

to what VREELAND would be doing if Greece and Turkey actually went to war, and I decided it was time to offload my two passengers. The USS INCHON (LPH-12), an amphibious assault ship, was in the area so I sent their CO a message asking if he could pick up the two boys and send them via helicopter to the U.S. Navy airfield at Souda Bay, Crete (the Athens airport was closed during the crisis). His response was a bit of a surprise, as he requested that VREELAND go alongside for a high-line transfer (the traditional method of transferring personnel between two underway ships - the individual being transferred is strapped into a metal chair and winched across 100 to 150 feet of churning sea).

Fortunately, the high-lining went smoothly, and within half an hour the boys were in a helo en route to Souda Bay. They spent a week there, watched over by Souda Bay sailors (read that as "watching R-rated movies"), before the crisis ended and the Athens airport opened so they could be transferred home. Our son still describes the experience as, "One of the greatest times of my life, and I'll never forget it."

#### Reunion, From Carl Keske (8):

✉ Wayne Lockwood (3) and I "reunited" at Shuckers on Florida's east coast. We hadn't seen each other since late Aug 1958 on first class cruise. Also on that cruise were **John Butterfield (2)** and **Sam Sigmund (11)**. Wayne, his wife Carol, my wife Carol and I had a great time.

#### TAPS

**Joni Schnauffer, wife of Patrick Schnauffer (18)**, passed away on 4 March in Surprise, AZ, from complications of Valley Fever. Memorial services and inurnment at USNA are being planned for a later date.

**Patricia Crompton, wife of Thomas Crompton (13)**, died on 4 April after a five-year battle with cancer. A memorial service was held in Florida on 24 April and inurnment at the USNA columbarium will be scheduled at a later date.

**Vice Admiral Roger Bacon (7)** passed away on 9 April 2021. Roger had a great start at USNA basketball, making the starting five on the freshman team, but then a foot injury brought his athletics to a stop. Roger's father was a submarine CO during WW2 and retired as a Rear Admiral. Roger was intent on following his father's footsteps and chose submarine duty for his career. Following a year in destroyers he received his orders to Naval Submarine School, followed by Naval Nuclear Power Training in October 1961.

Following many deployments on many submarines, Roger assumed command of the PATRICK HENRY (SSBN-599) in 1975. In May 1976, Roger was assigned Tactical Training Officer on COMSUBPAC staff. In January 1979, he became CO of submarine tender HUNLEY, forward deployed to Guam, where they conducted 64 refits during his tenure and received many awards.

In June 1980, CAPT Bacon assumed command of COMSUBRON 1 at Pearl Harbor, followed by assignment as Chief of Staff for COMSUBPAC. In February 1983, he was designated a Rear Admiral (lower half) with assignment to the Office of the CNO as Director, Strategic and Nuclear Warfare (OP-65). During this period he also attended the National Defense University CAPSTONE class and the Harvard University International Security Course. In January 1991, VADM Bacon assumed the position of Assistant CNO for Undersea Warfare (OP-2/N-02.). Retiring in May 1993, Roger enjoyed fly fishing and working in his backyard garden.

**Peter Schon (3)** died peacefully on 7 April in company with his wife and daughters. Following his USNA graduation he was commissioned in the Marine Corp, and he saw duty as XO of the Marine Detachment on the USS RANDOLPH. After leaving military life in 1964 he joined his family's printing business in Chicago, specializing in graphic arts. He also served as a sales manager and an independent consultant to printing industries.

**Joan Doyle, wife of Ron Doyle (14)** passed away on 17 April 2021.

**Peter McCall (11)** died on 22 April at home while under hospice care during pneumonia and heart problems. A memorial service was scheduled for 29 April in Gainesville, FL.

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From **Pete Chabot (14)**:

✉ Classmates, your Officers and Class Board have agreed on conducting Mini-Reunions during 2022 and early 2023. The locations (Sarasota, San Antonio, and a Mississippi River cruise) are consistent with results of the survey conducted in April. The next step will be forming teams to plan each event. Some classmates have already volunteered and I ask that others near each location also join us. Contact me or one of our class officers.

COVID stopped our 60th Reunion but we are ready to gather again - and with vigor!

Go Super '60! - Pete"

Recently from San Diego and **John Schmidt (20)**:

✉ Greetings from the SOCAL 60 group who met for lunch and stories in Coronado. Left to right: Avery and **Bennie Hollowell (3)**, Jan Shaw (2), **Mike Merrill (20)**, Nancy and **John Pethick (9)**, Glee and **John Schmidt (20)**, Sue and **Sam Ward (8)**, and Joyce and Chuck Schroeder (23). Sam brought up the ideas of west and east coast separate reunions, but I am not sure the SoCal 60 group is interested in hosting another after all that went into the 47.5 reunion. We are losing **Mike Merrill (20)** from our group as he moves to Arvada, Colorado.

**Bob Osmon (17)** recently heard from **Jerry Mountain (11)** regarding the 60-year certificates.

✉ Gentlemen: How Nice!!!! Today I received the "60 Years of Marriage" certificate from **Bob Osmon (17)**. As a non-graduate of the Academy, this proves to me that "once a classmate, always a classmate". Your attention to our anniversary and inclusion in this remembrance is deeply appreciated by Kay and me. We thank you and wish you good health and happiness. Sincerely, Ronnie Kay and Jerry Mountain *Beat Army!!!*

"I'm so pleased it finally got to you! And so glad you still feel a part of our class. We're glad to have you. I hope Ronnie Kay and you have many more. God bless. Bob O.

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ The DC Lunch Group's first post-Covid gathering took place at the Army-Navy Country Club in



'60: SOCAL group in Coronado

## 60/61 CLASS NEWS

Arlington on April 29. It was great seeing everyone again and hearing from Bill Ostendorff '76 on the progress he has been able to make over the past five years as the most recent occupant of our class chair in National Security.

As a reminder, five years ago as part of our 60 for '60 (yet to happen) reunion, the class initiated another fundraising drive to enhance the breadth and impact of our chair specifically and the Academy more broadly. The fundraising team headed by Hank Chiles absolutely crushed the million-dollar target by raising a total of \$2.7 million. So, part of Bill's task was to report back on what he had been able to achieve with the additional resources.

As for Bill himself, after graduation, he served in submarines, culminating with command of the USS Norfolk (SSN 714) and later as Commander of Submarine Squadron Six. After the Navy, he served in high-level positions in both the Executive and Legislative Branches of government and along the way as Director of the Math and Science Division at the Academy. Thus, he brought a number of important and highly relevant perspectives and insights to the Distinguished Visiting Professor position.

In his remarks, Bill indicated that his primary task from the Academic Dean and Provost was to have a formidable, direct impact on individual midshipmen. Toward this end, he taught 2 or 3 sections every semester in a number of different courses. Foremost among these was a new, formally-approved elective in Grand Strategy that he developed (a goal agreed to in 2015 by our class in concert with the Academic Dean and Naval Academy Foundation). Several of us— myself, **Hank Chiles (21), Pete Chabot (14), John Michalski (6), and Ron Burdge (9)**— had the opportunity to sit in on several of his Grand Strategy classes to observe student presentations on the strategy and national interests not only of the United States, but of other stakeholders as well, like Russia, China, North Korea and Iran.

Bill also created and taught courses on Nuclear Weapons and National Security, Congress and National Security, and selected research seminars for political science majors on Great Power Competition. Throughout, Bill leveraged his government connections to bring in high-level speakers who enriched the classroom experience.

Working with our class leadership and the increased funding, Bill also developed and administered a widely-popular enrichment program in which two midshipmen are sent overseas each summer to participate in the Cambridge Security Initiative, a four-week program at Cambridge University, which exposes students more broadly to international security and intelligence policy as viewed from the UK. The first students attended in 2018 and 2019, but the last two programs were cancelled due to Covid. They are scheduled to resume next year.

Outside of the classroom, Bill has served as Senior Honor Remediation Advisor and as a Senior Advisor to the annual Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference. He also averaged 120 one-on-one meetings with midshipmen each year during his service as DVP. Finally, Bill was able to increase exposure of the Chair and its impact to the wider national security community through speeches at major think tanks and testimony before the U.S. Congress.

Participating in the rich exchange that followed were: Ron Burdge (9), Alice and Hank Chiles (21), Gary Cogdell (7), Martha and George Dowell, Dennis Hickey, Darlene Matulka, Becky and Dick Pariseau (1), Beverly and Grant Sharp (19), Jeanne and Tom Solak (2), Charlotte and Bob Stevenson (2), Bob Traister (2), Dolly and Gene Tucker (9), Daren and yours truly.

In closing, Bill thanked the Class for the honor and privilege of serving as our Distinguished Visiting Professor of National Security.



Presenting Bill Ostendorff with a gift inscribed with the following message: "With deep appreciation for your inspiring leadership in taking the Class of 1960 Chair in National Security to the next level. A resounding Bravo Zulu to you from our entire class."

Finally, from **Bob Osmon (17):**



Oz and his golf Pro - Kelly Tan

Living on a golf course has its advantages:

Dear Classmates, the time is growing near for the renewal of the LPGA classic at Kingsmill and a day of partying at Oz's. Presently the Parcels, Clamans, Hamons, Bissels, Greenhalghs, and Brentons have told me they are coming. Since we have fewer numbers than normal this year, I am going to invite a few neighbors (Including a WooPoo! Gasp) to join us if they would like. We'll start at about 1000 and run until the last lady comes through the 11th. I'll have your name at the gate. Bring your own folding chair.

I'll have sandwiches and condiments for everyone and would ask that you please bring a dish to pass for about 20. Al is providing the beer for us even though he won't be able to attend.

I will be hosting Kelly Tan, a lovely young lady from Malaysia. Three years ago, when she was here, she had the single lowest

round for the tournament on Saturday, so she could win it all. Also staying with me is caddy Jody Keepers, whom a number of you know. If they make the cut, we will cheer for them as they come by. If not, maybe they will join us at the party and you can get some professional tips to improve your game. God bless and smooth sailing. Oz

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### Intro:

Greetings again from Melbourne, Florida. As of this writing, it appears that we are now in the waning days of the COVID crisis, so things are beginning to look up.

This is not as lengthy as some articles in the past, but the inputs are MUCH better than I had expected, so THANKS to all the '61 submitters! You, as usual, have done a VERY nice job, and the Class appreciates all your efforts, probably more than you can imagine, especially in these somewhat trying times. As of this writing, those of us down here in Florida are no longer required to wear masks everywhere, unless there is some unusual situation. I have received more inputs than I expected, with all that has been (not) going on; everyone who gets this will, I'm sure, very much appreciate your efforts. If one or two are left out, it means I am saving them for next time, just in case (or, it's just late, and I've got to get this in the mail and get to bed - it's already 0330...I am not exactly a whiz-bang PC guy). You'll see them next time!

—Skip McGinley