

A Look into the Future

Max asked me to speak today on the next five years for the Class of '57. There cannot be a harder subject when you are addressing a bunch of 80 year olds. When one of my many doctors asks me to come back in 6 months, it's a cause for celebration! As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation, we do so with some trepidation. What does the future hold for the Class of '57 ?

Our families, friendships and values that have guided us for the past 60 years will continue to guide us as we approach the next 5 years.

On May 12, 1962, 60 years after his graduation, General MacArthur gave his farewell address to the Corps. He said, "Duty, Honor, Country: those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.... They create in your heart a sense of wonder, the unfailing hope of what next, and the joy and inspiration of life...."

General MacArthur was speaking to the Corps of Cadets, but his speech has reverberated throughout the Long Gray Line. As we look to the future, we will continue to be guided by those three words, "Duty, Honor, Country".

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