship; Ed and Rockie Escueta for showing up every class Christmas party; Jess Lomeda for sending his greetings from Canada and Angelo Palmones from Cotabato; Henry Sy Jr and Anthony Almeda for the SM Gift Certificates; Mike Rodriguez for the Christmas prayer; Vic Caragan for





George Regis- Golf Champion again





being the genial host; Larry Cruz for providing the Air Force mini-band; and the Mapitagan ladies for the never ending inspiration.

Ben Mantele for always leading us in prayer every birthday fellowship with Cess Ordoyo as his alternate; Vic Caragan, Emil Sarmiento, Jeff Tupas, Ben Mantele and Juni Carbonell for ably representing me in different PMAAAI Board Meetings and activities.

I want to thank Tony Baraquiel, JV Javier, and Jeff Tupas for making sure that all preparations for our Christmas Party are done with ease.

Congratulations to our Mapitagan hampas-lupa for setting a standard and for always winning in golf tournaments led by the team manager George Regis with team mates Emil, Obe, Bongda, Bong C, Cess, Rainier, Joji, Paco, Macky, Bogs, Ted, Ager, Sammy, Larry, and Cobar. Congratulations, too, to Gerry Layug for being elected AGFO Board of Director and will serve for three years; and to Juni Carbonell for a successful stint as BIRC Board of Director.

Last November, we treated Del Lorenzo with a fellowship lunch at Gloria Maris Greenhills. We also welcome Jun Ancheta who is planning to stay for good in the country.

Today, we will induct into our roster Dr. Frank Gali, the assistant medical director of Veterans Hospital and Danny Saberon, a computer engineer.

Happy Holidays Mapitagans. Ahooo!



Lunch Reception for Del Lorenzo at Gloria Maris.

ALAN R LUGA
President
OSCAR P LOPEZ
Secretary

Finally, it is a new decade, and with grateful hearts, we thank the Almighty for all the blessings He has bestowed upon all of us these past years. Now we look forward to the future with hopes for better, brighter and more prosperous years ahead.

To cap our 2019, the Class celebrated the Christmas activities with a Disco-themed party at the Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC in Camp Aguinaldo last 15 Dec. Mistahs and their ladies came in their best interpretation of the 70's attire, and quite a number made an extra effort to re-live the get-up of the times. It was a well-attended affair where long missed classmates came, among them Cavs Bong Amon, Rico Salapong, and Manlulupig Peachy Victoria. Also present during the party are Cavs Harold Ochoco and wife Melinda, and Gabby Dizon, who came all the way from the USA. Mistah James D and wife Chona, as well as Kid Q and Aura, were not able to join the Christmas fellowship as they had to go back to the US earlier that week. The event was a lot of fun as the Dimalupig family participated in the parlor games, and dancing to the disco tunes thereafter. Generous mistahs also provided raffle prizes to spice up the festivities. Unlike in previous years, the Class decided to forego with the exchange of gifts. Instead, one of the highlights of the activity was the launching of the Class Project in time for our 40th Graduation Anniversary next year. Members of Class made some initial contribution/ seed money for the proposed rehabilitation of a room at the VMMC, and plans are under way to support this project. We therefore encourage the members of the Class to help in this endeavour.



The Dimalupigs



The Manlulupigs

It is but appropriate to acknowledge the Manlulupigs and Dimalupigs who helped in the preparation and coordination for the Class Christmas Fellowship and Party. Mabuhay kayo!

The Annual Alumni Homecoming has been set and many are excited to hike the plains of Luzon, and hurdle the mountains of Baguio just to reach their precious destination. Despite the euphoria, brace ourselves for the expected traffic in the city of Pines. Aside from the visiting alumni, quite a number of local tourists will flock to



The Candidates for Best Dressed Couples



The Dimalupig Christmas Tree - where pledges for the Class Project are placed.

this city at this time to have a taste of the cold Baguio weather, before the summer season.

A lot of activities have been lined up for the Alumni, and but foremost is our participation in the Battle of Classes. We have been the consistent winner in this event and everyone is trying to wrestle the Championship Trophy from us. So to our Team B players, let us give them a good fight. The Team A will be on stand-by in case help is needed. Let us all support our players with our prayers. We hope that by the time this publication is released, the Class will once again be proud to have retained that Championship Trophy.

And before we close, the Class would like to express its condolences to Cav Kid Q on the demise of his father, and to Cav MJ Mendoza, on the death of his mother. Again, always keep in touch through our viber group chat. Finally, a friendly reminder to all: Pray fervently, stay healthy and enjoy our retirement. God bless everyone.

ELMER R SORIA
President
PHILIP S FORTUN
Secretary

Last 11 Dec 2019, our Class Christmas Party was held at the Makati Sports Club and was attended by 82 Sandigans and their beautiful spouses. It was another memorable night of fellowship and merriment relatively well-attended, considering that our Class has dispersed far and wide after our retirement from the Service.



Worth noting that night was the opening prayers for the Class Christmas Party, which was delivered by our well-loved mistah Alexander Paunan Bote, where he praised God for bringing the Class together once again and beseeching God for the safety and well-being of every member of the Class and their families, which included those who were not able to attend. That was his last duty to the Class. A few days later, on 28 Dec 2019, our beloved mistah Alex, well-known for his happy and humble demeanor, went ahead into the Great Beyond at his appointed time to finally meet his Maker. Now, all we have are but fond and happy memories of him during his time with us. Though he left behind his loving wife Tess and children, Coco and Aya, they will for always remain to be a part of our Sandigan Family. To Tess, Coco, and Aya, nanditolang kami palagi para sa inyo, just as Alex will always have that special place in our hearts.

As always expected of him, our very own Mayor Rodrigo "Rambo" De Gracia of Sta Teresita, Cagayan gained another



feather in his cap, so to speak, as he was adjudged winner of the 2019 Search for Leader of the Year Award last 25 Dec 2019, a LGU Cagayan Initiative that searches for distinguished Cagayanons with outstanding leadership qualities and accomplishments. Congratulations, bok! You do make the Class proud and happy with such achievements you continually gain through your distinguished service to your constituents! May you continue to inspire and be emulated by other public servants for such commendable service!

For the game of golf, which has been very instrumental in binding our Class in continuous camaraderie both locally and abroad, the Sandigans actively participated in a number of tournaments in the last quarter of 2019, among them: the Corps of Retired Cavaliers Christmas Fellowship Golf hosted by PMA 70, which was played last 13 Dec 2019 at CAGC; the 4th Quarter Inter-Battalion Golf Tournament/Year-end Fellowship Golf and Christmas Party hosted by Sandigans for caddies, UGs, waiters, and CAGC personnel last 14 Dec 2019, where 100 Christmas gift packs worth P500 each were shared out to them and their families; the Magalong-RAB Golf Cup Golf Tournament held at the Baguio Country Club last Dec 19, 2019 in support of our mistah Baguio City Mayor Benjie Magalong; the CAGC Year-end Golf Tournament conducted last 21-22 Dec2019, where our very own Elmer S. won as 2nd runner up champion in the Seniors Division; and more recently, our Sandigan 1st Weekend Fellowship Golf for 2020 played out last 04 Jan 2020 at CAGC.

Not to be outdone, following the successful hosting by our SoCal-based mistahs of the 4th Annual Sandigan '82 USA Reunion Golf Fellowship, which included the PMA Class '82 vs The Corps Squad "Challenge" held at the Santa Anita Golf Course in SoCal last 09 June 2019, the 5th Annual Sandigan '82 USA Reunion has been set in Sacramento for 05-07 June 2020 (with NorCal organizers Tonton DG, Alex S., and Gene P. as host). Worth mentioning here is that Sandigan '82 won the over-all Championship Trophy in that said tourney and earned the bragging rights to say "No amount!" Ang bangis



talaga ng mga Sandigans! Congratulations are in order, however late, mgamistah! Per Paeng M., henceforth, following that very orderly and well-prepared hosting by the SoCal group, the schedule of hosting will be by mistahs based in cluster areas, as follows: 2020 – Sacramento; 2021 – Maryland; 2022 – Seattle; 2023 – Texas; 2024 – SoCal. This will be the rotation of hosting unless those in New York would want to host, too. Snappy, mga US-based mistah! Sana mas marami pang maka-attend na mistahs sa mga susunod na annual reunions that you have painstakingly set there.

May this year 2020 be a year filled with happiness, good health, peace, and security for all Sandigans and our loved ones! Let us all be careful of our health, mga mistah! We are not getting any younger.

Announcement: Our Alumni Homecoming Parade is set on 15 Feb 2020. Sandigan lunch will follow the parade. Play by ear na lang muna ang venue for the lunch, mga mistah, as it has not yet been set as of this writing. But surely, our sumptuous Sandigan dinner will be at the FVR Room of the Baguio Country Club starting at 6:30 p.m. See you all there!-- JimMonta82--

SALVADOR MB MISON JR
President
FRANCIS B ALAURIN
Secretary

Who are the Maharlikans, the PMA Class of 1984?

The consecration of our honest toil, hard work, professionalism, devotion to assigned tasks, and service above self mainly characterizes the almost four decades of active armed services of the members of the PMA Maharlika Class of 1984. Heeding to the call of Filipino Soldiery is, in itself, an impeccable ride of our lifetime, selflessly dedicating unquestioning loyalty to the Filipino People and Flag that requires constant readiness of us, the foot soldier, pilot, sailor and policeman, at the beck and call of our mission.

The year 2019 has seen the official termination of the armed services of the *Maharlikans* that we look back, once more, and, finally, put to rest, our short, time-honored service to the Filipino Nation.

So, who are the *Maharlikans?* What do we stand for? What do our armed services mean to our professional organizations and the Filipino People? What are our collective, as well as individual accomplishments that made the difference to our services? What is truly our Class identity?

Certain values, traits, virtues and qualities best characterize the *Maharlikans* and are the foundations of who we are as a Class. Many of them may have predated us long before we saw the light of days, more so, made the first step on the hallowed grounds of Fort del Pilar, but prove to be the hallmarks of our time so that we may preside over the smooth transition of the reign of leadership to the next generation of leaders.

Allegiance to the Constitution and Flag. The *Maharlikans* have tenaciously defied security threats defending and securing the peace and stability of the Filipino Nation. Ten of our Class members, fallen by enemy bullets - and the 18 more who died of service-related illnesses – paid dearly the cost of our freedom. Their martyrdom, including the unheralded sacrifices and accomplishments of every Class member collectively has ensured that the Philippine Flag continue to fly under the blessings of God and egalitarian democracy; kept the integrity of our sovereign nation intact; and, secured the archipelago from foreign intrusions and near-dismemberment. It was the Maharlikan leadership which directed air, ground, artillery, sea and armor lethal fires and hastened the conclusion of the Marawi and Zamboanga crises. Our infallible cast in the intelligence service denied global terrorist of their apparatuses, network and infrastructures to undermine the peace and tranquility of our people. Upholding the tenet that 'public office is a public trust', it is to our highest interest to preside over the honest, credible and orderly conduct of national and local elections so that smooth and peaceful transition of elective positions is achieved. Once unmoved by prospects of military adventurism, we remain solid and strong, rallying behind the Constitution.

Providing strategic guidance and direction. We formed an integral part – and, many times, led and presided– in crafting of campaign plans, National Military Strategy, National Security Strategy and National Security Policy that provided renewed strategic guidance and direction to operations, administration and management of our organizational missions. The concept of'winning the peace' was a legacy, as well as such strategic approaches as'whole-of-government', 'whole-of-society', 'whole-of-nation', 'support operations', 'multi-stakeholder convergence' and 'joint war fighting' dramatically altered every soldier, sailor, aviator and policeman's notion of war and the management of conflict. The term, 'West Philippine Sea', was coined during the *Maharlikan* tenure that proved highly contributory to securing the country's patrimony in the contested Kalayaan Group of Islands before a Permanent Court of Arbitration. We adopted and sustained a more substantive, utilitarian application of National Security that, from a mere survival of the State or state-centric approach, to a more comprehensive concept of Human Security that addresses deep-seated, multi-faceted societal problems of the Filipino Nation – an exponent of professional and modern armed organizations

Adherence to institutional reforms, excellence and professionalism. We take defense planning as indispensable to public policy where decisions made during the Mahalikans' watch shall have potential effects in the decades to come. We are





deeply committed to the transformation and professionalization of our institutions, drawing up road maps, codes of ethics, and making the ethical standards and public accountability a way of life. The armed service ranks we achieved are the testaments of hard work, duty, responsibility, accountability and meritocracy as we accord our offices, personnel and service to the Filipino People with utmost dignity and respect. With the *Marharlikans* at the helm, cases of national significance have been resolved with resounding resoluteness: outright suspension of policemen involved in the infamous 'Ninja Cops' controversy; recovery of no less than Twelve Billion Pesos (P12 Billion) worth of government lands and properties lost to informal settlers and squatters at the Libingan ng mga Bayani; and, timely revision of campaign plans against illegal drugs that caused substantial reduction in the country's crime rate by 46% - yet, choosing to stand tall and undeterred of political, institutional and legal aftermaths.

Commitment to personal growth, far-reaching excellence, innovation and creativity. Continuing search for a progressive education and training is a hallmark of Maharlikans. Where "our best is not good enough", we continue to pursue higher education and personal improvement, even beyond our armed services. Seeking assignment to learning institutions is not only a factor but an objective, it being an important leverage to knowledge and greater wisdom, and to institute values, reforms and professionalism in our ranks. Astuteness in combat and non-combat fundamentals to win battles, peacetime conflicts and natural catastrophes – such as logistics, intelligence, psychological operations demostrated during the Marawi Siege, Super Typhoon 'Yolanda', oil spills, forest fires, etc. – are strong *Maharlikan* attributes. We submit to strict checks and balances in personnel administration, audit review and inspection that strengthen our resolve for continuing institutional professionalism. 'Failure is not option', a creed of every *Maharlikan*, both in active armed services and those who found new homes in foreign soil, where our strength in values and character, inarguably, trace immovable roots from the immortal mottos of **COURAGE, INTEGRITY and LOYALTY.**

We are the stewards of the moment. Bonded by common values, traits, virtues and qualities, the *Maharlikan* brand of leadership ensured that the armed organization remains worthy of the trust of the Filipino People, never compromising our sense of Honor, Service, Patriotism and Professionalism.

"Our responsibility to ourselves and the performance of our duties will be the example set for our fellowmen to follow." **- Andres Bonifacio**

Maharlika Seal -

Class Motto - Maharlika (Noble, Man of Nobility), May 1980
Rallying Call - 'Keyword. Keyword', Southern Cruise, 1982
Unifying Songs (Southern Cruise, 1982) - 'You', Basil Valdez; 'Kahit Ika'y Panaginip Lang', Basil Valdez; 'Tiger in the Rain', Michael Franks; 'Rock Lobster', The B52s; 'In Your Eyes', George Benson; 'Nothing's Gonna Change My Love for You', George Benson; and 'Lady', Kenny Rogers
Food of Survival - Bukayo





RAMON B MITRA
President
RAMIL RB ENRIQUEZ
Secretary

Greetings fellow Maringals. As you are reading this Class Call, we shall be forming in mass in the hallowed grounds of Borromeo Field for the PMA Alumni Homecoming. Two of our own, Maringals Jojo Gacal and Joyet Esquivel, have received their PMA Alumni Awards in their own respective fields. Let us try to produce more Alumni Awardees.

Let us also cheer the MGAers who will be competing for the coveted Champions trophy in the annual Battle of the Classes Golf Tournament. Go MGA!!!

Everyone is also enjoined to attend the birthday celebration of Maringal Erwin Neri who will be bowing out of the service on 16 February. Maringal Abet Cruz will follow come March 11. A number of Maringals will soon also enter the ranks of BIRC this year but they will be mentioned in the next Class Call.

Maringals are set to hold key and more sensitive positions this year. Gentlemen, we have reached that point in time and really, it is our turn to lead.

Mabuhay ang mga Maringals and have a happy Homecoming everyone.

FILMORE B ESCOBAL
President
PERFECTO P PEÑAREDONDO
Historian

Warm Sambisig Greetings!

It's just another year to go before our class will mark three decades after graduating from PMA. We have come a long way indeed: from enduring the drought-stricken grounds of Camp Aquino, Tarlac in the summer of 1987; to surviving the turbulent period of coup attempts until 1989; to rising from the shaking effects of the July 1990 earthquake, our cadet days have been full of challenges until graduation day on 17 February 1991.

Approaching three decades after all those years in between, the class now has at its forefront a leading pack of 15 Star Rank Officers in various Uniformed Services. An equal and growing number are now occupying O-7 positions so that in due time, stars will fall on their shoulders too, even as more active service members are occupying "jumping board" positions awaiting for their upward movement in their remaining years before compulsory retirement.

Meanwhile, life went on for those who left the active service earlier as they built their own careers either in public or private sectors. Most of the class members are in contact with each other by proximity of assignment, places of their residence, formal and informal meetings including some rounds of golf, or simply via social media. Not to be forgotten are 20 Sambisig fellows who have gone ahead of us whose legacy and heroism are annually marked by organized wreath-laying activities at Libingan Ng Mga Bayani which for last year was held on 10 November.

Before the past year 2019 ended, a sizable number of regular, adopted, associate and honorary members with their dependents attended the traditional Christmas Party last 21 December 2019 at Acero Hall, Bonifacio Naval Station, Fort Bonifacio. It was truly a fun filled evening with frolics, songs, dances and exchange-gifts.

For posterity's sake, the accompanying images of class activities for 2019 have been collated by Cav Gerry Parinas (Salamat for sharing your talent bok). For online viewing kindly revisit or join if you are not yet listed in the Facebook Private Group: Sambisig '91 EXCLUSIVE.

For the 2020 Alumni Homecoming, our Class Officers under the lead of PBGEN FILMORE B ESCOBAL PNP have planned the conduct of a Valentine's Ball on the evening of 14 February to be attended by Regular, Associates, Honorary Members and their



Spouses and kids/brats and other invited candidates for membership as a prelude to the Alumni Parade the following day, 15 February 2020. Thanks to the Academy Chief of Staff COL LEANDRO V ABELEDA III (INF) GSC PA for facilitating the internal arrangements for the venue and other requirements that will ensure the class' active and meaningful participation in the 2020 Alumni Homecoming.

As Sambisigs march ahead towards the coming year 2021, we all look forward to a more unified, intensified and expanded membership when our turn comes as Senior Host Class by then...

MABUHAY SAMBISIG!#

JOEY A ESCANILLAS
President
RANDY O REMONTE
Secretary



Welcome 2020! The only year where everybody's vision in life is very clear!

Firstly, the Class would like to congratulate Alex Musngi as the new G3 of the Philippine Army succeeding an equally snappy mistah, Jun Mandanas who can now concentrate on his thesis writing and submitting turn-ins as a MNSA student. After several years of being in the service, it may be one way of reminiscing the sweet struggle of being a cadet and student at the same time. From the round-the-bush blubbering as plebes, familiarizing the cadet's lingo, up to the escalating responsibilities of a first class cadet, I'm pretty sure we all had our fair share of stories of struggle and success to tell. Of course, sympathizing and collaborating with Mandanas on this trip to memory lane are 20 other Army Maalabs— Danny Alzaga, Marion Angcao, Lennon Babilonia, Gerry Besana, Lutz Carin, Chi Coronel, Leroy Daanton, Prexy Joey Escanillas, Arnel Fernandez, Jigz Gesolgon, Wally Icaro, EmongLachica,Ali Macawaris, Rudy Magallanes, Eddie Pilapil, Romnick Romanillos, Ambo Rustia, Rannie Sevilla, Allan Taguba and Velay Velasquez.

Similarly, occupying significant positions at HPA and GHQ are Pat Amata - G7, PA with Vic Llapitan as his Deputy; Mike Licyayo - Deputy G2; Rey Ga- Deputy G3; Dens Iddoba-Deputy G4; Mel Cordova - Deputy G5; Nic Quemado - EXO, IG; PidroBurgonio - Deputy AIR; Mars Gayat - Deputy CMOR; Deocs Deocadez - OJ2; Jason Almagro - OJ7; and Mike Logico and Alex Salgado at AFPETDC.

Meanwhile, still hiking and exploring the plains and urban areas of Luzon are Ray Abaya – Deputy AAR; Hubert Acierto – CS, AAR; Ronald Alcudia – CS, ARESCOM; Arnel Floresca – ARESCOM; Jun Abad – IG, NOLCOM; Rodney Intal – U3, NOLCOM; Mike Banua – FSRR; Levi Palomo – SFR(A); Enteng Clemente – TRADOC; and Leo Pagaduan – Comdt, Engr School, TRADOC.

Elsewhere in the Visayas, Ricky Bunayog continues to enjoy his island hopping adventure in the beautiful beaches and golf courses in Cebu, Bohol and Negros as the new GC, 7RCDG, ARESCOM with Tatang Napisa (CENTCOM) sometimes joy rides with him.

By choice or with no other choice, nine Army Maalabs are currently assigned in the Land of the Promise making significant contributions in the AFP campaign down south and despite the risk of location, occasionally enjoying the wonders of nature that Mindanao majestically offers because who would want to miss out on that? Espoy Espuelas, Tony Dulnuan and Randy Remonte are the IG, GSMO and G3 respectively of 4ID, PA. Consequently, adding up in the diversity and vibrance of Maguindanao's population is Jon Goyena who now serves as the new GSMO of 6ID with Ed Delos Reyes still serving as G1. Greg Nieveras is now the GSMO of 1ID while Arsing Sadural is at EMC relaxing as the unit's IG. Honing their bunker shot skills in the far island of Sulu are Chris Tampus and Vlad Cagara as DBCs of 1102nd Inf Bde, 11ID and 1st BCT, respectively.

Meanwhile, five Maalabs are currently enjoying a new environment in foreign countries either as students or serving special duty. Tex Suderio, Jack Jacinto and Ronnie Babac are in US while Monib Mamaois in Indonesia? Taking up MNSA-equivalent courses. Romy Bautista, on the other hand, left a month ago for Australia to serve as our country's ADAFA.

And lastly, not to forget are the Maalabs in the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard— our white-capped mistahs, Peter Jempsun DG assumed as the Superintendent FTDC and Josel DG as CS, NIC both in Sangley Pt Cavite City. Ike DS assumed as DCNFNL in Poro Pt La Union as well as Soc D as DCNFEM in Davao, and Vince S arrived from Australia graduating in Strategic Studies. The few and the proud, the Marines to include the Maalab BIRC are still well entrenched in their respective fox holes except for Benhur S who assumed as Security specialist in Ayala Malls.

For our coast watchers: Louie S recently finished his Command-at-Sea and now assumed as DC, CGSSF in Manila. Ronnie G assumed as Commander, CGLSC and Alan DV as Commander, CGDNCR based in Parola, Manila and Charlie as Commander, CGDNWL and Nimrod E arrived back from UK as CG Attache and now as CG5.

BIRC update:

Ronald Ruiz - The Ascott Limited Philippines
Leo Fetiza - UN





Benhur Simeon - Ayala Malls Group
Mark Semon - Cebu Pacific
Jal Aguilar - Alveo Land Corp
Cesar Paramio - Cebu Pacific
Joseph Saludo - Unilever
Siegfred Sanchez - Cebu Pacific
Anton Altamarino - Accenture
Randy Mallilin - Toronto, Canada
Willy Gonio - Accenture
Jun Odoño - Toronto, Canada
Clifton Marasigan - UN
Dagul Suico - Phil Air Asia
Totie Natividad – UN
Mark Milan - Herma Shipyard, Bataan
Mark Fernandez - PAL
Lindsey Rex Sagge - Cyber and Private Security Entrepreneur
Robert Bosch - PAL
Jun Morente - PAL
Gino Gervero – PAL
Earl Reyes - Indonesia
Nestor Garcia - Businessman in Nueva Ecija
Jun Aruta - Dubai
Luther Ecobiza - Texas, USA
Jun Tacandong
Ide Lopez - Seattle, Washington, USA
Joed Galapon - Samal Island
Zander Nanong - Bristow Helicopters Nigeria
Art Diesto
JJ Moreno - Metro Retail Stores Group Inc
Bluey Bagaipo - First Consolidated Bank, Bohol
Roel Valdez - PAL
Dicky Encabo - Mining Industry (Zamboanga & Negros)
Fidel Cao - Sabah Air Aviation SdnBhd Malaysia
Ato Jimenez - Entrepreneur (Tacloban/QC)
Ian Vives - PAL
Ricky Yabut - Norwich, England
Tony Ico - New York, USA
Joseph Evangelista - Cardiff, Wales, England
Ronjon Razon - Massachusetts, USA
Olan Diego - Canada
Jagger Guererro - New Jersey, USA
Ferdie Abad - Australia
Phelps Lucena - Florida, USA **PalmixPalmero -** Australia
Wendell Cachero - Illinois, USA
Mark Antonio - Australia
Bronson Ciano - Philex Mining Corporation, Benguet
Dominic Pagulayan - Baguio City
Jo Alcido - Indiana, USA
Carlo Resurreccion - Pangasinan
Onjo Miana - Texas, USA
Fajie Fajardo - San Fabian, Pangasinan
Edwin Vigilar - Texas, USA
Jun Dispo - Alpha Aviation, Clark, Pampanga
Eric llagas - Texas, USA
Dong Banatao - Alpha Aviation, Clark, Pampanga
Makuls Demaclid - UN

Truly, time may have passed by quickly but it leaves a shadow behind. Over the years, successes from out mistahs not only defined them individually but also defined the quality of our class.

As what former President Ramos said in his speech during our commencement exercises 26 years ago: "Every citizen, regardless of economic or social position, has a hero's heart, aflame with the passion to help and to do good to others. Among ordinary people, it may take extraordinary circumstances for the heroism to emerge. But for a PMA graduate, that heart beats constantly."

Mabuhay po tayong lahat!

RONALD M BAUTISTA
President
IVAN M SAN JOSE
Secretary

Note. In this call, on the silver anniversary of the Class, re-published is the symbolism of the coat of arms all Marilags hold dear. Together with *A Silver Story: Philippine Military Academy Marilag Class of 1995* published in the other pages of the magazine, this is hoped to better enable members to better understand the whys of the individual, and Class character.

The Coat of Arms of Marilag Class of 1995

The Wings **-** the inherent power and great potential of the Class to soar in excellence.
The Red Shade in the Wings- the courage of the Class to face dangers and challenges in its struggle to strive for excellence.
The Golden Sun- represents the sun of the national flag, hence the innate patriotism of the Class.
The Three Stars of the Arcs- represents the stars of the National Flag, and three major services of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.
The Blue and Red Colors of the Shield- signify that for the same colors of the National Flag; the blue being for peace, truth, and justice, and red for patriotism and valor.
The Double Arcs Above the Golden Sun- attest that the Class submits to an overarching authority which comes in different levels.
The Knight's Helmet– symbolizes the membership of the Class to the Long Gray Line.
The Letters CCAFP **-** represents the membership and loyalty of the Class to the Cadet Corp, Armed Forces of the Philippines.

95 in Gold **-** the year the Class (will) graduate; the numbers being in gold signifies the claim as the Best Class.

The Saber- signifies the inherent responsibility as officers and gentlemen of the Class, and their authority as future officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The Cadet Sword- symbolizes the responsibility, and authority of the members to the Cadet Corps.

Both Saber and Sword Holding the Chain **-** signifies the cadets, and graduates find common affiliation in the eight companies of the Cadet Corps.

The Chain of Eight Links **-** represents the eight companies of the CCAFP, bounded towards a common aspiration of the defense for country.

Marilag **-** the Class name, signifying the *Highest Form of Excellence.*

The Banner in Red **-** symbolizes the Class recognizing the danger, and the shedding of blood in the profession of arms.

The Laurel Leaves to the Right of the Crest **-** as adapted from CCAFP coat of arms, symbolize the perpetual desire of the Class towards excellence, and victory.

The Sampaguita Leaves to the Left of the Crest **-**as adapted from the CCAFP coat of arms, signify the distinct Filipino Honor in the performance of duty as officers, and cadets of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The Triangular Diamond at the Bottom **-** symbolizes the distinction of the Class as the first recipient of the Tri-Service Academy System.



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Adopted by the Members in 1991
Lecture Hall "A" , Philippine Military Academy
Fort del Pilar, Baguio City



DENNIS G GUILLERMO
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ADONIS P MATINONG
Secretary

After the event of New Year Celebration for 2020, many of us are doing order in our lives. Everything after 20 years, our graduation seems just yesterday. But that length of time became a time counting issue as we came to think of life decisions of different kind. Many spent it better than others. Some became very successful in their career while other had been pacing behind. Twenty years became a magic border to discuss either to seek a progressive military career or taking the "greener pasture" of new ventures.

As the cavaliers had been excited to attend the Homecoming it may come into the contemplation either we return to rekindle our oath of pledge to the Alma Mater or it became just a matter fun and visit to the old long-standing institution called PMA. Either or both, it just a matter of personal intention.

By this 2020 Alumni Homecoming, it is however exciting to expect seeing the greatest number of "Mistahs" attending to such occasion compare to the last 20 years. Worth-noting are the events that responsible officers had tremendously made effort to plan and prepared. Through "viber" exchanges of messages, the contributions of social media disseminations helped created the series of plans and program on how the event will proceed and progress.

Thus, I take this privilege to inform all Sanghayan Cavaliers that there were already multiple Viber groups that any Sanghayan can reach out for information. Personally, I came to be a member of these few viber groups namely: PMA Sanghaya (Important); (Bolahan) 2K Sangahaya; PMA Sanghaya Navy 2000; Sanghaya Zamboanga group's CDO Group. Therefore, everybody is encouraged to reach out those viber groups through the respective administrators. Additionally, other unmentioned viber groups may disseminate those during class meeting for posting.

Lately, however, everybody seems to be all busy in discussing/exchanging particular issues, updates or information to the respective viber groups. It deemed helpless to expect any more information to be incorporated in this class call issues prior to my last posting in the PMA Sanghaya (Important) Viber group regrading other inputs to disseminate. Therefore, in behalf of the outgoing Sanghaya President and the class officers, let me just greet all Sanghayan a well-deserved 20 years of existence after graduation. Seeing you all this 2020 PMA Alumni Homecoming is worth time commemorating of our camaraderie and bond-to-life connection. It is very exciting to see everyone in our best form and walking proud again to the field that signify the making of what became of us.

Lastly, though uncertain of the details, the class election of new officer may proceed during the homecoming period. However, these developments should not be left unnoticed without mentioning the successful leadership rendered by the outgoing Class President Cavalier Guillermo and his untiring class officers for the past few years held. Many reforms had been initiated and issues had been resolved during his stint. Worth mention as well are the Major Service set of officers whom had been responsible to handle their specific functions,respective responsibilities and particular challenges. All these efforts will be manifested and showcased during the entire alumni homecoming activities. It is therefore worth praying that a new/fresh set of officers will render more developmental and progressive program for the welfare of the class. Expectedly, his will bring forth tremendous challenge to the incoming set of class officer to assume the helm of class leadership. May the formulation of vision and strategy as well as the specifics of program and objective for the class sooner be defined and established. In that regard, with so much hope and positivity, may the force be with us and more power to PMA Sanghaya Class 2000.



RODERICK V GEMINO
President
RONALDO M MAMANGUN
Secretary

The year 2019 has been a colorful, meaningful and full of blessings to the "MANDARANGANs". It's been a favor in areas where we gained accomplishments, and milestones in our vocation and family life.

One of the highlights of 2019 was the conduct of our Christmas Party hosted by GHQ assigned Mistahs last December 19 at the OJ8 roof deck, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. Special thanks to Benjie Carag for the venue and food preparation, Julius Taniza for the raffle prizes and for Game Master Mark Ruby for his ever-creative games and generous prizes. We are sure that the MANDARANGAN Ladies were very much happy and of course, happiness continued the next day!!!

Last year was an academic blessing for our class. Three of our mistahs completed their respective CGSCs abroad. Congratulations to Senior O-Tacs V. Mabix (US), PJ Malano (New Zealand) and Nick O. (Korea). Likewise, Myrvin Gargar is currently taking his US CGSC and enjoying the snows in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Missouri will also graduate this coming June. To the following mistahs who will take-up their CGSC abroad for 2020, good luck and make us proud: Tara V.C. (South Korea), Jerry Jau (Germany), Don Raul E. (Spain) and **another one from the Army(SF)** to be announced later (Australia).



Likewise, our class also welcomes the additional blessings to the MANDARANGAN family, healthy and cute (improvements) kiddos, the brat twins J. Pepe and baby girl Arvin Acong – **Mga Anak ng Baka!** Those who want to add some more, be **Nike! Just Do It!** As to those who want to join the ball bashers club led by Pres. Papa Pax, see you at the fairway. Fore! Also for those who want to join the growing number of MANDARANGAN Tri-athletes, signify thy intention to the Father of the MANDARANGAN Triathlon Club, Coach M.J. Navs and be part of the literally "strong men" of the class…be strong like D.L. Cutoy and new MUX club member Mark Sprite. Our TRY-athletes F. Tanjo and J. Pepe will be joining soon! How soon? Find out Seh!



As to our assignments, majority of us are in GHQ and Major Services Headquarters already. Worthy to mention is the first Battalion Commander of the class, Mr M.L. Dee-R, congratulations mistah!

The strength of every MANDARANGAN warrior is a fellow warrior on his/her left and on his/her right. We, as a class, have learned and throughout the years, looked after each other. That is why we have and still is reaching great heights as a class. This is who we are…the **PMA MANDARANGAN Class of 2003.**

As we begin another year, let our life be filled with hope, renewed strength, and optimism that abundant blessings will be upon us this 2020. To all the Mandarangans, let us always be reminded of our commitment to perform our sworn duties with **"Excellence"**. In this connection, let us all see each other in the Borromeo Field this coming February during the AHC 2020 to witness our very own mistah and epitome of excellence, **Mark Ruby – Cavalier Awardee for Army Operations 2020**. Congratulations Mistah and Mabuhay Mandarangans! To God be all the glory.



LENELL A LACSON
President
MICHAEL ANGELO E CASTRO
Secretary

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020 to all MANDALANs here and abroad.

A decade has open up again to our new chapter of service to the nation. Your class officers wish you all of God's blessings to you and your family, and whatever endeavors and plans you are into.

Last 07 December 2019, a Tri-service Christmas Party was held at Grand Rivera Suites Condominium, Function Hall, Roxas Blvd, corner Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila on 1800H. The Class Presidents of the tri-services were all present at the said event. PMA – Maj Lenell Lacson, PNPA – PMaj Lory Tarrazona and PMMA – LCDR Jonathan Seguritan. It was a night of warm bonding with our brothers in the other services. The event was hosted this time by our contemporaries from the PNP.

The following day, 08 December 2019, our Class Christmas Party was held at Headquarters AIR, PA Swimming Pool area. It was well represented by our mistahs coming from the different branches of service. It was also attended by the spouses of our mistahs who were gone before us. Still, many of us are deployed in the field during this period.

Mrs May Sheil Capio and Mrs Ivy Taganas were present on the event to include their daughters. The class extended a cash gift to each child to include also the child of our late mistah Cav Roldan Samera who is currently in the US.

As what have decided earlier by our class officers, the class attire for the upcoming Alumni Homecoming this 2020 will be Bush Coat for those who are still in the active service, while the short sleeve Barong for those non-active class members. See you all there mistahs. Again, HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020







Tri-Academy Christmas Party 2019
(PMA-PNPA-PMMA)

Date: 07 December 2019 (Saturday)
Venue: Grand Riviera Suites Condominium (Function Hall), Roxas Blvd corner Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila

Time	Activity
1800h	• Registration
1900h	• Prayer • Singing of National Anthem • Opening Remarks • 1st Photo ops
1930h	• Dinner while listening live music
2000h	• Acquaintance/introduction of attendees • Serving of wine/beer
2030h	• Games & raffle
2130h	• 2nd Photo ops • Updates/information dissemination from each Academy • Closing Remarks
2200h	• End of program

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