

September: *Retired Navy officer admits taking \$45,000 in bribes from Malaysian defense contractor, "Fat Leonard" | Daily Mail Online.* About 1970-1971, I was XO SSN TINOSA at sea in the Med when some of the Walker family spying was uncovered. One of the Walkers was a member of our crew. He had a TS/codeword clearance and was aware of the USN Polaris patrol areas with boundaries, etc. While we were operating, we got a message that a Polaris sub was in our operating area so we were restricted to depths below 400 or 500 feet. CO and I reviewed our TS charts and determined that we were not in that area so we were operating at unrestricted depths. When we had a chance to ask COMSUBMED why they sent us that information, the reply was that a certain LTJG from our ship signed for a TS change to the OPAREAS. It turns out that he had received it and stuck it under his pillow. Needless to say, he never qualified in submarines nor ever made LT. I was transferred off TINOSA before he was dumped. It turns out that we were in the same area as the SSBN so our "paths" could have crossed. It was my fervent wish that the Walkers would be shot.

Another possibly related factoid was that apparently the USSR contingent in Cairo had the submarine HF transmission frequencies in hand. No sooner than we had come to periscope depth to send a message on HF, the Cairo USSR radios started jamming that frequency which had been clear when we tuned up.

One of the residents here at Oak Hammock was in the Army Security Agency stationed at Bad Aibling, Germany. He told me about a man who worked there was convicted of selling classified info. He told me the man got a sentence of three life sentences, and then was released after serving 42 years in prison.

Yep, saw info on that a few years ago. Hang-em high. Walter Wynn, Jr.

TAPS

Jack Nickel (24) entered the Air Force and was primarily a command pilot in C-130 aircraft, which he flew

in more than 200 combat missions in Vietnam. Following 20 years in the AF, he earned a masters degree in engineering and was a registered Professional Engineer in Texas. Jack passed away on 30 November 2021. Jack is survived by his wife, Linda, their four children and 12 grandchildren. Memorial services and burial were held in The Woodlands, TX on 9 December 2021.

Charlotte Roescher, wife of Frank Roescher (4), passed away 23 November 2021. Frank had preceded her in death on 13 March 2020. Family survivors include their children Chris, Britt, Stacy, Steve, Michael, David, Dorie, a sister Elnora Collins, 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Memorial Services will be announced later. Her final resting place will be at the USNA Columbarium alongside Frank.

Andrew Richard Silvay (18) passed away on 8 December 2021. Following four years in the USAF, Richard worked 31 years as a mechanical engineer for United Technologies. He is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer, of 42 years, three sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren. Services were held in St. Augustine, Florida on Sunday, 12 December 2021.

Marilyn Nield, wife of Van Nield (1), ended an eleven-year valiant struggle on 1 January 2022, with a massive stroke. Marilyn's college years were spent in San Diego where she earned an education degree. In the fall of 1959, Marilyn and Van met, fell in love, and married in December. For a number of years, Marilyn found part-time work as a pre-school or substitute teacher. Later, in 1970, they moved to Annapolis, which is where they stayed. In 1971, Marilyn joined the staff of the Naval Academy Primary School (NAPS), teaching kindergarten and pre-school for a total of 37 years. Her stroke hit in February 2011, severely disabling her; but she determinedly managed the very best she could, which was considerable.

Jackie Westfahl, widow of Richard Westfahl (10), passed away on 11 January 2022, in Katy, TX. Richard died in 2016. Jackie's

ashes will be interred with Richard's later this year.

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From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "Our October luncheon featured Class President, Pete Chabot (14), who briefed everyone on the latest developments relating to the three mini-reunions planned for next year and the year after, and Bob Osmon (17), who shared some interesting, and surprisingly counter-intuitive statistics relating to the 60th wedding anniversaries that we celebrated as part of our 60th reunion planning, which Oz orchestrated. Oz brought the house down when he concluded by noting that he had served as a Groomsman in as many of those weddings as he had served as the groom in his own and had fared far better in the former role than the latter.

We also discussed the initial planning for our **65th reunion** (or as we're now calling it "60 for '60 plus 5."). A mini survey of classmates and wives alike, revealed that a football weekend in the Fall was the unanimous preference of all who were polled. Further research determined that the only home game scheduled this far in advance was with Air Force **the weekend of October 4, 2025**. After determining there would be no interference with either of the two Annapolis Boat Shows, which are scheduled for the following two weekends, we went ahead and placed a tentative hold on 80 rooms with the Double Tree Hotel and established a tentative

overflow capability with the Best Western Hotel next door.

Because of the ongoing attrition in our ranks, we will be encouraging **Battalion-wide parties** rather than company parties the second evening of the reunion.

Although the cost of lodging for a Fall event is almost twice that for the Spring and the cost of an Air Force game ticket is significantly higher than that for most other games, when you consider the fact that the 65th will probably be the last big get-together for a number of us, it was felt that expense should take a backseat to ensuring a memorable experience. That said, though, and as previously planned, our class treasury will subsidize part of the expense; and I'm pleased to report we will still be able to capitalize on the \$500 earnest money we previously deposited with the Double Tree for our 60th. Finally, the cost per room for us at the Double Tree in 2025 will only be \$10 more per night than what we were going to pay in the Fall of 2020.

On a related note, we all owe a huge debt of gratitude to **John Michalski (6)**, **Pete Chabot (14)**, **Ed Mangan (20)**, and various others who spent a great deal of time planning for both of the reunions that were cancelled due to Covid. Thankfully, a number of these same folks are also stepping up to the plate for our 65th, including **Jack Paepcke (11)** who will be handling the transportation requirements and serving as Reunion Co-chair; **Don DeLude (12)**, who will be overseeing the registration process; **Ken Batchellor (12)**, who will be handling the hospitality function; **Willie Taylor (7)**, who will be coordinating the Memorial Service; and **Tug Knorr (20)** who will take care of memorabilia and the golf tournament.

During the course of the lunch, I shared with our group that I had hoped to have **Jim Patton (9)** down from Connecticut to share his experience as technical advisor for The Hunt for Red October. He was unable to make it because of a treatment regime he was undergoing for cancer, but he mentioned that he had described that experience in an

article in the January 1990 issue of the Naval Institute *Proceedings*. In a later phone conversation shortly before he passed away, I asked how he had been selected for that particular assignment. He said he was at a meeting in which OP O2 asked if anyone present would like to take it on. He volunteered, as did Admiral Bud Kauderer, but because of Jim's status as a retired Captain, it was decided that his involvement would make it easier for the Navy to claim plausible deniability in the event of an embarrassing outcome. Such are the calculations by which strategic decisions are made.

Participating in what proved to be a rich discussion were **Ron Burdge (9)**, **Pete Chabot (14)**, **Gary Cogdell (7)**, **Don DeLude (12)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Darlene Matulka, **Bob Osmon (17)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Nancy and **John Pethick (9)**, **Bud Pezet (13)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Dareen and yours truly.

From **Cliff Schumann (2)**:

✉ "On 28 DEC 20, **Ray Burley (2)** invited all **2nd CO** Classmates to attend monthly ZOOM meetings on the Last Wednesday of each month. The main purpose was to discuss a possible Venue for a 2nd Company Reunion, as well as catch up on everyone's activity since graduation. The following dozen 2nd CO guys have been attending (with the natural and occasional absentee) every Month on the 4th Wednesday since Ray's offer: **Ray Burkley (2)**, **Bud Collicott (2)**, **Denis Crawford (2)**, **Dennie**

McCrary (2), **Merf Moerschel (2)**, **Hank Rinnert (2)**, **Bill Roche (2)**, **Cliff Schumann (2)**, **Tom Solak (2)**, **Bob (Deak) Stevenson (2)**, **Bob Traister (2)** and **Mario Zambra (2)**. It has been a very enjoyable experience for everyone both on catching up and going forward.

The missing 2nd Company classmates include **Al Arcuni (2)**, **Barry Byrne (2)** and **Mike Porter (2)**. **Marv Mucha (2)** has opted out of any contact.

Many potential cruises and venues have been discussed as a site of our reunion, and we unanimously selected the resort at Sugar Mountain, NC summer home of **Dennie McCrary (2)**. The approximate date of this reunion is mid-October, 2022. We hope the missing 2nd CO members contact us about joining us in OCT '22.

From **Ron Burdge (9)**:

✉ "Hi Bill, four couples of the 9th Company decided to have their own Annapolis reunion, since our 60th, unfortunately, had to be cancelled. From Oct. 27 to 29, Harriett & **Norm Slezak (9)**, Joan & **John Groth (9)**, as well as myself, and Linda took over the Georgian House B & B on Duke of Gloucester Street. On the 28th, we were joined by Dolly & **Gene Tucker (9)** for lunch at Carrol's Creek Café, where the photo was taken. We had a wonderful time, catching up, telling sea stories, and reliving memories of times together.

Six of us, including **Charley Simmons (9)** and **Art Wegner (9)**, who sadly have passed on, were either roommates or lived within a few doors of each other, in an extension of the 5th wing facing the Colonnade. It was nicknamed Slash



'60: Christmas Party

Alley (Art was pretty smart). We made a promise at graduation, to regularly stay in touch throughout our careers. We kept that promise, and our lives have been greatly enriched, as only classmates can appreciate. Ron



Slash Alley denizens

From **Rod Friedman (5)**:

✉ "Our Nov Luncheon was held at a small out of the-way restaurant called the BLVD Bistro in Virginia Beach. It was a sleeper! Recommended by "Diamond" Jim Eilertsen, it was a great little restaurant, with a big back room that we had all to ourselves. Plenty of old "Mother Bancroft" stories floated around, combined with a satisfying selection of luncheon choices. No one went hungry!

The "back room boys" included: **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Ed Clextion (10)**,

Wick Parcells (12), **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)** and **Rod Friedmann (5)**



Tidewater Luncheon

Also, from **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Thanks to classmates **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)** & **Bob Antonio (14)**, we had a wonderful two-day, Class of 60 Christmas celebration in Williamsburg, VA combined with perfect weather.

On Saturday, Dec. 4th, Al Whitaker planned and organized our traditional semi-formal Class Christmas Dinner at the Le Yaca Restaurant in Williamsburg, which started at 5:30 pm and continued on for about three full hours. It continues to be a highly anticipated Annual Class Event, primarily due to the location, high quality bill-of-fare and attentive service. Twelve classmates with wives and a guest of Bob Osmon (17), filled the dining room with the joy of a Christmas season & Class camaraderie, including: Joy & Dick Hamon (8), Gloria & Bob Antonio (14), Joyce & John Claman (3), Barbara & Al Bissell (8), **Bob Osmon (17)** & unice, Inge & Al Whitaker (16), Muriel & Jack Greenhalgh, Jane & Jim Eilertsen, Catherine & Ed Clextion (10), Jan & Pete Chabot (14), Prissy & Wick Parcells (12) and Paula & Rod Friedmann (5).

This was part of a two-day Class Christmas Party, to be held at the Le Yaca French Restaurant in



'60: DC Get together

60/61 CLASS NEWS

Williamsburg on Sat., 4 Dec., hosted by **Al Whitaker (16)**, and a Christmas Concert in Williamsburg on Sun., 5 Dec. (Thanks to **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**) in addition to an additional dining & hanging out. Rod

'61

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Dear Classmates

Greetings from Annapolis where we hope spring treats us well. Here is some current news as well as happenings out of the past. Don't forget to send your comments and contributions. Also in this issue, don't overlook **Warren Hoppe's (21)** article, the first in a series about the mural paintings on the yard.

60th REUNION

Reunion contributions continued:

Class of 1961

*Six decades since our caps
we tossed,*

*Our journeys underway;
Those bonds we formed and
never lost,*

Are just as strong today.

*Our lives have traveled many ways,
But our course was firmly set;
Service and honor all our days,
A path where we are yet.*

*Our Class, like others,
has left its mark,*

*In our Navy's storied lore;
We've filled our niche in
history's arc,*

And could not ask for more.

*With strength that comes from
all our years,*

*Perspective sought to gain;
We'll take our place and join
those peers,*

Our link forged in the chain.

*For on those days that once
we won,*

This pledge spurred you and me;

*"Get it Done with '61",
Aloft, on land or sea.*

By **Jim Meadows**, 3rd Company

Next generation

From **Howie Winfree (3)**. On Saturday, 20 November, a number of classmates and friends met at **Ed Straw's (7)** parking spot tailgate for the Navy-ECU football game. One of the visitors was **Jim Traa's (3)** son **Jim Traa II '88**. Our Jim Traa, first 1961 Class President, was a Third Company mate and just a great guy. Jim II could easily be picked out of a crowd as his son. From that gathering Ed Straw (7) adds: **Ricky Dobbs '15** also stopped by the '61 tailgate. It was great to see this fine young man again. He'll be leaving the Navy in December to manage a non-profit he started to help under-privileged children. Ricky remains Vice President of the class of 2011, our link in the chain.



Ed Straw is flanked by Howie Winfree and Jim Traa '88



The '61 goat is flanked by Ricky Dobbs and Ed Straw

Social scene

The Tidewater '61 classmates held their December luncheon on Thursday, 9 December to celebrate Christmas and as a warm-up for the annual Army - Navy game to be hosted by Peg and **Bob Graham**. Had lots of good football discussions by **Cyd Driscoll (22)**. Found out that **Mike Bradley (03)** and



'61: Tidewater December luncheon group

Tom Markley (12) and their families would be at the Meadowlands stadium in person to attend the game. Sitting left to right around the table are: **Fred Lowack (07)** Bob Graham, (18), Cyd Driscoll (22), **Tom McNicholas (09)**, **JP Decker (08)**, **Ken Craig (07)**, **Joe Kuhn (03-Honorary)**, **Kurt Rohdenburg (20)**, and **Mike Bradley (03)**. **Buzz Needham (12)** was there but had to depart before the photo was taken. Photography by reporter **Ned Kuhns (07)**."

Beat Army gatherings

Fourteen classmates and one West Point Class of 1961 graduate, enjoyed a beautiful San Diego day and watched Navy upset Army at the San Diego Yacht Club.

As in most regions our number is down but we had 27 classmates and guests attending. The attendees in the attached picture were:

First Row Seated: Jim Richardson (16), Hanna Richardson, Betty Bailey, Leo Willetts (5), Patsy Kraus, Molly Eldredge

2nd Row: Steve Perry (16), Lynne Armstrong (West Point '61 spouse), Dick Rothwell (7), Ann Rothwell, Melanie Maxon, Jack Allen (13), , Kathryn Willetts, Lee Cavanaugh, Bill Kraus (12), Milt Boudov (13), Claire Boudov, Chuck St Laurent (21)

Back Row: Bill Eldredge (13), Alan Armstrong (West Point '61), Larry DeSha (14), Bruce Maxon (15), Tom Bailey (16), Boyd Steele (18), Jim Cavanaugh (11).

For the 18th year in a row, Bob and Peg Graham hosted the Tidewater '61 group at their lovely home to cheer Navy on to a victory over Army in the annual football classic. Fortunately, this year we were successful with a hard-fought Navy victory. The occasion was extra special since it was Bonnie Campbell-

Kuhn's birthday which was celebrated during half-time with a delicious birthday cake prepared by Peg Graham. Those enjoying the interesting conversations, delicious food and drinks, and the opportunity to party were front row and seated left to right: Dudley Miles & Tricia (guests), Kurt Rohdenburg (20), Ned Kuhns (07), Fran Rohdenburg, JP Decker (08), Carole Decker, Bonnie Campbell-Kuhn, Joe Kuhn (03-Honorary), Bob Graham (18), Peg Graham, Karla Needham, Carol (guest), Jane McNicholas, Charlie Stewart (06), and Judy Laster (15 - Anchor). Standing in the back row were: Breeze Stewart, Ken Craig (07), Sandy Craig, Buzz Needham (12) and Tom McNicholas (09).



'61: Tidewater Beat Army gathering