

Gary Quay Geist (21), of Southern Pines, PA, passed away on Tuesday, 24 December 2019, at First Health Hospice House in Pinehurst. A memorial service was held at on 11 January 2020. Funeral service at the USNA Chapel and Columbarium were held on 16 March 2020. Gary served in the submarine Navy and completed his career as a Captain in 1989. In later years he worked for PRA and Boeing.

Frank Dwight Young (12) passed on 17 January 2020. Visitation was held on 24 January at the Longwood Funeral Home, with Funeral Mass and memorial service the following day. Frank was in submarine school when he developed a medical problem and was discharged. His civilian career included that of field training engineer, high school math teacher, and computer programmer.

Dan Truax (6) died 14 February 2020 at home in Annapolis with his family by his side. Dan chose a career in aviation and retired from the Navy in 1983. He then took a position as Treasurer of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, where he worked until his second retirement in 1995. A Funeral Service was scheduled in the Main Chapel on 23 April 2020 followed by a service of committal at the Columbarium, and a reception at the N* Room, Navy Marine Corps Stadium.

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Things are getting a little slow for the "Dark Ages" but with the Sixtieth for '60 on the horizon, communications need to pick up. Companies need to organize get-togethers. Reservations need to be made. Let's have a great one!

As we've aged many classmates have had increasing health and



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medical problems. We've lost over a third of our original class and a lot of us have slowed down considerably. Still, many have taken good care of themselves and set great examples for future reunions. Now is the time to stay in touch and renew great relations from the past. Local groups are great ways, but individuals can make contact as well. The Alumni Association data base is a great resource and Class officers can assist locating individuals as well.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ For the past nine years I have thoroughly enjoyed planning and hosting our annual Christmas party at Le Yaca. Many of you have paid me many fine compliments and I am appreciative that you all have enjoyed it so much. We have even attracted numerous folks from out of town to join us. So I would like to thank all of you for your support and for the nice things that have been said about this special event.

But, I feel it is time for me to step down and allow others to put their stamp of creativeness into our party. Since our VB/Norfolk classmates have been so gracious to drive up here to Williamsburg all these years, maybe this would be a good time to shift our dinner site back to the VB area. If someone from VB or Norfolk would like to volunteer to plan and host this for next year, we might consider the new Le Yaca in VB. I'm sure there may be other fine venues as well.

May I wish all of you a wonderful and amazing new year full of health and happiness. God bless, Oz

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ For several years, **Ward O'Brien (22)** has been televising the stories of military veterans for the American Valor Project of the Library of Congress. In November, he shared the stories of five of the more interesting interviews he has conducted, including the heroic exploits of **Don Boecker (15)** after being shot down over Laos and the creative genius of **Don Broadfield (22)**, who while growing up on a farm in Illinois, played high school football so he could have access to the school's shower facilities. The real story here though is the effort Ward has been making to capture for posterity a bit of our nation's history. So, hats-off to him for doing this and for volunteering both his and his family's time (his wife, Barbara, manages the teleprompter, one daughter hosts the show, while another handles the audio—whatever it takes to produce a quality product).

In December, **Ron Burdge (9)** made the trek from Annapolis to speak to our group about Russia and its international objectives, including Putin's agenda. Ron teaches a course on this at Anne Arundel Community College, which he compressed and tailored a bit for our Navy audience. Bob Traister then added some on-the-ground insights based on his work experience in that country in the late 90's. Between the two of them, it was a fascinating and informative lunch.

Those who participated in one or both of the above included: **Don Broadfield (22)**, Linda and **Ron Burdge (9)**, Martha and

George Dowell (19), **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Fae Daniels and **Bud Pezet (13)**, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Duane Tollaksen (3)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Dareen and yours truly. My best to all, Doug

From **Pete Bos (7)** following the loss of **Roy Smith (20)**:

✉ We've now lost the second member of our 1957 national championship eight. Sissel and I have been in Naples for 3 weeks, and we were able to see him several times. (Roy and Marianne have spent much of the late fall and winter in Naples in recent years.) I sent the email below to **Lyman Perry (7)** and **Skip Weeks (7)**, as well as Roy's two USNA roommates - **Cal Sutliff (20)** and **Bill Zierden (20)**. Pete

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ Ladies and Gents, in keeping with our recent sons of classmate's presentations, our January lunch will feature James Patton, the youngest son of **Jim Patton (9)** (my nuclear school roommate and fellow submariner). James relieved me as President and CEO of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD) two years ago. As a reminder, the Center's mission is to bridge religion and politics in support of peacemaking.

James has an interesting background (very different from his Dad's and mine) and is well on his way to taking ICRD to a whole new level. He's a terrific speaker and will have some fascinating and provocative things to say. So block your calendars for January 16th and we'll see you there. All the best, Doug

From **Rod Friedman (5)**:

✉ Despite dark skies and heavy rains, a group of fourteen 60 classmates from W'burg & the Hampton Roads area, make the trek to Waterman's Surfside Grill located along Atlantic Ave. in Virginia Beach. Because of the inclement weather, we pretty well had the restaurant to ourselves. The restaurant is an old fixture on the beach with a very

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good reputation. We were not disappointed. While they specialize in fresh seafood, other menu items were avail. The service was outstanding & the price was right.

Attendees included: **Bob Osmon (17), Al Whitaker (16), Jack Suddath (6), Bob Ianucci (16), Bob Brenton (12), Jim Eilertsen (21), Geo. Van Houten (24), Paul Cooper (5), Bert Johnson (10), Mike McCullough (14), Henry von Kolnitz (22), Wick Parcells (12) & Rod Friedmann (5).**

Also from **Bob Osman (17):**

✉ **Al Whitaker (16), Jack Suddath (6)** and I stopped to see **Joel Febel (5)** on the way home from the luncheon Tuesday. He was just coming out of one therapy session as we came in and was quickly headed to another, so we only saw him for a few minutes. But he was glad to see all of us.

He was still in a wheel chair, but in my opinion looked so much better than when I saw him 3 weeks ago. Still very thin, but definitely had more energy about him. Told us he would be there for about 30-60 more days and then hopes to return to Patriot's Colony. God bless. Oz

From **John Schmidt (20):**

✉ The SOCAL 60 group again gathered in Coronado for lunch, camaraderie, and, of course, sea stories. Present were **Denis Crawford (2), Jan Shaw (2), Tom McDonough (4), Sue & Sam Ward (8), Nancy &**

John Pethick (9), Charlotte & Bob Stevenson (2), Pam & Mike Fenn (4), Janet & Doc Hand (7), Avery & Bennie Hollowell (3), John Schmidt (20), Mike Merrill (20), and Chuck Schroeder (23). Our next luncheon is on the 14th of April so do join us in warm and sunny Southern California. John

From **Bob Osmon (17):**

✉ Dear Classmates, Recently I was pleased to take **Tom Wishart (22)** to lunch with me. I wanted to get him out of Assisted Care for a while and see sunshine and young women again, so I took him to the Bonefish here in Williamsburg. We both had a delicious cod fish sandwich and a tasty coconut pie. But, what the heck! What are we saving ourselves for?

He's moving a little slowly and has difficulty getting in and out of the car (Who doesn't these days?) But his mind is sharp and we had much fun discussing many subjects including his experience of having a nurse help him with a shower for the first time. (I remember the old days when we used to invite nurses to join us in the shower.) A lot of good laughs and we stayed for an hour past his allotted time. Hope he doesn't get any demerits for it.

He really regrets he can't attend our luncheons anymore, but hopes to get back in shape in the future. Tom says to say Hi to you all. Keep him in your prayers. God bless. —Oz

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Well, I'm back after a LOOONG absence, as you probably know and can now see. Had my PC opt out of the world (crashed) for about two months, and finally think I may have it back to battery, after four bungled attempts by the Geek Squad, and a final fix by my son, which brought it back to life. I have not yet recovered everything lost but believe some may be lurking around a few corners. If you've sent anything you'd like to get in the column and haven't seen it, just let me know. I have several items which I'd like to get in, but am treading lightly at first, so as not to lose any data. I'll catch up next issue.

U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1961

Distinguished Graduate Recognition
On 7 June 1961 the Naval Academy graduates entered their armed forces selection to protect and defend the constitution of this great nation. These graduates would later be recognized as the Vietnam Generation, which lost a political war in Vietnam due to a flawed strategy and poor leadership in Washington, DC. As Rear Admiral Hill, a 1961 graduate and future Superintendent of the Naval Academy stated at a Class of 1961 dedication ceremony, we were never recognized by this divided nation for the commitment, loyalty and sacrifices of our classmates upon return from this war disaster. Several of our 13th Company classmates believe it is time to recognize the extraordinary service of these dedicated patriots and warriors, members of the great Class of 1961.

Sent in by **Stan Roman (13), Fritz Klumpp(13), and Sandy Mock (13):**

✉ John Maye Quarterman Jr., a native of Brunswick, GA, was an outstanding student and All State football player. He entered the Naval Academy in July 1957, excelled in football and lacrosse, leadership and academics, and upon graduation chose a career in naval aviation. A distinguished career followed that lasted 30 years, including major command assignments, 756 combat missions, recovering astronauts, 5000 plus flight hours in 61 different aircraft, number 2 test pilot in the U.S Navy, and retiring as a Captain with many service commendations. Let us share a few of these commendations:

1. Silver Star - As a helicopter fire team leader he directed the successful recovery of a pinned down Seal Team with casualties, and a downed helicopter team, while under insurmountable heavy enemy fire twenty-five meters away.

2. Legion of Merit (2)- Successful command of Amphibious Squadron FOUR and Director of the Fleet Operations and Readiness Division for his leadership, expert judgment, and inspiring devotion to duty.

3. Meritorious Service Medal-Leadership and execution of the Grenada Rescue Mission and the successful evacuation of civilians and U.S. Marines from Beirut.

4. Distinguished Flying Cross-Leadership and successful extraction of Seals and wounded personnel surrounded by Viet Cong, under heavy fire, and adverse flying conditions, on two separate occasions on the same day

5. Others: Bronze star with Combat V, 31 Flight Strike Medals, Navy Commendation with Combat V, Vietnamese Air Gallantry Cross, Military Times Hall of Valor, and other unit, campaign, and service awards.

6. In 1983, he hosted Bob Hope's tour for the troops, and gave up his stateroom to Bob. When Bob pulled down the covers there was a sign "Bing Crosby Slept Here". John became life long friends with Bob and Delores, with many fond memories and reunions.



'60: SoCal group gathered in Coronado