







September 2011

Classmates, Wives, and Widows,

We are very pleased that so many of you were able to make this gathering and again enjoy the company of classmates, wives, and wives of deceased classmates. No doubt some who have not been back in a while, even since the 50th, will be amazed at the many changes in the Yard and the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. In fact we selected these reunion dates, inter alia, knowing that some of you have never seen the "new" memorial stadium, and many more the pageantry and intensity of an Air Force/Navy football game. Likewise, to assure you don't miss noticing the many Yard changes we scheduled the virtual tour in Mahan Hall and arranged for shuttle buses around the Yard.

We must thank Doug Hayman and the Company Reps for their persistence and perseverance in obtaining some 70 bios that eluded us for the 50th Golden Lucky Bag. In reading these, together with those in the GLB, one can't help but be impressed by the quality and excellence of the members of the Class of '56—fashioned and molded by their Academy years from the group of 1,044 raw recruits in 1952. Unfortunately we don't have bios on the wives of '56, which could only strive to adequately and completely articulate their qualities as a rock of support, strength, and love, as well as the cornerstone for family unity, values, and nurturing.

Of course we want to thank the reunion committee who labored over the past year to bring this all together. But in a larger sense we are most thankful for our comfortable lives, our freedoms, our families and our good health--enabling us to once again travel to Annapolis and attend the reunion. We remember and pray for those for whom the bell has already tolled and those classmates, wives, and widows whose health and ailments prevent them from joining us at this historic moment in the annals of '56.

George Mushalko

Chairman, Class Executive Committee

Registration at The Westin

THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, was the first day of scheduled activities.

The registration desk manned by Dick and Shirley Levendoski in the lobby of the Westin Annapolis Hotel opened at 1400. Dick had prepared registration packets with schedules, nametags, Class of 1956 caps, and information for all that was happening. Early arrivals had an opportunity to visit the Yard and see the changes that have taken place over the years.

No planned events were scheduled that evening but the hospitality suite in the Westin Hotel, manned by Ken and Barbara Godstrey was alive and active, as it was throughout the reunion













Pete Booth

Humble in Victory

True Faith and Allegiance
Sea Buoy Outbound

Aircraft Carrier Command

Class Of `56 Authors Some of the books on display.

Cliff Peterson
The Girl From Sprague River
A.D.M.

<u>Duane Heisinger</u> Father Found Gunnar S. Jenson Gunnar's Learning Curves

Tom Schwartz
Spaceship Earth

Perry L. Westmoreland
The keys to Communicating
With Other Worlds
Unvelled



Schedule of Events

September 29 – October 3, 2011

	29 – October 3, 2011
Thursday 29	September:
0730-1600:	Mid Store Open
1200-1220:	Noon Meal Formation
1400-1800:	Bus to Yard Shuttle, Mid Store, Museum, etc.
1400-2000:	Early Registration, Westin Lobby
1300-1700:	Flannery-Sechrest Memorial Golf Tourney/USNA Golf Course
1530-2400:	Hospitality Room Open
1800-2100:	Company Socials
1930-???:	Pep Rally in Tecumseh Court
Friday 30 Se	eptember:
0630-1000:	Breakfast (Hotel or Nearby Eateries) On Own
0730-1600:	Mid Store Open
0800-1100:	Registration continues, Westin Lobby
0900-1030:	USNA Virtual Yard Tour (Historical Evolution of USNA Yard, Current Changes in the Yard & Stadium & '56 Projects Funding Yard and Stadium Growth) Mahan Hall
1030-1115:	Academics Today Update & Study Abroad & Air Force & Army Exchange Semesters
	Dr Andrew Phillips, Academic Dean (invited) Mahan Hall
1130-1230:	Cocktail Bar Open/Bo Coppedge Room/Alumni Hall
1200-1330:	Welcome Luncheon/Bo Coppedge Room/Alumni Hall
	Speaker: CDR Skid Heyworth '70 USN (Ret), Vice President Alumni Association
1400-1500:	Superintendent's Briefing to All Reunion Classes in Mahan Hall
1600-1715:	Formal Dress Parade on Worden Field
1600-1800:	Continue Registration/Westin Lobby
1930-2030:	Jewish Services in Levy Center
1900-2230:	Evening Reception at the Westin Hotel Capitol Ballroom with Cash Bar
Saturday 1 (
	Breakfast (hotel or Nearby Eateries) On Own
	Company Breakfast/Brunch Socials
	Late Reunion Registration in the Westin Lobby
	Mid Store Open
	Buses to Mid Store (Tentative)
	Buses to the Stadium
0900-1015:	Alumni Association Walking Tour of Highlights of Impressively Renovated Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium by Bob Hofford '61, managed all Class funded Stadium Projects
0930-1600:	Tailgate Adjacent to '53 Pavilion (Breakfast items to start)
1000.	(Need football ticket for entry)
1210-1530	Navy vs. Air Force
	Late, Late Reunion Registration
	Company Socials
	Hospitality Room Open
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Sunday 2 October:

0930-1230: Brunch in USNA Officers & Faculty Club

0900-1000: Catholic Services in Main Chapel 1100-1210: Protestant Services in Main Chapel 1315-1415: Memorial Service in Main Chapel

1430-1600: Hospitality Room

1800-2200: The Grand Banquet at the Annapolis Westin Capitol Ballroom

1800-1900: Cocktail Hour/Cash Bar

1915-2030: Dinner 2030-2130: Program

2130-2200: Continue in the Ballroom

Monday 3 October:

0730-1000: Farewell Breakfast at the Westin/Private Room

Newly Redone Museum Hours: 0900-1700 Thu-Sat and 0900-1500 Sun

Hospitality Room Hours: Westin, room 224, will be staffed between major events and after last event of each day until midnight. Morning openings limited. Safety rules dictate it be locked when not staffed.





55TH REUNION ORGANIZATION

Chairman: George Mushalko Registrar: Casey Kenaston Transportation: Dan Garges

Reunion Book and Album: Jim Van Metre, Casey Kenaston

Reunion DVD: Casey Kenaston

Finances and Records: George Mushalko

Mementos and Name Badges: George Mushalko

Dinner Memento: Dick Walsh Company Socials: Jerry Green

Lobby Registration and Packet: Dick Levendoski

Hotels: George Mushalko

Hospitality Room: Ken Godstrey

Decorations: Joan Walsh, Shirley Levendoski, Barbara Mushalko, Peggy Garges

Widows Coordinator: Nancy Henry

Sechrest-Flannery Memorial Golf Tournament: Jerry Green

Virtual Yard Tour: George Mushalko Welcome Luncheon: Sam Armstrong Welcome Reception: Ken Godstrey Stadium Walking Tour: George Mushalko

Tailgate: Dick Walsh

Sunday Brunch: George Mushalko Memorial Service: George Mushalko Grand Banquet and Seating: Ted Shultz

Transportation, Seating and Overall Support: Pete Randrup

Farewell Brunch at Hotel: George Mushalko

Other Planning Committee Members Who Also Worked on Above Functions: Betty Green, Beth Armstrong, Barbara Godstrey, Ellie Randrup, Nancy Van Metre, Mel Kenaston, and Mona Shultz.

The Company Reps: Arranging company socials, contacting company classmates and widows on reunion plans, obtaining post-GLB biographical updates/photos, checking class register contact information, etc.: Bud Alexander (1), John Kirkpatrick (2), Bob Shumaker (3), Chip Honsinger (4), Dick Walsh (5), Mike McBride (6), Ken Costilow (7), David Carre' (8), Roy Gulick (9), Carl Nelson (10), Ken Godstrey (11), Bill Simpson (12), Dick Levendoski (13), Hal Moore (14), Pickett Wright (15), Vince Roper (16), Perry Stone (17), Leo Koerkenmeier (18), PJ Wilson (19), John Buckley (20), Jay Ransom (21), Jack Bossert (22), Worth Hobbs (23), John Bauman (24), together with Doug Hayman.



Mahan Hall



Friday, 30 September.

Approximately 60 of the class gathered in Mahan Hall to hear Jim Minderlein, '65, present a "virtual tour" and briefing about the continuing evolution of the Naval Academy. (Some of us suggested a virtual tour was a nice way of suggesting we could not do a walking tour.)

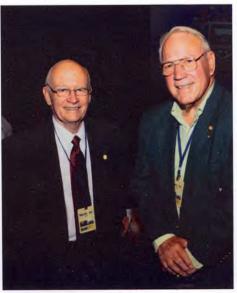
He commented that the class has been generous in it's giving – ranking 5th of all classes in the last decade, and 23td over the last 75 plus years. He noted that the class has been especially generous in contributions for the remodeling of the Museum and the Memorial Plaza and Class of 1956 Arch at the Stadium.

The Academic Dean, Dr. Andrew Phillips, followed and began by telling us of the significant emphasis on reducing midshipmen attrition. He compared the class of 1989's attrition of 27% with the class of 2011's attrition of 15%, of which the academic attrition is just 3% – with the remaining 12% due to resignations and disciplinary action. That low academic attrition reflects the special support provided by the Academic Support Center for students having academic difficulties.

The Dean provided further information that substantiates the high national ranking and stature of the Academy. In the year 2000, 10,000 candidates applied for admission; a record 19,145 applied for the Class of 2015. The average SAT score for those entering USNA is over 1300. For the new class, 600 plebes scored 600 in math, breaking a record. And, their scores

for physics and chemistry also broke records. In a typical year, 1200 enter with a class and just over 1000 of these midshipmen graduate. This 83% graduation rate compares to a national college graduation rate of about 29%.

The Dean pointed out that more than 50% of our graduates major in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Of colleges with more than 50% STEM majors, USNA ranks number one nationally at 88.2%, followed next in the rankings by MIT. (West Point and Air Force are not considered STEM colleges since less than half their graduates are in STEM programs.) U.S. News and World Reports ranks USNA among the top five undergraduate engineering programs in the country. Of the faculty of 600, almost half are officers; about 60 have PhD degrees and all have at least a Masters Degree. All of the civilian faculty have doctorates and they provide continuity for the academic program at the academy.







The Dean continued with a discussion of the objective of the core curriculum – to instill educational principles of learning that will last a lifetime. Typical class size is 19. There are essentially three main divisions in academics: engineering and technology; math and science; and humanities.

The emphasis is on active/collaborative learning, including projects involving satellites, robotics, and undersea systems, to provide hands-on experience. Another focus is learning outside the classroom.

This year, there are about 260 midshipmen studying overseas, including in China, for four weeks or more; next year the number is anticipated to be 400. USNA offers 23 academic majors, including Arabic and Chinese language majors. The numbers



OUR BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

During the years between the 50th reunion and now, biographical sketches were solicited from all graduate class-mates whose bios were not in the Golden Lucky Bag. Non-graduates who spent at least three years with the class were also included.

Primary contact was made by company representatives, who proved successful in obtaining material from many classmates who had not previously voluntarily contributed their bios.

A considerable number of those from whom bios were sought have died since the 50th. Their Shipmate obituaries were used in drafting the bios that are included for them.

With this publication there now exists, either here or in the GLB, coverage of all but thirty graduate classmates. The noteworthy achievements of those documented here really are the history to this point of the Class of 1956. The 30 non-participants include classmates who refused, did not reply, or simply procrastinated, as well as all whose addresses are unknown, comprising altogether about six percent of the 481 graduate classmates still living.

-- Doug Hayman





Allen, G. Millard, Jr.

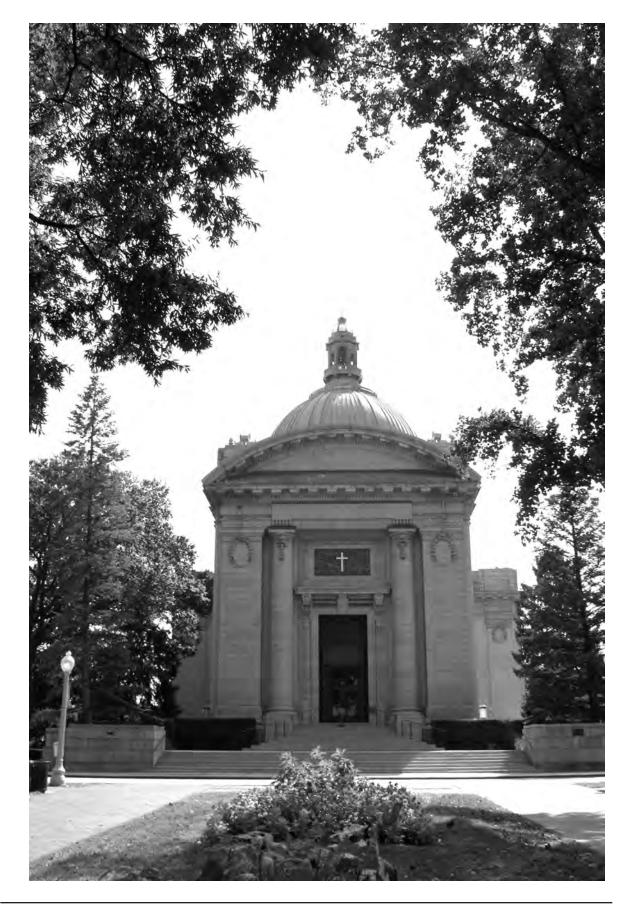
After graduation, served on Plebe Summer detail, TAD to CIC School, then arrived USS Roanoke(CL145) January 1957. Frances and I were married May 1957, sent to Submarine School in July1957. After Sub School, Key West, serving on Threadfin (SS 410) and XO, Marlin (SST-2). Transferred to Reserve in June 1961. Served in several Submarine Reserve Units, and commanded Division 9-225. Retired from Reserve in 1976 as Commander. Business career included over 25 years in the computer and telecommunications industry serving from sales to Senior Executive positions: companies - Texas Instruments, Honeywell, and Datapoint. President of my own Training and Consulting Firm since 1987. Frances and I have four daughters and ten grandchildren. We moved to St. Simons Island, GA in 1988, where we currently reside. I remain active in church and civic affairs serving on the Island Planning Commission and other Boards.



I was elected for the first term to Glynn County, GA Board of Education—January 2006-December 2010, and was re-elected for the term January 2011 until December 2014. I served as Chairman for 2009 and 2010.









Apple, John D., Jr.

Having served essentially my entire career in submarines, I spent the last six years on the staff of Commander Submarine Group TWO at the New London Submarine Base in Groton, CT. I was Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness and Training for two and one half years; and Chief of Staff for my final three and one half years. I retired in December of 1982 and continued to live in Gales Ferry, where I had purchased a home in January 1977.

At this point, if it were not for the bad news, there would be no news at all. But I will provide a few details. In August 1987 I discovered a large malignant tumor on the back of my tongue which required a partial glossectomy as well as radiation treatment. This resulted in my inability to speak or to eat normally. But I was able to get along pretty well. Then in December of 2008 the cancer returned and further surgery was required to remove most of what was left of my tongue. Now it is virtually impossible for me to speak or to eat normally.



I provide these details to explain why I do not attend Reunions and the like. If you think about it, what do people do at Reunions? They eat a lot (dinners, banquets, receptions), and they talk a lot. Since I cannot speak or eat normally, I am not comfortable at these occasions. Therefore I do not attend them. It is not that I would not like to attend, but my physical handicaps preclude it.

Baals, John R.

Our move to Lexington in '77 was our 22nd move since '56 - haven't moved since. The Lexington/Bluegrass area is beautiful and is our favorite by far. Daughter Julia lives in Sparta, NJ and has three daughters. Son John Jr. lives in Nederland, CO and has a daughter and son.

We are both in "good" health considering. Mary keeps busy with gardening, family and friends. I keep busy puttering in my shop and, since 1999, at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. We don't travel as much as we did but the good life persists (even though).





Benzi, Leonard F.

In 1996 I retired from Tobyhanna Army Depot after working for the Army for 30 years. I was a Supervisory Mechanical Engineer, heading a satellite communications system including 65 ground sites worldwide. Following that I worked as a job-shop employee, mostly working on projects at Tobyhanna. I retired for good in 2005, and now I am enjoying my retirement and our three granddaughters while doing the heavy work at home for my wife Joan.



Boyd, John S.

Since 1996, we have endured and entertained the good, the bad, and the ugly. The good, our fourth great-grandchild will be born by the time vou read this; the bad, my health (so what's new); the ugly, my golf game (my wife's however is great). Still as I approach my 80th birthday, I have no complaints. We still live in the middle of our club's golf course, so my view of retired life is one of the human comedy and tragedy that is golf, and it goes by my window as I write. By the way, although this is too late for any of you who are reading this, Oregon is surely one hell of a place to live. The forests, mountains and coast line, not to mention no state income tax on retired federal salaries, make the state very hospitable. The weather at my end of state is excellent, and though I miss snow during the winter, I can look from my front lawn and see the lights of a ski lift on Mt. Ashland 25 miles down the valley. So at any time the urge comes upon me to wallow in snow and ice, I can be there in thirty minutes down I-5. Luckily, that urge has yet to overcome me. I am proud of the U. S. Navy and Academy graduates I have known before, during and after my active service. I only wish I could have lived up to these ideals during and after my sojourn at Annapolis. To give credit to, and paraphrase von Logau, the wheel of life does turn slowly, and it does grind exceedingly small. God bless you and yours.





Burdsall, Milton E.

Upon graduation I went into Naval Intelligence and after completing postgraduate studies I was assigned to serve as ONI liaison to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. I then went to San Diego for two years, serving in the 11th Naval District as assistant officer in charge. After nine years of military service I decided to try my hand in the private sector. I took a position with IBM at the dawn of the computer age, moved on to SmithKline & French Pharmaceuticals where I developed the computer capability to print molecular structure; then moved on to the CIGNA Corporation, formerly Insurance Company of North America, where I was a vice president reporting to the CEO before retiring in 1997. I married a wonderful woman in 1992 and between the two of us we have five great kids, four sons and one daughter, and two grandchildren. We currently live in Vero Beach, Florida, in a continuing care community, where we are both very active in our church and with other community-related activities. We still love to travel and in 2008 took a two-month vacation to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In September of every year we go to Ocean City, New Jersey for the month which gives us the opportunity to connect with family and friends. As with many of us, when I look back on my years at the Academy, I recognize how different I am now. I am grateful for that experience and feel it has made me who I am today.



Burt, Russell H. "Russ"

I retired as a submarine-qualified engineering duty officer and a licensed professional engineer in Virginia. I worked for several contractors in the ship repair field before starting my own business as a Naval Architect/Marine Engineer.

I have four children who are all doing very well with many degrees. My wife and I like to travel and have taken many cruises including last year from New York to Amsterdam. We hope to take many more.

Now I am not doing anything productive but enjoying life.





Byrom, James T.

Jim Byrom was born in Huntsville, Alabama and moved to Daytona Beach, Florida at three years of age. Jim attended Lenox Elementary and Seabreeze High School (class of 1950) never missing one day of school in twelve years. Jim was recognized for his athletic abilities playing football, basketball, baseball and track. Seabreeze was the state basketball champion team for three years during his high school years. After preparatory school at Bullis Academy, Jim attended the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Jim played football and was part of the team that beat Old Miss in the Sugar Bowl in 1955. Jim was honorably discharged from the Academy after second class year because of academics and began flight training in 1955, earning his wings at Corpus Christi, Texas and began his years as a Naval



Aviator. He flew patrol planes off the coast of Vietnam, a tour in Brazil, and anti-submarine patrol over the world. He logged in 22,000 flight hours before his retirement in 1976. His last flying assignment was as a Hurricane Hunter, VP Squadron 44, at Jacksonville, Florida. After retirement, Jim worked for the U. S. Postal Service in Pierson, Florida for 15 years, then ten years teaching school as a permanent substitute at the local high school. Jim and his wife, Julia, have been married for 40 years and have two sons, and a daughter from his previous marriage. They have eight grand-children. They have resided near Daytona Beach in Pierson, Florida since 1976. Jim's faith and Christian lifestyle continue to inspire his family.

Caldwell, John M.

Biography of John Caldwell, Class of 1956 Born Austin Texas, November 9, 1931.

Education Background:

- * Graduated Austin High School: 1950
- * University of Texas (Basketball Scholarship): 1950/1951
- * Bainbridge, Maryland Annapolis Prep School: 1951/1952
- * United States Naval Academy, Annapolis: 1956
- * Navy Pensacola Flight School: 1956/1957
- * Awarded Naval Aviator Wings Corpus Christi, TX: 1957

Military Service

13 years as U.S. Navy Fighter Pilot. Deployed on 4 carrier tours to West Pac

(Midway 2, Bon Homme Richard, and Kittyhawk). Flew strike missions in VietNam. Awarded Silver Star and 6 Air Medals.

Civilian Career

Eastern Regional Director, Allied Signal Aerospace - 1969-1990.

Retired Aerospace 1990 and subsequently moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where we currently live.

Family:

Married Marian Rice Caldwell and are currently celebrating our 55th wedding anniversary. Four Children- John Jr., Jill Ann, Bryan Craig and Joni Lynn. Eight Grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Oldest grandson serves in U.S. Air Force as Military Canine Trainer. He served two tours in Iraq as Canine Security and is currently serving one year tour in Korea.



(John passed away on July 31, 2011, in Scottsdale, AZ.)



Carrigan, Richard Conrad

Dick was born in Washington, DC on March 9, 1934, and raised in Silver Spring, MD. Upon graduation from the Naval Academy, he married Judith Molitor the next day, June 2nd. After completing flight training in Pensacola and Corpus Christi, he trained in the A3D "Skywarrior", and then VAH-5 and VAH-9 aboard the USS Saratoga. Then he became an intelligence officer, received a master's degree in meteorology at Monterrey, and served as meteorological officer on USS Intrepid.

After returning to PG school as an assistant professor, he was OPS officer and Executive Officer of Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk, VA. Subsequently, he was Executive Officer then Commanding Officer of Naval



Weather Service Facility, Pensacola. Following assignments as executive officer of Fleet Weather Central, Guam and OinC of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment at Patuxent River, MD, Dick retired in 1982.

Dick and Judy remained in the Patuxent River area, where Dick provided two firms with technical and engineering support for naval aviation programs until full retirement in 1996. He enjoyed working on and sailing his 25 foot Catalina, Liberty, and pursuing many hobbies. They stayed in Solomons, MD. to assist in raising their grandson, Brady, born with Down's Syndrome. Dick passed away in March of 2009. He is survived by his wife, Judy, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Chartrand, David P.

Since our 40th in 1996, nothing much has changed. Continuing to float along in retirement trying to remember what to do next....oh yes, I already mowed the lawn.....never mind that. As for things I've done to brag about, there is nothing I can think of....except Janet, my darling wife of 32 years, is still by my side whenever she cannot escape into the thrift stores, antique stores, Target, and others....she loves to shop....she'll stop and talk to anyone in the stores as though he/she is her best friend.....I mostly stay at home avoiding chores and watching old westerns....still like The Rifleman and Gunsmoke. Well, I just remembered that lousy chemo and radiation for a small rectal tumor about a year ago, but now I'm in complete remission....it also destroyed a tiny prostate lump



we'd been watching for a few years....I've been very lucky healthwise....by the way, I also manage my sister-in-law's personal and investment affairs while she resides comfortably in her compound in West Africa, not unlike the movie "Out of Africa." Let's see, we still have our four children and five grandchildren doing well in their busy lives....we see them often...we're getting together again for Thanksgiving at our mountain cabin....hopefully it will snow again this year. That's about it....I think....unless I forgot something....oh well......



Clark, Bruce A.

A belated look at my life since 1956: After flight training and photo school, I spent four years in a light photo squadron (VFP-62). I flew F9F-8Ps and F8U-1Ps, and managed to survive over 200 carrier landings in the crusader. In addition to a IVIED cruise, there were several other deployments closer to home. One of the later ones involved shaking down the USS Enterprise (CVAN-65) in the spring of 1962, and included, for us photo detachment pilots, a close look at Cuba.

After that I married my sweetheart and we spent the next three years in Annapolis where I taught math and sailing. Some difficulty with my eyesight grounded me, and I spent the next deployment on a cruiser in the Tonkin Gulf. Postgraduate school beckoned where I obtained an MS in Meteorology. My last three tours were in meteorology.



Almost as soon as I retired we bought our first two Arabian horses. We started a breeding program and showed some of the horses. As the program expanded we needed more land and a bigger barn. In 1985 we moved to my birthplace, Ellsworth, Maine. I spent most of a year building a barn and fences on forty acres. In 1996 we dispersed the herd. The stallion went to Arizona, a colt to New York, two mares to Missouri, etc. We keep busy. I teach an exercise class three days a week and a Tai Chi class once a week. We have two daughters, Amy '64 and Jennifer '71 who have produced three beautiful granddaughters. Amy lives close by and Jennifer lives in Virginia.

Cook, Ross E.

Ross was born in Knox County, IN, July 21, 1933. After graduation, he married Patricia Falkenbury, of Glens Falls, NY on July 13, 1957

He served on the BENNINGTON, and COGSWELL. After separating from the Navy he worked as an engineer in several companies. Not long after moving to Jonesboro, GA, he worked for Worldwide Discipleship Association, a college/university ministry as a business manager. He next served as business administrator in the administrative offices of the Presbyterian Church in America until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Georgia serving as an elder, and involved in various ministeries. He also served on the Henry County Development Authority from 2004 until his death in July 18, 2008, in Stockbridge, GA.



He is survived by, Patricia, his wife of 51 years, two daughters, Cristine Cook, of Union City, GA and Cynthia Cook Becraft of Newport News, VA., and grandchildren.



Coyne, Donald Eugene

After Supply Corps School in Athens, GA, my shipboard assignments, aboard the USS Albany, USS Tweedy, and USS McGowan, were followed by a stint at the Pentagon, as Mess Officer for SecNav, CNO, and the Admiral's Mess. In May, 1958, I married Lois Hennessy, also of Yonkers, NY. After a difficult pregnancy, and life-threatening delivery, our 1st son, Peter, was born, in September, 1959. When the 2nd child, Greg, was on the way, it was obvious where I had to be, so I left the Navy, and accepted a job as systems engineer with IBM, in Washington, DC.



After more than 30 years of information sciences experience, including The Bank of NY, GE, Control Data, and The US Dept of Fish & Wildlife, I founded Terabyte Systems Corporation, providing Novell networking services, and running a computer repair facility in Silver Spring, MD. I am currently scaling down the corporation to a one-man operation, doing repair, data recovery, and recycling, with no plans for retiring. Our health is good, so count us in for the 100th reunion, God willing.

The top highlight of our life has to be Pope John Paul II, ordaining our son, Greg, as a Catholic Priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei, in St. Peter's Basilica, at Vatican City, in Rome, in May, 1989. Through the generosity of a friend, a USNA 3rd Company graduate, all ten of Greg's siblings accompanied us to the ordination, and to Greg's first Mass, at the Crypt of Saint Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, the founder of Opus Dei. Another great moment was when one of our daughters chose a fully dedicated vocation to Opus Dei.

In spite of bad investments, we accumulated more than the wealth, security and worldly accomplishments that were available to us: Lois and I have the love and care of each other, and our eleven children, and 33 grandchildren to brighten our senior years. Wouldn't trade it for anything!

Davis, Joe Rex

"Rex" Davis was born in Indianapolis, IN on July 30, 1934. He graduated in 1952 from Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis.

After graduation from the Academy, Rex completed Air Training Command, specializing in aircraft maintenance at Chanute Air Force Base, IL, and then was stationed at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. After resigning his commission in 1959, he remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1970.

He worked for Boeing, in Seattle, WA., and then began a long career in the nuclear industry. From 1960 until 1973, he worked for Argonne National Labs as operations shift supervisor and assistant operations manager. He then worked for Washington Public Power in Richland, WA, and EPRI in Palo Alto, CA. In 1981, he became self employed, and a consultant in the nuclear field.



Rex's hobbies included hunting, handball, sculpting in alabaster, cooking, target shooting, travel and distance running. He ran in a number of marathons. He is survived by his wife Sandy, several sons and daughters and numerous grand-children.



Denham, Walter S. Jr.

For a change I think I will begin this biography at the present and then work back to the time of my retirement from the military. Currently; Jacqueline, see attractive blonde in the attached photo, and I are at sea on an Oceania Cruise ship in route from Istanbul, Turkey to Athens, Greece. Reason for the cruise is celebration of our tenth wedding anniversary.

In retrospect it is hard to believe that we have already been married 10 years, and it is equally hard to realize that half a century has passed since we all graduated from USNA. Over this period I have been blessed with 4 children ranging from 50 years of age to 25. Out of consideration for my two daughters, I will not identify who is the eldest. Unlike many of you, I only have one grandchild and he is currently serving with the US Army in Afghanistan.



My current job, Project Manager of some 55 counter intelligence analysts who work for the Joint Intelligence Tactical Fusion Center- Counter Intelligence (JITF-CT), is anything but boring but it is exhausting, so I suspect that I will only be able to keep up the pace for another couple of years. At that time I will probably try to overcome my dislike of golf and attempt to take up the sport.

I held a variety of jobs after I left the Air Staff in 1976: My first civilian job was eight years working for TRW in Germany, working on facility and software design efforts in support of Headquarters USAFE in Germany.

In 1982 I returned to the States and over the intervening years, prior to my current assignment to the JITF-CT, I worked as a project manager on Navy related software development and O&M effort.

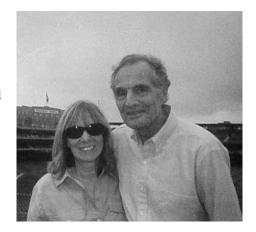
Highlight of this period was my assignment to the "Classic Wizard Project" in direct support of the Fleet. This 12 year assignment was by far the most satisfying period of my service, either in the military or as a contactor. The people on this effort, military and contractor alike, were some of the most talented and dedicated people I ever worked with and the support they provided to the fleet was of critical importance.

I am saddened to relate that, as I write this, the last Classic Wizard facility is being decommissioned but I will never forget the people who served on this effort or the contribution they made to support of the Fleet and the Nation.

Detore, James V. Jr.

USAF: I chose the Air Force and was assigned to the 820th Air Division at Plattsburg AFB in Northern New York. I was busy holding the positions of four captains. When eligible I applied for graduate school. I was selected but didn't get either of my choices so I resigned.

IBM: I was hired by IBM in 1959 in the Data Processing Division and assigned to the Cambridge, MA office. I went through the training program and assumed territory responsibilities for Federal Government research accounts. Early highlights included a big order at MIT Lincoln Lab where I sold and installed IBM's first "time-sharing" system, a 360 Model 67. At another account, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, I married the system programmer. We had a son, Jim, and a daughter, Julie. We lived in the town of Winchester in an historic house, a Victorian mansion built in 1887. We spent years restoring and furnishing it. I had a variety of marketing and staff assignments including travelling jobs. I took early retirement in 1986 after 27 years with the company.



Retirement: We moved to the Ft. Lauderdale, FL area in 1996. We recently downsized from a house in Coral Springs to a condo in neighboring Margate. I am blessed to have a beautiful and devoted wife, Christine, and two great children who have given us three granddaughters and a grandson. Other than asthma, I am in good health. My interests are the stock market, landscape gardening, weight lifting, foreign languages and, of course, my family.



Deutermann, David W.

Dave and Martha finally retired altogether in 2000, and to mark the occasion our kids secretly put together a trip to London as a surprise, especially for Martha who had never been outside CONUS. More travel over the past years, mostly to Italy. In between trips, Dave spends his time restoring antique clocks, a hobby that threatens to get out of hand. Son David finished his Navy stint as comm officer aboard Vela Gulf (CG-72), went briefly into Intel and now works as a civilian at CIA. Daughter Julie continues as a dental hygienist and now has a son and daughter to complicate her life. We're too old to babysit, but do it anyway.



Dudrow, Donald L. "Don"

After flight training in the SNJ and the F9F, and becoming a qualified jet pilot, I was sent to Port Lyautey, Morocco for duty. I returned to the States in July 1958 to get married, and my new bride, Babs, and I returned to Morocco. It was quite an experience being newlyweds and living on the economy in Morocco, but we both enjoyed it immensely. In 1960 I joined VA-85 in Oceana, VA flying the AD-6, a great airplane, and deploying with CAG-8 on the FORRESTAL. I left active duty in 1962 and went to work for National Cash Register (NCR) as an Electronics Engineer in Dayton, Ohio. With no Naval Air Station nearby, I joined the Ohio Air Guard flying the F-84. I enjoyed flying more than the desk bound EE job so when a full time Guard job became available I became a full time flight instructor for the Ohio Air Guard. I did a lot of flying and instructed the transitions from the F-84 to the F-100 to the A7D; with deployments to Greece, Germany, Hawaii, and Panama.



In 1981 I retired from the Guard and became a small business-

man by opening an auto electric parts rebuilding shop. I did that for many years; gradually working my way into part time, until my full retirement in 2005. My wife of 51 years, Babs, passed away in 2009 after struggling with cancer for several years. Babs and I raised two fine boys, Don Jr., an architect in Cincinnati, and Greg, a planning manager in Plano Texas. I am also the proud grandfather of two boys and two girls. I still reside in the house in Springfield, Ohio that Babs and I built some 40 years ago.



DeVoll, Nathaniel O.

After graduation, I finished Navigator and Pilot Training before starting my career in Fighter Interceptors. Next, I was fortunate to spend 10 years in Flight Testing after attending the Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards AFB. An interesting program that I was involved in was developing the F-102 aircraft into the QF102 full scale aircraft drone. Probably the most interesting testing I was involved in was the Thunderstorm Research called "Rough Rider." Probably the most fulfilling experience was being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

I spent my last year or so in Alaska in an Ops Job. I came close to retiring in Alaska, but common sense had me retire to Northern Wisconsin. I thought my flying days were over and Lo and Behold I walked right into flying fire patrol and aircraft charter. I flew about every Piper aircraft up to the Piper



Navajo, some Cessna aircraft, and the Beach Bonanza. I eventually ran a small airport in Land O Lakes WI. Also, I flew a seaplane around the many lakes, giving rides to tourists.

The cold and living alone finally drove me to Colorado Springs Co where I again got into aviation-as a small aircraft mechanic, parts manager and even flew the first Traffic Patrol for this city. I worked as a Starter/Marshall at the Broadmoor Golf Resort - wow - free golf every day!!!!! I now am a starter at View Point Golf Resort where we live six months of the year.

I met my beautiful wife Barbara at a singles Bible Study. We traveled in a fifth wheel for 10 or so years - spending a lot of time in Oregon and Washington. We settled at View Point in Mesa AZ and spend 50% of our time there and the other 50% here in Colorado Springs. We are blessed with lots of good friends at both places and spend our time golfing and play a lot of bridge and other games with our friends.

On the personal side, I have two daughters and one son, and Barbara had three children, two daughters recently deceased, and a son who lives very close to us in CS.

We have 11 grandchildren and three great grandchildren - with only two living nearby. We are fortunate to have such a good life.

Eaton, Thomas E.

LIVING: We are living in Mayo, about 8 miles south of Annapolis. We bought the house when we were still on active duty and have lived here for the lat 37 years. Since we are only steps away from a small marina on Ramsey Bay, we bought a boat and enjoyed fishing and having sundown dinners on the bay. (Dinner by Lillian). After we sold the boat we bought an ocean front condominium in Ocean City, Maryland. We really enjoyed spending time in O. C. It was especially nice when family and friends came down to visit. As we got older and were not using the condo much, we sold it and now we just enjoy our home in Mayo.

WORK: None! I retired from the Navy in 1976 and went to work for CACI, an information, engineering and logistics systems company until 2005 FAMILY: Three children and four grandchildren. Our oldest daughter married a P-3 pilot out of the Class of 1976. After 20 years, they retired to Carmel, Indiana with their two children. Our younger daughter decided she



wanted to become a Naval Officer. She had a very good 20 years working in Navy telecommunications. For her last tour of duty, she volunteered for Afghanistan. She worked for an Afghan General setting up his police communications system. She returned home safely with a Bronze Star. She now lives about 20 miles from us. Our son and his wife decided to live in Mayo with their two daughters. We enjoyed having them so close so we could see our grand-daughters grow up.

LIFE STATUS: For these two old cancer survivors, life is very, very GOOD!



Elpers, William Wendell

"Bill" was born in Hammond, Indiana. He graduated as valedictorian from Fort Branch High School, prior to entering the Naval Academy. Following graduation, he served on the USS Hale (DD-642) and then on the USS Meredith (DD-890). In 1963, he was assigned as personal aide to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness)

In 1965, after studying Vietnamese at the Defense Language Institute, he was posted to the Naval Advisory Group, US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, where he had duty as Vietnamese Navy River and Sea Force Advisor and Counter Insurgency Plans Officer. In that capacity, he served as project officer and planning officer for Operation Game Warden (Task Force 116) and as such, planned and wrote the first op order covering all facets of the Navy Delta River Patrol Force. Bill was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, and also received from the Republic of Vietnam the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, 2nd class, and the Armed Forces Honor Medal, 1st class.



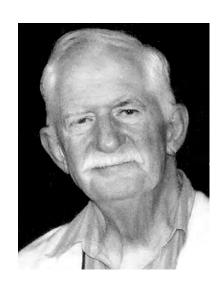
Bill passed away on June 10th, 2009. He and his wife, Carol, celebrated 52 years of marriage in April. He was devoted to his family. Bill and Carol have six daughters and eight grandchildren.

Eylar, Frederick Power

"Fred" was a native of Aberdeen, Ohio. He enlisted in the Air Force and later attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School prior to attending the Naval Academy. The Lucky Bag pegged Fred well: "he was a true friend to those who knew him".

Upon graduation, he served in the USS Coral Sea (CV-43), Norfolk, Va. He was then assigned to the USS Ranger (CV-61) and was a plank owner of this carrier. Subsequent assignments at sea were on destroyer USS New (DD-818), staff officer attached to Commander Destroyer Squadron Four, Charleston, SC., operations officer on USS Reeves (DLG-24), and executive officer on the USS Braine (DD-630).

Assignments ashore included Instructor at the Naval Academy, oceanography studies at the Navy Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA., director of the Navy Shore Management Survey Section, Treasure Island, CA. and Assistant Operations Officer for the Commander US Naval Forces, Marianas. Commander Eylar retired in July 1976 as the senior shore patrol officer, San Diego, CA. In retirement, Fred worked as the San Diego representative for a Los Angeles food distribution company, as a consultant for a Santee, CA. engineering con-



tractor, and as a tax preparation consultant for H&R Block in Santee. He is a past member of the Santee Kiwanis Club.

Fred passed away on May 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, the former Roberta Lawless, a son and two daughters, and four grandchildren.



Fallin, Jerry Walter

For the first five years of my career I was in the Navy. I flew fighter planes from aircraft carriers on the US West Coast and in the Far East. When I left the Navy I went to work for Union Carbide Nuclear Company. Their plant in Kentucky was the largest producer of uranium in the world. Several years later I took an offer from McDonnell Aircraft. There most of my time was spent in Flight Test Engineering and Advanced Design. Automation of engineering and analytical functions was a very challenging task. I also was on several weapons systems proposal teams that resulted in our company winning the contracts. I worked on the flight testing of several manned spacecraft as well. One of the most challenging yet rewarding positions I have held was head of manufacturing systems at another large aerospace company in the



south. I led the team that developed the world's most comprehensive and productive paperless factory of its time. At that time, this company was the nation's third largest aerospace company. The latter part of my career in the aerospace industry was spent in international marketing. After taking early retirement, I became the Chief Information Officer for a nationwide distributor of building materials. We totally modernized its information and communications systems in 37 states for several thousand branches. My wife Marilyn and I have two sons and two grandchildren. Today I am semi retired in Orlando FL, doing part time consulting work for various companies. I also was fortunate enough to get a book published which you can look at and/or order on www.jerryfallin.com

Fey, Ralph Curtis

Ralph was born in Sloan, NY. He resigned from the Naval Academy at the end of second class year, while standing 23rd in his class. He went to work for Sanders &Thomas, Inc. as a mechanical engineer at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, where he worked on the Polaris missile submarine launch system and aircraft steam catapults.

From 1959 to 1987, he was an employee of Philco-Ford Co. and Ford Aerospace and Communication Corp., during which time he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in engineering management at Drexel University. He was Far East program manager for Korea, Taiwan and Thailand from 1971 to 1973 for Ford Aerospace, and was pro-



gram development manager in Cairo, Egypt from 1982 to 1987, when he retired from the company. In 1988 he became program development manager in telecommunications for Magnavox Corp. where he was employed at the time of his death. He was 56 years old.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Melin, three sons and two daughters and three grandchildren. Ralph spoke with pride of his time at the Academy, and the Navy Hymn was included in his funeral service



Fischer, Theodore A.

Fifty-five years have flown by since we graduated from USNA. I made my decision to decline major command and select early retirement from the Navy effective the first of December, 1979, after serving with various active duty "military politicians" in locations normally found frustrating to true sea-going sailors! Two years later I accepted an invitation to serve as convoy commodore, commanding 14 ships as MPSRON TWO based in Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean. Those periodic assignments lasted until my 62nd birthday when age overcame needs of our Navy. My "Thank you" and "Goodbye" letter came through our USPS but minus the proverbial gold watch!



During the year following my retirement, our son Tracey graduated from USNA (1980) and commenced his career of 26 years in Nuclear Subs,

with three OIC and Command tours (last being USS COLUMBUS, SSN 762) a couple of masters degrees, promotion to Captain, and so on! (I remind him repeatedly that I am and always will be his senior although definitely NOT his superior!). He retired in 2006 and established hi-tech consulting businesses shortly thereafter. Those businesses continue to date, and provide a comfortable life for his wife, two daughters and son at VMI, who will enter the Army upon graduation in 2012.

Our daughter Tamara earned her Master's in Nursing Administration and, after marriage, assisted her husband (a patent attorney and educator) in forming three successful business operations focused on Intellectual Property/Patent Law. Tami's three children are all Virginia Tech grad/attendees/future attendees with degrees/majors in chemical, aeronautical and/or oceanographic engineering. Collectively we have three granddaughters and three grandsons, all good citizens and proud Americans!

Charlotte and I have traveled extensively (by commercial modes of transportation, not military!) throughout Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Hawaii, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and the US. I originally worked for two major 500 companies, directing certain operations throughout a 14-state region. After 5 years, I started my own business in facilities management. Then in late 1998, Charlotte was diagnosed with cancer, so I closed my business and focused our efforts on our "family needs" until Charlotte's situation stabilized. Charlotte remains cancer- free to date and is extremely beautiful, always loving and forever caring!

We sold our Vienna, VA home of 35 years in early 2007 and commenced our search for a retirement community! We found the location in the suburbs of Harrisonburg, VA at Sunnyside Presbyterian Retirement Community. Our hillside Villa overlooks the Shenandoah Valley and two nearby mountain ranges, has a spectacular view and wonderful life style along with plenty of living space, a beautiful attached formal garden and convenient access to nearby medical and commercial support. My long standing petro-chemical business provides us with enough extra "goodies" to augment monthly "deposits" made by our beloved Eagle.

And that's the way it goes for the Fischer family! Charlotte and I are indeed blessed! And we pray that our Father continues to BLESS AND PROTECT OUR BELOVED UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. May HE always lead us and bring rapid, harsh judgment on our enemies, foreign and domestic!



Flack, Fred P.

I entered the Academy one month after graduating from North Kansas City High School. At the Academy I participated in the Forensic Club. Jim Taylor from the 12th Company and I participated in the first ever Academy Debate Tournament (Navy, Army and Merchant Marine) held at Kings Point Long Island.

I went from graduation leave to the USS Los Angeles (CA 135), Long Beach, California, assigned to the Weapons Department. In April 1959 I came ashore to Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, for postgraduate schooling in civil engineering, transferring to CEC. This was followed by a month at CECOS at Port Hueneme, California, and then two years at Naval Air Station Pt. Mugu, California, in the Public Works Department.



On April 23, 1962, I married Carole Ann Cowen of Independence, Kansas. We moved to Bangkok, Thailand, where I served as AROICC, and where Jeffrey Jasper was born at Bangkok Nursing Home on March 28, 1963. We returned to the U.S. in March, 1964, and I was assigned to NAS Norfolk, Virginia, as Staff Civil Engineer. Two daughters were born during this tour: Kathryn Ann, on March 28th, 1964, and Jennifer Lynn, on July 16, 1965.

In October, 1965, I became Public Works Officer at NWS Seal Beach, California. Paul Denney was born December 20, 1966. My final tour was with COMNAVFORV in Saigon as Assistant Force Civil Engineer, while Carole Ann and the family remained in Independence. In October, 1969, I resigned from active duty, moved to Richardson (Dallas area), Texas, and joined the Facility Operations of Texas Instruments. I retained a reserve commission serving various billets from 1969 to 1986: CO RNMCB22, CSO 9 RNCR, CO 4TH MARDIV NGLC 111, AND CO LANTDIV DET FED 411. I retired from the Navy Reserves in June 1986 as Captain CEC USNR.

In July 1988 Carole Ann and I moved to Prescott, Arizona and I assumed the position of Director of Facility Operations for Yavapai College. We had a significant construction program: a 1200 seat Performance Hall, expansion for the library, additional class rooms on the main campus in Prescott, a library and class rooms on the Verde Valley campus, and construction in Chino Valley. I retired from Yavapai College in June of 1994. We have continued to live in Prescott.

Our oldest son, Jeff, studied Mechanical Engineering at Rice University in Houston, Texas on a NROTC Scholarship. Upon graduation he went into Navy Air. While at Rice he met a fellow Mechanical Engineering student, Karen Ashby of Albuquerque, New Mexico. They were married a couple of years later. While Jeff was flying P-3s out of NAS Moffett south of San Francisco, Karen was doing graduate studies at Berkeley and Stanford. When she received her PhD from Stanford in 1993, she joined the Mechanical Engineering faculty at the Naval Academy. Besides teaching classes she also does research projects for The Office of Naval Research. Jeff is a pilot for United/Continental flying the 777 out of Dulles on international routes. They have a son and daughter. Kathryn lives in Dallas, Texas and does production control for the manufacture of railroad cars for Trinity Industries. Jennifer is busy being the mother of two daughters and a son in Salem, Oregon. Paul is Manager of Transportation at the VA here in Prescott, Arizona.



Gauthreaux, Stephen E.

During our physicals prior to graduation I was found to have had an astigmatism in my left eye which made me ineligible for Navy flight training. Thus, I entered the Air Force in the navigator training program. After training at Ellington AFB and Mather AFB I became, in early 1958, a navigator/bombardier in B-47s at Davis-Monthan AFB in Tucson. During that time I met my future wife, Barbara. I left the service in August 1960. Most of my working life since then has been in packaging sales. We moved to the Winston-Salem, NC area in 1986 and are enjoying life here.



I am currently engaged in expanding my photo frame business, which is but a fledging enterprise at this time. Membership in the Photo Marketing Association is a plus in this endeavor.

Barbara and I are in good health and we enjoy our family, travel, and are active in our community. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary later this year. We have four children, all of whom are in good health and well employed. Our oldest son lives in France and has two teen aged children. They come for an extended stay every summer, which we look forward to every year.





Grimes, Donald Lawrence

Donald L. Grimes was born in Wellsville, NY. Prior to entering the US Naval Academy, he attended the US Merchant Marine Academy, and Alfred University. While at the Academy, he was advertising manager of The Log, and a member of the rifle team.

On active duty with the Navy, he served in the USS Somers and the USS Lexington. After resigning his commission in 1960, he was employed by Honeywell, in Los Angeles, CA. He met his wife, Sharon Jones there, and they were married in 1963.

"Don" held various engineering and marketing positions, as well as having a career in electron microscopy. Most recently he founded the trade journal Microscopy Today. He enjoyed many hobbies and skills, includ-

ing making cedar strip canoes and woodworking. He enjoyed his family and lived life to the fullest.

Don passed away on February 17, 2008. in Middleton, WI. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, their two children, and several grandchildren.







Guest, Richard Payne, Jr.

Richard "the Dickster" Guest was a native of Abington, PA. At the Academy he played football and was a member of the team that played in and won the Sugar Bowl. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force, following graduation.

In the Air Force, he served as an alert crew launch officer and director of the standardization launch crew in Germany from 1959 to 1962. In 1963 he was accepted by the Air Force Institute of Technology and attended Arizona Sate University graduating with a master's degree in 1965. He served at the maverick Missile Program in the R and D Headquarters of the Pentagon. In 1975 he became director of the F-4G Wild Weasel program. He was the Deputy for International Programs in the F-16 System Program Office, where he participated in an evaluation of the space shuttle program. He served in the Air Force for 26 years, retiring as a Colonel.



He was a long time fan of the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles, and loved NASCAR racing. He passed away on November 20, 2008 in Dayton Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judith Guest, a son and two daughters and five grandchildren.

Hanna, Hugh E., Jr.

Hugh Hanna is firmly ensconced in Santa Barbara, California where he settled following a 20-year Air Force career, retiring at McClellan AFB, California in June 1976. He spent all his career in Air Weather Service providing weather support to operations around the globe. He spent some time with the aerial weather reconnaissance fleet and a tour in Vietnam at Saigon and Pleiku, where he flew special missions in A1-E and provided weather support to Army and Air Force units. At retirement he immediately pursued a second career with Bell Aerospace at NPTR and Oceanographic Services, a subsidiary of Global Marine.

The company based in Santa Barbara did off-shore oil drilling and oceanographic research and service work. As of now he is happily retired. He's been married to Karolyn since 1967 and has four children and four grand children. Hugh didn't make the 50th (or the GLB) but will strive to make the 55th.





Hanson, Morton H.

Jan and I decided to begin taking cruises each year, the majority being on Cunard Lines ships. The Caronia, two months around South America, and a four month around the world cruise on the Queen Elizabeth 2 were our favorites. After cruising on the Queen Mary 2 and the Queen Victoria we shifted to riverboat trips in Europe and the Amazon. Since then our only trips have been to the Army-Navy games.

We are tied down from May through October each year during the marine sea turtle nesting season working with a non-profit organization we founded in 1982. We conduct a daily patrol of three beaches covering about 15 miles in

an ATV while about 10 other volunteers patrol the area on foot. We carry the wooden stakes and signage to mark the nests found. Our web BSTP.net (Beaches Sea Turtle Patrol) displays our activities. Working with 300 # Loggerheads, 350 # Greens and 1,000 # Leatherbacks is exciting. We help an average of 4,000 hatchlings a year to scramble from their nests to the safety of the ocean.

In June 2008 I got back in uniform after 28 years to take part in swearing in one of my great-nephews, Midshipman Gary Beier of Arnold, Maryland into the class of 2012. It was a proud day for me and one I'll always remember. Our family is well and in good health and looking forward to another great year.

With me in the photo, from left to right are Jan, my nephew Gary, and his mother Nanci Beier.

Harding, Leon S.

USNA gave up on me a couple of months before graduation, but, thank God, my fiancée didn't. Carolyn and I were married in June, 1956. We've been blessed with five great kids, two sons and three daughters, and fifteen grandchildren. And none of our progeny are in jail, asking for money or want to move home! On the other hand, they're not sending us checks every month either!!

From 1956 to 1966 I worked at a couple of different engineering jobs in New Jersey and Delaware. In 1966 we moved to Northern New York State where I worked as an insurance salesman for the next eleven years. In 1977, back to engineering at a small manufacturing operation in Plattsburgh, NY, where I was employed for eighteen years - except for one year ('84/'85) as part owner and general manager of an upscale restaurant in Alliance, OH. In 1995 I went to work as a sales rep. for the New York State Lottery, retiring, reluctantly, in 2008 when my spine insisted. Two years before my retirement, Carolyn and I built our dream home at Chazy Landing, NY, on the western shore of Lake Champlain. Life is good!







Herz, Robert T.

After graduation I volunteered as a missile launch officer in the U. S. Air Force. After several years I decided to pursue a career as a civilian finance expert, so I attended the Harvard Business School. I was then employed as a security analyst for Citi Bank; then I moved to a small business investment company on Wall Street. Finally I worked in real estate sales and speculation. Yvonne and I are proud of our family and we have three sons and a daughter. All together we have ten grandchildren and, happily, they all live on the East Coast. One son is a building contractor in Connecticut, another is a marketing manager for Verizon Wireless, and the third son is CEO of "Orbit Logic," a small software company in Washington, D. C. and writing programs for managing time sharing on satellites. Our daughter is a registered nurse who lives in Atlanta, GA.

I've kept active through the years with my favorite sports, tennis and sailing. I just want my classmates to know that I'm still polishing my shoes, a trait instilled in me during my tenure at the Naval Academy. And oh, yes, I am still happily married to my wife of 55 years, who is a dancer.



Hoffman, Chauncey Frazier

Chauncey was a native of East Washington, PA. He graduated from East Washington High School and attended Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute before entering the Naval Academy in 1952. He graduated USNA standing in the top 10% of his class. His first ship was the attack transport USS Vermillion, from which he reported to Submarine School in New London, CT. Upon graduation from Sub School he reported to USS Torsk, then the USS Grampus. He reported to Navy Post Graduate School in 1961. Upon graduating, he was stationed at the National Security Agency, with the Naval Field Operational Intelligence Office. He returned to sea aboard the USS Trout in 1964, then reported as XO to the USS Becuna. In 1966 he reported to the Submarine Warfare Division of the Pentagon. From here, he took command of the USS Grampus in 1970. Since leaving the Grampus in 1972, Hoffman had six additional commands, including Director, Naval Ocean Surveillance Information Center, Commanding Officer Naval Field Operational Intelligence Office, Deputy Director of Athletics/ Head Physical Education Department at the USNA, Commanding Officer, Naval Intelligence Command, and Commander, US Naval Forces Marianas. Admiral Hoffman retired in



Personal military decorations include three Legion of Merits, The Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, the French "Ordre National du Merit Medal", and other unit and service awards.

Chauncey retired to his hometown to live and restored his family (Frazier) home. He was elected to the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for his tour in athletics at the Naval Academy.

He passed away on October 24, 2008, at age 77. He is survived by his wife Vicki, four daughters, two stepchildren, and eight grandchildren.



Horne, Roger B. Jr.

After retirement from the Navy in 1991 Blanche and I decided to return to the great northwest where we had a previous tour of duty and had bought some property. One of our daughters, Connie, was located in the area. I went to work for an engineering firm, Exponent Failure Analysis Associates (FAA), with a home office on the outskirts of San Francisco and taught ship construction part-time at the University of Michigan. We built our dream house on the Hood Canal about 20 miles from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard while I commuted to work. My work with FAA took me to parts of Europe and quite a bit of travel in Russia. I retired from FAA in 2001 and started enjoying our place in Washington State while doing some sailing, fishing and diving. I also started doing some marine consulting work on my own and am still doing that.



Recently Blanche and I bought another home next to our other daughter, Glenda, in Fredericksburg, VA. Our plan is to spend some time in both locations and enjoy two great areas and our family including five great grandchildren. Hopefully, now that things have slowed down a bit, we will be able to participate in some of the class events in both locations.

Hudgens, Ronald C.

Before I begin to write about myself, I want say how proud I am to be graduated from the United States Naval Academy in the Class of 1956 and how many fond memories I have of my Company - the 16th Company.

I met Dorothy in Detroit the summer of 1956 before I reported to my first duty station, the USS Hornet, CVA12. We were married December 17, 1956. We have three daughters, Meredith, Reagan, and Colby. We also have three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I served in the Navy as a line and then as a supply officer. I resigned in April, 1962 and began University of Michigan Law School in June 1962. I would not have had the opportunity to finish had Dorothy not given me a scholarship by working. I graduated in August 1964.



I have been an intellectual property lawyer since I graduated from law school. I am presently doing mediation.

And, oh yes, I did retire from the Navy - the Navy Reserves.

Dorothy and I moved to Loveland, Colorado in January, 2006 and plan to stay here. We also plan to be at the 55th year reunion.



Hugdahl, Donald L.

Following graduation, I was fortunate to be able to complete the various phases of training to become an all weather interceptor fighter pilot in the Air Force. While a squadron pilot, there were many exhilarating experiences as well as a few challenges. Among the highlights was going twice the speed of sound flying straight and level and climbing in excess of 60,000 feet wearing a high altitude pressure suit in a F106A. Also, I achieved a personal goal to visit all fifty states. Being able to pen this synopsis attests to surviving a bailout from a crippled F102A which I count as my greatest aviation challenge.

I was our squadron training officer when selected to teach English at the U.S. Air Force Academy. To prepare for this assignment, I was sent to Washington State University to earn a Masters degree in English. Following my tour at the Air Force Academy, I resigned my commission in 1967 and did not join the national guard nor the reserves. After spending a few years as a professor at Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado and pursuing a doctorate



degree, I left education. Facing the prospect of financing four children through college led me to a career in the business world. I gravitated to the insurance and financial services industry. Here I experienced a rapid learning curve and became the chief executive officer of a financial holding company headquartered in Denver.

This valuable training led to my becoming a senior vice president of a national insurance brokerage agency specializing in life and health insurance located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After spending thirty-five years in financial services, I now reside in Fountain City, Wisconsin. It is not quite a site on an ocean front; however, we enjoy life on Mark Twain's Mississippi River. This location also places me in close proximity to my four grandchildren. Additionally, we are fortunate to be within fifteen minutes of Winona, Minnesota which is a cultural Mecca appealing to the Renaissance man. There is a maritime museum which would appeal to all my classmates who are "ol' salts." We have the privilege of enjoying a touring national, professional Shakespearean company and world class musicians performing every summer. In the winter, Winona has a film festival.





Husted, Murl E. "Buzz," Jr.

What Buzz did after retirement:

To begin with here are several things that happened during active duty that drove decisions made after I retired.

As you may remember I went Navy Air, and after pre flight training the Navy issued me a hardhat, flight suit, boots, and a wife. I thought this was somewhat strange but it did save looking. If you brought your own wife you didn't have to take that one. I found out MANY years later you didn't have to take the issued one either!

In 1975 I was on battle group staff in Mayport, FL when my mother in law called and said that she was going to sell the property on Perdido Key (Pensacola area) and would make us a good deal. And she did.



On 30 June 1986, I walked into my office in the Pentagon, signed the last two pieces of paper, said goodbye to the staff, took the metro over to Crystal City, traded off ID cards, went back to the parking lot, threw my hat in the back of my truck, and drove out of town. Retired.

1 July, 1986, I arrived in Pensacola, FL. One of the first things I did was to announce that I was now the cook. My wife looked at me like the little bitty marble that comprised all my brain cells had rolled out in the middle of the floor. I'm still the cook. By 1 September of that year, things were a bit uncomfortable with me being home all the time. Words were being exchanged, so I huffed myself up and announced that I was going to New Mexico to go hunting with my cousin. My wife said "Can you be gone a month?"

We finally got into the retired rhythm, built the house where Pat's parents house had stood. I continued to go hunting with my cousin, which was referred to as my 'walk-a-bouts' by my family, for the next 15 years. The only really important endeavor that we got into was being charter members that built a new church. Along the same lines as this I also got involved with the Warrington Emergency Aid Center and currently serve as President of the Board of Directors. This charity provides food and clothing to the needy.

Oh, By the way, Pat and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary on 29 May, 2011. Sometimes the Navy does know what it's doing.

Isaac, Philip D.

Phil served as a naval aviator until 1963. He attended law school at the University of San Diego, graduating in 1967. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1968. He was Project Director and Chief Counsel for the Legal Aid Society of San Diego from 1969-1973. Phil moved to Micronesia. He was Assistant Attorney General, Republic of Palau, 1984 to 1987, and Attorney General from 1987 to 1989. He moved to Guam where he is a member of the law firm of Carlsmith, Ball, Wichman, Case and Ichiki. He practices in the areas of Public Utilities Regulation, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Commercial Real Estate Development and Commercial Litigation. Phil is a member of the Bar in California, Guam, and the Republic of Palau. He is a member of the Navy League of the US and served as President of the Guam Council of the Navy League for 1994 and 1995.

Phil retired from his law practice in Guam in 2000. He then went back to work in 2004 in the Office of the Guam Attorney General. He serves as an Assistant Attorney General.

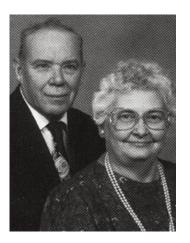




Jaeger, Robert H. "Bob"

All is well with me. Diane has diabetes and has muscular pain in her shoulders and back. She will be 78 on the 22nd, easy to remember as GW's birthday. I hit 80 in mid March.

As for a biog, I have lived here [in Charleston] since retirement. Play bridge, read history and watch old movies. Non-descript so to speak.



James, Edward C.

Upon graduation I was commissioned in the Air Force. After training as a Guided Missile Maintenance Officer at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver CO. I was assigned as an instructor of the course. The course centered around the Matador/Mace pilotless aircraft---this was kind of a precursor to the now popular unmanned aerial vehicles or UAVs.

The Air Force then sent me back to school at AFIT at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton Ohio, where I obtained a MS in Aeronautical Engineering in 1961. I was designated as an Engineering and Development Officer and was also an Intelligence Officer specializing in foreign technology.

Most of the remainder of my Air Force career was spent in the intelligence field associated with foreign technology. I spent one tour at Andrews AFB on the Systems Command Staff, as a foreign technology analyst, and ended my career in the Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton where I retired in 1977.

After retirement I stayed in the Dayton, Ohio area and helped raise three children, who in turn blessed me with three grandchildren. My wife Phyllis passed away in 2007.





Jensen, Richard S.

We've been residents up here in Wisconsin for almost 35 years now, and it has really made an impact on our lifestyle and circle of friends. Our health continues to let us enjoy what we have learned to love, albeit at a slower pace. We built our retirement home seven years ago in Waupaca, a rural wooded part of Wisconsin on a chain of lakes in the central part of the state.

I stay busy reading, birding, boating, fishing, golfing, playing tennis and hiking. Sally reads, writes, plays bridge, and cooks. We spend a lot of time visiting with our four children, three (soon to be four) spouses, and nine grandchildren. Our international travel schedule has slowed considerably the last few years but we still try to get around and spend four



months every year in our Naples, Florida condo. Cruises and organized tours are looking more attractive. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a classmate of USNA '56 Fourth Company.

Kamp, James J., Jr.

"Jim" Kamp was born in California on February 25th, 1933. He attended the University of California for one year before entering the Naval Academy. Following graduation, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Air Force. Jim attended navigator training at Ellington AFB, Texas. He then went on to pilot training at Hondo AFB, Texas and Vance AFB, Oklahoma. He piloted the B-47 in the 100th Bomb Wing at Pease AFB, New Hampshire.

From Pease, he was assigned to the 19th Bomb Wing at Homestead AFB, Florida, and then on to Headquarters, Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB, Nebraska in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for plans, future systems. In 1967, Jim served wih the 4258th Strategic Wing, U-Tapao Royal Thai Navy Airfield, as a B-52 operations officer. He flew 108 missions as the B-52 Airborne Commander over North and South Vietnam.



Jim earned a master's degree in management from the University of Southern California. He successfully attended the Air Command and Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Jim commanded the National Emergency Command Post, a joint command under the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The command was unique in its mission to provide worldwide survivable command, control and communications for the President of the United States. Jim retired from the Air Force in 1983. His awards were many, highlighted by the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, five Air Medals, and others. He then worked for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company as program manager for "Battle Management" on the Star Wars program until 1994

Jim passed away September 3, 2009 in St. Charles, MO. His wife, Lucille, predeceased him. He is survived by his former wife of 40 years, Ginger Kamp of San Luis Obispo, CA and his son and daughter.



Kemble, William J. "Bill"

After leaving the Academy, I took various jobs to support Lois and my family. I was involved in golf course construction, then joined Cities Service in their management training program. I pushed hard for promotion and was transferred to New Jersey then to Queens, NYC as assistant Real Estate Manager. After two days of testing, they said that I would never be a salesman, so I left Cities Service and joined Ingersoll Rand where I again received sales training and was sent to New Orleans.

As it turned out, I have been in sales and sales management for the rest of my working years. In New Orleans, our branch of Ingersoll Rand went from being ranked 32 out of 35 branches in sales to fourth out of 35 branches. From there, I was called to the New York headquarters as Assistant Sales Manager for six weeks then transferred to Los Angeles to be west coast manager. Two years later, I was transferred to Chicago. Before my arrival, Chicago had lost two sales managers during that year.

After achieving success there, I left Ingersoll Rand and was hired as Regional Manager for the NORGREN Company covering Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Two years later, A.T. Tools offered me a 50% increase in pay, so we moved to Detroit. We doubled their distribution in three months but the founding company folded along with six subsidiaries during the next seven months.

Subsequently, Lois and I decided to return to the Hudson Valley in New York State to be near our aging parents. There, in Maybrook, NY, we founded Air Power House in 1970. We suffered for the first few years but Air Power House (industrial equipment sales) has grown to over two million in sales. In summary we (Lois and I) made 7 successes out of 7 nothings and put all four children through college before Lois passed away in 1989. I met and married my wonderful wife Rosie in 1992. We are at home in Montgomery, New York, still running Air Power House and enjoying occasional travel and life in the Hudson Valley. So -- bottom line -- USNA did get their investment return.





Kinney, Ben Jack

Captain Kinney, USN (Ret.) died on November 16, 2009, in New Braunfels, TX, ending his long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

A native of Austin, TX, he attended the University of Texas for three years before receiving his congressional appointment to the Naval Academy. At the Academy, Ben Jack wrote and directed the Musical Club show, sang with the "N-A Ten" a cappella choir, was head cheerleader and captain of the handball team.

Ben Jack became a naval aviator and served two tours in VP-47, one in VP-28 and had command of VT-2. In 1960, he developed his sub-specialty training as a computer specialist, later earning his MS in computer systems management. He utilized his computer expertise on the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff at Offutt Air Force Base, NE; Headquar-



ters European Command in Stuttgart, Germany; and Deputy to the Director Wide World Military Command and Control Systems in greater Washington, D.C. He remembered duty in Hawaii as aide and flag lieutenant to Commander In Chief Pacific Fleet, Admiral Roy Johnson, as the most gratifying.

Retiring from active duty in Washington, D.C. in 1982, he founded a small computer company, Xebec Corporation and began a wild roller coaster ride in the "beltway bandit" world. In 1987, tired of corporate and governmental bureaucracy, he returned to Texas to restore his wife's historic family home. There, at the Karbach Haus, Ben Jack and Kathy successfully operated a traditional bed and breakfast for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, the former Kathleen Karbach of New Braunfels, TX, a son and two daughters, and nine grandchildren. Ben Jack was predeceased by his youngest son.

Ben Jack's wishes throughout his life were to help others in any way possible. In keeping with these venerable goals, Ben Jack's body was donated to science.

Lakey, Jimmie Dale

"Jimmie" was born on June 9, 1934 in Boise, Idaho. He graduated from Boise High School in 1952. After graduating from the Academy, he was designated a naval aviator and reached the rank of Lieutenant before resigning his commission in 1977. He loved the Navy, but had to leave to provide close support to his family. Jim had tours at the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Pacific Division, OpTevFor at North Island NAS, San Diego, CA.

He flew commercial jets for USAIR, and also worked for two years for the US Forest Service. Jim loved his flying career. He held judgments to himself and always verbally expressed an outpouring of love to his family and friends. He gave ultimate encouragement to those who came to him with a heavy heart. His "crowning jewels" were his children. Jim possessed a keen intellect and searched out the deeper meaning of life.



He passed away in Caldwell, Idaho on December 4, 2007. Jim is survived by his wife Anne Marie Lakey, and two sons and seven daughters. Jim and Anne have numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Lally, John J.

I don't know who wrote this quote "Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is not found in finishing an activity, but in doing it", but I like to think that it applies to me. While I had a "plain vanilla" career, I enjoyed the "hell out of doing it"!

I married my fourth grade sweetheart, Rosemary Dolores Murphy, shortly after graduation. We had seven girls, who have grown to be outstanding ladies, who have gone on to achieve heights and positions in their chosen careers that their dad ever achieved in his.

I spent my entire career in the Strategic Air Command (SAC), except for three years that I was in the Tactical Air Command (TAC). I graduated pilot training in Sept. 1957 and navigator training in Dec. 1957. During my climb up the ladder from aircrew member through



various staff positions to the "best job in the world" – B-52 Squadron Commander, I qualified in sixteen aircraft (eight prop and eight jet).

I intended to remain in the AF for as long as possible, but one day I challenged an 03 on what I thought was an unethical decision that he made. After our long discussion I elected to retire after twenty-two years!

In my second career I was the engineering manager for the central California region for Pacific Bell Telephone Company.

What do I feel are my greatest accomplishments?

- 1. Spending over 50 wonderful and happy years with Rosemary.
- 2. Assisting Rosemary in raising our seven young ladies and watching them grow up and achieve the positions in the business, political, academic fields that they have chosen.
- 3. Commanding and working with the enlisted men and women of the U. S. Air Force. "Where do we get men and women of their caliber?"

La Motte, Francis J.

Shortly after the fiftieth reunion I had the good fortune of joining the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program as a contractor supporting Mission Assurance and Safety. I am still with the Program which is now located at the Navy Surface Weapons Center in Dahlgren, VA. Of course this involved a move to the area, so I am now living in Fredericksburg. Although a bit apprehensive at first, I am finding the area to be just right. A bit laid back with enough old time friendliness that seemed to be missing in the Northern Virginia area. I have had time to engage in some of my fun activities such as painting pictures and playing piano; (none of which I had time or inclination for when in the Navy). I have also been able to see Operas and Plays; taking up again my pre Naval Academy experiences as a teenager in New York City. This time my wife has the connections for the tickets!

My daughter lives in Ashville, NC where she enjoys a musical career as a popular singer. Her daughter and son are at the University of North Carolina. My son in Germantown, MD owns a computer network company. I cherish the memories of all my classmates and hope to see them again at the renion.





Legendre, John R.

Irene and I are in the process of downsizing. For 42 years, we have lived in the house we built in 1969. One will be amazed at what one can collect in that length of time. Clutter, clutter everywhere. I'm looking forward to it, as the yard is small and easy to cut. Right now, I have two acres to cut and in this heat and humidity, that's quite a task.

Irene and I have four children, three girls and one son. My son is the youngest at 47, but I won't tell you the ages of the girls. One daughter lives here in Thibodaux, one in Lafayette, LA and the other daughter and son live in The Woodlands north of Houston. We have six grandchildren. We are a close knit family and try to get together as frequently as possible.



I turned eighty in June but am still working. If I didn't have places to go, things to do and people to see, I would go nuts. I am associated with a good friend, twenty years younger, in our financial planning business. We do a lot of work with widows, a lot of retirement plans for individuals and small companies and various other investments. I'm actually having a ball.

I would like to pass on my best wishes to my classmates and to others from the Academy. I keep many great memories in mind of the Academy and my service following graduation..

Lewis, Franklin J. "Frank"

Retired on June 30, 1976, I explored civilian opportunities with limited interest and success. Periodically I flew for hire taking fishing parties to sites in Mexico. In 1985 I went to Miami University (Ohio) as a flight instructor grad assistant in the Dept. of Aeronautics. Two years later I moved to Southern Illinois University where I became Chief Flight Instructor and an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner for Private, Commercial, Instrument and Multi Engine Certificates.

I moved in 1988 to Grand Forks, North Dakota, to become Assistant Chief Instructor at the UND Center for Aerospace Sciences "ab-initio" airline pilot training program. I instructed students from the Middle East (Gulf Airlines) and Taiwan (China Airlines). This proved interesting and frustrating, teaching students from foreign cultures with good to poor English and motor skills. The program was downsized in 1991 and we "old



timers" drawing the larger salaries were laid off. For the next three years I drove "big rigs" in all 48 states and several Canadian Provinces. I really retired in 1995, bought a condo in Lakeside, CA and pursued hobbies of deep sea fishing and flying R/C Model Aircraft.



Lundberg, Darwin D.

In December of 1961, after completing Basic School, Flight Training and two squadron tours together, the Marine Corps finally sent Joe Wuertz, Rick Klingensmith and me our different ways. Charlie Monson had been with us most of the way, but decided he'd opt for civilian life instead of a deployment to Japan. Lynda Roland and I married in Hemet, CA while I was at El Toro. My education took a hard turn from aviation as I wound up as a Company Commander at MCRD San Diego. I learned that one does not think out loud in the presence of DIs. One day I said something about increasing the amount of ice plant in the company area to keep the sand from blowing. The next day, hundreds of recruits were busy planting acres of the stuff. On another occasion, I complained about the quality of my metal office desk and the furniture in the company office in general. Shortly thereafter, I returned to my office to find a fine wooden executive desk on a par with MajGen Victor "Brute" Krulak's. He was the Commanding General. There were more first quality furnishings. I asked where it came from and was told, "Captain, you don't want to know." By then I had learned my lesson and never mused about anything I didn't want to happen.



After a short year and a half, during which our first son, Eric was born, another hard turn in my education took me to Monterey and the Postgraduate School in Aero Engineering. Other than getting cross-eyed from studying, I remember being regularly beaten in handball by Al Newbury. Our second son, David was born in Monterey. After two years and a MSAE, it was off to Cherry Point and another rendezvous with Wuertz and Klingensmith as we got ready to separately deploy to Vietnam. Next, a year in Danang, where I ran into Herb Woods, was followed by three in Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five in China Lake, CA. This was a superb tour of testing and evaluating EW gear and tactics, and air to ground weapons. Ken Dickerson was there and willing to share his precious stash of foreign spirits. Then back again to Vietnam, this time starting at Chu Lai. When the Marine Corps left Chu Lai, I had a great experience of flying an F-4 from Chu Lai to El Toro via Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Midway, and Oahu. I then became the Marine Liaison at 7th Air Force in Saigon working in the frag shop for South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. I left the year before General Lavelle got cashiered for continuing air ops in Cambodia.

Next it was three years in Washington, DC, HQMC in Joint Plans. Escape was to Hawaii and command of an F-4 squadron. Then back to DC for the National War College, where colorful Jack Fellowes was a classmate once again. This final schooling was followed by my last overseas tour, one year in Okinawa. Finished up with five years in the Pentagon, two as the Marine in Army R&D, then three on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Systems and Engineering. Left active duty in 1984 and became a Washington representative for Boeing for 13 years. We've been in Northern Virginia for now for 32 years and are anchored here by a granddaughter who lives about 20 minutes away.



Mackey, James B. "Ben"

In May 2000, I retired from safety consulting; working for several major corporations. Upon my retirement, my wife Judy and I moved back to Georgia, and settled in the Sharpsburg/Peachtree City area. We started our retirement much like everyone else, doing some traveling and enjoying the down time. After a few months we both discovered new interests. I began working for a national car auction business, while Judy began spending her time singing for local church groups, community organizations and senior citizen groups. Life after serving in the USAF has been a full and rewarding experience.

When we are not pursuing our newfound interests, we enjoy spending time with our four children and their families. We also like tracking down unique collectibles and antiques on the weekends. Retirement has turned out much different than we expected, and we look forward to what the next ten years has in store for us! We wish much success and happiness to the Class of '56 and their families!!



Maines, Henry L. "Hank"

Native of Washington DC. Born October 28, 1932 Accepted to USNA through enlisted Naval Reserves examinations, class of 1956. Married Georgana Diaz Dancico on June 1, 1956, graduation day.

First assignment was flight training at Pensacola, FL. After completion of advanced training in single engine jet aircraft at Corpus Christi, TX in 1958 I was assigned as instructor for instrument flight training at Whiting Field near Pensacola, FL. In 1959, I was assigned for replacement pilot training for A4D aircraft at Jacksonville FL Assigned to squadron at Oceana NAS, Virginia Beach, VA in September 1959.

Separated from active duty in June 1960. Entered graduate school at Georgetown University to pursue a career in dentistry. In private practice in Bethesda, MD from 1966 until retirement in 2001.

Have two sons and three grandchildren. Georgana and I enjoy our retirement years pursuing our many interests, which include community involvement, travel, reading, and lately, learning to play golf. We reside in Gaithersburg, MD.





Mays, Samuel Edwin, Jr.

Navy air upon graduation flew not very well that toy of a plane a T-34. The powers that be arranged sea duty for me DD 836. Had I gone navy line directly I would never gotten a Full Fleet Tin Can. Stayed with her to become Gun Boss and wear the gold E best in CRUDESPAC. Young and so proud we were. As to my short aviation experience, it holds one treasured memory of having shared ground school with Walt McDonell as fine a friend as I have known. From DD to PG school to MPA in CVS 10, off to Key West to Test and Eval of the new AN/ SQS 26 sonar. Became an EDO, went to the Shipyard in Long Beach (loved the work), went to COMNAVAIR-LANT as their #2 EDO then To NAVSHIPS Carrier type desk. Upon reaching my 20 retired having battled a few promotion boards and managed to overcome the dreaded second pass over once for LCDR and once for CDR. Something even I, who observed the events first



hand, find very difficult to believe but then of course more than a few said it was I who was difficult and there was more than a bit of truth to that.

As to the non service-connected stuff, while stationed in Norfolk and later in D.C. lived aboard a cruising sailboat and dreamed of running away to sea. Sold out and bought a small house in Georgetown, finished my 20, mucked about in real estate; good money, not much fun. Sailboat bug bit again, bought a little boat, bought a little bigger boat, and so on. Upon reaching 55 sold the house (you can keep the money then) and it was off to distant lands, i.e. Florida, in the winter, Annapolis in the summer. Got older and it was Florida year around. Got even older, sold the sailboat, bought on April's fools day '98 (the truth) my current home, a 42' Nordic Tug trawler, red hull, ivory topsides, properly named CHIEF. So tonight I am sitting in the ship's office aboard CHIEF moored in my (owned) slip in Longboat key, FL, typing by the two fingered hunt and peck method.

McGrath, Daniel R.

"Dan" McGrath entered the Naval Academy from Minneapolis, MN, and the Naval Reserve. His short stature and erect bearing quickly earned him the nickname "The Penguin" which he fully enjoyed. He was also noted for reciting "Dangerous Dan McGrew" both for upperclassmen and thereafter, upon request. He played handball for fun, worked at varsity fencing, and sang with the Catholic choir. He met his future wife, Marie, during First Class Year. He graduated with the USNA class of 1956, as a member of the 9th Company. Upon graduation, Dan was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, after attending The Basic School in Quantico, Va. He married Marie, and proceeded to Pensacola, Fla. for flight instruction. He completed his service obligation as a Captain, Naval Aviator and A-4 pilot at NAS Atsugi, Japan.



After leaving the service, Dan joined IBM Corporation's Federal Systems Division as a field engineer, providing enduser technical services to customers, including the Goddard Space Flight Center. Dan received many commendations and awards from IBM. Dan became very involved in his religious faith.

Dan passed away on January 22, 2009, a week before his 76th birthday. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marie T. McGrath. He is also survived by a daughter and son, and numerous grandchildren.



Moore, Nelson E.

After graduation, I went to the Navy Intelligence PG school in Washington. My career included duty with ONI at the Pentagon, then to Sasebo, Japan with what is now NCIS. A three year tour with the Navy unit at NSA followed. I went to the 2nd Fleet Staff in 1965, then to CINCLANTFLT, providing intelligence support to deployed SSBN's until 1969. I was next on the NATO SACLANT staff before heading to Vietnam in 1971 as CO of the Naval Investigative Service Office and senior advisor to the VN Navy Security Bloc. My last active duty was as Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer to the British Defence Intelligence Staff. I retired in 1976 to the Kansas City area where I got interested in the high school NJROTC program. I taught there for three years then moved to Slidell, LA and started a new NJROTC unit. I taught for 20 years in Slidell before retiring in 1999.



After retirement, I became involved with the Lions Club and with other civic groups in Slidell. That activity had to be cut back as medical problems began to take over. Advanced macular degeneration left me legally blind by 2004 and my vision has gone down from there. Service-connected Stage 4 Non-Hodgkins-Lymphoma appeared in 2002, but so far treatment is holding it a bay. In August 2005, my wife of 54 years, Betty, and I left our waterfront home in Slidell to visit our daughter hear Houston. Avoiding hurricane Katrina was a big motivator for the trip. We learned via TV during the visit that there was no home to return to, so we went out and became home owners in The Woodlands. A year later, our other daughter with two of her children moved from Spokane WA. Now both daughters and three of our 5 grandchildren live nearby. Betty and I travel, spend time with family, and play golf regularly -- the VA showed me how while I was in the Blind Rehab Center.

Morris, Charles S. "Sam"

After the Navy my professional career centered on systems engineering and the computer. I worked long hours, but most days I could hardly wait to get to work as I enjoyed building applications, especially using a fourth generation language called SAS. Finally I retired in 1999 after 25 years in that field.

Through the past 35 years we have owned five sailboats at the dock of our Florida waterfront home in St. Pete Beach. I love to sail, and in 1991 three of my sailing neighbors and I formed El Tranquilo Charters and sailed on excursions as far south as the Dry Tortugas, 300 miles away, mostly with European clientele. For many years I have swum every day, and I still swim a mile or more just about every day. Daisy and I have two daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren, and they keep us occupied.





Murray, Frank Sager

I retired from the Navy as a CDR in 1978 from my final tour on the staff at US Naval War College. I served on USS Talladega, USS Oriskany, USS Wright and USS Valley Forge. I served as an instructor at Naval Postgraduate School, and on the Joint Strategic Target Planning staff, Joint War Game Agency, Defense Communications Planning Group, Headquarters US Military Assistance Command Vietnam, Commander Pacific Fleet and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe. I was selected to attend the first Defense Systems Analysis program at the Institute for Defense Analyses run in conjunction with University of Maryland. I earned two Meritorious Service Medals, Navy Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal.



After leaving the Navy I retired to Poulsbo, WA, where I became active in the town. I was Chairman of the Planning Commission for

five years before being elected to the City Council where I served for five more years and was presented with the key to the city on my retirement from politics. Prior to retirement in 1996 I worked for Electronic Data Systems at their Poulsbo office spending time on TDY in Florida, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Virginia, and California. I also prepared income taxes for four years for H and R Block. My wife Ernestine and I were married in 1959 and celebrated our 50th anniversary with family three months before she was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. Ernestine died in October 2009. I have two children, daughter Karla and son Mike, and two granddaughters.

Newbury, Alfred C.

After flight training, I instructed in an advanced training squadron, served in other fleet squadrons and attended the NPG in Monterey, CA, earning a BS degree in aeronautical engineering. Then a CVA shipboard tour was followed by various staff duty assignments until retirement in 1982. Since retiring, I did some light construction/handyman type work for many years helping a good friend who had the experience and all the tools. My current activity is participating in the U. S. Masters Swimming program. This has been going on now for more than 15 years and keeps me busy. Good exercise and great fun.

2009 was a difficult and sad year. My wife, Natalie, continued her long struggle with cancer which finally got the best of her in August.



Natalie was a realtor for more than 30 years, owned and ran Real Estate by the Sea.

I have two sons. Guy lives in Puako Beach, Hawaii and has three children. Scott is a bachelor and lives in Virginia Beach.



Niles, William H. "Bill"

We've continued living the good life on the sunny coast of Southern California in a small town about 15 miles north of San Diego.

Recently Faith retired as Manager of the local public library after 20 years of service. She really found her calling; her first summer job in high school was shelving books at the Livingston, NJ Public Library; even after retirement, she does a lot of volunteer work as one of the Friends of the Library.

I've been doing a lot of single-handed sailing in my MacGregor 26 - modified for live-aboard and open-ocean conditions. Faith gets sea-sick, so she stays home while I sail away with "Unsinkable Molly Brown," my Portuguese water dog. Molly's ancestors were originally bred to be working dogs on 30-foot fishing boats over a thousand years ago. Through heredity, she knows a lot more about sailing than I do, but she lets me be Captain anyway - probably just to be



amused by the foul-ups. Most of our journeys last about 2 or 3 weeks, avoiding marinas and anchoring every evening. Baseball has fascinated me all my life and the weather here allows for play every month of the year. So, for ten years I indulged myself and joined a 55+ team in the Men's Senior Baseball League. Our team doesn't fare too badly and in 2007 we even made it to the National World Series competition at the Phoenix Spring Training Complex for Major League Baseball. I've slowed down a little since then, so now I only play slow-pitch softball twice a week. However, I still stay somewhat involved with baseball by coaching a local 45+ team on which my son plays shortstop.

The electric automobile has remained a major interest of mine. I logged over 10,000 miles on a Honda station wagon I converted to electric in 1990. Then, in 2002 I joined a Toyota test program for the RAV4 Electric Vehicle and after 80,000 miles it's still going strong. For local driving, a total of 125 miles is more than adequate for my daily activities. For my occasional long distance travels, I either fly or rent a gas-guzzler. Life continues to be good for Faith and me. We're both in pretty good health and our two sons and their families all live within a 30-mile radius. Holidays, birth-day parties, picnics, and lunches are frequent and joyous occasions.

O'Connell, Donald Barry

"Don" O'Connell was born on March 31, 1933 in Portsmouth, NH, son of a Navy doctor. He grew up as a Navy Junior and spent many of his high school years in Quantico, Va. He entered the Naval Academy with a presidential appointment in 1952. He was known within his company as "Tiger". This nickname was acquired during Plebe Year where the Class of '53, delighted in having him produce a growl on command.

He served on the USS Boyd (DD-544) in San Francisco, but resigned his commission in 1960 in his beloved San Diego. Upon his departure from the Navy, he joined Aerojet General in Sacramento as a Titan Rocket engine test engineer. He married Sarah White in 1965, and they crossed the country, to Hartford, CT., to join Pratt & Whitney's jet engine testing program . Shortly thereafter they returned to California, where Don joined the Westinghouse Division in Sunnyvale, working on the test and development of handling equipment for the Military.

Don passed away in Livermore, California on July 19, 2007. He is survived by his son Sean, and daughter Stacey.





O'Dwyer, Kyran M. "Ken"

After graduation I reported to USS Albany CA123 for my then mandatory surface tour prior to my enrollment in Submarine School. Afterwards I served in four submarines, two of which were boomers completing eight patrols as well as a year as Nuclear Training Officer at S3G in West Milton, NY.

While at Portsmouth NSY I was scheduled to ride USS Thresher on sea trials when she was lost, but was dropped from the sailing list at the last minute to accommodate late arrivals. I resigned in 1970 to earn an MBA at Harvard Business School but continued to serve in the active reserve for eight more years and was promoted to Captain.

After HBS I joined Dillingham Corporation in their Hawaiian Marine division and in 1979 joined A/S Kristian Jebsens, shipowners, in Bergen, Norway as Vice President for Development. Jebsens operated about 100 dry bulk carriers, four offshore drilling units, and a Philippine based marine crewing service. My work basically involved all aspects of corporate finance such as



Jebsen's share in the acquisition of Union Carbide's ferroalloy business consisting of three smelters, two electric power plants, a coal mine, a hydroelectric dam, and a town in West Virginia. Jebsens' interest was in the freight contracts for the business. In 1983 I took charge of our fleet renewal program and as such, contracted and financed 23 new building vessels of about 673,000 dwt in Japan, China, Norway and Scotland as well as procuring and financing another 15 second hand vessels of about 322,000 dwt. Our drilling unit was merged with a small oilfield licence holder and then we raised about £200 million in debt and equity to develop a North Sea oilfield and deploy the North Sea's first floating production platform. I also served as Managing Director of two shipping companies traded on the London Stock Exchange and as a founding Director of Smart Telecom plc, an Irish telephone and broadband company. I became Chairman in 2006 and retired in 2009.

I lived in Bergen and London for 29 years but returned to the US and settled next to the ocean in Coronado in 2008.

Ohmen, Douglass J.

After graduation, Doug served on destroyers as an engineer and later attended Submarine School and spent most of his Navy years on nuclear subs. He was engineer on John Adams, and executive officer on Sargo and Nathanael Green. He was one of those supervising the construction of Nathanael Green, a demanding but rewarding job. His shore duty was as officer in charge of the submarine training school in San Diego. Upon retirement from the Navy, he returned to university for a business degree and accepted a position with Pacific Gas and Electric as a nuclear engineer. He remained with that company until retirement at 65.

While at Annapolis he enjoyed the chorale work and sailing and continued these interests for most of his life. His two postings in Hawaii gave him the opportunity to sail his boat "Shearwater" with his family. Ten years ago Doug lost his wife, Audrey and a son, Craig. His sons Jeff and Ross and their families live in California where Doug was born and

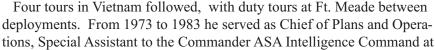


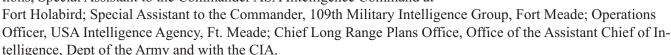
spent most of his life. In 2005 while in Halifax for a family event, he met Joan. They married in 2007. Initially they divided their time between California and Nova Scotia but Doug's failing vision has made this too difficult. After marrying two girls from Halifax, he is himself becoming a Haligonian. He and Joan enjoy theatre and concerts, traveling and spending time with family. Together they have 16 grandchildren. At seventy-six Doug is still jogging three times a week.



O'Shea, Cornelius Joseph, Jr.

"Connie" was born on April 4, 1933 in Bay Ridge, NY and attended Siena College in Albany prior to entering the Naval Academy. After receiving his commission in the Marine Corps, and attending Basic School at Quantico, VA, he was deployed to Okinawa for 18 months. After returning to the States, he was stationed at Fort Sill, OK. He served with the Marine Corps for ten years, then did an inter-service transfer to the US Army as a Captain. He attended the Russian Language School at Anacostia, MD and was assigned to Fort Meade, MD. Following that tour, he was assigned to the US Mission in Berlin, Germany. From Germany he attended The Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.





Connie received a master of arts in government, with a concentration in national security studies from Georgetown University in 1979. He retired from the Army in 1985, and joined PRC, Inc. in Virginia. After PRC, he was employed by several companies in support of government contracts, until full retirement from the Electronic Warfare Association in 2004.

Connie passed away on March 8, 2007 in Alexandria, VA. He is survived by his former wife, Nancy Loyd O'Shea, three daughters, a son, and two grandchildren.



Steve was born April 20, 1931 in Brooklyn, NY. In 1940 his family moved to Los Angeles, where he grew up and attended local schools. He was accepted into the California Institute of Technology in 1948. He left Caltech in 1950 and enlisted in the Navy. In 1952 he received a fleet appointment to the Naval Academy.

Following graduation from the USNA, Steve served three years on the USS Saratoga. In February, 1959, he reported to the USS Borie until June of 1960. He was then ordered to PG training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He graduated from MIT with a double degree in electrical engineering and naval architecture. Following MIT, Steve was ordered to submarine training in New London. Upon completion, he reported to the USS Halfbeak for service until June of 1966, when he transferred to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard until June of 1968.

Steve transferred to Submarine Engineering Duty, following his assign-

ment aboard the Halfbeak and reported to the Naval Sea Systems Command, where he held a variety of research and development duties until his resignation from the Navy in 1970. After his release from active duty, Steve worked as an Engineering Manager at Challenger, Inc. in Rockville, MD., with expertise in development of submarine and antisubmarine equipment and related tactical operations. He retired from EG&G/Challenger in 1994.

Steve and his family traveled widely to many countries and he devoted a lot of time to sailing in the Chesapeake and elsewhere. He married his wife, Ellen, following graduation in 1956. Steve passed away August 25, 2010, at his home in Lanham, MD. He is survived by his wife, Ellen, three children and four grandchildren.





Perrone, Louis Anthony

Tony passed away on June 17, 2009. Tony was born in Naples, Italy and emigrated to the U.S. as a youth. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier High School, a military school in New York City, followed by a year of prep school prior to entering the Naval Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy, Tony was commissioned in the Supply Corps. After attending the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, GA, he served on a supply ship, seeing duty in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. He left active duty in 1960.

Tony then began a 26-year career with IBM, working in sales, product strategy and teaching customers how to manage the latest information systems. His career required frequent moves, and he resided in Washington, DC, Miami, Dallas, Raleigh, Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale. He retired from IBM in 1987 and then spent some time working with National Advanced Systems, Digital Equipment and Hitachi. Tony then became a consultant in the computer industry,



worked himself into part time consulting, and finally completely retired in the 1990's.

Always interested in contact sports, Tony took up martial arts training and became an instructor in Tai Chi. Tony grew his hobby of training and exhibiting his German shepherd dogs into international recognition. He became a recognized expert and licensed judge of the training of German shepherds in tracking, obedience and general police dog work. He was frequently called upon to judge field trial events for German shepherds held throughout North America, Latin America and Europe. On several occasions, Tony led a U.S. team of trainers and dogs to Europe for international field trial competition for dogs from around the world. Tony is survived by his wife of 35 years.

Peters, William Anthony

Bill Peters died on May 18th, 2008. Bill was born in Queens, NY, and attended schools in NYC prior to entering the Academy. He married Betty Ann Williamson the day after graduating, and reported to the Navy Supply Officers School in Athens, GA. Sea duty followed as supply officer in Severn (AO-61) and Joseph P. Kennedy (DD-850), before shore duty at the Supply Center in Newport, RI. He was a plank owner in Enterprise (CVN-65), before reporting to the Navy Exchange at Quonset Point, RI. More sea duty followed in Procyon (AF-61) with four deployments to the South China Sea/Vietnam delivering stores to Seventh Fleet Ships in combat operations.

Bill earned a master's degree in computer systems management at the Naval Postgraduate School, thence to the Naval Supply Center in Norfolk, VA before joining the faculty of the Naval War College where he was professor of systems analysis and analytical decision-making for over three



years. (Several classmates were his students during this period). He went back to sea as supply officer of Coral Sea (CV-43), and then ashore as director of Navy Commissary stores and vice commander of the Navy Resale System. His final Navy tour was as commanding officer of Fleet Accounting and Disbursing Office Atlantic Fleet. Bill's naval career is described best as genuine 'Service to the Fleet'.

In his retirement, Bill was a classic woodworker, gardener and tinkerer; delighting in resurrecting things most thought were beyond help. He was the wise patriarch of his beloved family, with a legacy of great generosity.

In addition to Betty Ann, Bill leaves two daughters and two sons, and ten grandchildren.

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." -- Helen Keller



Pfeiffer, Louis James

(adapted from the Class web page)

Louis passed away April 10, 2010 at his residence in Highland Park, NJ, where he had been a lifelong resident. After leaving the naval service, Pfeiffer was employed with RCA, GE, Lockheed and Martin Marietta for 31 years before retiring in 1994. He was a Project Manager dealing with contracts, finance and schedules. He is survived by three nephews.



Rosenhauer, George L.

In 1992 George and Jody Rosenhauer retired from working on the Space Shuttle Program at Kennedy Space Center and moved to a small farm in Conroe, TX just north of Houston. They raised registered American Red Brangus Beef cattle, Quarter horses, chickens, a few pot bellied pigs and the many abandoned and abused dogs they keep bringing home. Jody has become a recognized creative designer and quilter of several unique products. George spends his time caring for the critters, the land and tending to the rigors of country living. Their children and grandchildren live in Florida.





Sanchez-Carrion, Mario E.

In the past five years since our last report many things have happened. I am still working part time with my own company handling logistic support to major accounts. This activity keeps me busy and active. Maybe it is a good way to achieve longevity!

Maria and I are still living in a very nice area of Coral Gables, Fl., a city designed in the 1920s by a New England entrepreneur. The weather is fine and there have been no hurricanes since 1998. We enjoy our lives, visiting almost daily our grandson and grand-daughters that are now in the high school stage. Some of them are already planning to go to college.

We also enjoy trips overseas, having been in Italy and our original native country Peru.

See you at the 55th.



Schmitt, Robert W.

Life in a log cabin, surrounded by woods and farmer fields by a broad tidal creek, is tranquil and slow paced (urbanites might say dull). Animal and bird life abound -- deer, fox, raccoon, possum, squirrel, rabbit, ground hogs, migratory geese, ducks and birds, seasonal osprey, eagles, hawks, wild turkeys, and turkey vultures provide interesting nature watching year round. Both creek and bay fishing are at hand. The environment is not perfect; the summers are hot and humid, limiting outdoor activity and providing an excuse to travel.

The Wildenberg-Schmitt extended family now numbers 35, which include nine children, their spouses and 17 grandchildren. Their families are scattered across the country, half of whom are in the DC - Baltimore area. Keeping tabs on them has us traveling often, on major holidays in the Northern VA area and major events when and wherever they occur. Additionally, we have planned biannual week long reunions, attempting to garner as many as we can, in such places as an agriturismo producing wine in Northern Tus-



cany, a dude ranch in Montana, and an agriturismo producing olives in Southern Tuscany. This year will be a beach house in coastal North Carolina. Meanwhile, Marianne and I have traveled extensively, almost yearly, throughout Europe.

Medical problems (me with treatable but not curable Hodgkin's and Marianne with heart problems) have been a major impediment to our activities. Heavy volunteerism and power boating are things of the past.

Now limit ourselves to sporadic church work. We still enjoy reading, gardening, walking, entertaining house guests and neighbors, and dabbling in oil painting.

All in all, while imperfect, life remains beautiful.



Seip, Asher, Jr.

During the past 45 years I have been a partner with my brother, Jake, in a Real Estate, Construction and Investment Business located in Easton, Pennsylvania. My daughter Beth has brought me a great deal of joy. She is a banker and lives nearby. I am married to my wonderful wife Helena, daughter of a boyhood friend of mine. For fun we have been biking (a Harley and Mountain Bikes), skiing and boating. Take notice all salty guys, Admirals and Captains, I finally achieved command as captain of my own boat, a 56 foot SeaRay. We took her to Florida a couple of times for the winter, but mostly we were cruising the Chesapeake, New Jersey Coast and Long Island Sound.



After Graduation I went to flight school at Pensacola, got my wings in '57, then off to the Mediterranean embarked on the USS Randolph CVS 15. Although as a Midshipman I had a lot of fun trying to beat the system, I seriously feel blessed having had the privilege and honor of being a U.S. Naval Academy Graduate. From the principles that drive the Academy and the Brigade, I developed a style that has been successful for me and hopefully helpful to others.

Sibley, David N. "Dave"

Dave and Sandy have been residing in Jacksonville, FL for the past 14 years enjoying the retired life of casual living. Dave's four children live in Texas and California. This provides for many opportunities of traveling for family reunions and other trips. Seven grandchildren range in ages seven to twenty-five, from elementary school to college graduates in the working world. He is blessed with a wonderful family. Days are filled with walks with dog companion, Mr. Chips, crossword puzzles, sudoku, computer, and the iPad when at home. Dave's great sense of humor entertains and keeps smiles on faces. Reviewing The Lucky Bag of the Class of '56 brings back many memories of the good ol' days.





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United States Naval Academy Class of 1956 55th Reunion

Signor, Richard W.

I resigned from the Academy in September 1954 just after the start of Second Class year. Returned to the University of Michigan Engineering School and graduated in June 1956 with degrees in mechanical engineering and engineering mathematics.

In 1955, my wife Barbara and I married upon her graduation from Michigan with a degree in dental hygiene. Shortly after my graduation, the Navy strongly suggested that I should join OCS at Newport, RI; my draft board helped by immediately reclassifying me

Following OCS, I joined DESPAC in 1957 where I served aboard the Tausig, DD 746, for 18 months and was accepted for submarine school. Upon graduation, I was assigned to the Thornback, SS-418, one of the last of the Gato class fleet boats. As an aside, Greg Bittner, a classmate, was already aboard the Tausig when I reported aboard and followed me six months later to sub school and then the Thornback.



Upon indicating plans to leave active duty, I was immediately transferred to BUPERS where I spent a fascinating 6 months as secretary to officer selection boards and working as one of a group of JOs trying to straighten out the little old ladies who sat in the basement reviewing officer fitness reports for new qualifications. The group had made several noteworthy errors such as noting a destroyer officer's qualification as a command duty officer that subsequently led to his reassignment to a CDO's billet on a carrier and sending a submarine diving officer to duty aboard an ocean going tug as a deep-sea diving officer.

BUPERS couldn't get me to change my mind; in 1961, I joined GE where I began a 28-year career in factory automation. After working in various GE businesses, I joined the corporate staff as software engineering program manager and a software productivity program manager until my retirement in 1990. While there, wrote the GE Software Engineering Handbook and represented GE on several International Standards Organization technical committees.

On the personal side, Barbara and I have a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren. We moved to Florida in 1997 and have no intention of leaving. We are active in our local Lutheran church. We enjoy travel. Two highlights are traveling to and from Australia/New Zealand by freighter and riding the Siberian Express train from Moscow to Vladivostok (Academy foreign language training paid off). In both cases, these were self-directed tours.

My pastimes are church work, computers, chess, and golf. You chess players can find me at gameknot.com where I play as Rick Signor.





Smith, James W. "Jim"

In 1997 Barbara and I joined several friends and spent ten days in Ireland. That ranks right at the top of favorite vacations. I was warned, "when you arrive, they will make you think they have been waiting on you for a week." While there you will never hear, "no, you cannot do that", rather it will be, "yes, you may." When you return, very promptly you will hear, "no, you cannot." True. We visited the site of a favorite movie, The Quiet Man, attended a pre-wedding celebration in a pub, played several of the toughest golf courses in the world, enjoyed a pint quite often, and always heard, "yes, you may."

Beginning in 2001, Barbara's Dad had a heart valve replacement and several bypasses. This prompted us to spend about three years in Florida. He recovered nicely and we returned to our favorite habitat, Charleston County, SC.



We became grandparents, celebrated 50 years of marriage, celebrated Barbara's Mom and Dad's 72nd anniversary, our older daughter's 50th, and looking toward our younger daughter's 50th birthday next year.

Several reunions occurred over the last few years: The Twenty-second Company reunion at Al Granger's Pennsylvania paradise, then The Marine Corps Basic School reunion last year in Quantico. We are looking forward to the 55th in Annapolis this coming late September, then another Basic School reunion next year in California.

In 2003 I started being my own financial advisor and stock trader. I was 6'4" tall and weighed 220. Now I am 5'10" and weigh 184. Enough said.

Steele, Ben L.

(written by editor)

Ben passed away January 9, 2008. Last known address was Cottonwood, TN. After resigning his Air Force commission, Ben was employed on the staff of Congressman Victor Wickersham of Oklahoma for a period of time. Over the years, several classmates tried to contact Ben, and later his wife, Mary Alice, without success.





Sterling, John C.

John was born on November 20 1933 in Benton Harbor Michigan. While at the Academy John was active in battalion and 150 lb. football and sailing. After graduation John began with service aboard the USS Jerome County (LST848) and USS Preston (DD795). From 1971 to 1972 he was the Commanding Officer, USS Valcour (AGF-1), home ported in Bahrain, Arabian Gulf, as the Middle East Force Flagship. From 1974 to 1976 John was Head, Navy Section and Deputy Chief of the U.S. Military Liaison Office, Tunisia as its first U.S. Navy Advisor. Other career highlights include:

- 1. Winning five trophies as skipper of the USNA yacht frolic in the '63 Annapolis-Newport race.
- 2. Had two commands while on active duty.
- 3. Received the highest military decoration from President Bourguiba of Tunisia, the "Order of Republic of Tunisia." 4. Awarded the Navy commendation Medal upon retirement in 1979.



Following retirement from the Navy, John became a Research Fellow at the Logistics Management Institute. In 1980 he became Manager of the Logistics Planning and Supportability Department located in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1983 he moved to California and Joined Litton in 1984. In 1987 he joined Systems Exchange, Inc. as Marketing Director. In 1995 he founded his own company, SDES, Inc., worldwide distributor for Tools for Design. He also served as the treasurer for the Society of Concurrent Engineering.

John is survived by his daughter Anne and his son John Jr. as well as seven grandchildren. Commander John C. Sterling died on 15 June 2011.

Stevenson, Connelly David

Commander Connelly D. "Con" Stevenson, USN (ret) passed away on December 15, 2008.

Prior to receiving a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy he attended the University of New Hampshire for one year.

Upon graduation he crewed on the USNA yacht Highland Light in the Newport-Bermuda race. Con then reported to the Renshaw (DDE 499) in Pearl Harbor. Upon completion of Submarine School in 1957 he returned to Pearl to serve on Greenfish (SS 351), Gudgeon (SS 567) and Sabalo (SS 302) and on COMSUBPAC staff.

Con attended the USN Postgraduate in Monterey, CA. earning a MS in Physics in 1964 and was elected to Sigma Xi, a national research honorary society. After nuclear power training, Con served as Ops Officer and Navigator on Scorpion (SSN 589) from 1965-1967. From 1967-1969 he was XO of Halibut (SSN



587). Con was awarded the Legion of Merit for his performance on Halibut during secretive and dangerous missions. After a tour at Submarine School, 1969-1971, and short tours at COMSUBLANT and the Atomic Energy Commission, Con commanded the Finback (SSN 670) for 3 ½ years. From 1976-1978 he headed the Office of Naval Research in London. Con retired in July 1978.

Following Navy retirement, he spent 12 years with the Logistics Management Institute in Washington DC. Con then became a consultant for high-level radiation waste programs until 1995, when he retired again and moved to Sarasota, FL. where he worked with children as a Guardian ad Litem.

In October 2008, Con took a temporary assignment with Siemens as their Port Coordinator in Longview, WA. overseeing the import of wind turbines.

Con was always an avid sailor, and enjoyed kayaking, opera, and reading.

He is survived by his daughter, Hillary Tattersall of Potomac Falls, VA., son Ian of Davis, CA. four grandchildren, and companion Janice Sladzinski of Sarasota,FL.

Con lived a full, elegant life, was a true sailor, and a good classmate.



Taff, Clarence O. Jr.

Clarence O. Taff is a 1956 graduate of the US Naval Academy and upon commissioning was assigned to USS SAIPAN (CVL 48). His next duty in 1957 was USS CANBERRA (CAG 2) for a tour of two years. He attended Submarine School in the summer of 1959 and served in USS GREENFISH (SS 351) for three years before attending a two year course at the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. His next assignment was aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (SSBN 600) in which he served as Navigator for three years. Following his Fleet Ballistic Missile submarine duty he served as Executive Officer USS TENCH (SS 417) for two years. He next was ordered as Commanding Officer USS BLENNY (SS 324) until that ship was inactivated in October 1969. He then assumed command of USS BANG (SS 385) in December 1969.



On completion of his BANG command tour in July 1971, his next assignment was as the U.S. Special Projects Liaison Officer UK (SPUK) to the Chief Polaris Executive of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense, London, England for four years. In September 1975, he was ordered as Executive Officer of the Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific (SWFPAC) Bangor, WA for four years. He was then assigned as Officer in Charge, Strategic Weapons Project Office, Detachment C, Sperry Corp., Great Neck, NY for two years before assuming command in July 1981 of the Navy Astronautics Group, Point Mugu, CA for five years. Captain Taff retired in 1986 with 36 years of total active naval service. Captain Taff's awards include the Legion of Merit, Secretary of the Navy Achievement Medal and two Navy Unit Commendations.

Tatom, Frank B.

Upon graduation I served four years at sea before entering the Ready Reserve. Subsequently I worked for DuPont, Northrop, Texas Instruments, and SAIC. During this time I earned a MSME from Auburn and a PHDME from Georgia Tech. I founded Engineering Analysis Inc. in 1978 and have served as President for the past 32 years. My marriage of 24 years ended in 1983. I have three children Tom, John, and Briana. Tom, living in Las Vegas, is single. John, living in Huntsville, is married with two daughters. Briana, living in Colorado Springs, is married with two daughters. As a professional engineer, blessed with good health, I have developed a modest reputation relating to higher mathematics, tornadic phenomena, and explosive damage assessment. I am credited with writing the definitive paper explaining the relationship between fractals and fractional calculus. My idea that tornadoes produce detectable seismic signals was judged one of the top ten original ideas in the world by Saatchi and Saatchi in 1998 and was featured on the



National Geographic Channel. I have developed software dealing with explosive damage assessment and my re-creation of explosions has been featured on the Discovery Channel.

My primary recreation is ballroom dancing. In Huntsville I founded the Dance Club, a nonprofit organization dancing weekly on Tuesday night in a skating rink. Over the past 17 years the club has held more than 860 dances and donated more than \$68,000 to local charities. I teach a class at a local church dealing with Bible history.



Tyler, Maurice F., Jr.

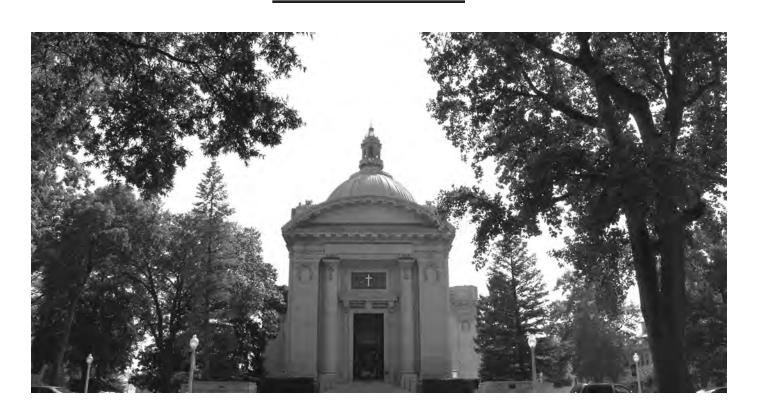
Following a Naval Career spent primarily in the Submarine Service and after leaving the Navy, I remained active in the Naval Reserve until 1976 retiring as a Commander. For the next twenty-five years I was ensconced in the business world of Real Estate, Land Development, Farming and Oil and Gas. For fifteen of those years I was Chief Operating Officer and Chairman of Ag-Investments. I continue to serve the Navy as a retired Officer in the MOAA organization. In 2005 and '06 1 was President of the Memphis Chapter.

I went on to become the President of the MOAA Tennessee Council of Chapters during 2007 and 2008. I traveled to Washington as part of the contingent of officers "Storming the Hill." On the personal side, Gail and I lived in Charleston, S.C. where our son, Maurice III was born. Later we lived in Memphis, Mississippi and Texas. We had three daughters all born on duty stations: Ina Jane, born in New London, is in the Naval Re-



serve and just recently made Commander. Patricia, our second, at Pearl Harbor. Sadly, Trish died in 1989 of a brain tumor. She was just 27. The Midshipman gave our third daughter, Carol Lynn, a rousing cheer at Noon Meal Formation the day after she was born at the Annapolis Naval Hospital when I was a Company Commander there in the midsixties.

Now in this new century we have come full cycle moving back to Memphis to be near our grandchildren. Our son has given us two super grandsons, Walker Brown, 6 yrs. Highly competitive, he is definitely Academy material; little Charles Francis, 2 yrs of age. Our oldest grandchild is our first teen-ager Maurie Alexandria. All of these years I have remained active in the Episcopal Church. Since moving back to Memphis I have served in many roles on the Vestry of Grace St. Lukes Episcopal.





Visage, James R.

It seems only yesterday that I was graduated from Bradley County High School and went to Chattanooga to join the Navy. The Navy recruiting chiefs made a big deal over me and showed me a lot of attention which I was unaccustomed to. In jest, I often say that the Navy chiefs told me that I would be an admiral in a few years. At that point, I didn't realize that remote idea had the possibility of being a reality.

After completion of basic training in San Diego, I was sent to the Mariana Islands for further assignment. I became a yeoman for a Navy Commander on Guam, class of 1938. I typed operation plans for the Commander. After several months, the Commander called me to his office and asked me if I would like to go to Annapolis. I was very flattered. I told him that I was perhaps a "B" student out of high school and I felt as if I couldn't pass the entrance ex-



amination. Then he asked me about my general physical condition, including any hereditary or congenital disorders. My reply was that I was unaware of any. The Commander ordered some self-study high school textbooks for me of which I began to study at every opportunity. The Commander was rotated several months later; however, I continued to study for the examination for the Naval Preparatory School at Bainbridge, MD. After Prep School, I passed the entrance examination for Annapolis and received a laudatory letter from the Commander. Aside from my parents, the Commander was the most important person in my life.

After graduation from Annapolis, I took a commission in the Air Force. As an Air Force officer, I served as Adjutant of a jet fighter squadron, as an Aircraft Controller, and as a Civil Engineer. All told, I had more than ten years in the Air Force before I received a physical disability discharge after a tour of duty in South East Asia. When I left the Air Force, I went to work as an engineer for the Federal Civil Service. I worked as a journeyman and supervisory engineer for the Federal Civil Service in Sacramento, Chicago, San Diego, Seattle, and San Francisco. As an engineer in the Federal Civil Service, I worked for all the branches of the Armed Forces.

I retired in May 1989 with about 40 years of military and Federal Civil Service combined time. Since retirement I joined a bridge club and became active in the local YMCA. Within 3 years, I have accrued more than 100 international match points. I have competed in several bridge tournaments throughout southeast Tennessee, all of which are sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

Among the highlights of my life are: (1) Being inspired by the Navy Commander in Guam; (2) Meeting and marrying Sharon Kay Williams (now deceased) of Denver, CO; and (3) Being a part of one of the most elite groups in the world – the Brigade Of Midshipmen.



Warner, Glenn Allen

Glenn Warner of Georgetown, Texas, passed away April 20, 2009. Glenn graduated from Hummelstown High School, Bullis Prep School and the United States Naval Academy. He continued his education by graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a Masters in Electrical and Aeronautical Engineering. Glenn married Margaret Haines in 1956. Glenn served his Country for 23 years in The United States Air Force with 1 year service in Korea 1958-1959. He retired in 1978 from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel. He later worked for The Boeing Company retiring in 1990. His life's joy was spending time with his wife, family and friends. He was an avid tennis player and golfer. He instructed tennis within the local community as a Certified Tennis Pro of the USTA. His favorite family activities were Tennis, Wahoo, Penny Poker, Dominoes, Card Games, Golf, and Wii Bowling. He enjoyed traveling with his family



to Winter Park, Colo.; Princeville, Hawaii; Las Vegas, Nev. and Atlanta, Ga. for the Annual Family Golf Tournament. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Margaret Warner; children, Glenn Warner Jr., Steve Warner (spouse Jazz), Brett Warner (spouse Terri), and Laura Nitcher (spouse Brent), and 10 grandchildren.

Weggeland, David

(provided by classmates)

After graduation, Dave reported on board USS Roanoke (CLG -145) for duty. Subsequent assignments as a LT(jg) are somewhat sketchy. Dave resigned his commission in 1960 and his last known residence was in Riverside, CA, where he passed away in 1984. Dave was never married and a thorough search for living relatives was futile.

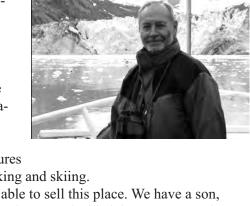




Woodruff, Gene L.

I left the Navy in 1960, spent five years at MIT (MS and PhD in nuclear engineering), and joined the faculty at the University of Washington. I was promoted through the faculty ranks and served as Dean of the Graduate School for nine years, retiring in 2002. I also served as President of the Association of Graduate Schools (AGS) and Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

My wife, Marylou (Munson), and I raised our family and lived in the Seattle area from 1965 until we moved into what had been our vacation home on Camano Island (about an hour north of Seattle) in 2002. Life is good here – we have a lovely beach (with abundant Dungeness crab) with views across Saratoga Passage to Whidbey Island and the Olympic Mts. I have more pictures of sunsets than you can imagine. I read a lot of books, do a lot of beach walking and skiing. As great as it is here, we're planning to move to Corvallis, OR when we are able to sell this place. We have a son,



daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren there as well as another son in Portland. We've decided that we want to be on hand as our grandchildren grow up. As many of you have also probably decided – that's what is most important to us these days.





Woods, Herbert P.

After Graduation, I served two years on USS Halsey Powel (DD686), then Submarine School and served on USS Trumpetfish (SS425) and USS Raton (AGSS270). Qualified for Command on Raton, and then earned my first Masters Degree in Postgraduate School at Webb Institute of Naval Architecture. After Webb, I became a 1400 Engineering Specialist in Deep Ocean Structures and did design work at David Taylor Model Basin, then to Mare Island Naval Shipyard where I was Docking Officer, Ship Superintendent for several Nuclear Submarine Overhauls, then became Project Manager for several Classified Deep Submergence Projects including Halibut, and the first 1500 foot Oxy-Helium Diving System. Admiral Rickover's people made a mistake on one of my Nuclear Refueling projects that he wanted me to hide by paying for it from one of my classified black programs. When I refused to hide it unless he gave me written orders, I received dispatch orders to Vietnam. I felt it would be over 100



years before the Vietnamese needed a Deep Ocean Structural Designer, but I was on my way to Vietnam.

In Vietnam, my first year there, I had all Marine maintenance in the North, was OinC of the small craft repair facility in Danang, and responsible for all diving and salvage and harbor clearance work. I had a 24 Warrant Officer and LDO Wardroom with a top notch EDO Executive Officer (Vern Edwards), 600 USN Enlisted, 400 Civilians and 100 Korean maintenance specialists in my command. Our job was to train the Vietnamese Navy personnel in engine maintenance so they could take over and we could withdraw. They knew how to shoot the guns we provided, but not how to overhaul their equipment and keep it running. We brought the operability of the region from under 15 percent to over 80 percent in one year.

My Vietnamese counterpart was a Covert Warfare Specialist (Vietnamese Seal) but at one time in his early life, was an engineer on a large fishing boat, so he was assigned as Technical Officer for the Northern Region. He was one of the smartest men I have ever known, spoke seven languages, was educated by the French in France, and fluent in all of the known religious books, including the New and Old Testament, the Teachings of Confucius, the Koran and the various Buddhists. He insisted that I learn to speak Vietnamese. I got to a point where I could tell a joke in Vietnamese and get a laugh at the right time. He insisted on going back to his covert work, and the next thing I knew, he had me with grease paint on my face, a grease gun in my hands, and 20 clicks behind the enemy lines looking for trip wires and pongee sticks. He had me in at least 3 combat fire fights. The first year we had 31 salvage operations with 15 under combat conditions.

After my first year, with the US withdrawal in full swing, they kept many of us that spoke Vietnamese in action. They moved me to the Philippines, and I had to return to Vietnam as a "Consultant" whenever anyone went out on R&R. I now have a 100% disability from the heavy exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam and Cambodia.

When I returned to the US, I orchestrated an assignment at the Defense Systems Management College where I was in charge to the Department of Systems Management, and took the opportunity to get my Professional Engineer License while on Fort Belvoir. Then I took an early retirement and tried to find a position as far away from the Defense Department as possible. My first job was with Gilbert Commonwealth. I became their Project Manager for the Ocean Thermal Energy Project with the Department of Energy. After that I was re-assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and then went to work for EXXON. I was hired by EXXON to teach Project Management at their various refinery projects. I thought the Navy moved me around a lot, but EXXON moved me around even more. EXXON had the largest downsizing of any company in the late 70s and went from over 180 thousand employees down to about 75 thousand. I reluctantly left EXXON, and went back to defense contract work. After a few defense contract jobs, I got into hazardous waste clean-up project work. I had several years with RUST International as Director of Hazardous Waste Clean-up, and Proposal Manager out of Birmingham, Alabama, and then Oak Brook, Illinois (after Waste Management bought RUST). Then I was Senior Vice President at Weston. Then I went to work in Huntsville, Alabama for Teledyne as Project Manager for a Plasma Energy Project.

My wife, Marsha, became ill with terminal cancer so I dropped out of the work force the last two years she was alive to take care of her. Shortly after Marsha died, when Boeing won the Sea Based X-Band Radar Contract with the Missile Defense Agency, the Army had Oceaneering call me out of retirement (at age 72) to be the Army's chief inspector for the project. I went to Norway for a pre-tow inspection, then down to Brownsville, Texas when the Amfells Shipyard won the contract to outfit the Syncro-lift from Norway for the Sea Based Radar (SBX).

After moving to Brownsville in my motor home, I liked the Winter Haven Retirement complex my rig was in, and bought the lot. After a few months, I got tired of living in a motor home, took it back to Alabama and sold it, then put a three bedroom home in my lot at Winter Haven. I was just furnishing my new home, when a fellow talked me into renting it to his sister who was recently widowed, since I would be going up to Corpus Christie for the final radar installation in the SBX. I thought I should meet my new tenant (Arlene) in my home at the Winter Haven Resort. She has traveled the world almost as much as I have done. We now live in Harlingen, Texas. If any of 56 Classmates are in the area, Arlene and I would love to have you visit us. We have lots of room and the latch key is out.



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Life has been good to me. My career is atypical to that of a Supply Officer. My path was normal at first; six months at Supply Corp School, a year aboard a fleet oiler, thirty months at Navy Purchasing Office Los Angeles, three years at Naval Supply Depot Yokosuka, four years as Head of Purchasing for the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. At this point in my career I returned to civilian life as a Contract Manager for United Technology Center. After two years I returned to the Navy and focused on education and training. My first assignment was instructor at Air University at Wright Patterson AFB for five years. Then I enjoyed five years teaching as an Assistant Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. My last tour was Head of Foreign Military Sales at the U.S. Central Command in the Panama Canal Zone.



The most interesting military experience was when I volunteered for a two

weeks assignment to contract with various Vietnamese shipbuilders for the construction of patrol boats disguised as local fishing boats. I found that the project was still at the development stage; a project team with an idea approved by Sec Def and nothing else. The two weeks turned into twelve months. The highlight of the tour was working with the Central Bank of Vietnam in initiating their first small business loan program and having it signed by President Diem. After retiring, I took a position as an Internal Consultant for the Materials Department, at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It was during this thirteen year period that I developed my core competence in Supply Chain Management. It became my entree into academia after retiring from PG&E.

Since retiring from PG&E ten years ago, I now fill my time as an adjunct faculty for the Supply Management Institute at the University of San Diego and the Dominican University of California.

My wife, Meg, and I live in Danville, California. My sons, Michael, Mark and Tim have their own careers and families. My daughter Carolyn is in her final semester in law school.

As I look back into the past, today and the future I see that "Life has been good to me" and will be good. Life that was, is, will be filled with excitement, happiness, romance and sadness.







