

## 59/60 CLASS NEWS

will appreciate the contribution it makes to the Academy.

### The 59th Reunion

Planning for the 59th Reunion for the first weekend in October 2018 continues. This Reunion celebrates the Class of '59 with its 59th Reunion. The Reunion Committee will be sending periodic reunion updates to the Class. The Reunion weekend starts Thursday, October 4 and will end Sunday, October 7. Some specifics are:

- \* Planned around October 6, 2018 as an AWAY game weekend

- \* Away game is Navy vs.

Air Force played at Colorado Springs, CO

- \* The Naval Academy Football Stadium N-Star Room will be used to watch the AWAY football Game. This event will be fully catered much like the very well-received 55th Reunion Tailgate. The \* N-Star Room has many large screen televisions for superb Navy football viewing, and as an AWAY game, no need to rush back to those "lovely" End-Zone seats!

See the 59th Reunion tentative schedule on the class web site. Mark your Calendars! / Make your hotel reservations.

### Griff Hamilton Reports Reunion Hotels Update:

The reservation blocks at our three hotels are being filled rapidly. The 60-room block at the Hilton Garden Inn is completely filled, with a Waiting list. The Courtyard by

Marriott 60-room block is filling up, as is the 20-Room block at the Residence Inn by Marriott. Several classmates report that at the Marriott properties, senior rates may be available, which are somewhat lower than the Class of 59 negotiated rates. One reservation was given to a person not identifiable as a classmate. If grandchildren, etc., who want to make reservations identify the classmate with whom they identify, it will help maintain the integrity of the system. End Report on Status of our next reunion.

### Walt Szczypinski Reports:

Amidst a background of seasonal decorations and music several of our classmates and spouses from the greater DC/Annapolis region met in early December at Springfield (VA) Golf & Country Club to celebrate the holiday season. The gathering featured wonderful camaraderie, reminiscences, and a delicious three course meal. Toasts were offered in honor of our country and our class and the evening ended with a rousing "Go Navy, Beat Army"! Attendees shown in the accompanying photo included: Ray and Eileen Art, Jay and Pat Bainbridge, Guy and Judy Curtis, Bruce and Pearl Brown, Charlie and Betsy Dobbs, Art and Nickie Emmerson, Gary and Ann Smith, Walt and Caroline Szczypinski, Sue Volgeneau, Jerry and Bonnie Welsh.

### Rise and Shine!



'59: Celebrating the Season in early December

## '60

**Life Membership: 69%**

**Donor Participation: 35.58%**

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From **Bob Antonio (14)**:

✉ Bill...eight of us got together at the Navy/Memphis game on 10/14. Activities included the ducks at the Peabody Hotel, an Alumni Association reception, the football game and plenty of BBQ and libation. Left to right is **Dan Affourtit (24)**, **Bob Gamba (11)**, **Dick Hamon (8)**, **John Claman (3)**, **Hank Papa (17)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Jim McConnell (23)**, and **John Michalski (6)**. —Bob

From **Sam Ward (8)**:

✉ Bill, a group of Southern California (SoCal) classmates gathered at the Coronado Golf Course to celebrate the birthday of deceased

classmate **RADM. Jack Shaw(2)** on October 12, 2017. Jack's wife, Jan Shaw, a regular SoCal event attendee, was present, and thanked the group for putting together such a nice tribute to Jack. Jack was the driving force behind SoCal events in the first decade of the 2000s, and is still remembered fondly by all his classmates in the area. Participants in the luncheon were: Glee & **John Schmidt (20)**, **Denis Crawford (2)**, with Mary George, Margaret & **Tom Curtis (22)**, Pam & **Mike Fenn (4)**, Avery & **Ben Hollowell (3)**, Janet & **Doc Hand(7)**, Connie & **Bill Lloyd (21)**, Ann & **George Marburger (20)**, Nancy & **John Pethick (9)**, Joyce & **Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Jan Shaw, Sue & **Sam Ward (8)**

From **Bill Fannemell (4)** via **Bob Traister (2)**:

✉ Hi Bob, I am at our place in Northern Minnesota. Nobey and I are headed for Phoenix on Sat. Plan to be there and Vegas through Thanksgiving. Then a week or two in Hawaii... late Nov/early Dec. Xmas in Phoenix.



'60: Navy/Memphis game on October 14



'60: SoCal group



'60: Gathering of classmates and wives

We aren't living in Vietnam any more. But may spend a couple of Weeks there in late Feb. We Lived in Vietnam from 2004 till 2014. Most of the time in Danang. Some in Saigon. I built a couple of golf courses and some resorts. If you are still playing golf and have time, I did The Montgomerie Links in Danang and The Bluffs in Ho Tram (on the coast 2 hrs south of Saigon) A Greg Norman Design. Both are really nice courses, You would enjoy them.

Spend Summers in Minnesota, and at our daughter and son in laws fishing resort, El Capitan Lodge in Southeast Alaska. Hope all is well with you. Aloha, Bill

From **George Marburger (20)**:

✉ Bill, During trip East in October, Ann and I stayed with Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)** and had the opportunity to return to Annapolis to pay respects to **Bill Babiash (20)** at the USNA columbarium and enjoy fresh caught crabs with Beth and **Jim Knorr (20)**.

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ Bill; We met at Giorgio's Italian in Milpitas, CA for the Northern California classmates get together in October for lunch and memories, both current and long past. Patrick drew the short straw so he had to listen (re-listen) to Dick's jokes. Everyone is in (relatively) good health, traveling and enjoying life. None of the group were hurt by the California fires nor the politics, so life is good. Attendees were **Raymond Burkley (2), Bob Bourke (1), Patrick Sullivan (6), Dick Shawkey (24), Dennis Vied (24),**

**Spencer Cleveland (6), Kevin Ryan (4) and Daniel Affourtit (24)**. Best Regards, Raymond

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ October's lunch was an enriching experience, with former Undersecretary of the Navy Robert Murray providing insights and leading an informative discussion on (1) the recommissioning and utilization of the battleships in the Middle East that took place on his watch, (2) the formation and impact of the Strategic Studies Group, which he later established as Dean of the Naval War College, and (3) the tragic circumstances that led to the blowing up of the Marine barracks in Lebanon (from his vantage point as a member of the investigating team).

Because our speaker for November was a West Point grad (Joe Reeder, Class of '70), we turned it into an Army/Navy Class of '60 affair. A good turnout, with seven Army and 20 of us. In addition to Joe's insightful presentation on the Panama Canal and its transfer, which took place during his tenure as Undersecretary of the Army and Chair of the Panama Canal Commission from 1993-97, we offered a couple of joint toasts. First, a toast in absentia to Jim Hancock, (who is in pretty tough shape these days from Parkinson's) in tribute to the central role he played in facilitating our lunches and other events at the Army-Navy Country Club, going way back to the beginning.

The second toast was to Army football, welcoming them back to the land of the living. With reference to their 8 and 2 record and



'60: Oz, Chabot, Suddath and Sweetser

impressive victory over Air Force, we imbedded in the toast our solemn pledge to do our level-best to turn that 2 into a 3. Great spirit all around, and a good time had by all.

Represented at one or more of these lunches were Martha & **George Dowell (19)**, Fae & **Bud Pezet (13)**, Beverly & **Grant Sharp (19)**, Charlotte & **Bob Stevenson (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, **John Chenard (14)**, **Hank Chiles (21)**, **Gary Cogdell (7)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, **Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Lou Schriefer (10)**, Darlene Matulka, Dareen and yours truly.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Bill, Missed you and Linda at our Christmas party last night. Hope you both are doing fine. A few of us shared a little champagne before the start of the party in my home. Like a warm up to the big event. Here is a photo of the guys; **Oz, Pete Chabot (14), Jack Suddath (6), and Skip Sweetser (6)**.

I learned that Jack and Skip were roommates at the Boat School, so it was fun to hear their old stories. OZ

From **Jim Duffy (7)**:

✉ My greetings to all and here is a family update. In April 2016 Carolyn and I sold our lovely home of 30 years in Annapolis Cove and bought into a very upscale retirement home just about a mile closer to the USNA Chapel. The home is "Bay Woods of Annapolis", Take a look at the web site . We had to move due to Carolyn's dementia. We are quite happy here. More than half the residents are either USNA alumni or widows of grads. The people living

here are universally great folks which is one of the nicest features. '60 pals here are Jan Branquist {Ron's lovely widow} and Joanne & **Bob Gamba (11)**, fairly recent arrivals. Another good pal is Class of 59 Marty Finerty's lovely widow Joan. All of the facilities and programs here are 1st class. Bay woods differs from most other retirement homes in that you actually buy your apartment, prices range from \$200K up to probably \$550K+. The food is superb. We strongly encourage any of you considering a retirement home to come for a visit. You'll like what you see. We are proud to report that our daughter Ellen's (Paul Jenkins '85} son Emmett is in the Class of 2021 with his sister Cecilia a probable candidate for the Class of 2023.

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ Many thanks for **Bob Antonio (14)** and **Al Whitaker (16)** for setting up these two fun-filled Holiday events and to **Jack Greenhalgh (9)** for getting tickets for the Holiday Pops Concert. 'Twas a memorable weekend for a variety of reasons: **Bob Ianucci (16)** quietly announced his engagement to Jackie Rabidoux and **Paul Cooper (5)** celebrated his birthday! A few of the photos taken at our Christmas Party at the Twin Rivers Country Club and dinner at Sal's by Victor in Williamsburg will be in the next SHIPMATE. Paula and I wish you a very Merry Christmas & a Safe & Happy New Year!