



'59: Starting from center front and going counterclockwise: Sandy Reifsnnyder, Bob Reifsnnyder, Larry Vogt, Elaine Stout, Peter Stout, Frank Pipkin, Boots and Dolf Lekebusch, Art Emmerson and Nikki Emmerson.

As a personal note, one of the prisoners was wounded.

Our prisoners acknowledged that there was a Weapons Cache' in the vicinity but after leading us for hours through waist deep mud and water, they just could not seem to find it. The PRU Chief killed the wounded prisoner.

An amazing thing happened; however, the memory of the remaining prisoner was miraculously restored, and he took us directly to a camouflaged bunker that contained many B-40 and B-41 RPGs (Rocket Propelled Grenades) along with countless AK-47s and associated ammunition plus a large number of Chinese made Hand Grenades. The PRUs were absolutely delighted because they received significant bonuses for retrieving VC Weapons.

Early in the mission I was impressed with the team. I can safely say that in my entire 15 months or so in the RVN, I always passionately felt that we were on the Right Side of that conflict.

#### Golden Eagle Honors

On April 11 the Navy's "Golden Eagles" held their reunion at the Landsdowne Resort located in Landsdowne, VA. At the memorial service Rear Admiral Ronald H. Jesberg (12th Company) was among 19 Naval Aviators including several astronauts who were eulogized. Ron's career in helicopters took him around the world to include both the Arctic and Antarctic. In Vietnam he flew 428 combat missions as a "Seawolves" pilot. Later assignments included Commanding Officer of the USS Guam and Nassau. His last assignment was as Commander, Helicopter Wings Atlantic. In his career he logged 4,690 flight hours and made 1,639 ship landings. To qualify as a "Golden Eagle" one has to have displayed outstanding skills as a pilot, have had a broad range of aviation experiences, used keen judgement, displayed strong personal character, exhibited outstanding leadership, and have had a lifelong dedication to flying. Ron's life and career embodied all of these traits.

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#### President's Corner

When the NFL draft showed on television, I wasn't really that interested but was curious to see if Indiana's quarterback would be picked up by the Raiders. After that, I tuned out until a couple of days later when

I happened to land on the draft again quite by accident while channel-surfing. During an additional 5 minutes of viewing it, though, I happened to see Navy players Landon Robinson '26 and Eli Heidenreich '26 get picked up in the 7th round by the Bengals and Steelers respectively. Needless to say, I felt like I had really lucked out seeing that. As it turned out, the draft attracted some 5 million viewers. That compares with 7.84 million viewers of the Army-Navy game (the third in a row to attract more than 7 million viewers). Those numbers plus seeing two Navy players get picked up in the draft should pay handsome dividends in future recruitment. Carpe Diem, Doug.

From **John Schmidt (20):**

✉ A Our hardy group gathered on San Diego Shelter Island for our normal lunch get-together. Attending were Joyce & Chuck Schroeder (23), Nancy & John Perhick (9), Pam & Mike Fenn (4), Denis Crawford (2), and Glee & John Schmidt (20), too; this year's team will be a tough act to follow.

We're looking at a rather quiet column this month, but we're also having changes in the handling of input from Class and Chapter at *Shipmate*. It's probably a good thing we don't have a "load" going in this month because changes at handling input at SHIPMATE will be different. Still, we want to hear from classmates out in the hinterlands and pictures would be appreciated as well. Well folks, technology has caught up to us at last. We still want to know what is going out there with you 67 years after graduation, but info handling will be a little interesting for a while. In any event the best way we find out how USNA has impacted you, the Class and the Navy is for you to tell us. As I've said before... send it in and let us know how you and other Classmates are doing. —Bill



60: SoCal group lunch gathering