

USNA, Class of 1975, 2025 Candidates for Class Office

'75 ELECTION MESSAGE

TO: CLASS OF '75  
FROM: 75 CLASS ELECTION COMMITTEE -- ROY HAWKENS & ANDY HOWARD  
SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR CLASS OFFICERS

The '75 Election Committee gave a one-week grace period, until June 20, for classmates to declare their candidacy. The responses are in. The final slate of candidates for Class Office follows:

President: Chris Cikanovich  
Bill Daley  
Vice President: Dave Frost  
Treasurer: Dave Duffie  
Secretary: Larry Warrenfeltz

This slate, along with candidate statements and photos, is being disseminated in a Class Blast and posted on the Class Website. The slate will also be published in Shipmate.

In mid-August, electronic ballots will be sent to classmates who have maintained contact information in the Alumni Directory. Classmates will have the opportunity to cast votes for four weeks. Election results will be announced at our 50-year reunion Class Meeting. The term of office for the newly elected officers will commence immediately after the Class Meeting is adjourned.

On behalf of the Class of '75, the Election Committee expresses its gratitude to the above candidates for their willingness to serve the Class and USNA as Class Officers!

[See bios and photos for candidates below.]

**Chris “Chick” Cikanovich - Candidate for Class President**



I feel very strongly about the US Naval Academy and the family of classmates and their spouses who have traveled with us along life's path. The Naval Academy has provided me with the opportunity and tools for every success I have experienced.

I am dedicated to making sure that the great class of 75 continues to be recognized for our contributions to the Naval Academy and society. We have created a company communications system that has sought to identify our classmates who have drifted away and bring them back to the fold, while keeping all classmates well informed. Our team has formalized the process for DGA submission. We strive to communicate with each classmate and widow through our Class Blasts, Facebook page, Website and Shipmate articles.

We are preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our graduation and assemble for our 50th reunion. We have several events and projects that established 75 as standout alum. I thank the committees who have worked so tirelessly on each project and event. The Link in the Chain with the class of 25 has been a great success with our efforts to bind 25 to 75. The 50th Class Gift campaign has distinguished 75 in so many ways. We have been successful with 4 Distinguished Graduates from our class. The efforts connecting with all classmates, their spouses and widows continue as we work toward our future. The 50th reunion is going to be the best reunion yet.

I entered the Naval Academy from the enlisted ranks. Following graduation, I served as a Navy Pilot flying the RA5C Vigilante and the A6E Intruder. Leaving active duty in 1982, I continued to fly in the Reserves. Recalled to Active Duty for Desert Shield and Desert Storm I retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of Commander.

I am the President of CEI Consulting Services, which I started in 2013. I held executive level positions in large corporations, including National Executive in Taiwan for Lockheed Martin and President of Rolls-Royce Seaworthy Systems.

Volunteering is important to me. I am the Chairman of the Board for the American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association and serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the “Quality of Life Foundation”. As a member of our church, I am a Eucharistic Minister, serve as the President of the Parish Council, and serve with the Knights of Columbus. I have been a Blue and Gold Officer for over 43 years.

Diane, my wife of 49 years, and I live in Annapolis and Ocean City, Maryland. We have two married children and 6 grandchildren.

I am very sincere when I say that I love serving every member of the class of 75. Diane and I have received more from being with all of you than we feel we have provided. It would be my great honor to continue to serve you as class president.

**William H. Daley, III - Candidate for Class President**

Appointed to the Naval Academy from the 9<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois, I grew up in the city of Chicago, the youngest of six children. While at Navy, I was a member of the Catholic Choir and served as the president during our First Class year. I also rowed lightweight crew and, along with company mate Bob Bullock, was awarded the Spirit of the Lightweights award in 1975.

I served on various ships of the Atlantic Fleet as a Surface Warfare Officer and retired as a Commander. My last tour of duty was as master instructor and Associate Chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Navy.

Upon retirement I served as Director of Manufacturing for Forward Technologies, a custom machinery builder located in Plymouth, Minnesota. I then joined CED Technologies, a national forensic engineering firm with its principal office in Annapolis, Maryland. I served at CED for 26 years, the last 12 of which were as President of the company. Retiring from full time work in October 2022, I remain as a consultant. I am a registered professional engineer in numerous states in the Mid-Atlantic region.

My volunteer work after retiring from the Navy, included serving as a member and then president of two school boards - the Naval Academy Primary School in Annapolis, Maryland, and St. John the Evangelist School in Severna Park, Maryland. I currently serve as board secretary on the Board for the American Boat and Yacht Council, a national standards and education organization headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland. Additionally, I am a member of the Ethics Panel for the Queen Anne's County Board of Education in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. I am a Character Counts instructor for Queen Anne's County Schools. My wife Chris and I manage the Class tailgate for all Navy home games.

Chris and I have been married for 46 years, have three children and six grandchildren. We split our time between Stevensville, Maryland and Virginia Beach, Virginia.

As a life member of the Alumni Association, I offer my candidacy for President of the Class of 1975. Service is part of the life of all our Classmates. I would be proud to continue that service and guide the traditions of volunteerism and financial mentorship that our Class has provided to the Alumni Association & Foundation these last 50 years.



**Dave Frost - Candidate for Class Vice President**

**I want us to codify and celebrate our *exceptional* Class legacy.**

*Keel laying:* Born in the Green Mountain State of Vermont (not on the crest of a wave). Reared in the Garden State of New Jersey. We moored and shifted colors in San Diego in 1979.

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*Along the Severn*

I graduated in the *top 99%* of our class. A charter member of Salty Sam's "no fear, no common sense" gang.

Co-recipient of the Rusty Callow Award for leadership (June Week).

Heavyweight Crew Captain. One of our class's Outstanding College-Athletes of the Year.

*Surface Line*

I served in our Navy's Surface Line community, in both active and reserve components; retired as a Captain.

*CIVPAC*

I led research & development teams on high-risk, high-payoff warfighting projects.

Martin Marietta Technology Achievement Award recipient (1989). I now run Well Past Forty, LLC.

- ◆ I served as a VP for the San Diego Coronado chapter of the USNA Alumni Association as Membership coordinator for a top chapter in the country. An active participant in our Class's ALITC efforts with 2025.
- ◆ I served as a Class Officer (1980-1984). Co-coordinated our initial Class campaign (\$25,000) - a "named" gift for a Navy-Marine Corps Stadium Gate.
- ◆ Founded the USNA San Diego Parents' Club. Served as an Area coordinator for the USNA Information Program, plus many years as a Blue and Gold Officer.
- ◆ USNA Columbarium project "plank owner". Perennial President's Circle member.
- ◆ I co-led our recent Class Legacy Gift project for the Navy Crew Excellence Fund - \$275,000.00.
  - 2025 Recipient of the Craig Thrasher Service Award for Navy Crew (see [gonavycrew.org/index.html](https://gonavycrew.org/index.html)).
  - Founder of Community Rowing of San Diego. A longtime volunteer Coach for Freedom Rows and Wounded Warrior projects.
  - Non-profit Executive with a decade of experience as President of the Board.
    - Twenty years of experience and expertise in charitable fundraising and communications.
  - Adjunct Professor of the Year, University of Phoenix (2017).
  - World Indoor Rowing Champion for my age group (2018, 2023). FISA World Gold Medal 2018.

Recognized by MARQUIS Who's Who of America

—(see <https://www.24-7pressrelease.com/press-release-service/522621>).

My 3<sup>rd</sup> non-fiction book will be published this year after **KABOOMER ('20) & STRONG TO SAVE ('24)**.

Mary and I were a Chapel wedding couple (July 1976). We are proud parents and grandparents.

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*Horizon Check:* It would be my repeat honor to collaborate on special projects as a #2. I view this next decade as our prime opportunity to memorialize our many, many stories and achievements that make 1975 an exceptional Academy Class.

As I wrote in my *wayback* Class officer days as the Class Vice President, **"None has drive like '75"**.



**Dave Duffie (CAPT USN, ret) - Candidate for Class Treasurer**

I am excited to run again for Class Treasurer. I have been serving as Class Treasurer for over 35 years now and have managed to keep our Class Fund solvent to support all of the annual activities that require class funds. This includes our support to the WebMaster, the Tailgate location for home football games, Swords for Officers on USS Donald Cook DDG-75, Reunion Expenses, and most recently supporting the fund for those individuals who need some financial help to come to the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion.



I work closely with the USNA Alumni Association in fund management and have been able to secure a reasonable monthly interest rate on fund balance. Our funds are secured by a fiduciary, and I make sure that anyone who has provided support to the class and requires reimbursement, gets paid immediately. I have appreciated the support of classmates who helped with the 45+1 reunion, and I have appreciated the financial support of many of our classmates who help us with class events. I have been serving as Treasurer on several boards, boy scout troops and 4H Summer Camps over the past 50 years, and most recently, I am serving as Treasurer of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Armed Services YMCA.

I am currently living in Chesapeake Virginia, with my wife Janet. I have 4 wonderful older children and 11 grandchildren. Happy to serve with pride for the class.

**Larry Warrenfeltz – Candidate for Class Secretary**

Larry retired from active duty as a Captain in 2002, having spent the majority of his career in the METOC (Meteorology-Oceanography) field. In the civilian world, he worked as the Director for Sponsored Research at the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition until 2011. Now retired in Pensacola, he and his wife Nancy enjoy traveling and spending lots of time with their grandchildren. He remains active in high school softball umpiring and volleyball refereeing, as well as reading and writing. He has published two books—the most recent being *Sea Stories: A Virtual Wastebasket of Random Memories*.



Larry is a life member of the USNA Alumni Association and is active in the Pensacola Chapter. He has enjoyed serving as the Class of '75 Secretary since 1995, and he wishes to continue to serve the Class in that office.