

and then he was in and out of the hospital before passing while under hospice care. Robert chose Navy Air, and soon was flying the A4, A7, and F8 before his selection to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to earn his MS degree. Robert had a very successful Navy career, with tours as XO and CO of Navy squadrons, and another as of Chair and Professor of Naval Science at Iowa State University. After retirement from the Navy, Robert was a pilot for Pan Am and later pilot trainer for Northwest.

**Nella Maria Ghiglione de Ortega, husband of Walter Ortega (11), passed away on 4 April 2022.** Residents of Hollywood, FL she is survived by her husband, three daughters, two sons along with fourteen grandchildren and twenty-plus great grandchildren. It is very sad for the loss of an amazing, talented and beautiful woman with incredible God-given musical talents that she utilized to give joy to everyone that she touched. Our mother Nella Maria will be greatly missed, but always remembered for the legacy that she leaves of Faith, Hope and Love, with the greatest being "Love". Visitation, memorial services and burial were held on 8 April 2022.

**Rose McAree, wife of Captain Bill McAree (23), passed away on 5 April 2022.** Rose earned a BS in Education from the U of West VA, then took a teaching job in Annapolis, where she met her future husband. Rose married Ensign McAree after his USNA graduation and began her life as a devoted naval wife. Bill was in submarines, and Rose started a teaching career. After many years moving and homemaking, she earned a Real Estate license and changed her career. Funeral services were held on 29 April at the Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA.

**Adolph "Buzzy" Peters (5) passed away on 18 April 2022** at St. Luke's Hospice, Bethlehem, PA. Buzzy was initially in the 5th company and then was dropped in the middle of his third year due to being physically disqualified. Buzzy completed his education with Kings College in Wilkes-Barre, PA then eventually qualified as the principal at several high schools. Funeral services were held on 23 April in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Freeland, PA.

**James "Jim" Lowe (14) died on 18 April 2022 at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue, WA.** Surrounded by his two children and two grandchildren, he died from a cerebral hemorrhage. After his USNA graduation, he married Judith Linn and was assigned to the destroyer LOWRY (DD770), taking part in the Cuban missile crisis. His last ship was the THUBAN (AKA19), then he spent several more years in the Reserves. Jim's civilian career with The Weyerhaeuser Company involved several

engineering positions in his civilian years. Services for Jim will be held at USNA later this year.

**Robert "Bud" McFarlane (14) died 12 May.** Bud died on Thursday after an exacerbation of a previous lung condition. He was hospitalized while visiting family in Michigan. Bud had chosen to serve in the US Marine Corps and was assigned two tours in Vietnam as director of artillery battery. Still in the Marines, he was selected as a White House Fellow. Following his USMC retirement he was selected by President Reagan as National Security Advisor.

## '60

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From **Doug Johnston (5):**



**LCDR Kayla Barron '10 performing her magic in the International Space Station alongside of Col Raja Chari USAF**

✉ "Our February lunch featured Col. John Berry, USA (Ret.), as our guest speaker. John, who heads the DC chapter of the West Point



**Col John Barry, West Point Class of '60, sharing insights on Afghanistan**

Class of '60, capitalized on his past experience with the 101st Airborne and 9th Infantry Division, as Director of the European Policy Office in the Pentagon, and as Dean of the NATO Defense College in Rome to assess the conduct

of our recent war in Afghanistan. In doing so, he noted various points along the way at which we could have conceivably extricated ourselves with heads held considerably higher than they were when the conflict finally concluded. His assessment gave rise to a rich and thoughtful discussion.

On the strength of one link in the cable,  
Dependeth the might of the chain.  
Who knows when thou may'st be tested?  
So, live that thou bearest the strain!

March was special. Our speaker was LCDR John Ulett from the Class of 2010. Introducing him provided an opportunity to pay tribute to **Bob Osmon (17)** for the great job he did in leading our Link in the Chain effort some 16 years ago. A tip of the hat as well to my former roommate, **Larry Ryan (5)**, who paved the way for us to actually participate alongside the Class of 2010 plebes as they underwent the formidable challenges of their day of Sea Trials. It was Larry's idea, and he was able to run it up the flagpole with the then Commandant of Midshipmen who he ran into at an event in the Northwest. She gave her approval, but that was apparently the only time such authorization was granted. As far as can be determined, we are the only class to have ever been granted that privilege.

Although our participation went without incident, concerns over potential liability and the like apparently nipped that possibility in the bud for all future classes. I participated in the swimming phase of the Sea Trials while other classmates hit various other phases. Knowing it to have been a history-making affair makes the memory all the sweeter.

LCDR John Douglas ("JD") Ulett is a submariner who has thus far served aboard four submarines, including the USS Newport News (SSN750), the USS Toledo (SSN769), the USS Olympia (SSN717), and the USS Ohio (SSGN726). The crews he served with collectively earned 4-unit awards, 2 Battle "E"s and an Arctic Service Medal. He completed an around-the-world deployment while on the Olympia; and is currently serving ashore as the Special Programs Requirements Officer in the Undersea Warfare Division of OPNAV. His greatest claim to fame, though, is the fact that he happens to be my nephew (actually, it's the other way around).

JD gave an inspiring overview of his career, in which two things stood out. First was his decision at one point along the way to withdraw his letter of resignation because of a unique leadership opportunity that came along (which he did exceedingly well by) and the realization that such opportunities would be few and far between in the private sector.



'60: LCDR John Ulett with his proud uncle and Link in the Chain mentors.

Second, was the almost cavalier manner in which major decisions are typically made by his age group. "It sounded cool, so I did it (as in decided to go in one career direction or another)." Whereas the norm in our era was to decide after ponderous reflection what company we wanted to work for and retire from (after working there for the rest of our lives).

A great example of the former is the decision made by one of JD's classmates to become an astronaut after having been among the first group of women commissioned into the submarine service. Several years into her service and owing to an unusual set of circumstances, she was invited to become an astronaut. So, as we were having lunch, she was doing her country proud as a Mission Specialist aboard the International Space Station. The chain is mighty indeed.

Those who were present at one or both lunches included **Don Boecker (15)**, **Hank Chiles (21)**, Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Darlene Matulka, Barbara and **Ward O'Brien (22)**, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Duane Tollaksen (3)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Daren and yours truly.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ "Dear Classmates and **Ron Hinkel (14)** in particular. After more than two years, frustrated by Joel being in assisted living and the pandemic rules, I finally got the opportunity to have lunch with him today. **Jack Greenhalgh (9)** made all the arrangements and **Dick Hamon (8)** was able to join us also. I just want to give everyone a quick update and provide the attached photo.



Greenhalgh, Febel & Hamon at lunch

Joel is doing well. He moves a little slowly and needs a walker (Don't we all?) but his mind is sharp and we had a good conversation going the entire time. Over the weekend his lady friend Sarah drove up from Norfolk and together they went to the Williamsburg outlet mall for four hours, so I would say that was great.

Anyhow, I was so pleased to see him. I asked if he had any message for me to pass on to **Ron Hinkel (14)**, and he said yes. "Tell him I am more handsome now than he has ever been!!" So, you see, he hasn't lost his sense of humor. Just thought you all would like an update. God bless. Oz



'60:SOCAL Lunch group

I heard from **Jim Dudley's (18)** widow Judy:

✉ "I was married to Jim Dudley '60 and sadly he has been gone for many years. Reference to article in Jan/Feb *Shipmate* "On the Brink" Cuban Missile Crisis. We were living in Bermuda as Jim was with VP 49 flying P5Ms. Our first child was born September 26, 1962! I remember the night Jim came home from work to say President Kennedy was to speak that evening and we were to try and listen! We did get the broadcast and I realized how far from our families we really were. The telephone rang at around 2:00 a.m. and Jim was called in to fly! It was a time I will never forget. In the weeks following, the squadron was on high alert and crews were flying. At some point, crews were sent to spend weeks flying out of "Gitmo". Jim's turn for that was in December 62- Jan 63. The article in *Shipmate* featured four USNA graduates from '56 and '58 and I wondered how many other young Ensigns from '60 were involved in the events of the Cuban Missile Crisis? Not asking for a survey, but wishing Jim was here to share his memories of those days. I am in touch with the PPC of Jim's crew and he fondly recalled that twice when they were flying out of Gitmo they lost an engine!

This was toward the end of the life of the P5M as VP-49 transitioned to the P3A in the fall of 1963, and the squadron moved from Bermuda to Patuxent River, MD. Once the squadron was trained in the P3 they deployed back to Kindley AFB in Bermuda, five weeks deployed, four weeks home! Thanks for listening! I hope you and your family are well. Go Navy! Beat Army!

—Judy Dudley

Our SoCal 60 group again met in Coronado for lunch. Attending were Joyce & **Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Nancy & **John Pethick (9)**, Glee & **John Schmidt (20)**, Jan Shaw (2), Avery & **Bennie Hollowell (3)**, Ann & **George Marburger (20)**, and **Denny Crawford (2)**.