

Illustrious classmates,

Hope your summer has gone well. Life has returned to semi-normal with the lifting of most COVID restrictions here in Colorado, and our class has taken advantage of it to resume our normally busy summer schedule of events here on the Front Range. More on that in a minute. First, some other news.

Sully **Sullenberger** has been nominated by President Biden to serve as the ambassador representing the U.S. on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It's quite an honor. Not many other grads have held ambassador-level positions. I can't imagine a better person to represent the U.S. on the ICAO Council.

Bill "Trapper" **Carpenter** retired from Civil Service on 17 Jun 21 after 52 years of total active duty and civil service, the last 22 of which had been at the Academy. Trapper had been in his current role of Associate Athletic Director for Recruiting Support since September 2007. Prior to that, he had been the Vice Commandant and then the Director of Admissions. He and Iris have retired to Orange County, CA. We'll miss them here on the Front Range.



Trapper Carpenter's Retirement. Front (L-R): Mike **Arnett**, Rich **Fazio**, A.J. **Ranft**, Trapper **Carpenter**, Eric **Nickerson**, Bill **Diffley**, John **Mann**, Ron **Scott**. Back: John **Stefonik**, Dale **Birch** (behind A.J.), Steve **Lorenz**, Jim **Parker**, Denny **Merideth**.

“Mountain Man” Jack **Glavan** was the subject of a feature article in the last edition of *Checkpoints*. Jack has been the manager of Pikes Peak - America's Mountain, an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs, since 2008. In that role, he has just completed the construction of a new Summit Visitor Center, on-time and on-budget. Considering the usual uncertainties of project management and the fact that the project is at 14,115' elevation, that's quite a feat! The project has received national recognition and the new facility opened to the public 24 June. Check out the “Mountain Man” video the AOG put together about Jack at <https://youtu.be/QoDniW9bpkU>.

Mike **Griffith** was recently chosen as president of the Northwest Florida chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Richard Hayes was selected to be a Marshall at the 2021 PGA Championship held at Kiawah Island SC near his home in North Charleston SC. What a great opportunity for any golfer!

Ted **Kammire** will be the unofficial sponsor for Giovanni Huete, an incoming member of the class of 2025. Ted and Giovanni's grandfather, a test pilot and immigrant from Nicaragua, were vice-president and president of the Miami, FL chapter of the Air Force Association. Giovanni's parents live in Washington State, so Ted is a great local choice to be his sponsor.



Ted **Kammire**, Giovanni Huete, Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Huete

Jack **Hudson** continues his challenge to the finite heartbeat theory, putting more miles on his bicycles in a month than most of us would in our lifetimes. Over the past month, he rode than 400 miles in 7 days on the Western Ohio Bike Adventure and then took second in his age group in the West Virginia Senior Games, qualifying for next May's National Senior Games. Apparently, all that bike riding has been good for his and Marsha's marriage, as they just celebrated 46 years. Congratulations, Jack and Marsha!

The 19th Squadron Playboys had a week-long mini-reunion at Amelia Island, FL. Everyone in 19 who started BCT together were invited. More than two dozen total attended, with wives and daughters. The Playboys have successfully maintained tight bonds over the years and heartily endorse similar mini-reunions for other squadrons. Bush **Hanson** included a photo, but with so many people in it and the size constraints of this column, no one would have been recognizable, so you can check it out in the online version at the class website, usafa73.org.

In addition to placing flags on classmates' and other graves at the Academy Cemetery for Memorial Day, the Front Range classmates had two lunches and a dinner in the course of the last three months. More on those in the online version, as well. If you're going to be on or passing through the Front Range, please drop me a line to see if we have anything going on while you're here. We'd love to include out-of-towners!



Memorial Day flag placers at the USAFA Cemetery. L-R: John **Mann**, Rich **Fazio**, Dale **Birch**, Teresa **Fazio**,

Mike **Mosier**, Brig Gen (Ret) Mal **Wakin**, Ron **Scott**, Mike **Arnett**, Bill **Diffley**, Skip **Smith**, Gary **Blokland**, Calley and Michael **Hub** and two of their grandchildren.

Since the AOG has reduced the size of the Class News columns, I am making two changes to be able to include more news. First, as you may have noticed, I'm no longer identifying classmates' squadrons. The second is tougher. As the number of fallen classmates continues to increase as we age, I'm no longer going to include them here. The AOG includes them in their Gone But Not Forgotten section of Checkpoints, I email notices out to everyone who receives my classwide e-blasts, and they are posted to the class website and Facebook and MeWe pages as soon as we hear about them. Let me know if you're not getting the email notifications.

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Mike Arnett

Class Scribe

"Here's a toast...to the host...of the men we boast...the U.S. Air Force!" but in God we Trust.

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