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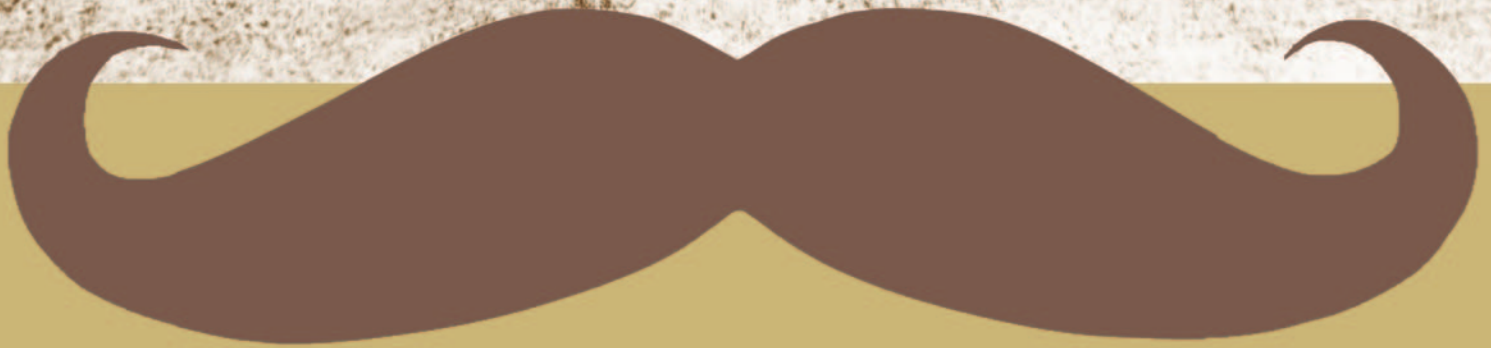
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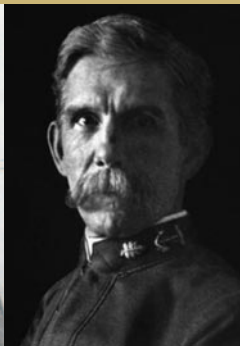




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#### Mustached Mids?

For a few weeks in November (post-ESPN filming and pre-Thanksgiving), midshipmen were allowed to sport mustaches (or at least attempt to) in support of Movember, a campaign to raise awareness about men's health issues. While many noted that this was the first time midshipmen were allowed to grow hair above their lips, it's not quite true, but it has been a very long time. In fact, *Shipmate* uncovered this image from 1872. However, this is the first time midshipmen have forgone shaving in the name of men's health and the Movember movement. The mustaches, of course, were required to meet Navy regulations on facial hair—no more than a quarter-inch away from the corner of the mouth, no touching the top of the lip and no growth down the side of the mouth. Midshipman Johnathan Hurd '14 of the 29th Company was the champion mustache-grower in the Brigade, but he still didn't hold a razor to the Academy's mustached-leader, Vice Admiral Michael H. Miller.

*Photos: Mustaches from the Class of 1872 and other historic figures in USNA history.*



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As the game neared, events for midshipmen and fans alike began in earnest including receptions, happy hours, a pep rally and a spirited Blue and Gold Come Around at a dueling piano bar. The Brigade of Midshipmen 2013 Bowl Game Tailgate started early at 7:30 a.m. local time, but brought in game day in Texas style—big and bold! Thanks to Navy Mutual Aid Association for its support of the Bowl Game Tailgate, First Command for its support of Alumni Association and Foundation events and to our local North Texas Chapter and Parents' Club of North Texas for their enthusiastic support and participation in the events.

*Inset: Navy offensive guard Thomas Stone '14 reads to a patient from Cook Children's Hospital.*







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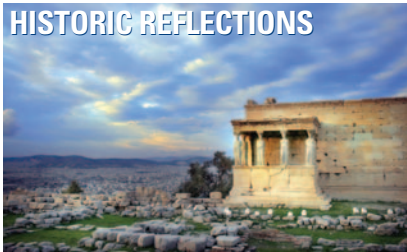
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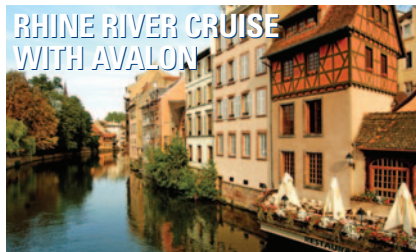
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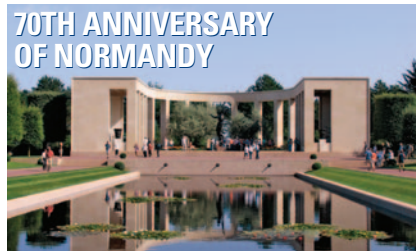
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*The weather outside was frightful, but the win was so delightful. Navy won 34-7 in their 12th consecutive win over Army. Congratulations, Midshipmen!*

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Byron F. Marchant '78

### Optimism and Opportunity

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We closed out 2013 with a flurry of activity in Fort Worth, TX, with Navy's terrific win over Middle Tennessee State University at the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl. Leading up to the impressive tailgate and game, Naval Academy fans came out in full support of the Brigade and the Academy. The events were

made possible with generous support from our volunteer leaders from the Dallas/Fort Worth area including H. Ross Perot '53, Roger Staubach '65, John Wroten '65, First Command CEO Scott Spiker '77 and Matthew Elias '78. The game and events were an outstanding way to close out the season and the year, and were truly representative of our work throughout the year.

Last year brought with it enthusiastic support from our alumni, donors and friends in all aspects of our work at the Alumni Association and Foundation, and in support of the Naval Academy. You joined us back in Annapolis in record numbers for events including reunions, tailgates, receptions, ceremonies, conferences and meetings, and we joined you on the road at chapter, parent and Glee Club events around the country. Our spirited network and our commitment to the Naval Academy and its alumni continues to grow.

Each new year brings a refreshed sense of optimism and purpose combined with a resolution to improve. Our work at the Alumni Association and Foundation is

no exception. We are committed to improvement in all of our programs and services, and in our support of the Naval Academy and its alumni. We will not be complacent in our mission or our execution. We know you expect the best, and deserve the best.

My commitment to you, to our mission and to the staff remains stronger than ever. Having been through extensive and cooperative strategic planning with the leadership at the Naval Academy, our boards—the Alumni Association Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board of Directors—and my senior staff, I am confident in our direction and our plan to further support the Naval Academy and its alumni.

The engaged leadership and vision we receive from our volunteer boards is critical to our success. Participation from our membership is vital as well. In this issue, we introduce the slate for our 2014 Board of Trustees election. On page 45, you may read more about our newly nominated and approved Vice Chair, Major General Leo Williams '70, USMCR (Ret.), as well as the candidates for the Eastern and Central Regions. Ballots will be mailed separately by our election firm, and regular members will be able to vote by mail, phone or online, and I encourage you to participate in this important process. I want to personally thank these dedicated alumni for stepping up and volunteering their service and leadership on the Board. And, I want to thank outgoing Vice Chairman Lieutenant General Jack W. Klimp '68, USMC (Ret.), for his dedicated service over two terms.

I continue to be impressed with the caliber and dedication of our alumni base. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our annual selection of U.S. Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Award recipients. I am pleased to announce the 2014 recipients: Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford '52, USAF (Ret.); Rear Admiral William C. Miller '62, USN (Ret.); Admiral Charles S. Abbot '66, USN (Ret.); Admiral Michael G. Mullen '68, USN (Ret.); and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr. '70, USN (Ret.).



2013 was another exceptional year for the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation. To learn more about our operations, financial status and support for the Naval Academy, explore our 2013 Annual Report at [www.usna.com/annualreport](http://www.usna.com/annualreport).



Each of these graduates has demonstrated a commitment to a lifetime of service to our nation and to the Academy, and I look forward to publicly recognizing them in front of the Brigade of Midshipmen on 21 March 2014. Coverage of the event and interviews with the 2014 recipients is slated for the May-June issue of *Shipmate* as well as online.

From our Distinguished Graduates to those still serving in the fleet, our alumni are involved in operations around the world. In early November, Typhoon Haiyan made landfall causing catastrophic destruction in the Philippines. In response, the Department of Defense quickly set up Operation Damayan, a humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation in which many alumni participated. Learn more in “Alumni Involvement in Operation Damayan” on page 20.

Also representing the Naval Academy, the Navy and the United States on the world stage is Lieutenant Commander Dan B. Cnossen '02, USN. Cnossen has set his sights on the 2014 Paralympics in Sochi, Russia. Read about his Olympic spirit and commitment to physical mission in “No Challenge Too Great” by Caryn Maconi on page 40. Navy sports fans should also read “An Outlook on Spring Sports” by Gary Lambrecht on page 34. Go USA! Go Navy!

Inspired and ethical leadership is expected from our fellow alumni and the pages of *Shipmate* tell these stories in every issue, but it's not always what we read about in national headlines or hear about in brief sound bites on



***The Goat is Cold and Gnarly***

*Quarterback Keenan Reynolds '16 breaks for Navy's second touchdown during the 114th Army-Navy game in Philadelphia, PA. Navy won 34-7, ending the season with a record of 9-4 with a win over Middle Tennessee State University in post-season play at the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, TX. Congratulations to the team and to Reynolds for his accolades including being named First-Team All-Independent, SB Nation's Independent Offensive Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All-American by Sports Illustrated. He set the 2013 NCAA single-season record with 31 rushing touchdowns, breaking the single-season mark for a Navy quarterback previously held by Ricky Dobbs '11. Go Navy! Photo by Marvin Lynchard*

the evening news. “A Crisis of Character” on page 26 offers three perspectives on character and leadership training. *Shipmate* sat down with Captain Rick Rubel '72, USN (Ret.), distinguished military professor of ethics; Colonel Arthur J. Athens '78, USMC (Ret.), director for the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership; and Rear Admiral Walter E. “Ted” Carter Jr. '81, USN, president of the Naval War College, to discuss ethics and leadership at the Naval Academy and beyond.

Thank you for your support and your commitment to the alma mater in 2013. Because of your dedicated participation and your generous financial support, we are a strong organization better able to fulfill our mission. Have a very Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2014. ⚓





## THE PARTICULARS ON PEROT

The September–October 2013 issue features the article “Perot: A Pioneer and a Patriot” which gives well-deserved recognition to the achievements of Mr. Perot. However, the author of the article evidently misunderstood Mr. Perot’s

reference to his role in the development of the Honor Concept.

I refer you to Vice Admiral William P. Lawrence’s autobiography, “Tennessee Patriot,” in which he gives a detailed description of the development of the Honor Concept (pages 16–22), beginning with the discussions among the several class leaders in the 1949–50 academic year concerning the “dope system,” and ending with the implementation of the concept in academic year 1951–52. The latter was the trial-and-error phase in the development of procedures for the implementation of the concept, and provided the material for Mr. Perot to then, in his senior year, draw up the formal procedures as requested of him by the new superintendent, Vice Admiral Joy [Class of 1916].

Unfortunately, the article’s author leaves the reader with the impression that it was not until Vice Admiral Joy made his request to Mr. Perot that the Honor Concept was developed. Inasmuch as the history of the Concept’s development is an important part of the history of the Naval Academy, I have felt the need to bring this to your attention.

—Vice Admiral J. A. Sagerholm ’52, USN (Ret.)

The article featuring Ross Perot mentions his appointment to develop an honor system at the Academy. In the spring of 1953, Ross was president of the Brigade Honor Committee while I was the plebe representative—one of the very few brigade positions for a plebe. I was elected because I was a former Marine and knew many classmates from NAPS. I was a Korean War vet. Wounds had healed, but I was having severe troubles with trench foot and had some surgery on both feet midwinter of 1952–53.

I visited Ross’s room during study hours every week or two for brief discussions about honor matters. We strayed briefly into personal backgrounds on occasion, especially since both of us came from austere country backgrounds.

On a visit to Ross’s room during the “Dark Ages” about February of ’53, I was really feeling down and I commented to Ross as best I can recall, “I’ve been thru Paris Island; I’ve been to Korea; this plebe summer and plebe year are just more endless crap, and my feet are hurting like hell—and there’s lots more to come. I think I’m gonna put in my papers and get the h--- out of here!” After a few moments of deafening silence, Ross calmly looked straight at me and asked, “And just what are you going to

tell your Mom when you walk in the kitchen door?” With no further discussion of that subject, we went on and finished honor system business of the evening.

In retrospect, looking back at successful careers in both the military and civilian worlds, that simple question from Ross, with not one more word of discussion, rhetoric, cajoling, etc., was unquestionably the best ever “career guidance” I ever received.

—Lieutenant Colonel Richard “Dick” Swanenburg ’56, USAF (Ret.)



## CLASS CORRESPONDENCE


Class of ’39 secretary, Barbara Fidel Adams (daughter of CAPT John “Jack” A. Fidel ’39, USN (Ret.)), shared an e-mail she received about the ’39 class column in the Membership and Services, Fall 2013, issue:

*Congratulations on your write-up of the ’39 Marine performance in WWII—Philippines. Well done and very touching. Required reading for my grandchildren and for my classmates. You have made an exceptional contribution.*

—Jack Young ’52

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## IT'S LIKE TAKING CANDY ... FROM A NAVY FAN

For home games this year, we were asked to post a message on our Facebook page, and we did. It stated:

*In collaboration with the City of Annapolis and the United States Naval Academy, we are once again asking all families, friends and neighbors in attendance at today's Homecoming football game against Pittsburgh to refrain from throwing candy, food items or objects at midshipmen as they march to the stadium. It is not a military tradition, and it is viewed as disrespectful to the uniform of the midshipmen and our armed services.*

*Further, it causes a mess for the citizens of the City of Annapolis living along the area near the stadium, and the City has to deal with added expense of cleaning up the trash and debris, a cost that is passed on to the Naval Academy.*

*Thank you for your support of this request.*

We've since had the last home game of the 2013 season. We'll have to see where Navy fans fall out on the candy next season.

**"Tired of seeing this nonsense every week. It IS a tradition. Let it go and stop being so PC."**

**"I appreciated every piece of candy I caught."**

**"Still trying to understand how something that has gone on for many many years is not somehow a tradition. I never felt disrespected getting tossed Smarties or other candies on that long march to the stadium. It's a kind of celebration reminiscent of military victory parades, parades of the past, with candy instead of streamers and confetti, and it added a festive spirit that we all enjoyed."**

**"Nothing is being thrown AT mids, but thrown TO them. Big difference."**

**"Candy throwing is not a big deal, but some have made it much worse by throwing burrito's and hamburgers and full water bottles. Not sure how the "tradition" transitioned to this. No one will be bothered by a little kid tossing Tootsie Rolls to a MID. But pelting a MID with a burrito isn't a 'tradition'—it's just disgusting."**

*Thank you for your feedback. To comment, correct or to clarify, send your note and name to [shipmate@usna.com](mailto:shipmate@usna.com).*



## WEIGHING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APOSTROPHE

Great article in *Shipmate* about the origin of "Anchor's Aweigh" ["Stand, Navy, Down the Field"]

by Captain David Poyer '71, USNR (Ret.) and the various versions that have been created over the years. It's particularly heartening to see you start right away with the format "Anchor's Aweigh" rather than "Anchors Aweigh." As a former destroyer first lieutenant, I've had to repeatedly inform folks (Navy as well as non-Navy) that the title is a contraction of "Anchor is Aweigh," the report by the sailors at the ground tackle that the anchor is clear of the bottom, and the ship is now underway and ready to start her voyage. I think most folks think it's some sort of command, "Anchors Aweigh!" to initiate action—but of course that order is much more mundane, "Weigh Anchor."

—Captain Charles T. Creekman '69, USN (Ret.)

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## NAVY'S "COACH" GREEN

In his first season as the varsity football military liaison, Major Robert B. Green '98, USMC, worked alongside Coach Ken Niumatalolo and the military officer representatives to mentor Navy football players to assume future positions of leadership in the Navy and Marine Corps. Part of Green's job is to make sure players are aware of their military responsibilities. He advises them of upcoming inspections and how to prepare for road trips. Green has much to share from his own personal experiences. He grew up in Atlanta, GA, and attended Booker T. Washington High School. After graduation, he was among 70 football recruits sent to the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, RI, by former Navy Coach George Chaump (1990-94).

Green arrived at the Naval Academy in 1993 and played as the starting cornerback. He was named an All-Independent selection and played in the Blue-Grey All-Star Classic in his first class year. While he performed well on the playing field, he did not do as well academically which required him to spend another year at the Academy. He graduated in 1998 with a major in English and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Major Green served three tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iran, and has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal and Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

In a recent interview, he noted that the most important aspect of mentoring is to have the midshipmen understand what the Naval Academy really means to their military careers, and that how they perform on the football field makes them better leaders.

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## NAVAL NUCLEAR POWER AND THE CLASS OF 1939



The Class of 1939 will soon celebrate its 75th reunion. Its members were leaders in many fields including naval nuclear power. Their contributions and dedication are noted in a remembrance by Captain Jack Crawford '42, USN (Ret.), highlighting seven members of the class: Lou Roddis, Jim Dunford, Bob Laney, Bill Turnbaugh, Eli Roth, Ned Beach and Vince DePoix. See the full story at [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com).

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## WaveTops

Army-Navy, mustached mids, Masqueraders and the Midshipman Action Group! Check out the December issue of *WaveTops* for these stories and more.



## Photos

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## News

Navy Soccer's Gavin Snyder '14 was an integral part of a Navy defense that produced 11 shutouts during the Mids' incredible two-month run.

To read more about Snyder, a team captain, company commander, future submarine warfare officer and product of nearby Severna Park High school, visit [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com).





## DAVID ROBINSON'S SKYPE VISIT TO MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At the center of teacher Sean Coughlin '87's English Composition I course at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, MA, is abolitionist, writer and former slave Frederick Douglass. While enslaved, Douglass taught himself to read and write when, if discovered, the penalty was death. This fall, when Coughlin was searching for a way to inspire and uplift his students to find their own voices as Douglass had done, he reached out to his classmate and friend, David Robinson '87.

David Robinson, widely considered to be the best basketball player in Naval Academy history, spoke to Coughlin's students via Skype about freedom and human dignity for all people, things Douglass pursued his entire life. Struck

by Robinson's "grace and godliness" Coughlin's students asked questions about Robinson's basketball career and listened intently as he encouraged them to be just as great in their own lives, described Coughlin.

When Robinson spoke about leadership he conveyed the importance of "seeking a calling and not just a job" and acting as an example to others in times of need. He also urged the students to be a part of the solution and not the statistic of the "altogether too many young people of color incarcerated in American prisons."

Coughlin's students were "thoroughly inspired by David" and left the classroom hopeful and contemplative about their futures. Coughlin hopes Robinson's Skype

session will lead each of them to be leaders and righteous examples no matter where their individual paths may take them.





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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The United States Naval Academy hosted its second annual Wreaths Across America (WAA) ceremony at Hospital Point on 13 December to continue the tradition of honoring our veterans. The ceremony was sponsored by the Class of 1981 and coordinated by Lieutenant Commander Robert Turman '81, USN (Ret.), and his wife, Carol.

"I want to help remember those who have given so much for our freedoms," said Mrs. Turman. "As a Navy wife, and an Army brat, I realize that the price can be high for our liberty, but we cannot forget those who gave all for that gift."

WAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and thanking veterans for their service and sacrifice and teaching younger generations about the cost of freedom. The annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery started in 1992 and is now performed at more than 800 cemeteries, military memorials and other locations around the country.





## UTGOFF FUND SUPPORTS MIDSHIPMAN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING EFFORTS

Midshipman First Class Sam Sipe and his team won best undergraduate presentation at the November 2013 AIAA Young Professionals, Students and Education Conference in Laurel, MD—an experience made possible by the Vadym V. Utgoff Fund, established in 2012 to expand support for midshipman technology activities in the Aerospace Engineering department.



Midshipmen First Class Sam Sipe, Ian Maloney and Haley Doyle at SmallSat

Utgoff, a retired Naval aviator and captain, was a professor in the department in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Utgoff Fund also supported Midshipman Sipe's and two fellow midshipmen's participation in the Small Satellite Conference in Logan, UT, in August 2013. Attended by more than 1,000 small satellite technologists from around the world, the conference offered an opportunity for Midshipman Sipe to present his poster project on a UNIX Space Server—an open source web server in space.

DragonSat, the first of four midshipman-built CubeSat spacecraft built in collaboration with students from Drexel University, launched from Wallops Island, MD, in November aboard a Minotaur I launch vehicle. Three additional CubeSat spacecraft are in various stages of design and will form the foundation for Aerospace Engineering major participation in technical conferences for several years.

The Utgoff Fund and other support from alumni and friends will play a critical role in the development of these projects and their presentation at technical conferences across the country and around the world.

—Brian Horais '71, contributor



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## FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS FLY PRESIDENT

The next time President Obama arrives by helicopter to a meeting or ceremonial event, a former Navy football player may be at the controls. As a recent article in the Annapolis *Capital* reported, four one-time members of the team currently serve as pilots for Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1), responsible for transporting the president, vice president, cabinet members and other officials.

The pilots, Captain Steve Adair '04, USMC, a defensive end; Major Rocky Checca '02, USMC, a linebacker; Captain Adam Horne '05, USMC, a defensive end; and Captain Chandler Sims '04, USMC, a wide receiver, were selected based on their performance and competency, commendations and recommendations and a security screening process designed to vet individuals who are frequently in close proximity to the president.

Their years at the Academy, and in particular their time on the football team, helped prepare the four for their current responsibilities.

"What Navy football did for us gave us the drive and determination and ability to get the job done," Captain Adair, who has served three deployments to Afghanistan and Africa, told the *Capital*. "The hardest thing I've ever done mentally or physically is Coach [Paul] Johnson's fourth quarters. Getting up at 4 a.m. to go work out for an hour in the cold and rain really developed toughness. Those experiences enabled us to perform at a high level and not get stressed out, which are the exact qualities you need in this job."

## ESPN LIVE FROM USNA

The Naval Academy hosted ESPN on Friday, 8 November for the network's annual SportsCenter Veterans Day broadcast tribute. The program included pre-recorded features of midshipmen, live interviews with USNA leaders and broadcasts of noon meal formation. Airing from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., the programming included two live broadcasts every hour from the Academy.



Set in T-Court and anchored by Hannah Storm and Kevin Negandhi, the national broadcast provided a great opportunity for the Academy to showcase to the American public the importance of its mission and the excellence of the Brigade, faculty and staff.

## 2014 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARDS

The U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association announces five alumni as the 2014 recipients of the Distinguished Graduate Award:



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**RADM William C. Miller '62, USN (Ret.)**  
**ADM Charles S. Abbot '66, USN (Ret.)**  
**ADM Michael G. Mullen '68, USN (Ret.)**  
**Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr. '70, USN (Ret.)**

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*Lt. Gen. John Wissler '78, commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force, right, and a Philippine Armed Forces service member, assist a man off of an MV-22B Osprey during Operation Damayan, Villamor Air Base, Republic of The Philippines on 18 November. Photo by Lance Cpl. Caleb Hoover*

# Alumni Involvement in Operation Damayan

THE MOST POWERFUL STORM TO MAKE LANDFALL IN 2013 STRUCK THE PHILIPPINES ON 8 NOVEMBER, KILLING MORE THAN 6,000 PEOPLE AND DISPLACING 4.4 MILLION MORE WHILE ALSO DESTROYING CROPS AND INFRASTRUCTURE ESTIMATED IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. AT THE PEAK OF THE RESCUE AND RECOVERY EFFORT, THE U.S. HAD MORE THAN 50 SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT IN THE DISASTER ZONE. BY LATE NOVEMBER, THE MILITARY HAD STARTED TO REDUCE ITS PRESENCE TO ALLOW FOR CIVILIAN AID AGENCIES.

THE NAVY MAY BE SHIFTING AWAY FROM THE SLOGAN OF A “GLOBAL FORCE FOR GOOD,” BUT ITS ACTIONS REMAIN CONSISTENT AND VITAL TO RELIEF EFFORTS.



## A Rescue Within a Rescue

“We were inbound to approach into Manila ... we heard a mayday call from a helicopter that just crashed into Manila Bay,” said Major Jason Kauffinan '99, USMC. “We set up in orbit, we got eyes on the survivors, there were two of them in the water.”

The crew immediately prepared to deploy a life raft.

On 24 November, a KC-130J Super Hercules assigned to the squadron was returning to Villamor Air Base from Tacloban after delivering relief supplies in support of Operation Damayan, the U.S. military response to Typhoon Haiyan, when they heard the mayday call, approximately 18 nautical miles northwest of North Harbor.

Representatives with the U.S. Agency for International Development, returning from Tacloban to help with relief efforts, were passengers in the KC-130J.

“[Operation Damayan] has been a textbook example—it’s a model, of what we can do when we all work together,” said Jeremy Konyndyk, a USAID representative and passenger aboard the Super Hercules. “It’s always nice to learn from what’s gone right.”

Also aboard the aircraft were congressmen Trent Franks (AZ), Chris Smith (NJ) and Al Green (TX), who traveled to the Philippines to observe the relief and recovery efforts of the U.S. military.

“In an absolutely amazing example of military precision, (the crew) dropped a life raft to where the people could swim to it,” said Franks. “It seems like (Kauffman’s) call sign ‘Rescue’ was emphasized again. I believe that the military (members) of the U.S. are the most noble figures in human society.”

The cause of the helicopter crash is under investigation.

*Excerpted from an article by 1st Lt. Luke Kuper.*



LTJG Theodore Dempsey '11, USN, center, with LT Jonathan Cirillo, USN, left, and Chief Electronics Technician Dominique Taylor, right, assigned to the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer *MUSTIN* (DDG 89), coordinate international aid supplies and logistics in support of Operation Damayan. *MUSTIN* is with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Mackenzie P. Adams



U.S. Marines talk at the ramp of a KC-130J Super Hercules after assisting in a crash and rescue mission. Villamor Air Base, Philippines. Photo by Lance Cpl. Jeraco Jenkins



LCDR Damon Loveless '01, USN, uses a hand-held radio to communicate with the aircraft carrier *GEORGE WASHINGTON* (CVN 73) to coordinate airlift operations from Tacloban airfield to nearby villages in support of Operation Damayan. The George Washington Carrier Strike Group in coordination with Joint Task Force 505 personnel assisted the Philippine government in ongoing efforts in response to Super Typhoon Haiyan. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Trevor Welsh





*RADM Cindy Thebaud '85, USN, commander of the U.S. Navy's Logistics Group Western Pacific and Joint Task Force (JTF) 505's Maritime Liaison Officer, officially hands over relief supplies delivered by FREEDOM (LCS 1) to the Armed Forces of the Philippines during Operation Damayan on 24 November. JTF 505 personnel conducted search and rescue, supply drops and personnel airlifts in support of Operation Damayan. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jonah Z. Stepanik*




*From left, Col. Brian Cavanaugh '90, USMC, commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing; Lt. Col. Jeff Menasco, USAF, commander officer of the 36th Airlift Squadron; and Col. John Estabillo, the Clark Air Force Base Commander, converse on the flight line at Clark Air Force Base, Philippines, during Operation Damayan. Photo by Lance Cpl. Caleb Hoover*

## A Personal Connection




Philippine navy Commander Vincent Sibala '93, commanding officer of the Tomas Batilo-class fast-attack craft BRP BONNY SERRANO (PG-111), embarked on the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed aircraft carrier GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) to serve as a liaison officer between Philippine and U.S. naval forces in support of Operation Damayan last November.

"[BRP BONNY SERRANO] took shelter near the village of Cebu when the typhoon struck, and I was selected as a liaison after we learned of the George Washington Strike Group coming to help with the relief efforts," said Sibala. "It's important to have communication between Philippine naval forces ashore and the strike group to direct the relief efforts and provide supplies to the villages that need it most."


After spending one year at the Philippine Military Academy, Sibala attended the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1993



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with a degree in oceanography. His prior navy experience would come into play in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

The village of Tacloban's central location and air field made it one of the key areas to stage relief supplies to deliver to many of the affected areas.

"We maintain an open line of communication with Tacloban and get daily briefs on which areas have been serviced with food and water and which areas still need help," said Sibala. "What we're trying to avoid right now is the duplication of efforts from the local government and the ship. But more importantly, we need to ensure there are no gaps in the delivery of relief supplies and cover as many affected areas as possible."

Sibala also gained the opportunity to work with a former Academy classmate and friend, Commander Eric Lindfors,

currently the surface operations officer for Commander, Task Force 70, embarked on board GEORGE WASHINGTON.

"It was great to see Vince [Sibala] again. The last time I saw him was at graduation 20 years ago," said Lindfors. "The relief effort really became personal for me after he told me that he had grown up in Tacloban and much of his family still lives in the area. We always say the world is a small place as we graduate and head off on our careers, but the unique bond of being Naval Academy classmates allows us to work together through difficult situations such as this. It's always rewarding to work together with our partner nations, having it be a classmate makes it that much more."

*This article is excerpted from a press release by Lieutenant Commander James Stockman, PAO of GEORGE WASHINGTON.*





## Operation Damayan

A humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operation set up in the Republic of the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan (known as Typhoon Yolanda by Filipinos), which caused catastrophic destruction in the central Philippines. “Damayan” is loosely translated as “helping each other.” The U.S. military and other agencies are working together to aid and assist survivors.

Photo by MSgt Antoine Robinson

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**04:40 on 8 November**

Typhoon Haiyan made landfall over Guiuan, Eastern Samar

**235 mph**

Gusts and sustained winds of 195 mph were associated with Typhoon Haiyan

**14.1 million**

People affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

**27 inches**

Of rainfall recorded on the southeast corner of Leyte during the storms passing

**6,000**

Deaths associated with Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

**370 miles**

The width of Typhoon Haiyan as it surged through the Philippines

**4 million**

People displaced by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

**1,351 vehicles, 118 seacrafts and 163 aircrafts**

From national, local and foreign agencies were positioned and deployed

**1.2 million**

Houses damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

**400,000 gallons**

Fresh water produced by GEORGE WASHINGTON in a day



## NOTED AND QUOTED:

“The men and women of PACOM AOR [Pacific Command Area of Responsibility]—the forces that were able to be applied to the initial relief operations—were quite amazing. They were able to be in place quickly, command and control was strong, the situational awareness was very good, and it provided that initial boost to the people of the Philippines.”

—Admiral Samuel J. Locklear '77, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

“Michelle and I are deeply saddened by the loss of life and extensive damage done by Super Typhoon Yolanda. But I know the incredible resiliency of the Philippine people, and I am confident that the spirit of Bayanihan will see you through this tragedy. The United States is already providing significant humanitarian assistance, and we stand ready to further assist the Government’s relief and recovery efforts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the millions of people affected by this devastating storm.”

—President Barack Obama on 10 November 2013

*Sources: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, PACOM, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, USAID, U.S. Department of Defense, The White House*



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# A Crisis of Character

**"3-Star Navy Admiral, Fired As No. 2 Commander of U.S. Nuclear Forces"**

**"Navy Secrets Bought with Prostitutes"**

**"Pilot Charged with Being Web Predator"**

The growing list of headlines and news stories including tales of corruption, unethical and embarrassing behavior, and even illegal activity seems more appropriate for television dramas than Naval Academy graduates. These stories make the news because they are indeed rare, but the coverage last fall seemed particularly cringeworthy. For an institution committed to producing ethical leaders to serve the nation, the less-than-flattering coverage of a few of its alumni sparked

animated conversations among the alumni population.

*Shipmate* discussed ethics and leadership at the Naval Academy and beyond with three leaders: Captain Rick Rubel '72, USN (Ret.), distinguished military professor of ethics; Colonel Arthur "Art" J. Athens '78, USMC (Ret.), director for the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership; and Rear Admiral Walter E. "Ted" Carter Jr. '81, USN, president of the Naval War College.





*CAPT Rick Rubel '72,  
USN (Ret.)*

### Teachable Moments

At the heart of the U.S. Naval Academy's mission is the moral, mental and physical development of midshipmen. With demanding courses taught by top professors and frequent physical fitness tests, the mental and physical training of midshipmen is obvious but their moral development process is less apparent to the outside eye. All three

characteristics are essential to producing future leaders and Captain Rick Rubel '72, USN (Ret.), has made it his own personal mission to ensure that the moral development of those commissioned each May is as extensive as possible.

Rubel is the coordinator of the U.S. Naval Academy Core Ethics Course, was appointed by the Superintendent as the first Distinguished Military Professor of Ethics and is the occupant of "The General Robert T. Herres, Distinguished Military Professorship Chair of Leadership and Ethics." He also recently co-authored and co-edited a book focusing on ethics in the Military titled, "Case Studies in Military Ethics."

From Rubel's perspective, moral development encompasses two basic, yet complex, questions—"what" and "why"? Rubel stated, "The 'what' pertains to training and instruction. The midshipmen are told what to do and what not to do. The 'why' though is the most important question to me and it's what I focus on in my Ethics courses. Why do we make the decisions that we do?"

Rubel asks midshipmen to delve deeply into the "why" behind all of their decisions, good or bad, as doing so provides them with an opportunity to explore their own morality and expose their character's strengths and flaws.

"To do the right thing requires two things—you have to have the morals to know right from wrong, and you have to have all of the virtues of character to actually do what's right. I think what happens to most of us is that we know what is wrong but we do wrong anyway and the reason is usually because one of our virtues of character lets us down. For example, if an individual is lacking in a virtue such as courage, self-control or patience, it can lead to poor decision making. I want students to stop, think and understand why they make moral decisions. I have them look at case studies, choose a course of action and explain why they chose option A or B. Asking yourself 'why' is the beginning of understanding your own morals and improving upon them."

One of the more tangible tools Rubel uses to expose his students to their own character is an actual "character map," developed by Rubel himself. Midshipmen are asked to map their character and choose several virtues they want to work on. The character map is used at the Academy during all four years, including the first class capstone. "I want the midshipmen to think about their own character as a leader and how they can work on it, as well as developing the character of our sailors and Marines—that's our job."

When asked how he reacts to the negative media stories regarding Academy graduates Rubel responded, "Again, I look at the why. We're not all perfect. We all make mistakes. However, I can't make excuses for it. We are in the spotlight, and we should be in the spotlight. The press keeps us honest and when we do the wrong thing we should be exposed."

Rubel hopes that by focusing on character at the Academy and providing tools such as the character map, midshipmen will be fully aware of their own character flaws before entering the fleet so that they can improve upon them and avoid such negative headlines. "We can always get better. Understanding our weaknesses and working continuously to improve ourselves ensures that we are the best officers and people we can be."



*Col Art Athens '78, USMCR (Ret.)*

### The Formative Years

"I think we should have a higher expectation for our graduates," said Colonel Art Athens '78, USMCR (Ret.), director of the Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. "They should be the standard bearers as they go out in the fleet."

Established in 1998, the Stockdale Center promotes and enhances the ethical development of current and future military leaders. Focusing on excellence in ethical leadership through research, consultation, innovation and dissemination of information, the Center employs diverse tools to reach a diverse brigade and a diverse Navy. Programs provided by the Center are enabled and enhanced through private gift funding via the Naval Academy Foundation.

The legacy of Admiral Stockdale not only guides the work of the Center, but serves as a motivating factor, explained Athens. "We have this legacy that goes with everything that we

do, and we want to represent him extremely well. And not just while we're here in the office, but everywhere we go."

The annual McCain Conference, the culmination of a year-long research effort, brings together research fellows who have been in residence at the Academy, midshipmen, ethics and leadership faculty from the nation's military undergraduate and graduate educational institutions, representatives from industry and thought leaders from prestigious universities in the United States, Europe and Asia. Ethics curricula may be developed from the intensive research accomplished by the resident fellows and insights gained from the conference.

"When we did the research on unmanned aerial vehicles, UAVs, and the more common term, drones, there were things that came out of that research that ended up in our core ethics course," said Athens. "That's the kind of interaction that occurs on the research end."

Outcomes from all of the programs benefit midshipmen. In their consulting and facilitation role, the Center staff presents to external groups like the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, Marine Corps' Expeditionary Warfare School, FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Energy, among others, gaining additional perspective and employing new techniques which are brought back to the Academy.

And techniques change with each class, and each midshipman.

"The principles of ethical leadership development have remained the same, but how they need to be delivered to the new generation is very different," said Athens. "There is the close battle, to use a military analogy, but we are trying to look at what's down the road, over the horizon."

Innovation in ethics training is key as one program or approach may work with some, but not others. The Center produced six ethical decision-making video simulations and



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maintains a very active website with thousands of visits each month. Along with high-tech methods, the Center uses more traditional methods, including speaker series, lunch and dinner events, and the nationally-recognized Ethics Bowl Team, to support ethical leadership development at the Academy.

The final focus is on dissemination of information, and how to share the right information to the right audience in the right format.

“Part of our dissemination effort targets the Academy’s staff, faculty and coaches,” said Athens. “There is already a significant amount of information poured into midshipmen, and we don’t want to miss those that have the most direct influence on the Brigade.”

The Center has been actively developing events and interactions specifically for these influencers. In addition to disseminating resources through the website, the Center staff actively participates in the Capstone Seminar program, sponsors the Admiral Lawrence Ethics Essay Award competition and organizes professional development opportunities for Leadership, Ethics and Law faculty. Since 1999, the Center has used the book “Ethics for the Junior Officer” in its training and education. Recently, the book was distributed electronically for easier access by midshipmen and create the flexibility to add scenarios and cases to the book.

While the basics of ethical leadership and training have not changed at the Academy, the methods and tools will continue to evolve.

“Graduates, 40 years later, say how the formation at the Naval Academy was so critical,” said Athens. Education and training at the Academy can help to provide an ethical foundation, however the Naval Academy is but one factor in service. “The

Naval Academy has a very distinct responsibility for about the first five to seven years of a person’s career. After that point, there are a number of other influences that begin to impact the ethical decision making process of our graduates, but hopefully the Academy’s influence has been so strong that the right foundation has been laid.”



*RADM Walter E. "Ted"  
Carter Jr. '81, USN*

### **Ethics Through the Ranks**

The four years midshipmen spend at the Academy are just the beginning of their formation as officers and as leaders. Those who continue their careers in the naval service have a profound responsibility to consider how ethical principles and personal values guide their decisions and their leadership of others.

“Today, our military is completing 12 years of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Through these years our joint force has focused its efforts on complex ground warfare, but now is the time to turn back to the fundamentals, our military’s human building blocks, and refocus on our professional development and growth,” said Rear Admiral Walter E. “Ted” Carter Jr. '81, USN, president of the Naval War College (NWC) in Newport, RI, where each year approximately 600 mid-career officers and promising leaders from other U.S. services, civilian federal agencies and international navies enroll as resident students in the NWC’s rigorous 10-month course of postgraduate studies in strategy and policy, national security affairs and joint military operations. “I believe that all Americans have an expectation that everyone in the fleet, enlisted sailors through

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**“One might think that once you graduate from the Academy you have what it takes to be an ethical officer in person, but listening to your voice is a lifelong challenge.”**

*—Vice Admiral William Burke '78, USN (Ret.)  
Speaking to midshipmen and guests at the  
2013 Ethics Essay Award Dinner*

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admirals, will behave ethically and professionally, especially as we complete 40 years as an all-volunteer force.”

From Admiral Carter’s perspective, the issue is not that ethical transgressions are increasing or that leadership integrity has faltered—it is the speed with which transgressions and lapses are broadcast, not just throughout the fleet, but to the world at large. “When ships go to sea, sailors have this sense of ‘out of sight, out of mind.’ Nothing could be further from the truth,” he said. “If any behavior is documented electronically—in personal email, in social media, anywhere—it lives forever. Awareness is higher, and the stakes are higher than ever before.”

Admiral Carter remembers the ethical training he received during his time as a midshipman at the Naval Academy. “Leadership is a pyramid on which one grows. If you start with a solid base and continue to improve upon its foundation then your ability as a superior officer to make small corrective actions to positively affect your junior officers and sailors is much more likely to be successful,” said Admiral Carter, who has received the Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership award and the U.S. Navy League’s John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership. “We need to recalibrate our moral compass regularly. Failures in character and judgment on even rare occasions greatly impact the ability for any command to function to its fullest potential. These lapses erode the trust and confidence of not only the crew within the fleet, but also, the American people in us as their Navy.”

Admiral Carter maintains that the Navy’s ethical training can be found in many places within the fleet, but only in a few locations with an in-depth, developed curriculum: the Naval Academy, the Naval War College, the Command Leadership School and the Senior Enlisted Academy. Naval leadership recognizes the need for that to change. Charged by Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert ’75, USN, with leading the formation of a strategy for developing enlisted and officer leaders that reaches across every numbered fleet commander and within every naval installation, NWC created the Navy Leader Development Strategy. Approved by the CNO in January 2013, the strategy includes foundation outcomes that should be achieved by each sailor as his or her level of responsibility increases. This effort continues to evolve today through the Leader Development Continuum, which works with the Navy’s community leadership—air, surface, sub-surface, SEAL, EOD, lawyers, chaplain and medical, for example, to identify if the Navy is doing enough to create the conditions for professional and ethical growth within its respective communities.

“Although great forward progress has been made, there is much more to be done,” said Carter. “Teaching leaders how to develop ethical behavior in others is not an easy thing to do. But I believe that when people feel you trust them to do the right thing, they will. You must first show them what right looks like by leading their path. In other words, if you are going to talk the talk, you must be able to walk the walk. And this discussion must be done face-to-face with every member of your team. NWC is only one small part of the solution. The strength of our great Navy are the people who serve our great nation around the globe and who are standing watch to secure our freedom against any threat that lies on the horizon. Concerns with professional and ethical decisions will not be remedied overnight, but through a sustainable and methodical process of identification and recognition at every level, we can do better at filling in those small cracks that may develop in our ethical foundation.”

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# An Outlook on Spring Sports

By Gary Lambrecht

**D**uring a recent, bygone era, the Navy men's lacrosse team was at the top of the Patriot League and a perennial NCAA tournament participant. Today, under third-year coach Rick Sowell, the Midshipmen are trying to rebuild the program and rejoin the NCAA

tournament conversation. Before that happens, Navy must become relevant once again in a conference that has grown into one of the tougher leagues in the sport.

The Mids have played collegiate lacrosse since 1908, and did not experience



their first losing season for 75 years. Last spring, nine years after playing in the NCAA tournament championship game, the bottom fell out at Navy, which unraveled in the season's second half by losing its final seven games to finish 3-10, the worst record in program history.

It marked the second losing season in three years in Annapolis. The Mids have missed the NCAAAs for four straight seasons, have missed three consecutive Patriot League tournaments and have lost to Army a school-record—five times in a row.

"Everybody was under the microscope last summer," said Sowell, who is 9-16 in two years at Navy. "We need to re-establish our identity here. We want to be a team in superior condition that is sharp with our fundamentals and challenges our opponent in every way. We've got to be able to hang our hat on something."

With an offense that, despite the presence of proven attack weapons in Sam Jones '14 and Tucker Hull '14, sank to 58th in Division I by averaging just 7.92 goals per game, it's clear where Navy must improve the most. Scoring droughts were too common in 2012. The Mids managed only 41 goals during their season-ending 0-7 slide.

A lack of ball movement and shooting consistency were persistent problems, as Navy finished with only 51 assists. Possession time was also a major shortcoming, as the Mids won just 46 percent of their faceoffs and had trouble forcing turnovers to jump-start the offense into transition chances.

Sowell thinks Navy may have solved the faceoff problem with Brady Dove '17, one of 16 plebes and one of three from nearby Kent High School. Dove and Sean Reilly '16 each showed plenty of potential in the faceoff game in the fall.

"It looks like we'll have a faceoff-by-committee. The sophomores did some good things, but Brady had a really good fall," Sowell said. "If you can't win a faceoff, you can't put a [scoring] run together. We played an awful lot of defense last year."

The Mids spent a large amount of time in the fall working on dodging and shooting, as opposed to scrimmaging. It remains to be seen whether their athleticism has improved enough to make Jones (21 goals, 12 assists) and Hull (13, 8) more dangerous around the cage. Navy is counting on attackmen T.J. Hanzsche '16 and Patrick Keena '16. Each showed scoring flashes as freshmen. Hanzsche started eight games and scored 10 goals. Keena managed seven points in a backup role.

Navy needs more production out of a midfield that disappeared too often in 2012. Gabe Voumard '15 ranked second on the team with 15 goals, while Pat Durkin '14 chipped in 11 goals. Lefty Austin Heneveld '14 (12 points) could be the dodger the first group needs. Sean Price '14 and Erik Hoffstadt '14 lead the second midfield unit. They combined to produce nine goals and six assists last year.

"You can have the greatest schemes in the world, but it doesn't work if you don't have the guys to make it work," Sowell said.

After allowing 10.23 goals per game in 2013—and 12.6 goals per game over their last five losses—the Mids will rely on a younger group that has Sowell encouraged. The unquestioned leader is long-stick midfielder Pat Kiernan '14. He caused 26 turnovers last year, but scored only one goal. Nik Mullen '14 leads the close defense group that includes 6-foot-4 Matt Rees '17 and 6-3 Chris Fennell '17, each of whom spent a year at NAPS and could start. Jules Godino '16 also made good strides last fall.

The Mids need to cover opposing midfielders better on the wings. Alex Heyward '15 and Brendan Gaine '15 will lead the short-stick rotation. Goalie John Connors '16 replaced the graduated Nolan Hickey '13 by seizing the job in the fall.

If the Mids win more faceoffs consistently and generate more transition scoring, they should move back toward the middle of the Patriot League pack. But with the league now including Loyola and Boston University on top of established heavy hitters such as Bucknell, Lehigh and Colgate, Navy's margin of error is thin.

"There are no gimmes, that's for sure. Our sport has changed," said Sowell, alluding to Navy's 1-5 showing in league play last year and usual non-conference assignments such as Maryland and Johns Hopkins looming this spring. "There are a lot of 50-50 games out there, but we can't show up with our 'B' game and expect to win them. If I can get my seniors to play like seniors, we're going to be pretty good. But we've still got a long way to go."

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Typically, when a team loses its top scorer—the most productive scorer in the nation—there is a significant cause for concern. But the Midshipmen, starting with sixth-year coach Cindy Timchal, are used to making up for a loss of excellent talent, and Navy expects to absorb the graduation of Jasmine DePompeo '13 without losing ground in the Patriot League.

A year after finishing 19-2, winning its third consecutive league title and bringing home the first-ever NCAA tournament victory in school history, Navy is ready to chase more milestones.

“Losing [DePompeo] to graduation gives other players an opportunity to step up. Our team is ready to compete,” said Timchal, who owns a 76-22 record at Navy.

The Mids lost five starters, but return three of their top five scorers from a squad that overwhelmed opponents to the tune of 13.3 goals per game. Attackers Aimee Gennaro '14 and Loren Generi '15 each scored more than 60 goals and combined for 155 points. Midfielder Jill Coughlin '14 added 21 goals. The question is who will emerge as the feeders to stoke the Navy attack? DePompeo set an incredible standard in that area and finished with 71 assists in 2013. No one else had more than 16 assists in 2013.



## The Story of a Signing

Nearly 30 years later, Bob Ravener '81 completed his signed baseball with baseball legend Cal Ripkin Jr.'s signature. As an assistant baseball coach in 1985 when the Navy Midshipmen took on the Baltimore Orioles at Memorial Stadium, Ravener had access and the persistence to request interviews from the team. Unfortunately, he missed a critical one that day—Ripkin's. In October 2013, Ravener had the opportunity to complete the baseball at an event in Vanderbilt University's baseball press box. To read the full story, visit [www.usna.com/seastories](http://www.usna.com/seastories). *Photo courtesy of Regents Bank*

Timchal likes the team's experience on offense, including returning attackers Molly Hamilton '14 and Katie Gallagher '16. Midfielder Casey Browne '15 scored nine goals as a backup a year ago.

Defensively, goalie Annie Foky '15 is the anchor. She went 17-2 and allowed just 7.13 goals per game. The unit in front of her is seasoned, led by Molly Doyle '16 and Lindsay Rheiner '15. They started a combined 28 games last year.

Among the newcomers, look for defenseman Meghan Maloney '17 and midfielders Aislinn Probst '17 and Kaitlan Moynihan '17 to make an impact.

The Mids will play Michigan and San Diego State in nonconference matchups, while the addition of Loyola and Boston University to the Patriot League will make it more difficult for Navy to dominate its league.

“Our focus is always to put the team in the best position to win the conference and get an automatic bid [to the NCAA tournament]. By adding two top 20 programs to our league, that will definitely be more of a challenge this year,” Timchal said.

## BASEBALL

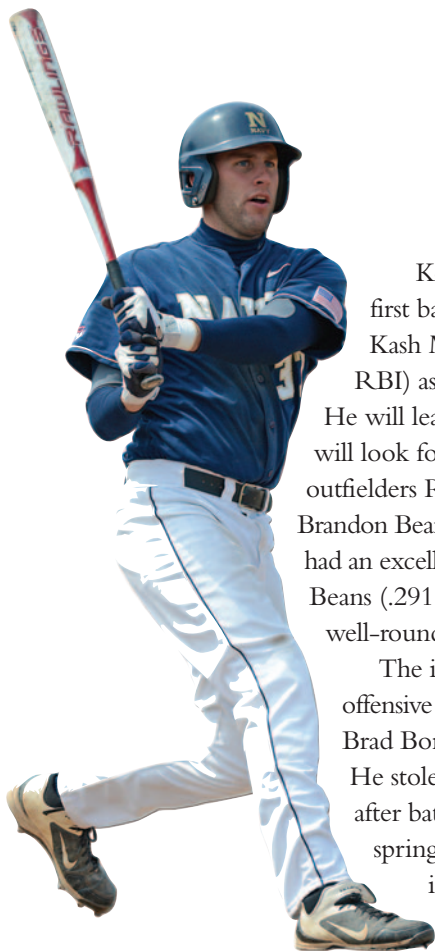
The Mids lost the heart of their batting order to graduation in Dave Milanes '13 and Greg Dupell '13, lost three-year mainstay Ben Nelson '13 from their starting rotation, and said goodbye to shortstop David Wiedeman '15, who transferred to Creighton University because of a medical condition that sealed his departure from the Academy.

Ninth-year coach Paul Kostacopoulos, who guided Navy to a 28-23 record and a second-place finish in the Patriot League last spring, thinks the Mids will compensate with talented pitching, steady defense and speed that should allow Navy to manufacture more runs in 2014. Navy stole 57 bases in 71 attempts last year and committed just five errors in its final 18 games.

“We have to be more efficient on offense and take more chances on the bases. We've got to move more runners up,” said Kostacopoulos, who has won 233 games at Navy, third-most in school history. “Our pitching is our strength, and we're as good defensively as any team we've had.”

The foundation of the starting rotation is set with Anthony Parenti '15, Stephen Moore '15 and Luke Gillingham '16. The trio combined to make 28 starts last year. Parenti (12-11, 4.38 ERA) is a lefty who led the team in innings (64) and strikeouts (65). Moore (4-3, 3.24) and Gillingham (4-3, 3.23) bring power as right-handers.





Kostacopoulos describes first baseman and team captain Kash Manzelli '14 (.335, 30 RBI) as "rock-solid consistent." He will lead the offense, which will look for speed and spark from outfielders Robert Currie '16 and Brandon Beans '14. Currie (.273, 8 SB) had an excellent freshman season. Beans (.291, 21 RBI, 13 SB) has a well-rounded game.

The infield will look for an offensive boost from a healthier Brad Borosak '15 at third base. He stole 16 bases in 2013, and after battling a sore shoulder last spring, could emerge as a force in the bullpen.

The biggest question marks are in the middle infield spots and at catcher. Travis Blue '17 made huge progress after plebe summer and has impressed with his defensive capability at second base, while shortstop Ryan Moody '16 showed a fine glove while taking over for the departed Wiedeman. Behind the plate, Chris Cannon '15 replaces Milanes.

## MEN'S TENNIS

The men's team finds itself in unfamiliar territory. For only the third time in the past eight years, Navy is chasing a Patriot League title, not defending one. The Mids will also put a team on the court that does not have a senior, although John Officer, Navy's 29th-year coach, downplayed the significance of collegiate inexperience.

That's because Thomas Pecor '17, one of four freshmen on the roster, came as good as advertised from Memorial High School in Houston, TX. With an outstanding fall competing against the likes of University of Virginia, Princeton University and East Carolina University, Pecor shined. He entered the preseason as the team's No. 1 singles player and half of the No. 1 doubles team with Austin Jones '16. Jones went 14-8 last year, mostly playing in the No. 3 singles slot.

"[Pecor] is working on his first-save percentage, but he doesn't really have any weaknesses in his game," Officer said. "He hits a heavy ball and he has a great volley game. Our top

six players are each ranked in the top 150 in the country. We're scheduling tough. We think it's going to be a good year."

With Jones projected in the No. 2 singles spot, Calvin Mark '15 brings a 47-19 record from his first two seasons to the No. 3 position. Blake Daniel '15, 22-7 last year in singles play, is at No. 5, while Krishna Jana '17 had the inside track as the No. 5 player.

Officer expects the Mids to be in the thick of the race for the school's 10th league title. "It's not a good year unless we win the league," he said.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Keith Puryear, the sixth-year coach of the women's team, has been at the helm throughout Navy's varsity existence and has guided the Mids to the Patriot League tournament finals in each of the last three years. Last year, the Mids went 25-5, won a school-record 17 straight matches, and wound up ranked 10th in the ITA Atlantic Region rankings.

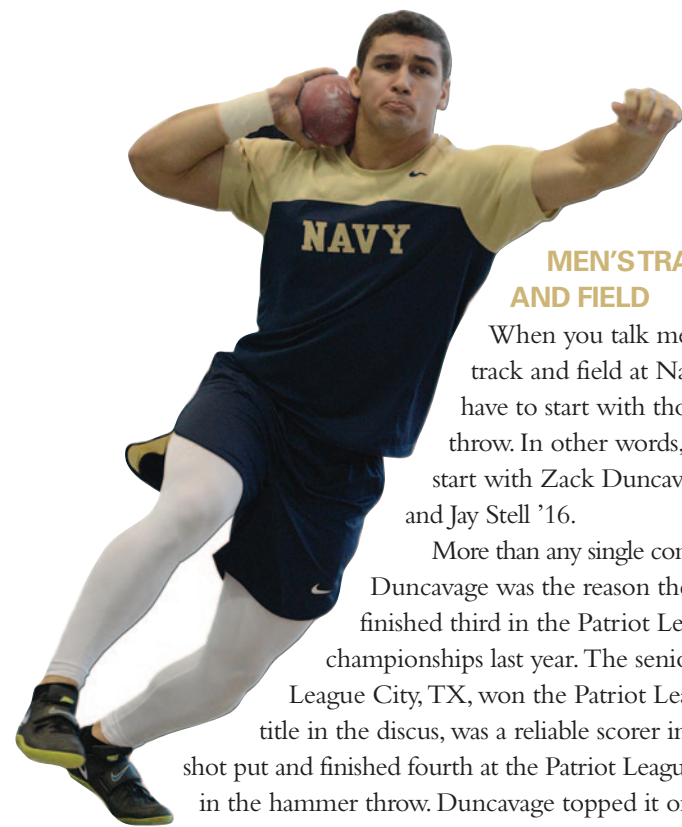
This spring might reveal the deepest, most talented Navy team yet. For example, Gabby Winters '15 had a solid plebe year, before a broken wrist interrupted her sophomore season last spring. Winters, 10-8 in 2013, is fighting for a spot in the top six singles group.

"It's going to be harder to crack the starting lineup, more so now than ever," said Puryear, who has scheduled top 50 opponents in Penn State and DePaul University. "We're still a fairly young team, but we've got really good depth this year."

Navy will lean on Darien Sears '14 and Erin Snook '14, the lone seniors on the squad. They combined to win 44 matches last year and went 9-1 against Patriot League competition. But there is plenty of help in the under classes. Logan Antill '16 and Katie Porter '16 lead the sophomores. Antill led Navy with 25 matches last spring, while Porter went 15-4 and led the Mids in singles victories last fall. The incoming class features Summer Ralston '17, Audrey Channell '17 and Rozel Hernandez '17, who could factor into Navy's competitive doubles picture.

If Snook can shake the nagging ankle injury that plagued her during the fall, the Mids could be primed to win that Patriot League title that has eluded them.





## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

When you talk men's track and field at Navy, you have to start with those who throw. In other words, you start with Zack Duncavage '14 and Jay Stell '16.

More than any single competitor, Duncavage was the reason the Mids finished third in the Patriot League championships last year. The senior from League City, TX, won the Patriot League title in the discus, was a reliable scorer in the shot put and finished fourth at the Patriot League meet in the hammer throw. Duncavage topped it off by finishing 11th in the discus at the NCAA championships to earn second-team All-America honors for the second time.

"We've leaned on Zack for four years," said 25th-year coach Stephen Cooksey. "He's able to take the weight and help us out where we need it."

Then there is Stell, the javelin throwing sensation who capped a phenomenal freshman year by winning the Patriot League crown—and Rookie of the Meet honors—before competing for Team USA at the Pan Am T&F Junior Championship last summer. In addition, the Mids have a stable of fine pole vaulters, led by league champion Mark Vetere '15. Navy also should score consistently in sprints with Austin Batiste '16 and Brett Borgard '14 and in middle distance events with Wes Kennedy '14 and Joshua Kingsland '15.

## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The women's team has not finished lower than second at the Patriot League championships in the past 10 years, and last year's second-place team will lean on a dependable core of talent in 2014. Like the men, the throwers—in this case, four seniors—set the tone for the Mids.

Maressa Guynn '14 is the league's defending discus champion. She won last year's conference meet by setting Academy and Patriot League records. Teronda Brown '14 finished second in the shot put and fourth in the discus. Laura Allam '14 was second in the discus and fifth in the shot put. In the javelin throw, Alix Membreno '14, who also stars on the basketball team, won the Patriot League crown.

Guynn, Allam and Membreno each qualified for the NCAA East Regionals.

"People have really started to take notice of our throwers, especially outdoors," said 22nd-year coach Carla Criste. "To have four of them is pretty unusual."

The Mids must compensate for the loss of distance star Brigid Byrne '13, and Annie Norah-Beveridge '15 was the team's most consistent scorer for two years while she pushed Byrne. Norah-Beveridge was second behind Byrne in the 10,000 at last year's Patriot League meet. Christina Blair '15 was a remarkably consistent top five finisher in the 3,000 steeplechase. Amanda Mulkey '16 also peaked nicely at the end of her freshman year with a third-place finish at the Patriot League meet in the 1,500m.

The graduation of Jessica Ridgway '13 leaves Navy lacking depth in the sprints, although Veronica Ffrench '14 can give the Mids a lift in the 200m, as well as the high jump, and Alana Brady '17 has shown much promise in the 400m.

Crystan McLymore '16 could give Navy a big boost in the long jump and triple jump. McLymore is the reigning Patriot League champion in the triple jump.

Go Navy! ⚓



## Coach Al Cantello Honored

Described as one of the greatest and most influential collegiate coaches in his specialty, Coach Al Cantello was honored on 16 December 2013 as an inductee into the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Coaches Hall of Fame. Eleven Academy alumni and former athletes were on hand to salute their former coach, including (front, left to right) Jim Kiffer '68, Mark Donahue '81, Jim Doherty '76; (back, left to right) Gordon Peterson '68, Ronnie Harris '87, Scott Whitney '79, Jackie Cantello, Coach Al Cantello, Bill Kovach '82, Jon Clemens '97 and Ben Morris '03. Not pictured, but in attendance: Mike Marks '71 and Dale Bateman '75.

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# No Challenge Too Great

By Caryn Maconi

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**W**hen Cnossen accepted his offer to attend the United States Naval Academy in 1998, he didn't know how to swim.

That limitation didn't stop the driven plebe from setting his sights on becoming a Navy SEAL. Cnossen believed he could learn how to swim if he put the work in—and that he did.

In 2009, seven years after his graduation from the Naval Academy, Cnossen had

risen to the rank of platoon commander for SEAL Team One in Afghanistan in the fourth combat deployment of his career. Just 36 hours into his assignment, Cnossen stepped on an improvised explosive device, resulting in the loss of both legs just above the knee.

Just as he didn't allow his inability to swim hold him back from his SEAL dreams, Cnossen didn't let his injury prevent an active life. The SEAL



underwent rehabilitation at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD, where he learned to walk with prosthetics. He was awarded both a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with Valor medal from the Secretary of the Navy for his service in combat.

Cnossen wasn't sure what his options for physical activity would be following his injuries; what he did know was that he wouldn't be sitting around for long. He began working with the Paralympic Military Program, which provides post-rehabilitation support, mentoring and adaptive sports training for injured service members. Through that experience, Cnossen realized he could not just adapt to but excel in his new condition.

"I would have had a very, very hard time coming out of Walter Reed and going into a sedentary life," Cnossen said. "If the Paralympic program didn't exist, I really don't know where I'd be right now or what I'd be doing."

As Cnossen redeveloped his strength and became comfortable on prosthetics, the former triathlete began running and swimming again, even capturing four medals—including three golds—at the 2011 Warrior Games.

He then learned to use a sit-ski, without knowing much about Nordic skiing prior to his injury. Once again, though, he didn't let lack of experience faze him.

"Given that I was going to be in the sitting class, I imagined that if someone had a background in cross-country skiing, it wouldn't be as a sitting athlete," Cnossen said. "So what I presumed was that nobody really started out the first years of their lives doing this, and in that regard I would be no different. I was pretty confident in my athletic background and capability."

Cnossen spoke with his chain of command and was approved to stay on active duty with the Navy while competing on the international racing circuit in adaptive cross-country skiing and biathlon. In his first season of competition, Cnossen notched a silver medal at the International Paralympic Committee World Cup in Cable, WI, and a sixth-place finish at the IPC Cross-Country Skiing World Championships in Sweden. His results were strong enough to earn him a spot on the U.S. Paralympics Nordic Skiing National Team.

Cnossen then went on to earn three national cross-country skiing titles and a second-place finish in the biathlon at the 2013 U.S. Nordic Adaptive National Championships in Midway, UT.

Now, he is a top hopeful for Team USA in both Nordic skiing disciplines for the upcoming Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games. The Paralympic team that will compete in Sochi will be named in early 2014.

Since joining the Paralympic Military Program in August 2011, Cnossen has

been living and training full-time in Fort Carson, CO. His training is largely self-driven, though the National Team comes together for a training camp for about 10 days each month.

The National Team has a large contingent of military veterans, something Cnossen said has aided in his positive attitude during recovery and his continued motivation to succeed. In addition, Cnossen said his experiences as a midshipman at the Naval Academy and as a member of the military have prepared him well for the rigors of an athletic career.

"I think cross-country skiing and biathlon are two sports which require a good amount of mental training, not just on the day of the race, but before," Cnossen said. "There are days when I have to leave my legs in the snow, and I come back and they're caked in snow, the prosthetic fluid isn't really working and my hands are freezing. But the toughness to push through it? My military background has given me that."

Though Cnossen's biggest goal is to be on the roster to Sochi, he knows the



*Lt. Cnossen earned a silver and bronze medal in cross-country skiing (10K, 15K) at the 2013 International Paralympic Committee World Cup in Cable, WI. Photo by James Netz*

real reward will have been the journey to get there.

"I used to think, 'I'm hospital-bed bound.' Then I started realizing that I still have a pretty capable body," Cnossen said. "I'm not too limited—there are these prosthetics, and who knows what they can do? I decided to focus more on the physical side of my development, and I've learned a lot about myself through the process."

The 2014 Paralympic Winter Games are set for 7-16 March in Sochi, Russia. The Paralympics will be broadcast on NBC and NBC Sports Network. ⚓

*Caryn Maconi is a communications intern with the U.S. Paralympics, a division of the United States Olympic Committee.*



*From left to right: Then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff ADM Mike Mullen '68, USN; VADM Michael Miller '74, USN, U.S. Naval Academy Superintendent; Lt. Dan Cnossen '02, and Maryland Sen. Benjamin Cardin walk to the center of the field to participate in the ceremonial coin toss during the U.S. Naval Academy's first varsity football game of the 2010 season at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD. Navy lost to the University of Maryland 17-14. Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Chad Runge*



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# Board of Trustees

## 2014 Election Information

In accordance with the Bylaws of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, the Board approved the slate of nominees for the positions of Central Region and Eastern Region trustees. Also at the December 2013 meeting, the Board approved the nomination of Major General Leo Williams '70, USMCR (Ret.), as its next Vice Chair at the spring 2014 meeting when the new Board is formed.

Please take a moment to read the biographies of the candidates for Trustee. If you reside in either the Eastern or Central region, you will receive a ballot via mail for the 2014 Board of Trustees election. Ballots will be sent to regular members by an external vendor, VR Election Services, with complete voting instructions for mail, phone and online options.

Thank you for participating in the process of electing Board leaders for the Alumni Association.



## New Board of Trustees Vice Chair Major General Leo Williams '70, USMCR (Ret.)



Leo Williams graduated from the Naval Academy in 1970 and was commissioned in the Marine Corps. Following two tours in artillery units with the Fleet Marine Force, a tour on the staff at The Basic School and a tour at the Manpower Division of Headquarters Marine Corps, he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and began a career at Ford Motor Company.

At Ford he rose to become the brand manager for F-150 trucks and Ford Division SUVs and was responsible for brand development and marketing for the F-150 truck as well as Explorer, Expedition, Excursion and Escape vehicles.

He retired from Ford in 2003 and became Executive Vice President of Medifast, Inc., and CEO of its subsidiary, Take Shape for Life, Inc. He retired from this company in 2012.

In the Marine Corps Reserve, Williams was promoted to Brigadier General in 1997 and to Major General in 2000.

His general officer assignments included: Commanding General, 4th Force Service Support Group, Marine Forces Reserve; Commanding General, Marine Corps Reserve Support Command; vice director, Joint Experimentation (J9), U.S. Joint Forces Command; and Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

Williams serves on the Department of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board as well as the corporate boards of the Navy Mutual Aid Association, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland and Intelligent Illuminations, Inc.

He was previously vice chairman of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, commissioner of the Military Leadership Diversity Commission and a member of the Naval Research Advisory Board. He has served as a trustee of the Naval Academy Alumni Association and the University of the District of Columbia Board of Trustees and as a director of the Naval Academy Foundation.

Williams holds an MBA from Southern Illinois University. He is married to Vicki Davis Williams of Charleston, SC.

# 2014 Board of Trustees Candidate Biographies

## For Central Region: Royce Engler '73



**M**y goal as the Central Region Trustee will be not only to represent the region's individual members, but to leverage the national organization to help other chapters improve their operations and communications. Strengthening chapters is vital to the health of our Association, and critical to supporting the Academy that we all love.

After graduation from USNA in 1973, I served as DCA on BAINBRIDGE (CGN25), qualifying as engineer and surface warfare officer. Next tour was production training officer at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, NY. I left active duty in 1981 and continued in the Naval Reserve as an engineering duty officer, retiring after 30 years as a captain.

In my civilian career, I have worked as a petroleum engineer, IT manager and account manager. If I had to sum up what I do

in one sentence, it would be that I bring people and assets together to get things done. I know the difference between intentions and accomplishments.

I have been the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter co-webmaster for many years and worked with members from the North Texas Chapter and San Diego Chapter to negotiate agreements with AlumniMagnet to host our chapter web sites. This has enabled our chapter to make our communications electronic, automate signups and payments for chapter events and automate chapter dues processes. The elimination of paper mailings alone has paid for the cost of the hosting software. It has given us the capability to quickly "get the word out" to chapter members and provides a single point of contact for members to get information about events and news. I want to leverage my experience and skills to make these kinds of tools available to other chapters, which I believe strengthens the bonds that tie us all together.

Thank you for your support!

## For Central Region: Dan Hanley '10



**D**aniel Hanley is an Engineer at Samsung Austin Semiconductor where he is an integral part of developing new semiconductor manufacturing technologies. Son of a Vietnam War Marine Veteran he was born in Humble, TX. Dan graduated from the Naval Academy in 2010, having attended NAPS after high school.

Hanley returned to Texas in 2011 after a separation from the submarine force to start a civilian career while continuing his service in the reserve component with the 7th Fleet at NAS Fort Worth.

Hanley is a valuable asset to the Naval Academy Alumni Austin Chapter and a youthful addition to the Austin board of directors where he has planned Navy football viewing parties and various social and military appreciation events with the director of marketing for the Texas Stars and the Cedar Park

Center. In addition to his work within the chapter he has honorably given back to USNA by volunteering as a Blue & Gold Officer.

His dedication to serve USNA is quite obvious through his involvement in growing his local chapter, but he has always promoted the Academy's heralded image since his plebe year when he started as Bill the Goat. While serving as Bill the Goat he helped USNA achieve national recognition by placing 16th in a national mascot competition and making it to the finals with online voting in the Capital One Mascot Challenge. He is very proud to be a USNA graduate and is motivated to grow the Naval Academy's outreach. He utilizes his talents as a mascot to promote the spirit of the midshipmen and stays proactive in creating more opportunities for the local chapter to incorporate the community.

He has been a 3-Star member of Blue & Gold since graduation. He currently lives in Cedar Park, TX, where he enjoys fishing and playing ice hockey.



## For Eastern Region: Jeff Webb '95



I am the current Eastern Region Trustee and hope to serve a second and final term. My recent service to USNA includes:

- **Chairman of the Association's Communications Committee.** We have oversight responsibility for alumni communications (i.e. *Shipmate* and *Wave Tops*) and trustee communications.

- **Member of the Association's Joint Investment Committee.** We oversee nearly \$200M of Association and Foundation investment assets. My profession (investment management) aligns well with this responsibility.

- **Member of the Superintendent's Memorial Oversight Committee.** We review and make recommendations to the Superintendent on proposed memorials and commemorative works at USNA.

Other volunteer activity:

- **Run To Honor Co-Founder and Director (since 2007).** RTH honors Naval Academy Alumni lost in combat or training operations and supports the families they leave behind.

My Run To Honor experience inspired me to become active in Alumni Association affairs.

- **Travis Manion Foundation (since 2013).** As an "ambassador," I deliver the foundation's character development program in secondary schools.

- **Families of the Wounded Fund Director (since 2007).** FOTWF provides financial support to the family members of service men and women who are severely wounded in the combat theater.

At USNA, I majored in ocean engineering and was captain of the cycling team. After graduating in 1995, I reported to BUD/S and subsequently served as a SEAL officer at ST4 and ST8. My platoons deployed to Latin America and the Middle East, including significant time aboard EISENHOWER. After leaving the Navy I earned an MBA at the University of Virginia. I work for J.P. Morgan Private Bank in Philadelphia where I am an investment and wealth planning advisor.

During my first term I have been an active and engaged board member. I am excited at the prospect of serving the Association for a second term. Thank you for your consideration.

## For Eastern Region: Greg Saxon '03



A 2003 graduate of the USNA, I was a member of the 8th and 11th companies and majored in quantitative economics. I was the midshipman director of the 2003 Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference (NAFAC) and a brigade drill sergeant. I was selected as a cryptologic officer (1610) and upon graduation reported to Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course

(NCOBC) in Pensacola. I was assigned to the National Security Agency (NSA) as a technical staff officer and was deployed to Iraq multiple times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Upon separation from service, I earned my M.S. in Information & Telecommunication Systems at the Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. I now reside in the Northern New Jersey area. I work within the global supply chain of BP Lubricants (Castrol) where I lead a team of procurement professionals negotiating raw material contracts for base oils, chemicals, additives and packaging.

My recent volunteer/not-for-profit service includes:

- Adjunct professor of business at Fairleigh Dickinson University Silberman College of Business
- Full professor of information systems at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) from 2006-09
- Founded the Deployed Child Care Assistance Program (DCAP) serving families of deployed servicemen
- Founded Operation Appreciation which assembles and delivers care packages to deployed servicemen each Christmas
- I have been a youth football coach for 4 years and a youth hockey director for 2 years
- Established the BP Veterans Business Resource Group (BRG) which helps to provide resources to U.S. Service Veterans within the BP organization.
- Recruited USNA candidates since 2004 (9 years) in the Blue and Gold Officer program and was recently asked to be the co-director for Area 113.

I am married to Lieutenant Jill Saxon, MSC, USNR, and we have three children, Joel (9), Jonathan (7) and Rebekah (5). We live in Randolph, NJ.



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By Captain Tom Druggan '89, USN

## Our Navy—On Watch, On Call, Worldwide

During the last three months of 2013, the world landscape shifted significantly and will directly affect naval operations this coming year. First, of course, are the historic discussions with Iran which may lead to longer term stability in the Mideast at the cost of near term uncertainty and with the final outcome in Syria a major unknown. Second is a significant uptick in Chinese naval activity in the Western Pacific. While we all hope for the best, the U.S. Navy must be ready for the worst as much of the U.S. military returns to our shores after a decade in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the Middle East, American troop withdrawals will come to an end in 2014, and few ground forces will remain for the long term. As a result, the Navy will be the only service with a persistent presence in the region, and operations could not be more complicated. Complicated because, while talks between the United States and Iran are pointing to a more stable future, Iran is openly advancing its military capabilities in the short term: from commissioning a new wide area radar system, aggressively flying drones over the Persian Gulf, developing new anti-ship missiles, trying to acquire advanced air defense weapon systems like the Russian SA-300 surface-to-air missile system and expanding its torpedo-boat program. Indeed, a number of Arab countries are concerned enough to have engaged the U.S. on negotiating arms purchases as a counterweight to Iran's continued military modernization. Adding the fact that the U.S. military response to Syria has been primarily naval to date, and 2014 portends to be a challenging and potentially dangerous environment for our ships at sea in the region.

Second, China's military posture has ramped up. After the recent election of President Xi Jinping, there was a rapid increase in out of area Chinese military operations and, frankly, some overt behavior. First and foremost is the deployment of the Chinese aircraft carrier, LIAONING, to the Philippines; an associated flashback of the Cold War with Chinese warships maneuvering aggressively close aboard COWPENS; the no-notice establishment of an Air Defense Identification Zone with operating rules outside the norm and even covering disputed territory; more aggressive territorial claims of disputed islands in the South China Seas; and going to mass production of its J-15 fighter (an indigenous Chinese version of the capable Russian Su-33 carrier-based aircraft). All in all, 2013 closed with Chinese military operations at a new high water mark.



*The guided-missile cruiser COWPENS (CG 63) maneuvers into position during a replenishment-at-sea. COWPENS is on patrol with the George Washington Carrier Strike Group in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of responsibility supporting security and stability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Declan Barnes*

Our friends and allies in the region—from Australia in the south to Singapore to Japan to South Korea in the north—are unsure of China's rise, their ambiguous intentions and the extent of their military buildup. What makes today's situation so unusual is the strength of economic ties: China is a major trading partner with both the United States and Japan. This is a sharp distinction to the Cold War with the Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact nations and, as a result, it seems as if there are two conflicting conversations taking place concerning China: economic cooperation versus military competition. All of which makes the life of a Sailor on deployment in 7th Fleet more uncertain.

Considering the recent changes on the world stage, America's strategic choices are nonetheless clear: stand by our friends and allies, continue to secure the freedom of the seas for all and be ready. As the USNA Class of 2013 finishes their training pipelines and report for duty, they will be at the forefront of international events in 2014. Their Academy training provides a firm foundation as they enter the crucible of real-world naval operations, where they will put that Academy training to the test. Being ready also means having military forces immediately available for major missions, and the Navy with its Marine Corps partner is the number one provider of combat forces overseas in uncertain times. The U.S. Navy has never been more relevant or more important. ⚓

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## 1950s

**'59: CAPT J. Phillip London, USN (Ret.)**, has received the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award from the Naval Order of the United States during the Order's annual congress. He also released a new book, "Character: The Ultimate Success Factor" (Fortis) and is available at [www.characterthebook.com](http://www.characterthebook.com). **Dr. William Corcoran** has been awarded a presidential citation by the American Nuclear Society for his work in professional development and root cause analysis.

## 1960s

**'64: ADM Joseph Prueher, USN (Ret.)**, has been elected to the board of directors for Armada Hoffer Properties, Inc. **CDR Hugh Risseuw, USN (Ret.)**, has been awarded the Wesley L. McDonald Elder Statesman of Aviation Award from the National Aeronautic Association.

**'66: RADM David Bill III, USN (Ret.)**, has been appointed to the board of directors for EdgeWave, Inc., a leader in web and email security solutions.

## RADM William Sutton '70



RADM William "Woody" Sutton, USN (Ret.), has been awarded two prestigious Scouting awards. From the National Eagle Scout Association, Sutton was presented with the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award for his strong record of community service. The former Eagle Scout also received the Good Scout Award from the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America for exemplifying the values of the Scout Oath and Law in personal, professional and civic aspects of life. Upon receiving these awards, Sutton said, "Scouting is one of our treasured national institutions, and the lessons I learned in scouting have helped me throughout my career, both in the Navy defending this great nation and in business working for our country's future prosperity. I am deeply honored to receive both of these awards."

**'69: John Post, MD**, has been named to the Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority Commission.

## 1970s

**'70: CDR Daniel Ellison, USN (Ret.)**, has been re-elected to the City Commission for Helena, MT.

**'72: Todd Nichols** has been elected president-elect of the Washington State Association for Justice, formerly the WA State Trial Lawyers Association.

**'76: J. Michael Yeager** has been appointed chief executive officer and executive chairman of Maverick Drilling and Exploration Limited's board of directors.

**'78: CAPT John "Sean" Coffey, USNR (Ret.)**, has joined Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel as a partner in New York and will serve as chair of complex litigation.



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## 1980s

**'80: RADM A.B. Cruz III, USNR (Ret.)**, has been appointed as executive vice president and general counsel of Emergent BioSolutions Inc.

**'81: CAPT Jim Nault, USN (Ret.)**, has passed the bar exam and is an attorney-at-law in the state of Connecticut.

**'83: Michael Silva** has been appointed vice president, chief regulatory officer & compliance leader of GE Capital.

**'85: CAPT Emil Pretencio, USN**, has been promoted to current rank.

**'89: Thomas Phelan** crewed as a member of the Marin Rowing Association that won the 2013 Head of the Charles Men's Senior Masters Eight (50+).

## 1990s

**'93: CDR Steven Lee, USN**, has graduated from the National War College, Washington, DC. His next assignment will be The Joint Staff, The Pentagon, in the Directorate for Strategic Plans

and Policy (J-5). **CDR Bill Daly, USN**, has screened for Major Command afloat.

**'94: CDR Thomas Moninger, USN**, has accepted a new assignment as the Reactor Officer in THEODORE ROOSEVELT, reporting in June 2014.

**'95: CDR Camille Flaherty, USN**, has assumed command of ARLEIGH BURKE.

**'96: CDR John DePree, USN**, has assumed command of The Black Knights of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE FIVE FOUR, relieving CDR James Christie '95, USN. **CDR Aaron Kelley, USN**, has assumed command of HELANTISUBRON 5 (HS-5).

**'97: CDR Steven Djuvedi, USN**, has assumed the role of executive officer of The Black Knights of Strike Fighter Squadron ONE FIVE FOUR.

## 2000s

**'04: Chris Robinette** has been named New Associate of the Year by Capital Financial Group and a 2013 Top Forty under 40 Business Professionals in Nashville, TN.

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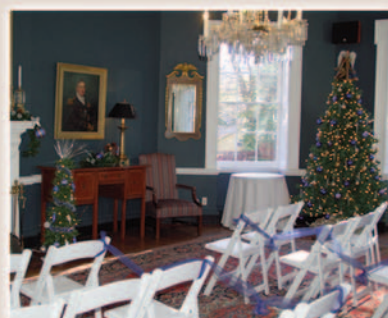
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### Sad news

Consuelo Cope Taylor, widow of Leslie Taylor who died in 2000, died on 26 October 2013 in Great Falls, MT.

With good wishes,  
— Ed Keats

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### Boating on the river

Several months before his recent death **Dale Cox '43** sent a photo he had taken of boating on the river near the Patuxent Naval Air Station. It dates sixty years back to the summer of 1953. Left to right are two good friends, Sellen Keats and Patricia Cox, with **Ed Keats** at the controls of his fourteen foot boat driven by a twenty-five horsepower Evinrude engine, the most powerful available at the time. Dale was a student test pilot in the

Flight Test division of the Naval Air Test Center and Ed was Director of the Armament Test division, two of the four divisions that together composed the Center. Enjoying quiet activities on the river during weekends balanced the excitement of flying the Navy's newest planes during the week. The photo adjoins the column.



On the Patuxent

### A predictor of career success

\* Our classmate, **Bernard “Dunk” Dunkle**, was a collector and keeper of many kinds of papers and documents relating to his time as a Midshipman and officer in the Marine Corps. Recently his widow, Betsy, came across one captioned “Special Order No. 5-35, Midshipman Officers and Petty Officers, 1934-1935, Final Group.” Believing it might be of interest to the Class she kindly forwarded it. Even at this late date it is worthy of a close look and an analysis.

\* At the beginning of our First Class year in September 1934 the Executive Department announced that there would be three distinct groups of officers and petty officers appointed to be the Midshipman military leaders of the Regiment, as collectively we were called. For some, never explained reason, the Academy used Army terms to describe

the echelons of our formations: squad, platoon, company, battalion and regiment, instead of the available and venerable navy terms, division, squadron, force, flotilla, and fleet.

\* The first group, chosen during the summer, served from the start of the academic year until the Christmas holidays, the next held their ranks from our return early in the New Year until 25 March, 1935 and a final set consisting of those considered to be the best overall were to hold office from then until graduation. Our *Lucky Bag* shows pictures of those in the two earlier sets but not of the final one as it was appointed too late for its photo to get into the production schedule. Those appointed were permitted to wear their insignia of rank only during the time of their service.

\* The selection of those to form the Final Group was based on the judgment of members of the Executive Department assembled under the Commandant of Midshipmen. No written report of their deliberation survives and it is doubtful if one was prepared. The documentation was just the recommended organization. We do not know if the Commandant chaired the meetings or merely awaited their report. His decision, merely concurring or possibly somewhat modifying his subordinates' submission was then sent to the Superintendent who almost certainly approved it without change.

\* The general feeling at that time was that the officer leadership at the Academy believed those chosen for the final top positions, the Midshipman Commander who wore five stripes on the sleeves of his blue service uniform, Midshipman Lieutenant Commanders who wore four stripes and Midshipman Lieutenants who wore three stripes were the members of our Class the executive Department at the Academy thought had shown the best military attitude and had the greatest potential for eventual success in the Navy.

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\* Now, many years later, as the putative historian of the USNA Class of 1935, it may be appropriate to examine whether that prediction of eventual success in the Navy held true. At the top of the "Final Set" were the Five Striper, five Four Stripers and fifteen Three Stripers; a total of twenty-one. No names are included here since the data need no personal identifications for validity.

\* During the period around World War II four of the twenty-one were casualties, leaving seventeen to be leading candidates for top Navy positions in the late 1960s when they became available to us. Class records show that one member of the Class became a Four Star officer in the Marine Corps and one was appointed to Four Star rank in the Navy. Five acceded to Three Stars in the Navy and one became a Three Star officer in the Marine Corps.

\* A comparison of former stripers against those who achieved high rank shows that of the seventeen living former top stripers none gained a four star rank and just two became three star officers. Moreover, three of the six who became three star officers had not even been appointed stripers but were relegated to petty officer status by the Commandant in the final 1935 organization.

\* We leave to our readers to decide whether there is significance in this analysis.

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A very long overdue luncheon to celebrate the Class of '37 was held on Monday, November 4th in Annapolis. Our esteemed President, **Capt. Jack Slaughter** planned the event with

Elsie **Mack** who so generously hosted us in the Ginger Cove Retirement Community dining room. Daughters of the Class of '37 shipmates in attendance were Anne **Slaughter** Kern, Jodie **Lajaunie** Berndt, and Meredith **Minter Hinkle**; along with the always lovely Jean **Stein** who traveled all the way from the Woodbridge, VA area to attend.

The time together was treasured, the food delicious and the conversation spirited – all the ingredients of a great party! The one missing ingredient for a perfect party was the absence of Bess **Slaughter** who was not able to attend – we missed her so much. Thanks to a very cooperative waiter, we were able to get this group picture – once again, Cap'n Jack and his "harem!"



We also want to wish Cap'n Jack a very Happy Birthday on January 19th – **100 YEARS YOUNG!!!!**

— Meredith Minter Hinkle

'37 West Coast Report



Marge Phaler, Bob Erly, his wife Thea, Pat Porter daughter of Bill Porter, Connie Savage and Ed Arentzen met for lunch at the Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego, CA.

Now that Bob Erly is well again, we plan to meet every month.

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### Obituary –

Mrs. Grace Cleghorn Giffen, 98, widow of Captain Robert C. **Giffen, Jr.**, USN (Ret) '38, of Wahiawa, Hawaii and Annapolis, Md., died October 22 of old age. Born in her maternal grandparents' home on Kahuku Sugar Plantation, Kahuku, Territory of Hawaii, on January 4, 1915, to the late Grace Olsen Cleghorn and William Arthur Cleghorn, Grace grew up in an exotic world full of animals, agriculture and bare feet. At home, peacocks acted as watchdogs and a wild piglet, Baby, which Grace raised, would follow her to school. In 1932, when her parents moved to Haiku, Maui, where her father worked for the Haiku Fruit Company, Grace was left behind on Oahu to board at Punahou School. It was there that she took swimming lessons from Duke Kahanamoku, an early Hawaiian Olympian, and became a strict grammarian. Despite her fluency in pidgin English, Grace never mistook the proper use of the personal pronouns I and me. After graduating from Punahou she returned home to Maui. When her mother died unexpectedly, her father, looking for a change of scenery, took both his teenage daughters on a 'round-the-world tour. Returning six months later, Grace was off to business school. Upon graduation and until 1944, she worked as the personal secretary to the president of Honolulu Rapid Transit. But, as a Victorian daughter, she also kept her father's house until he remarried. Grace remembered the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor only too well – a bomb, a dud, landed in their front yard during the Japanese attack on Wheeler Airfield and Schofield Barracks.

It was during the War that Grace met her husband of 59 years, Capt. Robert (Skip) C. Giffen, Jr., USN, of Annapolis, MD. Skip was a submariner, in and out of Pearl Harbor on patrol when a mutual friend introduced them. They were married six weeks later — four of which Skip was gone — in a formal service at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu, serenaded by Hawaiian music. What followed was a typical military life, lots of moves, lots of new friendships and frequent separations. Somehow Skip always managed to get

Grace back to the Islands every two or three years. And Grace, when asked where she was from, always said Hawaii.

Following Skip's retirement, the couple settled in Annapolis in 1967 where Grace, an avid bridge player and gifted knitter, made new friends. In addition to knitting, Grace enjoyed travel, historical novels and flower arranging. Grace loved parties and accordingly loved the holidays. Her all time record was four different parties in a single evening. At the time of her death, Grace had outlived most of her contemporaries but she will continue to be loved by her family and friends for her strong sense of propriety, perfect grammar and encyclopedic knowledge of Emily Post.

Grace was preceded in death by her mother in 1934, father in 1959, husband on April 16, 2003, brother, C.T. (Tom) Cleghorn of Wahiawa, Hawaii in 1972 and sister Dagmar C. Baldwin, Haiku, Maui, Hawaii in 1973. She is survived by her daughter Dagmar G. Cosby, her son Robert C. Giffen III (and wife Ann Lallande); her four grandchildren: Erin C. Plumb (and husband Marion), Carrington G. Cosby, Robert C. Giffen IV (and wife Katelyn), Nicole L. Giffen and her two great grandchildren: Grace and Emma Plumb.

A private inurnment at the U.S. Naval Academy on November 8, 2013, was followed by a memorial service at Friendship Hall, Ginger Cove, Annapolis, MD. The family requests that memorial donations in her name be made to: Punahou School, 1601 Punahou St., Honolulu HI 96822. Online condolences may be made at: [www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com](http://www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com).

Don Brown, our assistant class secretary, reports on his recent trip to South America:

■ "On October 6 my son, Gordon, and I departed from Fairfax, VA, for a three-week trip to the West Coast of South America from Ecuador to Chile on a 178 passenger small ship (Sea Adventurer). Son was a last minute substitute for my wife who had emergency gall bladder removal four days prior to our departure. The expedition was led by Zegrahm Enterprises, Seattle, Wash., to visit historical sites, learn geography and observe wildlife, primarily birds. Landed in Quito, Ecuador where we spent a day recovering from the journey. Toured the city that focused on the colonial period. Flew to Guayaquil, Ecuador (of note was the city's express bus system with its dedicated lanes and stop stations). From there,

after a tour of the colonial area, we proceeded by bus to the port of Salinas where the low water required us to use Zodiac boats to transfer to the ship. The ship's officers were from Argentina (Captain), Croatia, Germany and other countries but the crew was primarily Filipino. Following day was at sea with lectures. The next stop was Salaverry, Peru. We toured an ancient archeological site of early Indians and their separate site of administration. We were denied permission to visit one nature reserve site due to Peruvian naval maneuvers and diverted to Lima. There we toured the oldest plaza in Lima and the oldest home, the Casa Aliaga, where we visited 10 of the 80 rooms in the house. We then docked at Pisco, Peru where Gordon flew to view the Nazca Lines (expansive earth markings best viewed from the air) and Paracas National Reserve (pre-Incan culture) while I remained aboard due to a bad reaction to my high altitude medication. Got a Zodiac ride around the port captained by the ship's CAPTAIN. Saw seals, sea lions and pelicans in abundance. Next day at sea with lectures. Arrived at Arica, Chile and toured the main plaza and an unusual metal cathedral designed in Paris. Toured the Lauca National Park and stopped at the small town of Putre known for producing oregano. On to Iquique, Chile where we toured the Regional Museum, Main Plaza, Naval Museum and Spanish cultural center. We spent a day at sea. We were denied landing at Lohta, Chile, for unknown reasons and were forced to spend a fourth day at sea. The next stop was Valdivia, Chile. The museum was of interest but little else was remarkable. Next was Chiloe Island where we visited the San Antonio Fort—the final defense of Spain against the liberators of South America. On our last day, we docked at Puerto Montt where we visited the local fish market and the Saltos de Petrohe Waterfall in the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park.

Overall, we were exposed to an eclectic, broad range of sites: ancient Indian sites, colonial buildings from homes to municipal and national buildings, present day living: town squares, craft markets and vegetable and fish markets, and outstanding on board lectures. Most noticeable was graffiti that was endemic except in protected areas. Also, there was used building material dumped everywhere, even in the breakdown lanes of the highways and any open space primarily along the Pan American Highway and

areas within reasonable distance of urban areas as well as vacant lots in urban areas. Also, the homes of one story almost everywhere had rebar sticking up since they build as they can afford—expecting to add a story, they install the rebar when they build the first story. The most memorable moment probably was eating a boiled barnacle at our last stop in Chile. Our guide said it was the only place in the world he knew of that sold barnacles of that type. They were 8" to 11" in length with a half dollar size opening, and tasted a little like scallops but less chewy. This was the fourth trip I have taken with Zegrahm and they never cut corners and always please but you do pay (willingly) for the care and attention you get." ■

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2014 Greetings to the Class of 1939!

This marks the first Shipmate of the New Year, and the beginning of the year-long 75th celebration of our graduation. We begin the countdown to our Diamond Anniversary!

We will gather in Annapolis 18-21 September to celebrate this milestone, and pay honor to those who are no longer with us. Details on the weekend events will be mailed, including the Electronic Reunion component which allows those who cannot be with us, the opportunity to participate in the Reunion.

Classmates—**Henry Adams, Don Furlong, Wayne Herkness, Harvey Lasell, and Tom Weschler**, as well as '39 widows—**Ingrid Beach, Jody Collins, Toni Green, Sally Gulick, Yoko Kiser, Zoe Largess and Mitzi Peterson** are all planning to come.

In addition, '39 Juniors are making plans to attend, honor, and represent the following Classmates: Doc Abbot, Casey Childers, Sam Collins, Jim Dunford, Jack Fidel, Jack Howland, Jiggs Largess, Lou Roddis, and Bil Ruhe. Many more are considering. So folks, capture their enthusiasm and join us!



Birthday celebrations: January- **John Guerry** (98), **Ken Hysong** (97), **Joe Vasey** (96); December- **Stan Hindman** (98), **Tom Weschler** (96) **Harvey Lasell** (98); October- **Herb Kriloff** (98).

We have lost two of our magnificent Navy wives:

On 29 October, a beautiful sunny day in Annapolis, we gathered on the banks of the Severn to bid farewell to **Katrina Weschler**. Her graveside service at the USNA Cemetery was followed by a luncheon in the Officer's Club. In addition to Tom Weschler and his son, Tom, Jr. were long time Navy friends Bets and Phil Ryan; Toni Green (accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Cathie and Rick Craighill; and '39 Juniors, Barbara Fidel Adams (and Jim), Bill Largess, Doug Norton and Chip Seymour; and USNA Representative, Timothy Woodbury as well. Katrina devoted her life to her husband and family; nursing (she was a Ward Head Nurse at Georgetown U. Hospital after her children were grown); and leadership in Navy Wives in Washington, D.C. (where she developed the first Navy Wives Cookbook). Tom said of her that "she was the wind beneath my wings for our 66 years of marriage." Each family member said that the thing that was so special about Katrina was "that when speaking with her in a group, she was the kind of person who made you feel you were the only person in the room."



*Tom and Katrina Weschler*



*L-r: Doug Norton, Phil and Bets Ryan, Tom, Toni Green, Tom, Jr.*

**Carol Vermilye Ruhe** passed away 23 October in Long Beach, California. She was born on Armistice Day, 1918 in France, where her parents were serving in the U.S Army Mash Unit. Carol was the direct descendant of Johannes Vermilye, an original Patentee of the Stuyvesant Colony, Manhattan in the 1600s. She raised 6 children and was the Girl Scout leader, PTA President, founder of McLean's Community Bible Study Fellowship (traveling nationwide in the '70s and '80s, training its leaders) and, as her children will tell you, is remembered as a "great hostess wife"...second in command to "the Entertainer"... **Bill Ruhe**. Who could forget those great parties with Bill playing the piano...accompanied by his daughter, Melody singing...and daughter, Joanna who said "she was making appetizers by the time she was 10!"

Carol will be buried alongside Bill at Arlington Cemetery at a future date.



*Bill and Carol Ruhe*

**Toni Green** is excited to announce the arrival of her 6th and 7th great-grandchildren, and her first great-granddaughters. Audrey Clare and Brooke Catherine were born to Sunnie and Justin Salvia, '04, and join 4 great-grandsons. Toni said she'd been hoping to have a great-granddaughter some day, but hit the jackpot with twins! They join a long USNA legacy as their other great-grandparents were the late Virginia and Dick Craighill '32; and great-uncles, Bob Green '65 and Bill Craighill '76.



*Toni Green and great-granddaughters*

Toni lives in Falcon's Landing, a military retirement community in Potomac Falls, VA. She stays active with water aerobics, traveling with her family, and taking care of Stanley, her 13 year old Himalayan cat. Now 96, Toni says her secret to longevity is a big glass of red wine everyday, and something to look forward to (like our 75th reunion!)

On October 17th Toni attended the annual Falcon's Landing Navy Ball and on the West Coast, **Harvey Lasell** attended the 238th Navy Ball at NAS Whidbey Island Officer's Club. (photos will appear in next issue).

Also, looking wonderful, is **Stan Kerker's** widow, **Anne**, on Hilton Head Island.



*Barbara Fidel Adams and Anne Kerker*

In closing, see All Hands on page 14 (in this issue) on seven of our illustrious '39 classmates- **Lou Roddis**, **Jim Dunford**, **Bob Laney** (our first '39 Class president), **Bill Turnbaugh**, **Eli Roth**, **Ned Beach**, and **Vince DePoix**- and their significant contribution to the Development of Naval Nuclear Power.

*Respectively submitted,  
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Scott's Funeral

■ Bill had a beautiful military sendoff, with the unit, the band and the rider-less black horse and caisson. His coffin was silhouetted in the sunlight as it was solemnly escorted into the Old Chapel at Ft. Myer.

His son William John Scott IV delivered a solid, moving eulogy about what it was like to live with an eternally cheerful, euphemistic father, despite some of the horrors Bill experienced during World War II. Afterwards, most of us walked into Arlington Cemetery behind the caisson.

I suspect my Dad helped pick out the gravesite when Bill's wife Thelma passed away in '92. It had his fingerprints all over it – it was in Section 1 and close to several other classmates and their family members whom Dad had, similarly, helped in their time of need. To the cemetery staff, he was a familiar figure often involved in planning funerals and dealing with other details when a classmate or close friend passed away.

This site was just a few yards from the Old Chapel and the cemetery gates. However, the caisson, the honor guard and the band all turned right and, with us following, made a quarter-mile loop around that part of the cemetery before coming to a halt near the gravesite.

After the band finished and the sole bugler played "Taps," a bagpiper standing alone among the tombstones began the mournful wail of "Amazing Grace."

Bill's daughter Mary Scott, whom many of us have met at Class functions as she accompanied her dad everywhere in his later years, accepted the folded flag from the Navy chaplain who had conducted the service inside the chapel.

Before we set off for the gravesite portion of the service, I had a brief chat with Bob Kaufman, the sole classmate in attendance. He's still busy as president of

Vinson Hall, where he lives. And, Bob just got a hot new set of wheels.

"What did you buy?" I asked.

With a mischievous twinkle in his eye he replied: "A Mercedes." It's a beaut!

Best, Wendi ■



*This is the actual class window. You can see the two crests at the bottom and the Naval Academy chapel at the top of the window. About a year ago, I mistakenly photographed a Class of '40 window ... from West Point.*



*Bill's daughter Mary Scott receives the flag. Next to her is her brother, William John Scott IV.*



Father Time is catching up with us. Our oldest living classmate has gone. On 5 November **John Clagett** passed from this life. In the PT boat business at Guadalcanal he was severely burned during an attack, and went through a long convalescence. After retirement from active duty he earned a doctorate from Yale University and went on to teach at Middlebury College, a delightful college in Vermont where he rose to the rank of Professor. He was a faithful participant in the summer experiences at the Castine Caper, and wrote a delightful recap, *Castine Caper 1970 – 2005*. Writing is what he did, but he also included a treasure of photos from the annual Caper. As he wrote – "I enclose a few pictures. My trouble is that I don't take pictures of people posing – I get them doing something. And scenery. And fog. I hope you enjoy the narrative. It is sad, in a way. So many people are dead. But by George they had fun when they were alive!" That's a great way to remember John and the Castine Caper. Earlier, on 30 August, **Cary Baldwin** died at La Costa Glen in Carlsbad, CA, a retirement community.

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His widow wanted his death reported, only. Last I knew, **Cliff Bundy's** widow, Cissi, and **John Hardy's** widow were still living at La Costa Glen. Finally, **Warren Lowerre** died 13 October, just four days after his 95th birthday, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Denton, TX. Warren was on Maryland at Pearl Harbor and stayed on the same ship through the Pacific Theater until the end of the war. He then moved to Dallas where he worked for Texas Instruments, eventually retiring to the golf course. With John Clagett gone, the mantle of oldest living classmate passes to **Stormy Karl**, born 5/16/16. Take care of yourself Stormy. While it's too late to collect any participants, I shall nonetheless publicize the upcoming, as of this writing, USNA Class of 1940 Mid-Atlantic Region ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Friday, December 13, 2013 – Hosted by: John Montgomery, USNA '70, Son of John Montgomery, USNA '40 Aided by Sharon Wann Baker, daughter of Bob Wann USNA '40 & Wendi Winters, daughter of Leigh "Early" Winters USNA '40 "WEAR YOUR JINGLE BELLS!" While we're on the subject of parties, I can report that thus far indications of interest in our 70th annual reunion in 2015 on a date to be determined include **Ted Rodgers, Pat Clancy, Bob Kaufman, and ME**, with any luck at all.

Finally let us call your attention to an item on which we were scooped, but which you should look up if you haven't already seen it, in the November 2013 **WAVE TOPS**, the USNA Alumni Association monthly e-newsletter. The story was originally published in the Fort Collins, CO *Coloradoan* and was picked up by **WAVE TOPS** and relates the story of **Karl Stefan** and his experiences as a Naval Aviator and, in the decades after his retirement from active duty, as a participant in gas and hot air ballooning. In 1965 he set a world record of 31,000 feet above ground in a hot air balloon and another similar record in 1971. He made trips across Europe and over the Swiss Alps in balloons with his wife, Lucy, who joins him in the U. S. Ballooning Hall of Fame. While working on his master's degree in aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota in 1948, Stefan recalled there being only one female student, Lucy Luck, in the entire engineering department. Two years later, the couple were husband and wife. Lucy, also an accomplished balloonist with many awards and acknowledgements, said her

passion for ballooning rubbed off on her husband. "He was a Navy pilot, and he didn't want to go up in a balloon," she said. "Balloons were the slow road," Stefan said. He fell in love with ballooning once he realized not only how technically difficult it was, but also once he experienced the thrill of reaching record heights tens of thousands of feet above the ground. So far as I know, Karl is the only classmate who is a balloonist. I have decided not to ask him for a ride. But this expands the record which demonstrates that

**Only '40 is 4.0**

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 68%**

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First, the good news for those of you on the Internet. Our Class of 1941 website has been successfully reopened but it is presently empty. In the near future I hope to give it some text and also instructions for accessing it. According to the latest count, there are 32 members of '41 who may still be with us but 4 do not receive *Shipmate* and/or do not answer calls so there is some uncertainty in our numbers. The present count for widows, family members and also friends who handle emails and the Internet for ailing 41ers altogether total 123. This participation and help is greatly appreciated. My loyal correspondent, **Seymour Einstein**, reports that his bride, Audrey and all the grandchildren are on gmail so they are well organized and, I hope, enjoying their new home. I had a nice letter from our Classmate **Buck Newsom**, with whom I used to enjoy golfing when I could watch and compete against his usual pro performance. He and **Vince Muirhead** are both retired professors at the Jayhawk school, Kansas University. He says he's about to give up golf because all of his partners are either dying or becoming incapacitated. Maybe they have just gotten tired of paying him. His oncologist told him recently that "he had so much cancer, it would have killed the average man but, since you are below average, it hasn't affected you that much."

The losses to report in this issue are far too many. Our Classmate, **Cliff Lenz**, left us because of pneumonia on 28 September 2013, in the company of his son, son-in-law, two grandsons and daughter-in-law. His ashes were beside his lovely wife's. Cliff and I became good friends at the Academy where he was an outstanding footballer and we were in the same Company. It was the only Company I ever heard of that got lost marching to a full dress parade. Our Company commander was the captain of the boxing team and had a terrible voice which caused the platoon leaders to go off in the wrong direction! Youngster year I was on the Press detail and got to travel with the football team so we saw more of each other and I always enjoyed the way Cliff played football. On 2nd Class summer in New York, Cliff sat next to my mother at a dinner and when artichokes were served Cliff had never seen one anywhere near his home in Latrobe PA so my mother got to teach him how to eat it. Cliff showed his gratitude by taking my mother on the parachute drop at the World's Fair. When WWII started, Cliff was in a repair party aboard the carrier ENTERPRISE. Whenever my ship, the anti-aircraft cruiser SAN JUAN, refueled alongside ENTERPRISE, which was often, Cliff always had some well appreciated goodies to send over to me. A shipmate of mine aboard SAN JUAN during WWII was **John Davenport** who was aboard OKLAHOMA at Pearl Harbor on 7 December. He died on 13 October 2013 at Caroline Village in Hendersonville, NC. John served a tour at Sandia Base NM while I was at Los Alamos so I enjoyed the company of John and his lovely wife, Barbara then. After retirement, John taught mathematics at several different universities and colleges. He and Barbara were married for 67 years.

On 25 September 2013 we lost **Charles Fears** and twelve days later we lost his wife, Anne Compton Fears, who was one of those rare people born on a Christmas Day. Regrettably, I have no other details. On 29 September 2013, we lost Bobby Jo Muirhead in Lawrence, KS where her husband, **Vince**, still lives. She is also survived by 3 daughters, 2 step-granddaughters and 4 step-great-grandchildren. On 20 July 2013, Alice Lucille Daly died in North Andover MA. She was married to our Classmate **William Daly**, until he died in 2004. Lucille had a very busy life. She earned a master's degree from the Harvard School

of Education and her doctorate from Iowa State University, where she was the first woman to hold a faculty appointment in psychology.

Here are two months of birthdays. January: **Richards Miller**, February: **Muirhead, Palm, Ray, C.W.(Moose) Smith** now just one change for your rosters. For health reasons, **Jim Jamison** does not use a computer but he wants to keep advised on USNA '41 matters. Therefore if you have '41 info that you want passed to Jim, send it to his son, Trish Graboske, at [GraboskeT@si.edu](mailto:GraboskeT@si.edu).

I hope all hands had a good start to the New Year.

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Robert "Hap" Day left our living ranks in December, headed for another playing field — one that he prayed for many times. If you attended any Class functions in the last half century, Hap was usually the shipmate that delivered the opening invocation. His faith was genuine.

Hap will truly be missed by all because in his role as Class Secretary, he became familiar to all. He prepared the Class news for our Alumni Association magazine for more than fifty years. A compilation of his columns would provide a fascinating history of USNA '42. He kept track of all of us and reported accurately on our activities.

Although Hap recounted the news of Class members, he rarely told a "sea story" about himself. He had an interesting career, both in and out of uniform. But you had to work hard to get him to open up and retell some old goodie from the deck plates or wherever — and never about himself. That made him a truly unique sailor.

Hap was a member of the football team at the Academy and followed team activities closely. He passed away on 14 December, having had the opportunity to be with his son Kurt as they watched Navy beat Army a few hours before his death. Seems only fitting — living life to the fullest right to the end.

Nancy Morrow, wife of Classmate Bill Morrow, also died on 14 December. Nancy and Bill were both raised in the Annapolis area and have been again Annapolis residents since Bill retired from the Navy in 1972. Nancy was Inurned in the Columbarium

at the Academy with a Memorial Service conducted at Ginger Cove.

Jean Armstrong, widow of Classmate Parker Armstrong, died on 6 November at the Vicar's Landing Medical Center in Ponte Vedra, FL. Jean and Parker settled in Annapolis when Parker retired from the Navy in the 70s. They moved to Ponte Vedra Beach FL in 1989 and to the Vicar's Landing in the 90s. Jean's remains are in the Memorial Garden at the Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach Florida.

## 43 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 6% LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 64%

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We regret to inform you of the passing of Mary Ann Adams in Gaithersburg, MD on October 12, 2013. She was the widow of **Robert Benson Adams, Lieutenant Commander USN (Ret.)**, who preceded her in death in 1989. A memorial service was held in Gaithersburg on October 15th.

A USNA homecoming dinner was held at Ginger Cove in Annapolis on October 25th.

This type of reunion was instituted by **Ed Robie** many years ago and this year was Captained by John Fry USNA '48. A total of 92 alumni and guests attended plus five midshipmen and a USMC Major with his wife. A total of 99 enjoyed the dinner. Representing the Class were Ed Robie and Patty, **Bob Stark** and Grace and **Les Heselton** and Valerie Pittman. Fifteen classes were represented. Classes with highest attendance were: '44 with 14; '45 with 18; '48 with 10 and '59 with 12. We closed with a lusty performance of Navy Blue and Gold.

A good time was had by all.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. By the time this goes into print our reunion will have become history. I still do not know how many will have attended but sincerely hope that those who did had a great time. Except for a letter from Hal Castle's son, Bill (attached) with picture, there has been little news from classmates. Jinny Martin, widow of Barney Martin, USNA Class of 1947, and I spent recent weeks preparing to attend

the 70th and anticipated a chance to renew acquaintances and visit friends. I have not been back to Crabtown since our 50th. From what I hear it has undergone many changes. I shall give you my reaction after my return. At this time I think attendance was low. If so it was mostly because of old age catching up with us. It took until we received clearance from Jinny's oncologist that we finalized our plans. We stayed in Falls Church with friends between October 24th and October 27.

Because of the preparations for our 70th I may have missed a few obituaries for which I apologize. One that came in was from Frances Bohan, widow of Captain Norman 'Breezy' Bohan who died 22 March 2013 at Arleigh Burke Pavilion in McLean, VA. I don't think anyone advised Shipmate about his death.

Hal Castle's son, Bill, wrote an excellent letter regarding Hal and his legacy of three sons in the Navy, two who graduated from the academy. He now has a great grandson, Riley Castle, as a Youngster, class of 2016. The letter was printed in last month's Shipmate and covers the whole Castle history.

We made it to Washington and back for the 70th! The trip was uncomfortable sitting side saddle in a UNITED flight both ways. The bean counters for the airlines must be in charge. Seats are about two to three inches closer together for leg room than any I have flown in previously. We stayed with friends in the Lake Barcroft area of Falls Church across the lake from where I lived during two tours in Washington. The house where we stayed was very similar to ours and I felt like I was back home. However, the roads have all been changed and I kept getting lost in my own neighborhood! None of the main cross town roads were familiar and finding my way out to the Beltway was a nightmare.

On Friday I started early to make sure to be at the Superintendents briefing on time. I made it through the gate OK and asked where to park. I was directed to Dahlgren Hall and told we could get food at the snack bar inside. It took almost an hour to get our hamburgers, and by the time we ate it was time for the briefing. I forgot how far Mahan Hall was from Dahlgren and decided to walk it. Big mistake! We entered the auditorium a little late and took the first available seats under the podium. We could not see the screen nor hear what the Admiral said! Lost day. I found that we were invited to the reception that evening after we left



Mahan Hall. We were committed for dinner in Washington and could not attend. Since Jinny needs a cane to walk, I told her to stay at Mahan and I would get the car. Just after I left, the other three classmates came out of the auditorium with their '44' caps on so Jinny introduced herself and got acquainted. That was the closest I got to seeing any but Bob Lewellen at the reunion. Bill Burlin and Howard Hval did not attend the football game so we missed them. I won't discuss Saturday's traffic, parking and seating at the game except to say they could have been better. Why can't the USNA honor their senior graduates like most other schools and give them prime seats in a reserved section with parking? In my opinion the far end zone seats with no parking reservations available was hardly a pleasant welcome back. Nuff said.



Bob and Jane Lewellen with Bob Burlin



Bob and Jane Lewellen with Jim Van Pelt



Bob and Jane Lewellen with Jack Reynolds



Bob and Jane enjoying the game

I received a letter from Randy King's son. Randy can no longer handle the class Treasurers job and needs someone to take it over. I don't know how busy the job will be, but there shouldn't be that much action at this late in our existence. I imagine whoever takes it should be in the proximity of the President of the class in order for them to work together. We need a volunteer. Anyone interested contact William A. King at 5300 Grasswood Circle, Annapolis, MD 94521 or USNA Alumni Assn., 247 King George St., Annapolis, Md. 21402. So much for the news for this month. There are a few tid bits left for next issue. I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a superb 2014.  
— Jack

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 67%

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*In Memoriam (Please note that, at the suggestion of Classmates, henceforth, we will just list deaths in this section. Extensive approved obituaries appear in the Last Call section of Shipmate. Since widows obituaries are not published elsewhere, they will appear here.)*

Edward H. "Ted" Doolin passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 30, 2013, after a long, but painless, illness. He retired as Captain, US Navy. In the weeks and months prior to his death, he was often visited by his survivors: wife, Polly; his children, Ted '68, Mike '70, Jim '74, and daughter Tory; as well as his 6 grandchildren. Ted was third generation Naval Academy behind his father and great grandfather, William Henry Willcox — graduate number 60 in 1847 and the first alumni professor. He will be remembered for his infectious sense of humor and his

stalwart honor and integrity. He was loyal to his classmates to the end. He will be inurned in the USNA Columbarium on 9 May 2014 at 1100, with a reception to follow at the USNA Officers Club.

#### As We Are

*Lots of news this month. Yeah! Send more —an email, phone call or just a plain old letter or picture with caption would be great; your picture can be through the US Post Office or as an attachment to an email.*

Sarah Self-Kyler '99 met Classmate John Wester at the Enterprise (CVN65) reunion in Denver CO this past September. John, who has been living in Mexico for the past 17 years, was a plank holder and the first missile officer on Enterprise, while Sarah was the PAO officer on the final crew. Thanks to Sarah for the email and photo and greetings to John; we hope to see you this coming June in Annapolis for our 70th!



John Wester '45 with Sarah Self-Kyler '99 who met at the Enterprise (CVN 65) reunion in Denver.

Our Classmate Stewart Berkshire attended Blackie Pearce's inurnment at Pacific View Cemetery in Newport Beach. Stewart writes

■ "Military honors from Amvets and Camp Pendleton. Very impressive. Friends, neighbors and family and Sally Conover, Joanne Larson were there. Of course, Betty and I were there too. I had about five minutes and told of our Plebe Summer and up to Dec 7th, mentioned Blackie's submarine and intelligence service and shut up. People seemed grateful, maybe because I did shut up."

The Marines in the Washington area gathered at John Rich's house for their annual Marine Corps Birthday celebration. Present were and Rosemary and Don Brooks, Doe and Bill McCulloch, Blanche and Bill Cosgrove, and Pat and John Rich. Dr. George J. O'Shea, who lives in Florida, was the only missing Classmate. As usual, John and Pat put on a great feast; Lobster and Filet Mignon." ■

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JUNE 11–13, 2014

70th Reunion

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## ***Wednesday 11 June 2014***

- 15:00** Commence Registration  
**17:30–19:30** Welcome Reception, O’Callaghan’s, Annapolis\*  
 light hors d’oeuvres (dinner on your own)

## ***Thursday 12 June 2014***

- 10:00–11:00** Lecture by Director of the Cyber Security Center  
**11:30–14:00** Lunch in the Bo Coppedge Room  
 with Superintendent and Alumni Association  
 President/CEO speaking  
**14:00–15:30** Guided tour of the renovated USNA Museum  
**18:00–21:00** Dinner at Carrol’s Creek (waterfront)

## ***Friday 13 June 2014***

- 10:00–11:00** Memorial Service at St. Andrews Chapel  
**11:30–12:30** Lunch at the O’Club  
**13:00– 15:30** Guided Bus Tour of USNA stopping  
 at the Midshipmen Store  
**17:30–21:30** Farewell Dinner at Ginger Cove

Total cost per person \$200

Headquarters – O’Callaghan’s, West Street, Annapolis. Reserve your rooms now  
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\*Headquarters Hospitality Suite open (15:00–22:00 Wed, 15:00–18:00 Thu, Fri.)

**Bus Transportation will be provided to all events including meals**

*For further detail, please read our Class Column.*





*Our Marines look great as they celebrate the Corps' birthday. From left Bill Cosgrove, Don Brooks, Bill McCulloch, John Rich*

We were also very glad to get this picture from San Diego, as we missed news of San Diego in the park. Thanks to Bruce Mauhar.



*Joann Riley and Nettie and Pete Snyder, '45 celebrating 276 years of friendship at Lawrence Welk village north of Escondido, CA*

Bobbie **Davidson**, widow of **Hub**, sent this lovely note. (Ed. note: The Class provides flowers or a charitable contribution WHEN WE ARE NOTIFIED of a Classmate's death.

■ "To the USNA Class of '45,

It is with heartfelt thanks that the family of **Hubbell Davidson** acknowledges the beautiful flower arrangement sent to the Naval Academy Chapel for his memorial service.

In yellow and blue flowers and adorned with a navy blue banner, the exquisite arrangement was a tribute to Hub and a stunning symbol of remembrance from his classmates.

Most sincerely, Bobbie **Davidson** and family." ■

Thanks to Mrs. **Felix Wheeler** widow of our Classmate for sending us her new address, after her move to be near her daughter, Felicia Diane Bast: Mrs. Felix Wheeler 8308 Colby Parkway #341 Urbandale, IA 50322

You will have to wait for the next issue to see our great pictures and hear the news of a great Homecoming Dinner at Ginger Cove in Annapolis this past October. We would be remiss, however, not to give Jayne **Barrett**, widow of **Ernie** and Carol **Saunders**, widow of

**Dave** a rousing "Thank You" for their tireless efforts in making the evening a success. BZ. Ladies!

How about this? Two class mates in the news.

The first story appeared in the USNA Wave TOPS and captures the script of the NBC Bay Area television interview of **Bob Williams** 6 October 2013. (The story is edited due to column length considerations.)

■ "...A few years ago, **Williams** got the idea that colleges and universities around the country should do something to honor veterans during their football games closest to Veterans Day.

"Over a period of time," **Williams** says, "I wrote more than 600 letters to colleges." **Williams** says the only thing more remarkable than the effort to send all the letters was the volume of the response he got.

"It was like Christmas every day," **Williams** said.

After the first batch of letters were sent, **Williams** estimates he got positive responses from half of the institutions.

With follow-up, **Williams** thinks he now has almost all the schools on board.

"My best guess is that nearly all the 600 schools to whom I wrote will be honoring veterans this fall," he said.

**Williams** has been so encouraged by the response, he is now extending his outreach to high schools across the country. It is a big job, but **Williams** says, despite his age, he is up for it.

"I'm 92 years old, and this last year has been the most productive and happiest of my life," he said." ■

And from the pen of Starkey:

■ "Navy experience unforgettable" (Pittsburgh Tribune-Review) published on 26 October 2013 10:56 p.m.—This is an absolutely wonderful column, a must read, that appeared after the Navy Homecoming Game with Pittsburg. If you have a computer and can read the rest of the column, you definitely should.

"Outside the stadium, on a glorious afternoon glimmering in gold and blue (both teams' colors), the Navy tailgate parties are arranged by graduation year. You are drawn to the sign that reads "Class of 1945" and to the three old men behind it.

One is 92-year-old **Bill Campbell**, a former Navy lacrosse captain from Philadelphia. He explains that the Class of '45 graduated in 1944, a day after the Invasion of Normandy.

**Campbell** soon would join the fray. He participated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines, where the Navy took control of the seas, sinking 23 enemy warships.

Sharp as a tack, **Campbell** recounts the Battle of Surigao Strait (part of Leyte) as he slowly walks toward the gates. It is remembered as the last battleship-versus-battleship action in military history. Five of the six U.S. ships had been restored after being damaged or sunk at Pearl Harbor.

**Campbell** says his ship fired the torpedo that sunk the famous Japanese battleship Fuso.

Is he glad he chose to attend the Naval Academy?

"Oh, hell yeah," he says." ■

### **Class Business**

**Classmates, Wives, Widows and Family members**, we hope you will join us in celebrating the Class of '45's 70th Reunion, 11 to 13 June 2014, here in Annapolis. Plans have come together nicely and our hotel Headquarters O'Callaghan's ((410) 263-7700) on West Street in Annapolis, between Church Circle and the circle at Spa Road is situated with popular Annapolis restaurants like Rams Head nearby. The hotel management and staff have been delightful to deal with and are very attentive to our needs. Be sure to make your reservations **early** mentioning the Class of 45 to get your room rate of \$129 a night.

We have also been able to keep costs down and are able to announce a \$200 per person fee for the reunion, considerably less than in the past. The \$200 provides for two lunches, two dinners, a cocktail reception with light hors d'oeuvres, a hospitality suite, transportation to and from all events, and administrative expenses. Cash bars will be available at all events except the Ginger Cove dinner at which a free cocktail hour is the order of the day.

By the first week of February, you should have received a mailing with a registration form and instructions regarding reservations. You will need to mail your registration and check to:

USNA Alumni Association  
Class of 1945 Reunion  
PO Box 79136  
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The important dates are 1 March for reservation and full payment of \$200 per person. For a full refund, please let us know by 1 May that you will be unable to attend. We will make every effort to

provide a full refund to anyone unable to attend after this date. However, various dates associated with meal orders may necessitate a reduced refund.

Be sure to note your preferred name(s) for your name tags as well as your meal preferences for the two dinners. Also, please ensure that your contact address, phone numbers etc. are current.

Your Reunion Committee is here for you! We are working hard to make this a memorable and great experience for all. Please don't hesitate to call, write or email if you have any questions at all. Here are the committee contacts:

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In closing, we would like to encourage each of you to join us in Annapolis in June 2014 if you are able. If unable, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and will be with us in spirit if not in person. Please also reach out to a classmate, wife or widow and encourage them to join us. See you in Annapolis!

***Be sure to check out our Reunion Ad in this issue of Shipmate!***

***Look Alive with '45!***

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A message from our President, Al White:

■ The time has come to make a decision concerning a 70th reunion. For a number of reasons, if one is had at all, it would be in Annapolis. We need to hear from

classmates and widows as to whether we should have one and if they feel they could attend. If one is held we feel it should be a very limited affair over a two night period. Suggestions are solicited as to what the program should encompass. Please contact me at 703-256-7327.

Al ■

The following was received from Tuck Huey as sent to Lee Zeni:

■ Dear Lee

As I have told you before my writing ability is marginal at best. You should also remember that my career began very early in my life and that I've been plain "lucky". Here goes with a brief history that explains how good fortune can help make things work out.

I began my Naval career in the Class of 1945 with roommates like "Buzz" Johnston and "Shot" Wendt. I didn't get to Annapolis until late summer of 1941 and was assigned a room occupied by two guys in their twenties who were out practicing football when I arrived at the room. I had disposed of my civvies and was lugging a huge box of bedclothes, white works, etc. in which I had been told to stencil my name and laundry hamper. As my roommates had preceded me by several hours and days, I started out making an upper bunk as the lower bunk and single bed were made. Several hours later the door was slung open and these two guys burst in with five o'clock shadows, commenting on the mess I had created. I thought they were upper class men and so I came to attention having been briefed by a 'middy' from Kentucky. I thought he was knowledgeable since he was to graduate in December 1942. He was from my high school and town in Kentucky; his name was Hugh M. Durham - known as "Bull". Introductions of my roommates followed and "Buzz" Johnston and "Shot" Wendt couldn't handle my given name of Marshall. Therefore since I said I had come from Louisville, Kentucky, I was so named "Tucky". Later when I began to shave, we agreed to "Tuck" to placate the older guys.

Since my two roomies were flushed with the football season the three of us went to a movie in Mahan Hall on Sunday, December 7th, 1941. Upon leaving the movie, we proceeded back Stribling Walk to Bancroft Hall. This wasn't the thing to do, as we soon learned, the duty watch squad had been issued 45 caliber pistols and the entrance to the arena in front of Bancroft Hall was barred from Sunday guests (Moms, Pops and Girl Friends) because Pearl Harbor had been attacked. Needless

to say we three Plebes were in the dark - where and what was Pearl Harbor??? However, we along with the guest civilians soon found out!!

My shortened Plebe year was a breeze compared with other Plebes who went on to graduate in June 1945. By the spring of 1942, I had gone unsat in calculus and appeared before the academic board. This experience was different in that 8 Captains and Rear Admirals were overwhelming with all of their stripes and insignias, which made my sleeves, seem even barer. On the way back to Louisville after being sent home, I stopped by Capital Hill to visit Congressman O'Neill to thank him for the appointment and to tell him how sorry I was to have flunked calculus and out of the Academy. He said he was equally sorry and told me that he had no more candidates in his district for USNA and only two for West Point. Thus the good fortune prevailed and I came back to the Naval Academy a second time to the good old Class of 1946 in the fall of 1942. This is when I picked up another friend named Billy-Bob Montgomery! He had previously been a roommate of Tom Sulik and 'Sweds' Hansen of Class of 1945. Billy-Bob and I joined each other as any two lost souls would do - it lasted many years and I was schedule to graduate with you and others in 1946.

I have been lucky enough to know such other characters as Al White and Hal Hamberg (both 1945 and 1946), Don Iselin 1946, all special guys I met in my second Plebe year and of all people Levio E. Zeni 1946 (most call him Lee). Remember we met in Texas at flight school along with other guys with the same ambitions. Wally Schirra, one of America's first astronauts. William Whallen, Dave Barksdale, and William "Bill" Campbell, all great guys. We were the early birds in aviation along with another - lest we forget "Billy Bob" Monty Montgomery, my roommate, who died in my arms after many years together.

How did I know we were to graduate in June 1945 instead of in 1946? All in all my luck has been astounding and I thank you for your super help.

Always,

Tuck Huey ■

The following class widows have passed away recently:

Olive Mae Schifanelli 13 October  
Shirley Reaves 14 October

We extend our regrets and condolences.

Classmate obituaries will not appear in the column, but instead will appear only in Last Call.



At this time of year we should fondly remember our lost classmates and wives and think of those who are ill and infirm, hoping for the best for them. I, and I am sure many others, still keenly feel the loss of our past class president, Chuck Griffiths. The man was a true “*mensch*”!

I wonder how many feel, as do Elsie and I, that life is similar to a train ride, with others joining us, riding with us for a while, and then departing. Unfortunately, at our age, the passengers are getting fewer and fewer.

— Butch

**47**

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## WELCOME ABOARD!



*Classmate Stan Gary, newest member of your Board of Directors*

Your Class Board of Directors welcomes **Stan Gary** as its newest member, invited to fill the vacancy left by **Web Gokey**'s resignation.

Stan has served in surface and mine warfare ships, and specialized in weapons and missile development, including duty in the Navy Missile Facility at White Sands and command of the Naval Ordnance Station at Indian Head, MD. A graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy. He holds degrees from the USN PG School and from MIT, and was designated for Ordnance Engineering Duty. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation while in command of

MOCKING BIRD (AMS-27) in Korea, as well as the Legion of Merit for his work on the Polaris and Poseidon Missile systems. **BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY...**

**From John Corse, Jacksonville, FL**

■ “About 50 years ago I enjoyed sailing a 16' Hobie catamaran off the beach here in Jacksonville. I have photographic proof that even my mother-in-law, Helen Murchison, in those days somehow trusted me to deliver her safely back to terra firma! My wife, Muffet, lost that faith after I dumped her and my five-year-old daughter when a rogue wave caught us and catapulted the Hobie end over end in the surf. No serious damage to anything except for a bent mast and Muffet's hairdo, which had just been styled for a party!

After being used and abused by children and grandchildren, the Hobie was abandoned behind the sand dunes with several holes and scrapes in her pontoons, the canvas “trampoline” deck disintegrated and the sails disappeared—a sorry sight. About five years ago, I had the hull picked up and brought to my home in Jacksonville with vague thoughts of restoring it.

Then an article in a boating magazine about a solar-powered catamaran fishing boat intrigued me and inspired an effort to use the Hobie hull as the platform for such a vessel. Although I am still practicing law, I recently suffered from an ailment which

required treatment with massive doses of a drug called prednisone which knocked my immune system down severely. As a result, I was confined to my home to avoid contracting any infectious disease and had time on my hands, so with the help of my yard man, we started the conversion. We completely disassembled the boat, removed all the sailing gear, fiberglassed the hull damage and repainted the pontoons.

We then built a new deck out of two-by-fours covered with 3/8 inch marine plywood; epoxied and painted the deck; raised the railing which formerly supported the trampoline by inserting some aluminum pipe—creating a safety railing around the cockpit to keep us oldsters from toppling over the sides.

A 75-watt solar panel was installed between the bows, which charges two batteries which in turn supply power to a small electric trolling motor mounted on the stern.

We built a bracket for the trolling motor with two-by-eight lumber so it is strong enough to support a small gas outboard motor if I want to get to fishing spots more quickly. Believing in simultaneous employment of belts and suspenders at my age, I added oars and a modified windsurfer sail and mast so that I am sure to get back to land if the sun goes behind the clouds and the batteries fail! In my better days, I wouldn't have bothered about this surplusage since I was sure I could swim to shore from any



*'47: John Corse at the helm of his converted Hobie Cat, showing a good view (in spite of the tilted camera angle!) of the solar panel between the bows, the new “old folks” deck and rail, the jury rig standby sail, the battery pack at its base, and the little outboard trolling motor*

location in the St. Johns River (3 miles wide in front of my home). But times have changed, I must admit!" ■

### FINAL HONORS

Sadly, the list of our losses continues: Lost to us are **Richard Tarleton Crane** and **John Silas Quinn**.

We are also advised of the passing of Barbara **Marmet**, widow of our late Classmate **Bob Marmet**, and of Sarah Sue **Hall**, widow of Classmate **Bill Hall**. We join in the grief and loss of their families and friends.

Full obituaries of Classmates appear, as time and space permit, in *Last Call*.



Classmate John Urban in WWII flight gear as a radioman/gunner, flying from USS HORNET (CV-8) at the Battle of Midway and at the time of the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo

### WHAT IF .....?

From Ted Davis, Virginia Beach, VA

■ "Along the lines of your query about "what if?" moments in getting to the Academy: I reported to USNA as a Sailor, to be discharged from the U.S. Naval Service for the purpose of entering as a Midshipman. I was asked — you will all remember — for the \$100 entrance fee. That requirement applied to everyone, and I didn't have it — not even enough in my Navy Pay Account! So I went to the Naval Academy Hospital, complained of a sore throat, and was turned in with tonsillitis — with liberty every night — until my pay account reached \$100 ! It worked!

On the other hand, there was **John Urban**, who had passed his physical for USNA when transferred with me from the Prep School at Norfolk. We all took a train to Annapolis and checked in. He had the papers and the \$100 but was told

when he went through the final physical that he did not pass — myopia — near-sightedness!

A couple of us accompanied him to the office of the Superintendent of the Academy, VADM Fitch, with our story : John had passed all exams leading to the Academy, and here at the entrance gate, a recent enlisted recipient of the *Distinguished Flying Cross*, he is rejected! The Supe accepted John on the spot, with the stipulation that, if graduated, he would be commissioned in The Supply Corps. John of course graduated with his Class and like many other Classmates, served a distinguished career in Supply. What if —?" ■

### ON THE ROAD OCEAN AGAIN!

■ "A quick report on our recent Mediterranean cruise with Holland-America. We were on board MV NOORDAM twelve days, visiting Civitavecchia and Naples in Italy; Palermo in Sicily; Oibia in Sardinia; Livorno in Italy; Calvi in Corsica; Monte Carlo in Monaco; Marseille in France; and Barcelona in Spain.

We were originally scheduled to visit La Goulette (Tunis) in Tunisia. I was really looking forward to that , and a visit with a Carthaginian, but world events interfered, and Oibia was substituted. The weather was great, and so was shipboard living.

Try it before you're too old. I celebrated my 89th in Monte Carlo!"

Walt Johnson, Charlottesville, VA ■



Classmate Paul Miller and Penny Williams Rascoe cheer on Navy at Air Force game. It worked!!! Penny is daughter of Classmate Buck Williams, and photo was taken by husband Don, whom many of you will remember as accompanying Buck on numerous trips and cruises

### Sec'y Column Deadlines

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For your orientation and mine I am writing this on 24 Nov. '13 for submission on the 26th.

Let us begin with one of those items I have spoken of before, something I have sent to my email address book but believe you Shipmate readers without email will also enjoy it. The author is **Tom Murphree** 24th Co. (see both 30 and 50 year books if you have them.)

■ "After we had been in the Academy 10 days or so, I convinced **Geoff Beardall** (non-grad) that he should get his mother to have a Sunday afternoon party at the Supe's House and invite a half dozen of us Plebes to meet a few local young ladies. To my surprise, she agreed.

On 25 July 1944, 14 days after our entry I met CDR Sterling's daughter, Janet, age 17 at that party. We six mids were waiting nervously on the first floor for about five minutes, and then the procession of young ladies began, down the stairs from the floor above. I had been out of any social circuit for a couple of years, so I was modestly keyed up and highly expectant. The appraisal began and we were not disappointed. One by one, they all passed inspection. From our vantage point, the ankles and legs came into view first, so by the time they reached the bottom of the stairs, a fair and just inspection had been completed. When the fourth appeared, I was impressed with the shapely legs and focused on the continuing descent. My intuition was rewarded, as behold, I saw a most gorgeous, beautiful young lady, naturally poised and unpretentious, good posture.....I was warming up to the occasion! I saw no tactical advantage to standing idly by, so I moved quickly to insure that I reached the bottom of the stairs at the same time as she. Presenting myself as best as I could, I smiled as best I could, and introduced myself, "I'm Tom Murphree". "Janet Sterling", she said. I offered my right arm (I can't believe it!), she placed her left hand on mine (with a



smile) and I escorted her to a less populated area of the large, sumptuous living room, suitable for what was to be an engaging conversation. No giddy, nervous talk, but communications were enhanced by an encouraging smile, an appropriate amount of humor and captivating, continual, encouraging eye contact. A wonderful experience.... We were married three years later, 7 June 1947 at 2pm, at their beautiful place in Bucks County, PA, Admiral and Mrs. Beardall, ex-neighbors, 6 classmates, family and friends attending. Cdr Sterling was the head of the Reserve Battalion, if you remember.

We reside happily at Shorewood Cottage on Bogue Sound, Carteret County, NC. When I look out the window and see Janet moving about our beautiful garden, I still get a charge out of the above reflections. I've never done anything to deserve it, but I am truly blessed. For proof, stop by 677 Hwy 24, Newport, NC, 3 miles west of Morehead City. 252-726-3737! Welcome" ■

Next is a letter from **Charlie Butler** 8th Co.

■ "As we observed the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, I was reminded of the unusual circumstances under which Rosemary and I first heard the sad news.

In the summer of 1962, I was ordered to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, which was our largest overseas base at the time. I was in charge of a large construction program that included a new base hospital, which I turned over to the Air Force in the spring of 1965, just in time for it to be featured regularly on the evening news as the first stop for the increasing numbers of wounded coming back from Vietnam.

In November of 1963, I arranged a 10-day leave to visit friends in Tokyo. They had just bought a new house and they wanted us to be their first houseguests.

Rosemary had recently read an article about Commodore Matthew Perry's visit to Japan in 1854. He had anchored his fleet off the town of Shimoda, at the end of the peninsula that forms the west side of Tokyo Bay. Commodore Perry sent a delegation overland to Tokyo to announce his coming, so that the sudden appearance of his fleet in Tokyo Bay would not be viewed as a threatening gesture. In 1856, our first Consul-General to Japan also landed at Shimoda. With so much history to recommend it, we asked our friends to arrange for us to make an overnight visit to Shimoda.

Rosemary and I took a train from Tokyo to Kamakura, which is famous for its huge reclining Buddha. A taxi was

waiting for us there to take us the 20 or so miles to Shimoda. Our hotel was small and very attractive. At dinner, we learned that we were the only Americans there that night, and that very few Americans ventured out to Shimoda.

When we went down to breakfast the next morning, we were a little late and the dining room was fairly full. As soon as we entered, everyone stood up and bowed to us. When they didn't return to their chairs, the bewildered look on our faces prompted a Japanese gentleman to come over and ask, "Haven't you heard the news?" "What news?" I replied. "Your President Kennedy was shot and killed in Texas." We stood there in total shock and disbelief.

After we had regained our composure, we thanked the gentleman, bowed to the other guests, and returned to our room. We had planned to walk around Shimoda that morning, but, instead, we asked the front desk to call our taxi so we could go back to Tokyo as soon as possible. We will never forget the way the Japanese showed us their respect and shared our grief that day and in the days that followed. It was a very moving and reassuring experience." ■

Charlie also wrote:

■ Although neither of us is driving these days, Rosemary and I are managing to maintain an active social life, since we have many friends who are happy to pick us up and take us to lunches, dinners, and parties. Coral Gables still proudly maintains its reputation as "The City Beautiful" and Miami was recently named as the most diverse city in the world – more so than London or New York! In short: What a great place to live and enjoy our "Golden Years"! Best wishes and BEAT ARMY! Charlie ■

Since the last column we have learned of the passing of six classmates and five wives.

#### *Classmates:*

20th Co.; Roth, R.G.; 10/3/13  
20th Co.; Bass, R.W.; 10/9/13 ★  
NG; Wetzel, K.H.; 10/24/13  
8th Co.; White, W.P.; 10/25/13  
22nd Co.; Bolger, P.H.; 11/4/13 ★  
16th Co.; Kunin, S.L.; 11/14/13  
see autobio in 50 year book

#### *Wives:*

Bacas, Jean 11/11/94, wife of Bacas, G.A. (deceased) 12th Co.

Wise, Barbara 7/24/13 Wife of Wise, R.S. (deceased) 6th Co. This was a second marriage for both and they had 23 great years together with a "second lease on Love". They are survived by five children.

Norton, Jane 9/22/13, wife of Norton, M.L. (deceased) 11th Co.. 3 children, all boys. Lived 45 years in Lovington, NM. Passed away at her son's home in Georgetown, TX.

Hallman, Dorothy 10/15/13, wife of Hallman, A.B. (deceased) 3rd Co. Three children, 2 sons and a daughter. She scheduled tours for visitors and groups from around the country at Hillwood Museum, where her natural charm and good humor made her a favorite throughout the hospitality industry for two decades.

Deavenport, Mary Jo. 11/10/13 wife of Deavenport, J.E. (deceased) 11th Co. They had four children. She remarried to Jim Woodward in 2009. She was an accomplished watercolor and acrylic painter.

Scribe's note: As you can see I'm struggling with memorials for wives. I don't have much to work with but worse I need to know what you would like to see in honoring our life's companions. I would appreciate some input from you on this subject. Please

An email from **Harry L. Jones** 23rd Co.

■ Attached is a photo of 'yours truly' and my three great grandsons on the occasion of my 90th birthday. My complete family (total 10) and a few close friends attended a most delightful dinner at a local eatery. I send this message to motivate all you youngsters to keep your 'eye on the ball (90 yrs) and foot on the pedal' (of your stationary bicycle?) and reaching 90 is a snap!!...Between my auto, walker, cane and stair railings life goes. Best of luck and health you 'all. ■



Harry L. Jones with his great grandsons

The next column is for Mar.-Apr. 2014 and my deadline is Jan. 23rd. Please keep that in mind and consider sending along snail mail, email or a phone call to tell your Classmates what's going on in your life. This is our key to remaining a cohesive group because we are at or approaching the time in our lives where most of our contacts will be via Shipmate

or email. The frequency and number of our luncheons here in the Washington /Annapolis area is diminishing for lack of attendance. Our next luncheon will be at Pirate's Cove in April then there won't be another one until next Oct. or Nov. Our problem is that people don't want to drive any distance so there is less and less exchange between Washington and Annapolis. Stay well and please keep in touch.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 64%

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### From the President

As required by our class constitution, a nominating committee of three (Ace Boughton, Paul Laric, and Red Tolbert) has developed a slate of three candidates for the election next year of a new class president. The victor will take office in September 2014 at the 65th reunion. I send many thanks to the committee for accomplishing the task in a timely fashion. I also send thanks to Bart Bartholomew and Pete Swanson who of necessity had to withdraw from the committee.

We will be mailing a class presidential ballot along with the reunion registration form in January. The ballot will include brief bios of the candidates: Rick Claytor, Don Lister, and Red Tolbert. Our mailing lists get out of date quickly so if you know of anyone who fails to get this mailing, please pass the word on.

If anyone has a book he would like to recommend, please send me title with a brief review. Since my last recommendation, I haven't read a book that I felt was worthy of mention.

On 21 November 2013, I attended a ceremony at the USNA Columbarium, during which the remains of our classmate LT COL Robert Weaver USAF (Ret.), two 1951 graduates, and the widow of a 1936 graduate were inurned in a joint service. Full military honors were rendered to the deceased and United States flags for the survivors were distributed to the class representatives in attendance. I have since spoken with Irma Weaver, who was most appreciative of my attending the service and accepting the flag in her behalf. I will be forwarding the

flag to her along with a few pictures taken that morning.

How many of you have your old USNA blanket with your name stenciled on it as shown in this picture? First one who sends a picture of his blanket to me gets a prize: \$25 Starbucks gift certificate.



*There's nothing better to keep an old man happy while napping than his USNA blanket.*

I wish all a good new year and hope to see many of you in September when we celebrate our 65th!

### LARIC'S LOCKER

Don't forget, friends, this column is only as good as **you** make it. We need input. Share your memories with the rest of our class. Remember the words of James Michener, "Of the ten million great stories that have been told to admiring friends, literature consists of 5,000 that were written down. If it's not written, it doesn't exist."



*'49: A very young Red Tolbert, third from the right, with his crew.*

### Speaking Before Thinking

We all have our memories of Plebe Year. In our dealings with upper classmen, some of them were pleasant, but most of them were not. Here's one that Tom Watkins would just as soon forget, except that he still chuckles every time he tells the story.

■ "Early in Plebe Year, while serving as messenger on watch, I was sent to another Battalion Office by Midshipman Officer of the Watch William St. George, Class of 1947, a fearsome four-striper. I entered the designated Battalion Office, stood at attention and sounded off as required, 'Midshipman Watkins, Fourth Class, Sir.' To say that I was nervous, would be an understatement, for when asked to state my business, I responded, 'Saint Peter sent me, Sir' and brought down the house with laughter." ■

Our versatile, globe-trotting webmaster, Red Tolbert tells a tale of his patrol squadron's visit in 1952 to one of the fiercest, bloodiest battle grounds of World War II:

■ "Iwo Jima is a tear-shaped island about five miles in length, oriented NE to SW with the big end of the tear to the NE. Mt. Suribachi is on the SW tip. At its widest part, the island measures about two miles. The Japanese created a dense network of bunkers and hidden artillery positions and some eleven miles of underground tunnels.

"The WWII landing started 19 February and ended 26 March 1945. Of 21,000 Japanese troops defending the island, only a few hundred survived. U.S. troops killed in action numbered over 6,000 with over 19,000 wounded. These figures, along with those of Okinawa,



influenced President Truman to drop the A-bomb, rather than invade Japan.

"My squadron, Patrol Squadron FOUR (VP-4) was deployed to Guam during the Korean War. We were the *ready mining squadron* to mine certain objectives if things got worse for U.S. forces during that Cold War time. Also on Guam was VS-21, a carrier-based antisubmarine squadron of AF aircraft.

"A typhoon was approaching Guam and ships were put to sea to evade the storm. Aircraft didn't have to evacuate until the storm's track was established. Our long-range aircraft were ordered to evacuate to Kwajalein, except for Crew 10. We were assigned the task of providing navigation aid to Iwo Jima for VS-21 aircraft. Classmate John **Dixon** was one of the VS-21 pilots; his CO was CDR Cal Durgin.

"The "GO" came and we departed with the AFs milling around us. We had to fly at 135 knots for them to keep up without burning all their fuel before reaching Iwo. However, all aircraft arrived safely and we got settled in.

"As an epilogue, some of the VS pilots, having fallen victim to *John Barleycorn*, decided to storm *Suribachi* the night before our return to Guam. There were injuries (not Dixon), but with no x-ray equipment on the island, the extent of injuries couldn't be determined. The injured were put in cage baskets and loaded into our P2V-2 for the trip back to Guam and the hospital. Cal Durgin gave the injured an award - I think, a week in quarters!" ■



Red Tolbert (kneeling) with crew members in Iwo Jima.

Now hear this. Are you ready for a side-splitter? Of course, you are. So do yourself a favor and latch on to the 49

website <<http://www.usna-class49.org>> and click on MEMORIES for a story by Joel **Rabinowitz**, that took place in Sicily when we were young ensigns aboard the CORAL SEA. Why on the website? Because it's a bit long for this column. But what a story!

And while on the subject of our website, you're urged to access it at least once a week. It has the latest news of classmates, sea stories, our class history, and loads of other material - and it all sums up that: *There's nothing finer than to be a forty-niner.*

#### **Rickover Recollections**

Contrary to reputation, the Admiral could charm. From Emma "Mickey" Wynne, wife of Bill **Wynne**:

■ "In 1982, Bill and I were at the Naval Academy to attend the ceremony for Jim **Watkins's** promotion to Chief of Naval Operations, which was held in Dahlgren Hall. Up in the balcony stood Admiral Rickover and his wife Eleanor. Bill and I went to greet them after not having seen Admiral Rickover for 16 years. The conversation went this way:

'Hello Admiral, do you remember me?'

'Harrumph, of course I do, Wynne.'

Then, turning to Mrs. Rickover, he said, 'This is the smartest, most brilliant lieutenant who ever worked for me.'

'How is that, dear?'

The admiral pointed to me and declared, 'He married her, didn't he!'

It was a left-handed compliment of the highest quality, considering the source. It has been however, enough to sustain me in my dotage." ■



Betty and David Sprague traveled from New Jersey to California recently to visit son Gordon and his family in Clements. Dave took this opportunity to look up his company mate John Fishburn in nearby Santa Rosa. He found John sporting a formidable gone-fishin' beard.

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**In Memoriam (Obituaries can be found on the class website.)**

Maureen Dorothy Bennett, wife of CAPT William **Bennett**, USN(Ret.), died on 16 November 2013 in Annapolis MD.

VADM Glenwood **Clark**, USN (Ret.) died on 19 November 2013 in Alexandria VA.

Harry Joseph **Donahue** died on 19 November 2013 in Naples FL

LT COL Wayne Leland **Hall** USMC (Ret.) died on 4 October 2012 in Hanover NH.

Marian "Mimi" Riegert, wife of COL Paul **Riegert**, USMC (Ret.) died on 8 November 2013 in Colorado Springs CO.

Anne B. Shealy, wife of CDR Oscar O. **Shealy Jr.** USN (Ret.), died on 19 October 2013 in Coronado CA.

CAPT Gerald F. **Smith** USN (Ret.) died on 1 October 2013 in Denton TX.

LTCOL Robert Bullard **Weaver**, USAF (Ret.), died on 01 September 2013.

It might be of interest that according to my latest count, approximately 31% (247) of '49 grads are still V&V (*vertical and ventilating*).

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#### **President's Corner.**

The Class of 1950's "Washington Group" (currently numbering about 21) has recently made the unanimous decision to change the nature of our monthly class luncheons by including wives (or guests). The change seemed appropriate for several reasons, principally that a number of wives would welcome the opportunity to join their husbands at a pleasant social gathering - thereby raising the tone of the affair. Our initial co-ed luncheon, on November 7th, was delightful, with twelve classmates and six wives attending. Present were: Bill and Jackie **Diehl**, JJ and Gail **McNally**, Bob and Char **Monroe**, Dick and Fran **Powell**, Tom and Kippy **Ross** (from the Annapolis Group), Bob and Margy **Shultz**, Deke **Forbes**,

Bill **Rockey**, Bill **Simons**, Bill **Smoot**, Marsh **Treado** and Daryle **Tripp**. Numbers were reduced a bit because group regulars Frank **Carter**, Milt **Schultz** and Roy **Snyder**, with wives, were on a three week vacation in *Southern California*. Should out-of-town classmates and wives be in this area on luncheon dates, please join us: first Thursday of each month (except February), 11:30-1:15, at *LaPorta's* in *Alexandria*. All the best, **Bob Monroe**

#### Class News.

Thanks Bob. The lead taken by the Washington group could extend to the other class regions where regular luncheon meetings are held. It might seem appropriate also to encourage widows who have a continuing interest in our class to take advantage of socializing and making new friends, including other widows.

In *Brunswick, Maine*, another major event occurred in August that, historically at least, created national news. I have previously reported that then *Colonel Lawrence Joshua Chamberlain's 20th Maine Infantry's* valiant defense of *Little Round Top* was the turning point of the Civil War and for the Union Army during the *Battle of Gettysburg* on 2 July 1863. When out of ammunition he led his men's bayonet charge against the advancing Confederates to save the Union Army's left flank. *President Grover Cleveland* awarded him the **Congressional Medal of Honor** in 1893 for his heroism. In 1896 the ribbon on the original 1862 designed medal was replaced, and in 1904 the medal itself was redesigned and awarded to living winners who in 1907 were allowed also to keep their original medal.

*General Chamberlain's* original medal disappeared. The estate of the last surviving daughter of *Chamberlain* was left to the *First Parish Church of Duxbury, Massachusetts*. A very thoughtful military service veteran purchased a book from the church's estate sale in *Duxbury* and later discovered the medal in the back of the book. He called the *Pejepscot Historical Society* in *Brunswick*, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, to ask if the PHS would like to have him donate it to the PHS for the *Joshua Chamberlain House Museum in Brunswick*. Shocked, but without hesitation, *Executive Director Jennifer Blanchard* responded in the affirmative. Upon its receipt a few days later, under secrecy until several institutions and experts analyzed the medal, including the *Smithsonian*, its authenticity was



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### PHS IN THE NEWS

Our Medal of Honor announcement garnered a lot of interest and coverage in the press. We talked to the *Times Record*, *Portland Press Herald*, *WCSH*, and *WGME* locally; we also spoke with Reuters, the CBS Evening News, and the NBC Nightly News. *Forbes.com* ran a terrific piece about how to value something that can't legally be sold—such as a Medal of Honor—and Civil War and culture blogs across the country picked up our news. A nice moment in the spotlight for PHS!

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## JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN'S ORIGINAL MEDAL OF HONOR RETURNS HOME TO BRUNSWICK

In early August, Pejepscot Historical Society received one of the most significant gifts of its 125-year history: the original Medal of Honor issued to Joshua Chamberlain in 1893 for his service at Gettysburg in 1863.



As many of you likely know, Bowdoin College has long been home to a Chamberlain Medal of Honor. There is a replacement medal issued in 1904 when the design was changed. Veterans who had previously been awarded medals were allowed to keep their originals in addition to receiving the updated version—hence the two Chamberlain medals.

Pejepscot Historical Society is enormously grateful to the generous friend (who wishes to remain anonymous) who recognized what he had found and believed strongly that it belonged at Chamberlain's home. This is truly a treasure we hadn't dared to hope might one day find its way back to Brunswick.

For more on the original Chamberlain Medal of Honor, see page 4.

### '50: Chamberlain Original Medal of Honor

confirmed and the PHS made its historic announcement. The discoverer wishes to remain anonymous as he donated the original Medal of Honor in the name and honor of all veterans. Permanent secure display of the original medal is being arranged and will probably be located in the *Chamberlain House Museum*. With much gratitude and appreciation the photos are provided by the PHS with permission to include them in our class column of *Shipmate*. *Chamberlain's* replacement Medal of Honor has been on display for some time at Bowdoin College in *Brunswick* where he was president from 1871-1883. Soldier! Scholar! Statesman! *General Joshua Chamberlain* lives on in *Brunswick*. Celebration of the 150th anniversary of *President Lincoln's* extraordinary *Gettysburg Address* here is also recognition as one of the highlights of American history.



Gen. Joshua Chamberlain





Original Medal of Honor

As an aside, next summer, the *Maine State Music Theater* in Brunswick will perform “*Chamberlain: A Civil War Romance*” as one of its 4 three week run of musicals in 2014. An earlier performance several years ago, an entirely different musical, was run to completely sold-out audiences! Joshua truly does live on!

**Tom Ross** reports that the *Annapolis* group met on October 4th and November 8th with about 8 classmates in attendance each time at *Ginger Cove*. Our **65th Class Reunion Chairman Byron Lee** signed the April 2015 *Annapolis DoubleTree Hotel* contract. It is hoped that classmates and widows who are able to attend have submitted their forms to **Deke Forbes**. Altogether, by my count, as many as 270 folks may be there! *Byron* and the call committee deserve many thanks for their super effort in making some 70 additional calls to non-respondents to the two reunion notices. This resulted in eight additional classmates and guests planning to attend. It is worth noting also that eight widows indicate they plan on attending. The *Annapolis* group looks forward to hosting everyone!!! Ye’ll come!

**VP Tom Ross** spearheaded a change in venue this year when he recognized that the Homecoming game with Pitt was scheduled at 1pm rather than 3:30 pm as for all other home games which precludes either a class lunch before (conflict with tailgating) or dinner after the game. So, the *Annapolis* group arranged for a class Homecoming dinner after the game which proved to be very popular. Thirty-five folks celebrated a thrilling last second victory with a delightful dinner at *Ginger Cove* with all festive arrangements made by **John Henderson**. In attendance were *Molly Coleman*, **Phil Conley** and three guests from *Santa Barbara, CA* (Travel Award winners), **Ed and Carol Grunwald**, **John and Shelly Henderson**, **Byron Lee** and **Nancy Neikirk**, **John and Gail McNally**, **Bob and Char Monroe**,

**Jim Oberholtzer** and *Emiline McCue*, **Tom and Ellen Rogers**, **Tom and Kippy Ross**, AO and **Mary Rule** from *Chagrin Falls, OH* (second place Travel Award), **Phil and Bets Ryan**, **Bob and Margy Shultz**, **Bill Simons** and daughter *Kendall*, **Roy and Ann Snyder**, **Marsh Treado** and daughter *Marcia Burlbaugh*, and **Tim and Martha Wooldridge**. Thanks *Tom* and *John* for everybody having a wonderful time! Field goal kicker **Youngster Midshipman Nick Sloan ’16** deserves some credit also!

Contact with **Moana McGlaughlin Tregaskis** continues. We understand that *Shipmate* likes her piece written about *Guadalcanal and the Solomon Islands*. Since feature articles are scheduled well in advance, publication is pending.

When asked if he might have any items he could provide to the *Brunswick Naval Air Museum & Memorial Gardens* at the former *Brunswick Naval Air Station*, now called *Brunswick Landing*, **Roy Snyder** indicated indeed he could. As a past COMPATWINGSLANT and CO at NASB, *Roy* will give the museum a jump start when their space becomes available in the near future. (Maybe some of you other aviators have artifacts the museum could use. *Roy* or I can put you in touch with the proper contacts.) *Ann* and *Roy* were visiting the **Mulls** and **Gerry and Skip Orem** in September for another mini-reunion in Maine while here on personal business during an east coast swing from *Denver*. And, thanks, *Roy* for leading the way to helping retain the former *NASB Memorial Gardens* and establish the new museum at *Brunswick Landing*.

*Karen Clark*, daughter of *Oleta* and **Joe Fenier**, was asked by her dad to advise the class that the *Feniers* would not be able to attend the 65th Reunion. They have two grown children, three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Their new personal addresses will be published with updates to our Class Register and email list. *Joe* was in the eminent 35th company and roomed with **Bob Babcock**. Thank you, *Karen*, for contacting our class, and please pass on our best wishes to your folks.

Inevitably as time goes on, we regret reporting class losses that have recently occurred. **Ron Kelly** advises that *Jean Barber*, widow of **Ray** (31st Co.) passed away on October 1st in her *Virginia Beach* home. *Ray* died last March. Our condolences are most sincerely extended to the *Barber* family.

*Molly Murphy*, widow of **Bob** (35th Co.), died in *Newburyport, MA* on

October 18th only a few weeks after a brain tumor was discovered. **Jack Akin** and *Sally* and I attended *Bob’s* services in July 2010 held in their home and joined their family and friends. Born in *Charlotte, N.C.*, *Molly* graduated from *Marjorie Webster College* in *Washington, D.C.* with a degree in Elementary Education. The *Murphy’s* were married at *USNA* in September 1950. They had five daughters and nine grandchildren. While living in *Baltimore* after *Bob* left the Marine Corps, *Molly* was a tour guide, and then opened and managed a *Talbot’s* store. *Molly* and *Bob* were regular members of a small group of 6-8 New England classmates who met annually in *Portsmouth, NH* when *Yvonne* and **Bill Wright** came up to the Boston area to visit family over a period of about 10 years. Donations can be made in *Molly’s* memory to the *Custom House Maritime Museum*, 25 Water Street, *Newburyport, MA* 01950 or *The Firehouse Center for Arts*, Market Square, *Newburyport, MA* 01950. (Please note the Zip code!) We pass our most sincere sympathies to the entire *Murphy* family.

*President Bob* advises Washington-Annapolis classmates,

■ “As many of you know, the new permanent Director of the *USNA Museum*, **Claude Berube** (pronounced BEAR-a-bee), is instituting many new policies and programs to improve the Museum. One of these, the **Shifley Lecture Series**, was – at the Class of 1950’s suggestion – named for **VADM Ralph Shifley ’33** and his wife, who were major contributors to our *Museum Endowment Fund*. At the time of the first lecture, our classmate *Roy Snyder* suggested to *Claude* that these lectures be recorded and made available. *Claude* has now done this, commencing with the second lecture of the series.” ■

“*Fighting for MacArthur*”, is now available for anyone to view online at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxqA4EIIo3o>. I did and recommend you do too, and for all future lectures that you cannot attend. You will be pleased that you did! Thanks, *Bob*, for putting out the word! Congratulations to *Claude* whom we look forward to working with to carry on unwavering support for “our” Museum. This has been for many years and continues to be our class legacy!

All of us were very disappointed with the federal government 16 day shut-down last month. It had an impact in many ways. One we Mainers had to accept was

the consequences of having the christening of the newest Navy destroyer *Zumwalt* (DDG-1000) at *Bath Iron Works* postponed from October 19th to next spring. She is already about 75% complete and is now waterborne beginning concentrated ship-wide system tests. Two *Admiral Elmo* "Z-gram" *Zumwalt* daughters will christen the ship before several thousand residents and invited guests from away. Displacing a now predicted 15,800 tons, she will be greater than the size of a WWII heavy cruiser. **Captain James Kirk '90** is the Prospective CO. And what a dynamic presentation he gave to the *Navy League Casco Bay Council* this week! Wow!!! We look forward with high anticipation to this rescheduled major Maine maritime event.

Sally and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday, and cheered Navy on to victory in the Armed Forces Bowl that was played on my birthday!!! ...With best regards, —Chuck

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As we approach the "dark ages", it is a time for reflection. When I attended Monty Maxwell's fabulous Halloween Organ concert, I reflected on the environment of the Naval Academy Chapel and the contribution of the Class of 1951 to it. Handicapped attendees entered via the 1951 elevator from the crypt; the organ

that was performing so dramatically under our honorary class mate Monty Maxwell's direction, was refurbished by the Class of 1951. Late in concert there was a moving tribute to our MIA alumni centered about Pew 51, refurbished by the Class of 1951. These are things we can look back, or our progeny can, as we pass through the pale. What this means, we have made our mark.



In early fall, the San Diego group met for their luncheon. Lou Sarosdy (from Pensacola) joined Dick Symore, Jim Rough (newly enstated as Class Rep) and Herb Zoehrer. A group photo of the assembled multitude is at the bottom of the page.



For homecoming, we met and dined at Bay Wood, a very pleasant setting hosted by Guy Shaffer, with John and Bill Foster. We had the tight knit Washington-Annapolis group plus the Adlers, Bob and Elsie from Richmond. Ralph Hooper came from the Eastern shore of Maryland. From California we had John McGrew who brought his son, Jim who is working in Northern Virginia. John is the author of the wonderfully newsy column of the immediately previous Shipmate. Wake and Alberta Stornetta were there and had available copies of Alberta's book- a coffee

table book, *Arnold Maryland and Neighbors on the Broadneck* which Chuck Rushing mentioned in his column. Jim Winnefeld and Judy, his bride also attended. The Powells (Lew and Baz) were down from Pennsylvania.



In Photo 5. We see a resplendent Robin Mc Glohn (we should look so good on uniform.)



Finally, here is a photo from the the November ANCC luncheon of our Washington Group, with Art Ismay and Ward deGroot.



As Secretary, I am blessed with a covey of authors who relieve you from the boredom of me as a single author: Chuck Rushing; Guy Shaffer, Al and Becky Burkhalter, and John McGrew. Electronic tools enhance our ability to post photos and to receive vignettes from afar. That means that this is your column and inputs from all of you are welcome (and necessary).



'51: San Diego group luncheon



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**Jerry Rapkin** sent in the “2013 U.S. Naval History Conference: On Scene Report”. The Class of 1952 figured very prominently (of course!). Some excerpts:

■ “The U.S. Naval Institute’s 2013 annual history conference, “Past, Present, and Future of Human Space Flight” at Alumni Hall on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy, 3 October 2013, opened with the morning keynote presented by astronaut and retired **Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford**. [‘52].

“Stafford, a veteran of the Gemini and Apollo programs and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, opened his remarks by expressing his pleasure at returning to his alma mater. “I’ll be talking fast today because there’s a lot of history to cover,” he said. ... Stafford summarized the subsequent creation of the Mercury program, explaining that the Mercury spacecraft suffered from limitations largely imposed by the limited size of the available launch vehicles. For example, while astronauts were able to change the Mercury spacecraft’s attitude, they were not able to affect its vector — a factor that would play a significant role in the design of the subsequent two-person Gemini spacecraft.

“When Yuri Gagarin made mankind’s first manned space flight on April 12, 1961, it spurred the United States to respond by launching Alan Shepard on a suborbital flight. President Kennedy made his famous speech before Congress a month later in which he called for a man to be landed on the moon and safely returned to Earth. ‘I’m glad he used the words, ‘safely returned,’ Stafford quipped.” ■

The entire report can be found on the USNI website.

Attached is a picture of the ‘52ers at the conference. Tom Stafford was the Keynote speaker, **Jim Lovell** was a major panel member, and **Jim Sagerholm** and **Jerry Rapkin** were attendees.



*Jerry Rapkin, Jim Lovell, Tom Stafford, Jim Sagerholm*

A group of ‘52ers meets on the third Thursday of even-numbered months in the Alley at the Annapolis Club, at the Naval Academy. This is a photo of the group that met on 17 October. Starting with Jerry Rapkin, in the checkered shirt, going clockwise – **Jerry Rapkin, Jim Quinn, Leslie Banghart, Jim Sagerholm, Jim Crews, Jim Fischer, Ellen Troutman, Tom Thawley, Gene Avallone**, and Nancy Avallone.



*In The Alley, Annapolis Club*

The Naval Submarine League’s Literary Awards were presented at the Naval Submarine League’s Annual Symposium Awards Luncheon, on Thursday, October 24, 2013. The third place award was awarded to **Jack O’Connell** for an article in *The Submarine Review* – Summer 2013, titled “Where Did All the British B-24s Go?” Way to go, Jack!

The Washington / Annapolis area luncheon on November 19, 2013, was in the Campaign Room of the Fort Myer Officers’ Club. It was a cool, breezy day but with parking available close to the Club it was relatively pleasant.

Our speaker was LtGen John Sattler, USMC (Ret.), Distinguished Chair of Leadership, Stockdale Center of Leadership at the Naval Academy. He indicated that one significant factor in the current culture at the Academy is the changed composition of the Brigade today compared to when the Class of ‘52 was in place. One approach that the speaker has used was to work on leadership skills with the team Captains of all the athletic teams and then expand that

program to include all three-strippers and above. LtGen Sattler is a very energetic and impressive speaker and evoked many favorable comments.

Classmates and guests present were:

The Class of 1952 met for lunch at the Joint Base Fort Myer Henderson Hall Officers’ Club on 19 November. LtGen John Sattler, USMC (Ret.), USNA ’71, who holds the Distinguished Chair of Leadership, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, was the speaker. LtGen Mick Trainor, USMC (Ret.), was the guest of Bill Ryan. Attendees were: Rita and **Garnett Bailey, Phil Case, Bob Denbigh**, Bobbie and **Dick Denfeld, Hork Dimon**, Mimi Gronlund, Bill Laux, Bill, Virginia, and **George Lester**, Rosemary and **Walt Locke, Jack O’Connell**, Jan and **Jerry Rapkin**, Mary-lin and **Bill Ryan**, John Sattler (Speaker), **Bob Schulze**, Barb and **Pete Stark**, Jane and **Bill Studabaker, Tom Thawley**, LtGen Mick Trainor, USMC (Ret.), the guest of Bill Ryan, Judy Wanfried, Jane and **Jack Young**.



*LtGen John Sattler, USMC (Ret.), ‘71*

**Jim Nunneley** came in with:

■ “I thought the attached piece about **Red Stein** would be of interest to his friends and enemies in the Class of ‘52. Just kidding, Red is admired and held in high regard by everyone in the class.

“Our esteemed classmate, Red Stein, has become the poster boy for Willow Valley, where ten of our Class of ‘52 classmates and survivors reside. Willow Valley is located just south of Lancaster, PA, in Central Pennsylvania, and is one of the largest (and best) retirement communities in the country.

“Willow Valley advertises frequently both locally and in national publications. Lately, it seems that every time we open a newspaper or magazine we are met with a photo of Red, singing the praises of his homestead. I have attached two photos from recent advertisements. One depicts Red in boxing poses ready to pound the heavy bag, which incidentally he was instrumental in getting management to

install said bag in the Health Center. That's Karen from the health center staff ready to fend off Red's explosive punches. For some reason she doesn't look overly concerned. Could it be that Red's blows no longer pack the punch they did back in the early 50's when he fought his way through the Brigade Boxing Championships? (And what does Red have to say about all this? "I am only five pounds over my midshipman's weight. I have the fitness center - and my walking partner, Balti - to thank for that!")

"The second ad depicts a smiling Red with his trusty sidekick, Balti, a Siberian Husky. Red and Balti are fixtures on the walking paths that are located throughout Willow Valley. Look for them in a publication near you, and come visit us at Willow Valley. We'll keep the light on for you!" ■



Red and Karen



Red and Balti

In 2012, **Allyn** and Françoise **Bress** moved to Wisconsin, to be near their grandchildren. In September 2013, Allyn reported, with deep sorrow, Françoise's passing. He recalled that together they

had celebrated the anniversary of her citizenship every year since 1961.

■ "On Halloween 1961, I escorted Françoise to the Courthouse in San Francisco to swear her in as a U.S. citizen. She had taken courses at UC Berkeley in American government and history so that she would make the best possible impression as a new citizen.

"Her principal witness was Admiral Charles Curtze, who elbowed out several other potential candidate witnesses, because he and his wife, Vicky, loved and admired Françoise, and insisted that he would stand in her behalf. That evening, I hosted an enormous party at our Officers' Club. I constructed a makeshift mast with lanyards to hoist flags. I had planned to start with the French tricolor at the yardarm and the stars and stripes at the dip. Later, after an emotional speech, I attempted to haul down the French colors and hoist our colors, only to hear strong disapproval from the guests; whereupon, I hoisted them both to the yardarm, to roaring cheers." ■

**John Langford** has forwarded several e-mails from **Bob "Gunny" Elmwood's** wife, Augusta, with details on his bout with heart disease and his undergoing two angioplasties. The last report, on 12 August, was very positive:

■ "Here's the update I promised a while back. Bob's been home from the hospital 11 days now. He's getting stronger every day, although the heat here tends to be fatiguing (for me too!). Even though he's lying low until things cool off, he still volunteers to do small things around the house, like washing the dishes, folding clothes, changing burnt out bulbs in the car, etc.... and he's looking forward to going to Pub Quiz at the Crown and Anchor one of these Thursday nights :-)" ■

John and Gunny were roommates all four years at USNA.



Gunny Elmwood

My wife, Pat, and I spent last week-end in a suburb of Columbus, Ohio, where our son, 2ndLt Scott Laux, USMC, '12,

married ENS Lisa Schlagheck, USN, '12. Lisa is the granddaughter of classmate **Jim Severs**. Scott is a Student Naval Aviator, and Lisa is in training for service in nuclear submarines. The logistics of this marriage will be interesting, to say the least, but they are very much in love, and they will figure out how to make it work.

We learned over the week-end that Navy had qualified for a bowl game. But first, the Army game! This will all be history by the time that you read this, but for now - Beat Army!

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### *Class President and Executive Committee Elections*

**Alvin "Al" Glazier** was elected President of our Class for the next three years by mailed ballots and announced at our Annual Class Meeting 5 November 2013. Al will take office 1 Jan 2014. The other members of the Executive Committee elected by Classmates present for year 2014 are:

★ **Chuck Fellows** as Executive Vice President

★ **Art Bivens** as Admin Vice President and Corr. Sec'y

★ **Darrell Dempster** as Treasurer

★ **Pete Walker** as Secretary

★ **Herb Tiede** as Associate Member

★ **Bob Raffaele** as Associate member

We owe **Chris Zirps** a huge debt of gratitude for his outstanding and dedicated leadership of our Class. As he steps down from President 31 Dec 2013 he will have served two terms over a nine year span [**Dave Jones'** term in between].

Among his significant roles Chris directed and organized our 50th, 55th, and 60th Class Reunions in Annapolis, and provided direction for our 57th in Bremerton. Thank you Chris!! Bravo Zulu!

Regarding future Reunions; there was talk of a 2016 Reunion in Albuquerque, NM, but it is not to be. We may come up with another location, or just wait until 2018. [We'll be in our upper 80's then, ahem] Stay tuned.

### *Navy Football*

It's been an exciting season with a 7-4 record as I write this and it might have



been 9-4 if there had not been two missed PAT's against Toledo and Notre Dame. Navy has won all five home games including Air Force, and has qualified for the Military Bowl. And what an AMAZING 58-52 three OT win over San Jose in their home turf! But we still have Army to contend with. Hopefully, when you read this Navy will have firmly claimed the Commander-in-Chief Trophy, and maybe a Bowl victory. GO NAVY!

The tailgating with Classmates, wives, relatives, and friends was great fun as usual. **Earl Griggs'** margaritas were a big hit! They are his specialty, made with a recipe from our former honorary Classmate Dave Johnson. See the photo (1) taken at the Air Force game tailgate of Bivens family members L-R; Art, daughter Chris, granddaughter Liz, her husband Mike.



Art, Chris, Liz, Mike

**News of a Midshipman Granddaughter, Bancroft Memories, and Other Happenings**  
Chuck Fellows reported on the article in the Sep-Oct 2013 *Shipmate* titled "Advancing Diplomatic Interests, Alumni and Midshipmen Team Up at the Department of State." His granddaughter, **Jessica Fellows, USNA '15**, was a summer intern and is quoted in the article on page 39 about her experience at the State Dept. She worked in the office which helps the U.S. government remove unexploded mines from former war zones around the world. If you still have the magazine, check it out. If you're like me you sometimes don't read all the articles. Chuck is very proud of her as a 4.0 GPA lacrosse player. She gets that from **Alix Fellows** who is still a working lacrosse coach for high school girls.

**Dick Wright** sent a hand written letter which has become rare in our e-mail days. He wrote,

■ "I was sorry to have missed the reunion, but was most pleased to get a copy of the Memories of Bancroft Hall that incorporated the art work of Lane Rogers. Those responsible (Chris Zirps,

John Hyatt, and Herb Tiede) did a remarkable job and deserve a huge BZ from the class. And it did bring back the memories, mostly good! As another memory I submit the enclosed photo (2) of a group of 11th Company firsties in mixed uniforms. They are L-R; **Cub Snively, Frank Ostronic, Gus Hubal, Jim VanScoyoc, Dick Wright, Lou Fead, and Francis "Red Gonk" Moore."**■



USNA 11th Co. Firsties

Speaking of "Bancroft memories," **Dave Cruden** and I (Art Bivens) were the Commissioning XO's in the USS George Bancroft (SSBN-643). We worked together during the construction and sea trials, sharing duties and the office until the commissioning in Jan 1966. That's when we actually split the "green crew" into two crews - Dave, Blue Crew and Art, Gold Crew. At a recent reunion in Washington, DC of the Bancroft Commissioning Officers, the Commissioning CO, 91 year old VADM Joe Williams was present. Most submariners will remember Admiral Joe when he was ComSubLant. Shown in the photo. [I'm a bit embarrassed to be in so many pics but this one is for Dave]



Dave, Adm Joe, Art

#### Final Tributes

**Marie Thomas**, wife of **Clifford C. Thomas Jr.** for 53 years, died 14 Sept 2013 in Columbia, SC. She was born in Brooklyn, NY, attended the Community College of NY, worked in banking for several years, married Cliff in 1960. Survivors include Cliff, three children, and five grandchildren.

**CDR Gerald F. Laughlin USN** (Ret) died 5 Oct 2013. He was a submariner and also a qualified surface warfare officer. [No details of his ships or duties] He served in Vietnam. Awards include: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, NUC, PUC, and Combat Action ribbon. He earned a BEE at Navy PG School. After retiring from the Navy he worked as a General Contractor. Survivors include his wife Clarice "Ducky," two sons and six grandchildren. His eldest son, Gerry, predeceased him in 2002.

**CAPT Joseph C. Smith USN** (Ret) died 16 Oct 2013 in Annapolis, MD. Joe served in submarines becoming the CO of USS Odax (SS-484). He attended the Naval War College and earned an MS at Georgetown U. Staff assignments included ComSubPac, SixthFlt, and OpNav. A tour as Professor of Naval Science at Iowa State U. led to duties as Special Assistant to the President of the National Defense U. His final assignment was Superintendent, U.S. Naval Observatory. In retirement, among Joe's many activities, he served as Vice President, Anne Arundel County Taxpayers Association. He was an avid sailor and among his many achievements he was Commodore of the Poplar Point Yacht Club. Joe was preceded in death by his wife Phyllis of 51 years. Survivors include his wife Dorothy, one son, and one grandson. ★

**CAPT Edwin S. Moriarty USNR** (Ret) died 17 Oct 2013 in Hampton, VA. Ed served in USS Mississippi (EAG-128), became a qualified submariner in USS Diablo (SS-479), resigned from the Navy in 1958, and started two new careers. He worked for Newport News Shipbuilding for 34 years, mostly in submarine construction project management. His other career was in the Naval Reserve for 20 years where he commanded a Reserve Unit and a Reserve Group. Among his Awards was the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Joan, two children, three grandchildren, and one great-grandson. ★

**Barbara Snuffin** Horsley died 24 Oct 2013 in Oregon from a series of heart attacks. She was the widow of **CDR Jerry Snuffin USN**, a submariner who died in 1969. They had three children. In 1971 she married **CAPT Bill Horsley USN** (now deceased), a Surface Warfare Officer and widower with two children. ★

**Marjorie Dumont** died 29 Oct 2013 from complications of COPD in Alexandria, VA. She was the widow of **COL Thomas Dumont USMC** (Ret)

who died in 1996. Together, they experienced over 30 years of active military service that included duty stations from California to Germany. Survivors include three children. \*

**Walter L. Thies** died 31 Oct 2013 in Greensboro, NC. Walt was a Navy aviation tech who came to USNA via NAPS. Four years after graduation he resigned from the Navy, went back to school, earned an MBA from the University of NC at Greensboro, went to work as a Systems Engineer for Guilford County Schools. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Wanda; three children, and five grandchildren.

**LCDR Robert Scott Beat** USN (Ret) died 14 Nov 2013 in Camarillo, CA. Scott joined the Navy in 1945 and served a two year enlistment. After USNA he became a Naval Aviator flying AD attack a/c and EAB recon a/c. Among his flying duties included action in Vietnam and flying from carriers USS Yorktown and USS Bonhomme Richard. His awards include numerous Air Medals, PUC, NUC, and other commendations. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Jan, one daughter, and two grandsons.

**LCOL Donald W. Klick** USAF (Ret) died 18 Nov 2013 in Vienna, VA. Don earned a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and with that he was assigned to base civil engineering duties throughout the U.S., Iceland, and Vietnam; and geological and geophysical research duties throughout the U.S., Greenland, Alaska, and Canada. His awards include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and other commendations. After retiring from the USAF he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for 20 years. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Barbara; two children, and five grandchildren.

\* Indicates a personal article in our Legacy Book

#### ***Honoring a 100 Year Old Pearl Harbor Veteran***

My Uncle, Master Chief Engineman Norman Clark, USN (Ret) turned 100 years old 31 Jan 2014. He lives in Tupelo, MS, also the home of our Classmate **Dave Allen** and his wife **Wanda**; and the birthplace of Elvis Presley. I've asked Dave (A 22nd Co. Mate) to visit Norman occasionally. Also, Dave's daughter, Misty Wallace, lives next door to Norman and his wife, Betty. Norman and I still e-mail each other and Dave said he is still sharp as a tack. From a recent visit are photos; (4) Dave and Norman, and (5) Dave and Misty. Norman had a 33 year career in the

Navy. He joined in 1937 and served on 11 ships. He was a MM 2/c on the repair ship USS Medusa when the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor. They didn't bomb his ship, only strafed it. He served on several more ships throughout the War in the Pacific and in his words, "never got a scratch." He finished his Navy career in Miami, FL as Chief Recruiter for the Florida District...BZ Norman!.....ACB



*Dave and Norman*



*Dave and Misty*

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Class column preparation competes heavily with life's demands for other things. **George Henson** has provided an outstanding service to the class while serving as Class Secretary for the past 11 years, and he has diligently prepared our class column for Shipmate regardless of the sometimes lack of input from classmates. Due to other pressing priorities, he has relinquished the assignment, and I have agreed to take over the job. As a classmate and all around "good guy," George gave something precious to all of us – his precious time. Your classmates thank you. **BRAVO ZULU, George!**

Our column will continue to focus on classmate activities, and leave death notices and obituaries to the Last Call and Obituaries sections in Shipmate.

Wardroom Etiquette continues: "No politics, religion, sex, race" are also Shipmate Rules. Shipmate offers reasonable commercial advertising rates for those wishing to advertise. Since there is a lag of about two months regarding input for Shipmate, our Class Web Site managed by our Web Master **Will Croom** is a great place for quick and timely notices and personal opinions, observations, obits, et al. If you have computer access, the Class of 54 website URL is <http://www.54net.org/>.

Classmates got together on USNA Homecoming Weekend (Oct 24 -26) and the Saturday football tailgate, game, and class dinner after. Navy's poor first half was offset with a great second half. Navy finished with a cliffhanger last second and a field goal that gave Navy an upset win: Navy 24, Pitt 21. Tailgate photos follow:



*Phil Livingston, George Zeberlein, Bill Hoover*



*Betty Conboy, Anne Jordan, Pat Hope, Pricilla Kinley, Jean Couillard, and Sandy Tipshus.*

After singing "Blue And Gold," 29 gathered at the O' Club for a social hour (open bar) at 1700 followed by a nice dinner at 1800. It was a most enjoyable evening. The O' Club dinner service, meal presentation, and food were excellent. El Presidente **George Zeberlein** made a few announcements but did not issue any edicts, except there will be a Class Christmas Luncheon on December 11th, which by now, those who attended had a head start on Christmas "just" Past. He also said that those who have not already sent in their \$100 per person advance for the 60th Reunion in November 14 – 17 2014, please do so, but wait until the word goes out before you send in the rest (\$200 per person). Remember – it's a football



weekend, and we play Georgia Southern. Y'all have to get your own tickets to the game. AND, after the game the evening is reserved for Company/Battalion parties. That means some of you movers have to get moving in making arrangements. Venues will become scarcer as the date approaches, so arrangements need to be completed ASAP. The following attended the homecoming dinner: Simone **Cane**, Betty **Conboy**, Jean **Couillard** with daughter Melissa Gotard and spouse Neil Pain, Bill and Peg **Greenlaw**, Bob and Jayne **Haines**, Bill and Cheron **Hargrave**, Bill **Hoover**, Pricilla **Kinley**, Phil **Livingston**, Scott and Jean **Mobley**, Bob **Sheehan**, Bob and Barbara Ann **Shields**, Ned and Donna **Shuman**, Al **Slepicka** (who has made homecoming weekend from Iowa almost every year since anyone can remember), Ed and Sandy **Tipshus**, Bob and Mary Sue **Wilmer**, Lee **Wood**, and George and Joan **Zeberlein**.



*Bill Hoover, Bill Hargrave, George Zeberlein*



*CLOCKWISE – Pricilla Kinley, Betty Conboy, Bill Hargrave, Lee Wood, Cheron Hargrave, Mary Sue Wilmer and Bob Wilmer*



*CLOCKWISE – Peg Greenlaw, Bob Greenlaw, Phil Livingston, Al Slepicka, Bob Haines, Joyce Haines, Bob Sheehan and Simone Cane*

More photos were taken, but a disability of “finger over camera flash” made them unusable. It’s like having our old nemesis called USNA slip-stick strain syndrome.

When I first saw Pat **Hope** at our tailgate and asked how she was, she nonchalantly replied: “I had a stroke a week ago, but I am fine now.” She was absolutely right – she looked just great. But, her greeting stunned me. It goes to show you that not all strokes are devastating, and many can be reversed if tended to rapidly. This is what happened. Pat was having lunch with one of her daughters when she noticed she could not pick up her iced tea glass with her right hand. She had suddenly lost her grip. After 3 attempts, she used both hands to lift the glass. Although Pat did not discern any other symptoms of a stroke, her actions was odd and alerted her daughter. They were joined by her other daughter (an MD) on the way to the local hospital. Quick testing indicated she had a stroke, and proper medication was quickly administered. Pat never had any other initial symptoms, and she has made an excellent recovery. She has lingering problems recalling some words (proper nouns) and also recalling some steps in using her computer, and is undergoing speech therapy. Symptoms of a stroke are many and if identified promptly, highly effective medications can be applied in a timely manner. Memorize **FAST** – an acronym for: **F-ACE** – smile – does one side of the face droop? **A-RMS** – raise both arms – does one arm drift downward? **S-PEECH** – ask the person to repeat a simple phrase – is the speech slurred or strange? **T-IME** – if you observe ANY of these signs call 9 1 1 immediately and get to a hospital. Three hours from onset is the critical time. Other symptoms are sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg – especially on one side of the body, sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, and sudden severe headache with no known cause. There is quite a lot of stroke information available, and we “Octo’s” should be up on it. We can all learn from Pat’s experience.

A continued appeal for classmate input for our Shipmate column is in order. So, — **HELP!!** To add to the general context that has been offered by classmates in the past, an additional request is made. Solicited are any and all sea stories, anecdotes, and past interesting experiences. A challenge to you old

Sailors and Airmen is made by the Marines in submitting odd, funny, strange, or amazing experiences of Academy days, service life; before, during, or after. Let’s hear from you before the cobwebs take over. Get out your pen/pencil and write (or email) to me. Marines already have a supply of a couple of dozen sea stories courtesy of “The 64 From 54,” a publication prepared for our 50th reunion and distributed at the time to all living members of our class that were appointed Marine officers at graduation or their NOK. Here is a sample from the late **Stan Michael**:

■ While stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego in 1964, Captain Stan Michaels’ wife finally relented to having their first son’s golden curls cut off. Stan thought it appropriate to have the first haircut at the MCRD enlisted barbershop, so he took his son there. At that time General Holland M. (Howlin’ Mad) Smith of World War Two fame lived in retirement nearby. The general refused to use the officer’s barber-shop, and insisted upon waiting his turn in the enlisted shop. Of course his wife would phone ahead when he departed home so his favorite barber would just happen to be available as soon as the General arrived. On this particular day, Stan had just put his one year old in a chair for his first haircut, and was desperately trying to stop his screaming and crying with bottle and pacifier, with no success. The barber had suggested trying again another day, when General Smith arrived. He stopped in front of Little Stan’s chair and ordered: “Boy, you stop that crying RIGHT NOW, you hear me boy?” Little Stan instantly ceased crying and did not make another peep as the barber successfully completed his haircut. But, Little Stan kept a constant eye on General Smith the entire time. On the way out, Stan thanked General Smith for his help. “Howlin’ Mad” replied, “Son, you just have to learn how to talk to the troops.” ■

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**Francis T. (Tom) Boucher (7)** passed away from complications associated with Parkinson's disease, at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, California on May 18, 2013.

**Lawrence S. Wigley (9)** passed away on September 25, 2013.

**Stanley D. Kolb, Jr. (10)** passed away, after a long illness, in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 3, 2013.

**Florida Mini Reunion is 6 and 7 March** - If you aren't signed up yet contact Charley Plumly to see if there is still space. Phone 706-636-5309 or [plumsib@aol.com](mailto:plumsib@aol.com)

**Dick Ruth (16)** and wife Barbara with grandson, Ltjg Brendan Rhoad, made a family-day tour of the Office of Naval Intelligence in Suitland, Maryland. The tour was a snap shot of the many functions and offices of ONI. What we could see was impressive. Two impressions are (1) the Hopper Information Services Center gave me goose bumps as I was a federal civil servant at NAVDAC when Grace Hopper was promoted to Rear Admiral. Our classmate **Paul Sutherland (7)** was NAVDAC at the time of the promotion. The Hopper Center had a four foot square photo of RADM Hopper with her ten commandments! (2) Wow! We are really getting up there to see a building named after one of our contemporaries.



Barbara, Brendan and Dick

**Ed McHale (3)** says he couldn't resist sending this picture of him landing a 20 pound King salmon using 6 pound test line and a trout spinning rig. This was during a recent 5-day fishing trip on Alaska's Clear Creek in the wilderness about 200 miles north of Anchorage. It was on 17 July—his 81st birthday. They were really on a catch and release trout fishing trip, but the dumb salmon got in the way.



Ed on the left

Alice Magee, widow of **Greg Black (18)** sent in the following report:

■ On a beautiful, rare, balmy August day, my daughter, Beth Black Springer, her two daughters, Sage and Ali, and I made a visit to Arlington National Cemetery to visit Greg Black's gravesite as well as those of his parents (RADM. and Mrs. Joseph Dean Black) and my parents (General and Mrs. Christian Franklin Schilt, USMC). They are all there together on a lovely knoll overlooking Washington. I was so pleased that my Colorado granddaughters were enthusiastic about visiting their many grandparents, and it was such an incredible day! We were joined by Greg's sister, Cheron, her husband, Bill Hargrave, Class of '54 and several other family members. We told Greg and grandparent "stories" making the day light hearted as well as enlightening, although for those of us who have lived all these years without Greg, it was bitter-sweet. Greg's granddaughter Ali is a sophomore at the U of Northern Arizona majoring in photo-journalism, and Sage is a senior at the U of Colorado, Boulder, majoring in Engineering. I gave Sage her grandfather's slide rule, and her comment was "What is this?". Evidently they are now obsolete, but she said she could figure it out. ■



Cheron, Alice and Beth (who just celebrated her 55th birthday)



Ali and Sage

**Carl Braun (1)** attended a June 29, 2013 Celebration of the Life of Ed Wardwell held at a prominent restaurant in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ed died at his home in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, on 24 April 2013. Seaward Marine, Inc., a company founded and led for years by Ed, sponsored the Celebration. Seaward is an ocean engineering company doing business worldwide. The Celebration was a grand affair attended by well over 200 employees of Seaward and friends from parts of the world as far away as New Zealand. Of course Ed's family was there - his wife Carolyn and her son Dale, daughter Chaunette, Dale's wife Joyce and grandchildren Shane and Stephanie.



From left: Carolyn, Joyce, Shane, Stephanie, Dale, Chaunette

### Fifteenth Company Reports (Part 1)

**Walton J. Grinke** ([wgrinke@austin.rr.com](mailto:wgrinke@austin.rr.com)) reports he is living the good life in central Texas.

**James C. Gussett** ([thegussetts@kinex.net](mailto:thegussetts@kinex.net)) reports he lives in Farmville, Virginia. His hobbies include reading and volunteer work. He drives for Meals on Wheels, serves on the local hospital Board as secretary, is in his 40th year as a member of the Farmville Lions Club, has served as secretary for the past 15 years, and serves on various church committees.



For vacations he goes to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and goes with Road Scholars from time to time.

He keeps in touch with classmates Jim Rothrock and George McMurtry.

He does not plan to attend the 60th Reunion in San Diego.

**Frederick M. Koester, Jr.** (fredk44044@aol.com) reports he lives in Annandale, Virginia. His hobbies include attending grandkids hockey, baseball, soccer games, taking on-line courses, reading and attending lectures. His knees prevent golf except when nobody else is on the course and he can play until they hurt.

For vacations he has a time share in the New York Catskills called Villa Roma.

He used to attend the Washington area class luncheons, but hasn't in the last few years.

He does not plan to attend the 60th Reunion (2015) in San Diego.

He provided the following story from academy days:

■ Went to Bowie Race Track with roommate Carlos McAfee 1st class year. Then went to Philly on train from track where we met an unshaven man who looked like a bum, but invited us to dinner at a great seafood restaurant, said his car was at the station. We accepted, thinking he would get thrown out based on appearance, but the doorman called him by first name, immediate seating, ordered bucket of oysters and king sized lobster for us. Asked what we were doing later - we said Atlantic City. He said go to the 500 Club and ask for Fats (we didn't know he was the owner). Offered us cash to spend. We went to Atlantic City, but unfortunately hit another bar. Left at dawn to return car to my parents, and returned to the academy. After graduation he invited me to his house for dinner, gave my sister and me tickets to a Phillies ball game, front row behind dugout. Spent summer leave attending races at Delaware Park with him and his managers (his name was Galvanized Harry, owned a factory that galvanized metal). He bet \$1,000 a horse, I bet \$2. Later, when I was at his house, he was going out to dinner at the Kelly's. Said I could come along, but the good looking daughter was not there, only her sister. Turned out the sister was Grace Kelly, but I had not taken him up on his invitation. ■

**Richard N. Mack** (richardjoan\_mack@msn.com) reports he lives at a fairly upscale retirement home in Medford,

Oregon. His hobbies include Barbershop singing, model yacht sailing and playing the ukulele.

He says vacation from retirement is kind of an oxymoron, but they travel to the San Francisco Bay Area to visit their daughters and granddaughters; and to Sequim, Washington, where they have property. They also took a recent cruise to the Bahamas.

He doesn't keep in touch with any classmates.

He doesn't plan to attend the 60th reunion in 2015; too far, too costly, and no, my health is not good enough (Parkinson's disease, mild).

**James C. Rothrock** (rockymaine@myfairpoint.net) reports they have been living in Westbrook, Maine (near Portland) since 2003. They spent most years in the Boston area, but four years in Dallas and thirteen years in Scottsdale, Arizona before moving to Maine - job related moves. For hobbies he and Laurie have done masters track meets for over thirty years! They traveled all over the USA, mostly throwing events. Earned a few national titles for both of them. Now they are concentrating on the five event weight pentathlon at age 80. Not a lot of competitors left in this age group, so personal bests are important. Both of them have played extensive tennis over the same period. He also played a lot of squash but not a lot since moving to Maine. Health clubs are their second home!

He is tutoring HS and local college students in math and science, and has been doing this for the past fifteen years. He is also taking on-line courses from Stanford in quantum mechanics - mystified by the subject! He has been a life time learner.

He spent thirty-five years in high tech, traveling the world. Laurie did extensive travel in her thirty years of teaching. Since retirement most travel is to see friends and an occasional cruise and tour. He says it is nice to be back East close to friends and within driving range.

He keeps in close contact with Jim Gussett (his roommate), George McMurtry (close friend), Charlie Plumly, also Ted Parker and Wave Graham (shipmates on the USS O'Hare (DDR 889) in 1957/8).

The 15th company fallen classmates will always be remembered by him. He has lost three former roommates: Dick Smith, Roger Johnson, and his old next door neighbor from Altoona, Pennsylvania, Bill Overdorff.

He is not sure about attending the 60th Reunion in San Diego.

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*"Deo Fidelis et Patria"*

**Commissioning of USS Minnesota SSN 783:**

**Dan Garges (24)** was invited to attend the commissioning of the newest Virginia Class Submarine. The opportunity was provided by a neighborhood friend named John Hoyle who had a distinguished career as the Secretary of the Commission at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. They drove down to the Naval Station at Norfolk, VA on a very hot day on September 7 and, after the ceremony, were able to enter and tour all three decks in this new attack submarine, witnessing an incredible amount of advanced technology. The computerized drive-by-wire ship control system improves ship handling in shallow waters. It also features a larger lock-in/lock-out chamber and a reconfigurable torpedo room that can better support Special Operation Forces and their equipment. In addition to delivering Special Forces, the Virginia Class can gather intelligence, perform reconnaissance activities, launch Tomahawk Missiles and conduct the more traditional anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare missions. Its reactor plant is designed to last the 33-year life cycle of the ship. This was the Navy's third ship to bear the State of Minnesota name. The first was a sailing steam frigate in 1857, and the second a battleship in 1907. Visitors quickly realized that space was very precious and one legged sailors would have a problem negotiating all those hatches and ladders! See photo of two on the ramp who are eager to get below decks on the USS Minnesota.

## MERCHANDISE

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L to R: "Dan Garges and John Hoyle on the ramp"

**Susan Lloyd Baldwin, Daughter of David Lloyd (18):**

Through the thoughtfulness of Capt. Rusty Yeiser (Class of 74), Director of Development Operations of the USNA Foundation, a phone call was coordinated between **Worth Hobbs (23)** and **Susan Lloyd Baldwin** at her request. Susan is the daughter of our classmate, **David B. Lloyd (18)** who was lost at sea in 1968, while serving aboard the USS Scorpion (SSN 589). Susan told Worth that she had only spoken to individuals who knew her father during his submarine service and she wanted to talk with someone who had known him while he was attending the Naval Academy. She requested that Worth write her a letter describing what her dad was like as a midshipman. Worth wrote back with memories of David Lloyd's friendly caring personality, his outstanding academic standing (3rd in the Class) and his natural leadership qualities as the 18th Company Commander. These experiences lead him on a fast track to become Executive Officer of the Scorpion. In 1973, David's wife, Rebecca was remarried to Al Burkhalter (Class of 51) who was also a submariner and in 1976 adopted Susan and her siblings. Susan talked about her two children and how important it was to be a caring parent giving them a balance of love and discipline in bringing them up. It sounded a lot like a Navy wife would do! Susan is also involved in Pro-Life activities associated with her church. There is no doubt that David would be so very proud of his daughter and all of his children and how blessed they were to be given another Dad who loves them. Worth said it was an honor for him to have this conversation with Susan and to provide her with the added information about her father and the grandfather of her children. Should any classmates be interested in sending additional remembrances of David Lloyd life, please write to: Susan L. Baldwin, 360 Aldersgate Drive, Portage, MI 49024. **It is so very important for our classmates**

**to stay in contact with the families of our fallen!!**

**Russ Weidman (13) – Trip to Gettysburg:** Russ made his annual trip to Gettysburg for the Lincoln Forum Annual Symposium—a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War. The Forum hosted the symposium over a four day period which culminated in the major event on 19 November with the actual rendering of the Gettysburg Address—this year being special as the 150th Anniversary of the 1863 address. In addition to the symposium each year, the Lincoln Forum publishes two bulletins discussing articles relating to new historical research, sponsors an essay contest for full time College students, and provides scholarships to the symposium for secondary school history teachers and high school students. This is the eighteenth year of The Lincoln Forum with Russ Weidman being the Treasurer for the last seven years running. His interest in this Forum is likely an outgrowth of his, and his wife Budge's, many years of volunteer work at the National Archives on the Civil War exhibits.

**Philip Leahy (23):** Philip G. Leahy died on October 12, 2013 at the age of 82. Phil was born in NYC on February 15, 1931. After graduating from the USNA, he served in the US Navy and USNR for ten years and achieved the rank of Lieutenant (SG). He was employed in an executive capacity for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and retired after 33 years with that agency. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret (Peggy) Leahy who resides, as he did, in the midtown area of Manhattan in New York City. Following a Funeral Mass, he was interred at the Old Calvary Cemetery in the Long Island City section of Queens in NYC with a USN honor guard in attendance. A full obituary will be included in the Last Call Section of a future issue of Shipmate.

**Carol Macan, Widow of John J. Macan (14),** age 78 of Bentwater in Montgomery, TX passed away on October 1, 2013. She received her nursing degree from St. Catherine's School of Nursing, Creighton University. Carol celebrated 52 years of marriage to John Macan who preceded her in death. Carol embraced being the wife of a naval officer, making good friends and creating loving homes coast to coast. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who cherished spending time with her family

and was actively involved in her daughters' hobbies, especially showing horses. Carol spent much time traveling and in retirement delighted in family vacations to Europe and Florida. An avid sports fan, her interests also included needlepoint, cooking and her dining out and Bible study groups. She is survived by her six daughters and 7 grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held on October 7, 2013 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Plantersville, TX. A private burial will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for Ovarian Cancer Research or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Tempe Teller Gerard Reith, Widow of Ed Reith (23),** passed away at the age of 76 on February 18, 2013. Tempe graduated from the Lenox School and Finch College in New York City and, after raising five children, graduated from The University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, CT. Tempe met Ed, the love of her life, in New York City and they eloped on March 2, 1957! She enjoyed many successes over her career and continued to accept greater responsibility. In her early marriage, she worked at the Ferguson Library in Stamford, CT, and later moved up the ranks in the HR department at McKesson's Laboratories. At her retirement, she was the Director of the IDEAL Program with the University of Bridgeport and helped scores of adults obtain degrees and pursue their goals in life. She was admired and loved by both the students and faculty and made many dear friends through the years.

**Ronald Litteer Widner (01),** 79, of Toms River [NJ], passed away on Oct. 8, 2013. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on Nov. 9, 1933. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Ronald joined the U.S. Air Force and served his country proudly for 12 years. In 1966, he married the love [of] his life Judith, and moved to Toms River in 1968 to begin his 25 year long career as a pilot with United Airlines. Ronald was a longtime and faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Toms River. Surviving are his devoted wife, Judith (Smith) Widner; two sons and two cherished grandchildren. A memorial gathering was held on Oct. 12, 2013. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ronald's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834. Condolences may be made by visiting [www.andersonandcampbell.com](http://www.andersonandcampbell.com). A full obituary



will be included in the Last Call Section of a future issue of Shipmate.

**Dorothy Fay Varney, Widow of Richard Stuart Varney (20):** There was a Committal Service at the Columbarium at USNA on Thursday, 24 October 2013. Fay Varney, 76, was born on 23 October 1937 and passed away on 14 February 2013.

**Colleen N. Faust, Widow of Donald Faust (11)** died of respiratory failure at the age of 78 on September 15, 2013 at Inova Alexandria Hospital. A recent illness led to her retirement within this last year. Her most recent job was as an administrative assistant for over twenty years at a law firm in Alexandria, VA. Mrs. Faust was the widow of Captain Donald O. Faust, who was a USAF pilot. She is survived by her daughter, who also resides in the city of Alexandria, VA. Services private.

#### **Widows Column**

**Maggi Weston Dresser, Widow of Rod Dresser (15):** Maggi and Rod met a little later in life after Rod had left the Navy and became a Professional Photographer of Fine Arts. They became closely acquainted in the business and were greatly influenced by the internationally famous photographer artist Ansel Adams who they worked both worked for. Their relationship blossomed over the years and developed into love and marriage in 2002. The Weston Gallery of Fine Arts was opened featuring excellent photographs of many subjects, landscapes and seascapes from the world over, including much of Rod Dresser's personal photography that has become very valuable and sought after by the public. Maggi is the owner of the Gallery although much of the day-to-day business has been turned over to her daughter-in-law, Davika Weston. Over the years, the photography profession required Maggi to travel to New York and many other countries including England, France and Italy to attend auctions in the fine arts. She has lead quite a unique life having been born in London and brought up in South Africa. As a young woman, Maggi was a professional singer and had success with singing show tunes on stage and in clubs in England which afforded her the original opportunity to get to the United States. When Maggi isn't involved with photography, she spends time looking in on her son's profession as a martial arts instructor in Chi Gong (a softer form of Karate). She also spends time in helping homeless women and plans to get involved with the Wounded Warrior Program. Although Maggi never

knew Rod Dresser when he was in a Commander in the Navy, we know she likes the military because she has asked to get a subscription to Shipmate!

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**Captain Walter Victor Rudolph Vieweg, (MC), USN (Ret.) (3)** passed away on 7 October 2013 after a long struggle with cancer. Vic is survived by his wife Elizabeth B. Lowe, six children and 10 grandchildren.

**Doctor William Lowery Humphries, Sr., DDS (13)**, of Little Rock, AR passed away on 26 October 2013, survived by his wife Sarah Kay, three sons and four grandchildren.

**Commander Kenneth Howard Parcell, USN, (Ret.) (16)** of Newport News, VA passed away on 8 November.

**Duran Tracy Hatfield (12)** of Lakewood Ranch, FL died on 11 November 2013. Tracy is survived by his wife Sandy, three daughters and three grandchildren.

**Robert Frank Arnold (13)** passed away on 13 November 2013. Bob leaves son Eric and daughter Patricia, a grandson and three granddaughters.

**James Wesley Bibb (15)** of Lenoir City, TN died after a brief illness on 16 November 2013. Jim was survived by his sister Virginia Smith of Melrose, FL.

**Jim McGinn's** widow JoAnn passed away on 21 November 2013.

As the above muster confirms, it has been a particularly tough couple of long months for our crew since the last report in September. Many thanks to the several survivors, Classmates and Company Coordinators who have closed ranks to assist in marking the loss of our mates.

Front and center almost immediately after the last News was collected and packaged was **Bill Kronzer** with a hot report and a very cool photo to share:

■ Attached is a picture of Lynda (my bride of 40 years) and myself on an Alaskan cruise this past August. It was on our "bucket list" and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We are still in the northwoods of Wisconsin; children (2) and grandchildren (7) either blocks away or in Chicago. I am still practicing Radiology 4 hours/day and plan to continue until I'm 80. Lynda is in her 27th year of teaching tap dancing. All her students and parents love her.

We miss the old days at Brianhead Ski Resort. They were wonderful and we now have many Classmate friends that I only knew by name at the Academy.

I developed cancer of the larynx several years ago. Had surgery and radiation. My voice is raspy but I've had clear checkups this past year.

Looking forward to the 60th reunion. ■



*Bill and Lynda*

Then we got the fishing report from **Jimmy Paulk** down Georgia way... which, from the looks of his string, was all good:

■ The weather cooperated yesterday afternoon, and we managed to get in about four hours of fishing locally with my nephew on his charter boat. As you can see in the photo, we caught speckled sea trout, redfish, and drum - we released more than we kept. It was a fun day for me in that I learned a new fishing technique called, "popping cork." We fished shallow water, less than 4 feet just outside the marsh line with a short leader with a cork rig that makes a popping sound when jerked, it sure attracts the fish. Fun. BTW, we caught more than a dozen reds, but kept only five. ■



*The Compleat Angler*

(Scribe note: Unfortunately it just wasn't possible to get all the fish and Jimmy's face together in the same frame given the limited space. We chose the winning smile.)

The next man at the plate turned out to be the designate PAO for Reunion 57, **Harry Gimber**, who sent along the following status report:

■ As you read this you should have received the official announcement of Class Reunion 57 and the Registration form. The mailer tells you all you need to know and to do if you want to enjoy a grand time with Classmates in beautiful sunny San Diego this coming October. You are urged to return your registration to **Dick Madouse** as soon as possible so that the myriad of details can be resolved by the various committee members. If you do have questions feel free to contact Dick: dickmadouse@msn.com or 619-319-5844. See you on October 13th. ■

Accompanying Harry's update were a few more winning smiles from a pair of the local San Diego organizers and a visiting firemen; (l. to r.) **George Lanman**, **Whit Whitmire** and **Phil Papaccio**, who paraded together on the Coronado Marriott's front lawn to officially mark one year to the day from the commencement of Reunion 57.



(l. to r.) Lanman, Whitmire, Papaccio

From Class VP and Annapolis reporter **Bill Hamel** comes the following report of recent intra- and interclass operations:

■ On Saturday, 26 October a number of Class initiatives came together in a very special event. Basically a tailgater at the Navy/Pitt game, it was really much more. First, our sponsorship of the 22nd Company Spartans has involved tailgaters at home games for many years, at our Class's reserved site in the corner of the Blue lot – but this year for the first time the mids offered to fire up the grills pre-game and treat our Class to burgers, dogs, chips, and cookies. Up to now, we had used the tailgate venue pre-game just to meet up and share BYO drinks and small

chow, with the mids' real party starting post-game, when a few of us would stick around.

The chow was great and the company super. A highlight was the ceremonial presentation (see photo below) of our annual subsidy of the Spartans' wardroom fund. The cost is shared by our national treasury and the D.C. Chapter, so, appropriately, President **Bill Peerenboom** and XCOM Chair **George Philipps** shared the handoff. Receiving for the Spartans were their wardroom officer, Mid'n 1/C **Ruben**, and tailgate team leader Mid'n 1/C **Busick**.

In the background of the presentation photo you will notice our new banner reflecting our Link with the Class of 2007, and our now joint sponsorship of 22nd Company. '07 was represented by CPT **Jennifer Tucker**, USMC, '07's treasurer, who joined us briefly from Quantico, carrying the newest addition, Marilyn Tucker, 11 months.

Also present and enjoying the camaraderie and chow were Gene Smith, current incumbent in our Chair in Naval Heritage, and his family.

The weather was clear, crisp, and breezy, the camaraderie priceless, and the football game a thriller with a satisfying outcome. ■



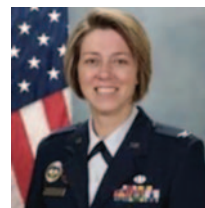
(l. to r.) Busick, Ruben, Peerenboom and Philipps

And now a wonderful piece of amazingly good news provided by **Paul Roush**. Check out the following:

■ The Air Force keeps intervening in my life in very positive ways. In the latest iteration my stepdaughter is about to become an Air Force general officer. When I was promoted to colonel, Lisa's father (Bob Layer, my USNA roommate) pinned his Marine Corps father's colonel's insignia on me. When Lisa was promoted to colonel I pinned those same eagles (her grandfather's) on her. Now she has outdone all of us. Read on...

Air Force Colonel Lisa Layer Turner nominated to the rank of Brigadier General.

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that the president has nominated Colonel Lisa Layer Turner to the rank of Brigadier



BG [select] Turner

General. Turner is currently serving as the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Colonel Turner is the daughter of the late Lt Col Robert W. Layer (USNA 57) and Darline Layer-Roush, and the stepdaughter of Col. Paul E. Roush, USMC (Ret.), (USNA 57). Turner graduated from Lafayette High School (Williamsburg, VA) in 1982, from Randolph-Macon Women's College in 1986 and received her Juris Doctorate degree from Arizona State University in 1989 before joining the Air Force. She also holds Master of Science degrees from both the Air Command and Staff College and the National War College.

Colonel Turner entered The Judge Advocate General Corps through the Direct Commission Program. She has served as a staff judge advocate for Air Education and Training Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), 305th Air Mobility Wing, and in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. She also served on the Air Staff, and as an instructor in military justice and international and operations law. Additionally, Colonel Turner been a legal advisor for the Air Force Drug Testing Program, a circuit trial counsel, and a defense counsel.

How about them apples? Congratulations from all of us, Colonel Roush and General Turner. ■

Then came the following from **Bill Peerenboom**:

■ Betty and I, along with June and **Bob Foss** were privileged to attend a beautiful Memorial Service celebrating the life of **Vic Vieweg**. The service was held at a small club outside Charlottesville, Virginia on a magnificent fall day. It was a small gathering of family and friends, and the service had been prepared in advance by Vic himself. Its content reflected Vic's thoughtfulness, love of life, and great characteristic of recognizing the importance of relationships.

Among the many family members who joined Elizabeth and Vic's children



was his grand daughter, Midshipman **Lauren Allam, 1/C**. In the course of getting to know her, I learned that she, like her grandfather, Bob and I, enjoys the privilege of being a member of the THIRD Company, so we thought it appropriate to have her join us for a Third Company "Family" picture. Lauren plans to select the Marine Corps on graduation, so we know that our old company officer, R. J. "Bonzo" Perrich will be proud to learn that his influence has reached through three generations - 57 years later! ■



THIRD Company, sir

And one last item: **Pete Purvis** reports that he has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots - joining two other classmates who have achieved that honor: **Pat Henry** and the late **Jerry Gentry**.

Congratulations, Captain Pete.

And that's the 3-0 mark for this edition. We're into the season of short ramp-ups between editions so your news will be especially welcomed. Send it along please. Carpe Diem. — **FNH**

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#### *A message from our Class President Gordon Gerson:*

■ "Dear Classmates, **George Jenkins** is retiring from the office of Class Corresponding Secretary. We have all enjoyed his many years of excellent Class Columns and thank him for them. Happily, George will continue as Vice President of the DC Chapter and as our host at the Army/Navy Country Club for luncheons, meetings and parties. George's great support for Great '58 past, present and future is appreciated by all. We welcome **Bill Schramm** (17th Co.) as

our new Corresponding Secretary and Shipmate column writer. Gordo" ■

George added the following:

■ "I deeply regret that vision impairment requires me to discontinue my service as Class of '58 Corresponding Secretary (Class Scribe). It is a fun job and I was always proud to be able to help our classmates to keep track of each other's doings. I am delighted to be able to pass this responsibility over to Bill Schramm who comes to you with prior experience and a real desire to get the word out. All the best, George" ■

#### *From your new Corresponding Secretary:*

For my part I would like to take this opportunity to add my personal thanks to George for his outstanding contributions to the Class of 1958 over the last 5 years.

To submit future contributions to our Shipmate column or other Class correspondence please contact me at w\_schramm@comcast.net, on the phone at (831) 484-9058 or by regular mail at 17 Calera Canyon, Salinas, CA 93908.

Given that this is my second tour as the Class Corresponding Secretary I was curious if there had been any other repeats over the years. Turns out I am the only one, but I did learn some interesting facts while going through the archives of old Shipmates. There have been 18 different Classmates who have served in the capacity of Class Corresponding Secretary starting in 1958 with **Chuck Larson** and **Larry Higgins** who split the duty between east and west coasts. **Newt Moore** replaced Larry in 1963 and **Ted Smedberg** and **George Skezas** took over in 1965. Starting in 1966 we went to having just one Corresponding Secretary and from June 1966 to July 1969 **Gene McKenzie**, **Mike O'Connor**, **Jim McNulla**, **Brad Welles** and **John Rohrbough** followed one another in preparing the Shipmate columns. In July of 1969 **Bill Schramm** (a younger me) assumed the job followed in 1971 by **Bob Harshberger**, then **Ernie Luders** in 72, **Dave Stubbs** in 76, **Frank Caldwell** in 77 and **Wayne Scott** in 80. In 1985 **Warren Walters** stepped up and his service is worthy of special note since he served for 23 years as our Corresponding Secretary until he turned the job over to **George Jenkins** in 2008.

After that little trip down memory lane let me shift your attention to the present and future.

George Jenkins submitted the following:

■ At the September meeting of the Washington DC Chapter the speaker was our Class President **Gordon Gerson** who briefed those present on the planning for upcoming events most notably two future reunions. Attending that meeting were: **Jack Adams**, **Dan Bellay**, **Bob Caldwell**, **Phil Criswell**, **Whitey Edwards**, **Frank Gamboa**, **Scotty Gibbons**, **Clivie Goodwin**, **Dan Haney**, **Jesse Hernandez**, **George Jenkins**, **Roger Lyons**, **Rupe MacLean**, **Eric Mansfield**, **Bill Meisel**, **George Ojalehto**, **Paul Polski**, **John Rohrbough** and **John Swope**. Gordo has already disseminated a synopsis of this planning to the Class, but because of its importance his comments are worth repeating here:

"Your Class Board held a meeting a couple of weeks ago. I thought you might be interested in what we decided to lay out for our upcoming reunions. First there will be, of course, REUNION 60. We have decided to return to the old tried and true Homecoming Weekend formula in 2018. We have been guaranteed a football game on 20 October 2018. That may sound strange, but with Navy planning on entering the Big East Conference in 2015, future football dates become questionable. We (the Class Presidents) asked Chet Gladchuk, the Athletic Director, for some future "guaranteed" home football games. Ours is that weekend. By the way, it will no longer be the Big East for football because the departing basketball schools have reserved that title for the basketball conference. We have reserved the Loews Annapolis for that weekend with Mike Giglio doing some very sharp negotiating to get us a reasonable room rate.

The other future reunion plan has come in response to you the Class. You have suggested that we do something in 2016 to celebrate the Class of 58's 58th anniversary. Well, several things happened. First off I held a referendum to determine what you would like to do and where. There were a number of suggestions, but the voting overwhelmingly indicated that you wanted a Mississippi River cruise. And to add to that, Frank Gamboa, our Class VP, who is quite nimble with verbiage offered the "58 IS 58" nomenclature for the event, which we have adopted. Okay, so we had gotten that far when I noticed that as a part of their annual collection of tour offerings the Alumni Association was offering a

Mississippi River cruise next year. I contacted Bobbi Collins, the AA Cruise maven and she said that they would be happy to help us out in setting up an appropriate cruise. The next thing we needed to decide was whether we would want a cruise that was underway on 4 June (exactly 58 years) or a round trip that would not necessarily be at sea on 4 June, but would facilitate arrivals and departures for most of us who would either be driving or flying to the cruise. The likelihood of a round trip cruise being underway on 4 June is slim, but certainly desirable. Your Class Board selected the latter, a round trip cruise of four or five days to hold down the cost. I contacted Bobbi Collins and let her know what our druthers are. That's where it stands right now. Cruise lines do not plan that far in advance and are just coming up with their schedule for 2015 now so we have about a year to go before we know anything more. Gordo" ■

#### **"Ship, Captain and Crew"**

**Tom Jacobs** reports that his latest novel, "Ship, Captain and Crew" is available on Kindle as an ebook. This is his third mystery with the first two, "The Bimini Boys" and "Sons of God" being available from Amazon and Kindle. He has also written a non-fiction book, "Haleiwa" which is a pictorial history of Hawaii. Tom went into submarines after graduation, commanded a nuclear powered attack submarine in the Pacific among other tours of duty and retired after 30 years service. He had a second career as a program manager for McDonnell Douglas and Boeing and is now in a third incarnation as a published author. Tom is married to Noelle Bombardier, who is also a writer, and they divide their time between Hawaii and Florida.

#### **Mass for Bob Harshberger**

**Chuck Smith** reported from San Diego that thirteen of our Classmates attended Bob Harshberger's Mass of Resurrection. A sad occasion for sure, but I'm sure the family appreciated that even 55 years after graduation so many of Bob's Classmates were present. It says a lot about Bob and about our Class.

Chuck also wants to remind those of the Class living in southern California that there are quarterly Class of 1958 gatherings at NAS Miramar with wives invited. Contact Chuck for additional information.



*Left to Right – Chuck Smith, Dick Lawe, John Dean, Joe Fenick, Pete Hekman, Jan Cook, Pete Nystrom, Bruce Craig & Tom Fleming*

#### **Washington DC Chapter**

**Bruce Wilcox** reports that the October meeting of the DC Chapter featured a presentation by Andrew Jampoler regarding the rescue of the crew of Alfa Foxtrot 586, a P3 that crashed while on patrol near Adak Alaska in October of 1978.

Andrew wrote a book about this true story of the flight crew's desperate battle for survival and the heroic efforts to rescue them. Attending the meeting were Jack Adams, Dan Bellay, Phil Criswell, Whitey Edwards, Frank Gamboa, Gordon Gerson, George Jenkins, Roger Lyons, Eric Mansfield, Bill Meisel, George Ojalehto, Paul Polske, Gene Porter, John Rohrbough, John Swope, Buff Walter and Bruce Wilcox.



*Bruce Wilcox thanking Andrew Jampoler for his presentation*

Bruce also reported that he and Scotty Gibbons travelled to South Bend to cheer for Navy's football team in the game against Notre Dame. Scotty has a lot of family in that neck of the woods and he and Bruce joined with many of them and their friends at the game and the tailgate party which, according to Bruce, started 8.5 hours before kickoff.



*Bruce Wilcox and Scotty Gibbons along with one of Scotty's grandsons and an in-law of Scotty's daughter*

#### **Death Notice**

I am saddened to report the death of our Classmate William (Bill) Prince (9th Co.). Bill passed away on 15 October. His obituary is under preparation and will appear in the Last Call column of Shipmate in this or a subsequent issue.

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#### **Use of Facebook, LinkedIn, or other new social media**

As your Class Secretary, I have decided to forswear use of Facebook, LinkedIn, texting, or any other new social media. By using [classsec1959@gmail.com](mailto:classsec1959@gmail.com) you increase the probability that I will receive your message. I check that email account first thing every day unless I am on travel.

#### **Reporting Illness or Death of a Classmate or His Spouse**

If you become aware of a death or serious illness of a Classmate or his spouse, please send your email directly to both Dave Sullivan and to me, and to your Company Representative. Dave has DIRLAUTH from me to broadcast these messages without waiting for my OK, to increase the probability that all Classmates receive timely notice. If you do not have a current Email address for your Company Representative, please send us a message so we can put you in contact.

Obituaries for Classmates are submitted to the Shipmate Obituary Editor for publishing in the Last Call Column in Shipmate. Submissions are normally coordinated by the Company Representative for our deceased Classmate. The Last Call Column in Shipmate is reserved for Alumni. I use the Class Column to include obituaries of spouses. Please send spouse obituaries to me at [classsec1959@gmail.com](mailto:classsec1959@gmail.com) and Cc: to Dave Sullivan at [dsullivan9@cox.net](mailto:dsullivan9@cox.net).

#### **Change of Email and Snail Mail Address for Class Correspondence**

If you have not provided your current Email address and Snail Mail Address to Dave Sullivan, please send your current addresses to him at: [dsullivan9@cox.net](mailto:dsullivan9@cox.net). We are in the process of updating our



address list so we can communicate with you for the 55th Class of 1959 Reunion. Many of us are in the process of moving to new residences. Please let us know when you move. And also, please update your Registration data on the Alumni Association Web Site.

#### **55th Reunion Planning**

The Class of 1959 55th Reunion will be held on a football weekend (September 19 -21, 2014) with Navy playing Rutgers. You should have received a snail mail announcement from the USNA Alumni Association with the current status of planning for our 55th reunion.

Have you responded to the Dave Sullivan Reunion survey?

Do you know a non-graduate classmate who might enjoy the 55th??? Have you contacted them?

#### **Good Times: Hampton Roads Luncheon**

Classmates in the Hampton Roads area met for lunch at Lynnhaven Fish House in Virginia Beach on September 18th. The restaurant overlooks the entrance to Chesapeake Bay and Thimble Shoals channel, a seaway familiar to all who once navigated into and out of Norfolk Naval Base.

From right to left in the photo are Bob Armour (16), Bill Wheaton (14), Dave Bottorff (16), Ing Kiland (6), Dave Donovan (13), John Hilt (24) and George Lehmberg (8).



*Hampton Roads Luncheon*

#### **Good Times: Distinguished Graduate Nomination**

Jerry Garbacz (23) reports that the Class of 1959 proudly submitted the nomination of our classmate, Jack London (15), Captain USN (Ret.) and Chairman of CACI, to the Naval Academy Alumni Association for a Distinguished Graduate Award for 2014. This is a resubmission of last year's nomination and includes several additional personal achievements and recognition awards which have occurred in the past year. Included in the nomination was recognition of Jack's recent literary accomplishments.

Jack also was awarded the Admiral of the Navy George Dewey Award from the



*'59: Lunch at Falcons Landing*

Naval Order of the United States at a formal ceremony during the Naval Order's annual congress in Charleston, S.C. on November 2, 2013. The award is given for unique achievements that continually advance the interests of the U.S. and its Sea Services.

#### **Good Times: Class luncheon at Falcons Landing for DC Annapolis Classmates**

The October luncheon of the USNA Class of 1959 in the Greater Washington Area was held at Falcons Landing Air Force Retired Officers Community in Potomac Falls, VA.

Local DC area classmates and spouses attending included Charlie and Suzi Pease (10), Bud and Jonny McFarlane (14), Ted and Stephanie Baker (8), Lou Wardlow (24), Ed and Joy Veazey (8), Bob Milner (4), Peter and Elaine Stout (10), Jerry Welsh (23) and our hosts Kathy and Ron Trossbach (11). Ron provided lots of information about Falcons Landing. After the luncheon, Kathy Trossbach escorted several classmates and spouses on a tour of the facilities, highlighting some of the amenities. The tour concluded with visits to two of the residences. It was a very memorable and enjoyable October luncheon.



*Tourists in Russia*

#### **Good Times: A Visit to Russia**

Jim and Carol Cartwright (7), with Charlie and Suzi Pease (10) enjoyed a Viking River Cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. The weather was not great, but the experiences in the old and new capital cities were very interesting and good fun. The cruise on the Volga gave us a taste of rural Russia. It was very pleasant, thanks to a crew that was attentive and a chef who kept us well fed.

**In Remembrance: Alvin L. Wilderman (12)**  
Ernie Lockwood, Class of 1965 reminded us on November 25, 2013.

■ "We are approaching the 40th anniversary of the tragic loss of one of your truly great classmates and I wanted all his classmates to remember him. CDR Al Wilderman, Commanding Officer of USS Plunger (SSN-595) was lost overboard while exiting San Francisco Bay, California on November 30, 1973. His widow, Diane, presently resides in Lacey, Washington. I am probably one of the few people who remembers that tragic day, I was the OOD when a rogue wave swept over the bridge and knocked Al over the side. His body was never recovered." ■

#### **In Remembrance: Daniel B. Branch (2)**

Capt. Daniel B. Branch Jr., USN retired, died on Oct. 21, 2013, of complications from mesothelioma cancer. The Navy League of the United States mourns the death of its past national president. Memorial services were held on October 24, in Boulder, Colorado. Burial services will be held at a future date at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. A full obituary will be submitted to Last Call for publication in a future edition of Shipmate. And we will broadcast the date for the burial as soon as we get word from Kathleen Branch.

**In Remembrance:****John P. Jackson (16)**

Don Klein (16) via Bob Armour (16) reported that John P. ["J.P."] Jackson (16) died on 08 August 2013. After graduation in 1959, his service took him to Vietnam, among other places. When he was severely injured in a boating accident, he declined a Purple Heart medal because he felt that others were more deserving. At the time of his retirement in 1986, he was a Lieutenant Commander. JP was active in the International Brotherhood of Magicians, serving two years as president of Ring 76 in San Diego. He was also active at many other magic conventions and in magic collector's organizations. JP is survived by his sister Jean Schaeffe, and three sons, Patrick, Michael and Jay. He will be sadly missed by magic collectors and magicians around the world.



JP Jackson

**In Remembrance: James Wills Cahoon (17)**

Timothy Elizabeth Woodbury, USNAAA, Memorial Affairs, reports: On Monday, July 1, 2013, Jim Cahoon of Gaithersburg, MD, formerly of North Bethesda passed away at Georgetown University Hospital at age 78. He is survived by his loving wife of 49+ years Ann Tracy; two siblings, numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and many devoted friends. Interment was private and a memorial reception was to be held at a later date. The family requested that memorial donations be made to Montgomery Hospice or your favorite charity.

**In Remembrance: Linda Olds (8)**

Dave Donovan (13) reported that Linda Olds, wife of Fred Olds (8), passed away on 16 November, 2013 after a long bout with cancer. Interment will be at the Columbarium at a date yet to be determined.

**In Remembrance: USS Forrestal, CV 59**

Wayne Hildebrand (18) reports, based on a Fox News article, A scrap metal company got one penny from the Navy to take its first super carrier, the decommissioned Forrestal, off its hands. A Texas company, All Star Metals, will dismantle, scrap and recycle the ship which is remembered for a 1967 accidental explosion that struck a plane on the flight deck whose cockpit was occupied by a young John McCain. Resulting blasts and fires ultimately killed 134 men and injured

more than 300. The Navy tried to donate this ship as a memorial or a museum, but no "viable applications" were received. All Star Metals gets the proceeds and a penny but now must pay for moving and dismantling the ship, according to a Navy press release. The company plans to tow the aircraft carrier from its current location at the Navy's inactive ship facility in Philadelphia to its facility in Brownsville, Texas. Named for James Forrestal, the former Navy secretary and the first U.S. Secretary of Defense, the ship was cited as the "biggest ship ever built" in August 1954, Rise and Shine to All of '59! — Charlie

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From Class President **John Michalski (6)**:  
"Classmates, Barbara Kolbe, widow of **Bud Kolbe (11)** sends the following:

■ "Our family was recently notified by Marine Corps Commandant that on 19 October, 2 PM, the MAG (Marine Air Group) 49, Squadron HMM 772 hangar would be named in honor of my late husband, Frank P. Kolbe. MAG 49 was originally home based at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station north of Philadelphia. That base was closed several years ago and the MAG moved to new facilities on the Fort Dix Army Reservation in New Jersey."

Bud, a member of the 11th Co, was killed in a helicopter crash while on active duty. Joanne & **Bob Gamba (11)** joined Barbara and her family at the ceremony honoring Bud." John ■

Also from **Russ Hoke (6)**:

■ "Bill, my wife, Susann, and I attended a dedication ceremony on October 19, 2013 for the naming of a Marine Corps helicopter hanger in honor of Lieutenant Colonel **Frank P. Kolbe, Jr. (10)** at the Joint Military Base McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. A number of distinguished speakers were on hand to extol his character and virtues, both as a military man and as a family man. It was quite a moving tribute and we were proud to have been able to witness the acknowledgement of his life, his legacy, and his sacrifice to our country. The inscribed plaque on the building reads as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel  
Franklin P. Kolbe, Jr.  
"Bud"

United States Marine Corps  
23 April 1936 – 19 July 1981

Born on April 23, 1936 in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, Frank graduated from Central Bucks West High School in 1954, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1955, and received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy whereupon in 1960 he was commissioned a second lieutenant. Lieutenant Colonel Kolbe, Jr. served as a CH-34 helicopter pilot flying MEDEVAC and troop insertion missions in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, 27 Air Medals, and the Purple Heart. Lieutenant Colonel Kolbe Jr. was the Commanding Officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772 (HMH-772) located at Naval Air Station Willow Grove, Pennsylvania when he was killed in an aviation mishap while serving on active duty aboard the USS Guam (LPH-9).

Lieutenant Colonel Kolbe, Jr. is survived by his wife Barbara; daughters, Elizabeth, Susan, and Colonel Kathryn Kolbe, USAF; and son, Lieutenant Colonel Frank P. Kolbe III, USMC (USNA '92)

This building was dedicated in his name on October 19, 2013. ■



Kolbe family

I heard from **Al Arcuni (2)** recently, formerly of the DC group:

■ "Hi, sorry I won't be there to enjoy the lunch and the camaraderie. Maybe one of these days when I'm in DC, I'll drop in. Miss you and hope all is well. Not sure if I told you – got married in March to a wonderful widow, Susan Tetreault, who lives here in Marblehead. New address is 44 Gallison Ave Marblehead, MA 01945. If you're up this way let us know and stop by. Go Navy Beat Air Force! Al ■

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ "Bill, on Tues., Aug, the 13th, 14 members of the HR/WB Class of 60 were "jailed" in the Virginia Beach Correctional Center for a period of about three hours. Cell mate takes on a new



connotation. Restrictions for entry into the Correctional Center exceeded airport security measures, i.e. nothing in our pockets, no chemical agents, no pocket knives, sharp objects, cell phones, meds, cameras or recording devices. I'm surprised we weren't strip searched. This was an eye opener for many of our classmates who said that they did not ever want to be incarcerated (a.k.a. Plebe Year with Orange Jump Suits?) Jail bird classmates included: **Frank Kay (8), Jack Greenhalgh (9), Bob Brenton (12), Tom Inderlied (21), Pete Chabot (14), Jim Eilertsen (21), Bob Ianucci (16), Mike Treacy (20), Tom Wishart (22), Paul Cooper (5), Ed McCaskill (8), Don Schlicht (23), Henry von Kolnitz (22) and Rod Friedmann (5).** **Bob Ianucci (16)** pulled some strings and was able to issue each of us a Get-Out-Of-Jail FREE card.

Thanks to **Jim Eilertsen's (21)** connections with the Virginia Beach Correctional Center's Chaplain's Office & his Jail Ministry (Good News Jail & Prison Ministry), we were provided with a very interesting educational and detailed guided tour of the Sheriff's Department & the Jail Facility. The Jail Facility houses approx. 1,300 inmates with a staff of about 548 employees. LT Mapes, a seasoned Sheriff's Dept. member, was our designated "tour guide". She introduced us to many members of the Sheriff's Dept. giving us free access to talk to them about the inner workings of the jail, the policies and procedures and a very candid description of the daily life of the prisoners.

Following the tour, we had lunch at the Jail House Cafe, appropriately named SLAMMERS. Obviously, no photos were allowed, but the chow was great. Rod ■

Also from Rod:

■ "Bill, our Hampton Roads & W'burg classmates got together today in October for our monthly luncheon. The restaurant was the Eurasia Cafe located in Virginia Beach. The restaurant has been upgraded and now provides a separate room for meetings, etc. It was perfect for our use. We had a near record turnout of twenty-one with an out-of-area (Florida) classmate **David Schnegelberger (16)**, joining us. Dave's wife met with Bo Moran and they had lunch in the main restaurant, while we swapped sea stories. Attendees included: **Geo VanHouten (24), Bob Osmon (17), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Powers (8), Pete Chabot (14), Paul Cooper (5), Bill Kee (9),**

**Don Schlicht (23), Jim Philbrick (23), Joel Febel (5), Mike McCullough (14), Mike Treacy (20), Frank Kay (8), Torry Rogers (3), Dave Schnegelberger, Henry von Kolnitz (22), Tom Inderlied (21), Wick Parcels (12) & Rod Friedmann (5).** **Ed Clextan (10) & Jim Eilertsen (21)** joined for the social hour but had other commitments and could not stay for lunch.

Prior to lunch, **Bob Osmon (17)** provided an update on our upcoming Christmas Party at the LeYaca French Restaurant in Williamsburg. The date is set for Mon., 9 Dec. Bob is making arrangements for a host hotel in Williamsburg for those desiring to spend the night. **Jim Eilertsen (21)** talked up the Naval Academy's President's Circle. Congratulations were in order for **Bob Powers (8)** who recently remarried. Our USNAAA Fall Golf Outing is scheduled for Oct 10th. Super Sixty will field two teams and hopefully retain the coveted "fragile award" for best class participation. Rod" ■



*Philbrick, Schlicht, Whitaker, Osmon and Chabot*



*Febel, Eilertsen, & McCullough*



*Parcels, Rogers, Schnegelberger and Whitaker*

Having missed some folks at the Annapolis luncheons, inquiries went out and **Ed Mangan (20)** heard from **Buz Sollberger (17)**:

■ "Thank you Ed for the kind notice. I quit going to class luncheons!!! I used to go occasionally to those in DC and I truly enjoyed renewing old friendships. As you know, I went often to the Annapolis luncheons. As you may know I am one of many of our classmates with cancer. I have had cancer for at least three or four years. It was not diagnosed until about a year ago in October 2012. I was hospitalized several times 2012. I am not looking for your sympathy but some of us just cannot attend class luncheons any more. I am now recovering from my cancer. After it was finally diagnosed, surgery and treatment removed and helped me fight the cancer. **2PO Henry Papa (17)** and his wonderful wife Teresa were the mainstay of encouragement and support. I would love to see some of the Hampton Roads classmates. I am going to win this battle! Sincerely Buz ■

From **Doug Menikheim (10)**:

■ "39 years ago, I had the distinct pleasure of sitting alone w/RADM John D. Buckley (of WWII fame, PT boat w/General MacArthur, Corregidor to Australia, etc.) for 30 minutes or so discussing the difference between good ships and bad ones. What we discussed was almost verbatim what RADM Wray wrote here. Talk about how a culture carries on over the years in a good organization.....

The Good Admiral was aboard USS John Young to conduct an Insurv and still had a number of years before he completed his illustrious career. Of course, we had been preparing for months well aware of the terror he could be if he was unhappy. The big day arrived, he and his inspectors were met w/the appropriate pomp and ceremony, the pre-inspection briefing was held in the Wardroom (the tension was high) and people paired up, peeled off and the moment was upon us! I had moved up to my sea cabin as the Admiral and his troops were staging out of my palatial in-port cabin and I remembered something I needed from my in-port space. Figuring Buckley would be out and about as the inspection had just begun; I headed aft, grabbed the door knob and barged right in. Surprise! There was the Admiral, sitting on my couch, shoes off, feet up on the coffee table, peering up at me over some trashy paper

back. I said, "Sorry, Admiral, I thought you'd be out inspecting the ship." He burst out laughing, said, "Not at all. All I needed was 20 minutes and I knew your ship was going to do just fine. When you've been on as many of these as I have, you know the good one from the bad almost immediately." He invited me to sit down and we continued talking about good and bad ships. It was one of the best compliments I ever received and it remains one of the fondest memories of a career full of good moments. And it all came back to me reading Admiral Wrays words. Almost surreal! Doug ■

Accidentally omitted in the Nov-Dec 2013 *Shipmate*:

■ Bill,

Here is a picture taken of Doug (15) and Peg Morgan with Barbara and me at a Philadelphia Phillies and Boston Red Sox baseball game @ Fenway Park when the Morgans visited us this spring.

It's always good to see classmates! ■



'60 at the Fenway Park

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Greetings once again classmates. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays & welcome to a brand new year. Only 2 years to go until our 55th. They say time flies when you're having fun and I hope you all are having fun and being well. It's been a pretty decent year for our football team. Highlights include retaining the CinC trophy by virtue of crushing Air Force, a bowl game in Fort Worth, TX for all you guys down that way, and hoping to cap the year with our 12th straight win over the Woops. Since this column gets submitted about two weeks before the game is played we'll know the outcome before the magazine hits your mailbox.

We have some good news and bad news. First, the good: we've had a phenomenal outpouring of information and pictures from classmates. The bad: I've had to abbreviate quite a few of inputs due to restraints on column length in the magazine, but all the details are contained in the class column posted on our website: <http://www.usna61.org>. So, let's get right into:

#### People Stuff:

**Don Uehling** (22) feels he has a claim to fame worthy of inclusion in *Reef Points* (assuming plebes still carry that little book). Don writes:

■ I was a "black shoe" who was awarded 14 Air Medals. I was a Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer (NILO) in the Mekong Delta province of Bac Lieu for a year (1966-67) and flew in the back seat of Air Force and Army Bird Dog L-19 spotter/observation/FAC planes. Since I flew twice a day in air combat missions, I was awarded 14 Air Medals as a "black shoe" naval officer. I typically flew two combat missions a day for a year. An Air Medal was awarded for each 20 air combat missions. ■

Here's a photo of Don's aircraft which isn't exactly a Navy fighter.



Don's Spotter Plane

Don also has a lost class ring story which you can read in this column posted on our class website.

**Andre Brousseau** (4) relates a tale from our Annapolis days:

■ The cover of the fall 2013 *Shipmate* brought back memories of my rowing days for Navy. They built that bridge sometime when we were there as midshipmen and as a result, we had to row through the large opening to get from Hubbard Hall, the Crew boat house out into the Severn so we could practice. As a cox'un for the lightweight crew, I soon tired of using the 'large' opening where the shell with extended oars could row through with ease. So one day I decided to "Shoot the Gap" of the smaller openings. If we had enough momentum

as we came up the creek, I could aim the shell for an opening, everyone in the boat would shelf their oars alongside the shell and we would glide through the opening with ease. My boat became experts at "Shooting the Gap"!!! Then one day, the wind was blowing too hard, and I should have known better but I was too full of myself so I tried it anyway. Sure enough, we hit one of the support pilings and tore up the shell. I went from First boat cox to Second boat cox in a split second. Luckily for me, about 3 weeks later, the new first boat cox ran into a buoy in the middle of the river and I got moved back up again to first boat. But I and my crew will never forget our "Shooting the Gap" under that foot bridge. ■

**Gordon Callender** (23) files another interesting trip report:

■ In early September Ann and I headed west for a 3000 mile drive to see family, good friends/classmates, and hike some trails in Utah, Nevada, and Colorado.

Last year we unfurled our class flag in Red Square when it was being prepared for a rock concert. This year we did it in the land of another periodic enemy—the Zoomies. The first photo is Ann and I on the right and her brother Tom Murawski (USFA '65) and wife Emily on the left taken on the porch of their Colorado Springs home.

On to Denver where **Lon Anderson** (24) hosted us on the deck of the Ranch Country Club. Here the flag has a backdrop of evergreens and the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. It's been several years since we met Lon in Denver, and we missed Colleen his lovely wife, but we know she was with us in spirit.

After some hikes and superb views in Utah's Arches National Park, and Red Rock Canyon along the Las Vegas perimeter, we got Segway qualified in Santa Barbara. En route from Monterey to Lake Tahoe/Reno we met Ginny & **Kent Riffey** (9). They treated us to a great time at "Awful Annie's" just off I80 near their Grass Valley, California home. We last saw Kent on Guam forty years ago. The only Annie I ever knew before wasn't awful. "She" was a track master I drove around Byrd Station, Antarctica for twelve months during Operation DEEP FREEZE 1966. After lunch Kent and I hoisted our flag. Everyone looked great and that made a fine trip into an exceptional and unforgettable one. (Gordon's additional photos are posted with the column on the class website.) ■





Callender & Riffey in Auburn CA

Another class traveler, **Leo Willetts** (5) has this:

■ Here we are on our trip to China this past September to celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary. This picture moment almost landed me and wife Kathryn in a China jail. It seems that Chinese guards at the Great Wall think banners of any kind are some kind of propaganda. Thanks to our tour guide we are still "Free", were able to keep the flag, and walk the Wall. Be careful when in China. ■



Leo, Kathryn & the '61 Flag on the Great Wall

This 13th Company & other classmates photo comes courtesy of **Skip McGinley** (13) with the story behind the picture from **Stan Roman** (13):

■ Members of the 13th Company, the color company, marched in to Wallace Wade Stadium 53 years ago representing the Brigade of Midshipman. Unfortunately despite the efforts of an undefeated team led by **Joe Bellino** (20), the Mids were defeated by an outstanding Duke team. Little did we know that another defeat was underway on this wet and dreary Saturday afternoon. Read all the details on the 13th Company mini-reunion in this column posted on our class website.

In the photo from L-R: Top row: Don Myers, Benno Gerson, Stan Roman, Virg Hill, Fritz Klumpp, Norm Pigeon, and Sandy Mock. Bottom row: Arnie Kleban,



'61: Duke Tailgate

John Quarterman, Fred Palumbo, and Jack Allen. ■

**Bruce Maxon** (15) checks in:

■ On 16 Oct, the San Diego contingent of '61ers met for their bi-monthly meeting for lunch. Attending at Admiral Baker Golf Course restaurant were **Tom Bailey** (16), **Gary Carlson** (10), **Mike Hoernemann** (24), **Bill Kraus** (12), **Bruce Maxon**, **Mugs McKeown** (14), **Steve Perry** (16), **Jim Richardson** (16), **Dick Rothwell** (7), **Bob Sheridan** (24), **Leo Willetts** (5), and **Ralph Zimmerman** (12). After lunch, Tom, Gary, Mike, Bill, Bruce, Jim and Ralph played a spirited round of golf, finishing as the shadows grew long on a perfect day. In the photo from L-R: Jim Richardson, Tom Bailey, Bill Kraus, Bruce Maxon, Gary Carlson, Mike Hoernemann, and Ralph Zimmerman. ■



SoCal Golfers

**Hank Ochel** (20) noted that company mate **Wally Cawein** was recently inducted into the State University of NY Orange Hall of Fame. The announcement noted: **Cawein** was a standout on the College's early men's soccer and basketball teams. He was named the College's Athlete of the Year in 1957. He helped spark the soccer squad to its best win-loss record to date in 1956, setting the College's single-season goal scoring record in the process. BZ to Wally.

Peg & **Bob Graham** (18) recently completed a trip to Africa. Bob reports:

■ Peg and I just returned from a truly memorable trip to South Africa where we visited Victoria Falls and took a nine day luxury trip on the famed Rovos train from Pretoria to Cape Town. ■

For details of the Graham's fascinating vacation and more photos, please visit this column on our class website.



Grahams' Do the Watusi in Zimbabwe

Finally, let us remember,

**Those Who Left Us:**

**Donald Robert Ferrier**, 22nd Company on 5 October 2013

**Thomas Wayne Popham**, 9th Company on 27 September 2013

Until next time:

**"GET IT DONE WITH '61"**

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#### GREETINGS FROM ANNAPOLIS

The "Dark Ages" have descended on Annapolis but the class of 1962 always sees the good side of every season.

Mid-term reunion information is in our column this month along with some great photos. Enjoy!!

#### CLASS NEWS

Congratulations to **ANDY HESSER** and his son. It's good that a Marine

Colonel's son is a Navy Ship commanding officer. And how about the ship designation number!!

■ USS Chancellorsville (CG -62) hosted a few of our classmates on 15 October. The ship is commanded by my son, Captain Andrew Hesser, Texas A & M '87. We transited from San Diego to Seal Beach, just up the coast. Breakfast and lunch in the admiral's cabin; ship tour and escort by Ensign Jacob Busby, Class of 2012. Picture has (L to R), Brian Monaghan, Don Watkins, Captain George Miller, '63, Captain Hesser, Andy Hesser, Ensign Busby and Mike Foster. Chancellorsville welcomed us with open arms and made us proud. ■



**FRED BADGER**, with wife Jackie and guests at their club's annual Couples Invitation. **FRED** said they came in fourth place and he wanted to show off the hat he was wearing purchased at the Midshipmen's store during our 50th Reunion at good old USNA.



**PAUL PENDORF** sends us a photo with he and his wife Sandy and **BERT HUTCHBERGER** and his wife Heidi, taken in Strasbourg, while on a six day trip in Europe. They were on the personal yacht of David Ludwig, legendary WWII business tycoon who until his death in the 80's, lived in New York and Paul sold his company chemicals.



Ah, retirement is great. World traveler class president **WALT WELHAM** and his lovely wife Pam met for a week of fun and sun in Hawaii with his old roomie, **GEROGE WOODWORTH** and Sandy Hust.



**MARTY SEELIG** and wife Annice celebrated the third night of Chanukah with Washington state men and their wives from the class of 62. Back row: Andy Hesser, Marty Seelig, Paul Zimmerman and Paul Harvey. Front row: Connie Zimmerman, Annice Seelig and Margi Harvey. Andy had just returned from a two-week tour of Israel. He said he had been to 49 countries and Israel is the most fascinating.



#### MID-TERM REUNION

“‘62 AT 52 IN OLD SAN ANTONIO”

DATES: Schedule events: Thursday, May 8 – Saturday, May 10, 2014

LOCATION: Host Hotel: Hyatt Regency on the River Walk in San Antonio

ROOM RATE: Single/Double Occupancy – \$119, State and Local Taxes – 16.75% (parking at hotel is reduced to \$15 per day. Come early & stay late – Room rates apply for 3 days before and 3 days after event. Cut off date for

reservations at the reunion rate is April 18, 2014.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS: tel: 888-421-1442, Internet: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NAVAL1962>.

Please check our class website for the official and elective activities that are planned. Also please send in your reservation form in by February 28, 2014 to: **DON ALLEE** Box 1195, Boerne, Texas 78006. Contact our organizers for more information. See you in San Antonio.

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#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I inform the class of the passing of our friend and classmate, **LEONARD “JOE” VON SOIFERS**. **JOE** died on Wednesday, 27 November 2013 of cancer in Santa Barbara, CA.

Connie Fulton, wife of our late classmate **BILL FULTON**, passed away on 22 October 2013 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to: [www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net) to further organ donation programs. Visit the guestbook at: [www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston).

The class extends its sincere sympathies to the family and friends of these '62 family members.

That's our class news for this January – February issue of SHIPMATE (75 years young and still counting). What a beautiful column you create with color photos and short stories. Please send in your contributions by any means possible. Your classmates appreciate them. Keep in touch. Until next time.....

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“Flawless!” That eight-letter word was repeated countless times during and after our 50th Reunion. What a grand occasion it was! There is no way anyone could adequately recount the events and flavor of our time together. From registration on Thursday through the Memorial Service

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concluding the reunion on Sunday afternoon, everything went according to plan and upheld our class motto: "Quality '63."

The schedule afforded a good balance between all-class events and a variety of company-based dinners and other gatherings. The class meeting in the Mitscher Hall auditorium on Friday morning covered several topics about class and class foundation business, concluding with the presentation of our Fiftieth Anniversary gift to the Academy. It was a proud moment for all of us when an oversized check for \$6,336,038 was given to the Superintendent, VADM Michael Miller '74, for support of the Class of 1963 Center for Academic Excellence. Appearing in this photo are Ken Metviner, David Puckett, VADM Miller, Associate Dean of Academics Jennifer Waters, and Spencer Johnson.



*Presentation of our class gift*



*Jim DeFrancia, David Puckett, Spencer Johnson, 63CAE Director Dr. Bruce Bukowski, and Ken Metviner*

Our anniversary gift grandly demonstrates — but does not end — financial support of Academy priorities by individual members of the Class of 1963. To date, our generous giving totals \$16,599,102 — putting us in second place among all Naval Academy classes!

After the class meeting, many of us visited the neighboring 63CAE to tour the facility and see the Major Donor plaque and the surrounding photo mural of images from our USNA days. How ancient those scenes must appear to today's Mids. Will they be able to identify the slide rule?



The class banquet in Alumni Hall Friday evening was a grand affair. After cocktails upstairs, diners moved to the arena area and were seated at tables filling the basketball court and mezzanine levels. The dinner was first-rate — more evidence of the great preparations by the reunion committee. This was our first chance to hear the "Class of 1963 singers" assembled and conducted by **Dick Kuntz**; they were terrific.

Saturday's catered tailgate party at the stadium was another opportunity for chance encounters, good conversation, and plenty of very fine food and drink. Even the game went our way as Navy won over Pitt with a last-second (literally) field goal in front of the '63 seating section.

Sunday brought the weekend to a leisurely close with a well-attended brunch at Loews Hotel followed by the Memorial Service in the Academy Chapel. Afterward, many people lingered on the Chapel steps, seemingly reluctant to see the end of our long-anticipated weekend together.

There is already talk of a mid-term reunion two or three years from now, and several companies are beginning preparations for their own events even sooner.

I encourage you to visit the 50th Reunion page on our web site for additional information and images from the reunion.

Three commercial imaging companies were at the reunion. I have received several inquiries about purchasing copies of their products. Here is contact information for each of them:

For photos of USNA company groups made at the class dinner, contact Photo Op, LLC, at 6025 Ivy League Drive, Catonsville, MD 21228; 410-757-7103; photoop1@verizon.net.

To review and order images made by roving photographer Debbie Latta at the parade and the dinner, visit her web site at <http://lattaphotography.zenfolio.com/p496899615>

To obtain a DVD of the entire Memorial Service in the chapel, and the Class of 1963 singers at the banquet, go

to the web site of InFocus Studios at <http://infocusstudios.com/> or phone 443-871-5624.

This is a good time to review, and be proud of, the remarkable accomplishments of the Class of 1963 Foundation. We are grateful for the work of the Foundation trustees and officers in raising, managing, and distributing funds. They have applied their professional abilities and given countless hours of their time over many years. We thank them and salute their dedicated service. I asked the Foundation's fundraising chairman, **Ken Metviner**, to provide a listing of key statistics and grants. Here is his compilation:

■ Our Class Foundation has done some quite commendable things over the 40 years of its existence, all of them thanks to the generosity of our classmates.

The Foundation's scholarship program provided \$848,000 in scholarship assistance to 95 children of deceased classmates. The first three students were enrolled in 1982. The average aid provided was about \$9,000, ranging from a low of \$650 to one student to a high of \$33,890 to another with special needs. The program began with assistance of \$1,000 per year in 1982 and finished over the last several years with assistance at \$16,000/year. One student is in the program at this time.

The Foundation distributed another \$175,000 to a variety of programs and causes. These grants included:

- \$50,000 to USNA at our 30th Reunion
- \$37,500 for the Levy Chapel and Center
- \$25,000 for a Memorial Chapel Pew
- \$5,000 for Commissioning of the USS FITZGERALD
- \$6,000 for the Submarine Memorial at USNA
- \$2,500 for the U.S. Navy Memorial in Washington DC
- \$3,000 for the USS LIBERTY Memorial
- \$3,500 for endowment of flowers for the Chapel on Parent's Weekend

In addition, funds were provided for selected aid to widows, Another Link in The Chain program, the search for the Bon Homme Richard, and various memorial services over the years.

In sum, we raised and distributed over \$1 million in memory of our deceased classmates and still have a corpus of well over \$600,000 which will be added to the Legacy Gift for funding our namesake

Class of 1963 Center for Academic Excellence (63CAE).

All in all, a true "BZ" for 1963!! ■

A day before the reunion began, our classmates who were members of Navy's crew team assembled for a ceremony at Hubbard Hall. Here is a brief excerpt from the news story in the Navy Crew Newsletter:

■ On October 23rd, alumni, midshipmen and coaches gathered to celebrate the Class of 1963's 50th reunion with a shell dedication.

The program recognized the Class of 1963 by naming a lightweight shell in their honor on their 50th USNA reunion. The Class of 1963 is one of our most supportive alumni groups. They helped to provide Navy's heavyweight, lightweight and women's crews with the best equipment available. Their collaborative effort is the basis of our Navy Crew Excellence Fund, from which the majority of our rowing shells are now bought. They have also started a 1963 shell endowment fund which will keep a "Class of 1963" shell in our boathouse forever. ■

The article recounts the remarkable accomplishments of 1963 oarsmen and coxswains during their Midshipman years and afterward and refers to our Plebe boat as "legendary." To see the full, illustrated story, visit the 50th Reunion section of our web site.

In mid-November, **Phillip Marsden** sent this very good news about **Vern Von Sydow**:

■ Classmates, it is an honor for me to pass on the news that Vern Von Sydow has been honored by the AARP Educator Community for his continued service in the San Diego community to help at-risk youths. He was one of only three individuals so recognized this year. Vern's selfless efforts on behalf of these youths have gone on for many years and truly represent a sterling example of the highest ideals of public service. I am proud to be his classmate and consider him to be one of our Class's "Distinguished Graduates".

Here is a description of the award, followed by the text honoring Vern.

AARP's Educator Community is committed to learning, voluntary service and civic participation. The recipients of NRTA's 14th Annual With Our Youth! awards were chosen for outstanding service to youth in the state, local, individual and impact categories by an independent selection panel.

**Vern Von Sydow** has touched the lives of literally thousands of at-risk high school students. His math tutoring has helped turn dropouts into college students, and teachers credit working one on one with him as one of the key interventions to move students ahead. Years ago, he reached out to his Naval Academy class alumni network and asked for donations to start the Palomar Scholarship Foundation, which awards more than 20 scholarships per year to deserving young people. That seed money along with fundraising and donations has supported young people going to college for over 20 years.

He is a role model to all teachers for his selflessness in retiring to save the jobs of younger teachers and in his work ethic. Despite being retired, he still comes to school every day to tutor at-risk kids in math. In particular he works with teen mothers to help them achieve their graduation goals. He comes in early and stays late yet always has time to devote to a student who needs him whether it be to teach them how to tie a tie for a job interview or just to listen to them when they are feeling down. He never fails to remind that mistakes are just another step in the direction of perfection.

The scholarship fund is a fully functioning 501(c)(3) charity registered with the state of California, and he serves as the foundation's president. He is also on the Sweetwater Union School District's Superintendent's Advisory Committee helping to shape new education policy. During his teaching years, he established an internship program where at-risk teens work in jobs on the local naval base learning career skills and building relationships with naval mentors. The Navy Internship Training Program has served thousands of young men and women and has been recognized with a Golden Bell award from the governor of California. ■

Have a healthy and Happy New Year 2014!

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This month's column includes official class business – a throwback to the days when Shipmate comprised the principal means of communicating with classmates.

However, we begin with a short note from class president **Bill Natter**.

Classmates,

On Veterans Day weekend, the Alumni Association (AA) sponsored a "Fallen Hero's" weekend in Annapolis honoring alumni KIA/lost to operational incidents. Family members of the following fallen classmates attended the event:

**Robin Cassell, Bill Lawton, Jim Roberts, and Pete Rodrick.** They attended a reception at Ogle Hall, class and AA tailgates, and were recognized on the field to a standing ovation. **Dick Curley** and company Reps provided the AA with family contacts to facilitate invitations to the weekend. Attendees were grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with '64 classmates and the Academy.

The "Gold Star Children" documentary, produced by **Bill Griffis'** daughter, Mitty, was shown at the Academy during the Veterans Day period. A number of '64 classmates, including those from Bill's third company, attended the event along with Sally Griffis, her extended family, midshipmen and guests. **Dave Lipscomb** worked with Mitty and local class leadership to facilitate this event.

In welcoming the 2014 New Year, we look forward to our 50th reunion which will be held 18-21 September in Annapolis, as well as completion of our 50th Class Gift fundraising project, and election of our next Class president.

Look for a letter from reunion Chair **Joe Stewart**, through your company rep, which will contain reunion registration details. It will also be posted on our website for future reference.

See the article below from **Bernie Maguire** on the subject of our upcoming next class president elections.

On the fundraising front, we have exceeded our initial goals for our 50th Class Gift, but additional donations are needed to (1) repay a loan from our Center of Ethical Leadership; (2) replace unfulfilled pledges and (3) cover expenses incurred beyond Integritas production costs. Prior to the project roll out to the Brigade, video spots are scheduled to be posted for viewing by the Class, via our website link. Notice of its availability will be given through our company reps. Our Class Gift company participation competition will be renewed through battalion and company reps—to determine the honors for preferred company seating at our 50th reunion and recognition for winning the "color company participation competition".



A Happy and Healthy New Year to all classmates! Bill

As our prez stated above, the following is an official message from the Committee to Elect Our Next Class President. The requirement for this Shipmate notification was incorporated into our by-laws pre-internet, pre-class newsletter and pre-company rep system!

Fellow Classmates:

**Ed Farrell, Mike Farmer** and I are setting up shop to publicize the election, seek candidates, and select a slate of candidates for your votes. Any member of our Association (as defined in the Constitution and Bylaws) may volunteer for the office or submit a nomination to our Nominating Committee. All submittals will receive consideration for the slate of candidates, which will be limited to no more than three candidates.

Following is a timeline for the Nominating Committee:

- Notify Class of forthcoming election: January 2014
- Identify willing & capable candidates: April 2014
- Submit communications from candidate(s): June 2014
- Set up online voting process: August 2014
- Announce results of election: September 2014
- New President relieves the watch: January 1, 2015

Candidates should be qualified to:

1. Provide leadership for the Board of Directors and preside over Board and Class Association meetings, although it is clear from the Bylaws that "the Board shall have full authority to govern the Association." The President should be comfortable with shaping a consensus among fellow classmates who are volunteers.

2. Staff the Board of Directors to meet the challenges of a new era. The Class will no longer be conducting major fundraising efforts; the impact of aging on our membership will become more pronounced; classmates will travel less frequently and our fellow alumni from the 60's are no longer active in the yard.

3. Manage constant vigilance and continuing improvement of our communications so that Class-wide programs and especially 64 CARES can continue to be successful.

4. Promote Class of '64 interaction with other service academies, especially West Point.

5. Continue to identify '64 as the Ethics Class by continuing to actively



*'64: The Good Looking Lee Clan at Hilton Head – You're truly blessed, Dick!*

participate with the Ethics Center and all its various programs, and, in particular, the Integritas program.

6. Perform a leadership role with all other active '64 programs such as Sponsorship of USS Carney, DDG-64.

7. Make an effort to enhance the level of rapport already developed with our ALITC class, 2014, which will have graduated, using the relative ease of electronic communications.

Pertinent excerpts from the Constitution and Bylaws:

Article IV Section 3a The President shall be elected during the year of a five-year reunion by a vote of the Association membership for a term of five years or until his successor is elected, with such term commencing January 1 of the year following the election, or if the election is later than January 1 then the date of his election.

Article IV Section 3b Nominations for President shall be made by a nominating committee. The incumbent President shall appoint the chairman of the nominating committee from among the membership of the Association, and the chairman shall then appoint at least two other committee members to serve with him, at least one of whom shall not be a member of the Board. The nominating committee shall consider all members of the Association who volunteer to seek election.

Article IV Section 3d Candidates shall be listed on the ballot in alphabetical order of last names, and a space shall be provided for a write-in candidate. A plurality of votes cast shall elect, and the total number of votes cast for each candidate will be posted on the Class web site following the election.

Please submit nominations to me with copies to Ed and Mike at [bermaguire@aol.com](mailto:bermaguire@aol.com); [Ed.Farrell@cox.net](mailto:Ed.Farrell@cox.net); and [farmer.mike@comcast.net](mailto:farmer.mike@comcast.net).

Sincerely, Bernie

Moving on, our 20th Company mate, **Dick Lee** recently weighed in with a short update: "One of the nice things about retirement is the opportunity to catch up on my 'must read' list. In that vein, I recently purchased 'The Magical Stranger' and looking forward to reading it. Also, I've just finished reading a series of books by Jeff Schara on WWII that have been excellent."

"The Lee family is doing well. Our big event of 2013 was the marriage of our last bachelor who found the love of his life at age 44. His beautiful wife, Juliana, is from Brazil and met Eric at the Army's Pathology Residency program in D.C. The wedding took place in Hilton Head on March 23rd with the entire family of 24 in attendance. We just heard that the newlyweds are expecting our 11th grandchild next February and we're all excited. We continue to split our time between Hilton Head and Minnesota"

We also received both a note and an interesting photo from **John Klein** reporting on a Thai visit: "Our recent 3 week excursion to Asia coincided with a business trip to Bangkok by our son, Christian, who then joined us for a week in Chiang Mai where we rode the elephants and petted tigers in their cages. We then flew to his and his wife Jen's home in Okinawa, where they treated us to all kinds of great sightseeing."

John continues "We still live in Orange Park, FL in the same house we bought in 1978! Penny retired from teaching in 2010 and we have been able to take several trips."



John, Penny and Christian checking out Bangkok Public Transportation

Finally, in our last column we inaugurated a new Shipmate feature recognizing outstanding literary achievements of several classmates. In consideration of '64 authors' humility (??), rather than ask them to toot their own horns, classmates were asked to submit short reviews of fellow classmate endeavors. This new feature also includes works relating to classmates written by non-'64ers.

Given the delay between column submittal and publication dates – which can be as much three months – it is unsurprising as we go to press the only review received to date besides your humble correspondent's review of Steve Rodrick's well researched "The Magical Stranger", was the result of an effort to prevail on **Bill Natter** to "salt" this new feature with a review of one of our class's most prolific authors, **Dick Muti**. According to Bill, Dick has recently published his fourth book titled "Essays for my Father: A collection of essays about Gov. Chris Christie and more". His previous book, "The Charmer", is in its second printing. In addition to his writing, Dick teaches American government and politics part-time at a New Jersey college and serves on his hometown's Board of Education. His grandson will enter Duke University late this summer on an NROTC scholarship.

Hopefully we will have many more reviews to include in future columns.

Fair winds and a following sea, classmates.

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Classmate **Charlie Stephan** passed away with a cardiac arrest on 30 Oct. Check out the report on this on our website and

his Last Call entry may be in this edition. Check in the back of the magazine.

Also we were saddened to learn of the untimely death of **Paul and GG Marshall's** daughter Wende.

From **Paul Marshall**, 22 Nov.

■ The Marshall's are slowly recovering for our tragedy. We both feel like we're part of a CSI episode in which no one should ever have to participate. Learned way too much about DNA and forensic science than anyone ever needed to know especially when it's your youngest daughter their discussing. Enough of that. Wende Gayle Marshall, 44, youngest daughter of GG and Paul Marshall left this earth for her eternal home on Oct. 30, 2013. Her Celebration of Life ceremony was attended by over 750 people, including classmates **Ed and Dottie Hlopak**, **Bart and Debbie Jealous**, **John and Carolyn Odom**, **Frog and Sam Kristensen** (Sam once paid Wende \$1 to teach Eric how to tie his shoes), **Kaye Brown (Rob Brown's widow)** drove in from San Antonio, and **Rob and Judy Zitzewitz** who drove in from Pensacola (Judith and GG waited together patiently for 3 years at Saturday noon meal formation for us to start liberty). Other USNA Alums present included Dick Westfahl, Greg Mather, Rich Bulger, Bruce Smith, Peter Vanderloske, John Cates, John Buckingham, and others I may have missed. Sorry I don't know their class years. The Marshall family would sincerely like to thank all of our classmates for the wonderful comfort and support extended through phone calls, emails, cards and letters and some who have offered their home to us to try to get away from our loss.

One final thing- Wende's friends have set up a Memorial Fund for Wende. It's at Wells Fargo in the name of Wende G. Marshall, account #1609977291. All funds collected will be given to several pet adoption agencies in the Houston area, probably 3-4, and also to A Salvation Army ministry in Australia for homeless and marginalized people run by Major

Joyce and Hilton Harmer, a close Marshall family friend. ■



More sad news. **Doug Metzger** reported in on 13 Nov that **Daws Richardson's** wife **Meg** passed away on the morning of Veterans Day. Doug said Meg had been suffering for some time and was a great example of being one who was able to handle life's difficulties with grace. Daws said that Meg is in heaven where she truly belongs. He and Chris were with her every night for the last week and were with her at the hospice the entire time. Daws also said that this is a sad time for our family, but our closeness and our faith will see us through this difficult period. There was a Memorial Service on Friday, 22 November at the Longwood Funeral Home, in Kennett Square, PA. Daws' e-mail is dawson6570@gmail.com. Please keep Daws and Chris in your thoughts and prayers during this sad time for them.

From **Denny Moritz** on 22 Oct re **Chris Judd**

■ Our classmate, shipmate, and friend **Chris Judd** is on the binnacle list for sure. He has just gotten a diagnosis of mesothelioma. I would suspect that is a consequence of working in shipyards on a nuclear submarine in the '60's and '70's before we became knowledgeable and fearful of asbestos. Staging and planning are in progress – so he's not sure what the treatment will be....but for sure he can use our prayers, good wishes and support. I know he has kept track or been in touch with a lot of the guys and made several reunions. **Mike Epprecht** called him about the 50th and Chris plans to be there!!!! I asked if he'd mind if I let everyone know what is happening, how to contact him, and he said great, so here goes: Chris and Carolyn Judd, Home: 301-695-5766, Cell: 240-344-5628, email: [jcjudd@comcast.net](mailto:jcjudd@comcast.net). Thanks, Den ■

From **Mike Epprecht**, 01 Oct

■ Hope this finds you well. As you may know, I have agreed to coordinate your 50th reunion and we would like your help. In preparation for the 45th, we thought it would be a good idea to enlist the support of one member of each of

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2014 Shipmate Deadlines to note...



our first class year companies to drum up support for the reunion and to increase attendance. Although there was a lot of good effort, the results fell short of what we had expected. As we thought about how we could improve on this, it struck us that organizing a similar program with a geographical focus would be better than by companies. Most of our class has settled down in a location of their choice and has probably been in contact with classmates in the area or at the very least, there is someone who knows someone and we hope that might make this approach more successful. So the thought is that we enlist one or more classmate from each state and ask them to coordinate the effort for that state. Some of the more populous states like CA (103) Texas (45) Virginia (114) Florida (81) and Maryland (60) would most likely have several classmates focusing on a particular geographic area. We will provide you with a list of all the classmates in your state with all the contact information that we have on them, sorted by city, zip code, last name, however you would like it in what ever format (xls, pdf, doc, txt) you feel comfortable.

Purpose of this email is to obtain your enthusiastic response saying you will do it, but, if you are not comfortable, we ask that you suggest someone in your state that you think would do a better job. Thanks for your help and we all look forward to reuniting in Annapolis in October 2015. If interested in helping Mike, please email him at: [mike.epprecht65@gmail.com](mailto:mike.epprecht65@gmail.com) ■

From **Richard Genet**, 06 Oct

■ **Richard Genet** celebrated his 70th birthday this summer with all four children (three sons, one daughter and six grandchildren in attendance). An old friend of Richard's, Wayne Kees, a Pacific Northwest bluegrass legend, and Richard took the opportunity to do a few licks together. Richard and Karen live in Gig Harbor Washington. Already looking forward to our 50th - all the best. Richard ■

From **Ed Moniger**, 24 Nov

■ The photo was taken in November on board the USS Arleigh Burke DDG 51 Commander Tom Moninger '94, Commanding; to his right Captain Ed Moninger III '91, Commander FIFTH Navy Expeditionary Logistics Regiment; and finally, on the left: Captain Ed Moninger '65 USN Retired.



'65: The Genets

I would love to have the picture in the upcoming Shipmate. Both sons will also submit photos for their Class input to Shipmate. Would appreciate whatever help you can provide. ■



From **Ron Bishop**, 07 Oct

■ Thirteen of the eighteen surviving members of our 11th Company Graduating Class gathered 15-19 Sep 13 in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., as guests of Don and Linda Barger in their summer cottage on the island. What a great time we had!! There were sea stories, sub stories, air stories, Marine stories, and civic stories galore over the three days of "What ya been doing since 9 June 1965?" The five classmates that were there in spirit were: **John Bishop, J.J. O'Dwyer, Chuck Saldrini, Wynne Stevens** and **Jim Wilson**

We have lost four classmates since graduation. **Barney Broms** in Vietnam in 1968. **Dan Hill, Rick Hamilton** and **Al Weiss** have been deceased for several years now.

(See trip report and pic of attendees on the website. Dave) ■

OK, gang, doing something different with the rest of this column. Just going to provide a sampling of what's in our website, vice duplicate all the effort I take to get blurbs and photos posted there. It

has occurred to me (long ago) that almost all of the news reported here has already been posted on our website so, rather than repeat what's in the website, I'll include here a short note of who's shown there and direct you to the website to read more about our classmates who've reported in during the last period. At the website, please check out Some Recent Photos and the articles beneath those - including the Binnacle List. And in the website's header click on Another-Link-in-the-Chain to be redirected to a separate website where you can find a ton of gouge and a gazillion pics (mostly taken by **Phil**) of all the great things our class is doing to support the Class of 2015 at USNA. And please check out the new link in the header to our 50th Reunion Page where **Mike Epprecht** has posted all kinds of good gouge and a sign-up sheet for the reunion.

So if you go to the website - <http://www.daveand65.com/USNA65/> (a slight change in the URL; please Bookmark it), you'll find write-ups and pics of yours truly (**Dave Anderson**) on a gathering of 7 classmates from 10th/14th Co. in Boston, **Gene Trimpert's** trip to Alaska, **Phil** on **Don Brown's** trip to Annapolis, pics from the Navy-Pitt Tailgate and Annual Class Meeting, pics from the Navy- Southern Alabama game, and of **Phil, Forest Horton** and **Wyman Howard** on a hike last September.

Thazzit. "Enjoy" the rest of your Winter. Aloha (from picture-perfect, sunny, 80 degrees, balmy trade breezy Hawaii!), — Dave

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Happy New Year Classmates! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanza. Let's hope 2014 bodes well for us all. I have several announcements and stories, so let's kick off the New Year.

**Jim Cowardin** announced a couple of years ago his intention to participate in a reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie from the War of 1812. He did that last fall and has provided the following report and picture.

<24> "Some of my friends accused me of actually having taken part in the Battle of Lake Erie in person 200 years ago. I tell them that that is far too close to the truth to be joking about it. The reenactment of the Battle of Lake Erie, the largest naval battle reenactment ever to be staged, took place about 10 miles north-west of South Bass Island (Put-In-Bay), just off the north coast of Ohio, on Labor Day. Tall ships, from as far away as Sweden, gathered in two lines of battle and merged just as it happened two hundred years ago. Cannons fired, and the modern-day Niagara crossed the line after taking onboard an Oliver Hazard Perry stand-in. My billet was that of Stephen Champlin, Sailing Master on the Scorpion, which was the lead ship for our side. The hundreds of pleasure craft observing the activities and the cooling tower from the Davis-Besse nuclear plant in the

background made it a bit surreal, but it was a fine Navy Day. The only Navy Day Ohio can claim as its very own.

A small '66 reunion took place this summer at the Catawba Island Club with Cindy and **Dave Amerine**, Judi and Dr. **John Williamson** and Dana and me participating. Dave grew up in Sandusky, and John is from Huron. John and Judi have a house in Huron which is their escape from the summers in Austin, and Dave and Cindy now reside on Catawba Island. Both houses are right on the lake with beautiful views. Dave has promised to attend the next Class reunion, and we need to hold him to it." <24>  
 Thanks to Jim for the great recap.



RELIVING THE BATTLE OF LAKE ERIE

At the home Air Force football game on 5 October 2013, the halftime festivities included a salute to the 1963 Cotton Bowl team. The objective was to honor former coach Wayne Hardin and the players for that team. **Bill Higgins** provided this write-up and photo. In the photo, from top row **Rey Bald, Jim Breland** (who was later the starting center for Georgia Tech), **Bruce Bickel, Ron Buschbom, Steve Shrawder, Duncan Ingraham**. In the bottom row are **Phil Norton, Ben Jacobi, Bob Wittenberg, Bill Higgins**, and **Jack Connolly**. Missing from the event were **Jim Angel**,

**Fred Moosally, Steve Zientek**, and **Gene Hardman**. Thanks to Bill for capturing this moment. I had a great seat to observe everyone as they mustered to go onto the field. It brought back many good memories.

**Jim Persels** and several Classmates participated in a mini-reunion. Jim sent a recap and photo to share with us.

<24> "Over the weekend of 10-13 October, several members of the 25th Company (and old 17) and friends gathered at the home of Myrl and **Doug Law** near Vass, NC for a mini-reunion. We played a round of golf, drove to Durham for the Duke-Navy game, and partied hardy with Classmates, spouses, and Doug's delightful friends and neighbors. A great time was had by all. Pictured: Kneeling (l to r) are **Paul Cotter, Jim Persels**; Standing (l to r) ... **Bob Beck, Dave Schnibbe, Chris Reddington**, and **Doug Law**. Not pictured are **Manny Lopez** and **Tom Nesbit**. Great job Jim! Too bad the game was not up to the spirit of the revelers." <24>



25TH COMPANY MINI-REUNION

Unfortunately I must report the deaths of Classmates **John Shelton Gregg, William (Mouse) Vorwald**, and **Alan Walkup**. **John Gregg** died on 25 October 2013 at his home in Millsboro, DE. A couple of weeks before his death John Gregg asked that a Classmate assist in helping him present his sword to the Midshipman in 2016 that he sponsored as a Blue and Gold Officer. **Tom Marfiak** officiated at the ceremony as depicted in the photo nearby. It must have required great exertion on John to complete this act, but trooper that he was, he accomplished it. John also donated his Class ring to be used in the Bonds of Gold effort as part of the Another Link in the Chain program. John's Funeral Mass was held at St. Edmond's Church in Rehoboth Beach, DE on 31 October. Military honors were rendered. Classmates and spouses attending were **Tom Marfiak, Paul Cotter, Jack Drake, Jim Persels, Guinn Clark, Mike Baird**, and



'66ERS ON THE '63 COTTON BOWL TEAM



Denise and **Dave Lovelady**. A breakfast reception was held after the service, as Marie reports that it was John's favorite meal. If desired, a donation may be made in John's memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, DE Chapter (302 661-7300, ext 25) or to Caring Bridge at [Caringbridge.org](http://Caringbridge.org).

I know you join me in extending the condolences of the Class and prayers to Marie and their children.



JOHN GREGG PRESENTS HIS SWORD

**Bill Vorwald** died on 18 October 2013 in Defuniak springs, FL after a courageous battle with leukemia. His obituary was contained in the email I sent to all. A celebration of life service was held Friday, 25 October with interment at Barrancas National Cemetery with military honors by the United States Navy. **Rufe Taylor** is working with Rae Vorwald to compose a Last Call for Bill. Please keep Rae and family in your prayers.

Finally, **Allen Walkup** (Homer Allen Walkup, III) died of esophageal cancer and its consequences on 27 October 2013. Allen was a graduate of Hammond High School in Alexandria, VA. He attended the Naval Academy and later worked for the CIA (retired in 1993). While he had a very serious side, he enjoyed life. He was a long-time resident of Annandale, VA before moving to his home on Lake Anna, VA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley. He is survived by his sons, Douglas Walkup and Michael Walkup (Patricia); their mother, Barbara Walkup (divorced); his grandson Keegan Walkup, his granddaughter, Alix Walkup; his brother, Randolph Walkup (Elizabeth); his sister, Pamela Walkup, his brother-in-law, Chesley Barber; and his companion, Sandra (Missy) McCartney. A Celebration of his life was held at his home in Lake Anna on Saturday, 23 November 2013.

I reported **Frank Barbero's** death in the November – December issue. His Last Call should be in this issue, and it is posted on the Class web site. Frank's service was held on Sunday, 22 September at

Holloman Brown Funeral Home in Virginia Beach, VA. A party to celebrate his life followed. Classmates **Charlie Votava, Dick Helm** and **Tony Franzitta** attended the service. Rick's obituary was included in the email I sent the Class in October 2013. Please keep his wife Carolyn Theresa and daughter Courtney Theresa in your thoughts and prayers. Many thanks to Tony Franzitta for his help with the Last Call.

**Jon Barton** sent the following picture to report his meeting with **Harry Thaete** and **Tom Kaye** in Coronado, CA. It was a gathering of old 8th Company (pre-'64) Plebes. As Jon said in his email, "Obviously we have recovered well and are talking about something much more pleasant." Thanks John!



BARTON, THAETE, AND KAYE

**Bill Erickson** sent the following vignette to document his sailing adventures with members of 2016.

■ "Pictured is **Bill Erickson** (22 Co.) and four Mids from the Class of 2016 on a Navy Sail Training Craft last summer. The Mids are **Tipok Aekviriyasathane, Joey Chilbert, Matt Caine, and Andre Truss**. They were on their Youngster Cruise taking the sailboat on a round trip from Annapolis to Freeport, NY as part of the Offshore Sail Training Squadron. Bill has been volunteering on this program since 1994. ANOTHER LINK IN THE CHAIN!" ■

Great job, Bill! Thanks for sharing this.



BILL ERICKSON AND 2016 SAILING TEAM

In closing I want to mention a mentoring program started by the Class of 1969

called the Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP). It can be accessed through the Alumni Association web site. Go to [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com), click on "Support The Academy," then click on "Become a Mentor/Protégé." It will take about 15-30 minutes to sign up depending on how much you include in your profile. This is an alumni-to-alumni program. The objective of the program is to link a mentor with another graduate (protégé) who is seeking career advice both in the Navy/Marine Corps and in civilian jobs. Your profile gets read by alumni seeking mentoring, and you can be selected based on what you enter in your profile. As of November 2013, they needed 80 more mentors to match to the number of protégés requesting assistance. Anyone interested can sign up as I indicated above. Those that have done this have reported that it is intellectually stimulating, rewarding, and gratifying. Give it a try. Until April, All the best! Mike!!!

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Susan Glen Davis, wife of **Dave Davis**, passed away at home in Annapolis on 13 October 2013. She was born on 14 May 1948 in Baltimore. Susan was a lifelong animal lover and was committed to Baltimore sports. As a former Colts cheerleader, she lived for Sundays in the fall. In addition to Dave, Susan is survived by her father Raymond Boies; her son, Glenn Davis; his wife, Caroline; and their son Grayson John. Pat and I were privileged to attend Susan's funeral in Baltimore where wonderful and uplifting eulogies were delivered by Glenn and Dave. She was truly a woman dedicated to her family and her community. Memorial contributions in Susan's name may be made to: Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776 ([www.ruderanch.org/donate](http://www.ruderanch.org/donate)).

If you recall from several months ago, I was trying to find information on the death of **Bob Szalay**. I had heard from **Rick Scivique** and **Mike Mazurczak**, but gaps remained. Bob had left Nuclear Power School suddenly in 1968, but information was sparse after that until his death on 21 January 2000 in Reston, VA of a brain tumor. This past October, I received a wonderful e-mail from Rima Szalay Granados (wife of

**Gene Granados '90**). Rima is Bob's daughter, and she wanted to know if I could share any memories of her dad at USNA. No, I could not, but I forwarded her request to Classmates who might remember him. The response was phenomenal! Thanks to Classmates from 2nd Company and from the basketball team for getting in touch with Rima and giving her your recollections of Bob. I think she'll cherish them forever. If anyone else would like to contact her, her e-mail address is: [rimaharp@gmail.com](mailto:rimaharp@gmail.com).

I also asked Rima if she could fill in some blanks for us. She graciously agreed and sent this:

■ I have heard from many of you following my request for stories about my dad. Reading your memories about him gave him back to me for those few minutes. It was a delight. I hear that many lost touch with him right before sub school until the 25th reunion, then lost touch again. Here is a summary of my dad's life following the Academy.

He married Carole Stone the week of your graduation. I was born in September of 1968, and my father felt he needed to personally take care of us and leave the Navy when an urgent medical situation arose. Dad took a job as a nuclear engineer in NY and soon after, moved down to Washington, DC. Three Mile Island brought nuclear power to the fore in 1979, and my dad was chosen as the pro-nuke public face to explain the accident from the industry's point of view. He was on McNeil Lehrer and was invited to many fancy events. I remember thinking that all dads attended dances at the White House.

After his divorce from my mom, he remarried to Linda Dobrin in 1982. (*For those who knew Carole, she has remarried and lives near Ashville, NC...jm67*) In 1983, he sat me down and explained with great poise that he had only 2 months to live. NIH found his glioblastoma interesting and took him on as part of an experimental case study. Out of his group at NIH, only he survived...and survived. He lived another 16 years.

His pride in the Naval Academy and surviving that ordeal to become stronger and more focused was the basis of many stories throughout my childhood. In 1988, Linda and my dad had a son, Jamey, who would make my father very proud. He is a doctoral student in physics and already working with NASA. Linda and my father divorced soon afterward.

In 1992, Dad asked me to attend his 25th Academy Reunion with him, where I am sure we spoke with many of you. I remember one of you came up to me with a big smile and said, "Carole, you haven't changed a bit!" Dad was so proud to see all of you again, yet so nervous that you would notice the wig he wore to hide his brain biopsy. As the years went on, he lost more and more function. The neurologists told us that a tumor as big as his had to have started growing when he was about 19. He passed away in 2000 at age 54. Thank you, all of you, for being so kind to my dad during your years together. He never forgot you, and memories of you brought him joy for the rest of his life. ■

I received this note and photo from Vicki Christiansen. They have been "Running4PopPop"!

■ I had the privilege of attending the 8K run for the Wounded Warrior Project in Jacksonville, FL on 7 September 2013. Our daughter, Aline Major, and her family ran for the second year in memory of dad and granddad, Jim Christensen (PopPop). It was a very emotional and uplifting experience. In addition, they raised over \$113,000 for the project! ■



*Runners4PopPop*

And...I have a correction to make...that's my one mistake programmed for this quarter in case you're counting. In a previous column, I said that **Jack Young**, Ellen, and Jack's brother had covered 580 kilometers walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. They actually back-packed for 800 kilometers. Gotta give them full credit! Jack also included this note. His retirement is *far* from sedentary!

■ I am completing my 6th year at BARD College as the Assistant Track & Field/Cross Country Coach. We work hard at this small D-III college to be competitive in the Liberty League. Last spring, I was the acting head coach (due to head coach illness) and one of our senior women qualified in the NCAA Championships, where she ran in the

finals of the Steeplechase. I am sure that will be my "once in a lifetime" coaching moment! I am finding this to be a very pleasurable retirement job. ■

Got this from **Jim Cottingham**. He sent two photos, but I only have room for one. I'll put them both on FaceBook.

■ We are back from our annual 34th Company mini-reunion cruise. The quantity was down this year, but the quality was still there. We cruised on the Princess Line to New England and Canada to see the fall foliage. We had a great time together reminiscing, dining, and dancing. One of the highlights was our stop in Newport, RI, where we were hosted to a great lunch by Jane and **Billy Calhoun**. The photos were taken at Billy and Jane's house in Newport. You will see that the crew included Patricia and **Mike Robertson**, Bettie and **Tom Broadhurst**, Nancy and Don Tabb, and my wife MaryBeth and me. ■



*34th Cruise — Mike, Don, Billy, Tom, Jim*

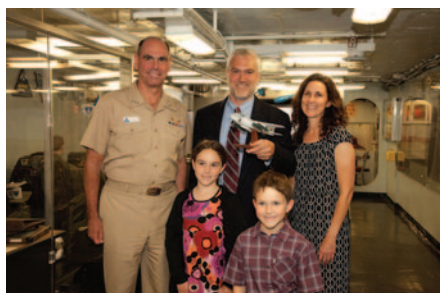
**Rick Purnell** was in San Diego and sent us this great piece!

■ Joy and I were in San Diego and celebrated a sixth birthday with **Mike Smith's** grandson Mike, his parents and sister. We presented young Mike with a toy airplane, and he could not have been more delighted. The next day I saw **Ernie Snowden '70**, and I asked him if Northrop Grumman still had any A-6 models. Ernie said they probably did and when I told him that I thought a commemorative model for Mike's grandson and family was in order he took it for action. Ernie also informed me that his father had written our Mike Smith a letter of recommendation to enter USNA with the Class of '67.

Attached is a photo of the Air Boss and former Intruder BN, VADM **Dave Buss '78**, presenting the A-6 model to Scott Smith and his wife, Cynthia, daughter Addison, and son Mike. The A-6 is painted the colors from both of Mike's squadrons. The setting is the Intruder Ready Room on the USS Midway Museum and the event was hosted by Museum CEO retired RADM **Mac McLaughlin '72**. Retired Grumman executive John Griffing and



people from the Intruder Association, ANA and Tail Hook had a hand in making this come about. ■



*Remembering Mike Smith*

**Dick Meade** got a note from **Tom Parker '68**. Tom started out with '67 but along with **Mike Cathey**, was in an auto accident with **Ollie North '68**. Because of injuries, Tom and Ollie both graduated with the Class of '68. Tom lives in Malvern, PA. He said that some of his best memories are still with '67. He also provided an update on **Joe Queiroga**: Joe left the Academy after Plebe Year and went to the University of Akron, becoming a standout soccer player. He currently lives in Springfield, MA.

Speaking of Dick Meade: he sent me a photo some time back of a gathering of five generations of Meades! There are Great-Grandfather Dick Meade, Great-Great-Grandmother Helen Meade, Grandfather RJ Meade, Father Kelly Meade and the new kid on the block, Miss Kaedyn Meade. How a single roof in the whole world can contain all of 'em beneath it at the same time is beyond me!



*5 Generations of Meades*

A note from **Don Hefkin** just popped up on FaceBook! What timing! Several of us were each watching the tough Navy victory over San Jose State on TV last weekend and carrying on commentary on FaceBook. Don was at the game and saw our chatter the next day.

■ You all shoulda been there. A real heart stopper. **Tony Wayne** and **Jon Holzapfel** were there with me (plus our brides). Saw Sharon and **Jim Schear** and Toni and

**Terry Brown**. Long, but happy, ride back to Napa. ■

OK! Gotta go. Hope your 2014 is off to a fantastic start!  
That's it.... Goodnight! Jim

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In this first column for 2014, I'll begin by offering a traditional Irish toast to mark the occasion. "In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship, never in want." Thanks to everyone who contributed to our column during the past year. I hope that those of you who haven't sent an update on your activities will do so during the year ahead.

With well more than 300 classmates and guests attending, the consensus is that our 45th Reunion in October was an unqualified success. Thanks again to the Reunion Committee and the Alumni Association's Holly Powers for their exceptional work in planning and executing the memorable four-day event and to the volunteers who staffed the check-in desk at the Westin Hotel. **Dave Tyler** has posted reunion photos to our Class web site ([www.68usna.com](http://www.68usna.com)) as well as my special class-news column that was distributed by e-mail in early December. Dave reports he is also working on an update to the Class web site to include an iPhone App for viewing *Shipmate* columns and photos.

Owing to the word limit for this published column, space doesn't permit me to recount the many memorable experiences during our 45th reunion, so if you did not receive an e-mailed copy my "Whenever Two or Three Shall Meet" column describing our 45th Reunion, I encourage you to check it out on our Web site. Of special note, this column describes in some detail the presentations during our Class meeting, the Superintendent's address to alumni, our memorial service for fallen classmates, planning for our 50th Reunion and Legacy Class Gift, and the latest news with respect to our participation in the Academy's A Link in the Chain program with the Class of 2018. During the Class meeting, we recognized **Randy Bogle** and

**Ed Sullivan**, our new West Coast and East Coast vice presidents, respectively.

Ed was sidelined by knee-replacement surgery in October, but I'm pleased to report that his recovery has progressed very well; be wary of spotting him too many strokes on the links at the winter golf outing in Orlando.



*Gary Storm (right) and Spence Johnson '63 stand front and center to take the Brigade's salute during the Homecoming dress parade's pass in review. (USNA Photo by MC2 Riveracorrea)*

Nearly all companies held their own parties or dinners during the reunion, including the 3rd Company at Dave Robinson's home. "We had a good time, and it was great to see David Robinson doing so well," **Peter Hamre** said. "**Jim Longerbone** of the 34th also joined us. As for me, I live in Spokane, Washington, and enjoy the four-season lifestyle of the Inland Empire of Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and Western Montana," he continued. "I have been a general contractor for many years involved in public works projects and, more recently, have worked overseas. I spent two years in Afghanistan managing projects building bases for the Afghan National Army and also in Australia, working in the almond industry. Currently, I'm working on a project for the Army's Corps of Engineers at Fairchild Air Force Base. I may venture overseas again."



*Classmates gathering at Dave Robinson's house Reunion weekend include, from left: front row Jim Longerbone, David Robinson, Dave Denson, and Mike Kalashian. Back row Peter Hamre, Dave Hammer and Clay Warren.*





'68: Classmates and spouses attending The Basic School 2-69 reunion include, from left: Front row John O'Neil, Martha Cummings, Chuck Pelletier; Back row: Carol O'Neil, Jeff St. John, Mike Cummings, Kay Burkhart, Mike Burkhart, Joe Anderson, Mark Treanor, Fred Young

**Chuck Pelletier** reported another reunion of note in September when he and nine other classmates and three spouses attended the 45th reunion of Bravo Company, TBS 2-69 Marine Corps Officers Basic School, at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Chuck Lohman** deserved special notice. He flew out for only one night and returned early to Augusta, where he and Gail and competed in the Augusta Half Ironman Triathlon. Gail qualified for next year's World Championships, but Chuck missed by one place. Word has it, though, that he'll give it another shot next April in New Orleans.

**Jack Rose** also continues his running ways, finishing the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon in early October with an impressive clocking of 3:49:41, finishing third in his age-group division and qualifying for this spring's Boston Marathon. Way to go Gail, Chuck, and Jack.



Jack Rose clocked a very impressive time of 3:49:41 in the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon in October.

**Gil Lucas** provided a welcome lengthy update recently. Gil and Edie relocated to an "over-55" community in northern California nearly three years ago after residing in Maryland for 17 years. "We feel very blessed with each day and the goods friends we've come to cherish after so many moves around America," Gil wrote. He described the many people who assisted him during our challenging years at the Academy and expressed his pleasure at staying in touch with **Mike Kalashian, Mark Splain, Vic Reston**, and other classmates. See the e-mail version of this column for a full account.



Edie and Gil Lucas visited the Coliseum during a holiday tour of Rome, Tuscany, and Venice Italy last autumn. "Italy is off the bucket list," Gil notes!

In October, **Bob Parda** recorded that he and his wife joined only 35 other people world-wide reported to have visited every country that is a member of the UN country. "World travelers" hardly does Cathy and Bob justice. "Cathy (my wife of 39 years) and I visited Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen this autumn, celebrating her birthday and completing our quest to visit and tour every country in the world recognized by the U.N., most multiple times," he said. "For some of the travel, we dressed in local clothing, and I grew a beard because of security concerns." When Bob retired in 1991,

he and Cathy opened a specialty tour company (Advantage Travel & Tours) that focused on unusual destinations. Keep on trucking, Bob and Cathy, and safe journeys!



Cathy and Bob Parda pictured at the mosque in Herat, Afghanistan's third-largest city, during their recent expedition to that country, Pakistan and Yemen.

**Glenn Boggs** wrote to say that his nephew, CDR Chase Sargeant, recently assumed command of the guided-missile destroyer USS JOHN S. MCCAIN, named for the father ('31) and grandfather ('06) of U. S. Senator **John McCain III '58**. Glenn wrote Sen. McCain to request a letter of congratulations. "He wrote the new skipper a wonderful letter of encouragement and congratulations," Glenn said, "which he signed using the ship's motto, 'Fortune Favors the Brave.'" Sheila and Glenn presented the framed letter to their nephew in October when he was in Florida to attend a family wedding; it is now displayed on the ship.



Sheila and Glenn Boggs are shown following their presentation of a framed letter from Senator McCain to CDR Chase Sargeant (center), following his assuming command of the guided-missile destroyer JOHN S. MCCAIN.

As a final reminder, the '68 Winter Golf 2014 tournament is scheduled to be held in Orlando from February 19 to 23. Contact Karl Krumbholz ([kokrumbholz@gmail.com](mailto:kokrumbholz@gmail.com)) to make your deposit and learn full details. "Reunion Resort will be



a spectacular setting for our tournament,” Karl said, “and given all the entertainment and recreation options in Orlando we will have more off course things to do than ever before.”

**All the best, — Gordo**

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As we move into the Dark Ages, we have many things to be thankful for in 2013 and to look ahead for in 2015! Let's read about them.

Bancroft roommates, **Stan Bryant** and **Bob Rachor**, with their life roommates, Judi and Brenda, made a pilgrimage to the D-Day Beaches in Normandy, France in September and it was all they had hoped it would be. Judi and Stan were celebrating their 20th anniversary and were treated to a fabulous dinner at La Tour d'Argent restaurant overlooking Notre Dame Cathedral and the Seine on the last night of the trip in Paris. Magnifique!!!! Highlight of the trip was the full day guided tour of St. Mère-Eglise, Utah Beach, the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach and Omaha Beach itself. It was awesome; inspirational and very emotional. We also self-toured the British/Canadian Beaches (Gold, Juno and Sword) as well as the famous Pegasus Bridge. Bob and Stan were invited to help fold the American Flag at the cemetery as colors as you can see in the picture. The second was taken from the cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach. Visit these beaches if you possibly can.



*Bryant & Rachor @ Normandy*



*Bryants & Rachors @ Omaha Beach*

On Saturday 23 November **Owen McLean** and Suzanne Smart were married in St Andrews Chapel at the Naval Academy. It was a beautiful service with lots of love and laughter. Welcome Suzanne (officially) to the Mighty Fine Class of 1969 family!!



*McLean Wedding*

At the 57th Annual Awards Banquet of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots held in Anaheim, CA on 28 September, 2013, our own Tom Burbage was honored with the J.H. Doolittle Award for “outstanding accomplishment in technical management or engineering in aerospace technology by a member of the SETP” in recognition of his leadership as LMCO executive on the F-22 EMD, X-35 CDP, and F-35 SDD programs. After the Awards Banquet, three classmates and SETP members gathered to extend their

congratulations and to have their picture taken with Burbs, from left-to-right, Jerry Gallagher, Tom, Rich Batdorf, and Jim Sandberg. Other SETP members from our Class of 1969 who were not present are Steve Hanvey, who won this same award in 1995, and Dick Rhoades. Congratulations Burbs!!!



*Burbs Award*

When asked to help with our Running of the Goats for our 45th Reunion, John Post provided a great reply!!

■ Steve – there was hardly any cost associated with the fun run/walk last time, except maybe the two trips I made to Annapolis to set it up. Maybe the thing I learned best was not to ask, just do it. Not unlike the late 60's in Bancroft Hall as I recall. We had no t-shirts or medallions, only the pride of a job well done by the walkers who walked in support of our classmate Chuck Karlan who'd recently undergone a lung transplant, or the runners. And for the singlet wearing, GPS watch equipped runners, they had the knowledge that they beat some old men in a bit of a race. But it was very important to some and I can understand that. We had about 32 class mates participate and maybe a third to half as many other family members. But, we're another 5 years older .....and another 5 years lamer. Well, at least I am. I'd expect less interest rather than more. Unless, of course, the finish line is the senior center and the winner gets a free hearing aid check! Or a five year delay in their next colonoscopy. Eight of those in the photo



*'69: Running of the Goats*

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from 2009 are from 11th company who walked in support of Chuck. Happy to help, John ■

A short note on our 45th Reunion next Fall. There are still a few rooms left at O'Callaghans. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire distributed via the Company Reps. (If you didn't get one its on the Class website also) Your Committee has listened. We've altered the agenda slightly and have taken some cost cutting measures. We will be posting the registration information in January.

Finally – Our 50th Legacy Gift, the Alumni Mentoring Program (AMP) continues to grow in both size and stature. By the time this is published we expect to have more than 700 participants and 250 active matches in progress. The word is slowly getting out that there is significant personal value in this program for alumni at ALL levels in their careers as both Mentors and Protégés. The feedback from actual matched pairs has been phenomenally positive.

That's the bottom of the mail bag for this short month. Keep those notes coming. Enjoy the Navy wins and Beat Army – often!! — Doc

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Greetings all, as I write this, we have just survived a late night triple overtime win over San Jose State, become bowl eligible but don't know who we'll play, haven't taken on a hungry Army team but look forward to having 12 straight notches over them as well. Hopefully, I'll see you all in Fort Worth and we can discuss this...

The July/August issue and its concentration on the 75th anniversary of SHIPMATE gave me pause to think. We're coming up on our 45th reunion in 2015, and company reps are already starting to gather information for the planning committee. If you haven't been contacted, the gouge is this: The reunion will be during Homecoming Weekend, October 22-24, 2015. This date was chosen to ensure a home football game. As Homecoming will be busy, it is important to get a count of those planning to attend. So, if your company rep hasn't asked you

yet. Call him up and give him the head's up that we need your numbers and intent.

Mike Novak sent word that the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts honored Woody Sutton with a "Good Scout" Award dinner on November 7.

Roy Golez sent me a nice note after the hurricane destroyed portions of the Philippines. He is OK, his city, Paranaque, is in Metro Manila and far from the typhoon's path of destruction. I'll let him take up the narrative:

■ "We just felt some wind and heavy rains, as the storm clouds covered virtually the entire country. My home province, Romblon, was much closer and many trees were felled, but our summer home was spared any significant damage. The geese pen was destroyed but I understand all the geese accounted for. Thanks for your concern and I thank God for sparing us from this horrible calamity. Please join me in praying for those who have lost loved ones and their homes and other properties, who have been injured and maimed and who will continue to suffer more from thirst, hunger, trauma and grief and who may not have seen yet the worst from this calamity. We should hurdle this new calamity and crisis. Each country has its set of challenges. The US had 9/11, Katrina, etc. The Middle East has theirs as well. It's a good thing we have a strong economy to help us absorb the shock, having just been rated one of the strongest in Asia. But of course we don't need these challenges and don't wish this even on countries we are not in love with. The US has responded with a carrier group and cargo planes and friendly boots on the ground, something the Filipino people will never forget. Again thanks for your concern. Roy" ■



'70: I-Day

Terry Dailey sent the report on he and his wife Monica's travels to meet up with a couple of his 33rd Company Classmates and their wives this summer. During a weeklong visit to Taos, NM, in late July they traveled down to Santa Fe one day to have lunch at the Zia Diner (nationally known for having been on the Food Network show, "Diners, Drive Ins, and Dives.") with Patty and Bill McMenemy. Then, in mid-August, they drove down to Southern Pines, NC, for a visit with Cindy and Marty Carpenter.



Les Gable had his roomie Bill Steussy (L'il Steuss) over to Pensacola for a few days. We got to see them at the local Alumni viewing of the South Alabama Game. Bill's older brother Mike (Big Steuss) '68 sent them a copy of a photo that none of us could take; namely, one of our swearing in in T-Court on I-Day taken from 4-4. Seems Mike was in the hall on ACTRAMID at the time.



The flurry of activity over the upcoming reunion, plus the SHIPMATE anniversary also caused me to consider that I have been doing this for a long time. I took advantage of the new feature on the Alumni Association website and actually read all the '70 articles from May 1970 through about 2000, plus scattered ones since then. Fascinating stuff there, back when we were all young. I came up with some interesting facts. Over the years we have had six classmates as president of the class. They are: **Jeff Schott** (70-76), **Jeff Krstich** (76-81), **Terry Huff** (81-89), **Fred (Derf) Hall** (89-02), **Lynn Widener** (02-11) and **Mike Novak** (now serving).

In our inexorable march moving the article towards the staple in the binding, we have had a flurry of Corresponding Secretaries. We started off with Derf who established the tone of our class article until 1975. Then **Mike Kain** wrote an article, and **Jon Jensen** and **Jeff Krstich** were listed at the masthead, (although I suspect Jon did most of the writing) through 1978. **Guy Knieriem** then took over for about a year until I arrived for duty and took over for the next couple of years. I then transferred and left **Bob Burton** holding the sack for a year, and he then dropped it on **Ken Nelson** for another year. Ken got almost no support and was probably glad to turn the job over to **Al Bergstrom** who was carried by information provided by the GRAPES survey for another year. **Carl Wick** took over from Al and wrote for about two years. During that time **John Hertel** was volun-told to write two Marine only articles, one for Al and one for Carl. In June of 1986, I returned to the Annapolis-DC area and properly relieved Carl of the watch and have been your correspondent ever since. To put that into perspective, I have been your secretary now for a total of over 29 years and have written around 272 articles. Over the early years, there were several attempts to come up with a good closing, although none really stuck. Bob Burton was the first to use the RADD tag line at the end of the article, but he only did it in the June 1979 issue. I first started using it in March of 1992 and have done so ever since. If SHIPMATE hadn't changed their binding and done away with the staple altogether, I believe we would have passed that milestone somewhere in 2006.

Throughout this time, there is one constant. The secretary is actually an editor for your writing, and while you all know that I'm not afraid to make things

up, it's up to you to provide input. Another thing I noticed was that when we were all still on active duty and moving around, we were better at updating where we were and what we were doing than we are now that we are more sedentary. The reunion is approaching, each of you needs to take computer in hand and write me at least three sentences about your current situation. I will not count off for going over the three sentence limit, but failure to write will earn my unending wrath. Photos of updated faces count extra.

*Ring-A-Ding-Ding!*

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Fall is turning into winter – my two favorite seasons! So far we're having a cool fall which promises a cold winter! Good for snow skiing, if you're so inclined! There's good news regarding Navy football – Navy had a winning season with the new winningest coach in Navy football history! Navy overcame a sluggish start to handily defeat Air Force and nearly defeat Notre Dame! By now you already know who won the Army-Navy game – my bet is Navy rolled over the Army mule! And, there's Christmas and New Year's – hope you had a blessed, family-filled Christmas! Happy New Year, too!

My first note is from **Eric Benson**:

■ “Duke, our music and golf mini reunion of the 25th Company happened

in Clifden, Ireland in September.

*True North*, a band consisting of **Bruce Batten, Gareth Tabor, Denny Walsh** and a few others, has played at the Clifden Arts Festival for 10+ years. Golfers, **Ed Bouton, Hugh Butt, Bill Long** and I had beautiful weather then retired to locals pubs to hear the music and tip a pint or two. Here are photos of the guys and the gals in Ireland.” ■

That sounds like a most excellent adventure – music, golf and local pubs in Ireland! I need to get started on a company mini-reunion there, too!

Here's a superb note from

**Steve Dmetruk**:

■ “Duke, Here's the note about our trip May 2013 to Spain. A group of '71 football teammates started to get together to play golf every year after 9-11. We realized how fragile life could be after that tragic day and we cherish the times that we are together. Every other year we go to Ireland, Scotland, Portugal or Spain to play golf and to spend time together. In the off years we gather somewhere in the States with our wives. Three years ago we started a golf match with our Plebe coaches—'67 grads and that has evolved into an annual event that has developed new and close friendships with the '67ers and their wives. This past May we enjoyed a week in Southern Spain together playing golf and eating good Spanish cuisine! '71 Golfers included **Dan Nelson, Tom O'Brien, Oz Fretz, Mike McNallen, Mike Hecomovich, David Howe**, and yours truly. The highlight of all of our trips is the Awards Dinner where our esteemed Commissioner, Oz Fretz, regals us with his comments on everyone's



'71: In front: Bruce Batten and Bill Long; in back: Ed Bouton, Gareth Tabor, Denny Walsh, Eric Benson and Hugh Butt.



'71: Left to right - Janet Tabor, Sally Benson, Susan Miller (Bouton), Charli Meacham (True North fiddler), Ann Butt and Toni London (Batten).



'71: Left to right: Dan Nelson, Tom O'Brien, Oz Fretz, Mike McNallen, Steve Dmetruk, Greg Barber (Honorary Classmate), Mike Hecomovich, and David Howe

golfing abilities (or lack thereof) and his awarding of "unique" prizes! After the golfing adventure Pam McNallen and Suzy met Mike and me and we spent a fun week together in Granada, Seville, Ronda, and Barcelona." ■



'Left to right: Mike and Pam McNallen, Suzy and Steve Dmetruk

Next up is **Jan Milligan** with a heads up on the upcoming 36th Company reunion in Lake Placid, NY:

■ "Hello men, it is once again time to start talking about the next Fraternal Order of Disorder. The Big House is open for the weekend of Feb. 27 – March 2nd, which is virtually the same weekend we used last year. Let me know if you plan to attend so we can determine if the Big House is enough, or if we should also get the former condo, or if the condo will be enough. Last year the Big House seemed to work quite well and most thought we should return, but I'll leave that up to ya'll. Last year three stayed in hotels, so let me know if you plan to do that again.

That seemed to work pretty well also. My best from Sunny Florida, Jan." ■

Ron **Spratt** was quick to provide his reply:

■ "Gentlemen of the Disorder, I humbly accept the invitation to join FOOD for the 2014 Lake Placid Weekend. Although wanting to avoid special attention, I recently realized that my Lake Placid perfect attendance sets me apart and perhaps should be appropriately recognized this year. Speaking of food, Anne looks forward to preparing her classic combination of both chili and lasagna. And yes, chocolate sheet cake for the moments of temptation. Most of all, let us always remember...all for one, one for all. Another great weekend on the horizon. Until February, Ron." ■

I hope to join in the reindeer fun again this year!

Here's a short note from **Chuck May**:

■ "Duke, Nancy and I just got back from Princess Cruise's Veterans' Cruising for a Cause, to benefit Operation Homefront and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. It was great to be under way again with whitecaps in the pool, but not in my coffee cup. We sailed from Houston to Progreso, Mexico, with over 1,700 veterans and their families representing conflicts from World War II to Afghanistan. A highlight was the presence of all of the most currently retired Joint Chiefs and their spouses. At the Navy breakout session (i.e. splicing the mainbrace) I

called for any fellow Alums to gather for a photo op. Unfortunately, **Mike Mullen '68** had to leave to officiate at another gathering, but here is a photo of **Gary Roughead '73**, **Bill Massicot '66** and me.

"It was a short cruise but an excellent chance to connect with veterans of all services across several generations, and all for a good cause. Since this is my first Shipmate submission in 42 years, a brief summary may be in order. I left active duty in 1976 and retired from the Reserves in 1993. Most of my civilian career has been in support of Navy programs in the Washington, DC, area though we lived in Gettysburg, PA for eight years. Nancy and I moved to Pittsfield, MA, (in the beautiful Berkshires) in 2009 so I could work on the General Dynamics Variant of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program at General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems (GD-AIS). We have a son, daughter-in-law, three step-grand-daughters, and a step-great-grand-daughter who live in Columbia, MD, and a grand-daughter in Perry, GA." ■

Sounds like a most enjoyable cruise! More of us should join you on the next one! And, your post Navy career sounds superb!



Left - right: Gary Roughead, Bill Massicot, Chuck May

I'm including this note in hope of finding a classmate:

■ "Duke, I just read your '71 column in 'Shipmate' and hope you can help me contact **John Dalkowski**. John is a Pope John XXIII High School graduate and followed my brother, **Ed Banat '69**, and me to USNA in 1967. I do not think he graduated but I hope he remains in contact with his class. The last info I had is that he is in the financial world in NY. If you have any contact information I would appreciate it. On a different note, it looks like you had a ball at Philmont! Never went but my youngest son lists that as one of the highlights of his youth! Thanks, **Steve Banat '70**." ■

Can anyone assist me with Steve's request? And, yes, I had a blast at Philmont with my niece and grandnephew!



Unfortunately, I received the following note from our class president:

■ “It is my sad duty to pass along to you the news of the passing of our classmate, **William Henry “Bill” Crowe**. Bill died in Fort Worth Texas on November 7th. Originally from Newton, NJ, he came to us in June 1967 as a member of our class and although he did not graduate with us, he went on to attend and graduate from the University of Florida and entered the U.S. Army serving until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Valerie, and daughters Kristin and Jeanne and three grandchildren.” ■

May Bill rest in peace. Look in the obituary section for more info about Bill.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in their travels. Our classmates in business and government leadership can use our thoughts and prayers, too. Life is fragile, and too often, it seems too short. Love, give and share your bounty generously with others. Now is a good time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. There is plenty of work remaining for us as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, — Duke

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Happy New Year, Mates! Hope the Holidays were good to you and your loved ones (too good to me—I've got to work some of it off). So before we careen head-first into... The Dark Ages... let's look at some tales from the year just past.

From **Rob Saunders**:

■ “**Rob Mason** finally got his country bumpkin roommate to come visit him and his bride Mariluz at his home in Granada, Spain. Every five years we get together and promised to come visit “soon”. Well, at the 40th, my daughter and husband (seasoned travelers) promised Mase that they would get me to “Leave on a Jet Plane”. We spent 4 wonderful days in Granada; visiting the ancient (much older than us) city and sites. Our tour guides were wonderful hosts as anyone of the 29th Company who has

visited them will attest. We had a great time and are planning for the return trip someday soon.” ■



*The Saunders Road Show en Espana: Rob Mason, Rob and Mariluz Saunders, Renae Mason, Dave and Holly Baur (Bird's daughter and her husband)*

Well, guess you might say that a couple of bodega tours and a little tapa-hoppin' will certainly set you straight! Thanks, Rob.

From **Steve Weise**:

■ “Since I have not written much, thought I'd send you some news from the 11th Company. In October, Linda and **Lanny Benham** (Oklahoma City) and Sally and me (Charleston, SC) took a wonderful trip up the East Coast. Starting from Charleston, we visited Assateague Island, Gettysburg, and Norman Rockwell Museum. On the nautical side, we toured the *USS Albacore* in Portsmouth, NH. We enjoyed beautiful New England and the Fall foliage. Next stop was Jeannine and **Steve Kemple's** scenic home on Penobscot Bay in Lincolnville, ME.

“While at the Kemples, we had dinner and an 11th Company come-around with **Larry Cleghorn '70** and his wife Betty, the result of Steve K's chance meeting with Betty some weeks earlier. (Steve remembered the Cleghorn name well from frequent visits while braced up.) In addition to re-living “fun” times with Class of 1970, Chef Steve fed us steak and Maine lobster. We caught up on careers and '70 and '72ers from 11th Company. Subsequently, Betty contacted Nancy Sonnenberg (Bob 1970) who still had the letters we wrote to her as plebes under Bob's watchful oversight. We all sounded like quite the suck-ups. Fear is a powerful motivator.

“During our stay at the Kemple B&B, the 1972 contingent visited Camden, Bar Harbor, and an alpaca farm. And many lobsters gave their last for the sustenance of the few. After four days of frequent laughter and splicing the main brace, we said our sad farewells and headed home.

“Sally and I retired to Charleston four years ago. I am a Clemson University researcher on the recovered Civil War submarine *Hunley*. I help the

archaeologists and the conservators and love to show/discuss the sub.” ■



*Benham, Cleghorn, Kemple and Weise*

Thanks, Steve. Reliving fun times with segundos is one of those things that requires some amount of advance preparation (tequila works well).

Sighted at the Navy-Notre Dame game last November in South Bend: A rather scraggly looking crew from 4th Company hanging around with this hot babe at the tailgater. You'd think a nice young lady would know better than to be caught anywhere near this group.



*At South Bend: Haizlip, Carlson, Wallace, Mysterious & Unidentified Hot Babe, and Chabot*

First Timers Dept. (Your old scribe doesn't get too many of these anymore, so this is an event. Humor me, OK?) The following from **Jim O'Keefe**.

■ “Greetings from the wilds of western Iowa. This is my first *Shipmate* article, but it seemed like a good time to start, as there have been several noteworthy events in the last few weeks. I have hung out my shingle for my third career as a “prairie philosopher.....self proclaimed”. Business is a little slow as this is a new concept in a town of 600 Danish immigrant offspring. I got married in my backyard in our tree-house, uniform choker whites/Impressive clergyman.....ala” Princess Bride”. Then the Viking reenactors invaded the wedding ceremony, but were nice enough to form a sword/pike arch for us to walk under. Then the big tree blew down in the middle of the night and landed on a smaller tree in the front yard. (**John Dillon** (9th Company) can swear

to the above events as he was aboard/awake for most of them.) I have been writing a series of columns for the local newspaper and have started my first book tentatively titled, Dog Droppings, and Other Things I Picked Up Along the Way. I should be done by the 50th reunion. "Go Navy Beat Army!!!!" ■



O'Keefe, The Prairie Philosopher.



Phyllis and Jim Getting Married in an Airborne, Open Aired Altar (aka, Tree House)

This is...memorable. I mean, Vikings invading the wedding ceremony... wow....not even **Dave Hogen** can top that! (Thanks, Jim!)

On a more serious note, I learned just before submitting this column that **Bill Chung** passed away in mid-November following a bout with liver cancer. Bill was a wonderful friend to many of us—positive, upbeat and energetic. I'll pass more information along as I receive it. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Myrna and their family.

More to come. D. O.

*Tried and True with '72.*

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Hello everyone, I hope you had a good time at the fortieth. It was a great game and nice to be on the shady side of the stadium finally! I have a back log of news I need to pass on so let's get to it. The first comes from George Watt.

■ Jim, Five '73 Classmates, with brides, all agreed to meet aboard Celebrity Millennium in Seward AK for what was supposed to be a 7 day cruise to several Alaskan towns, fiords, humpback whale sightings, etc etc etc. All went well as we traveled west, boarded and found our staterooms and signed up for the "Classic Drink Package" (this turned out to be a life saver!). Just before dinner, the Captain announced that due to a loss of one of his propulsion systems we would stay in Seward for three to four days, and eventually get underway and steam direct to Vancouver BC – therefore, no Alaskan towns (other than Seward), no fiords, no black or brown bears, or whales, or orca, etc. But, Celebrity gave us 100% of our cruise fee back, and another 100% toward a future cruise, and provided us the benefit of a floating, luxury hotel for seven nights – and then there was the aforementioned drink package! We sought out whatever existed in Seward, to include a rain-drenched five hour "sight-seeing tour" aboard a local trawler (two bald eagles, puffin, stellar sea lions, and numerous sea otters); a couple of

visits to the Sea Life Center (where you can see puffin, stellar sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters and not be rain drenched!); a guided tour of a sled dog training site and time with the puppies (that was Peg's and Sherry's favorite day); and three of us – and only three of us – set out to climb to the edge of the Exit Glacier, just off the Harding Ice Field.

On "formal night", the five couples gathered for a portrait. ■



GP Watt, Joe Stewart, Joe Kriasiak at Exit Glacier

Thanks George. I hope you showed the cruise line how to run some BECCes!

I received the following picture and note from Tim Taylor.

■ Jim, We had a great Company dinner at Keith & Debbie Patten's on the Wye



'73: Front Row, left to right: Billy Kordis, Mary Lou Wholesome, Linda Kordis, Sherry Sansing, Peggy Watt, Joy Stewart. Back Row, left to right: Joe Kriasiak, John Pili, GP Watt, Joe Stewart



'73: A less formal dinner i.e. Truckers night



River across the bridge for the reunion. Enclosed is a photo taken earlier from the P-rade. Included are Bob (9th) and Lynne Smith, Char Rice and Carol Taylor (1st cousins), me (34th) and Doug Rice (13th). Bob and I rowed lightweight crew for a while and Lynne graduated from my arch-rival high school in upstate NY. Both of us have camps on two of the Finger Lakes there (Otisco and Cayuga Lakes). Doug & Char were so connected with a few of us in Club 34 that they've become honorary members. ■



Front Bob and Lynne Smith and back row (L to R) Char Rice and Carol Taylor (1st cousins), Tim Taylor and Doug Rice.

Thanks Tim. We had dinner with Lynne and Bob Friday night. Smitty hasn't changed a bit! We had a great time.

I asked Tim what he has been doing and received back the following.

■ "Life for Carol and me took an interesting turn at the end of 2012. After nearly ten years at the helm of the Duke Farms Foundation in Hillsborough, NJ, we moved to Cayuga Lake in Central New York State, where we'd purchased a 69 acre, lakeside farm in 2006. It's known as wine country up here, but it's also resplendent with large tillable farmland and forests amid the Finger Lakes. Over the years, we've spent our weekends travelling between the two places renovating a 1840 farmhouse, barns, and a lakeside cottage.

The intent of moving has been to develop a non-profit "incubator" for organic farming targeted on veterans (and immediate family) of the Global War on Terrorism who've suffered amputation, traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress disorders. As an incubator, the concept is that the family would be housed on-site, provided adjacent land (1/2 – 5 acres), farm equipment and accessories, utilities, etc. for one to three years at a minimal cost (currently ~30% of their monthly disability/retirement pay). The rest of the costs – both capital and expenses – would be covered by the non-profit entity. During incubation they'd be working on producing fruits, fungus (think of mushrooms),

vegetables, fish, poultry, or any form of livestock, while completing a business plan to lease or buy their own farm somewhere in the Finger Lakes region or beyond. The non-profit would also assist in all of that. Educational programs on organic farming and management have already been set up with Cornell and Syracuse Universities and the Northeast Organic Farming Association. Recreational opportunities are unparalleled with every known native fish in the 39 mile-long Cayuga Lake (including record brook, brown, rainbow and lake trout) and thousands of acres of Virginia white-tailed deer and quail. At least six housing units would be built.

I developed such an incubator at Duke Farms as part of a five-tiered approach toward organic farming. Although Doris Duke, considered the wealthiest woman in the world at the time of her death in 1993, left clues as to how she wanted her 2,740 acre estate used after her death, when I arrived in 2003 after retiring from the Navy Reserve and unwinding from business, her Trustees still hadn't decided on the strategic direction of the property. I argued for a total transformation of what was being done, was provided with \$ 50 million for capital renovations, and in May 2012 we opened as the most ecologically sustainable and environmentally conservational property in NJ and a regional learning center for those topics. I was just notified that two of our buildings, a 23,000 square foot 100 year old stone barn, and 110 year old glass conservatory were awarded Platinum level under the LEED rating program by the US Green Building Council (LEED is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). My biggest challenge now – and where classmates can potentially help – is to get before groups of disabled vets to pitch my concept and get their feedback. It's the last step I need to complete the non-profit business plan. I've tried getting sessions at Walter Reed NMMC, the VA, and the Wounded Warrior Project but have been rebuffed due to their sense of legal protocols. Anyone know how to break the log jams, then please let me know at [tayt.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:tayt.taylor@gmail.com)" ■

Tim, Thanks again and Good luck.

I am approaching my space limit so will stop now. Keep sending those pictures and articles in. Especially the pictures. They take up a lot of space and reduce my writing! I ask you to consider Operation Mend which helps severely injured service members with reconstructive surgery. Thanks. As always Go Navy and Semper Fi! — General

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On to the news: Once again **Ken Huston** comes through with some 3rd Company gouge. As you may know, Ken lives in Annapolis, a short bike ride from the stadium. As such his house is often designated as the rendezvous spot for home football games....like this year's Delaware game which saw a good turnout. Ken was nice enough to provide 10 mini-resumes:



3rd Company + 43 years

Left to right..

**Ken Huston**...professional sailor  
...part-time pilot for Delta

**Tom Glover**...lives in Norfolk  
...consultant on drones..

**Brian Davis**..lives in Louisville  
..retired from UPS...loves retirement...son is at USAFA...

**Tony Racette**..retired Navy...pilot, Delta

**Bill Lahneman**...Phd...teaches foreign policy at Emory Riddle...splits time between Ormond Beach and Annapolis..

**Ken Pisel**...consultant...lives in Norfolk...

**Rick Mendenhall**...Head of Finance department...Notre Dame.

**Dave Besch**..works for a non-profit involved in food production in developing countries..

**Eric Gordon**...retired from Bell South...lives in Louisville...does a lot of cycling

**Jim Boyer**...retired Navy...teaches high school in Norfolk.

Next up, former Class Secretary **John Brown** felt sorry for me and tossed me a bone-

■ "Branch, It was great talking with you today and I am really happy you are LOVING your job as the Scribe! My therapist has told me talking you into

taking the job was the best move I made in my life! I don't miss the hate mail from you when I would miss a submission date! To help you out, I thought I would drop a line about what is going on down here around Quantico. Last year, a few great grads established the Quantico USNA Alumni Chapter. 74 is well represented with active attendees at the monthly breakfast being **Dave Schorn, Ken Dunn, Chris MacMurray, Bud Sawyer, Jim Ripley, Tom Laturno, Bob Taylor**, and myself. Deke Forbes is also an active member and he wears his "I love Lozier" hat to each meeting! I know that is not really exciting news, but that is about as good as it gets around here. I still stay in touch with **JJ Miller, Charlie Benway, Earle Babcock, Fred Stuvek, Shawn Smith, and John Etter** from our company and a few years ago had a good chat with **Dave "Bear" Marra** who lives in Northern Va. **Al Lerchbacher** and I work for the same company and I can say that I think that he knows as many USNA grads as **Morgan Ames**! Finally, Joyce and I have made a few trips to the Tidewater area 74 Dark Ages events. That is a great group of classmates and it is an easy drive for us. May be the area we end up retiring to when the time comes. All the best, call a classmate. Roamer." ■

Also, **John Peskuric** comes through with a pic and some news. You might recall that **Paul Wohlers** is the current US Ambassador to Macedonia. Armed with that knowledge **Pesky** and **Dan Steele** made a trip to Europe to link up with Paul. Amidst his official duties Paul was able to host his Classmates and served as tour guide for some of the local sights. Steely Dan even provided the caption, although I think, technically, it might exceed Shipmate guidelines for caption length.



*The Honorable Paul D. Wohlers, American Ambassador in Macedonia, and two cheap, unemployed Americans, both blithely unaware that the 40 lb rolling suitcases (with broken handles) and 25 lb backpacks start to get heavy after the first quarter mile of cobblestones; and hostels are always on the 4th floor.*

Let me close this month with **John Christian's** input regarding his daughter, Sarah, an active duty Navy LT.

■ "I thought you might share with the rest of our classmates in your next Shipmate article the attached photo of our daughter LT Sarah Christian, Nurse Corps, USNR. Sarah is the reigning MS. Maryland United States 2013. Sarah went on to compete for and placed as third runner-up in the national pageant for MS. United States. Upon graduating from Villanova University and commissioning as an Ensign in 2005, Sarah became a labor and delivery nurse at Naval Medical Center, San Diego. She later was assigned to Naval Recruiting District Richmond, where she recruited Reserve Doctors and other medical personnel from her station at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Sarah is now assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery at the Defense Health Headquarters, Falls Church, VA." ■



LT Sarah Christian

Thanks John. And congrats to Sarah!

It was great that John included a picture of Sarah with his input. But it kind of put me in a tough spot. I also had a recent picture of **John Brown**, with his shirt off, drinking a beer on his sailboat. He's been bugging me to run it in the column and I've been promising this to Roamer for a long time. But there was only room 3 pictures this month... Hey, this isn't an easy job. Sometimes I'm forced to make tough decisions.

Branch

'74- A Global Force for Good

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Dear 'mates,

Don't tell anyone, but I have the easiest job of any Shipmate scribe. Just cut-and-paste your contributions, and voila! ... there's another Flower Child column ready for print. My biggest challenge is cutting down to somewhere near my word count limit.

After completing a 20-year active duty Navy career, **Dan Murphy** retired from

seventeen more years teaching Navy JROTC. He says, "NJROTC is an outstanding Navy subsidized high school leadership training program that focuses on helping students develop those skills that will better prepare them for their post high school life. Many go on to enlist in the armed forces or continue in service academy or ROTC programs." Dan's wife Pat convinced him to buy a 32-foot travel trailer so they could start seeing the country. The first major adventure was a month-long trip to see family and classmates. Leaving Dallas, the Murphys called on Tina and **Mike McDermott** in Omaha. Mike works for a defense contractor on stuff Dan is no longer cleared to know about. Dan and Pat continued north to spend ten days with his old roommate, **Mike Meier** and his wife Gerti in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The Meiers have retired on the Hiawatha Sports Club complex—30,000 acres of outdoor adventure. A few years ago Mike thought he recognized the guy sitting in front of him in church. It turned out to be **Joe Austin**—former class of '75 and company mate of Dan and Mike! Joe departed USNA after the first semester when he and VADM Calvert agreed he probably should attend school somewhere else. Joe went on to become a high school football coach in Michigan ... gaining a reputation as a "turn around" coach at various schools. When he retired he volunteered at the local school. It did not take long for the principal to hire him to help their 8-man football program. Joe even recruited Mike to help with conditioning during summer training. It was a great fun to reminisce about Plebe Summer. The Murphys completed the trip with a week camping in western PA with Pat's family, their son-in-law, and grandson. It was a great way to jump into retirement.



Murphy, Austin, and Meier

**David Thompson** and **Sam Dennis** rode on the MS Society North Florida Chapter PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore ride on 27 September from St. Augustine to Daytona and back.





Sam Dennis, Marian, Rachel and David Thompson

**Gordon Roesler** was honored for his work in science and engineering when he was added to the Annapolis HS Wall of Fame in October.

**Wayne Bergman** was published in a *USA Today* Q&A article titled, "Passing on a Small Business to Your Children." Wayne is a coach with the business-coaching firm ActionCOACH.



Padres fans know that '75 is in the house

**Bill Neill** served as contributing reporter from the 20th Company get-together in San Diego. See the '75 class web page for Bill's full account and more pictures.

■ "Over five absolutely spectacularly beautiful days in San Diego, the 20th Company of the Class of 1975 held its annual reunion. Organized by **Tony Barbieri** and **Brian Flannery**, it was a blast! Tony and Linda Barbieri, Brian Flannery and his fiancée, Beth Thompson, Elaine and **Eric Guerrazzi**, Debie and **AB Johnson**, **Bill Neill**, **Bill Squires**, and **Robb Stevenson** attended the second "Vous Classic" reunion—named for our company mate, **John "Voulez Vous" Park**, who left us too soon (and in memory of all of our classmates who have gone before us).

Tony and Linda kicked off the event with a great barbeque and evening at their house on Wednesday, followed by a Padres-Diamondbacks baseball game at Petco Park on Thursday. After the game we adjourned to Croce's nightclub for a snack and nightcap. Jim Croce and his wife started Croce's in San Diego's famous Gaslamp District. After a Friday

of sightseeing, all convened for a Mexican dinner at Mi Guadalajara restaurant, then enjoyed the Crusin' Grand Car Show—a local outdoor 1974-and-earlier American muscle car park in Escondido. We couldn't find **Bob Meissner's** Formula 400 Firebird but we did find a working Datsun 280 in the same color as Robb's original neon lime green Datsun 240Z.

After some more sightseeing and golf on Saturday, we all enjoyed a great closing dinner at the Bali Hai restaurant, where the ladies were able to admire Beth's engagement ring and Elaine gave Bill Squires running updates of the Ohio State game (her alma mater). Eric was able to demonstrate his nautical knowledge for the benefit of his better half during a teachable moment on ships lights. It provided a lively conversation on who the teacher was and what lesson was being learned ... ■



L to R: Brian Flannery in blue, Elaine Guerrazzi, Robb Stevenson, Eric Guerrazzi, Bill Squires, AB & Debie Johnson, and Tony Barbieri.

How do Shipmates who graduated 27 years apart get to be classmates?

**John Kittler '75** and **Jerrod Howe '02** were in the same orientation for Delta Class 2013 for The Mission Continues. They will be serving in their communities over the next six months under a fellowship from The Mission Continues—a group that empowers veterans to serve their country in new ways through action-oriented programs. The Mission Continues Fellowship Program harnesses post-9/11 veterans' strengths and compassion and empowers them to serve again on a daily basis through six-month community service fellowships. The Mission Continues Service Platoons bring veterans of all generations together to work as teams to build stronger communities. John is working to develop a homeless veterans program at the Panama City Rescue Mission using functional analysis (a simple process any Pentagon budget or program veteran can understand).



Kittler and Howe—classmates at The Mission Continues training



Brace up, '78!

Finally, we have a note from one of our pebes. **Tim Stark '78** invited **Rick Tryon** to speak at his retirement from civil service. Tim thinks it was the first time a member of '75 ever said anything good about him.

'75 Sir! — Larry

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'Tis the season to be jolly! This is the time of year where there is much food and drink and we wish we would exhibit more willpower, but HEY! It's the holidays and we're enjoying the time with family and friends! So, loosen those trouser belts and let's get to the news (TK, is that spinach in your teeth?):

**Jim Stavridis** has the following update:

■ I am very happily settled in my new gig as Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in the Boston area. We are the oldest graduate school of international relations in the US, with about 600 students and over a hundred faculty and administrators. We award Masters and PhD degrees with a focus on international law, business, finance, security studies, development assistance, and diplomacy. Half of our students are non-US, and this year we have nearly 70 nations represented. I am doing a great deal of traveling and speaking both in the US and internationally, with trips to Europe, the Gulf, Latin America, and Asia scheduled over the next six months. Laura is here with me of course as we round 32 years of marriage with both daughters launched: Christina, our UVA grad, at Google and getting married to a medical student in March; and Julia just commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy out of Georgetown. She is a Navy nurse working at Bethesda at the National Medical Center. Hope to see classmates much more frequently after moving back to the USA after four years as NATO Commander with a HQ in Belgium! ■



Laura Stavridis at the keel laying of JOHN FINN DDG-113 in Pascagoula — she is the ship's sponsor!

**Peter Varsanyi** is proud of his daughter, Veronica:

■ The winning design for the USNAAA 2ND Annual Army/Navy spirit button design contest was: Veronica Varsanyi-Burnside. Oldest daughter of the "Gouge master"

On a whim I nudged her to enter. She now gets two tickets for a bus ride to /from the game, party at the USNAAA tailgater, and participates in College Football's #1 rivalry. ■



Veronica Varsanyi-Burnside's contest winning design for this year's Army/Navy spirit button

**Dave Markham** has just changed jobs. Until Friday, 22 NOV, he had worked for a small business called Computational Physics, Inc., which is headquartered in Springfield, VA. Dave started his new job, Senior Program Manager at Intelsat General Corporation, which is headquartered in Bethesda, MD, on Monday, 25 NOV.

Since I didn't receive much in the way of news, it gives me an opportunity to share the annual letter from **Dave Winters**. Many of you probably don't know this, but Dave had major heart surgery this year and thankfully survived the procedure. I'll let him tell you the story and more in his own words. I now present, "A Winters Tale 2013":

■ Greetings, with the Winters Family update! Getting promptly to family status, everybody is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed except Dave. He continues to recover from having an experimental piece of high tech garden hose permanently threaded into his aorta. Given the "experimental" status, nobody can predict the ultimate outcome thereof. It does make him grumpy. Sometimes, VERY grumpy. But compared to July of last year when his life expectancy was a generous 72 hours, most find grumpy an acceptable alternative. Not everyone agrees on this point, though. Deb and Dave live in Clarksville (Monkees fans; "The Last Train to Clarksville" already left the station.). Charity lives in Clarksville. Patience lives in San Diego. Ian lives in Houston. No matter where any of us live, Deb and Dave are the only members who regularly pass within shouting

distance of each other. So, to even things up, they do more than their share of shouting. Well, Dave does anyway. (It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it. See reference to "grumpy" above.)

Belated news: Patience graduated from the University of Memphis in 2006. We already knew that. But only now (seven years later) has she finally confessed that she finished with honors. She was simply miffed that the university demanded additional hard cash for the appropriate accoutrements to adorn her gown. So she didn't wear them. (Is that a classic "Winters" behavior or what? Now do we owe her a long delayed recognition party?) Completing this news we transition straight to our story. The star is Debbie, and she likes the tale not one bit. However, we executed the over-ride clause in her contract, so the narrative appears below in spite of misgivings. Our meaningful title is:

#### DEBBIE'S CULINARY WASP ADVENTURE

or

#### "WELT'S IN YOUR MOUTH, NOT IN YOUR HAND"

(After-Action Report)

**INITIATING EVENT:** October 2010 our weather suddenly became unseasonably cool. In response, an infestation of wasps sought shelter and refuge in the Winters Law Office roof.

**TACTICAL SITUATION:** The office comprises a main hall, about 2-1/2 stories high, with a spiral staircase, loft, and a vaulted ceiling. A window is located at each end of the roof peak. Near that peak a ceiling fan hangs from a brass mount. Little wasp critters gained entrance by slipping under the outside eaves, travelling up the rafters toward the rising warmth, and emerging inside, around the brass ceiling fan mount. From there, they aviated their way to ledges of the aforesaid peak end-windows, to bask in the warm sunlight. Way up there, the wee winged nasties were no problem. But, providing a lesson of which government social engineers should take note, the number of freeloaders quickly swelled, and over-crowding pushed many off the ledge to buzz about the room in search of substitute perches, hazarding all rightful occupants in the process.

**TACTICAL RESPONSE:** Dave, the natural born killer, fetched a long-range sprayer can of insecticide and winding his way up to the loft, employed it in enfilade fire dousing the peak-windows and fan-mount.

**EFFECT:** The first impacts were remarkable. We experienced a virtual rain of irate wasps. "Dropping like flies," you might say, but not quite dead, and still dangerous, though flight-challenged.

**UNANTICIPATED COLLATERAL DAMAGE:** Enter Debbie with a cup of



shelled nuts. Our ubiquitous heroine took a seat at her desk, plopped the nut-cup down by her computer monitor, and commenced to casually snack away, her attention focused laser-like on her computer screen as she unraveled our most recent accounting conundrums. Thus were insanely disastrous potentialities created as disabled wasps unceasingly showered downward. Debbie continued to absent-mindedly munch, until...one of the disoriented but well-armed creatures tumbled unobserved into her nut-cup. From there the little monster was promptly scooped up in the center of the next handful. This created a new gastronomical concept we express in terms similar to those originated by the popular M&M candy brand of our childhood. Welts in your mouth, not in your hand! Debbie tossed back the entire wad in a manner reminiscent of whiskey shots in old cowboy movies. And, as is stereotypical in such movies, the shot bit back. Our wasp, even in his disoriented state, proved fast on the draw. Further, he was equipped with a repeater, which he immediately employed in a most disagreeable fashion. So far as we can determine, the miserable beast stung Debbie six times, all inside her oral cavity.

**DAMAGE CONTROL:** Debbie gurgled something unintelligible, and dashed from the room, her distress un-noticed by the rest of us. Removing to the adjacent wing kitchen, she attempted to mitigate the damage with a mouth-full of ice (after spitting out and stomping the offender). This effort was unsuccessful, and, more distressingly, her throat began to swell shut. Diverting to Emergency Plan B, she ran upstairs and grabbed an "Epi-pen" from her purse. Availability of this tool was serendipitous. An "Epi-pen" is an Epinephrine injection device. Epinephrine is a powerful anti-histamine that counter-acts a wide range of poisons. Debbie keeps a couple of these handy ever since the unpleasant discovery that she has a mean shellfish allergy. Not content with half-measures, Debbie gave herself two full doses, jabbed directly into her thigh for maximum effect. It didn't work. More specifically, it did not work well enough to entirely overcome the toxin, although it probably did mitigate the effects. Time for Plan "C." Debbie (while she could still breathe) staggered downstairs and choked out an order for us to call an ambulance.

This was the first indication to anyone else in the office that something was amiss. The staff promptly swung into action. Our "right-hand man" Asa Stone dialed 911.\* (See footnote.) From there, the story became one of standardized procedures. The ambulance arrived. The rescue team started an I-V. Debbie, strapped to a gurney, was trundled away as she incorrigibly dictated instructions to the medical team. (Note to self: Nurses make insufferable patients.)

Her subsequent visit to the emergency room was routine. They gave her another injection. We waited a few hours to ensure that the situation stabilized. Debbie returned home with an allergy evaluation appointment scheduled. Ensuing tests indicated that Debbie is indeed wildly allergic to wasp venom. (Note to self: Who is not? Avoid venom. They call it that for a reason.)

#### OUTCOME (AND EPILOG):

Debbie's facial swelling required months to fully abate. But, she now has her lovely countenance restored, and is undergoing periodic injections of therapeutic venom (not above her shoulders) in a process intended to create increased tolerance to wasp and bee stings. At home, all creepy-crawly-flitties sporting even the vaguest resemblance to a stinger, now get summarily wiped out ("shot on sight").

#### END OF AFTER ACTION REPORT

\*Footnote: Asa asserts we should mention that he is, "6 feet, 4 inches tall, with finely chiseled features, his forearm muscles rippling as he masterfully punched in the numbers."

With that, any other comments would be anti-climactic, so brooking no delay let us wrap up this annual tome, adding only our customary blessing; "Whatever things are true, whatever things are just... pure... lovely... If there be any virtue and if there be any praise worthiness, think on these things."

These things remind us of you, and that makes us smile.

David and Debbie,  
for the Winters clan ■



Charity, Patience and Ian



Deb & Dave Winters

Finally heard from **Howard Aschwald** (31st Co.):

■ May you live in interesting times and 2013 is definitely shaping up to be interesting. On the home front, Michelle and I just joined the ranks of grandparents - a day before my 60th b'day no less. Of course, for my middle daughter Camille and her husband, James, it wasn't just making us one time grandparents, but three at once...triplets - 1 boy and 2 girls. We have been recruited to pitch in and Michelle will live part time in Phoenix to help out, while I commute back and forth from work in San Francisco. Yes, I am still working and have even found a way to work with fellow company classmate and plebe summer roommate, George Hicks, to collaborate together for business in China. George and I have found that our Chinese connections get a real kick out of the idea that we are retired US naval officers. My son, Eric, left active duty last year (still in the IRR as a LT) and is finishing his MBA at Duke. He really wants to get back to San Francisco, but New York and his girlfriend there, have a strong pull as well. Our oldest daughter, Olivia, is engaged and will married over Labor Day weekend 2014. On a final note, I was out at the driving range 10 days ago and ran into classmate Craig Thomas (28th Company) and his wife. They are enjoying life in San Rafael and Michelle and I are getting together with them for dinner once the dust settles down a bit with our (enjoyable) extra grandparent duty. ■

As I close this column, I will leave you with this sentiment: Wishing you Peace, Happiness, and Health in 2014!!!

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"There is nothing more enticing, disenchanting, and enslaving than the life at sea."

— Joseph Conrad

Well shiver me timbers...along with every other part our body on this cold November day. Since you won't be reading this until after the Holidays, we trust everyone ate much too much at Thanksgiving, thrilled to the sight (at the risk of jinxing them) of Navy sinking Army, had a blessed Christmas or happy Channukah and is enjoying the New Year!

First up, this flashback from warmer weather during the '77 Navy-Air Force tailgate:

October saw another outstanding Homecoming golf outing in which, keeping with tradition, '77 was well

represented when the pewter was presented. Participants included Kirk "Buddy" Barker (9th Co.), Bill Herberger (9th Co.), Skip McKenzie (9th Co.), Elijah Turner (18th Co.), Chris Feeney (11th Co.), Jim Kelly (11th Co.) and Lee Geanuleas (11th Co.).



The Thursday Scramble saw the Fab Four of Feeney, Kelly, Geanuleas and Eric Utegaard (former 33rd Company Officer during our First Class year and former standout USNA golfer) edge out the team of Barker, Herb, Yours Truly and '76er Skip Zobel by one stroke. In the Friday individual tournament perennial favorite



'77: Pictured left to right above are former 11th Company Officer Mike Moffat, Dave Frederick (11th Com), Lee Geanuleas (11th Co.), Corky Gardner (18th Co.), Ollie Read (11th Co.), Jim Kelly (11th Co.), Chris Feeney (11th Co.) and Owen Thorp (22nd Co.).

Zobes beat out a hard-charging Buddy for the low-gross title, while Bill Herberger shot a dart on #17 to rob Jim Kelly of closest-to-the-pin honors.

*Editors Note:* This latest loss truly puts Kirk Barker on the horns of a dilemma. Having missed qualifying for the U.S. Senior Amateur by a single stroke because of over-imbibing, a modified regimen of abstinence has failed him in his quest to reclaim the Homecoming crown. Rumors Butch Harmon has suggested a mix of model airplane glue and meth remain unconfirmed.

Next up, **Brad McDonald (28th Co.)** informed us this past September 28th (appropriately enough), his old company roommates **Scott Spiker (28th Co.)** and **Dave Murphy (28th Co.)** gathered at Murph's country palace north of Nashville and headed up to the Navy-Western Kentucky game. They met a number of Mids, including the two super-squared-away members of the Class of 2017 pictured below with (l to r), Scott, Murph and Brad:



For those slow on the uptake, that makes them exactly 40 years junior to us. In a true demonstration of the difference 4 decades make, following the game, the Plebes slipped back to Annapolis while the intrepid but aged 28'ers retired to Murph's for an evening of stogies, scotch and sea stories.

Meanwhile, the McDonald family is still serving the needs of the Navy. Brad's

son, Tyler, USNA '05, is Engineer aboard USS *Columbia* (SSN771) in Pearl Harbor, his nephew, Austin Close, USNA '12, just qualified SWO aboard the USS *Gunston Hall* (LSD-44), and his father, Mickey, USNA '49, continues to serve as his Class President and is currently planning '49's upcoming 65th reunion.

In another football-related rendezvous, captains **Hal Garrigues (32nd Co.)** and **Cal Bagby (32nd Co.)**, American and United Airlines respectively, recently took time off from flying the friendly skies to represent '77 at Navy's near-upset of the Irish. Cal lives in South Bend and hosted Hal, who was in from Miami.



Oh, the difference missing an extra point makes!

Speaking of pilots, **Rich O'Sullivan (13th Co.)** spent a nice afternoon with **John Herr (31st Co.)** and his lovely bride Maureen while on a San Francisco layover. The shot below was taken at the San Francisco Yacht Club the Herr's home in Belvedere.



John and Rich were roomies in P-cola, and both went on to fly P-3's. After serving in VP-19 and VP-31, John earned an MBA at Stanford and has been in commercial property development ever since. He is currently Executive VP with Lincoln Property Company in San Francisco. He and Maureen have two grown children, Claire and Jack, both of whom live and work in the Bay Area.

Rich went the more "traditional" route and stayed in for 20 flying the P-3 and doing various staff jobs before retiring and getting on with Delta. Having just upgraded to the left seat of the B-757/767, he's now flying more



domestic routes, which has provided him a nice way to reconnect with old friends like John and Maureen. Rich and his wife Allison are still in Orlando, along with their son Andrew, who works as a financial analyst for ICC Capital.

And **John Vuolo (12th Co.)** checked in from Wild & Wonderful West Virginia to brag a little about a nice 5-point buck he bagged back on a brisk 16-degree November day.



We've advised John any future trophies should have symmetrical racks of 10-points or more and dress out at a minimum of 185-lbs.

Finally, we'll close with another public service announcement. Following up on the earlier communiqué from **Lee Geanuleas (11th Co.)** regarding the Class Project, (a) we've already raised over \$320,000 of the 40th Reunion target of \$1,001,977, and (b), 77's 40th Reunion has been scheduled for 28 SEPT-1 OCT 2017, the weekend of Navy-Air Force. So please, mark your calendars. The 35th was great, but we're hoping to make the 40th even better. — Magoo

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Well another year begins- gawd I hope it is a much better year than 2013. In early November I was laid off by my manager. I was among the several hundred released at Lockheed Martin Mission Systems and Solutions who found Nov 20th their last date of employment. By the time this finds its way to your doorstep I hope to have accepted an offer from some organization and be back in the workforce- or that it won't be too long from now. I know I am not the only one of us who has undergone such an experience. On the plus side, you and I come to realize at times like this (and in other hardships) what great family, classmates, Shipmates and comrades in arms we have. We *do* take

care of our own. Thanks to everyone for the words of encouragement, the listening ear, shared drink, and the link up with potential employers. I know I am truly blessed to have you in my life; proud and grateful to call you friend and classmate. Another casualty in the layoff was my recent mail file with notes from many of you. All my old news and photos were lost in the "turn in of gear". Consequently, this is a slim column. If you've sent me something that has not yet appeared in *Shipmate* please resend it to my Canoeu78@aol.com address. I'll get back on track in the next few editions. That being said, let's see what news I can recall and reclaim.

In early November, **Dave Bruce** wrote that he had "an Olmsted week, participating in two foreign official ceremonies." On a Sunday, he played "Last Post" and "Reveille" at the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph in Irchester, UK. On Saturday, he was in uniform for the first time in 10 years to present the sword to a student officer friend of his at St Cyr, France. It was a rare honor for a foreign retired officer to serve as a sponsor. Dave *did* say he shaved for the event (How long before the beard comes back, Dave?)

Congratulations to **Terry O'Brien** on his new position as Vice President of Business Development at Austal USA. Austal USA is the American branch of operations for Australia-based shipbuilder Austal. They are one of the companies building their version of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) for the US Navy. Congratulations and thanks to **John Semcken** and his partners at Majestic Realty in California (former Marines- Ed Roski and Kent Valley). Their Land of the Free Foundation raised another \$1 Million for veterans programs. Each year, primarily through their Land of the Free Foundation Golf Classic, they corral contributors to raise funds and donate the use of their resort, including the two golf courses, food and banquet facilities to ensure all of the money raised goes directly to programs that support our troops. Among organizations that have been the beneficiary of their generosity and hard work are the Semper Fi Fund, TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors), Fisher House, STEP (Support the Enlisted Program), Navy Seal Foundation and many others. As veterans of the Navy and Marine Corps who have been fortunate in their businesses they felt it their duty to help their comrades in arms and their families. Check out <http://www.landofthefreefoundation.com>. You well-heeled golfers may want to see

about playing and/or contributing next year. We salute you, John and Ed and Kent. Semper Fi!

The Navy League Special Topics Breakfast in early November had a few of our class in attendance. Not sure if it was so much to get a morning meal, listen in on *important big* Navy stuff or just to support our classmate and the VCNO, **Mark Ferguson**, who gave the breakfast speech. Having attended those breakfasts before (and the later in the day lunches and rubber chicken dinners) I am sure it was to support Mark and with a *little* interest in hearing Navy gouge. With Mark were **Tom Crowley, Joe Martin, Eddie Reid, Tom Abernathy** and **Sean Tallant**.



'78 Talking Important Navy Stuff

Best wishes for success to **Harry Harris**, now Commander of the Pacific Fleet; his predecessor, **Cecil Haney**, now Commander, Strategic Command, and **John Wissler**, who as Commander III Marine Expeditionary Forces (III MEF) was also tasked to head the U.S. joint task force leading humanitarian operations in the Central Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan. We know they'll do great!

Well that's all I got in my cranium. Of course these days there are a lot of thoughts and concerns jumbling around inside. Hope by next edition they've settled down life is now normal. Drop me a line- I need to restock the news and fill the 2000 word limit! Until then, Launchin' Spot Four.

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Greetings, 79ers!

Here we are at the beginning of 2014. Time to open those new calendars and begin planning out the year. And while

you've got your calendar open, go ahead and save the dates for our upcoming 35th Reunion: 25-28 September 2014 in Annapolis. I know, I know – 35 years doesn't seem possible (my wife notes that I still occasionally act like a teenager). However, it's a good reason to get together for a big class party and a good football game. So save those dates – further information will come during the year.



Ride Allegheny 2013: Justin Shell, Mark Shell, Andy Payne '94 and Bob Trombadore.

On to the **bold print**. First up this month (this year!) is **Mark Shell** (mdshell@trane.com), who checked in with this update on his annual bike trek:

■ **Wiz**: Just an update on Ride Allegheny 2013. I have attached a photo from the annual 310 mile 4 day Ride Allegheny (rideallegheny.org) trek from Pittsburgh, Pa to Gaithersburg, MD to raise money for Operation Second Chance (operationsecondchance.org). The attached photo has three Navy grads (right to left): **Bob Trombadore**, **Andy Payne '94**, and me, along with my son Justin Shell. This year we raised over \$300,000 for severely wounded soldiers and their families. We built the ride from 71 to 85 riders this year.

We are working on RA14 now, looking for more fundraisers/riders. We have opened up a 2-day ride option for those that want to join us and think a 160 mile ride is more their pace. Contact me mdshell@trane.com. Best regards, Mark ■

Thanks, Mark. All you cyclists out there, here's your chance to bike through the Appalachian mountains in their glorious fall colors, while raising money for a worthy cause. And since you're already heading this way for the reunion, bring your bike with you!



Mark Heinrich's retirement (l-r): VADM Phil Cullom, Roy Harkins, Simon Boocock, RADM Mark Heinrich, RADM Joe Mulloy, Sean Cate, and Sam Willett.

On the flag front, **RADM Mark Heinrich** held his retirement ceremony in Mechanicsburg, PA last October, one of the few official functions going on during the government shutdown. After turning over his responsibilities as the Navy's "top chop", Mark is now a Managing Director at Alvarez and Marsal in New York City. A&M is a leading global professional services firm that delivers business performance improvement, turnaround management and advisory services. To quote mark: "I love it!" Congrats, Mark – and best of luck on your new position.

Last November, over the Veterans Day weekend, the Alumni Association hosted the "Fallen Heroes" family members honoring the survivors of USNA combat and operational losses. At our tailgate before the Hawaii game we hosted family members of our late classmate, **John C. Kennedy**, including his sister Jan and brother Tom. John's 29th Company "family" took great care of them, showing them the Yard and escorting them at the Alumni Association Reception. The Fallen Heroes Weekend will become an annual event, so next year we will again send out invitations to surviving family members of our fallen classmates.

I received word from Alumni House that **Tyrone McGruder** passed away on 9 October 2013 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI after a lengthy illness. After leaving USNA early, he attended the University of Pittsburgh. Later he graduated from the RI School of Electronics 1982 and New England Institute of Technology 1991. Tyrone was an avid fisherman, coin collector, photographer and a fan of many sports. He was employed at Hanna Industries, Woonsocket, RI for the past 20 years.

I also received this notice from

**Matt Coleman**:

■ It is my sad duty to report the passing of **Dan Branch '59**. Dan passed away in November 2013 from the mesothelioma he had been courageously battling for some time. Then-CDR Branch was 2nd Battalion Officer while we were at USNA. Dan had been president of the Colorado Chapter of the Alumni Association for nearly 20 years. He will be missed greatly. ■

Thanks, Matt, for the update.

Once again, classmates, please mark the dates of 25-28 September 2014 in your calendar for the class reunion. Enjoy your winter – I'll see you in the Spring!

**Omnes Viri,**  
— **Wiz...**

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Greetings Classmates,

Happy Thanksgiving – GO NAVY – BEAT ARMY – and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Now that we have cut down on the number of issues of Shipmate this is a pretty all inclusive issue. So Happy Everything – and welcome to the Dark Ages. Once again at 35,000 feet on my way to Washington to moderate a conference on Cloud Computing and work with the DoD/VA Healthcare issues. Such wonderful times we live in – no budget – no plan – chaos reigns – what a perfect storm for a consultant!

Last month we published an update from "**Dad**" **Wellesley**, wellesleyal-nrobin@verizon.net who covered a gathering of the 23rd Company Wildmen. He sent in a note from **George Miller**, gtmiller152@earthlink.net that recapped some of the same event but added a little "Bull" major to the description.

■ **Joe**,

Thanks for all you do to keep us all connected. I am currently in Eastern North Carolina working as a consultant to Uncle Sam's Misguided Children. I am the program manager for "Food & Fuel 4 the Forces". The initiative is designed to find ways to increase economic benefit to the landowners over whose land the USMC trains in order to reduce the threat of incompatible development (encroachment). I am an empty-nester, moved up here from Florida in 2011. We just got back from the Philippines where Remy & I are considering our retirement options.

The 23rd Company got together in the eastern Sierra Nevada's to do a bit of trout fishing and along the way re-awaken the Neanderthal in us. It was of course buffered by our appreciation for the finer things in life. It would not do to go without good food, fine cigars and a quality selection of whiskey; not to mention sleeping on at least a rudimentary mattress. Present from 23rd were **Al Wellesley**, **Dave Lengyel**, **Ray Torres**, **Frank Stagliano**, **Geoff Houck**, **Jon Kubo** & **Steve Masalin**. Special guests and honorary "**Wildmen**" **Reuben "Bone" Padilla** and **Steve Huber**, who have been close friends of many of the



23rd Co. Class of '80, not only attended but were instrumental in orchestrating a grand time.

We succeeded in catching many fish and killing even more brain cells. Highlights included an emergency rescue of Al as a "huge" trout pulled him into the river. **Dave Lengyel** sacrificed life and limb to save him. I cannot go without noting the impressive array of "man snacks" and cigars that **Frank Stagliano** supplied. We had myriad cheeses, prosciutto, salami, peppers, jerky and more. Also a must mention was **Geoff Houck's** "killer tuna salad." Dad, Hubes, Stags and Geoff put in a lot of preparatory work and it was not for naught. Ray Torres, in from Saudi Arabia where he fly's helos for ARAMCO, brought some top shelf liquor and cigars as well.

We also had a big tequila night (afternoon really) that produced a quotable quote from **Geoff "Buffalo" Houck**, "beneath these flabby breasts beat the hearts of lions". We succeeded in getting in trouble with the campground police like it was Army - Navy. It was truly grand but without the inconvenience of jail time or physical altercations. I of course caught the largest fish and anyone who says otherwise is a damn liar. GT ■

A few months ago we lost our Classmate **Brad Peterson** to a tragic car accident. As is always the case, life goes on and I received a nice note from **Mike Ales**, AlesM@USMMA.EDU who was able to support Brad's daughter Liz, at her wedding, along with **Tom Dagostino**. He sent in two photos – the first is Mike, Ross Kellum (USMMA '11), Liz (Peterson) Kellum (USMMA '11), and **Tom Dagostino**. The second, as he indicated, more humorous, is a shot of Mike as a game day sidelines college football coach (as a result of the sequestration).



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Over the years it's always a treat to hear from Classmates who have never written in before. In this case, **Dave Hubbs**, d.hubbs@comcast.net sent in this note:

■ Hi Joe,

This is my first correspondence to you. I'd like to thank you for the excellent newsletters over the years; I greatly enjoy reading them.

After reading about the sad anniversary **Don Woollett's** death, I felt the need to bring another anniversary to your attention. On 23 Oct 77, Company Officer Nichols woke me, **Bill Bowen** and **Dave Arnold** to inform us that our great friend, roommate and classmate **David Witt** (Mid'n 3C) was killed in a traffic accident the night before (22 Oct 77) on his way home to Flemington NJ to visit his parents for the weekend. We were all part of the great 30th company. For reason too many to count, Dave was among our very best classmates. He was also a starter on the Varsity 150lb Football team.

Proudly, I still stay in touch with my old roommates of 4210 as well as my good friend **Russ Granier**. We rarely communicate without mentioning "Witty" and the fact that we still miss him to this day. This Tuesday marks the 36th anniversary of his passing. I've attached a copy of the newspaper article concerning the accident for

your information. I wish I could be at Arlington this week to honor the ultimate sacrifice of **Lt. Woollett**. I will remember him, his friends and his family in prayer. Thanks again for the great work you put into the newsletter. I too hope this email finds you, and your family, healthy and happy. My best wishes, ■

Speaking of **Don Woollett** and the recent anniversary of his death in the Beirut Bombing in 1983, I sent out a few notes to the Class via e-mail about the wonderful gathering of his Company Mates of 19th Company. They put together an amazing tribute to our Classmate including a memorial service in Memorial Hall, a reception, and a graveside service.

Here are the names in the picture at Arlington Cemetery on Saturday:

*Seated - Woollett Family, L-R: Don's nephews (Lilla's sons), Paul Woollett, Beverly Woollett, Lilla Woollett-Abbey, Lyda Woollett-Guz.*

*Standing - (L-R): Bob Aller ('80/19th), Ron Baczkowski (USMC), Steve Honan ('80/24th), Charles Dallachie (USMC), Joe Heil ('80/19th), Jay Whitlock ('80/19th), Gene Bradley ('80/19th), Rick China ('80/19th but left USNA at end of Youngster year), John Hampshire ('80/19th), Matt Lampugnano ('80/19th), Suzanne Giosa, Mike Grieco ('80/21st), Pete Cotsonas ('80/19th), Eric Giosa ('80/19th), Don Babcock ('80/19th), Jim Reagan ('80/19th), Mike Durkin ('80/19th), Jim Prosser ('80/20th), Cindy McNitt, VADM Frank Pandolfé ('80/20th), Tom McNitt ('80/19th), Nick Katsiotis ('80/19th).*



'80: Graveside

*Not seen but present: Ted Mikita ('80/19th) - hiding behind Babcock, Laetitia Mikita, Ken Curry (USA), Nancy Honan, Vivian Babcock, Suzanne Heil, Gail Baczkowski.*

Special thanks to the great leadership and initiative of **Nick Katsiotis**, ngkcnkat@gmail.com, **Joe Heil**, JPHSSH1@aol.com, one of our adopted Classmates, **Dave Bethel**, david.a.bethel@lmco.com and a host of other folks who put together this tribute to a hero who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you – from all of us. Here are a few photos including one from the fountain at Graduation, 19th Company, and finally one at the Gravesite. The final photo is extremely moving – and captures the true essence of our commitment to service with his family, his Classmates and friends – and of course Don's Grave. What an amazing moment.



On a lighter note, **Pat O'Neill Sudol**, audreyjacob@aol.com sent in a photo of a Classmates gathering in Colonial Williamsburg. She said that “While walking the rainy streets, we ran into “the Goat Man” and his goat on the Navy's birthday! She sent in this photo to capture the moment:



From left to right: Pat O'Neill Sudol, Cheryl Spohnholtz, Barbette Henry Lowndes, the kindly Goat Man, Liz Durham Hallinan, Barb Geraghty, Stefanie Goebel, and the goat... whose name was Luke!

Just before the deadline for the Column I received a nice update from **Tom Belke** belke\_tom@dotmlpfi.com who is working a few different entrepreneurial endeavors:

■ Hi Joe!

Greetings from Virginia Beach! I truly enjoy reading your articles. Recently, I was delighted to visit with VADM **Bruce Grooms** in his “penthouse suite” office at NATO Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, VA. Bruce is NATO ACT's DCOS Capability Development. Quite likely, Bruce may be the last of us '80 nuke bubbleheads still serving on active duty.

I asked Bruce, “Did you ever imagine that you'd be a 3-star Admiral when we were plebes marching around the Yard?” Bruce said that he, like all the rest of us, was focused on making it to the next formation or event on time and otherwise simply getting through the day. [It seems that we are still doing the same thing!]

That same day, DOTMLPFI, Inc. (DOT) (www.dotmlpfi.com), my “2012 Washington Fast 50” defense firm, was awarded a 5-year NATO Air C2 Capability Development contract. DOT has won 17 NATO contracts in the last 6 years! My son Benjamin (23) and I also have a second corporation: HUBZone Headquarters, Inc. (HZHQ) (www.hz-hq.com). My oldest son, Joshua (28), is a cyber and e-commerce wizard in the Big Apple. My wife Lorrie and I live in Chesapeake, VA – though we plan to move to Colorado.

I am still into competitive chess, including winning the 2008 Virginia Amateur Chess Championship (— next tournament: 2013 Atlantic Open in DC), and also long distance running (— next race: 2013 Rock & Roll Half Marathon in Virginia Beach)! Tom ■



As a final note, earlier this month, we also lost another Classmate, **Larry Arkley** after a two and a half year struggle with Cancer. Larry was a chemistry major at USNA and after graduation he served as a P-3B TACCO, earned his Masters of Finance at NPS, Monterey and ended his naval career as a budget manager at the Pentagon. For the last ten years, Larry was working in Finance Grants for Pima County. Larry always had a love of cars, Fords only; his favorite being the Mustangs. Larry and Tammy were married for 22 years and have a ten year old daughter, Megan who was the joy of his life. Just as we read the note from **Dave Hubbs** about his roommate that died while we were in school – which keeps his memory alive – it is our charge to keep Larry alive in our stories, memories and by reaching out to Megan and Tammy. He will be missed.

In closing, there are no guarantees – for any of us. It certainly brings these words to life – I hope that this finds each of you healthy, happy, and wiser today than yesterday. Please take a few minutes to renew a friendship, call a Classmate – and take care of each other. You never know what a difference you can make. We will miss you Larry.

As always, BEAT ARMY,  
— Joe

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Happy New Year Classmates. I hope you all had a nice holiday. Lots of news to report so let's get it started. **Mike Rasona** (29) wrote in with the following report:

■ "My wife Lauren and I had the privilege of attending the wedding of Stephanie Grabarek and Craig Offutt this past summer. Stephanie is the daughter of my company mate Bob Grabarek and his wife Sue. Other Classmates in attendance were Laura and **Joe Arango** (29), Ruth and **Phil Skopek** (6), and DeAnn and **Brad Gawboy** (29). The wedding reception was held at a farm owned by the family of the groom.

In the photo below are (L- R) Joe and Laura Arango, Bob and Sue Grabarek, Phil and Ruth Skopek, Brad and DeAnn Gawboy, and Mike and Lauren Rascona. ■



*Classmates at Bob Grabarek's daughter's wedding*

A while back I asked our Company reps to be a "guest scribe" for a column. **Joe Reynolds** (5) was the first to answer, and gave me the following report plus a couple of photos:

■ "I've never submitted anything for the class column in *Shipmate* before, so here in a nutshell is what I've been up to for the past 32 years. I served on active duty for 10 years as a surface warfare officer, including assignments on DEWEY (DDG-45); Naval ROTC Unit, University of Wisconsin (UW); PCU/USS INGRAHAM (FFG-61); and COMNAVUSRFPAC. While at Wisconsin, I received a Master's degree in

political science. I left active duty in 1991 to attend Harvard Law School. After graduation from law school, I worked at a big law firm in Boston for a couple of years, but decided that big firm life wasn't for me at that stage in my life. I moved in house to Raytheon Company where today I continue to practice labor and employment law at the corporate headquarters in Waltham, MA. I retired from the Navy Reserve as a Captain in 2010. My wife Betsy and I met during Commissioning Week in May 1981. Betsy went to high school in Brookfield, WI with **Steve Hampton** and graduated from UW in 1981. We were married at the USNA Chapel in 1984 and have raised four children – Kelly (25), a UW graduate (sociology) who lives in Boston and works for Sara Campbell. Ltd. as a store manager and in social media marketing; Brian (23), a UW graduate (finance) who lives in Madison, WI and works for a start-up internet company; Erin (21), a senior marketing major at UW who will be working for Kimberly-Clark in Minneapolis after graduation in May; and Bridget (18), a freshman at Indiana University. Betsy obviously did a better sales job on college than I did.

Betsy and I have lived in Lexington, MA for 22 years. In addition to raising four kids, Betsy has been very active volunteering in the local community and for the UW Alumni Association. I played competitive soccer for many years, until I tore my ACL (twice). Betsy and I golf at our local club. I'm a Revolutionary War history buff and enjoy giving family and friends tours of the local sites. Believe it or not, I also participate in a local candlepin bowling league.

Since the 30th reunion, my USNA roommate **Kim Hauer** and I have been trying to get together more often. Kim and his wife Kathy currently live in Aiken, SC. Kim was a submariner who now works for URS Corporation addressing compliance issues at the Savannah River nuclear waste disposal site. Kim and Kathy's kids Christine and Pat are both graduates of the University of South Carolina. Christine is working in New York City and Pat is attending graduate school in Charleston. In the summer of 2012, Kim came to Boston to take in a Red Sox game at Fenway Park for the first time. In April, I visited Kim and Kathy. We went to the Master's golf tournament and then did some bass fishing and target/skeet shooting on Kim's hunting property.

I've also spent some time with **Steve Hampton** this past year. Steve is currently working in Wisconsin, not far from where he grew up, as Director, Global Training Operations at GE Health Care Global Services. Steve and I played golf this summer with my wife and several of their high school classmates in WI. We also tailed together at the Navy-Indiana game in Bloomington with Steve's wife Terry and their daughters Cassie and Carlie. Cassie is a graduate of James Madison University and works in Boston. Carlie graduated from Mary Washington College. Steve and Terry still maintain their home in Yorktown, VA.

I see Director, Global Training Operations at GE Healthcare Global Services Director, and Global Training Operations at GE Healthcare Global Services **Andy Dickinson** for lunch every so often. Andy lives in New Hampshire and works in the NH/MA area. Andy is a Senior Quality Assurance Analyst at Aspen Technology. He's still playing hockey as a goalie in various pickup leagues in the area. He and his wife Toni are expecting their 9th grandchild.

**Terry Huxel** checked in from Cincinnati, Ohio: "All is good here in Cincy. Jan and I are doing great; yes she is still putting up with me after 32 years of marriage. Seth is a sophomore in the DAAP [Design Art Architecture and Planning] program at the University of Cincinnati and doing well. I am the Public Works, Water Works and Recreation Director for the City of Wyoming, Ohio (just like in the Navy – wear different hats) and Jan is a high school math teacher. I spend my free time coaching high school football with two of my brothers and a cousin."

**Mike McGuire** also lives in the Cincinnati area with his wife Susan: "Our family has been in Cincinnati for 24 years now and I continue to work in the pharmaceutical industry as VP Business Development at Prasco Labs. Susan works part time doing market research for a Cincinnati based company. We are adjusting to our empty nest as both Chris and Erin have graduated from college. Chris is a clinical pharmacist specializing in cardiology in Raleigh, NC while Erin works in project management for a marketing agency in Birmingham, AL. Our new hobby is traveling to visit our kids, family and friends."

**David Fuquea** and his wife Susan live in Jamestown, RI, where David grew up. David retired as a Colonel from the



'81: 5th Company in the Reflection Pool after the 1981 Color Parade.



'81: 5th Company 30 years later at the Reunion.

Marine Corps in August 2010 after 29 years of active service as an infantry officer, including service in Iraq and two tours at USNA. He is currently working as an Associate Professor at the Naval War College teaching in the Maritime Staff Operators Course. He also conducts research and writes on modern amphibious warfare and the naval war in the Pacific, 1941-1945. He has been published in numerous journals, including *The Journal of Military History*, *The Naval War College Review*, and *The Naval Institute Proceedings*. David and Susan's son Coleman is a senior Marine Option scholarship student in the NROTC program at NC State. Their daughter Farren is in 8th grade in the same school her father attended. David and Susan are both active in local community theater.

**Tilghman Payne** reported in from his current assignment as U.S. Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; and Commander, Joint Region Marianas. Tilghman writes, "We've been here in Guam a little over a year and probably have another year to go. Suzanne was able to work a part time accommodation

with the State Department. Til (13) started 8th grade this year and most of his time outside school (and a significant portion of mine) is spent in support of his playing football in the local Guam league. Sara (10) started 5th grade this fall and is involved in soccer, gymnastics and piano. Both are attending a DoDEA School on base and enjoy all the outdoor activities living on a tropical island entails, to include SCUBA diving and boonie stomping (hiking). I'm enjoying Guam and the job very much. I have lots of diverse duties and the opportunity for travel around the Marianas, Micronesia and Palau, places I hadn't had a chance to see much of previously. The weather hovers around 85, give or take, all year round so when I'm not in uniform it's shorts and flip-flops – something I've really gotten accustomed to. The humidity is a little higher than Hawaii, but not as bad as a Norfolk summer, and there's usually a light trade wind blowing. Overall, very pleasant."

**Mark Ashley** retired from the CEC, but continues to work for the Navy as the Operations Officer at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, MS. He and his wife Leigh Anne live in Gulfport, having rebuilt the

home which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. They have three daughters who are grown and on their own, and their youngest, son Will, is in his third year of school at Mississippi State. Mark enjoys sailing and fishing in the Gulf.

**Frank Zucco** reports that he is happily living and enjoying the view in Castle Rock, Colorado, a beautiful community south of Denver in the mesas.

Finally, from **Joel Anderson**: "I left active duty as a Naval Aviator (H-46 and SH-60B helos) in 1992, retired from the Reserve as a Commander in Technical Intelligence Analysis. Been working for NASA in Huntsville AL since 1994, currently as the Space Launch System Stages Branch Chief in the Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate. SLS is our next generation rocket and will be the largest in the world. Married [to Tonya] with a yours, mine and ours crew of 7 kids, most out on their own (1 to go).

Here is a photo of our Company mates frolicking in the Reflection Pool after the Color Parade

And 30 years later at our reunion: Seated (l-r): Mark Ashley, Brian Barton, Joe Reynolds, Mike McGuire, Tilghman Payne, Pat Roane, Kim Hauer. Standing: Gary Scott, Terry Huxel, Steve Hampton."

Joe, you did an awesome job. I am hoping you will now inspire other Company Reps to pull together their own guest columns. Thanks for the report.

We have two flag moves to report: **John Christenson** (36) is will be (or by now has been) assigned as chief of staff, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. **Alma Grocki** (32) is now the deputy chief of staff for fleet maintenance, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Good Morning, '82!

It's a Happy New Year for your Class Scribe, as my mailbox overfloweth. Let's get to it.



**Lynne (Coe) Farlow (16)** reports in:

■ “It’s been a year of change for me starting with retiring from the Navy Reserve on Jan. 1st after 30 years of combined active/reserve service. Then, after 20+ years in the corporate world (Pepsico, Dell, USAA), I decided taken the leap into my own consulting business joining my husband, Mike (’67) as a partner in Wolf Leadership Development, LLC. We consult with companies on developing human capital strategies to improve organizational and individual performance.

It’s been a challenge and great learning experience moving from corporate life to running a business where you’re the chief cook and bottle-washer, but I’m enjoying it. Mike and I are celebrating our 20th anniversary here in San Antonio, so I guess it’s officially “home”. For those classmates passing through San Antonio, please look us up. 210.913.2685 lafarlow@wolfleadership.com” ■

**Tom Guerrasio (2)** sent in a photo and an update, his first since graduation:

■ “I made a two week trip to Ghana with my wife, Laurel, and youngest daughter, Naomi, in July. The trip was fantastic and the first opportunity in the sixteen years since the adoption for Naomi to return to her native country. We visited many cultural and historic places. We were also able to reconnect with Naomi’s birth family, who are of Ashante descent. It was a great blessing to us to share a meal and exchange gifts as well as get reacquainted with Naomi’s sister, uncles, cousins and other relatives. We also were able to visit with a family friend from Ghana who was instrumental in Naomi’s adoption and now runs a Christian elementary school with about 500 children from 18 months old to 3rd grade.

“Laurel and I celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in June. Our son, Matt, is married and lives with his wife, Becky, in Wildwood Crest, NJ. Matt is working as a music teacher in Egg Harbor Township and Becky works in banking in Wildwood. Our older daughter, Jessica, lives in Brooklyn, NY and works for an e-commerce company in their fine jewelry department. Naomi graduated from college in May, with a degree in History and is pursuing a job as a teacher.

“We continue to be in touch with **Rick Low (2)** and wife Theresa, and attended Rick’s retirement ceremony aboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego in April 2012. Keynote speaker at the retirement ceremony was classmate **RADM Ken Perry (2)**. It was a beautiful



*’82: Tom Guerrasio surrounded by some of the children when he visited the Royal Christian Academy in Ghana. Tom and family brought donated school supplies and recreational equipment for the children.*

ceremony and included a passing of the flag across the officer community starting with an Ensign and ending with CAPT Rick Low, who retained the flag. I’m sure that Rick (well, Theresa really) has some great photos that could be shared (big hint).” ■



*Tom, Naomi and Laurel Guerrasio in Ghana at the Manhyia Palace, home of the Ashante king. Note that Tom is wearing his Class of ’82 hat from the 30th reunion.*

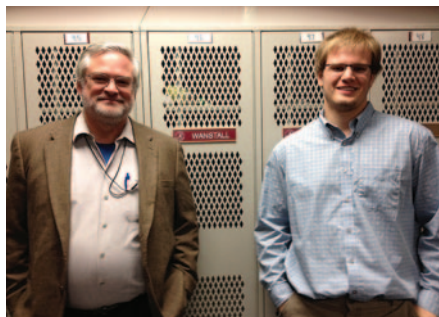
**Chris Wanstall (35)** also checks in for the first time:

■ “I don’t remember ever sending anything in to Shipmate over the last 30 years, so I figured it was about time. My son Taber (21) throws discus for Alabama, and is working his way through Fluids, Thermo 2, Engine Math, Dynamics ,etc, in pursuit of a Mechanical Engineering degree. The T&F Throws Squad maxed out in Alabama’s awesome weight room this week. Taber’s squat was something

like 520#, and his Power Clean was 385#, a team max. Didn’t get this from Dad – must have skipped a generation. Two older daughters also graduated from Alabama in Art (Elizabeth, ’10) and Education (Jessica, ’12). Both are married to great guys and living in Japan and Colorado. My wife (Rebekah) and I have been married since ’83, after meeting in Colorado at OCF’s Spring Canyon during a “New Graduates Seminar” I attended following hat toss. Roommate **Bill Jeffries (35)** and I took a graduation leave road trip down the Blue Ridge, through the Smokies, and on to the Rocky Mountains and back. Seems like a lifetime ago. It was. Spent six years active duty: SWOS Coronado, NDSTC Panama City, getting SWO on USS Kalamazoo (AOR-6), and diving at NUSC Det AUTEC Andros Island, when not on Gertrude as Ironrod Sierra (Range Safety). Then, Rebekah and I settled in her hometown, Tuscaloosa, when I decided to study Engineering Mechanics at Alabama’s grad school. Been a research engineer at Southern Research Institute in Birmingham for over twenty years, testing and evaluating materials, at all kinds of temperatures. Really, I just get to burn things up and break stuff, and generally get paid to do it. Sweet gig. After active duty, I stayed in the Reserves for over 20 years, working my way through only 3 units: a PHIBRON staff, startup CO of MCM rotational crew, and finishing with a very extended stint in an ONR/NRL Science & Technology unit in Program 38, more appropriate for my professional



interests. Despite breaking all career development rules and punching no tickets, I somehow retired from the Reserves as O-6 about 6 or 8 years ago. Pretty uneventful life, but I have no regrets – wouldn't trade it for anything. Time to hear from some other 35ers!" ■



Chris and Taber Wanstall in the University of Alabama Track & Field locker room

**Jeff Mauro (8)** provided the following "sound bite", summing up the past 31 years:

■ "West coast P-3 NFO for one tour, TPS, transition to AEDO, NPS, three tours in DC area doing fun and exciting stuff I can't talk about, "retired" at 21 years and working program management/business development at a small company in NoVa for the past ten years. Four great kids between me and my way better half Johanna, Air Force vet (USC ROTC). Taelor (23) loving life as a hair stylist and living on her own in Reston VA; Cameron (19) sophomore varsity crew jock and EE major at Cornell; Dana (15) sophomore volleyball player; and Audrey (14) 8th grade soccer player. We live in Herndon VA, 10 mins from Dulles, and would love to see classmates passing through/living near DC. e-mail "jbm@g-c-i.net". Will try not to wait another 31 years before dropping a line!" ■



The Jeff Mauro Family: Cameron, Jeff, Dana, Johanna and Audrey (not shown is Taelor).



'82 at the Navy-Air Force tailgater.

Jeff passed along a press release for his four-year room-mate/"brother" **Marc Dapas (8)**.

Says Jeff: "He is representing the Boat School and our class in a big way at the NRC."

Marc, a 24-year veteran of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, was named as the Administrator of the NRC's Region IV office in Arlington, TX. Said of Marc: "He has repeatedly demonstrated an exemplary commitment to technical and managerial excellence in a wide variety of assignments in our regional offices as well as at our Headquarters." Marc also recently retired from the Naval Reserve after 30 years of service.

Let's finish this first issue of 2014 with some photos supplied by past Class President Dan Proulx's (31) better half, Eileen, from their trip to Annapolis from Australia in September.



Marc Dapas, Region IV Administrator for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission



Dan Proulx, Eileen and their son Travis went down to Leonardtown, MD, to watch rock star Ward Carroll (21) perform at the local pub with his band "MiLES FRoM CLEVeR."



Dan Proulx and Davy Jones (20) at the Delaware game. Davy is wearing the Auzzie hat Dan gave him.



Michelle Quillin, Tom Rowden (24), Eileen Proulx and Suzy Rowden share Navy spirit with Bill the Goat.



The Proulx Family: Dan, Andrew, Travis and Eileen at the graduation breakfast from Infantry Officers Course. Travis is heading out to camp Pendleton for his first tour.

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Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2014, and ... BEAT ARMY!

Looking good, '82! – Raz



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I always have difficulty figuring out what to say at the opening of each column because I am typically writing the column 2 months ahead of the publication date. In this instance I am writing in mid-November, with the reunion and Thanksgiving bearing down on all of us, yet this is the January-February 2014 issue to arrive in your mailbox on/about January 31st.

So Happy 30th Reunion, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year – I think I even put them in the correct order, albeit all of them are over and done with, and in reality the dark ages are upon us once again.

The football team has had an up and down season, but beat Air Force and lost a couple of games they shouldn't have, including a tough one to Notre Dame (ok, maybe they weren't expected to win, but they almost did). Going into the final home game of the season (our reunion), they stand at 5-4 with three games remaining including the regular season ender in the now almost guaranteed victory against our comrades from up North. Looking into my crystal ball, I see a team that finishes at least 7-5 and going to a bowl game (which will also be completed by the time you read this).

Since there were lots of classmates signed up to attend the reunion festivities, and a lot of folks emailing in the final few days asking to get in to the gaiter, crabfeast, looking for game tickets, hotel rooms, ..., I expect the following Shipmate columns will contain lots of reunion newz and pictures. No matter who is the next class secretary, they will need your newz. So please send in reunion newz, pictures, ... and other newzworthy items to 83shipmate@gmail.com

Onto da newz:

**\*Brian LaRoche:**

■ Attached is a photo of Captain (Ret.) **Joe Nolan** and me, taken 1 October on the occasion of my promotion to Rear Admiral (upper half). We held a small

private ceremony with immediate family in the office of the Chief of Navy Reserve. It was terrific to have Joe there, my best friend since our days at NAPS and someone who has been instrumental to helping me during challenging times in my life. Thanks for being there classmate!

2 Stars

For the Navy I continue to serve as Deputy Commander Surface Force Atlantic (part time) and in my civilian job (full time) serve as Director of Programs for Northrop Grumman's Defense Systems Division in Herndon, Virginia. Turns out balancing two jobs has its challenges! On the home front Cheryl and I are blessed with 4 great kids; Brianna (27) married to a Navy P3 Instructor Pilot, Nicholas (25) works for Northrop Grumman in the offensive cyber business, Justin (19) who is a sophomore at Penn State (that GI bill came in real handy), and Madison (12) is my talented 7th grader and really keeps Cheryl and I on our toes. We live in Warrenton Virginia; if anyone is travelling through the area give us a shout.

We are really excited to see everyone next month at the 30th reunion, safe travels!

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Brian L. LaRoche (5th Company)  
blaroche83@hotmail.com ■

Congrats Brian !

**\* Larry Smith**

(ldsmith83@hotmail.com) welcomed his first grandchild Natalie Josephine Smith, August 31, 2013,

**\* David Acton**

(oakharbor4actons@comcast.net) 1st company, Oak Harbor, WA. David wrote in to say he

couldn't make the reunion, but he would be there for the 35th for sure. Those that know David should check in with him and his wife Patricia.

**\* Million Vets March – Burly Bearded**

**Dan Braswell** writes: I'm Washington, DC this morning to participate in the Million Vet March on the Memorials. Started at the WWII Memorial with my beautiful wife Patti Walker Braswell and then we marched to Lincoln Memorial and finally the White House. Very civil crowd. Not much news coverage. Lots of



DC Police and uniformed Secret Service present. Required a very early start to drive up from Mineral, Virginia, but glad we made the effort."



Braswell's

★ The old and the young: Dateline Navy Birthday, locale Kabul. As **Bob Gilbeau** cuts the cake with the youngest Sailor, Bob wonders how he got to be the oldest Sailor present.

"Oldest and youngest Sailors cut the Navy Birthday Cake at the New Kabul Compound" ...I hate feeling old....



Navy Birthday

★ I retired from active duty in 2003. I am now Silencing Advisor for the Pacific Fleet, based at Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor, WA. My wife Jennifer and I have been together for 21 years now and we have two kids, Laura, age-15, and Jon, age-12. We also have a big yellow dog. I am an avid mountain-climber (started in Yosemite at age-9). In October, I summited the 6th highest peak in the world. Cho Oyu, Tibet, China.

– **Matt Tammen**, Company 18



Top of the World

\*In the category of late newz (I forgot to use this in the last column), the '83 crowd attended a Nationals baseball game event organized by Steve Fischer. Five alumni plus family. Left-to-right: **Steve Fischer, Don Holcomb, Rich Rivera, Ed Rahme, and Norbert Doerry.**



Baseball

\* Remembrances of **Chris Murch** continue to come in

■ I didn't know Chris at the Academy but had met him at a couple of San Diego Alumni Chapter luncheons. I attended a Small Business seminar on internet marketing and Chris aka Captain E-Mail was the Constant Contact speaker. I said hello and he offered his help with e-mail marketing for my newly minted architecture firm. When I met up with him for coffee he asked me if I wanted to do a radio show. The annual Society of American Military Engineers design and construction industry day, Camp Pendleton Day, was 2 or 3 months away and that seemed like a possible venue. From that short meeting Chris made the radio station side of it happen for me gratis.

He showed up at 0600 at the event to be my engineer for the day. There were some technical difficulties with the phone line and Chris improvised on the spot and had me conduct the interviews via cell phone. Everything went off without a hitch. He even covered for me when one of my guests was a no-show and interviewed me off-the-cuff for that segment.

I have to tell you it was a tremendous amount of work preparing for that show! Arranging the guests and pre-interviewing them was very time-consuming and stressful. But the actual show was even more stressful. Chris had given me a lot of pointers early on and his help was invaluable. After the show I was totally spent and had a new respect for talk show hosts!

People still remember the show 2 years later and ask if I'm going to do it again. It got me a lot of respect in the short term and I'm sure led to some business in the long term. But Chris

wasn't done there. He asked me to be his co-chair for another business networking event. The credibility and contacts I got from that event helped me again. He was always looking for ways to help a classmate. He truly was 'A Class Act'. ■

**Don Hinderliter** donald.c.hinderliter@gmail.com

■ Chris offered to help me when I told him I opened up a Filipino Martial Arts School in San Diego. He immediately knew what to do to help me and informed me that one of his clients was with the Manila Press here in San Diego and he wanted to get me some exposure.

Seeing him at any USNA Event involving a classmate and other Alumni Events, he even stirred up a conversation at the 83 Padres Game event that he organized when two USNA '10 alums sitting behind us recognized his Navy Jacket. Those young grads couldn't believe that we still hung out together all these years. They really admired us so much after seeing that the USNA Brotherhood was a lifelong connection.

**Greg Cerezo** ■

\* I will end with words from one of our esteemed classmates, **Jeff Benson** pnjben@verizon.net (with editing help from **Jim Nail**).

■ Four Years by the Bay—By Jeff Benson

Four years by the bay seems a long time ago

For some in a place far from home don't you know?

We came from our houses, we came from the fleet

We all came from places we thought were so neat.

Now off to this college, to make our Dad's proud

We learned to salute and shout things out loud.

From chasing the man in a shirt colored red

To folding our clothes and making our beds.

We learned quite a lot and that is a fact So we labeled ourselves 83 'A Class Act.' From YPs and sailboats and motorboat launches

We marched and we sang and sat on our haunches.

From 'Laws of the Navy' and 'Laws of Old Salty'

To standing in hack, when performance was faulty.

A story was told, about hurting a cop

But he chased us himself and fell in some slop.

Fight Army no losses, there was just one tie

Our four years were over in the blink of an eye.

We finished those years with smiles on our faces

Then went to the ships and the subs and the bases.

Some flew in the sky in helos and jets

While others were grounded though not a safe bet.

One flew with the Angels and one flew the shuttle

And another still tried to go join the huddle.

We now have our Flags and a few Execs too

It's not what we are, it's just what we do.

We try to work hard but we all must take leave

Our talents not judged by the rank on our sleeve.

We've lost a few friends on the way in those years

But the show must go on in spite of our fears.

From the edges of space to the depths here below

We follow our hearts and onward we go.

Our friends and our family and our service to God

Each year we fight on with no care for odds.

The sea and our service is what makes us strong

To doubt our convictions would be oh so wrong.

As time marches on and we've become old

We wear what we earned in shades 'Blue and Gold.'

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(Morse Code) ■

Life is fragile, so please pick up the phone, send an email or knock on a door. Make a commitment to reconnect with your friends, whether they are from the old neighborhood or just around the corner. Do it today.

Once a classmate, always a classmate.

Chris

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Dear Classmates,

Well, another column and not a lot of input from the class. So you will have the pleasure of hearing about the events surrounding my life which includes both the Navy-Pitt and Navy-Hawaii football games and my husband's retirement from the Navy after 30 years of active and reserve service. (He went kicking and screaming!) I was so moved that we had so many classmates (and spouses) and alumni (and spouses) assist us with Tom's retirement from the Navy. The ceremony was held at the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

We were honored to have as the guest speaker, **Rear Admiral Allie Coetzee '85**, Deputy Director, Contingency Contracting, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. Less than a week after the ceremony, Allie was on her way to Afghanistan for an eight month tour of duty. Allie made very personal and touching remarks that made the evening special. Thank you so much!



RADM Allie '85

Another esteemed member of the Class of 1985, in addition to RDML Allie, was **CAPT Kathleen O'Neill '85**, who served as an honorary sideboy. Kathleen schlepped up from Baltimore to attend and we were very pleased that she was able to make it. **Jane Lochner Zabel's husband**, CAPT Michael Zabel, was also

able to serve as a sideboy. Mike also made an amazing Farewell Paddle that he personally did the knots on and had it available to be signed by guests. His presentation was flawless.



CAPT Tom Chase, departing!

One of our plebe rates (Midshipman LCDR Brad Bellis, Fourth Battalion Commander), **CAPT Brad Bellis '81**, served as the honorary Boatswain. Brad, his wife Kim, Tom and I were out at dinner one night and were discussing the retirement ceremony. Tom was concerned that that he was having difficulty obtaining a boatswain. Brad said that he learned how to "pipe" during the mid-watch as a surface warfare officer. So Tom got the cobwebs out of his wallet, purchased a boatswain pipe and Brad was "pitch perfect!" (Yeah, pun intended!)

Family USNA types in attendance were my brothers, **Kenny Kasprzak '86** and **Fran Kasprzak '90**. In addition, my uncle, **CAPT Jack Shanley '56** and his sons, **CAPT Jay Shanley '88**, **CDR Kevin Shanley '89** and **Gerard Shanley '90** were also able to attend.

Classmates who attended were **Mary Beth Chipkevich, Jane Lochner Zabel**, with Mike and twins **Michaela Zabel '21** and **Nick Zabel '21**. All the way from Indianapolis, **CAPT Dianne Hardin Archer**, attended with her husband, Denny (an esteemed Citadel graduate.). We cannot thank each of you enough who helped make the event so special to us!



Dianne and Denny enjoying brunch.

Sunday morning, the Archers and Zabels went past the call of classmate loyalty and helped me with a family Sunday brunch. My son, Tommy was serving Mass and this was the first time that his grandparents were able to watch him serve Mass. I needed people to help me "watch" the egg strata. Think about it, a Sunday brunch with a bunch of Supply Corps captains each all trying to "out Martha Stewart" each other! Dianne wins, because she was the CV Suppo!

I was able to attend the Navy-Pitt game and did it a new way, we attended our first BOATGATE (as opposed to a tailgate)! Brothers Bob and Bill Balaban had a "serious" sailboat down in Ego Alley, the GUSTO II, and my family and several friends boatgated before and after the game. (You know that a sailboat is "serious" when cutout cookies are served that are personalized and detailed to resemble the boat!) Check out the photo of me, my son, **Tommy Chase '24**, his friend Matt and Mary Beth. The Balaban Boys were rooting for PITT but the outcome worked out for Navy. **Mary Beth Chipkevich** hosted one of her signature tailgates before and during the game (I do love the personalized parking spots!) and a great time was had by all.



Boatgating After the Navy - Pitt Game!

I was able to sneak down to Annapolis for the Navy - Hawaii game in November. **Mary Beth Chipkevich** hosted her usual crew and after the game had a hearty, tasty dinner that several first class midshipmen from the 12th company attended. **Mary Beth** sponsors **Kelsley Shevock '14**, daughter of one of Mary Beth's co-workers. I will say that I am very impressed with today's midshipmen. Kelsley has been selected for one of only ten slots for Surface Warfare (Engineering Duty Officer Option). Wow! One of my other dining companions, **Justin Chock '14**, who was the first semester First Regimental Commander, was preparing for his journey through the Rhodes Scholar interview process...we are rooting for you, Justin!

I had some fascinating conversations with the midshipmen. I found it pretty interesting that many mids have smart-phones. So I facetiously asked if there was an automated form two yet and heard some interesting gouge. The Bancroft Hall rumor is that some of the USNA Company officers have been using the electronic MIDS (Midshipmen Information System) system to fry each other for things that they allegedly did as mids since they are in the system. Hmmm. I wonder if USNA's esteemed Supply Officer, **CAPT Doug Borrebach** had been fried via this cutting edge methodology? Doug has so much material, so little time!

Another rumor is that the Computer Science Department is designing an iPhone app for a capstone project that links with the MIDS system so that you can fry mids on a mobile device! That gives new meaning to "there's an app for that!"

That is all I have for now. I will be lurking at the Army Navy game with my daughter, **Mimi Chase '22** looking for classmates! Please send me your stories and photos! We all would love to see more of the current crop midshipmen enjoying this historical event with their parents!

Warm regards,

Toni Kasprzak Chase and "The Staff"

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Dave Ruiz burial



Julia Ruiz donating class ring to the Naval Academy

My first note is from Tammy Ruiz widow of **Dave Ruiz (23rd Co)**. From Tammy Ruiz,

■ I have sent two photos - One of Dave's burial in Polson, MT in Sept 2012. Dan Newman flew up for it. The other photo is our daughter Julia on Aug 13 when we gave his class ring to the Naval Academy to replace the replica that has been in that spot since graduation. I like the fact that his ring being there carves a special place for him in class history. I've been in touch with other USNA widows, 85 and other classes and have felt very supported since Dave's sudden death. I've come to meet other 85ers in our little Church in Spotsylvania, VA. Dave's parents are still in Ronan, MT on the golf course...stop by for a round, a brew, and tell stories of him. ■

My second letter is from **Mike Coury (36th co)** who waited close to 30 years to submit his first shipmate article.



Scott, Mike, Bette and Wade pose for a group photo at the COC ceremony



Maureen and Mike take a breather after the ceremony



CoC Official Party (RDML Rich (previous CNRNW) Bette, Mike and Jim

■ Greetings fellow classmates. Dropping a line since there was a reunion of 85ers of sorts in the great Pacific Northwest back in July during my change of command after three (plus) years at the helm of Naval Station Everett. So I asked **Scott Smith (30th)**, **Bette Bolivar (28th)** and **Wade Schmidt (8th)** to join me in a group photo at the ceremony. Scott is the Installation Program Analyst for NAS Whidbey Island, working numerous projects including the transition of EA-6Bs to EA-18Gs and P-3s to P-8s. Bette had just assumed Command of Navy Region Northwest about two weeks prior to the ceremony after 3 years as CNIC COS following her own installation command. Wade is the Navy Region Northwest N6 (IT) department head, handling everything from Computers to Networks - or anything that has a "tron" running through it. It was great to work with all of them in various capacities during my tour. Maureen and I were all set to retire, but the Navy offered us one last tour as COS for COMCARSTRKGRU ELEVEN (USS NIMITZ), keeping us in PACNORWEST, so how could we refuse. I leave Naval Station Everett in good hands with fellow USNA grad (87), **Jim Duke**. ■



Laura McDonnell, Angela Pretuncio and Stacey Dezelon



Pat MacPherson, Jeff Bernardi and Brad Olds

I also received some great pictures from tailgaters this season. A nice picture of the hot babes Laura McDonnell, Angela Pretuncio and Stacey Dezelon. Another picture of Pat Macpherson, Jeff Bernardi and Brad Olds enjoying a tailgater.



Would like to give everyone the heads up on our 30th reunion. The date has been selected 2-4 October 2015, Navy Football beats Air Force that day. Bob Smith is recruiting volunteers please bob @ dc8driver@insightbb.com. Make your plans now so that we may have 100% participation in 2015.

As always this article is only as good as the info you send me. Please send me letters, notes, facebook messages, carrier pigeons anything you want so that I can pack this article every Shipmate.

GO NAVY!

VO (25th Co)

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From the Secretary ... Thank you! This is much easier to do with all the help

**William 'Stan' Pendergrass** (33th Co) informed us of an event honoring one of our fallen classmates.

■ "On October 19, 2013, the Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 49 dedicated the Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 hanger to Lieutenant Colonel **David S. Greene** (33rd Co), killed in action over Iraq April 7, 2004. In attendance were his wife, Sarah Greene, his children, Jena Greene and Wesley Greene along with other family members, friends, shipmates and fellow Marines. Several Companymates and Classmates were in attendance: Stan Pendergrass (33rd Co), **Mark Roeckell** (33rd Co), **Dan Beldy** (33rd Co), **Gerry Sherman** (33rd Co) and **Glenn Perkins** (2nd Co)." ■



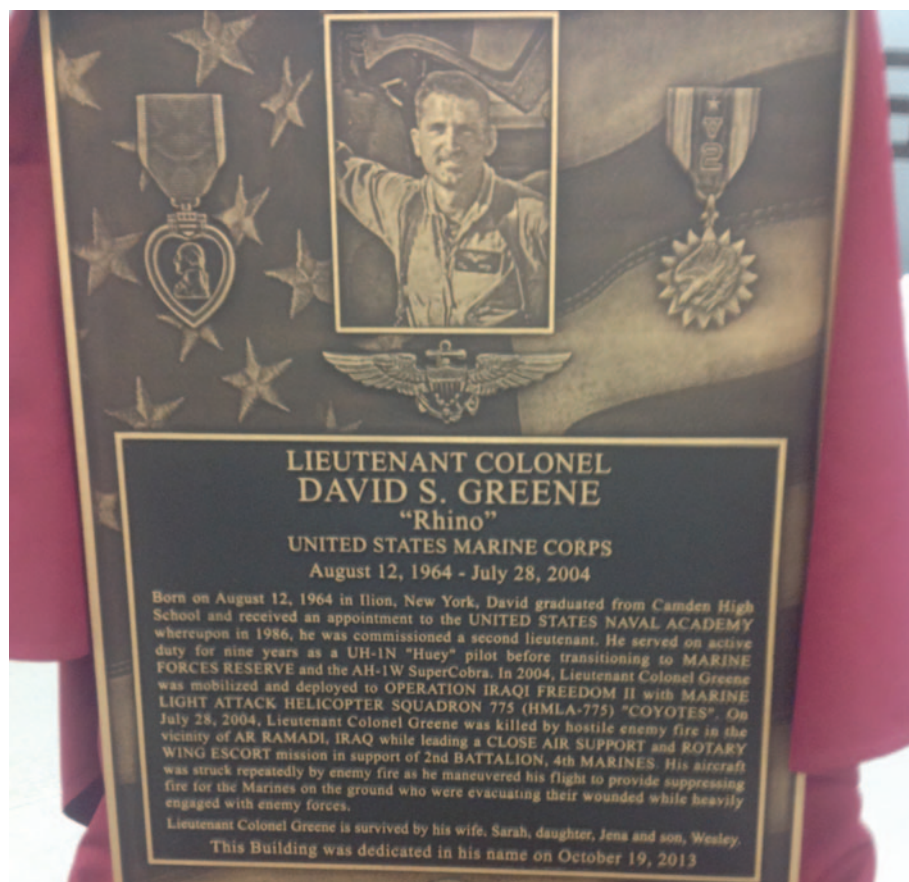
Mark Roeckell, Dan Beldy, Gerry Sherman, Glenn Perkins, Stan Pendergrass at the dedication.

On a happier note, **Jeff Durand** (31st Co) was shamed into contributing by Pete Detrich's submission for the last column.

■ "Just got back from the Red Sox parade, and I realized the class deserves an update from Title Town. I've been up in Boston since 98 and I'm currently working at GE Healthcare. My four daughters are on the fast track to leaving the nest— Freshman, Sophomore and Senior in high school with my oldest graduating from Villanova in the spring as a Mechanical Engineer. I confirmed with her that they don't have anything close to a Rocket Reed or Wild Bill Lee. She's positioning to enter the nuclear power industry without having to spend five years in the submarine service. Speaking of which, Kristen and I caught up with **Don Stedham** (31st Co) and his wife Katie recently. We met at the Liberty Hotel downtown and couldn't stop laughing for three hours. Nothing better than catching up with such good friends. Don and Katie are in Fairfax, Virginia and are preparing for the financial burden of college (2 sons and a daughter). We caught up with **Bill Merz** (9th Co) and his wife Martha in Kennebunk, Maine (Martha's parents are next door neighbors to President Bush -

41) right before Bill went off to San Diego to take command of the Mine and Anti-Submarine Warfare organization as Rear Admiral Merz. All in all, pretty bizarre, given that Bill is this generation's Dick O'Kane. Martha will stay in Northern Virginia until their youngest graduates in the spring (rising USNA candidate) and then she'll move to San Dog to chill out in some spectacular Point Loma flag quarters. Staying in Northern Virginia, **Tom McGovern** (31st Co) retired last year and joined the ranks of GE as a professional lobbyist in the aviation industry. On a side note, Jimmy Pitts wrapped up his year with the Strategic Studies Group in Newport and is back in DC. I've been creeping on Facebook and discovered that **Damon** and **Joy Bateson** (31st Co) are impressive producers of federal academy graduates. His oldest graduated from USNA and his second is wrapping up at the Coast Guard Academy. He's got one more to have a clean sweep!

On a 'damn, I'm old' thread, my wife and I celebrated our Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with Tracy and **Pete Dietrich** (31st Co) out on Cape Cod at the Chatham Bars Inn. We had a blast!



'86: Green Memorial

Pete's oldest graduates this year from South Carolina and his boys are in line to join the Tri-Delts in some swank California public university. I've had the chance to catch up over lunch a couple of times this year with **Mark McVay** (27th Co) and **Bryan Semple** (26th Co). Both are living the high life in the world of fast-growing start-up companies. **Mike Taylor** (26th Co) is wandering around Boston, as well, although, he's kept a low profile. It's likely that he master-minded the recent Twitter feeding frenzy. **Cooper Crouse** (31st Co) is down in Austin preparing for the 2014 South by Southwest jam session in March. Stop by and see him! I've been running with some of our impressionable underclassmen, as well. **Jim Matheson** ('87) lives in the Boston area and joins me every year for our spring golf trip. He's an aspiring yoga instructor when he's not funding new CleanTech solutions as a managing partner at Flagship Ventures. I am also indebted to **Earl Jones** ('89). He sponsored me at GE three and a half years ago and has since moved on to the venture capital world, as well. He's trying to fund the next *Back to the Future* fusion reactor that is powered by food waste ... I'd say he's about 3 years away. If you're ever passing through Beantown, don't hesitate to give me a holler. Plenty of room at the inn." ■



*The Stedhams and the Durands.*

On a final 'you never know when you will run into someone' note, your humble secretary was driving through Southern Maryland following a green SUV with aviation stickers galore and a USNA Alumni plate. Stopping at a particularly long light, who should jump out of the

car but **Don Bouchard** (26th Co). As always, I put the arm on Don for an input for the column:

■ "I work for NDTI managing a program that supports PMA-205, Training Systems. My wife Sharon, who supports the MH-53K program, and I have lived in Great Mills for the last thirteen years. Our oldest son attends UMBC as a freshman, our second son is a sophomore at St. Mary's Ryken High School and our youngest, my daughter, attends St. John's School in Hollywood, Maryland." ■

Keep the notes coming! kj

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Hello '87,

Happy New Year! Thanks to our contributors for all their news this month. Please enjoy and send your own news to [rob.pinataro@stny.rr.com](mailto:rob.pinataro@stny.rr.com).

**CDR Rob Calhoun**, USN, PhD,  
*Associate Chair, USNA Chemistry, and  
Men's Glee Officer Rep* sends:

■ "How small the world is. The Winston-Salem Symphony brought the Men's Glee Club down for a Veteran's Day event and I was there in my capacity as O-Rep. We took our seats in the crowd and a nice lady next to me asked about my background. When I mentioned that I graduated from USNA in 1987, the man in front of me turned around and said, 'I graduated from the Naval Academy in 1987.' It was Vic Tuttle. While neither of us recognized each other at first, we figured it all out quickly. Since Vic was the center for the football team, I made sure Alice Ann got a picture of us so I could send it to the Dant. It should be noted Bill recognized Vic even though most of the time he saw Vic from a different angle. The class should be proud as that is actually Coach Tuttle. He is the football coach for a small school nearby in NC, and I'm sure he is in a very elite group since he is also teaching AP calculus. I know none of my football coaches ever taught Calc..." ■

**Todd Bolinger** has some very nice news to share:

■ "Hello 87 classmates. Better late than never. I am very proud to welcome another graduate to the Alumni Association. My oldest son, **Curtis Raymond Bolinger**, commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, USMC on May 24th, 2013. He is currently at TBS and upon completion, will report to Naval Flight Training to exercise his air contract. Also pictured in the photo are my younger son, **Christopher**, a senior at the US Merchant Marine Academy, and my daughter, **Codi**, a junior in High School. Mary and I are extremely proud of Curtis and our other two children and are grateful for the opportunities the academies have provided for our sons." ■



*(Left to Right) 2nd Lt Curtis Bolinger '13, Codi Bolinger and Christopher Bolinger at Curtis' USNA graduation"*

**Scott Hunnemeyer** sent his first ever Shipmate contribution (Thanks, Scott!)

■ "Good morning '87, I am writing to celebrate **CAPT Chris Bolt** (21st company) taking command of the USS Ronald Reagan in early August. Along with me, other classmates in attendance were **Eric Dano**, **Mike Herrera**, **Brian Hendrickson**, **Al Herman**, and **Jack Kennedy**. Also in attendance was Chet Lemmon (88). It was a great Navy day for Chris and his family, as well as the class of '87. The crew of the USS Ronald Reagan is blessed to have Chris as their Skipper; he is a great officer, friend, and classmate.

Here is my 27 year update: I married my wife, Paula, in the "mother-in-Law of Naval Aviation" exactly two years after graduation. We have moved a number of times, finally settling in Colorado Springs, where we are raising our four great kids. You may have noticed the Zoomie in the picture. I left active duty in 1995, remaining a civilian for almost 15 years. You classmates inspired me at our 20th reunion, and I looked for a way to get back in the military. I eventually landed in the Air National Guard as a 46-year-old Captain, attended Intelligence Officer School, and am now a Major supporting

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the missile warning mission in Colorado. Although the uniform is a bit odd, it's great to bring some Navy tradition to the world of the Air Force." ■



Left to Right) Jack Kennedy, Al Herman, Scott Hunnemeyer, Brian Hendrickson, Chris Bolt, Eric Dano, Mike Herrera at Chris Bolt's taking command of USS Ronald Reagan"



Left to Right) Scott and Paula Hunnemeyer"

Here's wishing all of you a happy and healthy 2014!

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You should know by now that **Jim Schwab** has replaced **Tucker Hite** as our Class President. Thanks for your five years of service, Tucker! If you look in the header this month, you will find the contact information for Jim. He has some great ideas for increasing the class contributions to our columns. **Henry Stoevers** will be working with him on this. I haven't received any input since our reunion, so if you took some good pictures and have some updated stories, send them my way. Also, I heard there will be over one hundred classmates at the Army-Navy game this year, so send your pictures and stories from the game as well.

Before I close the column, here are a few words from our new President.

■ By now you will have held our Second Annual Class of 88 Army-Navy Tailgater (and hopefully won our 12th in a row over the Black Knights of the Hudson). A big thanks to **Dave Cleary** for taking the lead, **John Devine**, **Chris Lord**, and all who brought food and drink to support a great event. Our goal is to hold this event on an annual basis, expanding the group every year. If you missed this year – plan on attending next year in Baltimore, and look for announcements starting in September. We are also working on a date for our 30-Year Reunion. With the change in conference, the 2018 football schedule has not yet been posted. Once it is, we'll lock it in and get the word out to save the date. Jim ■

Eric

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Greetings 89ers!

By the time you read this, Navy should have beaten Army and won their bowl game! Slim pickings this month. I received a nice email from **John Colletti** ('91) about **John Olsen** –

■ "I've known your classmate John Olsen for about 15 years now. We served together at NAVAIR back in 95 time-frame; I'm working for him now. John and Alan Reyes ('90) worked together at K12 for several years and Alan was my 13th Co Commander. Photo attached.

Thank you and Beat Army!

Jack Colletti '91

Class of '91 Shipmate Secretary ■



Connecting  
the USNA  
alumni  
family  
through  
the years...

Here's a photo update for **John Olsen**, who was recently tapped as CEO of Delta Career Education Corp. based in Alexandria."



Chops Reunited: John Olsen '89 (CEO of Delta Career Education Corp), Alan Reyes '90 (SVP of Ops at the USO), and Jack Colletti '91 (Business Development at Delta) at Olsen's humble abode in Alexandria, Virginia.

Thanks, Jack, for the update!  
Go Navy! Beat Army!

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Classmates, this month's issue features our classmates from the 7th Company!!

From **Bill Bloszinsky**; aka. "Bloz"  
(The wandering hippie warrior poet):

■ "Here is a photo from a couple of 7th Company Alumni. This is me (far left), Colonel (Sel.) **Fred Schenk**, USMC, 2nd from the left, and the rest of the Schenk clan on the occasion of his parent's 50th wedding anniversary in Homer, Alaska this July. Within 10 minutes of dropping the hook, Fred had the first halibut on

deck. 25 years after plebe summer, and I'm still trying to catch up to him. Within 3 hours, we all limited out and brought back about 100 pounds of fish for the feast that night. There is nothing like fresh halibut, a few hours old, that you pulled out of the water yourself." ■

From **George Rowell**:

■ "I think the last time I wrote in was about ten years ago...here is an update: I am still active duty and assigned to the Joint Staff in the J-8 Capabilities and Acquisition Division. The work is interesting, and being in the Pentagon isn't nearly as bad as I thought it would be. I spent the past year as a student at US Army War College in Carlisle, PA, after command of an FA-18 squadron (VMFA(AW)-533) at MCAS Beaufort, SC. School was a welcome break from the

deployment cycle, and I was able to learn much (sometimes too much) about our joint and coalition partners! I confess that I don't keep up with my 7th Company classmates as well as I should. I cross paths with **Fred Schenk** every great once in a while. He is also still active duty and is Mr. JSF for the Marine Corps. **Jen Schaar** (Carter now) is still active as well and was my sponsor at USAWC. I ran into **Rich Arnold** in the gym here in the Pentagon a couple weeks ago...he is still AD Navy. I was able to briefly catch up with **George Botoulas** (and his wonderful wife), **Brian Stanton** and **Joe Baldwin** (and his great family) at the reunion (there may have been others...) They are all doing great. I heard from **Channing Coe** a couple years ago...he is now a dentist in Florida and is enjoying life. Additionally, I frequently correspond

with **Bill Krug**. He and his family are in Chicago where Bill teaches veterinary dentistry (is that right, Bill?) at the University of Chicago. A professor... who'd a thunk it! I hope everyone else is doing well, and I look forward to reading this issue to see how we've all spent the last 20+ years." ■

From **Vance Stone**:

■ "Been reading Shipmate over last 21 years and thankful the Academy dutifully took my money for full membership. I can now admit that I was not smart enough to do it on my own. I would have been very sorry missing everyone's updates including you Chlebowski! It has been great getting updates from fellow Midshi\*heads (my Airborne Ranger father's words, not mine). Married Kellie 21 years ago, have 2 sons Drew & Nick 19 & 15. Drew is President of Delta Upsilon at Univ of SC and planning on becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Nick is a Soph at St Mary's in Annapolis hoping to wrestle for Univ of Wisconsin. I broke my neck/back at TBS. Got sent home early with post-concussion syndrome and cervical instability issues. So I started building companies. First an Internet provider in the early 90's, then web development (took public reverse merger '99), IT consulting (purchased by Verisign 2001), and for the last 10 years Information Safeguard, Inc providing Info Security services to area companies, Dept of Energy, and various institutions. Have also been a volunteer coach for the last 12 years in football, wrestling, baseball, powerlifting and still serve in three of those roles at St Mary's High School. St Mary's wrestling program has won MIAA B conf championships last two seasons and just moved into A division this year. I have had the pleasure of working for/with Coach **Wayne Hicks** '66 and his son Dave Hicks for the past four wrestling seasons. Wayne has done so much for wrestling and the young men he has coached over the years. He is an amazing man, a great coach, and an inspiration to all who are lucky enough to be around him. His son David has done so much to help my own sons develop into fine young men. I have been blessed to have been able to learn from them and can't thank them enough for everything they have done. Picture is of my pride and joy, two sons, and Airborne Ranger Old Fart that I hope will still be fishing with me this spring and fall. I hear the Stone's Bed and Breakfast(unlicensed) is a decent



'92: 7th Company



hangout for those near Kent Island and would love to catch up with old class mates in the area. It is simply furnished but comfy. Email ahead for vacancies. Go Navy!" ■

From **Joe Baldwin:**

■ "I live with my wonderful wife of twenty years, Eleni, and our three sons, John (17), Niko (14), and George (10), in Rockville, Maryland. We live a good life with plenty of Greek home cooking, laughter, and, as the kids age, increasingly cogent argument that I lose as often as I win. Each month I read with admiration about classmates' achievements in the service and out: I salute your successes, your sense of adventure, and when life throws up challenges, your perseverance. My post-graduation litany: After completing an M.A. at U.Md., I had one divo tour (Gunnery/FCO/DCA) with a great wardroom on the commissioning crew of DDG 54 out of San Diego, then taught English (plebe English/Western Lit/Shakespeare) and sailing (CSTS/boondoggle) at the Academy. In 1999, I left the Navy for UVA Law, a wonderful school and undoubtedly the best when you have young children. I practiced patent litigation for seven-plus years at WilmerHale where I was heavily engaged in the flash memory architecture and cellphone integration wars at the U.S. Int'l Trade Commission. I have been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore for the last three-plus years, mostly defending the U.S. in a wide variety of civil suits – everything from employment discrimination to medical malpractice to FOIA to habeas petitions – but also investigating and prosecuting affirmative matters like false claims act qui tams (civil) and felon-in-possession gun cases (criminal). It is an honor to announce in court that my client is the United States. And, as a bonus, I still get out on the water a few times a year through the Downtown Sailing Club in Baltimore. P.S. If anyone needs crew, whether for a Bermuda or just a day on the Bay, drop me a line." ■

From **Scott Heisler:**

■ "Long time reader, first time writer. I have been enjoying life in historic Charleston, SC for the past six years. I support SPAWAR Systems Center here as a contractor working with US Coast Guard shipboard electronics on the new National Security Cutters and Fast Response Cutters. I've also been active in the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for three years and, between that and still racing

sailboats since our USNA days, I spend a lot of my free time on the water. To ensure I spend more time afloat I just started construction on a strip-built kayak, my winter project and first venture into wooden small boat building. I left active duty in 1999 after several deployments from Norfolk to the Med in USS SCOTT (DDG 995) and two Military Sealift ships; I resigned my commission in 2007 from the reserves. When I left active duty I went to Washington, DC to start my career as a defense contractor and worked in C4ISR both at PMS 500 for the DDG-1000 program—great to see the first hull floating at the ship yard recently—and for the Coast Guard on the National Security Cutter program. After I got tired of DC traffic and winter ice storms I decided to seek warmer latitudes. Y'all come. The photo attached is of me cruising around Charleston harbor." ■

From **Kris Perry:**

■ "After NFO training and an extended sea tour with VAW-125 Tigertails on Enterprise and Eisenhower, I transferred over to the Air Force to fly B-52Hs in 1998. I spent four and half years in Minot, ND deploying for all the major operations from Kosovo to Afghanistan to Iraq. In June of 2003, our family began 5 straight two year tours at the Pentagon, Fort Leavenworth, Korea, Pensacola, and finally to ROTC at UConn. We were pretty tired after that and decided to walk-away from Air War College and promotion to Colonel to stay here to work on staff at the University of Connecticut. I retired on July 1st this year. My daughter is a graduate student here at UConn and my son is in his junior year in high school. Gail and I have built a beautiful home here in Storrs, with plenty of room for visitors. We are truly blessed to have had the opportunity to experience a fulfilling career on active duty, and are settling in for the next phase of life." ■

From **Will Graves:**

■ "This is the first time that I've submitted anything to Shipmate...but as they say, absence breeds fondness. Way back in 1992, I moved to San Diego alongside 200 of our classmates as a SWO, mostly focused on LCAC operations, while aboard the USS MCHENRY (San Diego), USS GERMANTWON (Japan) and ACU-5 (Camp Pendleton). Interspersed in there, I was lucky enough to train for the Olympics and an America's Cup in sailing. After realizing that the Navy was among of the fastest

shrinking companies on the planet, I opted to make the civilian transition through an MBA at the Wharton School at UPENN. From there, I went to Silicon Valley focused on working for and investing in technology companies which eventually took me to Wall Street. Within the last ten years, I've worked for a very large hedge fund, based in the home-state of Wisconsin, before transitioning to Manhattan. Recently, I've launched my own fund, Boardman Bay Capital Management, focused on investing in the technology, media and telecom sectors. I also finally got married last year (at 41, I realized it may actually not be too hasty of a decision) to a great woman (Gillian Jayson) and a fellow sailor...we're expecting around press time of this article. So if you're in the NYC area, please look me up..." ■

Thanks 7th Company! Next month – 8th Company!! Till then, —Doug

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'94,

Hopefully, your dark ages are going well and good things are around the corner. This month, **Tom Moninger** wrote in about his recent change of command:



*Camille Flaherty ('95), Tom Moninger, and Stephen Coughlin, Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two ('88)*



Roland Deguzman, Tom Moninger, Adam Kinnear, and Beth (Testa) Silsdorf.

■ After nineteen months, I relinquished command of USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) on 8 November 2013. CDR **Camille (Garrett) Flaherty** ('95), who previously served as my Executive Officer, relieved me in a ceremony onboard the ship at the Norfolk Naval Station. It was great to celebrate this event with family, friends, and so many Academy alumni. In addition to the 20th Company contingent pictured is my dad, CAPT **Ed Moninger** ('65), my brother, CAPT **Ed Moninger** ('91), my boss, CAPT **Stephen Coughlin** ('88), CDR **Ron Toland** ('92), CDR **Chris Stone** ('94), CDR **Dave Richardson** ('95), and **Scott Flaherty** ('01) attended. ■

Thanks, Tom, and please keep us posted on your future successes. Best, MJ

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'95,

Happy New Year to everyone out there! 2014 is well underway which means we are only one year out from our 20 year class reunion! More to follow on that big milestone and if you are willing to lend a hand in the preparation or execution phase let us know.

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I got a letter email from **Robert Coogan** on his change of command ceremony this past summer. 'Coogs' is currently at the war college in DC and is eagerly awaiting his next adventure leading from the front. Here is a re-cap of his Change of Command festivities:

■ On 27 July, **CDR Robert "Coogs" Coogan '95** turned over command of VR-1 to **CDR Eddie Pilcher '96** at a ceremony in Hangar 12 at Joint Base Andrews in DC.

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Amos, USMC served as the guest speaker for the change of command ceremony. VR-1 serves as the executive transport squadron responsible for fulfilling the global travel requirements for the SECNAV, CNO, Commandant of the Marine Corps and other senior DoD leadership. The squadron flies military derivatives of the Gulfstream III (C-20), and Gulfstream 550 (C-37) business jets. Over the past three years, VR-1 has also operated a detachment at a forward base in Afghanistan in support of COMISAF/US Forces, Afghanistan.

Fellow "95ers" able to make it to the ceremony were **Brig Kline, CDR Ed Kinsella, CDR Matt Jerbi, CDR Bill Coleman, and Pol Mijares**. ■

**Coogs**, thanks for the gouge and good luck on your next ride! We would like to send a big kudos out to **CDR Gavin "Deetle" Duff** and **CDR Clay "CHOO" Beers** on their recent selection to the 'Major Command at Sea' (Nuclear Power Pipeline) this past October! Gents, well deserved and all the best as you trek forward in the ways of **Rickover** and onto 'Big XO'! '95 have a fantastic 2014 and drop us a line letting us know what is shaking in your neck of the globe!

'Non Sibi Sed Patriae', ~Kaz



Robert Coogan takes the podium at his Change of Command.



CDR Eddie Pilcher '96, General James Amos, USMC and 'Coogs'



General James Amos, USMC congratulating 'Coogs' on a stellar tour leading VR-1.



'95 Bubbas: Brig Kline, CDR Ed Kinsella, CDR Matt Jerbi, Coogs, CDR Bill Coleman, and Pol Mijares.

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Greetings, 1996! News reaches us from **Todd Copeland**:

■ It has taken 17 years, but with a bunch of 96ers in Corpus Christi, here is an update:

I assumed command of the Wise Owls of VT-31 in January of 2013. I am joined here in Corpus Christi by my wife, Heather and my two kids, Haley and Owen. **Marc Christino** assumed command of VT-28 in June and **Jason Wood** is currently the XO of



VT-35. Jason will take over command of the Stingrays next May. If we could just get someone into VT-27, the Class of '96 would be running the show down here in blistering hot Corpus Christi, Texas!

**Amanda Brooks** is currently the base Public Works Officer. **Gene Cran** (95er, but we let him hang out with us) is married to **Kim Ard** and is the SAU Commanding Officer of VT-35 and for those of you wondering where **James Norris** is, we have him down here too! J-No is heading up the transition from the T-34 to the T-6 and can probably still dunk on me. On behalf of all of us in Corpus, all the best to our fellow 96ers out there and Beat Army! ■

Thanks so much, Todd. Additional news on a change of command arrives with the announcement that **Matthew Collins** took over command in June from **James Bates** and is now Commander of Strike Fighter Squadron TWO at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California. Congratulations, Matthew.

On to **Anna Saenz**, who jots us a note. Please enjoy some photos...post her return from Kandahar last fall (and lateral transfer to Nurse Corps: ICU nurse these days) with a subsequent around the world tour (Sydney, Singapore, Istanbul, Nice, Paris, Dublin) and visiting with **Becky (Stein) Norton** in Hawaii.



*Top of the Guinness Factory – Anna with husband AJ*



*Becky & Anna in Kaneohe Bay*



*Becky (Stein) and Mike Norton ('97) and the girls Bridget & Katie and Anna*



*Anna picking grapes in Western Australia*



*Overlooking the Golden Horn in Istanbul*



*Anna's cat-mouflage when she got back for out-processing and stayed with Elaine Luria ('97)*

Thanks for the great pics, Anna! Happy New Year, '96! Until next issue... **Tonya**

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Hey '97! I'm drafting this column at the end of Thanksgiving break, but realize that this won't land in Shipmate until the January/February issue. So with that in mind, I hope you all have had a great holiday season overall, and Happy New Year!

Here is some recap on things that happened in late 2013.

It was another exciting and successful year for Navy football. It's still two weeks before the Army/Navy game on December 14th (from my current perspective), but I can say with 100 percent confidence that we are retaining the Commander-in-Chief's trophy once again. The current USA Today polls have Navy ranked 51st in the nation. I had the pleasure of linking up with several classmates here on the west coast for the Navy vs. San Jose State game on November 22nd. For those of you who did not hear about the results, Navy triumphed in triple overtime with quarterback Keenan Reynolds rushing for the game-winning score and setting an NCAA record with 7 rushing touchdowns. Final score: 58-52. Thanks to **Ryan Roberts** and his wife Jeanne who organized a tailgater for before the game. We were joined by **Speros Koumparakis** and his wife Bree, **Justin McAnear** and his family, **Henry Krigbaum**, **Randy Staab**, and witnessed a brief cameo appearance by **Ben Moglen**.

Ryan and his family are living in Livermore, CA, and Ryan is working in R&D (Operations & Licensing) at Lam Research in Fremont. Speros and Bree are currently in Oceanside, CA. Speros has been selected for Command, and he will be taking over the Marine Corps Communications Training Battalion at MCB 29 Palms, CA in June 2014. Justin is serving as Director of Logistics Finance at Apple. He and his family live about two miles from us in Almaden Valley. Henry is in his orthopedic residency in San Francisco and recently celebrated the birth of his third child. Randy is nearing the end of his active duty career in the Marine Corps. That prior enlisted time is definitely coming in handy now. Serving in an engineering manager role in support of MCTSSA (Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity), Randy has his

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sights set on retirement in March and moving on to the private sector for his next career. He's considering roles such as rodeo clown, motivational speaker, and amateur sand sculptor, so we'll see where he ends up. Finally, **Ben Moglen** showed up for maybe 30 minutes, having driven down from San Francisco, only to have to drive back north to pick up his wife at the airport. Bay Area traffic is no fun, so we appreciated him making the effort to link up that night, even for a short time. Ben is currently working for Pacific Gas & Electric as Director of Supply Chain and Strategy. I also heard that Rick Lombardi and Greg Mendenhall were at the game. Rick is a Strategic Account Director, working for Johnson & Johnson in San Diego. Greg has been selected for Command and will be taking over HSM Weapons School – Pacific in San Diego.



'97 gang at the tailgater. L to R: Randy Staab, Ryan Roberts, Henry Krigbaum, Aaron Shelley, Speros Koumparakis

Randy gave me an update on **Danny Sarnier** who is living the absolute dream in Hawaii with his family. Danny is COO of Paradise Helicopters on Oahu. Check him out on Facebook to see some impressive pictures, including several of the Magnum P.I. helicopter like T.C. flew on the show. Included is a photo of Danny with a large group of people in front of the MD500 helicopter and behind a candy apple red 308GTS Ferrari. Next to the car is Roger E. Mosley (T.C.) and in the driver's seat is Larry Manetti (Rick). Pretty damn cool, Danny. Let me know how soon I can come visit.

Thanks for tuning in everyone, and all the best to you as you start out 2014!

Beat Army!

–Aaron

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Triple Nuts,

I can't complain about a thing. Not only did I get three fantastic submissions that included pictures... I am in Dubai with the US Rugby 7's team as I write this and we are headed to South Africa next week. This year's football/tailgating season went very well. We have combined forces with '99 and '97 and have added another trailer to arsenal and some fantastic Shipmates from yesteryear. Keep it coming –Murph

**Chris Knaus** writes:

■ My wife, Courtney, and I just finished a football odyssey. We made it to four of the five home games this season and three of the 1999/2000 tailgaters... with three boys aged 6, 3, and 1. I like to think that the 5-0 home game record this season was due, in no small part, to our sacrifice.

What did we learn? The 2-for-7 mug (if you can find it) is great for tailgating but your not 22 anymore... drinking 30oz of beer at once means you'll be dragging the kids to the port-o-johns more than once. Oh, and the little hooks on strollers that they make for purses and grocery bags are a great place to hang you 2-for-7

mug. Having kids with you means you can sit under a blanket during a cold game and not feel like a wimp – hey, it's for the kids. They make ear muffs for kids, which is great for 3 year-olds who are afraid of the cannon. Tailgating necessities include extra diapers, juice boxes, and Disney movies on the iPad. And the cool thing about tailgating with kids at Navy-Marine Corps is that you may have the opportunity to apologize to a four-star when you kid wildly throws the football and bangs it off the BMW with the four-star DOD stickers. Nice.

It was great to see everyone: **Heather Hess Kaspar, Doug Bullock, Ben Britt, Frank Grecco, Ryan Frommelt, Dan Jent**; from 1999, **Brien Croteau**, and honorary class of 2000 member and father of **Todd Bruner, Capt (ret.) Todd Bruner**. Hope to see everyone next year!– CK ■



Knaus Crew post game



Knaus Hat



**Blake Jackson** writes:

■ Shippies, I am writing from sunny NorCal on the eve of the Navy - San Jose State game. Word is, that **Brian Lee** is going to tear himself away from his lucrative screen writing career and fly up in his private jet from LA to attend with me along with **Patrick Bernhard**, another now San Jose like myself. We were hoping the likes of **Dwain Donaldson** and **Nick Kalt** would also attend, but they may be too busy pulling cats from trees and re-arranging Russian satellite orbits to make it. I am sure there will be a good showing at the game, just as there was two years ago when Navy lost in a squeaker.

My real motivation to write in, however, was a recent Top Secret desert meeting of USNA grads that needs reporting.

Here's the story: I get a call from **Adam Page**, once NFO now budding flight doc, in the early fall that I was directed to the middle of the high desert a secret mission, along with two other no-so-distinguished fellows, **Drew Rundle** and **Dave Bringle**. Not knowing what was in store, I dutifully loaded up my lovely and patient wife Laura, and two toddler kids Betsy and Dorothy into the family truckster and headed out through the Mojave Desert to the designated secret location.

We arrived in Las Vegas just in time to witness the impossible - a real live woman marrying **Adam Page**. Yes, Katherine "Kate" Murrain of Madison Wisconsin and **Adam Page** were married in the swanky Mandarin Hotel - in a private gathering in the bar overlooking the strip on September 21. Not only were Dave, Drew and I flabbergasted that Adam had convinced a real live human woman to marry him, but that she was both very good looking and intelligent! The wedding was duly crashed by Adam's former German foreign exchange student Stevie, who just happened to be in Vegas at the time, visiting from Nuremberg. I am not kidding.

The wedding was beautiful and after the "I Do's" were exchanged, **Rundle** proceeded to win \$10,000 at the blackjack table and treat everyone to In-N-Out burgers. A good time was had by all.

Hope all is well with the rest of you in the Fleet and in CivLant. Take care. Go Navy and give a shout if you venture through the "Bay Area" anytime soon.

—**Blake** ■



*Mike Beard and another Lorio*



*Mr. and Mrs. Page*



*Big Beard and Little Beard*

**Mike Beard** writes:

■ Murph, Broke my heart to hear you pleading for shipmate submittals, so I thought I would send in some photos and updates!

Things are going great in Pacific Northwest Beard land, and our family has expanded...my son Matthew has just turned four, and our daughter Emma has reached five months. I am back in the chiropractor dealing with an old back injury suffered in the company of our Classmate **Rob Dyer** (more to follow on that...) because of the awesome ergonomics of infant car seats! When I went in, I had to tell my doctor the story of how Rob and I tried to throw up 600lbs on the Navy Football squat rack when we went on the plebe summer tour of that facility. That slipping I felt in my lower back has finally caught up with me! Rob was always persuasive, and more evidence of that can be found in his LinkedIn profile. His picture is pure dynamite...Blue Steel all the way. I recommend you check it out, but be careful, it is potent stuff.

In other classmate news, I was back at USNA this July for Blue and Gold Officer training...seems I can actually earn retirement points through this program, which is a good deal, and I get to help local students get into USNA. They put us up in 8th wing, and boy have they deteriorated since we left! Our plumbing was questionable, and the OCS commander who was my roommate wondered why the barracks were so awful. I related my stories of old fifth wing... It was fun to be back in Bancroft in the middle of summer wearing my uniform again. The novelty wore off the first night when the A/C didn't work, and there were no small fans available! They don't even sell fans in the mid store anymore either!

Well, last day there I was in King hall getting some chipped meat on a sandwich and from the corner of my eye I saw "**LORIO '14**" on a red name tag. I immediately ambushed him and drug him back to my table to show all the old alumni that the little brother of my classmate was all grown up and now a detailer! I must have looked like a lunatic to **Paul's** younger brother...I think I remember this kid visiting us as a kindergartener when Paul and I were firsties in 10th company. Wow **Paul**...your parents are dedicated!

Final picture is of Matthew and I up in the cascades camping this summer. He says we are shipmates, but only when I let him watch cartoons. Regards

**Michael Beard** ■

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'01 -

Thank you for all the submissions over the past few months! I love having good things to report and photos a plenty to share. Without taking up too many characters in preamble, let's get to it...

**Cecil (Taylor) Walsh** checked in from Texas (and Maine!):

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We are currently living in Dallas, Texas with our daughter, Daphne. **Evan Williams** ('01) finally got us out to the Red House in Oysterville, WA, this summer. Luckily, you can ask anyone in the small town for directions to the red house because none of us had cell service. **Brett Lefever** ('01) and his wife Elise, John & myself, **Matt Ahlers** ('01) and his wife Beth enjoyed a wedding week celebrating Evan's wedding to Natalie Lambert (photo of rehearsal below). Evan is trying to work co-location with the Navy and the FBI. Evan's family provided great hospitality including sailboats and clamming. After the wedding we visited **Megan** ('02) and **Mike Donnelly** ('00) in Anacortes. Meg is taking a leave of absence from the Navy in order to be home with her baby girl while Mike finishes his DH tour. A few weeks later my family traveled to Cape Cod to visit **Christopher** ('01) and **Erica (Christian) Plath** ('01) and then on to my family in Maine for 2 weeks. Erica is working in the Pentagon and Chris is working for BAE. The Plaths joined us in Maine as well. We were going to stop by Pat's in Portland, but the kids ran out of steam southbound on 295 at Freeport. We moved away from the Plath family 2 years ago, but our kids (ages 5 & 6) have figured out FaceTime. A request was made to Santa Claus asking him to move Virginia closer to Texas. (*That is awesome, by the way!*)

Here are the pictures:



*Evan Williams' Rehearsal Dinner: Brett & Elise Lefever, Cecily & John Walsh, Matt & Beth Ahlers, Natalie & Evan Williams.*



*John Walsh, Erica Plath, baby Breanna Plath, Christopher Plath, Tyler Plath, & Daphne Walsh in San Antonio, Texas.*



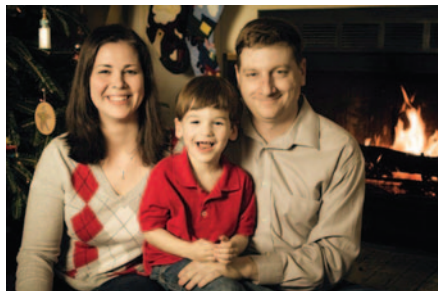
*John & Daphne Walsh and Brett & Alex Lefever.*

From **Marie (Sharpe) Hunter**:

■ "One Shipmate pic on behalf of **Tiff (Bell) Mello** ('01) & I! We reunited and finally got to meet each others beautiful kids (ages 5 thru 2) at the Navy v. Delaware game (major Navy win) & **Dave Hunter's** ('03) 10 year reunion! ■



And Eliza (Colquitt) **Marks** sent in:



■ Hi fellow '01ers! Hard to believe it's already been two years since our reunion, much less 12 years since we graduated. Feeling old yet? I can't remember whether or not I've ever submitted an input to Shipmate, but I figured it was time as we are transitioning into a new phase in our lives—hello civilian world! I have had one foot in the civilian world since '08, when I got out of the Navy and became a high school English teacher. I taught for a year and loved it, but I decided to become a stay at home mom to our little boy Nicholas and enjoy my role as a Navy wife. We truly entered the civilian world this summer, as my husband Andy retired from the military and began a new job in the tiny town of Tarboro, NC, in July. We moved down to join him in August, settling in the slightly larger city of Rocky Mount. You may have seen road signs for our town as you travel 95. Stop by and visit on your next road trip, we've got plenty of room! Nicholas, who just turned 4, is such a sweet bundle of fun and energy! He hit the ground running and transitioned much better to a new home and life than we have. It takes a while to get used to a non-military community, and we definitely miss our friends and family from the Hampton Roads area where we spent the last seven years. But North Carolina is beautiful and everyone is so friendly, so it's already starting to feel like home. Along with the multitude of change— new job, buying a house, leaving family friends etc, we decided like any good military family to throw another kid into the mix. We are expecting a little girl this December! I'm including two pictures—one, Nicholas as

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a proud big brother, and the other, it's sad, but our most recent family picture was last Christmas! Hopefully this year's Christmas picture will include a new little bundle of joy :).

Blessings to all of you, especially those who still keep the watch on land and sea; may God keep you safe and may our paths cross again soon!

Nicholas Marks  
(Colquitt) Marks Family ■

Here are some really past-due reports:

From **Kendall Bodnar** (Good heavens! HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY to Duncan!):



*The Bodnar Family*

■ “My wife, Meghan (Poukish) Bodnar ('03) and I were thrilled to welcome our son, Duncan James Bodnar, on November 7, 2012, in San Diego. I was on a year long deployment to Afghanistan at the time but was able to use my R&R to make it home for his birth. I came home for good in March and we have been enjoying our remaining months in San Diego together since. We will be returning to the Hampton Roads area in early fall on Meghan's orders to the USS Theodore Roosevelt, while I have decided to take the Marines early out offer. Leaving the Marine Corps was a tough decision, I really loved working with Marines. I commend all those lifers out there. The sacrifices you all make day in and day out are appreciated by this Veteran Marine. We will be in Hampton Roads for at least the next two years and are looking forward to Meghan's 10-year reunion this September and introducing Duncan to Navy tailgating.” ■



*Kendall and Duncan*

**Patrick Doyle** also checked in:

He is currently attending the French War College in Paris, France, and his wife, **Rebecca (Bryan) Doyle** ('01) has since transitioned out of the Marine Corps to now become an HR manager. He sent along two pictures. The first one (titled, “London”) is of the Doyles enjoying a pint in London with fellow '01 grads **Wes and Paige (Davis) Turbeville**. Wes is currently a student at London Business School and Paige is working for a consulting firm. The second is of Patrick and Rebecca taken at the “Bulldog” fountain in Belleau, France. The Doyles were there for the Memorial Day Ceremony put on by 5th Marines.



*London*



*Bealleau Fountain*

Thanks to all who wrote in – keep them coming! The more pictures and updates the better; even if you've never written in

before there is a first time for everything. No pressure on a novel – shoot me a message (email or FB), attach a photo (or not) and ta-da! Or pick a team/company Shipmate spokesperson and give us the news on what's new with all you know! Until next time...

Cheers, — Jen

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Welcome to 2014, 2002!!

Hope this finds everyone healthy and happy and still sticking to those New Years Resolutions!!

Great update from Sonia Knowles below, she and Ian have been catching up with classmates all over the country!

Send us pictures of YOUR latest adventures!

Be safe out there,

Josh, Pat, Kate, Cari, John, Charlie, & Chad

■ Howdy Y'all!

During the last weekend of September, **Ian Knowles** and I (Sonia) visited San Diego for the wedding of **Michael Clark** and his gorgeous wife Lydia Sanchez. The ceremony was celebrated at the oldest Mission in San Diego with a Latin Mass, followed by a fantastic reception at the Del Mar fairgrounds. There, we came across **David Selmo** wife Elizabeth and **Justin Wilson** with wife Genny and cute little Ruby. Together, we all had a great time sharing Academy stories, remembering friends, enjoying the wedding, the food and people.

While in Houston we visited with the Bolen Family. **J.E.B Bolen**, Wendy, girls and Atlas (their dog) are doing well. Ian was also able to visit with **Courtney Holland** up in New Jersey and for the past couple of weeks **Scott McCord**, who is now in Houston has been visiting us here in College Station, Tx. College Station is where Ian is finishing Graduate School and awaiting call from The Foreign Service. The time spent with Scott is always interesting. He was our roommate in Pensacola and the last time I saw him was before he disappeared

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on orders leaving his scuba gear behind...which Ian and I carried dutifully, for the past 11 years, until few weeks ago. Together, Ian and Scott have been attending Navy games and enjoying Houston's bar scene with **B. Colby, J. Augusto, M. Vlachachis** and few others.

I look forward to May when Ian and our family will be traveling to the Bahamas alongside **M. Cronauer's** family. Those shall be good times!

Hope everyone we know is doing well. In the meantime this is it from The Knowles Gomez Santa Maria y todos los Santos Household. AMEN! ■



*Ian and Liam Knowles on the steps of Dahlgren*



*Michael Clark and Lydia Sanchez*

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Hello '05,

It's been a while. I apologize for keeping this column blank for so long. The last time I contributed to our esteemed alumni magazine was over four years ago. Needless to say, a lot has happened in all of our lives since then: a five year reunion has come and gone, many have transitioned to careers outside of the naval service, and tragically, our classmate, Aaron D. Cox, died in May of 2009. While Aaron's death is not news to any of us, his name and legacy should serve as a constant reminder of the daily sacrifices being made by our classmates.

I think it's appropriate to reiterate what needs to be done in order to publish something under our class column. Really, the best way you can go about it: 1) send whatever text/pics to me ([jpmclaughlin12@gmail.com](mailto:jpmclaughlin12@gmail.com)) and I will send the entire column to *Shipmate*; and 2) please send high resolution jpegs for best print quality—so everyone can enjoy them. There are certain guidelines that must be adhered to, but it's a relatively simple process. Bottom line: All class columns are allowed 2000 words/in general pictures count as 100 words each—and keep it clean.

Well, here's my update:



■ I am currently living down in NC. My wife, Katie, and I recently PCS'd to Camp Lejeune, where I am serving as a rifle company commander with 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines. Sometimes it feels like we live in the middle of nowhere, but we're never really too far from hooking up with some '05ers. Back in October, Katie and I took a trip up to Annapolis to watch Navy beat-up on Air Force. We spent the weekend with **John Butler, Devin Holmes** and his wife, McKenzie. All are doing really well. John is stationed out at Camp Pendleton and Devin is at Test Pilot School. It was a great mini-reunion, but many were missed. Also, last winter we all took a trip out to Sonoma, CA and spent a long, inebriated weekend in wine country. Along with Devin and John, **Sean O'Neill, Dom Corabi, Jared Wolcott, and Jeb Barrett** rounded out the group. It really was a fantastic time. We gave wine tasting a shot, but it wasn't long until we regressed into old habits. Bud lights ruled the day and everybody proved to be as great as they ever have been. Below are some non-incriminating photos from those weekends. ■

I know. What a horrible column. If you think you can do better, prove it. I'm happy to facilitate the process and will be anxiously awaiting your submission.

Well, that's it from me. Life is happening and this is a perfect forum (aside from facebook, of course) to show off your families, assumption of command ceremonies, graduations, etc. Please do not hesitate to email me directly if you have something you would like to submit. I'm not supposed to deploy for a while, so I'll be around.

Be well, '05.

Best Regards, John McLaughlin

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Greetings '06!

Brace yourselves for another great column full of entertainment this month. Once again, thanks for keeping the updates rolling in. I'll keep the tangents to a minimum but I did want announce that Billy and Jenny Knips are the proud parents of a baby girl! This announcement is a touch late, as Billy has always been a low profile kind of guy, but no less important. Billy, can we get a picture? Congrats!

Moving on to class news, be on the lookout this spring for updates about the Class Fundraising initiative and the Class Legacy Gift project. Now that we have some years separating us from our fateful cover toss in Annapolis, it's our turn to join the ranks of Alumni that give back to USNA to ensure its future as the finest military academy and academic institution ever established. To stay in the loop, update your email and phone number at USNA.com (usna.com>Stay Connected>My Account>Update your profile) and join our class Facebook page. Enjoy the update below and keep them coming. Thanks Jan for sending in!

Andrew

Jan Shultis writes in:



■ '06,

I hope this note finds you and your families happy and well.

I am writing from a barn outside Houston, Texas, in the company of a one-year-old Friesian/Appaloosa horse named "Xena." Together we are extremely excited to announce the launch of The Xena Project, a federally recognized non-profit therapeutic riding program. Through the use of a fully interactive riding simulator, the only of its kind in the United States, and "real" horses, we are uniquely able to help every wounded warrior into the saddle.

In the upcoming year, The Xena Project will partner with local therapeutic riding organizations and continue to expand our educational offerings. Learn more and check out the simulator at xenaproject.org.

If you are ever in the Houston area, please come on by - the barn door is always open.

Wishing you all the best,  
Jan Shultis (10th Company)  
Jan Shultis - Owner, All Xena's Horses, LLC, Houston area, Texas  
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■ Shipmates of 2008,

A letter was printed in our class news section last issue seemingly written by one of our classmates, John Hesling. John had nothing to do with it; I wrote that letter as a prank intended to be published

during Army/Navy week before the game kicked off on December 14th. For those who know John, it was clear it was not authored by him. For those who do not know him and took the article seriously, it was never my intent to give you a false impression of him. I hope anybody who read the story and perceived it to be authentic will please accept my apology for a prank gone bad. On the upside, Navy is on a 12 year winning streak over the whoops!

Clear Skies,

LT Garrett Moore ■

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**THE FALL BRUNCH** is one of the Chapter's special events to which we invite high school students in Alabama who are applying to or are interested in applying to the Academy. On Sunday, October 20, eleven young men and their families joined us for brunch at Vestavia Country Club to meet Academy alumni, parents of current MIDN and friends of the Academy: Robert Clutts, Birmingham (BGO **Doug Pass '83**); Aaron Davis, Hartselle (BGO **Scott Braddock '97**); Silas Garrett, Alabaster (BGO **Doug Pass '83**); Ty George, Rainbow City (BGO Wayne Gandy); Abraham Gygas, Madison (BGO **Will Cook '88**); Brandon Nguyen, Madison (BGO **Manny Tsikalas '03**); David Sessamen, Hoover (BGO Doug Adair); Nicholas Sieja, Madison (BGO **Manny Tsikalas '03**); Blake Thew, Huntsville (BGO **Will Cook '88**); Conner Thigpen, Tuscaloosa (BGO Ned Barrett, Jr.); Harrison Yosten, Auburn ((BGO **Paul Froede '83**).



Harrison Yosten and COL Bernard and Kathy Yosten, Carey & Leann Clutts talk with Parents' Club co-presidents Jim and Mary Beth Pugh



David Sessamen and parents, Leah and Harry Sessamen visit with Janet Norden and Helen and Chris Copeland, parents of current MIDN

Our main speaker was **William Cook '88**, Area Coordinator for the Blue and Gold Program in Alabama. Will had just attended in August the Bi-annual Area Coordinators Conference for Blue and Gold Area Coordinators at the Academy. His presentation was especially informative for our guests because he was prepared to bring us current information on the following topics: 1) Candidates and Midshipmen (statistics on admissions, qualifications, and graduation rates, etc); 2) Academics (USNA rankings among colleges and USNA majors, academic programs, and post graduation scholarships); 3) Athletics (number of varsity sports, number of varsity athletes, and graduation rates for athletes); 4) Special Programs (Honor Concept, Sexual Assault Prevention), and; 5) Service Assignment process for current Midshipmen (statistics on numbers in each community and MIDN who get first choice). Alumni especially found these topics interesting in that they illustrated the changes in the Academy since many of them were MIDN.

Besides our special guests, the following Alumni were present to welcome our guests: **Ed Berko '79**, Chapter President, **CDR Roy A. Smith III '73**, Chapter Trustee, **Richard Ahern '68**, **RADM Jack Natter '62**, Chapter Trustee Emeritus, **LCDR Dan Bennett '69**, **Barry Morton '74**, **Will Cook '88**, **CAPT Dennis Read '59**, **T. Morris Hackney '53** Chapter Trustee Emeritus, **CAPT Jim McVoy '49**, **Larry Swenson '65**, Award's Chairman. Family members of current MIDN were:

Polly Gaskins (MIDN 1/c Hunter Gaskins), Chris and Helen Copeland (MIDN Blake Copeland '17), Katie, Ben and Julia Tamburello (MIDN Ben Tamburello '17), TN and Janet Norden (MIDN Nathan Norden '17), Burt and Mary Leigh Nabors (MIDN Burton Nabors '15), Jim and Mary Beth Pugh (MIDN Graham Pugh '15). B&G Officers present included LT Dana H. Havron, Ned Barrett, Jr., Douglas Adair, **Dennis Read '59**, David Elsberry, Glenn Smith, **Jack Natter '62**, and **Will Cook '88**, BGO Area Coordinator. Family of Members of the Fleet and Corps included David and Ree Elsberry (**LT Allan Elsberry '08**), Douglas Adair (**James Adair '11**), Sandy Bowron (**Hal Bowron '12**).

We look forward to seeing some, if not all, of our special guests at our Spring Dinner when we recognize our Alabama men and women who have accepted appointments to the United States Naval Academy.

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The Southern Arizona Chapter held its second fall luncheon meeting on Friday, October 25, 2013 in downtown Tucson at the Viscount Suites Hotel.

There were 27 graduates, friends and spouses in attendance. These were: Margaret and Mike Aden '94, Brad Beaver '67, Don Flood '56, Sue and Frank Hayes '60, Andy Kish '65, Diane and Dennis Lawrence '64, John Massie '71, Norman

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and Liz Mims '60 and guest Linda Moore, Dennis Nemura '65, Bill Peake '64, Rich Richey '60, Jack Richter '47, Brad Roberson '87, Clark and Deane Rook '57, Bob Ross '61, Bob Wahlfeld '65, and Cadets LCDR Briana Chavez, Lt Kaelyn Murphy, LTJG Logan Hardy, LTJG Gunnar Johnson, and PO1 Christian Villaseñor of Sahuarita NJROTC.



The cake used at the October Founder's Day program

This meeting was the Founder's Day celebration of the 168th Anniversary of the establishment of the U.S. Naval Academy. The Sahuarita High School NJROTC Color Guard posted the colors and Cadet LCDR Briana Chavez led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. LTCOL Rich Richey '60, USMC(RET), the Master of Ceremonies, made appropriate comments. CAPT Norman Mims '60, USN(RET) read the Founding Document. John Massie '71 read the Naval Academy mission statement. CDR Brad Roberson '87 led the Sahuarita NJROTC cadets in the cutting of the cake. The ceremony ended with all singing Navy Blue and Gold.

Chapter Vice President Dennis Nemura presented the program on Cyber Warfare. He provided an overview and a military perspective on the subject with some specific information regarding how the Naval Academy is confronting the Cyber Warfare threat. The objective was to raise our awareness and knowledge of this topic, so critical in global security and war-fighting today.

President Frank Hayes then presented a commemorative Chapter coin to Dennis Nemura as a token of our thanks for his presentation.

This month the Chapter presented \$500 to the VA Hospital for bus passes for homeless veterans and for the Therapeutic Riding of Tucson program.



The head table at the November meeting

The Southern Arizona Chapter held its third fall luncheon meeting on Friday, 22 November 2013 in downtown Tucson at the Viscount Suites Hotel.

There were 40 graduates, friends and spouses in attendance. These were: Carol and Tom Andrews '57, Dick Augur '63 and guest John Michelson, Brad Beaver '67, Paula and Ed Biggers '57, Ron Bishop '57, Bill Brinkley '63, Len Eaton '63, Don Flood '56, Bud Gaston '65, Sue and Frank Hayes '60, Dianne and Andy Kish '65, Diane and Dennis Lawrence '64, Julie and Fred March '59, Linda and John Massie '71, Shannon Massie '98, Liz and Norman Mims '60, George Monthan '46 and guest Eloise Perry, Dennis Nemura '65, Ed Palanek '57, Jack Richter '47, Clark and Deane Rook '57, Bob Ross '61, Chris Sonderman '84, Mimi and Bob Tims '57, Janine and Bob Wahlfeld '65, and Karen and Art Weidner '63.

The program "Our Response to 9/11", presented by John Massie '71, was riveting as he presented his experiences and opinions surrounding an event which is forever imprinted on our hearts and minds as the country struggled to respond to such a horrific attack on our homeland. Attendees gained a better understanding of the interoperability of our intelligence and military communities, in particular as regards special mission units.

President Frank Hayes then presented a commemorative Chapter coin to John Massie as a token of our thanks for his presentation.

The next meeting will be at Viscount Suites on 14 December as Navy once again takes on Army in this premier annual event.

*Respectfully submitted, Norman Mims '60*

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### Mimi's Café November Luncheon

The San Gabriel Valley contingent of the Los Angeles Chapter met for lunch on 21 November 2013, attended by Frank Taylor '37, Jim Carmack '49, Lloyd Hoover '49, Bob Rogers '54, Joe Koch '57, Glenn Shindler '64, Mitch Marich '71, Bob Musselman '72, and Colin Mackenzie '77. We meet at Mimi's Café, Monrovia, the 4th Thursday of each month with the exception of November and December. During these months the luncheon is scheduled the Thursday before Thanksgiving and the Army-Navy Game. For more info please contact gshindler64@earthlink.net.



Photo courtesy Lloyd Hoover '49. L to R: Lloyd Hoover '49, Mitch Marich '71, Colin Mackenzie '77, Joe Koch '57, Bob Rogers '54, Bob Musselman '72, Glenn Shindler '64, Jim Carmack '49, Frank Taylor '37

### Ventura County Luncheon

The Valley Shipmates had another outstanding luncheon on November 21, 2013 at the Wood Ranch BBQ in Agoura

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Hills. The following shipmates attended: Art Major '44, Nils Rueckert '58, Gus Keolanui '61, Dan Lavery '64, Roger Sager '70, Gary Mann '72, Jim Bullock '74, Jim Waugh '84, Chuck Smith '85, Jim Dwyer '86, Mike Herrera '87, Terence Malloy '87, Buzz Park '90, Dan Goldenberg '92, Cade Wilson '00.

Even without a formal agenda there was a good bit of networking and outreach taking place, as we learn more about each other. Nils Rueckert '58 shared in a remembrance of Scott Beat '53, who passed away earlier this month. Scott lived in Camarillo, CA, and may he rest in peace.

The next luncheon is scheduled for January 23, 2013, once again at Wood Ranch BBQ in Agoura Hills. Please contact Jim Bullock at jbull52@aol.com, if you are interested in learning more about the Valley Shipmates.

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The twelfth annual Monterey Bay Navy-Army annual alumni golf match was held on 28 September at the Monterey Pines NPS Golf Course and the NAVY team was victorious!!

Representing the Blue and Gold on the winning Navy team were: John Alich '64, Ted Ardell '61, Ethan Blankenship '06, Phil Butler '61, Jerry Ellis '64, Mike Masica '69, Dick Pagnillo '59, Bill Schramm '58, Team Captain, and Bob Whitlock '66.

In other Chapter News:

An organizational meeting of members of the USNAA Monterey Bay Chapter was held on October 22, 2013.



Fall Meeting



Fall Meeting



Fall Meeting

Attendees were: John & Susan Alich 1964, Jim Armstrong 2006, Jack & Joan Branson 1950, Ethan & Jaclyn Blankenship 2006 2010, Gerral & Ann David 1984 1986, Jim & Helen Egerton 1956, Jerry Ellis 1964, Don Free 1978, Bob Goodwin 1986, Hank Mauz 1959, Greg Miller 1987, Mike & Elisabeth Papa 2005, Charles Roberts 1960, Bill Schramm 1958, Chris Stevens 2013, Rob Salire 2003, and Steve Tackett 1987.

It was agreed that going forward the President should be a student at NPS/DLI and that they would be responsible for recruiting the next President prior to departing. Ideally the incoming President would serve as Vice President in the prior period. The organization going forward was agreed as follows:

President Ethan Blankenship  
Vice President TBD  
Webmaster/Facebook Jaclyn Blankenship

Secretary/Shipmate Steve Tackett  
Treasurer Richard Pagnillo  
Advisor/Past President Jack Branson  
Advisor/Past President John Alich  
Additionally Bill Schramm will

continue to organize the Army Navy golf match. John Alich will represent the Chapter in organizing the quarterly DLI Leadership Award. Don Free and Bob Goodwin will assist in the organization of activities.

The following activities were recommended:

Award for JR ROTC at Monterey HS.

Welcome reception for USNA

incoming NPS/DLI students twice a year.

Promote USNA applications at local HS.

Promote Army Navy Football game

party at NPS.

ADM Hank Mauz briefed the group on the efforts to support the Naval Academy Golf Course restoration. ADM Mauz is CO-Chair of Friends of Navy Golf (FONG) which has been established within USNA Foundation. The kickoff event was a golf tournament in September. It will take some time to raise the funds.

As you consider your charitable activities I would encourage you to consider this effort for part or all of your contribution to USNA. Checks payable to:

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It's been a while since you've heard any updates from the San Diego Chapter. Mea Culpa. The Chapter continues with its high energy engagement with alumni young and old. Since the last report, the San Diego Chapter has had five well attended luncheons featuring engaging speakers such as Randy Jones, 1976 Cy Young Award winner; RADM Pat Brady '81, Commander Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command; CAPT Chris Bolt '87, CO USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76); CAPTYvette Davids '89, CO USS Bunker Hill (CG 52); and Billy Ray Smith, former linebacker and team Captain for the San Diego Chargers.

Additionally, we held our annual Link in the Chain picnic, attended two Padres games and took a tour of USS Independence (LCS 2).

By the time this is printed in *Shipmate*, we will have had another strong showing for the Navy-Army game and will have had our annual Holiday Reception for Midshipmen and candidates.

If you are in the San Diego area on March 15, 2014, mark your calendar to celebrate the Dark Ages with a Viva Las Vegas Casino Night at the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Watch our website for details. [www.usnaaasd.com](http://www.usnaaasd.com)

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Greetings from the San Francisco Bay Area!

This fall has been a very busy one for the Bay Area. Navy football Alumni viewing has been steady and strong. On November 2nd Navy Men's Squash visited Stanford University and left with a 9-0 victory! The classes of '63, '71, and '73 were present to help cheer with the Northern California Parents Club.

Speaking of the NorCal Parents Club, on November 21st, our chapter, along with the Parents Club hosted a tribute dinner to Tom Teshara. We also heard from the guest of honor **Captain Bill Byrne '87**, Commandant of Midshipmen. For almost 50 years Tom had recruited men and women from Northern California to USNA. He and his wife Jeannine have been a crucial part of Northern California's success at USNA. I spoke to them and told them that I was grateful to have met them almost 15 years ago and was sad that my daughter (Aurora 2035 in training) would not be able to have the joy of being inspired by them like I and so many others have.



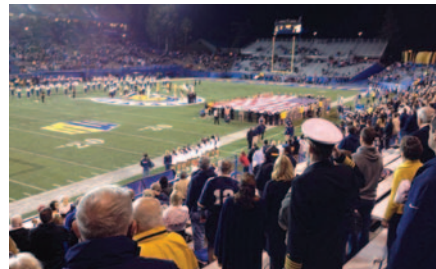
*We all thank you, Tom and Jeannine, for your service!*

The following evening was something the Bay Area has been waiting for all season! San Jose vs Navy. We kicked things off with a spirited tailgater that included over 900 alumni, midshipmen, family and friends. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the Drum and Bugle Corps, the Navy Cheer-leading team, and even the Superintendent, **Vice Admiral Michael Miller '74**.



*Navy Pep Rally at San Jose Municipal Stadium*

And to cap it off, Navy walked away with an exciting 58-52 TRIPLE overtime win!



*Opening ceremony for San Jose vs Navy Game*

Now the holidays are over and we are looking for new and exciting ways to keep the Bay Area involved in local

Alumni activities in 2014 and beyond. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. Be sure to keep your mailing and e-mail addresses at USNA.com up-to-date to ensure you receive all of our chapter emails and announcements. Stay tuned!



*Chapter leadership and Superintendent Vice Admiral Miller '74 at the tailgater*

GO NAVY BEAT ARMY! ~ Cheriene Griffith '02, Sec'y

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Ahoy!

The Connecticut Chapter's major event in early winter was our annual Blue and Gold Candidate's Dinner held at the

Woodwinds, in Branford, CT. This is a beautiful facility and fitting that it should be where our Chapter hosts the Candidates to USNA and their parents. It was held on December 3, which is around the time the Congressional delegation holds interviews for admission. It was great to see such highly qualified students applying for appointments. We wished them well, offered insights from our experiences, and had a great feast. As part of the program after the meeting we gained additional insight about the drive for additional Blue and Gold officers in the state, and introduced the new Blue and Gold Area Coordinator, **Evan Barnet**. And the highlight: a stirring presentation by **LTJG Tim Whitney**, Class of 2010, a junior submarine officer from the USS PITTSBURGH who spoke to the candidates about how his experiences at the Academy are enabling his successes in his first sea tour. In fitting tradition, Navy Blue and Gold was sung at closing.



Evan Barnet, BGO



LTJG Tim Whitney, '10

And how about our Navy athletes! Football is, of course, easiest to follow in CT, and the team has been a delight to watch this year. They sewed up a berth for the Armed Forces Bowl in Ft. Worth, retained possession of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy and provided quite a scare to Notre Dame. Looking forward to a great season next year! But in addition to football, there are 32 OTHER varsity sports played at Navy. More than a few have had awesome seasons as well.

In the spirit of cheering on the on-field warriors, a number of us met at the private Thames Club in New London for the Army-Navy game viewing. Thanks **Dave Stryker '61** for the idea and leading the way and **Tom Hogsten** for arranging that venue. Good game and great camaraderie!

Hope your holidays were safe and happy. Put another log on the fire...

Go Navy!

*Dive, Dive...Dave Candler '67*

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Greetings from Miami,

Given the Shipmate deadlines; even with it being "the calm before the storm" reporting period as defined by **THE BIG THREE** – Army-Navy, the **Annual Holiday Reception** and the **Armed Forces Bowl** – the Miami Chapter still managed to get together a couple of times...while concurrently doing its part for helping/cheering on the big Blue and Gold. Some may infer that may be a symptom of the South Florida milieu – "any excuse for a party" – and you won't get an argument from me on that; but IMHO me thinks that's not the whole story...plus it gives the Secretary something to write about.

We begin with the get-together at Titanic Brewery for the Pitt game during Homecoming; where we're convinced the Chapter was instrumental in bringing about the big upset victory as time expired. The irrefutable proof for that "theory" (we are engineers after all), lies in the fact that we didn't get together and provide the appropriate "critical mass" channeling for our kicker during the second overtime period of the Toledo game.

Some of those responsible for this magnificent preternatural happening:



Mel, Lee, Carlos, Miguel, Jon and Bill are among the crowd at the Pitt game





Miguel Cintron '86, Bill Ogden '66 and Jon Rank '03

The second event was when only but a small number of Chapter Members were able to join the Notre Dame Alumni, for the Navy-Notre Dame game at Fado's Irish Pub in Mary Brickell Village. The Irish as always were great hosts; they welcomed us Navy types, and it was a great party at a great venue

However as the game progressed; a certain "apprehension" became tangible among the fans of the overwhelmingly favored Irish, as Navy kept matching them score-for-score. Yet they still remained superb hosts, albeit a bit quieter

Cutting to the chase - we are again convinced that the above "theory" applied. It only "almost prevailed", because we didn't have the necessary "critical mass" present to will along that dropped pitch from Reynolds to the running back near the end of the game. A sigh of relief from the hosts...and a lesson for next year for the Chapter - bigger attendance.

Among those representing the Chapter:



Outnumbered Navy Rooters at Fado's Irish Pub



Anita & Kurt Scott '84; Lita & Lee Yarberry '78 at Fado's Irish Pub Navy-Notre Dame Get Together

It should be rather crowded for the next Shipmate with THE BIG THREE, but we'll do our best to do justice with the coverage. Till then,

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The chapter kicked off the "snowbird" season with a luncheon at Audubon Country Club in North Naples on November 14, 2013. Georgia Hiller, Chairperson of the Collier County Board of Commissioners, brought us up to date on how the County has reengineered itself to reduce debt and to reduce the operating budget by 25%. Alumni in attendance were: Bill Thomas '51, Bill Vonier '51, Milton Alexich '52, Peter Easton '54, Heyward Boyce '57, Clivie Goodwin '58, Glen Lerum '58, Bill Spane '58, Jim Mintun '59, Bill Griffin '60, Jim Masella '62, George Marienthal '62, Chuck Gates '64 (Tres.), Nick Paldino '65, Ron Buschbom '66, David Finch '67, Bruce Lakefield '67, Phil McKee '68, Dick Naedel '68, Bruce Needham '68 (Pres.), Doug Backes '70 (V.P.), Pete Haring '70, Mike Pedersen '79, Mike Barr, and Mike McKee '84. Special guests attending were: Steve Alexander (Blue and Gold), Gen. Jim Dozier (Congressman's service academy selection committee), Capt. Tom Gamber, and many wives of alumni.

The next meeting will be the Army - Navy game at Audubon Country Club. The January meeting is tentatively January 14 depending on speaker. February 26 will feature USNA Director of Athletics, and March is tentative on the 11th.

As a reminder to all "snowbirds" with USNAAA addresses outside Florida, you are encouraged to attend our meetings when visiting Southwest Florida. Please email me and I will firm up the meeting dates and location.

Jim Mintun, Secretary

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What a busy October & November with Navy football games and one chapter meeting. Starting with the game against Air Force on October 5th, 30 Orlando

area alumni, family and parents gathered to watch Navy win 28-10. The alumni and family in attendance were **Russ Brewer '78, Dan Fanelli '78, Stan Clark '79, John Kaiser '79, Sherrill & Kirk Michealson '79, Dave Shikada '79, Pat Lien '81, Bob Fields '83, Kim & Eric Reinhold '88, Nancy & Jason Walker '94** and their two sons, **Alex Chehansky '95** and his son, **Noel Rodriguez '98** and his wife & two kids, and Maria & **Davey Yu '98** and their two kids. Three parents joined the alumni in the festivities: Debbie Dryden and Jim & Vickie DiGiovanni, our Area Coordinator for local Blue & Gold Officers and Orlando Chapter Board Member. First step complete for winning the Commander-in-Chief Trophy - again!

On October 12th, 9 Orlando area alumni and family gathered to watch Navy lose to Duke 35-7. The alumni and family in attendance were Joyce & **Larry Hayes '59, Kathi & Bill Snook '74, Dave Shikada '79, Bob Fields '83, Eric Reinhold '88** and his son Kyle, and **Carter Honesty '90**. The next week was a tough loss in double overtime against Toledo. Ten Orlando area alumni, family and parents gathered to watch a disappointing Navy lose 44-45. Cheering loudly were alumni **Larry Hayes '59, Lynne & Russ Brewer '78, Kirk Michealson '79, and Dave Shikada '79**. Joining alumni were parents Kathy & Dan Averill, Janet & Don Flanagan, and Larry Salazar.

Our last chapter meeting of the year was a combined meeting with the USNA Central Florida Parents' Club and Central Florida Blue & Gold Officers. The discussion centered on the Naval Academy and the USNA Alumni Association with Retired Admiral **Robert Natter '67**, Chairman of the USNAAA Board of Trustees. Admiral Natter was then followed by Retired Commander **Craig Washington '89**, the Alumni Associations Director of Engagement Operations. Admiral Natter provided us with a high level overview and then CDR Washington provided more details about specific chapter "engagement" activities. Twenty-three USNA Alumni, family, and parents were in attendance. For the alumni: Diane & **Bob Coleman '51, Joyce & Larry Hays '59, Ron Hearst '59, Bill Snook '74, Lynne & Russ Brewer '78, Steve Serner '78, John Kaiser '79, Kirk Michealson '79, Dave Shikada '79, Barri & Tom Looke '83, Carter Honesty '90 and Brit Saboe '00** attended. Members from the Central Florida Parents' Club included: Greg Chronic (Max '15) and son Chris, Area Coordinator

for Blue & Gold Officers in Northeast Florida Vickie DiGiovanni and husband Jim (Zach '09), Amy & Alex Jevitt (Andrew '17), and Van Kinney Le (Ryan '17).

Watching Navy football upset Pittsburgh 24-21 on October 26th was great! In attendance were alumni **Larry Hayes '59, Kirk Michealson '79, Carter Honesty '90**, and Nancy & **Jason Walker '94** and their two sons. Joining alumni were parents Leslie O'Donnell, and Larry Salazar. After a tough loss to Notre Dame, the chapter met again to watch Navy beat Hawaii and South Alabama – and become bowl eligible. For the 42-28 win over Hawaii, Joyce & **Larry Hayes '59** and their daughter Donna, **Kirk Michealson '79, Dave Shikada '79, A.J. Josiah '80**, and **Alex Chehansky '95** watched the game. Joining alumni were parents Mike and Donna Miller. Then for the 42-14 win over South Alabama, in attendance were alumni **Larry Hayes '59**, Karen & **Wally Gunter '70**, and **Kirk Michealson '79**. Joining alumni were parents Jim & Vickie DiGiovanni, Van Le, Bob & Lori Mund, Steve Rossum, and Larry & Linda Salazar. A few alumni stayed up late at home to watch Navy beat San Jose State 58-52 in 3 overtimes!

Ending the year, the Orlando Chapter hosted their 1st Annual Holiday Party and met for the Army-Navy game and Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl game. For 2014, the Chapter Board met to strategize events for the year. We are planning on conducting a variety of different types of get togethers: i.e., chapter meetings with a speaker, formal business networking events, camaraderie events (organized socials), concentrate on a few Navy football games, supporting the Parents' Club & Midshipmen, and other social events. Please check our chapter website ([orlando.usnachapters.com](http://orlando.usnachapters.com)) and our chapter Facebook page (Orlando Chapter – U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1415188042037372/>).

We look forward to you attending our future events. Remember, if you have any questions, please let me know. **GO NAVY!**

Thanks,

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## PALM BEACH ALUMNI CHEER ON MIDS AGAINST NOTRE DAME

North Palm Beach, Florida. November 2, 2013. In a nail biting, cheering, groaning, blood-pressure-elevating three and a half hours, Palm Beach and Martin County alumni met at Duffy's Sports Grill in North Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday, November 5, to cheer on the Mids in an impressive effort against the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame. Even though the final score of 38-34 in favor of the Irish was a letdown, all agreed that Navy gave an excellent account of themselves and could leave Notre Dame Stadium with their heads held high. Leading the cheers for Navy were **Hank and Peggy Gorman ('44)**. They were joined by **Walt and Betty Breede ('63)**, **Eric and Lucia Westberg ('64)**, **Bill Fries and Bob and Mary Whitehead, both of '65**. **Rounding out our noisy group were Bob Beck ('64), Gary and Susan King and Rod and Patsy Hackman, both from '70 and Jim and Jeannie Walker ('72)**.

All of us were impressed with the tenacity and determination the team and the coaching staff showed against heavily favored Notre Dame.

We plan on re-convening at Duffy's for the Army game on December 14 at which we'll no doubt make even more noise than we did today. Go Navy, beat Army!

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The Pensacola Chapter's monthly luncheons, held on the second Wednesday during most fall and winter months at the Pensacola Yacht Club, have continued to be very popular thanks to the wide variety of interesting guest speakers we have been fortunate to host. We normally have 40 to 60 Alumni and guests eager for a bit of mid-week fellowship at these luncheons. In October we were addressed by Harold Hill, a retired Special Forces member currently leading the Athletes' Performance

Military Program. Harold discussed his role with the local Andrews Institute for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine's Eagle Fund Foundation. The mission of the Eagle Fund Foundation is a noble one close to all of our hearts, providing the same world class care available to professional athletes to America's injured warriors to help bring these heroes back to service and improve their quality of life. In addition to Mr. Hill's presentation we were also provided an update on how our local Midshipmen are faring in Annapolis.

During our November luncheon the Honorable **Roger Vinson '62**, Senior Federal Judge of the US District Court for the Northern District of Florida, and former member of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (2006-2013), was our guest speaker. His address was very well received by an overflow crowd, providing some insights into the activities and key decisions related to real world events with which he has been involved while serving in his important positions.



## The Honorable Roger Vinson '62 Addresses the November Luncheon Crowd

The repeated success of the USNA football team, who had another tremendous winning season and were able to retain the Commander and Chief's Trophy, ensured that our biggest draw for local alumni and guests were the weekly football gatherings at the Pensacola Ale House. Having the Army/Navy game as well as a bowl game to cheer for in December was like a bonus Christmas gift to the die-hard Navy fans from Pensacola.

We are very excited about our 8th Annual USNA/NROTC Candidate Information Symposium, scheduled for February 1st 2014 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. This banner outreach event is our largest effort of the year, and provides excellent exposure for regional students and parents to the Service Academy and NROTC opportunities. Last year we had a crowd of 432 people in attendance, including 170 high school, middle school and elementary school students from four different states.

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To find out more about our chapter events or for information on how to become a chapter member, please check out our website: [Pensacola.usnachapters.com](http://Pensacola.usnachapters.com). We hope you'll join us for future events!

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Ten alumni of the Tampa Bay Chapter met along with the Association's Trip Matteo from Annapolis at CDB's Southside Restaurant on Westshore (between El Prado & Euclid): **Jerry O'Connell '56, Gary Polansky '69, Chris Heath '72, Perry Dempsey '72, John Kamen '77, Duane Lafont '78, Chuck Martini '84, Steve Swift '87, Jim Newsome '90, and Laura Tillinghast Hine '97.**

### RECENT EVENTS—

**NAVY FOOTBALL—**The Chapter meets at the **Bay Pines Sports Bar** to watch all televised Navy Football games. Perry mentioned the owner's recent family loss and that a card would be sent. **Mike Surdyk '67** has sent a contribution from the Chapter to the charity of the family's choosing.

### TREASURER'S REPORT—

**Laura** gave an update to the funds in our coffers and reported that we are up to 80 dues payers—a recent surge but still below our annual average.

### ASSOCIATION'S ACTIONS—

Trip Matteo introduced himself to the Chapter. He is in the area visiting select alumni to discuss ongoing Association projects at the Academy.

### UPCOMING EVENTS—

**army/NAVY Party—** We are anticipating a great turnout to see NAVY thump the Hudson boys. Army is Tactical Action

Officer for the event and promises a fantastic showing at the Westshore Yacht Club.

### GENERAL (ADMIRAL) NOTES:

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**Southside in South Tampa!**

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Bird Museum

Directed by Chapter President Ken Moore, A few Northwest Chapter members, Associates and guests traveled to the Sandpoint, Idaho area to visit the Historic Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center in early October. If you ever are looking for an enlightening getaway, this is a MUST see Museum. Located on a 1,000 acre compound with it's own



Northwest Chapter: Northwest Chapter visits the Historic Bird Aviation Museum and Invention Center



President Kamen '77 at head table with Warren Hahn '60.

## Founders Day Banquet at Tampa Bay 2013

Perry W. Dempsey '72

The Tampa Bay Chapter of the U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association celebrated the Academy's 168th birthday on Wednesday, 9 October 2013, at Feather Sound Country Club in St. Petersburg, FL. Two hundred ten (210) people, including seventy-eight midshipman candidates and thirty-one (31) alumni with their spouses attended the Founders Day Banquet. Those 31 alumni included: William Aston '51, Jerry O'Connell '56, Bud Alexander '56, Warren Hahn '60, Dick Petrucci '61, Don Coughlin '62, Gary Polansky '69, Perry Dempsey '72, Chris Heath '72, George Corrigan '74, Peter Damisch '75, Stanley Gray '77, John Kamen '77, VADM Mark Fox '78, Don Aiken '78, Nels Frostenson '80, Jeff Tomeo '80, Dave Spoerl '82, Curt Wold '88, Karen Quilty '89, Jim Newsome '90, Scott Hottenstein '92, CDR Troy Shoulders '94, Ray Santa Cruz '95, Laura Tillinghast Hine '97, Janel Brown '97, Phil Emery '02, Brian Chadwick '07, and Daniel Stayton '09.

The banquet was led by Master of Ceremonies Laura Tillinghast Hine '97, the Chapter's Treasurer. The ceremony started with Welcoming Remarks by the Chapter President John Kamen '77, CAPT, USN (ret.), followed by the Presentation of Colors, the Pledge of Allegiance by Don Aiken '78, CAPT, USN (ret.), and then the invocation by Father George Corrigan '74. Our distinguished guest speaker was VADM Mark Fox '78 who spoke next.

Dinner was served and capped off with the Cutting-the-Cake ceremony, which highlights the senior alumnus present cutting the cake with the youngest student. This year Jerry O'Connell '56 had the honor of cutting the cake with a 14-year-old high school student.

After dinner, the program resumed with five speakers, all recent Academy Graduates, relating their experiences of attending the Academy and how that prepared them for becoming leaders in the Fleet. The speakers represented five of the service warfare specialties of the Department of the Navy: the Marine Corps, Naval Aviation, Surface Line, Navy SEALs, and Submarines. The speakers each delivered skilled, professional presentations of their lives both at the Academy and thereafter in the Fleet and Corps.

The next segment of the evening featured Steve Swift '87, CAPT, USN (ret.), the Blue-and-Gold Area Coordinator, addressing the many midshipman candidates about how to apply for admission to the Academy. Tampa Bay ranks among the highest regions in the country in the numbers of students recruited, and the highest percentage of them being accepted.

The evening concluded with the singing of *Navy Blue and Gold*, led by Curt Wold '88, CAPT, USNR. BEAT ARMY!

See you next month at CDB's Southside!



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Airstrip as well as Seaplane landing on adjacent Lake Pend Oreille, the Museum is "Dedicated to those Aviators and Innovators who have, and will continue to change the world." We were fortunate to get our picture taken with Dr. Bird (seated), who is an MD., Ph.D., and holds a Doctorate in Science. His rare Airplane collection, along with his Medical Inventions that have touched nearly all our lives kept our group captivated for hours! His wife, Dr. Pamela Riddle Bird, Ph.D. has played a major role in the development of this fascinating Museum, and can also be frequently found, on site. Open from May 20th through October 5th, more information on what awaits you can be accessed online at [www.bridaviationmuseum.com](http://www.bridaviationmuseum.com)



Space technology at the Bird Museum

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The South Bend/Michiana Chapter was visible and in attendance at the Navy-Notre Dame game on Nov 2, 2013. Local alumn **Tom Teach, '68** graciously sponsored the Navy Tailgate that had over 1200 midshipmen and fans. Many thanks to Tom Teach and his generous support for this event.



Notre Dame Weekend



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It was a great time and the Navy team fought hard, making it a close game (38-34). And how about singing Navy Blue & Gold at game's end with the Irish team behind Navy as a show of support. No one left the Irish stadium early (The House that Rockne Built)! We may not have won the game, but we definitely won the tailgate and the Blue Angels flyover!



Notre Dame Weekend



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Notre Dame Weekend

The following folks were in attendance at the tailgate and the game: **Chris Haizlip**, '72; **Lili & John Ross**, '94; **Paul Bradfield**, '53; & his sister **Mimi**, **Norma & Jim Todd**, '69; **Nancy & John Strauss**, '69; **Yvonne & Dale Furman**, '61; **Wendy & Kirk Daniels**, '75.

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### Leadership Luncheon

**Tim Wood '54** represented the senior class present. Other attendees were **Stu Fitrell '62**, **"Bo" Heikes '71**, **Rick Anderson '78**, **Stu Ashton '74**, **Ron Baczowski '80**, **James Borghardt '93**, **Frannie and Dennis Bostich '74**, **Don Bouchard '86**, **Ken Carkhuff '82**, **Paul Croisetiere '77**, **Michael Demanss '73**, **Steve Eastburg '81**, **Matt Farr '96**, **Mark Handlan '74**, **Emily Harman '85**, **Norma and Bo Heikes '71**, **Ted Herring '67**, **Steve Laabs '75**, **Bill McCracken '83**, **Ken McIlhenny '80**, **Rick Muldoon '84**, **Joe Rardin '82**, **Greg Reuss '77**, **Scott Sanders '80**, **Matt Scassero '82**, and **Rick Snyder '75**.

The briefing by LTGEN Sattler, USMC (Ret.) was extremely interesting. We frequently proclaim that the number one objective at the academy is leadership. There was a concern at the academy that there may have been a problem with leadership training and the solution was not just more lectures. The general outlined a concept of establishing a set of uncompromising standards, followed by an emphasis on loyalty "up, down, left, right" and an action plan. It was important to note that the standards were uncompromising. This means, one is loyal to his classmate, but if he detects a deviation from one of the standards, he is committed to take action. Initially the concept began with requiring sports team captains to return to USNA two weeks early for leadership training. They did this by taking the "captains" to Gettysburg for a thorough briefing and walk through both Pickett's Charge and the decisions of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain at Little Round Top. For the next year (the program being so successful) they

expanded it to include the next year's "stripers". Subsequently, when describing this program to **Glen Ives '80**, Glen mentioned to me that he attended the Army War College and they did the same thing with each war college class.

For those of you who missed this luncheon, you really missed a good one!



LTGEN Sattler

### GSMC USNA Families

The day before the Air Force Game (what a sweet memory that was) **LCDR Andrew "Lick" Mclean '98** and **LCDR Brian "Sandbag" Sandberg, '97**, both instructors at USNTPS went flying together in a Super Hornet. The next day at the "Mighty Fine '69 Tailgate, they got together for this photo with their dads. **Owen McLean '69** flew H-46s in the Navy and **Sandy Sandberg '69** flew the Hornet and the Super Hornet during their respective test programs. It was an interesting 2x2x2 coincidence



LCDR Andrew "Lick" Mclean '98, Owen McLean '69, Sandy Sandberg '69, and LCDR Brian "Sandbag" Sandberg '97

### More GSMC USNA Families

Four program managers assigned to the Program Executive Office for Tactical Aircraft visit with their children at the Naval academy during Plebe Parents Weekend. From left, **Capt John Martins**, Ait-to-Air Missiles Program, and his son John Martins; **Capt. John Greene**, Airborne Electronic Attack Systems and his daughter Christy Greene; **Col Charlie Gray**, AV-8B Program Office and his son Ryan Gray; and **Capt John Lemmon** E2/C2 program office and his son Dane Lemmon. All midshipman begin the four-year program with Plebe Summer, a period designed to turn civilians into midshipman. All four program managers are USNA graduates.





Capt John Martins, Capt John Greene, Col Charlie Gray, and Capt John Lemmon

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On 17 October several members of the Boston Chapter attended the USS Constitution Museum annual Chairman's Dinner & Awards Ceremony at the Seaport Boston Hotel. Among the attendees were Chapter President **Jim Kras '69** and Dinner Committee member **Spike Karalekas '65** with his special guest astronaut Air Force Colonel Dr. Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, West Point '51, the second man to walk on the moon in Apollo 11. "Buzz" was mobbed throughout the dinner.



Jim Kras and Gabe Gomez at Chapter dinner.



'65ers (from left) Tom Colyer, Frank Burns, Pete Seibert and Brian Doherty at Chapter dinner.



'75ers (from left) Paul Farrell, Bill Neill and Bob Brody at Chapter dinner



(standing from left) Steve Chubb '65, Mid'n 3/c Steven Holcomb (MIT), Seibert, Kras and Gomez and (seated) Aldrin and Karalekas at Constitution dinner



'87ers at the Chapter dinner (from left) Gomez, Chris Dunphy, Tom Walsh '86 and Pete Kowenhoven

On 14 November the Boston Chapter held its annual fall dinner. Our guest of honor and speaker was **Gabriel Gomez**, Class of **1987**, son of Colombian immigrants, former Navy pilot, Navy SEAL, Harvard Business School grad, private equity investor and candidate for U.S. Senate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Gabe spoke on a wide range of subjects over his illustrative career(?) but the most poignant was when he asked his son, 12, who his heroes were. Not the New England Patriots his son answered, not the World Champion Red Sox, not the Celtics and not the Bruins but the U.S. Navy SEALs! After his talk he entertained questions on a wide variety of subjects but mostly about politics. Despite losing, his campaign elicited much excitement around the Commonwealth especially among youngsters who were not even old enough to drive dragging their parents to campaign events. He also stated that more veterans are needed in politics. Amen to

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Peter K. Seibert '65

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On October 19th Navy lost to Toledo 45-44 in the 2nd overtime on a rainy, miserable day. However, the Tailgate put on by the Toledo Chapter and the Parents Club was indoors in the ROTC Building and was wonderful. There was great food and a nice program with help from the National Alumni Association and a lot of Midshipmen. They were all great hosts. It was tough gathering folks for pictures, and suddenly it was game time.



Enjoying the warm indoor tailgate at the game were, seated from left; John Thomas, Mary Jo Cook, Lorain Fields, standing from left; Skid Heyworth '70, Lon Cook '64, Mike Fields '66, and Terry Brady '66 from Akron OH



Enjoying lunch from left; Mark Whitfield '80, Lynne Bryant, Karen Fleming, and Jim Fleming '66

On November 13 we held our luncheon at The Clawson Steakhouse and discussed the game and final plans for Army-Navy. It was a small group, but we had fun swapping sea stories.

Art Bryant '66

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Monthly All Service Academy breakfasts:

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East side - second Friday at The Machine Shed Restaurant, I-94 & Inwood Ave., Lake Elmo.

Breakfast attendees include: Carl Gronemann '45, Jim Conn '67, Dick Elliott '68, Jerry Witowski '69, Chip Sharratt '74, Alex Plechash '75, Chris Bentley '79, Dave Priddy '80, Bob Christensen '80, Ken Liss '81, Dan Quattrini '81, Dave Ratte '84, David Bruns '88, Jon Olson '90, Craig Benson '91, Ernie Lietzen '01.

Local representatives of all three service academies are planning a joint initiative "Employment Hub," which will be a web-based jobs networking and placement service for alumni in the Chapter area.

The big news is the launch of our new web site for our Upper Midwest Chapter. Members will be able to connect with other classmates and keep up-to-date on what's happening in the chapter. Please visit our site at <http://www.usnaaamw.com/>. We seek your suggestions as we develop this technology to make it "user" friendly for our Alumni and their families. Please provide feedback to our webmaster, Alex Cabrera alex.d.cabrera@gmail.com

Until spring 2014 our chapter will have enjoyed national representation. Chapter President, Alex Plechash '75, is serving as Central Region Trustee on the UNNAAA Board of Trustees.

Did you know that our Upper Midwest Chapter is one of the larger chapters in the USNA Alumni Association? Despite being over 1,000 miles from a Navy port, we draw an active membership from Minnesota, Iowa, and the Dakotas.

Officially, our membership is measured by alumni who have joined and paid dues to both the national alumni association and our local chapter. Perhaps you didn't

know that you need to "join" your local chapter. Our modest chapter dues fund a variety of charitable and Academy promotional activities. With our new web site, the payment of dues is fast and simple. We encourage you to do your part to support our chapter's initiatives and to give a critical boost to our chapter membership.

On October 5th USNA and USAFA alumni gathered at Poor Richard's Sports Bar in Bloomington, MN to watch the Navy-Air Force game. Although not as big an event as the Army-Navy game party, it hosted a spirited group. Despite half as many USNA alums in attendance as Zoomies, the outcome still tipped Navy's way.



*Navy-Air Force game party. L to R Chip Sharratt '74, Tim Beutell '72, Alex Plechash '75, Jerry Witowski '69, Brooks Berg '81 and Andrew Berg, candidate for USNA class of '19*

Our new web site provides a means for members to sign up for chapter events, such as our annual Army-Navy game party. By the time this column is published we hope that we will have celebrated our victory over Army at this year's party.

Alex Plechash '75 was the guest speaker in the Veteran's Day Chapel at University of Northwestern - St. Paul, where Dick Elliott '68 is Chairman of the Business Department. Alex spoke of both his life-long desire to be a Marine and his life-long spiritual journey. He related the similarities of these two paths in their strong commitment to the highest ideals. After the chapel Alex met with students serving in the military and university staff veterans.

Previously we reported that Bud Clark '46 was in Sioux City as SECNAV announced the naming of the LCS-11 as USS Sioux City. Bud recently shared his short, but colorful career in the Navy. He was in the color guard of the winning Color Company (18th Company). In WWII he served in the Pacific aboard USS Atlanta (CL-104), and he was on board the USS Missouri for the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay.

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The CNY Chapter hosted its every-other-month lunch on 18 September at the Limestone Grille, the former Craftsman Grille. It is still part of the Craftsman Inn and is located at 7300 East Genesee Street in Fayetteville across from the Fayetteville Towne Center.

Attendees at the lunch were Augie Albanese '48 and his companion Patricia Conklin, Stu Card '85, Steve Erb '68, Bob Fegan '64, Howard Gutzman '75, Stewart Hancock '46 and his wife Ruthie, Mick Keville '74, Bruce Tapper '57, and Tony Zallnick '66.

The final lunch for 2013 was on Wednesday, 20 November. Attendees at the lunch were Steve Erb '68, Bob Fegan '64, Howard Gutzman '75, Josh Kristoff '07, his wife Kass and their infant daughter Vienna, Peg Morocco '86 and her daughter Mary, Bruce Tapper '57, Tim Taylor '73, Jake Tenuta '07, Mark Torres '06, and Tony Zallnick '66. The assembled were privileged to be given a presentation by representatives of Clear Path for Veterans. Giving the presentation were Melissa Spicer (co-founder), John Mays (Executive Director) and Earl Fontenot (Operations Manager).

Clear Path for Veterans is a local organization with a mission to empower military members, veterans and their families through traditional and

non-traditional wellness enhancing programming. This programming is delivered in a safe, family-centered environment, while integrating community-based programs and services into a holistic network of supportive resources spanning Central and Upstate New York. Check out their website at <http://www.clearpathforvets.com>

We intend to have more to do with Clear Path for Veterans in the future.

By the time you received this issue of Shipmate the 2013 Army-Navy Game will be history. Details of the Chapter's get-together at the Brae Loch in Cazenovia will be in the next issue of Shipmate.

As with all the Chapter functions, any USNA alumni and their family and friends are welcome to join us; just let us know.

Our first lunch in 2014 was on Wednesday, 15 January, possibly a joint function with Clear Path for Veterans. Details about this lunch will be in the next issue of Shipmate. Additional Chapter activities in 2014 will be addressed as they are planned.

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The meeting convened at the Officers Club at MCB Camp Lejeune at 1145 on Friday, 11 October. Twelve (12) members and their guests were present. Capt. Rob Skrotsky, '67, chapter president, welcomed the special guests from the Naval Academy Alumni Association, Mr. Skid Heyworth, '70, and Mr. Craig Washington, '89. They were accompanying the football team for the USNA-Duke game to be played on Saturday, 12 October.

Mr. Dennis Doyle, '66, Treasurer, noted our bank balance. He also announced that the bills from the Founders Day dinner have been paid.

Jim Kraft, '64, the Blue and Gold Officer for the New Bern area, reported that he had one student already accepted and several others in the process of completing their paperwork.

Mr. Skrotsky then introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Heyworth, the Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association concentrated his comments on the news from the Association, with a discussion of the Alumni Association and the Naval Academy Foundation. He emphasized that *Shipmate* would continue to be issued in hardcover. He noted that alumni in the last ten (10) years or so tend to communicate more often by Facebook or other online media; their columns are therefore shorter. He said one of his challenges as Editor-in-Chief is the wide range of methods of communication among the various year groups.

Mr. Washington, having just retired after a tour at the Academy followed with an overview of the day-to-day operations of the Brigade. He included a discussion of the various teams that excelled in the past year. He said having a son who is a plebe has also given him insight on the functioning of the classes. He noted that "Another Link in the Chain" program has added a valuable connection for the midshipmen as they progress through their four years.

Upon completion of a question-and-answer program, Mr. Skrotsky thanked the

guests and then announced that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, 20 November in New Bern. He also reminded all hands of the gathering for the Army-Navy game at Sywanyk's in Jacksonville on 14 December. The meeting adjourned at 1330.



Chris Skrotsky, Jim Russo '91, his sons Max and Augustus, and Rob Skrotsky '67

The next day did not fare so well for Navy at the Duke stadium; however, the tailgate was well attended. Included is a photo of Jim Russo, '91 with his sons Max and Augustus, also with Chris and Rob Skrotsky, '67 enjoying North Carolina barbecue.

The November meeting convened at the New Bern Country Club at 1200. Fourteen (14) members and their guests were present. Mr. Rob Skrotsky, chapter president, presided. He asked all hands for a moment of silence for service members in Harm's Way, for dependents and loved ones awaiting their return, and for chapter members and their families who are recovering from illness or surgery. He recognized a new member, Mike Newman, Captain USN (Ret), '71, who has recently moved to the area from Texas.

Mr. Dennis Doyle, '66, reported the bank balance.

Mr. Skrotsky thanked the host of the meeting, George McLeod, USMMA, '44, who is a member of the New Bern Country Club. The club overlooks the Trent River in a beautiful location.

Mr. Norman W. Sanderson, State Senator for Carteret, Craven, & Pamlico Counties briefly visited the meeting. He emphasized his support for the continued presence of the military in North Carolina. He thanked the members of the chapter for their service in their various branches of the Armed Forces.

Mr. Skrotsky then introduced the video he had of the USNA ESPN Veteran's Day Salute, broadcast from the Yard on 8 November. Hanna Storm and Kevin Negandhi hosted the program. It is an excellent representation of the Naval Academy and is enjoyable to watch. It can

be accessed from You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saffgD2516U>.

Following the video, Mr. Skrotsky noted that the next meeting will be at Sywanyk's Scarlet and Gold Traditions in Jacksonville for the Army-Navy game on 14 Dec. He also noted that the January meeting will be in New Bern on 15 January. The meeting adjourned at 1330.

Tim Marvin, '59, Secretary

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26 September 2013 was a record breaking day for the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky chapter. To start it off, Admiral Bob Natter '67, chairman of the USNA AA Board of Trustees arrived at the Dayton, Ohio airport late morning where he was met by Jim Gallagher '57. Jim transported ADM Natter to a luncheon location on the south side of Dayton. There he was met by over 30 USNA grads who enjoyed meeting him and listening to his remarks after lunch. This was the first time in decades that our chapter had planned and executed an event for the Dayton contingent. Given that we had about 1/3 of our membership in the Dayton area, it was appropriate to do. Kudos to Jim Gallagher '57 and Jason Bailey '07 for calling every member

in the area to make them aware of ADM Natter's visit. They really made it happen.

ADM Natter then travelled to Cincinnati for a dinner celebration in the East Wing of Paul Brown Stadium (home of the Cincinnati Bengals). This event routinely draws over 300 people in a joint USNA AA and Cincinnati Chapter Navy League function. This was the annual George E. Brown lecture series that has featured VADM Mike Miller, Superintendent of USNA, ADM Vern Clark, CNO, and many other USNA notable graduates as guest speaker.

George Brown was the engineering officer on the USS Sculpin and made 5 war patrols on her before she was severely damaged in a running battle with Japanese destroyers. Brown along with about 25% of the crew surrendered and was held as POW's until the end of the war, when he returned to Cincinnati and a career with Procter & Gamble. This event is strongly supported by Cincinnati Insurance since its founder, John Shiff, served on submarines in the Pacific during World War II.

Little did we know that in addition to ADM Natter as guest speaker, representing the top leadership of our Alumni Association, we would also have the entire chain of command of the U.S. Navy League in attendance. The photograph below captured all of them at this event.



National President Jim Offutt, National Vice President Paula Bozdech-Veater, Regional President Hank Boyd, and Cincinnati President Steve Tagariello

During the social hour, shipmates had a chance to mingle and catch up with fellow members of our chapter.



1967 Classmates Bob Natter and Dennis Costello





Roxanne Motl (wife of Gerry '68), Mr. and Mrs. Bud Babcock '74



Craig Washington '89 (from USNA AA HQ), Steve Carrington '92 and Rex Settle '71

Following dinner, ADM Natter addressed the large crowd and discussed what was going on at USNA and also current events and their impact on USNA, the Navy, and our entire Department of Defense. He then took questions for about 15 minutes from the assembled group.



Steve Tagariello, Jim Offutt, ADM Natter '67, Jack Schiff, Jr. (Cincinnati Insurance), Tom Schram '69 (USNA AA Chapter President), Paula Bozdech-Veater

At the end of the day, this was the largest turnout of USNA grads in our chapter (ex Army game get-togethers) that we have seen in many, many years. We have ADM Natter to thank for the opportunity to do so. Without his willingness to come to our area, this would not have been possible. Our sincere thanks goes out to him for his contribution to our chapter. Beat Army! (Hopefully that will have happened by the time you read this article.)

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On Wednesday **September 11**, the Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter met for our monthly meeting at Portland's Old Spaghetti Factory.

Following our Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all affected by 9-11, **Chapter President Ray Kutch '63** thanked all who made our annual alumni and parents' summer picnic and Blue & Gold Officer Recognition Barbeque a success in particular, **'Butch' Bewick '62** and our hosts **Jack & Joan Kohl '65**.



September guest speaker Kelley Day, Anchor for KOIN TV news in Portland addressing membership.

Ray then introduced **Deena Day** wife of the late **Maxie Day '64** and his daughter

and guest-speaker for our meeting **Kelley Day**, the lead news anchor for Portland's KOIN-TV Channel 6. She related with us her fine experiences as a "Navy Junior" and acquired organizational skills and inquisitiveness which she attributed to her dad—both as a father and as a naval officer. She reviewed some key stories she had reported on as well as challenges facing journalists regarding "tips" verifications and "breaking news". She discussed the challenges of TV news editing in terms of time constraints, objectivity, exclusivity, local vs. national stories, human interest, public service, ratings, and accuracy.

Following a very responsive Q & A session of Kelley, Ray reminded all members of future events including scheduled guest speakers, our annual Marine Corps birthday celebration, and our December recognition of WWII veterans.

Other USNA alumni (and honorary alumni) in attendance were: **Dave (& wife Kay) Beatty '57**, **Tony Lash (VMI) '58**, **'Butch' Bewick '62**, **Mike Harman '63**, **Ray (& wife Judy) Kutch '63**, **Tim Myers '64**, **Bill Bostick '65**, **Glen Weeks '65**, **Frank Swientek '66**, **Tom Burns '67**, **'Tex' (& wife Cecily) Harkins '67**, **Cal Meek '67**, **Dan Mulligan '67**, **Doug Bomarito '68**, **Denny Young '68**, **John Adams '69**, **John Plett '69**, **Mark Cooksey '71**, **'Skip' Phipps '73**, **Bruce Thompson '73**, **Douglas Ballard '74**, **Tom Stubbs '84**, **Allen Flanagan '88**, **Susan Mead '90**, **Ted Scypinski '90**, **Will Rimmer '01**, **Kellie Randall '04** and **Oregon/SW Washington USNA Parents Club members Julie Valeske & Shirley Walton**

On **October 9**, Chapter President **Ray Kutch '63** opened our monthly meeting celebrating both the Navy and Naval Academy October birthdays.



Chapter President Ray Kutch '63 conversing with October guest speaker Barbara Bell '83 and Chapter Secretary Jim Unger '53

Ray then introduced **Captain Barbara Bell USN (Ret) '83**, the Navy's first female Aeronautical Engineering Officer Captain and Program Executive Officer

(PEO) for a major RDT&E and Acquisition program. She provided a detailed account of her life as a midshipman as part of the first plebe class during which there were first class female midshipmen in brigade leadership positions, the selection process for commissioning male/female assignments, and her flight training in Pensacola. Barbara became the first NFO to qualify on all carrier-based aircraft as well as assignments to tactical air squadrons. She remains a most active mentor for young women interested in aviation, past & current female midshipmen & USAFA cadets, and those interested in future appointments to our service academies.

Following a Q & A session, Ray reminded all members that next month we celebrate with our USMC brethren their annual birthday and all members are encouraged to attend and "bring a Marine veteran to lunch."

Other USNA alumni (and honorary alumni) in attendance were: **John Frerichs '50, Jim Unger '53, Tony Lash (VMI '58), Ed Whitehurst '60, Joe Broz '62, Jerry (& wife Jan) Larsen '62, Dave Lutes '63, Glen Weeks '65, Frank Swientek '66, 'Ike' Eisenbach '67, 'Tex' Harkins '67, Doug Bomarito '68, Pete Crystal '70, Mark (& wife Susan) Cooksey '71, Alan Grube '72, Tom Hall '72, Bruce Thompson '73, Mike Rabideau '75, Dave Jensen '77, Janette Sandberg '96, Juan Svenningsen '99, and Kellie Randall '04.**

**November 13 Notes, Oregon and South West Washington Chapter, USNA AA**  
Attendees: **Ray Kutch '63**, President; **Frank Swientek '66** Vice Pres.; **Skip Phipps '73** Treasurer; **John Frerichs '50, Jake McMichaels '58, Ed Whithurst '60, John Morris '61** and wife Brenda; **David Lutes '63; Glen Weeks '65; Jack Kohl '65; Tex Harkins '67** and wife Cecily and daughter Cecily Mesa; **Doug Bomarito '68; Ruth Ayslu '70; Mark Cooksey '71** and wife Susan; **Tom Hall '72; Bruce Thompson '73; Michael Seiwakd '73; Doug Ballard '74; Mike Rabideau '75; Mark Beatty '90; Todd Bode '94; Mike Heile '94; Heath Epalooso '95; Ray Stromberger '97; Juan Svenningsen '99.** **Honored Guests:** Jay Williams, Parent's Club, Dick Lennox, USMC, Al Arghedas, USMC, Kent Studebaker, USMC, Tony Lash, VMI '58, Cameron Smith, USMC, Don Williams,

OSU NROTC '70, Jerry Pero, USMC, Jud Blakely, USMC, Leuce Morgan, USMC, Larry Stewart, USMC, Kevin Williams, USMC, Eric Shelve, USMC, Nelson Olf, USMC, Bruce Brousspr, USMC, Joel Schumacher, USMC, Ted Kulongoski, USMC, J Wandres, USNR, Michael Lundahl, Tulane NROTC, '06, Clyde Beigh, USN, Robert M Hale, USMC, Sandy Sinclair, USMC, Norm Maves, USMC, Ted Wilhite, USMC, Terry Connell, USMA '58, Jim Rugle, USMC, Bill Call, USMC, John Olt, USMC, Bill Schonley, USMC, Karl Smith, USMC,

It was a commemoration worthy to be emblazoned in the Halls of Montezuma! Following the blessing by "Chaplain" Dave Lutes, Skipper, Ray Kutch, also recently home from the 50th Reunion of the Class of '63, opened the ceremonies for celebrating the 238th anniversary Marine Corps Birthday, Nov. 10 1775. 238 YEARS! HOOAAHH!

As one by one, our guests introduced themselves we soon became aware of what an outstanding representation of Marine heroes stood in our midst: including Ted Kulongoski, Former Governor of Oregon, Bud Clark, Mayor of Portland, Randall Sawyer of the Naval Academy Foundation, Cameron Smith, Director of Veterans Affairs for Oregon (and also the Great Grand Son of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, COMPACFLEET WWII). Other Notables included Hall-of-Famer-Sportscaster, Bill Schonley, Jerry Pero, President, of Vietnam-Veterans-of-Oregon Memorial, and of course our Guest Speaker, Norb Murray, veteran of 238 combat Helo Sorties, and elite pilot of "Marine One".

Following Norb's recount of memories of candid moments that come with flying Presidents, past and present, in and around Washington, and the Camp David hinterlands, Doug Bomarito assumed his faithful role of COMLOG, CGL (Commander, Logistics, Cake and Guest-List), and with Flags and Fanfare, set out for all to see the beautifully decorated ceremonial Marine Birthday Cake. With the pommel of the Marmaluke Sword shared by youngest Marine, Cameron Smith, and Oldest Marine, Ted Willhite (born 1922. Cheers!!)... the deft stroke was made and the first piece was shared by the two. They then quartered the cake for all present to share, as a Birthday Salute to our beloved marines!



Chapter President Ray Kutch '63 & Doug Bomarito '68 officiating at chapter's November USMC birthday celebration



Youngest Marine Cameron Smith, and Oldest Marine Ted Willhite (born 1922) cut USMC birthday cake.

Following the cake salute, Bill Schonley rose to the occasion and, with Gung Ho passion, and inspiration from the heart flowing from those golden vocal chords by which he became so famous, led the very-large crowd in a tumultuous and lusty-throated chorus of the Marines' Hymn. A more fitting celebration and closing could not have been imagined! It was our best celebration EVER! Made possible by all our Guests and by the hard work and excellent preparation by all involved! Thanks to Doug, (COMLOG, CGL), Ray, our Skipper, Ike, for use of his sword, Tex for the incredible slide show, Butch for the use of his newly purchased projector, and ALL for making it so! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARINES! SEMPER FIDELIS!

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Susquehanna Valley Chapter We had a great gathering the evening of November 5th at the Outdoor Country Club north of York. Many thanks to Joe and Liz Person for hosting. Attendees were as follows: Paul Kurisky, John Casey, Jeff Knauer, Bill and Susan Boniface, Joe and Liz Person and Rod Messick.

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

12/14/13 - Army-Navy party - 2PM, Lancaster Brewing Company, Harrisburg, PA - sponsored by Bill Boniface and Matt Chabal (Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA)

1/15/14 - Board meeting - location TBD (Chapter members only)

3/19/14 - Board meeting - location TBD (Chapter members only)

5/14/14 - Board meeting - location TBD (Chapter members only)

6/18/14 - Third Annual All Hands Chapter meeting - location TBD, this event will include a guest speaker (Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA)

7/16/14 - Board meeting - location TBD (Chapter members only)

9/6/14 - Navy Football at Temple University, Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, PA (Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA) Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA)

10/4/14 - Chapter picnic/Navy-Air Force viewing party - noon, location

TBD (Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA)

12/13/14 - Army-Navy party - 2PM, Lancaster Brewing Company, Harrisburg, PA (Open to - Chapter members, spouses, and guests; interested alumni; other supporters of USNA)

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**Vicky Viray Mendoza** (daughter of **Willy Viray '56**) is back in town (arrived late Nov) for a month's vacation, and completed a paper for the *Maritime Review* Jan-Feb 2014 issue. As mentioned last year, she has agreed to help **Chuck Agustin '60** by writing articles in the *Maritime Review*, the bi-monthly journal of the Maritime League.

### **Chapter Reorganization.**

Last 29 Nov, Chuck Agustin met with **Armando "Manding" Guzman '80** with regard to reorganizing the Chapter, and planning for the Army-Navy fellowship with the WPSP. By the time this gets off the press, that event would have been completed, hopefully Army beaten anew, and the USNAPHIL duly organized to take on new challenges.

The fellowship will not be so gala in deference to the recent calamities (Bohol-Cebu earthquake and Typhoon Haiyan or Yolanda).

Hope everyone is safe and will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The Watts Bar Come-around began with perfect weather on Tuesday, October 8th. In attendance were the Kathy and **Merrick Bayer '65**, Bea and **John Christensen '57**, Mary and **Jack Glaeser '59**, Mari and **Jerry McIlwain**, Maryjane and **Bob Metcalf '61**, Susan and **Charlie Norton '62**, Jan and **Charlie Pinkham '58**, Marie and **Jim Roberts '59**, **Glen Shindler '64**, Nancy and **Denny Sloan '57**, Sharon and **Larry Weaver '59**, Patti and **Jay Williams '67**, and firsties Lynne and **Jim Connors '74**. The Fish Fry started a five day feeding frenzy with catfish, hushpuppies, fried okra, potato salad, and coleslaw supplied by new members Jerry and Mari McIlwain and the firsties. No one went away hungry. After dinner, we had a huge campfire with s'mores and tall tales. The following day, most of the group went down to Chattanooga to tour the brand new VW factory. It was an amazing tour showing how modern cars are manufactured with robots and people working together to create a very reliable automobile. After the tour, some of the group ate lunch at the VW cafeteria, while a large contingent went to a nearby Chinese buffet. That



*RV Chapter: Infamous RV auction*

afternoon we started things off with happy hour, appetizers, and closed the evening with a campfire, s'mores and lots of joke telling.

Thursday morning we were all treated to a hearty camp breakfast by the Roberts with help from the Sloans and Bayers. Included in this feast were Jim's famous minced beef, supplemented by bacon and eggs, toast and homemade jellies from Mari McIlwain's pantry, and juice to wash it down. Afterwards our board members met, followed by a business meeting with all attendees present. After that we enjoyed another of Jim Roberts exciting auctions, as treasures changed hands while the chapter treasury grew by \$189. We all left smiling and carrying off our highly coveted purchases. Since we still had perfect Fall weather, a group of 12 took a 2 hour boat ride from the firstie's home all the way to the campground and back. That evening after another happy hour, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at Uncle Gus's Smokey Mountain BBQ, now a favorite with the group. Returning to the site, we again circled around the campfire and were treated to caramel apples by the firsties.

Friday we enjoyed lunch at a nearby Mexican restaurant, continuing the feeding frenzy theme for this come-around. That afternoon we went our separate ways to explore various sites in the vicinity. That evening we were treated to a truly fantastic potluck dinner at the campsite. That night we again gathered around a campfire where only a few hearty souls had room for more s'mores.

Saturday was a chance for everyone to again explore the area, with trips to local dairies, cheese factories, or antique shopping high on the list. The firstie declared an early happy hour at about noon so that everyone at the campground could enjoy some leftover appetizers and fellowship. That evening the firsties supplied a dinner of grilled spiral cut hot dogs and nuclear stew. We also had enough left over desserts that everyone was too bloated to eat s'mores or caramel apples. But we did manage to waddle over to the campfire for a final evening of jokes, sea stories, and a warm, bright fire. During the come around we managed to burn more than a truck bed full of firewood.

On Sunday morning, most of the campers departed early in the morning. With a lot of goodbyes and handshakes, we ended the 2013 comearound year on a high note. As usual we enjoyed fantastic weather every day, with evenings in the upper 50s

and daytime highs in the upper 70s or low 80s, lots of sunshine, and plenty of chances to relax and enjoy the beautiful waterfront views. And as mentioned, we all managed to eat way too much, but still had room for dessert most evenings. We had several first time attendees for Watts Bar, and hope to see them become regulars in the future. If you haven't had a chance to try out the season finale you should make plans to attend Watts Bar next Fall.

My thanks to Jim Connors for another outstanding report, I love it when someone does my job for me! By the time this issue of Shipmate hits your mailbox, you will just have time to gas up and head south for the Key West comearound... come join us for more fun in the sun!

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WOW! Wacking AFA, hosting Tri Service Golf tournament and Founders Day all in one month. Quite a time for our small Chapter.

2013 Founder's Day was celebrated October 10th at Sushihana Japanese Restaurant. Our guest speaker was Jeffrey McClure, President and Chief Financial Officer of the Personal Wealth Coach and author of the book by the same name. To

describe Jeff as a financial planner doesn't come close to describing his talents. Jeff is a degreed cultural anthropologist and as such brings a unique and fascinating view and history of investing. Also attending the dinner was RADM Eugene Farrell '42 who recently moved here from La Jolla CA. Admiral Farrell was found by one of our members who saw a Porsche with a license plate showing USNA 42 at the Lifetime Fitness facility. That scenario speaks volumes about Adm Farrell.

Traditional cake cutting was performed by RADM Farrell and Ted McCormick '06.



RADM Farrell & Ted McCormick '06 cutting cake.



Jeffrey McClure receives Chapter buckle from Pres. Ron Sandoval '81.



One half Alamo Chapter '13 golf team: Steve Jalnos, Jim Kiehle '62, Bob Loeffler '72, Robi Jalnos.



Half Alamo Chapter '13 golf team: Dave Driskell '63, Bill McKay '54, Tom VanMeter '62, J.K. Minton '66.



Ron Sandoval '81, Nov speaker 'Bull' Pratt, John Padgett '65.



Tres Marines: Ted Kuhlmeier '74, Matthew Olson '12, Bill Broderick '70

Jim Kiehle '62 served as lead organizer for this year's Tri Service Golf Tournament and deserves a BZ for his efforts. USNA didn't fare so well but we did manage to find the traveling trophy and put it back on the circuit. Pictures of our stalwart team are included with this submission.

Our November meeting was held at Little Italy Italian Restaurant on Wednesday the 13th. Guest speaker was "Bull" Pratt, LCOL, USMC (RET). Bull is currently Vice President, Southwest Sector, for Cybersalus LLC. His topic was "How I won the war"; a tongue-in-cheek title referring to the Marine Air mission in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. We were treated to Bull's personal pictures of the 'Highway of Death' and the oil well fires set by Saddam Hussein. Small world item: Bull and chapter member John Padgett '65 flew together in Coral Sea in 1980. Also attending our November meetings was 2/LT Matthew Olson '12. Matthew was one of our NASS scholarship awardees seven years ago. Chapter Members' investments paying off.

By the time you will be reading this we will be finalizing our Valentine's Day meeting. Our Guest speaker will be Johnnie Chuoke, Handyman extraordinaire, radio personality and owner of Chuoke's Home and Hardware.

GO NAVY !!

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Driskell '63

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Austin chapter meetings are held at 11:30 am on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Marie Callender's, 9503 Research Blvd. #400 in Austin. All USNA graduates and their spouses in the Austin area are invited to participate. Reservations are not required.

Attending in October were: **Pete Baker '57, Chip Buerger '58, Joe Wright '59, Gary Chapel '61, Don McAlister '63, Bob Jones '64, Al Gaboric '64, Scott Beachy '66, Tom Felger '66, John Rogers '70, Chuck Trahan '73, Mark Middleton '81, Kevin Windbigler '86, Brad Holbrook '06, and Dan Hanley '10. New members attending were Mike Flynn '95, and Jack Johnson '70.**

Our speaker was Ponda Bethke, an employee of the Electric Reliability Corporation of Texas, (ERCOT), which controls the flow of electricity in the state. Ponda is a volunteer with Honor Flight Austin. The group is dedicated to identifying World War II veterans in Central Texas, and providing them a free trip to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II memorial.

A memorial honoring The Greatest Generation wasn't completed until 2004, decades after those for other wars. A year later Earl Morris, a retired Air Force officer, working in a clinic in Ohio, realized that his WWII veteran patients who had expressed an interest in going to see "their" memorial were finding it financially and physically impossible to do so.

Forming a group of small plane pilots, he began taking veterans to Washington. But it soon became obvious that small planes would never be able to handle the numbers of veterans who were there, Ms. Bethke said. In addition, it started becoming obvious that WWII veterans were dying at a rate of hundreds a day.

They group began the fund-raising operation in cooperation with airlines that made it possible to take larger numbers of veterans.

Ms. Bethke said the Austin Chapter of Honor Flight came into being in 2012. Flights originating from Austin take place in spring, early summer, fall and early winter,

pausing during the most severe weather times in Washington. Funds raised by the organization pay all the costs of the veterans who make the trip in groups of 34 or 35.

Volunteers, known as Guardians, meet the veterans as they arrive at the curb at the Austin airport, she said. Each veteran is asked to sit in a wheel chair in which they will make the trip through the airport and around D.C. That makes it possible for the veterans to move as a group, she said, although many of the veterans don't need the assistance.

They are assisted through security at the airport, then lined up in the inner concourse. Led by a Transportation Security Agency color guard and a bagpipe and drum from the Austin Police Department, they parade through the airport.

Ms. Bethke said people come out of the gate areas, the restaurants and the shops to applaud the veterans as they proceed to their gate.

After a ceremony at the gate and a box lunch donated by a local company, they board their Southwest Airlines plane for the trip to Washington, accompanied by a few Guardians. Other Guardians, many of them active duty military personnel, meet the veterans as they arrive at Ronald Reagan Airport, and stay with their assigned individual for the entire tour.

They have dinner and spend the night at a Washington hotel, and enter buses for the trip around the district. First stop is the WWII memorial, followed by visits to the Vietnam and Korean memorials, Iwo Jima and Air Force memorials, and finally a stop at Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown. Groups often are able to participate in placing a wreath at the tomb.

Following the long day, they board a flight home, during which they are given a package of letters from family members and others thanking them for their service.

Their Austin Guardians meet them at the gate, she said, and take them to the outer lobby, where an NJROTC honor guard, and a cheering crowd of family members and other observers wait for them. After a final ceremony and some gifts, their Guardians see that they get back to cars or buses which are waiting.

The Chapter won't meet in December as we get together with the Austin West Point Chapter for the annual Navy victory.

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On November 5, 2013 the North Texas Chapter was pleased to host our Mr. Steve Weatherspoon, USNA '72, as our guest speaker. Steve is the Navy Program Manager for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter and gave a captivating speech on the F-35 design, product, and cross services challenges. We were also delighted to host his wife and greatly appreciate Steve taking the time to share with us as he prepares for his next great endeavor in 2014.

In attendance were: **Thomas Meyer '63, Robert Schaefer '63, Stephen Shigley '74, John Wroten '65, Saul Zavala '74, John Gargan '57, Pete Bibby '79, Jim Clabby '69, Joseph Sheppard '76, Boyd Stewart '70, William Costello '64, Bob Ernst '84, Andrew Craycroft '89, Carrie (Busch) Murdock '99, Tom Shaw '77, and John Whitehead '03.**

We recently hosted chapter elections and our new officers are now posted on the website, but please contact any of us should you have any questions regarding upcoming events. Our officer are: President, **Matthew Elias, '78**; Secretary, **Carrie Busch Murdock, '99**; Treasurer, **Greg Colandrea, '90**; Vice President of Programs, **Wes Caywood, '91**; and Vice President of Membership, **Eric Biggers, '97.**

The month of December will be jammed with activities for the chapter and we hope everyone will come. First, we are eagerly gearing up as Navy prepares to defeat Army again this year. We will be hosting our annual party at the Fox & Hound. Our December Chapter Luncheon will take place on Dec 18th with the Commandant of Midshipmen Capt. William Bryne. That evening our annual Blue Chip Dinner where we host local candidates will take place at the Royal Oaks Country Club in Dallas. And of course in North Texas we are getting ready for Navy to compete in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl.

On January 21, 2014, we are pleased to host Gil Elan, President of the President & CEO of Southwest Jewish Congress for what has become our annual Middle East briefing.



We look forward to updates on these events in next year's column. If you are not currently receiving emails with chapter news, please email Secretary Carrie Busch Murdock at [secy@usnaaa-ntx.com](mailto:secy@usnaaa-ntx.com). Our schedule is always posted on the chapter website if you are able to join us for events.

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*Dan Moran and Ed Klein*

### **Nov Luncheon**

Captain Daniel Moran, USMC (Ret.), Texas A&M University '03 graduate, spoke about his Marine Corps experiences during his initial tour of duty in Fallujah, Iraq in 2005; and then his deployment to Ramadi, Iraq in Sept 2006.

Dan was wounded during a patrol on Oct 9, 2006 north of the city of Ramadi. Twelve days later, Dan's vehicle was hit by an IED, killing three of his Marines and severely injuring him and his vehicle commander. Dan sustained 3rd degree burns to 50% of his body, incurred multiple fractures in his back, suffered an inhalation injury, a concussion and loss of his spleen. He was transferred to Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, where he recovered for almost 3 years.



*Dan Moran and Robert Lebya*

Dan founded Moran Enterprises Inc on Nov 10, 2008 and serves as Chmn & Pres. He medically retired as a Captain of Marines on July 31, 2009.

Dan was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, which was presented to him by former President George H.W. Bush and Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates during half time of the Texas A&M vs. University of Kansas football game in College Station on Oct 27, 2007.

**John O'Neill '67** later remarked that "two bookends for me are my close friend Joe Reynolds (one of only 4 surviving Marines in the first wave on Iwo Jima AND in the Northern part of the Frozen Chosin) who spoke to our Chapter 6 years ago (missing fingers shot off at Iwo and removed frost-bitten toes)—now gone—and now Dan Moran. I kept thinking Joe is so proud to know that those Marines are still his people in Soul and Heart. Joe is certainly guarding the streets of Heaven." Google "Joe H. Reynolds Marine" for more info.

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Visit our website, <http://www.usnaaa-txgc.com>. If you have not yet registered on the website, please do so by following directions in the website's upper left corner; press "New user, registration is FREE". Once you are registered, you may choose to pay your annual Chapter dues ONLINE.

The website, with its outbound emails, is our single method of communicating about chapter events. Outgoing email announcements from the website will be sent to you from "USNA Alumni Association, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter", [email\\_watch@omnimagnet.net](mailto:email_watch@omnimagnet.net) (please add to your email address book to bypass your spam filter).

### **Chapter Luncheons**

Upcoming Chapter luncheon dates are Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, and Apr 4. The chapter website transmits email announcements for each luncheon, with embedded links to the web site, to make it convenient to order/buy lunch tickets ONLINE. For additional information, visit our website or email us at [usnatgcc@yahoo.com](mailto:usnatgcc@yahoo.com).

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We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season. To kick off our holiday season this year, we had a few Mids come home for OPINFO programs in UT over the Thanksgiving holiday and spent some time at local high schools. Thank you to all the local Alumni and BGOs who helped out in coordinating these important recruiting visits. In December we also hosted/participated in two major Alumni events including our annual Army/Navy game celebration at Legends Sports Pub in Salt Lake (although at this point we don't have pictures or even a result from that game yet as this article was written before the game). We also will have held our annual All Academies Winter Ball with Cadets and Mids from all of the Service Academies and attendees from local military units and ROTC units as well; more to come on that event also in a later issue of Shipmate. We hope to announce as well the results of our Officers Election from the A/N game Chapter Meeting and will announce who will be assuming what roles in the Chapter moving forward.

We are once again asking that all Alumni in the Intermountain Region help us keep our contact/email list updated. The USNAAA main office in Annapolis has asked us for updated lists of our members in the area and we are unable to provide them with any more of an accurate list than they provide to us. As such, please reach out to the Chapter President

and Secretary with your contact information (name, address, phone number, email address) so that we can ensure our records are as accurate as possible. We try very hard to protect the list and to never allow our list of Alumni to be used for any kind of commercial/selling purposes and also ask the same of each of you in our membership. Please also go online to the USNAAA website and update your own personal alumni profile as that is the main list from which we get our contact information for each member. If you have moved into or out of our area, we want to hear about that as well so that we can ensure our contact list and the list of Alumni that the USNAAA office maintains are kept as accurate and up to date as possible.



In this issue, as the Chapter Secretary, I am taking a minute out to announce the birth of my 4th child Charlotte Irene Briggs on November 20, 2013. My wife Andrea (St. John's College '04) and I now have two girls and two boys; Abby-8, Sean-5, Thomas-2, Charlotte. Photo of the kids below. Since I have never done any kind of personal announcement in Shipmate, I decided that the 4th child was a good excuse to do so and to also provide a quick update as I have now been in the Salt Lake City area for over two years working as a sales rep for a Wisconsin based cheese and dairy company. Hope all is well with everyone else and I wish you all Fair Winds and Following Seas. As always, if you have any news to report,

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Darrin Briggs '01/'03

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Winter, such as it is in this relatively mild area of the country, is beginning to set in around Hampton Roads and things have been relatively quiet for our Chapter. Of course by the time this lands in our readers' hands we will have had our always popular annual Army-Navy Party at Just George's Sports Bar in Virginia Beach and Navy's appearance in the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl on 30 December will be history as well. Those events along with pictures will be reported on in the next issue of Shipmate.

Our Directors of Golf (DOGs) **Dan Lear '68** and **Bill Coxe '69** were all set to go with our Fall Golf Outing on 10 October. However this year it was not to be as Mother Nature reared her unpredictable head and rained out the event. Our devoted duffers will take to the links again in the Spring.

At our Joint Service Academy Businesspersons Networking Breakfast on 6 November Kathleen Toomey Jabs '88, author of "Black Wings" was our featured speaker and provided some great insight how she got the idea for and then researched and wrote her first mystery novel. At our final breakfast for 2013 on 11 December Virginia State Senator Frank Wagner '77 was our speaker and on 15 January Bob Fitzgerald, Owner, Founder, and CEO of BOSH Global Systems enthralled us with the story of how he started BOSH with two employees ten years ago and has seen it grow to almost 200 today as well as how he is going about shifting BOSH from a Government to a

commercial customer base. On 19 February Dave Rosenfield, the former long-time General Manager of the Norfolk Tides and now Executive Vice President and Senior Advisor to the President, will regale us with tales of his 50-plus years in professional baseball running a Minor League baseball team.

For the 6th consecutive year our Chapter will partner with all Service Academies, local ROTC programs, and Congressional Office Liaison Representatives to plan and execute our Hampton Roads Service Academy and ROTC Information Day. This year's event is again being coordinated by Area Blue & Gold Coordinator **Dave Lannetti '81** and **Bill Daniels '77** and will be held at Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach on Saturday 8 February 2014 from 1000 to 1200. The goal of this extremely popular and well-attended event is to provide the best possible information to interested 8th-11th grade students and prospective candidates, their parents and guidance counselors, and eligible enlisted personnel from all services.

As always upcoming events will be promulgated on our website and announced via Chapter "blaster" emails.

Dick Enderly '71

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The Quantico Area Chapter convened for our monthly breakfast on November 1, 2013, at the Holiday Inn in Dumfries, VA. CAPT Doug Martin '65, USN (Ret.) was our featured speaker for the event. Doug has published a well-received thriller about a dictator named Kim and his nukes, an American president, and bin Laden's avengers, entitled *Code Word Paternity, a Presidential Thriller*. The theme of his novel is duty. It chronicles a new president's personal journey from the comfortable collective responsibility of the Senate to the Spartan world of a president's duty—through the counsel of a former Marine who understands that duty, like its cousin unconditional love, demands sacrifice and leaves scars. Doug presented some highlights of his book, then exhorted the



assembled membership to consider writing as a worthwhile avocation or personal endeavor. Several folks were interested in purchasing the book, and Doug graciously signed copies personalizing each one. Some 35 members attended, including Deke Forbes '50, Herb Tiede '53, Bob Dulin '61, Fred Crawford '64, Ed Burrow '65, Dennis Lister '67, Bill Wilt '68, Geoff Pomroy '69, Walt Giraldi '69, Mike Novak '70, Larry Cleghorn '70, John Malay '73, Chris MacMurray '74, Bob Taylor '74, AJ Cetel '75, Chuck Trude '76, Frank Wysocki '76, Mark Worrirow '77, Spike Souders '77, Sean Cate '79, Frank McKinney '80, Tom Connally '83, Jim Duran '83, Dan Hahne '83, Don Schmiele '84, Jeff Falcone '91, Robin Dreeke '92, and J.D. Baker Honorary Member of '05.



*Doug Norton '65, Discussing his book Code Word Paternity, a Presidential Thriller*

On November 2, several members gathered at Mick's Restaurant and Sports Lounge in Stafford, VA to cheer on the Navy team against Notre Dame. Due to the expert coaching suggestions and play calling of those present, added to the boisterous cheering, Navy came close (once again) to upsetting the Irish. Alas, it was not to be. When we zagged instead of zigging, we were not able to convert on 4th down, leaving ND with the ball and able to run out the clock. The luck of the Irish was again demonstrated, this time in South Bend. It was a great game and the Navy team should be proud of their performance. Those in attendance included Lynne Malinowski '93 and family, Fred and Donna Crawford '64, Mike Novak '70, Chris MacMurray '74, Ken Dunn '74, Jim Duran '83, Jennifer Tucker '07 and daughter, and Bob Sonnenberg '70.

Next up will be a breakfast on 6 Dec with LtGen John Sattler '71, USMC (Ret.), Distinguished Leadership Chair of the Stockdale Center, speaking to us about the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership.

### **Richmond Chapter**

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With the football season in high gear and our Navy team off to a promising start, the Richmond Chapter continues its Champps tradition. We had a fairly light turnout for the Navy – Air Force game this year, with many of our members having gone to Annapolis for the game. Turning out to support the team at Champps were **Mike Metzger '89, Doc and Ada Smith '52, Dave, Sandy and Joe Sanders '90, Bill and Kimberly Ruch '68, David Denson '68, Andy Brower '79 and Peggy Feldman '80** with son Cory, **Matt Washko '06** and Amanda with family, **Rick Williamson '72** and **Chris Rodgers '97**.

Last year, we reinstituted our Luncheon Series and this event continues to grow in popularity. Our Fall Luncheon at The Boathouse at Rockett's Landing was a huge success and we had a great turnout to hear Mr. Bob Sullivan, head of Curatorial Services at the US Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA. In attendance were **Larry Valada '52** with son James, Rhoda Eagau, **Rick Williamson '72, Bob Adler '51, Bill Shaughnessy '64, Tom Elmore '77, Rick Rush '75, Bill and Kimberly Ruch '68, Larry Varnas, Tim Lorentz '77, Jay Crabtree '89, Doug Hanson '87, Robert and Valerie Acosta '86, Waddy Garrett '64, David Denson '68, Peggy Feldman '80, Mike and Cathy High '74, Allen Worley '74, Rob and Cheryl Casey '73, Chuck and Sally Beale '74, MA Powers, Monica Merchant, John King '62, Bob Partlow '61, Matt O'Connell '72, Tom Stroud '94, Bob Lawrence '68, Gordon Thomson '82, Jim Wilson '80 and Dave Sanders '90.** Also joining us from Quantico was **CAPT Joe Rossiter, USMC, '03.**



*Rob Casey '73 with Mr. Bob Sullivan and CAPT Joe Rossiter '03 from the USMC Museum in Quantico, VA*

Just for fun, I have included a picture of our shipmate **Andy Brower '79** with his class on Halloween. Notably, Andy is one of the few alum who has discovered a good use for his parade uniform after graduation.



*Andy Brower '79 and his merry band of pirates*

We were fortunate again this year to gather at Champps with some local Fighting Irish alumni as Navy took on Notre Dame on Saturday, November 2. While the Mids did not prevail, it wasn't for a lack of support in Richmond. Present for the game were **Mel and Susie Hamner '84, Mike Metzger '89, Tom, Angela, Nicholas, Maggie and Ben Taliaferro '87, Tom and Linda Elmore '77, Brook Schurman '83, Rich Harden '65, Ken and Diane Raup '79, Andy Brower '79, Addie Brower (hopeful '18!), Jim Wilson '80** and Vikki, and **Mark James '78.**



*Navy and Notre Dame alumni gathered at Champps*

Finally, in what is quickly becoming another Richmond tradition, we had an outpouring of volunteers to host the Navy Marathon Team when they arrived for the 2013 Richmond Marathon. **Mike and Tina Metzger '89** hosted the ladies while **Rich and Missy Harden '65** hosted the gentlemen. Despite the rainy weather, all of our runners qualified for next year's Boston Marathon.

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Mike Metzger '89

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**Congressman Wittman hosted by the Williamsburg Chapter, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association (USNA AA)**  
On November 8, Congressman Rob Wittman addressed the USNA AA, Williamsburg Chapter, and provided an excellent overview regarding current events at both the Naval Academy and our Congress. Congressman Wittman is the Chairman of the Naval Academy Board of Visitors. As such, he is fully aware of the most recent happenings at the Naval Academy. He commented that Admiral Mike Miller is doing an excellent job of dealing with several current delicate situations. He also commented on the numerous on going changes and advances in the Naval Academy's curriculum.

Congressman Wittman expressed great hope that our Congress would not repeat the mistake of shutting down the government and that a return to compromise and cooperation would be forthcoming. The question and answer period following his presentation was both lengthy and spirited as graduates and their wives expressed sincere interest in the on goings of our political process with a series of well stated, focused questions.



Chapter President, Robert Osmon '60 and Congressman Rob Wittman

Chapter President, Robert Osmon '60, presented Congressman Wittman with a bottle of specialty labeled wine from the Williamsburg Winery for which a part of the price goes to support our Wounded Warrior Program.

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The Puget Sound Chapter has been busy with Navy football tailgaters. The Washington Parent's club hosted a tailgater

for the USNA/USFA game that was a big hit at the Seattle Waterfront Marriott with a turnout of over 40 Navy fans including four alumni. At the Samuel Adams in Bremerton there was a loyal contingent. Obviously the cheers helped the Midshipmen prevail against the Air Force cadets and the game that looked like it may not be played was played to a NAVY victory. The chapter is in the midst of the membership drive. As an organization, we do a great deal to support the US Naval Academy. We support local USNA related events and continue to support programs such as NASS, OPINFO, and the Plebe recognition dinner. Go to the website <http://pugetsound.usnachapters.com> or contact any trustee/officer for more information. GO NAVY

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Admiral Kinnaid R. McKee '51, USN (Ret.)  
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By Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi

*"So when a great man dies  
For years beyond our ken  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men."*

Following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy, Admiral Kinnaid McKee '51, USN (Ret.), served in PICUDA, SEA CAT and MARLIN before taking command of the Navy's only experimental midget submarine, X-1, and leading the small submarine's first dive. After tours as executive officer on board NAUTILUS and SAM HOUSTON, McKee served in the Naval Reactors Division of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1964 to 1966 and took command of the nuclear-powered attack submarine DACE from 1966 to 1969. McKee led the ship to two Navy Unit Commendation awards and two Battle Efficiency pennants.

Following command of DACE, he was ordered back to Washington to serve in the office of the director, Navy Program Planning. In 1970, McKee was assigned to the immediate staff of the Chief of Naval Operations where he established the Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel and served as its first director. From 1973 to 1975, McKee commanded Submarine Group 8 and NATO's submarine forces in the Mediterranean, adapting new tactics for submarines and support battle groups.

McKee became the 48th Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy in July 1975 and assisted in achieving Brigade and service acceptance of the admittance of women to the service academies during his tour.

After being promoted to three-star rank in March 1987 and serving as Commander, U.S. Third Fleet, McKee returned to Washington to serve as the first director of Naval Warfare. On 1 February 1982, McKee was nominated and approved by Congress to become Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion following the retirement of Admiral Hyman Rickover '22, USN (Ret.). On 2 March 1982, McKee was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for promotion to four-star rank.

Awarded two Distinguished Service Medals and five Legions of Merit, McKee was routinely selected for the Navy's toughest assignments. Following his retirement in 1988, McKee remained active in the field of education and nuclear power. In 2006, the Naval Academy Alumni

Association awarded Admiral McKee the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association Distinguished Graduate Award, in recognition of his contributions to the nation, Navy and Naval Academy.



*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

—Laurence Binyon, 1914

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*\* obituary appears in this issue*



**KENNETH BARTON HYSONG '39**

Commander Kenneth B. Hysong, USN (Ret.), died on 30 November 2013 at his residence. He was 97 years old.

"Ken" was born on 8 January 1916, son of the late Charles Edward and Gladys McGowen Hysong. He was a leader, excelling academically as well on the football field. Commander Hysong graduated from high school in Los Angeles, CA. After a year of military prep

school, he received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was a three-year starting tackle on the Navy football team and graduated with the Class of 1939.

Commander Hysong was in the South Pacific when World War II began. He spent the entire war there on various naval vessels including NASHVILLE, which served as the flagship for General McArthur.

After retiring from the Navy in 1960, Ken and Estelle relocated to Hendersonville, where her parents had retired previously. Ken began a second career as a math teacher at Hendersonville High School and East Hendersonville High School. He had a profound influence on many of his students. In retirement, Ken enjoyed serving in his church and Interfaith

Assistance Ministry, as well as playing golf, gardening and tutoring math students.

He was preceded in death by his brother, William, and one son, Chuck Hysong, as well as his beloved wife, Sarah Estelle Turner Hysong.

He is survived by two sons, Jim Hysong (Page) of Hendersonville, NC, and John Hysong (Lynda) of Brevard, NC; two daughters, Joan Hysong of Hendersonville, NC, and Susan Hysong Gilks (Ron) of Dallas, TX; 12 grandchildren, Jed Hysong, Ken Hysong (Sarah), Daniel Hysong (Heidi), Julie Hysong Lonon (Josh), Lauren Hysong Beane (Cody), Robert Hysong, Chris Erickson, Ben Hysong, Sarah Hysong, Clacy Hysong, Sarah Gilks and Jessi Gilks; 12 great-grandchildren, Miller and Helena Hysong, Philip, Blake and Joshua Hysong, Alex and Charlie Lonon, Zach Hysong, Alex Hysong, Dillinger Fletcher, Tenleigh Van Boxtel and Stella Erickson; and two nieces, Barbara Hysong Dohrmann and Pat Hysong Maisch.

A memorial service was held on 8 December 2013 at Thos. Shepherd's Church Street Chapel with the Reverend William Carpenter officiating. A private burial will be held in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Four Seasons Compassion for Life, at 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.



#### **WARREN PELHAM LOWERRE '40**

Commander Warren P. Lowerre, USNR (Ret.), died peacefully on 13 October 2013 at Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Denton, TX. He was 95 years old.

Warren was born in New York City on 9 October 1918 to Thorton Pelham and Louise Hustis Lowerre. He attended West Nottingham Academy, Johns Hopkins University and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in

1940. He married Yvonne Belt of Baltimore, MD, at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, CA, on 18 May 1942.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; their three children (and spouses), William (Karla) of Houston, TX, Richard (Mary Kelly) of Austin, TX, and Wendy Marsh (John) of Argyle, TX; five grandchildren, Robert Lowerre of Houston, TX, Suzanne Lowerre Parsons (Sean) from Plano, TX, Whitney Pilar Marsh of San Francisco, CA, Richard Marsh of Ft. Worth, TX, and Stuart Marsh of Denton, TX; and two great-grandchildren, Ellie and David.

A memorial service was held on 26 October 2013 at Good Samaritan Denton Village Chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to Good Samaritan Denton Village/building fund or your charity of choice.

*The Lowerre Family*



#### **CLIFFORD ALTON LENZ '41**

Commander Clifford Lenz, USN (Ret.), 94, passed away peacefully on 28 September 2013, surrounded by family. He had been residing in Seattle for several years to be near his children as he coped with dementia.

"Cliff" was born in Latrobe, PA, in 1919, the youngest of 11 children. Athletically gifted, he entered high school at age 13 with the size, speed and talent to be the starting fullback on the varsity

football team as a freshman. He held his high school discus record for many years. He received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy after fielding offers to play football from Notre Dame, Duke and Pitt.

At the Academy, he excelled on the gridiron and was selected to both the Walter Camp and Grantland Rice All-American teams. He was also the Academy heavyweight boxing champion and the outstanding athlete of the Naval Academy Class of 1941.

Upon graduation, he served as damage control officer on ENTERPRISE in the Pacific. Fortunately, ENTERPRISE (scheduled to be in Pearl Harbor on 6 December 1941) was held outside the islands because of stormy weather. He was to be officer of the deck on the morning of December 7th, had they been in port.

He participated in several of the legendary Pacific battles: Coral Sea, the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, Midway and the Battle of the Eastern Solomons and Guadalcanal (where he earned a Purple Heart).

He met June Lipke in Honolulu, and they were married in 1943 when he returned to Pensacola for pilot training. He earned his Wings and was about to return to the Pacific when the war ended.

Post WWII, he was on the staff of the Joint Chiefs. He commanded a seaplane squadron in Trinidad, and later returned to the Academy to teach aviation.

The mid-1950s found him on the aircraft carrier HORNET as navigator, and later became XO of the Amphibious Base Training Schools in Coronado.

Retiring from the Navy in 1963, he and June started one of Coronado's most successful gift stores, The Bayberry Tree. They traveled the world harvesting unique artwork and gift items.

June passed away in 2008 after 65 years of marriage. Theirs was an abiding love story of lives well-lived, filled with deep and enduring friendships.

Cliff is survived by his son, Cliff Jr.; daughter, Shannon; grandsons, Connor and Darren; and great-grandchildren, Kylah and Reeve.

On 1 November 2013, he was buried with military honors at Ft. Rosecrans Cemetery.



#### **ERNST HOEFER JR. '42**

Ernst Hoefer Jr. died on 20 September 2013 in Kalamazoo, MI. He was 91 years old.

Ernst was born to Ernst and Jezzette Hoefer on 15 November 1921 in Sheboygan, WI, where he attended public schools. After a year at Harvard University at age 16, Ernst obtained an appointment to the Naval Academy, graduating on 19 December 1941 with the accelerated Class of 1942.

Ernst's assignment upon graduation was to PENNSYLVANIA (BB-38). After repair for damage at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, PENNSYLVANIA conducted shore bombardment during the Aleutian Campaign. Ernst volunteered for flight training, first training in Texas. Ernst then served as a naval aviator. Ernst's most prominent assignment in aviation was as CO of a typhoon reconnaissance squadron during formation and operational training. While on active duty, Ernst studied at Rhode Island University (1951-1952) and The George Washington University (1953).

Ernst resigned from the Navy 31 October 1955 as a lieutenant commander and entered private business. Ernst worked as an engineer, manager and consultant. He worked in Italy and countries in the Mediterranean for over 20 years, including some work with the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Ernst met and married his wife, Roseanna, in Italy.

Ernst retired in the 1980s and he and his wife settled in Kalamazoo, MI. Roseanna died in 2002 and Ernst lived in Kalamazoo until his death.

He is survived by his brother, Bruce Hoefer '47; Bruce's wife, Matilda; and several nieces and nephews.

Ernst's ashes will be interred in the family plot in the cemetery in Sheboygan, WI, at a later date.

*The Hoefer Family & friends*



#### **EDGAR EUGENE MALLICK '44**

Captain Edgar E. Mallick, USN (Ret.), passed away in Sarasota, FL, on 13 October 2013 following a brief illness. He was 93 years old.

"Ed" graduated with the USNA Class of 1944, graduating in June 1943 because of the accelerated World War II training programs. He was assigned to the battleship ARKANSAS (BB-33) and participated in



naval action on D-Day (Omaha Beach), and the battles of Cherbourg and Southern France. When ARKANSAS returned to the U.S. for needed repairs later in 1944, Ed transferred to flight school. He was designated a naval aviator in 1945.

Subsequent duty assignments included VH-1 in Saipan; VP-27 Kaneohe, HI; BuAir, Washington, DC; Fleet Air, Atsugi, Japan; Instructor, USNA; BuWeps, Washington, DC; XO VP-46, Coronado; XO Fleet Air Wing 6, Iwakuni, Japan and liaison officer to the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Forces; Office of Naval Materiel, Washington, DC; Mathematics Department Head, USNA; and Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs, USNA, until his Navy retirement in June 1970.

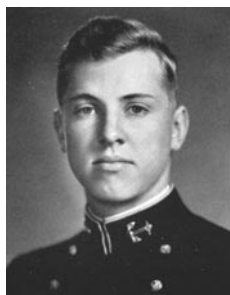
His service decorations include the American Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Star); American Campaign Medal; European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (three Stars); World War II Victory Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal Second Award; Korean Service Medal; and the United Nations Service Medal.

Following his Navy retirement, Ed was academic dean for three years at the College of Mt. Saint Joseph in Cincinnati, OH. Later, he returned to Annapolis as manager of the Merrill Lynch office for ten years until 1986. In his second retirement, he and Sue travelled extensively on six continents, and also completed an around-the-world semester-at-sea program run by the University of Pittsburgh aboard UNIVERSE. In 1995, Ed and Sue moved to their retirement home on Longboat, Key, FL, and to Sarasota's Glenridge Retirement Community in 2005.

Ed was predeceased by his beloved wife of 67 years, Sue (nee Higgins). He is survived by his brother, Earl W. Mallick of Ft. Myers, FL; three children, Kathryn Nissly (Barry) of Lancaster, PA, Susan Stevenson (Chuck) of Orlando, FL; and Dr. Edgar E. Mallick Jr. (Darlene) of Annapolis, MD; eight grandchildren, Heidi, Tammy, Kristen, Polly, Emily, Karen, Ted and Becky; 12 great-grandchildren; and his exchange student daughters, Michelle Saada of Paris, France, and Ola "Cleo" Shousha of Cairo, Egypt.

A memorial service with full military honors was conducted at the Naval Academy Chapel on 18 November 2013, followed by inurnment at the Naval Academy Columbarium.

*The Mallick Family*



#### **EDWARD HAMILTON DOOLIN JR. '45**

Captain "Ted" Doolin, USN (Ret.), died peacefully in his sleep on 30 September 2013, after a long illness in the Fairfax Retirement Community (Fort Belvoir, VA).

Ted was born into a Navy family and mostly grew up in Annapolis, MD. His great-grandfather, William H. Willcox, was USNA graduate number 60 in 1847, and his father was Edward H. Doolin '20.

Ted graduated from Point Loma High School in San Diego (where, unbeknownst to him, the future Mrs. Doolin was an undergraduate) and attended a year at Cochrane Bryan Prep School in Annapolis prior to entering the Academy on a congressional appointment in 1941.

Due to war-accelerated requirements, he graduated in 1944 and reported to LOUISVILLE in the Western Pacific. He participated in numerous battles around the Philippines, including the resounding victory over a Japanese battleship fleet in the Surigao

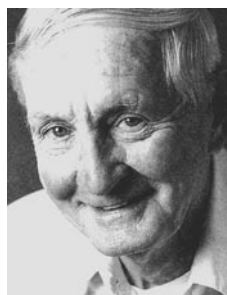
Straights during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944. After surviving a double kamikaze attack, he participated in the Okinawa campaign and survived another kamikaze hit.

In September 1945, he returned to California to marry Mary M. MacKerracher, daughter of Captain Robert MacKerracher '23. "Polly" had frequently followed her father during his Pacific deployments and was familiar with the rigors of Navy life. Her poise and sparkling personality were key factors in Ted's successes.

After attending Flight School, Ted received his Navy Wings in May 1947. Subsequent assignments included patrol, heavy attack and Test Pilot School at Pax River (as one of the first graduates). He transitioned to fighters in 1959 and was assigned as executive officer of VF-103 and CO of VF-33. Following a tour as air boss on INTREPID, Ted was the director of Weapons Systems Test Division at NAS Pax River, MD. Ted then transferred to the Pacific as CO of MAGOFFIN (APA-199) in support of operations off South Vietnam in 1967. He retired from the Navy following a tour as the OinC of NavAir's Weapons Systems Analysis Office in 1970. Ted was awarded a MA from American University and completed a second career as a senior systems analyst with Planning Research Corporation.

Ted is survived by his wife, Polly; children, Ted III '68, Mike '70, James '74 and Tory; as well as six grandchildren, Richard '99, Rachel, Michelle, Danielle, Herb and Tom.

Interment will be at the Naval Academy Columbarium on 9 May 2014 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a lunch reception at the USNA O'Club (RSVP: [r.doolin@insightbb.com](mailto:r.doolin@insightbb.com) or [rickntory@verizon.net](mailto:rickntory@verizon.net)).



#### **RAYMOND BERTCHALL OLIVER '45**

Raymond B. Oliver died on 25 February 2012 in Towson, MD. He was 90 years old. He was a beloved teacher, coach and mentor for 45 years to countless students.

"Ray" was born in Baltimore, MD, where he attended McDonogh School as a scholarship student. In 1940, he received an appointment to the Naval Academy and graduated in 1944. As an ensign, he was immediately assigned to

the Pacific as a gunnery officer aboard the battleship TEXAS, which was attacked by kamikaze bombers. He recalled providing gunfire support during the Battle of Iwo Jima and seeing Marines raise the American flag atop Mount Suribachi.

In 1947, he returned to Baltimore and returned to his high school to become a mathematics teacher. That year he also met his future wife, Evelyn Dorothy Funk. To quote McDonogh School's retired dean of faculty who knew Ray for decades, "Ray Oliver was the quintessential teacher and coach. He was insistent, demanding, clear-headed, precise, goal-oriented and competitive. He was unassuming, compassionate, and infinitely fair and dedicated to reaching out to the kid in trouble." Ray Oliver, or Mr. O, or Coach O, was a mentor to many a McDonogh wrestler. Said a former student, "he loved the sport of wrestling and appreciated what it could do to build character and make men out of boys. He was more concerned with making his wrestlers good students and good citizens than he was about wins and losses." Friends said he anonymously paid for wrestling camp for students who could not afford the expense. In 2001, he was elected to the Maryland Chapter of the National

Wrestling Hall of Fame. Ray carefully encouraged and prepared numerous McDonogh students as they prepared their journey to the Naval Academy.

Ray's beloved wife of 63 years, Evelyn, died in 2011. He is survived by his son, Craig Oliver; daughter, Victoria Wineke; and grandchildren.



## RUPERT BROOKE '47

Captain Rupert Brooke, USN (Ret.), of Solana Beach, CA, passed away peacefully on Saturday, 23 November 2013.

First and foremost, Rupert leaves a wonderful, lasting legacy as a most loving husband to his wife of 67 years, Betty Lou Brooke, and a really great Dad to his children, Wendy (Brooke) Toomey and James Brooke. And of course, the absolute joys of his life were his six

grandchildren, Patrick, Andrew and Hollyn Toomey, Alex, Collin and Peter Brooke.

Born in Oklahoma City, OK, Rupert was raised in a strong, very close-knit family. His brothers and sister...Rex, Hubert and Roberta...were inseparable. Growing up and throughout his life, he loved ice hockey, tennis, golf and many other activities. As a family in his youth, attending church together each Sunday and living Christian principles to the best of their abilities became very important to the Brookes, and was to guide Rupert throughout his life. In junior high school, the most important event of his life occurred: he met the love of his life, Betty Lou (Bryan) Brooke.

Rupert attended Oklahoma A&M for a year, and then was awarded an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, where he graduated with the Class of 1947. At the Academy, he was known as "Pug"...short in stature, but very strong at heart. Betty Lou finally consented to being his wife and they were married in May 1947. Rupert loved the Navy and served a distinguished 30-year career as a Tailhook naval aviator until retiring with the rank of captain in 1976.

Post-Navy, Rupert dedicated his life and participated in activities where he could serve others. He served in many positions at the Rancho Santa Fe Christian Science Church along with his brother, Hubert. Rupert also volunteered to be a weekly calculus tutor for many years at Torrey Pines High School, saving the day for many struggling students who needed his assistance.

Rupert lived his life by the principles he loved and held dear...he was a true role model to those around him.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Fredericka Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, 111 Third Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910. This dedicated staff worked tirelessly to ensure Rupert was supported and comforted during his time there.

*The Brooke Family*



## RICHARD TARLETON CRANE '47

Richard T. Crane passed away on 2 October 2013, with his wife, Betsy, and son, Marc, at his side.

"Rich" was born in Colusa, CA, and was a graduate of Hayward High School. He received his congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1946 as a member of the Sixth Company of the Class of 1947.

He served aboard BOXER (CV-21), ROWAN (DD-782) and was commanding officer of ELKHORN (AOG-7), a gasoline tanker, in a trip around Alaska to re-supply the Northern Canada DEW Line and winning the Navy "E." He worked in photo intelligence, screening CIA U-2 photography for the Navy and other interesting projects. For two years, he taught at the Amphibious Base in Coronado, teaching photo intelligence in several schools.

Rich joined Northrop Corporation in 1959, and spent the rest of his working days in the aerospace and electronics industry in engineering and marketing. In 1975, he joined UTC's Norden systems in Connecticut, concentrating in C3I (command, control and computer) Systems marketing. Three years of Connecticut winters was enough, and Norden transferred him to California, where he retired in 1988.

Retirement years included lots of worldwide travel and gardening, and his love of sailing and time spent with family and friends kept him busy. He was a member of Trinity Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in Santa Ana, CA.

Rich is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betsy; three sons, Rick (Debbie), Mike and Marc; daughter, Stephanie Crane Carter (Chuck); and three grandchildren, Mike Jr., Carlyn Carter Wice (Bret) and Cameron Carter.

A memorial service was held at Waverly Chapel, Fairhaven Cemetery, in Santa Ana, CA, on 11 October 2013.

Gifts in memory of Rich may be directed to support the following organizations: U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, Athletic & Scholarship Programs Division, 25 Maryland Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-295-4100, [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com); or Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105, 314-505-7000.

*2nd Timothy 4-7: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

*The Crane Family*



## RICHARD WILLIAM BASS JR. '48

Commander R.W. Bass, USN (Ret.), died on 9 October 2013 after a brief illness. He was 89 years old.

"Bill" was born and raised in Denton, TX, and met Courtenay Wright of Fort Worth at the University of Texas. After joining the Navy in 1943, he was appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to the Naval Academy (Class of 1948).

He graduated on 6 June 1947, and at 4:00 p.m. that day, he and Courtenay were married in the USNA Chapel. He always said that it showed admirable restraint that they waited several hours after his graduation to tie the knot. That summer, they stayed in Annapolis while he worked with the new plebes in the Class of 1951.

*When someone you love becomes a memory,  
the memory becomes a treasure.*

*—Author Unknown*



After serving on the cruiser ASTORIA (CL-90) and MISSOURI, Bill studied naval construction and marine engineering at MIT. After submarine training and service on RASHER, he was sent to Mare Island as the shipyard superintendent for the construction of SARGO (SSN-583). In 1959, he attended the Bettis School of Reactor Engineering in Pittsburgh, and then worked in the Naval Reactors Branch at the Bureau of Ships, Main Navy. From 1960 to 1966, he was NR's representative at the New York Shipbuilding Co. in Camden, NJ.

Bill returned to NR as project officer for Commissioned Nuclear Submarines in 1966. He was proud to work under Admiral Hyman Rickover. After retiring from NR in 1979, he formed Basic Energy and Technology Associates (BETA), which consulted on the management of nuclear generating plants, with NR colleagues, Bill Wegner, Bob Brodsky and Murray Miles.

After Bill and Courtenay moved to Annapolis, they kept a succession of three boats named THE THIRD WISH. Bill's nine grandchildren, who called him "Popo," fondly remember happy times on the waters of Chesapeake Bay.

Bill was predeceased by Courtenay in 2010. He is survived by all four of his children, Dorothy Courtenay Bass (Mark Schwehn) of Valparaiso, IN, Barbara Lee Bass M.D. (Richard Marshall) of Houston, TX, Richard W. Bass (Diana Butler Bass) of Alexandria, VA, and Rebecca Jeanne Bass of Clearwater, FL; nine grandchildren, Martha, John, Kaethe, Wes, Wyatt, Jonah, Emma, Michael and Nathan; his brother, Dr. Robert King Bass of Dallas, TX; and his best friend and companion in his final years, Carol Manganaro.

Bill's ashes will be interred at the Naval Academy Columbarium.

*The Bass Family*



#### **PHILIP HEARN BOLGER '48**

Lieutenant Commander Philip H. Bolger, USNR (Ret.), a former deputy undersecretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, NASA executive and Navy fighter and test pilot, died on the evening of 4 November 2013 at the John and Arloine Mandrin Chesapeake Hospice House in Harwood, MD. He was 87 years old and a resident of Annapolis, MD.

Philip was born in 1926 in Brooklyn, NY. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and shortly thereafter was chosen by presidential appointment for admission to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1948. In June of that same year, he married Gloria Hart, with whom he had a family of five children.

In the early 1950s, he served as a test pilot for two years at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, where he was a member of that program's 10th class, followed by an assignment flying with VF-211, "The Fighting Checkmates," for two deployments—one on BON HOMME RICHARD and the other on MIDWAY. During this time, he saw extensive service in the Taiwan Strait conflict.

After 18 years of active duty in the Navy, he joined the fledgling NASA space program and was selected as one of a hundred astronaut candidates for the first manned space flight missions. He served as deputy director of safety for the Gemini and Apollo programs, followed by an appointment as deputy undersecretary for safety at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Following his civil service career and retirement as a Navy Reserve officer, he was president of the Flight Safety Foundation, as well as president of the International Aeronautical Federation.

He was a fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In retirement, he served as volunteer president of the Naval Academy Flying Club.

He enjoyed designing and building houses, as well as gardening. Near the end of his life, he kept a small flock of chickens.

Philip is survived by his wife, Gloria. M Hart; sons, Philip Michael Bolger, Richard O. Bolger, James V. Bolger and Raymond L. Bolger; daughter, Mary Hart Johnson; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren.

Interment took place at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery in Mechanicsville, MD.

*The Bolger Family*



#### **GEORGE DONALD FLORENCE '49**

Commander "Don" Florence, USN (Ret.), peacefully passed away on 14 June 2013 at his home in Lilburn, GA.

He was born on 19 August 1926 in Birmingham, AL, and graduated in 1944 from Woodlawn High School. He attended VMI in Lexington, VA, on a football scholarship until entering the U.S. Naval Academy in 1945 on a congressional appointment. He graduated

in 1949 with a BS degree as a member of the 32nd Company.

Don married his high school sweetheart, the former Frances L. Tompkins of Birmingham, AL, in the Naval Academy Chapel following graduation. They headed south to Pensacola, FL, where he attended flight training, earning his Wings in 1950. He later received his MA in personnel administration from The George Washington University. His career included Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 38, San Diego, CA (1950-1952); flight instructor, Advanced Aviation Training Command, Chase Field, Beeville, TX (1952-1955); Carrier Division 20, Mayport, FL (1955-1958); Carrier Attack Squadron VA-106, Cecil Field, Jacksonville, FL (1958-1961); electrical science instructor, USNA (1961-1964); Deputy Joint Secretary, Commander in Chief, Pacific Forces, Pearl Harbor, HI (1964-1967); commandant's leadership development team and director, Modern Languages Department, USNA (1967-1970); head of air operations, NAS Point Mugu, CA (1970-1972); and executive officer/associate professor, Naval Science, ROTC, University of Nebraska (1972-1975).

Following his retirement in 1975, Don returned to Birmingham, AL, but spent many years in Grayton Beach, FL.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Fran, and son, David (1965-1969). He is survived by his two daughters, Deborah Pianka and Donna Florence; son-in-law, Steve Pianka; and three grandchildren, Kristin Barnhill (Jeff), David and Joy.

A memorial service celebrating his life and interment with military honors was held on 26 July 2013 at the Naval Academy.

*The Florence Family*



#### **GERALD FRANCIS SMITH '49**

Captain Gerald F. Smith, USN (Ret.), of Denton, TX, and Alexandria, VA, passed away on Tuesday, 1 October 2013 in Dallas, TX. He was 86 years old.

"Jerry" was born on 7 January 1927 in Honey Grove, TX, to Francis Warren Smith and Eula Beatrice Bates Smith. The family soon moved to Corsicana, TX, where Jerry graduated from

Corsicana High School. He was an enlisted man in the Army until his congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1945. He graduated in the Class of 1949 as a member of the 21st Company.

His first assignment was aboard LEARY, and he later served on PICKING and VALLEY FORGE. In 1954, he began postgraduate studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, graduating in 1957 with a naval engineer's degree.

Jerry's first duty station as an EDO was the New York Naval Shipyard (1957-1959). From there, he reported to ComServRon 3 as OIC of the Mobil Support Unit at Subic Bay in the Philippines (1959 to 1961). Then to the Bureau of Ships in Washington, DC, until 1965, when he reported as assistant naval attaché in Bath, England, until 1968. From there, he was assigned to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard as production officer. In 1971, he returned to Washington for duty as the Naval Ship Systems Command. He retired from there in 1974.

Jerry married the former Mary Edythe Jarrell of Silver Spring, MD, on 6 January 1951. In retirement, Jerry and Mary moved part time to Denton, TX, where Jerry helped on the family ranch. They also maintained their Alexandria, VA, home where they spent half the year. During this time, Jerry attended University of North Texas, earning an M.B.A. in tax accounting. They travelled extensively and enjoyed golf and tennis. In later years, Jerry volunteered at the Denton Community Food Center.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Mary; son, Gerald F. Smith Jr. (Robin); and daughters, Anne Smith (Malcolm Bertoni) of Washington, DC, and Karen Smith (Donald Sweetkind) of Golden, CO.

Memorial services were held in Denton, TX, on 5 October 2013 and on 7 December in Silver Spring, MD.

*The Smith Family*



**THOMAS JOSEPH MULLIGAN JR. '50**  
Captain Thomas J. Mulligan, USN (Ret.), passed away peacefully on 15 September 2013 in Virginia Beach, VA. He was 86 years old.

"Tom" was born on 21 November 1926 in Brooklyn, NY, the oldest son of the late Thomas L. Mulligan and Mary Frances Mulligan. He graduated from Fordham Prep High School in 1944 and entered the V-12 officer candidate

program at Holy Cross College. In 1946, he received his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

He graduated in 1950 (12th Company) and then attended the Supply Corps School in Bayonne, NJ. He served aboard LEAGUE ISLAND (AKS-30) and FOSS (DE-59) and was later detailed to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

In 1956, he resigned from active duty and worked for the Budd Company in Philadelphia as a sales engineer. He was responsible for technical product enhancements for state-of-the-art stainless steel railroad passenger cars.

In 1958, he returned to active duty in the Navy's Augmentation Program and was assigned to SHENANDOAH (AD-26). He was later assigned to the procurement policy division of the Office of Naval Material. He attended the master's program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, graduating in 1964. His next assignment was to the Headquarters of the U.S. European Command (EUCOM) in Paris, France. In

1967, Tom joined the contracts directorate of the Naval Electronics System Command in Washington, DC, followed by Director of Purchase at the Norfolk Navy Supply Center.

In 1975, he was appointed commander of the Defense Contract Administration Services Region (DCASR), Boston, where he was responsible for contractor compliance of Department of Defense contracts in New England. From 1978 to 1980, he was chief of Procurement Management Review at the Defense Logistics Agency in Alexandria, VA.

He retired from the Navy in September 1980. From 1980 to 1991, Tom worked for Tracor, Inc., supporting the Naval Sea Systems Command in the acquisition of combat sonar systems.

In retirement, he was an avid model train enthusiast, enjoyed travel and loved classical music.

Tom is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia "Pat" Mulligan; daughter, Carolyn Moon; son, Stephen Mulligan (Pamela); and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou Gavel (Ed) and sister-in-law, Ginger Mulligan. He was predeceased by his brothers, Robert and Richard.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on 21 September 2013. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on 13 March 2014.

*The Mulligan Family*



**CHARLES EDWARD CAUFFMAN '51**  
Lieutenant Commander "Bear" Cauffman, USN (Ret.), died on 14 October 2013 of prostate cancer.

Bear was born in Whittier, CA, on 11 August 1927 and began his military career in 1944 in the Army. He was discharged from the Army in 1945, re-enlisted in the Navy, and was admitted to the Naval Academy in 1947. Bear took up varsity pistol in 1950 after a severe foot-

ball injury, winning the Secretary of the Navy's trophies for pistol and rifle marksmanship.

Following graduation in 1951, he served aboard JUNEAU (CLAA-119) as main propulsion assistant. In 1952, he received flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1953. Bear served as the VF-91 squadron administrative officer and was deployed on HORNET (CV-12) and KEARSARGE (CV-33). In 1956, Bear applied for the astronaut program, received orders to NROTC at Ohio State University to pursue a masters in aeronautical engineering and perform production flight testing at North American Columbus.

In 1959, while testing for the astronaut program at Naval Aviation Medical Facility, Philadelphia; Bear received injuries which made him ineligible for astronaut duty. Later, Bear served as catapult officer on YORKTOWN (CV-10). From 1962 through 1964, Bear served VF-24 as executive officer aboard MIDWAY (CVA-41). In 1964, Bear served as the aerospace operations branch head at the Navy Missile Center, Point Mugu. In 1967, Bear served as the VC-5 executive officer, and later, as acting commanding officer of the main squadron in Atsugi and its detachments in Okinawa, the Philippines and Vietnam. In 1968, Bear was ordered back to the Naval Missile Center as security officer, assigned to set up, produce and supervise the first Navy in Space Fair at the Naval Missile Center, drawing more than one million visitors. He retired in 1970 with 26 years total service.



After retirement, Bear volunteered at the YMCA as director of youth activities. In 1975, he volunteered with the Boy Scouts serving as commissioner and scoutmaster of Troop 257. In 1987, he relocated to Paso Robles, CA, where he volunteered as a reserve sheriff officer. In 2004, Bear suffered a stroke outside and was found several days later. He suffered significant loss of independence and moved in with his son. In 2013, Bear was diagnosed with stage IV prostate cancer and died a few months later.

He is survived by his only child, Christopher.

After a private service, he was cremated. His ashes will be spread over the Sierra Mountains.

*The Cauffman Family*



#### **FRANK ANTONIO LIBERATO '51**

Captain Frank A. Liberato, USNR (Ret.), died on 3 October 2013 at home from complications arising out of COPD.

He was born on 17 June 1928 in Pensacola, FL, where he developed a life long love for naval aviation. Frank—known to his many friends and classmates as “Fang” for his quick strike wit and repartee—was well-known and liked for his sense of humor, ready smile

and a robust love of life.

Following graduation, Fang served aboard MONTEREY. In February 1952, he entered flight training to begin a distinguished career as a fighter pilot. The highlight of Fang’s flight training was being keel-hauled under his old ship, MONTEREY, when he ditched an F6F Hellcat after engine failure on launch. He passed under the hull from bow to stern and through the twin screws unharmed and blessed with a sea story few could top.

Fang received his Wings of Gold in 1953 and went to advanced flight training in jet aircraft. After two Mediterranean deployments, Fang returned to Pensacola as a jet instructor. Following this, he served on the Chief of Naval Air Training staff as the assistant aviation safety officer and continued qualifying in next generation jets. Then it was back to Jacksonville for duty with VFP-62. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, he took the reconnaissance photographs of Soviet missiles that were shown to President Kennedy and the National Command authorities as evidence of Soviet aggression.

Fang retired in 1977 after serving on nine different aircraft carriers and qualifying in 26 Navy aircraft. He joined the staff of Chance-Vought, where he remained until his retirement as manager of the Systems Safety Group in 1990. Frank then returned to Pensacola, where he served as a docent in the Naval Air Museum, and as a Eucharist minister and lector for Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Frank married his hometown sweetheart, Patty Nelson, and together they had four children (Lynne, Frank, Mark and Paul), nine grandchildren (including Callon Liberato Nichols '08) and one great-grandchild. Frank is survived by them all, along with his brother, Samuel Rodman Liberato.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated in his memory on 9 October 2013.

Donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Houston; the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation; or the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation.

Fang, old bud, we will sorely miss you.

*Sam Ginder '51*



#### **ROBERT HENDERSON MCINTOSH '51**

Colonel Robert H. McIntosh, USAF (Ret.), 86, passed away on 2 December 2013 in West Hills, CA.

“Bob” was born on 1 September 1927 in Brownwood, TX, to William Coy McIntosh and Cleone Bencini McIntosh. Following graduation from Hollywood High School (CA) in 1945, he immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps, reporting to Camp Pendleton for

basic training. In June 1947, he was appointed to the Naval Academy and received a BS in engineering in June 1951.

He joined the Air Force and entered flight training. In 1952, he deployed to Korea, flying more than 100 missions in an F-86 Sabre jet. In 1957, he was selected to fly with the Thunderbirds as left wing and solo pilot.

After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1960 (MS in aerospace engineering), he was selected for the first class of the U.S. Aerospace Pilot. One year later, he was named as an “astronaut designee.” Bob was top in academics at the Air Force Fighter Weapons School (Top Gun). He served two tours in Vietnam, where he commanded a fighter squadron. During his three combat tours, he damaged/destroyed four hostile aircraft. In 1971, he graduated from the Air War College.

Bob had more than 6,000 flying hours in 25 types/models of U.S. and foreign fighter/bomber/trainer/experimental aircraft. He had 750 combat hours and 12 hours of rocket-powered flight.

In February 1975, Bob retired from the Air Force.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 21 Air Medals, the Vietnamese Cross/with Palm and three Outstanding Unit Awards.

He met his wife, Christine, in Germany in 1976 and they were married in 1978.

During the 1978-1979 school year, he taught JROTC at Canoga Park High School. He received an award for “Outstanding Aerospace Education Instructor and Outstanding Unit, Canoga Park High School.”

In 1979, he attended McGeorge School of Law, earning a JD (1982) and an LLM in international law and taxation (1983). Upon graduation, he joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office. By December 1987, he was appointed Municipal Court Commissioner in the Malibu/Calabasas courts. Bob retired in 2003 as a superior court commissioner at the Van Nuys Court. He then joined Pepperdine’s Crest Club, mentoring law students. Bob enjoyed travel, study and working out.

He is survived by his children, Heather Anne and Kirk Edward; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Charles; and a niece and nephew. His son, Robert Jr. predeceased him in 1974.



#### **PAUL BENJAMIN TUZO III '51**

Captain Paul B. Tuzo III, USN (Ret.), passed on 5 August 2013 from an unresolvable lung disease at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA. His passage was of his will, with little suffering and with great honor. His wishes were not to burden others or to extend his suffering, and both of these were well met. He was 84 years of age.

Paul was born at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC, on 15 January 1929, and his father, Paul B. Tuzo Jr. '25 was soon stationed in Honolulu, HI, where young Paul attended school from June 1940 through August 1946, graduating from Roosevelt High School. He then attended the Bullis School in Silver Spring, MD, and received his presidential appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Graduating with the Class of 1951, he went on to flight training at Pensacola, FL, and Corpus Christi, TX, from 1951 to 1953 and received his Wings in March 1953. He served tours of duty with flight squadrons VA-145, flying AD Skyraiders; VA-81, flying A-4 Skyhawks; and serving on the aircraft carriers FORRESTAL (CVN-59) and TICONDEROGA (CVA-14). Shore duty tours included the Naval Postgraduate School (BS aero engineering); Bureau of Naval Weapons; Commander of Tactical Air Control Squadron 22; Defense Systems Management College; and concluding with the Naval Air Systems Command.

He retired with the rank of captain in March 1981 with the gratitude of his wife, Billie. While still residing in Falls Church, Paul continued his thirst for education and knowledge by attending Catholic University, from which he received a MSE in June 1985.

In retirement, his pursuits and interests were to continue his service to the Naval Academy Class of 1951 as treasurer, a position he held for 14 years, and to also race sailboats, serving as navigator—a damn good one, at that. Sailing was as second nature to him as breathing is to us; he also served as safety officer and volunteer coach on the Naval Academy sailing squadron boats to help with the education of our young midshipmen.

Of this I can say about my father...Honesty, Duty, Honor...may we all be so lucky.

He is survived by his brother, Lamar W. Tuzo '52; son, Paul B. Tuzo IV; daughter in-law, Dawn Lee Tuzo; and granddaughters, Jessica Lee Tuzo and Jenna Lee Tuzo.

Burial services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on 12 February 2014.

*Paul B. Tuzo IV*

been a member of the Burnett-Ducey Post #4964 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; served many years in emergency communications with the American Red Cross in Fayette County; was a tutor for the "Youth Build Program" and the adult GED program at the Fayette County Commission on Aging; was a member of the Fayette County Retired Teachers Association and had been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Washington Court House.

Harold was predeceased by his parents; infant daughter, Karen Vail; and sister, Virginia Truscott.

He is survived by his wife, the former Lois Esther Watson, whom he married on 2 June 1951; daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Bruce Schreiber of Columbus, OH; son and daughter-in-law, David and Kathleen Vail of Miamisburg, OH; five grandchildren, Bruce Barker (Peggy), Terese Babcock (Carlton), Daniel Barker, Melissa Archer (David) and Matthew Vail; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on 8 October 2013 in Washington Court House with the Rev. Steven A. Watters, pastor at the McNair Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, c/o Washington Shrine Club, P.O. Box 164, Washington Court House, OH 43160 or a charity of the donor's choice.



## JOHN JEFFERSON BADGETT '52

Captain "Jeff" Badgett, USN (Ret.), passed away from congestive heart failure on 25 October 2013 at his home in Canton, GA. He was 85 years old.

Born on 25 January 1928, in Lebanon, KY, he was the son of Thomas and Emma Badgett. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1946, and received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy from Kentucky in 1948. He graduated in the

23rd Company with the Class of 1952.

He was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and served until his retirement in 1980. He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy submarine force during his 34-year naval career. He served in various command positions including the Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center, the submarine tender HOLLAND, and the submarines ANDREW JACKSON and SIMON BOLIVAR. He concluded his career as Inspector General for Technical Naval Training in Memphis, TN.

After retiring, Jeff continued to work with the nuclear engineering program for Georgia Power, and later retired in 1993.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed dearly and will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruby B. Badgett of Canton, GA; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Beth Badgett of Reston, VA, John and Grace Badgett of Charleston, SC, and Carl and Cindy Badgett of Cumming, GA; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Rich Stacy of Woodstock, GA, and Allie and Scott Hill of Kennesaw, GA; 16 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on 29 October 2013 at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church near Canton, GA, followed by interment in the Georgia National Cemetery with full military honors.



## HAROLD WAYNE VAIL '51

Commander Harold W. Vail, USN (Ret.), of Washington Court House, OH, died on 3 October 2013 at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Hospital. He was 86 years old and had been a member of the community since August 1974.

Harold was born on 24 September 1927, in Buffalo, NY, to Lester Wayne and Florence Julia Kretsch Vail.

A 1951 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1 June 1951 until retiring on 30 June 1974. He served during both the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He had been a Surface Warfare Officer, a Marine engineer and also served in international affairs. In 1974, he became the naval science instructor at Washington Senior High School for the Junior Naval ROTC program. He taught naval science at WSHS and Miami Trace High School for 15 years.

He was a member and had served as an elder at the McNair Memorial Presbyterian Church; was a member of Fayette Lodge F & A.M. #107; 32nd degree Masons, Valley of Columbus; Aladdin Temple Shrine and the Washington Shrine Club. He had



Memorial remembrances may be sent to the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)).



**DONALD WAYNE KLINK '53**

Lieutenant Colonel Donald W. Klick, USAF (Ret.), of Vienna, VA, died on 18 November 2013 at Virginia Hospital Center. He was 84 years old.

He was born in Hebron, ND, in 1929 to parents Walter G. and Irene M. (Radl) Klick. He attended the University of North Dakota for two years, received his congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1949, and graduated

with distinction in 1953.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, he was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force and went on to earn a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1956.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1974. He was assigned to base civil engineering duties in Ohio, Michigan, Iceland, Massachusetts, South Vietnam and Missouri. He was assigned to geological and geophysical research duties in Massachusetts, Greenland, Alaska, Canada, Missouri, California and Washington, DC.

His decorations include the Commendation Medal while at the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories in Massachusetts, the Bronze Star while in Southeast Asia, and the Legion of Merit while at the Air Force Office of Scientific Research in Washington, DC, among other honors.

After retiring from the military, he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, VA, for 20 years in the research fields of geothermal energy, volcano hazards and scientific drilling.

He and his wife of 50 years, Barbara (Krueger), were residents of Vienna since 1976 and of Fairfax from 1970 to 1976.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, Paul Klick, and daughter-in-law, Christina Klick; daughter, Karen Reifenberger, and son-in-law, Bill Reifenberger; grandchildren Hannah, Adam, and Ava Klick, and William and Luke Reifenberger.

A Funeral Mass was held at the chapel at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the following organizations: Hebron Community Foundation, P.O. Box 387, Bismarck, ND 58502; Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)); or Committee for Helping Others (CHO), P.O. Box 233, Vienna, VA 22183.

*The Klick Family*



**EDWARD BELZ OPPERMAN '53**

Lieutenant Colonel Edward B. Oppermann, USAF (Ret.), died at Ft. Worth, TX, on 21 November 2013. He was 83 years old.

"Ed" was born in St. Louis, MO, on 19 January 1930, the son of Theodore and Marie (Belz) Oppermann. He graduated from high school in Trenton, IL, attended McKendree College for one year, and was appointed to the U.S. Naval

Academy in 1949. He was a member of the Eighth Company,

president of the forensic activity, and graduated with distinction with the Class of 1953. He married his high school sweetheart, JoAnn Ruehrup, in Highland, IL, on 1 August 1953.

He was commissioned in the United States Air Force and served a tour of duty at Headquarters, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project in Albuquerque, NM. He graduated from the Air Force Institute of Technology with an M.B.A. in August 1958, and was assigned to the BOMARC Systems Project Office at Wright Patterson AFB. In 1960, he was assigned to the economics department at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He was selected to attend Indiana University, received his PhD in economics in 1965, and returned to teach at the Air Force Academy. He served a year as an economics advisor at MACV Headquarters in Saigon, returned to teach at the USAF Academy, and retired as a tenured professor in June 1973.

He began his civilian career with the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and retired from the College of Business as a professor emeritus of economics and statistics in May 1999.

Ed is survived by his wife of 60 years, JoAnn; daughter, Kimberly Miller and grandchildren, Karla, Luke and Matthew; son, Kurt, his wife, Monica and grandsons, Christopher and William. Ed was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Anna Marie Runge; and his son-in-law, the Very Rev. Anthony Miller.

Funeral services were held in Fort Worth, TX, at St. Peter Orthodox Church on 26 November 2013 and in Denver, CO, at St. Mark's Orthodox Church on 5 December 2013. Burial with military honors took place at the U.S. Air Force Academy Cemetery in Colorado Springs, CO, on 5 December 2013.

*The Oppermann Family*



**JAMES McALLEN WEBSTER '53**

Captain James M. Webster, USN (Ret.), passed away on 19 July 2013 in Carmel, CA. He was 86 years old.

"Jim" was born on 7 August 1926 in Cumberland, MD, and moved with his family at age one to Princess Anne, MD, where he spent his childhood. In 1948, Jim graduated from Harvard and then decided to make the Navy his career. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1953. While still in the Academy, he met a lovely young lady, Mary L. Haley. They were married in the Naval Academy Chapel on 17 April 1954.

Jim served as an officer in the Navy for nearly 40 years, retiring as a captain. His service included a year in Saigon and six months on a destroyer off the shores of Vietnam during the war. His last tour of duty was for five years at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Jim spent his military career traveling around the country and the world. In 1977, he and his wife settled in Carmel Valley, CA.

He retired in 1983, after which he and Mary spent many happy years enjoying Carmel Valley. Jim remained in touch with many local Navy colleagues and volunteered at the Maritime Museum.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary; their daughters, Joanne and Patty; and two granddaughters.

A private memorial was held at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Please visit [www.thepaulmortuary.com](http://www.thepaulmortuary.com) to sign the online guest book for Jim and leave messages for his family.



#### ROBERT LESLIE CUTTS '54

Commander Robert L. Cutts, USNR (Ret.), passed away suddenly in Silver Spring, MD, of a stroke on 7 May 2013.

Born on 23 September 1930, and raised in Clarks Summit, PA, "Bob" joined the Marine Corps upon high school graduation and completed boot camp at Camp Lejeune, NC. He competed for and won a Department of the Navy appointment to the Naval

Academy, where he was a member of the Sixth Company.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Bob was assigned to the Naval Security Group in Washington, DC. Following service in Japan, and on the staffs of two carrier division commanders, he joined the Naval Reserve and began his career with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), primarily in the radio spectrum management field.

In 1966, Bob was awarded a mid-career scholarship, attended Indiana University for the academic year, and received a master's degree in public administration. He returned to the FCC and held a number of senior level management positions, including Chief of the Spectrum Management Division, Chief of the International and Operations Division and Chief of the FCC Laboratory, Columbia, MD. Bob was appointed to the president's task force on communications policy and was a charter member of the Senior Executive Service; he served as the FCC's liaison representative to the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee and on numerous delegations to international conferences, including the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

Bob loved his family, Navy football, gardening, travel and ballroom dancing. He was a member of the Army and Navy Club, the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, and a graduate of the Naval War College.

Following a stroke in 2006, Bob worked tirelessly at speech therapy, regaining nearly all speaking ability and retired from the FCC in January 2008. That April, he suffered a more serious stroke, which affected speech and paralyzed his right side. With courage and determination, he met the challenges of recuperation, serving as an inspiration to all who knew him and continuing to invest himself in his family.

To cherish his memory, Bob leaves his loving and devoted wife of 48 years, Barbara; daughters, Caroline Cutts and Sandra Cutts Andrews (Cory); and a granddaughter, Savannah Andrews.

Funeral services were held on 20 August with full military honors. Bob was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery near his brother, Norman, a Coast Guard veteran.



#### EDWARD SAMUEL KELLOGG III '54

Captain Edward S. Kellogg III, USN (Ret.), died on 2 September 2013, at the age of 80. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Casa de las Campanas in Rancho Bernardo, CA.

"Ned" was born on 13 February 1933, the only son of Edward and Dorothy Kellogg of Glendale, CA. A 1954 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, he served his country with

distinction for 30 years, retiring in 1984 as a captain.

His naval career included the commands of NARWHAL (SSN-671) and FULTON (AS-11). He served as chief of staff, Submarine Group 5 in San Diego; reactor officer on ENTERPRISE (CVAN-65); and commanding officer, Naval Station Mare Island.

Following his military retirement, he embarked on his second career in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego. Reverend Ned was an ordained Episcopal deacon, then priest. As in his career in the Navy, he served the church with great dedication and enthusiasm. He served parish communities of the Cathedral of St. Paul, downtown San Diego, University City, Poway, Lake Elsinore, Escondido, San Carlos, El Cajon and Lemon Grove. A longtime member of All Souls Episcopal Church in Point Loma, he was an active leader in both the San Diego and National Episcopal Cursillo. He was also a volunteer chaplain at Sharp Memorial Hospital for 23 years.

Upon his retirement from the ministry, he was pastoral assistant to the Bishop of San Diego.

Ned is survived by his wife, Margaret (Wagner) of Los Angeles. Married for 59 years, they made their home in many states: Hawaii, California, Connecticut, New York, Idaho, Virginia and Washington, DC. They settled in Point Loma in 1984. Ned is survived by three children, Stephen Kellogg (Ann Lindsey) of Burbank, CA, Joyce Fischer Baird (Rodger) of Escondido, CA, and Carolyn Kellogg Davis (Jim) of Kingwood, TX. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Thomas and Phoebe Kellogg; Stephanie Fischer Wilhite, Jenn Fischer Price, John Fischer, Mark Fischer, Rory and Nathan Baird; Hope, Joy and Drew Davis; and three great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life in his honor was held on 27 September 2013 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Poway, CA. Military funeral honors preceded the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations may be made to the Diocese of San Diego Bishop's Discretionary Fund; San Diego Episcopal Cursillo; Cure Alzheimer's Fund; or Elizabeth Hospice.

*excerpts from the San Diego Union-Tribune*



#### STANLEY DENMEAD KOLB '55

Commander Stanley D. Kolb, USNR (Ret.), stood his last watch on 3 October 2013 in St Petersburg, FL, following a prolonged illness. He was 81 years old.

"Stan" was born in the Eastern Shore town of Salisbury, MD, and spent his youth surrounded by saltwater experiences offered by the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. Since he was a toddler,

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Stan dreamed of graduating from the Naval Academy and seeking a career in the U.S. Navy. To pursue his goal, he attended Admiral Farragut Academy, where he joined the Naval Reserve and served with an airship (blimp) squadron while seeking a competitive appointment to the Academy. Achieving success, Stan was sworn-in as a midshipman with the USNA Class of 1955. He was assigned to the 13th Company for Plebe Year and transferred to the 10th Company during his Youngster Year.

Upon graduation, Stan was assigned to a destroyer in WestPac as their engineering officer. As his engineering officer skills matured, he would become well-known throughout the surface warfare fleet.

Upon leaving active duty, Stan became a dedicated Naval Reserve officer and subsequently became the skipper of a destroyer. In this position, Stan's ship competed for and won a number of efficiency awards.

Upon retiring from the Naval Reserve, Stan joined his father in a successful real estate firm in Salisbury, where he specialized in commercial properties. His interests then led him into the appraisal field associated with mortgages. Striking out on his own, Stan moved to St. Petersburg, FL, where he put his appraisal experience to work as a vice president for the National Bank of Florida.

Prior to his demise, Stan had been residing in an assisted living facility for more than a year.

Stanley was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara. He is survived by his sister, Margaret, a resident of Salisbury; his brother, Charles, a resident of New York; two sons, Stanley Jr. and Mike, both residing in St. Petersburg.

Stanley's life has now gone full circle from his boyhood dreams of serving a career as a naval officer to having his ashes enshrined in the Naval Academy's Columbarium.

Godspeed, Stan, we honor you for dedicating your career to the service of your country.



#### **JAMES FRANCIS POWERS JR. '55**

James F. Powers Jr. of Branford, CT, passed away peacefully on 16 November 2013 at Yale New Haven Hospital due to complications of pneumonia. He was 80 years old.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on 14 December 1932, James was son of the late James F. Powers Sr. and Genevieve "Jennie" McLaughlin Powers. After graduating from Cardinal Hayes High School in

Bronx, NY, he attended Fordham University prior to receiving a congressional appointment to Annapolis.

He graduated with the Naval Academy Class of 1955 and was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force with an MOS in electronics VTNV, nuclear physics and training; stationed in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Germany, France and Maine. James resigned from the Air Force as a captain in 1961. He was very proud of his military service and regularly attended Naval Academy reunions and associated events.

James graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1965, concurrently teaching high school chemistry and mathematics while at law school. He earned a competitive appointment as attorney for Mobil Oil Corporation in Manhattan and for a period Warner-Lambert Company in New Jersey and Connecticut, returning to Mobil Oil in New York in

1975. He transferred to Fairfax, VA, in 1980, where he enjoyed watching his family grow up. James served as patent counsel for each of the Mobil Oil research divisions. He took an early retirement, but continued his law career by private practice until recently.

With great pride, James regarded his family as his most cherished gift. He was a dedicated husband and father always supportive of his wife, family and wide circle of friends. He was a true gentleman who never hesitated to reach out to help those in need.

He was the beloved husband of 58 years to Bernadette Brawley Powers. He is survived by nine children, Annemarie Moore (Michael), Mary Warner (Michael), Gail Hirst (Wayne), Kathleen Powers (Ralph Marino), James Powers (Catherine), Maureen Powers, Robert Powers (Heather), Steven Powers (Jami) and Stephanie Powers-Loughry (Christopher Loughry); 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sister, Kathleen McMahon of New Jersey; his brother, Donald Powers of New York; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Ann Moore and Patricia Mahoney.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on 22 November 2013 at St. Elizabeth's Church in Branford, CT. Interment will take place at a later date at the Naval Academy Columbarium.



#### **THEODORE ARTHUR FISCHER JR. '56**

Captain Theodore A. Fischer Jr., USN (Ret.), died of sepsis at Harrisonburg, VA, on 3 November 2013. He was 81 years old.

A native of Wichita, KS, "Ted" attended Friends University before receiving his congressional appointment to the Naval Academy from Kansas. He graduated in June of 1956 and was a member of the 13th Company.

Upon graduation, he married the love of his life, Charlotte Glee Jones of Conway Springs, KS. He served on YORKTOWN (CVA-10), CORONADO (LSD-19) and PERKINS (DDR-877). He commanded JEROME COUNTY (LST-848), operating extensively in Vietnam and then as Commander, Landing Ship Squadron Three, he was responsible for 21 LSTs operating from Guam supporting operations in Vietnam. He served as the Navy's aide to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. He then commanded PENSACOLA (LSD-38). Ted then served as the deputy director of the Office of Program Appraisals. He retired in 1978, but was recalled to active duty four times over the next decade as a convoy commodore, returning to sea to command convoys of pre-positioned support force in the Indian Ocean and Atlantic and to serve as Commander, Naval Support Facility, Diego Garcia.

In civilian life, Ted worked for Service Master and Marriott as a facilities regional manager in the mid-western and northeastern United States. Eventually, he formed his own consulting firm providing similar services to hospitals, colleges and retirement communities. His past-times included fishing, RVing and shooting.

Ted remained an early adopter of technology and always had that obscure, hard to find, item as noted during his Academy days.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charlotte; two children, Captain Tracey Alan Fischer '80, USN (Ret.), and Tamara Glee Fischer-White; and six grandchildren, Madison Dunn Fischer, Second Lieutenant Tracey Alan Fischer Jr., USA,

Olivia Blake Fischer, John Malcolm White Jr., Alexander Arthur White and Victoria Glee White.



## PHILIP GEORGE LEAHY '56

It is with regret that we announce the death of Philip G. Leahy, who died on 12 October 2013.

"Phil" was born in New York City on 15 February 1931. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, he served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve for ten years and achieved the rank of lieutenant (junior grade).

He was employed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and retired after 33 years with that agency. He then served as a volunteer docent for the New-York Historical Society at their NYC Museum for ten years. Phil was an amateur military historian, with a specialized interest in the 1861-1865 time period.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret "Peggy" Leahy who resides, as he did, in the midtown area of Manhattan in New York City. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Roberta Lerch, as well as three nephews and two nieces. There are also 13 grand-nephews and nieces.

Following a funeral Mass, he was interred at the Old Calvary Cemetery in the Long Island City section of Queens in New York City with a Navy honor guard in attendance.

*The Leahy Family*



## RONALD LITTEER WIDNER '56

Ronald L. Widner passed away on 8 October 2013, in Toms River, NJ. He was 79 years old.

Hailing from San Mateo, CA, "Ron" received a presidential appointment to the Naval Academy, graduating with the Class of 1956 as a member of the First Company. At the Academy, he was an active member of the Drum and Bugle Corps and prepared himself

for military aviation, having soloed in light aircraft prior to entering Annapolis.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force. His first operational assignment was to Larson AFB, Washington, and then to Naha Air Base in Okinawa, flying the F-86 "Saber." Remaining overseas, Ron moved to Johnson Air Base, Japan, serving in a twin-engine fighter-bomber tactical bomb squadron flying the B-57 "Canberra." From there, he was transferred to Stewart AFB in a B-57E Electronic Warfare Squadron. Assignments followed for training with the F-102 "Delta Dart," then to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, in June 1964. While serving there, Ron met Judy, an Air Force nurse, and in January 1966, they were married.

In May 1968, he resigned his Air Force commission, moved to Toms River, NJ, and joined United Air Lines, eventually receiving a captain's rating in the Boeing 747. Upon reaching the age of 60, in compliance with United rules, he reluctantly retired from the pilot in command position, but continued as a flight engineer until his final retirement after a total of 30 years with United.

Ron was a longtime and faithful member of the First United Methodist Church in Toms River.

Surviving are his devoted wife of 47 years, Judith (Smith) Widner; sons, Ronald Joseph and his wife, Linda, and Michael Ralph and his wife, Melinda; his brother, Ralph and his wife, Joan; and two cherished grandchildren, Maxwell and Madeline.

A memorial gathering was held at the Anderson and Campbell Funeral Home in Toms River, followed by a private interment.

*Sherman Alexander '56 & Judy Widner*



## ROBERT PEARSALL ROGERS '57

Colonel Robert P. Rogers, USMC (Ret.), of Kaneohe, HI, and Boise, ID, passed away on 22 April 2013 from a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He died at home in Boise with family by his side.

"Buck" was born in San Diego, CA, in November 1935, to Audrey White Rogers and Captain George Pearsall Rogers '32, USN. He graduated from Napa High School before joining the Class

of 1957 at the Naval Academy. While at the Academy, swimming was his sport and he excelled as a member of the swim team.

Buck selected the Marine Corps and was commissioned in 1957, starting his career as a 35mm mortar platoon commander at Camp Pendleton. After a year as an infantry platoon commander on Okinawa, then another as a Marine recruiter in Philadelphia, he left the ground via flight training in Pensacola and began his career as a helicopter pilot; never far from his ground Marines.

From there, Buck's career included the Naval Postgraduate School, the Naval War College, several tours to Vietnam, then HQMC, doing the math to decrease the size of the Corps following the war. After flying and staffing jobs in Hawaii, Washington, DC, and Okinawa, his final tour on active duty was as commanding officer of the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station (now MCBH).

After retirement, Buck worked for five different companies, chasing his various passions while also serving his community through his involvement with the YMCA in Honolulu. He and Marge also travelled extensively.

Buck is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Marjorie Ellen Jackson of Pasadena, CA; daughter, Amy Kelly; son, Brendan Rogers '90; and seven grandchildren, Devin, Michala, Morgan, Tiernan, Jackson, Keely Kai and Finn. Buck was preceded in death by his eldest daughter, Kimberly Gail.

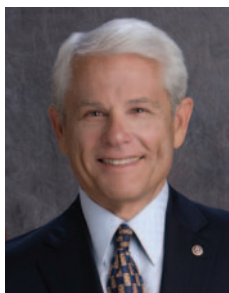
Family and friends gathered in Hawaii's beautiful Punchbowl Military Cemetery on 25 November 2013 to celebrate his life and the impact it had on friends and family. Military honors were provided by members of the U.S. Marine Corps. Semper Fi.

*The Rogers Family*

*While we are mourning the loss of our friend,  
others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil.*

*—John Taylor*





#### **DANIEL BERNICE BRANCH JR. '59**

Captain Daniel B. Branch Jr., USN (Ret.), died on 21 October 2013 of complications from mesothelioma. He was 75 years old.

Dan was born in Greenbelt, MD, in 1937 and graduated in 1959 from the U.S. Naval Academy. He was also a distinguished graduate of the Naval War College and received a master's degree in international affairs from The George

Washington University.

He received many awards during his naval career, including numerous letters of commendation, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Defense Superior Service Medal and several Battle Efficiency ("Battle E") awards.

He held the honor of being the youngest captain of a nuclear submarine at the age of 34. Dan retired as a captain, after 30 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

In 1990, he entered the civilian world, moving to Boulder to work at the Rocky Flats plant of EG&G, where he held multiple executive positions including program chief engineer for Nuclear Operations and division manager for Compliance and Performance Assurance. Upon retirement from Rocky Flats, Dan worked as an independent consultant in the nuclear field, lending his knowledge in support of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station accident for Bloomberg, Inc. in 2011.

In his retirement years, Dan was very involved in the Naval Academy Alumni Association and the Navy League of the United States, where he served as the national president, from 2009 to 2011, presiding over 50,000 volunteers on a global basis.

Predeceased by his wife, Sheila, and sister, Shirley Ingraham, Dan is survived by his sisters, Kay Chappell of Crofton, MD, Barbara Fuston of Paris, TX, and Jane Murphy of Owings, MD; wife, Kathleen Branch of Boulder, CO; daughter, Mary Branch (Gwen Reilly) of Wilmington, NC; daughter Kate Gallucci (Michael) and three grandchildren, Sarah, James, and Connor of Oradell, NJ; daughter, Susan Branch of Oradell, NJ; son, Dan Branch (Caroline) and three grandchildren, Clara, Cullen and JR of Atlanta, GA; stepson, Matthew Zarracina of Minneapolis, MI; and stepson, Alan Zarracina (fiancée, Lindsey Lassiter) of Wilmington, NC.

Memorial services were held on 24 October 2013 at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Boulder, CO. Burial services will be held at a future date at the Naval Academy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Naval Academy Foundation ([www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com)) or the Navy League of the United States, 2300 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22201 ([www.navyleague.org](http://www.navyleague.org)).

*excerpts from The Boulder Daily Camera*



#### **FREDRICK EUGENE PERRILL '62**

Captain Fredrick E. Perrill, SC, USN, (Ret.), passed away on 21 March 2013.

Born in Charlotte, NC, on 11 September 1939, he attended schools in Long Island, NY, and Riverside Military Academy before graduating from Rock Hill High School. After a year at The Citadel, he was appointed to the Naval Academy; graduated with the

Class of 1962 and was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. His postgraduate education includes graduation from The Naval War College and a master of science degree in management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Widely recognized for his work in logistics and financial management, he played a major role in the planning and development of integrated computer systems to manage an account for program funds throughout the Navy. Captain Perrill served in senior level positions at the Navy Department in Washington, DC, and as commanding officer of the Pacific Fleet Accounting Center in San Diego, CA. His service to his country also included assignments in finance and logistics management aboard six Navy ships, among them BIDDLE (DDG-5), HERMITAGE (LSD-34) and CONCORD (AFS-5); and at the Naval Supply Depot Yokosuka, Japan.

After retiring from the Navy, he worked as a consultant and as an executive for several corporations in the U.S. and Canada. For a time, he operated his own yacht delivery service as a USCG Master, bringing boats from Canada to Panama and living part time on his own sailboat in Mexico. Always interested in an active lifestyle, he enjoyed swimming, skiing the highest slopes and running the San Diego Marathon. Wanting to learn something new, he studied for a degree in naturopathy from Trinity College of Natural Health, and admiring azaleas, he turned his yards wherever he lived into beautiful springtime showplaces. His final retirement was to South Carolina, always with a dog or two in tow, spending time between his family's vacation spot on the Catawba River and his wife's family farm in Bethune, where he voluntarily served as headmaster of the Bethune Charter School and cultivated his pine trees.

He is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Kathryn Sims Perrill.

Funeral services were held on 27 March 2013 at Bethune Presbyterian Church, followed by committal with military honors in his family's cemetery in Jefferson, SC.

*The Perrill Family*



#### **LAURENCE MORSE CURTIS JR. '63**

"Larry" Curtis of Swansea, MA, died on 9 January 2013 at The Royal of Fairhaven in Fairhaven, MA.

Born in Boston, MA, he was the eldest son of the late Laurence M. and Millicent (Shaw) Curtis. He lived in Newton Centre and South Easton before moving to Swansea in 2001. Mr. Curtis was a graduate of Newton High School and attended the United States Naval

Academy before graduating from Wentworth Institute Boston and New England College in Henniker, NH. He was a United States Navy veteran and served in the Naval Reserve in Boston. A contract engineer, Mr. Curtis worked for the former Factory Insurance Association F.I.A./I.R.I in Philadelphia, PA, before being hired by Factory Mutual Engineering Association (now F.M. Global) in Norwood, MA in 1971. He retired from Factory Mutual as an appraisal training manager in 1999.

He was a senior member of the American Society of Appraisers. Mr. Curtis was a member of the First Christian Congregational Church (UCC), the Cedar Cove Club and Coles River Club, all in Swansea. A ham radio operator, he held a membership in the Amateur Radio Relay League (A.R.R.L.) He

was a member of the Hereshoff Marine Museum in Bristol, RI, the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, ME, and Mystic Seaport in Mystic, CT. He was also a member of the Catboat Association.

Larry is survived by his wife of 33 years, Martha (Hayden) Curtis; brother, Craig S. Curtis (Sandra) of Block Island, RI; sister, Holly Curtis of Stonington, CT; mother-in-law, Martha W. Hayden of Swansea; nephews, Brian S. Curtis of Dallas, TX, Sean S. Curtis of Stonington, CT, and Ian W. Sloane of Milton, MA; niece, Amelia Sloane Hoyt of Warren, RI; great-nephews, Cole A. and Kyle M. Curtis and their mother, Bridget E. Murphy; and great-niece, Cassandra Hoyt.

Services were held on 19 January 2013 at the First Christian Congregational Church in Swansea.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the First Christian Congregational Church "The Olde White Church," attention: memorial fund, 1113 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA 02777; or to the Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund at Joseph Case High School, P.O. Box 33, Swansea, MA 02777.

*excerpts from The Boston Globe*



#### CHARLES ROYAL STEPHAN '65

Captain Charles Stephan, USN (Ret.), husband of Carol Stephan, died on 30 October 2013 in Atlanta, GA.

"Skip" was born on 8 March 1942 in Summit, NJ. He was a son of the late Captain Charles Stephan '34 and Eleanor Stork Stephan. Before entering the Naval Academy with the Class of 1965, he spent a year at The Severn School. He played plebe football and then turned his attention to plebe and varsity crew. The *Lucky Bag* says his "uncanny luck" earned him only five demerits in conduct. His unique smile, sense of humor and willingness to lend a helping hand made him one of the best-liked members of the Class of 1965. Known as the "Phantom Barber," he was always willing to give that needed haircut to a classmate before an inspection.

After graduating in 1965, he proudly served his country for 30 years in a variety of ways.

He was also a very talented wood turner and exhibited his work in several galleries in South Carolina. Charles made his classmates each a wood piece with our class crest etched into it. He was a member of the Greenville Woodworkers Guild, the Metropolitan Arts Council, the Commerce Club and the Greenville Symphony Guild. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Lynn Hawkins Stephan.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, Carol, are his son, Charles "Rusty" Stephan (Ann) of Edgewater, MD; daughter, Deborah Stephan Foster (Timothy) of Summerfield, NC; step-daughter, Meredith Fields (Brian) of Columbia, SC; four grandchildren, Ryan, Patrick and Ella Stephan, and Jacob Foster; two step-grandchildren, Morgan and Josh Fields; sisters, Yvonne Brown (U.T.) of Virginia Beach, VA, and Joan Cathcart (Ned) of Spartanburg, SC; and a brother, Robert (Peggy) of Asheville, NC.

A memorial service with full military honors was held on 4 November 2013 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Greenville, SC.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church Memorial Fund, 910 Hudson Road, Greenville, SC 29615.

*Mrs. Carol Stephan & 1965 Classmates*



#### FRANK BARBERO JR. '66

Frank Barbero Jr. took the last flight of his life's journey on 9 September 2013, after a two-year battle with lung cancer. He was 68 years old.

"Rick" was born in Washington, DC, on 30 November 1944, the son of the late Captain Francesco Barbero, USN (Ret.), and Pearl McSwain. He was raised in Alexandria, VA. After attending Groveton High School, he entered the

Naval Academy with the Class of 1966.

Lieutenant Commander Barbero, call-sign "Boot," was a decorated carrier fighter pilot, flying his F-4 Phantom from the deck of AMERICA (CV-66) off the coast of the Republic of South Vietnam while assigned to VF-102, the famous "Diamondbacks." He flew 40 combat missions against enemy forces and was awarded two Air Medals. His prowess as a pilot led him to duty as a flight instructor during his last tour in the Navy.

Rick believed in living life to the fullest, enjoying every moment and personified his philosophy of "not wasting your ticks." After 14 years of service, Rick left the Navy and became a Virginia Beach police officer. Enjoying the thrill and hunt of law enforcement, and realizing its importance and value, he sought acceptance in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his career as an FBI special agent, he worked against various forms of criminal organizations, including racketeering-influenced and transnational organized crime—routinely using his aviation experience to interdict perpetrators. Never content with sitting still, and in keeping with his philosophy regarding the value of time, Rick joined First in Flight in North Carolina after retiring from the FBI. There, he began his fourth and perhaps best loved career as an international commercial pilot.

In all of his endeavors, Rick's lifelong commitment was to the service of his country. His heart's passion was an absolute devotion to his family. His memory will be cherished by his beloved wife of 34 years, Carolyn Theresa and his beautiful princess, daughter, Courtney Theresa. He is also survived by his two brothers, Commander Mark Barbero '69, USN (Ret.), and his wife, Marsha of Alexandria, VA, and Clarence Boatwright and his wife, Joyce of Hixon, TN.

A celebration of Rick's life was held in Virginia Beach on 22 September 2013. His remains will be interred at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Cancer Association ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)). Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.hollomon-brown.com](http://www.hollomon-brown.com).

*The Barbero Family*



#### JOHN SHELTON GREGG '66

John S. Gregg, age 69, of Millsboro, DE, formerly of Frederick, MD, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, 25 October 2013 at his home.

John graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, where he lettered in crew. He was commissioned in the United States Navy, served from 1966 to 1971 and was discharged with a rank of lieutenant. He

served aboard MCMORRIS (DE-1036), NORRIS (DD-859) and VANVOORHIS (DD-1028). During his tours of duty, he served as



CIC officer, operations officer, navigator, weapons officer, chief engineer and executive officer.

After serving in the Navy, John received his MA in applied theology from the Theological Union in Berkeley and worked 18 years for the Catholic Church in Wyoming and Maryland. In 1990, John made a career change and began working as a career management professional for a variety of government organizations and corporate outplacement firms. He received an MA in counseling from George Washington University in 1998.

Furthering his lifelong passion of helping others, John also maintained a private practice as a counselor and trainer, providing salaried and volunteer counseling in domestic violence prevention and intervention, anger management and human resources development. John retired in 2007 from the Ft. Detrick, MD, Business Development Office.

He served as U.S. president of the Association of Career Professionals International (ACPI), president of the Washington, DC, Metro Chapter of ACPI, and founder and president of the Frederick, MD, Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association. John was a skilled photographer, an enthusiastic bicyclist, an avid reader and also enjoyed playing "at golf." John will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Marie LaRocca Gregg; seven children, Michael, John, Stephen, Teresa, Sarah Gregg Finley, Gene LaRocca and Kim LaRocca; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by a brother, Donald Bruce and his wife, Linda; two nieces; and a nephew.



#### **WILLIAM JOHN VORWALD '66**

"Bill" Vorwald passed away from cancer on 18 October 2013. He was 70 years old.

Bill was born in Gary, IN, to Henry and Mary Young Vorwald on 12 February 1943. He was a graduate of Lew Wallace High School in Gary. He entered the Naval Academy with the Class of 1965. Bill soon found, however, that the Class of 1966 and the "Five Year Scholars Program" was more to his liking.

Nicknamed "Mouse" by his Classmates, Bill was a charter member of the "Tecumseh Club" and managed, on numerous occasions, to survive encounters with the academic board. As a Midshipman, Bill excelled in company fieldball and soccer, as well as academic survival. He graduated in the top 90% of the class and headed to flight school. He married the former Mona Rae Gasaway of Baton Rouge, LA, in December 1966.

Bill received his Wings of Gold in February 1968 and flew various patrol aircraft during two deployments to Vietnam prior to leaving the Navy in August 1972.

He joined Delta Airlines later that year and flew commercial airliners for the next 30 years. Bill's last 12 years flying with Delta were mainly weekly international routes to Europe...a tough job, but someone had to do it! After retiring from Delta, Bill moved to Walton County, FL, near DeFuniak Springs, not far from Pensacola.

Bill was very active in civic and veteran activities in Walton County. These included the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Kiwanis, Rotary, Choctawhatchee Military Council and volunteering with the Walton County Sheriff's department. He also worked five years with the Supervisor of Elections Office

and was instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Wall at the Walton County Court House.

Bill had many friends, Classmates and associates who will miss him greatly. He had a wonderful and productive life. He was, indeed, the "Mouse" that roared.

Predeceased by his parents, Bill is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Rae Vorwald of DeFuniak Springs, FL; sister-in-law, Gae Pond of Baton Rouge, LA; and brother-in-law, Walton Cox Gasaway and his wife, Grace of The Villages, FL.

A celebration of life service was conducted on 25 October 2013 followed by interment, with military honors, in Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL.

The family requests that remembrances be made to the American Cancer Society.

*Rufus Taylor '66 & Rae Vorwald*



#### **LARRY ERIC ARKLEY '80**

On Sunday, 10 November 2013, Lieutenant Commander Larry E. Arkley, USNR (Ret.), took his final breath on earth and is now breathing in the aroma that is Heaven. In his two and a half year struggle with cancer, he fought the good fight, strong and hard, but in the end, it was not enough for his body to remain earthbound.

Larry was born in 1958. His father was career Air Force, so they moved several times until finally setting in Apple Valley, CA, where he graduated from high school. He was accepted into the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, earning his BS degree in chemistry.

He became a TACCO on the P-3B Orion in the United States Navy, specializing in anti-submarine warfare, retiring in 1997. Some of his duty stations included Hawaii, Virginia, California (where he earned his masters of finance at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey), and finally ending his naval career as a budget manager at the Pentagon.

For the last ten years, he had been working in finance grants for Pima County.

Larry always had a love of cars, Fords only; his favorite being the Mustangs. He wanted them noisy and with power. He enjoyed working on them whenever he could. His Aunt Jean in Australia said she always remembers the Arkley men "with their heads under the bonnet and their bums in the air." He enjoyed working outside, building walls, a deck, a shed. Larry loved the heat, which is why he ended up in Tucson, AZ. He would go running as often as he could, in the middle of the day; 100+ degree temperatures didn't stop him. Larry also enjoyed attending Faith Community Church every week. He loved delving into the word of God and he was the foundational rock for his family.

Larry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Tammy, and ten year-old daughter, Megan, who was the joy of his life. A person couldn't be around Larry very long without hearing several Megan stories. He especially enjoyed telling the story of the journey for his daughter, Megan, his Little Bit. As soon as Larry walked in the door, Megan would run up to him, yelling, "Dad, Dad," and jump in his arms for a huge hug. Larry is also survived by his parents, John and Shirley, and his brother, Brett (and his wife, Martha, and daughters, Devan and Kyndal), all in California.

A Celebration of Life ceremony was held on 7 December 2013 at Faith Community Church in Tucson, AZ.

Donations in Larry's memory may be made to Faith Community Church ([www.faithtucson.org](http://www.faithtucson.org)).  
*excerpts from the Arizona Daily Star*



**CRITTENDEN GAY BUTLER '81**

Lieutenant Commander Crittenden G. Butler, USN (Ret.), passed away at his home in Bonsall, CA, on 28 September 2013 after a long struggle with advanced prostate cancer. He was 55 year old.

"Critt" was born on 14 September 1958 in Fitchburg, MA. He was the third of four children of the late Walter H. Butler Jr. and Fay Taylor Butler. Raised in Palm Beach, FL, he attended the Palm

Beach Day School, followed by Cardinal Newman High School. He then attended the Naval Academy and graduated in 1981, spending all four years with his fellow 20th Companymates.

Critt was married on 11 January 1986 in Coronado, CA, to the former Margaret Anne "Gigi" Nivison, daughter of Rear Admiral William Nivison '47.

Critt's duty stations included SAN BERNARDINO (LST-1189), RAMSEY (FFG-2), Commander U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, MARVIN SHIELDS (FF-1066), HALSEY (CG-23), and Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific, where he earned his master's in education from Chapman University.

After an early retirement in 1998, Critt followed his father's passion for education by starting his second career as the chief fundraising officer for The Orme School in Mayer, AZ, and later, Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove, FL. Despite great success as a fundraiser at each school, what Critt truly enjoyed was working with members of the school community, but his "best school days" were when he spent time with his student advisees.

Critt was passionate about life and about the people in his life. He especially enjoyed his loving relationship with his devoted wife of 27 years, Gigi; children, Marios, Brittany and Devin; brothers, Buck of Charlotte, NC, and Taylor of Tampa, FL; and sister, Lizann of West Palm Beach, FL. He was also extremely close to other family members, including his sisters-in-law, Linda, Kris, Nancy and Janet; and brothers-in-law, Dale, Mike, Bob, Stan and finally Bill, who introduced him to Gigi. He never forgot how his mother-in-law, Betty Nivison, and her late husband, "The Admiral," always made him feel like family, despite being 3,000 miles from his parents.

Forever positive, there never was a day that he did not appreciate what life had to offer.

Memorial services were conducted on 2 October 2013 in California and military honors were held at Miramar Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Critt asked that individuals support their local hospice organizations.

*The Butler Family*



**STEPHEN FRANCIS MURPHY '91**

Captain Steve Murphy, USN, died on 4 November 2013 on active duty following a more than two-year battle with cancer. He was 44 years old.

"Murph" grew up in Catonsville, MD, and graduated from Catonsville High School. He received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy, where he was a Trident Scholar and member of the varsity offshore sail-

ing team. A political science major, he graduated with distinction in the Class of 1991 as a member of 19th Company.

A career Surface Warfare Officer, Steve's afloat assignments included navigator, first lieutenant and electrical officer in VALLEY FORGE (CG-50), operations officer in GONZALEZ (DDG-66), operations officer in Destroyer Squadron Two Eight (CDS-28), executive officer in NORMANDY (CG-60) and commanding officer in MAHAN (DDG-72), homeported in Norfolk, VA. Following his first sea tour, Steve was selected as an Olmsted Scholar to Kyiv, Ukraine, where he earned a master's degree in international relations from Taras Shevchenko State University. Ashore, Steve served in a variety of demanding, high-visibility staff assignments including deputy executive assistant to the Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Italy, deputy executive assistant to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and special assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations. Based on his superb performance throughout his career, Steve was selected for Major Command afloat. In June 2013, while undergoing cancer treatment, he completed a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College and was awarded the Colonel Richard Christie Marine Corps Association's Award for Excellence in Writing.

Steve was an exceptional naval officer; however, his greatest joy was family. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Carrie; their 12-year-old daughter, Madeleine, whom he cherished; his parents, Charles and Angela Murphy; and siblings, Diane Warner, Mary Rutter, Charles Murphy Jr., Elizabeth Flerlage, Paul Murphy and John Murphy—all of whom intensely supported Steve throughout this fight.

Steve was a man of great integrity, courage, humility and deep faith. He was known for his compassionate leadership style and easygoing demeanor that had a way of inspiring and lifting those around him. An active member of his church and community, Steve also enjoyed cycling and triathlons. A true Sailor, shipmate and friend—he is sorely missed.

His memorial service with military honors was held at the Naval Academy Chapel on 13 December. He will be interred at the Naval Academy Columbarium in a private ceremony.

*Henry Adams '91 & Robert Pickerill '91*

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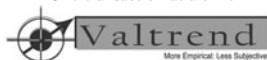
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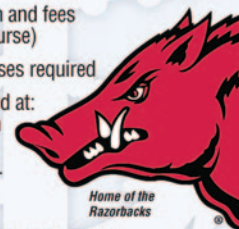
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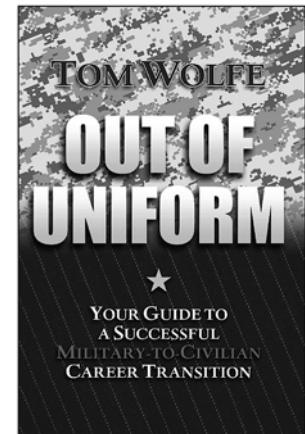
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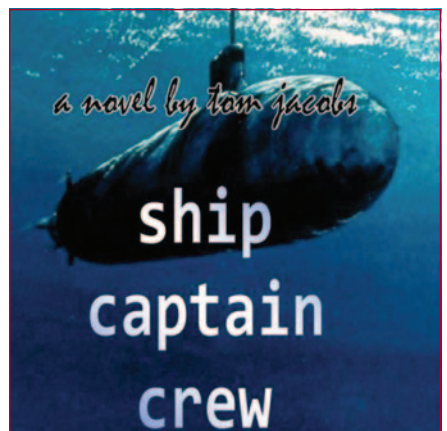
  
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