#### Army-Navy Gathering in Lewes, Delaware

Sponsored by the USNA Delaware Chapter, a viewing party of the 120th Army-Navy game was enjoyed by several USNA grads, spouses, and other fans at the Green Turtle in Lewes, Delaware. The Delaware Chapter has sponsored this Army-Navy party for several years and since 2010 the Class of 1959 has had great representation. Pete Stout now leads the event with 50-50 raffle, Navy songs with Paul Reid (Class of 1974) adding the music. Good food, great friends, and a fantastic game (Navy beat Army, 31 to 7).



59ers shown are: Pete Stout (10th), Art Emmerson (6th), Elaine Stout, Niki Pickett, Judy (Gibbons) Stevenson, Bob and Sandy Reifsnyder (5th), Jay and Pat Bainbridge (22nd)

#### Carol and Walter Wynn - 2019 in Review. By Walt Wynn (11th Co.)

As 2019 draws to a close and we complete our second year here at Oak Hammock (a 55-plus retirement community in Gainesville) at the University of Florida, it is time to look back at what has happened this past year.

Last December (2018), Carol and I took a small ship cruise from Lauderdale to four ports in Cuba. It was one of the last cruises before the current administration cracked down on Cuba trips, and we were able to visit four UNESCO World Heritage cities. We noticed improvements in the tourist section of Havana with more buildings restored. we enjoy trips from Oak Hammock to the School of Music and University Auditorium for free performances. Transportation provided by OH. There are some 300 concerts, recitals and performances per year.

Carol and I gave several talks about our travels and we have enjoyed talks by other residents who have traveled far more extensively than we have. I was asked to give a talk about my life for our Adventures in Living series given each summer by residents and "townies." It is a part of our Institute in Learning in Retirement (ILR) program. Other topics include science and humanities.

One program that we try not to miss is our water aerobics class in the indoor heated exercise pool (89 degrees or so). After that hour, we spend 15-20 minutes or so in the hot tub (102 degrees or more). We sometimes go from there to early lunch, followed by a nap.

The last two summers grandchildren Ben and Hannah flew down for a week or so. We enjoy taking them to the Florida State Museum of Natural History on campus where we see special exhibits. We always go into the large butterfly exhibit enclosed by a huge screen room. The museum houses the world's largest collection of butterflies and has a large staff to catalog, store and study them. Ben and Hannah enjoyed seeing the Cade Museum of Innovation. It was founded by the inventor of Gatorade and features rotating special exhibits. Last summer it was virtual reality with headgear and actuators to allow moving around in the exhibit (on the screen) and manipulating various things. Both of them were way better at doing that than I was.

Last Christmas and this Thanksgiving we joined with other family in Daytona for a few days of very good weather. We lucked out both times with the weather. Each time the younger family members cooked up great holiday meals for us older folks.

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Christmas celebrations at Oak Hammond. Carol is with the choir on the 2nd floor, preparing to sing carols.



Thanksgiving 2019 we joined other family members in Daytona. L to R, Benjamin (grandchild), Carol, Lesa (daughter in law), Jeff (son) and Hannah (grandchild). I couldn't get the selfie stick to work, so I'm not in the photo

### TAPS

**David Doelger** (8) passed away peacefully on December 19, 2019 at his home in Austin, Texas. David served two years in destroyers and three in submarines before changing careers. His remains will be placed in the USNA Columbarium at a later date.



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And as advertised from **Doug Johnston (5)**:

■ "Bud Pezet (13) hit it out of the ballpark at our October luncheon by acting out five different parts he had played in the past and doing so in convincing fashion. After describing for all hands what he was going to do, he segued seamlessly into his first act. So seamlessly in fact, that several of us, myself included, began feeling sorry for his wife, Fae,

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as he fantasized about a nubile, bikini-clad young lady who happened into his backyard. In another scene, while reminiscing about his ball-playing days, he described the activities of his son who had died while playing ball and was moved to tears in the process. They were real tears, which gave us all a much deeper appreciation for how deeply some actors can play their roles. The frosting on the cake was a parting shot emulating Jack Nicholson in "A Few Good Men," as he convinced everyone that we "couldn't handle the truth." My only regret was not thinking sufficiently ahead to video Bud's performance, so every classmate could see it. It was superb from start to finish, so hat's off to our star of stage and screen.

Those who would readily agree with the above from having seen Bud's performance include **Ron Burdge (9), Gary Cogdell (7),** Fae Daniels, **Dennis Hickey (22),** Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22),** Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)** (and their guest Joan Woodbury), Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2),** Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9),** Dareen and yours truly.



Pezet "our star in action

#### From Rod Friedman (5):

■ "Bill, I'm a few luncheon reports late, but today recently we had the privilege of dining at The Cavalier Golf & Yacht Club in Virginia Beach, thanks to **Ed Clexton (10)**. It was a dark and stormy day-perfect for our monthly get together. Plenty of time to eat, drink and catch up. The Cavalier offered up a five varied pre-selected entree selections for our luncheon at a very reasonable cost, plus a surprise dessert. It doesn't get any better that.

Attendees (16) included: Al Ablowich (16), our host Ed Clexton

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'60: Pezet "back in the day"

(10), Rod Friedmann (5), Bob lanucci (16), Tom Inderlied (21), Bert Johnson (10), Frank Kay (8), Mike McCullough (14), Bob Osmon (17), Wick Parcells (12), Bob Powers (8), Torry Rogers (3), Geo Van Houten (24), Henry Von Kolnitz (22), Al Whitaker (18) and Arky Vaughn (21). Paul Cooper (5) had to cancel at the last minute due to a fall and broken ribs. "Note: last heard, recovering well."

## From Ed Mangan (20):

■ "Bill, The Annapolis Group, borrowed an idea from our southern neighbors and Merf set out to find a venue for our Friday Luncheon that had; space for all of us, great food, excellent service, reasonable prices, a view and most important parking. In addition, we believe that women should not only be accepted, but are essential. Merf was successful. Nine Classmates, accompanied by five wives, two guest ladies and two widows got together today for a wonderful lunch In preparation for the SMU Game, we were fortunate to have Barbara Gansz and her sister with us and hope that when possible they will return. Attending were: Vicky & Bob Meck (19), Carolyn & Willie Taylor (7), Suzanne & Ed Mangan (20), Gloria & Bob Antonio (14), Betty & Ken Loveland (23), Jim O'Farrell (16) with guest, Barbara Gansz and her sister, Joanne Gamba, Don Delude (12), Jim Duffy (7), and Merf Moerschel (2). I am not much of a photographer but there is an attempt attached. Come on over and join us sometime. Ed

#### From Bob lanucci (16):

"USS John Fitzgerald .Kennedy CVN 79 was christened at Newport News Shipyard on 7 Dec. Caroline Kennedy requested a Catholic priest perform the benediction. Our son, Fr. Tom lanucci was tasked with the job. We were able to watch it on TV and internet. Bob

#### From Rod Friedmann (5):

► FYI, Paul Cooper (5) was recently resting uncomfortably in the Riverside Pavilion of Norfolk General Hospital. He suffered a fall on his backyard deck on Tues., 12 Nov., resulting in five broken ribs, 2 of which were broken in 2 places. I recently talked to him & his wife, Sue. He's in relatively good spirits but sore. He expects to be in rehab for 12 weeks after discharge. Rod

#### From Bob Brenton (12):

₩ "Hello Bill, a small number of the 12th Co. gathered to celebrate the Navy win and enjoy great fellowship. The group included Catharine & Wood Burns, Prissy & Wick Parcells, Karlin & George Chafee ('58), and Bobbie and **Bob Brenton**. Our lunch venue was Oozlefinch Brewery at Fort Monroe, followed by a return to the Brenton home for The Game. The attached picture shows Wood, Wick, and Bob while the beer was on the way. I can report it was a festive, if low key, gathering. Wood is still practicing surgery in the Chapel Hill area, Wick is still a terror on the golf course, and Bob is active with a local charity doing home repairs. It was a grand time. Best regards, Bob



12th co folks



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As you may have heard, I had a disaster with my PC when starting a cruise late last Fall. Since then, I've been literally out of any capability for email. My son Skip II (and not the Geek Squad, after three or four tries) now finally recovered most of the capability, but I am still searching for my SHIPMATE inputs from last year. Connie & I are off on a long PRINCESS cruise now, we will be back 4 February. Thru the Panama Canal, down the east coast of S. America with about 3-4 stops, then to the climax of the cruise. Easter Island. As far as I know, we will be the first cruise ship ever to visit it. There is no pier; we anchor out and boat in. We return via the Straits of Magellan, hit a couple of S. American ports on the way back up to our starting point in Florida. As we travel, I will be working to try and recover something of what I had for the column before it all went away. PRINCESS usually has good internet service.



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#### Greetings from Annapolis

As your local weather reporter, I can tell you spring is in the air. The onslaught of tourists and visitors will tour the city and Academy. Incidentally, the class officers and 60th reunion committee had its