

## '60

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From **Ray Jones (10)** via Facebook:  
 "Today we celebrate 3 fabulous  
 happy years since We eloped to  
 Las Vegas to be married by Vonnies  
 longtime friend and pastor! Looking  
 forward to when we can travel again.



Ray & Vonnies Jones

A little note from **Rob Kunkle (10)**:

✉ Bill, how are you and family in  
 coping with the virus and isolation?  
 Suspect it gives you more 'forced'  
 time to write for the class column.

I'm reading the latest issue and  
 started wondering if you have heard  
 of any discussions to take *Shipmate*  
 online? I enjoy reading the class  
 columns from 1958 through 1963,  
 seeing names I recognize and learn  
 what they are up to. But, I cannot  
 tolerate the 'tiny' pictures enclosed,  
 too small to even tell who these  
 people are. Of course, printing full  
 sized pictures would probably triple  
 the page count, and cost! Hope we  
 can get into the 21st century!  
 Best regards, Rob

**Doug Johnston (5)** passed along a  
 little blast from the past originally  
 submitted by **Pat Sullivan (7)**  
 during a "long ago" officer turn-over.  
 On September 30, **Pete Chabot (14)**  
 will move from Vice President to  
 President. **Doug Johnston (5)**

will take over as incoming Vice  
 President and **George Dowell (19)**  
 will relieve **Ed Mangan (20)**  
 as Treasurer.

The time has come to change  
 the watch

Our tour of duty's done  
 We've sailed the ship thru  
 placid seas

No battle's lost nor won

We've stood our tour like  
 those before

And those who've yet to come  
 For love of Class. For love  
 of friend

For each and for the sum.

The blue gold line, the horn  
 and drum

Attest to days of yore  
 At each roll call we stand again  
 Together yet once more.

The bonds grow strong with  
 each passed year  
 The feelings still more deep  
 True friendships made within  
 these Halls

Shall last 'til final sleep.

Relieve the watch, relieve  
 the watch

The bosun's pipe sounds shrill  
 God Bless to friends who've  
 made last call

God Bless to friends here still.

The Sand has run clear through  
 the glass

Eight bells have sounded clear.  
 The wind is fair, the seas run true  
 Steam on, old Sixty dear.

-Pat Sullivan (7)

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Here's an oldie. Five of us from  
 the 17th Company were all from  
 Illinois. We were called "The Illinois  
 Mafia." Were we young then or  
 what??

L-R: **John Swanson, Dick Macke,**  
**Bob Osmon, Joe Wade, and Frank**  
**Wagner.** Ahh, but we are still young  
 at heart. God bless and stay safe. Oz



Illinois 17th company group

I heard via email with a picture from  
**Butch Khoury (14)** out there in  
 California. He seems to be coping  
 pretty well with the health situation  
 but I'm afraid he better keep away  
 from banks for a while.



Butch Khoury

Occasionally we pick up accolades  
 from classmates we haven't heard  
 from in a while. We recently heard  
 from **Dave Banner (24)** regarding  
**Richard Harper's (7)** work on our  
 Web Site:

✉ I never met Richard but wish to  
 let him know I really enjoy our Web  
 Site. Old dog, learning new tricks  
 (me). Still read SHIPMATE, but this  
 is a wonderful asset for the Class.  
 Give him a pay raise. Hope to see  
 you guys in the Spring. -Dave

Finally, as we hunker down in  
 Jupiter, Florida Linda and I  
 occasionally get the opportunity to  
 get out to the beach with the kids'  
 dog. She's an active Lab and gives  
 us a great exercise.

You all be safe out there and we  
 will too.



Linda & Bill Lewis with "Clover"

## '61

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Well, greetings from my Covid Cave  
 in Florida! I am here, with Connie,  
 our cat, and occasional masked  
 trips to the grocery store, waving at  
 neighbors from a distance as they  
 walk by with dogs, etc., or just peek  
 out of their windows. I still get my  
 non-mask running in at a close-by  
 local park with some very nice,  
 woodsy trails, and a lake; prelimi-  
 nary calisthenics at home. Fortu-  
 nately, our daughter Amanda is  
 nearby; she and her husband Geoff  
 are in the middle of completing a  
 new home fixup, located on a local  
 boating channel. She is, as some  
 may know, in charge of NASA's  
 rocket launches down here and in  
 California. The next one goes up  
 from here this next week, a big one  
 which sends a payload which in-  
 cludes our first Mars helicopter,  
 designed to last for years on solar  
 power, as it roams around the planet,  
 taking samples/photographs. They  
 will be looking for signs of former  
 life but are NOT authorized to offer  
 any free rides to surviving Martians.  
 I asked if they had a ticket machine  
 installed, and just got a strange,  
 quizzical look. Connie & I will be at  
 the launch in a couple of days, all  
 masked up in NASA masks.

She had the NASA Director of  
 the Space Center over at her house  
 along with us for lunch a couple of  
 weeks ago. He is a very nice  
 (young) guy, a USNA graduate  
 (airdale, of course). I thought of  
 telling him he should have gone in  
 the nuke Submarine Service; he  
 would have made more money  
 there but thought better of it. I'm  
 sure he is making up for it now.

Well, let's get on with this issue's  
 articles. As local Class gatherings