

59/60 CLASS NEWS



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From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, fighting our way through all the Virginia Beach tourists, twelve classmates and a guest arrive at an old Virginia Beach favorite, Waterman's Surfside Grille on the beach. **Pete Chabot (14), Bob Osmon (17) & Al Whitaker (16)** trucked down from Williamsburg, while **Bob Powers (8), Wick Parcels (12), Bill Kee (9), Al Ablowich (16), Jim Eilertsen (21), Al Bissell (8), Rod Friedmann (5), Bob Ianucci**

(16) and Ed Clextion (10) with his son as a guest. Henry von Kolnitz had to cancel at the last minute.

We were seated at a great "Round Table", which really made it easy to swap versions of old sea stories and midshipmen escapades. Good service and great food topped off the day.

Here's a photo of our happy group missing the photographer, Rod. Read Left-to-Right: **Jim Eilertsen (21), Bob Powers (8), Bob Osmon (17), Al Bissell (8), Pete Chabot (14), Ed Claxton's son Eric, Ed Clextion (10), Al Whitaker (16), Al Ablowich (16), Bill Kee (9), Wick Parcels (12) and Bob Ianucci (16).**



'60: At the "Round Table"



von Kolnitz, Bissell, Ablowich, Whitaker & Powers



Chabot & Parcels



Paul Cooper



Ianucci & Friedmann

From **Harry Lewis (15)**:

✉ Sad news from Barbara Watson, widow of **James McCusker (14)**. Please have a note placed in the '60 news (15th Company)

Peg Morgan (Doug's widow) passed away this week. She had Alzheimer's for a long time and was in a facility. I have so many wonderful memories of times with Doug and her. Just wanted you to know. I hope you are staying cool in the oppressive heat.

My love to each of you. —Barbara

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, we set an attendance record with our Jul Luncheon. **Twelve classmates gathered at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant overlooking the Lynnhaven River in Virginia Beach.** The weather was perfect for dining out on the deck with a great view of the river and boating activity, while having ample room for kibitzing.

Bill Kee (9) entertained us with a pre-lunch photo recognition challenge of eight classmates at a beach somewhere in MD. No one could identify all of these young men in their prime. **Bill Kee (9)** and **Tommy Teal (16)** in the photo were the only two still living. As the luncheon progressed, **Bill Townsend (19)** arrived late, followed by a guest appearance of **Paul Cooper (5)**.

Other classmates enjoying the luncheon included, **Ed Clextan (10)** and his son Eric, **Pete Chabot (14)**, **Wick Parcells (12)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Al Bissell (8)**, **Al Ablowich (16)** & **Bob Powers (8)**. Here's a few photos of the group:



Key & Clextan



Bill Townsend

Also, from **John Claman (3)**:

✉ Thanks for sharing Al! A great group of guys!!

It's harder to get down to Tidewater from the Piedmont these days. We've sold our big mountain house we've lived in for 15 years and are moving to a much more "compact" place in the valley here at Wintergreen. Same friends though. —John n Joyce

The summer doldrums must be getting to everybody. Not a lot of additional information to put out. Send some info updates and pictures to show how you are doing ...out there.

Be advised that the Mississippi River cruise will be taking place in the next year. Make your reservations and join us in New Orleans.

'61

Life Membership: 71%

Donor Participation: 22.25%

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Dear Classmates,

Here we are, a month into the football season and practice hasn't even started by deadline time. So I refrain from making any gridiron-related comment or predictions, except of course, BEAT ARMY!

Speaking of Beat Army, there was an episode that nearly kept me and my two roommates on USNA restriction for our plebe year Army game. It all started with the assignment of a faculty sponsor to our room, **LCDR William Bible Prigmore '44**. I remember his middle name because we learned about calling cards in the sponsor system. LCDR Prigmore invited the three of us roommates (**Colin Kagel, Glenn Mays** and me) to dinner at his Perry Circle quarters, and a great (alcohol-free) time was had by all. We were late, arriving back to Bancroft later than 4/c weeknight liberty, but contrary to our assumption (we hadn't learned the folks warning about assumptions) that all was well if we were with faculty, we got fried 15/3 to include restriction lasting past the day of the Army game. We all had dates and plans; oh me, oh my. Phone calls to disappointed dates did not improve the atmosphere at all. We did our extra duty grudgingly, mumbling about the sponsor system. Cut to happy ending. Some dignitary, I forget who, requested amnesty for the Army game, so happy phone calls to dates were followed by a successful mission accomplished 14-0 victory over Army. It was easy to remember the warning about

assumptions after that. It's a note of irony that we were fried for a rather benign authorized activity which ran over time, while the adventurous antics described later in this issue went un punished. More power to the bold. No good deed goes unpunished.

From **Dick Norman (21)**:

✉ May 26, 2022 was a bittersweet day when Chris Holly, her four children, Karen, Kris, Kim and **Jim ('85)**, Chris's brother, **Jim Ibach (Mary Ann)** (21st Company) and their families gathered at the Arlington National Cemetery for the funeral of **Rick Holly**, a proud member of the 21 Social and Athletic Club. He was buried with full military honors (an impressive ceremony as any who have attended similar commemorations will attest). Rick's 21st Company mates **Larry McEwen (Kathy)**, **Warren Hoppe (Donna)**, **Chuck St Laurent (Arilla)** (via Facetime) and **Dick Norman (Kathy)** were joined at Arlington by **Jerry Smith, Bob Sherer** and several crew members who served under Rick in his various commands.

A reception followed in Patton Hall at Fort Myer (the former Officers Club) where tales were told of the different sides of Rick, both the serious professional one, and the fun side of the Rick we knew at the Naval Academy. He had a distinguished Naval career, and his leadership qualities were praised by officers who had served with Rick. However, his 21st company friends made sure that the younger friends and relatives in attendance also heard about Rick's midshipman social endeavors. They included the role the 21st Company Officer, **Captain (Bill) Leftwich '53, USMC** played motivating "21" to fight successfully and win the Colors in our 1/c year, the overnight Baltimore Truck Parties and the traditional Ambassador Hotel DC get-away Leave Parties where Rick played a featured role. That was followed by stories about Rick's cross-country sports car journey with Saint that ended at Chris and Jim's 23 Mesa Ave Mill Valley family home. Although Chris had never met Rick or Saint at that point, she greeted them with a beer in each hand. Jim Ibach may have had many second thoughts in telling classmates to stop by if in the area. That address became the home away from home and site of many parties for '61 graduates who attended Nuclear Power School in Vallejo or were stationed in the San Francisco area. If you seek further party references, I'm sure someone from 21 can give you more details.

Rick was a special friend to those who knew him. He lived a full life, but he is missed. God Speed.

The Social scene

The Annapolis luncheon had a quirky angle this time. Our usual first Tuesday reserved table at McGarvey's somehow got preempted, so here we are in the "cave area". We welcomed as guests one of our regulars, Dr. Doug Rau, our