

ceremony in the Sail Loft at the Washington Navy Yard. Bill and I were good friends during our time at the Academy. Thereafter, our paths crossed infrequently as Bill served in the submarine force, while I served in surface warfare prior to changing designator to Engineering Duty specializing in ship acquisition and program management. We had a proud moment together watching the young warriors pass the torch.



Admiral Michael M. Gilday and Walt Szczypinski at Navy Museum reception following CNO

TAPS.

Anthony LaSala (18th co.) passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family, in Wayne, New Jersey, on Friday, 23 August 2019. Funeral services were held on 28 August. Tony served for four years in Surface Warfare, and then changed careers, practicing law for more than 50 years.

On 1 September, **William Everett** (15th co.) passed away peacefully at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A memorial service was held at Schaudt's Funeral Home on 21 September. After a year on a destroyer and four years in submarines, Bill left the Navy to pursue his life-long career as an attorney, practicing in Casper and Tulsa.

There was a Service of Committal and interment at the Columbarium on Monday, 30 September 2019 for **Byron Julian Oistad** (6th Co.). Byron passed on 24 April 2019, due to complications from Parkinson's disease. He served as a Navy pilot with two tours to Vietnam, then left the Navy to fly for Northwest Airlines for the next 35 years.

Tom Lukish (2nd Co.) reported the passing of his wife, **Dolores Lukish**, on 20 September, in Allentown Pennsylvania. She was surrounded by her loving family and passed peacefully at home. Her funeral service and inurnment are scheduled for November 12 at the Academy Chapel. There was a luncheon following at the Naval Academy Officers Club.

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From **Richard Harper (7)**:

✉ Several years ago I received a copy of an Alumni Association PowerPoint presentation describing their offer to help classes create or upgrade their websites. The presentation described their offer to host any class website as a WordPress site and listed a few of the many advantages. The websites will be hosted at no cost to the classes.

WordPress is a free, user developed software application specifically designed for creating websites and blogs. Recent articles indicate that it currently is the most popular website platform in the world. After reviewing the indicated PowerPoint presentation, I contacted the Alumni Association's IT staff and asked for their help in setting up a trial website. But I soon got bogged down in a massive list of user guides and how-to videos. Creating websites using WordPress is a significant change from the Microsoft Software I had been using. And there was no straight-forward way to convert any existing website into this new format. Frustrated, I set aside the effort to work on other priorities.

I've now had time to overcome my procrastination and work through the required learning curve.

I've recreated our class website and expanded several sections. The new website is available for access at: <http://1960.usnaclases.net/>.

I like the results and hope you will agree. The Alumni Association's IT staff said they would help revise our existing website <http://usna60.com/> to redirect anyone addressing the old site to our new one, and revising the listings in *Shipmate* and on the Alumni Association's website. We've gone live now, with the new website. —Richard

Also from **Richard Harper (7)**:

✉ Class Luncheon Organizers, etc. Our new class website <http://1960.usnaclases.net> is now up and running. The website's improved design software should make it easier to use the site as a social communications tool for our class.

One new feature is the "Calendar Page" section. Here, I can list various events such as the monthly class luncheons in various areas and football tailgate details. But, I need some inputs.

I read about your luncheons and their attendees in Bill Lewis' *Shipmate* articles after the fact. Do you have some sort of email notification that you distribute before each event. Can you include me in the distribution? I will have room on the class website to include the date and time of the event, the location, the contact person, and a brief agenda if appropriate. **Richard Harper (7)**, Webmaster,

And as responded by **Ray Burkley (2)**:

✉ Richard, Happy to include you on the Northern CA luncheon distribution and impressed that this information can be included on the class website. Occasionally we have some 'out of towners' show up at our luncheons as result of local contacts but if classmates will read the website maybe more will know of the luncheons and attend. Hope so.

Thank you for all of your effort and hard work in getting the web site up and running and maintaining it. Best Regards, Raymond

From **George Marburger (20)**:



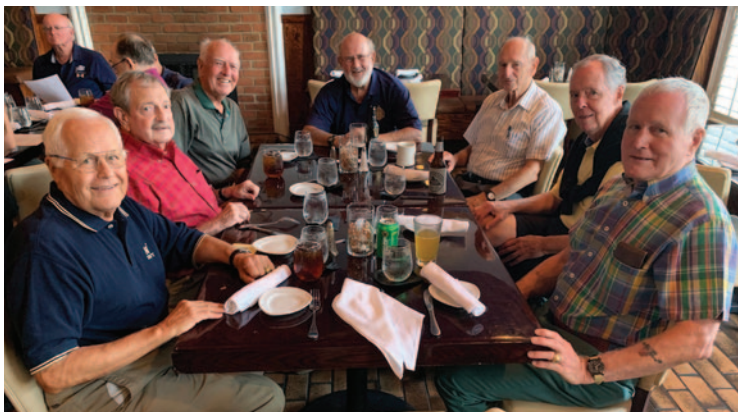
✉ Bill, during a vacation visiting family in Ohio, Ann and I decided that it had been too long since we had seen Joanne and **Ronn Marshall (20)** in Illinois. Ronn and I shared 'Best Man' duties shortly after graduation. Glad to report that all are still doing well. We spent a long time retelling 'old tales' with minor embellishments. The picture was taken at the Caterpillar visitor's center in Peoria, IL. —George

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ Bill, our groups merged and descended on one of our frequented luncheon establishments in Virginia Beach in August. The restaurant was Temps, an old favorite. The owner, Tiffany, created a special 3-course menu for our group at a very reasonable price. We were able to occupy a separate room, where of course "old stories were retold." Lots of good laughter and camaraderie. Sixteen classmates enjoyed a variety of entrees with excellent service. No one was unhappy with either the selections or the cost.

In attendance were: **Ed Clextion (10)**, **Wick Parcells (12)**, **Pete Chabot (14)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Bert Johnson (10)**, **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Mike McCullough (14)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Jack Suddath (6)**, **Bob Brenton (12)**, **Bob Powers (8)** & **Rod Friedmann (5)**.

Our next get together will be a **Mike McCullough's (14)** restaurant, Fellini's, in Norfolk on Tues., Sep 10 followed by a trip across the Chesapeake Bay to **Bert Johnson's, (10)** Hampton Yacht Club, on 8 Oct in Hampton, VA.



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Bill, here's a few photos of our happy group taken by **Jim Eilertsen (21)**.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Several classmates asked me how my trip to Uganda went last week, so I thought I would send a few words. It was so rewarding. This year every child received a new pair of shoes, a bag of toiletries, I gave Mickey mouse dolls to eight little girls, my son donated BB shirts to the boys I support, and my grandson donated some of his Hardy Boys books. We visited four different schools to ensure our money was being spent properly. Visited McCreere Univ. where I hope to send one of the boys I support who just graduated with high honors from high school. It's a long and grueling flight over and back, but so heartwarming to see how happy these children are and how our little organization means so much to their future. God bless and smooth sailing. —Oz

Also from **Bob Osmon (17)** and the Treacy's (Joan & **Mike (20)**):

✉ Thank you for your visits to us at our home. Our conversations are always stimulating and bring back memories of times and places we all have experienced and enjoyed.

We have appreciated the work you and others do not only for the 17th company, but also for the USNA community through the years. As you know, we are all fortunate to have this encouragement and support and do realize that your part of is so appreciated. - Joan

✉ Thank you for the kind words. I feel blessed to have all my 17th Co classmates as such good friends and to live in the Hampton Roads area where I have gotten to know and enjoy so many more of our Class of 1960 classmates. I will keep Mike and you both on my prayer list. God bless. —Bob

And Ron Booth (17) added:

✉ Mike & Joan, I think it is great that Bob goes and visits with you two. I send you greetings from Bainbridge Island. Peggy and I are

doing ok with a few health problems but everyone this age has some. I can still remember the time I took my car into the car wash/auto repair place on Madison Avenue and Wyatt way. I was having it diagnosed and it was parked out in front of Madison and the mechanic had me put it in neutral and try to start it, It didn't start and the Mechanic and I went into the office to discuss recharging the battery and I did not set the hand brake, Mike was there on some other errand and saw the car roll across Madison (a busy avenue on Bainbridge) and bump into a tree. He came into the office and said, "Ron is that your car that just rolled across Madison and into a tree?" I looked out the door and sure enough it was my car. There was no serious damage to the car and how it had rolled across two lanes of traffic plus a left turn lane without a crash was a piece of luck. The mechanic, Mike and I had a good laugh about the runaway car! Now everyone in 17th Company knows about my runaway car. Ron, Beat Army!

(also the rest of the alumni... Ed)

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Well, here we are again, looking at another football season soon to start. This will be the first one that Connie and I won't be attending for a long time, as we are selling our home here in south central Pennsylvania and moving permanently to our other home down in Melbourne, Florida in early November. We had been splitting the years between the two places for a long time. I guess we're tired of moving back and forth every year (and this will also lend itself to more frequent

cruises, and somewhat less \$ out the door). Our daughter is still heavily involved in NASA business/ops (now mostly concentrating on the future manned Mars Landing), and is moving into a very nice new home down there in Melbourne on the Indian River with her husband (who is handling the house do-over), while our son has retired from the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps with last duty at the White House as Facilities Chief, and is now Chief Engineer for all the Federal Reserve System Banks (and, nope, he has NOTHING to do with interest rates, so stop the heavy breathing).



This article in from **Dave Wright** (Mr. '61 reunion and **03**): David Wright and Ginny Pusey visited grandchildren in CA in August and long-term friends Bob and Marty Mahan. Bob is a 1961 USC NROTC grad who joined with our USNA grads (50) at SubSchool Class #116. He went into nuclear power. Over the years he has kept in touch with old friends, shipmates (Permit (SSN-593) and Bancroft (SSBN-643)) and his favorite USNA Class 1961, attending several reunions. We look forward to seeing EVERYONE at the 60th Reunion. *Editor's note:* I also have maintained fairly close contact with Bob Mahan over the years. A good guy, who fit right in with us Canoe U. navals...served well in the submerged nukes during his time in the Navy. He owns his own very successful business way out there in the Far West...and, here is an extra added attraction in later from Dave: **HEADS UP** classmates! After being on cruise control for several months, the 60th Reunion Team will be rolling into action this fall, just two years in advance of the **NEXT BIG ONE!** The primary action will be to prepare and issue via the Company Reps a "**60th Reunion Attendance Survey.**" The response to the Survey will be **critical** for our planning actions, trying to firm up