



'59: At the Tulsa game

know the whereabouts of any of these classmates who I can contact for possible future reunions. We had many laughs, fun stories and fond remembrances which made this reunion a warm and heartfelt gathering of four classmates and teammates from a long time ago.



Seated from left to right, Dick Leisenring, John Mascali. Standing, Ron Doyle and Dick Johnson

Eileen Marousek is a "Junior" member for the class of 1947. She stopped for a visit during the Tulsa game at the '59 tent and later sent us this picture shown above.

# '60

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From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "The DC lunch crowd kicked off its first meeting of the Fall season with a focus on the

pending journey to eternity that awaits us all. To facilitate our discussion, three impressive ladies spoke to us on different, but related aspects of our travel itinerary: Paula McKinley, Chair of the Navy Arlington Ladies (volunteers who attend funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery to ensure no sailor, soldier, airman, or Coast Guardsman is buried alone); Norka Rojas, the Deputy for Interment at ANC; and Col. Rene Yates USA (Ret), who spoke on the latest developments relating to the changing criteria for burial at ANC.

Regarding the latter, in June of 2019, the Secretary of the Army forwarded the following to the Secretary of Defense for joint consultation, prior to subjecting it to a public rulemaking process.

"The following imperatives were considered in proposing revisions to the eligibility criteria: Sacrifice, Service, and Impact.

**Sacrifice:** Service members who were either killed, wounded, or captured during combat against the enemy, or killed on active duty while preparing for combat.

**Service:** Service members who either served in combat or gave the nation a professional lifetime of distinguished service in uniform.

**Impact:** Service members who, while in uniform, made a significant contribution to defend the nation during wartime, or who, out of uniform as a government official, made significant contributions to the nation's security at the highest levels of public service."

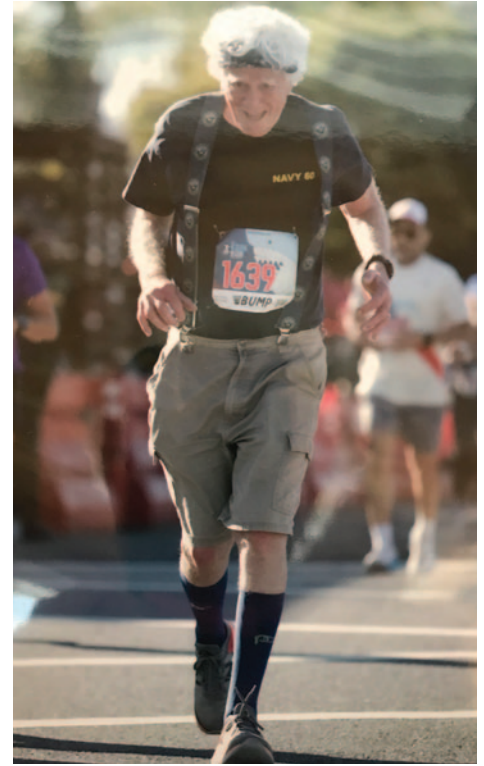
The above is considerably more expansive than the latest rumored change in which eligibility would be confined to those who have either been killed in combat, been awarded the Silver Star (or higher), received a Purple Heart, or spent time as a POW. No one seems to know exactly where things stand at this point in time, and it is already being viewed as a "hot potato" issue in the Congress.

A rich discussion ensued, with a banner turnout that included: **Ron Burdge (9)**, Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Darlene Matulka, **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Fae Daniels and **Bud Pezet (13)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**,

Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, Amalia and **Duane Tollaksen (3)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Daren and yours truly.

On a personal note, Daren and I just returned from a visit to the beaches of Normandy—a rite of passage I would highly recommend to anyone who has not yet had the opportunity.

From **Butch Khoury (14)**: "On super bowl Sunday in Encinitas, CA to celebrate not getting COVID I ran a marathon." —Butch



The running man

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

✉ "Tug here, back in the day... I was on LPH 3, not an aviator. We went to sea after stopping in Mayport to pick up Ammo & Marine aviators flying observation small planes which had to land on 600 Ft decks with no Arresting Gear!

I did mention in my Maxfield Tale about Mill Creek Crabbing, which I consider part of North Severn. Yes, Living on Mill Creek next to each other were RAdm George & Carol Ellis, and '60 Classmate Ed & Wife Suzanne Mangan. Each had piers-and Mangan's had a Comforting Pool too.

For maybe 8 years we Crabbed at both piers and managed to catch a multitude of legal sized crabs. Carol Ellis gladly would accept Containers of Crabs each week and maybe every two - three weeks Suzanne or daughter Maureen would find a reason to gather small groups of friends for mini-Crab feasts. We'd gladly supply Crabs and even bring our Bathing Suits if weather inviting!

Further down the Mill Creek was another willing Pier owner who would let us place at least 4 Large Traps on their Expansive Pier

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across from Cantler's Restaurant. On occasion, while Crabbing in my finest attire, Boaters, who were proceeding gingerly at less than 6 knots of speed, (looking to see if they could spy friends dining at Cantler's,) would shout "aren't YOU Suzie, Debbie's, Dave, Chris, Or Tom's DAD?". I'd usually reply, "Yea, keep your speed down, I get paid by Pier owner to report Speeders"!

The Co-owner of this elaborate Chalet and Pier was from Portugal and, in return for allowing me to Crab on their Pier, she would request my Round 13 inch Serving dish full of MY Crab Dip. I somewhat reluctantly would abide by her request. Such was the cost of dealing with Waterfront North Severn River Pier Owners. —Tug

From **Rod Friedman (5)**:

✉ Classmates, I recently received an e-mail from **Jack Greenhalgh (9)** describing the next Mission of the Honor Flight. I have had the opportunity to participate in this endeavor and will remember it for the rest of my life. It is a wonderful opportunity and open to all veterans who served in Viet Nam, Korea and WWII. The purpose of the Honor Flight Missions is to give tribute to those veterans. Highlights of the free mission trip usually include the WWII Monument, the Korean War Monument, the Viet Nam Memorial, the Marine Corps Memorial at Quantico and the Air Force Memorial.

**Jack Greenhalgh (9)**:

✉ "The local Honor Flight Chapters began in 2009 and have taken over a thousand veterans to Washington. Nationally, Honor Flight has taken 250,000 veterans since 2009. Matt Hartman, Director of the local Honor Flight Chapter for ten years, said, "The opportunity for veterans to see their memorials is an experience not to be missed. The universal reaction has been sincere enjoyment and appreciation." A large number of Patriots Colony veterans have been on one of these missions and universally endorse it.

From **Dave Banner (24)**:

✉ "Bill, on a beautiful Annapolis Autumn Thursday, Harry Browne's on State Circle was our meeting spot for a 24th Company mini- lunch. Carl Ingebretsen, Gary and Bonnie Ballard, Verna Banner, Jane Ingebretsen and Dave Banner. Carl and Jane were up from Virginia, Gary and Bonnie in from North of Baltimore. Dave Banner

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Tidewater Sep Class Luncheon was special. It must be the smell of "old salt" in the air. It drew a good number of classmates out to enjoy and participate in our Sep. luncheon. We rendezvoused at a new restaurant (New River Taphouse) in Virginia Beach. Great food/service, lots of good interactions and Al Ablowich's granddaughter, Grace Zoe.



'60: 24th Co mini luncheon

Attending: **Ed Clextion (10), Jim Eilertsen (21), Paul Cooper (5), Al Ablowich (16)** and his Granddaughter Grace Zoe, **Wick Parcels (12), Al Bissell (8), Henry von Kolnitz (22), Bert Johnson (10), Bob Ianucci (16), Bill Kee (9), Al Whitaker (16), Jack Suddath (6) & Rod Friedmann (5)**. Bill, here are a few photos of the "old" guys.



Cooper, Eilertsen, Clextion & Ablowich



Bissell & Parcels



Key & Clextion



Whitaker & Eilertsen

From **Larry Laudig (17)**:

✉ Reminiscing - In 1956 our first get-together as a class, the speaker said; "Turn and shake hands with the Midshipman to your left, then turn and shake hands with the Midshipman to your right. One of you won't graduate." When my daughter went to Navy, many years later, the same message was delivered!

We are the lucky graduates. I suffered a childhood ear lancing and could not hear low sounds in my right ear. Navy Air would not take me and I went to submarines. Larry

Finally, from **Tom Hutt (19)**: Meeting old shipmates at USS STEINAKER DDR 863 reunion this past summer.



Tom Hutt (19) with a shipmate on his right