

Locator Kiosk, which will allow visitors to find the location of niches in the Columbarium. The Locator will consist of gray granite slabs, approximately 4 feet high, 4 feet wide, and 2 feet deep. Included in the Locator will be a 32 inch wide, outdoor, waterproof, high brite visibility, 4g ram solid state touch screen display device. It will allow for access to visitors' remote WiFi devices and allow visitors with these devices to carry the information around the Columbarium. The Alumni Association intends to include similar data for the Naval Academy cemetery in the future. Signcraft which did work on our 50th Offertory structure will be responsible for construction beginning in February. The Locator is expected to be completed by May 1. We will dedicate the Locator with a plaque to honor our classmate Steve Burgess, who made the largest contribution to the over-all \$1,959,000 Class of 1959 Columbarium Project. The cost of the locator will be \$95,000. We expect to hold a dedication celebration of the Locator during a home football weekend this fall.

Rise and Shine! ■

Well guys, this is a pretty lean column. Time for more of you to share your adventures with the Class.

~Rise and Shine

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From **Roy Smith (20)** via
John Michalski (6):

■ "Hi John, Happy New Year, I hope you will pass on the following to **Bill Lewis (5)** for a future Shipmate (a change of pace from the normal news you now send us)

I am enclosing a picture of my son Capt. Andrew Smith and me on the bridge of USS Wasp LHD-1, of which he assumed command in April of 2015. An LHD is an aircraft carrier designed for amphibious assaults. Wasp is the first of its class but commissioned in 1990, so may not be familiar to our classmates. It has Harriers, Ospreys, helos, hovercraft and landing craft to support 2,000 Marines. It is bigger than the Intrepid, and would seem pretty awesome to any proud father.

Andrew also arranged for me to tour USS Winston Churchill, DDG-81, an Arleigh Burke class Aegis destroyer moored nearby. Also pretty awesome and a huge upgrade from the state-of-the-art DLG I served on back in the day.

All the best, —Roy ■



Capt. Andrew Smith & Roy Smith

Also from John:

■ "All, I'm usually a supporter of positive changes at USNA, but enough is enough! We now have "Team Bill", a group of what must be 10 - 20 male and female midshipmen to care for Bill the GOAT. Assuredly all the female Mids (and likely most of the male Mids) are better looking than **Don Delude (12)** and yours truly when we were Goatkeepers. I will argue that even though out manned 5 to one or more Goatkeepers we were better able to lure beautiful cheerleaders to perform in front of the brigade than Team Bill. As I am always politically correct I will not mention the chants from the brigade we obeyed to "Pass 'em up!" Nonetheless, Team Bill is a spirited group of young Mids that Don and I applaud.

But when Bill now heads to a beautician (OK, I'm old school, it is currently a spa treatment - do they also get a massage?) for a wash up things have gone too far. I must admit some responsibility for this decision. After attending a Navy game, we had a quiet word with the ex-head of the Alumni Association, George Watt '73. We asked George "What is the color of the Navy Goat?" George, of course responded "White." We responded that Bill on that day was not White but Brown! George, of course took action!

Don & I, and likely all Goatkeepers of our era had a hose and a bar of Lifebuoy Soap to get the goat ready for Army in the football locker room in McDonough. Bill did not enjoy our ministrations and responded with head butts as well as horn jabs to our jockstrap area.

I must admit that we were not the best at our trade of Goatkeeper as Bill was

stolen from us on the way to the Miami game - a day that shall live in infamy! Being studious Mids (?) we learned our lesson and after Bill's wash up deposited him in the squash courts in Goat Court and surrounded him with Plebes with fixed bayonets.

After leading the Navy team onto the field on a cold November day, we beat Army 43-12, the largest margin of victory to that time! We expect nothing less this year from Team Bill - **GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY! '60 Goatkeepers** ■



Don, John and the "BILLS"

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ "Bill, over the weekend of 13-15 November, the Old Goats, made up primarily of members from the Class of 1960, met in San Diego, California for the purpose of honoring five of our Wounded Warriors who were being treated at Balboa Naval Hospital. As you well know, throughout the year we buy tickets for the Wounded Warriors and their families to attend the Chargers and Padres games. For many it is the first time they have ever seen a professional game. I have received numerous thank you notes from these individuals who truly appreciated the opportunity to attend.

On Friday we all went to Balboa Naval Hospital and were given a tour of the incredible advanced technology equipment and facilities that we now have to assist our men and women who have lost limbs in Iraq and Afghanistan to learn to live reasonably normal lives. We had the chance to meet one particular amputee who demonstrated how well his artificial leg worked. Incredible!

On Saturday we all gathered at a restaurant owned by a Rich Carlquist USNA '80 where we all watched Navy beat up on SMU. (Looks good for the Army game!)

But on Sunday was the real main event. We hosted five Wounded Warriors, three Marines and two Navy medics, to a banquet in Coronado where they were honored by the Mayor of Coronado

and his council, as well as about 20 school children who came in and sang Patriotic songs. They also made up posters thanking these men for the sacrifice to our country. But the heart wrenching and tearful moment was when these men had the chance to speak and tell of their trials. There was no whining. No Crying. They all said how proud they were to be Americans and they would do it all again if given the chance. One Marine said people often ask him how he lives with his handicap. He said he always tells them, "The only handicap anyone has is a bad attitude." That brought a standing ovation. I was truly moved by all of this ceremony.

I had the privilege of sitting next to a man who had become a naturalized citizen from Spain and felt he owed it to his new country to serve in the military. He had served in Iraq for two months when his left leg was blown off. He had no regrets and told us all at the table how proud he was of the US. Thank God we have folks like these five who are willing to defend our country at such risks to their own lives.

Present for this weekend were **Becky & Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Louise & Chuck Kiger (23)**, **Marilyn & Bob Custer (18)**, **Shari & Tom Teal (16)**, **Claire & Bob Fraser (1)**, **Carol & Dick Banister (9)**, **Wayne Vinje (9)**, **Jan Shaw, Sue & Sam Ward (8)**, **Starr & Al Lansdowne (15)**, **Margaret & Tom Curtis (22)**, **Avery & Ben Hallowell (3)**, yours truly **Bob Osmon (17)**, and **Dolores & Tom Lukish** from the Class of '59. Also I invited LT/DR. Meagan Geuther, '10, to be my guest. She was an outstanding rugby player while at the Academy, was selected to go to Medical School after graduation, and is now stationed at Balboa Naval hospital. She was thrilled to meet these wonderful Wounded Warriors and said she would look in on them as much as she could in the attend. God bless and smooth sailing. Beat Army!! Oz ■

Also from **Ben Hallowell (3)**: Big gun behind the "Old Goats" in San Diego.

■ Greetings Goats! We have decided on our direction or new focus for next year. We will be providing our tickets and dinners and whatever else we can to the transitioning wounded warriors at Freedom Foundation Warrior Station San Diego and at the Peter Harsch prosthetics center Mira Mesa - we had the opportunity to meet and honor some of these guys as described below. They are truly deserving of whatever we can do.

For now we will remain under the auspices of the Armed Services Y and will continue to provide for the few remaining combat injured at the C5 Unit but are definitely switching our focus to those amputees in transition.

As in previous years, please start sending in your 2016 contributions now so we may purchase tickets beginning in January 2016. Make checks payable to: Ben Hallowell, note for Old Goats 2016 and mail to: 850 C Ave #1, Coronado, CA 92118 ■

Good news from **Buck Bonifay (17)** via **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ "Just wanted to share with my family and close friends that my medical prognosis today found my case of multiple myeloma has stabilized, and I have been taken out of hospice care today! Long story, so suffice it to say I feel very fortunate to have beaten my cancer survival odds six months ago. Thank all of you for your support. Happy New Year and glad to tell you I'll be with you a few more years if God and my old body are willing. Keep in touch. Respectfully, —Buck ■

The DC/Annapolis group Christmas party was attended by **Sheila & John Chenard (14)**, **Martha & George Dowell (19)**, **Jim Hancock (16)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, **Dareen & Doug Johnston (5)**, **Barbara & Ward O'Brien (22)**, **Becky & Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Fae & Bud Pezet (13)**, **Beverly & Grant Sharp (19)**, **Tom Solak (2)** and **Jeanne Rush, Jan & Bob Traister (2)**, **Dolly & Gene Tucker (9)**, **Shelby & Mike Willsey (24)**, **Bob Matulka (2)**, and **Darene Lebedev**. Hopefully we'll have some pictures later.

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I'm writing this having just come out of a serious computer casualty/malfunction, which lasted almost two weeks. I got it back yesterday, just in time to write this up and get it off (I think). Thanks to the Geek Squad, I think I'm back in business. The Geeks are stationed in most Best Buy stores, and they are GOOD, just in case

you get into any PC trouble. Anyway, I'm typing this in mid-January, so I can get it in time to make the deadline for a magazine published in early March. It takes a lot to put together a magazine like SHIP-MATE; you can imagine how many people like me they have to employ (at zero compensation, of course).

So wow, what a football season we had! Kind of like those we can all recall from yesteryear (and maybe even better). Great coach (glad he elected to stay with us—tough decision, since his sons are playing at BYU) and a great team; Keenan Reynolds will be a hard act to follow, and we are losing a lot of other fine players with this graduating class! As I write this, the Mids are going into the Dark Ages — remember the Dark Ages? Or were you successful in forgetting them? At least here in Florida, it may be dark, but it's WARM! So, now on to the real news...



This comes in from **Mike Roth (22)**:

■ Ruth had a brunch for a few classmates in mid October.

This picture is of **Dick Garritson (22)**, **Mike Roth**, **Bill Ciesla (18)**, and **Bob Sherer (04)**.

Also present were **Ellie Nichols** (Joe Hansen's sister) with **Dick** and **Ruth Roth**.

Dick's and **Ellie's** spouses both passed away around 2006. Joe introduced them to one another at our 50th Reunion.

There were 6 rings at the brunch. Four Class Rings belonging to **Mike**, **Bill**, **Bob** and **Dick** and 2 miniatures.

The miniature on the left front is **Ellie's** (since sometime after 2011) and the one on the right front belongs to **Ruth** (since Christmas, 1960). ■