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From **Clint Johnson (10)** via **Ed Clexton (10)**: Thanks Clint, I had to share. He'd of been proud of you when you got your MIG! Ed

■ (Clint) OK, the old guys were smarter than us, and the young guys are obviously smarter than us (as everybody tells me). Where does that leave us? How did we ever get in much less graduate? It's a good thing I went Air. I don't remember much about the exam, but I sure do remember taking it. It was January '55 in a huge sorting room in the Pontiac, Michigan Post Office WITH NO HEAT! We probably lost some candidates to hypothermia and frostbite. They mailed the grades to my parents. I did ok in everything except history (2.5). My dad said that I cut it pretty close. I told him that I hadn't been around long enough to know much history! That did not go over well. I was a fourth alternate appointee of Senator Pat MacNamara of Michigan. The first four guys all gave up during Plebe summer. Senator MacNamara called the Academy and asked them to accept me without Plebe summer because I had already gone to Army boot camp. That did not go over well with the Commandant, so he made me his principal candidate for class of '60 and told me that I didn't have to retake the exam since I had already passed it. During Plebe summer my company officers were Ens Jim Flatley and Maj George Patton Jr. He knew about my Army background and every time he saw me he said, "Son there's still time to get you in a real military academy." Referring to you know where. If Gen Patton were still with us he'd be happy to know that both of my grandsons were WooPoo graduates ('13 and '14). Clint ■

From **Al Holden (18)**:

■ "Bill! As a charter member of '60 classmates who married before graduation, I regret to report that my beloved Laurie passed away on Palm Sunday in Brooklyn, NY. As 1960s "First 30 Years" and "Link" (including page 501 and page 538) documents, Laurie and I enjoyed a lifetime adventure by meshing our professional careers with a determination

to see the world beyond our much beloved NYC! She was my companion and best buddy, whether attending every 5-year USNA homecoming (1965-2010), raising a fleet of active dogs, or hosting a party - including 2 for 18th company classmates at our place in Bucks County, PA and our 50th Wedding anniversary party in Paris on May 28th 2010. RIP Laurie. Al" ■

From **Bob Tague (19)**:

■ "Kaaren and I had a chance to spend a weekend with my old roommate, **Tom Hutt (19)** and his wife Neil (Short for Cornelia) in northern Virginia. They live on eight acres of horse property in a 220 year old stone farmhouse (modernized, of course). The barns and sheds are filled with everything imaginable to maintain the property and horses. As if that isn't enough to keep them busy, Tom volunteers at the Balls Bluff civil war battle field park and Neil is active with the Red Wolf Coalition. Driving onto the property, you step into a very busy country lifestyle, a change of pace from what I am used to, living on a golf course in northern Florida.

Beginning with double dating at USNA, Tom, Neil, Kaaren and I were fortunate to be stationed for the first 10 years of our Navy careers in the same cities of Norfolk, Charleston and Honolulu. Our kids grew up together. We have stayed in touch ever since. Now in retirement, it's fun to tell old war stories and reminisce, and like fish stories, the telling gets more embellished every year. Bob" ■



Bob Tague & Tom Hutt

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ "Dear Bill, **Henry Papa's (17)** son, Michael, Class of '05, and his very delightful wife, Liz, are now stationed in Norfolk. I invited them to my home for dinner along with Sue & **Paul Cooper (5)** and Sarah & **Ed McCaskill (8)**. We had a great evening catching up on the modern Navy and telling Michael a few stories of our own. For a young LCDR,

he has had some amazing duties: all over Africa, Antarctica, aboard British ships, PG School. Wow! And he is now on an Admiral's staff as the Oceanographer. He's definitely a chip off the old block as we like to say. We know that Hank is one proud papa Papa!!! Oz ■



Osmon, Papa (Jr) Cooper & McCaskill

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

■ "As promised here is the Super60 group that met for lunch in Mountain View, California in January 2016. In attendance are **Kevin Ryan (4)** (San Jose), **Tom Teal (16)** (Auburn), **Dan Affourtit (24)** (San Jose), **Dennis Vied (24)** (Livermore), **Spencer Cleveland (6)** (San Francisco), **Patrick Sullivan (6)** (now Monterey) and **Raymond Burkley (2)** (Sunnyvale). **Dick Shawkey (24)** did not make it down from the mountain and **Jack Newman (6)** is still recovering from his back surgery. We missed the February luncheon due to schedules but we hope to get the Monterey classmates to show up in March. Ray ■



'60 No Cal Group

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ "Bill, we missed you and Linda at our Annual Valentine's Day luncheon. We met at the Eurasia Cafe in Virginia Beach with our ladies. Eurasia is one of our favorite class luncheon restaurants in Virginia Beach. The ladies dressed to the occasion and added "class" to our luncheon venue. The Eurasia Cafe offered a fixed price custom menu, a private dining room and two really great waitresses. Red roses were presented to each of our "dates." Our ladies loved it and the "gentlemen" behaved themselves for a change.



'60: Virginia Beach Group

Sixteen couples signed up (the limit due to the capacity of the private dining room) and included: **Mary & Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Gloria & Bob Antonio (14)**, **Jane & Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Prissy & Wick Parcels (12)**, **Muriel & Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Gail & Bill Kee (9)**, **Sarah & Ed McCaskill (8)**, **Marley & Bert Johnson (10)**, **Karen & Tom Inderlied (21)**, **Inge & Al Whitaker (16)**, **Sue & Paul Cooper (5)**, **Catherine & Ed Clextion (10)**, **Sarah & Bob Powers (8)**, **Barbra & Al Bissell (8)**, **Merrilu & Al Ablowich (16)**, and **Paula & Rod Friedmann (5)**.

Buck Bonifay (17) who graduated and served in the Army wrote me recently in efforts to locate a classmate who actually ended up a General. Contact was made and information shared. ■

From **John McDonald (4)**:

■ "I was pleasantly stunned to receive your email — a real blast from the past. I am delighted to be found, as I was when the Class of 1960 found me for our 40th reunion through USAA. I was able to attend our 40th where I was thrilled to find that my 3 plebe year roommates (4th Co., **Mel Nosal**, **Kevin Ryan** and **Dave Goniea**) were also in attendance.

I left plebe year and later was commissioned in the Army out of the University of Delaware ROTC in AIS/MI and served for 2 years as the Asst S-2, 3D Infantry Division Artillery in Kitzingen-am-Main. After 2 years I got out in 1964 and worked my way through Georgetown Law. On release, I joined the Delaware Army National Guard as an ADA M-42 Duster platoon leader. The Guard pay just about equal led my law school tuition, which was handy. I enjoyed a pretty good replication of an active career, with company command, CGSC, battalion

command, O-6 staff officer, USAWC (CSC 1985), DCG and finally CG of the 261st Theater Signal Command, then CAPSTONED as the TSCA for USARPAC and EUSA in Korea (met Army Lonesome End, Bill Carpenter, then EUSA G-3 on one trip). I Retired from the Guard in 1994.

I've been retired from the State of Delaware for several years and have shifted my base from Wilmington to Rehoboth Beach at the south end of the state. I maintain my interest in Navy — we have a few alums in the area; Army, too — but haven't been back for another reunion. I've been invited to be among the flag officers on the reviewing stand, but declined, because I haven't earned the battle scars they have.

One lingering conflict over the years: I always rise and sing "Navy Blue and Gold" when the brigade does after a Navy game on TV, but I haven't yelled "Beat Army" for many years. Don't root for 'em, but can't say the words. Go figure. John ■

Buck added:

■ "You obviously have had an outstanding successful educational career. I regret we never met. I trust your military career was equally rewarding. On behalf of your 16 brother members of the USNA Class of 1960, I salute you John and wish you well. Buck" ■

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I'm putting this article together in late May, and it comes out in SHIPMATE late July/early August. Right now, I have a sizeable backlog of inputs (thanks, guys), so don't be disappointed if you don't see yours ASAP. If it seems to be REALLY too long before you see it, let me know; I may have filed it in the wrong folder, or something like that. Or, perhaps it was too racy, and I just kept it for myself... As you can see, our news is not all good news. This has happened to us before, during Viet Nam, and as a result of various serious Service accidents (e.g., THRESHER). Part of our mutually chosen profession. Now, it begins again, as we all grow more "senior." This set of articles is no exception. **Don Myers(13)**, our class' quintessential Marine, recently passed. We have another, **Norm Pigeon(13)**, one of our early Class Presidents, who recently left us. These are huge losses; they were bigger-than-life Classmates. However, the good news is that a couple of our more illustrious classmates have just pulled through what could have been similar outcomes. So, we should be thankful for the pluses, and take the minuses as part of all our lives spent in the fast lane...

Dave Stryker(10) reports in that some of the Terrible Tenth got together for a September mini-reunion in Branson, Missouri. He took over as "Chief Cat Herder" following last year's highly successful reunion of 12 couples in San Diego coordinated by **Gary Carlson(10)**. From Dave:

■ This year we enjoyed camaraderie with **Charlie & Wilma Stackhouse(10)**, **Gray & Clara Farley(10)**, **Joe Maiden (10)** and **Toni DeMaine, John Griffith (10)**, **Dave & Sharon Stryker (10)**, **Gary & Corky Carlson (10)**, **Chris Grubb (10)** and **Bill & Patsy Kraus (12)**. Many others wanted to go but had to cancel for various reasons; mostly health. While the core 4 day program included 3 great shows and a "Showboat" Cruise, Dave, Gary and Gray stayed on two extra days in their timeshares to enjoy a couple more shows and add another