

the mountains, fjords, reindeer, lakes and snow drifts we saw along the way.

The temperature was in the high 30s or low 40s but the wind chill factor made the 5 layers I was wearing seem almost enough. ■



Marker In Northern Norway

In Memoriam:

We lost several more classmates and wives since our last Shipmate edition went to press. Full obits for the classmates are being worked by our Company Representatives. We hope to see them in the "Last Call" section of future editions of Shipmate.

Claire Eliot Hildebrand, wife of Wayne Hildebrand (18) passed away on June 30, 2015 in Vida, Oregon at the age of 74 from complications of multiple myeloma. Her passing was peaceful, in her sleep, with her husband at her side. She was born on November 1, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to Charles and Marian (Wilson) Smith. She graduated from Chagrin Falls High School, Ohio and attended George Washington University in the District of Columbia. She was a member of Kappa Alfa Theta sorority. She married Wayne T. Hildebrand, Commander, U. S. Navy (Ret.) on January 23, 1960. She was a volunteer with the Navy Relief Society; and she served as the Chairman of the International Committee at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey,

California. In that capacity she inaugurated a cooking school for spouses wishing to learn and share in the cuisine of many different nations represented by students at the school. She also produced a variety program highlighting many of the customs, talents and art of the many countries represented within the student body. When her husband was on NATO duty in Halifax, Nova Scotia she acted as a hostess during the Canada Games of 1969. She had a twenty-five year career in all aspects of real estate, and retired from her own business as an appraiser. Moving to the McKenzie River Valley near Vida, Oregon in 2005 she became active in bridge circles; and was an active member of neighborhood book, knitting and garden clubs. She is survived by her husband, her son Ward T. Hildebrand of Hemet, California and three grandsons. She was preceded in death by her son Mark W. Hildebrand in 2006. A memorial service will be held at the Upper McKenzie Community Center later in the summer or fall.

Juanita Jane (Lentz) Schultz, wife of John Schultz (21) of Georgetown, TX, passed away unexpectedly on April 21, 2015 due to complications from COPD. She was born October 15, 1935 in Grand Rapids, MI. Jane grew up in Bath and Lansing, MI. After graduating from Lansing Eastern High School in 1955, she began work as a telephone operator for Michigan Bell. On November 6, 1960 she married John Schultz and they departed for California to begin a 24 year adventure in the U.S. Navy. Devoted to raising her family, she carried the load at home for long periods while John was at sea. As the wife of an air squadron Commanding Officer, Jane accepted with grace and skill her unofficial role providing leadership and support to other Navy wives. She enjoyed travel and RVing and visited all 50 states as well as Europe and Asia. Playing card games by lantern light was the highlight of many family camping trips. In 2007 they retired to Georgetown, TX to live the good life. Highlights of her travel included visits to New York City and The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. In retirement, Jane split her time between Georgetown and summers spent in Six Lakes, MI. Survivors include husband of 55 years, Capt. John Schultz, son Chris Schultz, daughter Susan Schultz, daughters-in-law Terri (Dawson) Schultz and Debbie Dial. Granddaughter Sarah Crook and husband Colin Crook, great-grandson

Oran Crook, and granddaughter Jessica Schultz and partner Kevin Boyar, as well as numerous nieces and nephews in the Lentz and Ueberroth families. Her sense of humor and abiding love of family will be deeply missed.

Recent Lost Classmates

Mike Haffey (5)
Fred McIntyre (7)
John Ekstrom (9)
Donald Katz (19)
Haydon Leon (20)
Jack Brons (21)

Rise and Shine!

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From **Al Lansdowne (15)**:

■ "Fifty-nine years ago, three different young men headed for USNA. One, **Chuck Bikakis (15)**, had two years college experience at Utah State. Another, **Dave Mayers (15)**, came from being a Buck Sergeant in The Marine Corps. The third, **Al Lansdowne (15)**, was a new kid from San Pedro High School in California.

Al and Chuck were in the same induction together line and our laundry numbers became 1059 and 1060. We were united with Dave who probably entered a little earlier from NAPS as his number was 876. We wondered which foreign language to opt for and were told that if we had not had Spanish or French before to stay away from those as we would be left behind from the get-go. Russian and German were too hard. We chose Brazilian Portuguese, being assured that would be easiest and everyone would start of equal. Yeah! You Betcha!

This choice ended us up in Fourth Battalion, Fifteenth Company where we lived on the First Deck. Now, we are all (or are going to be) residing in the same Kitsap County, Washington. We recently got together, once at a Bainbridge restaurant and again at my home the next night. Our real wives, Smoki Bikakis, Marisel Mayers and Starr Lansdowne were with us and we told many of the old stories, probably better now that they have aged. Looks like we will be able to see each other more often and celebrate sixty year Plebe roommate reunion next year. Al ■

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"Guys:" Charlie Bikakis, Dave Mayers, and Al Lansdowne

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

■ "Dear Classmates, during the reunion, our numbers were small, but the enthusiasm alive as nine of our classmates from 17th and 18th companies met for dinner at the Alumni House after the P-Rade.

Jerry Fee (18) held forth as the Master of Ceremonies and kept us all enthralled with his sea stories. Interesting connection as JJ went to MIT with **Ron Booth (17)**, so they had some good memories to recall. It was great to see

Joe O'Halloran (18) who came to his first reunion and brought his daughter Liz. She was so pleased to meet his Academy friends about whom he has talked for years. **Larry Laudig (17)** brought his cousin from Indiana and she too was quite interested in Larry's old friends. The food was good and the drinks flowed, so it ended up a most pleasant evening. In the picture:

L-R: Front **Jack Whitely, Jerry Fee, Joe O'Halloran, Bob Osmon**; Back **Bob Bowman, Ron Booth, Jim Allen, Larry Laudig, Bob Custer**

Also from the reunion company parties, (5th company) with **Larry Ryan, Warren Hahn, Paul Cooper** (front); **Rod Friedmann, Don Sanders, Doug Johnston, Bill Lewis, Jay Metzler, and Fred Jerding** in the back. ■

From Class President **John Michalski (6)**:

■ "Greetings, I believe it appropriate, in recognition of our highly successful and enjoyable Reunion, to formally

acknowledge and thank the many contributors. Accordingly, kudos to our Co-Chairmen, **Pete Chabot (14)** and **Bob Gamba (11)** and their team:

Hotels / Treasurer: **Ed Mangan (20)**

Reception / Banquet / Attendance

(Registration): **Don Delude (12)**

Transportation: **Jim Britell (13)**

Communications (The Gouge):

Rod Friedman (5)

Class Website: **Richard Harper (7)**

Company Parties: **Jerry Nelson (8)**

Memorabilia / Golf:

Jim (Tug) Knorr (20)

Memorial Service: **Willie Taylor (7)**

Annapolis Area / USNA Yard Events

Coordinator / Virtual Tour:

Ron Burdge (9)

Hospitality / Welcome Team led by

Bev & **Ken Batchellor (12)**: Sharon

Dimsdale; **Bob Tague (19)**; Mary &

Wally Cumella (19); **Tom Hutt (19)**;

Linda & **Jack Paepcke (11)**

Early on, the committee established certain goals for the Reunion. The following were paramount: a quality affair we would all be proud of, seize every opportunity to foster and encourage contact and communications among classmates, and close attention to cost. The approach included individual gatherings with roommates and closest classmates, company and battalion parties, and then mingling / mixing at the all hands Reception and Dinner. I believe we achieved our goals.

The Committee Members listed above have agreed to produce Legacy Lessons Learned from the 55th such that those who will be responsible for our 60th and out-year reunions will not have to relearn the knowledge and lessons accumulated. As an example, we know we will be another five years along, with associated "hitches in our giddy-ups" and will require special attention to transportation capable of accommodating all. Integral to the lessons learned were many inputs received from classmates and their ladies, and for that, I extend sincere thanks!

Please know the door to inputs and recommendations is not closed; your suggestions for future success are always welcome. To our 55th Reunion team, I send Well Done - Bravo Zulu!! John ■

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ "Bill, you missed a good one. We gathered at Fellini's Restaurant in Norfolk on Tues., the 9th of Jun for our 4th Annual Antique Car Show and Luncheon. We had 17 participants and



'60: 5th Company group



'60 Reunion: 17th 18th company guys



'60: Car show participants

one no-show. Participants included **Frank Kay (8)**, **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Joel Febel (5)**, **Don Schlicht (23)**, **Jim Philbrick (23)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Mike McCullough (14)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Geo Van Houten (24)**, **Ed McCaskill (8)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Al Bissell (8)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Ken "Arky" Vaughn (21)**, and **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**. Our one "no-show" (EC) received the No-Show, Non-Award Certificate. On a positive note, **Wick Parcels (12)** was our hands down winner of the Antique Car Award with his shinny, green 1960 TR3. **Ken Vaughn (21)** (our first time attendee) won the "Hi-Mileage" Award for the Lincoln Town car with 214,500 plus miles. **Rod Friedmann (5)** won the Most Colorful Car with his "Ruby Red Lincoln MKZ and finally **Jim Eilertsen (21)** won the Newest Car Award with this 2015 BMW.

We had a great time, lotsa laughs and good weather. **Ed McCaskill (8)** consented to be da "impartial" Judge after **Mike McCullough (14)** resigned under protest.

The luncheon, as usual with Fellini's, was excellent. There were generous servings, prompt and pleasant service and reasonable prices. Best of all, **Al Whitaker (16)** of the prize winning Ale Werks Brewing Company in Williamsburg, provided free beer to those hearty souls who were in need.

On a more sobering note, **Jim Eilertsen (21)** led a prayer for **Angelo DiFillippo (14)** and his family for the loss of Flip's son, Mathew. We observed a moment of silence in Matt's memory.

Thanks to **Mike McCullough (14)** for hosting us at Fellini's and to Al Whitaker for providing the "Nectar of the Gods." All-in-all, one of the great Super Sixty luncheons.

Rod ■

From **Ted Parsons (18)**:

■ Esteemed 1960 USNA Classmates, I don't have to tell you that fifty five years ago today, was one of the happiest days of our lives. Whatever our class standing, we made it, and knew the thrill of throwing our caps in the air, watching the Plebes climbing the Herndon Monument, being with our girl friends and family to join in the celebration, and then scattering far and wide after living together for four years doing pretty much the same thing, and go our different ways to do what we believed to be for the good of the nation. I for one am most proud to be a small part of the whole, by being one the members great USNA Class of '60.

"FROM LOW TO HIGHEST IN THE FLEET, WE PLEDGE THE BLUE AND GOLD."

Love you all, KT, '60 ■

The Lewises from 60 got together at another reunion. **Bill (5)**, **Porter (4)** and **Harry Lewis (15)**.



Bill, Porter and Harry Lewis

From **Gene Tucker (9)**:

■ "Thanks to all for your thoughts and concerns regarding my fall of 6 weeks or so ago. I am back 'in battery' (mostly) now, but taking it easy as my brain, and memory (such as they were/are) fully recover from the 'hit'.

However, I will mention another item I've been thinking about recently - my

'job' as the 'coordinator' of the class lunches. I will continue to hold down the job for the time being, but I have 'done my time' and would love it if someone would like (or just volunteer) to relieve me of that duty. If so, please let me know and I'll be happy to talk to you about it. (It's really a very easy job - well, not to-o-o-o hard). Best to All, Gene ■

61 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 3%
LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 69%

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Hello, '61rs. As I write this, it's a little past the middle of July. However, we have moved from our place in Florida up to Penna. almost a month ago; so, thus far, the weather here has been pretty nice (near Gettysburg, on a little mountain). Temp. today was mid 70s; nights are in the low 60s, usually with a small breeze. We usually stay here until the last Navy home game of the football season, then hurry back down to Florida (Melbourne), before the first snow/ice storm hits. For those of you who find yourselves on the East Coast, and looking at a trip that saves driving for hours on end, try a look at the Autotrain, run by AMTRAK. It runs from near Orlando, FL, up to Lorton, VA, just south of the DC Beltway, and of course, back. You deposit your auto or autos at the station about 1400. They load them on the train, you go to your stateroom, have dinner later on in the dining car, spend the night, and wake up at the other end, getting breakfast on board, and detraining around 0930. They have movies on board, and a somewhat limited internet. Spend a little more \$, and you get a very nice stateroom with two fold-out bunks and your own bath. Better than an SSN stateroom, with a window, no less. Depending on the time of year, at times the AUTOTRAIN becomes the longest train on the planet. Going around their largest curve, you can sometimes see the two engines up front, and the last car of the train all at once. The food is actually fairly good; much better than airplane chow, and is fresh-cooked on board. And, if you travel at the right time of the year, the train goes through a bunch of little towns on the way down through Virginia,