

NOTHING ENDURES BUT CHANGE

As we near our 60th Reunion I feel the need to warn some of the Class, who have not visited the Academy for a few years, of some of the changes they may observe. Consider cars, lots of cars. For the Midshipmen of today all the 1/C can own and operate cars all of 1/C year. They can park them at the Academy, at Hospital Point, which is kind of a big parking lot and at the football stadium. Of course, they can drive their cars although you may not notice many Midshipmen driving around town because they can wear civilian clothes on liberty and the liberty limits now go to 35 miles which includes Washington and Baltimore. Same rules for 2/C, but the 1/C get the better parking spots assigned.

Another interesting change has to do with alcohol. Any Midshipman over the age of 21 can drink. It is okay at what we used to call the Officers and Faculty Club and for the 1/C at the "Firsties Club," wherever that is, and of course on liberty and in private homes. So far, at least, they can't drink in Bancroft Hall.

CLOSING RANKS

Orv Kiehn from the 14th Company died on 2 June 2018.
Tom Pratt of the 4th Company passed on 11 June 2018.

'59

Life Membership: 64%
Donor Participation: 13.93%

Chairman Exec. Committee:

Gerald G. Garbacz

e: garysmith522@msn.com

Sec'y: **CAPT Charles C. Pease, USN (Ret.)**

20510 Falcons Landing Cir., Apt. 1404

Potomac Falls, VA 20165-7596

p: 703-549-4285; e: classec1959@gmail.com

Webmasters: **Pete and Elaine Stout**

Website: www.USNA1959.com

Change of Email and Snail Mail Address for Class Correspondence:

If you have not provided your current Email address and Snail Mail Address to your Company Representative and to me, please do so. If you do not have an email address for your Company Representative, please send an email message to classec1959@gmail.com.

Also, please update your Data on the Alumni Association Web Site. At the present time I have about twenty email addresses that fail when I send out a message to the Class.

**Good Times: Class of 1959 Réunion
A message from Gary Smith**

✉ By now, I hope all who are able will have registered for our 59th Reunion. It is just a month away on October 4-7, 2018. For us older folks, the Committee has planned a relaxing and sumptuous buffet on Saturday afternoon in the comfort of the N* Room at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium while we watch on TVs as Navy's football team destroys Air Force at Colorado Springs. We start the Reunion on Friday with a Memorial Service for our departed classmates followed by Company Parties that night. We end the weekend on Sunday with Chapel Services and a Farewell Brunch at the USNA Club. See the schedule in the Gouge for additional events. (www.usna1959.com) See you in October. Beat AIR FORCE. Gary

Sad Times:**Walter Szczypinski sends:**

✉ On June 1st several classmates and spouses joined Bonnie Welsh and her family at a Columbarium Inurnment service for husband and fellow '59'er, Jerry Welsh. Among those in attendance were Elaine and Pete Stout, Louise and Joe Flynn, Betsy and Charlie Dobbs, Linda and Norm Bednarek, Pat and Jay Bainbridge, Jane and Jerry Garbacz, Nickie and Art Emmerson, Caroline and Walt Szczypinski, Gary Smith, and Bill Garrett. Following the service several attendees gathered at the recently dedicated USNA Cemetery and Columbarium Locator, another impressive addition from the Class of 1959.

**CLASS SECRETARY
COLUMN DEADLINES**

Send to: clasnews@usna.com

ISSUE:	DUE DATE:
Oct 2018	30 July 2018
Nov-Dec 2018	24 Sep 2018
Jan-Feb 2019	26 Nov 2018
March 2019	27 Dec 2018



Pictured left to right: Bill Garrett, Norm Bednarek, Jay Bainbridge, Elaine Stout, Gary Smith and Pete Stout.

**To me, Tim. Submitted by
Walt Szczypinski (18th Co.):**

✉ The phrase "... when two or three shall meet, and old tales be retold ..." was never more fulfilled than this past June 1st in Fairfax, Virginia. At a reception following the Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2018 of Paul VI High School, needless to say I was surprised to see John Dettbarn (17th Co.) approaching from across the room. He and his lovely wife, Gloria, had traveled from Carlsbad, CA for the graduation of their granddaughter, Emily Dettbarn. In turn, Caroline and I were looking ahead to the weekend graduation of our triplet grandsons, Andrew, Patrick and Sean McHale. We had a mini- reunion of sorts recollecting tales of our days in the 5th Battalion and regaling in the accomplishments of our soon to be college freshmen. It was a fun evening for both families.

Good Times : Walter Szczypinski sends again:

✉ "When two or three shall meet, and old tales be retold." was never more fulfilled than this past June 1st in Fairfax, Virginia. At a reception following the Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2018 of Paul VI High School, needless to say I was surprised to see John Dettbarn (17th Co.) approaching from across the room. He and his lovely wife, Gloria, had traveled from Carlsbad, CA for the graduation of their granddaughter, Emily Dettbarn. In turn, Caroline and I were looking ahead to the weekend graduation of our triplet grandsons, Andrew, Patrick and Sean McHale. We had a mini- reunion of sorts recollecting tales of our days in the 5th Battalion and regaling in the accomplishments of our soon to

be college freshmen. It was a fun evening for both families



Pictured Left to Right: John and Gloria Dettbarn, Caroline and Walt Szczypinski

'60

Life Membership: 70%
Donor Participation: 19.35%

Pres: **John J. Michalski**

Pres: **John J. Michalski**

2039 Homewood Rd., Annapolis, MD
21409-5971; p: 410-757-6429

e: navygoat@comcast.net

Sec'y: **Bill Lewis**

1300 S Hwy A1A Unit 508, Jupiter, FL 33477

p: 804-334-6353; e: bilewis@comcast.net

Website: <http://www.usna60.com>

Classmates: I recently relocated (most of the time) from Virginia to Jupiter, Florida. I was talking to a gentleman who visited Culebra some time ago and accounted that he met a Commander Bernie (possibly Roeder) who lived there. I thought that I remembered that name associated with the Caribbean in years past. Lo and behold I was correct.

From **Bernie Roeder (23):**

✉ Bill Thanks for your note. You are correct about our living in Culebra. In 1993 my wife, Francette, and I accidentally went to Culebra on a weekend getaway while at Roosevelt Roads travelling space-a. We fell in love with the island and its laid back lifestyle, purchased a house on the water, and escaped Rhode Island winters for 13 years. When Roosy closed down due to the protests in Vieques in 2005, we lost out on the hospital there and sold our home. We then relocated to Coronado, sold RI, downsized to a wonderful condo in the heart of the village and are really happy here. Coronado is the right thing at the right time. Probably could not have afforded it any earlier.

When we arrived in O6 there were two classmates here, Benny

60/60 CLASS NEWS

Hallowell (3) and Jack Shaw (2). Sadly, Jack died about eight years ago but Benny is still going strong, albeit slowly. There are lots of classmates over the bridge in San Diego and South County.

I am not sure where you are living? Thanks again for the contact and would be happy to stay in touch. Kind regards, Bernie

From **John Schmidt (20)**:

✉ **John Schmidt (20), Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Jan Shaw, Avery & **Ben Hallowell (3)** at the 3rd annual Old Goats Kids Who Care wheelchair basketball tournament. The Old Goats who now number 40 of our USNA '60 classmates and widows was founded after our 47 1/2 San Diego reunion 8 years ago. The Old Goats have added the Kids Who Care program and continue to work with transitioning wounded warriors and their families and are now under the auspices of the Charlie Humphrey Keating IV Foundation. Benny was recognized by the Coronado Mayor and many of the speakers and benefactors for his years of service to this effort. For information or to join, contact Ben.



From **Dick Bannister (9)**:

✉ Bill — Just a short note to tell you that my wife Carol and I took a road trip in May to Santa Fe, New Mexico. En route, we visited Canyon de Chelly in Arizona and Chaco Canyon in New Mexico and a few other spots in Arizona and New Mexico. While in Santa Fe, we met up with our 9th company classmate **Dave Hofmann**. It was great seeing Dave again. We had dinner and visited Dave's studio. He is an artist in Santa Fe which, as you probably know, is a very artsy place. Enclosed is a photo of the three of us as well as one of Dave with probably his most famous cave painting.

Since I am writing, I'll tell you that I have experienced three brain surgeries beginning in October last year. I was suffering from fluid on the brain with some stability and balance issues starting to show up. The surgeons installed a shunt (drain) in my brain to get rid of excess fluid and, after solving a few adjustment problems, the new hardware seems to be working just fine. My balance and stability have improved and physical endurance is now back to normal.

Carol and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020 for the 60th. All the best — Dick Banister.



From **Jim Knorr (20)**:

✉ Bill, on TODAY show recently was Jack Lynch's (11) daughter, KT and her high school students. She was honored as New Jersey Teacher of the Year (Jersey City) Tug

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Well, folks, they never did restart the LPGA as of now, so methinks we made a good decision. So sorry, but glad everyone didn't have to drive all the way from VB only to be disappointed.

However not all went for naught. Muriel & **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, Eleanor & **Jack Suddath (6)**, and **Joel Febel (5)** and Sarah came over anyhow and we all had about a 3-hour chat drinking wine and eating sandwiches and dessert. I truly enjoyed our time together. I don't do that much anymore.

So, we've been rain wiped two years in a row now. The odds are on our side for next year. God bless. Oz

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ Bill, we kicked off the first of our May double header with a combined W'Burg/Hampton Roads luncheon in the "new" French restaurant, Le Yaca, located in Virginia Beach. This restaurant is an offshoot of the Le

Yaca restaurant in Williamsburg, where we have celebrated many class Christmas dinner parties over the past years. The second half of the May doubleheader will take place in W'Burg on Sat., 19 May at a luncheon hosted by Bob Osmon during the LPGA Golf Tournament.

Twenty classmates attended and were presented with a wonderful three course luncheon menu topped off with superior service. In attendance were: **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Al Bissell (8)**, **Ed Clexton (10)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Tom Inderlied (21)**, **Bert Johnson (10)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Mike McCullough (14)**, **Bob Osmon (17)**, **Wick Parcells (12)**, **Bob Powers (8)**, **Torry Rogers (3)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Al Whitaker (16)** and **Arky Vaughn (21)**.

Here's a few photo highlights from today's luncheon for possible inclusion in SHIPMATE.



'60



From **Rob Kunkle (10)**:

✉ Classmates (and others), Spent 22 - 31 May visiting family (Albuquerque & Santa Fe) friends and class mates in Monterrey, CA. Stayed with teammate Portia & **Bob Bourke (1)** in Monterrey and attended a Class of '60 luncheon in Los Gatos with classmates (L to R): **Dennis Vied (24)**, **Pat Sullivan (6)**, **Charlie Roberts (20)**, **Ray Burkley (2)**, **Spencer Cleveland (6)**, **Bob Bourke (1)** and yours truly. Yes, that IS a USNA shirt with our "Esso Station" name tags. I had it buttoned but then unbuttoned, so I could breathe!

That evening Bob and Portia hosted me, Pat, Charlie and wife Mary at their home. Portia took pictures from the 1960 yearbook, blew them up, framed them and presented to each guest. The American flag and "10" represented '10th Company' on her place setting markers. I captured mine to add to my photo!

From **Jim (Tug) Knorr (20)**:

✉ Bill - yesterday I played in the 95th National Marbles Alumni Tournament in Wildwood, NJ. Was oldest in tourney and won my first match and did my best to finish 8 other matches with not much success other than walking away with a smile on my face knowing that I showed up and survived. Tug