

**2021 Class Ministry Retreats**

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**A call-to-arms, to ask God's blessing upon our classmates. This challenge is issued by Charlie Llewellyn, our classmate, who is one of the 127 who now receive the daily prayer.**

**Please do take the time to watch Blaine Hyten's "celebration of life" which was beautifully conducted by our classmates in Colorado Springs. <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/3500396>. It was at this time that Charlie was prompted to write the email below.**

Good day to each of our 1974 brothers and sisters (widows of classmates) in Christ who are scattered over this land that we love. I am Charlie Llewellyn, present and accounted for; for a little while longer. I do not know all of you personally. But there are many of you that I have had the privilege of meeting and greeting over the past fifty years. And there are some of you with whom I have prayed, worshipped, laughed, and cried.

On Tuesday the 19th of January 2021, our classmate, Blaine Hyten, was formally honored in his final promotion ceremony. I knew Blaine because we spent four years in D-1. But sadly, I realized that I did not REALLY know him. And worse yet, I missed out on a "life well lived".

None of us has either the calling, nor the human capacity to be deeply involved with ALL our saved classmates. Most of us are earnestly seeking, with a degree of difficulty, to stay connected in our local churches. And a rare few, in addition to being churched, are successfully engaging in Bible Study and or men's fellowships. I am personally challenged with simply having daily devotionals, loving my wife Greer, and making it a priority to stay connected with my nine adult children. Any extra time goes into exercising my old body, fixing broken things in our home, and "joyfully" paying bills. So, our allotted time is precious! We tend to hold it dear because we are keenly aware of the mandate to "redeem the time for the days are evil!"

Because all of us spent some part of our early life "doing patrols" and practicing "squad formations", I soberly suggest that we are NOW more than ever "planted behind enemy lines" seeking with all of our hearts to rally

together at the rendezvous point so as to affect a friendly link up and prepare for our final extraction. The prince of this world, satan, is very practiced and firmly committed to devouring us. BUT WE ARE HIS AND GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN US THAN he THAT IS IN THE WORLD. We have received the earnest deposit of His Holy Spirit which will see us safely to the other side. But, we will, without exception, be tested, harassed, and even hazed (suffer) until we cross the finish line. We know that even Christ learned obedience through the things that he suffered. (Heb 5:8) If we know that we are going to be tested, it behooves us to prepare well.

If you haven't watched Blaine's service, I invite you to do so. You will be blessed by his godly example of loving Jesus, his wife Marcea, his children and his friends. And amazingly he ALSO enjoyed a very, very successful 40-year career. His example has provoked me to a tender godly sorrow that will hopefully convict me to love more, sacrifice better, run harder and shrink back never!

But there is more! Wait until you observe in the video the faithfulness of Colen Willis, Lee Van Arsdale and Steve Shambach skillfully serving our classmate and his widow Marcea. I wept with a grateful heart as I saluted Blaine; and with my head bowed, I released a "flare prayer" to thank our men of faith who ministered to all those in attendance.

I am eager to help us deepen our local friendships with non-West Pointers wherever we are currently residing. But, without creating a conflict, I want for all of us "exactly" what our saved classmates in Colorado are experiencing. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)

To that end, I have secured the opportunity for one hundred couples from our POTC gathering of believers (prayer chain) to gather at either one of two retreat centers that are part of the Officers Christian Fellowship Ministry. These venues will permit each of us, along with our spouses to enjoy three nights and four days, with three served meals a day, for a total investment of \$550.00 for two people or \$275.00 for one person. (taxes and gratuity included.) This rate has been lowered substantially because of the generosity of one of our comrades and his wife. May I ask you to consider attending an early Summer retreat at White Sulphur Springs in Bedford, PA or an early Fall retreat at Spring Canyon Retreat in Buena Vista, CO? Certainly, you can attend either one or both. (Travel expenses will be reimbursed on the other

side! Heaven that is.) If you will plan to attend one or both retreats, please RSVP to Colen Willis, C2, at [willisck@msn.com](mailto:willisck@msn.com).

We are ramping up our mission to share Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior with the remaining 640 or so classmates from 1974. It is a precious experience to sow with tears and reap with joy as we participate in the harvest. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is Wise. (Prov.11:30)

The scheme of maneuver as we attend the retreat is as follows.

- 1) We want to freshly rededicate our remaining lives to serving God. (Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desire of your heart.)
- 2) We will be eager to spend some extra time with our wives hearing their hearts as we practice being good listeners. (How can two walk together unless they be in agreement?)
- 3) We will want to enjoy each other and seek to better grasp our individual needs. (Iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.)
- 4) We will humbly seek to hear from all in attendance the best practices for getting the "Truth that sets us Free" in front of our unknowing buddies. (How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!)

Thanks for laboring through this lengthy communication. And thank you for watching the [VIDEO](#). Finally, thank you for asking the Lord first and your wife second if you are both in agreement to circle around and ensure that no one is left behind. (Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor...and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.) This work is best accomplished if we have Christ in us and our spouse beside us, Amen?

Let Colen Willis know if you are interested in attending. Let me know at 301-704-8288 if you are needing some additional instruction or coaching. We are entering into our finest hours of this race. As a matter of fact, if you listen closely, you will hear the music of heaven and as well the watchman on the wall sounding the trumpet!

I bless all of you in Jesus,

Love,

Charlie