

Art doesn't brag, so Bill Peerenboom has to coax these things from him, as follows:

✉ **"Art Wright, Capt., USN (Ret), USNA Class of 1957,** lettered in crew, wrestling and offshore sailing. Now 90, he relies on a walker for distance walking and continues to row. A long-time advocate for senior fitness, he encourages classmates to "Keep Moving." He rows in Seattle three times a week and walks 5K twice a week.



For the past 23 years, he has managed a team of 80 to 90 year old master rowers at the annual World Rowing Masters Regatta, held each Fall. In September 2025, his 34 rowers from 12 countries dominated the senior brackets winning 42 gold medals in two, four and eight oared racing shells at Banyoles, Spain. In October, he raced in an eight-oared shell at the Head of the Charles Regatta. His efforts have set an inspiring example and have enhanced the quality of life for many."

Pictures tell it all.

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WASHINGTON CHAPTER'S GATHERINGS DECEMBER 2025 ARMY NAVY GAME

The group joined USMA '58 on December 4th at the A-N Navy Club in Arlington, VA

for our annual get together prior to the A-N football game.

The highlight of each get together is a discussion of each of our football team's capabilities. Bob Orlosky USNA '64 joined us to discuss our team. His opening remarks clearly established his qualification to discuss Navy - he pointed out that he had won three N-Stars in football while at USNA!!! He went on to discuss Navy's strengths and weaknesses, and concluded Navy should win even though Army has a particularly strong running game that Navy could have a tough time containing.

The Army spokesman Brad Johnson USMA '58 was captain of their undefeated 150 lbs football team. Later, on active duty as an O6, he was Army's deputy athletic director. He gave an interesting assessment of the Army team, and concluded Navy would probably win. He also pointed out, quite correctly, that this was after all the Army-Navy game and anything could happen.

Nineteen of us '58ers were in attendance - Jack & Ann Adams; Dan Bellay and Lori Mansinne; Whitey & Lois Edwards; Linda Gamboa; Gordo & Jane Gerson; Mike & Eileen Giglio; Taylor & Lynn Keith; Jean Leber; Polski, Barbara; Pete & Julia Russell; Bev Smedberg; and Fred & Jackie Victor. We enjoyed cocktails followed by a good luncheon and great comradery.

We ended up singing "Navy Blue and Gold" followed by the Army Alma Mater. The order of singing was certainly no harbinger of an Army victory, but merely recognition that Army hosted the luncheon.

BEAT ARMY!!

CLASS LUNCHEON

Twenty-seven of us gathered at the Army-Navy Country Club on 17 December for our annual holiday get together. Attending were Jack and Ann Adams, Dan Bellay, Charlie Brooks, John and Jane Carty Whitey and Lois Edwards, Richard and Barbara Fitzsimmons, Gordo and Jane Gerson, Mike and Eileen Giglio, Taylor and Lynn Keith, Bob Lanoue and his daughter Janie Dornan, Polly Mitchell, Barb Polski, Kay Powell, Pete and Julie Russell, Beverly Smedberg, and Fred and Jackie Victor.

Many thanks to Whitey and Lois who once again provided the flowers for each table. Their carefully placed quarters under one coffee cup on each table designated the arrangement "take-home" person.

After lunch Dan Belay, with his violin and Polly Mitchell on the piano led us in Christmas songs.

Prior to sitting down for lunch, Jack Adams and Taylor Keith exchanged positions. Jack is now vice-president of the DC Chapter and Taylor is President. The photo shows Jack turning over the symbol of the presidency - a gavel. He pointed out that the turnover to Taylor was only the second time he had used it. The first was when he had received it from his predecessor Bruce Wilcox. Taylor promised

to take good care of it and use it no more often than Jack had! Jack had been the President for about 10 years. Thank you, Jack!



Jack, Taylor and The Gavel

CLOSING RANKS:

(Obituaries that have been submitted to Alumni Assoc can be found at: <https://www.usna.com/obituaries>)
LCDR David G. Burden, USN (Ret.) 19th Co. passed away on 6 December 2025
COL Paul C. McLellan, USAF (Ret.) 6th Co. passed away on 8 December 2025
CAPT Wesley May, USN (Ret.) 10th Co. passed away on 2 December 2025
CAPT Robert W. Musgrove, USN (Ret.) 5th Co. passed away on 11 December 2025

Class Widows:

Mrs. Sylvia Ann Theresa Taft (Denis Taft, 12th Co.) passed away on 27 January 2025
Mrs. Annabelle Stovall Haney (John Haney, 16th Co.) passed away on 21 May 2025
Mrs. Dorothy Lee Britton (Edward Britton, 3rd Co.) passed away on 18 December 2025

'60

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President's Corner

When I became aware of **Warren Hahn's (5)** participation in a 5K run to honor fallen classmates, I asked if he could provide some additional detail. Below is his inspiring response.

On a related note, for those of you who were unable to make our last reunion, a video of the memorial service can be found on our

class website at www.1960.usnaclasses.net. You'll note from the subtitles that the AI didn't perfectly capture all that was said, but it's close enough for our purposes.

As this input makes its way to *Shipmate*, we are basking in the glow of that thriller over Army and getting ready for another holiday season. Although the latter will be well behind us as this finally goes to press, may you enjoy countless blessings in the new year.

Carpe Diem, Doug

From **Warren Hahn (5)**:

✉ Doug, about 4 years ago the USNA Tampa Bay Chapter began our local Memorial Day Run to Honor 5K race. It takes place at Ballast Point Park, right on Tampa Bay, at one of the park pavilions, starting at 07:45 AM on the Saturday before Memorial Day. Minimal food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and water, to toast our fallen shipmates, is typically provided at the pavilion throughout the Run to Honor remembrance.

Initially, we gather as a group (usually about 50 people), in a large circle, where everyone has an opportunity to speak briefly about their family, classmate, shipmate or friend to honor. Three years ago, the first year I "ran," I spoke in honor of my 4-year academy roommate, Gary Gretter (5), who died in an aircraft accident. I remember the day before we graduated, Gary telling Rod Friedman (5) (my other roommate) and I about the "bonus" flight pay he was going to receive compared to a Marine (me) and Surface Warfare officer (Rod). I said to him "Gary, you aren't going to receive any more pay than Rod and I, you are just going to receive it sooner!" To my horror, 7 years and 1 month later I learned of Gary's aircraft accident shortly after take-off, at NAS Dallas, TX." To this day, those words come back to haunt me.

The following year my son Jeff '88 and I "ran" for our three 5th company classmates, all who died in aircraft accidents: Tony Lanzetta, 1966; Gary Gretter, 1967; and Jon Surratt 1969. This year I "ran" for our 27, class of 1960, classmates who died while in service.

Most of us "choked-up" when we memorialized our honorees. It wasn't easy.

After each person spoke about their honoree, Taps were rendered for the honorees, and then we Sang the Star-Spangled Banner. When we did this each year, the entire crowded park, in hearing distance, stood and joined us in honoring our fallen alumni.

After this, the 5K began. It is run on the Tampa Bayshore Drive sidewalk, purported to be the longest contiguous sidewalk in the world. It is directly on the bay, with the hot May sun directly and the sun's reflection from the water, shining down on top of you as you ran and shining up into your face, defeating the brim of your ballcap!

Naturally, at the first race three years ago, as an overconfident, really old Marine, I kind of added toward the front of the genuine 5K

runners. When the start was sounded, they took off. By the time I looked up, I had already lost sight of them. As my "run" began, my walk began. As I walked, first the 2010-20 alumni ran quickly by me. Then the 2000-2010 ran by me on the other side. Hmm, maybe I shouldn't have been so far up front starting out. Then the 1990s alumni, maybe a little slower, but still running.... right by me. Finally, the 1970s and 80s folks, at least they were walking, but passing me by. At the 35-minute mark, I reached the turn-around point and started back. At least I wasn't last, as about 5 minutes after the turn I saw two of our group coming towards me, heading for the turn-around point. Ha, I thought, not last! Then I saw, that the runner had on a knee brace, and was being helped by his partner. To my surprise, a golf cart came by and picked them up. The driver had the audacity to ask if I wanted a ride back. I just huffed, walking away, thanking him "no thanks." Finally, upon my return to the pavilion, I was greeted to a round of applause, mainly because the others would not have to wait any further, as we all could then offer a hearty toast our fallen comrades. That probably was the most welcome mimosa toast I ever enjoyed! As it is said in scripture, "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first"

At between 9:30 and 10 a.m. we close the Run to Honor, as always, with any USNA alumni event, by singing Navy Blue & Gold, and a belloved BEAT ARMY.

Run to Honor shirts can be ordered at: (You can add a fallen hero on the back of the shirt!) https://runthonorgear.com/usna_run_to_honor/shop/home —Warren

From **Bob Ianucci (16)**:

✉ Hi Bill, **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Bob Osmon (17)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Al Ablowich (16)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Rod Friedmann (5)** and I gathered at Bubba's Crab and Seafood grill on Lynnhaven Bay on 11 Nov. for our last informal luncheon of the year. Our next gathering will be in a more formal dinner with our wives and special ladies at La Yacca restaurant in Williamsburg, hosted by **Al Whitaker (16)**.

The following photos are for your choosing: **Al Whitaker (16) & Wick Parcels (12)**



Army Navy Cheering - Al and Inge Whittaker. In background from L-R: Don Schlicht, Jack Greenhalgh, Dick Hamon and Joy Hamon.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Bill, it was a nail biter, but a few of us from '60 hung in there until the end and what a sweet ending it was!! Was proud of the way our guys fought back. Jack Greenhalgh put together a table for us and we led the room in cheers and victory celebrations. Now on to another victory at the end of a very successful season. Go Navy! Beat Cincinnati!! God bless, Oz

From **Bill Zierden (20)**:

✉ **Dallas Boggs (1)**, was recently commuted to the Pacific Ocean by a fleet of his surfing friends and family. With 500 carrier landings followed by a long teaching career, he enjoyed almost daily surf kayaking, where he became Old Dude. A classmate and lifetime friend from HS. Bill

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ Dear Bill, This month, the Hampton Roads gang was treated to a presentation by **Jerry Fee (18)**. Jerry's Dad was fully involved in the first testings of the A Bomb and Jerry was involved with the final testing. Amazing coincidence. He also related how many of our USNA grads were very instrumental in positions of high authority during this period. He also could relate many events in the life of Robert Oppenheimer not shown during the movie. In all he did a great job and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Unfortunately, illnesses, hospital visits and old age prevented a better turn out. But as Jerry pointed out, "Whenever two or three should meet and old tales be retold....".

God bless and Happy New Year to you. Oz



Jerry Fee



Tidewater group at Fee's presentation

Addendum: The column goes to press in the middle of the "Dark Ages" so we'll have to add in a few notes. We did beat Cincinnati quite handily in miserable weather. I've noted that a lot of the football players opt for the Marine Corps at graduation and the game conditions should be right up their alley in the future.

As OZ noted, we also polished off those ground pounders from the "Hudson", though it was a little tougher. Great season altogether.

Also, this time of year reminds me of so many friends and classmates I've met and interacted with over the years. With that in mind I've included a shot of my favorite other former midshipman daughter, Andrea Lewis D'Ambra '93 with Linda and me. Bill



Linda & Bill Lewis with daughter Andrea '93

'61

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Dear Classmates,

The Annapolis-Northern Virginia December Luncheon was at McGarvey's as usual. **Jerry Smith** shared some highlights from the Council of Class Presidents: McDonough Hall renovation is behind schedule, Bancroft Hall renovation and the Columbarium sea wall are progressing, and Navy remains a leading power in Patriot League sports. We discussed the importance of the football team concentrating on the upcoming Army game. After the fact, I guess we could agree they concentrated, but just enough for a 17-16 win. In the photo from left **Bill Ciesla** (18), **Bob Sherer** (4), **Rich Lamporte** (15), **Bob Glover** (8), Prof. **Doug Rau '74**, **Ike Cole** (5), **Mike Welch** (5), **Jay Bower** (14), **Dana French** (17), **Jerry Smith** (8), **Ron Carlberg** (20), Richard B. Lamporte, (Rich's son), **Mike Pectorius** (18)



'61 at McGarvey's Annapolis



'61 Ladies at Carrol's Creek

The ladies met at Carrol's Creek in a decidedly festive atmosphere. In the photo from left: Marguerite Welch, Joan Evans, Chris Umberger, Kathy Rosenberger, Donna Ralston-Latham, Barbara Bower, Gisela Cole

From **Ned Kuhns**:

✉ The Tidewater '61 group December luncheon at Rib City served as a pep rally in

preparation for the Army game. Around the table from left to right are: **Ken Craig** (7), **Mike Bradley** (3), **Tom McNicholas** (9), **Bob Graham** (18), **JP Decker** (8), **Jim Henderson** (15), **Fred Lowack** (7), **Buzz Needham** (12) and **Tom Markley** (12).

Two days later Tidewater '61 classmates celebrated that exciting victory over Army at **Bob** and **Peg Graham's** home in Virginia Beach for the 25th consecutive year. The Grahams have always been wonderful hosts and we really appreciate their kind hospitality. Seated left to right are: **Carol Titcomb** (guest), **Jim Henderson** (15), **Ken Craig** (7), **Mike Bradley** (3), **Toni Henderson**, **Jay Decker** (8), and **Peg Graham**. Standing left to right are: **Sandy Craig**, **Bob Titcomb** ('68), **Joe Kuhn** (3-Honorary), **Bonnie Campbell-Kuhn** (3-Anchor), **Sharon Joyner** (1-Anchor), **Buzz Needham** (12), **Jan Bradley**, **Judy Laster** (15-Anchor) and **Bob Graham** (18). Attendance was a little less than in the past, but everyone had a wonderful time.



'61 at Rib City, Virginia Beach