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Dateline: Te Anau, Southland, NZ. where the Upukerora River flows into Lake Te Anau. Some 45 years ago **Tock Rush** founded Takaro Lodge, one of this country's first fly fishing lodges, on the "Upuk". The last time I fished the "Upuk" I was fishing with The Prince of Wales! I was casting to a large brown trout feeding in the foam line, and he was sitting on the bank following the action. After several fly changes and minutes of fruitless casting, the brown quit feeding and drifted into deeper water. "*I guess it's not my day*", said I. He said "*if you're a fly fisherman, I'm the Prince of Wales.*"

Not many of our children and grandchildren have experienced military service, but probably a majority of 1953 did. The clever classmates who could see ahead to Korea joined one of Princeton's ROTC units, but those less far seeing had to scramble for an assignment to an officer candidate school. I am particularly familiar with Naval OCS Class 13 that began at Newport, RI on July 13 with 1300 cadets and graduated on November 13. (That's a lot of "13s"!)

I count 28 of us: **Houghton Baer, John Barnard, Gordie Beaham, John Beck, Peter Benoiel, Bill Brewster, Gordon Daiger, Clark Driemeyer, Alden Dunham, Sam Ertel, Bob Ferris, Brad Glass, Wally Henderson, Smiley Johnson, Tony Kohn, Ian Macfarlane, Jack McGovern, Bill Ogden, Jack Pierson, Bob Ritchie, Dave Shute, Dudley Smith, John Stone, Terry Sullivan, Hovey Tinsman, Fred Tritschler, Stan Waite, and Al Weaver.** Alas, not all remain with us. I welcome reminiscences – both good and bad – from survivors of Class 13. Tony Kohn remembers that his cadet officers were Yalies. Gordon Daiger remembers the 13-button drop-front "fly" on the bell-bottom trousers and then his lucky assignment to the Naval Security Group in D.C. After 8 months he was sent to a small station near Yokohama and joined a convivial group of like-minded Ivy League types. Let's hear from more of you, and we can move on to other military memories from all the services and training programs.