

finish college. Upon her graduation, she and Geoffrey (22) were married 20 June 1964. By then he had gone into the submarine service, and their first home was in the New London, CT area. Catherine completed her master's degree in mathematics and promptly started teaching. Subsequently, Geoffrey was ordered to Washington, D.C. and started at The George Washington University Law School, and Geoffrey and Catherine made their new home in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Catherine was a 12th-generation descendant of Clement Hill, who did surveying work for Lord Baltimore, founder of the Colony of Maryland. Hill was granted title to 1,000 acres on the west bank of the Patuxent River in Upper Marlboro, MD. That property remained in the family, and Catherine was given a 25-acre tract on which they built their home, called Ashcrest. Catherine started teaching math at Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. Catherine and Geoffrey made their home at Ashcrest for 38 years, where they raised their son, Christopher, and daughter Catherine (Katie).

Catherine and Geoffrey enjoyed vacation trips out west and discovered Sandpoint, Idaho, where they ultimately chose to retire for the scenery, recreation, and, most of all, the wonderful people. Catherine and Geoffrey were happily married for 57 years and were active in Sandpoint, particularly in the Episcopal church. Catherine also enjoyed singing, both at church and in the Pend Oreille Chorale, and she loved being a grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Geoffrey, Captain, USNR (Ret.); their son Chris Cant and his wife Kim Compton, of Olney, MD; their daughter Katie and her husband, Chip Peterson, and three grandchildren: Charlie, Will and Emily. She is also survived by her sister Esther Yarnall Hatchett, and several nephews and grandnephews.

A Memorial Service was held at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, in Sandpoint on 22 May 2021. And her Inurnment is anticipated this August in Annapolis, MD.

Sharon Udebrock. We recently learned that Sharon, wife of Jack

Udebrock (14), passed away peacefully on 14 June 2021, in Gaylord, MI. Final arrangements are pending.

We just learned that **John Knief (2)** passed away suddenly in his home on 5 May 2021. John spent his early years in California until he was accepted at USNA. After graduation, he chose to serve in the Marine Corp and attended flight training in Pensacola, FL. After leaving the Marine Corp, John started a new career working for Social Services and living in California. John retired in 2019.

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I recently communicated with **Bob Johannsen (8)** and was updated on some of his past experiences. He recounted a "Sea Story" from early on in his career which will be presented in its entirety on the Class Website under "Sea Stories". Take a visit and enjoy Bob's contribution as well as many others. As a matter of fact, try your hand at recounting that "experience on a dark and stormy night". Send it in to Richard at the Class Website.

Also, via **Bob Osmon (17)** from **Ron Reese (13)**:

✉ "Dear Bob, first, I'm not sure I thanked you properly for tracking me down to send me the lovely class commemoration of Ann and my 60th wedding anniversary. I had occasion in separate correspondence to thank **Justin Wickens (18)** for his cartoon contribution.

Secondly, I want to thank you for your article in *Shipmate* about **Hank Phillips (17)**. I first got to know

Hank during plebe summer running on the black cinder track at Thompson Stadium. We both ran the 440, and boy was it hot. One afternoon I was running a fever from one of the battery of vaccines they had shot us up with. Fever or not we had to be out there in the Annapolis summer heat and humidity.

The last time I spoke with Hank to my knowledge was when we sat together on a DoD bus passing the Pentagon. I was working for the Institute for Defense Analyses advising OSD on Life Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) program for the SAN ANTONIO LPD-17 Class, then in the design process. The Navy had proposed and OSD had concurred in the Navy's conduct of a set of underwater explosions at decreasing range to validate an algorithm for prediction the onset of plastic deformation due to hull whipping. The test series was conducted on EX-RALEIGH (LPD 1), Hank's former command, which you mention in your article. I had been present for the test which was conducted at sea off Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The Raleigh's hull was indeed bent as a result of the final test of the series. She was towed back to Rosie Roads, and I went aboard her the next morning to examine the damage. She was due to be scrapped, but NAVSEA made the decision to instead to sink her at sea off Puerto Rico. They didn't want to have to salvage her if she sank somewhere alongside a pier during the disposal process.

During our conversation on the DoD bus, Hank said to me, "You sank my ship!" I couldn't tell just how much of Hank's statement was truly from an emotional attachment to his former command at sea, RALEIGH, and how much was just intended to pull my leg. Based on the ball cap that he apparently wanted interred with his ashes, I think he may have been serious. I'm not sure Hank understood what was learned from this series of tests conducted on his former ship, but I can say unequivocally that what the Navy learned from this test, performed under the umbrella of LFT&E, enhanced the Navy's

understanding in predicting the survivability of this new amphibious ship class to underwater explosions. The LPD 17 has more survivability to threat weapons built into her than any previous amphibious ship class.

Thanks again for your poignant article about Hank. I wish I could have been there that day. - Ron Reese

With some Class activities starting up and a relaxation of some restrictions, folks are getting together again. Recently I heard from **Bob Meck (19)**: regarding the Annapolis get together.

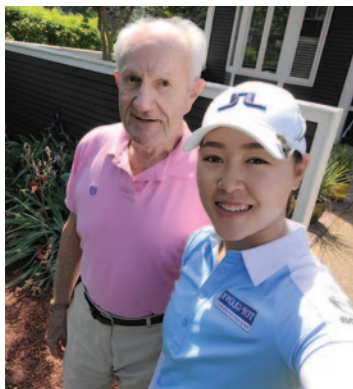
✉ "Vicky and I plan to attend. We are bringing a neighbor and classmate, **Harley Barnes (22)**. Harley is the new 22nd Co Rep. Harley and his wife Carol live about a block away in our 55+ community in Lititz, PA." - Bob

One of our Class of 60 Footballers was recently honored by his home area: Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League. **Joe Tranchini (14)** was inducted in the "Heritage Category" which honors individuals who were impactful "many years ago." The Hall of Fame inductions began in 2007 Clairton's QB on their 1954 WPIAL Class AA Football Championship Team. Joe was one of 23 players named to the WPIAL All-Time Scholastic Team by the Pittsburgh Press.

May brought the Women's LPGA to Kingsmill in Williamsburg, VA. **Bob Osmon (17)** and the Class of 60 followed one player and the caddy of a second. While neither won, Class of 60 gang gave them both a loud and boisterous greeting as they came by Bob's home and they in turn recognized the attention with a wave to us all.

Bob added: "Today we had **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, Gail & **Bill Kee (9)**, their son Willie, Catherine & **Ed Clextion (10)**, Joyce & **John Claman (3)**, Bobbie and **Bob Brenton (3)**, and Joy & **Dick Hamon (8)**. It was great just sitting in the shade, chatting with good friends and watching the golfers come by. Great way for old retirees to spend an afternoon." - Bob

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Bob Osmon & Golfer Kelly Tan

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "To celebrate our graduation day of 8 Jun 1960, our W'burg & Southside classmates enjoyed a luncheon along one of the bays in Chesapeake Bay in Virginia Beach. Ten classmates enjoyed a mostly sea food luncheon at the Dockside Restaurant along the banks of the Lynnhaven River. Service was prompt and efficient, the entrees received a lot of compliments.

Attendees included: **Ed Clexton (10), Jim Eilertsen (21), Henry von Kolnitz (22), Bob Ianucci (16), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Osmon (17), Jack Suddath (6), Al Bissell (8), Bill Key (9) & Rod Friedmann (5)**



'60: Tidewater Group

Friedmann & Ianucci

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "I opened our June luncheon by describing my time in the Troy box at halftime during a Navy-Troy football game of about 10 years ago. Also present in the box was the Chancellor of Troy, a tall, solidly built Marine veteran. The Vice Chancellor was there as well; as well as a Marine vet, albeit on the short and feisty side. At one point, while the two of them were posing with two other Marine alums in front of a Marine recruiting poster, I said, "Of course, you gentlemen do realize you are part of the Navy Department, don't you?" To which the short, feisty one responded, "Yeah, the Men's Department." Every Marine alive has probably heard that one at least a dozen times, but I don't know of a single Naval Officer who isn't proud to have Marines serving in the Men's Department.

All this was by way of introducing our classmate, **Bill Keys (12)**, to speak to our group. Bill, as I'm sure most of you know, is a Marine General who holds both the Navy Cross and Silver Star and is known throughout the Corps as a "Marine's Marine." Bill then shared with us some of his wartime experiences, ranging from going down in a helicopter off an aircraft carrier (and then having the carrier run over him before being rescued) to leading the 2nd Marine Division into Kuwait during Desert Storm.

Bill has been a great supporter of the Academy, and was honored by



'60: DC Group

the Alumni Association in 2008 as one of the two Distinguished Graduates from our class; **Hank Chiles (21)** being the other.

It was a great time, and those joining us in the rich discussion that followed included Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Dareen and yours truly.



I also heard from **Jim McKinney (11)** concerning the recent inurement of his wife, Betty, at the columbarium in Annapolis at the Academy. Jim's parents are also buried at the Academy a short distance away at Hospital Point.

Finally, I heard from **Dave Banner (24)**:

✉ I read that the Navy will be starting work on a replacement to the Burke Class, DDG-51s. Two of our '60 classmates played key roles in the Burke's start. **Jack Shaw (2)** as Program Manager, and **Jerry**

Fee (18), as the ED basically handling the design effort. Both did good! - Dave

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Greetings to the Class of '61! As of this writing, it seems as though we're slowly coming out of the COVID Crisis. I used to look somewhat askance at the V.A., but they got me my shots a couple of months or more ago, WAY ahead of anyone else down here in Florida. Connie & I had two great cruises cancelled; one to Antarctica, and the other to the Med, which included Jerusalem, places we've never been able to schedule before. She is now in the process of getting new dates arranged, although the cruise lines are still a little antsy. Probably due to their crews, who come from all over the planet. I don't have as much this time for this article as usual, but actually, it is better than I had hoped for. For