RECORDS SHATTERED!

The 70th Reunion was a great success, and established a new record for attendance. On March 22-24, 2017, the halls of the Hilton Hotel reverberated with Aggies saying, “Howdy!” to old Classmates as friendships were renewed and new ones were made. The Class of 1962 was inducted into the Sul Ross Group with gusto with 137 participants participating in the induction ceremony. The entire membership of the Sul Ross Group is now over 11,000.

The program started with a review of the transformation of the University from the late 1950s, when there were about 7,500 students attending a small country school situated along the railroad tracks in College Station. Today, we have 60,000+ students on the College Station Campus. As this growth occurred, we also improved our academic rating among all institutions. Texas A&M is now nationally recognized as one of the top 10 schools in our country, if not number one, in several yardstick ratings. Chancellor John Sharp ’72, the keynote speaker the first night, elaborated on the growth of the University and the growth of the TAMU system which now comprises 144,000 students on 11 campuses. The law school and the medical school are both enjoying rapid growth and success since they recently became part the TAMU offering. He praised the new Dean of the medical School, Dr. Carrie L. Byington ’85. Dr. Byington is a Texas A&M graduate, and is the daughter of one of our members, Al Byington ’58. He reviewed plans and development ongoing at the RELLIS campus. He noted that the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band has been rated the “Best Band in the Land” by USA Today.

At the business meeting, past president Ridley Briggs ’54 gave a motivational speech on “What it Means to Be an Aggie.” President Henry Hill ’56 gave the SRG Financial Report and stated at this time, we are $120,000 short of reaching our goal for “Eight More for the Corps.” This is our fundraiser for the year and it is an extremely worthwhile goal. So, if you haven’t contributed to that program yet, please consider doing so NOW! Porter S. Garner III ’79, President & CEO of The Association of Former Students, along with Phil Miner ’80, Chair
of the Board of The Association, inducted and presented certificates to all members of the Class of 1962 who were present at the ceremony. President Michael K. Young spoke at our luncheon, and emphasized the growth we were seeing at the University and highlighted some of our plans for the future. He also emphasized the importance of our growth in research arenas as we continue to be a potential landing spot for many new research projects. In the Q&A session, he was asked about the impact of raising the threshold for out of state waivers on tuition, and he indicated that he did not think this would impede the growth of the Corps.

Henry Hill ’56, SRG President, did a great job in organizing this reunion and turned the gavel over to Corky Frank ’58, the newly elected Group President. Corky thanked Henry for his service, and encouraged everyone to come back next year. “We are expecting another record setting crowd and it is important to make your reservations at the Hilton early”.

Many thanks to Josh Reinbolt ’99, Alicia Kappel ’14 and to the staff at The Association, all who contributed significantly to making this year’s Reunion a tremendous success (what would we do without you).

A special thanks to our Board of Directors for serving and providing guidance to make this the best Association of Former Students run alumni organizations. Director Dennis Goehring ’57 is retiring from the board this year, as well as immediate Past President Paul Holladay ’56. We thank them for their service as they will be missed in the boardroom. We welcome the incoming director, Jerry Bradshaw ’60, as well as incoming 2nd Vice President, Tom Wisdom ’60.

We are already planning our Reunion for next year, and we are anticipating another record turnout. So, let me remind you again to make your reservations now at the Hilton so that you are assured a room.

Remember to make a contribution to our fundraiser of “Eight More For the Corps.”

I hope you have a great year and we are looking forward to seeing you at our next Reunion.

Gig ‘em

Corky Frank ’58

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**Annual Sul Ross Group Reunion**

College Station, TX  March 19 - 21, 2018

**Reunion Accommodations**

A block of rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis, for the Sul Ross Group Reunion. Make your reservations by calling the College Station Hilton directly before February 25, 2018 at (979)-693-7500. Be sure to reference the Group Code: Ross18 to receive the rate of $152 per night, plus tax. If you prefer to stay at another hotel in the area, please call the Accommodations Hotline at (979)-260-9898 to check on hotel availability in the area. You may also go to the Bryan-College Station Accommodations website to book a room. Call and make your reservation today as many of the hotels fill up fast!

*College Station Hilton — Reunion Headquarters Hotel*

801 University Drive East — (979) 693-7500

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**Group Name:** Sul Ross Reunion — **Group Code:** ROSS18

**Hotel Reservation Deadline:** February 25, 2018

Check-in time: 4 p.m. — Check-out time: Noon

*The Hilton sold out quickly last year, so be sure to make your reservation now!*
Milton R. Thompson ’43 was a member of E-Infantry, Dallas A&M Club, and the A&M Rifle Team while he attended Texas A&M. He served as a Colonel in the U.S. Army for 31 years and fought during WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He then worked as the Director of Investments in the Texas A&M University system. He lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Mary Ann, and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in May 2017. He can be contacted at 979-776-1984 or mrtmatbtx@suddenlink.net.

W. F. Goodman, Jr. ’43 was a member of F-Battery, the Spanish Club, and the Swimming and Water Polo Team during his time at A&M. He went on to own his own business and now lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Loraine. He can be contacted at 214-351-4257 or hapnlo@att.net.

Clifford B. Hunter ’43 was a member of “L” Infantry, West Texas Club, and the Cotton club while attending A&M. He worked as a pharmacist until the age of 95 when he retired. He lives in Bryan, Texas, and can be reached at 979-779-4759 or cliffordhunter@suddenlink.net.

Samuel R. Gammon ’44 was a member of the Hq. Troop Cavalry in the Corps of Cadets while at A&M. He worked for the U.S. government State Department for 25 years. He also served as a captain in the U.S. Army. His current interests include swimming 1000 yards a day 6 days a week. He lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and can be reached at 434-972-2759.

John Atterbury Jr. ’45 was a member of “H” Coast Artillery and ASME during his time at A&M. He worked for Exxon as a technical advisor for 30 years in Corpus Christi, Texas. He currently lives in College Station, Texas and enjoys church activities and watching Aggie athletics on TV. He can be contacted at 979-694-6830.

Aaron “Babe” Schwartz ’47 was a member of the Texas Senate from 1960-1981. Babes Beach in Galveston is named after him as a thank you from the people in Galveston for all his hard work over the years to help keep the coast line preserved. He lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, Marilyn, and can be reached at 512-474-6876.

Charlie Weinbaum ’47 was a member of K1 and G battery while attending Texas A&M. He was also a member of the basketball team, Beaumont A&M Club Flag Teams, and Hillel Club. He is a partner of Weinbaum Insurance Agency where he worked with his father. He lives in Beaumont, Texas, and can be contacted at cwnbaum@gwbell.net or 409-833-2351.

Edward P. Miles, Jr. ’50 was a Ross Volunteer, a member of the Drum and Bugle Club, and a cadet in “C” flight Air Force. He worked for Texas Instruments before retiring in Dallas, Texas with his wife Tanya. His current interests include TV sports and newspaper games. He can be contacted at 972-239-5670.

William “Bill” Turley ’50 was a cadet in A- Veterans and a member of the Economics Club during his time at A&M. He was a Colonel in the U.S. Army and is now retired in Houston, Texas with his wife, Girlene. His current interests include A&M athletics, exercising, and staying healthy. He can be contacted at 281-444-0955 or wgt14999@sbcglobal.net.

Joe R. Straus, Jr. ’50 was a member of the Junior and Senior Livestock Judging Team, Saddle and Sirloin Club, and the Football Squad his freshman and sophomore year. He was the managing partner of Retama Park Racetrack. He currently lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Jocelyn and together they have 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. His current interests include owning and racing his own thoroughbred horses. He can be contacted at 210-287-3930 or elamante1927@gmail.com.

*If you do not see an update that you submitted in this Sul Ross Group Newsletter it will be printed in the following issue.*
Don T. Balentine ’50 was a member of the veterinary Society during his time at Texas A&M. He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a meat and poultry inspector. He is now retired and lives in Alvarado, Texas. He can be contacted at 817-253-7877.

Ralph E. Burch ’50 was a part of Newman Club and the Port Arthur Club while at A&M. He owned and operated his own company called Burch Insurance and Real Estate. He currently lives in Port Arthur, Texas with his wife, Dorothy and can be reached at 409-962-8955.

Sherman H. Hink ’51 is the owner of Neon Electric Corporation. He currently lives with his wife, Phyllis, in Houston, Texas and can be reached at 281-987-1144.

Robert S. Bradley ’51 was a member of the C Battery Field Artillery and the Ross Volunteers. He worked for Mobil Oil Company as a process engineer before retiring in 1987. His current interests include golf, bridge, and investing. He lives with his wife, Janet, in Norwalk, Connecticut. He can be reached by email at RSBradley@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 203-846-0463.

Robert C. Brown ’51 was a member of Alpha Zeta and Tau Beta Pi during his time at Texas A&M. He worked as a Civil Engineer for the USDA in soil conservation for 35 years before becoming a rancher in 1986. He is 87 years old and lives in Temple, Texas with his wife, Ima Nell. They have 2 children, 3 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He can be reached at 254-760-9822 or 254-778-5766.

Jack D. Gressett ’52 was a Singing Cadet and a member of the Freshman Drill Team. He is a retired Vice President of Advertising Mail Corporation. He lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Margaret, and can be contacted at mmgrsessett@yahoo.com or 979-774-1250.

Bibb A. Underwood ’52 was a member of “C” Infantry, the Agronomy Club, Heart O’ Texas Club, and worked on the yearbook. He served as a Colonel in the U.S. Army. He is now retired and enjoys writing, cycling, and volunteering. He lives in San Marcos, Texas and can be contacted at 512-754-1000 or bibb31@gmail.com.

Howard Stanley ’52 was a member of the Accounting Society, the Corps of Cadets, and the First Baptist Church. He worked for the state of Wyoming Department of Audit as a C.P.A. He now enjoys traveling the continental U.S. and western Canada. He lives in Lubbock, Texas and can be reached at stanle31@suddenlink.net or 806-797-5822.

John Tapley ’52 joined the Air Force and learned to fly after graduation. He served on active duty for two years before joining the Texas Air guard and was hired by Braniff Airways as their Chief Pilot. Braniff Airways had a contract with the A&M football team to transport them to all of their away games. John flew the football team to all of their away games from 1978-1980. While at A&M, he served as a yell leader for two years. He currently lives in Arlington, Texas and can be reached at 682-238-3183.

Dick M. Jennison ’52 was a part of A Co Infantry while at Texas A&M. He worked as a general contractor for Scott and Jennison. His current interests include riding his bike and eating lunch with old friends. He was an officer for the U.S Army and currently lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife Glenda. He can be reached by email at djenni@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 210-492-1482.

Jack Millender ’52 was a member of D-Battery Field Artillery, Houston Club, Range and Forestry Club, and the Crop Judging team during his time at A&M. He owned his own company called Ag-Horn Coffee and Food Service. He currently lives in College Station, Texas with his wife, Mary Jane, and together they have three sons, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. He enjoys his family, traveling, and Aggie sports. He can be contacted at 979-690-1646 or jackmillender909@gmail.com.

Bobby Jones ’52 was a member of D Vets, intramurals, and was a student senator during his time at A&M. He worked for Marathon Oil Company as a Chief Geophysicist. He currently lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife, Dorothy, and is active in his neighborhood and church. He is the president of his neighborhood association and is a perpetual chili cook off champ. He can be contacted at 214-827-4060 or bjonespar@tx.rr.com.

Edward “Ed” Thomas ’53 played clarinet in the Texas Aggie Band and was a member of the track team the year they won the championship in the Southwest Conference. He worked for the USDA Soil Conservation Service for 33 years. When he retired he was the Deputy Chief for Technology at the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He currently lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Mary, and enjoys Aggie sporting
events, being involved in his church, and other local groups. He can be contacted at 979-822-1520 or e2mfthomas@gmail.com.

Thomas E. “Tom” Kelly ’53 was a member of Squadron H, Senior Court, the Pistol team, and Intramurals during his time at A&M. He worked as a consulting geologist in Anchorage, Alaska and Seattle, Washington. He currently lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Priscilla, and together they have two children and three grandchildren. He enjoys hunting, fishing, cruising, farming, and world travel. He can be contacted at 206-972-8496.

Patrick “Pat” LeBlanc ’53 wrote the sports column for the Battalion and was a member of the Chemical Warfare Service while he attended A&M. He worked as a dentist in Grand Prairie, Texas. He lives in Dallas, Texas with his wife, Eve, and is learning to play the guitar. He can be contacted at 469-371-1495 or dallas8512@mac.com.

I de Trotter ’54 was a member of Corps Staff, the Rifle Team, the Fish Drill Team, and was President of the Student Senate. He worked for Exxon Mobil as a manager of feed stock and energy. He lives in Duncanville, Texas with his wife, Luella, and is involved with Texans for Better Science Education and is the Deacon for First Baptist Church Dallas. He can be contacted at 214-543-3613 or idetrotter@compuserve.com.

Nick J. Alexander Jr. ’54 was a member of the meat judging team, saddle & sirloin club, and worked as an assistant manager to the football team during his time at A&M. He worked as an agent for State Farm Insurance Company for 40 years before retiring in 2003. He currently lives in Katy, Texas, and can be reached by email at nalexander928@comcast.net or by phone at 281-785-8906.

James Calvin Pigg ’54 was a member of the Singing Cadets and B composite outfit. He was also involved as a staff student announcer at WTAW and KORA the local radio stations. He worked for Farm Press Publications 25 years after serving two years active duty in the US Army. He currently lives in Richardson, Texas with his wife Tommie.

Daniel I. Galvan ’54 was a member of Town Hall, the Singing Cadets, and the Water Polo Team during his time at A&M. He worked for the federal government as the Director of Investigations. He now enjoys singing in a barbershop quartet, traveling, hunting big game animals, and attending Catholic Church. He lives in Plano, Texas, and can be contacted at 214-537-2338.

Ted J. Uptmore ’54 worked in the Sbisa dining hall as a student waiter, held a position on student senate, was the junior class secretary, and President of the Newman Club during his time at Texas A&M. He worked for Texas Power and Light Co. for ten years, then went on to work as a manager for West Fertilizer Co. for 48 years. He is the co-owner and operator of West Auction. He has lived with his wife, Adele, their family, and 50 mother cows for over 57 years. He currently lives in West, Texas and can be reached by email at adele@westauction.us or by phone at 254-826-3128.

Melroy I. Brandt ’54 was a member of Fish Company 1 and the Fayette Colorado Home Club. He worked as a general engineer for the U.S. Air Force Civil Service. He now lives with his wife Valeria in Weiman, Texas and is involved with his church and Knights of Columbus. He can be contacted at 210-379-7063 or melroybrandt@sbcglobal.net.

L. Howard Callaway ’55 was a member of the Texas Aggie White Band during his time at A&M. He worked as a Petroleum Engineer Consultant. He lives in Cypress, Texas and enjoys being involved in church and spending time with his three children. He can be contacted at 281-389-6209 or hocalway@gmail.com.

J edd Green MD. ’55 played in the white band while he attended A&M. He worked as a self-employed physician in Pasadena, Texas. He now lives in Houston, Texas with his wife, Grace, and enjoys Aggie football, senior travel groups, and sings in his church choir. He can be contacted at 832-444-8332 or gigijedd@comcast.net.

Jerry F. Bowen ’55 was a member of “A” signal Corps and Tau Beta Pi during his time at A&M. He worked for Amoco Production Company which is now BP. He is now retired and lives in Edmond, Oklahoma with his wife Nancy. They have two children and two grandchildren. He can be contacted at 214-794-3646 or jfbowenl@verizon.net.

Bobby E. Carpenter ’55 was a member of Squadron 10, Student Senate, and served as a Fighthin’ Texas Aggie Yell Leader. He is the President of CD Consultant and Operating Company in Bridgeport, Texas. His current interests include traveling, ranching, and golf. He can be contacted at 940-393-1657 or bhcraftconsult.org...
Gerald “Jerry” Van Hoosier ’55 was a member of C Field Artillery and Battery 7 in the Corps of Cadets. He also was a member of AVMA, Weatherford and Mineral Wells Hometown Club, Southwest Veterinarian Society, and served as an Intramural manager. He worked as a professor at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. He currently lives in Edmonds, Washington with his wife Marlene and enjoys golfing, traveling, UW football, and writing his family history. He can be contacted at 425-775-6383 or mvanboo@msn.com.

Jim Knutson ’55 was a member of C Troop Armour, the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Baseball team, AICHE, and Tau Beta Pi. He worked as a manager of engineering for Exxon Chemical in Houston, Texas. He currently lives in College Station, Texas and enjoys Aggie sports. He can be reached at 979-450-7546 or jimm.knutson@suddenlink.net.

Frank Urbanic ’55 was on the Third Group Staff and the rifle team. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years, where he served as a fighter pilot and as a program manager for laser weapons systems. He is the president of Armed Forces Marketing Consultant, Inc. and is the author of We Were Prepared. He lives in Friendswood, Texas and can be contacted at 281-482-0641 or furbanic@aframpress.com.

Francis B. O’Donnell Jr. ’55 was a member of the 2nd Group Staff Company and involved in various other clubs. He worked for Beech Aircraft Corporation as a Senior Project Engineer in Wichita, Kansas. He currently lives in Derby, Kansas with his wife, Sally, and can be reached at 316-788-3224.

Henry A. Pearson ’55 was a member of the Fightin’ Texas Aggie football team and the Range Management Club. He retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1995. He lived in Athens, Texas, but unfortunately passed away March 9, 2017.

Murray H. Milford ’55 was a member of company 2 as a freshman and A QMC in the Corps of Cadets. While at A&M he was also a part of the Agronomy Society, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi. He went on to be a professor at Texas A&M and taught Social Sciences. He now enjoys gardening, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, volunteering for Kiwanian ramp building, and he volunteers for home finishing. He currently lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife, Marsha, and can be reached at 979-219-3678 or mmilford@suddenlink.net.

Fred W. Galley ’56 was a member of A Transportation in the Corps of Cadets, lettered four years on rifle team, and was the best drill fish during his time at A&M. He worked as the Assistant Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service and owned his own RV Dealership. He also worked as a Real Estate Broker and rancher. He currently enjoys ranching, raising cattle, white tail deer, and exotic animals. He lives in Fairfield, Texas with his wife, Jean, and together they have 5 children, 7 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. He can be contacted at 903-389-3319 or fgalley@aol.com.

John David “J.D.” Bell ’56 lived in Dorm 17, participated in ROTC, and studied aeronautical engineering during his time at A&M. He worked as a Flight Test engineer for Grayson Engineering before retiring. He now lives in Kerrville, Texas and can be reached at 8301-896-5982.

Hugh Jones ’56 was a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, Alpha Zeta, and Red River valley Hometown while at A&M. He worked for Union Carbide Agricultural Products for thirty years. His current interests include pine tree farming and playing banjo and guitar in a High Strung Bluegrass Band. He currently lives in Paris, Texas and can be reached by email at hughjones7@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 903-739-2000.

Tom Longbrake ’56 was a member of Rio Grande Valley Hometown Club, Intramurals, and worked for three years as a dorm counselor. He worked as a Horticulturist for the Texas Agriculture Service. He currently lives in Kyle, Texas with his wife, Mary, and enjoys vegetable gardening and cactus collecting. He can be contacted at 512-580-0592 or longbrakes@suddenlink.net.

Felix A. Lewis ’57 was a member of Squadron 25 and Squadron 6. He worked as the Assistant Manager of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Dallas, Texas. He currently lives in Celeste, Texas with his wife, Linda, and enjoys ranching. He can be contacted at 903-568-4151.

Dennis H. Goehring ’57 was a member of the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Football team and 2nd Wing Staff while at A&M. He owned and operated Net Near U in Bryan, Texas where he still lives with his wife Kay. He has three daughters and one grandson. He can be contacted at 979-777-5971 or dennisgoehring@gmail.com.

Cecil R. McComas ’57 was a freshman in Squadron 24 and was a member of Squadron 21 the rest of his time at A&M. He also participated in
the Bell City A&M Club. He worked for IBM as a Manager of Operations. He currently lives in Dallas, Texas and enjoys hunting, fishing, and antiquing. He can be contacted at 214-695-3774 or mcrmccomas@gmail.com.

Luther P. Dube ’57 was a member of C-Infantry, Austin Hometown Club, Lutheran Student Association, and participated in Intramural sports while at A&M. He worked for Texas Utilities as a senior Project Manager. He now enjoys gardening, genealogy, and reading. He lives in Euless, Texas with his wife, LaNell, and can be reached at LLNdube@ATT.net or 817-684-9905.

Karl J. Springer ’57 was a member of Squadron 25 as a freshman, Squadron 6 as a sophomore, and Second Group Staff as a junior or senior. During his time at A&M he was also a Ross Volunteer, a member of ASME, Tau Beta Pi, and Air Force ROTC. He was a Vice President of Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas. He now enjoys being active in the Academy of Learning in Retirement. He currently lives in San Antonio with his wife Ann and can be reached at 210-493-7279 or annkarl3@att.net.

Baron Griffith ’57 was a member of B Athletics and the Pre Med Club, while he attended A&M. He worked as a medical doctor in a family practice. He currently enjoys cattle ranching and fishing. He lives in Bay City, Texas with his wife Majorie and can be contacted at 979-244-6436 or wbgriffith@sbeglobal.net.

Laymon D. Stewart ’57 was a cadet in Squadron 19 and a member of the boxing club. He also was involved in the Rio Grande Valley A&M Club during his time at A&M. He served as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. After retirement he worked as a Defense Contractor in the Saudi Arabia for eleven years. He lives in Horseshoe Bay, Texas and enjoys being involved in his church, traveling, and spending time with his community. He can be contacted at 512-653-6775.

James “Dale” Offield ’57 was a member of the color guard, Squadron 21 during his freshman year and Squadron 11 during his Junior and Senior year. He worked for Aramco Arabian American Oil Company as a Project Manager in Saudi Arabia. He currently lives in San Antonio, Texas with his wife, Edie, and enjoys golf, fishing, and traveling. He can be contacted at 210-367-3125 or 210-626-8180.

Bill Easley ’57 was a member of Squadron 4, Waco A&M Club, and ASCE Student Chapter while at Texas A&M. He works for Partner Engineering and Science as a technical director in Plano, Texas. He enjoys golf, fitness, church, and working with Arabian horses. He currently lives in Waco, Texas with his wife, Bernie, and can be reached at 214-693-4085 or billeasley@sbeglobal.net.

W. A. “Bill” McCarty Jr. ’57 was a quartermaster in Company 1, the President of the Marketing Society, a member of the Arts and Sciences Council, Fish Color Guard, The Business Society, and Student Senate. He worked as the chairman and CEO of McCarty- Hull Inc. for 28 years, but spent 45 years with the company. His current interests include serving on the board for the Boy Scouts of America, Kiwanis, and going on Traveling Aggie Trips. He currently lives in Amarillo, Texas with his wife, Poppy. He can be reached by email at olearmy57@hotmail.com or by phone at 806-356-7864.

Ralph Clement ’57 was a member of the “C” Field Artillery, the Singing Cadets, and the Aggie Softball Team. He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey’s Water Resources Division as a hydrologic consultant on the Rio Grande and Pecos River commissions. His current interests include hiking, photography, concerts, theater, and nature conservation. He currently lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and can be contacted at rclement655tagg@gmail.com or 505-946-7675.

Bernard “Bun” McIntosh ’57 was a member of Spider D Infantry during his time at A&M. He served in the U.S. Army for 22 years and worked as a Primary Design Engineer for McDonnell Douglas. His current interests include golf, fishing, reading, and home chores. He lives in Wildwood, Missouri with his wife, Julie, and can be contacted at cpecpmcinto@aol.com or 636-938-9840.

Edward “Ed” Priest ’57 was a member of Squadron 25, Squadron 5, Squadron 6, and the Rio Grande Valley Club during his time at A&M. He served as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United Stated Air Force. He lives in Allen, Texas and his current interests include church, tennis, and reading. He can be reached at 214-717-9217 or skeeterag.57@gmail.com.

Robert McCleskey ’57 was a member of Squadron 17 and B-AAA. He was also the freshman class treasurer, a Ross Volunteer, and a member of the Rifle Team. He worked in 22 countries, Alaska, and Houston. He lives in Houston, Texas with his wife Charlotte and can be continued on page 9...
During the 2015 Sul Ross Group Reunion we completed the funding for $200,000 to fully fund 8 scholarships for the Corps once all pledges have been fulfilled. These funds go directly to deserving students in the Corps in the form of eight individual $25,000 scholarships. This is very beneficial to the commandant and it was unanimously approved at the business meeting during the Reunion to continue this endeavor and fund 8 more scholarships for the Corps.

We have already raised enough money to fund three more scholarships this fall, which leaves us five to go in order to complete the second phase of 8 More for the Corps. As of June 2017 $26,377.31 is in the income side of the endowment. This means we are close to funding the next scholarship. To date, the Sul Ross Group has funded 23 total scholarships.

To donate to this fundraising effort for Corps students, fill out the pledge card below or donate online at giving.tamu.edu.

Be sure to reference “T.L. Smith Sul Ross Group Heritage Endowment Income” on all checks or online donations.
contacted at 281-558-0100 or bobmc34@att.net.

Don McGinty ’58 was the President of MSC Council and Directorate, a member of Fish Camp, and YMCA. He also served as the Commander of Squadron 4 in the Corps of Cadets. He worked for Moorman MFG Co. as a senior Animal Nutritionist. His current interests include gardening, hunting, and church work. He currently lives with his wife, Norma, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He can be reached by email at donmcginty@aol.com or by phone at 719-598-5444.

Dr. Don F. Houston ’57 was a member of K-Infantry his freshman year, YMCA board, and served as a Fightin’ Texas Aggie yell leader for two years. He worked as a veterinarian for 46 years, 35 of which he owned his own clinic. He lives in Duncanville, Texas with his wife, Anna, and enjoys spending time with his grandchildren. He can be contacted at 214-914-4803 or ayhouston@prodigy.net.

Billey Ray Thane ’57 was a member of Alpha Zeta, the Saddle and Sirloin Club, and the Rodeo Club during his time at A&M. He worked for Texas Extension of Agriculture Service as a CEA in three different counties. He lives in Brenham with his wife, Anna, and they have 2 children and one grandchild. He can be reached at 979-830-3546 or br.thane@gmail.com.

Gene Wismer ’57 was a member of Spider D-Infantry while attending Texas A&M. He was the President of his own company called Gold Star Distributor in Dallas, Texas. His current interests include spending time with his family. He and his wife, Jean, live in Dallas, Texas and they have one daughter. He can be contacted at 214-546-1004 or gene@goldstardistributor.com.

Billy Ray Thane ’57 was a member of Alpha Zeta, the Saddle and Sirloin Club, and the Rodeo Club during his time at A&M. He worked for Texas Extension of Agriculture Service as a CEA in three different counties. He lives in Brenham with his wife, Anna, and they have 2 children and one grandchild. He can be contacted at 979-830-3546 or br.thane@gmail.com.

Jack M. Heald ’58 was the first sergeant and CO of Squadron 1. He was also a member of the pre-vet club and track team. He is the owner and partner of Animal Medical Care. His current interests include serving as President of the Tucson Rotary Club for their 50th year. He lives with his wife in Tucson, Arizona. He can be reached by email at jcheald@comcast.net or by phone at 520-390-4444.

Ronald C. Kirkpatrick ’59 was a member of Air Force squadron 21 and served as co-captain of the Track and Field team during one of his four years on the team. He worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory as a scientist before retiring. He currently lives with his wife, Phyllis, in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He can be reached by email at rckpak@gmail.com or by phone at 505-672-3788.

Stormy Kimrey ’58 was a member of B-Infantry during his time at Texas A&M. He owned SK Engineering in San Angelo, Texas which he later sold. He was a past member of the Executive Board of the Association of Former Students and the 12th Man Foundation. He currently lives with his wife, Pat, in San Angelo, Texas and can be reached by email at JKimrey303@aol.com or by phone at 325-651-7169.

Thomas C. Billingslea ’59 was a member of AIEE and IRE during his time at A&M. He worked as an electrical engineer for L.S.S. Corp., Hercules, Inc., and NWIRP. He currently lives in Longview, Texas, and has one son, 3 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson. He can be contacted at 903-245-0761.

Don McDaniell ’59 was a member of the Aggie Band and the drama club at A&M while also working as an announcer for WTAW, KBTX, and the Paul “Bear” Bryant Show. He worked for International Mission Board, SBC as a media consultant in Mexico and Central America. He is currently the director of 501 C3 Missionary Broadcasting, INC. He produces radio spots and programs for 50 stations in Latin America. He currently lives in Mobile, Alabama with his wife, Lorna. He can be reached at ddmcniell@comcast.net or 251-633-4774.

William “Bill” Wimberly ’59 was a member of Alpha Zeta, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Eta Sigma during his time at A&M. He worked for Paris Milling Company as the executive Vice President. He now enjoys going to Denton Bible Church, reading, hunting, and fishing. He lives in Denton, Texas with his wife, Ruth, and can be reached at brwim@verizon.net or 940-368-6887.

David C. Ford ’59 was a member of A-Ordnance in the Corps of Cadets, a Ross Volunteer, and was also involved in DS and DMS during his time at A&M. He was the President of Davis L. Ford and Associates in Austin, Texas. Recently he worked as a visiting professor of Petroleum Engineering and CO of Squadron 1. He was also a member of Air Force squadron 21 and served as co-captain of the Track and Field team during one of his four years on the team. He worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory as a scientist before retiring. He currently lives with his wife, Phyllis, in Los Alamos, New Mexico. He can be reached by email at rckpak@gmail.com or by phone at 505-672-3788.

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Fred M. Selensky ’60 was a member of Squadron 6 his freshman year before becoming a non-reg. He is retired from Internal Revenue SVC where he worked as an Engineer Agent. His current interests include collecting old cars. He celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Carolyn on November 25, 2016. They live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and can be reached at selenskyf@sbcglobal.net.

E d Y. Hall ’60 was a member of the 1st Battalion and 1st Regiment in the Corps of Cadets. He also participated in SCONA and worked as a waiter in the MSC dining room. He worked as the Director of Physical Plant at Wofford College. He lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina with his wife, Cathy, and enjoys flying a single engine glider airplane and is now an author. He can be contacted at 864-641-1127 or aggie1937@att.net.

E dward C. Saenz ’60 was a member of B Armor, Newman Club, and Yankee Hometown Club. He also served as the President of the Film Society during his time at A&M. He was the president of Edward C Saenz & Associates in Westport, Connecticut where he spent 50 years developing international markets. His current interests include swimming, walking, skiing, and reading. He and his wife currently live in Westport, Connecticut and can be reached by email at ESaenz287@aol.com or by phone at 203-292-9200.

J erry L. Bradshaw ’60 was a member of B-Engineers in the Corps of Cadets while he attended Texas A&M. He worked for Union Carbide for 27 years and Texas A&M University for 23 years as a senior lecturer in chemical engineering. He lives in College Station, Texas with his wife Connie and enjoys church, choir, golf, and travel. He can be contacted at 979-204-1018 and 979-690-0445.

J ohn H. Hughes ’60 was a member of Squadron 2 and the Fish Drill Team. He was a pilot for the U.S. Air force for 6 years and Delta Airline for 30 years. He is now retired and enjoys spending time with his family, going to church, and working on hay and pine tree farms. He lives in Montgomery, Texas with his wife Sue and can be reached at suestrong@consolidated.net or 936-597-7600.

C harles E. Still ’60 was a member of the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band and the Architecture Club during his time at A&M. He was the Vice President of Engineering for Albritton Engineering, Corp. before owning his own business called CES Consulting Business. He currently lives in Bryan, Texas with his wife Cindy and enjoys classic wooden boats and model building. He can be contacted at 979-731-1130 or cestill@suddenlink.net.

Ro bert Boese ’61 was a member of B-2, signal corp., and various other organizations during his time at A&M. He worked as the Business Manager for Prince of Peace Catholic Church. He currently lives in Plano, Texas with his wife, Joyce, and enjoys golfing, church, and his eleven grandchildren. He can be contacted at 214-869-3430 or bobb761@verizon.net.

Ronald V. Ingle ’62 was a member of G-2 vet, the Saddle and Sirloin Club, the Rodeo Club, and the Masonic Lodge during his time at A&M. He owns Ronnie Ingle Pit Bar B Q in Abilene, Texas, but is now retired and enjoys making spurs and buckles. He lives in Abilene with his wife Claudia and can be contacted at 325-669-1918 or ingle@suddenlink.net.
Elected Officers and Assistant Directors for the Current Year

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The Association of Former Students Liaison
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Historian
Olive DeLucia
Project Aggie Valor is an attempt to identify all former students who were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross. Unofficial information indicates that three individuals have been awarded one of these medals, but the awards cannot be verified. The three Aggies are:

**Jaime Sears Morris ’39** (hometown Graham) reported to have been awarded the Navy Cross while serving as a naval aviator aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during World War II. He died July 6, 1991, and is buried in Valley Mills, Texas.

**Vernon G. Hunt ’45** (hometown Mt. Pleasant) served as an NCO with the 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy. Reported to have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a geologist for Stanolind Oil and Gas Company before becoming an independent consultant in 1956. He died November 25, 2001 in Tyler, Texas.

**Alban Lemuel Birdwell ’45** served as an infantry officer with the 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division from October 1944 until deactivated in March 1946. He was discharged as a captain. Reported to have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star and Bronze Star. Award of the Silver Star has been verified. Birdwell died June 29, 2002 in Port Neches, Texas.

If you have any information or know of relatives of these warriors, please contact **Jim Woodall ’50** at woodalljg@yahoo.com or call (979)-693-1129.

A book is being planned, and these men should be honored. Only those whose decoration has been verified will be included.
Global Business Brigades is a national organization with a mission to create sustainable change by empowering students and communities. The organization and its Texas A&M chapter provide hands-on international business experience by taking a group of students on a weeklong trip to Central America each semester, helping local entrepreneurs realize their dream of escaping poverty and experiencing true economic development.

Most recently, the A&M group traveled to Panama, where the students worked with local business on developing plans for businesses and teaching such business strategies as budgeting and organization, in the hope that the knowledge they shared would help the community’s economic growth and create independence that would benefit the community in the long run.

With funding support from donors to The Association of Former Students’ Annual Fund, the students were able to meet their fundraising goals and focus on the work they traveled to do, gaining experience through teaching business strategies in an international setting.

Texas A&M’s chapter of Global Business Brigades benefits from former students’ generous donations to The Association’s Century Club.
Sul Ross Group...We want to hear from you! Please send this form to The Association.

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The Sul Ross Group Reunions, started in 1947, were initially held for the purpose of fellowship among surviving former students of A&M who knew Sul Ross first-hand as they were students during his presidency. As the original group dwindled in number over the years, they took action to include former students who were aware of Sul Ross from history. This composite group, as it met in Reunion, honored the great man whose name they had adopted. The original and subsequent Reunions focused on establishing first-hand fellowship and support for their great school, Texas A&M. Today the Sul Ross Group meets in a combined, organized Reunion of all members of Texas A&M Classes who have been out of school more than 55 years. Each Class is inducted on the occasion of their Class’ 55th Anniversary. An objective for this mature group is to be a source of service and support for The Association of Former Students and for Texas A&M University.