

USS OZBOURN (DD-846), steaming up and down the Taiwan Straits trying to keep the two Chinas separated, and in and out of then primitive Kaosiung, I was unaware of what was happening around Cuba.

Van Nield - 1st Co.

Related to request for Cuban Missile Crisis articles and only USMC and USAF responses - just pointing out that you never know where we submarines were or are?

Walter P. Wynn, Jr. - 11th Co.

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From **John Michalski (6) & Richard Harper (7)** regarding the selection of **Lyman (Sal) Perry (7)** for the Craig Thrasher inaugural Service to Rowing award for his outstanding Service to the Rowing community. The entire write-up is on the Class Website and you can check it out and get updates on additional Class information.

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "We kicked off our March luncheon with an announcement that the date of our 65th reunion has been changed to the weekend of August 30, 2025, which coincides with Navy's first game of the season against Virginia Military Institute. Navy also uses the Double-tree Hotel (where we'll be staying) to house and feed the team the evening before each home game, so in addition to all else, there may be chance opportunities to interact with individual members of the team.

The next order of business was announcing the successful recruitment of Col. Gary Espinas, USA (Ret.) as our next Distinguished Visiting Professor to occupy the Class of 1960 Chair in National Security. Gary brings with him solid and much-needed credentials on both Russia and Ukraine, including a master's degree in Russian Studies from Harvard and a tour as a Pol/Mil Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. His other credentials are too numerous to mention; but as far as those relating to Navy are concerned, he has taught at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA, (where he was holder of the Foreign Area Officer Chair) and more recently, on an adjunct basis, taught a highly acclaimed course on the "Politics of Russia" at USNA during Covid.

Gary is currently teaching two courses on "Russian Foreign Policy" to the Mids and will be actively supporting the Academy's Annual Conference on Foreign Affairs, working with the International Programs Office in leading Mids on trips abroad during the summers, serving as an Academic Advisor to political science majors, and mentoring junior faculty.

Following that, **Hank Chiles (21)**, gave a riveting presentation on a trip he led in 1994 to visit a Russian ICBM installation (in his capacity as head of the U.S. Strategic Command). It was a different era: Boris Yeltsin was President of Russia, and relations between our two countries had markedly improved in the wake of the Cold War—to the point where reciprocal visits of this nature had become possible. Hank provided a detailed picture of all that transpired, with viewgraphs to illustrate the highlights. Among the highlights was the surprising role played by Russian religious figures as they sought to impress upon their American visitors the overriding need for both sides to find peaceful means for resolving their differences. I say "surprising" because this visit came on the heels of more than 70 years of unmitigated atheism.

Another highlight was the friendship Hank formed with his Russian counterpart, General Igor Sergeyey, much like the friendship that Admiral Bill Crowe, Chairman of the JCS, had formed with his counterpart, Marshall of the Soviet Union Sergey Akhromeyev, a few years earlier. Friendships at these levels can prove invaluable in times of stress, when world peace is at stake.

I personally think that carefully orchestrated visits of this sort are a great way to enhance deterrence—giving one's adversary a close look at what could be heading their way if they provoke a crisis. Hank will be making a similar presentation to Midshipmen in one of Gary Espinas's classes on Russian Foreign Policy at the end of April, so this was a widely appreciated "warm-up" for that.

To close on a lighter note, the overriding challenge in making Hank's presentation possible was finding an overhead projector to show his viewgraphs. Believe it or not, they will soon qualify as antiques from a bygone era. After enlisting several lunchmates in an ever-expanding and uniformly unsuccessful search, we felt compelled to call in the varsity. It turned out that **Dick Pariseau (1)** happened to have such a projector, and it actually worked. So, hats off to King Richard for saving the day.

We had a great turnout that included: Alice and Hank Chiles (21), Kathy and **Gary Cogdell (7)**, **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)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Dareen and yours truly. Doug



Grant Sharp, Tom Solak and Dick Pariseau



Hank Chiles, Bob Traister, George Dowell and Dennis Hickey

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ "Recently the Class of 1960 completed its second mini reunion. An energetic and enthusiastic group of 18 classmates and wives boarded the American Splendor in New Orleans on March 31 and sailed off later that day for destinations North. Over a period of 5-days we were able to visit several old plantations, the USS Kidd Memorial, tour Baton Rouge, have many meals together, hold several '60 only cocktail parties, visit the bridge with the Captain explaining all the new and amazing technology that allows him to run the ship totally by himself, and share many wonderful and fascinating sea stories. (Some true! Some???) One goal we achieved was keeping the sexual harassment complaints by the female crew to only three. Guess we are all slowing down.

Anyhow all the feedback has been that it was a terrific cruise and a wonderful chance to meet new classmates up close and personal which is difficult to do at the big reunions. Kudos to **Don Sanders (5)** who initiated the idea and hooked us up with an excellent agent who handled things to perfection. Attendees were: our President **Pete Chabot (14)** and Jan, **Rich Lang (7)** and Sandra Neal, **Ray Jones (10)** and Vonda, **Jerry Cooper (13)** and Eleanor, **Don Sanders (5)** and Karen, **Clint Johnson (10)** and Monty, **Sal Zaccagnino (16)** and Alice, **Dennis Vied (24)** and Karen, and **Bob Osmon (17)** and Ginny Roll.

Because of the excellent feedback from our first mini reunion last February in New Smyrna Beach, **Randy McHenry (7)** and I have volunteered to do it again next February. Details to follow mid-summer. Hope many of you can join us.

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Pete Chabot presenting Don Sanders with a plaque of appreciation for a job well done!!!



Jerry Cooper and Rich Lang in dueling nautical shirts.



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From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, we had a combo we could not beat-good weather & hungry classmates ready to converse plus two spouses who dined separately. We ate at Bubba's Seafood Restaurant on Tues., the 14th of April, featuring pleasant & relaxing views of the Lynnhaven Inlet in Virginia Beach and always great seafood lunch selections.

Thirteen classmates attended including: **Ed Clextan (10), Al Ablowich (16), Henry von Kolnitz (22), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Ianucci (16), Bob Osmon (17), Wick Parcels (12), Paul Cooper (5), Bob Powers (8), Al Bissell (8), Bill Kee (9), Jack Greenhalgh (9) & Rod Friedmann (5)** - A great turnout! Issues /events discussed:

— Christmas Party in W'burg on Wed., 6, Dec., starting on or after 1800. **Al Whitaker (16)** is our host.

— Classmate **Joel Febel's (5)** Memorial Service was held at Bucktrout of Williamsburg in Williamsburg on Sat. 8 Apr. Joel died on Apr 3rd.

— The class luncheon hosted by **Bob Ianucci (16)** on May 9th, 1100, @ the Dockhouse Restaurant in Virginia Beach was another fun time. -Rod

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2023

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| October '23 | 24 July '23 |
| November-December '23 | 25 Sept '23 |

2024 Shipmate due dates coming soon!

2023 NAVY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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| 26 AUG | vs Univ. of Notre Dame (Dublin, Ireland) |
| 9 SEPT | vs Wagner College |
| 14 SEPT | @ Univ. of Memphis (Memphis, TN) |
| 30 SEPT | vs Univ. of South Florida |
| 7 OCT | vs Univ. of North Texas |
| 14 OCT | @ Charlotte (Charlotte, NC) |
| 21 OCT | vs Air Force |
| 4 NOV | @ Temple University (Philadelphia, PA) |
| 11 NOV | vs UAB |
| 18 NOV | vs East Carolina Univ. |
| 25 NOV | @ Southern Methodist Univ. (Dallas, TX) |
| 9 DEC | vs Army (Foxborough, MA) |

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