

was his! He had done the USMC marathon to get his shirt. He was a skimmer and not a lifer after USNA. I had posted my 50th reunion burgee on our suite door. He had seen it and thought that there would be a bunch of 59ers onboard and that we were mathematically challenged since our 50th should have been in 09 and not 14. We chatted and he and his wife marched on up on the top deck for jogging and walking ■

Good Times:

Paddy Ford (15) sends:

■ I believe we should give a hats off to the 59 wives who provide such a marvelous tail gate for us at every home game. **Yours truly (10)** thinks we should give a BZ to **Joe Ford (15)** for his service as Class Treasurer, particularly his work on the 55th Reunion. ■

Good Times:

The Andrew Rowan Award: Presented to Elaine and Peter Stout (10):

■ For service above and beyond the call of duty, upon the passing of Dave Sullivan (2), Elaine and Peter Stout have stepped up to the plate and hit home runs! They have saved our 55th Reunion from disaster by rapidly assuming control of the Class of 1959 database, and stepping in to manage the Registration Process. They have carried the message to Garcia in much the same manner as did Andrew Rowan. BZ and thank you both so much! ■

Binnacle List:

Sam Valenza (12) sends:

■ I'm sorry I couldn't make the reunion and Rutgers tailgate. Got up that morning with every intention of doing so, but just didn't work out...I'm battling a high blood pressure problem right now, and for the first time in my life, I was afraid to try the 3 hour drive alone. I wanted very much to see Delores Dagampat, Fran Donovan and some of the standbys from '55 NAPS: Naviaux, Norm Bednarek, Roger Ericson, and others. Tell them I was asking for them. ■

In Memoriam:

Bob Hydinger (2) Passed away on 2 Nov 2014.

In Memoriam:

As we go to press in late November, we note that burial for **Kent Clark (3)** is scheduled for Arlington National Cemetery on 27 January, 2015, at 11:00 AM
Rise and Shine!

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From **Ed Mangan (5)**:

■ "Bill, the Annapolis Group met for lunch at the Eastport Yacht Club on Friday September 26. With the help of Saturday's football and attendees at the President's Circle Weekend, we had a super turnout of 32 class members and guests. Peggy and **Jim Britell (13)** brought another couple as guests; **George VanHouten (24)** brought a guest, and **Merf Moerschel (2)** our host not only did a great job in making all the arrangements but brought an old friend and his daughter as guests. Attendees retold a few stories but most of the conversation revolved around the latest moves and adventures and the fantastic setting. A great time was had by all. Included were Ginny & **Don Delude (12)**, Beth & **Jim Knorr (20)**, Angela & **Bob Lowe (7)**, Fay & **Jim McConnell (23)**, Nancy & **John Michalski (6)**, Gloria & **Bob Antonio (14)**, Jane & **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, Suzanne & **Ed Mangan (20)**, Cathy & **Ben Mercer (12)**, **Bud Collicott (2)**, **Jerry Nelson (8)**, and **Willie Taylor (7)**. The day was summed up perfectly by Ben Mercer (12): "Enjoyed the lunch. EYC has a great kitchen and their waitress outdid herself." Ed ■

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ "Bill, our HR/W'burg Class luncheon was held at one of our favorite dining establishments, the Eurasia Cafe in Virginia Beach, on the 9th of Sep. Kudos to **Bob Ianucci (16)** for setting it up, "herding the cats" to get us all to the

designated luncheon spot on time. Present were: **Tom Inderlied (21)**, **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Geo. VanHouten (24)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Bert Johnson (10)**, **Bob Osmon (17)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Wick Parcels (12)** and **Ed Clextion (10)**. The food and service was excellent. With the recent christening of the newest Virginia-class attack submarine, the USS John Warner (SSN 785), **Jim Eilertsen (21)** gave us all a "pop quiz" on the specs of the ship. **Jack Greenhalgh (9)** was Johnny-on-the-spot with the most correct answers. **Ed Clextion (10)** and **Bob Ianucci (16)** related humorous stories about Senator John Warner and his wife at the time, Elizabeth Taylor. Rod" ■



Dareen & Doug

From **Ed Clextion (10)**:

■ "Bill, Catherine and I enjoyed 22 days on two Riverboats in France with Ann & **George Marburger (20)** in June/July; Paris to Normandy on the Seine, back to Paris and on to Marseille on the Soane and Rhone. Great trip, no wine left!"

"At our recent Williamsburg Christmas Party, **Doug Johnston (5)** introduced us to his new bride Dareen. We'll be looking forward to seeing more of them at the Reunion in the spring. Ed" ■



'60: Hampton Roads group



'60: Friends of Bob Bell

From **Buck Bonifay (17)**:

■ “Just sorry USAA couldn’t have found a better looking classmate to represent Super 60 than a skinny, balding Army Ranger Colonel! USAA had originally selected my youngest son Brett, who is a retired Navy Commander and his great looking family for the commercial until they found out during his final interview that I was also a 1960 member. USAA flew Gail and me from Norman to Pasadena where we met up with Brett’s family from San Diego and spent a full day filming the commercial, which you might notice only lasts 31 seconds! They made numerous takes of my entire family, many I would have liked to have included much better than just the two with Brett and me and the other including my granddaughter and my Ranger picture. It was an interesting personal and family experience but I certainly don’t expect any TV or Hollywood call backs! Regards Buck ■

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ “Bill, this was sent to me by a very close friend of our classmate, **Bob Bell (12)**. Bob’s “official” service was private and unconventional per Bob’s wishes. His “Celebration of Life” on the other hand, was attended by a large contingent of family, friends, former airline associates and Naval Academy classmates. Classmates attending included: **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Carl Bruntlett (8)**, **Gene Chancy (12)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, & **Ed Clextion (10)** in the back row. In the front row: **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Don Delude (12)**, Nanette Bell, **Ken Batchellor (12)**, **Dick Hamon (8)** & **Bill Keys (12)**

The mist and drizzle mixed with the tears of many as the raspy strains of a single bagpiper drifted above the heads of

family, friends and USNA '60 classmates of Robert W. Bell, Jr. in a final tribute to his humor, friendship and life. Three wooden canoes crafted by his own talented hands just in time for the event and crewed by his wife, Nanette and his step-son Drake, his son, Brian and Brian’s lady friend Linda, and his daughter, Bonnie and her husband Steve, rafted together to place his ashes in the pond upon which he had spent countless hours over many years fishing and communing with his love of nature and his faith.

That ceremony was followed, later in the day, by a larger gathering of about 160 family, classmates, and friends in a joyous celebration of Bob’s life. Those in attendance found conversation and comradery flowing naturally as, in their common bond to Bob; they shared openness, honesty, good humor and friendliness of character. Laughter was in abundance as the legendary escapades of Bob were recalled, recounted, and enhanced to another level. It was fitting that family and friends reconstituted perhaps the final hosting of Bob’s frequent, and renowned, pig roasts. The day that began with threatening vapor, blossomed into a pleasantly cool fall afternoon that enriched the exceptional food, jovial banter and close association in tribute to Bob’s life. Everyone in attendance toasted a final “fair winds and following seas” to our friend and classmate, Robert W. Bell, Jr.” Rod ■

From **Bob Meck (19)**:

■ “Bill: 19th Company classmates/roommates/ NIGHTCRAWLERS, **Danny Reid (19)**, **Don Weatherson (19)**, and I traveled together with our spouses to Italy and France, recently. This picture (Dan, Bob, Don) found us in France on a riverboat cruise on the Rhone and Soane rivers. Don & Joanie and Vicky and I live in New London, New Hampshire. Peg & Dan reside in

Largo, Florida. Each year, the Reids and Mecks have been traveling together somewhere in the world. The Weathersons have now joined us. Next year, we will be plying the waters of the Rhine and Mosel rivers together looking for parade fields to redesign. Bob” ■



Nightcrawlers

From **John Michalski (6)**:

■ “I was honored to attend and represent the class at a wonderful tribute to **Pete Latimer (16)** at the Navy Alumni Squash match on October 25th. Pete was a three year squash letter winner who had the distinction of being on one of just two undefeated Navy squash teams, including the 1959 squad that posted a 10-0 record and won the intercollegiate National Championship. Pete was the moving force behind Friends of Navy Squash, a group of ex players that raised funds for three new modern squash courts. When the announcement was made that all were there to honor Pete, Pete’s old squash racquet which was on display fell over with a loud crash - proving that Pete’s spirit was still in existence on the court! Pete’s long time companion, Sidsel, and his family were there to support Pete’s memory. John” ■

From **John Chenard (14)**:

■ “Bill, I’m sorry that I did not have the opportunity to visit longer with you yesterday at **Pete Latimer’s (16)** memorial. I had to leave immediately to see my visiting son in DC before he returned to Upper Carolina.

Also, as the Latimer family was exiting the front pews, along came Gordy Silcox, a shipmate from my first ship, and the one who arranged the blind date whence I first met Sheila. She was a **looker**, certainly not blind. Gordy (ROTC, Princeton) grew up with Pete and went to school together up to college. I had not seen him in years. I hope to catch you and Linda again soon in more festive events. John ■

From **Justin Wickens (18)**:

■ “Hi Bill. I just finished the Marine Corps Marathon, running with two of my kids. It was a wonderful experience. Photo attached of all three of us – daughter Catherine Wickens Bahumian, son Chuck Wickens, and me – after finishing, I’m planning to run the MCM next year, if I can get in. Still looking for classmates to train with – provided they are very slow runners, like me. Best, Justin ■



The Wickens



Miniature reminder of reunion

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Happy New Year classmates! Welcome to 2015 and only one year to go until our 55th. Hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that we got that 13th straight win over the Woops. After some mid-season stumbles including a disheartening loss to the zoomies in Colorado Springs, Navy football appears to have righted the ship and are peaking at just the right time for another win over

our comrades at West Point and a trip to sunny San Diego for the Poinsettia Bowl. A variety of inputs for this column, but first on a very sad note, the class extends its deepest sympathy to **Walt Draper (15)** on the passing of his wife, Nancy on 13 November 2014.

Moving along to **People Stuff**: **Don Coullahan (6)** provides this tidbit: 6th company mate **Gerry Chasko (right)** recently visited San Diego. We had a nice lunch together where we solved many of the world’s problems. Gerry and Jeanne live in Arizona.



Coullahan & Chasko

Warren Hoppe (21) has this via Darlene Williams, wife of classmate **Jack Williams (21)**:

■ Jack just received official word today that he has been elected a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). This is a huge honor to be recognized by the largest...14,000 members world-wide...weather organization, which was founded in 1919. Jack is receiving this honor for his “outstanding contributions to advance the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society.” The letter from the AMS says that only two-tenths of one percent of the membership receives this award, so it’s a big deal. This award especially recognizes Jack’s work for being the first weather editor of USA Today and also for writing 8 books. Jack will receive this award in Phoenix in early January at the annual AMS conference, which attracts around 2,000+ members... the AMS always picks a warm weather location in January:-) ■

Joe Maiden (10) has this report from Wrigley Field:

■ **Dick Kievit** of “Club 11” and Joe Maiden from the “Terrible Tenth” recently donned their spikes in Chicago and demonstrated their baseball prowess in the “friendly confines” of Wrigley Field, the second oldest major league

baseball field. Blessed with excellent weather, the two senior members of the group acquitted themselves quite well, playing two games a day for two days. Playing in that historic ballpark was indeed a blast, a most memorable experience. Dick’s team had the best overall record while Joe’s team lost the championship game 5-3. Joe was awarded a Web Gem Award for a stellar play at second base and team MVP.

Dick and Joe are members of an organization that annually raises funds for baseball related charities. This year the 60 attending members presented the Chicago Cub charity organization \$150,000 to benefit inner city children through participation in baseball programs.

For those baseball aficionados, the Championship Game played by our “No Bats Baseball Club” organization was the first adult championship game to be played at Wrigley in 100 years. What a great time we had. ■



Kievit & Maiden – The Boys of Summer

You may remember that in the May-June 2014 issue of *Shipmate*, **Dick Ardavany (8)** reported that **John Butler (5)** had been elected as President of the 5th Marine Division Association and was responsible for planning the 65th annual reunion of the Association in Tampa FL this past September. **Dick Petrucci (16)** has a follow up to this story: John Butler is the president of the 5th Marine Division Association. The Association celebrated its 65th Reunion in Tampa 8-15 September. John, ably assisted by his wife Kath, put together and directed a week long reunion event that had an unbelievable number of moving parts and details. The reunion was capped off with an awesome banquet dinner complete with a Marine Color Guard from the Marine Reserve