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Email address is **obits@usna.com**.

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**Good Times Tim Tinsley (17) reports:**

■ **Our annual trek to Williamsburg, VA for golf and good fellowship drew 17 Classmates during May 12-15. The event originally began in 2000 with 12 golfers at Pinehurst, NC, shifting to Williamsburg**



'59 Golfers in Williamsburg

the following year. This year **Dave Donovan (13)** again served superbly as publicist, organizer, catering manager, tee time coordinator, and billeting officer. In other words — he did it all!

In years past, we have had 24 players and a wait list. Attending has gotten harder with the passage of the years for various reason. So there is no wait list for those of you who may wish to join the fun next year. Just let Dave know at: [donovanvabeach@cox.net](mailto:donovanvabeach@cox.net)

This year's recipient of the **Anchor Man Trophy** (originated in 2004) was none other than **Reif** himself. The criteria for the award is loosely defined and can differ yearly, but serves to recognize an unusual, zany occurrence during the outing. For 2015, we voted the award to Bob for having left his suitcase and golf shoes at home. Sandy Reifsnyder discovered the left items and tried unsuccessfully to call Bob while he was enroute. She was able to reach Tom Lukish who advised Reif upon his arrival at the golf course in Williamsburg. Sandy had already begun driving the round trip from their home on the Maryland Eastern Shore to deliver the goods. "Saint Sandy" to the rescue!

For the **Doug Volgenau Memorial Trophy** for golfing excellence during the three rounds of golf, the winner this year was **Walt Baskin (1)** for overall low net. **Art Emmerson (6)** was a close second. Format for this gathering remained unchanged from recent years. Dave reserves adjacent two bedroom condos, one of which serves as the hospitality center. **Fred Olds ((8)**, was OIC) for nightly attitude adjustment hours. Golf venues were the beautiful Gold and Green Courses at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Colonial Williamsburg. **John Mascali (8)** stepped up to lead the "Class meeting" on the last night to determine the aforementioned trophy awards, and to register suggestions for next year. Because we had extra space this year, we welcomed two golfing grandsons, **Dave Donovan IV** and **Tom Lukish III**, both fine young men.

The '59 Golfers group photo accompanying includes from Left to **Right, Front Row: Robin Battaglini (17), Mickey King(5), Dave Donovan (13), Rick Johnson(17), Art Emmerson (6), Fred Olds(8), Ray Art( 5), Tim Tinsley(17), Joe Flynn (6). Back Row: Bob Reifsnyder (5), Walt Baskin(1), Tom Lukish(2), Jim Fuqua(9) , Guy Curtis (7), John Mascali (8), Bill Wheaton(14), Howie Berkowitz(18). ■**

**In Memoriam: Ed Hoynes (18) Walt Szczypinski (18)** reports:

■ Family, classmates, spouses and friends gathered at the USNA Columbarium on June 19 to bid a final farewell to Ed Hoynes, 18th Company, who had passed away on January 15th. Following the scripture reading a moving homily was offered by the chaplain prior to the group gathering at the Columbarium site for the inurnment. Classmates in attendance included former **roommates Harry Brock(18) and Howie Berkowitz(18)**, as well as **Walt Szczypinski (18) , Carl Mott(18), Charlie Pease(10) , Dan Truax(6), Joe Flynn( 6), Norm Bednarek(22 ) , Bill Garrett(3), Ray Art (5), Frank Pipkin (11), Bob Beaton(2), and George Simmons(15)**. Also attending was **Larry Goldstein, Class of 1957**, from 18th Company. A reception at which recollections of Ed's life were shared was hosted by Ed's wife, Nancy, at the U.S. Naval Academy Club following the service. ■

*Rise and Shine !!!*

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From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ "A recent *Shipmate* Magazine, showed our brother **Buck Bonifay (17)** in a super photo along with his son and granddaughter as part of the USAA ad we have recently seen on TV. He laments that USAA could have found a better looking classmate, but frankly, I think he represents us very well. He's still a handsome looking dude! Oz" ■

Also from **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ “Dear Classmates, Our good friend and classmate Jack Greenhalgh (9) has been very active in the Honor Flight program since its early inception in the area years ago. A heart BZ to Jack for the wonderful volunteer work he is still doing. Our WWII Vets deserve this special treatment. Isn't it great how at this age we can still make a significant contribution? God bless to all. Oz” ■

From **Al Bissell's** (8) wife Barbara:

■ “Thanks to Jack. As the daughter of a Pearl Harbor survivor, who had to empty bullets out of his shoes when he had a moment to put them on later in the day, this program is especially meaningful to me. As a teenager I used to wake up every morning in my bedroom in Makalapa, looking out over Ford Island, and think about those hours and his part in them. I so wish he could have seen that beautiful memorial. Thanks for making it possible for others to do so. Barbara” ■

From **Buck Bonifay** (17) also on Honor Flight:

■ “Since retiring and this program began I have had the privilege of participating on several Honor Flights from Oklahoma. I consider each of them to be the best veteran contribution to WWII veterans, many I know personally, and to all those still alive, who have gone before us. Keep in mind Korean and Vietnam Nam veterans will soon enter that age group and should receive the same honors. I'm sure we all have heavy hearts for our own classmates and numerous friends whose names are on the VN Memorial Wall. For those of you who have participated you know the satisfying feeling and moral obligation to keep this program alive and well funded in your state. Jack I salute you and each of you fellow USNA Super 60's for your participation in this most worthy cause. Buck ■

Finally from **Jack Greenhalgh** (9):

■ “Thank you. Here in Virginia, we have been taking Korean vets to both the WWII and Korean Monuments for a couple of years. After 13 Honor Flight trips over 6 years for this Chapter, about half of the vets going now are of the Korean War era. Any classmate that hasn't participated as a guardian on one of these trips is missing an amazing and intensely satisfying day they would always remember fondly and proudly. **Bob Osmon** (17) and **Bill Kee** (9) have served as guardians and would reinforce that idea. Jack ■

**Al Whitaker** (16) and **George VanHouten** (24) at a recent Hampton Roads Luncheon

**Jim Duffy** (7) sent a picture taken from the Internment for Bob Lowe (7) just before the reunion. The attendees, in the picture, along with Angela Lowe, included Carolyn & **Jim Duffy** (7), **Jim Britell** (13), **Willie Taylor** (7), **John Michalski** (6), and **Bob Gamba** (11).

**Lanny Cox '63**: sent us information concerning a medical video that Larry Barringer (3) was involved in the production of. I've forwarded it to our website and hope that it will be available to checkout.

From **Bob Osmon** (17):

■ “Dear Class of 1960 Naval Academy Classmates, I recently returned from three week trip to Ukraine. I can only say that due to the dramatic falling currency, the corruption in the government, and the overwhelming presence of Russia that this country is headed for big troubles. While I was in Kiev, I was blessed to meet and have dinner Brad Bird, a free lance reporter from Canada who had just come off the front lines in the East.

The bottom line, as all of us are so thoroughly aware, is that we are so blessed to be Americans and living in this country. Thank you God. Thanks to all of you for your service to our great nation. God bless. Oz” ■

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



*Combemale (19) & Babiash (19) cutting the cake*

■ “Potpourri of pictures from 19-20 Companies Party at the Reunion, on Friday night. We really learned a lot about the criminals who made history while at Navy. **Bob Meck** (19) spoke about Nite Crawlers and surprisingly **Dave Raymond** (20) broke the news that 20th rascals burned the N on Maryland new Byrd Stadium midfield, causing us to Man the Yard Fences to prevent Marylanders from invading a few nights later! ■

**Bill Babiash** (20) at 80 (81 in August) was oldest present a party, and **John Combemale** (19) was also 80 but a bit younger - they cut our cake together. Several attendees spoke about very interesting aspects of their lives, which was great use of party time. Unfortunately **Butch Thompson** (19) and his bride went SEGWAYING around



*'60: Lowe (7) Internment*



*'60: 19 & 20 Company party*

Annapolis Friday afternoon and she fell and broke her foot. Only ones to miss event. They did attend the dinner on Saturday eve. 19th Co had 20 and 20th Co had 19 at Fri eve event.

Bill here are the results for the 2015 Outing: 2015 Champion - **Wick Parcels (12)**, Runner Up - **Bob Traister (2)**, Closest to Pin on #4 - **Bud Collicott (2)**, Closest to Pin on #7 - **Bud Collicott (2)**, Closest to Pin on #17 - **Joe Tranchini (14)**, Longest Drive #15 - **Wick Parcels (12)**, Straightest Drive #15 - **Gene Chancy (12)**. 16 classmates participated, 2 wives - Jewell Moore and Jan Traister joined us. My 11 year old grandchild Esteban Knorr also joined the fray and beat Tug! Cheers, Tug ■

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:



Paul Cooper (5) with Pat & Warren Hahn (5)



Golfers Tranchini (14), Knorr (20), Marshall (20), Parcels (12)



Osmon's LPGA watchers

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■ “Dear Bill, our gang got together for the annual LPGA Pot Luck and Beer Fest at my home last Saturday. It was an absolutely gorgeous day and the mood was festive. Everyone brought good food and **Al Whitaker (16)** again was kind enough to bring the ice cold beer.

This year we had two folks to cheer for. First of all our long time favorite caddie, Jody Keepers, was toting the bag for Danah Bordner, so we gave him a big cheer when he went by. Then Kelly Tan, a young lady from Malaysia, who stayed with me along with her caddie, came by and treated us to a Birdie on the 11th. She went on to have the best round for the tournament at -7 for the day.

Among those present with their family were **Bill Kee (9)**, **Bill Lewis (5)**, **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Tom Wishart (22)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Ed McCaskill (8)**, and **Bob Osmon (17)**. Also present was Casey Strouse '12, who gave us all a rundown how life in the fleet was going these days. She had just returned from a cruise. Attached are a few photos that **Tom Wishart (22)** so kindly took for us. God bless. Oz ■

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Well, folks, by the time you get to see this, we will be well into the summer. However, the wheels of SHIPMATE (and its correspondents) grind somewhat slowly. Some of these little articles go back to April, but it's all good stuff, and you can see how the Rest of the Class is doing (or, maybe NOT doing?). I'm putting these in, roughly in the order received. It's beginning to get a little bit sticky down here in Florida, so Connie & I are getting closer to the day we jump on the Autotrain, and head North to Blue Ridge Summit, PA (near Gettysburg). We usually stay there until the last football game at USNA. Got a little bit busier than usual this year (like we took a late Spring cruise, and trying to put together these #@%:[&]#\$# articles; actually, it's not the articles, but I just got a new PC after about 6-7 years, and EVERYTHING on

it has changed since my last Old Reliable (which passed away without warning). I believe that this one is in either ancient Greek or Polynesian. So, we'll get up there in PA just a little bit late...

In the category “better late than never” – this received from **Tom McNicholas** and **Ned Kuhns** of our very faithful Tidewater crowd:

■ “Although everyone was having such a good time that no picture was taken to document the event, the 1961 Tidewater group gathered for their monthly “dining out” at Watermans, a popular oceanfront restaurant. The following classmates and spouses enjoyed good dining with a lively crowd on a beautiful April evening overlooking the boardwalk in Virginia Beach. **Mike and Jan Bradley (3)**, **Marc & Laura Bruno (1)**, **Ken & Sandy Craig (7)**, **Cyd & Margie Driscoll (22)**, **Bob & Peg Graham (18)**, **Jim & Sharon Joyner (1)**, **Joe & Bonnie (Campbell) Kuhn (3)**, **Jim & Judy Laster (15)**, **Tom & Jane McNicholas (9)**, **John & Georgeanne Pearson (8)**, and **Kurt & Fran Rohdenburg (20)**.” ■

Here is an interesting new twist for the cruisers (or non-cruisers) among us from **Al Dessayer**:

■ Cruisemates:

This is a friendly reminder of our mini-land-reunion scheduled for next February in Florida. The date is February 6th. The all-inclusive resort is the Club Med – Sandpiper located in Port Lucie on Florida's east coast. You may reach the site at: [http://www.clubmed.us/cm/resort-sandpiper-bay-usa\\_p-115-l-US-v-SANC-pe-15H-ac-vh.html](http://www.clubmed.us/cm/resort-sandpiper-bay-usa_p-115-l-US-v-SANC-pe-15H-ac-vh.html)

Current pricing for a week stay including food and beverages for two ranges from \$1816 to \$2412 dependent on the room you select. You can decide to stay the week or you may reserve just a few days to enjoy the camaraderie and fun.

The cost per room is based on double occupancy and includes all meals, drinks including wine, beer and basic hard liquor as well as non-motorized activities. Golf is an extra \$50 per game and packages are available. Deposits to secure a reservation can be made by contacting Michelle and a full refund will be given up to 61 days prior to the gathering except for the \$120 membership fee.

Michelle Bemis recently visited the site to insure its appropriateness and is in a position to answer any questions you may have about the resort.