

## 59/60 CLASS NEWS

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### Good Times.

West Coast Mini 2nd Battalion Reunion

**Second Battalion Mini Reunion:**  
**Bob Michael (6)** reports:

✉ Four classmates gathered for lunch on 6 Apr 2017 in Cupertino, CA for a mini 2nd Battalion Reunion. Dick Johnson (6) and his wife Sarah, who live in Kirkland, Washington, journeyed to the Bay Area for a visit with friends. While there, his company mate Bob Michael (6) invited Mickey King (5) and **John Mascali (8)** for a get-together at a local restaurant for a long lunch. Exploits that occurred during the last 4 years of the 50's were discussed along with the joys of association with the Medical Profession. The stories about their athletic exploits were greatly exaggerated with only Dick and John, who played basketball together, were able to verify their incredible feats on the court. Bob, who was on the Track Team and Mickey, who rowed Crew, certainly weren't impressed but did add their own "impossible to believe" accomplishments. Their laughs were audible to all in the restaurant....but we weren't asked to leave!

**Coronado News Jim and Carol Cartwright (7)** report from Coronado that they are in good health. Their big news is that their Granddaughter continues to excel as the Goalie for the NC State soccer team!

**Denver News: Bruce Nordwall (6)** continues to reside in the Denver area. He is planning to attend several Navy Football home games this season.

**Virginia News: Ron and Kathy Trossbach (11)** are treating Mollie and themselves to a cruise in New England for the summer

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We also have a report that **Joan Finerty (10)** is touring Europe.

### Old News To Remember

**Walter Wynn (11)** sent us some very old photos of a very old event — The Class of 59 placing a cap on the Herndon Monument



Herndon Ceremony in 1956 for Class on 1959

### Rise and Shine!



'60: Super Sixty Blue Angels gathering 2017

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**Life Membership: 69%**  
**Donor Participation: 20.75%**

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From **John Michalski (6)**:

✉ "Bill, on the Wednesday of Commissioning Week '60 gathered in our backyard to view the Blue Angels flight demonstration. Ed Mangan (20) acted as head parking coordinator and managed to squeeze most cars in our driveway or on the nearby streets. The weather was cooperative and the jet engine noise rattled Janet & **Ben Cote (24)**, **Gene Gasser (7)**, Sheila **John Chenard (14)**, Carolyn & **Willie Taylor (7)**, Sidsel Fox, Beth & **Jim Knorr (20)**, Joanne **Bob Gamba (11)**, Suzanne & **Ed Mangan (20)**, **Ron Burdge (9)**, Linda & **Jack Paepcke (11)**, Betty & **Ron Loveland (23)**, Jane & **Jerry Nelson (8)**, Becky & **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Carolyn & **Jim Duffy (7)**, Daren & **Doug Johnston (5)**, Ginny & **Don Delude (12)**, Annabel & **Don Foery (6)**, **Ben Mercer (12)**, and Nancy & **John Michalski (6)** — John

From **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ "Bill; The Northern California subset of the Class met on May 31st at The Villages Country Club, in San Jose, courtesy of **Dan Affourtit (24)**, for a lovely luncheon. A couple classmates had conflicts and missed the luncheon but the core group discussed plans for next month and for the summer. Dennis is the only one gainfully employed at this time but all are in relatively good health (for their age) and enjoying life. Front row: **Spencer Cleveland (6)**, **Patrick Sullivan (6)** and **Bob Bourke (1)**. Back Row: **Dan Affourtit (24)**, **Raymond Burkley (2)**, **Kevin Ryan (4)** and **Dennis Vied (24)**



NOCal Group

From **Casey Jones (10)**:

✉ "It's been a busy start to the summer at the Jones household. It all began with a trip to Chicago for our grandson's graduation and commissioning out of the NROTC unit at Illinois Tech.

Our son Stuart, a retired Supply Corps captain, did the honors, commissioning his son Benjamin. Ben is going, where else? Navy Air. They were really hard up for a graduation speaker. I gave the commissioning address.

The picture is of "three generations of Navy"; our son, grandson and me and includes Janice, the proud grandma, presenting a plaque she stitched out on her embroidery machine that has the commission date, Navy wings and the charge, "Go for the gold." Casey



Plaque presentation

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Mike McCullough (14) hosted our 6th Annual Car Show and luncheon at Fellini's Restaurant in Norfolk. Seventeen classmates signed up and two missed a good show. Those classmates in attendance were: **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Joel Felbel**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Bob Antonio (14)**, **Ed Clextion (10)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Geo Van Houten (24)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Dick Hamon (8)**, **Bob Powers (8)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Bert Johnson (10)**, **Ed Mangan (20)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)** & **Mike McCullough (14)**. **Frank Kay (8)** and **Angelo Difilippo (14)** missed movement.

The judges of the contest were: **Ed Mangan (20)** (Head Judge) assisted by **Dick Hamon (8)**. The winners of the Antique Car Show selected by the judges were:

1. Best Antique Car (almost 25 yrs. old): **Bob Ianucci (16)** with his faded red/orange 1997 Ford Escort Station Wagon.

2. Newest Car: **Bill Kee (9)** with his grey ghost (2017 Buick Encore)



'60: Car show group

3. Most eye appealing car: **Bob Powers (8)** with his spotless 2015 Cadillac SRX

4. Car with the most miles: **Ed Clextion (10)** (190,000 mi. plus)

5. Best Junker: **Bert Johnson's (10)** 1981 Ford Something or other

6. Best 2 Wheel Motorcycle: **Jim Eilertsen (21)**

7. Whiner's Award presented to: **Ed Clextion (10)**

Following the car show on at the hot tarmac of Fellini's Restaurant, the participants rapidly headed into the cool air condition restaurant. **Mike McCullough (14)** set us up with a long table away from most of the restaurant clientele. I have noticed that when our group gets together, they generate a lot of noise. How many times can you tell the same sea story? We quickly got our orders in for the food. AleWerks beer, was provided by **Al Whitaker (16)** (currently on travel in England) gratis for any classmate who requested it. The award ceremony took place and the winning participants were singled out and awarded appropriate gag gifts and certificates. All-in-all, we had a hellava good time.

Bill, here's some photos from today's adventure of possible inclusion in SHIPMATE.



Bill Kee, Bert Johnson & Bob Ianucci

From John Manser '86:

✉ "Bill, we had my father, **Bob Manser's (7)**, inurnment/committal ceremony at the USNA columbarium June 16th and several of his/your classmates were able to attend. I'm attaching a picture in case you'd like to get it into Shipmate. I believe the names are (left to right): **Buz Ausley (16)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, **Jim Duffy (7)**, **Bill Taylor (7)**, **Jerry Nelson (8)**, and **Skip Weeks (7)**

We were blessed with a nice day. It was a wonderful ceremony, honoring my father, our family, and our nation. It was a proud moment for me, too, as a Navy veteran and USNA grad. Dad's obituary should make it into Last Call any time now, expecting June-July issue. John '86  
From **Ed Mangan (20)**:

✉ "Classmates, In the boxing arena, please do not forget our **Ed "Killer" Killinger (5)**, who passed away

around Christmas 2016. I think it would be great for someone willing to spend the time and with the knowledge to put something together about the boxers in our class. I believe it would be well received. Ed

From **Dick Pariseau (1)**:  
Re: **Jack Herbein (3)** -

✉ Mike, Thanks for reminding me/us of **Glen Phillips' (14)** Brigade Boxing, plebe year victory. I did not mention that **Dick Hamon (8)** won his plebe year Brigade Boxing match about 20 minutes before **Jack Herbein (3)**, in the 127(?) pound weight class. We had several hard nose boxers in our class. It sounds like they deserve a story just about them. When I wrote about Jack, it was intended to be a weightlifting story about an "old fart" (sorry Jack.) The boxing was incidental after he mentioned it to me in response to my question, "What sports did you play at USNA?" Then after submitting my article to SHIPMATE and heard they wanted to print it, they later asked if they could edit it and fit it into their "Boxing Story." I told them to help themselves and you saw the results. Dick

From **Mike McCullough (14)**:

✉ "At our 25th reunion, **Glen Phillips (14)** reminded me that he won a boxing match with Jack our plebe year. I saw it but I'd forgotten who won. (There were some fearsome punches thrown in that fight.)



'60: Bob Manser inurnment

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Glen was proud of his victory. He brought it up after I teased him about serving on our ring committee.

**Ben Hallowell (3)**, Please forward the Herbein report to Glen's children, as well as to the nephew who escaped with a broken arm when Glen talked him into flying, hanging on a kite, off a mountain. Mike

## '61

**Life Membership: 71%**  
**Donor Participation: 16.88%**

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Hello all! Connie & I are back from our LONG cruise. Counting our flights to and from, we made a complete circle around the globe from Dulles. We landed in Rome, then on to Naples, then Greece (port of Athens), and then Santorini Island. We traversed the Suez Canal (first time ever for us), along with an armed U.S. DD escort tailing us all the way through. Next stop was spectacular; Aqaba in Jordan, where we hiked a few miles down a winding passage thru high cliffs until we arrived at the huge, so-called "Treasure" at Petra, carved into the face of the opposite cliff in the 1st century BC, and used originally as a tomb. Walked and then rode horses part-way back. From there,



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we sailed on to Dubai, where we toured the world's third largest mosque (with Connie appropriately all covered up in black, in the 100+ degree heat), then Abu Dhabi (both were spotless), then on to Cochin (India), Colombo, Penang, Kuala Lumpur, and finally Singapore, where we caught the flights home, having done 8432 nautical miles by sea in between flights. A fantastic trip! Best ever for us. The ship, the MAJESTIC, was PRINCESS' newest, and destined for the Chinese/Australian markets...So, on with this issue's news...

**Ned Kuhns(7)** writes:

✉ The Tidewater group had three visitors at our May luncheon. **Rod MacDonald (07)** from Rhode Island was visiting his son's family. **Rob Kunkle** from the **Class of 1960 (10)** was visiting '60 classmates in the area and wanted to join us. **Rob, Jim Henderson (15)** and I served together in USS HARRY E. HUBBARD (DD-748) in Long Beach in 1962. **Cyd Driscoll (22)** brought a shipmate Del with whom he served on

his initial ship. The lighting in our restaurant isn't conducive for a good photo and it was raining outside so this is the best picture we could generate with Bob Graham's iPhone camera. Seated left to right: **Buzz Needham (12), Dick Hixson (19), Bob Graham (18), Jay Decker (08), Mike Bradley (03), Cyd Driscoll (22) and Del (guest).** Standing left to right: **Ned Kuhns (07), Rod MacDonald (07), Charlie Stewart (06), Kurt Rohdenburg (20), Rob Kunkle (1960 - 10), Ken Craig (07) and Jim Joyner (01).**

**Chuck St. Laurent (21)** sends this in:

✉ Skip, here is news of the 21st Company S & A annual Golf/Truck party outing held in Greenville, SC in May 2017. Names for the attached picture are: L-R Back Row: **Bob O'Neill, Darrel Gonyea, Denny Moore, Pete Sheridan, John O'Conner.** L-R Front Row: **Justin Ryan, Saint, RT Davis, Dick Norman** (all, of course, **21st**). The 21st Company (Color Company) held their 15th consecutive S & A Golf/ Truck party

from 1-5 May 2017 at Greenville, SC. **Bob O'Neill**, who lives in Greenville, was the on-site coordinator to ensure all went well. It was a special occasion this year at our annual Banquet on Wednesday evening because we were joined by Peggy Wimberly, her 2 daughters and their husbands, as we paid tribute to our Company mate **Barry Wimberly (21)** who had passed away last year. They have lived in Greenville for many years. We also honored one of our honorary company members, **Peanuts Macknis (23)**, who had played with us the past two years and recently departed as well as the other 6 members of the 21st Company that have crossed the bar for the last time. Amidst the friendly patter and golf competition discussed that evening, it was a special and serious moment as we tolled the bell for those that have departed.

As you all must know, '61 has been in the forefront of supporting the Academy's leadership program for several years...this update comes in from our Class president, **Jerry Smith (8)**:

✉ Our Class of 1961 sponsored Professor of Leadership Education, Dr. Joe Thomas, has been selected to take over the new position of Deputy Director of the Stockdale Center for Ethics and Leadership. This is a great opportunity for Joe as he won out over many distinguished contenders. It is also recognition for the importance and contribution of the position we support to the improvement of leadership education and to the development of



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