

engineering companies dealing with Super Fund sites in the U.S. and abroad. Buff retired for good in 1997 and can be credited with helping to clean up a lot of messes and preventing others.

Still another interesting "rest of the story" concerns Mal Bartels from the 9th Company. Mal was a submariner and during his career he became part of the Trieste team. The Trieste II is a DSV or deep submergence vessel that was designed to dive to 20,000 feet with a crew of two. Now in the early 1970s the U.S. operated "spy" satellites that would orbit over the Soviet Union and other communist bloc countries taking very high resolution pictures. At a programmed point the satellite would launch a re-entry vehicle containing thousands of feet of film (each satellite had several REV's). After they were launched from the satellite each REV would enter the atmosphere over the Pacific and deploy a parachute. A specially configured AF C-130 would then snatch the REV in mid air or at least that was the plan and it did work, but not always. In 1971 one of the REV's had a parachute failure and it fell into the ocean and ended up at a depth of 16,400 feet. So who comes to the rescue? None other than Mal Bartels and his Trieste II. With Mal as the Officer in Charge the Trieste II dove to 16,400 feet and recovered the REV.

■ CLOSING RANKS

John Miller, 9th Company, passed away on 25 August 2017.

William Stamps Howard, 15th Company, passed away on 7 July 2017.

Phillip Criswell, 4th Company died on 15 July 2017.

Harold Reeger, 8th Company died on 23 August 2017.

Arlene Baughman, the widow of Jack Mason, 4th Company, died on 25 July 2017.

'59

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Sad Times:

Frank Pipkin sends:

✉ Below is a photo of 1959 Classmates attending the reception honoring **Jack Shirreffs**, following his inurnment at the Academy Columbarium on April 28, 2017.

Rise and Shine!!

'60

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From **Bob Antonio (14)**:

✉ Following the commissioning of the USS Gerald Ford (CVA-78). The picture was taken at a pre commissioning reception the night before (7/21) the commissioning of USS Gerald R Ford (CVN78). **Jim McConnell (23)**, is right and I'm on the left pictured with the CNO, ADM John M. Richardson '82 and son, RADM Brian K. Antonio '83. Brian, an EDO is currently Program Executive Office (PEO) Carriers, an EDO responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, overhaul and repair of all the Navy's aircraft carriers. This includes the mid-life refueling of all the Nimitz carriers. It's a big job with lots of visibility. The ship is remarkable. It increases the sortie rate by a third with 600 fewer people. It's got 23 new technologies. Over the next two years they have to make sure they all work. It's been

to sea twice and has worked magnificently. Bob

From **Ed Besch (15)**:

✉ It's been a long time since we've seen each other, at a luncheon in the DC area, I think. Hope all is well with you. I had knee surgery in early January and am doing pretty well, but need another knee done this summer.

"My book U. S. Colored Troops Defeat Confederate Cavalry: Action at Wilson's Warf, Virginia 24 May 1864

has recently been published by McFarland & Co. in Jefferson, NC. In a land-naval action, two regiments of U. S. Colored Troops (black soldiers under white officers), supported by two U. S. Navy gunboats defeated attacks by 11 regiments of Rebel cavalry which had "orders to kill every man in the fort."

It feels great to be an Octogenarian Author." — Ed

From **Ted Parsons (18)**:

✉ "Barney! Great pic old fellow Battleship Sailor. Recommend you send it in to Shipmate. Better do it quick before we are on the wrong side of the grass. On the USS Iowa BB6, summer of 1957. Top row **Don Boecker (15)** & **Hal Sullivan (6)**. Bottom row **Ted Parsons (18)** & **Bill (Tank) Thomas (17)**

Sorry to hear about (Doug) Doug Morgan (15). I can't watch the movie Deer Hunter without thinking about the jolly times we had in that little coal mining town Mount Carmel, PA. Doug was an upbeat happy fellow and it was a stroke of good fortune to have him as a good friend. May he rest in peace.



1959 Classmates at Jack Shirreffs reception, following his inurnment at the Columbarium on Friday, April 28, 2017. Back row: Don Chomicz, Paddy Ford, Tom Lukish, Jay Bainbridge, George Simmons, Dolf Lekebusch, Norm Bednarek, Frank Pipkin, Dan Truax, Charlie Dobbs; FRONT ROW: Bob Reifsnnyder, Harry Boltz, Ray LaVan, Joe Flynn, Jim Dunn (60)



'60: Bob Antonios '60, CNO, son Brian '83 (PEO Carriers) and Jim McConnell '60

I took a trip up to the Canadian Air Force base at a place called Cold Lake, Alberta. LCol Sean Doell RCAF, son of my buddy Elmer Doell, took command of CF-18

410 Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron and invited us. Quite impressive, with the fly over, the bag-pipes, and the strange way that these Canadians march around. You can't help but love them. One of the Captains just returned from a two year tour with VAF-122 which, apparently is the F/A18 RAG.

Things are as peaceful as ever here in Canmore, Alberta. Hope all is well with you and Gan. Come up in the Summer/Fall and share some of the beauty of this great land. What the hell, the whole country has legalized pot and the Prime Minister is a Snowboard instructor. How can you go wrong? — Ted



From **John Schmidt (20)**:

☒ SOCAL 60 and spouses recently met at the Schroeder's lovely home for a social and potluck dinner. Attending were **Tom Curtis (22)**, **Bill Lloyd (21)**, **John Schmidt (20)**, **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Dick Banister (9)**, **Mike Merrill (20)**, **Sam Ward (8)**, **John Pethick (9)**, **Doc Hand (7)**, **Denny Crawford (2)**, **Mike Fenn (4)**, **Tom McDonough (4)**, and **Chuck Schroeder (23)**. — John

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

☒ "Bill; We missed meeting for lunch in June but here is the group that met at On The Border restaurant in Milpitas on July 27th, arranged by **Dennis Vied (24)**. The 'mountain folks' were all tied up this month so none of them made it down to the lunch. **Pat Sullivan (6)** just returned from a trip to Ireland and **Chuck Peterson (18)** is leaving on a trip to the Middle East. **Dan Affourtit (24)** just returned from

Houston, Texas. Raymond just had his eyes dilated so Dan had to read the food menu to him, the Jameson does not need a menu. The attendees are **Dennis Vied (24)**, **Pat Sullivan (6)**, **Spencer Cleveland (6)**, **Dan Affourtit (24)**, **Raymond Burkley (2)** and **Chuck Peterson (18)**. If any classmates are traveling out to Northern California let us know. — Raymond

From **Dick Shawkey (24)**:

☒ Hi Bill, The class of 60 was represented at the Navy-Florida Atlantic University game by just three grads: **Dave Schnegelberger (16 Co)**, **Jim Neal** and me (both 24 Co). (see far right column) Note that Dave is from Colorado and I'm from LaLa Land. Jim is the only

Floridian in the photo. The Miami Chapter of the Alumni Association is to be commended or putting on a first class tail gate. As for the game, one could say that the offense was something akin to a battering ram. They kept hitting the middle of the FAU line so that by the latter part of the second quarter, Navy was making gains on virtually every running play. Meanwhile, mother nature was putting on a lightning display that eventually came within eight miles of the stadium and the game had to be postponed a couple of times. Finally, at 2 a.m., the game was called giving Navy its first win of the season.

During half time, **Bob Renner's (23)** eldest son Eric (a FAU grad)

introduced himself to me. He spotted my Class of 60 ball cap. Eric was accompanied by his wife and his mother, Carol. For those who aren't aware, Bob died in an aircraft accident while undergoing carrier quals in prep for a forthcoming WestPac deployment in 1970. I'm happy to say that Bob's family appears to be doing well. — Dick



From **Ed Mangan (20)**:

☒ Bill, In preparation for the start of another great Navy Football Season The Annapolis Class of 1960 Group gathered at the Eastport Yacht Club for lunch on September 8, (pictured nearby). The group included several of our friends from the DC and WR areas. Storytelling and elbow bending were practiced for the coming tailgate and cheers for the team were rehearsed to help defeat Tulane the following day. There were twelve classmates and nine ladies there to keep us honest. The attendance included: **Merf Moerschel (2)**, Carolyn and **Willie Taylor (7)**, Vickey and **Bob Meck (19)**, Gloria and **Bob Antonio (14)**, Joanne and **Bob Gamba (11)**, Nancy and **John Michalski (6)**, Kathy and **Ben Mercer (12)**, Carolyn and **Jim Duffy (7)**, Suzanne and **Ed Mangan (20)**, Betty and **Ken Loveland (23)**, Fay Daniels, **Bud Pezet (13)** and **Ron Burdge (9)**. Two football oriented lunches are planned for October 20 before the UCF Game and November 10 before SMU. All are invited to join us. —Ed



'60: SOCAL 60



'60: In Milipitas



'60: Eastport Yacht Club