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Dear Classmates,

For most of us Christmas 2024 will be our 80<sup>th</sup>. God has graciously granted us longevity. However, we have been given much more. We have a faithful savior!

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I married Peggy in July 1966, so this is our fifty-eighth Christmas. We are thankful to God for each one. I will share a little of my post Wabash life through a few Christmas stories.

Vietnam loomed over our first three Christmases. We were with Peggy's family in Fairmount, IN for our first Christmas. I was on leave from the Army. We were near my family for Christmases 1967 and 68 at Fort Huachuca, AZ. For Christmas 1968 we were excited to celebrate with our newborn son, Bart.

I went to Vietnam in November 1969. Peggy and Bart lived with Peggy's parents. The grandparents were thankful for the opportunity to enjoy Christmas with their daughter and grandson. I was in Cu Chi, Vietnam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. I arrived in November and was immediately responsible for planning and coordinating the movement of 20,000 soldiers by air and ground transportation into and out of Cu Chi base camp for the Bob Hope Show. Bob Hope's long-time tradition of visiting the troops overseas at Christmas was a big boost for morale. However, even Bob Hope and a Christmas dinner could not make up for being away from family. I was still very thankful to celebrate Christmas.

Following Christmas I successfully commanded Company B, 25<sup>th</sup> Supply & Transport Battalion, the truck company of the division. Company B was awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation in recognition of the soldiers' extraordinary work maintaining a fleet of over 100 trucks and trailers to deliver supplies to combat units under the constant threat of enemy activity. This success was not without cost. We had one soldier killed by the enemy. It was extremely difficult

to compose a letter to his parents. I left Vietnam in November 1970 for schooling at Fort Eustis, VA. I was

logistical operations. Bart and Karyn joined us for two wintry family Christmases in 1992 and 93. We enjoyed the Winter Olympics in Norway in February 1994.

- Carter Bertsch '26 was named top undergraduate of the year at Theta Delta Chi's convention in August. The Upsilon Deuteron Charge earned the Victory Cup, which is presented annually to the top chapter. ([story](#))
- The Art Department celebrated Professor of Art Emeritus Greg Huebner H'77 with a retrospective exhibit titled "Imagining Balance Amid Chaos & Harmony." ([photos](#))
- At Homecoming, Emmanuel Aouad '10, Wes Chamblee '12, Matt Hudson '10, Matt McGuire '00, Evan Rhinesmith '11, Tom Bambrey '68, and the 1972 Soccer Team were inducted into the Wabash Athletics Hall of Fame. ([story](#)) ([photos](#))
- Theater Professor Jim Cherry directed a fun production of Molière's comedy **Le Bourgeois gentilhomme**. ([story](#))
- The President's Distinguished Speaker Series brought two alumni to campus: Dr. Richard Gunderman '83 for his talk "[You Contain Multitudes.](#)" and Dr. Robert Einterz '77 for his talk "[Personal Reflections on Civility and Community.](#)" ([story](#))
- Jake Weber '25 earned Top Advocate and the Floyd Artful Advocacy Prize in the 31st Moot Court competition2 (r h (dntJEMC Link #CID 29 BDCTj79 0.388 091 1 8BDC 0 g0s0 Td Tw 0.9 (7)8.1[st]-6 (

- After Final Exams, the baseball team will travel to the Dominican Republic, led by Head Coach Jake Martin '03 and Professor of Spanish Dan Rogers H'12.
- More than 150 prospective high school students, along with parents and counselors, will visit campus this weekend for the first of two Scarlet Honors Weekends.
- More than 97% of the Class of 2024 have secured their first professional opportunity or acceptance into medical, law, or other graduate school programs. The national average, by the way, is 85.7% in six months.
- For those who make an end-of-the-year gift, here are [five ways you can support Wabash students](#).

