

12 July – No more land nowhere – It’s sort of nice to be sailing into the setting sun. We’re really on our way home – “turned to” this morning – all morning – as usual we keep doing the same thing over and over again because there isn’t anything constructive to do. Had two lectures this afternoon – secured early, posted the watch to 1715 – Compartment security til 2000 – went to first family movie in a long time – “Casanova’s Big Night” – I’d seen it, but it was still sort of funny. Hope they keep the movies outside for a while. To bed at 2300 – We have to get up at 0500 to refuel this big thing – will be interesting to watch if nothing else.

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**CLOSING RANKS**

Nancy O’Connor – Wife of **Michael O’Connor**, 7th Company, died on 9 September 2024

**Philip Granum** 4th Company, passed on 30 June 2024

**John Griffiths** 6th Company, died on 4 April 2024

**John Brophy** 5th Company, died on 19 June 2024

Joan Lerum wife of **Glen Lerum** 4th Company, passed on 12 August 2024

**George McNulty** 21st Company, passed away on 11 April 2024

**Tom Rosser** 1st Company, died on 31 August 2024

**Tom Gladding**, 17th/13th Companies, died on 19 June 2024

**'59**

**Life Membership: 64%**

**Donor Participation: 20.11%**

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**YES, THE CLASS OF 1959 HAD A FANTASTIC 65th REUNION !!!!!**

We had 72 - '59ers present plus 43 - Spouses, 14 - '59er widows and 30 Family and friends for a total of 158 - A GREAT REUNION!!!!

To me, however, one of the biggest events was the attendance of **Norm Bednarek** (22) who broke the femur in one leg and has been in serious medical condition for months!! He has now undergone a second surgery and been subjected to LOTS of Physical Therapy to strengthen his leg and build up his stamina.

Below is a photo of Norm and his wife, Linda at our Reunion. IT WAS GREAT THAT YOU BOTH MADE IT!!!



Norm and Linda

We are collecting photos and comments from other REUNION attendees and will have them here on this site in the next issue of *Shipmate*!!!

**'60**

**Life Membership: 71%**

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**PRESIDENT’S CORNER**

In Mid-March, I had lunch with Gary Espinas, our Distinguished Visiting Professor in National Security who is now in his second year in the Class Chair. After lunch, I sat in on his “Politics of Russia” class and was impressed not only with the quality of his teaching, but with the highly thoughtful responses the Mids gave in response to his probing questions. Before the class began, I conveyed to the class how pleased the Class of 1960 is to be providing them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of national security and the nuances surrounding its practice.

As a former Foreign Area Officer in the Army, Gary is able to draw upon a rich background of past assignments in Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia, as well as the Pentagon and State Department, in informing his presentations and the discussion that takes place. In short, he brings a lot to the party.

A total of 54 enthusiastic Mids attend his Politics of Russia course as do another 37 his

Russian Foreign Policy course. Contributing to their enthusiasm is the quality of guest speakers he is able to attract. This past semester, for example, he brought in a total of seven guests, all with considerable expertise in Russia, including the U.S. Defense Attache’ to the Russian Federation, the current Ukrainian Defense Attache’ to the U.S., and a Ukrainian two star general.

The below note of thanks from Captain Dave Richardson, Chair of the Political Science Dept. says it all:

✉ “Class of 1960 Officers—Just to add my two cents of optics to Gary’s performance to you and the entire Class, he is setting a new standard here in the department for what it means to be an engaged faculty member of significant impact. He is very humble about it, but I have never observed such a pre-registration “buzz” around a course like his specific classes in all my 5 years as Dept Chair.”

His two Russia-related electives fill up within 5 minutes of pre-registration opening, which is indicative of the way midshipmen are responding to his course content, rigor and exceptional guest speakers. The fact that he is taking on additional duties like escorting Mids abroad on cultural trips over the summer and serving as faculty representative for our annual Foreign Affairs Conference, in addition to being in his office with a line out the door nearly every hour of the week when he’s not in a classroom...makes me simply say that I hope Dr./Colonel Espinas remains in this role for quite some time. A huge thanks to you and the entire Class of 1960 for making this huge “margin of excellence” possible.

All the best & V/R, Dave

From **Bob Ianucci (16)**:



Guest, Clexton, Eilertsen, & Greenhalgh



Parcells, Whitaker, Townsend and Ablowich



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✉ "Hi Bill, The Williamsburg/Hampton Roads monthly lunch bunch gathered at Bubba's Crab house & Seafood Restaurant in VABEACH on

9 July for food, camaraderie and retelling of old tales. As usual, Bubba's staff gave us a warm welcome, good food and gracious service.

Fourteen classmates attended the lunch: **Ed Clextan (10), Wick Parcells (12), Jim Eilertsen (21), Al Bissell (8), Bill Townsend, Al Ablowich (16), Henry von Kolnitz (22), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Powers (8), Jack Greenhalgh (9) Bob Osmond (17), Rod Friedmann (5), Bert Johnson (10) and Bob Ianucci (16).** **Bob Osmond (17)** brought along a guest, Colonel Johan Wagner, Netherlands Army who is assigned to a post at Ft. Eustis, VA. Col. Wagner was a pleasant addition to our group giving us insights into the world of NATO logistics and expressed his interests in the comparison between our respective services.

While waiting for lunch to be served, **Al Whitaker (16)** told us of his trip to Annapolis for his grandson's induction into the USNA class of 2028. An interesting chain of events led to Al's meeting the Superintendent, Vice Admiral Yvette Davids after the ceremonies and introducing his plebe grandson to the Admiral. Al noted that few of us ever got to meet the Superintendent until the garden party for our graduating class during June Week 1960 - his grandson was in awe on meeting the Supe.

On a personal note; my youngest son, Tom, is now a captain, Chaplain Corps USN and is serving as Command Chaplain at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT. He thoroughly enjoys the challenges of working with the enthusiastic and talented Corps of Cadets. Tom celebrated his 30th year as an ordained Catholic priest in May of this year. Best Regards, —Bob"

From **John Schmidt (20)**:

✉ In the attached picture, we looked happy but actually were sad after the loss of **Sam Ward (8)** and east coast move of the Stevensons' (2). Attending were Joyce & **Chuck Schroeder (23)**, Nancy & **John Pethick (9)**, Charlotte & **Bob Stevenson (2)**, Jan Shaw (2), Avery Hollowell (3), Ann & **George Marburger (20)**, Pam & **Mike Fenn (4)**, Carmen & **Angel Ortiz (4)**, the **McDonoughs (4)**, and Glee & **John Schmidt (20)**.

Also, later we joined Sue Ward (8) to say farewell to Sam in Coronado. Joining were; Jan Shaw (2), Avery Hollowell (3), Francette & **Bernie Roeder (23), Chuck Schroeder (23) John Schmidt (20)**. Interment was at Christ Church Coronado. —John

I've included a short note regarding a race won by our classmate **Tom Glew (13)** this past spring. Hopefully the entire article including pictures will show up on the class website and you can enjoy it as I did - Bill

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Tom Glew celebrating with daughter Sharon and son-in-law Joe Leite in front of the awards: Cruising A First-Place plaque, Cruising B Second-Place plaque, Overall Cruising Class trophy, and a trophy for Most (22) Regata del Sol al Sole Races Completed.

✉ (From Tom) - Bill: You might find this article written by a crew member of interest. I had promised **Pete Chabot (14)** a crew spot, but unfortunately, he passed away. I see **Bill Ballard (4)** here in St. Pete as we are both members of the St. Pete Yacht Club. He is very well and I hope he can crew for me on the next Mexico race in 2026. Maryann and I went to **Harry Lewis's (15)** service in St. Marys, GA on June 21. Helen & **Jack Garrity (15)** were there also. Mimi is doing well even after a fall. She has great support from multiple family members. Hope you are doing well in Jupiter. Maryann and I are looking forward to next year's reunion. I presume you will be there. Thank you for all your years serving as class secretary. All the best, —Tom

"If you had told me I would one day, get to race in St. Petersburg Yacht Club's

"Regatta del Sol al Sol "I would have said "No, not even in my dreams." Sure enough, this dream would come true when a friend from Crescent Sail Yacht Club invited me to crew on XTC a 1998 Beneteau Oceanis 461, under the command of 1960 Naval Academy grad, **Tom Glew** (age 85) - Shahe Momjian"

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Also, from **Bob Osmon (17)**:



Granddaughter Abigale, Jack & Linda Paepcke, with Bob Osmon

✉ "For 45 years the Linda & **John Paepcke (11)** have faithfully erected and managed the tent and tables for our tailgate at the football games. If next year is going to be our last

gathering, maybe we should erect a marble monument on the spot where our tent has stood for all these years in their honor!! Just a thought. In the meantime, a few BZs from all of us to them would be most appreciated, I'm sure. The lovely young lady with us in their granddaughter Abigail. A chip off the old block, she put up the protective plastic screen when the winds began to blow and the winds came. God bless, Oz

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

✉ "Classmates, Attached is a picture of the 1960 flag which flew over the new Alumni Association and Foundation building yesterday in honor of Pete Chabot's inurnment. Between the service at the Columbarium and the reception that followed, a moving tribute was paid to a uniquely gifted friend and leader. Warm regards, Doug



'60 Flag at the Fluegel Alumni Center