

we were able to attend the Commissioning of the USS Jimmy Carter out in Groton, and toured afterward. Some of the ship's my father worked on at Marinette Marine included TWR Torpedo Weapon Retrievers, YPB's Yard Patrol Boats for USNA, MCM's Mine Sweepers, USCG, WLB's Coastal Buoy Tenders, WLM's, GLIB (Great Lakes Ice Breaker), NYC DOT Staten Island Ferries, INLS Improved Navy Lighterage System, and he caught the beginning of LCS-1 Freedom Class. We made up a nice photo collage for his retirement. When the shipyard called to see if he could come out of retirement, he did not hesitate, and went back to work for another 6-years! I guess he liked working for sure. And when he passed, I cannot tell you how many young and old engineers, managers and shipyard workers reached out to me, and told how Bob had quietly mentored and coached, working through prints, tech manuals, sea-trials, and long hours to get the ships delivered. I think this was his way of serving. My father had lost his brother, Tom, who was a Navy pilot flying F-8 Crusaders, on a test run just prior to the Cuban Missile Crisis. His jet went down off the coast near Jacksonville. So maybe after that he and my mother decided they would try for a large family. Funny how life works. We cannot understand at the time sometimes. So, thank you again for reaching out. If no trouble, I would like to hear about you and your classmates' time in the Navy, if maybe you had gone on to serve thru Vietnam. Either way, thank you for your service!



18th Co. roommates at Navy: Dick Moore, Bill Molnar and Bob Schultz"

I Spoke to Griff Hamilton, who lost his Linda in January. He seems to be doing well. He has moved from a

three-story home with 39 steps into a one-story home with no steps, a couple of blocks away in Carlyle Pennsylvania.

That's all I have now. Please send me some of your news!

Our upcoming Reunion will be one of our last chances to visit with many of our shipmates. So please clear your calendar, make your travel and sleeping arrangements, and join us in Annapolis one more time!

Charlie Pease Sends Editor's Note: The bulk of this column is an article that would not have been here if the Obituary Editor had not run out of space at the last moment. Shipmate Magazine is not a time-sensitive newspaper. Please take a look at the Class columns of other Years. Some of them fill four columns! So Rise And Shine, and send me some class news whenever it happens, or if you remember an event that you think is worthy of classmate remembrance.

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From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, we celebrated our Valentine's Day luncheon with our ladies on Tues., Feb the 13th at the Eurasia Cafe in Virginia Beach. The weather outside was cold and dreary but our ladies brightened up the day with their presence. We had eleven couples plus one of our widows, Mary (Bo) Moran. Enjoying the special occasion were: Sandra & **Bill Manning (14)**, Sara & **Bob Powers (8)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)** & his bride-to-be Jackie Rabadoux, Karen & Tom Inderlied (21) with guest Mary Moran, Barbara & **Al Bissell (8)**, Prissy & **Wick Parcels (12)**, Ruth & **Frank Kay (8)**, Gail & **Bill Kee (9)**, Marilou & **Al Ablowich (16)**, Catherine & **Ed Clextion (10)** and Paula & Rod Friedmann (5). We had



'60: Valentines Luncheon

a private dining room, with a three course luncheon from a fixed price menu. I have to report that all of the gentlemen were on their best behavior, while our normal "sea stories" were stowed away until our meeting next month. The aviators were especially well behaved. Rod

Class of '60 attendees were; **Jack Suddath (6)**, **Russ Hoke (6)**, **Bill Callaway (15)**, **Mike Midas (23)** and **Clint Johnson (10)**. It was a big crowd with classmates of Carl's late son and many Delta Airlines pilots and personnel. A reception was held at the McCallum home afterward. Clint

From **Bob Osmon (17)** to **Warren Hahn (5)**:

✉ Hi Warren, I read recently that you were honored with a 50 year Distinguished Member Award for American Society of Refrigeration and Heating. I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations. You represent us old guys well. God bless. Oz

From **Charley Simmons (9)**:

✉ "Dear Bill, we're still having fun fishing either in the Great Northwest (whether it be for salmon or halibut), but also while we were in



Manning & Bissell

From **Clint Johnson (10)**:

✉ "Bill, **Carl McCallum (6)** died January 5, 2018. His funeral was on January 20. It was held at John Knox Presbyterian in Marietta, GA.



'60: Simmons family fishing

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Kailua Kona, Hawaii my son Christopher got us a fishing trip on the Maverick fishing boat and we caught approximately 19 twenty pound Mahi Mahi dolphins. Unfortunately, the Marlin weren't biting that day but it was a great trip... my boys and the family enjoyed it immensely. We had plenty of fish to eat during our week's stay at the Sea Village Condos. Pictured on the stern of the boat are my son Chris, my son Todd, my grandson Austin, me, and my son-in-law Steve". Best regards to all. Charley.

Bob Traister (2) forwarded info on a trip he was on. His stop in the Philippines included a visit with **Chuck Agustin (17)** for a little golf and fellowship.

Chuck commented:

✉ "Bob, it's too bad you had a terribly short visit and we were only able to enjoy a little golf. But I am glad you made it, we were able to catch up and talk about the old times as well as new developments. We hope you'll have the same fair winds, sunny days and mild weather the rest of your cruise. Do come back again.

We also enjoyed Vic for being such a good sport in responding to my request to join us." Chuck



Chuck Agustin, Bob Traister, & Vic Mamon '61



Bob Traister, Chuck Agustin, Vic Mamon '61

From **Charlie Khoury (14):**

✉ "Super bowl 5k on Feb 4th. My team lost but at least I was not a couch potato that day." Charlie



Khoury

From **Jim Knorr (20):**

✉ "Thank You for 80th Birthday greetings. My big surprise was at "Club on Friday night while 21 of us were assembled for early St Paddy's annual Family gathering. Son Tommy had contacted local National Marble Champion Doug Watson (2016) who assembled a small marble rink in the lobby of Club to challenge? Me!

Preamble: for many years I have promised my 3 sons and 2 daughters a trip to Wildwood, NJ for National Marble Championship (girls and boys) the 3rd week of June.

History: for my Grade School years at John J. Audubon I played Marbles on the macadam black rink and told many tales about my skills! Back to Friday night, I gave Doug a battle on the rink and we should have pictures to be sent later. Needless to say, 80th was wonderful for me and Family... and certainly a first for the Naval Academy Lobby. Peace Tug"



'60: The Champ & Tug

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This first article comes to us from **Bill Kraus (12):**

✉ "Here is an update on our Mid-Reunion 2018. As of March 15th, we have **127 classmates registered to attend, plus wives/guests.**

This beats our wildest dreams. And a few more have indicated they also plan to attend. Be sure to get your reservations in to the Rancho Bernardo Inn & Resort right away if you have not already done so. **Jim Richardson (16)** has sold over 220 Navy/ Notre Dame football game tickets in our Class of 1961 Section. Other seats in this same section are now going for well over \$200 each. Game start time is still to be announced. The Alumni Tailgate Party handled by the Alumni Association is going to be great! Tickets are priced at \$60 each. We will arrive early to take full advantage of all the food and beverage. They plan to shut it down 30 minutes before kickoff, so we can all find our seats.

Event planning is going strong, and is right on schedule. **Roger Goodall (11)** has arranged for a fleet of luxury motor coaches to take us to the various main events, plus the

optional tours/events. By the time you read this article, an alphabetical list plus list by company attendees will be posted on our Class Website. Use these lists to contact friends and to organize company/battalion parties for Wednesday arrival night.

Your Mid-Reunion committee has called for the rest of the Reunion Registration fee in May. The interest in the optional tours and events is high. We will send out a final participation form later this summer. Be sure to go to our Class Website for up-to-date info (www.USNA61.org). User name is 'WGNAC', with password of 'plebe'. Click on '2018 West Coast Mid-Reunion' in the blue left-hand column. **EXPECT THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!"**

Our next one comes to us from our faithful Tidewater group led by **Ned Kuhns (7):**

✉ The 1961 Tidewater Virginia group had one of its largest participations in quite a while at its luncheon on Thursday, 8 March. Seated left to right are: **Dave Timm (20), Jim Laster (15), Jim Joyner (01), Charlie Stewart (06), Dick Hixson (19), Joe Kuhn (03-Honorary) and Mike Gambacorta (03).** Standing left to right are: **Kurt Rohdenburg (20), Ned Kuhns (07), JP Decker (08), Ken Craig (07), Tom McNicholas (09), and Bob Graham (18). Fred Lowack (07) and Cyd Driscoll (22)** were also there but had to depart before we could organize for a photo. **Mike Bradley (03)** had just returned from a Caribbean cruise but couldn't join us because he supervises a busy tax preparation office this time of year.



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