

Walking slowly down the line inspecting our new company members, I reached the end to be facing a man-mountain who was later to become a hammer thrower on the track team. "What's your name, Mister?" "Sage, sir," was the answer. "What did you do before you got here?" "I was a United States Marine, sir." That was it for me. I definitely wanted him on my side!

My Plebe, Henry "Jud" Sage graduated with the class of 1962 and returned to the Corps where he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Both during his military career and afterwards, Jud has authored over 16 books, both novels and non-fiction historical works, most of which are available on Amazon. Jud is an associate professor emeritus at Northern Virginia Community College, and his two American history textbooks are widely used in classrooms throughout the country. I just finished his novel, *The Lady and the Law*, and I highly recommend it!

Regards to all, Mitch

Fun Time, Fun Match, Small World, by Suzy Shields. My Husband, Pete Shields (19th Company), was a good athlete, preferring baseball and 150-pound football during his USNA days. However, sports injuries disqualified him for a commission, so Pete instead pursued a career with U.S. Steel. All went well, and Pete overcame his injuries. We were both hooked on playing tennis, and we had a tennis court in every back yard. After playing 50 years of tennis we learned of pickleball, so more recently our tennis courts include additional markings for pickleball.



L to R: Sim Wooten, Barbara Olcott, Pete Shields and Currie Wooten.

A few years later, Pete and I joined the Ocean Reef Racquet Club, in Key Largo, Florida, a small club and players are limited to 55-plus. We quickly made friends, Pete mentioned he was a USNA graduate, and Doctor Currie Wooten told us she had been an Electrical Engineering professor at USNA, although 20 years after Pete was taking that course.

Pete had enrolled in a mixed doubles competition at our club. Our friends, Simeon and Currie, had committed to play as partners. Pete picked Barbara Olcott as his partner. It

was a good match and the Wootens were very gracious in defeat. Currie assured Pete, had she taught him she would have given him a much better grade in EE than the one he got in 1958/59. The prizes awarded to all were bottles of red wine, in envelopes.

Here is a related future event: Pete and another friend, also 85, have signed up to compete in the 85-age bracket in a National Pickle Ball Tournament in Naples, Florida near the end of April. I will be on the sidelines with a few bandages in my purse. Just in case!

Old sailors never fade away ... they play pickle. Suzy.

TAPS

Rear Admiral Edward "Ted" Baker (8) passed away peacefully on 26 January 2022.

Ted graduated USNA with distinction, then attended U of Michigan as a Burke Scholar where he earned a master's degree in physics. While there, Ted met his first wife, Michal Foster. Later, while Ted was CO of USS BRONSTEIN, Michal fell ill with a brain tumor in 1970, and died five years later. Other sea commands included the USS DAVID RAY, Commander DESRON 33, and many others. Ted's second wife was Stephanie Levinson. She also died of cancer, 38 years later, in July 2020. Services for Ted will be held on 8 July 2022, with burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Donald T. Peters (19) died on 15 February.

After completing his service in the Supply Corps, Don had a successful career working for several companies. Don's ashes will be scattered at sea as were his wife's ashes after she died in December 2020.

Steve Burgess (1) passed away on

22 February. After flight training Steve was assigned to HS-9 and stationed on board the USS ESSEX and involved during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Steve left the Navy in 1967 and took a position with his father-in-law, working in Baltimore. He later decided the newspaper business was his passion. Steve and Joan eventually retired to Naples, Florida in 1998 where he became an avid golfer.

Marianne Hartman, wife of Michael

Hartman (20), died on 22 February 2022.

Marianne earned a degree in secondary education and was a professional teacher for forty years. Mike had left the Navy in 1966, tried several jobs, earned a masters degree and started his teaching career. Marianne and Mike met in 1973 and were married. For the next several decades, the two taught together, traveled the world and shared many adventures with each other. Marianne survived 13 major surgeries and two rounds of breast cancer, including radiation and chemotherapy. Burial services were held on 15 March 2022. Mike predeceased Marianne in 2016.

Roy Forsberg (3) died unexpectedly on 17 March 2022, St Patrick's Day. Roy was not feeling well. His wife Pat called 911, and an ambulance rushed him to the hospital. Roy's funeral service was on 23 March 2022 in Scituate, MA. Following graduation, Roy served four years in the Supply Corps. After the Navy, he found a new career in design engineering, and later in editing and publishing.

Rosalie Ekstrom, wife of John Ekstrom (9), died peacefully at home on 30 March 2022.

They were married in February 1962, at US Naval Station, Mayport, FL. As a Navy family they lived in many wonderful places. Following Navy retirement they eventually moved to Locust Grove, VA. They spent many happy years traveling and enjoying life with their family and many friends. Now of Washington, MO, Rosalie passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones on 14 March 2022. John had passed in July 2015. Rosalie's funeral services were scheduled for 30 March 2022, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Annandale, VA, followed by a Celebration of Life at Demaine Funeral Home in Springfield, VA. Interment services will be held at Arlington National Cemetery, VA, at a later date

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From Bob Ianucci (16)

✉ I Happy USNA Anniversary to classmates. While 10 October 1845 is officially recognized as our founding dates I would like to share a bit of personal trivia with you:

During a port visit to Port Mahon, Minorca, Spain aboard USS SARDA (SS-488) in 1963 I learned some interesting facts which the Spanish were proud to share with me. On 5 November 1815 the young USN established its home port in the excellent harbor of Mahon, Minorca. There the officers and midshipmen trained and were taught by local teachers. The people of Port Mahon regard their city as the location of the first U.S. Naval Academy.

60/60 CLASS NEWS

There is a US Navy cemetery just outside the walls of the present Spanish naval base at Port Mahon and visiting USN ships traditionally send work parties to clean the brush, rake the grounds and whitewash the tombstones and pathway. Spanish Navy provides tools and paint. The tombstones contain some touching tributes to the young U.S. sailors who died while deployed to the MED. I had the privilege to be OIC of the SARDA work party in '63 and again as CO, USS PORTLAND (LSD-37) in 1978. The cemetery was long forgotten, but rediscovered by the US Counselor Agent in the early '60s. Admiral David G. Farragut's father was a native of Minorca and there are statues there of the Admiral. Happy Anniversary to all! Bob

From **Joe Sestric (23)**:

✉ I got back recently from the USNA Class of 60 mini-reunion in New Smyrna Beach, FL. It was well worth the trip. Great lodging at the Springhill Suites, courtesy of classmate **Randy McHenry (7)**. Great place to stay and Randy arranged half-price rooms for all. The welcome reception and Farewell Dinner food he arranged was absolutely stunning and delicious. We also made use of his Yacht Club membership for a fine group dinner. Of course, can't forget his lovely spouse, Sheri, who arranged the decorations and wowed us on opening night with her singing and piano playing. She normally performs every Friday night for future reference.

Bob Osmon (17) put together a really, great schedule for us. Starting with the Welcoming Reception, Yacht Club dinner and Farewell dinner that he coordinated with Randy, the trip to Cape Kennedy and the excursion on the Indian River and surrounding Mangrove forests.

Pete Chabot (14), our Class President, was also present and constantly involved to help everything moving smoothly along.

The 21st was represented by myself and Karen Inderlied; the 22nd by Nita Rohr and the 24th by Karen & **Dennis Vied**. Dennis was the alumnus who traveled the furthest for the event (San Francisco).

I think everyone really enjoyed the events and the fellowship renewals and I couldn't think of anything about this reunion that I would have changed. It was, in a word, superb! In fact, it was all so good that several people were suggesting another reunion here in the near future.

The next mini-reunion will be in San Antonio in September 2022 and the 3rd will be a Mississippi River cruise out of New Orleans in March 2023. We were also advised that plans are being formulated for 60 in 65 (2025). All I can say is that if you can at all

make it, these mini-reunions are really worthwhile. Joe

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ "Hi Bill, I'm still down in Florida but hope to head home tomorrow. Thought I might get a jump on my input to you by using Eunice's email to get started while I have tons of time. I think you have received enough kudos already on how much everyone enjoyed the event, so I won't dwell on this. But it really was a warm, fun, camaraderie kind of mini reunion. Exactly what Pete and I hoped for.

So here are some bits and pieces you can work in as you see fit. It's not surprising that the majority of our classmates who attended were from Florida (12). And we were blessed with the weather turning much warmer just as we all arrived. The second state with the most attendees was Virginia with 7. And the classmate who came the farthest was Dennis Vied and his lovely wife Karen who flew in from San Francisco.

Company wise we had three companies with three attendees each. The 7th Co. was represented by **Rich Lang**, **Jim Maxfield**, and **Randy McHenry**. The 14th Co. had **Pete Chabot**, **Bob Powers**, and **Al Ames** attending. The 16th had a special trio representing them. They had been roommates at the Academy and have stayed close over all these years. **Dave Schnegelberger**, **Sal Zaccagnino** and **Buz Ausley**. It was heartwarming to see their true caring for each other.

Pete got us started on the first night by giving a very pointed and heartfelt talk about why these mini reunions are so important. He very much wants us to maintain the camaraderie that has been built up in the past. He doesn't want us to wait until 2025 to share our close-knit relationships. The next day we spent 4 hours at the Kennedy Visitors Center which we were honored as Vietnam Era vets

and given free tickets plus a personalized tour. Most folks loved it and said they wish there had been more time. That evening we had dinner at Randy's Yacht Club and we were given their best room, totally decorated in blue with gold helms and anchors. Food was great.

The boat tour the next day was our least attended event, but those who did go learned a ton about the biodiversity of the area. And the farewell dinner at the hotel even topped the two before. Jan Chabot and Sheri McHenry did a marvelous job of decorating the tables with blue and gold centerpieces and napkins, and the food was terrific. Pete gave an excellent farewell speech and expressed his hope that folks will support our upcoming San Antonio reunion as well.

Quite a number of classmates expressed to me how much they were enjoying the small number of classmates because it gave opportunity for them to meet classmates they had never met before. For example, when I went over the list of attendees before heading South, I realized I had never met at least half of the attendees. But almost from the moment I would shake hands with them, it was like we had known each other forever. And how wonderful it was to learn how successful, yet how diverse, our classmates have been in their own special earth walk. I have come away with an increased sense of pride, and a thanks to God, for allowing me to be part of this fine group of men, and their ladies. God bless, Bill, and thank you for all you do to keep us together. You do an excellent job. Oz

PS A professional photographer was present at four events and must have taken a thousand photos. She will whittle those down to about 50 and send to me. I will then whittle down to about 10 to send to you with captions. Not sure how long this will take. You may want to spread them over several issues of Shipmate. They may also be found on the Class Website.



'60: Luncheon in Virginia Beach

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ It was a very nice day to share with our ladies in a pre-celebration of Valentine's Day. (see the photo on previous page) We met at the Eurasia Cafe in Virginia Beach and enjoyed an excellent customized luncheon menu. Attached are a few photos taken during the luncheon. Able to attend the luncheon today were Bo Moran, Catherine & **Ed Clextan (10)**, Jane & **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, Merrilou & **Al Ablowich (16)**, Bobbie & **Bob Brenton (12)** and **Rod Friedmann (5)**. A few classmates/wives were unable to attend today's luncheon: Karen Inderlied, Paula Friedmann, Prissy & **Wick Parcells (12)**, Alice Meinicke, Sue & **Paul Cooper (5)** and Inge & **Al Whitaker (16)**. Rod"

From **Joe Sestric (23)**



Savage & Sestric

✉ "I had a nice lunch today with Jean & **Ken (KD) Savage (21)** on their way home in Tarpon Springs,

coming from a funeral in Ocala and they were nice enough to stop off and say hello. Photo left to right Jean, Ken, Joe and DeeLee. So - wherever and whenever 2 or 3 should meet, it's always a treat. Shared a great lunch at Red Sauce in Sumter Square in The Villages and of course a beverage.



From **Bob Traister (2)**:

✉ Here I am with friends "formerly dressed Penguins" in Antarctica.

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Stadium to Be Dedicated Tomorrow

A colorful 30-minute program featuring marching midshipmen, marine drill teams, stunting aircraft and talks by high-ranking military leaders will highlight the dedication of the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium here Saturday afternoon, September 26, the Naval Academy announced today.

Hundreds of Navy and Marine Corps officials will be on hand led by Deputy Secretary of Defense, Thomas S. Gates, Jr., and Secretary of the Navy, William B. Franke. Featured speakers at the ceremony will be Admiral Arleigh Burke, Chief of Naval Operations and Rear Admiral C. L. Melson, Superintendent of the Naval Academy. Vice Admiral William R. Smedberg III, Commander of the second fleet and Academy Superintendent when the memorial stadium fund drive was initiated, and Lieutenant General Vernon J. McCaul, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, also will appear on the speakers' platform.

The Navy Band, Midshipmen's Drum and Bugle Corps and the Marine Barracks Drum and Bugle Corps from Washington will provide the martial music for the occasion. Two more colorful units—the Ceremonial Company from the Marine Barracks and the Potomac River Command Guard—also will participate in the dedicatory proceedings.

One of the most spectacular service groups, the high-flying "Blue Angels" from Pensacola Naval Air Station, will stage their breathtaking aerial maneuvers overhead while the marching units perform on the playing field. At half-time, the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and drill team will take over and entertain the spectators with their intricate marching.

The ceremonies get underway at 1300 when the Brigade of Midshipmen begin their march onto the field. The dedication addresses are scheduled for 1315 followed by the National Anthem at 1330. Order to "man the stands" comes

Shipmate apologies for the omission of the following update in the May Shipmate.

Reunion – did you know?

Looking over copies of the "Splinter" from our second class year we discovered that the dedication of Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium occurred on the same weekend (September 26, 1959) as our 60th reunion. Here are copies of the pages of the magazine covering the event. Thanks to Hal Morrison (4) and his family for the archive copies.

at 1337 and the two football squads, host Navy and the visiting eleven, William & Mary, are scheduled to begin their pre-game warmups at 1355. Kickoff time is 1430.

Hundreds of Naval Academy alumni will converge on Annapolis for the September 25-27 weekend and the annual "Homecoming" observance. They will be on hand Saturday afternoon to witness the dedication and grid contest. Academy officials are hopeful that all 29,000 seats in the new stadium will be filled for the big event. Tickets may be secured by contacting the Naval Academy Athletic Association. Several thousand good seats are still available for the game, the NAAA disclosed.

Navy Scores Five Wins At Pan-Am

Navy's National Collegiate Champion fencers walked off with four gold medals and one bronze medal in the Pan-American Games that were held in Chicago this summer.

Andre Deladrier, the Academy fencing mentor who served as head coach of the United States entry in the competition, piloted his three individual champions—Joe Paletta (foil), Roland Wommack (epee), and Al Morales (sabre)—through outstanding performances in Chicago to bring the team title to the United States. This was one more victory as the United States swept top honors as the teams prepared for the Olympics.

Individually the men stacked up like this: Paletta won 18 of 20 bouts in team matches to give the foil title to the U. S. squad. He won a gold medal for that and also captured a bronze medal for finishing third in the individual competition. Wommack also scored wins in 18 of 20 matches and walked off with first place in the individual with two gold medals. He is the first American ever to win a gold medal in epee. Morales fenced No. 4 on the U. S. sabre team and helped them win the Pan-Am sabre crown. He failed to place in the individual sabre competition.