

Dear Class Secretaries,

My name is Larry Turner. I am a '74 Grad. I authored a book of my remembrances of Academy life from 1970 to 1974. The name of the book is **To Hoist A Symbol Hue**. The book has been available on Amazon since Oct 2019.

Since Jan 2021 I have been donating all royalties from To Hoist a Symbol Hue to the Class of '74 50 Year Reunion Project. I will continue to do so until the Class Reunion takes place in 2024. I have been receiving complimentary reviews from those who have read the book. Most reviews comment on how amazed the reader was on the level of detail described about Academy life during that timeframe.

I am writing this email to let you know that from **10 Oct**, USNA Founders Day - through **13 Oct**, the Navy Birthday, the **ebook** version of To Hoist A Symbol Hue will be offered as a **free download**. For one to take advantage of the free download, one just needs to log into Amazon.com, search on To Hoist A Symbol Hue, select the ebook version, and then follow the instructions for the free download.

I am making you aware of the free download since our classes intersected at some point during the 1970-1974 timeframe, and many of the stories described in the book should resonate with you.

I began writing this memoir back in 2009 as a challenge from some of my Company Mates as we gathered and swapped Academy stories from one reunion to the next. Most were amazed at how much more I remembered about those 4 years than they did. They said I should capture those stories in a book for posterity. I took up the challenge, and a year later I finally moved forward on putting pen to paper. It took me over a year to complete. It was written in Word format. At that time it was difficult and expensive to use a vanity publishing company to turn a manuscript into a paperback book so I reverted to making copies of the manuscript with a spiral binding which I then gave them to my children and to some of my company mates. The manuscript had no pictures and was in a difficult size to read even for some of my most supportive class mates. A few read the manuscript but most simply put it on the shelf where it gathered dust - as did my original.

Each year I would look for an affordable way to publish my manuscript but could never find any reasonable solution for doing so. In 2018 Kindle Direct Publishing offered everything I was looking for. I could turn my manuscript into both a paperback book and an ebook without any upfront cost to myself. I edited the manuscript, eliminating some portions that I realized were not relevant to anyone but me, and then added pictures. The book was first offered for sale on Oct 31, 2019. I gave the paperback book not only to my children, but my grandchildren, and this time they actually read it, and in subsequent family gatherings they would even ask me questions about various chapters in the book!

I am often asked whether I kept a journal while I was at the Academy that I used to write the book. The answer is no. You all know too well that we did not have time to keep a journal (lol).

The book was all written from memory and only aided by my USNA academic transcript for course names and course credits.

There are somewhere between 4-6 million ebooks available on Amazon on any given day. It is easy for a book, especially a military non-fiction book, to get lost in the noise. There are dozens of ways to promote a book and several groups are willing to charge a pretty penny to do so. I have no illusions of being a best selling author, so I am not about to do that. My hope is that you will take the time to download and read the free ebook, and, if you like it, that you may be willing to let your classmates know about it. Once again, all royalties generated from sales of To Hoist a Symbol Hue all go to the Class 50 year Reunion Project for the next 2 years.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will take advantage of the free ebook download.

Beat Army!

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