



'59: Front L-R: Jennifer and Jack London (15), Ted's spouse, Ann Alexander, and Lois Flynn. Rear L-R: Barbara Tinsley, Niki Pickett, Art Emmerson (6), Caroline and Walt Szczypinski (18), Eileen and Ray Art (5), Joe Flynn (6) and Tim Tinsley (17). Not pictured is Robin Battaglini (17)

June 29. On Friday, June 28, several classmates joined family and friends at the memorial service and burial at Arlington National Cemetery. Attendees are shown in the picture above at the reception that followed at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington.

## '60

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A friendly reminder. Start thinking about September 2020. Classmates! I'm looking forward to 60 for 60!! Are you? Next year in September we will be celebrating 60s, 60th year from graduation. More details will be coming as the date nears but we're going to have a great one. One thing everyone should keep in mind is updating info on the Alumni Association web site as well as with your company rep.

From SoCal and **Sam Ward (8)**:

✉ Bill, The quarterly SoCal Class of 1960 luncheon was held in Coronado at the newly renovated Feast and Fairway restaurant on the

Coronado Golf Course. It was a bright sunny day, and 13 of us had a great time catching up on our respective activities since our luncheon in April.

Attendees were: Avery & **Ben Hallowell (3)**, Charlotte & **Bob Stevenson (2)**, Joyce & **Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Nancy & **John Pethick (9)**, Janet & **Doc Hand (7)**, Jan Shaw, and Sue & **Sam Ward (8)**. Sorry to have missed you. All the best, Sam

From **Ron Burdge (9)**:

✉ On June 9th the life of our 9th Company classmate and lifelong friend, **Charley Simmons (9)**, was celebrated at the First Lutheran Community Church in Port Orchard, Washington. **John Groth (9)**, **Norm Slezak (9)**, and myself, along with local classmates, **Grant Plummer**

**(6)**, **John Whitely (17)**, and **Bob Dropp (20)**, attended the service. It was a beautiful tribute, as each of his children tearfully, yet joyously described their father as a man who loved his family, country, and God. He clearly loved his adopted home, the Great Northwest. He spent many happy times on his boat with his sons fishing off the coast, and with Barbara enjoying their beautiful home overlooking Puget Sound and cruising the San Juan islands. He expressed this Community love through the Lions Club, where he served a time as President.

We, along with **Gene Tucker (9)**, and **Art Wegner (9)** (we lost Art in 2014) formed a bond the last two years at the Academy, when we lived within doors of each other, in a relatively isolated part of the 2nd Deck, Fifth Wing, dubbed "Slash Alley" (Art was pretty smart). After we graduated, and our duties spread us from Westpac and Vietnam to the Med and Persian Gulf, we kept in touch through an ongoing chain letter. While we served, I was fortunate enough to cross paths with Charley. He was one of the first Supply Corps officers to be selected for submarine duty on the new Polaris boats. We spent 6 months together in Mare Island as part of commissioning crews of Woodrow Wilson and Daniel Boone. Our kids got to know each other when I retired to the Washington area, and Charley was stationed in Mechanicsburg PA. The Simmons family introduced us to the beauty of the Outer Banks

during a joint vacation, and the Burdge family has been vacationing there ever since.

Charley was always the "ready for a party" member of the group. After our service years we all made it a practice to rent the entire Horn Point B & B in Eastport for our 5-year class reunions. During those times we laughed and renewed those bonds made so many years ago. Early on, Charley gave our group a slogan, which we toasted with every get-together: "Who's Better, Damn Few". That surely related to Charley. We will miss him dearly. Ron



John, Ron & Norm with Charley Simmons family

From **Chuck Agustin (17)**:

✉ My late father, 1st Lt CARLOS G AGUSTIN, CE Philippine Army, who died on 17 Dec 1941 when the commercial ship he took enroute back to his training camp in Davao hit our own mine off Corregidor in Manila Bay, received a posthumous US Congressional Gold Medal Award authorized belatedly under US PL 114-265 signed into law 3 years ago. The ship was supposed to return to Manila Bay to bring the troops to join the forces at Bataan and Corregidor.

The US DVA and its Philippine counterpart started awarding it at scheduled ceremonies starting last year and will continue on regular basis until all known survivors or relatives are identified. The first ceremony was held in Washington, DC. The nearby photo shows family members receiving the Gold Medal after presentation by Director Tracey Betts of the DVA Office at the US Embassy assisted by PH Defense Undersecretary Ernesto Carolina of the DND Veterans Affairs Office. About 40 veterans



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received the award on the occasion at the AFP Officers Club Tejeros Hall at Camp Aguinaldo recently. About 26 were awarded most nearly 100 years old, with the rest posthumously received by children and/or other relatives. Thank you Uncle Sam!! Chuck



Chuck Agustin (& others) receiving WWII awards (Chuck 3rd from left)

You've heard of "Where's Waldo" or "Kilroy was here." It appears that we have our own world traveller extraordinaire as a recent missive that crossed my computer screen showed.

Replying to a Tidewater luncheon notice, Bob **Osmon (17)** wrote:

✉ So sorry I can't make this one. Am teaching English in Ukraine in the morning and studying Russian in the afternoon. Hope to study Ukrainian women in the evening, but you all know I am dreaming!! Have fun! Oz

**Doug Johnston (5)** recently organized a DC group luncheon having a presentation by RADM Brian Antonio '83. Brian, son of classmate Gloria & **Bob Antonio (14)** had a very interesting and enlightening presentation for the attendees as Doug added below.

✉ Bob, thanks for coming up to introduce Brian at yesterday's lunch. It was our largest turnout to date, which I suspect was as much a tribute to you and Gloria as it was to him. As I'm sure you could tell, the praise in the aftermath was effusive, both for his presentation and for his impressive contributions to keeping the country safe. He's clearly a star, and I know I speak for all of us in extending highest compliments to two very able chefs. My best, Doug

## '61

**Life Membership: 71%**  
**Donor Participation: 17.56%**

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Well, guys, here is my next bunch of articles for your entertainment and delight (?). I think I probably had too much to say in my last issue's intro, so this will be short (but maybe not so sweet). By the time you get this, the summer will be on its way out; I'm writing this towards the end of July. That's why I don't usually send out any "current events;" just things either of interest, or to help explain something in the article which I perceive might be somewhat hard to figure out (even though I KNOW how smart all you guys out there are - goes without saying). Oh, and BTW, if something comes your way (especially with a photo) that may be of interest to some or all us in '61, don't hesitate to send it in to me, preferably by email. Photos always welcome - with names - I know how all of you have substantially improved your looks since we were in Bancroft Hall, so no need for masks or large, floppy hats. Main thing is don't be shy; all of us are interested.



This in from **Fred Lowack (7)**:

✉ Attached is a photo of **Jim Sniezek (7)** and **Fred Lowack (7)** showing our class flag to the polar bears and walrus 1,500 kilometers from the North Pole. We both were on an Arctic Cruise on a new

small ice breaker bow cruise ship named *Hondius*. Great cruise, and our Zodiac only got locked in the floating ice once. 'Once a Blue Nose, always a Blue Nose' since we both joined the club during our submarine FBM patrols inside the arctic circle in the 60's. (Question: Does anyone remember the latitude of the Arctic Circle?) Those P-Work questions always were hard coupled with fixes winding up on land! GO NAVY!



**Dick Gill (17)** checks in briefly:

✉ Skip, **Dave Stryker (10)** and his wife Sharon along with Shirley and myself had lunch today in Port Canaveral. Attached is a photo. Dave and Sharon are heading north again after spending a couple of winter months here in Florida. Editor's note: Connie and I did the same thing with the Strykers one or two years ago. Very nice couple, who know when to head South!

**Ned Kuhns (7)** sends:

✉ The 1961 Tidewater Group held its June 2019 luncheon at the VB National Golf Course clubhouse suggested by one of our members.



'61: Tidewater Group

The food was delicious and the conversation always entertaining. Pictured below around the table from left to right are: **Jim Joyner (01)**, **Charlie Stewart (06)**, **Kurt Rohdenburg (20)**, **Bob Graham (18)**, **JP Decker (08)**, **Tom McNicholas (09)**, **Dick Hixson (19)**, **Ned Kuhns (07)**, **Ken Craig (07)** and **Marc Bruno (01)**. In July, we will return to the Gordon Biersch Brewery & Restaurant in Town Center of VB. Visitors to Tidewater are always welcome to join us at 1130 on the second Thursday of each month.

**John Butler (5)** sends:

✉ Remembering **Johnny Prichard (8)**, a great classmate, athlete, and



US Marine officer, who was KIA in Vietnam while leading a rifle company. From **Eddie Oleata (10)** and **Chuck Davis (23)** I received the below provided by **Ed Rector**

'62 who was in class of '62 and a friend and track teammate of Ed Oleata and John Prichard. "John Prichard was a great BB player. He led the state of Oklahoma in points scored his junior and senior years in HS, averaging 29 points a game each year. He was recruited by everybody. He went to Kansas on a visit. Wilt Chamberlain was a freshman there and had a private apartment in the gym. He escorted Prichard around that