

BMA Newsletter – April 2012

Photo Edition Newsletter of our 2011 BMA Reunion

THE HYATT REGENCY ALL SUITES RESORT HOTEL PALM SPRINGS, CA

The BMA Alumni Association wishes to extend their appreciation to **Judy and Richard Parker '64** for their efforts in securing this outstanding venue for our 2011 BMA Reunion at such a reasonable price.

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - BOB DOWNS '61



At our 2011 Reunion in beautiful Palm Springs, we celebrated the 70th, 60th, and 50th class reunions for the 1940-42, 1950-52, and 1960-62 classes respectively. The oldest cadet in attendance was **Leonard Cardoza '41** and his lovely wife of 68 years, **Jane**.

Early arrivers enjoyed the Palm Springs Street Fair on Thursday and golf kicked off the Reunion event on Friday. As Chairman, I held the traditional 'Memorial Ceremony' recognizing the cadets who had fallen in battle during WWII, Korea, Grenada, and Viet Nam and their children in the Gulf War. Cadets were asked to share their life stories and the

influence that Brown Military Academy had on them.

Time was allowed for shopping and sightseeing in the afternoon and we then gathered for the cocktail hour and to view the excellent 'Memorabilia Display' provided by **Gary Moore '63**. At the dinner event, an auction was held whereby we raised \$700 to be donated to the "Navajo Indian Code Talkers" organization (see article to follow).

Attendance at this Reunion was increased over recent reunions and memories will linger long. There was great lodging, fantastic food, and exciting renewed friendships of both the San Diego and Glendora campuses. We invite any cadet who attended Brown Military Academy to attend our next reunion to reunite with their classmates and celebrate the memories of the Academy.

BOB DOWNS '61, Chairman



Saturday morning gathering for our war dead memorial and stories. (left)

Joe Moag tells stories at the morning get-together. (right)

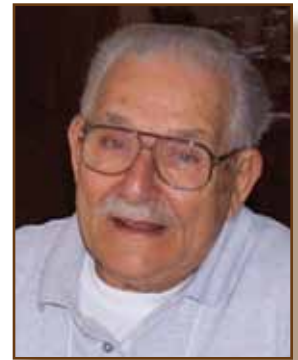


INCOMING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - ROY ZUKERMAN '50

As I gingerly embark upon the quest for a great 2013 BMA Reunion, I am deeply aware of the great footsteps I must follow. My predecessors have each built upon the successes of those who went before, and I can only hope that, with the invaluable aid and assistance of the Reunion Committee members, I can do the same.

As the youngest San Diego cadets move closer and closer to their 80th birthdays, which most of my classmates will have reached when next we meet, it is amazing to me how clear the memories of our cadet days remain. It is what we learned then that makes us what we are now.

There remain many of our friends who haven't participated in the reunions, and I call upon each of you, both from San Diego and from Glendora, to locate one of those lost sheep and entice him to our next gathering at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel in San Diego. Costs will be very reasonable as **Judy Parker** has been negotiating on our behalf. Keep the weekend of April 27 and 28, 2013 available for this next BMA Reunion.



ROY ZUKERMAN '50

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REUNION CHARITY EVENT/NAVAJO INDIAN CODE TALKERS

For each Reunion, the Committee Members solicit recommendations of a military organization we might assist by donating funds collected through our 50/50 drawing and auction held at the reunion. On occasion, the donations have exceeded over \$1,000. **Bob Downs '61** brought the suggestion to the Committee that we support the "Navajo Indian Code Talkers" who were invaluable during WWII. It was agreed to support this organization as they are building a library to commemorate their unique service. **Richard Parker '64**, **Mitch Lewis '66**, and **Ron Schloss '50** each donated \$100 for the baskets and one room night to be auctioned. The bucket of Corona Beers captured the most interest. In addition to a \$700 donation to the Code Talkers, \$200 was raised for the BMA coffers.



Dotti Schloss twists arms selling drawing tickets to Theo and Virginia Rola. (above)

John Cardoza donates his winning to additional auction action. (left)

MEMORABILIA TABLES

Gary Moore '63 once again outdid himself by providing a fabulous display of BMA Memorabilia including many annuals, uniforms, sabers, and swords. A previously displayed M-1 rifle was sorely missed as it

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Memorabilia on display at dinner. (right)



MEMORABILIA TABLES (continued from page two)

brought back memories of relentless drills, parades, and Sunday reviews where most of us carried them; the officers had light duty with the sabers and swords. Attendees lingered long over the various tables of items and shared experiences brought to mind by what they were reviewing. Gary keeps these items and accepts new offerings as they are donated. *CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH GARY*



Perusing the memorabilia display. (left)



Memorabilia on display at dinner. (right)

KICKING OFF THE REUNION "GOLF EVENT"

Mike Hinton '64 did a great job heading up the golf event at Taquitz Creek in Palm Springs with the best turnout yet. There is always a lot of 'joking around' between the San Diego and Glendora groups. Although we are all 'one' in our Alumni Association, there is still competitiveness.

The following has been contributed by **John Barnett '56**:

In Golf – Where did the term "caddie" come from? – When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis King of France learned that she loved the Scots' game of golf. So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a Military School...I think this can be substantiated by **Al Owings '44** as he was SGT of the Guard. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland, she took the practice and **Al** with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced "ca-day" and the Scots changed it to Caddie.



Jack Sparn, Linda Sparn, Caryn Moore visiting at the bar.



The intrepid golfers.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT - DOUG HALBERT '50

To continue receiving Newsletters and Announcements, it is a must that you notify me of even the slightest change, i.e., zip code or area code as well as home address or e-mail address.

Keep asking your fellow cadets to join our BMA Alumni Association. Contact me with their name and address so I may send them an invitation to join our Association. This invitation tells them about our history and purpose.

DOUG HALBERT '50, ADJUTANT

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TREASURER'S REPORT - RICHARD PARKER '64

We have \$3295.56 in the BMA account at this time due in a large part to the donations from last year! **Ron Schloss '50 and Dotti** have waived the costs due to them for Newsletters and stamps for several mailings.

Thanks for all the donations from cadets and we look forward to the next Reunion in San Diego in 2013. Donation checks should be made out to the BMA Alumni Association and sent to my address below.

RICHARD PARKER '64, TREASURER

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BMA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - Michael Milligan, son of BMA Cadet Phillip Milligan (Deceased):



We have had the privilege of having Michael address our Committee regarding his History project...as part of his 'Expeditions in History' and in the case of BMA, to honor his Father. He and his wife attended the Palm Springs Reunion and Michael continued his interviewing of BMA Cadets so their stories can be archived. We appreciate his interest in doing this and look forward to the ongoing progress and his published document.

*Mike Milligan and
his wife collected oral
histories from the
alumni.*



The breakfast crowd.

CLASS PHOTOS



1940s



1950s



1960s



Chairman Bob Downs presents Dotti Schloss with a BMA golf shirt.



Anton Felando tells tales!



We had a full house at dinner!



Richard Parker, Anton Felando, and Caryn Moore enjoy the warm poolside atmosphere for some pre-reunion planning.



(above) Meeting old friends in the lobby on arrival day.

(below) Margaret and Howard Nelson



Becky Kipe, George Kipe, Mitch Lewis, and Richard Parker at the lobby welcome table.



Breakfast Saturday morning. (below)



Jack and Linda Sparn (above)



Garnett and Kathryn Williams (right)



Enjoying the dinner show.



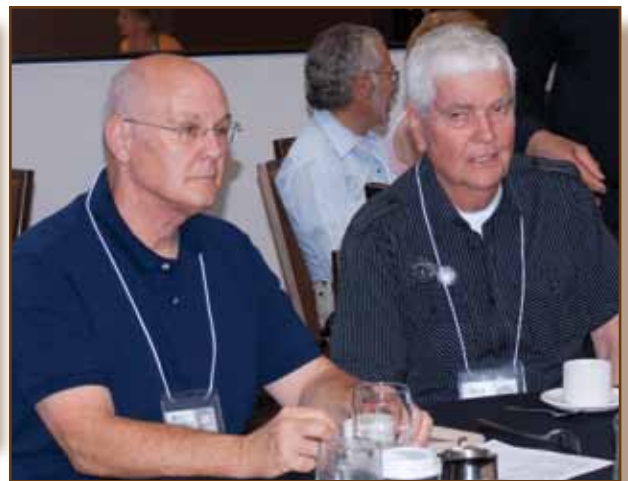
Jannette and Larry Curti



John Dugan



George Kipe



Bill Rogers and Bill Heslington at breakfast.



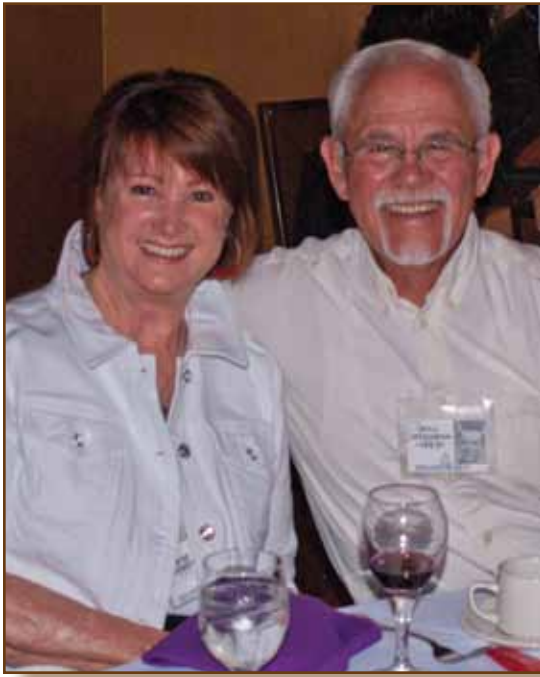
Al Owings charms the ladies.



Margo and Bill Hight



Saturday morning gathering for our war dead memorial and stories. (left)



Lane and Bill Heslington



Joe Stolzoff and Bob Short at breakfast.



Stevan Moffat



Henri and Maria DeRoule



Jack Sparn spins a yarn.



Jane and Len Cardoza receive a gift as the senior member present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Jim Dowden '55 wrote and noted his year physically had been difficult but he intended to make our 2013 reunion. He and his wife have long been regular supporters of our Alumni Association.

George Baylor '63 wrote to Dotti Schloss, "Thank you very much for your note. Especially, thank you for your incredible support of the Alumni Association. You are irreplaceable and wish you could continue your work on the Newsletter.

I loved my two years at BMA and wish I was closer to the Reunion events. It is my hope that I can inspire my '63 classmates to support our 50th year (in 2013) as I especially plan to attend. I have had conflicting family/high school reunions, so I hope it all falls together for the next BMA reunion".

Nico Saad '56 sent his new e-mail address: nico.s@snhotelcasino.com and noted he would be unable to attend the last reunion as it conflicted with the Baja 500 which he has long put on in Mexico. Hopefully, we can arrange to have our events on different weekends. Nico has often offered his beautiful hotel for our event and those who attended a reunion there years ago said it was fabulous and what a great host he was.

*Kathryn and Garnett
Williams with Bill and Diane
Rogers. (right)*



John Stogsdill and Howard Nelson



Dinner visits.

CAN YOU HELP FIND THESE PEOPLE OR PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM?????:

Alicia Kingman-Imus - I am trying to locate fellow cadets of my father **Jon Albert Kingman** who attended BMA from 1957-1960. Since his recent passing last May, I have been trying to continue a book on his life that he began with me. My email is: ak-i@comcast.net. Thank you for any help you might give me.

Sharon Tooley is trying to locate **Randy Armstrong**, daughter of **Colonel Armstrong**, as they went to school together. She remembers Brown Military Academy and is amazed at the changes over the years. If anyone knows how to contact Colonel Armstrong, whom she believes was a teacher in the 50's, please contact her at djsj21643@aol.com.

Alberto L. Rodriguez is looking for old transcripts from Brown Military Academy where, he notes, "my father and uncles were cadets from 1937 to 1942 circa". He would like any information or guidance on where he can research this in San Diego. He further said, "This would mean a lot to my family and me". He can be contacted at islasanjosebcs@msn.com.

BMA PHOTOS FROM THE 40's:

Ferris Smith '47 sent these photos noting he had had them for a long time.



Joe Moag tells stories at morning get-together.



Memorabilia on display at dinner (left and above left)

Final Taps

ROY RODRIGUEZ '58 - PAST BMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN -

Roy's daughter notified us that he passed away in April 2011 having been diagnosed with a very aggressive form of cancer last year.

Roy was the first Alumni Chairman after the Sharpenbergs retired from their many years of service to our Alumni Association. During Roy's tenure as Chairman, and because of his creative thinking, a plaque was placed in Pacific Beach designating the location of the BMA campus there. We meet at this location at each reunion held in San Diego to honor the fallen soldiers from our classes. Roy obtained special recognition of BMA in the form of a U.S. Congressional Proclamation declaring Brown Military Academy Day and received commendations, proclamations, and resolutions from the Senate, the County of San Diego, and then Governor, Pete Wilson. A color guard presented the flags at the ceremony to place the BMA plaque. It was a huge event for the Alumni Association.

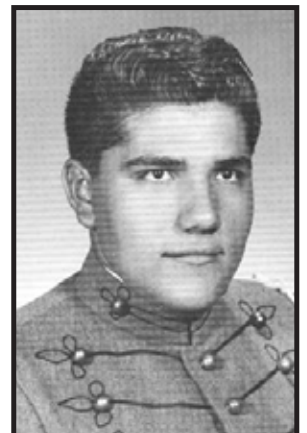


JIM MORGAN, SR., age 91, passed away August 22, 2011. He attended Brown Military Academy and his remarkable obituary, provided by **Janie Kirk**, is lengthy and we are unable to publish it due to space. However, she noted that he lived in Lewisburg, West Virginia, home to the Greenbrier Military School, founded in 1812. He was the seventh generation descendant of Morgan Morgan, the first settler of West Virginia. After a remarkable career, he and his wife returned to Lewisburg to operate the General Lewis Inn. Janie Kirk lived in Claremont, CA from 1946 to 1968 and knew of the Glendora BMA campus. *(no photo available)*

ZACHERY T. WALTER, MID-40'S ALUM passed away on May 15, 2011 in San Jose del Cabo, Baja California Sur, Mexico. **Ed Checkert '59** wrote to us to say Zach had been living in Mexico for over 20 years and was Ed's neighbor in the little town of Buena Vista. Zach had been ill for several years.



CARLOS A. TORRES, Sr., '62 passed away on November 17, 2011. This note from his son: "My father passed away this morning from complications due to cancer. He spoke very fondly of his time at BMA and attributed much of his "who he was" to the time he spent at Brown. After he graduated from BMA my dad enlisted in the Marines and served his country proudly in Vietnam, receiving several medals. After coming home in 1965 he joined the Sheriff's Reserve as well as becoming Executive Vice President of my grandmother's business (Ramona's Mexican Foods Manufacturing Company). He married my mother, Susan Looney, in 1974 and had four sons (Carlos, Jr., Martin, Michael, and Brian). My dad retired from the Sheriff's Dept. in 2006 after 30 years of dedicated service. In 2005 he was diagnosed with the cancer which would eventually take his life. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family."





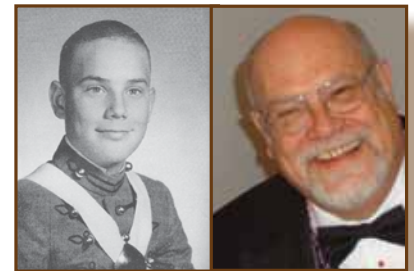
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NEW EDITOR/PUBLISHER - MICHAEL SANDERS '64

Unlike most of you, I was only privileged to attend the academy for two years. My third grade at San Diego and my ninth grade at Glendora. At the end of my freshman year, in 1961, my parents made the decision to relocate back to San Diego and I of course went with them. I had attended Harding Military Academy next door for two years prior. After moving, I graduated from Escondido Union High School and then Palomar Jr. College and San Diego State.



My business career has consisted of basically two occupations. My first 15 years of employment were for Household Finance Corporation as a branch manager- vice president in Southern California. In 1980, I tired of the dangling "corporate carrot" and on a whim moved to Northern California where I learned the trade of running a printing press. My wife of 34 years and I have owned our own printing firm since 1981. We have two grown boys and six wonderful grandchildren who live in Southern California. I semi-retired last year and Sally runs the day to day of our firm now.

I am very active in the Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities and of course, when health permits, GOLF. I look forward to meeting some of you in 2013, and equally trying to help Dottie get out the newsletter in the future. We hope you like this new format and we welcome any and all suggestions. Future articles and photos can be emailed to bmanews@ShastaOfficeServices.com or snail mailed to me at 356 Franciscan Trail, Redding, CA 96003.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. By the way, I have forwarded the address of a good friend of mine to Doug. Many of you will remember him as an instructor! William Jefferies, ENGLISH I and II.

MIKE SANDERS