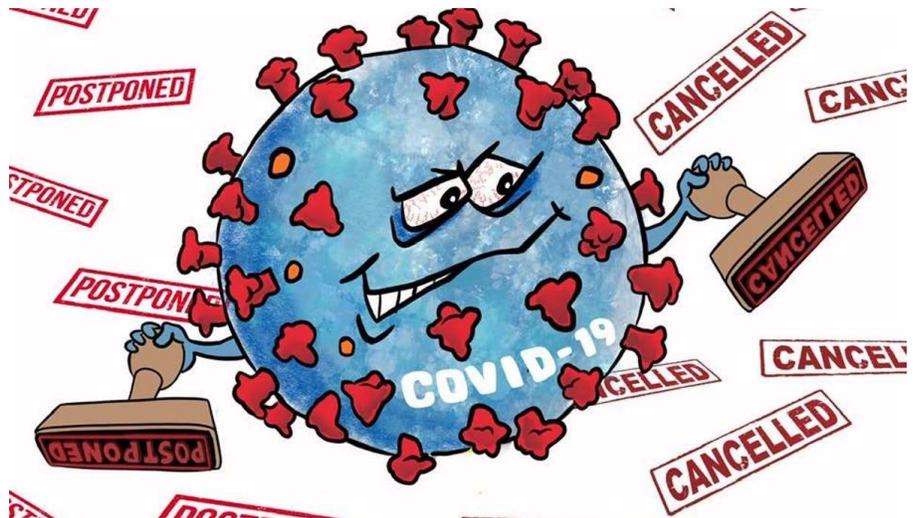




2020 HALL OF FAME DINNER POSTPONED DUE TO CONTINUING PANDEMIC CONCERNS

The annual PMAAA Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion that was originally scheduled for November 7th, 2020 then tentatively rescheduled for March 6th, 2020 has again been postponed. The new date for the event is now November 6th, 2021. The uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus subsiding any time soon was the principal reason for the postponement. According to PMAAA President Chick Pisani in a letter to the PMA alumni, "The health and safety of our alumni is paramount above all else."



The PMAAA Board of Directors did explore other options that would accommodate the requisite social distancing needed for the event, without success.

It was determined that at the 2021 Hall of Fame Dinner all the previously announced HOF inductees that were to be recognized at the 2020 event will now be honored at this event. In addition, the Classes of 1970 and 1971 will be honored at the dinner in recognition of their 50th anniversary since graduating from PMA.

At this juncture, the other PMAAA sponsored annual events remain uncertain. This includes the Mass of Remembrance which typically takes place the Saturday prior to St. Patrick's Day. Although the Mass is still scheduled for March 13, 2021, this date may change. Also, according to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the fate of the 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade is unknown. Should the Governor and/or Mayor prohibit the 2021 march up Fifth Avenue, the Post Parade Party would also be cancelled.

The PMAAA depends largely on the previously mentioned events to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. As such, contributions have been severely impacted. All alumni are encouraged to contribute to the fund utilizing the methods detailed on page 3.

Since many of the events remain uncertain for the foreseeable future, all alumni should periodically check the PMAAA website at: www.powermemorialacademy.com or our social media sites for updates.



PMAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

On August 1st and again on September 19th, 2020, the PMAAA Board of Directors met. The meetings continue to be held virtually due to the pandemic concerns.

Updates were provided on multiple topics including fund raising initiatives, upcoming events, Hall of Fame eligibility for Board members, website improvements, scholarship contributions and PMA merchandise.

The next PMAAA Board meeting is scheduled for October 24th, 2020 at 10 AM. The meeting will be held virtually utilizing Zoom.

Minutes of the latest meetings are posted on the PMAAA website: www.PowerMemorialAcademy.com



JOHN BEGLEY ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE PMAAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



John Begley and his wife Mary Jane riding in the Millbrook, NY Firefighters Parade.

After serving 10 years as a member of the PMAAA Board of Directors, John Begley announced his resignation at the September 19, 2020 Board meeting. John and his wife of 46 years, Mary Jane, have decided to leave their Dutchess County, New York home and move to South Carolina, which prompted his resignation.

John graduated from PMA in 1970. While at Power he participated in many student activities including the track team where he competed against other high schools throwing shot put and javelin. He was also the president of the Dance Committee and was a member of the Booster Club. As a Booster Club member, John recalls travelling to Washington D.C. in support of our varsity basketball team.

Edison where he held several positions during his 34 year career with the utility. He started in the Con Ed Customer Service department as a meter reader. He subsequently advanced to the technical services and the electrical engineering departments. His last position at Con Ed was Project Specialist in the Emergency Management division where his primary focus was overseeing the effectiveness of the control room staff during storm restoration.



While working full time at Con Ed, John attended Dutchess County Community College where he received an Associate’s Degree. He eventually obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Mercy College.

In addition to volunteering his time as a PMAAA Board member, John has served on the Union Vale Fire Department and Rescue Squad as a volunteer fireman and EMT for 40 years. He recently was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his service as a firefighter and EMT for the Union Vale Fire Company. According to John, “saving lives has great rewards.”

PMAAA President Chick Pisani, as well as all Board members, thanked John for his ten years of selfless service on the Board and wished him and his family well in their new home in South Carolina.

KAREEM PROVIDES WORDS OF WISDOM TO CLASSMATE’S PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

The following was sent to PMAAA Board member, Norm Jardine, by his fellow classmate John DiTucci - PMA '65. John is a CPA and is a member of The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). Kareem Abdul-Jabbar – PMA '65 provided the following words of wisdom that were quoted in the AICPA daily publication:

“What we need are positive, realistic goals and the willingness to work. Hard work and practical goals.”

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POWERFUL THOUGHTS 9

by Dr. John R. Cleary, PMA '57

The knuckle rap – and I don't mean a music genre!

As we Power students shuffled through the corridors between classes, we were supposed to remain silent. Yeah, sure!

Brothers and lay teachers patrolled the halls to keep “the quiet.”

While I was an obedient student most of the time, it was impossible not to talk. I got away with whispering under my breath most of the time.

I recall one instance when the diminutive Brother Clark was on watch. I say “diminutive” only because at the time he was a few inches shorter than I was. (I grew 7” over four years at PMA.) He stood about 5’6”, had a full head of blond wavy hair and a tan a beachcomber could die for. I guess sunbathing on the roof, when brothers had some private time was not out of order.

I must have been chatting, maybe about homework or a quiz, with my older brother Jim who was in all the same classes as I was. Then out of nowhere came a wop on the left side of my head. It stung! And when I swung around, there was Brother Clark with that Cheshire cat grin on his face.

“No talking!” he commanded.

I shut up.

But what made it hurt was not his backhand knuckle rap that got me but the ring he had on that finger. I can still feel the depression it made in my left temple.

While today's culture might raise a collective eyebrow, most of us took it in stride. We understood why such punishment was inflicted.

And besides, Brother Clark was a really fun “brother” when not being -- a “Bother.”

Note: Dr. Cleary has volunteered to author a series of articles reflecting on his experiences at PMA. Alumni are encouraged to submit articles and share their experiences at Power Memorial Academy. Send your articles to: brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com

FUND RAISING ALTERNATIVES

As mentioned previously, most of the 2020 PMAAA events had to be cancelled/postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, there has been a significant decrease in fundraising revenues benefiting the PMAAA Scholarship Fund. There are several alternatives that the alumni may utilize to contribute to the fund, including the following:

- Send contribution by mail, by sending a check to the following address:
Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, Inc.
Cherokee Station
P.O. Box 20493
New York, NY 10021-0068
- An alum can click on the following link: [Donate to PMAAA](#) and donate utilizing PayPal from the PMAAA website.

The following are other methods that an alum can help the Association's Scholarship Fund.

If you and/or family shop utilizing Amazon, an alumnus can shop utilizing an **AmazonSmile** account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases that are made on Amazon. There is no cost to the customer and you still enjoy the same price that you would receive on your current Amazon account. To set up an **AmazonSmile** account, simply follow the instructions below:

1. Copy and bookmark the following link:
https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/dashboard/ref=smi_se_ssr_btn1_setch?ie=UTF8&pldnNewSubDash=1
2. On the registration page, there is a box/section to search for your charity. We are listed as **Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association Inc.** Once you make PMAAA your charity, you fill out some other minor info, then you are set.



Lastly, Facebook has a program that allows FB users to raise funds for their favorite charity. FB users can sign on to the FB Birthday Fundraiser Program and select Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association as the charity to donate to. Facebook provides all the information you need to establish a fundraiser by clicking on the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?birthday&source=search_shortcut

FINAL DISMISSAL

The following Alumni and Faculty have gone to their final dismissal:

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| ✚ James Behr – Class of 1942 | ✚ Joseph Mulvey – Class of 1965 |
| ✚ Mortimer O’Sullivan – Class of 1942 | ✚ Daniel McCurdy – Class of 1969 |
| ✚ John J. (Sean) Sheehy – Class of 1958 | ✚ Daniel Donohue – Class of 1970* |
| ✚ John Judge – Class of 1961 | ✚ Robert Klatworthy – Class of 1972 |
| ✚ Robert Kenderes – Class of 1965 | ✚ Joseph Simons – Honorary Alumnus |

* Please see the remembrance submitted by Maj Gen (Ret) George Alexander on Daniel Donohue on Page 5.

+ *May they rest in peace* +

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The association requests your assistance in keeping track of our Alumni. Should you know of any alumni who have recently passed, please notify Kevin McGeary at: kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com or Joseph DeFazio at: joseph.defazio@powermemorialacademy.com. Kindly provide the name of the deceased alumnus and the class year. All alumni who have passed will be acknowledged at the next Mass of Remembrance which is scheduled for March 6th, 2021.

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Fellow Panthers,

By now you have received our email notice to cancel this year’s Hall of Fame Dinner/Reunion. This decision did not come lightly, considering the size of the venue and the number of attendees where the room is always packed. The risk of contracting COVID-19 is too great with many of us in the high-risk category. The health and well-being of all of PMA alumni comes first and foremost.

The Hall of Fame dinner will be delayed till November 2021 where we will not only honor our Hall of Fame nominees, but also celebrate milestone years for the 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th class years of 1980/81, 1970/71, 1960/61 and 1950/51.

Fundraising has become an issue for PMAAA since we cannot hold our events. Much of our fundraising comes from the sales of Power Memorial merchandise during our Mass reception, Post Parade Party, Hall of Fame Dinner, and the Social Mixer at All Hallows. We are in the process of establishing an online store through the efforts of Board Members Dennis Mooney and Rick Martin who are working with Power Alumnus Vinnie Bonomi of Special T’s in Staten Island. We are hoping to get this store open shortly. I know Dennis, Rick and Vinnie are extremely focused on this task.

In the meantime, I ask you to consider sending a donation to PMAAA so we may continue our contributions to All Hallows. No amount is too small. You can mail a check to our Post Office box or use PayPal. If you decide to donate through PayPal, you must use our email address as the recipient/send money to: PMAAlumniAssoc@aol.com

Facebook has a charity fundraising program which links to your birthday. I tried it and raised money for PMAAA. It is simple to fill out and control to make PMAAA the recipient charity.

The PMAAA Board is always looking for alumni to chip in and lend a hand. One very helpful way is to act as your Class Captain to organize your classmates and act as a liaison between the Board and your classmates. If you are interested in helping, please contact any of the Board members or myself.

Pro Christo Rege,

Andrew “Chick” Pisani
President, PMAAA



DANIEL DONOHUE, PMA 1970, RIP

By Maj Gen (Ret) George Alexander, MD

Daniel Donohue, a former chief of public and legislative affairs for the Pentagon's National Guard Bureau (NGB), died on February 1, 2020. He was 67.

Dan Donohue was born on November 8, 1952 and raised in New York City. Dan and I first met in 1966 at age 14 as freshman students at Power Memorial Academy. Our time together at Power solidified our lifelong relationship. While in high school Dan and I became the best of friends. Dan was actively involved in many student activities—all too numerous to mention here. However, he was a member of the student council, yearbook staff, photography club, gymnastics team, honor roll, and National Honor Society. Dan was a superb photographer! He took many photos of Power's basketball and track & field teams which appeared in publications, including the Power Yearbook.



Dan Donohue in an undated photo while appearing on C-SPAN

Dan was also adventurous. I recall the time we went camping in late Fall with Brother Keane at Bear Mountain.

We camped near a small lean-to and built a fire. The temperature at sundown was below freezing. Since there was no room for us in the lean-to Dan and I slept in our sleeping bags outside in the open air. The next morning at daybreak we woke up half frozen and because of the wind we were buried under mounds of snow. I will never forget this stunning experience.

After graduation from Power in 1970 Dan joined the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. Following an injury, he returned home where he continued to serve his country. With his military service and work as a civilian for the U.S. government he served for some 40 years at the Pentagon where he worked directly for ten consecutive Commanding Generals (or Chiefs) of the National Guard Bureau. Dan was directly responsible for countless legislative issues affecting the National Guard.

Throughout his entire career Dan continued to serve our nation and made people's lives better through National Guard activities. One such activity was the National Guard Youth Challenge Program set-up for troubled youth. Dan was the founder of this project and was so proud of this community-based program that led, trained, and mentored 16-18 year olds making it possible for them to become productive citizens in America. Dan saw more than 179,000 cadets go through the program since 1993 with over 60% of these graduates earning their GED or high school diploma and going onto college or military service.

As a chief at NGB, Dan would never hesitate to call on me for my medical expertise. On several occasions we were involved in military missions requiring travel to foreign countries. I will always remember the time we were in West Berlin, Germany. The Berlin Wall was about to come down as we walked into East Berlin through the Brandenburg Gate. This gate was a symbol of Berlin and German division during the Cold War. We entered East Berlin and after when it was time to leave and go back to West Berlin the heavily armed soldiers would not let us leave East Berlin. We were then stranded in East Berlin. I don't know who Dan contacted but to my surprise he managed to find a way to get us out of East Berlin. I was so elated to leave East and return to West Berlin.

Dan completed his education at Northwestern University and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, along with their sons Daniel and David, their two grandchildren Ronan and Maggie, his brother, William (PMA 1971) and four other brothers.

Note: The author of the article, Maj Gen. (ret) George Alexander, is a 1970 PMA graduate and will be inducted into the PMA Hall of Fame now scheduled for November 2021.



MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

The 2021 PMAAA Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner is now scheduled for November 6, 2021. This event will mark the milestone anniversaries for the following classes:

- Class of 1951 – 70 Years
- Class of 1961 – 60 Years
- Class of 1971 – 50 Years
- Class of 1981 – 40 Years

Please note that since the 2020 Hall of Fame Dinner was cancelled, we will be celebrating the same milestone anniversaries for the classes of 1950, 1960, 1970 and 1980.

Celebrating these anniversaries at the next HOF Event held at the Immaculate Conception Center located in Douglaston, NY is a perfect setting for the occasion. In recent years, both the Class of '66 and the Class of '68 successfully held their 50th Anniversary reunion as part of the annual HOF dinner at the Immaculate Conception Center.

All alumni of the classes that have upcoming milestone anniversaries are encouraged to organize their fellow classmates to celebrate their anniversary. If you wish to volunteer to organize a reunion for your class, please contact Brian McCann at brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com. The PMAAA Board can assist volunteers with alumni contact information, reserving tables and providing special recognition at the event.

REMEMBER PMAAA IN YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST



You can make a bequest (or a gift from your estate) to Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association (PMAAA) to help sustain the organization and its mission to provide scholarships to deserving youth for years to come. You can make a bequest to PMAAA by including language in your will or living trust. Sample bequest language is provided below. However, you are encouraged to discuss this with your attorney.

Pecuniary Gift: *Gift of a specified dollar amount*

“I give to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association (“PMAAA”), New York, New York, a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, the pecuniary amount of _____ Dollars (\$_____) to be used for its general purposes.”

Full Residuary Bequest: *Leaves any remainder after all other bequests have been paid (“residuary estate”)*

“All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give to Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association, New York, New York, a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, for its general purposes (scholarship funds for students at All Hallows High School, Bronx, NY).”

Partial Residuary Gift: *Gift of a percentage/share of residuary estate*

“I give to the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association (“PMAAA”), a non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation, [Percent number] Percent (___%) of my Residuary Estate to be used for its general purposes.”

Safety Language: *Language added to allow an alternate charitable beneficiary if PMAAA is no longer in existence or has merged with another organization.*

“If at the time of my death PMAAA is no longer in existence or not a “qualified charitable organization” to which donations are deductible for income and/or estate tax purposes, then such organization’s share is to be distributed to its successor in interest, All Hallows High School’s general funds, or to such one or more qualified charitable organization(s), as my Executor, in his or her discretion, determines.”

If you need legal assistance in preparing your Will or Living Trust, you may contact Jennifer V. Abelaj, Esq., Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP at (212) 557-7200, email: jva@dhclegal.com. Jennifer has provided pro bono legal advice to the Association.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Association is seeking volunteers for the following initiatives:

- PMAAA WEBSITE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
 In order to improve the PMAAA website, the Board is seeking volunteers with website design expertise to volunteer their time and knowledge to assist with this initiative. Please contact Rick Martin at: rick.martin@powermemorialacademy.com or Dennis Mooney at dennis.mooney@powermemorialacademy.com.
- SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISING PROJECT**
 Volunteers are needed to work on ad hoc committees that may be formed for special purposes. The Board is currently seeking alumnus who can bring financial expertise to the recently formed fund-raising committee. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact PMAAA Board Member Carl Hall at: carl.hall@powermemorialacademy.com.
- CLASS CAPTAIN INITIATIVE**
 Class Captains are still needed for each graduating class. Class Captains play an important part in communicating with their classmates and getting the word out on various PMAAA events. All Class Captain volunteers will be provided with contact information for their corresponding classmates. Alumni who may be interested in volunteering to be a Class Captain, please contact Kevin McGeary at kevin.mcgeary@powermemorialacademy.com or Brian McCann at brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com



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FOLLOW PMAAA ON SOCIAL MEDIA

PMAAA has taken to social media to help spread the word about the Association. Board member, Rick Martin, leads the social media activities for the Association. In addition to the PMAAA **Facebook** and **LinkedIn** accounts, PMAAA activities can now be tracked on *Twitter*. The Association’s Twitter account is: “#PMA4Life.”





Announcements

Submissions from the alumni for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send any articles, pictures, memories of Power, personal situations (including grandchildren, anniversaries, retirements etc.) to Brian McCann at brian.mccann@powermemorialacademy.com

Please let fellow alumni who may not be aware of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association or don't receive notices about association activities to register on the PMAAA website: www.powermemorialacademy.com with their contact information so that they receive future announcements of PMAAA activities.



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