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The January Class luncheon fell on the 12th at the Army Navy Country Club. It was an unseasonable lovely day and we posted a good crowd. Nothing special was scheduled. The food was fine and plentiful and the fellowship was outstanding. There with wives were Graham, Carruth, Reed, Villarreal, RC Smith, Munly, Cab Davis, Buhrer, Tony Duncan, Fry, Harkins, O'Connor, Bartow, Rasmussen, and Beggs. Singles were George Sullivan, Morgan, Eddie Welch, Olson, Sumner Moore, Bob Ghormley, Andrus, Sisson, Dottie Shockey, and Rosemary Hogg. These gatherings continue to be a great success and work fine no matter what special add-ons may be scheduled. In March, second Friday, 1130, at the ANCC, will include mids from the 24th Company, always popular and fun. You need a reservation with Dave Carruth (email, SLIPSTK@aol.com).

You will see this covered elsewhere in the magazine, but it needs to be heralded here. Tom Hayward has been selected among this year's group of Distinguished Graduates, which is richly deserved and most appropriate. The Class hereby congratulates Tom and we hope many will to be able to gather at the USNA on March 30, 1600, when the presentation will be held. Invitations will be sent locally, but those outside the general Annapolis area will need to contact

the USNA DGA Action Officer, Andrea Campbell, for a formal invitation, 410-295-4010.

Don Buhner reports that Charlie Heid has completed his rehab stint at the nursing home and is established back at home in good shape after the grandpa of all surgeries on his back. Don says Charlie stood up, looked him in the eye, and gave a proper plebe brace. All hands give thanks.

In the December column, we provided an update on the 48 Gate-1 area as reported by our man on the scene, Phil Rogers. The Supe indicated interest in our various concerns, and Phil has been in touch with the current key person on the Supe's staff:

“ I had a great meeting with Sara Henson, the new Director of Academy Projects on December 20. She fills a new position directly under the Superintendent. She is a registered architect and will be a major player in any major Yard construction. We had a lengthy discussion of Gate One in which I provided her with some history going back to 1985, when we first started planning and raising money, as well as the rebuilding, which occurred in 1994 when the Visitors Center was built. Miss Henson was most interested in providing assistance towards generally improving our Class Project within the new gate. We discussed various changes which seemed reasonable and possible. She is going to attempt to have these approved and in place by Graduation in '07. I will keep everyone posted as things develop.”

Unfortunately, I am still heavily involved in chemotherapy for bladder cancer, which has required time in Charlottesville at the U of Virginia Hospital, and a lot of travel. We believe the Lord's healing support and appreciate all the further support and prayers offered in our behalf. Hence, this column is short, and there are items I will work into the next one.