

ever saw. A real warrior unafraid to speak honestly. Rest in peace Shipmate.

Remembering Bud McFarlane, by Walt Szczypinski (18). Bud and I struck up a close relationship during Youngster cruise aboard USS NEW JERSEY. We holystoned decks, played cards and enjoyed shore liberty together. Some good memories that sparked a lifelong association centered on our Naval Academy and military experiences. I deeply valued Bud's friendship. A class guy, loyal classmate and an unquestioned patriot, who loved and valiantly served our nation.

Remembering Bud McFarlane, by Jim Brown (1). Sadly, Bud has left us but as long as I have memory, he will be with me. He was a focused, fearless and caring friend with a compassionate heart. These were ideal attributes for the outstanding Marine officer he would become and for ultimately carrying the tremendous responsibility as he brilliantly and courageously served the nation as the NSA Advisor for President Ronald Reagan, clearly one of the most demanding positions in American Government.

I met Bud near the end of plebe year and after the Academy had shown us the different sports programs. By the luck of the draw Bud, Furman Sheppard, and I made it to the Navy Gymnastics Team, and the three of us chose the Side Horse as our primary event.

We all made the team, but I soon realized I may not win many competitions. As Bud and Furman quickly honed their skills and attained superior form and balance, I spent a lot of time falling off the Horse and getting back up to have another "GO," however, I was slowly learning.

During our Youngster year Furman became the National Champion and Bud won his letter placing well in several gym meets. Our second class year also went well, and Bud and Furman both lettered. Bud placed first or second in the Eastern Regional Meet at Temple University. I continued to learn. First class year came, and the side horse effort continued. I now began to place in the side horse events, and I garnered a few points here and there. Near the end to the season, we had a gym meet at Navy with an archrival Syracuse, NY. By some fluke, Furman fell off the horse during his routine and Bud faltered during his. I placed first for the one and only meet of my gym career. Bud was very happy for me and as excited as I was. Furman was very complimentary as well. The Coach told me that by my place in the Syracuse meet I had enough points to receive the coveted NAVY 'N' LETTER. I owe a great deal to Furman and Bud for their continued support.

Upon graduation from USNA in 1959, Bud and I took the Marine option and continued to serve our country for 20 years as US Marine officers. Commander Furman Sheppard continued to serve our country in the Navy until his Retirement."

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JoNell Murphy Monarch, wife of Delmont Monarch (5th company), died of a heart attack on 21 July 2021. They were married on 3 June 1959, at the USNA Chapel. Nell embraced the role of a naval officer's wife and successfully met the many challenges. After three decades of service, Captain Monarch retired from the Navy and the family moved to Tarpon Springs, FL. Nell spent many delightful hours with her grandchildren and passed on much of her life's experiences to them. Memorial services and interment were held on 17 June 2022.

Captain Paul Guay (2) passed away on 2 December 2021 following a lengthy battle with Parkinsons. Following his retirement from the Navy in 1989 he became an advocate for Alcohol Anonymous and the Salvation Army. Just before his passing, he was the sponsor of nearly 15 individuals working their AA programs. He is survived by his three children.

William "Stephen" Burgess (1), of Naples, Florida, peacefully passed away on 22 February 2022, in the presence of his wife, Joan Jett Burgess. Steve and Joan met in 1956 and married the day after graduation. They have two daughters, and three granddaughters. After his final retirement, Steve and Joan retired to Naples, Florida. A private service was held in Naples in March 2022.

Nella Maria Ghiglione de Ortega passed away on April 4, 2022. She is survived by her husband Walter Ortega (11), three daughters, two sons, 14 grandchildren and 20+ great grandchildren. A beautiful woman with incredible God-given musical talents, she used to give joy to everyone she touched. Our mother Nella Maria will be greatly missed, and always remembered for the legacy she leaves of Faith, Hope and Love. with the greatest being "Love". Services were held on April 8.

Robert Lodge Jones of Charleston, SC, died peacefully at home on 13 May 2022 after a long illness. Services were held on 11 June. At the early age of 16, he joined the Marine Corps and participated in the Korean battle, and then transferred to USNA. After a year with USNA, he resigned and returned to the Marine Corps. After some number of years with the Marine Corps and Coast Guard, he started a 33- year career at IBM in the engineering division as a project manager. He took his final retirement in 2002, then he and his wife, Margaret, moved to Charleston in 2003.

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From Class President **Pete Chabot (14):**

✉ "Following discussions with our Board of Directors, objective judgment required cancelling the mini-reunion that we had planned in San Antonio. Covid and economic inflation have significantly affected the travel industry; airlines, hotels, restaurants and our own perspectives. It is unlikely we would have mustered the attendance necessary to have a meaningful gathering.

I write this note for Bill's column to encourage Classmates to consider - and then sign up for our third Mini-Reunion, a Mississippi River Cruise in the Spring of 2023. We will sail from and return to New Orleans. The good news: 15 classmates and guests are currently registered and space is available.

The Mini-Reunion Gouge V6 was distributed in late May and contains complete details. Or call me at 443-624-0094. Pete Chabot

From **Doug Johnston (5):**



Kevin Murphy with DC group

✉ "In April, we went a bit outside the box by inviting Kevin Murphy as our speaker. Kevin was my research assistant when I was running an Executive Program in National Security at Harvard back in the 70's, and he's as sharp as they come. For the past 36 years, he has served as President of J. B. Austin Associates, a firm that specializes in private sector development around the world. At last count, Kevin has personally supervised the successful completion of over 650 projects in more than 125 different countries, with most of them representing major foreign aid initiatives

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sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and/or the World Bank. As an aside, most folks think the US spends about 15% of its annual budget on foreign aid, when in fact it's less than 1% (which also includes the entire State Department budget).

During his presentation and drawing upon his credentials as a Navy history buff, Kevin revisited the Naval War in the Pacific, and showed how victory there facilitated a US-led world order based on Bretton Woods and its establishment of the dollar as the world's currency. This, in turn, has led to any number of accomplishments, including 60 years of impressive global poverty reduction (from about 50% down to 10%).

Kevin then connected the dots between that world order and the job the Navy has been doing ever since to ensure unimpeded international access to world markets and raw materials. He went on to speculate about the eventual breakdown of this world order and its future implications for global security.

Joining in the fun were **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)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Dureen and yours truly.

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, we mustered our group at an old standby, Bubbas on the Lynnhaven River in Virginia Beach on Tues., Mar the 8th. 'Twas a little bit of a chill outside but it warmed up fast inside with the groups arrival. As usual, this particular restaurant always provides attentive service and an outstanding menu. We all ate well and enjoyed each other's company. Bob Osmon (17) gave two presentations prior to lunch. The first was a briefing on the success of our Class of 60 Minii-Reunion in FL. It was well attended and appreciated. Bob's second presentation addressed the Soviet ongoing moves to occupy Ukraine and some personal insights from Ukrainian acquaintances still in-country. It should be noted that all of Bob's sources were Ukrainian women! Jack Suddath (6) gave us some fresh updates on affairs at the Naval Academy through the eyes of his grandson.

We had 12 classmates plus a guest attending: **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Jack Suddath (6)** and his guest, **Bill Manning (14)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Al Bissell (8)** & **Bob Osmon (17)**. We had one classmate who signed up but didn't show. His dog ate the reminder. Yup, we're there folks. Rod"



Left-to-right: **Jim Eilertsen**, **Bob Osmon**, **Al Ablowich**, **Henry von Kolnitz**, **Al Bissell** and **Paul Cooper**



Read left-to-right: **Guest of Jack Suddath**, **Wick Parcels**, **Al Whitaker**, **Jack Suddath**, **Bob Ianucci** and **Bill Manning**

Bob Osmon (17) added an aside:

✉ "Jack (Lynch (11)), today I gave our classmates a review of your new book and told them how much I enjoyed the read. Coincidentally, **Jim Eilertsen (21)** told us a tale of a classmate being caught being a lookout for his poker game and I said, "Hey, I just read that story." So, I found it in the book and read it to everyone at the table.

People asked about where to buy it and all I could say is I got mine from Amazon. Any other sources? God bless. Oz

From **Jim (Tug) Knorr (20)**:

✉ "Picked up my January 2020 *Shipmate* and decided to delve into great info. For years have remembered taking the train from Annapolis... especially in '56 when we played Notre Dame. Moved into Annapolis in 1980 and keep reading that Train bridge across Severn River was removed in '51. Can't be right, so maybe someone involved with *Shipmate* can help me out?

I'm David James Knorr, Class 1960, wife and classmates call me TUG!

Ended up being 1440, spent 31 years in Navy. Chief Eng. on INDY (CV-62), OIC David Taylor Research Center across Severn for three yrs., Navsea guy/Attaché in UK last Navy Job. Being 1200 PSI guy got me to get Iowa ONE PERSON Eng. Inspection job.

Another of my Stories I've written is Cuban Crises on LPH where we showed up off Cuba, but had to return to Mayport because Marine Logistics guys forgot to load up Ammo for 2000 we had on Board!

If my IOWA or Cuban Crises stories of any interest ...and won't get anyone in

trouble, we'll chat. Anyone who really knows when train tracks removed from Severn would be of interest to me. Having managed Way of the Cross (WOC) on Good Friday morning for 22 years we walked by SEVERSIDE Station sign train stop near Manresa Retreat I saw where the Train used to go Jim "Tug" Knorr.

From **Rob Kunkle (10)**:



MacLeod, Kunkle & Chavez

✉ "Hi Bill, I'm writing this tonight so I don't forget - will finish it, with photos, tomorrow. I notice that our '60 class column keeps moving closer and closer to the front of the *Shipmate* 'Class News' section! What's the problem here - LOL!??

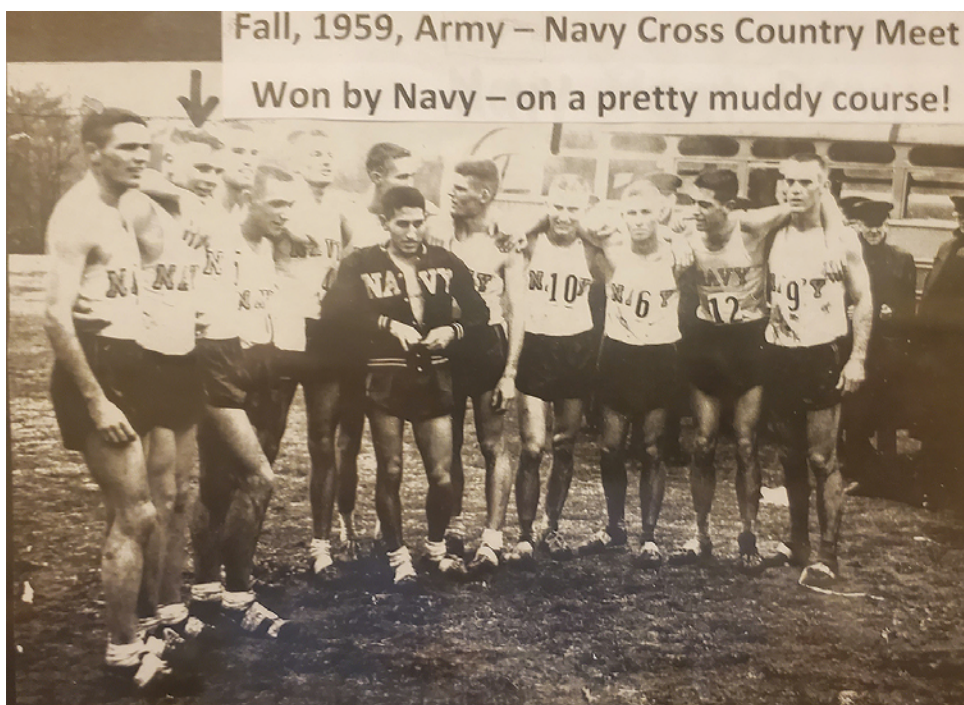


Kunkle still ready to run

I guess I can't complain about anything - still in good mental health (I think) and my physical health is okay compared to the guys around here in Dallas - many much younger!

I walk a mile and a half a couple times a week but no running. My knees objected long ago - I guess 10 miles a day at USNA and then ongoing jogging since then has done them in. The photos I will send compare my running at USNA - and now.

Sadly, I note that our classmates, my teammates on cross country and track, are gone now - **Jose Chavez (19)** and **Ken MacLeod (16)**. I am divorced and live alone in Plano, TX (N. Dallas). I read a lot, harass the liberals on emails, play golf, walk, and have set up and managed my <http://www.sundaydanceparties.com> for nine years. We have about 60-70 singles on one Sunday a month, dancing to a DJ, at a local ballroom. Makes me beer money. Best regards, Rob Kunkle



'60: Kunkle Navy Cross Country Team in the late fifties

Bill, while I am on the 'bragging wagon' a few more thoughts. Paavo Nurmi, the great Finnish runner (9 Olympic gold medals) set the American three mile, outdoor, track record in 1930(?). Who remembers him? Wouldn't he be chagrined to know that three of us broke his record in the Penn Relays 30 years later! Including some skinny kid from Kansas! Who knows us?

In a 1959 SHIPMATE article, Coach Jim Gehrdes wrote: "Kunkle has already established himself as the outstanding distance runner in the history of the Academy". Yet Jim would make me run quarter miles, full speed, to "build up my speed". He'd look at his stopwatch and lament, "Kunkle, your fastest quarter mile is 63 seconds - but you ran the mile in 4:20 - 4 laps at 65 seconds!" What? I told him "I have one speed, Jim - slow! But I can do it forever!" At graduation I owned all Navy records - Plebe and Varsity, indoor/outdoor track, 2 mile & three mile plus Plebe and Varsity cross country five mile.

Let me add - High School boys now run faster and I check every year to see if High School GIRLS are there yet! So close!! Sobering!

You don't have to publish all this! I'm sure we have classmates who would love to remember and elaborate on their past accomplishments, but are too humble - and discrete! Someone once said "All of us men pull on our pants one leg at a time." True - but now I do that sitting down! Best regards, Rob

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Dear Classmates,

Back in the (friendlier) day

On a fine spring day in 1994, Russian Vasily Saiko, a retired Soviet Border Guard Sergeant, presented a Naval Academy class of 1950 ring to Ambassador Malcom Toon, Chair of the Joint US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC) in Moscow. It had been retrieved from the body of an American aviator 42 years earlier. The aviator's RB-29 aircraft had been shot down by Soviet fighters north of Hokkaido October 7, 1952. Saiko's appearance was in response to a Russian media campaign encouraged by the United States requesting anybody with information about Americans who might be missing in the former Soviet Union to contact the Moscow office of the USRJC. At the same time the Russians provided a KGB Maritime Border Guard archive document which described the at-sea recovery of an American aviator's body near the crash site. The Naval Academy class of 1950 ring bore the name John Robert Dunham, an Air Force Captain. The Russian asked that the ring

be returned to the American's family. From the 1952 report on the burial (provided by the Border Guards archives) and personal recollections, Saiko provided sufficient detail on the burial of Capt. Dunham in the Kurile Islands that a Commission expedition was able to exhume the officer in 1994. A year later, Sergeant Saiko and his wife, Lyubov were guests of the family at the Arlington National Cemetery interment of this Cold War casualty.

Since the Soviets did not acknowledge the shoot-down at the time, they had made a decision not to tell the Americans about the recovery and burial of Captain Dunham. As is often the case in long-standing mysteries, one principled individual, the late Vasily Saiko, later a Don River boat captain, was the key to bringing Captain Dunham home.

Thanks to Captain USN (Ret.) **Jim Connell** (2) for sharing this tale. At the time of the 1990s events, Dr. Connell was Acting Chief, Task Force Russia-Moscow, representing the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs in Russia and the former Soviet Union and former Soviet Bloc nations.



Sergeant Vasily Saiko (Ret.)

The social scene

"...When two or three shall meet..."

Jim Connell (2), **Jack Pappas** (2) and **Warren Hoppe** (21) gathered at the May Maryland-Virginia mixer at Public House restaurant in National Harbor. They had a great time together mostly listening to Jack's tales of his skipjack "Windsong". (Details in a later issue.) Warren discussed his research for more *Shipmate* articles. Jim feels the negative aspects of deteriorating relations with Russia more than most of us (see lead article this column). On the following page, from left to right: Connell, Pappas and Hoppe.