

BMA Newsletter - Fall 2013

Photo Edition Newsletter of our 2013 BMA Reunion

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

First and foremost, we, the BMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION would like to thank our 2013 Chairman Roy Zukerman and the REUNION COMMITTEE for the work and effort in making our 2013 reunion in San Diego a wonderful success! We also want to thank those who came to the stage and described their experiences before, during and after the war at BMA in San Diego. It was interesting and a whole different perspective that we haven't heard before now. Thanks Roy for coming up with that!

Our evening was further enhanced as our auctioneer, Garnet Williams raised \$1500 for "THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT". Good job! And it was fun.

Nico Saad '56 and I, Richard Parker '64 have "volunteered" to serve as co-chairmen for the 2015 Reunion. We will both work with the Alumni committee to insure our 2015 reunion is a success as well!

We invite any and all to join us at our committee meetings, or feel free to send your ideas or suggestions to us to be discussed by the committee members at these meetings. This for ALL of us...and we do value your input! Please help us make the reunions a place you will all enjoy and look forward to attending!

Nico Saad & Richard Parker, "TIME MARCHES ON"

The 2013 all-school reunion was a great success, with attendance from San Diego alumni who were in school during WWII, to Glendora alumni who went on to serve in Vietnam. It was really wonderful to see classmates and friends from other reunions, as well as some new faces.

I can't claim much credit for the success, which resulted from the hard work of many people, not the least of whom were Richard ('64) and Judy Parker. Judy's travel agenting skills were key to getting a great hotel and banquet menu at a reasonable price. The contributions of Ron (JC '50) and Dotti Schloss to getting the word out were also invaluable; and of course our Adjutant and fellow '50 classmate Doug Halbert made his customary contribution to moving things along.

As usual the commemorative ceremony at the shopping center plaque (which some of us remember as being at the site of the parade ground), was inspiring, and reminded us of the dedication to their country so many of our peers demonstrated. In that vein, we were able to make a substantial donation to the Wounded Warrior Project thanks to the generosity of our banquet attendees.

As each two-year cycle finds more cadets of my generation joining the roster of the fallen, and others becoming medically unable to attend our festivities, the dwindling nature of our group is more and more forcibly driven home. That makes it all the more important to round up our MIAs and get them to join the fold in 2015!

Nico Saad ('56), whom many of us know as a most gracious host, and the first of our non-U.S. cadets to assume leadership of a reunion, can be expected to organize another wonderful experience as Chairman, with the able and proven assistance of Co-Chairman Richard Parker.

Mitzi and I look forward eagerly to seeing you there!



*Newly elected co-chairs
for 2015, Richard Parker
and Nico Saad*

Roy

CLASS PHOTOS



1950

*Doug Halbert and
Roy Zukerman*



1956



1955

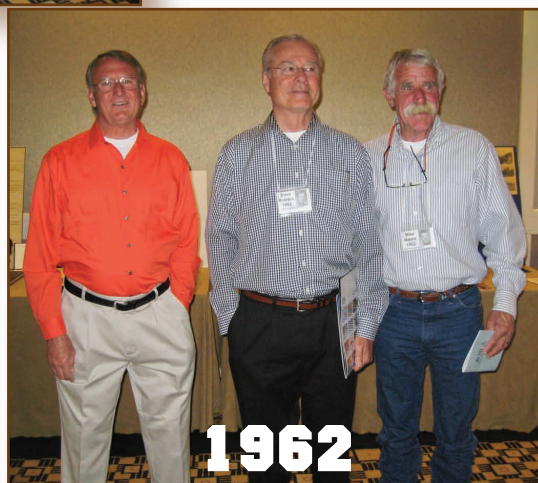
Howard Nelson, Tom Laskoski

*L-R Gary Menke, Bob Barbour , Bill
Packwood, Joe Gutierrez, Nico Saad,
John Barnett, Joe Moag , Front Row:
John Stogsdill , Larry Curti*



1961

*L-R Joe Stolzoff, Garnett Williams, Bill Walker, Bart
Hilliard, John Dugan*



1962

Duane Metcalf, Dave Bowers, Mike Moore



1964

*Skip Brown, Richard Parker, Mike Sanders, Stevan Moffit,
George Kipe, Mike Hinton*

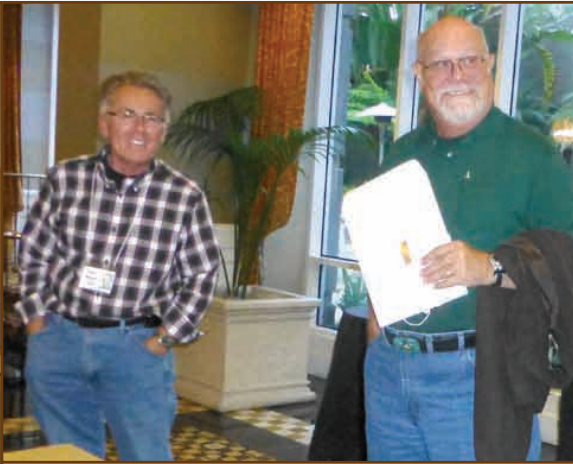


1966

*Jim McCray, Paul Nobman, Gary Law, Bob Upshaw,
Paul Sulli, Ronald Miller*



Bill MacFarlane, 1945



*Welcome table with Gary Moore '63,
and Mike Sanders '64*



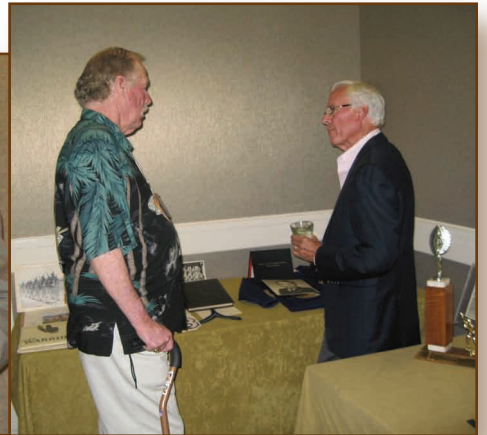
Axel "Paul" Williamson 1948



John Petty, 1952

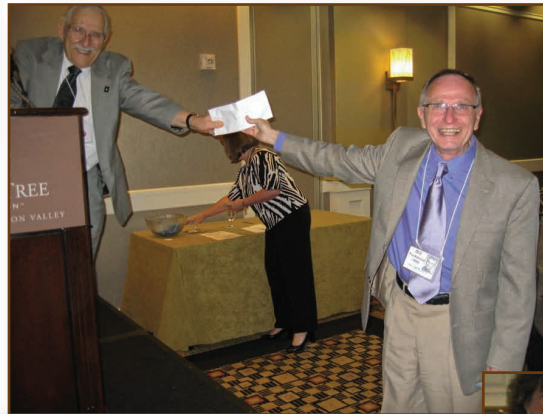


Arnie Kachok and Roy Zukerman



John and Garnett enjoy a side bar

*Chairman Roy Zukerman
presents Bill Packwood
with the \$600 50-50 purse.*



*Arnie Kachok,
1949*



Joe Moag, Barbi Moag



Bart and Colleen Hilliard



Howard Nelson '55 and Mike Hinton '64



Doug Halbert '50



*Doug Halbert '50,
Roy Zukerman '50
and Mike Sanders '64*



*Jack Sparn '63 as
General Corona*



*Garnett and Kathryn
Williams*



Reception area welcome table



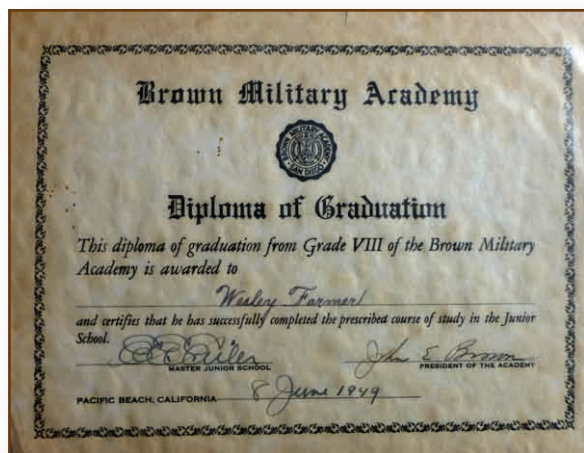
*John Barnett '56
at the welcome
table with
Richard Parker '64
and
Howard Nelson '55*



*Richard Parker with Mike McCray and Cheri
showing off the John Brown Award salvaged by
Mike from the local JBU owned radio station.*



Caryn Moore (Gary '63) and Jack Sparn '63



Wesley Farmer's proof of graduation.



Doug Halbert '50, Ronald Miller '66, and Mike McCray '66



Doug Halbert '50 and Roy Zukerman '50 at BMA monument



Jim Griffith '63 with his wife Cynthia

Howard Nelson '55 and wife Margaret



Jack Sparn '63, Bob Upshaw '66, and Gary Law '66



Garnett Williams '61 conducts the auction for Wounded Warriors.



*Paul '66, and Nancy Sulli
with Cheri and Mike McCray '66*



Bill MacFarlane '45 and wife Janet

*Garnett Williams '61
and wife Kathryn*



Garnett Williams '61 and Mike Moore '62

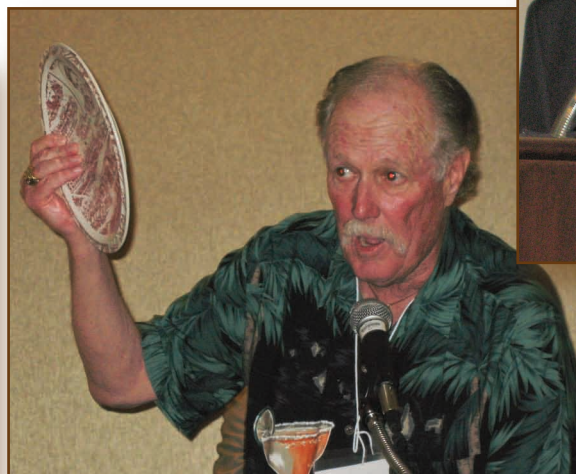


*Arnie Kachok '49
telling stories*

*Len Cardoza '41
re-tells early tale.*



Paul Sulli '66 and wife Nancy



John Dugan '61 auctions a treasure



BMA monument and gathering memorial crowd



The golf crew Garnett Williams, Mike Moore, Skip Brown, Jack Sparn



Lost Cadets memorial at the Old BMA Monument



Nicco Saad '56 and daughter



Happy Hour lasts all weekend



Tom Laskoski '55 and Len Cardoza '41





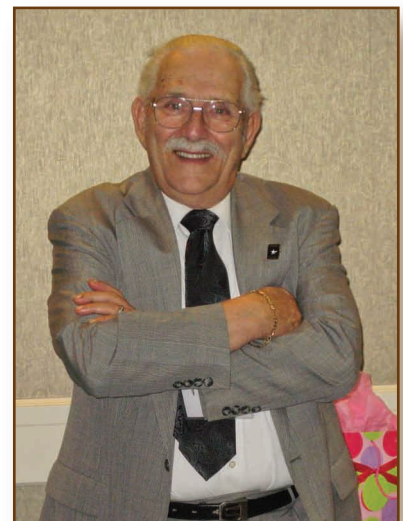
Mindy and John Stogsdill '56



Dinner Buffet



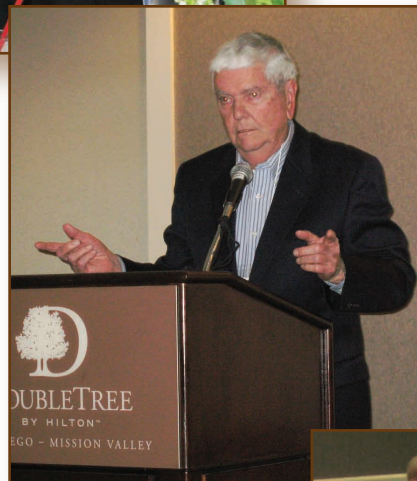
Gary Menke '56 with Nadine Trier



Roy Zukerman '50



Nico Saad '56



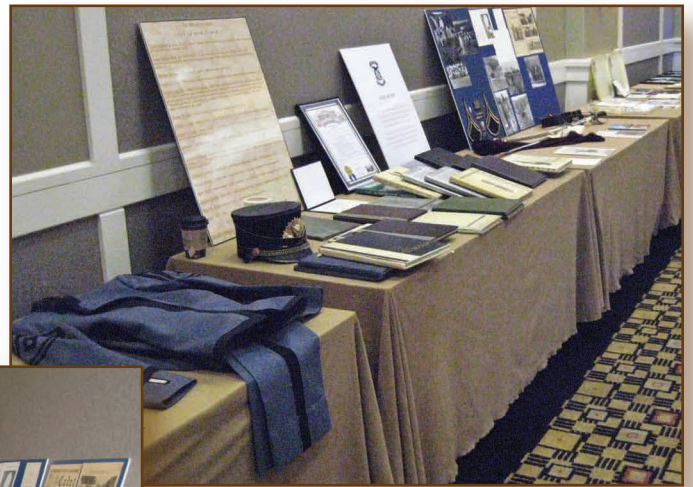
Bill MacFarlane '45



Joe Gutierrez '56



*Mike Hinton '64, Cynthia Griffith,
and Jim Griffith '63*



*Swords, Sabers, Sam Browns,
even an M-1 Garrand
were on display.*



Skip Brown '64 and wife Linda



Bob Goldsmith '55 and wife Maxine



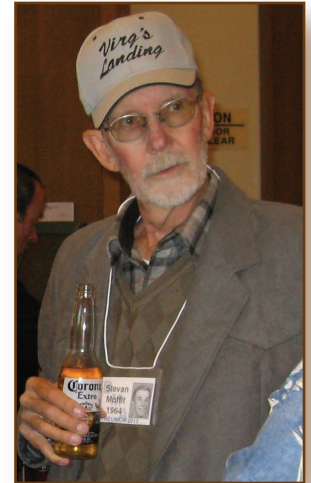
Bill Walker '61 and wife Jean



Paul Nobman '66



Ron Miller '66 and wife Leslie



Stevan Moffit '64



*Doug Halbert '50 delivers the remembrance
of Cadets lost in military service
At the location of the original BMA San Diego.*



*Dana Waller '58
and wife Suzette*



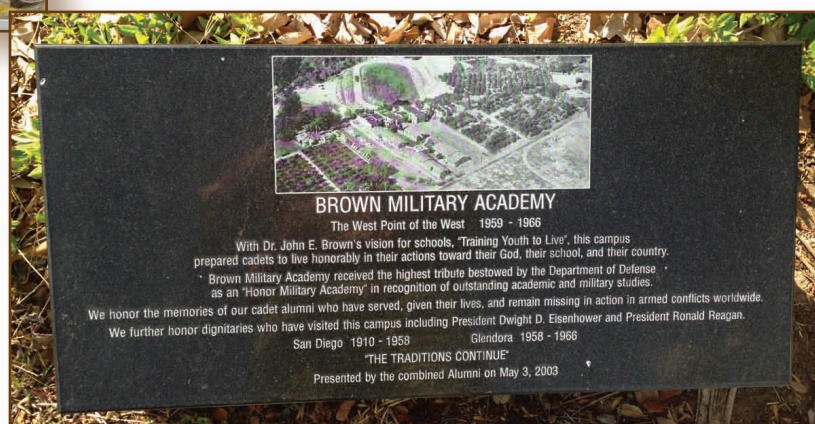
*Sue and
John Barnett '56*



Larry Curti '56



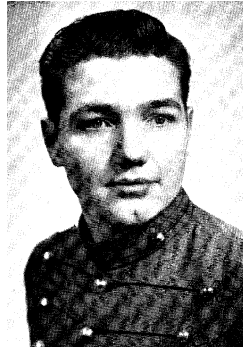
Arnie Kachok



Final Taps

CHARLES MURNEY, Class of '49

Lover of opera, orchids, cooking, and his dog Max, Charles spent his life in the San Francisco Bay Area. He owned Murney-Codding Printing Company for over 30 years. After retirement, Charles worked at the Pacific Sun. He was a founding member of the Oakland Opera Company. He passed away on July 24, 2013.



JIM KNIGHT, Class of '41

THEO ROLA, Class of '53

DON HANSON, Class of '62

JAMES EATON, Class of '58

JOHN LECAVE, Class of '63

EVERETT BURGETT, Class of '41

DONALD A. FORTUNE, Class of '46

Donald's wife, Anita Fortune, notified us that he passed away on June 30, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the BMA ALUMNI TREASURER I would like to personally thank all the members that contributed additional donations to the Alumni Association treasury before the reunion. The funds are now at a point that it prevented us from "sweating" the whole process from beginning to end. We will be fine for the run-up to the next reunion and it helps to take the heat off for a change!

We currently have a balance \$4,689.76 in the bank. The bills have been paid and life is good!!!

I am looking forward to 2015 and I hope to see many more of our brethren at the next BMA REUNION!

Richard Parker '64 Treasurer



CORRESPONDENCE:

My husband's uncle graduated in 1940.

We have his yearbooks and wondered if any members of your alumni association might be interested them.

We'd like to hear more about BMA. We found the marker in the parking lot in P.B. We live near the Cross on Soledad Mtn.

My husband is a graduate of Marion Military Institute in Marion, Alabama, and my uncle went to New Mexico Military Institute. Both were graduates of USMA. John Williams, my husband's uncle, was made a lieutenant right out of BMA. I believe he was 19 at the time. We have the army manuals from the early 1940s that he had saved from his time at Fort Benning and a few other artifacts.

His uncle, Ross E. Rowell, who ended his career as a lieutenant general, USMC, was stationed at North Island. He was an early Marine aviator. John Williams lived near his uncle, perhaps as part of the same household. We were wondering if he took a launch from Coronado to Pacific Beach or a combination of a ferry and public transportation from downtown. No one is left in his generation, of course, so we have no way of answering these questions.

Betty Little



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FROM THE EDITOR...

WOW what a reunion! This was my first and certainly not my last. Both Sally and I enjoyed ourselves very much and we also appreciated the "welcome feeling" we received as your new Editor(s). I confessed to many that Sally really does the editing, I just take the glory. But in all fairness, I do the mailing! So we are a TEAM.

As I stated, this was our first, and it certainly helped me to hear other alumni talk about their experiences and it helped me pass on to Sally what an unbelievable experience BMA was. It's hard to convince a non-cadet just how "entrenched" we were. This reunion certainly helped.

I walked away from this gathering not only beaming with pride but with the firm awareness that my spouse now also understood the importance that our beloved school held on so many levels. She being a history buff, also honed in on Gary Moore's incredible collection of memorabilia. On that note, we are in search of a good photo or clip art of the school's colors. They were usually displayed with the US Flag, however we will take what we can get. So far, what we've found is not reproducible. If anyone has either the crossed flags in clipart or in a nice color photo, please send it to me. If you don't have the two flags, we would welcome the school's flag art.

I also walked away with a keen sense of envy of most of those in attendance because of your longer terms at the academy than I was allowed to experience. I look forward to our next reunion, as it will prove to all that BMA alumni are up to the challenge. We will hold on foreign soil, and transportation may be a challenge, but gathering from this reunion, I know were up to it.

Michael D. Sanders '64



*Richard Parker '64, Sally Sanders,
Mike Sanders '64*



*Caryn Moore
(Gary '63) with
Leslie and Ronald
Miller '66 while
Jack Sparrn '63
in the background
spins tales.*