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Highty-Tighty alumni and friends,

From all of the comments I have heard from the alumni who attended homecoming this year, it was a great success. The HTAB looked and sounded great, and it was the second largest Highty-Tighty Alumni Band to march in the parade. The only time it has been larger was in 2008. Thanks go to Lori Keck Beach, HT '92, for leading us in the parade and on the field.

It was good to have Charlie Cornelison's son John Cornelison, HT '11, and Anne Murphy, here to receive Charlie's certificate that honors him as a Distinguished Highty-Tighty Alumnus. John marched in the commander's position for the HTAB wearing Charlie's sweater and ring, and he carried Charlie's saber. The HTAB also honored Charlie as we passed the former location of Mike's grill where Charlie passed away last year at homecoming.

The brunch featured a wide variety of good food at a very reasonable price. We hope to repeat that again next year, and next year we should also have a little more time to have our meal and socialize, regardless of when kick-off is. The powers that be at Virginia Tech are talking about doing homecoming a bit differently next year, and as soon as those plans are finalized, we can start working on that. Let's also hope it is a little later in the year when it won't be quite so hot while wearing those sweaters!

Thank you to General Randal Fullhart for his remarks and bringing us up to date on some of the great things going on with the Corps today. Thanks go to Colonel Patience Larkin, her administrative assistant, Patsy Hosner, and Senior Chief Jim Bean for all of the work they did to make homecoming a success. Thanks also to Dirk McComsey for his work in making Gunnyfest happen, and also for his work on the mentor program. Thanks to Gene Huffman for his work with the Old Guard class of 1966. And thanks also go to Cadet Major Nathaniel Oslund and all of the Highty-Tighties.

Of course, Chuck Rowell, HT '71, became the fourth president of the HTA, Inc., at our brunch, and I wish him all the best during his time as president. Chuck is anxious to make good things happen, and I encourage all alumni to give him your full support.

Finally, thank you to all of you who expressed your appreciation for my nine years as president. To know that so many alumni are pleased with the efforts I have made on behalf of the Highty-Tighties and the alumni organization is very gratifying.

Here is the video of our final event for this year's homecoming, the pre-game show with the combined bands in Lane Stadium. Great job to all that were a part of it, and for those who were not here, try to come next year. It is a wonderful experience. Come be a part of it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= UGHmkmLys4>

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Bert Kinzey, HT '68