

In the fall of 2018, about the time we are gathering in Annapolis for our 60th, the Class of 2019 will be asked to list their choice of service. By that I mean Naval Air, Surface Line, Marine Corps, etc. They will list up to 5 choices in order of preference. Then there will be interviews, physical exams, etc and near the end of the year they will be told where they will be going. About 90% or more will get their first choice. Then in early 2019 the different groups will be assembled for the next step in the process. All of the Class going Surface Line will be gathered and they will get to pick which Ship they want. The order of choosing will be based on Class standing. Likewise those going Naval Air will be assembled to get to choose which date they want for reporting to flight training and again the order of choosing will be based on Class standing. And so it will go with the other groups picking dates for starting schools. One thing, however, has not changed. As always the "needs of the service" goes first!

CLOSING RANKS

Bob Caldwell 18th Company, passed away in March 2018

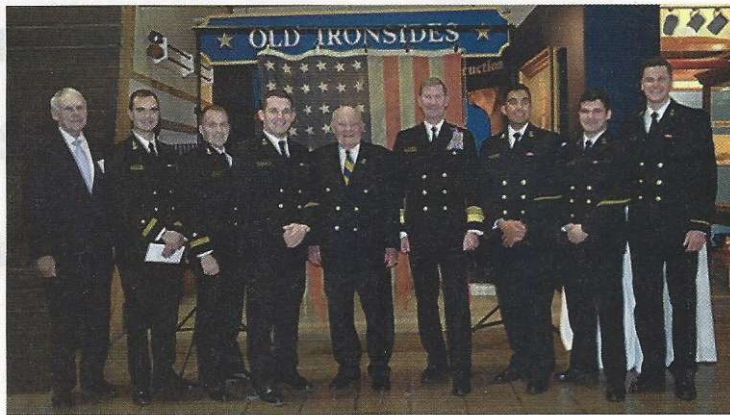
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Life Membership: 64%
Donor Participation: 8.42%

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'59: L-R: Admiral William Fallon, Midn. 1/C William A. Moore (1st place), Midn. 1/C John A. Bantle (3rd place), Midn. 2/C G.I. "Ike" Heinemann (Honorable Mention), Dr. J. Phillip "Jack" London, VADM Walter E. "Ted" Carter, Jr., Midn. 3/C Anthony Iannacone (Honorable Mention), Midn. 2/C Kai Stormer (Honorable Mention), Midn. 1/C Andrew J. Bilden (2nd place)

Good Times Class of 1959 Reunion

59ers, by now I hope you have registered for our big 59th Reunion to be held October 4-7, 2018. If not, please do so online or by regular mail as soon as possible. The Reunion Committee has planned a great weekend for our last big reunion. It is centered around watching Navy beating Air Force in Colorado on Saturday while we enjoy the comfort of the N-Star Room at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis and a sumptuous buffet feast. Other major events include a Memorial Service honoring our classmates who have gone before us, company parties and a farewell Sunday Brunch at the Naval Academy Club. Details are contained in the Gouge, which was mailed to you in March, and on our class website www.usna1959.com. If you have any questions, please give your company representative a call or call or email me: 703 323 8830 or garysmith522@msn.com. Looking forward to seeing you in October. Gary Smith

Dr. Jack London USNA, '59, has worked with the Naval Academy and the Naval Historical Foundation to create The Voices of Maritime History Competition for the Superintendent's Annual Leadership Award. This award promotes study and interpretation of the lessons of naval history as they apply to today's challenges; and the ability to inspire, advocate, and educate in public venues through oral presentation.

On 27 March, the Naval Historical Foundation sponsored a dinner at the National Museum of the United States Navy in the Washington Navy Yard. The first Midshipmen winners were presented.

'60

Life Membership: 69%
Donor Participation: 12.15%

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From Rod Friedmann (5):

✉ "Bill, our March luncheon featured two impromptu speakers and eclectic luncheon menu. Twelve classmates made their way to the Bella Monte Restaurant in Virginia Beach despite the threat of snow? **Bob Osmon (17) & Al Whitaker (16)** made the trek from Williamsburg, while ten Southsiders (**Al Ablowich (16), Ed Clextion (10), Wick Parcells (12), Rod Friedmann (5), Frank Kay (8), Bill Kee (9), Mike McCullough (14), Bob Powers (8), Henry von Kolnitz (22)** and **Geo. Van Houten (24)** (our FL-VAB commuter) arrived to enjoy the company of their classmates and partake of some excellent nourishment.

I asked **Al Whitaker (16)** if he would like to provide a debrief of his recent four plus week trip to India

with his wife, Inge. He agreed, and for the next twenty minutes or so, we all enjoyed hearing about his exploits, the sights and his insights concerning the people of India that he encountered. Al said that "the people were wonderful and exceptionally friendly." Al and Inge are ready to leave for a return engagement.

Following Al's travelogue, **Ed Clextion (10)** had a few words to say about a "hundred-year-old-book" that his father had. The book was entitled "the Story of our Navy" and was written by Wm O. Stevens in 1814. Ed read a few excerpts from the book with comparisons to our Navy today. It was very interesting to say the least. A good round table discussion ensued with digressions to remembrances of our Plebe Year, Reef Points and a Company Officer nicknamed "Bonzo."



Key, Parcells, Clextion & Powers

From Grant Plummer (6) via Facebook:

✉ Bill, this was taken at the Puget Sound chapter get together recently. Class of '60, **Grant Plummer (6), Jack Whitely (17), and Larry Ryan (5)**.



Plummer, Whitely, & Ryan

From Rod Friedmann (5):

✉ "Bill, even though the weather has been iffy, our Virginia Beach/W'burg classmates were able to enjoy a pair of events in Apr. The first was our monthly luncheon, which was held at the new Warriors Taphouse in Virginia Beach on Apr 10th. Thirteen classmates attended with one last minute cancellation. We had a surprise guest join us for

the luncheon-Bill Roark, the son of deceased classmate **Bill Roark (8)**. Bill just happens to work at the Taphouse part-time. Our aging '60 warriors included: **Al Ablowich (16), Ed Clextion (10), Paul Cooper (5), Jim Eilertsen (21), Rod Friedmann (5), Bob Ianucci (16), Tom Inderlied (21), Frank Kay (8), Bill Kee (9), Bob Osmon (17), Jack Suddath (6), Henry Von Kolnitz (22) & Al Whitaker (16)**. 'Twas a good time and worthy of a return visit

Our second event involved our 12th Annual gathering at the Outer Banks of No. Carolina, during the week of 14-21 Apr. Classmates participating were: Prissy & **Wick Parcels (12)**, Joy & **Dick Hamon (8)**, Becky & **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Jane & **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, Joann & **Carl Bruntlett (8)**, Catherine & **Ed Clextion (10)**, Paula & **Rod Friedmann (5)** & Nanette Bell.

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ Bill; below is a picture of the March luncheon of the classmates in Northern California. We met at the new MATRIX 8 Card Club in San Jose. In attendance were **Dennis Vied (24), Daniel Affourtit (24), Raymond Burkley (2), Spencer Cleveland (6) and Kevin Ryan (4)**. Not much new in the area except that **Chuck Peterson (18)** has relocated to Korea doing some legal work for a Korean company. We will have ten show up for the April luncheon. Best Regards, Raymond



Northern California classmates

From **Doug Johnston (5)**

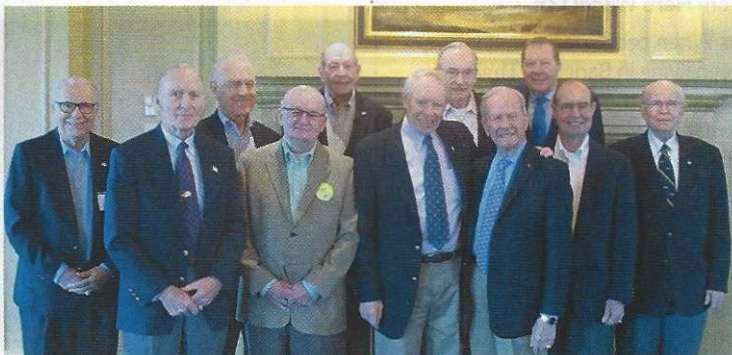
✉ The March gathering of the DC Lunch Bunch featured a presentation by Bob McEwen, a former Congressman from Ohio, who currently heads the Center for National Policy. He shared the



'60: Outer Banks group

Center's thinking on a number of today's issues; in effect, providing the Republican justification for much of what is taking place.

In April, we heard from former National Security Advisor Bud McFarlane '59 on an energy project he is spearheading for an impressive consortium of U.S. public and private sector interests that is seeking to build nuclear power plants for a range of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Egypt, and Jordan. The catalyst for this initiative is the progress Iran has been making in the nuclear arena and the perceived need of the Sunnis to catch up (if for no other reason than to provide a credible deterrent). Russia and China are among the five countries competing for this business; and Bud was quick to point out that, unlike the US, neither of them has a track record of effectively guarding against the diversion of nuclear fuel for use in a weapons program. There is a lot at stake, and Bud expects to know within a matter of a few weeks whether or not the US will be a player.



'60: Front row (l to r) Tollaksen, Broadfield, O'Brien, Johnston, McFarlane, Burdge, Hickey. Sec-ond row—Schriefer, Tucker, Cogdell, Pezet.

Both events provoked a spirited discussion; and because this was Bud's second appearance, we assured him that if the stars should align for him to make a third appearance, he would be rewarded with the ultimate carrot of planet earth, i.e. honorary membership in the legendary Class of 1960. He appeared grateful.

Those who participated in one or both sessions included **Don Broadfield (22), Hank Chiles (21), Ron Burdge (9)**, Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19), Dennis Hickey (22)**, Taylor Kiland, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Fae and **Bud Pezet (12), Lou Schriefer (10)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2), Duane Tollaksen (3)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Dareen and yours truly

From **Pete Chabot (14)**:

✉ "Three Super '60 classmates joined **Ron Hinkel (14)** for his 2018 birthday celebration in early May at Ron and Barb's home in the

Savannah Lakes community of McCormick, South Carolina.

Left to right: **Mike Lees, Ron Hinkel, Dave Woodward, and Pete Chabot**. All four of us, in addition to being in the Class of 1960, were in the 14th Company - and for the entire four years we spent at the Naval Academy.

Barb and Ron, assisted wonderfully by daughter Heather and grand-daughters Riley and Sydney, hosted a gathering of some 150 neighbors and friends for a backyard pig roast at their home on the lake. Mike, Dave, and Pete were delighted and honored to be part of this great event. Pete



Lees, Hinkel, Woodward, & Chabot

'61

Life Membership: 71%
Donor Participation: 11.75%

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So classmates, for starters, the info on the West Coast Reunion is already out and updated. If you need reminders, it's ALL on the Class of '61 website. If you weren't going but change your mind, you can still do it; I believe however, that since 1 May, prices are up a little, and football tickets in the '61 section have been gone for a while. However, there's ALWAYS someone who has to drop out, so check before you give up!

Bob Hofford(7) sends:

✉ I would like to invite you to join me in funding a "Class of '61 Pew" in