

As I was standing there, a young runner was coming towards me and I asked him for help in getting back to my car. He very generously offered to walk back with me to my car. As we talked, things really got interesting. He was **Mike Bradley, USNA Class of 2001!!** Not only that, he was a submariner as I was. Mike had served in the SSBNs. As we walked, he pulled out his phone to call someone. Further down trail, a pickup truck pulled into a nearby parking lot and a young man got out. Mike had called him to meet us. The young man was **Will Westrick, USNA Class of 2026!!** Will had just finished plebe year and was home for summer leave.

What an event!! Three USNA guys meet on a remote trail in Western Pennsylvania on the Fourth of July!!! What are the odds of that happening and how patriotic is that?? Here is a pic of the three of us.



The next day we left for Pittsburgh where I registered for my 10K Road Race. There were three of us running in the 85-89 age group. It was a hard race with some undulating hills. I got the Silver with a time of 1h 27m. My son, Jim, ran in the 50-54 age group with a time of 53m. Helps to be young. Here is a pic of my son and I with also the third place winner.



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CAPT Pete Stout - 10th Co Honored at home town game (Salisbury, MD)



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Classmates: In future columns we will have a new section, "President's Corner," from our Class President. This issue will kick off that process.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Classmates, It is my sad duty to inform you that **Pete Chabot (14)** has been forced to step down as our Class President because of a pressing medical condition. The several years of his tenure have been the hallmark of excellence, and his leadership will be sorely missed. Although he will be a tough act to follow, follow it we will.

Pursuant to item # 2 of Article III of our Class Charter, I will serve out the remainder of Pete's term, after which we will initiate our customary nominating process to determine who comes next.

As a first order of business and pursuant to item # 3 of Article III, I am pleased to report that **Bob Osmon (17)** has agreed to serve as our new Class Vice President. Oz is as good as they come, so we are fortunate indeed to have his support. As you will recall, he provided invaluable leadership in our Link-in-the Chain activities back in 2010 and was instrumental in initiating our more recent celebration of those classmates who had been married to the same wife for at least 60 years.

At **Randy McHenry's (7)** invitation and with Pete's endorsement, Oz has also agreed to once again work with Randy in mounting another mini-reunion at Randy's hotel in New Smyrna Beach, FL scheduled for February of 2024.

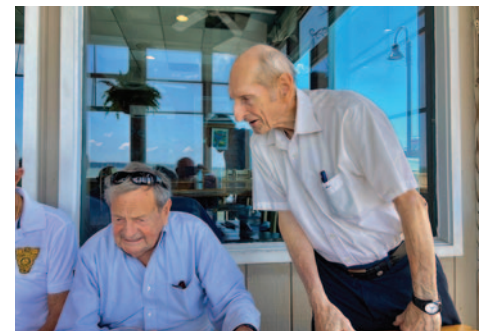
At the same time, **Jack Paepke (11), Don Delude (12), Willie Taylor (7), Tug Knorr (20)**, and I will be overseeing the preparations for our 65th reunion the weekend of August 30, 2025. For the time being, that is all we currently have on the schedule; but I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend the 65th, since it will probably be our last big one for the foreseeable future.

I will apprise you of any new initiatives as future opportunities arise. Meanwhile, please know I consider it a privilege to serve as your new President and look forward to working on your behalf in the months ahead. Toward that end, please use the following email address for any class-related communications : dmjj60@gmail.com

Best to all, —**Doug Johnston (5)**



Chabot and Bob Osmon



Al Ablowich & Bert Johnson

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Al Whitaker & Ed Clextion enjoying a good laugh

From Rod Friedmann (5):



Hamon, Schlicht, Osmon, Suddath and Friedmann



Antonio and Lewis



Bill & Linda Lewis with Bob Osmon



Paula Friedmann with Jack Greenhalgh

✉ Along the James River in Hampton, VA a bunch of old and weathered Canoe Club warriors made the trek to The Crabshack-on-the-James on Jul 14th. Fourteen classmates, plus a guest, arrived to share the tranquility of the James River & partake in some quality seafood, cold beer & to recall some old sea stories. The luncheon was hosted by Al Whitaker from W'burg.

Attending were: **Ed Clextion (10)** and his son, **Eric, Pete Chabot (14), Wick Parcels (12), Rod Friedmann (5), Bob Ianucci (16), Bob Powers (8), Bob Antonio (14), Bill Kee (9), Jack Greenhalgh (9), Al Ablowich (16), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Osmon (17), Jim Eilertsen (21) & Bert Johnson (10).**

Bill Kee (9) gave a pitch for his Annual Oyster Feast and identified how many organizations benefited from the event.

Jack Greenhalgh (9) announced that there will be an additional Veteran's Memorial Trip to Washington to see the War Memorials. It is a very solemn and not-to-be-missed event. —Rod

A group of us gathered in Williamsburg in the spring to celebrate the life and passing of **Joel Febel (5)**. A number of pictures are in the column of some of the attendees. —Bill

From **Richard Harper (7)**

✉ Classmates! I like to add a few sentences to this *Shipmate* news article to solicit help for my Class Webmaster duties. The need for a web design co-editor or backup has been apparent for some time, but **Pete Chabot's (14)** recent sudden and unexpected stepping down as Class President has made this need even more apparent.

I originally volunteered to serve as Class Webmaster in 2007. Since then, website design had become much less complex and more "What You See Is What You Get". I now use the software Wordpress for all my design work. The Alumni Association supports the change, providing the basic theme or design layout, the domain name, website hosting, and backup. Wordpress software is free and very well documented online and in many 3rd party textbooks.

I think the ideal arrangement would be to have 3 or 4 of us working together as a web design team. Interested classmates can contact me at richardtharer@gmail.com.

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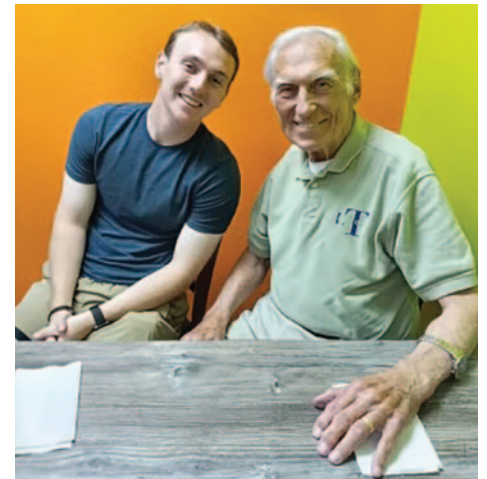
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Dear Classmates,

In a June 29 email **Don Coullahan (6)** observed of **Joe Matalavage (21)**, "Not much can get Joe out of the house these days, but a grandkid in town will do it."

The below photos show Joe and grandson **Ben '26**. Ben's older brother, **Nathan '22** has started nuclear power school at Goose Creek, SC after completing a master's degree at Navy Post-Graduate School.



The Annapolis group added some variety to



Ben Matalavage, taken by Don at the USO reception June 29 when the Mids came to San Diego for summer training.

our first Tuesday luncheon routine for July. President **Jerry Smith** hosted a combined men's and women's luncheon at his Mill Creek villa. We enjoyed the view and a scrumptious menu from the air conditioned comfort of Jerry's waterfront living/dining area. We also managed to squeeze in a session of the

Executive Committee for a couple of pending business items (reported in the minutes on