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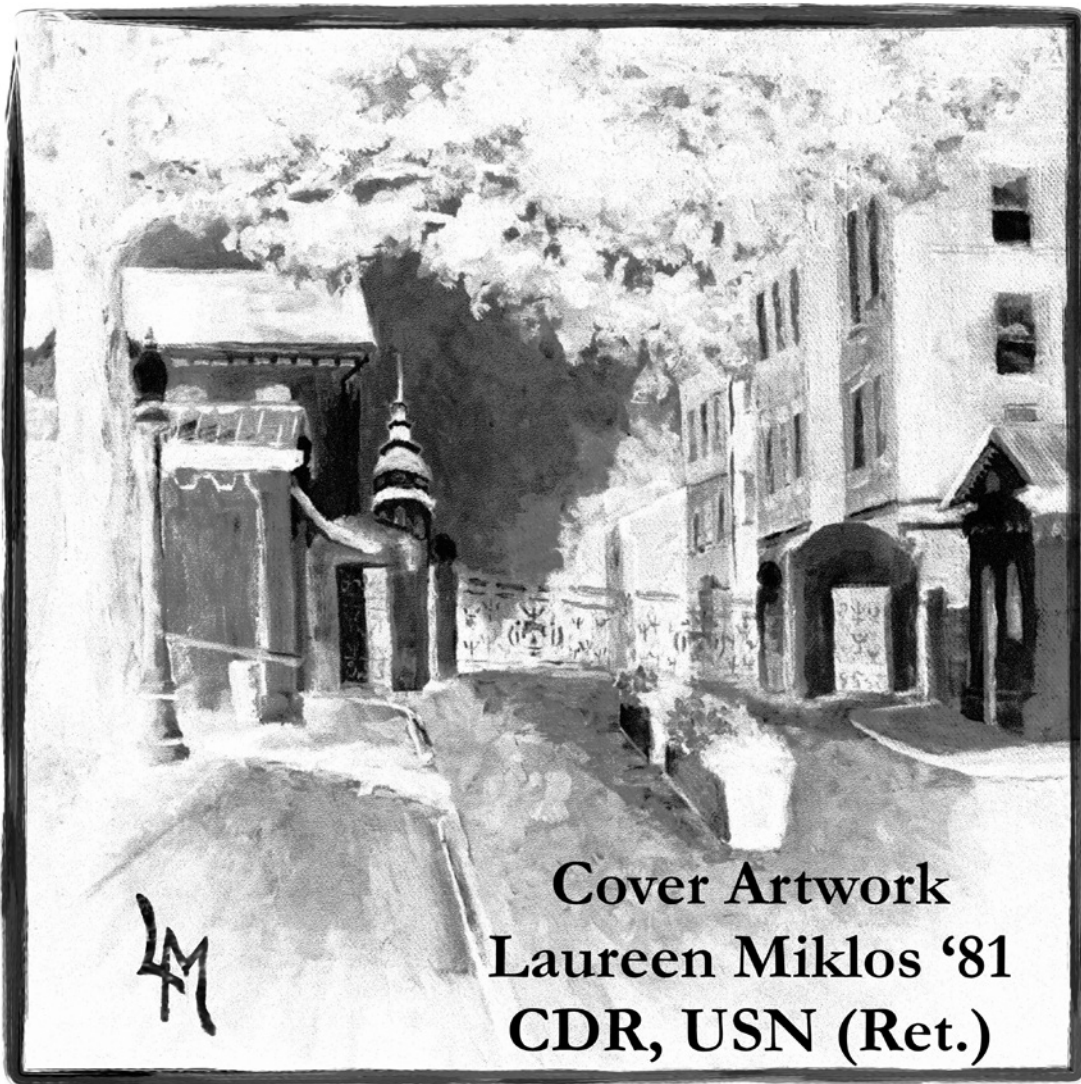
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***This Book Is Dedicated to
The United States Naval Academy Class of 2031***

We of the Class of 1981 were sailors, once, and young. As we write this, you are younger still — adolescents not yet aware that you will one day become another link in the chain. You will raise your right hands and swear to support and defend and, in a few short years, will follow those before you and go down to the sea in ships. We hope that what follows herein connects our two great classes and provides yours with inspiration and context for your journey.

Fair winds and following seas '31!



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From the Editor



It has been forty years since the great United States Naval Academy Class of 1981 stood in the sunshine of Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and watched as a thousand caps soared skyward before falling back to earth in a joyous jumble. At the time, not one of us could rightly conceive the journeys that awaited, yet all were eager to step off smartly on the left foot and march down those paths. And step off we did. We walked. We ran. We flew. We sailed. We drilled holes in the seven seas and through the endless sky. We lived. We loved. We won and lost and learned and laughed and cried. We were developed mentally, morally, and physically, imbued with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty.

Now, that service to country, still a presence in the mind's eye, has for many of us been replaced by a greater focus on family and self. We've passed the baton to follow-on generations and now have the time to reflect on the ground we've covered while looking ahead to new adventures on land, on the sea and in the air. We have a rearview mirror's image of the past, but it will never completely fade from sight.

Twenty-five years ago, when I was fortunate enough to be elected Class Secretary, I took to the job with gusto, always remembering my "campaign promise" of "no empty columns". However, as one with a deficit of attention, occasions inevitably arose when I was CBDR to a deadline with content unfinished and pre-JPG pictures in hand. So, I typed like a madman and, with the luxury of living in the DC area, now and again drove to Crabtown and Alumni House. There, I waited patiently in the parlor before plying the good editorial ladies with chocolates and apologies.

It was during one of those visits that I noticed on the bookshelf a beautifully bound edition of the Class of 1945's "Forty Years After". I remembered those guys, ubiquitous in the stadium parking lot before and after football games with their green plastic derbies and "Look alive with '45" slogan, seemingly eternally cheerful and bonded like steel. They had graduated in the Summer of 1944 and spent their first year of commissioned service in hard fighting to close out World War II. That was a Class! I took the book from the shelf and paged through it. It contained stories of lives lived and lost and of fascinating experiences through the course of their service and post-service careers. As an amateur historian with an interest in sociology, I couldn't put it down and returned to those pages again and again on my subsequent visits.

Fast forward to 2020, COVID was upon us, but with the promise of our 40th Reunion just beginning to glow beyond the horizon, the memory of that book returned and I thought, "I wonder if anyone's done one since and why not '81?'" A quick Internet search revealed that several classes had chronicled their lives in a variety of forms including '52, '56 and even '02, the "9/11" Class. One thing led to another and I found myself chatting with some '45ers on one of their weekly Wednesday lunch Zooms.



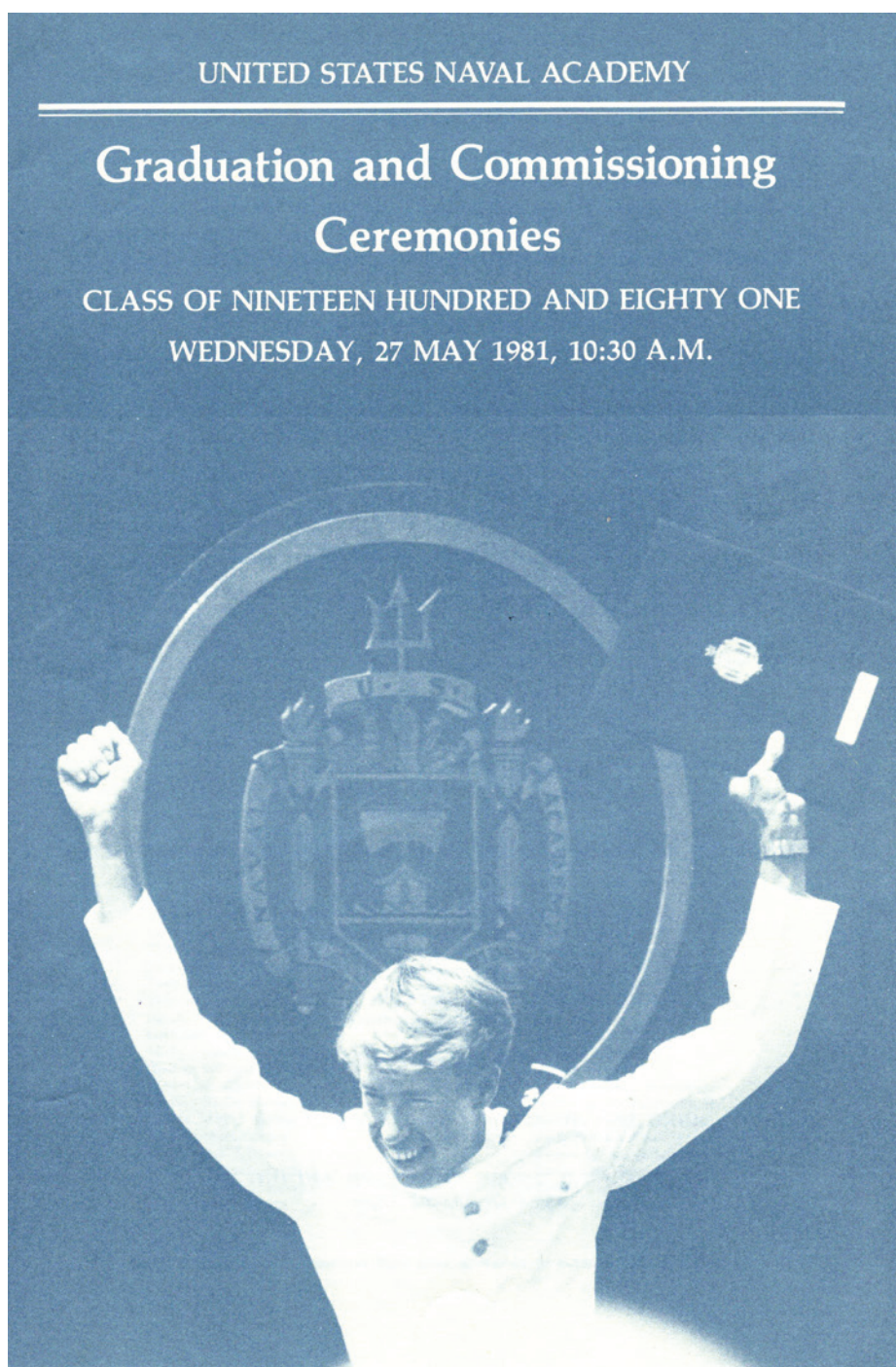
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At the ripe young ages of 97 or so, as I asked them about their books (they'd done them at 25, 40 and 50), the gents all lit up recalling their work on those well-received projects. Next, it was onto '56 where I met Jim Van Metre who edited their 25th, 40th, 50th and 55th volumes. An extended Zoom with Jim and classmates, Doug Hayman and Pete Fitzwilliam, equally enthusiastic octogenarians, convinced me to pitch the idea to our Class Officers. The rest, as they say, is history.

And so, here it is, our book - the result of hundreds of hours of effort by a superbly talented and diversely opinioned Book Committee of classmates - the United States Naval Academy Class of 1981 40th Reunion Book, "Over The Wall" - a labor of love if there ever was one. I truly hope that you enjoy it, as well. I hope, too, that it rests proudly on the bookshelves in your parlors for future generations who might stumble across it in times to come and, as they turn its pages, think "That was a Class!"

'81- Second to None!

Dave Ciccarelli
The Editor





Class Officers, Flag Officers, Distinguished Graduates, and Astronauts

HISTORY OF CLASS OFFICERS

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CAPT Wendy B. Lawrence, USN (Ret.)



Class of 1981 Profile

Applicants

Number of candidates	7146
Qualified scholastically and medically .	2041
Offers of admission	1645
Admitted	1328

College Board Scores

Score Range	(Scholastic Aptitude)	
	Verbal	Math
700-800	4%	31%
600-699	33%	55%
500-599	50%	14%
400-499	13%	0%
Avg. Scores	569	659

American College Testing Program Scores

Score Range	English	Math
30-36	3%	50%
25-29	35%	48%
20-24	57%	2%
15-19	5%	0%
Avg. Scores	23	31

Rank in High School Class

First fifth	79%
Second fifth	14%
Third fifth	6%
Fourth fifth	1%

Previous College Experience

7.9 percent of the Class of 1981 had some college preparation (one-half year or more) prior to admission.

Geographical Distribution

Midshipmen were admitted from every state in the nation and from the District of Columbia. The Class of 1981 also included one midshipman from each of the following countries: Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Venezuela, and the Philippines.

School Honors and Activities

	Percent
Student body president or vice president	7
Class president or vice president	11
School club president or vice president	26
School publication staff	30
National Honor Society	52
Varsity athletics	81
Varsity letter winners	71
Dramatics, public speaking, debating	57
Leader of musical group	6
Eagle Scout	10
Boys/Girls State or Nation	14
ROTC, NROTC, AFROTC	8
Sea Cadets	1

Minorities and Women

The Class of 1981 included a total of 176 minority midshipmen with ethnic backgrounds as follows: Oriental-American (60), Black (56), Hispanic (50), and native American (American Indian and native Alaskan) (10).

Ninety women midshipmen were admitted with the Class of 1981.

Sons and Daughters of Alumni

The Class of 1981 included 64 sons and 8 daughters of Naval Academy alumni (5.4 percent of the class).



CLASS OF 2021 SNAPSHOT

APPLICATIONS



OFFERS OF APPOINTMENT



CLASS SIZE



NOMINATING CATEGORIES

Presidential	756
Congressional	5,247
Secretary of the Navy.....	374
ROTC/JROTC	183
Children of Deceased/Disabled Veterans.....	49

RACIAL/ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

White.....	748
Hispanic	148
Multiple Races.....	128
African American (in conjunction w/other races)	80 (141)
Asian American (in conjunction w/other races)	86 (178)
American Indian	1
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	8
International	15

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Midshipmen were admitted from every state in the Nation, as well as the District of Columbia, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Class of 2021 also includes fifteen international students from: Egypt (1), Georgia (1), Honduras (1), Madagascar (1), Malaysia (1), Mauritius (1), Mexico (1), Mongolia (1), Palau (2), Panama (1), Peru (1), Philippines (1), Taiwan (1), and Thailand (1).

COMPOSITION

Varsity athletics.....	92%
Community Service.....	90%
Captain/Co-Captain of Sports Team.....	74%
National Honor Society.....	67%
Dramatics, Public speaking or debating.....	67%
Student Body Leader.....	66%
Church Group	52%
Tutoring	46%
Work Experience (> 10 hrs/week)	30%
Musical Activities (Band, Chorus, Etc.)	27%
Primary Language in Home Not English.....	19%
ROTC/JROTC/Sea Cadets/Civil Air Pat.....	17%
Boy/Girl Scouts.....	16%
First to Attend College in Family.....	14%
Hardship or Adverse Life Experience.....	13%
School publication.....	13%
First Generation American	11%

ALUMNI SONS AND DAUGHTERS (71)

The class of 2021 includes 55 sons and 16 daughters of alumni. Seven members of the entering class have both parents who are alumni of the Naval Academy

STANDARDIZED TEST DATA

Middle 50th percentile*

SAT VERBAL
610-740

SAT MATH
620-730

ACT ENGLISH
26-32

ACT MATH
27-31

* 50% of the class achieved SAT/ACT scores within the range between the 25th and 75th percentile

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

The Class of 2021 includes 332 (27%) from college and post-high school preparatory programs which include:

202 from Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, RI

47 from the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation and Civilian Preparatory Programs

83

additional students have completed at least one semester of study at a college or university, and one at a post-secondary prep school

MILITARY BACKGROUND

Former Enlisted*

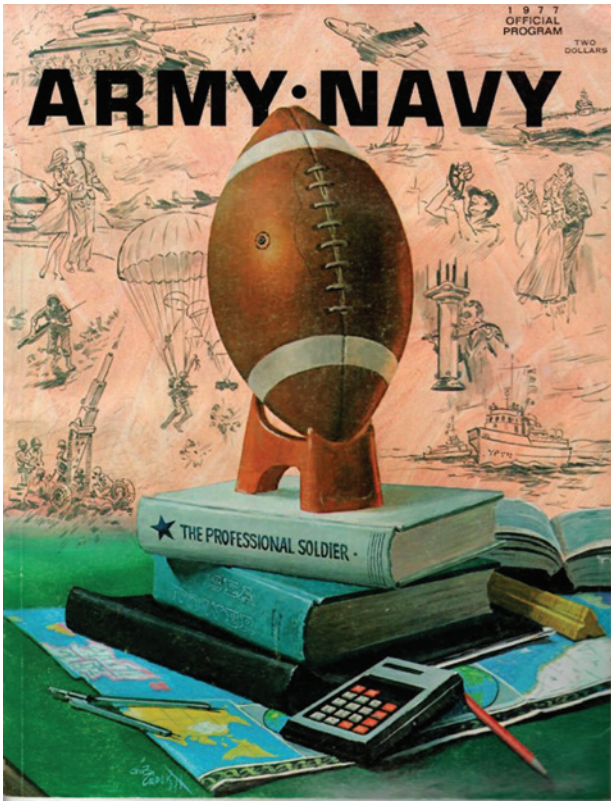
*This figure includes 18 who entered directly from the Fleet (15 Navy, 2 USMC, 1 Army), and 42 from the Naval Academy Prep School (34 USN, 8 USMC).



TOTAL = 60



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BOX ISSUE PACKING LIST
 WOMEN'S CLASS OF 1981

STRONG BOX	OTHER ITEMS IN BOX ISSUE
1 STRONG BOX	1 SEWING KIT
2 TOOTH BRUSHES ORAL B	1 OPTICAL PAD
1 SCOURING COMPOUND	1 BLOTTER COVER
1 PLASTIC TUMBLER	1 BLOTTER, PAD DESK
1 PENCIL, PKG 6	1 INDEX, SET OF 5
1 SHOE HORN	1 STATIONERY, BOX SEAL
1 THREE TACKS PKG	1 BROOM WHISK
1 BLACK POLISH	1 FLEDGE
1 SHOULDER MARKS	1 PKG SPONGES
1 PKG RED COKE TABLETS	6 HANDEPCHIEFS
1 TOOTHPASTE	2 PERSONALS BAGS, WHITE NYLON
1 DEBITOTAPE	2 W.V. POCKETS WITH TIE STRING
1 SOAP	1 PP. SUSPENDERS
1 SOAP BOX	3 HANGERS, WOOD
1 WHITE POLISH	3 SHOE TREES
2 LOCKS COMBINATION	4 HANGERS, WIRE
1 RULER	1 BLACK TIE, FORMAL
1 POLISH, BRASSO	6 TOWELS
1 NAIL BRUSH	1 HANDBAG, BLACK
1 DEODORANT ROLL-ON	1 BLACK CUFFERSHIRT
1 BALLPOINT PEN	3 NECKTIES, FOUR IN HAND
3 GLOVES, WHITE	6 WHITE ANKLETS
4 DUST CLOTHS	2 BLACK TIES
2 PENS, LAUNDRY MARKING	1 CLEAR PLASTIC RAIN COVER
2 WASH CLOTHS	1 PP. OVERCOAT DEVICE ANCHORS
1 NAIL CLIPPER	10 LAUNDRY TAGS
1 PP. CUFF LINKS	1 PAPER PAD SCRATCH
1 BROWN SHOE POLISH	2 WHITE SCARVES
	1 WASH CLOTH
	2 BLACK NECKERCHIEFS
	1 PRINCIPLES OF NAVAL ENGINEERING
	1 DECK OF SIGNAL CARDS
	1 TI-40 CALCULATOR



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OLD SKED***
Ready

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FOR 813864

COUR  PERIOD  TIME      DATE
HE250    1      1315  WEDNESDAY 06 MAY
EN464    3      0755  THURSDAY 07 MAY
EN468    9      0755   MONDAY 11 MAY
EN488   10     1315   MONDAY 11 MAY
ES410   13     1315  TUESDAY 12 MAY

Ready

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PARENTS OPEN HOUSE
Class of 1981
PARENTS FORUM



8 P.M., SATURDAY, 27 AUGUST
MICHELSON-CHAUVENET TERRACE



The Class of Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-one

of the

United States Naval Academy

requests the honor of your presence

at its

Dinner and Ring Dance

on the evening of Saturday, May twenty-fourth

at seven-thirty o'clock

Bancroft Hall

Annapolis, Maryland



PLEASE SUMMER SCHEDULE																TUESDAY, 26 JUL 77																TRAINING DAY 21																								
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NOTES: 1. Psychology & Management Validation Exam (by invitation of the Academic Dean) Periods 14, 15 & 16 has priority over scheduled events.
2. DMB practice, Periods 11 & 12 has priority over ISP.

ROOM INSPECTION REPORT
NDW-USNA-COMDT. 1010/4 (REV. 10-67)

To: 9th Company Officer

VIA MIDSHIPMAN (LAST NAME) (INITIALS) CLASS
JOYCE JA 1981

TIME ROOM INSPECTED DATE ROOM NO.
1030 13 MARCOT

When inspected, the general condition of this room was:

Smart, Shipshape & Seamanlike Untidy & Unsatisfactory
 Good Dirty & Unsatisfactory
 Passable

- The following discrepancies are checked for your guidance:
- Article, unauthorized
 - Articles adrift
 - Ashtray dirty
 - Bed untidy
 - Blanket stowage, improper
 - Bookshelf stowage, improper
 - Bulletin Board inappropriate
 - Closet stowage, improper
 - Clothing adrift
 - Clothing dilapidated
 - Confidential locker open*
 - Deck, dusty or dirty
 - Door closed or dirty
 - Drawers disorderly
 - Furniture dusty
 - ICOR not indicated
 - Laundry not stowed
 - Light on
 - Locker doors open
 - Locker stowage, improper
 - Medicine cabinet dirty
 - Mirror dirty
 - No name plate
 - No room inspection slips
 - Radiator dusty
 - Radio/phone/tape recorder dusty
 - Radio playing
 - Room equipment repairs needed
 - Shoes dirty or adrift
 - Shower dirty
 - Towels disarranged
 - Valuables exposed*
 - Venetian blinds closed
 - Bulkheads dirty
 - Washbasin dirty
 - Wastepaper basket dirty
 - Windows dirty

*Refer COMDTMIDN INSTR. PI620.10

REMARKS:
GOOD ROOM BUT DON'T LEAVE PAPERS ON DESK

(Continue remarks on reverse)

Man in charge on report? YES NO

Midshipman concerned is directed to initial and forward this form to his Company Officer after correcting discrepancies.

MIDSHIPMAN'S INITIALS SIGNATURE (ROOM INSPECTOR)
Ball Joyce 1030

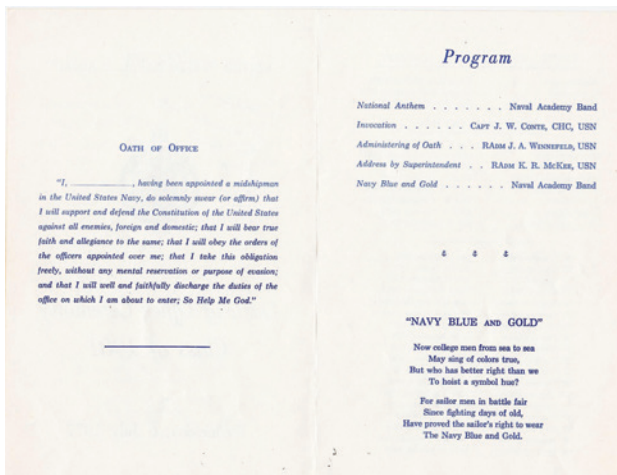
MEMO FOR COMPANY OFFICER
A room inspection report (Exec-4) was left in Room this date.

DATE SIGNATURE (ROOM INSPECTOR)





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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21402

18 July 1977

Dear Parents,

The Class of 1981, in two short weeks, has made a great deal of progress in achieving the transition from civilian to military life. Military drill, physical fitness, and professional knowledge are all showing improvement; and the Class will soon be ready to assume its place in the Brigade of Midshipmen.

It is my pleasure to invite you to observe firsthand the achievements of your sons and daughters. Parents' Open House Weekend, scheduled for Friday, 26 August through Sunday, 28 August 1977, will provide you an opportunity to visit with them, observe their physical and mental development, and watch them demonstrate some of their new skills. You will also have an opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Academy and to ask questions of the Superintendent, Commandant, Academic Dean and individual members of our staff and faculty.

This particular weekend is a unique period to observe and visit the Academy. I hope you will be able to attend. Accommodations in Annapolis are limited, so I encourage you to make reservations as early as possible.

Sincerely,

 KINNAIRD R. MCKEE
 Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
 Superintendent

Important notice to candidates

who are authorized to report to the

United States Naval Academy

for admission as Midshipmen July 1977



Qualifications of a Naval Officer

It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, kindness, and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, even if the reward is only a word of approval. Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though at the same time, he should be quick and unflinching to distinguish error from malice, thoughtfulness from incompetency, and well meant shortcomings from heedless or stupid.

In one word, every commander should keep constantly before him the great truth, that to be well obeyed, he must be perfectly esteemed.

Written by Augustus C. Buell in 1900 to reflect his views of John Paul Jones (from Reef Points: 2003-2004, 98th Edition [Annapolis, MD: U.S. Naval Academy, 2003])

Class	Shoulder Insign.	Blue Coat Sleeve	Collar Device	Rank Insign.	Shoulder Marks	Blue Coat Sleeve	Collar Device
MIDN 4/C	No stripes with fouled anchor	No stripes	No collar device	MIDN LTJG	Two horizontal stripes with star	NROTC: Two stripes with star USNA: Two stripes with star	Two gold bars (left & right)
MIDN 3/C	One diagonal stripe with fouled anchor	NROTC: One stripe USNA: One diagonal stripe, left sleeve only	Right Anchor only	MIDN LT	Three horizontal stripes with star	NROTC: Three stripes with star USNA: Three stripes with star	Three gold bars (left & right)
MIDN 2/C	Two diagonal stripes with fouled anchor	NROTC: Two stripes USNA: Two diagonal stripes, left sleeve only	Right and Left Anchors	MIDN LCDR	Four horizontal stripes with star	NROTC: Four stripes with star USNA: Four stripes with star	Four gold bars (left & right)
MIDN 1/C	One horizontal stripe with fouled anchor	NROTC: Three stripes USNA: One stripe on both sleeves	Right and Left Anchor & Eagles	MIDN CDR	Five horizontal stripes with star	NROTC: Five stripes with star USNA: Five stripes with star	Five gold bars (left & right)
MIDN ENS	One horizontal stripe with star	NROTC: One stripe with star USNA: One stripe with star	One gold bar (left & right)	MIDN CAPT	Six horizontal stripes with star	NROTC: Six stripes with star USNA: Six stripes with star	Six gold bars (left & right)

PACKING LIST

CLASS OF 1981

FEMALE

- AMERICAN HERITAGE DICTIONARY
- NAVAL ORIENTATION
- NAVAL OFFICER'S GUIDE
- BOOK OF NAVY SONGS
- SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT OF THE U. S. FLEET
- SEAMANSHIP VOL. II
- INTRODUCTION TO SHIPBOARD WEAPONS SYSTEMS VOL. VI
- SAIL AND POWER
- NAVY TERMS DICTIONARY
- BLUE JACKETS MANUAL
- SQUASH MANUAL
- TENNIS MANUAL
- WRITING RESEARCH PAPERS
- THE WRITERS HANDBOOK
- SIGNAL DEVICE
- A PLACE CALLED THE YARD
- BINDER
- FILLER PAPER
- COMPOSITION BOOK
- 2 BLACK NET SOCK BAGS
- 12 PR. BLACK SOCKS
- 1 HILBORN HAMBURGER BOX CONTAINING:
 - 3 NYLON BELTS (2 Black, 1 Khaki)
 - 3 BRASS BUCKLES
 - 1 GARRISON CAP DEVICE
 - 4 JIFFY COLLAR STAYS

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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY WARDROOM		
Menu for Week Ending 8 OCTOBER 1977		
BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
<p><i>do you think these were any left for the club</i></p> <p>Fresh Fruit (Apples & Oranges) ✓ Assorted Cereal Orange Juice Fried & Scrambled Eggs (F10/13) Breakfast Steak (L7) Buttered Toast - Jam - Jelly Assorted Danish Pastry Coffee - Hot Chocolate - Milk</p>	<p><i>Y this is the Russian code</i></p> <p>Sunday 2 October 1977 ✓</p> <p>Luncheon Steak Sandwich (L7-5NA) French Fried Onion Rings (Q35) Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce, Onions Mayonnaise Luncheon Steak Sandwich Buns Coconut Cream Pudd'ng Orangeade -</p>	<p>Shrimp Chow Mein (L42NA) Fortune Cookies Steamed Rice (E5) Chinese Noodles (S807) Garden Green Salad (M47) French Dressing (M58) White Bread - Butter Banana Split Kit Coffee - Milk</p> <p><i>It was a yummy treat</i></p>
<p>Apple Juice Orange Juice* Assorted Cereal Sugared French Toast (D22) - Butter Maple Syrup - Jam - Jelly Bacon Slices (L1) Quick Coffee Cake* Coffee - Hot Chocolate* - Milk</p>	<p>Monday 3 October 1977</p> <p>Hot Pastrami (N23) Kosher Spears Sliced Swiss Muenster Cheese Tater Wedges - <i>one day name for Fried Potatoes</i> Shredded Lettuce (M2) Thousand Island Dressing (M70) Rye Bread (DBL) Apple Crisp Fruit Punch -</p>	<p>Roast Prime Rib (L4) Baked Potato (Q44) w/Sour Cream Corn on the Cob (QG3) Golden Glow Salad (M20) Dinner Rolls - Butter (DBL) Iced Devils Food Cake Fresh Fruit Bowl Hot Tea w/Lemon Wedges - Milk</p> <p><i>good swans doesn't do it well it's hot!</i></p>
<p>Fresh Grapefruit Orange Juice Assorted Cereal Cheese Omelet (F11) Buttered Toast - Jam - Jelly Jelly Filled Buns Coffee - Hot Chocolate* - Milk</p>	<p>Tuesday 4 October 1977</p> <p>Fishwich (N32) Tartar Sauce (Q13) Potato Chips Sliced Tomatoes & Lettuce (M33-2) Mayonnaise Sandwich Buns Fruit Bars - <i>other wise known as Fu bars</i> Assorted Sodas</p>	<p>Chicken Montmorency (B121) Paprika Potatoes (Q77-1) Peas & Pearl Onions (QG3) Wagon Wheel Salad Russian Dressing (M67) White Bread - Butter Peach Ice Cream Coffee - Milk</p> <p><i>good meal</i></p>
<p>Grape Juice ✓ Orange Juice* Assorted Cereal Scrambled Eggs (F13) Little Smokies Buttered Toast - Jam - Jelly Glazed Donuts Coffee - Hot Chocolate - Milk</p>	<p>Wednesday 5 October 1977</p> <p>Pepper Steak (L13) Steamed Rice (E5) Cottage Cheese & Pineapple Salad White Bread - Butter Rocky Road Ice Cream w/Cones Iced Tea w/Lemon Wedges</p>	<p>Veal Parmigiana - Parmesan Cheese Italian Style Spaghetti Broccoli Spears (QG3) Spring Salad (M44) Italian Dressing (PCs) Italian Bread - Butter (DBL) Fresh Fruit Bowl w/Apples, Bananas, & Oranges Hot Tea w/Lemon Wedges - Milk</p> <p><i>really good bread, try it up!</i></p>
<p>Orange Juice Assorted Cereal Blueberry Hotcakes - Butter Sausage Patties (L89) Maple Syrup - Jam - Jelly Danish Bear Claws* Coffee - Hot Chocolate* - Milk</p>	<p>Thursday 6 October 1977</p> <p>Footlong Hotdogs (L63-1) Texas Sauce (Q30-5)/Chopped Onions Shredded Cheese Cole Slaw w/Cream Dressing (M9) Footlong Hotdog Buns Macaroni Cups - Fresh Apples Grapeade <i>Good!</i></p>	<p>Roast Pork (L72) - Brown Gravy (O16) Applesauce Cottage Fried Potatoes (Q46-1) Seasoned Green Beans (QG1) Mixed Green Salad (M47) Bleu Cheese Dressing (M51) Raisin Bread - Butter Wild Mountain Black Raspberry Ice Cream Coffee - Milk</p> <p><i>this is just pink colored vanilla ice cream</i></p>
<p>Pineapple Juice ✓ Orange Juice* Assorted Cereal Scrambled Eggs (F13) Ham Slices (L65-3) Buttered Toast - Jam - Jelly Cinnamon Buns Coffee - Hot Chocolate - Milk</p>	<p>Friday 7 October 1977</p> <p>Turkey Fillets (B631) Turkey Gravy (O16-6) Whipped Potatoes (Q57) Mixed Vegetables (QG3) Garden Vegetable Salad (M19) Russian Dressing (M67) White Bread - Butter Beat Air Force Cake Chocolate & White Milk</p>	<p>Quarter Pounder Hamburgers (N29) Kosher Dill Chips Sliced American Cheese French Fried Potatoes (D641) Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce, Onions Mayonnaise Quarter Pounder Hamburger Buns Cherry Pie Ala Mode Assorted Sodas</p> <p><i>this was good!</i></p>
<p>Fresh Grapes Orange Juice Assorted Cereal Bacon Omelet (F11-1) Buttered Toast - Jam - Jelly Fruit Filled Danish Coffee - Hot Chocolate* - Milk</p>	<p>Saturday 8 October 1977</p> <p>Submarine Sandwich w/Ham, Turkey, Pimento Loaf & Luncheon Meat (N19) Sliced Swiss Muenster Cheese Corn Chips - Mayonnaise Sliced Tomatoes, Lettuce, Onions Submarine Rolls Fruited Gelatin w/Topping Lemonade <i>the best part</i></p>	<p>Sirloin Strip Steak (L7) Sautéed Mushrooms (Q30) Oven Browned Potatoes (Q50-1) Buttered Peas & Carrots (QG3) Tossed Green Salad (M47) French Dressing (M58) White Bread - Butter Peach Delight Iced Tea w/Lemon Wedges - Milk</p>
<p>Approved: <i>[Signature]</i> JACK N. DARBY, CAPT, USN Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen</p>	<p>Very Respectfully Submitted</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> R. D. VAN TASSEL, LCDR, SC, USN Midshipman Food Service Officer</p>

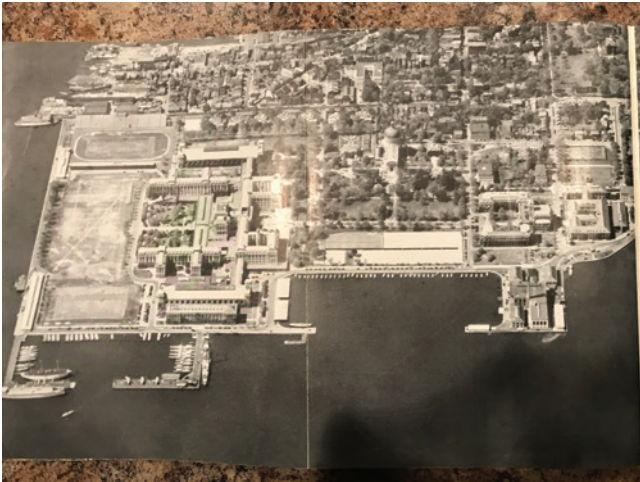
*Continental Breakfast Only **Upon Request Only

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In October 1977 Midshipman Jenifer Joyce used the back of this menu to write a letter home providing commentary on the week's meals.



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USNA circa 1941



USNA circa 1981



USNA 2001-2003



USNA circa 2015



THE LAWS OF THE NAVY

(By Captain Hopwood, R. N.)

Now these are the laws of the Navy,
Unwritten and varied they be;
And he that is wise will observe them,
Going down in his ship to the sea;
As naught may outrun the destroyer,
Even so with the law and its grip,
For the strength of the ship is the Service,
And the strength of the Service the ship.

Take heed what you say of your seniors,
Be your words softly spoken or plain,
Lest the birds of the air tell the matter
And so ye shall hear it again.

If ye labor from morn until even'
And meet with reproof for your toil,
It is well — that the gun be humbled,
The compressor must check the recoil.

On the strength of one link in the cable,
Dependeth the might of the chain.
Who knows when thou mayest be tested?
So live that thou bearest the strain!

When the ship that is tired returneth,
With signs of the sea showing plain,
Men place her in dock for a season,
And her speed reneweth again.
So shalt thou, lest perchance thou grow weary
In the uttermost parts of the sea,
Pray for leave, for the good of the Service,
As much and as oft as may be.

Count not upon certain promotion,
But rather to gain it aspire;
Though the sight-line end on the target,
There cometh perchance a misfire.

If you win through an Arctic ice flow,
Unmentioned at home in the press,
Heed it not, no man seeth the piston,
But it driveth the ship none the less.

Canst follow the tract of the dolphin,
Or tell where the sea swallows roam;
Where the leviathan taketh his pastime,
What ocean he calleth his home?
Even so with the words of thy seniors,
And the orders those words shall convey.
Every law is as naught besides this one—
"Thou shall not criticise, but obey!"
Saith the wise, "How may I know their purpose?"
Then acts without wherefore or why.
Stays the fool but one moment to question,
And the chance of his life passeth by.

Do they growl? It is well, be thou silent,
So the work goeth forward amain;
Lo, the gun throwth her shot to a hair's breath
And shouteth, yet none shall complain.
Do they growl and the work be retarded?

It is ill, speak, whatever their rank;
The half-loaded gun also shouteth,
But can she pierce armor with blank?

Doth the funnels make war with the paintwork?
Do the decks to the cannon complain?
Nay, they know that some soap or a scraper
Unites them as brothers again.
So ye, being Heads of Departments,
Do your growl with a smile on your lip,
Lest ye strive and in anger be parted,
And lessen the might of the ship.

Dost think, in a moment of anger,
'Tis well with thy seniors to fight?
They prosper who burn in the morning,
The letters they wrote overnight;

For some there be, shelved and forgotten,
With nothing to thank for their fate,
Save that (on a half-sheet of foolscap)
Which a fool "Had honor to state."

Dost deem thy vessel needs gilding,
And the dockyard forbear to supply;
Place thy hand in thy pocket and gild her,
There be those who have risen thereby.

If the fairway be crowded with shipping,
Beating homeward the harbor to win,
It is meet that, lest any should suffer,
The steamers pass cautiously in;
So thou, when thou nearest promotion,
And the peak that is gilded is nigh,
Give heed to thy words and thine actions;
Lest others be wearied thereby.
It is ill for the winners to worry,
Take thy fate as it comes with a smile.
And when thou art safe in the harbor,
They will envy, but may not revile.

Uncharted the rocks that surround thee,
Take heed that the channels thou learn,
Lest thy name serve to buoy for another,
That shoal, the Court Martial Return.
Though Armor, the belt that protects her,
The ship bears the scar on her side;
It is well if the court acquit thee;
It were best hadst thou never been tried.

Now these are the laws of the Navy,
Unwritten and varied they be;
And he that is wise will observe them,
Going down in his ship to the sea.
As the waves rise clear to the hawse pipe
Washes aft, and is lost in the wake,
So shall ye drop astern, all unheeded,
Such time as the law ye forsake.

Now these are the Laws of the Navy
And many and mighty are they.
But the hull and the deck and the keel
And the truck of the law is — OBEY.



40th Reunion Tailgater & Football Game







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ANCHORS AWEIGH

Stand Navy down the field, sails set to the sky
We'll never change our course so Army you steer shy
Roll up the score, Navy! Anchors aweigh!
Sail Navy down the field and sink the Army, sink the Army gray!

ARMY FIGHT SONG

We don't play Notre Dame
We don't play Tulane
We just play Holy Cross
'Cause that's the fearless Army way!





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THE GOAT IS OLD AND GNARLY

The goat is old and gnarly and he's never been to school
But he can take the bacon from the worn out Army mule
He's got no education, but he's brimming full of fight
And Bill will feed on Army mule tonight!
Army, Army, call the doctor!
Army, Army, call the doctor!

Army, Army, call the doctor!
You're all in down and...
Whoa! Any oats today, lady? No? Brace up!
Army, Army, call the doctor!
You're all in down and out!





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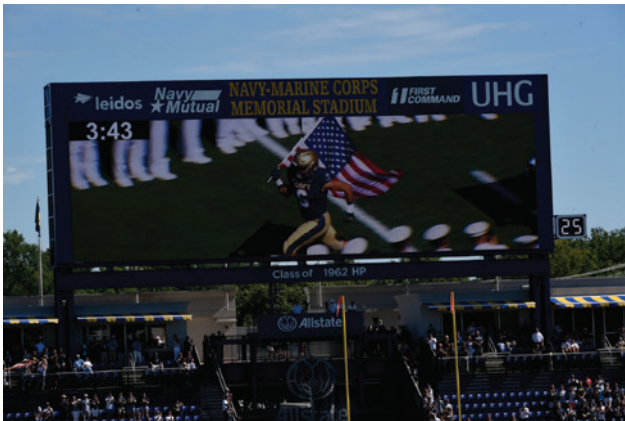


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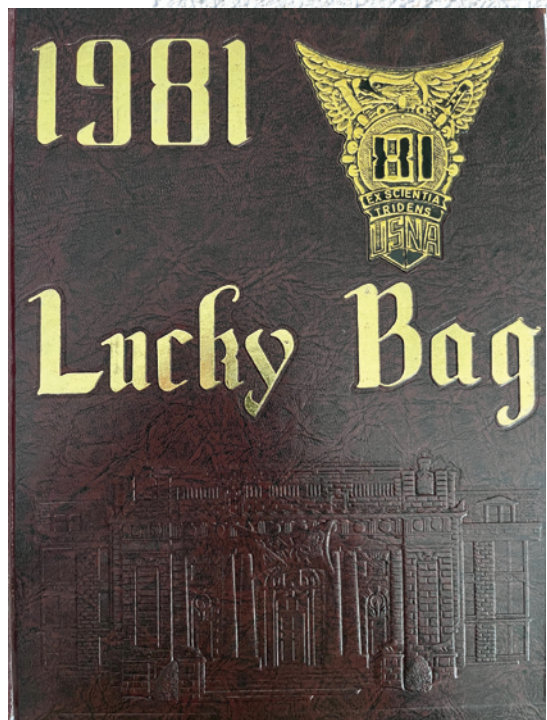






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The Naval Academy Chapel Pulpit

United States Naval Academy Graduation Prayer

27 May 1981

Captain Charles L. Greenwood, CHC, USN
Senior Chaplain, USNA

This is the day that the Lord has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us pray:

Almighty God, whose way is in the sea, whose paths are in the great waters, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, we thank You for this day with all its anticipations, its excitements, its opportunities, and its promises. We ask Your very special blessing upon these men and women of the Class of 1981 who now take their places in our country's Navy and Marine Corps as custodians of our nation's defense.

We thank You for the sacrifices that they have willingly accepted to achieve this goal - the academic rigors, the disciplined daily routine, the high level of physical fitness, and the unbending standards of personal honor and integrity that have been their hallmark.

As they go forth now to every corner of the earth may Your love, Your grace, and Your providence go with them and sustain them in every opportunity, every challenge, and every danger.

Help them to take their responsibilities seriously, but not themselves too seriously; to learn to laugh, but never forget to weep; to be proud and unbending in honest failure, but humble and gentle in success; to use things and love people, never to love things and use people; to be professionally competent military leaders, but in the process to be peacemakers and peacekeepers.

And now, Lord, we ask a sense of Your presence with us at this significant event. May Your spirit enliven our words and actions and hallow our relations. O God, bless these graduates, their families, this Academy, our nation's leaders, and God bless America! Amen.



IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED CLASSMATES

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It was on 6 July 1977 when 1,328 young men and women were indelibly linked for life. We started a journey clad in white works and dixie cups, excited to serve our country and make a difference in the world! Forty-four years later, we remember seventy-eight who passed, all of whom we can agree left us too soon.

Some were taken before we graduated in 1981. Several more were lost while they were serving our country, either in hostile engagements or in training accidents, making the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and way of life. The balance had their lives cut short after their service time ended, but again too soon.

At the Memorial Service organized by Keith Bowman and held at the Naval Academy Chapel on 3 September 2021, we honored those who went before us, and reflected on the 44 years that have passed since that day in 1977.

The following is an excerpt from Jim Bender's Invocation:

Our desire during this Memorial Service is to think about our deceased classmates with admiration, fondness, dignity, respect, honor, and love. Help us to recall them and our moments with them in Bancroft Hall and in the Yard. Help us to reflect on their lives both here at the Academy and after graduation regarding their legacy, footprint, and accomplishments in and outside the Navy or Marine Corps. We want to remember them with precious memories and the impacting moments where they made us laugh, cry, think, they challenged us, they frustrated us even and the life lessons they taught us about real friendship, loyalty, commitment, honor, and duty. We would ask for an abundance and extra measure of comfort, strength, encouragement, and the peace that passes understanding for their surviving parents, wives, husbands, children, grandchildren, and close friends.

We were honored to have Admiral Frank Caldwell, our lone remaining active-duty classmate, reflect on his journey to the Naval Academy and beyond. All who attended the service would agree that it was a time of celebration, remembrance, and much emotion as we all had a chance to honor our fallen classmates. We pay them tribute on the following pages.



Mark H. Adamshick
Died, Rochester, NY
25 November 2018



Robert J. Amend
Died, Chambersburg, PA
28 June 2017



Scott A. Billington
Died, Solana Beach, CA
10 January 2015



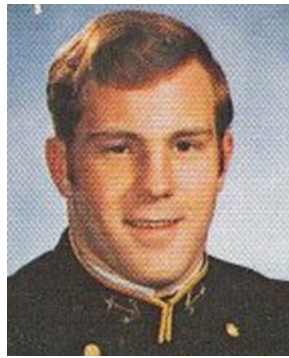
Martin J. Bodrog
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16 September 2013



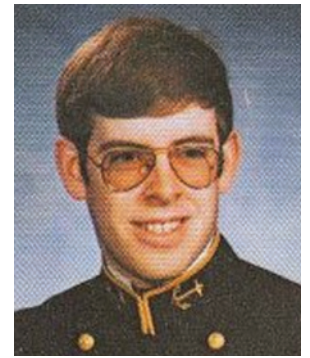
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28 September 2013



Edmund H. Carmany
Died, Gulf Breeze, FL
22 January 1982



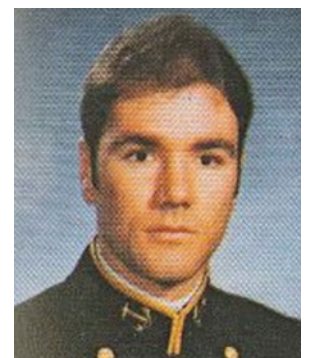
David W. Carty
Died, Franklin, TN
22 March 2008



Randall B. Cohn
Died, Jacksonville, FL
5 September 2012



Richard T. Cooney
Died, Mechanicsburg, PA
8 February 2018



William M. Davidson
Died, Dare County, NC
18 June 1987



George P. Davis
Died, Greene County, NC
18 April 2008



Randall W. Deck
Died, Antioch, CA
16 August 2013





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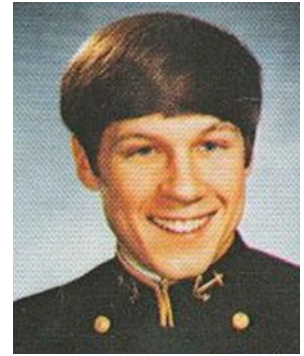
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Gregory M. Denkler
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 9 February 2015



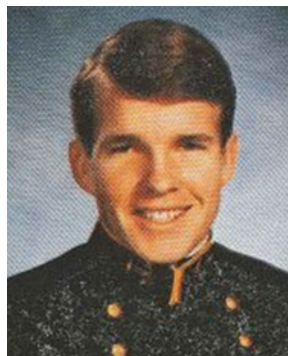
Dan D. DeWispelaere
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 10 October 1991



Robert E. Dolan
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 11 September 2001



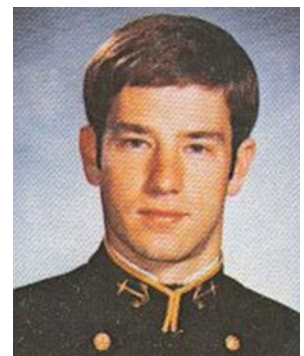
Michael E. Dotson
 Died, Oak Harbor, WA
 20 March 2019



Thomas R. Doyle
 Died, East China Sea
 21 August 1984



Patrick K. Duffy
 Died, Sioux Falls, SD
 8 May 2015



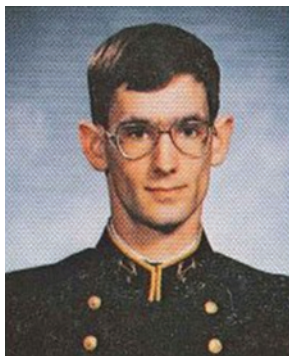
William T. Evans
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 14 July 1991



Gregory R. Fine
 Died, Scottsdale, AZ
 17 August 2013



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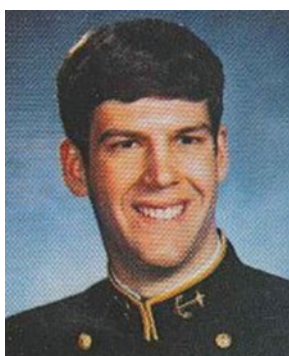
Dean E. Fish
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16 October 2007



Donald C. Forbes
Died, Virginia Beach, VA
7 July 2021



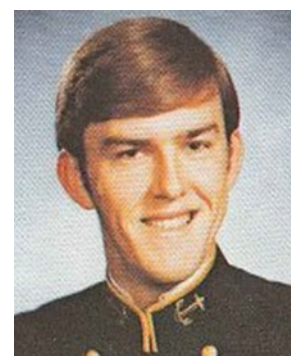
Richard C. Franza
Died, Chantilly, VA
19 November 2003



James W. Galanie
Died, Leonardtown, MD
4 May 2019



William K. Galt
Died, Rustburg, VA
8 August 2018



David R. Guin
Died, Raleigh, NC
1 February 2016



Richard K. Hagen
Died, Robbinsville, NJ
13 November 2015



Kirk N. Harness
Died, Gambrills, MD
7 September 2011





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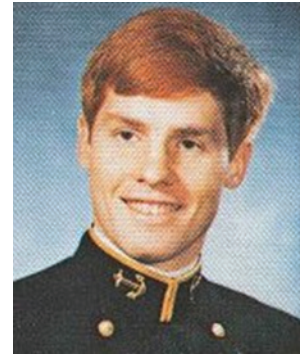
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Cary P. Jones
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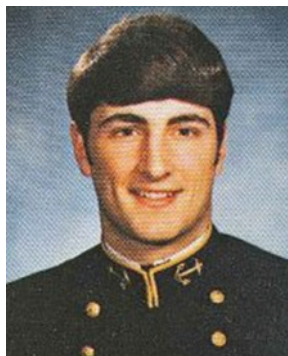
Kriss M. Kennedy
 Died, Mansfield, TX
 22 September 2019



David L. Kroupa
 Died, Jacksonville, FL
 1 October 2019



Richard F. Marsh
 Died, Tampa, FL
 9 November 1999



Robert N. Matheny
 Died, Virginia Capes
 20 June 1988



Melissa J. Matthews
 20 February 2017

Eternal Father, strong to save,
 Whose arm hath bound the restless wave.
 Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
 Its own appointed limits keep:
 O hear us when we cry to thee
 For those in peril on the sea.

Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
 To all Marines, both night and day.
 The courage, honor, strength and skill
 Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill:
 Be Thou the Shield for evermore
 From Ev'ry peril to the Corps.

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
 Through the great spaces of the sky.
 Be with them always in the air
 In dark'ning storms or sunlight fair:
 O hear us when we lift our prayer
 for those in peril in the air.



Franklin F. McCallister
 Died, Alexandria, VA
 5 September 2018



Mark A. McCormick
 Died, Mobile, AL
 6 October 2006



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Michael G. McGinty
Died, New York, NY
11 September 2001



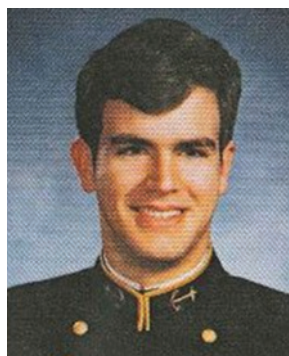
Mark E. Middleton
13 October 2019



Kathleen Holt Moeller
Died, Gainesville, FL
22 April 2020



Raynoel N. Musico
Died, San Diego, CA
17 May 2017



David J. Nairn
Died, Beirut, Lebanon
23 October 1983



Richard C. Oldham
Died, Sherman, TX
5 April 2009



Mary Kaye Kopper Olsen
Died, Arcadia, CA
29 October 1996



Dean R. Perry
3 March 1993





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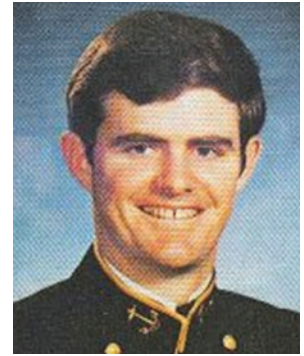
Paula M. Plott
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15 June 1985



Joseph T. Quinn
Died, McAllen, TX
1 December 2011



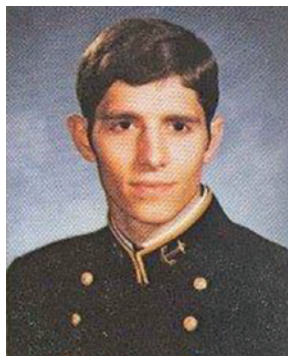
Peter Riester
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17 December 2021



Joseph T. Schartung
Died, Decatur, GA
1 April 2009



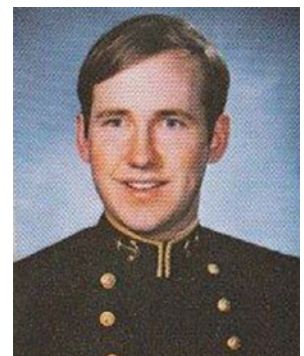
David M. Sperling
Died, Pusan, Republic of Korea
16 July 1984



Paul C. Station
Died, San Diego, CA
24 May 1988



Diana L. Snyder Stockdale
Died, West Palm Beach, FL
15 November 2015



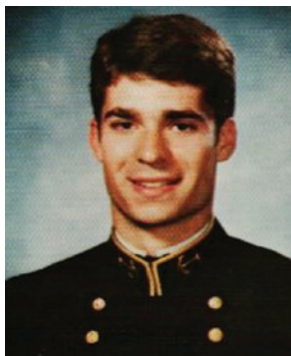
Scott D. Thomas
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11 May 1980



Cathleen M. Thomas
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10 October 1986



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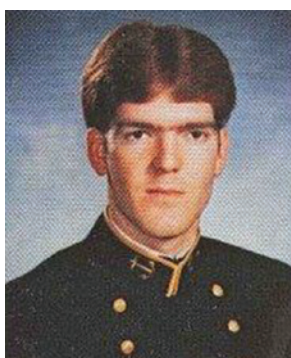
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23 January 2009



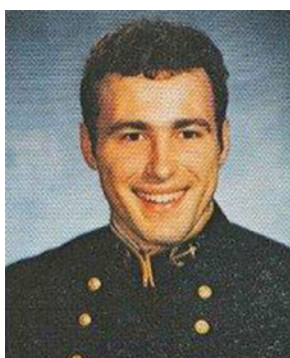
Kevin C. Warnke
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Glenn D. Wildfong
Died, Ravenna, MI
15 August 2019



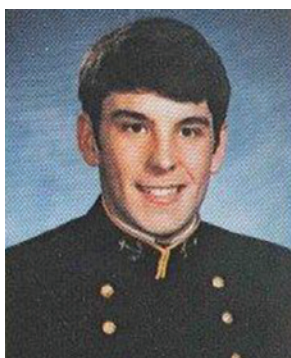
Michael F. Wilson
Died, Virginia Beach, VA
22 May 1986



Theodore C. Wirginis
Died, Virginia Beach, VA
26 June 2021



John M. Yandell
Died, Norfolk, VA
15 July 1986



Glenn D. Ziegler
Died, Santiago, Panama
1 April 1985



Joseph M. Zurlo
Died, Sterling, VA
23 January 2014





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Juan Chacon
Died, Yorba Linda, CA
29 April 2016

Rev. Donald B. Davis
Died, Woodruff, SC
30 January 2014

Sean F. Grady
Died, Colorado Springs, CO
7 July 1980

Donnell J. Green
Died, Detroit, MI
9 September 2015

Allen R. Hensch
10 September 2015

Gregory E. Stromer
Died, Lake Elsinore, CA
3 January 2015

Anthony R. Hoffman
Died, Bridgeport, NJ
9 September 2009

Robert C. Holley
Died, Vista, CA
16 April 2018

Franklin M. Hungerford
Died, Salt Lake City, UT
27 June 1992

James H. Love
Died, Lost at Sea, Pacific Ocean
19 December 1990

Rick A. Miller
Died, Pine Grove, CA
5 November 2020

Jacques A. Vargas
August 1984

Thomas J. Norton
16 March 1992

James A. Opsahl
7 June 1999

Jeffrey E. Pearlman
22 August 1979

Michael L. Robinson
Died, Atlanta, GA
7 December 2004

Robert E. Sprague
18 May 2002



**"Your life was a blessing,
your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure."**

~unknown~

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Oh! the quiet river-crossing
Where we twain were wont to ride,
Where the wanton winds were to sing
Willow branches o'er the tide.

There the golden noon would find us
Dallying through the summer day,
All the weary world behind us -
All it's tumult far away.

Oh! Those rides across the crossing
Where the shallow stream runs wide,
When the sunset's beams were glossing
Strips of sand on either side.

We would cross the sparkling river
On the brown horse and the bay;
Watch the willows sway and shiver
And their trembling shadows play.

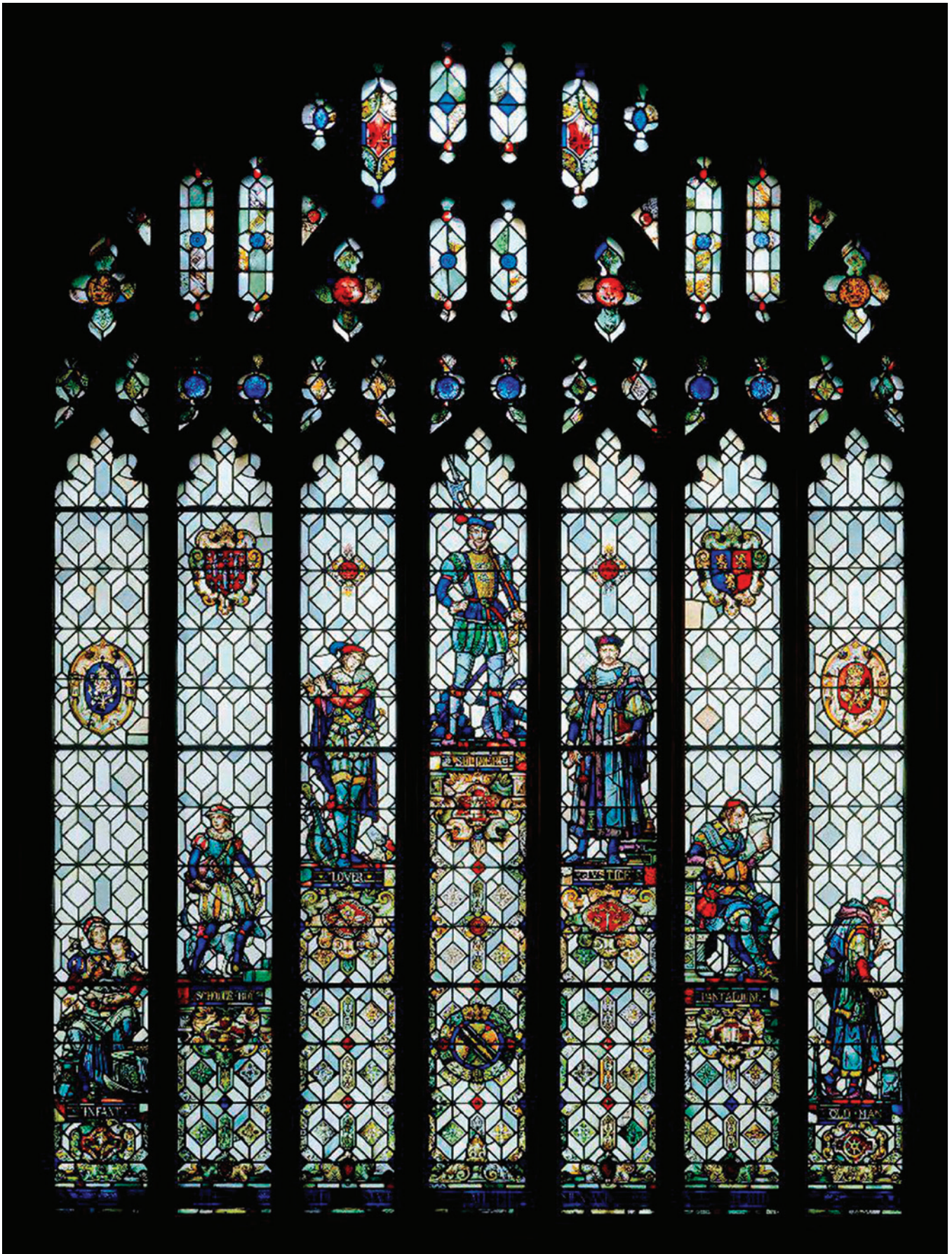
When the last sunlight's glory
Faded off the sandy bars,
There we learnt the old, old story,
Riding homeward 'neat the stars.

'Tis a memory to be hoarded -
Oh, the follish tale and fond!
Till another stream be forded -
And we reach the Great Beyond.

“At the River Crossing” – Harry Morant



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Time flies. As time goes by. Make time. Time is money. Time heals all wounds. Only time will tell. Time after time. A waste of time. Too much time on my hands. A stitch in time saves nine. This could be the last time. Ahead of your time. Behind the times. All the time in the world. Face time. In the right place at the right time. Time flies when you're having fun (or not). Mark time (March!). Time, tide and formation...

As the biographies arrived for this book, a theme threaded through them, that of time passing. To wit, "Where has the time gone?" and "Has it been forty years already?" It has indeed! Through the ages, many have pondered this passing of time and have mused on the subject. One of the most famous musers was Shakespeare through his creation, Jaques, the "motley fool" in the forest from *As You Like It*. Jaques' somewhat cynical take on passing time was immortalized in Act II, Scene VII:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages. At first the *infant*,
Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
And then the whining *school-boy*, with his satchel
And shining morning face, creeping like snail
Unwillingly to school. And then the *lover*,
Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a *soldier*,
Full of strange oaths and bearded like the pard,
Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the *justice*,
In fair round belly with good capon lined,
With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
Full of wise saws and modern instances;
And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and slipper'd *pantaloon*,
With spectacles on nose and pouch on side,
His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide
For his shrunk shank; and his big manly voice,
Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,
That ends this strange eventful history,
Is *second childishness* and mere oblivion,
Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

We are not as cynical as Jaques. However, there's no denying that we now live in the land of justices and pantaloons, five or six ages out of seven and counting. But, since we're past the 50-yard line, why not write down for posterity our own unique tales, not as brag sheets, but as stories of lives lived and roads traveled? The idea seemed a worthwhile endeavor when first conjured in our minds and the content that follows confirmed that suspicion.

As you read these pages, you will see much similarity in the early years. Yet, as the words (and times) pass, each story becomes unique — no two are alike — and all are genuine and valuable. I hope you enjoy the journey through them as much as we did. It's time well spent!

The Editor

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I left Annapolis for flight school to be a Naval Flight Officer, and in a blink of an eye it was 30 years. I had a most satisfying career that included growing in the cockpit of an F-14 and eventually being selected to serve in command of an F-14 squadron. I also had great shore tours, including Naval Test Pilot School, Naval War College, XO of a Naval Air Station, Chief of Staff of a Navy Region, a tour in a NATO HQ, and I was fortunate enough to serve in Madrid as the US Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché



Stuart and Uli

to Spain. I served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, lived in two countries besides the US, and logged just shy of 1000 carrier landings and over 3000 hours in the F-14. I served in the Joint and also Combined/International environments and really enjoyed that experience. I consider my friendship with members of other services and also other countries a great reward of my career. It was a wonderful career and honestly, I would probably still be on Active Duty had the NAV found a spot for me.

After the Navy, I missed flying so I found a flight school in Chesapeake, Virginia and got my pilot and instructor ratings and began instructing student pilots. After several years of that I switched to being a corporate pilot, and now my wife, Uli, and I manage and fly a beautiful Pilatus PC-12 for a really nice family in the Norfolk, Virginia area.

My wife and I enjoy traveling (she comes along on a lot of the trips in the Pilatus). We have two adult children and four, soon to be five, grandchildren. Life is good. I stay in touch with my First Company friends, and we try to do a ski trip once a year and are working on bumping that up to more trips in the other seasons. Fun One and '81 Second to None.

Beydler, Dave

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Following graduation, I sought another challenge, and found it in Marine Corps fighter aviation. I retired in 2018 after 37 years. I spent the vast majority of my time in operating force units, and finally, as the Commander of Marine Corps forces in the Middle East.



Dave and family

I married the daughter of a career Sailor, Kim Stevens, in 1984. We have two children, a son and a daughter, both married and both Marine Corps Captains. Our daughter is a Staff Judge Advocate, and our son is an F/A-18 pilot. Our son and son-in-law are both USNA alumni. We are fortunate and proud parents.

I joined Raytheon Technologies in 2020 and lead a Maritime Dominance team. I am pleased to be able to assist the Navy and Marine Corps work through the challenges of a generation. What we face together in the current global environment is daunting.

Kim and I have returned to our home state of Virginia and live in a log home on 26 acres just outside of Washington, DC. We are expecting our first grandchild at the end of August. I remain close to the Academy and was honored to have been asked to be the Vice Chairman of the USNA Alumni Association last year. I credit my successes and satisfaction with life to my time at Annapolis and the support of my family and friends.



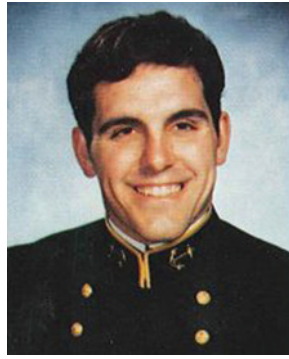
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I am the grandson and step-son of Navy men, son and son-in-law of Marine men. My brother, step-sister, and step-brother are all Navy veterans. German, Pennsylvania Dutch, 2nd Generation predominant Italian descent. I was born, raised, lived, schooled, educated, and mentored in many places in America. I have worked as a passionate systems engineer, infosec engineer, architect, cybersecurity systems engineer in a unique path, both working for companies, customers and as a contractor. After matriculation from St. Anthony's High School, MMA, MMI and USNA, I served on CVN-68, CVN-60, and Supply Corps Limited Duty as assigned.



Arlan and family

Post active duty includes being an OEM field representative and 34-years Certify and Authorize (C&A) career that serves the needs of commerce, USG, DoD, Agency Information Technology, Information Systems infrastructure for real-time business and mission assurance and reliability. I work with people on systems and nurture team work environments. My duties include all programmatic aspects of legacy to daunting global enterprise C&A to migrate, transition, and deploy in accordance with USG orderly regulation.

Happily married 30-years to Cecelia Joan Biesecker, predominant Irish and French Canadian descent. We both graduated from the same Catholic diocese high school. She retired at age 30 from PSE&G employment to raise our family. We have two healthy children, a son, Shane Arlan Biesecker and a daughter, Casey Joan Biesecker. Both are working professionals in the field of their college degrees. Cecelia and I have resided for 31 years at the same home in Frederick County Maryland while managing a family portfolio. We work, routinely exercise, travel, and enjoy a healthy outdoor, wholesome, faithful life journey together.

God Bless America our Home Sweet Home
Go Navy!

Bridge, Joe

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30 years Active, Reserve
Railroad engineer
Can't wait for the reunion

I'm still in SOCAL until I retire from the railroad (locomotive engineer). I move trains around the Los Angeles Basin and the Port of Long Beach.



Joe and Panarat

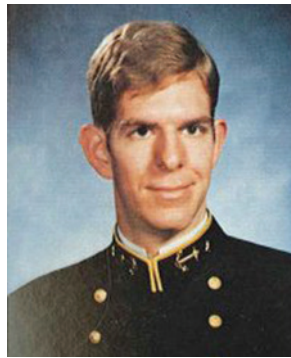


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Following graduation, I spent 20 years as a submariner. Those 20 years took me to assignments in all four corners of the continental US, ranging from tours on both attack and ballistic missile submarines as well as a tour as part of a carrier group staff, to Naval Nuclear Propulsion Training Command (Nuc Power School), and a recruiting command. Taking advantage of a predictable schedule and proximity to higher education during my first shore tour, I earned an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. More significantly, while studying for my graduate degree, I met and married my wife, Mary O'Keefe. Together we continued the Navy routine of rotating assignments and moving about every two to three years and were blessed with a son and two daughters along the way.



John and family 2020

Although enjoying the challenges and travel of each assignment, we changed course at the 20-year point, opting for less relocation and more community stability to raise the kids near Mary's hometown, Trumbull, CT. Here we bought a piece of land, where we designed and built our post-Navy home. Although subcontracting some of the major elements of building a house, I spent the next five years, nights and weekends, clearing the land and physically constructing the home while working at a family business during the day.

We continue to reside in that home and are still involved in operating the family business while enjoying a variety of outdoor winter and summer sports as well as being active in academic advisory boards at a local technical school and the engineering department of a private university. Having married into an Irish family, we are also active in religious and charitable organizations and generally can be found participating in some form of each year's St. Patrick's Day parade.

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Forty years since we graduated, and I'm so fortunate to be married to my younger year girlfriend and love of my life, Lynda. We married a year after graduation while I was in the middle of flight school and started our Navy journey together.



Ted and Lynda

Our time in the Navy covered 38 years. The first 20 years I spent flying in F-4 and F-14 squadrons from Japan to San Diego to Virginia Beach. Commanding the VF-14 Tophatters in 1999

from the deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) during combat operations was the pinnacle of my flying career. We then navigated the twelve plus year nuclear-powered aircraft carrier pipeline with command of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) in 2006 as well as Strike Group command aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65) for her final deployment in 2012. My time in academia was highlighted by going back to my home state to lead the US Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and the thrill of coming full circle to be the Supe at our USNA from 2014–2019. Lynda and I finished my military career where we started in Annapolis. One of our fondest memories was hosting our class of '81 at Buchanan House for our 35th reunion... what a great night it was!

We are proud of our two children, who are successful in their own careers. Lynda and I experienced traveling around the world with 23 military moves and continue exploring new adventures in higher education, landing in Lincoln, Nebraska. In January of 2020, I started a new position as President of the University of Nebraska System.

Go Navy! Go Big Red! and always... Beat Army!



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After five years with the proud few, I signed on with Peat Marwick & Mitchell (now KPMG) before dabbling in junior officer recruiting for a few years. But the Gulf War and the economy put the kibosh to that. So, back to government contracting for a while. However, a funny thing happened on my way to a homeowners association (HOA) meeting in 1995 – I was elected to the board of directors, then President of the board and, then, sort of fell into HOA management and formed my own company in 1997. After moonlighting for five years, I quit my day job in 2002 and grew the business before selling to Sentry Management in 2015. Since that time, I have been their VP in Virginia. In 2020, I started dabbling in solar energy where I find rooftops and greenfields for solar developers as an extension of their sales forces. The work is rewarding and is a passion.



Dave and Cyndee

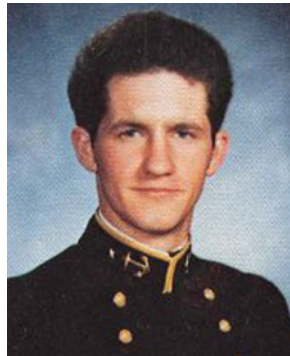
Personally, in 1994, I adopted four Russian siblings from Siberia, an unexpected benefit of the Cold War's end. Since then, two have been active duty (Navy and Air Force) and three are now married with four grandkids. Over the years, I also kept up distance running and parlayed my love of the sport into coaching high school cross country and track for about 15 years – a super experience that I highly recommend!

In 2012, I met Cyndee Julian, my partner, best friend and soul mate. We live in Annandale, Virginia, just outside of the Beltway and will be married in the Spring of 2022. If we play our cards right, we're looking at 30 more years of good food, interesting travel, great friends and family and overall good times paired with a California chard and a fruity merlot. Salud!

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First stop post active duty was as a financial advisor for American Express, which allowed my family to stay in VA. Turns out sales of financial products wasn't for me.

A '98 grad hired me for a start-up in Allentown, PA in the fiber optics industry; an interesting introduction to manufacturing. Built the plant from 20 to 210 people in a little over a year. I'd taken over as Plant Manager so when the telecom bust happened in 2002/3 and we ended up shutting down, time to use my Navy "take care of your people" skills to ensure my team all found good futures.



Doug and Sandy

A network contact recommended me to an Alcoa division president to start a journey as a "plastics person." Four years later, with a supply chain "Q code," he hired me away to a start-up company. I worked out of Dallas HQ and Oman for three+ years. Didn't want to move to Dallas, so time to move on.

Another contact put folks buying the first plastics company I worked for in touch with me, and a phone call later I was back. I took over as the General Manager for the company and started a turnaround. Great team of about 270 folks. The GM role ended my plan to start up my own company, but it's been worth the trade-off.

I got married soon after getting to my first squadron. Sandy and I have been married since and enjoy charting our path. We have three sons and two daughters-in-law. The oldest son is a CPO in the Navy. Our middle one is a professor, teaching business at Missouri State University. The youngest recently got married and is in manufacturing in our area. Glad to have them close and they plan to expand their family soon. I stay pretty busy with rescue dogs and a cat, golf whenever I can, and remodeling our house. Another 5/6 years of work, and then we'll become snowbirds.



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When I left USNA for Naval Flight Officer training, I took a several month detour TAD to Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), White Oak Lab in Silver Spring, MD where I worked in the Explosive Systems Division, basically blowing things up for research! I then headed to Pensacola for Basic Aviation training, Mather AFB for Advanced Navigation training and NAS Jax for P-3 Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) training.



After a sea tour with VP-5 and a shore tour with VP-30, I left active duty in 1989, transferred to the reserves with VP-62, and started my civilian career with IBM in Jacksonville. I also married my wife Wendy on the Yard in St. Andrews Chapel on Veteran's Day weekend in 1990.



Bob and Wendy

After 5 years at IBM selling IBM solutions to lawyers, doctors, charitable organizations and AT&T, I moved to the reseller side of the business where I managed a number of Distributors and Resellers selling IBM Storage.

I left IBM in 2000 and after several "tours" as a Business Development Manager with Vanguard Integrity Professionals, Pioneer-Standard Electronics, Agilysys, Arrow Electronics, Avnet, and Tech Data, I decided to retire in 2021. We have thoroughly enjoyed Sailing and Scuba diving for over 20 years. We now look forward to traveling the world by plane, train, and automobile over the next 20+ years!

Gullberg, Steven

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After leaving USNA I enrolled in Army ROTC and was commissioned in July 1981. I elected to serve in the Army National Guard and became an Armor platoon leader. The week after commissioning I started work as a marketing administrator for IBM and six weeks later married Jessica, my wonderful wife of 40 years. Our two great sons are Steve, an airline pilot, and Greg, a film producer.



Steve and Jessica

I transferred to the Air National Guard to fly as a F-4 Phantom Weapon Systems Officer in a Continental Air Defense squadron. I built up my civilian pilot time and switched from active duty to part-time when a regional airline hired me. I later was hired by TWA, eventually becoming a MD-80 captain/check airman/instructor pilot and flew as a captain for American Airlines as well. I entered grad school and earned a PhD in astronomy. I retired from American early to complete the degree and I'm also retired from the Air Force Reserve.

Soon after graduation from grad school, I was asked to go to Barbados to help start a new airline with MD-80s. I was Director of Flight Operations and we lived in an oceanfront house. Upon return I became a professor teaching for the University of Oklahoma where I'm also the Director for Archaeoastronomy and oversee several academic programs. I additionally serve as the International Astronomical Union's world chair for archaeoastronomy.

A book I wrote about my field research in the Andes, *Astronomy of the Inca Empire: Use and Significance of the Sun and the Night Sky*, was published last year by Springer. Jessica is a gifted artist and helped me illustrate it with her paintings. I've written many journal articles and am asked to talk at numerous international conferences each year. *Sky & Telescope* magazine recently published an article of mine and I have a new book in the works.



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Retired Commander, U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps – 2021. Purdue University – MSE 1986 and Chaminade University – MBA 1998. After 26 years of dedicated military service – I went to work for KBR and quickly settled into a Project Manager role specializing in Typhoon and Hurricane Restoration Work (Super Typhoon Pongsong – Guam 1992, Hurricane Ivan – Pensacola, FL 2004 and Hurricane Katrina – Gulfport, MS 2005). QA/QC Manager – SelectBuild Construction – Ft Lauderdale, FL. VP Gulfport MS Office – Broaddus Association.



Vince

In 2009, it was time for this Cincinnati native to return home to be with family friends. I've been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Kelly Jean and Katie Patricia, and four (4) Grandkids – John (1999), Makayla (2005), Alexa (2009) and Lillian (Lilly – 2011). Kelly married her husband Bryan in 2007 and Katie is engaged to Rob with marriage plans for October 2022.

Tried to start-up a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business as a Project Manager Consultant that did not succeed so I got into manufacturing of industrial ventilation fans as a Senior Sales Manager for Americraft Manufacturing Co Inc. In 2018, after six years in this position, I went back to work with KBR as a Project Manager for the Hurricane Michael restoration project at Tyndall AFB, Panama City, FL. Stayed with KBR and went to Diego Garcia as the Public Works Director for 15 months and then to assist in a start-up contract in Saudi Arabia for three months. Returned to Cincinnati in December 2020 and started my current job as a Project Manager for Belfor Property Restoration in April 2021. Plan to work a maximum of 2-3 more years or until I decide to retire-retire!

Divorced since 2007 and Life is Good!!

Every day is a good day although some days are better than others!

If any of my classmates or friends adventure through Cincinnati, OH – give me a shout out!!

Keep Charging!!!!

Vinnie

Hudson, Dan

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I left active duty on a Thursday and became a SELRES on a Friday. More than a few hours out of the Navy was too stressful. As a P3C NFO, I needed to collect per diem, so I affiliated with VP68. Over the next 16 years, I flew operational-vacation missions world-wide - ASW missions, counter-narcotics missions, and some missions set up to drop things that would anger ground dwellers. “Is that ordnance on the wings?” Best response,



Dan and family

“Ask the Chief.” Later, having drawn the short straw, they made me CO of VP64. We won the “E” for Per Diem Effectiveness. Concurrent with the Navy Reserve, and to further work on my integrity, I became an insurance broker. I later started an insurance business after watching an infomercial. I still do broker professional liability insurance. Blank stares are permitted and encouraged. What's professional liability insurance? “Ask the Chief.”

For some unknown reason, I have a wonderful family. Anita and Elizabeth, Christine, and Christopher are all a bigger deal than me. We have three grandchildren and counting, who like Anita and me better than their parents. Fair play I believe. Somehow along the way I said “Yes” to a horse. One horse, that's it! They don't need company! Turns out, they do. Well, then certainly no horse trailer, and no gas efficient truck to pull it. That worked out well. We live on a horse farm off Whitehall Creek in Annapolis. Because horses are dangerous on both ends and crafty in the middle, I prefer to pay for them rather than to ride them. Best not to overstress TRICARE. We have organic, artisanal, free-range, hand-crafted chickens that produce eggs at about \$25/dozen. There are also two goats. They are not old, or gnarly, and are currently enrolled in preparatory school.

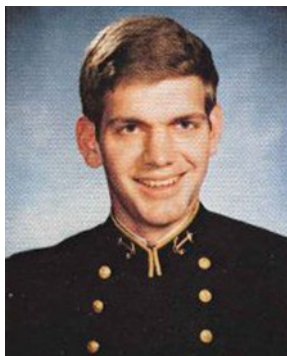


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Following graduation, I served in five Maritime Patrol (VP) squadrons, followed by a final VP community tour on the Reserve Patrol Wing staff. Toward the end of my first squadron tour, I met my wonderful wife, Kathy, and we were married in the NAS Jacksonville Base Chapel in October of 1989. I finished up my 25-year active duty career in New Orleans as the XO of the Naval Air Station there and finally as the Plans and Policy Deputy Chief of Staff (N5) for the Naval Reserve Forces Command.



Kevin and Kathy

In 2005, while living in Plaquemines Parish, just south of New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast, we were fortunate to survive Hurricane Katrina with minimal damage to our home despite wide-spread destruction throughout the entire region.

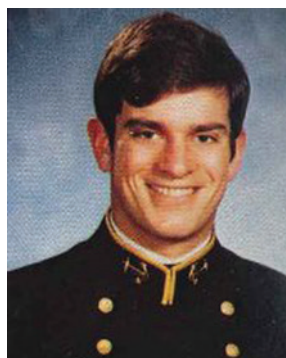
In 2006, I retired from the Navy and transitioned to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as the Federal Security Director for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at the New Orleans International Airport. In 2008, in that capacity, I served as the Federal Incident Manager at the airport for the evacuation of the City of New Orleans prior to the land-fall of Hurricane Gustav. Following that event, I became the Federal Security Director at the Memphis International Airport (five years) and the Chicago Midway International Airport (five years) before returning to Memphis in 2018 to once again lead TSA operations at that airport. Kathy and I still live just outside of Memphis, where I continue to work for the TSA, overseeing security operations at the world's busiest air cargo airport.

Murphy, Dennis

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There is the old saying to “fake it ‘til you make it” and I thought I could fake my way through nuclear power school until I found out that they actually graded the tests. So began the adventure after graduation following a six-month hiatus recruiting in San Francisco near my Podunk.

I successfully courted my wife of 37 years, Julie, with an understanding that I was getting out after five years which was sort of a precondition to dating. That plan was thwarted when I was selected to be the aide to the CNO, which prompted Dan Quattrini to tell everyone at our 5-year reunion that they had it wrong... I gave the CNO AIDS. With that redirect, my 5-year plan turned into 24 years with commands of USS Tucson (SSN 770) and Submarine Squadron 7.



Dennis

With no regrets for the extra decades wearing the uniform, I transitioned to the biotechnology industry and have been working at Amgen since Navy retirement in 2005. We spent over 10 years of our Navy time living in Hawaii close to Julie's parents which made the many deployments a bit more palatable for the family. Post-Navy, my family and I have bounced around between southern and northern California but have our sights set on a move to the East Coast in the next year or two as I wind down my work in the corporate world. Our two children are now living on the East Coast, and we would not be the first parents to relocate to be closer to their kids.

For fun I enjoy running and playing golf, and I am a card-carrying member of the Hucklebuck Golf Club comprised of a Band of Brothers from '81. So, 40 years later, life is good, and I have much to be thankful for.



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After graduation I headed to San Diego where I served on two ships, USS Schofield, FFG-3 and USS Cleveland, LPD-7. I then taught at SWOS Coronado for two years before separating from the Navy in 1987. My bride, Mary, and I were married in Newport Beach, CA in 1985. We continued to live in San Diego, and I worked as a sales engineer for Ransco/Despatch Industries from 1987–1990. In 1991, I started an advertising sales rep firm, PENNANT GROUP, INC. that represented the Thomas Publishing Company in SoCal. In 1996, we left CA and moved to Edina, MN where I continued representing Thomas Publishing Co. in the midwest through 2017. In 2018, I joined The US Naval Academy Foundation (I came to USNA through a Foundation Scholarship) where I still work today as the Director for Class Legacy Giving.



Dan and Mary

We have 2 children. Katie, born in '89, high school science teacher in MN and Tony, born in '91, architect, living in Denver and recently married to Morgan Phillips. We have a wonderful mutt Gina and no known grandchildren as of this writing.

I served as the Upper Midwest Chapter Trustee for the Alumni Association in 2017 and have been a USNA Athletic & Scholarship Trustee since 2005. Additionally, I am one of the founding members of the world famous Hucklebuck Golf Club. We currently maintain our main residence in Edina, MN and have a condo on Spa Creek in Annapolis. (The Maritime Republic of Eastport, to be exact!)

Rearick, Bill (William)

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I got married in June of '82 to Lisa Romero, sister of Tony Romero (4th Co). We have been blessed with one daughter, Monica, who has published 11 books so far (pen name: Cait Ashwood). After a little over 10 years in the submarine service I transferred to the Reserves.

Staying in the Virginia Beach area, I transitioned into Restaurant Management. A few years each with Burger King, Chi Chi's, and AppleBee's culminated in a position as the General Manager of CHEERS Restaurant and eventual additional duty as Director of Operations for all 5 restaurants in the group.



Bill and Lisa

A desire to spend more time with my family led to a change of venue and for the last 20 years I have worked for Alion Science and Technology, leveraging my submarine experience and passion for computer gaming. For the last 10 years I have been at Navy Warfare Development Command as the Submarine Warfare Subject Matter Expert as part of the RED CELL. I portray enemy submarine capabilities and tactics in exercises, experiments, and war games – I get paid to play video games!

We purchased a pop up in the late 90's to take Monica to various Tae Kwon Do tournaments and have since moved through travel trailers and eventually to a 5th wheel RV since '07. We enjoy traveling and camping and look forward to extended trips once I retire. There have been health challenges along the way so it will be a few more years but we keep pushing ahead and take life a day at a time.

Still manage to find time to be involved with Knights of Columbus and we both enjoy hunting and target shooting. We continue to reside in Virginia Beach, Va.



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Schulze, Bob

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First Company – Service Selection: Surface Line

My long term plan was always to return to New England. After SWOS I reported to my ship, the USS Hepburn based in San Diego. After a successful but unsatisfying time at sea I was looking forward to shore duty in Newport, RI. Instead I was assigned to another sea tour. That change made an indelible impression on me. It gave me pause to consider the realities of my career and how it would impact my future family. I left the Navy after 6+ years and signed on with Merrill Lynch.

On the home front, in 1984 I married a girl I've known for almost all my life. Michelle and I raised two wonderful daughters, and my work flexibility allowed me to always be at their events from soccer and tennis to high school sports and activities. Both went to college in New England, and one has stayed in Boston while the other moved back to SOCAL. During COVID 2020 we became grandparents.

This past June, I decided to retire after 35 years with Merrill Lynch. We intend to spend most of our time in Bristol, RI, but the lure of a grandson in SOCAL will pull us back regularly.

Our goal going forward is to go to interesting places to meet interesting people. So many of my '81 friends have set that bar very high.

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines! Sail away from safe harbor. – Mark Twain



Bob and Michelle

Sciabarra, Pete (SKI)

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Highlights of Navy Career – Naval Aviator; CO of HC-11; Air Boss, USS Boxer; XO, USS Peleliu. Retired April 1, 2008 onboard USS Midway Museum in San Diego Harbor.

Carol and I met in a hot tub in Pacific Beach when I was a flight student at HC-3 in 1983. We were engaged three months later and married three months after that in February 1984. We have two adult sons – Torey (Salvatore Thomas named after my Dad) is 30, has autism and lives with us. Nick is 26, an Oregon grad and four-year ice hockey player for the Ducks. He currently works for the San Diego Gulls professional hockey team and lives in...Pacific Beach!



Pete and Carol

Following the Navy, I was fortunate to start almost immediately at Vistage Worldwide, an international membership organization of CEOs. I had two significant roles there – VP of national operations and Regional Executive for the Southwest Region. I left there in 2019 and have been seeking that next significant role hopefully in the non-profit or higher education arenas. Along the way I picked up a Masters as well as my Ph.D. in Leadership and Education, both at the University of San Diego.

Carol is from Pittsburgh, has been an amazing wife and mother – particularly in raising our son with autism through all the deployments. We “homesteaded” in San Diego due to Torey's EFM status and have lived in our home here since March 1997.

My other passion continues to be ice hockey! I have been a youth coach and still an active player on the Eh' Holes at San Diego Ice Arena. I am a lifelong NY Rangers and Mets fan and just passed my 45th year as a member of the New York Athletic Club.



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Iron runs through our lives, an endless chain anchored in the past, paying out into a distant future. Together, we have all seen much and lived full lives, wars, and heartbreak, never diminishing the joys of family or seeing an old friend. Tides and formations notwithstanding, it is time that glides by swiftly and inexorably. Forty years have elapsed, and it seems only yesterday we donned the full dress uniform of younger days for the very last time, marching under a brilliant sun, surrounded by snapping flags and cheering loved ones, many long since passed. Yet we are as close to that day as that day was to Pearl Harbor; as close to 9/11 as that terrible day was to our graduation.



Bob

From then to now, I've been lucky enough to know the exquisite joys of family and friends, and reconnecting with a life's love. A rather eclectic career path has finally led me to writing and a chance to leave words behind for others to interpret.

Now, the shadows lengthen for all of us, an unfathomable twilight shadows the path forward, as the shimmering dreams of youth and hope of things to come gave tint to days gone by. Close your eyes and listen with keen ears for the remembrance of faint drums to mark our march, the lilting buoyancy of bugles, the joyous mirth of friends and classmates; open them now and let the delight of family enliven our days. We have made our mark upon this world, our time together indelible to us. Ahead, the anchor chain continues, life's river flows around us, steady wind and gentle seas follow, the skies above are crystal clear, and we will all meet again and tell old tales, all of us whole and strong, then laughter will fill the air as we wonder, "Did it not seem real? Was it not as in the old days?"



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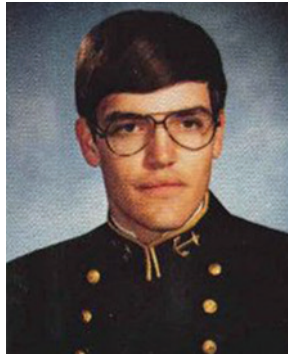


Bashaw, Stan

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Sometimes it is hard to know what you want to be when you grow up. I haven't been able to make up my mind so far.

My Lucky Bag bio says I decided in high school that my life goal was "... to make a career of Navy." Rickover didn't kick me out of his office, and so I did a tour on USS Plunger in San Diego and then a shore tour in DC at NAVSEA. By 1988, I thought I wanted to try something else.



Stan

My second career was as a mechanical engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding, doing design work on SEAWOLF. As I was concerned someone would discover that I had actually been a systems major, I studied and passed the Professional Engineers license exam for mechanical engineering and then graduated with a master's in Engineering Management from Old Dominion. Being an engineer was interesting but by 1998 I wanted to try something else.

Finally I found my way back to computers and software. The applicable Lucky Bag quote: "... he quickly became emotionally attached to the *confuser*." It was still true. I worked as a software developer, first at the shipyard but then later as a contractor during the boom of IT work surrounding Y2K. Since 2011, I've worked for SAS Institute, which makes big data analytics software. I have completely enjoyed this career.

.. but, it has been a few years now, and I'm wondering if there is something else I might want to do. My next career will be retirement, starting 31 Oct 2021. I plan on traveling, riding my bike, woodworking, and enjoying time with my family.

I've been luckily and happily married to Laura since 1988. We are in Cary, North Carolina. If you are in the area, the home bar is always open.

Eriksen, Erik

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After graduation, I served seven years on active duty as a SWO including tours on a FF homeported in Newport, RI; on a LPD homeported in Norfolk, VA; and on shore duty as an instructor at Dam Neck in Virginia Beach. From there I shifted to civil service for a career as a mechanical engineer at Norfolk Naval Shipyard until I retired in 2015, as well as staying active with the Naval Reserve where I retired as a Commander in 2002.



Erik and Linda

Wife Linda '84 and I have been married for 37 years, and we have two grown sons, Erik Jr. and Joe. No grandkids as of yet. We still live in Chesapeake, VA near Norfolk but are starting to think about "next steps" and other areas, now that I'm retired and Linda is getting close. We both love to travel and have had the chance to visit Europe, the Caribbean, and many areas of the USA together over the years. As things settle back down, we are looking forward to getting out on the road again!

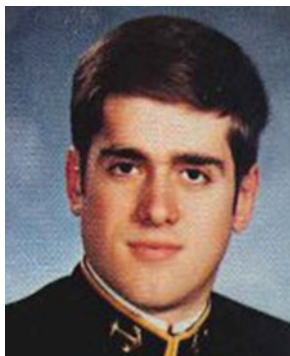


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Fricke, Tom

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It has been a great life, though certainly not one I ever could have predicted in 1981! For Service Selection, I was able to choose Naval Intelligence. After training at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver (where I was a Naval Officer 1,000 miles from water on an Air Force base that did not have an active runway), I was assigned to VF-111 at Miramar and then deployed on the USS Carl Vinson. After that sea tour, I served at the Naval Intelligence Support Center in Suitland Maryland, where I led the Special Projects Division of the Imagery Directorate.



Tom and family

I left the Navy for business school, graduating from Stanford in 1988 with an MBA. After school, I worked as a consultant with Bain, spent 12 years with PepsiCo where I started on the Chairman of the Board's staff and then held several general manager positions both domestically and internationally. After PepsiCo, I worked for Giant Eagle Supermarkets and The Home Depot, then as the CEO for Cartridge World, HMSHost and now Bar Louie.

Jackie and I were married in 1991 – the best thing that ever happened to me. Since we have been married, we have lived in New York, Dallas (three times), Atlanta (twice), San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sydney, Australia (our girls came back with accents and a new brother), and Pittsburgh. We are now back in Dallas – though we do not know for how much longer. We have three wonderful children: Megan Douthat (27), Alexandra (25), and Jackson (18). Jackie and I play a lot of golf with the kids and friends, and I woodwork and fly fish when I can.

Gunther (Andrews), Mary

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As my six-year Navy commitment wound down, I launched my biggest adventure with Gary. An NROTC commissioned, now retired CEC Officer, Gary likes to say, “Mary keeps lighting one end of the candle while I’m trying to put out the fires.” That sums up our 33 years and nine children well. I am grateful that three of our nine have taken up the call to serve in our military. All of our children work and live nearby our Annapolis home. Currently, two sweet grandgirls employ my moniker of GRANDMary. Like any family, we have endured the anguish of sickness, death, and mental health challenges together. Many of you so kindly supported me during my two cancers in 1998/1999. Thank you.



Mary and Gary

I have finished my 27th and final year of home education! For a decade of those years, I paired up with another Navy family to form a student choir that performed for hundreds of veteran and community audiences in the DC area. My delight is developing strategic volunteers to be irresistible mentors for the next generation. For the past 15 years, I have focused my energy on serving the Institute for Cultural Communicators. ICC is a faith-based nonprofit developing soft skills for students ages 6–18 years old. I enjoy creating online courses, writing, and speaking. My proudest achievement during COVID was pivoting this nonprofit from in-person events and gatherings to digital online work with intergenerational teams. This pivot allowed us to reach a goal set in 2017 of reaching 20 countries by 2020 with our curriculum and mission of helping ordinary students become extraordinary leaders. Currently, I am working on improving my physical conditioning in order to complete the 81K bike ride in celebration of our 40th reunion.



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Jolliff, Bob

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I've been working as a hardware/software or systems engineer since 1983. Most of my tasks have involved embedded control of radios and cameras – at one point I redesigned National Geographic's Marine Crittercam. I am currently supporting management logistics for an integrated circuit facility and living back in Annapolis after living in Adelphi, Germantown, and Laurel. (Never roamed far!) I enjoy kayaking and hiking.



Bob

Kelly, Mark

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During these past forty orbits around the sun, providence has smiled at me in ways I could not have imagined on that promised-filled commissioning day in May 1981. Seven submarine deployments from Scotland into undisclosed oceans passed with the usual rollercoaster experiences. A happy marriage, two children, two stepchildren, and an enriching career in education fill me with warm memories. The boys and one girl, now all grown, have found their own diverse paths: an elementary school teacher, a shipwright, a Boeing 767 pilot, and an adventurer/writer.



Mark and Patty

After leaving the Navy, I felt Rickover's long shadow. Although I didn't transition to a civilian nuclear billet, science stayed with me. With two graduate degrees in my pocket, I began a teaching career that spanned over two decades, ending as a professor of astronomy at Arapahoe College in Denver where I was named instructor of the year in 2021. Flight instruction became a side gig for me about the same time I started teaching in the classroom. Over those fifteen years, I filled my logbook with the joys of watching my students take their first solos and my own travels from Maine to Alaska. I also published a column on flying in Hawaii in *PilotMag*, an aviation enthusiast's magazine. My writing later turned to fiction with a dozen published short stories and two novels in the *Lost in the Multiverse* series.

Looking back, it seems I've lived meandering with different careers, interests, and treks. Life is so full of serendipitous experiences! Patty and I love to travel and have made friends across twelve time zones. As we all emerge from a year's long isolation, hope smiles from the doorway, inviting us to travel again. We're ready to hit the road.



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**Kenney (Bauersfeld),
Debbie**

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Greetings '81! So glad to be here after 40 short years. I went Engineering Duty after graduation and was in Charleston when I met my submariner hubby, Glenn.



In '86, we married and I got out of the Navy and joined Glenn in DC. He also got out and I worked at Draper Laboratory while Glenn got his MBA at Harvard. Next we lived in Atlanta, where he worked while I got my MS and PhD in ME with a focus on Acoustics from Georgia Tech and had our daughter Kara (now an Air Force Pediatrician). After that we lived in Baltimore, and I started my 21-year civil service career working at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) in Carderock and had our son Ryan (now at UPenn getting an MS in Computer Science). The rest of my career was at NSWC in Philadelphia, where I worked my way up the GS ranks doing R&D for the Navy in submarine silencing. It was challenging and interesting, and I never would have had that career, or met my amazing husband, had I not attended USNA, and for that I am very thankful.



Debbie and Glenn

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Glenn retired in 2014 from a business exec career in medical technology, and I retired in 2016 and together we began an adventure we'd been looking forward to: living and traveling full-time on our Island Packet sailboat CALLIOPE. Retirement is the BEST! We've cruised from the Chesapeake to the Bahamas 3 times so far and are now preparing to go north to New England. In 2020 our first grandson, George, joined our family. I feel very blessed. Pickleball anyone?

King, Jim

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Following graduation and flight school, I spent time as a West Coast P-3 pilot at VP-46 and VP-31 (Moffitt Field) with deployments to Diego Garcia, Adak and Kadena AFB in Japan. The last 3 years of my Navy time were spent with a reserve P-3 unit.



Upon leaving the service, I transitioned to working for a title insurance company. I have been with Fidelity National Title Group for over 25 years now and am a senior manager living in Cameron Park near Sacramento.



Jim

I became a member of the California Bar in 1994, although I have never been in private practice and only use this status in the course of my current employment.

I was fortunate to meet my wife of 32 years while on my second deployment. We have been blessed with two wonderful daughters. The oldest is a veterinarian and the youngest is attending a doctorate program for Physical Therapy. We recently welcomed our first grandchild into the family. I never thought I would get to be "Grandpa Stache".

While on active duty, my kidneys began to fail and I received a kidney transplant in December of 1996. I have been fortunate and still have that kidney to this day. Please support Organ Donations as they are truly a lifesaving gift!

In our spare time, we enjoy camping in our trailer and fishing. As we near our retirements, I expect that these will become a greater part of our lives.

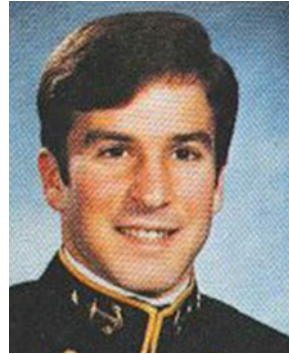
Best to all!



Mahre, Mike

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My active-duty tenure in the nuclear submarine force was short but thrilling. I continued playing rugby for another decade including with the US Armed Forces select side. In 1988, I transferred to the reserves and pursued an MBA at Stanford. In 1990, I married the love of my life, Kelly, and pursued a finance career. We have two wonderful children, Sean (25) and Morgan (23), for whom I give Kelly all the credit for raising through my multiple career pivots and our multiple moves – west coast, east coast, and the mountain west. Both kids have launched their careers here in the SF Bay Area, where we currently reside.



Mike and Kelly

With a group of classmates, I continue to enjoy an annual tradition – the Hucklebuck golf trip! The Hucklebuck was started in 1999 when Tim Disher and I hosted the first event. The purpose was to create an excuse for a get-together that we could hard-

wire into the calendar. Over its 22-year history, attendance has been consistent with only occasional absences for life events.

About those career pivots – I journeyed from banking through private equity and several C-suite leadership roles before joining a lower middle market private equity firm. I'm supporting talented entrepreneurs with top-tier military leadership experience in their quest to acquire and run a business.

I'm thankful to be a Trustee of the USNA Foundation Athletic and Scholarship Programs. It's a way for me to support the institution and its athletic programs that have been so meaningful in my life. I have also found enjoyment as a mentor for two veteran transition organizations that help Special Operations Forces (SOF) community veterans make the transition; mentally and emotionally, into the private sector.

I am, and will forever be, proud to be a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and grateful to be your classmate.

Martin, Rick

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After graduation, I married Meredith Pierce (may remember her as Dee), and we went off to Flight School. Meredith and I had two girls (Sara and Rebecca) through flight school who kept us on our toes. I selected P-3s, and we went to Brunswick, Maine. Surviving three deployments and multiple winters in Brunswick, Meredith graciously agreed to go to sunny Pensacola where I was assigned as a flight instructor at Whiting Field. Before we left Brunswick, Meredith gave birth to our son Zachary. We thoroughly enjoyed Pensacola as it allowed me to spend time getting to know my children.



Rick and Meredith

Next, we went to my disassociated sea tour in Charleston, South Carolina on

a Cruiser Destroyer Group/Battle Group Staff on board the USS America. I was so grateful for Meredith's love and dedication that I drug her off to Prattville, Alabama for Air Command and Staff School. Following staff school and completing my MBA, we returned to Jacksonville, Florida for my department head tour in two different P-3 squadrons. We then went to Chesapeake, Virginia where I served on the US Air Forces Atlantic Staff as the Budget Officer. We returned to Pensacola to command Training Squadron Two, and then back to Chesapeake on the USS Dwight D Eisenhower as Navigator. I finalized my Navy career as the Pacific Command Desk Officer at US Joint Forces Command in Norfolk.

I remained at Joint Forces Command as a government civilian working as Deputy Joint Exercise Division and various other government jobs. I thoroughly loved my career and the people that I met along the way. I am truly grateful for Meredith supporting my career and giving my children a stable loving environment. Along with our three children, we now have six grandchildren. We are semi-retired and living in Surf City, North Carolina.



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McKinnon, Mike

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Three days following graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Rhonda Ware, and whisked her off to Orlando, FL, to begin my 26-year Nuclear Navy career. While in the Navy, I was fortunate to have command of USS Kentucky (SSBN 737), and later while serving in Naples, Italy, assumed command of the USS Hartford (SSN 768) in 2003 after she grounded in Sardinia. I completed my naval career as the Kings Bay, GA, Naval Submarine Base Commander in July 2007, where we were awarded the Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award for being the top naval installation in the world.



Mike and Rhonda

Following retirement, I continued to serve and support the United States Navy. I spent two years as a Program Manager supporting the Strategic Weapons Facility in Kings Bay, GA. In August, 2009, I moved to my home state of Tennessee where I once again served Admiral Rickover, working for a subsidiary of BWX Technologies, Inc., Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. It is here I continue to proudly serve my country's national defense as the Operations Director overseeing the manufacturing and future development of the nuclear fuel used to power our submarines and aircraft carriers.

Rhonda and I have been blessed with three awesome sons, Brandon (39), Ryan (37), and Jordan (35), and five grandchildren to include three boys (11, 8 and 6) and two girls (16 and 10). I intend to retire in the May 2023 timeframe, when Rhonda and I are looking forward to chasing our grandchildren's activities, traveling, and enjoying what time our gracious God grants us as we all grow old together with some of our closest friends.

Studwell, Ted

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After graduation I went through nuclear power training, submarine school and served on the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul (SSN 708). In 1988, I transferred to the Naval Reserve and started my civilian career working at GE on communication systems. In 1989, I married Barbro Wheaton while we were both living in northern Virginia. I spent the next decade working on commercial communication systems at COMSAT, Aeronautical Radio, Sprint and Qwest — all in the DC area.



Ted and Barbro

In 2000, several of my co-workers and I created a new venture capital backed start-up company in Denver focused on global networking services for major multinational corporations. Virtela took many years of hard work, thousands of calls in the middle of the night, surviving the tech bust of the early '00s, the financial crisis of '08-'09, as well as many ups and downs. I set up our operations centers in Manila and Mumbai to complement the one we had in Denver; I've been to India more times than you can imagine! Despite the many enormous challenges and heartaches, our dreams were realized in 2013 when NTT (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone), the national telecommunications company for the country of Japan, announced they were going to buy our company. Since the acquisition I've been in charge of NTT's global enterprise network services. Retirement is soon!

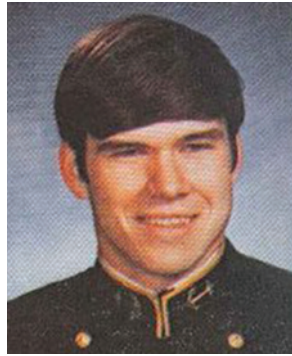
Barbro and I have traveled a lot for fun and plan to travel globally for as long as we can. Our favorite place so far has been French Polynesia in the South Pacific, and we would love to visit Galapagos or New Zealand again. For many years I've thought that there are many things you forget about in your life but the trips you've made are experiences you never forget. Don't wait to go on your dream vacation!



Styron, Jeff

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In October 1982, I was blessed to marry the love of my life, Wendy Kerns. We began our naval career in Charleston, South Carolina, where Wendy, Annapolis born and raised, had to learn a second language—the southern dialect. As a Surface Warfare Officer onboard the USS Moosbrugger, I supported the invasion of Grenada and the Beirut Peacekeeping Operation, following the barracks bombing. After earning my Law Degree, I served as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Group Two. I then earned a Master of Laws degree at UVA. For the remainder of my Naval career, I served as an instructor at the Naval Justice School, as Environmental Counsel at Navy Region SE, Executive Office, Naval Legal Service Office, NAS Jacksonville, and, finally, as a General Courts Martial Judge.



Jeff and family

Along the way, God has blessed Wendy and me with four awesome children. Jesse is a self-employed remodeling contractor in the Jacksonville area. Justin is a graphic designer and bartender. Megan is a Certified Athletic Trainer. Michael just graduated with a degree in Computer Science and is pursuing his master's degree.

After I retired from the Navy in 2001, I joined the Jacksonville law firm, Rogers Towers. In 2003, I moved in-house as corporate environmental counsel at CSX Railroad Corporation. In 2017 during downsizing, I took a buy-out and began my dream job. I am currently the Executive Pastor of HighPoint Community Church of Orange Park. As a teaching pastor, staff director, and church financial manager, I can't imagine a more rewarding job. Eventually, Wendy and I plan on traveling more and spending time with our growing family.

I pray that God will continue to bless all of our classmates and their families as he has blessed our family.

Trumbore, Jeff

Well 40 years went by fast! Thirty of those years were spent on active duty in the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) community. It was an honor working with and having the opportunity to command EOD Sailors and Officers that were professional and mission dedicated. What a great career that I completely enjoyed, except maybe for the two Pentagon tours.



Jeff

On the personal side, Heidi and I raised three wonderful sons that are all married with families of their own. Best of all we have now been blessed with four wonderful grandchildren that have become the focus of our lives. Life is moving a bit slower since active duty ended in 2010. Following military retirement, I worked in the unexploded ordnance remediation field for two years and then shifted over to being a contractor doing a host of what I call “wood chopping” jobs. As a contractor, I wanted nothing to do with business development or proposal drafting. Best move I could have made as it provided more time to do things that were important to us.

This December full retirement starts. However, I will not be sitting still; visits to grandchildren, caring for elderly family, visiting all Civil War battlefields (if time allows), Corvette events, and working on the West Virginia “estate” will keep me busy. The “estate” is the grandchildren’s playground with camping areas, a fishing pond, trails through the woods and a track for their off-road vehicles. The property has our retirement cabin on it and an 1880’s building that was a stagecoach stop. So, anyone having skill at restoring 1880’s log buildings give me a shout - could always use advice or a hand.



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Yandell, Mike

Deceased-Obit submitted by Jeff Trumbore

John Michael Yandell - 9 January 1958 to 15 July 1986 – Naval Flight Officer, great friend, loving husband, and son that made his parents very proud. Mike loved Naval aviation and everything to do with flying. He was able to obtain his pilot's license while at USNA, and he would fly every time he had an opportunity. Mike was the 2nd Company Commander and strangely also was the YP squadron commander - but this was Mike, a person of quiet demeanor that could always surprise.



Prior to attending USNA, Mike attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) and did the most incredible prank. Officer Candidate School (OCS) was adjacent to NAPS and a common chow hall was shared by both. Mike and a friend decided that they would get in the OCS newbie chow line on a Friday. Well, Mike was not seen again until Monday. The two of them had been processed into OCS, and it was only when they needed to leave on Monday to attend classes at NAPS that everything became a bit exciting. This was so out of character for the Mike I knew, but that was not the last time Mike surprised me. His drive and determination in everything he attempted was inspirational to all who knew him.

After completing a successful squadron tour, Mike met and married LuAnn in 1985. He started test pilot school in January 1986 and was so happy to be realizing his personal and professional dreams. His love of aviation motivated him from his youth until his untimely death during test pilot school. I think of him often, and my second son, born in 1984, is named after him. My Mike works as an aviation engineer in Seattle, so in spirit, my friend and classmate Mike lives on.



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Densford, Don

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MaryBeth and I got married in October, 1981, and will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary shortly after the USNA 40th reunion. The Navy ‘helped’ us live in Orlando, Idaho Falls, Groton, Norfolk, Pearl Harbor, and we’ve lived in Silver Spring, Maryland for the last 35 years.



Don and MaryBeth

We have three children - two live within 20 minutes and the third lives in New York – about four hours away. My daughter has three children – ages 8, 6, and 4 – who we are able to visit and vacation with regularly. She works with my wife as a Realtor in the Silver Spring/Rockville area. My older son and his wife will have their first child later this year. My younger son just got engaged.

I entered the submarine service after graduation and served on USS Birmingham (SSN-695) – positions included Torpedo Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant, Chem-RadCon Assistant, Damage Control Assistant, and Combat Systems Officer – and a shore tour in the Pentagon as Current Operations Officer in OPNAV 009G, Special Navy Control Project, and then I left active duty. I stayed in the Reserves until 2011, retiring at 30 years, filling positions as Navy Department Duty Captain and Assistant Chief of Staff in the Pentagon, Chief Inspector with Naval Ordnance Safety and Security Activity, and Staff Officer with CNO Submarine Operations and Submarine Squadron Eight.

I recently retired from my civilian career after working for GP Strategies (formerly RWD Technologies) for 26 years supporting large commercial customers implementing new technologies, new systems, enhanced processes, performance improvements, or HR-related outsourcing.

MaryBeth and I are looking to downsize our home, moving closer to the water, and staying active riding my bicycle and playing pickleball!

Gerbig, Jim

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I entered the Naval Academy from Kendall, New York. Upon graduation, I attended SWOS Basic and joined USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) as Second Division Officer. Carl Vinson deployed in 1983, and I earned my SWO qualification. Following deployment, I married Charlene Vogt in her hometown of Hillsdale, New Jersey. We met First Class Year at the 1980 Navy-Army game.



Jim and Charlene

I next joined USS Reid (FFG-30) in San Diego as ASW Officer. Reid deployed in 1985 to the Persian Gulf. Our first son, James, was born in 1986. A 2-year tour followed at the Navy Annex as a Budget and Manpower Analyst from 1986-1988.

Back at sea, I was assigned to USS Klakring (FFG-42) as Combat Systems Officer. Klakring deployed to the Med in 1989, and our son, Alex, was born in 1990. My second Department Head Tour was on USS Leyte Gulf (CG-55) out of Mayport, FL as Operations Officer. A few short weeks after I reported, we were off to the Persian Gulf for the duration of Desert Storm.

Following Leyte Gulf, I served as Staff Navigator and Scheduler for COMCRUDESGRU-12, deploying to the Adriatic in 1994 on USS Saratoga’s (CVN-60) final deployment. My final Navy tour was Current Quarter Operations and Scheduler for COMNAVSURFLANT. While in Norfolk, I received my master’s degree. I retired from the Navy in September 1998.

Following the Navy, we settled in Hillsdale, New Jersey, where we live today. I have spent 20 years in the print industry and now manage inventory and logistics for a company in the BIOMED industry specializing in joint replacement surgery. Charlene has a master’s degree in Education and is a 3rd Grade Teacher. James is married to Amanda, and they have a son – Logan James. Alex is married to Cara, and they too have a son – Julian Alexander.



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Hilarides, William (Willy)

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From Thirsty Third, I did not plan on staying one day past five, but somehow that five became 35 for this lifer-dog and his family. Nuclear Power school is known for its social life, but Beverly and I made the most of the weekly “row party.” 13 moves, two children (Ben and Candice) and two grandsons (Wyatt and Caleb) later now finds us snuggled into our Northern Virginia home of 20 years.



Willy

Five and half years under water on four different boats was quite a treat, including a grounding at test depth, a trip to the north pole and a six-month deployment with Bev pregnant for the entire time! Command of Key West out in Pearl was awesome, despite a stint in drydock 3. The run to shoot torpedoes off the Pohang will provide plenty of sea stories for the grandsons.

A shift to acquisition instead of getting out proved fortuitous. SSGNs conversion was first, and Florida unloading into Libya is proof it worked. Five and a half years buying submarines is a long time and 2 for 4 in 2012 provided plenty of satisfaction. NAVSEA provided lots of ups and downs but helping the folks through the aftermath of the Navy Yard shooting connected us to them in ways that continue to astound.

The five years since “retirement” have been good, and the gig-economy is good for old, retired guys. The boards of the Submarine League and Inova Fair Oaks are for giving back, and MIND, Gryphon, Sairdrone test that basic accounting knowledge from Catholic University. Working with Australia to build three classes of ships and a shipbuilding industry has been the highlight, in spite of 48 hours travel for every meeting. Taking care of family in ways not possible on active duty has provided the most satisfying part of post-navy life.

Knight (Van Zyl), Jane

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After marrying Buddy Knight (36) right after graduation, we served together (some) and apart (more) for six years before leaving active duty. We settled in Sherman, TX with two young children and added two more in our 10 years there. I settled in as a stay-at-home mom and even tried my hand at home schooling and really loved it, until I had two in school and two under age 3. Shortly after, we moved to Fort Worth, TX where I worked as a substitute teacher while completing my teacher certification.



Jane and kids

I spent the next 20 years as a high school math teacher for the Fort Worth School District and also several years as the tutoring coordinator and math/science tutor for pregnant and parenting students at my school (sometimes as many as 20 students in a school year.)

I earned a master’s degree in Math Education from UT Arlington in 2012, and the next year started teaching math two evenings a week at a local community college. COVID dropped their enrollment to the point I was “retired” at the end of 2020, and I retired from the high school at the end of June in 2021. We are now looking forward to doing more traveling and relaxing away from the Texas summer heat.

Of our four kids, all were either in the sea service (3 Navy, 1 Marine) or married to someone who was. Both daughters and one daughter-in-law are nurses, so we are expecting good health care as it becomes more necessary. Currently, we have one son deployed in the IO as a helo mechanic and a son-in-law headed for WESTPAC as a helo pilot. We are proud to have passed down a tradition of service to the next generation.

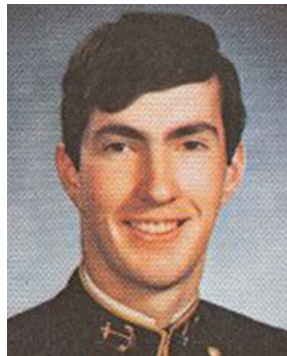


3rd Company

Lyons, Dan

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After leaving the hallowed grounds, I went SWO, served aboard USS Suribachi and USS Patterson and spent six years active and seven years reserve, rising to the esteemed rank of LCDR. While on active duty, I followed my athletic passion and wound up rowing on seven US National Teams, including the 1988 Olympic team, winning two bronze medals in the worlds and two gold medals, one in the Pan Am games in '83 and the other in the world championships in '86. It was a bit difficult as I was the first one to do so as a serving Naval Officer. That meant, most of the time I was TAD. I arrived at many camps...ummm...out of shape. Too much good ship food, but lots of great stories! Mostly, our shared competitive fire coming out in 'should've won that race.'...



Dan and Bobbi

My academic pursuits were in military history and American foreign policy. I received my MS from Oxford (at the same time being intimately involved with the Oxford Boat Race Mutiny that spawned two books and a movie), my MA from Villanova, and my ABD from Temple.

Since then, I coached crew at many institutions including Stanford, Oxford, Navy, Georgetown and Drexel (won many nationals), taught history, formed my current company, Team Concepts, in 1995, got married, had two wonderful kids (now 12 and 13...what can I say? I started late), and realized I had no better friends and no better experiences than what I had the privilege of sharing at Navy with all of you. Ultimately, for me, that is what the journey has been all about. And the journey goes on in many ways. GO NAVY!

Navarro, Jaime

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Bullet proof then! Bullet proof now! 40 years in a blink of an eye. Graduated with a rowing degree; went aviation and flew P-3s; got command and made O-6; retired in 2011. At the same time, married (1st) in '81; had two wonderful kids, Paul (38) and Stephanie (37); and have two grandboys, James (12) and Seamus (10).



Jaime and Valerie

Retired from service in the DC/Annapolis area in 2011 and joined the "Beltway Bandits" gang for 3.5 years then "retired, retired" in 2014, at the age of 57. Married CAPT Valerie Ormond (Ret.) in 2007, who still owns my heart. Bought a house in Bowie, MD in 2005, and have three horses right in the back to look after. Stayed fit like a crew jock over the last 40 years (although I did move from Lightweight to the Heavyweight category) to include 17 marathons and many triathlons (no Ironman).

I focus most of my current time on my horses, which helped me compete in amateur equestrian events from 2006 to 2018. It was a great thrill to fly a horse instead of a P-3. But the competition was young, and I received many participation ribbons. No problem. I still have three horses which we exercise, jump, and trail ride, but at our own pace. I worked on and off as a YMCA Camp Letts counselor and maintenance man and volunteer my painting/carpenter skills to my church as needed. I'm living the dream and intend to stay in this house until the good Lord gives me my new set of orders. God Bless Class of 1981!



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Oldham, Rick

Deceased 4/5/09 Bio submitted by Jim Gerbig and written by Rick's wife Sharon

Rick entered the Naval Academy from Potomac, MD. Upon graduation Rick was stationed in Pensacola, FL for flight training. While in flight school, Rick and I dated almost two years. Learning he would have to be a RIO (due to his vision loss), he then transferred to California for ships. Rick was on the USS Ogden through 1985 and the USS Sterett through 1987.

Rick and I reconnected and married in February 1994 (plus with my two year-old daughter Karly). This was after he left the Navy and worked for Nalco Chemical Company, residing in West Monroe, LA. Our first son, Connor, was born in December 1994. We moved with Nalco to Longview, TX, and our second son, Christian, was born in May 1996. Our daughter, Cassandra, was also born in Longview in August 1997. In 2001, Rick left Nalco and worked for Chemical Chemical Company out of Dallas, TX. We moved to Van Alstyne, TX and planned to retire on our 10 acre ranch.

Rick passed away of a massive heart attack in April 2009. Our children are now 30, 26, 25, 24. Karly is a graphics designer in Charlotte, NC. Connor is majoring in electrical engineering in Pensacola, FL. Christian followed in Rick's footsteps and graduated from the Naval Academy in 2020. He is currently stationed in Charleston, SC for sub training, then will be stationed on the USS West Virginia out of Kings Bay, GA. Cassandra has a degree in biochemistry and is currently in Veterinarian School at CSU in Colorado. I used to be an Elementary Ed teacher but am currently caring for local seniors in Lillian, AL.



Rick

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Originally from White Plains, New York, and now in Larchmont, north of New York City.

Rooming with Ed Carmany in Plebe Summer was a wake-up call to a very different way of life. Lifelong friendships began to develop through the Thirsty Third experience. I was recruited as a lacrosse prospect, and along the way was chosen as the Brigade Intramural Athlete of the Year!

I was the lone member of 3rd Company to select Marine Corps and stepped out into my career with a chapel wedding that led to two children, a daughter, Laura, and a son, Jack. Duty stations along the way included Camp LeJeune and Okinawa, Japan. After a tour at The Basic School, I departed the Corps.

Civilian life has been an incredible ride as a serial entrepreneur. I earned a master's degree from USC and worked through a number of technology related enterprises, including: a world-class research organization; a chief information officer at a Fortune 200 utility; and two dot coms before I settled into the education and advocacy field. I headed up a regional office of an international real estate organization and helped found a national infrastructure group that led to a teaching post at Columbia University in the School of Professional Studies.

Along the way, another go at a family led to four sons: Will, Alex, and twins, Charlie and Matt. All four are athletes, each having played baseball (where I was their coach) and football. They all went on to play college football (Cortland University, Princeton University, Amherst College, and St. Lawrence University). I am now a grandfather thanks to Jack (Ella) and Laura (Parker).

I stay in touch with classmates and have served as a Blue and Gold Officer. In my local community I serve as the Chair of the Village of Larchmont Planning Board.



John and family



3rd Company

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I think of life in terms of decades: The 80's were about career; the 90's – 00's about life. Mike and I met in Monterey, married in 1991, and welcomed our son, Joseph, in 1992. In 2000, we moved into our current home in Chesapeake, Virginia.

I retired in 2002. The same year Joseph turned 10 – an age when mom is still “cool.” We spent the summer at the beach and local attractions. We got our first real family pet – a “hound” dog named Harley. A summer to remember, it was easy to say “not ready” when asked for a resume.

Soon it was back to school. I accepted a part time position with a defense contractor – interesting projects with time for after-school activities.

My husband, Michael '79, still on active duty, negotiated one last set of orders prior to retiring. We added a pool to our “dream house” and for the first time felt “settled.”

In 2004, I started at Epsilon Systems Solutions, a small ship repair company. Initially part time, I transitioned from Program Manager to Director, eventually becoming Vice President of Operations.

The 10's: In 2014, I stepped down as VP, managed our home remodeling project, and started teaching a College Physics class at the local Community College. It was fun, fast paced, and challenging – there's a lot to “relearn” 25 years after grad-school! I continued working part time at Epsilon while partnering to form a small consulting company.

The 20's: My husband retired; our son is pursuing creative writing at the local university; I teach an occasional physics class and do some consulting. I also stay busy as president of the USNAHA- Hampton Roads Chapter. With international travel plans on hold – we spend time with family, friends, and community groups.



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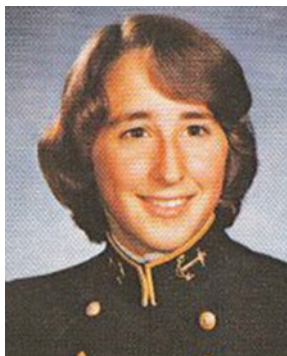
Served 20 tumultuous years in the Marine Corps as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer; retired as a LtCol; last job was the Commanding Officer of a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron.

Married right after graduation; divorced in 1986. The first light of my life, my son Jon, was born in 1983; he is currently 15 years active Navy SWO and married to a former Navy SWO. I married the second light of my life, Colonel Rayfel Bachiller, in 1994 at USNA.

We retired together in Utah in 2002 after his final assignment with the JTF Winter Olympics. Worked a few paid jobs (1 year as a defense contractor with L-3 CSW (Communication Systems-West); two years attempting nation-building in Iraq with the DoS), but mostly volunteered as an ESL instructor with Arabic speaking refugees from Iraq and the Sudan, and as a Bible study teacher at a medium security prison and at various Catholic parishes.

Other lights in my life include rescuing chihuahua and Min Pin dogs (we currently have 7 at home), biking, yoga, swimming, studying languages (Arabic, Spanish, Latin) and nurturing friendships with women from my family, Church, and neighborhood.

Over all that I am, that I have, and that I do shines The Light of my life: the Triune God, who is the greatest Commander in Chief and the most faithful and tender Family.



Lisa and Rayfel

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Time has flown but the Naval Academy and its beautiful setting on the Severn remains one of my warmest memories. I left the Marines after the required 5 – not enough sense of humor. Received a master's degree from seminary but felt no call to the ministry. After 4 years in law enforcement (road patrol and major crimes investigations), won election to the Florida House of Representatives, staying till term limits sent me packing after eight. Worked for two Florida governors as a public safety/domestic security advisor. Dabbled in unexciting jobs since then, till the long-awaited call to the ministry came and I was ordained in 2021.

Many years ago, ethnic Nepalis living in Bhutan were persecuted and fled back to Nepal where they were kept in bamboo refugee camps for 10-15 years. They were relocated by the United Nations to several U.S. cities including Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where I now live. They are my congregation, and every Sunday, through a translator (until I can learn the blasted Nepali language), I teach them the Bible.

The years go by, we reflect.

I have loved the sea, a good woman, and four children. The political career was enriching and eye opening. The brevity of life asserts itself, but not unexpectedly. Because of a cross near Jerusalem, I am ready.



Randy and Jill



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After commissioning, I became a Marine infantry officer, because... woods, guns, and sharp-pointy things are fun.

In 1987, I met a spectacular woman, Karen. She is smart, beautiful, and is a talented artist, but she was gullible. Using this flaw to my advantage, we were married before she recognized ground truth.



Bill and family

Later, I hit a speed bump. When I was an infantry company commander, my battalion commander thought I was a loose cannon, and I thought he was stuck in WWI – if in doubt do a frontal assault. As is the norm, I was not rewarded. So, during the draw-down in the 1990s, I was drawn-down.

Leaving active duty in 1993, I attended law school. The problem with law school is after graduation you become a lawyer. I hated it. I joined a small law firm, but it was still not fun.

I was back on active duty again from 1999 to 2005, including a tour in Iraq, which was also fun (no one shot at me, but things went bang around me). I retired from the Marine Corps in 2005 with 21 years of active duty. Upon retirement, I was hired as a federal employee. In 2009, I moved to General Services Administration (GSA). I am still there.

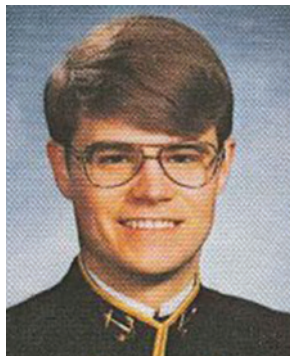
In 1993, my wife was very smart, she did a “one and done” – twins. My daughter, Kristen, is an art teacher and is married to a wonderful guy, Sam. My son, Tom, is a bond administrator at Credit Suisse. His longtime girlfriend is Wendy.

It has been a fun journey (because I have a selective memory that encourages me to forget bad things), and I have married the most wonderful woman. I make a living, and she makes life worth living. Be sure to check out her art by googling Karen Lee Crenshaw.

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I fully retired in 2019 (retired Navy Reserve in 2011 and retired Navy Civil Service in 2019), and Susan and I continue to reside in Memphis, Tennessee. COVID restrictions have damped our retirement plans, so we are looking forward to things returning to normal. Our oldest son is surface nuclear currently in Norfolk, who is transitioning to be XO of an LPD. Our second son is an engineer with the FAA here in Memphis. Our oldest daughter also lives here in Memphis and has a full-time job caring for four of our grandkids. Our youngest daughter lives in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she just finished her Master’s and works with children with Autism.



Dave and 10 grandkids

We are active at our church where I teach a 5th grade class and assist with prison ministry. In the future when COVID restrictions are removed, we hope to get back involved with international missions with our church and the Gideon Ministry. We are especially looking forward to being able to travel and spend time with family in Virginia and Maryland.



4th Company

Gerding, Jim

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I got married right after graduation and was blessed with four wonderful children. All of them have grown into wonderful independent adults. The oldest has blessed me with two awesome grandchildren.

After seven years in the submarine service, I transferred to the Reserves and began to work for the DoD as a civilian. I worked for over 30 years for the Defense Nuclear Agency/Defense Special Weapons Agency/Defense Threat Reduction Agency (we kept changing our name), doing research and development on nuclear weapon effects. My office had a lot of similarities with the Big Bang Theory. Research physicists are an interesting group of people.

Staying in Northern Virginia, I retired a few years ago. I spend my time playing duplicate bridge and square dancing. While square dancing, I met my second wife, Stella, and now have four more adult children and eight more grandchildren. All our children and grandchildren are local, so we spend much of our time watching grandchildren and going to their sporting events.



Jim and Stella

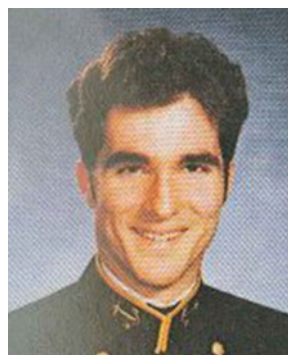
Giosa, Paul

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Greeting class of 81 from Paul Giosa. I spent 6 years active duty and 2 years in the Ready Reserves in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Supply Officer.

I then transitioned to civilian life where I spent a career in Telecommunications and Information Technology, employed by Computer Sciences Corporation, Bell Atlantic, Verizon Communications, British Aerospace and Electronics Systems, Dell Computers, and NTT DATA. We live in Bowie Maryland, and I enjoy reading, jogging, traveling, good food, and wine. I've been married for 34 years to my wife, Lona, a prior paralegal and current Prince George's media center paraprofessional at Frances Fuchs serving the Prince George's county public schools.

We have two daughters living in Baltimore, Maryland, Bianca (30), who presently works for the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Nina (25) who works for the Maryland Parks Department.



Paul



Haugh, Art

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My wife, Marea, and I live in Knoxville, TN and have four wonderful children – Reed 27, Alison 26, Kate 19, and Emily 17.

After submarine service, I worked at Bear Stearns (yes – the company that failed in 2009) for a year and then worked construction on the NYC subway system. After that, I worked as an engineer for the Department of Energy in MD, CO (where Marea and I met), and TN. I retired in 2012, and put out a shingle. I have been consulting ever since, and loving it. Hoping to re-retire in a couple of years and travel – a lot.



Art and Marea

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I was winged as a Naval Flight Officer in 1983 and joined the S-3 Viking community. After two Med cruises I was selected to the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at Pax River in 1987 and served two years testing S-3 mission computers and software. In 1990, I was detailed to a “career enhancing disassociated sea tour” as navigator of the USS Okinawa (LPH-3). While I was in nav training Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. I finally joined the ship for the last 7 months of a 10-month deployment in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During a second deployment in 1991-92, I earned a SWO qualification before going back-to-back sea duty with a department head tour in a San Diego based S-3 squadron.



Scott and Corrie

Following all that sea time I went to US Space Command in Colorado Springs where I played “Global Thermo-Nuclear War” in Cheyenne Mountain for a year and spent two years managing upgrades to the warning systems employed there. During that tour I transitioned to Aero Engineering Duty Officer, heading back to NAVAIR in 1997. Since retiring from active duty in 2005, I have worked as a support contractor in program management for common avionics, aircraft protection systems, and the NAVAIR Airworthiness Office.

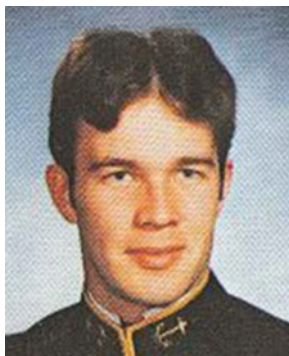
I met the love of my life, Corrie, in June 1998, and we married in July 1999. I spent 18 years as a recreational youth soccer coach and a few as a “theater dad” in support of our three great children. Today, Josh is a partner in a government relations firm in Annapolis, Jonathan is studying astronautical engineering at Capitol Technology University in Maryland and Faith is pursuing a psychology degree at Regent University in Virginia. I keep busy as an Elder in a local church and dream of a time when our money goes toward more travel with my wife rather than tuition for our kids.



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One Saturday evening, four months before graduation, I was hanging out at Riordan's when this cute little blond woman walked through the door. Although Riordan's has long since shut down, Dianne and I are still going strong. We were married between Nuke School and Prototype and spent the next four years in the submarine community on the East Coast.



Gene and Dianne

I left the Navy after one tour and earned my MBA in Finance at the Wharton School. That led to a job at United Airlines and subsequently an officer position at US Airways. The 15 years that I was with the airlines was the most exciting time in my career. I was involved with budgeting, labor negotiations, financing of aircraft, structuring an ESOP, attempted buyouts, and huge layoffs after 9/11.

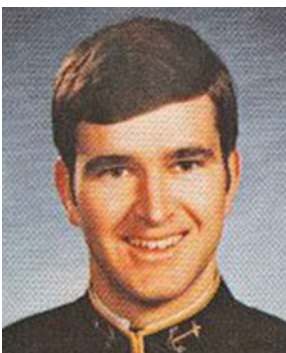
The next six years were spent as CFO for the FAA operations. My time there was quite rewarding and instructional as to how the government operates. My most memorable experience was testifying twice in front of congressional committees. After the FAA, I returned to the private sector and held various positions including interim CFO roles at distressed companies.

Along the way, Dianne and I raised two sons – Warren and Collin. Warren graduated in the USNA Class of 2012 and spent time on a fast-attack submarine out of Guam. Collin was an aerospace major at Virginia Tech and worked for Northrop Grumman in LA. They are both entering MBA programs this fall – Warren at Georgetown; Collin at Michigan. Not sure where they got that idea from...

Dianne and I retired two years ago and are in the process of moving from California to Asheville, NC. Please look us up if you are in the area, especially if you like to play golf, hike, are a foodie, or enjoy visiting craft breweries.

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Hard to believe that it's been 40 years since we were all together on the banks of the Severn, as the time seems to have flown by. After graduation, I headed-off to be a SWO, mostly in CRUDES and on the East Coast. My final tour was at the Naval War College, where I had the good fortune to learn the wargaming craft. I've remained at the College as a wargamer for most of the past 20+ years, where I still get to work with a lot of our classmates and enjoy the opportunity to continue to make a difference.



Don and family

The Navy enabled me to meet Val, my lovely wife of 34+ years, as our paths first crossed during a port visit in the UK back in 1984 (she always says that she heard me before she saw me...hard to believe, I know). We welcomed our daughter Laura to the fold in 1989, and while her only siblings would end-up being a cat and two Golden Retrievers, she has always seemed OK with being the focus of our affection.

We enjoy living in New England and the change of seasons. I still enjoy playing tennis and running, with some skiing and biking thrown in for good measure. COVID made us focus our activities close to home, and we look forward to expanding our travel horizons as we return to the new "normal," whatever that turns out to be. Until our next reunion...Fair Winds and Following Seas, my friends!



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My first ship was the USS Gray, FF-1054, in Long Beach where I served as DCA and ASW Officer. Next, I line-transferred into the Engineering Duty Officer community. After marrying Joy Maltese, I attended the Naval Postgraduate School and received a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Professional Engineers License.



We then reported to SFR Yokosuka, Japan where our son Andrew was born. Next, it was onto NAVSEA in the gas turbine code and the birth of our daughter, Rachel. My next assignment was as the Engineering Department Head at FTSCPAC in San Diego. After that it was onto SUPSHIP Pascagoula where I was in charge of the DDG-51 class construction program.

After attending the Eisenhower School in DC for a second master's degree, I reported to NAVSEA HQ where I served as the Fleet Liaison to the Chief Engineer of the Navy and held that position until my retirement.

My most rewarding responsibility was for the repair and rebuilding of the USS Cole after her bombing in Aden, Yemen. The loss of her one officer and sixteen crewmen will never be forgotten.

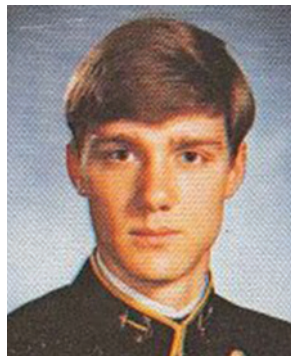


Steve and Andrew (son)

Moreman, Frank

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After 8 yrs active duty on ships, I stayed in reserves to 20. I've worked for 14 companies in industries from plastic extrusions, doors, power generation, steel mills, lighting, robotics, prosthetics, and semiconductors. Over the course of my career, I've owned a machine shop, experienced 4 start-ups and 2 IPOs. The global companies I've worked in have paid for countless foreign trips to mostly great places. I always mix work with play. I've had many titles from Engineer to Owner, to COO five times, but my favorite one is "Dad" to my two daughters, Austin(b'97) and Claire(b'01). I've coached sports teams from 8 yr olds to adults in basketball (3 times), softball, ping pong, track, and cross country. I've stayed in shape by running and playing lots of squash, but today it is mostly the gym and bike rides with my wife due to shot knees.



Frank and Mary

I met Mary in 1983 on a port visit to Long Beach where she was the base reserve XO. We moved to England in different Navy jobs in 1987, bought two houses and had a great time exploring Europe with her living in London and me in Portsmouth on an exchange job with the Royal Navy. After a nine-year courtship, we married in 1992 and started our family in 1997.

Currently, we live in the center of San Francisco (100 yards from the intersection of Haight and Ashbury, of Summer of Love fame) in a 130-year-old four story Victorian that we try to keep as original as possible. Living in Europe sparked a love of international travel and we've taken family trips abroad every year visiting dozens of countries.

Mary and I both enjoy working, so no retirement plans anytime soon. Now that our nest is mostly empty, we fill our time with work, travel, and ballroom dancing.

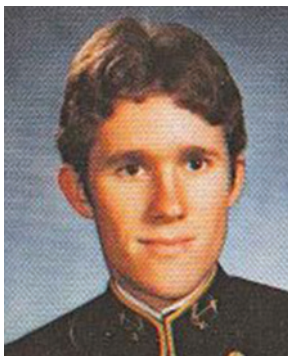


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After 7 1/2 years as a submariner and meeting the amazing woman who would become my wife, I left active duty to join a small government contractor of about a dozen people and got to enjoy quite a ride. Along the way, I took over as Chairman, President, and CEO and got to ring the bell on the NYSE, along with our fellow classmate Greg Denkler, when we took the company public in 2006. The company, Stanley, grew to almost 6000 people, \$1 billion in revenue and was on Fortune's 100 Best Places to work list for three years before we were bought by CGI in 2010, and I was put out to pasture.



Phil and Susan

After realizing that my golf game was hopeless, I jumped back into the corporate world as CEO of Camber Corporation until we sold that company to Huntington Ingalls. I now work as a General Partner at Blue Delta Capital Partners, doing growth investments and mentoring the next generation of CEOs in the government contracting space I know too well. I have had the privilege of serving on a number of public and private corporate boards as well as non-profit boards. I should also mention that after I left active duty, I continued in the reserves, retiring as an O-6 after 25 years.

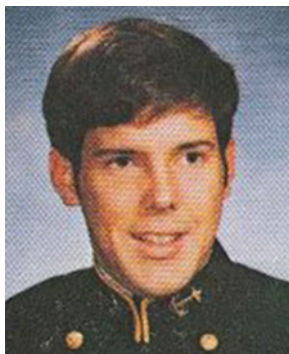
My wife, Susan, and I live in DC and split our time between here and Park City, UT. My oldest son, Jeffrey, is an actor and my youngest son, Andrew, is a senior at King's Point. I've been able to keep up some sailing, racing on the bay, doing a few Bermuda races, and winning the Pacific Cup (in our class) from San Francisco to Kaneohe (Willy Hilarides, Dave Carlson, and Ric Van Antwerp were also on that crew). Our family likes to spend most spring-times cruising the Bahamas, Virgin Islands, and the Grenadines.

It's been a pretty good 40 years!

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After graduation, I stuck around Annapolis to teach P-100 before heading to Pensacola for flight school as an NFO. I selected P-3s and went through the RAG at NAS Moffett Field. Completed my first tour as a TACCO in the World Famous Blue Sharks of VP-6 at NAS Barbers Point, HI. On completion of my tour in VP-6, I accepted orders to the Naval Academy as a Leadership Instructor and later moved over to be the 5th Co Officer. Met my wife, Sheryl, who was a student at Hood College while on that tour. Best thing to ever happen to me! Subsequent tours took me to San Diego (Air Ops for CDS-31), OinC of the WST Team for CPW-10, Department Head tour in VP-47 and finally on the OPNAV staff as the T&E Coordinator for P-3 and E-6A programs.



Dave and family

On retirement, I accepted a position with Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor in their Jacksonville, FL office where I worked for 7 years. I transferred my practice to MassMutual for 10 years before deciding to go back to my roots. I spent 5 years with LSI as a P-3 simulator instructor and then moved over to SSE where I design courseware to train NFOs in the operation of the P-8 Poseidon. In my spare time, I play a lot of tennis, a little bit of golf and still perform in local community theaters. My favorite role was playing King Arthur in Spamalot the Musical! We've lived in Jacksonville for 23 years now and love it! Sheryl and I have been married for 33 years and have one daughter, Christine, who is 28 and an even better singer than I ever was! "But still when two or three shall meet..." looking forward to seeing you all!



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After that exciting day in May 1981, I headed to Supply School. My first tour was aboard USS Holland, including several months in Diego Garcia. My subsequent tour was at NAS Norfolk before I resigned from the Navy in the summer of 1986.



I worked for seven years with the City of Virginia Beach as a Project Engineer in both Public Utilities and Public Works. I managed some great projects including the beautification of Atlantic Avenue and the boardwalk. In 1993, I combined my leadership and engineering skills and moved my career into Higher Education Facilities. I have worked for 28 years as the Chief Facilities Officer at colleges and universities in the northeast, including fifteen years at Colby College in Maine and my current position as Assistant Vice President of Facilities and Capital Planning at Framingham State University. I am a Licensed Professional Engineer in multiple states.



Patty and Dan

My marriage in the 80's & 90's blessed me with two wonderful children. Both are great athletes, so during their childhood, I enjoyed watching them play, coaching them, and always cheering for them! Erik is a Navy Veteran, and is currently serving in the Virginia Army National Guard. Alison is a healthcare administrator. In 2011, I married my wonderful husband, Dan Whitney, a former Army Officer. His children have added more dimension to the family with a wrestling coach, school teacher, Army nurse, and young parents with five grandchildren. Life has had some challenges overcoming both MS and kidney cancer, but overall I am so blessed. We own homes in Upton, Massachusetts and Bristol, Rhode Island. I love living so close to the great sports town of Boston so when I am not cheering for Navy, I am enthusiastically cheering for the Patriots, Red Sox, and Bruins! Once a cheerleader...always a cheerleader!

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I was part of Bravo Company, Color Company, 4th Platoon, 3rd Squad, Findlay, Ohio, Sir! I left before Plebe Summer was over due to getting down to 100lbs and Sickbay getting tired of seeing me. Luckily my family had enough alumni pull that I was able to start that September at Indiana Institute of Technology after my brother applied for me while I was still at the Academy. Got my BSEE degree in '81 and met my husband Steve there in 1979. We have been married since August of 1982.

We spent 30+ years in Fort Wayne, Indiana working as Electrical Engineers and raising our son Matthew. In 2015, we moved to Highland, Michigan for job changes, living on 15 acres in the middle of nowhere and yet are only 45 miles from downtown Detroit. Still working as an Electrical Engineer for a company called Horizon Global.

I love camping and hiking and spent over 25 years as a Boy Scout leader while in Indiana. My husband and I are part of the Detroit Diocese Presenting Team for Worldwide Marriage Encounter helping married couples be the best couples they can be. I was back at USNA for the 30th reunion after reconnecting with my Plebe Summer roommate, Patty Crandlemire, on Facebook in 2011 from memory. Looking forward to the 40th Reunion.



Janice

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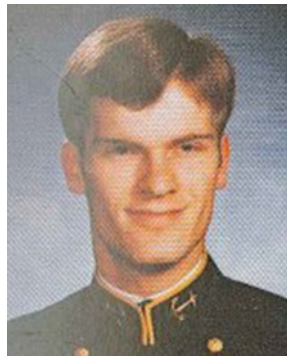




Anderson, Joel

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Went Navy Air, and after being stashed in Navy Recruiting District Houston, went through flight school at NAS Pensacola and NAS Milton. Received wings on 17 June 1983, then HC-3, HC-6, HSL-41, and HSL-49. Left active duty in 1992 after Desert Storm with ~2500 hours (H-46 and SH-60B). Served in Reserves as Technical Intelligence Analyst until retiring as O-5 with almost 20 years... forced out with diabetes but timing allowed an early retirement.



Joel and grandkids

After leaving active duty, I joined NASA as a contractor in Huntsville, Alabama as a Reliability Engineer. I joined NASA itself in November 1994 and am still there at least for a few more years. I worked numerous programs including Space Station, Chandra X-Ray Telescope, Environment Control and Life Support Systems, Ares Upper Stage and Space Launch System, where I am now the Acting Department Manager for the SLS SR&Q group supporting the Boosters, Stages, Engines, Avionics and Software, and Integration elements. Probably my last position; it has been great and surely beats working for a living.

I served as a Blue and Gold Officer for almost 28 years, completing my final admissions cycle in 2021 with the most years served of Alabama BGOs. It was an interesting and rewarding time in support of USNA. Local coordinator tried to talk me into going for the state BGO service record, but then told me that the record was 50 years...I sure wasn't going to make it that long!

Married to Leah (the girl I left behind in high school) with 9 children (though not sure where I left them) over the years with 5 coming as package deals with their mothers. Three grandchildren with a 4th on the way (Barrett, Henry, Eloise and one pending). Looking forward to the reunion...my first since the 5th. Frat 5!

Barton, Brian

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Formerly of Schenectady, New York and currently living in Seattle, Washington with a variety of boats, cars, and motorcycles in addition to my wife, Carolyn. It has been an interesting 40 years. It started off stashed at NAS Oceana with the F-14 RAG for 10 months, waiting for my flight school date. My actual training was at NAS Whiting Field and NAS Kingsville. I became a Naval Aviator in December 1983, did a short tour as a SERGRAD, then off to the other F-14 RAG at NAS Miramar. Never met Tom Cruise or Kelly McGillis but Meg Ryan was nice. Got married and had a son, Michael, in 1984 who is coincidentally also now a pilot.



Brian and Carolyn

After my first tour, I decided it was time for runways that didn't move. That decision coincided with getting unmarried in 1989. I started working for Northwest Airlines and moved to Minnesota. I met my last wife there, discovered a love for sailing, and we brought our boat to Seattle when I decided to do more west coast sailing and international flying.

My flying career included recessions, strikes, bankruptcies, and mergers and it weathered them all, until the pandemic – it seemed like a good time to retire after 39 years. There were many favorite airplanes, but I never thought I'd like flying an Airbus and ended up in one for 15 years going to Europe and Asia. Now, I stay as far away from airports as possible. I'll maybe try gliders at some point. They're quiet.

My wife and I are now exploring Puget Sound and the San Juans (this was submitted from Friday Harbor on San Juan Island) in our boat. I've become an excellent chef, and I've taken up photography. Go Navy.



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Dickinson, AB

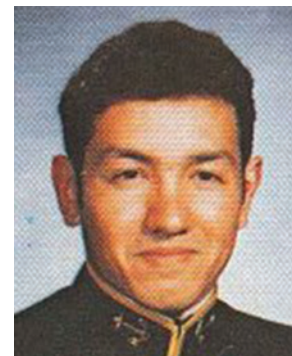
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Got talked into selecting the USS Forrestal on service selection night by Steve “Chuckles” Hampton. I was based in FL – and got exposed to country 2-step dancing (stay with me here). Stayed with the ship into Philly for SLEP (Service Life Extension Program) and ended up meeting my future wife at the Silver Saddle Saloon in NJ. I married Toni in 1985 and it was an instant family with her two sons.

We found our way to New England after getting out and settled in NH where we’ve now lived for an amazing 35 years. I’ve worked for various defense contractors and at one point was involved in the development and testing of one of those full-body scanners in use at airports. I’m currently working at a large software-development company.

Family and the old (1860) farmhouse keep us busy. Our two boys have brought us nine grandchildren – currently ages 6 through 24. Yep, that’s right – we have a grandson who is older than some of your children! No signs of great-grandchildren for now, and we can definitely wait for that to happen. All of the kids and grandkids live within 30 miles of us, so we see them often.

I have helped out with Toni’s business ventures over the last 25 years. The first was a chocolate business – our products ended up as far away as England and Australia. We’ve also had a vintage furniture business and are currently dabbling in acrylic/resin artwork. She is an amazing person and still my dance partner after all these years.



French (Jilli), Evelyn

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I separated from USNA in March of youngster year and married Kent French ‘79. We began our lives together in Quantico, moving many times until he left Marine Corps aviation. Eventually I received a BSEE from Texas A&M Kingsville. I began grad school until Kent said, “One of us needs a job”....looking right at me!!! I started with Lockheed as a NASA contract engineer at Johnson Space Center, working on Space Station communication systems design. Kent was hired by FlyingTigers/FedEx at that time.

We moved to Poulsbo, WA, across Puget Sound from Seattle, where I was an engineer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station maintaining seafloor torpedo ranges. I love to joke that I went from outer space to the ocean floor.

Another move, this time to Anchorage, living with our two children in the frozen north. Nothing like having a moose give birth to calves while leaning against the deck, limiting out on salmon, neighbors charged by bears while getting mail, mowing the lawn in broad daylight at 11pm, telling the kids to go outside and play because it’s a beautiful 28 degrees, and northern lights taking your breath away on those dark winter nights.

In 2002, we moved to Tucson to help my aging parents, and I gratefully exchanged 7 months of snow for a dusting on the mountains viewed from our pool/spa. Although my technology is obsolete, math hasn’t changed that much and I love tutoring and subbing high school math classes. Traveling is a passion with visits to Australia, Europe, and the beaches of SoCal and Florida Gulf Coast. Kent has retired and the kids are grown so I can work as much or as little as I want. I have great friendships, old and new. My health is disgustingly good despite the extra padding. I am blessed indeed!



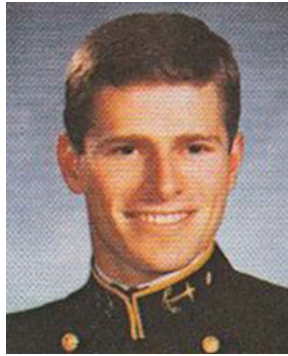
Evelyn and Kent



Fuquea, David

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In 2010, I completed my active duty as the Chief of Staff and then Commander of the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune. As difficult as the retirement ceremony was, the Marine Band serenaded me with their version of Bruce Springsteen’s “Born to Run.” It was time to move on.



David and son

Six months into retirement, the big break came. The U.S. Naval War College (NWC) offered a position as a professor. The position has been a perfect fit for me for over a decade. I could not have scripted my retirement better.

I loved teaching history when I served at USNA in the 1990s. As a kid, I could see the War College from my house. After traveling the world for decades, I came full circle. The students I taught were the “best and brightest” our Naval Services have to offer. They were eager to learn. I was able to capitalize on my own service every day, having an impact on making the Navy and Marine Corps better. It was great!

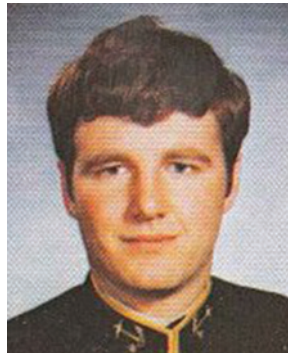
Speaking of best and brightest, my son is a Marine Captain and doing extremely well as the Operations Officer for an artillery battalion on the West Coast. My daughter carries a 4.0 GPA into her senior year in college. Feel incredibly lucky with both of them!

That said, every good thing comes to an end. As I prepare for our reunion, my second retirement package is with Navy BuPers. A new adventure awaits away from the War College. Exploration and travel for myself rather than Mother “B,” The Corps, or NWC beckon me. With a kayak and a new gravel bike, I hope to run into many classmates more frequently than the last few years.

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Barely “escaped” USNA with a well-coached Mechanical Engineering degree and a license to discover what real service was all about. I enjoyed a 30-year career where I was honored to serve with amazing Sailors as a Surface Warfare Officer. Along the way, I met my exceptional wife Teresa (Terrie) while she worked for American Airlines.



Steve and family

We are very proud of our two daughters, Cassandra (4/89), and Carlie (6/90); both being caring leaders, successful businesswomen, and well-rounded athletes. Cassandra married Curtis Slike in 2018, and this spring they delivered a beautiful new daughter, Camryn Rose, to the family.

In my Navy life, I was privileged to command two ships at sea, the USS Deyo (DD 989) and the USS Normandy (CG 60). Ashore, I commanded the Center for Surface Combat Systems; providing the Surface Navy about 50,000 Officers and Sailors each year trained in complex operations.

Entering the private sector in 2011, I worked briefly for a great classmate (David Kern) at Kern Technologies Group, Inc, and then returned to Wisconsin in 2012 with the amazing people at General Electric (GE) Healthcare in the Service Operations segment. I am also a certified Rocky Mountain PSIA Ski Instructor, working locally at Ausblick Snowsports. Terrie is an accomplished home decorator (just ask Pottery Barn), and we both enjoy any physical fitness activity, especially road cycling, with family and friends. “*Squadra Prostata*” (“Epic, not stupid”) has led to cycling around the country with roommates Tilghman Payne & Pat Roane. I continue to enjoy flying as a private pilot while working an Instrument Rating, as well as golf, tennis, sailing, fishing, or just about anything that involves travel or being outdoors. We are blessed to have both my parents still with us, great lifelong friends and mentors, and great experiences yet to come.

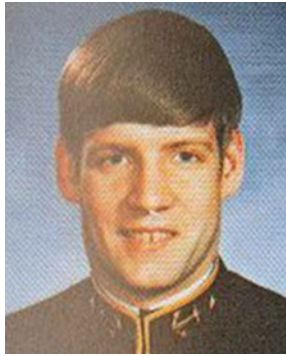


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After graduation, I completed nuclear power training and submarine school and ended up on the USS Francis Scott Key in overhaul followed by CHASN duty. While I was able to ride other subs to allow Dolphin and Engineer quals, the shipyard experience was a “deep dive” into complicated nuke ops and maintenance. After the sea tour, Kathy and I took a NAVSEA shore assignment. During this assignment, Kathy became pregnant with Christine, and we decided to leave active duty.



Kim and family

I went to work for an ASW helicopter company for a couple years in CT, then felt the pull of nuke ops and a return to SC. On active duty, I had given little thought to where strategic weapons came from, and then ended up working 30 years at the Savannah River Site, a former nuclear material production facility near Aiken, SC. I worked up through nuke waste processing operations, maintenance, project, and program management, which allowed a satisfying career that served a national mission, provided challenging job assignments, and kept a stable home life for my wife and kids (my son Pat was born in Aiken).

I stayed in the reserves in submarine billets and eventually realized that I had never served away from sub bases. I joined a NATO unit, getting the chance to support exercises in the UK and Germany. I accepted a corporate assignment a few years ago, which leaves time for this Wisconsin cheesehead to act like a SC native: we have some deer/turkey/hog hunting land, joined a dove club, and we have a place in Beaufort for saltwater fishing. Kathy and I are as happy as ever, our kids are in their early 30’s and doing great professionally and personally. I know that the man I am today was shaped by my 5th company brothers, and I remain grateful.

Huxel, Terry

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Jan and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary June 20, 2021.

Our son Seth is 27 and living in San Francisco.

Highlights of my Naval Career:

Active Duty:

Company Commander, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7, Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, MS.

Public Works Officer, Camp David, Thurmont, MD.

Naval Reserves:

Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Construction Battalion 26, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, MI.

I retired from the Naval Reserves in 2001 as a CDR, CEC.

I retired from public service as the Public Works Director, City of Wyoming, OH on May 7, 2021.

I’m enjoying retirement and staying active as an assistant high school football coach, playing golf and traveling .

Jan continues teaching high school math.

We have a blessed life and live in Cincinnati surrounded by family and friends!

Hux



Terry and family



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Matthes, Mike

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After graduation, I stuck around Annapolis for 6 months coaching football and having fun before entering the nuclear training pipeline (NOT fun!). After completion, I headed to my first submarine, the USS Norfolk (SSN 714). Enroute, I married Mara Heatherington '82 (33rd Co) to whom I am still married today!



Mike and Mara

I made a career of the Navy, serving on four different submarines: USS Norfolk (SSN 714), Submarine NR-1, USS Albany (SSN 753) and finally command of USS Hampton (SSN 767). For shore assignments, I was fortunate enough to get an MBA from Harvard Business School in '92 and to serve on the staff of Senator John Warner (R-VA) for almost 3 years as a Legislative Assistant under a Brookings Fellowship.

At 20 years and zero days, I retired from the Navy and headed out to the civilian world. I joined a company called Jabil, which is headquartered in St. Petersburg, FL. Jabil is a \$25B manufacturing company with over 200K employees and hundreds of plants worldwide. I had several jobs, but the last couple were as head of Worldwide Operations and COO of Jabil's largest division, Jabil Greenpoint. Mara and I lived in Singapore for 6 years, and we were able to travel the world.

Along the way, we raised four beautiful daughters, two of whom are married to USNA Alums ('09 & '13), and we have 5 awesome grandkids (so far!). Another wedding is planned this December, so the family continues to grow!

I retired from Jabil in 2019 and Mara and I reside in St. Petersburg, FL (home base) and also in Oriental, NC.

McGuire, Mike

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I made a brief stop in Pensacola after graduation before being found not physically qualified. Next was SWOS Coronado followed by sea duty on USS Deyo (DD989) followed by a tour at Desron 26 as ASW Officer. In addition to seeing the world, the highlight of my sea duty was being introduced to my wife, Susan, by the CO of Deyo, and 35+ years later our marriage is going strong.



Mike and Susan

I joined GE Aerospace in 1986, working on various sonar and ASW combat systems. Three years later, GE transferred me to Cincinnati, Ohio and GE Aircraft Engines. I spent a number of years working on the LM2500 for the DDG-51 class as well as other naval, commercial marine, and industrial applications for gas turbines. I later transitioned to GE Military Engines where I was involved in international sales of military aircraft engines for the F-15, F-16 fighters along with Blackhawk and Apache helicopters.

In 2003, I made a major career change and left GE to join a start-up pharmaceutical company in Cincinnati. When COVID forced a work from home situation, I was able to work with my employer to relocate to our new home in Raleigh, NC in early 2021 to be close to both of our adult children, daughter-in-law, and first grandchild.

As for leisure activities, in 2019 we had a great vacation to England and Scotland and look forward to more exciting travel in the future along with visiting family and friends. Other hobbies through the years have included coaching youth sports, golf, radio control airplanes, World War II naval history, volunteering at church, and leading home bible studies. I am tremendously blessed by my USNA experience and friends and by the adventure that began 40 years ago in Annapolis.

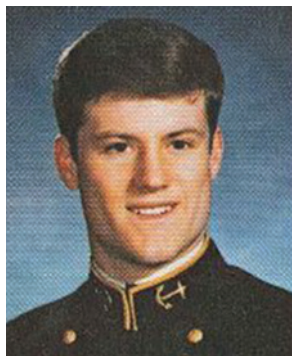


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Payne, Tilghman

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After graduation, I went surface line and spent time in a variety of ship classes bouncing between both coasts. Most of my time afloat was in FFGs, but I also had tours on a CVN and AE. Ashore I spent time in Monterey, CA at PG School and had four DC tours – three Pentagon assignments and a stint at the National Defense University. As part of my Navy adventure I also got to live in Japan, Great Lakes and Guam. What a fabulous adventure it was!



Tilghman and family

I married Suzanne in 1998, and she not only put up with all the moves and challenges of a Navy life but simultaneously managed a successful government career of her own. We have two children, Tilghman, Jr, a senior at University of Florida, and Sara, a freshman at the University of Maryland.

I retired from the Navy in 2014, and Suzanne's job brought us to the Atlanta area. Inertia and the desire to have the kids attend a single high school after all our moving around has kept us here. After the Navy I started my own leadership consulting and executive coaching company (Reefpoints), and that, coupled with lots of cycling trips, has been keeping me busy.

Porter, Mike

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After graduation, I spent 20 years in the Marine Corps as an Artillery Officer. I continue to blame my lack of hearing my wife on the artillery. Deb and I were married in August 1982 and have four children (three sons and a daughter) and three granddaughters.



Mike and family

After the Marine Corps, I spent time as a contractor and time in the Civil Service. I currently work at an elementary school and have been coaching cross country and track and field at the local high school for 20 years in Stafford, Virginia.

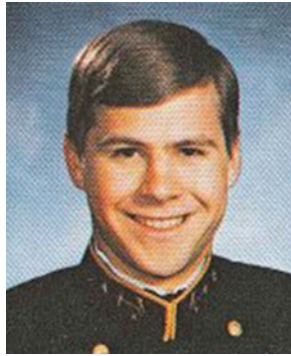
Deb and I look forward to retiring and moving to a warmer climate where we can continue to travel and visit family and friends while spoiling our grandkids.



Reynolds, Joe

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I spent ten years on active duty as a SWO, including shore duty as a Navy ROTC instructor at the University of Wisconsin (best job I ever had) where I earned a master's in Political Science. Betsy Swan and I married in August 1984 at the USNA Chapel. She went to high school with Steve Hampton, who introduced us during Commissioning Week. This New Yorker thus became a "cheesehead" by marriage.



Joe and family

We left active duty in San Diego to move to Lexington, MA, which we've called home since 1991. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1994, I worked in Boston for Ropes & Gray. Then I moved in-house to Raytheon Company, where I've practiced labor and employment law for 25 years (remotely now). I served in the Navy Reserve until my 2010 retirement. I played soccer for years, until a couple of torn ACLs, and coached the kids in softball, baseball and soccer. For several years, I re-enacted the Battle of Lexington on Patriot's Day as a Minute Man.

We raised four kids - Kelly, Brian, Erin, and Bridget. Betsy brainwashed the kids – three graduated from Betsy's alma mater UW-Madison and one from Indiana U. They live and work in Boston, Madison, Santa Clara, and Seattle respectively – great places to visit. As Badger fans, we've been to seven Rose Bowls and two Final Fours. Luci, a dog Betsy rescued in Puerto Rico, and two cats complete the family.

I barely survived a "widowmaker" heart attack in 2016 and have relished every minute of life since. We've been traveling the world, including Australia, China, Japan, and Europe, often with our kids. We enjoy spending time golfing and with family and friends at our beach house on Cape Cod and a timeshare in Cabo San Lucas. Life is good!

Roane, Pat

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I met Elizabeth, my "One and Only," at the beginning of 2nd class year; we were married in May 1983. Following graduation, I headed for my first ship, a guided missile destroyer in Norfolk. After 30 years serving with the best people on the planet, the Navy decided I was over the hill.



I spent about a year doing contractor work in Dahlgren, then answered a call to teach engineering and technology to high school students at a regional career and technical center. In 2019, I fully retired from all forms of paid professional employment.

We have two daughters, Virginia and Meredith, and are fortunate that they both live close by. Elizabeth and I remain active in our church and enjoy living on our horse farm along the Piankatank River in Mathews County, Virginia.



Pat



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Scott, Gary

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After graduation, I served TAD with the strategic weapons officer detailers, followed by Naval Guided Missiles School and the Submarine Officer's Basic Course.

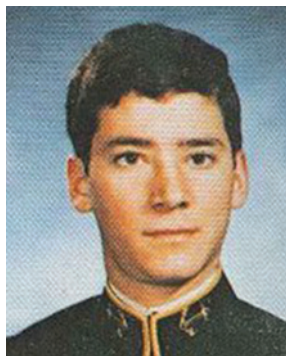
I reported aboard USS James Madison SSBN 627 Gold in May 1982 while the ship was conducting Demonstration and Shakedown Operations. I stood next to the tube from which we launched a test missile during DASO. After four patrols, I reported to the Director, Strategic Systems Program Office, in Arlington, VA in 1984 as we moved from Charleston, SC to Gaithersburg, MD.

After DIRSSP, I became a government contractor, working in various IT-related capacities. I completed an MBA in finance from George Washington University in 1991. From 2010 to present I have been a federal IT project manager with the FBI in Washington, DC.

I married Anne Marie Tippet on September 5, 1981 at the USNA Chapel with many classmate friends serving in the wedding party. My Academy roommate, Mike McGuire, was best man.

While aboard Madison, Anne moved into government housing in Charleston, SC. While I was making patrols, Anne completed an MS in speech language pathology at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Anne worked as a speech pathologist and taught preschool before joining the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2001. She retired in 2019, just in time to help two grandchildren with "virtual learning" in 2020 and 2021.

We have two children, Anthony born in 1984 and Valerie born in 1985. Today, Anthony is a Captain with the Montgomery County (MD) Fire and Rescue Service. He and his wife have two children, ages 11 and 7. Valerie is a stay-at-home mother of two, ages 7 and 5. She and her husband live in Denver, CO.



Gary 2021

Scrivener, Art

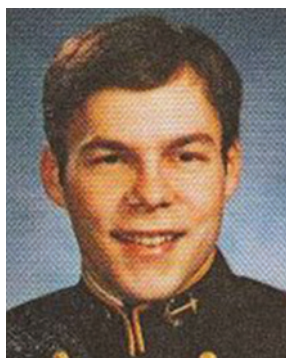
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After graduation, I completed nuclear power training, did 20,000 leagues under the sea, and launched and landed off of USS Ranger CV-61. Last Navy duty was teaching Mechanical Engineering at USNA. Two of the four horsemen of the apocalypse were still teaching there, and I got to know them as colleagues. I accidentally shut down the entire USNA e-mail system for 3 days.

I took early retirement in 1998, moved to Kentucky and designed refrigerators for GE. There are five patents with my name on them. I helped raise two fine young men. "Skarf"

Scrivener was Cooking Scoutmaster for their Boy Scout troop. On multiple occasions, I cooked an entire Thanksgiving dinner (roasted turkey and all the sides) for over 100 meals, in the woods with no electricity. Take that Food Channel. I'm proud to say both sons earned their Eagle Scout rank, surpassing their dad. Now one works for the VA, helping veterans find all the benefits they are due and the other works for Wheels Up, helping corporate CEO's fly around the country. I got divorced and remarried to a wonderful woman, Karen, and we live on an acre of land outside Louisville where she raises chickens, and we enjoy our grandchildren playing in the pool. One of the local businesses I support, Wild Turkey, makes an 81 proof Bourbon.

When GE laid me off in 2009, I moved into teaching via the Troops to Teachers program and have found it a wonderful career. I think the principal just likes being able to say they have a former nuclear submarine officer teaching his math and physics classes. I use my Navy experiences to bring application to the classroom...torpedo firing angles, catapult launch accelerations, and battleship armor designs. The students get a kick out of calling me "Commander" and hearing the occasional sea story. Collision alarm sounding at test depth? I'm looking forward to several more years in the classroom. Being around all those teenagers will keep you young.



Art and Karen



Thomas, Cathy

Deceased 10/10/86

Cathy graduated as the only female “survivor” from Fifth Company. She declined a full scholarship in Russian studies at the University of Michigan to follow in the footsteps of her father, LCDR Joe Thomas, (USNA ’53 – Surface Warfare) and older brother Captain Richard J. Thomas, (USNA ’75 – Medical Corps).



Cathy in NYC 1985

At a recent homecoming, a classmate recounted to Richard that Cathy had a smile on her face most of the time, which is difficult to do at USNA. Her recurrent encouragement to her fellow female classmates was remembered as “Suck it up, buttercup.” She played on the women’s basketball team and threw the shot put on the track and field team. As a Political Science major, Cathy pursued her interests in Russian studies. In her honor, her family initiated the *LT Cathleen Thomas, USN, Russian Award* given each May to the Midshipman who demonstrates the greatest progress in first-year Russian Studies.

Cathy made her first-class cruise on the USS Emory S. Land (AS-38), an experience which guided her Surface Warfare service selection. Her first assignment was four years on the USS LY Spear (AS-36) where she qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer (SWO). This accomplishment was still a rare occurrence because the first woman SWO qualified in 1979. Cathy was tenacious in obtaining various temporary assignments on other surface ships to complete the myriad of requirements for the SWO designation while she was assigned to a submarine tender with limited sea time. As we say now about such strong-minded women, “she persisted.” She served her five years of naval service with consistently excellent reviews and awards. Cathy’s last tour was shore duty in Tidewater, Virginia.

Cathy started a short-lived civilian career in finance prior to her tragic death in October 1986. She has always been remembered by her family and classmates as someone with a smile on her face and the drive to accomplish her dreams.

Tilles, Dave

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The last time I saw many of you, it was the end of youngster year, and I limped out of Bancroft Hall on crutches – recovering from knee reconstruction after a spring football injury.

Since the surgeon said I wouldn’t be physically qualified for active duty, putting my plans for being a pilot in serious doubt, I decided to transfer to Johns Hopkins and finish up my engineering degree there. After graduation, I went to work for Westinghouse at their Defense Electronics Center (later acquired by Northrop Grumman) where I spent a 32 year career, starting out as an automation systems engineer building machine vision guided robotic systems, then designing and building larger scale sorting and material handling systems for organizations such as the USPS and FedEx. After 9/11, I pivoted in my career and helped start and lead a new business area focused on homeland security systems, including the development of what became the USPS Biohazard Detection System (i.e. anthrax sniffer). After taking an early retirement from Northrop in 2014, I began consulting in automation systems and program management, until a few years ago when a consulting gig led to an opportunity to start a new company focused on medical diagnostics that enhance health security. We have several government contracts focused on the development of diagnostic tests for radiation exposure. You just never know where a career will take you.



Dave and Jenni

From a personal standpoint, Jenni and I have been happily married for over 30 years, with three great kids. No grandkids, yet, but the oldest is getting married next month, so maybe sometime soon! We enjoy traveling, and my personal leisure activity of choice is scuba diving, which I’ve done all over the world. I’ve actually seen a shark eat another shark – so cool!



5th Company

White, Sandi

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I left the Navy in the spring of 1982 and headed to Chapel Hill, NC. I graduated from the UNC-Chapel Hill Kenan Flagler School of Business with an MBA in 1988, and became a CPA that same year. I spent time in public practice and in various private industries. I have spent the last 18 years working with a private conglomerate in Durham, NC, starting as corporate controller, moving to Director of Finance, and am currently the VP of Corporate Treasury. The company has grown from one operating company with 70 employees to over 120 operating entities worldwide with a head count over 10,000, mainly through acquisitions.



Sandi

My free time is spent being outside as much as I can; biking, hiking, kayaking, and traveling as much as possible. My bucket list includes attempting to visit all the major national parks – there are now 63 with new ones being added on occasion. I have visited 50, so far. The list also includes visiting as many of the other national monuments, seashores, battlefields, and historic sites as feasible.

I also have a full woodworking shop in my garage and can completely lose myself for hours if I am working on a project. I can also lose myself in my other passion of reading, pretty much daily.

My family consists of creatures of the 4-legged variety, currently one cat and one chocolate lab. We share a log home that sits on 5.5 acres of land that is about 20 miles west of Durham, NC. My lab and I also spend as much time as we can – not enough right now – at our second home which is a log cabin in the mountains of North Carolina outside of Boone.

Retirement is within a year – cannot wait to have more free time for travel and fun!



Zucco, Frank

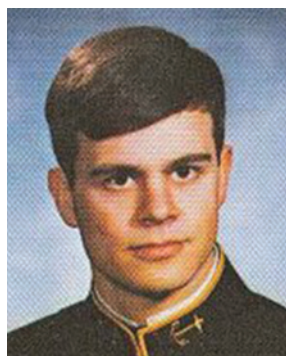
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My family lives in Colorado. My daughter works at the National Center for Atmospheric Research as a counselor, and my son works as an engineer at Colorado Public Radio. I'm no longer married.

My last job in the Regular Navy was during the Gulf War—Mini Boss on the USS Peleliu (LHA-5). We carried 46 helicopters and 8 Harrier Jump Jets. I now work in Intelligent Transportation & Energy Tech and previously helped to start several renewable energy companies.

My house makes most of its own energy, heat, and hot water from the sun. I drive a Tesla. I compost and garden. Hiking is my sport.

Right now: just trying to help ease the issues caused by Global Warming.



Frank

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The afternoon of graduation 1981, I hopped in my trusty Toyota Tercel, orders in hand to report to computer school in Georgia in a few days. Upon arrival I was told my orders had been cancelled, yet no one had bothered to let me know! That was the start of a love/hate relationship with BUPERS. They WERE nice enough to send me on a “hardship tour” in 1984 to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA where I gained a MSEE degree and a husband (Brad, USMA ‘76). I then transferred from the ridiculously-named “GURL” community to Engineering Duty Officer.



Katie and Brad

After 10 years of acquisition-related jobs, I opted for an early retirement courtesy of the military draw-downs at the time. We decided to “get the hell out of Dodge” (i.e., Washington, DC) while our boys were still young. We settled in my home state of Texas, near San Antonio. Brad is from upstate New York, but the lure of year-round golf and not shoveling snow helped convince him. I didn’t intend to work in Texas, but 15 years later I was “retiring” again from an Air Force cybersecurity job; it offered me flexibility and the hands-on satisfaction I had missed in the Navy. There I earned my Cybersecurity Information System Security Professional (CISSP) certification. Perhaps today I would be deemed a “Cyber Warrior” instead of a mere “computer weenie” – the more prominent term in the 1990’s!

Brad and I travel frequently now to see our kids/grandkids in Sacramento, Nashville, and Boston, and we enjoy cruising. I play in several tennis leagues and research genealogy. We cheer at the Army-Navy game from the comfort of our couch, preferably with friends from both sides. The record since our marriage: Navy 20, Army 15, but hey, who’s counting??

Frank, Cory
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The majority of my Navy career was in cryptology; ten years on active duty, followed by twelve years in the reserves. Believe it or not, my favorite tour was on Diego Garcia, BIOT (British Indian Ocean Territory), where I met my wonderful and amazing better half, Lourdes (Odette). I have since been claiming, with a smile, to be 50% Filipino by marriage; visiting with family in that beautiful country many times over the years.



Cory and Lourdes 2021

My civilian IT career has followed a consistent theme of database engineering and information architecture roles. The first years were with several companies and projects supporting the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center. A switch to the private sector has included “tours of duty” with Yahoo!, Walmart eCommerce, and, most recently, AT&T Cyber Security.

We’ve lived in San Diego since 1991, with a short detour to northern Virginia and back. My wife and I have been blessed to raise two sons, Brian and Jeremy. In 2015, we suffered the heartache of losing Jeremy. Our faith in God has sustained us before, during, and since that time. This past year, Brian and our daughter-in-law, Eleonore, have brought us the joy of our first grandchild, Eilidh. Time with family is precious.

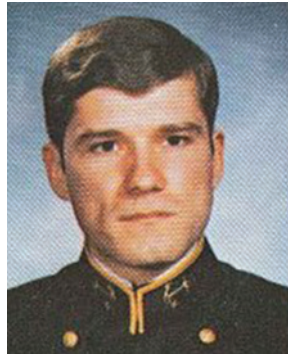
Looking back on the Academy years, I really appreciate how fortunate we all were to have that opportunity and time together. My only regret is that, while I was close to some, I could have been a better classmate to many more. We have all been tempered by the years since graduation, hopefully for the better. I wish each and every one of you the very best in life.



Garrold, Tim

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I've been extremely fortunate in life. When I was a young Enlisted Sailor, my Division Officer, Class of '73, saw more in me than I saw in myself and prodded me to pursue an appointment to USNA. I hope I have paid that forward. Call it kismet, fate, karma, or the intentional machinations of my guardian angel, but during both my time at Navy and since, I have associated with some pretty fine people; all of whom shaped me, and many that I consider dear and lifelong friends. Without any doubt, however, the most wonderful person who came into my life at Navy is the love of my life, Vicky DeFiore (35th Company). We've built a pretty damn wonderful family together and remain smack dab in the middle of our 41-year romance (and counting).



Tim and Vicky

Following graduation, a career as a Surface Warfare Officer awaited. I commanded twice – once at sea and once ashore, and wrapped up my time in uniform on the faculty at the Naval War College, where I remain today although only for just a bit longer. Although I tried, on several occasions, to orchestrate “brilliant” career moves or life choices, the very best things that have happened to me and to our family have not been the result of any great, strategic scheme. Vicky reminds me often that everything happens for a reason, even when I can't see it. We've been extremely fortunate to play engaged roles in the lives of our children and grandchildren over the years, continuing to this day.

Vicky and I are proud graduates and classmates and proud parents of three successful professionals, one of whom, our older daughter, is herself a graduate – Class of 2009. (We like to say that the square root of '81 is '09). All in all, a pretty fabulous ride so far.

Gavin, Tim

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Hi 81'ers, Tim (Pud) Gavin here with a 40th recap. I had a short 10-year Navy career, selected Navy pilot out of the Academy, selected multi-engine out of flight school, flew EC-130Qs in Barbers Point, Hawaii with VQ-3 followed by an instructor tour with VT-28 in Corpus Christi, Texas. I left active duty in September 1988 and was hired by Delta Air Lines in October 1988. I stayed in the reserves until 1991.



Tim and Cheri

I had a couple trial runs at marriage, but found the right one with my wife, Cheri. We married in 1994, and we are living a great life. We have four children, Katrina, 39 (daycare operator), Kyle, 34 (software engineer), Jake, 26 (software engineer), and Sean, 24 (renovation project manager). We also have five wonderful grandchildren, ages 2–12. Cheri and I have lived in Waukesha and Menomonee Falls, WI; Atlanta, GA; Edgewater, MD; and now as Delaware residents, on the water near Bethany Beach, DE. We still have a house in Edgewater near the kids and grandkids. Cheri is still very active in her real estate career both in Maryland and Delaware. My Delta career has been awesome, flying the Boeing 727, 737, MD-88, L1011 and the B757/B767 (20 years) for most of my career. For the past 17 years, I have been a Captain on the B757/B767, flying out of JFK, with retirement looming in July 2023.

From 2007–2017, I ran a club lacrosse program with our classmate Mike O'Rourke's brother, TO (Tim O'Rourke). Over the years we sent many kids to DI/DII/DIII lacrosse programs and still have a few of our guys playing lacrosse in college.

To stay busy, I run my Labrador retriever in hunt tests and field trials. I also enjoy golfing, fishing and hunting, and cooking, but mainly just being with my family.



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After graduation, I headed off to flight school and selected CH-46 helicopters. After the RAG in San Diego, I reported to my first squadron (HC-6) in Norfolk. Soon after that, I married Mary, my academy sweetheart, who I met in Cleveland after the Notre Dame football game. I did two long cruises in the Med, mostly supporting Beirut operations.

In 1985, we set off for Pensacola. I was an instructor pilot at HT-18 in Whiting Field. That was the most rewarding flying ever for me, including competing in the 1989 National Helicopter Championships. During that time, we also had our first daughter, Elizabeth.

Next up was a tour as the Aviation Safety Officer on the USS Tarawa (LHA-1) in San Diego. This included WESTPAC deployments, shipyard duty and Desert Storm. After that, a change of pace was welcome.

In 1992, we moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where I worked for NASA as a System Safety Engineer. I continued in the Reserves as a Scientific and Technical Intelligence Officer with ONI-2109, till retiring in 2009. At NASA, my roles included supporting Space Shuttle launches. In 1996, our family doubled in size with the birth of our triplets; Victoria, Abigail and Thomas Jr. Raising triplets was definitely challenging.

I joined the Senior Executive Service in 2007, as the NASA Glenn Research Center Safety Director in Cleveland, Ohio. Mary and the kids were close to family again. I was also the Engineering and Facility/Test organization Director. In 2019, I became the Safety Director for the new Artemis moon rocket. We are currently preparing for a launch later this year to return a crew-capable spacecraft back to the moon.

In 2020, Mary and I relocated to Tampa, Florida. We look forward to spending time relaxing and traveling after I retire from NASA.



Tom and Mary

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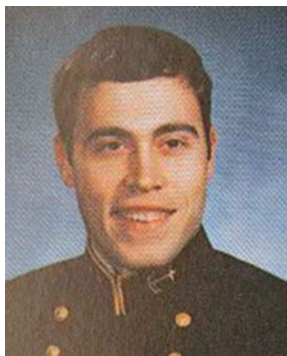
Kitty and I married in October 1981 and are celebrating 40 years this year. After training, I served aboard USS Ulysses S. Grant then at JSTPS in Omaha evaluating the Single Integrated Operating Plan. There I received my MBA and left active duty to join a CINCLANT NR unit conducting 20 Medical/Humanitarian Evacuations from deployed submarines.

In 1993, I joined COMNAVSURFRUMED supporting various logistics operations in the Mediterranean during the Balkans conflicts. In 1999, I assumed five consecutive NR Commands, four of which were in New London, CT. These included Submarine Squadron Support Unit, Director of Training of the Submarine Force Reserve, Submarine School Submarine Learning Center, and Submarine Squadron 12. For six of those years, I served as Chief of Staff for the NR Command Policy Board and the National NR Policy Board for SECNAV where we evaluated policy issues to improve treatment of NR sailors. I retired from the Navy Reserve in 2011 as a CAPT.

After active duty, I was Program Manager for the Submarine Security Program, leading development of the SSBN Continuity of Operations Program still used by the force today, focusing on anti-terrorism and technological security. During this time, I received my MS in Civil/Environmental Engineering.

I began a nuclear/environmental consulting career at ENERCON as Director of Decommissioning and Government Services and as Chairman of the Employee Stock Ownership Plan Advisory Committee. I was then VP of Strategy at Penhall Company and now as the Director of Decommissioning for Westinghouse, identifying strategic targets for both commercial and US Government decommissioning facilities in North America. In total, I have been involved in 41 radiological decommissioning programs across the US.

Kitty and I have four children, three daughters, Chelsea, Mariah and Tess and a son Benjamin as well as two grandsons and we still reside in Jeannette, Pennsylvania.



Keith and family



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After the Navy, my civilian jobs have been in a variety of industries: manufacturing, financial, government contracting, healthcare, fitness, and legal. I've worked in small, medium, and large companies that were for-profit, non-profit, privately held, and publicly held. My professional expertise has been in information technology, information security, and cyber risk management. I've lived in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland and have settled in Virginia. I have yet to determine where I will spend my retirement years if not in Virginia. Living in cities close to Annapolis has given me the opportunity to attend many events at the Naval Academy, especially as a longtime Navy Football season ticket holder.



Rowley

My parents raised me with fundamental core values that the Naval Academy enhanced and refined. My values have been fundamental to every success I have been blessed with in life, from starting up or transforming companies, to coaching Junior Olympic and college softball, to leading professional and civic organizations. I am proud that even after leaving the Navy, stepping up to lead, serving others, and building deep, lasting relationships are second nature to me because of my time at the Naval Academy. In return, I have been rewarded with interesting experiences to inspire my children and grandchildren and made lifelong friends from shared experiences such as Plebe Summer, the joys of family life, and the sorrows of tragedy.

I look back with fondness and pride at what I've experienced and accomplished. I look forward with enthusiasm and anticipation as the twilight of my life approaches, knowing that friendship and love have accompanied me every step of my journey.

Patton, Mark

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All my childhood life, I wanted to be an aviator. I ended up in the nuclear submarine force. Hundreds of sea stories and 18 years later, I was in command of USS Topeka and headed to Japan for a 1999 Christmas deployment liberty. As we drove down the channel, Admiral "Big Al" Konetzni, on satellite comms, had a deal we could not refuse. Rather than liberty, we turned around, drove at near full speed to the location where the international date line and the equator met, and crossed that point exactly at midnight, December 31, 1999. Consequently, we were in two seasons/years/decades/centuries/millenniums and proving to the world that, despite the dreaded "Y2K bug," our Navy was forward deployed and fully capable. Why tell this sea story over so many others? Well, to document that the Class of 1981 was the first to greet the 21st Century and, like most sea stories, to come clean. I did dozens of interviews by Iridium phone with worldwide media that January 1st morning, and nearly all asked if our computers were functioning properly. I answered truthfully, "yes – we were 100% mission ready." What I did not say was that our computers ran on GMT, and we were still hours away from knowing if Y2K fixes really worked.



Mark and Ellen

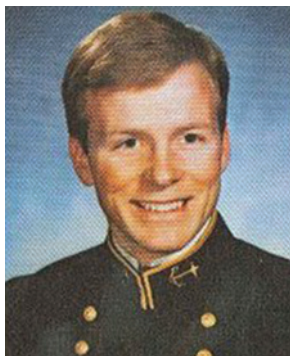
Anyway, forward a couple hundred more sea stories later, I retired in Baghdad, Iraq after 31 years (no classmates came to the ceremony) and stumbled into a job as a NASA contractor. In 2018, I moved to Nebraska as Ellen decided she had followed me long enough and it was time for her to call the shots, and Nebraska was where the grandchildren were. Today, I have some acreage and can call myself a gentleman farmer. I can't call myself a good farmer, but that is yet another sea story....



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Robertson, Dave

After graduation, I spent the next 30 years as a Surface Warfare Officer, with duty on six ships and several opportunities to command at sea. My wonderful wife, Lori, and I married in 1984; she endured 18 PCS moves and was the rock for our family throughout my career. We raised two incredible children – our daughter is an IB science high school teacher and volleyball coach in northern VA, and our son is the creative director for a company in Baltimore. We could not be more proud of them.



Dave and Lori

Once retired from the military, I did not stray from the Department of the Navy. For the last 10 years, I've been a government civilian employee with the Program Executive Office, Littoral Combat Ships and now with the Program Executive Office, Unmanned and Small Combatants, working the acquisition side of Navy business at the Washington Navy Yard; a perfect way for me to stay in touch with the Navy mission.

After the many moves Lori and I experienced in Navy life, we now call Annapolis home, and we continue to enjoy events at the Academy and all the town has to offer. Most of all, we enjoy spending time with our two grandchildren.

Skopek, Phil

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After Navy Experimental Diving Unit (NEDU), nuke and submarine schools, I landed aboard USS Tecumseh and soon married Ruth - whom I'd met and fell in love with in Orlando.



Phil and Ruth

Following a new construction tour on USS Key West, we left active duty with our newborn daughter and headed to DC, working first with the naval architect J.J. McMullen Associates. Then I worked for a small San Diego based undersea engineering business, Sachse Engineering (eventually part of SAIC) before joining Northrop Grumman Undersea Systems (NGUS) in Annapolis in 1996. Naval Reserve duty included SUBLANT, ONR, NRL, OPNAV, Oceanographer and Joint Forces Command tours before retiring in 2001 to focus on our growing family of four kids and opportunities at NGUS.

The next 18 years were a great adventure both at home with family and at work with some of the finest people I've ever known. An unexpected early retirement in 2019 was driven by the need to support family in North Carolina and an opportunity to rekindle friendships and explore another side of living. We couldn't be more blessed and grateful for the past 40 years and look forward to each and every day we are given in the times ahead.

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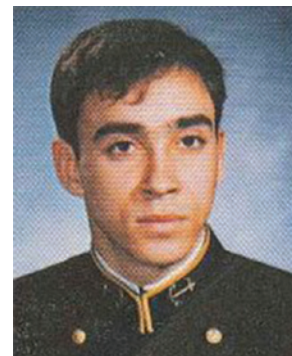


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I was blessed to select aviation then was stashed at Whidbey Island with Todd Hellman and Dick Harkins before we went to Pensacola. I did well enough in Primary to get a jet assignment and earned my wings in Kingsville, TX. My Navy career included instructor tours in T-2 and F/A-18 aircraft, a tour in an A-7 squadron with Jim Galanie, a year at war college, and command of an F/A-18 squadron. My last tour was on the Navy staff in the Pentagon where I stayed with Otto and Pam Stutz while house hunting and ran into Mike Manazir, Tom Quintero, and other classmates and grads at work, class lunches, and tailgaters.



We moved to central Florida to be near my wife Annie's family when I retired at 20 and was hired by American Airlines. Our sons were 2 and new born shortly after I retired. I was furloughed from American after 9/11/2001 and was hired as a defense contractor a couple of months later after reaching out to classmates. I worked at Eglin AFB and MacDill AFB before working for Randy Cohn in Orlando. I eventually ended up with Northrop Grumman in southern Maryland and went back to airline flying. I flew a few trips with Willie Taylor before I upgraded to Captain and had chance meetings with Bill Johnson and Nasty during visits to Annapolis. Jim and Sheila Galanie moved into a house 2 blocks from ours before he passed away.

We moved back to central Florida in 2019 to get set up for our golden years. I still work part-time for Northrop when I'm not flying. Our sons are now 22 and almost 20. I don't stay in close contact with classmates, but I'm eternally grateful for occasional interactions and unconditional help since graduation.

Fleischer, Tim

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After going directly to SWOS in Newport, I spent three years mostly at sea aboard Barnstable County (LST-1197) and then transitioned back to Annapolis as an instructor in the Dept. of Seamanship and Navigation. After three years of teaching seamanship and celestial navigation while attending graduate school at night, I changed uniforms and learned how to be a defense contractor across town at ARINC Research.



Over the next 30+ years, I've worked at several defense companies that have provided a variety of products, technology, and services to the government. I've also participated in some pretty exciting entrepreneurial opportunities as a founder and investor.



Tim and family

Along the way, I was incredibly fortunate to marry Kari and raise two great kids in the DC area. Rachel and Chris are recently launched and both live near each other in Manhattan.

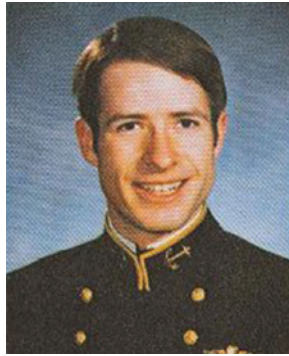
Currently splitting time between Annapolis and Florida, I'm unsuccessfully (so far) trying to scale back work activities in an attempt to achieve that optimal balance. Maybe one day...it's all good.



Lippold, Kirk

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On May 27, 1981, I started a life journey as I waited to receive my graduation certificate and get commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. I picked Surface Warfare Officer (SWO) for my career path and couldn't wait to begin the adventure! As a division officer, I served in two vastly different ships, USS Fairfax County (LST 1193) and USS Yorktown (CG 48). In each, I honed my engineering and operational skills with deployments to Beirut, Lebanon and the Mediterranean, operating against the Soviet Union and conducting combat operations in the Gulf of Sidra.



Kirk and Segura

After earning a Master's Degree at the Naval Postgraduate School, I reported as the commissioning Operations Officer of the Navy's first Aegis guided missile destroyer, USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) and became part of the Navy's most successful shipbuilding program in our history. Following a brief one-year tour to learn "green" at the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, I then completed my Executive Officer tour on USS Shiloh (CG 67), followed by my first Washington, DC tour working for the Secretary of the Navy. The Navy then honored me with command of USS Cole (DDG 67). I was the Commanding Officer when it came under a suicide terrorist attack by al Qaeda in the port of Aden, Yemen. With a crew of heroes, we saved our ship from sinking. My final tours included the Joint Chiefs of Staff (J-5), crafting post-9/11 detainee policy for the Global War on Terror and in the CNO's International Strategy Division.

Following a 26-year career, I retired and became an inspirational speaker on leadership and crisis management. Despite tragedy and challenges, I remain blessed in life with a loving family, great classmates, and friends who stood the test of time. '81 – Second to None!

Schmid, Mark

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Stashed with the E-2 RAG, RVAW-110, at NAS Miramar until my flight school date. I was sent to Corpus Christi (VT-27) to train in the T-28 Trojan. I was selected for "non-sub hunter" patrol aircraft, EP-3s, with VQ-1 in Guam. Training continued at VT-31 in the multi-engine T-44, then at Corry Station, and finally Moffett Field for P-3s. Arrived Guam on Easter Sunday 1984.



Mark and Leslie

September 1985, back to San Diego for some much-needed R&R. There, I met the lovely Leslie Hyde at a church choir practice where both our parents attended. She was a year behind me in HS, but we had never met. Married her June 1986. Spent our first Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year in Atsugi where I was TAD as Det. Ops.

Summer of 1987, back to VT-27 to instruct in T-34s. First daughter, Siobhan, Gaelic for Joanne, was born in June 1988. Moved up to T-34 Standardization Officer at TraWing 4. Then off to Barbers Point to join VPU-2. Flew in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Second daughter, Felicia, was born in May 1991.

Fall 1992, I found myself at Saint John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, WI, teaching math. I was there 17 years teaching math and coaching track, football, and basketball. Received SJNMA's Roy F. Farrand Excellence in Teaching Award in 1998. We always told the girls that when the last one graduated from HS, we were going to downsize and move south. We were thinking of the next town south. God had other plans. Have been in Goose Creek, SC, since January 2010 teaching math at Trident Technical College. The girls are still in WI, the youngest came briefly to SC before moving back.

Leslie, my wife of 35+ years, likes SC because as she says, "you don't have to shovel sunshine." Plus, a library here has first hand reference materials for the southern campaign of the revolutionary war, 1750-1800, a subject in which she finds much interest.



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Graduating lower in class standing had its advantages. I stashed in NAS Pax River at the Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate until a March 1982 Ground School start date. Later, having a six-week period in which I masqueraded as a recruiter prior to the start of Primary Flight Training, provided the perfect opportunity to court Diane Lynn Groters, a registered nurse (and sister to my friend, Doug '82). Diane had moved from Michigan to Greenbelt, Maryland in August 1981 to be more involved in the area Christian ministries and to train through the Navigators. We were wed at the Naval Academy Chapel on March 26, 1983. Our four children – Michael, Bethany, Daniel, and Jennifer – have occupations in the medical, ecological restoration, and banking fields. The further blessing of God includes five (to-date) grandchildren and good health among us all.



David

After tours as a primary flight instructor in VT-2 (Doer Birds), flying T-34C Turbo Mentors, and in HSL-36 (Lamplighters), flying the SH-2F Seasprite, I transitioned into the reserves and hoped to find civilian work as an engineer. Eventually, with no luck finding work in Jacksonville, FL in that field, I began what has become a long and sometimes interrupted career in supply chain management. Now, with three certifications in different areas within supply chain management, I can say that it has, overall, been an enjoyable ride. Post active duty moves as a civilian have taken us to Tennessee, South Carolina, Missouri, Michigan, and our present location in Virginia. Having put down some fairly strong roots in the Shenandoah Valley, we're looking forward to continued involvement in our church and in various volunteer activities in the community. Retirement may find us spending less time there, though, and more time in other places.

Whitfield, Scott

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Soon after commissioning, I reported for flight training, was designated a P3 NFO, and then assigned to VP44 in Brunswick, Maine. At one point during this first tour there were six of us from the Class of '81 in VP44. While in the squadron we made two deployments to the Atlantic and Mediterranean where we (the '81ers) single handedly defeated the Soviet submarine fleet in the Cold War. When not busy saving the world for democracy, I found the time (and the good sense) to marry my wife Lisa who I met during flight training.



Scott and family

I left the active Navy on my 30th birthday, right in the midst of the 1989 recession, finding myself unemployed and Lisa expecting our first child. A bit stressful but also motivating. Thank God for the Naval Reserves.

Fast forward to today, I have spent the last 26 years with IBM Global Technology Services (which is soon to become Kyndryl Corporation). After our first child, we had another (then another, and another, and ...) so Lisa and I are now blessed to have eight children. We recently celebrated the first birthday of our grandson, Westley. Among our kids we have teachers, a film editor, a medical equipment seller, a SWO, a soon to be SWO, one recent high school grad, and a high school sophomore.

Unlike many others during the pandemic, we Whitfield's have been very fortunate with no illnesses. With less (actually no) travel and a lot more time around the house, while pretending to work on Zoom, I have also been able to spend much time assisting with babysitting Westley.

I am so very grateful for the opportunities that a USNA education and career in the Navy have afforded me to be able to raise and take care of my family.

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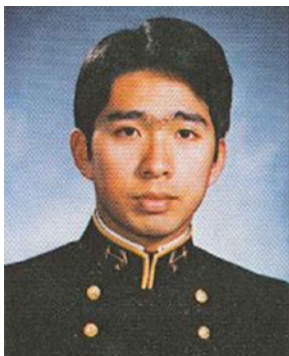


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Atangan, Joe

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My assignment after graduation was a four-year tour on USS Constellation (CV-64). Three of the four years were in Engineering which was enough to convince me to do something else. I spent the next 25 years as a Naval Oceanographer, deploying on USS John F. Kennedy, teaching meteorology at USNA, serving as CO of the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, and Fleet Oceanographer for the Pacific Fleet and U.S. Fleet Forces Command. I retired in 2010, completing 29 years on active duty and joined the civil service. I continue to serve as a physical scientist in the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, actually applying my Phy-Sci degree.



Joe and family

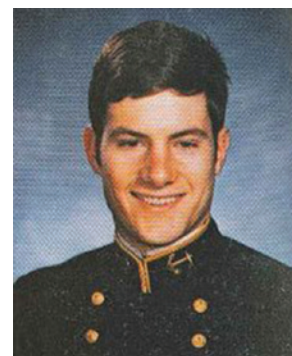
My wife, Renee, and I have been married since December, 1985. We are proud parents of four independent young men. Our “homeport” is Chesapeake, VA.

Beaton, Giff

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I went Navy Air after graduation and wound up with a research P-3 squadron, VXN-8 in Pax River. While it was a career-killing no warfare specialty tour, we literally went all over the world, and it was amazing.

I taught at Pensacola after that and got out with everyone else, landing at Delta Air Lines where I have now been for 34 years, first in DFW and for the last 30 years in Atlanta. My life changed dramatically for the better in 2011, when I met my amazing wife Allie, who is the Executive Director of The Ray, a Non-Governmental Organization that is helping to make the nation’s roads safer and more sustainable. We have a lot of fun traveling and exploring with our twin 8 year-old sons Gifford and Wyatt, and I’m guessing they must be among the youngest of ’81 kids.



For most of my adult life I have also pursued my other passion (after the family of course) which is nature study. I have professionally led nature and bird-watching tours all over, and also led Civil War history tours for a few years. I have written seven books about birds and insects, and continue to explore different places looking for interesting creatures to study and photograph.



Bishop, Jeff

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After 39 years of flying airplanes for a living, I decided to take early retirement in 2020. Our timing was great, as my lovely wife of 35 years, Deidre, also retired from the USNR as a Captain.

We are enjoying retirement in Southern California where we have been for nine years. Our two grown children are enjoying successful, professional careers a short drive up or down the coast. We look forward to traveling, hanging at the beach, hiking in the mountains, spending time at the lake, and whatever else retirement presents us.



Jeff and Deidre

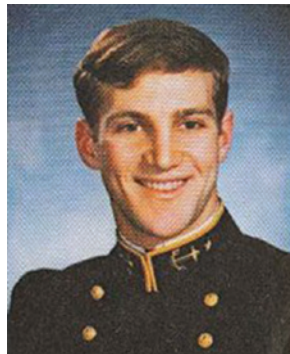
Caldwell, Frank

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Three days after graduation, I married Kim, and we've been together ever since. Our 40-year Navy experience has taken us to the east and west coasts (multiple times) as well as a two-year tour in Omaha, Nebraska (at US Strategic Command) and four fantastic assignments in Hawaii.

I've had the privilege to command USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), Submarine Development Squadron Twelve, Submarine Group Nine, and the Submarine Force US Pacific Fleet. We're currently on our sixth year of an eight-year assignment as Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (Naval Reactors) – it is hard to believe that I'm still on active duty after all these years!

We're on pace to retire from the Navy in August 2023, and then off to other adventures. We're honored to be able to work with the great people in our Navy and proud to represent the Class of '81!



Frank and Kim



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After graduation, I reported to Quantico for TBS having selected Marine Aviation. Upon winging from Naval Flight School, I joined VMGR 252 flying KC130's out of MCAS Cherry Point and MCAS Futenma, Okinawa. I married Karen Cortina in February of 1982 and had our daughter Lauren in 1986 and our son Gregory in 1989.



Mike and Karen

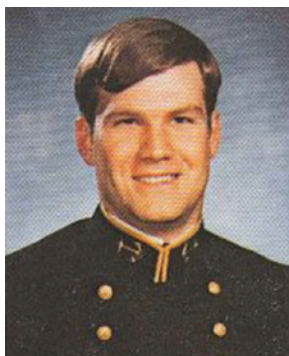
In November of 1987, I was hired by Delta Airlines. I flew as an Engineer on the B727 out of Boston and Atlanta for approximately a year. I then flew out of Atlanta as a First Officer on the MD88 from 1988 to 1991 and then on the B767/B757 from 1991 to 1996. I upgraded to Captain on the MD88 in 1996 and then back to the B767/B757 in 2004 as a Captain. In 2006, I was selected to our Flight Standards program as a Line Check Airman and then in 2014 a Lead Line Check Airman. We trained new pilots to the B767/B757 and was sanctioned by the FAA to administer Rating Rides. From 2015 to 2020, I flew mainly the B767 internationally both to Europe and Asia.

In July of 2020 Delta Airlines offered a "Voluntary Early Out" program to mitigate furloughs for our most junior pilots which I took advantage of. I retired September 1, 2020. Karen and I spend our time with our 4 grandchildren and enjoy waterskiing on Lake Martin in Alabama.

Fanney, Rich

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After 40+ years of government service, I retired from the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), where I served as the Executive Director (ED) of the Technical Directorate. My responsibilities included improving operational efficiency, maintaining warfighter confidence in the quality of products/services provided, leveraging best commercial practices, influencing performance of the DoD industrial base, and maintaining a world class technical workforce. Provided direction, policy, training, and tools for the Agency's technical mission for 5,000+ experts.



Rich and Kathleen

Previously I was the Agency's Deputy Chief Operations Officer (COO), responsible for all CONUS based operations, consisting of 3 major commands, 38 field-operating Contract Management Offices, and employing 9,000 civilian and military professionals. Oversight included management of 300,000+ contracts valued at \$1 trillion.

I also served as the Agency's Deputy ED of the Engineering and Analysis and the Aeronautical Systems Division Fixed Wing, Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Sustainment Director. Prior to retiring from the military in 2009 I was ED of Aircraft Operations at DCMA HQ and the Commander DCMA Boeing St. Louis Operations Contract Management Office.

Prior to my St Louis Command, I started dating my beautiful spouse, Kathleen. We were married in Oct 2010 at the Academy Chapel. Together we have seen our three children through college and begin great lives of their own. Justin, our oldest, is a Contracting Officer for NASA on the Commercial Crew Program while starting his own family with his new bride Alaina; Devin works for UPS and Laryssa just graduated college and started with Anastasia Mosquito Control District in Florida.

NASA, Jet Training, Med, North Atlantic, IO cruises, NPGS, TPS, SETD, Program Management, and Contract Management! It has been a whirlwind 40 years after graduation. I look forward to traveling for FUN with my bride, spending time with our rescue dog Aiden, and improving my handicap at our retirement home in Southport, NC.



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Following active duty, I moved back to the promised land of Tulsa, OK with my wife, Robin, and sons, Ryan and Scott (USNA '09).



I enrolled in graduate school while drilling as much as possible with the VP Naval Air Reserve. After earning a M.Ed., I began teaching high school and community college math and aspired to become an Education Administrator. I retired from my position as the Campus Director of the largest Technology Education Center in Oklahoma in July of 2020.



Shea and family

I am thoroughly enjoying retirement; spending more time with family (3 grandchildren). I also enjoy life motorcycle touring, sailing, and spending time at our lake home.

Foggo, Jamie

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After graduation from the Naval Academy, I served in submarines onboard USS Sea Devil (SSN 664); USS M. G. Vallejo (SSBN 658); USS Narwhal (SSN-671); and later commanded USS Oklahoma City (SSN-723). Happily, all were operational assignments.



Following my command tour of Oklahoma City, I was fortunate to command eight more times in my career to include Submarine Squadron Six in Norfolk; Submarine Group Eight; Allied Submarines South; U.S. Sixth Fleet; Striking and Support Forces NATO, Lisbon; Naval Forces Europe; Naval Forces Africa; and finally, Command of Allied Joint Force Command, all in Naples, Italy.

In 2011, I served as the Operations Officer (J-3) for Joint Task Force Odyssey Dawn (Libya) and was a NATO Task Force commander in Joint Task Force Unified Protector (Libya). In 2015 and 2016, I commanded Exercise BALTOPS, followed by Exercise Trident Juncture in 2018—the largest NATO exercise since the Cold War with over 50,000 personnel. In 2019, I was the senior Navy Commander in theater for the kinetic strikes against Syrian chemical weapons facilities.

The Navy offered me a wonderful educational experience as an Olmsted Scholar and Moreau Scholar, earning a Master of Public Administration at Harvard University and a Diplome d'Etudes Approfondies in Defense and Strategic Studies from the University of Strasbourg, France. I later graduated from the MIT Seminar XXI program in Washington, D.C.

Married for 38 years to Cindy, we have one son and one daughter—both married—and we just welcomed our first grandson. I retired in September of 2020 and am currently a Director of the Naval Historical Foundation and the Olmsted Foundation Board as well as serving on the Marine Corps University Editorial Board in Quantico, Virginia. I am a long-time member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Explorer's Club of New York.



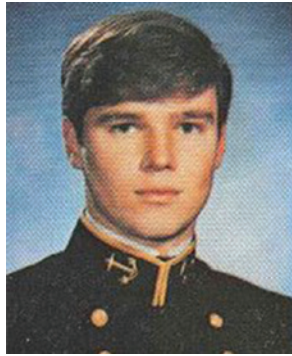
Jamie and Cindy



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What a tremendous journey it's been – from Bancroft Hall and the Polar Bears of 8th Company, some of the best people I've ever known, to 15 years piloting the P-3 Orion, to a career in commercial real estate in my hometown of NYC, where I met my wife, Kathy, the love of my life for 37 years, and where we grew our family.



Mike and family

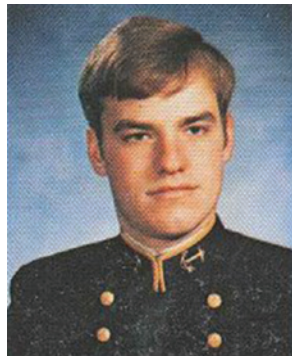
Our kids, Katie, James, Blaine, and son-in-law, Brian have all forged their own paths in finance, real estate and advertising, and of course, all are diehard Navy fans. We've been blessed with grandkids and our newest addition arrived in June, Jane Michael Keogh, who joins her siblings, Lilly, Griffin, and Dorothea. So proud to be associated with '81, unquestionably second to none!

Congratulations on our 40th.

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After graduation I flew P-3's. I served for seven years on active duty and another 20 years in the Naval Reserve. I recently retired after a 33 year career with Delta Airlines.

I am extraordinarily blessed with three daughters, one son, two grandsons, and a truly exceptional wife.

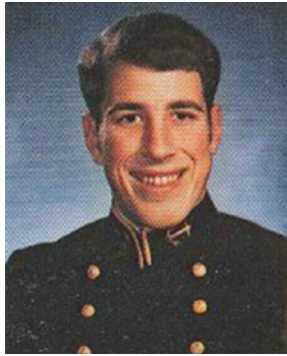


Dave and family



Grimm, Thomas (Randy)
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Following a twenty-year career in the Navy where I retired as a Commander, I continue to work as a program manager at the Department of Energy in Germantown, MD. Hard to believe my career at DOE now spans a longer time than my time in the submarine force.



I have been married to the love of my life, and my best friend, Diana, for 33 years. We met during my time as an instructor at Nuclear Power School in Orlando. Together, we raised two children with whom we could not be more proud. Our son graduated from the Naval Academy and is a Lieutenant in the EOD Community. Our daughter earned her doctorate in pharmacy at Duquesne University. Both are happily married with children of their own.



Randy and Diana

A life-long Steelers fan, I enjoy watching Steelers games with my son-in-law who hails from Pittsburgh. I will be retiring in 2022 to spend more time with our growing family, travel, visit family and friends, and pursue some long dormant hobbies.

Our most recent cherished memory is spending a week at Hilton Head with our children and their families. I have enjoyed keeping in touch and visiting with so many classmates over the years. I have fond memories of my time along the Severn River and in the submarine force. My motto throughout my life and one I passed to my children is “work hard, good things will happen.”

Haney, Kevin
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After graduation and a brief detour in Orlando at Nuke School, I headed off to Pensacola to get my NFO wings and fly Tomcats. After flying that fighter for 10 years I headed to grad school in Boston on the Navy’s time but my dime. I did everything in the “Turkey” that could be done including Top Gun, RAG Instructor, ACM lead and multiple arduous winter trips to Key West to fly Air Combat Maneuvers, Mission Commander, Strike Commander, combat in Desert Storm, and four deployments overseas. In 1985 I married Blair Jennings from Pensacola. We have three wonderful children who are now successful adults and parents making us prouder every day.



Kevin and family

After Boston, it was three long years at Central Command in Tampa, then Air Ops on USS John C. Stennis (CVN74) on North Island. From Stennis I began my academic life and second career, going back to USNA as the Associate Chair of Political Science where I taught American Government, International Relations, and National Security Policy for four years. I had planned to retire in 2005 when I was invited to remain on active duty and teach in the Political Science Department at USAFA! In 2007 the USNA Leadership Department invited me to interview as a civilian Distinguished Military Professor of Leadership.

I was blessed to win the position and began my civilian career where it had all started in 1977. I taught Advanced Leadership and Ethics for 12 years. In 2019, I entered the private consulting world with Academy Leadership, LLC. Blair and I have one granddaughter and two sons-in-law. Life is wonderful and it’s all due to “four years by the bay!” As I look forward I see my real retirement sooner than I had thought as it’s time to do the things we have put off for far too long. Living in Annapolis is a blessing and we are Marylanders now for better or worse ‘til death or taxes do us part! Hanus

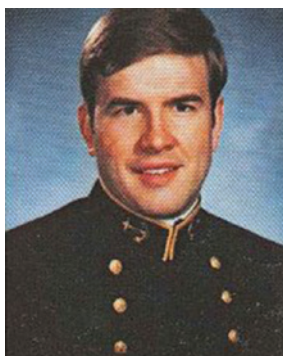


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Selected Navy NFO after graduation, did multiple tours in A-6's/ CARGRU 4/CVW 1 Staff in Virginia Beach/Oceana. Shut down an A-6 Squadron at Whidbey Island as XO then transitioned to EA-6B's as CO for the final flying job. One of the initial cadre of BUPERS dudes to Millington as Head Aviation Placement/CDR detailer/Deputy Pers43B. Left there for a twilight tour to a DIA activity in Huntsville, Alabama as the Deputy Director.



Retired from active duty in 2005 and have been with Dynetics, Inc. in Huntsville since then. I've been happily married to my high school sweetheart, Judy, since Nov 1981, and we have three beautiful grown daughters.



Rick and family

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After graduation, I served in the Supply Corps for 20 years. My first duty station was USS Brumby (FF-1044) out of Charleston, SC. This is where I met Michele, who would become my wife in November 1984. We shared our Navy adventure and thoroughly enjoyed all our duty stations including the volcanic eruption of Mount Pinatubo while serving in Subic Bay, RPI. Along the way we were blessed with Bradley and Sarah. They both enjoyed all the adventures a Navy life can bring.



After retirement, I accepted a position with General Electric Healthcare. It was during this time that Michele was diagnosed with breast cancer. Her diagnosis became the main focus when considering positions within GEHC. My last position was as the service manager for MD Anderson Cancer Center. I was able to work while Michele received the best care and treatments available. She passed away in July 2015, and I retired from GEHC a year later.



Mike

Currently, I'm enjoying retirement in Richmond, TX. Fishing, hunting, gardening, and restoring old cars fill my time. I loved my time in the Navy and am proud to have served our country.

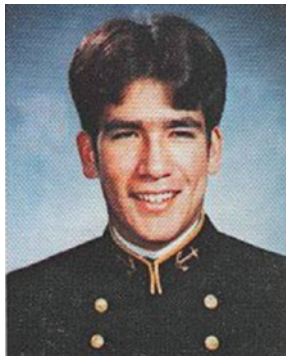


Kusumoto, Neal

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81 is great, I thank my fate!

I have not met a better group of friends and patriots than my classmates. As with many of you, I intended to do my five years and get out. Then something strange happened...I found that I liked the Navy. Not the bureaucracy and long deployments, but the great friends and awesome shipmates that I got to work with. It didn't hurt that I got stationed in my home state of Hawaii. I deployed seven times in seven sea tours during my 25 years in uniform, all but one in the Pacific. I was fortunate to command the Sentry (MCM 3), Vandegrift (FFG 48), and Mobile Bay (CG 53). Ashore I was the SWO Community Manager, where I initiated and got funding for Surface Continuation Pay. I also ran SWOS Command Training and worked as the Deputy EA for CJCS in the Pentagon during 9/11. After retirement I became the Executive Director of Mine Warfare. I will retire from civil service in August.



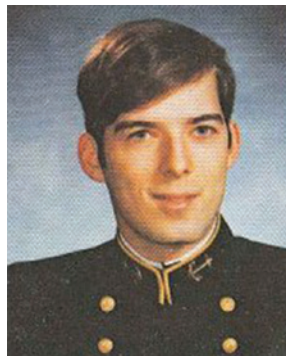
Neal and Linda

Here's the real gouge. I enjoy golf, racquetball, and fly fishing. I am writing a book (Seaman Jenna: A Dog's Days in the Navy) that is about a canine mascot that was part of the VANDEGRIFT crew for five years. I am married to Linda Benson Kusumoto, whom I met during a port visit at San Francisco Fleet Week. Best port call ever!! Linda is from Seattle and just retired after a successful career in High Tech that included 11 years at SPAWAR. We are ready to shove off and travel the world (at more than 12 knots). I can't wait to get underway.

Moore, Mike

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After graduation, I went through the nuclear submarine training pipeline at Orlando, FL, and Ballston Spa, NY. I reported for duty to the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN 629B) in the fall of 1982. I made four deterrence patrols, including one on "loan" to the USS Benjamin Franklin. I qualified in Submarines, Naval Nuclear Engineer, and EWS. In 1985, I was "drafted" to take the Boone into the Newport News Naval Shipyard for overhaul. I was acting engineer for three months during refueling operations when the ship's engineer conveniently broke his leg. I left active duty in 1986 but remained in the Reserves for 12 more years, drilling in Nashville, Norfolk, and Charleston NWS.



Mike

After the Navy, I pursued a supply chain career with P&G, Clorox, Mars, Hospira, and Under Armour. While with P&G I had two expat assignments to Guangzhou, China and Brussels, Belgium. The cultural enrichment I experienced working outside the USA was life changing. I first became Vice President of Supply Chain at Clorox in 2004 and continued this career path until retiring in 2017.

My first wife, Pam, passed away in 1994 from health problems. Pam and I had one daughter, Kat, who now lives in the Baltimore area working for a sports apparel company. I met the new love of my life, Ruth, while working in China, and we married in 1997. We have one son, Michael, who just graduated from West Point in 2021 with a degree in nuclear engineering. He is currently at MIT working on his Master of Nuclear Engineering degree with a scholarship from Space Force. He branched Armor.

Once my son received his appointment to West Point, he went north while Ruth and I went south to the Jacksonville, FL area. We enjoy the beach, golfing, and our new COVID rescue dog, Marley.



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Schoene, David

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To begin, I feel so blessed to have been accepted to USNA way back when and my total experience in the Navy. It has played a pivotal role in my life, for which I will be forever grateful.

After two SWO tours and two years at the Pentagon, I left active duty after 7 1/2 years. I remained in the reserves until 2005. From 1989 until present I have worked on Navy and Coast Guard acquisition programs (primarily ships). To date, I have worked for John J. McMullen Associates, Booz Allen Hamilton, Computer Sciences Corporation, and through a series of mergers and acquisitions of the CSC business unit, I am currently with CACI.



David and Robin

I met Robin during my last ship tour in Norfolk, and we were married in 1987 with many classmates in attendance. Robin and I have a daughter and two sons. After living in Northern Virginia for a while, we made the move to Annapolis in 2000 where we reside today. We love it here! Our daughter and oldest son live within 45 minutes and our youngest is in Maine.

Sailing was my sport at USNA, and sailing/boating remains my passion. I continue to race and cruise on sailboats large and small throughout the year (although my participation in January and February is not what it used to be). I am on the USNA Fales Committee, which is charged with providing advice to the Superintendent concerning the seaworthiness and safety of Navy Sailing in all aspects from summer block training to varsity teams. I also enjoy woodworking and home projects. Upon retirement in a few years, Robin and I plan to go cruising on our boat to destinations south where it is warm during the winter.

Snevely, John

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After taking early retirement in late 1998 (my Intruder aircraft retired, so I took the hint), I settled into life in DC raising my three sons in NORVA and working as a Systems Engineering & Technical Assistance (SETA) in the Pentagon and at intelligence agencies. In 2009, I was asked to join the government as part of the OSD (Office of the Secretary of Defense) and have been working in the Pentagon every day since.



John and grandkids

I met my wife, Elsa, when we both were working on our master's degrees in National Security from Georgetown. Three years later we married in Miami and have been incredibly happy for the 20 years since. We travel, garden, and have recently taken up archery with our daughter, Natalie. As I write this, we are waiting for our two granddaughters' arrival (5 and 2) for the weekend – they are truly amazing little girls.

I joined the Army Navy Country Club right out of the academy, so I had a great time teaching my children golf. Once my sons all graduated high school and team sports were in the rear view mirror, I started taking golf more seriously and it has taken up a lot of my free time since (I have a very understanding wife). I look forward to final retirement from work once my daughter graduates college, hopefully five years from now, and will start to focus on becoming bored with playing too much golf.



Weber, Tom

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At graduation I took a commission in the Marines, went to TBS and then to flight school. I was one of the first Lieutenants assigned to the new CH-53E helicopter and now one of the very few pilots to have survived tail rotor drive shaft failure in it. The crash I survived killed six, gave me a TBI, collapsed lung and three broken ribs. Not knowing how this affected me, I went out after finishing my obligated duty in a different field and proceeded to hop from job to job, marriage to divorce, marriage to divorce and marriage again.

Along the way I finally got into the federal government as a civilian and kept the job hopping within it. Along the way I earned an M.S.E.E. from NPS and a license as a Professional Engineer in Florida (retired now) and Hawaii. Through my civil service I have been a part of turning the lights on in one third of Iraq and managing a software sustainment effort for a program that is mandatory for all construction and dredging projects done by the Army Corps of Engineers world-wide.

It was only a couple of years ago that I finally went to the Veterans Administration and told how watching those men die and then being able to get out affected me. From their help I'll be able to finish out my last five years of Federal service and enjoy a modest retirement in Hawaii. Maybe I'll be able to make the 45th after I retire, but there are situations I just don't do well in and know to avoid them for now.

Semper Fi, '81 is great!



Tom and Margaret

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Hello, classmates! After graduation, I joined the Marine Corps and spent five years in logistics. I worked on a project in Okinawa for Col Stuckrath then finished my time at MCAS El Toro.

I joined GM in Pontiac, MI in 1986 and transferred to Martinsburg, WV. In 1993, I left GM and went back home to San Diego and held different jobs: a sales engineer for an ergonomic manipulator company, an operations manager for a desalination company, and finally finished as the manager of a small avionics company, making cabin briefers for the airline industry.

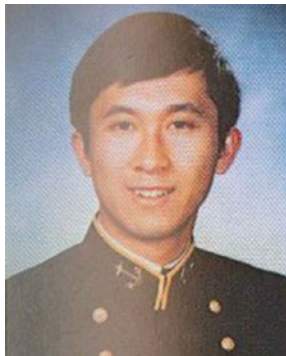
Along the way, I got married, had three beautiful girls, Megan (husband Nick), Emily (son Levi) and Lindsay (husband Colton and daughter Zoey), then divorced. I then met Marion in 2012, and we've been together since. Her daughter, Lila, is now my 4th beautiful daughter.

Our grandkids, Levi (5) and Zoey (6 months), have been a blessing. We also spent time with Dan McGarvey's son, Sean, when he was stationed at Coronado and Rick Mayer's son, Ryan, a Marine who was stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Now retired, our adventures have brought us to Akron, OH. Lila has also joined us here. Marion's late brother has two nieces with four grandnieces, and they encouraged us to relocate. The cost of living here is so different so we bought a house in July and are now enjoying a quiet, peaceful retirement.

I spend my leisure time doing "honey do" tasks and riding my bicycle. I've become an avid cyclist and can hold my own with the younger crowd on group rides.

We now pray that at least two of my daughters will join us. Akron can afford them the opportunity to buy a house and lead a normal life, unlike San Diego.



Ernie and Marion

Barna, Pete

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After two amazing years at USNA, I transferred to the University of Pennsylvania and graduated two years later with a degree in Math, after spending my last semester abroad in Paris, France. Seemingly no surprise, I started work at a local office of Computer Sciences Corporation in Moorestown, NJ. No surprise because the task was performing software engineering for a project called the AEGIS Weapons System for AEGIS class cruisers and destroyers. I cannot be prouder of having now spent close to 40 years managing the development of software systems on one of the most successful and critical programs ever developed. Coincidentally, one of the AEGIS ships is named after Edward Benfold, a Medal of Honor winner from my little hometown of Audubon, NJ.



Pete and family

Along the way, I married a co-worker Gail, and we have three wonderful grown children: Jennifer, Kelly, and Peter. Jennifer brought us our first grandchild, Theo, now two and a half. We enjoy traveling: Costa Rica, Scotland, Ireland, Paris, Mexico, Yosemite, Acadia, Grand Canyon, etc., and playing with our grandson. I'm also a tenured runner of the Broad Street 10 mile race in Philadelphia every May. I run in honor of Marty Bodrog, our fallen classmate from 4th company, and my high school classmate and great friend.

I've enjoyed telling my kids over the years about the great times at USNA, including plebe summer carrier landings on beds in the hallways of Bancroft Hall with buckets of water and shaving cream to put the "fires" out, parachuting mice at pep rallies, and pre-Army/Navy game food fights in the cafeteria with 4000 participants. Looking forward to retirement and more traveling. Heading to Spain tomorrow as I write this to visit Peter who's living there in Madrid. Go Navy!

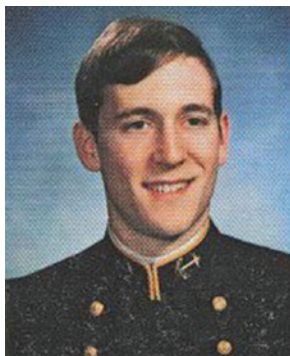


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After graduating from USNA, I was a recruiter in Atlanta for a year waiting for my flight school NFO class in Pensacola. I met my wife, Robin, there when she was just graduating from Univ. of West Florida, and we married in Dec 1983 at the Academy Chapel and moved to NAS Oceana. I trained up in the F-14 Tomcat and joined



Matt and Robin

VF41. My oldest daughter, Megan, was born when the TWA Airliner was hijacked in '85, and since the squadron was on Roosevelt off the coast of Lebanon, I didn't see her for a while.

I also graduated from TOPGUN during this tour, the same month the movie came out. Alexandra (Allie) was born in '89 in Pensacola while I was a flight instructor at VT86. I followed this as Aide to the Commander of the Roosevelt Carrier group during Desert Storm. Didn't get to fly, darn it, but helped plan strikes while also taking care of the boss. Back to Oceana and joined VF41 again ('91-'94) to continue flying. Then to US Atlantic Command ('94-'97) where I learned about military computer technology and then to CARGRU4 Staff ('97-'98) as the Strike Ops Officer.

As the F-14 community was downsizing, and not having been picked up for command, an early retirement was offered and I took it at 17 1/2 years of active duty. We retired in VA Beach, and I worked as a military contractor for numerous companies doing modeling and simulation for US JFCOM and the Joint Staff. With military downsizing in the area, I was downsized into retirement. Robin worked for 30+ years as CFO for a French owned cement manufacturer in Suffolk, VA until she retired in 2021. We live in VA Beach with Megan, her husband, and our 2 granddaughters, and are loving retirement with family.

Carey, Tim

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My Academy years gave me great friendships and memories with my 9th Company shipmates and others! After my years at Annapolis, being a Florida beach boy, I finished up at FSU and did a "short" 30+ years with the USAF, the other big "Blue."

Career was split between jets, strategy, and leadership. Flew fighters including F-111F in Desert Storm (DFC), British RAF Exchange GR1 Tornado in Scotland, and USAF Fighter Weapons School. Dad was a highly decorated WWII/Korea fighter pilot as was my brother, so slipping the surly bonds was in my blood! Out of the cockpit, shifted to joint and national security arena...Korean DMZ with the Army (AF appreciation tour w/o Army b-robos!), Exec to Deputy UN CC/USFK, OSD Middle East Policy, National War College for second masters... then focused on the fight as AJ-3 Assistant Director of Operations, HQ CENTCOM, Deputy Director Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) – Iraq in Baghdad and SECAF Regional Int'l Affairs. Before retiring as a colonel, I was honored to serve with so many great patriots in all our services and agencies.



Tim

Moved back to Florida after the AF then recently to Asheville, NC in Jan 2021 as I look at career options from teaching to int'l non-profit to help make a difference for the next generations. And of course maybe one day settle down! My parents were such a big part of my life as is my brother who, along with his children, all mean the world to me. Lots of travel recently, including Ireland tracing family roots, Rio for Carnival, Argentina's Patagonia fly fishing, and Bermuda for America's Cup (still a sailor at heart!). I will always cheer for the Navy Blue and Gold especially on certain October afternoons and of course in Philly! Overall, blessed with an amazing family, great friends and ready to light the afterburners for the next few decades!



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Three days after graduation, Mike ('80) and I made the trip down the aisle at the USNA Chapel. I left the Navy after four tours, intent on completing a doctorate in American history. I finished my MA at The Citadel and accepted a fellowship at University of Maryland, where I completed all the preliminaries to be advanced to doctoral candidacy. Right then, Mike got orders to San Antonio, Texas. Unfortunately, all the sources I needed to consult for the dissertation were on the east coast, and with three elementary school-age kids, family priorities won out over the doctorate.



Carmel and Mike

Instead, I became a “professional” volunteer, coaching soccer and basketball, leading Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts, filling various roles in support of church organizations, and becoming the volunteer librarian at my sons’ little Catholic school. I stayed long after they left, finally “retiring” after almost 15 years.

Now, approaching real retirement, Mike has opened the Chapline Distillery, searching for the perfect bourbon. Meanwhile, I have time to engage my own passions. I’m playing lots of tennis, hiking, kayaking, gardening, researching genealogy, hanging out with kids and grandkids, and reading to my heart’s content. I’m waiting for the freedom to travel again so we can check off more European bucket list locales.

As a sidelight, we became unofficial NOAA storm magnets, bringing weather catastrophes nearly everywhere we went. We got Hurricane Iwa in Hawaii in 1982, then Hurricane Gloria in Rhode Island in 1985 (our first child was born just a day before landfall), then Hurricane Hugo in Charleston in 1989. In San Antonio, we had a 100-year flood, followed two years later by a 500-year flood, and acted as refuge for family during Hurricane Harvey. Everyone’s welcome to visit, but check your insurance first!

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Blessed beyond measure is how I can best describe these 40 years! I service selected into Engineering Duty Officer and enjoyed 5 challenging years as first, a Nuclear Ship Superintendent, and second as an R&D program manager. In both commands I was the first woman and the most junior officer to have ever held those positions.



Jenifer and Dave

In July of '81 I married Dave '80 and we are now happily enjoying retirement! In '86 our first child was born and I decided to try full time parenting and never looked back. We have been blessed with 5 children – 4 independent adults and 1 heavenly angel.

Throughout the years I have served in numerous volunteer leadership roles as well as supporting several loved ones through terminal illness. I have especially enjoyed coordinating '81 Women’s yearly reunions and keeping 9th Company virtually connected.

Keeping Cary, NC as our home base, in retirement we are looking forward to backpacking, biking, visiting friends and family, and most of all, spending time with our 7 (and hopefully more) grandchildren.



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Flight, Fred

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After graduation and 7 months as a Stash Ensign, I went to Pensacola for flight training and was winged in June of 1983 as an unrestricted aviator (Helicopter Driver). I became an East Coast HS guy and did two tours (division officer and FRS Instructor) in Jacksonville, FL. In 1987, I married my wife Liz and became an instant Dad to two great kids. We had a third child two years later just before my disassociated sea tour (aviation appreciation tour) out of San Diego in time for Desert Shield/Storm. I did three more tours in Jacksonville, FL, including an XO/CO tour with the Nightdippers of HS-5. I then attended the Naval War College in Newport followed by a tour on the OPNAV Staff. My final two tours were in Norfolk with a break in between spending less than a fun time in Iraq as an Individual Augmentee in Al Anbar Province for six months as the base mayor of Al Asad Air Base.



Fred and Liz

During my time in Norfolk my wife started a successful private practice (lactation consultant) that she still has today. I retired from the big Navy in June 2011 (30 years in!) and relocated to the Pax River area as a Defense Contractor. I support one of the Program Offices there that provides rotary wing drones for the Navy. I have been there for the last 10 years, spending many hours on highway 17 commuting between Pax River and Hampton Roads as a geographic bachelor.

I'm the proud father of three adult children and two grandchildren (both down in Hampton Roads) and have been married to my wonderful wife for 34+ years.

Hamill, Jim

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I married Linda, my 8th grade sweetheart and the love of my life, in June 1981. Forty years later, we share our family with daughters Amanda (34), Katherine (31), and Hannah (16) and son Derek (36) and two grandchildren. During Navy days, we lived in and loved Rota, Spain, Brandywine, Maryland, and Pensacola, Florida. Our final move was to Bel Air, Maryland to raise our kids (and adopt our Hannah from China) and care for aging parents - great decisions all!



Jim and Linda

Professionally, I loved flying the venerable A-3 Skywarrior in a myriad of CV/CVN operations in the Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, and North Atlantic. After a tragic A-3 accident, I was reassigned to develop the ES-3A aircraft. I then transitioned to the P-3/EP3 aircraft and returned to Spain as the VQ-2 Maintenance Officer. I continued flying at CTW-6 Pensacola as the T-39 Flight Evaluator and OIC of the Joint Instructor Training Unit. Finally, we returned to Spain for a final VQ-2 command tour. After attending the National Defense University in 2000, it became very clear that civilian life was calling, loud and clear.

After USN retirement, I followed the advice of a close, Christian friend and joined the Southwest Airlines family. My initial training ended on September 10, 2001. Any other major airline would have ended my second flying career the next day. Southwest has been a great, 20-year flying and life experience. I remain a B-737 Captain at BWI and a leader in our industry leading a Critical Incident Response Team.

Along the way we are deeply committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. For decades, our family has actively participated in Officers Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade Military Ministry, Cadence International, and Mission Aviation Fellowship. We have been blessed beyond measure and enjoy living in the area where we grew up.



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Humpton, Lyle

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Bullet points do it best!

Married Jimalee 29 May 81.
Daughter, 1st of four children born
June 82.

Winged (helicopters) Nov 82. Ship
tour (OD quals), sqdn tours, USNA
9th Co officer tour & DC tour.

Three more wonderful kids born
along the way. 2 daughters/2 sons.

Resigned commission in May of 1994. Entered construction
world in Delaware.

Worked with Mark Washington (9th Co.) @Master Interiors for 27 years!

Jimalee and I launched 4 kids, college then married, now blessed with 12 grandchildren, 2 more due end of 2021!

Working 3 days a week now as Business Development Director...will be fully retiring at the end of 2021!

Signed up for Medicare May this year! Remember Mark Behl (9th Co.) and I were 21 year old plebes! I can give you the gouge
on how to sign up if you need it in the future!

Jimalee and I have been happily married for 40 years...hopeful for 40 more!

Thankful to our God Almighty who has sustained us by Christ's love and forgiveness through all the trevails life can bring!

John 3:16-21 Blessings to all!



Lyle and Jimalee

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Enjoyed a rewarding 27+ year Navy career that included serving on an FFG and Destroyer Squadron staff, obtaining advanced degrees from MIT, completing HeO2 diving and salvage training, serving as the fly-away Salvage Officer for the Supervisor of Salvage & Diving, and the NAVSEA Program Manager for Naval Special Warfare. Finished my Navy career serving in two Program Executive Officer (PEO) positions at the U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, not far from my Florida-born roots. These SOCOM assignments opened new opportunities and awakened a deep desire to pursue Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) type operations following my Navy retirement in 2008. In 2013 after gaining key industry experience at Applied Signals Technology and DRS, including General Manager of a DRS business unit in Melbourne, Florida, I started my company, Tightline Solutions, with the primary focus of helping companies capture and execute DoD ISR related opportunities. I continue this work today and feel blessed to be paid to pursue a passion.



Rowland

In 1997, well into my Navy career, I married my soul-mate, Cindy, and we were blessed a few years later with two amazing children who are both still in college. My daughter Dylan is a senior in Chemical Engineering at Florida Tech (FIT) and an intern at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, and son Derek is a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering at UCF. We reside in Indialantic, FL just south of Cape Canaveral allowing us to view numerous space launches by just stepping out the front door. Remaining in Florida post-Navy was all part of the master plan and has allowed me the opportunity to spend time on the water pursuing two of my favorite pastimes, fishing and diving/spearfishing. There is nothing finer than a day on the water and enjoying the bounties of the deep!



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Kennedy, Kriss

Deceased 9/22/19

Kriss Michael Kennedy passed away September 22, 2019 in Mansfield, TX surrounded by loved ones.

Upon graduation, Kriss served on submarines until 1988. He then served in the Reserves until retiring as a Captain in 2009. In 1988, Kriss began his career with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as an Operator Licensing Examiner and reached Regional Administrator before his retirement in 2018. Kriss was a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Rank Meritorious Executive Award in 2015.



Kriss and Ellen

Kriss's community involvement included the Boy Scouts of America where he guided his two sons to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He participated in Band Boosters, and the PTA at Mansfield and Summit High School and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mansfield, Texas. He enjoyed fishing, photography, was an excellent grill-master, and was always prepared to tell a great "Dad" joke.

Kriss married his high school sweetheart Ellen Davis. They married in 1981 and over the next 38 years enjoyed a life full of love and devotion that brought Kriss three children and made him a very proud grandfather to seven grandchildren. Throughout Kriss's life, he was able to foster plentiful and lasting friendships across the country.

Kriss is survived by his parents, Bruce and Linda (Wilson) Kennedy; wife Ellen (Davis) Kennedy; son Adam Kennedy and wife Christiana and grandchildren Lawrence, Adalynn, and Owen; son Brian Kennedy and wife Caitlin and grandchildren Cooper and Quinn; and daughter Allison (Kennedy) Casey and husband Kyle and grandchildren Nora and Sophie; brothers Kevin Kennedy, Keith Kennedy, and Craig Kennedy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lindenbaum, Eric

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Forty years and yet to achieve escape velocity. After 24 years of active duty, I still work in the Pentagon. You would think after the 9/11 plane missed me by ~ 45 seconds I would wise up and get out of here. The day of 9/11 is a long story; certainly longer than my 300 word limit. Fate is an amazing concept.

My wife of 32 years, Julie, and I are trying to figure out where our three boys are going to settle down, and then we will have a target landing area. Enclosed picture has my dog, Lila, who saved my life. Yes, another long story.

Outside of work and family, it has been very unexciting: past President of a Navy League chapter, past USNAAA chapter treasurer, Adult Bible study leader and the like. Probably similar to many of my classmates, managing our children through life's challenges has occupied mine and Julie's time. I am still trying to adapt to when someone says, "Hey Grand Pa", they are talking to me. The person in the mirror also looks suspiciously like me but just an older version.

It appears from here it is true when they say you have three careers when you go to the Naval Academy: your military career, your civilian career and your retired career. I am looking forward to starting that third career.



Eric



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After graduation, TAD to NASA Johnson Space Flight Center, Texas. Conducted various zero gravity testing in support of STS-2. Entered NFO flight school Spring of '82, attained wings and went to the S-3 RAG, San Diego, California. Joined the VS-33 Screwbirds, based out of San Diego, California. Conducted two work-ups and a WESTPAC cruise, 82-86. Next assignment, reported to United States Space Command, Space Combat Operations Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Attained space operator qualifications, became a trainer, traveled to various worldwide locations in support of US Space Command and the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) under Ronald Reagan and General Abrahamson. Decommissioned from the US Navy, joined the US Air Force in 1990. Became a crew Commander for the 73rd Space Surveillance Group, Fallon Air Force Base, Colorado. Attained highest space qualification, Master Space Operations Officer. After graduating Air Command and Staff College (by correspondence), selected to Major, USAF. Reported to The Air Staff, Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. Assigned to Special Technical Operations and Information Warfare Operations departments. Retired from the US Air Force in 1998.



Rick

Entered the civilian sector as a contractor supporting Naval Space Command, Dahlgren, Virginia. Transitioned to supporting Naval Network Warfare Operations. Departed contractor service to help start a network operations company. In 2010, moved to a contractor position in support of Naval Air Systems Command, Patuxent River, Maryland. Entered civil service in 2014 supporting various research and development laboratories at Naval Air Systems Command as a cyber security manager and qualified validator. Continue today supporting Naval Air Warfare Center, Patuxent River, Maryland as a qualified cybersecurity analyst and validator.

One son is in the Marine Corps Reserves. Currently living in La Plata, Maryland with Helen, my partner of 20 years.

McGarvey, Dan

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I left naval service at the eight year point after a cruiser nuclear chief engineer tour and teaching engineering at Surface Warfare Department Head School in Newport where I met many classmates as they passed through. I did remain active in the reserves and retired as a commander.

Having earned an MBA via the GI Bill through evening courses, I was ready to make the civilian transition. The most attractive opportunity was a risk management consulting role for western nuclear plants with Marsh & McLennan. This led to roles in sales and account management, enterprise risk management consulting, office leadership, and positions of increased responsibility that took me from Phoenix to Charlotte and then to Greenville, SC. Along the way we had two great kids – Sean (b 1992) and Erin (b 1996).



Dan and Maria

Highlights of my career included being the first risk professional on the ground at Fukushima following the tsunami and four reactor meltdowns, and being part of a White House delegation to India. My final role has been as chairman of the Power and Renewable Energy practice where I have responsibility for the service of 270 US utility clients. I have been particularly active as a public speaker on risk topics and have enjoyed that part of my role. I have earned fifteen risk designations, and in the past few years I have received a number of industry awards and recognitions.

Last year I had the privilege of taking a part time sabbatical from my company and teaching in the Economics Department at USNA. As you can imagine, it was the opportunity of a lifetime and an amazing chance to relive my experiences there. I live in Asheville, North Carolina with my beautiful wife, Maria, and we are enjoying the Smoky Mountain life.



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Murtha, Bob

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Upon leaving the Naval Academy as a second lieutenant with an Ocean Engineering Degree, I spent six months at NAPS coaching football. I checked into The Basic School in January 1982, out of sync with the rest of our class. There were three of us from the class of 1981: Rick Welch, Frank McCallister, and me. As a Combat Engineer, I shipped out to Japan for a one year tour. I spent time in S. Korea, Tinian, and the side of Mt. Fuji, on mainland Japan. I returned to serve at the Marine Barracks, Washington, DC where I was on the parade deck for two years, and commanded the Marine Corps Silent Drill Team for one year. All the years not marching at USNA were made up for then. I traveled around the country with the US Marine Corps Battle Colors Tour: Color Guard, Drum and Bugle Corps, and Silent Drill Platoon. I met my wife, Rosemary, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada during the Ft Henry Canadian exchange, where it was the US Marines' turn to travel and provide a joint parade. During the tour at the "Oldest Post in the Corps," I spent three years as White House Social Aide, during President Reagan's presidency.



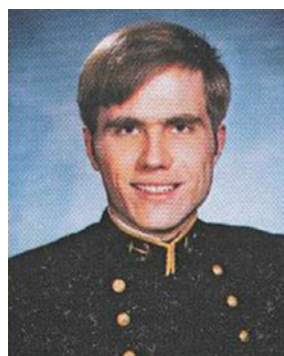
I left the Marines and began a career working in the environmental solutions community. After 16 years working and learning from others, I started my own company that currently specializes in DoD Environmental Capabilities, private sector Marine Construction, and Alternative Energy solutions. I received my Master of Science in Environmental Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, and I'm currently accepted to complete a Doctor of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University program.

I currently live in Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay with my wife, Rosemary, while I continue to look for quality programs, engage with quality people, and remember the influence that the USNA has had on my personal and professional life.

Parke, Michael

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Because I found that serving on the finest submarine in the fleet puts a heavy toll on a new bride and daughter, I chose to leave the service at the end of my tour. It was my good fortune to find a position in the Naval Sea Systems Command, where I was able to serve with some of the most professional technical people around.



I served as the lead program office engineer for electronic, weapon, and avionics systems for the Aircraft Carrier Programs, delivering the USS Abraham Lincoln new construction, the USS Independence and Kitty Hawk refit, and initial design for the USS George Washington on which I provided the topology for the first fiber optic distribution trunk on any US Navy combatant. I later performed the same job for the USS Bonhomme Richard and Iwo Jima amphibious ships.



Mike and Sandy

I was serving as the Technology Manager/CTO for the Program Executive Office (PEO) Expeditionary Warfare on 9/11. While fulfilling, I felt I could do more by moving to intelligence, so I transferred to NGA. Working with National Geospatial-Intelligence (NGA) and other DNI agencies, I served as engineer, systems architect, Geospatial Intelligence Officer, portfolio manager, and analytical methodologist. I finally retired as the Chief of Modeling, Simulation, and Analysis for future systems. Before final retirement, I spent my last years working for an engineering firm as a senior principal systems engineer in their space and mission systems division.

Whereas my first marriage ended soon after my military career did, I met my eternal life partner not long afterward. Sandy and I married and had two more gifted daughters. Sandy and I have chosen retirement where we can enjoy spending every moment with each other, while my three daughters have gone into their own careers; an architect, a cyber security engineer, and a Navy cryptologic network technician.



Puttre, John

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After graduation from USNA, I went to Newport, RI for Division and Legal Officer training, and married Marylee Klauser that December. Shortly after the wedding, I reported to USS Guadacanal and amphibious commands with my last tour teaching at OCS.



John and Marylee

We put down roots in Tiverton, RI where Marylee and I made a nice home and had three children. My experience in ship logistics and training led me to Raytheon as a logistics engineer on combat systems. While there I completed my Master's Degree in Manufacturing Engineering at URI. After eight years at Raytheon I took a position as a logistics engineer at Electric Boat Corporation on the Virginia submarine program. I have continued to support the Virginia Class in different capacities and am now supporting the Columbia Ballistic Missile Submarine logistics and training programs.

I continued my career in the Reserves, taking assignments in Portland, ME, Providence and Newport, RI, and Washington, DC. I held various positions including CO, XO, and staff, before my final assignment at the Pentagon in N75. All were great units with interesting work, but the biggest challenge was assisting with recovery of N75 records and financial data after the 9/11 strike of the Pentagon. My reserve unit collected records and helped open new offices in Crystal City for the slowly returning N75 staff. I chose to retire from the Reserves at the end of that tour to spend more time with the family.

Since then, my first daughter Megan got married and is living in Florida, my second, Katelyn, was recently married at the end of August and lives close by in CT. My son is working at a small defense contractor nearby and is the last one still living at home. Marylee and I are starting to make preparations for retirement by doing some work around the house and making travel plans for the future.

Scott, Russ

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Twenty-five years in uniform as an F-14 RIO, acquisition professional, TYCOM staff ACOS and special assistant. Ten years as a consultant and civil servant supporting fleet readiness. Major projects include the F/A-18 program, Joint Strike Fighter, and the Naval Aviation Enterprise.

Lived in Annapolis for almost a decade. My daughter went to the Naval Academy Primary School and cut her teeth on seafood at McGarvey's, Middleton's, and Cantler's. Snow days gazing out the window of McGarvey's were particularly special. Made sure that both my brother and sister got tickets for parking too long on Independence Avenue outside the Air & Space Museum.

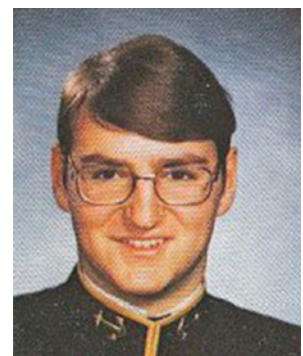
My daughter now lives north of Denver. She's a marathon runner who has been to the Olympic Trials several times. She and her fiancé live in a cool log cabin above an air park with great views of the Front Range. Awesome place to visit.

All told, I've lived in Virginia Beach for almost three decades. I've developed some great friendships with many of you. I had a couple of starter homes, one McMansion (a big house that looks exactly like everybody else's big house) but now I live in a townhouse at the North End, a block from the beach.

I retired from civil service in order to use the GI Bill. While I thought I was going to get an executive MBA, God had other plans. For the past five years, I have been studying theology and philosophy at Regent University in Virginia Beach.

Best Blue Angels shows - sitting on the YP piers at Naval Station Annapolis; the Virginia Beach Oceanfront; and NAS Oceana Air Show.

Best fireworks displays - above Cannery Row in Monterey; you could see the fireworks at Pebble Beach just over the horizon, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Seaside, and Santa Cruz across the bay; Vail at New Year's; lawn at the old Navy Annex in DC (too bad that is gone).





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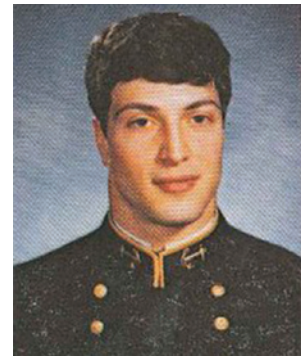
After leaving my career as a Marine pilot behind in 1994, I wandered the countryside like Kwai Chang Caine (Kung Fu) for many years and did odd jobs. I worked as a pharmaceutical rep in Hawaii, (loved HI, hated pharmaceuticals), followed by working with underserved children in Virginia (hated and loved it). Who knew young kids don't respond well to a Marine barking orders?

Knowing I didn't get enough education at the Academy and my 2.something GPA was only impressive to those with a lower GPA, I returned to the academic arena. Since one of my passions was weight training and injuring myself, the next logical step was physical therapy; however, this time implementing rather than receiving! So, I enrolled at Howard University in Physical Therapy and got my degree in 1999. Ok...wait for it...I graduated Magna Cum Laude. Yep, see what happens when I'm not being yelled at and get sleep. Oh, and perhaps studying a little, too!

I've been working in orthopedic sports medicine rehabilitation for the past 22 years. As part of that I've worked with local industry on establishing ergonomic and injury prevention programs as well as strength and conditioning programs for local college and high school athletes.

Somewhere along the way I got married and unmarried. Although I got started late, I have two wonderful children. Natalie will start her first year at U Maine in the fall and Jack will be a freshman in high school. They are both straight A students. Obviously, they have my genes! OK enough about them back to me.

I also found someone, Pam, who despite my tall tales of past accomplishments, broken body and actualizing the Peter Principal 40 years ago, loves me for who I am. I got the best end of that deal. Life is good. God is great. Go Navy Beat Army!



Spangler, Dave

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An amazing rocket-roller-coaster ride for a backwards hayseed from rural Indiana. Living on miracles, I won the first Tri-Academy Karate Tournament, selected jets, and flew F-14 Tomcats. I had squadron command and was Airboss on USS Nimitz ... and should have been dead at least five times during my 25.5 years in the Navy. I got out, wrote joint doctrine for a while then into cybersecurity, and now in charge of the cybersecurity team covering the east coast all the way around to Bahrain.



Dave and legacy

However, all that excitement from the world is nothing compared to getting serious about faith in Yeshua, seeing the reality of who He is, what He has done for us, and how we are all called to stand forth as genuine Sons of the Living God ... way more than we were ever taught ... and walk in the Miraculous. Truly mind-blowing every day! The problem is you may have to often walk this path alone ... but it is well worth it!

My British spouse is an awesome wife, mother, and partner. Our three beautiful girls are grown, in great shape and doing well. The youngest is a USNA Grad of 2020, USMC, and at Comms School at 29 Stumps. The middle one is a cytotechnologist with a successful oddities side business. The oldest is a data analyst and just met a very nice, conservative young man that appears to take good care of her. What a blessing all around!

Not sure about retiring ... so much that needs to be done for our nation and our world ... so many suffering souls that need us to engage in the fight to set them free ... physically and spiritually. The adventure never ends, continues to get more intense, and the outcomes are astounding. Yahweh, Yeshua, and Espiritu Sanctu are inexplicably awesome! The adventure awaits ... taste and see.



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Stasco, Gary

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Great memories from tours on USS Ramsey (FFG-2) and USS John Young (DD-973) and at Naval Amphibious School teaching naval gunfire, all in San Diego. The last tour led to a reserve job in a Marine unit just in time for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Traded the warm confines of ship's berthing for a cold foxhole in Saudi Arabia. Still not sure how that happened.



Gary and mates

The plan after leaving active duty had been to head to the corporate world. Ended up unexpectedly in the nonprofit world for 20 years with the Boy Scouts of America. It's been very rewarding, helping to steward the resources needed to operate this great program. Obviously, there have been tough times lately, as there have been for many of our national institutions. It has been an honor to have worked with so many great volunteers and have a positive impact in the lives of thousands of youth. I never married and have no kids, but am close with lots of nieces and nephews.

Been in Greensboro, NC for two years, enjoying the much more tolerable summers compared to the home state of Florida. Biggest activity outside of work has been service as a member of four awesome Rotary clubs. It is a great way to meet talented people and really help make a community a better place to live.

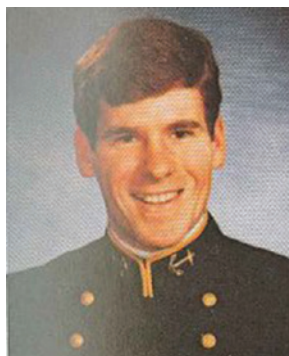
I am very appreciative of our time at USNA and am proud of the accomplishments of all our classmates across the country. Lastly, I am most appreciative of He who has started a good work in me. Go Navy!

Vanbrocklin, Mike

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I served in Submarines on Active Duty and in 9 different Reserve Units, retiring as an O6 in 2012.

My civilian career spanned 31 years with AT&T in various positions in Sales, Sales Management, Sales Operations, Capture Management, Solutions Architecture and Contract Management. I retired as an AVP in 2018.



Mike and family

Fran and I have been married 34 years and have two daughters. Carolyn, our oldest, is married, works in Public Relations and is expecting her first child this November. Cristina, our youngest, is an Occupational Therapist working at a Skilled Nursing Facility in Silver Spring, MD.

Since retiring I've volunteered as a Catholic Eucharistic Minister at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and MedStar Montgomery General Hospital. I also volunteer as a Personal Finance Mentor for Catholic Charities and work at a local food bank. It is an honor to be able to serve others in these activities. Fran volunteered for over a decade at a Crisis Pregnancy Center, including 3 years as its Executive Director.

Fran and I enjoy traveling with trips in 2018 and 2019 to Napa Valley, Italy, Germany, Austria and Slovakia. We are looking forward to more travel in 2022, most likely to Normandy and other sites in France.

Wishing all of my '81 Shipmates good health and happiness. Go Navy, Beat Army!



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Welch, Rick

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Left USMC active duty in summer of 1986 after having served at MCB Camp Pendleton, on Okinawa and at Marine Barracks at 8th and I Streets in DC. Had a great five years. In fall of 1986, cofounded RIMIRO Corporation which was a holding company for a variety of operations including landfills, transfer stations and municipal waste collection. Business was acquired by Waste Management. In the 1990's was a co-owner and President of an industrial products company with operations in PA, OH and WV. Company was acquired by Agip Petroli, SpA. In the 2000's invested in a series of real estate partnerships with a focus on commercial, office and apartment properties in the greater Philadelphia area. In 2011, I started my current business, Academy Wealth Advisers, which is a registered investment advisor (RIA) providing wealth management services to clients across the Mid Atlantic region. Enjoying my current work and not looking to retire any time soon.



Rick and Sue

Sue and I were married in 1986 in West Chester, PA. We would soon settle in Bucks County, PA (where we still live) not far from the area where I was raised. We are both in good health and live very active and busy lives. We have three children, Lindsay (33) who is married and living in Boca Raton, FL, Matt (31) who lives and works in NYC and Kelly (30) who will soon be married and lives in Virginia Beach. We have one grandson, Connor (age 3). We spend much of our summers at our Pocono home on Lake Naomi (Monroe County). It is a great spot that we have enjoyed year-round for over 25 years. We enjoy traveling, not only to visit our children, but also overseas – recent journeys include Morocco, South America and Europe (Netherlands and Belgium).



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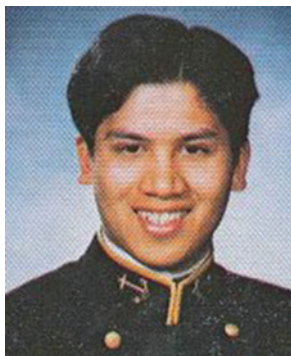


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Adan, Joe

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For service selection, I chose aviation and joined the EA-6B Prowler community following our graduation. After 27 moves in 28 years (some moves were self-inflicted) and nine carrier battle group deployments, I ended my active-duty Navy career as an O-6 in the acquisition corps community in November 2009 at Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego. I spent half a year working at Sentek Global before becoming a GS-15 department head working at Naval Information Warfare Center, Pacific.



Joe and Renee

Eleven years later, I retired from civil service right as the pandemic hit. We did not stay isolated at home for long because we had bought a travel trailer and tow-vehicle in preparation for retirement, with a goal of seeing all the national parks and presidential libraries in the lower 48 within 10 years, a journey at which we are making great progress.

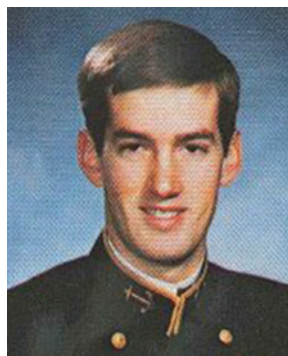
My life partner is Renee Mattos, to whom I have been married for 11 years. Between us, we have 4 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, who are happy and successful and of whom we are very proud. Our brick-and-mortar primary home is in El Cajon, east of San Diego, and we are on the road up to half the year in our mobile second home. To keep friends and family updated, I post on Facebook and in our blog, www.joereneequest.com.

Baker, Craig

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After graduation, I spent nearly 30 years in the Corps highlighted by the privilege of commanding Marines in combat during Desert Shield/Storm and Iraqi Freedom. Retiring in September 2010, my last duty station was Hawaii where I served as the Marine Forces Pacific Chief of Staff and at USPACOM.

Along the way, providence brought my wife, Melinda, and me together. A San Diego native, Melinda was working at Balboa Hospital as a Navy nurse. We met one Friday evening at the MCRD Officers Club where we discovered our families are from the same rural community in Alabama and have known each other since the Civil War. After checking to ensure we weren't too closely related, we married and raised three wonderful children. Our oldest son works for Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, providing intelligence support to various organizations. Our daughter is a pharmacist in Wyoming, and our youngest son just graduated from college will work for KPMG in New York. The two eldest will be married next spring within a couple weeks of each other, bringing great joy to our family.



Craig

After the Marines, I returned to Alabama and was fortunate to land a job at Raytheon. Initially working at the Huntsville field office, I subsequently supported our Israeli Cooperative Programs, which includes the remarkably effective Iron Dome system. I recently retired from Raytheon. My last position was running a marketing cell focused on identifying requirements and capabilities for maneuver, special operations forces, and Army air-to-ground weapons.

Post-retirement plans include serving at my church and on the board for a local veteran's charity called the Semper Fi Community Task Force. Melinda purchased a guitar for me, and my son is teaching me to fly fish. Both undertakings require considerable patience. Having not yet determined why my patience needs testing, I am confident my family has my best interests in mind.



Bensinger, Bill

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I am currently a Regional Engineer Manager for Dayton Superior, responsible for engineering services in the mid-west, east coast, southeast, and Australia. The Navy was kind enough to send me to the University of Florida for my Master's in Engineering which has come in very handy since retirement. I am currently a registered Professional Engineer in eight states.

My wife, Eva, and I currently reside in Oswego, Illinois with the youngest of our family, Emily, who is attending high school. Our oldest, Rebecca, is working for the Department of Energy in IT Security at Fermilab in Geneva, IL and our son, Justin, is attending the University of Alabama at Huntsville with the intent of graduating with a mechanical engineering degree. Eva is working as an accountant for a local firm. Both of us are working from home and enjoy the non-commute.



Bill

Fechko (Samuel), Kathy

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After leaving USNA in June '79, I attended the University of Maryland, transitioning to the nursing program in 1980. In November '80, I started working as a nursing assistant at the Baltimore Shock Trauma Center, and I'm still there. For the last 30 years, I have been nurse coordinator; six of us cover 24/7, managing the daily operation of the center. We're not an ER, rather a self contained hospital within the larger U of MD system, holding anywhere from 100-140 patients. Midshipmen pursuing medical school can volunteer with us. I've enjoyed working with a number of them, and I'm especially pleased when they return as residents to further their training. I've cared for numerous mids as patients; sadly not all survived. Shock Trauma trains the USAF as part of their combat readiness; CA and FL cover the Army and Navy.



Kathy and Paul

My husband Paul and I share five children, ranging in age from 22 to 40, and three adorable grandsons.

Many times I've asked, "What if?" What if I'd stayed at USNA? But I didn't, and I have no regrets. I've admired from a distance your accomplishments, and I'm proud to be part of '81. As several of us recently discussed, our legacy is our children, and mine is rich.



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Georgeson, Gary

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With a sense that my career direction lay elsewhere, I said good-bye to my Academy mates and transferred to the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) at the beginning of my junior year, to study Mechanical Engineering (ME). I graduated in 1981, then continued on to get my M.S. (1982) and Ph.D. (1985) in ME, with a Materials Science emphasis.

During this time I met the beautiful and intelligent Lori Jones, a Business Economics major, who became my wife in 1984.

While completing my Ph.D., I began to feel a strong call on my life to be a Christian pastor and enrolled in Fuller Theological Seminary. I became an assistant pastor at a church in Santa Barbara while simultaneously doing post-doctoral research on single crystals grown on the space shuttle.

In 1990, my wife and our growing family moved near Seattle, WA to plant a new church that would slowly grow and get established. At the same time, I took a job at the Boeing Company to do R&D for aircraft inspection. These past 30+ years, I have been the senior pastor of the church, addressing the needs of families in our community—and simultaneously—a senior technical leader at Boeing.

Last year I left Boeing and started 'Georgeson Consulting LLC' to offer inspection expertise to other companies within the aerospace industry. I am spending the extra time and flexibility I now have to get our second church planting team ready to be sent out next year. The rest of my time is spent with Lori enjoying a blessed life with our four children and two grandchildren. I must also say I have greatly appreciated reconnecting with my '81 classmates these past couple years, both online and in-person. You are the best!!! Classmates forever.

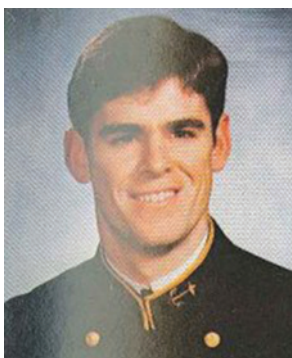


Gary and Lori

Giles, John

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I medicated out of flight, got miserable about it, and married the wrong person, but had three beautiful boys. I was sentenced to MPA aboard an aging amphib, got out at five years, went to work selling drugs for Pfizer, first in Montana, then New Orleans, then Cleveland. Divorced, quit job, went back to California, found a temporary job in San Diego. Twenty-eight years later I'm Director of National Accounts at that temporary job, so it turned out OK.



John and Judy with grandkids 2021

Twenty-six years ago I married the love of my life, Judy; she has three kids too so we were probably the only ones who would take each other. I knew her from Pfizer; she left there after 22 years and then taught high school for 10 years before retiring. Deciding that six kids were not enough, we had one of our own. Three of our kids are married, and three more will be getting married in the next three months after COVID delays! We also got our eighth grandchild courtesy of the COVID lockdown. So we've got six out of the seven just about happily married off, and the seventh is in a great relationship, all are gainfully and happily employed, so we're feeling remarkably blessed. I can travel just about anywhere and find a kid – one in London, one in New York, one in Connecticut, one in Texas, and three spread around Southern California. Speaking of California, we'll never depart this place completely, having five grandkids here – but a tax haven elsewhere seems a grand idea. So we recently bought a second home in Prescott, Arizona, a mile high and above the heat. We split time between the two.



Mikesell, Bruce

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After graduation, I served on USS Bradley (FF1041), and during deployment learned that I had been accepted to medical school at the University of Cincinnati, where I had applied prior to graduating. I was able to get a deferred admittance and attended medical school from 1983 to 1987. I went through an internship at Oakland Naval Hospital, served as medical officer for the USS Texas (CGN-39), and then at NAS Moffett Field where I met my wife, Tracy. She was a reservist activated for Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and after being released from active duty, she accompanied me to Camp Pendleton for family practice residency. We married in 1993 and went to La Maddalena, Italy, where we became vegetarians and began rescuing cats.



Bruce and Tracy

I left the Navy in January of 1996 with 14 cats, 11 of them from Italy, and we settled in Huson, Montana, just west of Missoula. We run a nonprofit animal shelter from our home and have lots of animals of all kinds that we care for. We have two daughters, Hannah, age 21, and Emily, age 18, who both attend the University of Montana. Tracy is a volunteer firefighter and EMT for Frenchtown Rural Fire District, and Hannah works as an EMT and a firefighter in Missoula. Emily has started the volunteer firefighter program in Frenchtown, and I am incredibly proud of all of them. I work as an emergency room physician at St. Luke's Community Hospital in Ronan, Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

We love living in Montana and stay active hiking, biking, skiing, running, and caring for the animals.

Odom, Charlie

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When I left the Navy in 1989, I embarked on a career in national and international high tech sales, business development and sales leadership. Commodities included test and measurement equipment, crystal products, and microporous membranes. This led me to visiting over 30 countries and actually living in China for two years.

My high school sweetheart, Claire, and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary this year. We have three children (Adrienne, Charles, and Lane) and five grandchildren (Joshua 10, Anya 6, Isaac 5, Nicholas 4, and Eleanor 18 mos). Lucky for us, everyone is in the Dallas, TX area, and Saturdays are wonderfully crazy at Nana's house. Adrienne and Charles are doctors at Children's Hospital, and Lane is going through the process of entering the Marine Corps officer program.





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After graduation, I went through the nuclear propulsion training pipeline and served in the submarine force for 22 years on five SSNs. I was a division officer on Richard B. Russell and Flasher in the Pacific Fleet, Engineer on the Flying Fish from Norfolk, and XO on Billfish from Charleston and Albuquerque from Groton. I was XO of Submarine Base New London. I retired in 2003 after a joint tour at U.S. Southern Command HQ in Miami.



Chris and Denise

My wife Denise and I married as I was retiring from the Navy. I met her while stationed in Groton. She is from Connecticut and we live in our beloved house in Pawcatuck, CT, near the Rhode Island state line. I have a daughter in Seattle and a son with his small family in Boston. Denise has a son at Fort Polk, LA, and a son in New Hampshire, both recently married.

Since 2008, I have been a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. State Department. I served tours at our embassies in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Mexico City; Islamabad, Pakistan; and Oslo, Norway; and at our consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. Denise and I also did three years in Washington DC and just transferred back to Washington in Summer 2021. Two years at "Main State" on 22nd Street and I will retire-retire, Inshallah, in 2023.

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After graduation, I served under Heinz Lentz as the PEP Officer for the class of 1985. That tour and the 4:30 wakeup calls made TBS with Hotel Company a breeze, and I graduated with honors in 1982. I then proceeded to flight school in Pensacola and was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1983. I later reported to HML/A-167 as an AH-1 Cobra pilot, deploying multiple times in support of LF6F to the Mediterranean, Africa, and the Middle East. After a year at the Amphibious Warfare School, I returned to Pensacola and served as an instructor pilot with HT-18. I was named instructor of the year in 1989. I transitioned to the OV-10 Bronco in 1991 and served with VMO-1 until 1993.



Joe

In 1993, I married Maura Sullivan and reported to the 1st Marine Corps Recruiting District that same year. I was awarded the AOP of the Year in 1995 by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and selected for Command and Staff College. I was also accepted into the University of Virginia's Law School that same year. Deciding to retire from the Marine Corps after I reached 20 years' service, I elected to forgo both career level school and law school.

I finished my USMC career as the operations officer of Jacksonville University's ROTC unit. While there I completed an MBA and started a successful corporate career in 2001. I served at several Fortune 500 companies before retiring in 2019. I quickly realized that I was not ready for retirement and co-founded the Suggs Hometeam real estate business with my daughter, Lauren. We run that business in St Petersburg, Florida, while my wife, Maura, continues to serve our country as an oncology nurse with the VA Healthcare System. My oldest daughter, Christy, works in healthcare in Ohio, and my daughter, Erin, is a public defender in Missouri. My son, Kevin, passed away in 2018.



Thomas, Mike

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After graduation and nuc power training, I served on a boomer in Charleston where I met the love of my life, Laura. We married in 1986, and I left active duty shortly thereafter, first working in Atlanta in the nuclear power industry. Within a few years, the decision was made to attend a couple of “real” colleges. After earning post-graduate degrees in health and medical physics at Georgia Tech and Emory, respectively, Laura and I packed up and left for Boston where I worked for Harvard affiliated hospitals in radiation oncology. In 2000, I accepted a position at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and, subsequently, we have called NC home.



Mike and Laura with twins

Laura and I have been blessed with four wonderful children: Alec (USNA '10), Sarah (USAFA '12), Audrey (Appalachian State '15) and Jack (USAFA '19). Alec and his wife, Marli, have graciously provided three grandchildren for Laura and me to spoil – Hali and twins, Kai and Callahan.

Presently, Laura and I have reduced our work hours and are easing into retirement. We bought a sailboat and are terrorizing other boaters in eastern NC. Upon full retirement and removal from the hazards to navigation list, we hope to cruise the east coast a little. Ultimately, we intend to continue spoiling the grandkids, traveling to see more of the world, and catching copious quantities of blue crabs.

Victor, Bill

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Career – Spent five years in Admiral Rickover’s sub service. Post-Navy joined General Electric as a nuclear startup engineer at various sites. Later joined Impel Corporation and Erin Engineering, landing in the California Bay Area until eventually settling in Southeast Nebraska with a utility job with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) as a nuclear licensing engineer. After 12 years there, returned to nuclear contracting for the next 13 years at various venues. Currently working directly for the Tennessee Valley Authority in their Fleet Licensing group.

Family – Married 5/5/1982. Separated (and ultimately divorced) 5/5/1987. Daughter Dani by first marriage (she’s a doctor!). Two grandkids (Vincent and William) by her and husband Curt. Married Jaymi on 8/24/1991, and so far so good. Children Kendall, Collin, Quentin, and Cameron are great kids and gainfully on their own.

Personal – Living the dream on 6-acre property in SE Nebraska. Major hobbies are: vegetable gardening, home improvement, and participation in community musical theater. No plans for retirement currently, but we’ve bought a trailer and are looking forward to a snowbird existence!





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“What the heck! Let’s add the aviation contract and see how far it goes,” I said when I accepted my USMC commission! So far, I have enjoyed both of my flying careers, and I am still not sure how far it will go. I had the pleasure of flying the A-6 Intruder for ten years out of MCAS Cherry Point, NC. In 1991, I joined the Reserves and flew A-4Ms at Willow Grove, PA, where I retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Ken and Sabrina

At Delta Airlines, I’ve flown as Captain on the MD-88, B-757, and B-767, but my favorite jet is the B-737. I have flown it for more than 15 years and nearly 10,000 hours of flight time. I have been a Chief Pilot twice, and now I am a Lead Flight Standards Captain based in JFK.

We have three grown children. Joe is a Navy LCDR, F-18 WSO. He and Jenn are raising our grandson, Mason. Tom works for Kinder Morgan and moonlights as a Captain in the USMC Reserves. He and Alex have given us two grandchildren – Jacob and Abigail. Our daughter, Katherine, lives in Jersey City, works for BlackRock, and is still enjoying the single life.

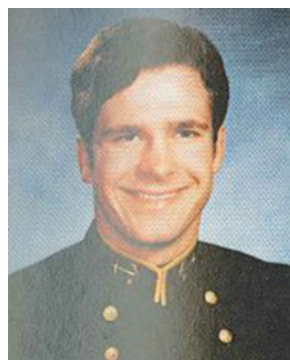
The love of my life is my wife, Sabrina. Married for over 20 years, we take every opportunity we can to travel around the world and partake in unique and exciting adventures. Currently, we are the proud owners of a 20-acre paradise in Carlisle, PA, with our horses, dogs, cats, and chickens.

Forty years ago, those friendships we made at USNA are still as deep as the sea and as endless as time. Not a week goes by without a text, a call, or an email from one of our **‘Good Times Ten’** Company Classmates. Cheers, Semper Fi, and Beat Army!

Wendel, Bill

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After graduation, I attended SWOS in Coronado, then shipped off to USS Kitty Hawk (Assistant Training Officer), in Bremerton. I met my wife there, before cross-decking to USS Constellation (Engineering P-2 Division Officer). My last ship was USS Rathburne (1st Lieutenant, FDO, EMO, EWO) in Hawaii. The tempo was high, and I was not in good graces with the XO, so I decided to resign my commission. In lieu of deployment, I was assigned for my last months to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, where I had the opportunity to work as a naval architect and get some exposure to CAD.



Bill and family

On discharge in 1986, we returned to the mainland, and that year our daughter came into the world. We jokingly tell her she was “made in Hawaii.” I spent the next 10 years as a naval architect at various companies mostly in Washington State, plus a year at USCG Headquarters Ship Design Branch, where I had the privilege of sponsoring software development at USNA. I transitioned to software development, working at various firms, small and large, on all kinds of interesting projects. I enjoy woodworking, guitar, and reading about history, current events, and new technology.

Let me highlight something you can replicate. I got an idea while watching a colleague’s son play MLK in a play and shared the idea with my daughter’s school principal. This culminated in “The American Ideals Oratory Contest,” which won the “Golden Apple” award and an ovation from the State Senate. Students chose one of three documents (Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, or MLK’s “I have a Dream”) to recite from memory in competition with other students for monetary awards. The students inspired us all with their enthusiasm. The contest became an annual event and ran for 10 years.

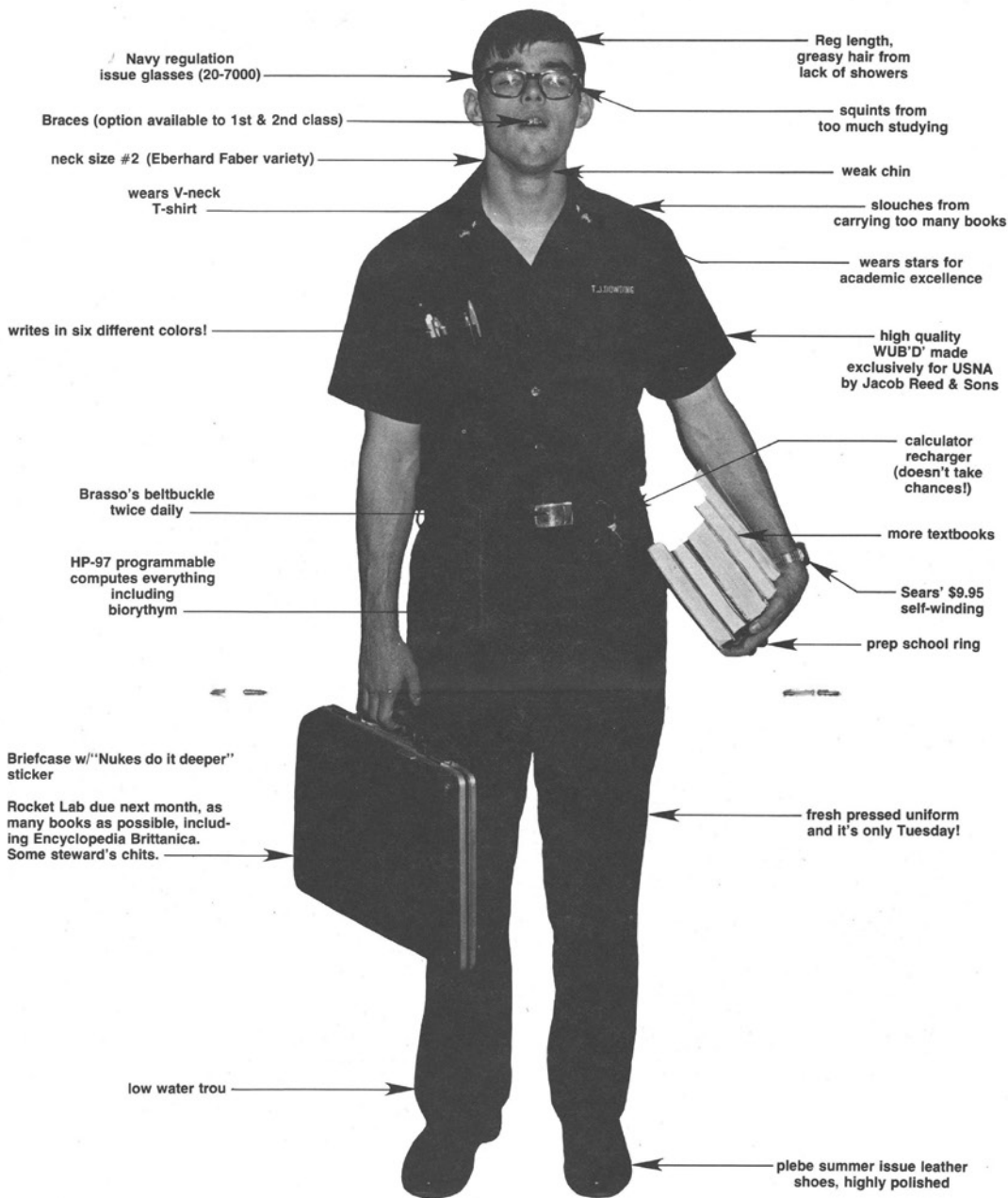


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introversion, undue respect for authority, disinterest in athletics, fidgeting, craving to study academics until all hours of the night, infantilism, orality, pusillanimity, obsequiousness, and using big words; *see*: neck, sweat, slash, grind, wimp, weenie, geek, twirp, creep, dip, nerd.

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... Let's hope not. But just in case you've begun to notice tell-tale signs such as a burning desire to study late at night, or developing a tan from your hi-intensity study lamp, giving you that healthy glow that only gamma rays can give, then take this

simple test. If you have less than five (5) of these dead giveaways, you're probably a cool guy or a non-striper. If you have nine (9) or more, you're just kind of flakey. Twelve (12) or more? See your nearest Nuclear Power Officer Rep.

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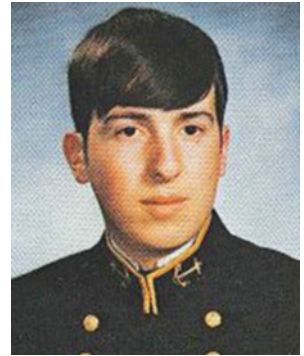
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I retired from the Navy in 2018 after a career that was highlighted by command of USS Briscoe (DD-977) and later Training Support Center Hampton Roads. I promised my wife, Councilwoman Rita Bellitto of the Virginia Beach City Council, that I would find a job that would not require us to move and would have little travel. As a result, I went to work at The Boeing Company in the Norfolk office as a “subject matter expert.” It was a great post-Navy job.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, Boeing had other plans. After two years, they offered me a significant promotion that required us to relocate to the Seattle area and travel a lot. After much discussion we pulled up stakes once more and headed west. During the next 12 years, I had a series of increasingly challenging jobs with Boeing, culminating as the Managing Director of Sales for Boeing Global Services Commercial Division leading the China and Asia Pacific regions.

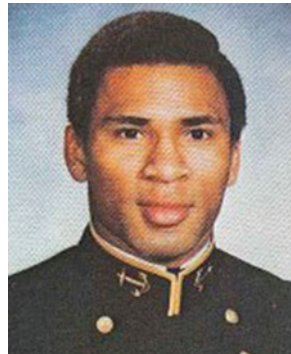
We are now back in the northern Virginia area deciding where to go and what to do with the next phase of life. We are blessed to have our eldest son and his wife, both special education teachers, 30 minutes away. Our daughter is attending law school in New York, and our youngest son teaches in the Dallas, TX school district.



Callahan, Steve

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My time after the academy has been an enjoyable journey. My last duty station in the Marines landed me in Norfolk, VA where I tried my hand at acting and modeling. Parts in plays, a movie and TV commercial whet my appetite for more. Training in Seattle in pursuit of NFL dreams was followed by a deal with the Dallas Cowboys. The deal was I wouldn't play for them so it was off to Hollywood.



By divine appointment, a meeting with someone in the investment industry changed the direction of my life. It also increased my odds of success in that investing requires good judgement vs good looks. I started with small firms, moved to Dean Witter Beverly Hills and on to a major bank where I worked at headquarters in their trading room.

My wife-to-be worked at the same firm at a local bank branch. Branch Advisers called in trades to be executed for clients, one of her calls came to my extension and several ‘random calls’ later led to further inquiry (dates) and the rest is history. We married in June 1997, and a string of acquisitions led us to establish Callahan & Callahan Asset Management, Inc. in 2002. As President and Investment Strategist, I develop and execute portfolio strategies. My wife Millicent is co-owner and VP.

God has truly blessed me to spend every day with my best friend. We enjoy traveling, the beach, old movies, and time with family and friends. While much of the world was buttoned down in 2020, I was blessed and honored to be inducted into the Groveton High School Hall of Fame. To God be the glory for all He has done. He's not finished, so the best is yet to come.



Steve



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Dodge, Alan

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Following graduation I completed Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) and spent three years on the USS Independence (CV-62), where I completed my SWO qualifications. After Indy, I taught NS-101 and NS-252 at USNA for three years. While teaching at USNA, I completed my Master's in Information Management, and then after a two-year assignment in Washington, I left active duty and transitioned to the Naval Reserves and subsequently retired from the Navy.



Alan and Cathy

In civilian life I worked for Lockheed Martin for 26 years and retired in 2017. I met my wife, Cathy, in Newport while attending SWOS, and we married in 1983. We had identical twin boys in 1986. Both boys are now chiropractors, and each is married, and each has five children. Cathy retired in 2018 after 26 years as a first grade teacher. Following our retirements, we sold our home in northern VA and moved to the Shenandoah Valley and built a beautiful timber frame home on 17 acres with gorgeous mountain views. We are lucky to live near one of our sons, and we get to spend a lot of time with our grandchildren. Our first three years of retirement have been amazing, and we are looking forward to enjoying our retirement years together and sharing in the joy of watching our grandchildren grow up. We have been blessed beyond belief and are so grateful to God for all of His gifts.

Hahn, Brad

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After graduation, I went into the submarine force and served as a Plankowner on USS Olympia (SSN-717) in Norfolk with 3 other '81 classmates – what a fun tour! Betsy and I married in 1985 and decided to depart the Navy in 1987 to pursue a business career and start a family. We started with me attending business school at UVA. After Charlottesville, we landed in 1989 in Allentown, PA, where I worked for Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and kept doing so for the next 20 years – which included a 3-year stint in Bangkok, Thailand, as Country Manager. In 2010, we moved to Portland, Oregon, where I spent 5 years as Chief Information Officer with ESCO Corporation, then worked for 5 more years back home in PA with Gartner, Inc., as an advisor to CIO's. I retired from full-time work in 2020 and now teach a bit as an adjunct business professor at Moravian University. Betsy worked for many years as a Dental Hygienist in addition to her full-time passion of being a loving wife and outstanding mother to our sons.



Brad and family

Betsy and I have three sons, all of whom graduated from college and are working diligently in their career fields, living relatively nearby so we get plenty of time with our two young grandsons. In 2006, we purchased a beach house in Sea Isle City, NJ, and we spend many glorious summer days with family and friends in that fun South Jersey seaside town – but still find time to golf, car race at local tracks and attend Navy football games with other 11th Company classmates. We remain thankful to have been part of the Great Class of 1981!

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My first tour was with VA-115 on USS Midway, Yokosuka, Japan. We flew against Soviet ships and bombers every time we left port. My first shore tour was with the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, integrating analog computers into the A-6 digital weapons and navigation systems. I understood none of the engineering but tested new flight capabilities and dropped a ton of advanced munitions. I then went back to the fleet with the VA-52 Knightriders aboard the USS Kitty Hawk but left early to serve as Flag LT to RADM Bull, Deputy CINCPACFLT. I was fired at least weekly but got to work for an A-6 icon and learned volumes about leadership. My Department Head tour was with VA-52 on USS Kitty Hawk and Carl Vinson. The Knightriders earned two Battle E's and the McClusky Award for the Best Attack Squadron. My Joint tour was Air Operations Officer for NATO Striking Forces South in Naples, Italy, during Operations Deny Flight, and I deployed with NATO Implementation Forces to Sarajevo.



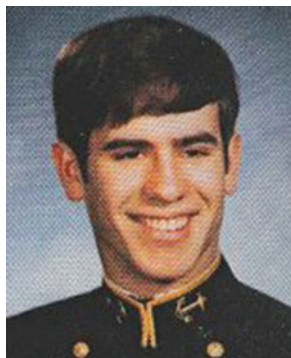
After the Naval War College, I served in the U.S. Department of State, where I retired from the Navy but continued to work as Deputy Director for a program that prepared for any chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incident occurring overseas. I transitioned to the Counterterrorism Bureau (CT) as the Deputy for Technical Programs and a WMD subject matter expert. I worked with the U.S. and partner entities conducting the counter terrorism mission, multinational R&D scientists developing new technologies, and the policy makers who direct and support these missions. I saw things that would curl the hairs on a cue ball and met the specialists who disrupt the adversary's intentions every day. In June 2021, I retired from government service.

Chris and I just celebrated our 32nd anniversary and are living the lake life in New Jersey.

Montoya, Ben

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Upon graduation, I was stationed in San Diego and have lived there ever since. I served on two ships, USS Ranger (CV-61) and USS Roark (FF-1053), and then served in the reserves for six years with the Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare (MIUW) community. In 1982, I got married, and we had my first son, David, in 1985.



Upon leaving the active-duty Navy, I went to work for San Diego Gas & Electric Co (SDG&E) and am retiring as we speak after 35 years. I have enjoyed my role as a Principal Resource Planner, planning the energy future, integrating renewable power to reduce emissions while maintaining system reliability.



Ben and Susan

I was divorced shortly after leaving active duty. While single, I got involved in some service organizations and played in a couple of different bands on bass guitar. I was appointed to the California Veterans Board by Governor Pete Wilson in the mid 90's. In 1994, I married Susan, whom I plan to enjoy a long retirement with. At our church, I have served as an elder, youth band director, Sunday school teacher, and a bass guitarist on the worship team. I'm very proud of my boys, Josh and Matt, who play guitar and drums, and sing with the team.

I have always been active outside of work and founded a non-profit called the Downtown Fellowship of Churches and Ministries in 2009, which unites the church, partners with the community, and serves the most vulnerable in downtown San Diego; I'm currently president. I also became a board member of Life Perspectives, which provides healing resources for those who have experienced reproductive loss, including miscarriage and abortion; I am currently chair of the board. I have really been blessed and hope to continue loving and blessing others while enjoying retirement.



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On the 1st of September 2019, after 42 years (yes, those four great years in 11th Company count!), it was time for a new adventure “on the outside.” Patricia and I met in Pensacola, FL in the fall of 1981, and we were married a year later in her hometown of West Hartford, CT. Our daughter, Jessica, was born in Brunswick, ME in the fall of 1983 and our son, Will, was born in Jacksonville, FL four years later. Jessica and her husband, John, have three wonderful boys who live in Rolesville, NC. Our son enlisted in the Navy for five years before a short stint as a contractor which led to his current position working as a Navy civilian in Virginia Beach.



Bill and family

With 16 or so moves over four decades, it’s hard to pick a favorite, but the places that stand out to my family are far from Washington, DC, furthest among them was Hawaii (paradise). Our kids finished high school there, and to this day they consider Hawaii “home.” As for me, flying and instructing in planes, commanding at the O5 level, and serving as the 57th Chief of Naval Personnel were most impactful personally and professionally.

Since retirement two years ago, we moved to Raleigh, NC to be near the grandkids and make up for lost time on the links. I formed my own consulting company, got involved in a few non-profits, and joined the Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership & Ethics (COLE) at Duke University as a distinguished fellow. To stay busy, I serve on the Board of Directors for the United States Naval Institute (Annapolis, MD), United States Naval Aviation Museum (Pensacola, FL), and soon as a Trustee for the Naval Academy Athletic Scholarship Program Foundation. The balance of time is dedicated to qualifying as first mate on our pontoon boat!

Nicholson, John (Jack)

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First, it was manned submarines: got married in the training pipeline to Christine – the girl I met during aviation PROTRAMID – then Weps on POGY, Eng on John C. Calhoun, XO on Indianapolis, and CO on Wyoming. For shore duty I attended grad school at MIT/Woods Hole, and served on the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board and in the Pentagon. Along the way we had 2 kids.



Jack and Christine

Then at the 20 year point it was unmanned submarines. I was picked up by the Permanent Military Professor Program, earned my doctorate at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA working on autonomous underwater vehicles (AUV), then taught 9 years at USNA along with several classmates. I was in the Weapons and Systems Engineering Department, and every summer the mids and I would travel to San Diego to compete in the International AUV Competition.

Retiring after 32 years commissioned service, it was back to manned submarines again. For the last 8 years I have been working at Strategic Systems Programs at the Washington Navy Yard on the COLUMBIA / DREADNOUGHT program, the successor classes to the U.S. OHIO and UK VANGUARD classes of SSBNs. A nice perk was the frequent trips to the UK for business.

By the reunion I will be newly retired. We live just outside Annapolis, our daughter works for Disney+ in Los Angeles, and our son is a Navy meteorologist/oceanographer in Monterey. What do I do for fun? Randonneuring – endurance bike events. The riding season usually ends with a 750-1000 mile event – usually in Europe, sometimes locally, and this year in Colorado.



Portner, David

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Three days after graduation I married my long-time sweetheart, Mary Gigioli, and started an adventure in the submarine service. I completed 26 years of active duty, served on five submarines (USS La Jolla (SSN701), USS



David and family

Alabama (SSBN731), Engineer on USS Tunny (SSN682), XO on USS Spadefish (SSN668), Commanding Officer USS L. Mendel Rivers (SSN686)), and major command as Program Manager, Undersea Weapons. Through this career, we were blessed with nine children; Jennifer 1982, Andrew 1983, Eugene 1985, Joshua 1986, Timothy 1988, Gregory 1993, Elizabeth 1995, Rebecca 1997 and Emily 2001. I am proud to say that I was able to be present for all nine deliveries. I made four, six month deployments and multiple mini-deployments including surfacing at the North Pole in command.

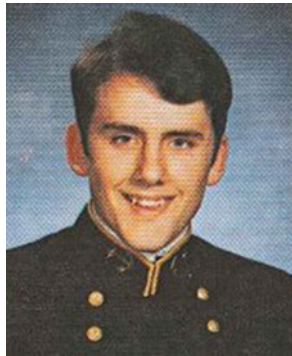
After 26 years on active duty, I retired from the Navy as a Captain in 2007, worked for Penn State Applied Research Lab for a year, then hung out my shingle and became an independent consultant for six years, primarily focused on undersea weapons and explosives. In 2014, I joined Northrop Grumman Undersea Systems in Annapolis, overseeing their re-entry into the torpedo production market. I now run all Northrop Grumman's active torpedo programs plus capture and strategy for future programs.

Mary and I have lived in the same house in Port Tobacco, MD for the last 17 years (a big change from the constant Navy moves). Seven of our nine children are now married, and we have 19 grandchildren and counting. My son, Eugene, followed me into the submarine force and is the Weapons Officer on the USS Toledo (SSN769). Two nephews followed me into the Naval Academy; Dan Keeler ('98) a helo pilot is currently the XO on the USS Teddy Roosevelt (CVN-71) and David Portner ('18) is a JO on the USS Alaska (SSBN732).

Sexton, Rich

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Hello to all my classmates and company mates; it was great to see many of you at our 40th Reunion.



Rich and family

It has been a great life since we left the banks of the Severn in 1981. After five years of active duty, mostly with the USS Enterprise ship's company, I went to law school, worked for a few years in the Delaware Attorney General's Office Criminal

Division, before spending the last 30 years or so defending transportation companies, employers, and product manufacturers in civil litigation. It was mostly enjoyable but I was starting to burn out, so I retired from litigation on 8/31/21. I will still be in the law, handling arbitrations and mediations a couple of days a week, but case management deadlines and trial schedules are a thing of the past.

Also thinking about a few other side jobs; ushering at the Phillies looks like fun. We'll see.

I have a wonderful family; still married to the lovely and talented Kathy Logan. We just celebrated our 40th anniversary on 6/19/21 and have three great kids, Sarah, Andrew, and Matthew. They are all up and out and doing well. No grandchildren yet but fingers crossed!

We are staying in good old South Jersey for now, still rooting for all of the Philly teams, and still seeing Springsteen whenever we can. (Still can't believe I chose an early Youngster Cruise over the June Week Springsteen concert our Plebe Year!)

Turning 62 years old feels weird, but I read somewhere that the 60's are "the youth of old age." I don't feel old, (most of the time), and God willing, I am looking forward to semi-retirement with beer and books, movies and music, traveling, and being with my loved ones.

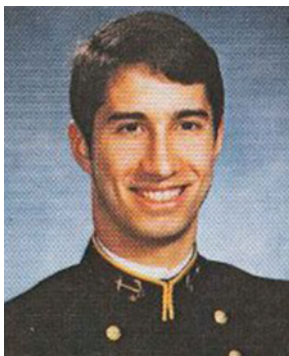


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Tallon, Dave

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After grad leave, I linked up with a classmate in Pensacola. Good times – young and finally “free.” Best of all...I met Susan, my love to this day. Next stop was NAS Miramar for the Hawkeye RAG; roomed with an '80 grad, again blessed to be next door to great neighbors and friends...enjoying the beach, SCUBA, and the early '80's SoCal life. Then it was VAW 116 SunKings (populated with several boatschool grads), followed by a shore tour (now a married LT) back to P'cola.



Dave and Susan

Approaching my commitment, scuttlebutt said the Coast Guard was looking for E2C radar guys for drug interdiction. Knowing little about our small boat brethren (other than they don't have carriers), I received one of their few interservice transfers... khaki one day to blue the next. Spent the next five years flying Caribbean OPS from CG AirFac Norfolk and AirSta St. Augustine. Then I headed to CG HQ in DC for two different tours, calling it a wrap at 20. My last job, leading the CG energy program, primed me for the Omaha Public Power District, where I am still.

Susan and I live on a rural farmstead and have raised our four boys. Our oldest, currently a Creighton law student, was an embassy Marine in Ankara; his next brother is active Navy Air in Norfolk; our third is a hard-working blue-collar welder; and our youngest just graduated from U of Iowa. Great young men all!

Today...I'm lead fish fryer at our Legion's monthly dinners; we have a great church. Susan is a volunteer EMT and I've had some very cool adventures with our boys over 14 years as Assistant Scoutmaster (when it was still really “Boy” Scouts).

Though I sometimes doubted staying, I'm so fortunate to have graduated amidst friendships and memories I will cherish forever.

Thompson, Ken

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After graduation, like several classmates, I completed flight training and Carrier Qualification onboard USS Lexington followed by orders to USS Midway (and yes, I realize they are now both museums) where I flew the venerable A-7 Corsair for a few years. Subsequently, I was fortunate enough to go directly to the then new F/A-18 Hornet for the remainder of my naval career.



Ken and Patti

Following my squadron CO tour, I retired from the Navy and started a new flying job with United Airlines but was unfortunately furloughed after the events of 9/11. In the shadow of tragedy, opportunity knocked as a small startup airline JetBlue Airways needed pilots. I am starting my 20th year as a Captain for JetBlue and plan a few more before retiring for a second time.

My wife Patti and I have been married for more than 30 years and have two grown sons with successful professional careers. In the 20 years since Navy retirement, we have traveled extensively and for many years went back and forth living in both our farm in Pennsylvania and home in south Florida. Three years ago we consolidated to a single home in Wellington, Florida and plan on beginning our “real” retirement there.



Unger, Jim

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Forty years ago, Susan Cox (USNA '80) wrote:

“Jim and I met in my second class year at the Academy. I was returning from class and walked by Jim outside his room. He said, “Hey, you want some can-dee?” I fell in love with him from that moment, but I did not let him know. I used to watch him play tennis from my window above the 7th Wing courts. I even prayed to God to let me marry him.



Jim and Susan

I did not see much of him again until First Class year. Our relationship really got started when he asked me how many touchdowns I wanted him to make during a company football game, and I answered him with “two.” He made two and did not make any more for the rest of the season. He thought I was his “lucky charm.”

We knew things were for real when I was Midshipman Officer of the Watch on the night of the Army-Navy Winter Sports weekend. When I got off watch, Jim was going to play tennis in the field house, but he walked with me to my room, and we talked for almost three hours outside my room.

From then on we saw each other as much as possible. Our first date was to see the movie in the yard, ‘The Seduction of Joe Tynan.’”

For nearly 37 years, despite all the fully-forgiven dashed promises, hopes, and dreams, I would not abandon my Covenant with God and Susan. After all this, He then revealed why: His will all along was that it was to be me from the very start who was to serve as Susan’s champion in her most dire time of need.

Everything else, per scripture, is merely a breeze. Amongst my obligations now are bearing witness to what God did for us, the lessons He provided, and the reality He will do likewise for you if only you beseech Him.

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Armour, Eric

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Hello '81! It's amazing we are 40 years out with hopefully many more to come. I married Terri Foresta from my hometown in 1987. We made the difficult decision to leave Naval Aviation to attend Harvard Business School in 1988. Great opportunity to learn marketing, strategy, and finance to complement my Navy operational and leadership experience.



Eric and Terri

Post-graduation, I became a strategy consultant working with Fortune 500 companies. Long hours, two years in London, partner in 6 years, lots of learning and client impact; it was a great experience.

Thirteen years later, Gillette hired me to run their global Braun business headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany. With 80% of revenues outside the US, I traveled extensively throughout Europe and Asia. The ex-pat community was welcoming and the family had fantastic experiences, including trips to Austria, Rome, Prague, Holland, Provence, Crete, Croatia, Barcelona, Ireland, etc. and great language training.

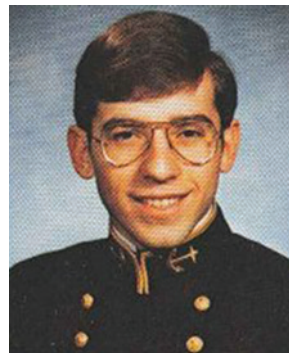
After P&G bought Gillette, I moved into Private Equity working on international deals and then joined Xerox as Chief Strategy Officer and oversaw Xerox's \$10B joint venture with Fuji Xerox. After a few years, I became President of Xerox's global Commercial Print business. We finally visited Hawaii (20+ years after we hoped to) and that cost us a timeshare.

After a final stint in strategy consulting, I retired in 2016 to work on my golf game. Terri and I now live in Naples, Florida (Mediterra community) and still summer in Connecticut while trying to get in 1-2 interesting trips each year. I stay active with volunteer activities, golf, pickleball, and home improvement projects. We have two boys. Oldest is married and a senior manager at Wayfair. Youngest is a manager in E&Y's advisory business and has a serious girlfriend – so both successfully launched. Yeah!! Now if that golf game...

Billy, Greg

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Surprising everyone – but mostly me – I ended up doing a full 30 years in the Navy. Navy time included 24 years of sea duty on 7 submarines and 2 surface ships, and 4 command tours: USS Florida; Naval Support Activity, La Maddalena, Italy; Submarine Squadron 17; and NROTC Unit Carnegie Mellon University.



Greg and Janell

My wife, Janell, and I met in the San Francisco Bay area and married in 1988 at the Naval Academy chapel. Our daughter, Adelaide, was born in 1995 – while I was at sea, of course! In 40 years since graduation, we've had 21 addresses in 6 states and 2 continents, and visited 39 countries.

Along the way, we've met the Pope and the King of Romania, went scuba diving at a grouper farm in Corsica, sailed amidst whales in Puget Sound, and raced on an Italian bicycling team. Join the Navy and see the world, indeed!

Post-Navy, we stayed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where I worked for Westinghouse as Director of Major Business Delivery and then for Carnegie Mellon University as Director of Enterprise Risk Management and Campus Services. In the meantime, Janell went back to school for a nursing degree and currently works in the obstetrics unit at UPMC Magee Womens Hospital. In 2017, I decided to try another "command tour" and became owner of two Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spas in the Pittsburgh area, a \$1.2 million business with 32 employees.

In my spare time, I serve as a Blue and Gold Officer, enjoy outdoor activities like bicycling and fishing, and have been an extra in a couple of TV shows. We recently bought a vacation house in northwestern Pennsylvania on Neshannock Creek, one of the top trout streams in the state, with the goal of eventually pursuing a full-time life of leisure.



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Engleman, Katherine

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In 2020, I co-wrote and performed “My Ship,” a one woman musical about my life and finding my voice. As some background, I was raised to be a dutiful wife and homemaker, but when my two older brothers failed to secure appointments to the Naval Academy, my father (USNA '30) said, “I can’t believe they’re letting girls into MY school, but you’re my last shot – don’t let me down!” I wasn’t an athlete, nor a scholar. . . I wasn’t even a women’s libber and had no desire to go. I fully intended to quit after two weeks so that I could say, “I tried!” But somehow I just kept on going. And for that (in)decision I’m grateful.



Katherine and Eric

After leaving the Navy, I got an MBA and spent 10 years as a high tech sales executive and eventually settled on a career in commercial real estate appraisal which allows me to sleep at night and spend more time with my forever husband, Eric, family, and rescue poms.

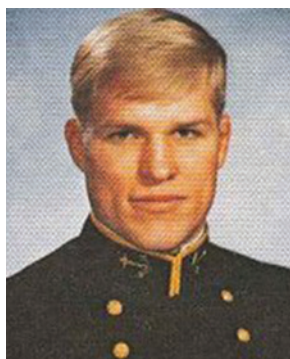
We recently moved to Poulsbo, WA to be closer to mom and to escape city life. Bliss.

An excerpt from “My Ship” follows: “Before intermission, I want to pay tribute to my vivacious and fearless friend and classmate, Cary Jones, who, unlike me, WANTED to be at the Naval Academy so that she could become a Navy pilot, an astronaut, and be the first woman to walk on the moon. Not long after graduation, Cary died in a flight school mid-air collision. Her short life was FIERCE and FREE, and she was everything that I wanted to be but didn’t know how.” I then sang “The Navy Hymn” and saluted Cary as Taps played and lights dimmed and went dark. And I think I heard Cary say, “You Go Girl!!”

Foreman, Brad

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Following graduation, I began my career that spans 40 years of aviation. I first became a Marine aviator and flew the A4 Skyhawk with the 214 Black Sheep squadron. After serving, I started working in commercial aviation, first with McDonald Douglas and later Boeing. In 1996, I was fortunate to receive the “Aviation Week & Space Technology” Laurel for creating and managing the largest aircraft retro-fit and conversion program ever for Federal Express.



Brad and family

I then enjoyed 17 years at Thales in various roles that included VP Thales In-Flight Systems, CEO Thales Avionics, and VP Business Development for Thales USA and Thales USA Defense & Security.

I began consulting, which resulted in an offer of CEO of GDC Technics, a company that delivers airplanes to VVIP and heads of state worldwide. My career has taken me all over the world and has been very fulfilling.

Along the way, my wife Regina (Gigi) has been supporting me and maintaining the home front. We celebrate our 40 years this year and are blessed with two sons and a daughter, as well as a daughter and son-in-law, with our first grandchild due soon. I earned my MBA from Pepperdine, and we have been blessed to see our boys graduate from UCLA, and one has his MBA from UNC and our daughter graduated from TCU. They have jobs they love and are happy. We have been active in our churches and communities. While we still own our family home in California that our middle son lives in, we currently are enjoying our new home in Texas, which is an in between point for our other two children who live in Charlotte and the Phoenix area. We are looking forward to becoming grandparents this year and this next stage of life.



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After being commissioned as a Marine Corps officer, I attended the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. Thereafter, I completed training as a communications officer. In 1982, I was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, in El Toro, California. Next, I was stationed in Okinawa, and then Camp Pendleton. In 1986, I left active duty (at the rank of Captain) and attended law school at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles, California. I completed law school in 1989.



Keith and son

In 1990, I returned to my home town, Annapolis, Maryland, with the intention of serving the local community. In 1991, I was employed as an attorney with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender. I also became involved with various community organizations and efforts.

In 2005, I began my private law practice with the establishment of my law firm in Annapolis, Maryland. The focus of my legal practice has been criminal defense, family law, abused and neglected children, and public housing evictions. I have been a private attorney for more than 16 years. Over the past 30 years as an attorney, I have represented and assisted thousands of people.

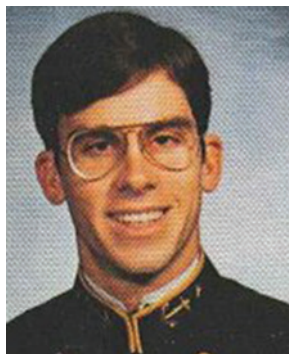
I have been blessed with good friends and a wonderful family. I am very proud of my son, Tarik (age 27). He recently acquired a master's degree in cyber-security and is currently employed with a non-profit organization.

In my free time, I enjoy fishing, kayaking, biking, writing poetry, and writing songs.

Hawkins, Ron

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After commissioning, I served for 8 years as a submariner. I left active duty in 1989 and transitioned to the Reserves for another 14 years, serving in interesting billets at the Office of Naval Research (ONR), Naval Research Lab (NRL), and the Pentagon.



Ron and family

In my civilian career, I worked in business development, management, and operations for several technology companies on diverse projects such as developing new digital mapping technologies and e-reading devices. For the past 14 years, I have been privileged to be employed at the San Diego Supercomputer Center, part of the University of California, where we provide scientists in every research discipline with large-scale computing power to advance their research.

Ellen and I married in 1981 (after meeting at "Disco Dahlgren"), so she has been along for the whole ride. We have two grown sons, Barry & John, both of whom are engineers working in aerospace and homeland security.

We have made San Diego our home since 1997 and enjoy the outdoor lifestyle and access to the beaches, deserts, and mountains that living in San Diego affords.



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Hyman, Mark

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I retired in 2011 as a Navy O-6 with 30 years of active & reserve service. I was surface warfare with ship tours on east and west coasts and a London shore tour. I converted to intelligence in the reserves. About half of my time was in units affiliated with CIA, DIA, NSA and ONI. The other half was in the US and Navy Space programs at the National Reconnaissance Office and Naval Space Command. I left active duty in 1989 to work for Naval Intelligence.

My expertise was Middle East & north Africa. I've visited every country from Morocco to Iraq except Libya. I was on assignment in 1991-92 with the US Onsite Inspection Agency as a weapons inspector in former Soviet and Warsaw Pact nations.



Mark

In 1996, I worked in Congress on a fellowship via Johns Hopkins University. The following year, I joined Sinclair Broadcast Group as a corporate officer. I transitioned to an on-air role as a news commentator before launching our national investigative unit in 2018. Highlights included covering the Iraq war and hosting live news specials in communities that were never on my bucket list.

Home is in Annapolis. I'm married to Julie and have 4 great children. A former Marine, Chris is married to Sandra, has a son, and works in commercial construction in San Diego. Jennifer (Emory Law) is a criminal defense attorney in Atlanta. Kelly (Davidson College) works in PR and marketing for an Annapolis mortgage company. Kyle is a business major at the University of Maryland. The kids participated in every activity imaginable (scouting, band, theater) including sports at the high school, club team and collegiate levels. They've competed nationally and in Europe. Many vacation days were spent as a spectator somewhere around the country.

Jaeger, Paul

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Forty years ago—on a trip to San Antonio between my last exam and the start of Commissioning Week—my life changed forever. While standing up as best man in my future brother-in-law's wedding, I met Cathy, and she's been the love of my life ever since. It took a trip to Texas—and some Divine Providence—to bring us together. Through 30 years of traveling the world—wherever the Navy sent us—we met whatever challenges shared our path.



Paul and Cathy

It started with a P-3 NFO tour in Hawaii and the birth of our first son, Andrew. A move to the DC area brought another boy—Joe—and also a career shift for me...a designator change/lateral conversion to the wonderful world of cryptology. I loved flying, but the spook world offered a challenge that I couldn't resist. My new calling with the (then) Naval Security Group delivered three spectacular years in Edzell, Scotland—the best combination of family life, mission, community, and golf nirvana that anyone could ever ask for. Tours on Abraham Lincoln with CARGRU 3, the National Security Agency, Naval War College, and four awesome years in Japan followed. As a Captain, four alternating tours between the Pentagon and Fort Meade completed the 30 year journey—the highlight of which was command of our Sailors at Fort Meade. "Retirement" ushered in four years as a NSA civilian and the last six "back home" with Fleet Cyber Command as a Senior Executive.

In our 40 years together, the greatest blessing was raising two great kids and showing them the value of service to our nation—both became Navy officers. Now we're watching them raise our five grandchildren with their brides. Spare time finds us planning our bucket list, cheering for Wisconsin sports teams, and tailgating at Navy home games.



Lesko, Chuck
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I have to admit, my time since graduating back in '81 has certainly gone by a lot faster than I expected. While on my second duty tour aboard CV-60 out of Mayport, Florida, I met Erin — my partner-in-life. We married 35 year ago and raised two great kids, a daughter who teaches middle and high school bands and a son who works with networks and cybersecurity for a major hospital system.



Chuck and Erin

Following the onset of a career-shortening medical condition coupled with a much too early service retirement in the early 90's, I began work on my second master's degree, taught college on the side to keep the lights on, and eventually completed a doctorate degree that I finished just before we rang in the new millennium. Both degree programs really helped me to shift into my next series of career choices, giving me the opportunity to ply a new trade in technology management via several rewarding engagements. But it wasn't long before I had caught the teaching bug and I returned to academia, taking a tenure-track position in the College of Engineering and Technology at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. Fast forward a few more years and here I am, a tenured professor at ECU overseeing the department's graduate programs, teaching both undergrad and grad courses, and guiding PhD candidates through the process.

In retrospect, there were challenges that kept me on my toes, and I wouldn't ask for it any other way; but looking forward, there are lots of open seas ahead and many more challenges to be met. So much to prioritize in the coming years, but I know that rekindling old friendships is high on that list. Always feel free to join Erin and me at our little piece of beach bliss in Emerald Isle, NC. Be well.

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My active-duty time took me first to the staff of COMNAVAIRLANT as Deputy PAO. Two years later, I joined the aviation logistics and engineering community with VRC-40 in Norfolk, moving to the Naval Reserves in 1986. While stationed in Norfolk, I married Tom McPhillips '79. We then were blessed with our children Kelly (born in '86) and James (born in '90). On the civilian side, I worked for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach, Joint Medical Products in Stamford, CT, and finally Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, CT, until retiring in 2003. I continued with the Naval Reserve, doing off-and-on drills and active-duty squadrons and engineering units at Pt. Mugu, NAS Glenview, NAS South Weymouth, Naval Air Systems Command, and NAS Patuxent River, until retiring as an O-5 in 2006.



Robin

Pursuing my real passion, history, I completed an MA in American Studies in 2009. This culminated in six years of archival research, writing, editing, and working with descendants, to write a biography of a Fairfield, CT-born, New York merchant, art patron, banker, and railroad man, the father-in-law of J.P. Morgan. The biography, "Jonathan Sturges, Merchant of Old New York," was published in 2018 and is sold nationally. Tom retired from Pfizer in 2013, and we moved to Hilton Head Island, SC, where we continue to reside, with golfing, tennis, and travel filling our calendar. We will celebrate 40 years of marriage in January 2022.



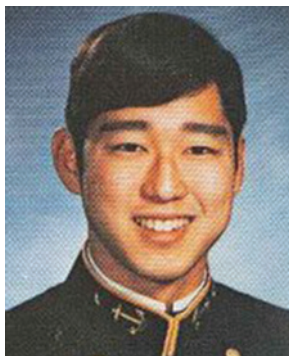
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Nonaka, Kevin

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I joined the Navy and saw the world! At least the West Pac and Indian Ocean. Playing with “Ivan” at sea was memorable. In 1989, I moved on to civilian life. However, I didn’t close the door on my Naval adventures. I signed aboard the Navy Reserves. Who knew this journey would continue another 22 years.

I served with great reserve officers and sailors at Naval Surface Group Mid-Pacific, Mobile Mine Assembly Group 2720, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, USS Frederick (LST-1184), USS George Philip (FFG-12), Pacific Fleet-Logistic Task Force, and Third Fleet-Joint Force Maritime Component Commander. In 2011, after 30 years, I retired from the Navy Reserves.



Kevin and Oanh

Along the way, I married my wonderful wife, Oanh Pham, of San Diego in 1990. We have five awesome children that make us so happy and proud. Anna, Amy, Alan, Audrey, and Aaron are our Fantastic 5, but more fondly referred to as the “A-Team”.

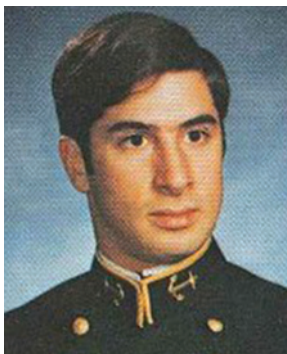
I stayed in Hawaii at Pacific Machinery (Caterpillar) as Sales, Instructor, Marketing, and Field Engineer. In 1998, we moved to San Diego where I took on the role of Mr. Mom and raised our five children. You may ask, “5 kids! How did you do it?” Just think of Vin Diesel in “The Pacifier” gearing up for baby patrol. Fortunately, I had my Reserve job to get a break from child rearing and to get a dose of “adult conversation.” Mr. Mom quals included: Cubmaster, school aide, taxi driver, martial arts punch dummy, etc.

For me it’s: fishing, shooting sports, snorkeling, and fast mopeds with Krash Ken Voorhees. If I had more time: golf and scuba. If I had better legs: hiking and running. In 2014, I returned to work at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, San Diego. I’m currently a Submarine Test Engineer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Perotti, Tony

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Shortly after graduation, I married my first wife, Elizabeth. I entered the submarine force as a strategic weapons specialist and served on USS Alexander Hamilton (SSBN 617G). We moved to Connecticut, had our first son, Robert, in 1984 and then returned to the Annapolis area for shore duty. I spent the next 17 years working for Naval Sea System Command, the first two years on active duty and the remainder as a civil servant.



Tony and Andrea

During my time at NAVSEA, as an electronics engineer, I worked on every major submarine program except Seawolf. The highlight of my time at NAVSEA was my assignment to the SSGN conversion program. We planned the conversion of four Trident hulls to support conventional weapons and special forces. We also had three more children, Christina in 1989 and twin boys Michael and Stephen in 1991.

When I left active duty in 1987, I entered the reserves as an intel officer and served for about 10 years in several DC-area units. My most interesting assignment was a tour in the Submarine Warfare Operations Research Division (SWORD) where I got to make good use of my submarine experience in an intelligence setting. I took an early retirement from NAVSEA, in 2002, and started a second career as a DoD contractor. I’ve been with three different companies and supported a variety of organizations including the Joint Spectrum Center in Annapolis, various NAVSEA offices (Virginia class and unmanned undersea systems) and NSA.

In 2003, I met Andrea, and we married in 2007. With that marriage came three step-children, Charlie, Betsy, and Billy. We now have three grandchildren, two boys and a girl. We enjoy travel, tennis, cycling, golf, sailing on the bay, and visiting the grandkids. We tailgate at Navy football games with classmates Paul and Kathy Jaeger and Pete and Nancy Riester.



Ryan, Patrick

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My brain refuses to accept what my knees and back keep saying – it’s actually been 40 years! After USNA and SWOS, I headed off to USS John F Kennedy. I thought I’d hate it but I really loved it. I then went to USS Reeves in Yokosuka, followed by a stint in Subic Bay. Next was NRPC in NOLA before transitioning to the Reserves, spending most of my Reserve career in Law Enforcement (something many who knew me at USNA are probably shaking their heads at). The corporate career has been almost entirely IT.



Pat

I met Barbara after retiring from the Reserves. We were both single parents with no time for a life but we blended our families, despite our pre-teen kids’ hatred of each other (they love each other now). We have three sons and two daughters; the prefix “step-” is not in our family’s vocabulary.

After working as a Project and Program Manager at Verizon, AOL and FannieMae, I moved over to Cloud Service Delivery at OpenText. I went from herding cats to supporting our Cloud Services with shared infrastructure, working to understand and reduce our costs while improving availability, security, and stability of the services. Now that I’ve got that all figured out, it’s time to start using hyperscalers. It’s been a great career and I’m still learning, but the time is rapidly approaching for the next big transition.

Barbara and I are the doting grandparents of 5 granddaughters and 2 grandsons (I never viewed myself as a doter until I saw my first grandchild). Gotta love grandkids – they think we’re perfect and our kids are the dorks. We’re both looking forward to retirement; we don’t know where we’ll end up except that it will involve lots of time with grandkids plus plenty of sunshine and travel.

Ryan, Tim

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After graduation I traversed the nuclear power program and served on the USS Boston (SSN 703). I completed all the usual nuke and sub qualifications before my next tour as an instructor and class director at the Submarine Officer Basic Course in Groton. While on active duty I got to visit Scotland, England, West Germany, Canada, and Australia. During the 1983 Indian Ocean deployment, we circumnavigated the world via the Panama Canal. I’d asked the detailer for a very active sub and I sure got one. We burned a heck of a lot of EFPH (effective full power hours).



Tim and family

After separating, I attended UConn Law School in Hartford, CT, getting my JD in 1991. I went into general private practice with a small firm and eventually went solo in Northern Vermont in the county that was home base for my mother’s family. I met my future wife, Emily, a UVM med student in 1999, married in 2001, had our daughter, June, in late 2003, and moved to southwest Florida to be near Emily’s parents in 2004. I have been primarily active in parenting June since her birth, however, I took the bar in Florida and have practiced in the estate planning area from home since 2008. June is now a senior in high school, looking forward to her college experience.

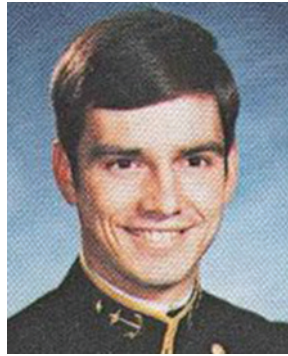
My family has been glamping, using RVs since 2010. I enjoyed visiting the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado, Yellowstone, the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, and all sorts of Florida state and county parks. We also enjoy cruising, especially on the Celebrity line, to the Caribbean area and Alaska, but my favorite so far has been the cruise to Ireland, which also went to Iceland, and then the Shetlands, and back to Ireland. We stayed after in County Wicklow in Ireland. *Y’all keep on truckin’.*



Voorhees, Ken

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Upon graduating from USNA I enjoyed a 28 year career in the Submarine Force leading to Command of USS Alaska (SSBN-732) and Major Command at Trident Refit Facility in Bangor, Washington. My love for the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii began with my plebe summer cruise in 1978. I spent almost my entire Navy career in those two locations, including my current retirement.



Ken and Lovelyn

In 1986 I met Lovelyn Mun and she became the love of my life. We were married in 1989 and have one daughter, Asia Malia who works as a registered nurse in Tacoma, Washington. Lovelyn is a very accomplished artist working with watercolor and jewelry.

Since 2010 I have been working as the civilian Executive Director for Fleet Maintenance for the U.S. Pacific Fleet staff in Pearl Harbor. Aloha shirts are my Uniform of the Day and I collect them. I also own one suit for that very rare occasion when I travel off-island.

In my spare time I enjoy home repair and auto mechanics. Lovelyn owns a 1973 super beetle named "Orange Crush" that I enjoy working on. Fishing is another passion and I enjoy trying my luck at the beaches for Papio and Hawaiian bonefish.



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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21402

7 February 1977

Mr. Anthony R. Perotti
1520 Washington Ave.
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Dear Mr. Perotti,

It is my pleasure to offer you an appointment to the United States Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1981. You may take justifiable pride in having successfully competed with many outstanding young people in the United States for admission to this unique undergraduate institution. I congratulate you on your fine record of achievement to date and wish you continuing success.

Acceptance of this appointment can be your first step toward a challenging and rewarding career as a professional officer in the naval service. Several of our great men in the past such as Albert Michelson, the first American scientist to win a Nobel Prize; Admirals Chester Nimitz, Bill Halsey and Arleigh Burke; and astronauts Alan Shepard, Wally Schirra, Jim Lovell, and Tom Stafford all started their careers as midshipmen at the Naval Academy. Before making your decision, however, I suggest that you read very carefully the enclosed pamphlet entitled "A Message to Young Men and Women Selected for Admission to the Naval Academy."

Please return the enclosed acceptance/declination certificate as soon as possible and in any case by 1 May. If you decide not to accept this appointment, please complete the declination portion of the certificate so that we can offer this appointment to one of the hundreds of other qualified candidates who are waiting for an opportunity to enter the Naval Academy.

The Class of 1981 will be sworn in on 6 July 1977. If you indicate that you will accept this appointment, you will receive a letter in May with a "Permit to Report to the U. S. Naval Academy for Admission as Midshipman." You will also be given additional instructions and a time to report at the Naval Academy on 6 July.

I hope that you will accept this challenge. Good luck, and welcome to the Brigade of Midshipmen and the United States Naval Academy.

Sincerely,
Kinnaird R. McKee

KINNAIRD R. MCKEE
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Superintendent

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Begley, Bob

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I threw my midshipman cover as high as I could on that very special day in May of 1981 and pointed my car south to Pensacola where I met the love of my life, Carrie, and had three wonderful children during an amazing 21 year Navy career in the P-3 community. Our last Navy tour was a dream come true to have teamed up with one of our chosen family, classmate, and first squadron-mate Ken Lewko and his wife Jill at NAS Willow Grove, PA.



Bob and family

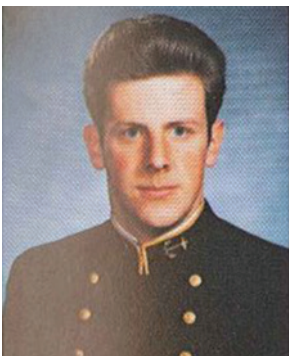
Upon retirement I was hired to fly for FedEx, moved to the Pensacola area, and now ready to retire next December after 21 more years! Our three children Kate, Kimberly, and Jack are grown and married. We count our blessings in grandchildren and currently have six (three each from Kate and Kimberly's families) and excitedly expecting two more (one from Kimby and one little granddaughter from Jack (John Robert Jr. and his wife...yes...Kerrie but spelled a little bit differently). Excited beyond words!

We hope to see many of you during our 40th! Go Navy!

Bender, Jim

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The Basic School was the first stop. Aviation Flight School came next. I served as the Student Control Officer at Marine Aviation Training School Group. I received my "Wings of Gold" in September 1983 and reported to HMH-464 at MCAS New River as the first copilot in the CH-53E Super Stallion RAG. I served in various aviation billets in NATOPS/Safety, Operations, and Maintenance. I served the Corps through Desert Shield and Desert Storm.



Jim and Rebecca

We then proceeded to the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX. We completed their two year preaching curriculum in June 1993 and their one year mission program in June 1994. I graduated as valedictorian of the 59th SSOP Class with the school's highest GPA. Our family served with the Sunrise Church of Christ in Mira Mesa near San Diego, CA from 1994 to 2006. God moved us from coast to coast in June 2006 to serve as the Involvement Minister at the Roosevelt Drive Church of Christ in Jacksonville, NC until the present. The local congregation of the Lord's church here is 50% military, and we are privileged to serve the Marines and Sailors of Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River, Camp Geiger, and Camp Johnson.

I have been married to my exceptional wife, Rebecca Bender, for the past 38 years, and the Lord has blessed us greatly with two children; our daughter Jaelyn and son-in-law as they reside in Salt Lake City and our son Ryan who lives here in Jacksonville with his wife and our only grandchild Riley.

I am so thankful and grateful for my classmates, especially in 13th Company. I would not have graduated or be able to serve where I am now without their help, guidance, and support; a debt to '81ers I will not be able to repay.



Cooke, Chris

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After graduation, I flew Navy helicopters on active duty and in the reserves until retirement in 2009. In late 2008, I started my third career as a tax lawyer. My practice in San Diego provides tax, estate planning, and business entity advice to clients both in and out of California.



Chris and kids

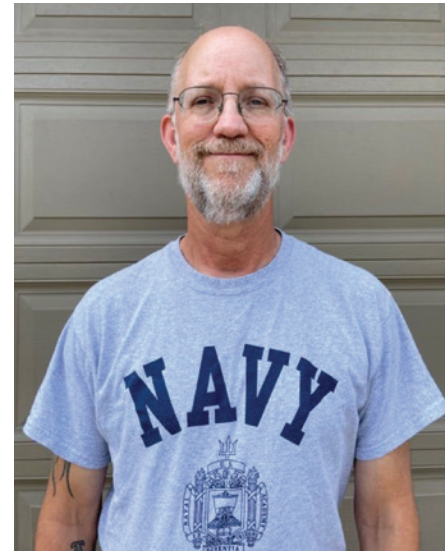
I was married from 1983 until 2001. Three of my four children served in the armed forces. My oldest child, Sara, was a Navy nurse. My older twin son, Sean, was an Army combat engineer and paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. My younger twin son, Patrick, was a Marine officer and spent most of 2014 in Afghanistan. My youngest child, Colin, is a college student studying accounting.

In 2016, I married Laura Greci. Laura was previously married and has two adult children, Matthew and Miranda. Laura is a physician with board certification in multiple specialties. Most of her clinical experience has been in internal medicine and emergency medicine. Laura and I live in San Diego and enjoy traveling to Hawaii and other island destinations.

Dixon, Bob

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After graduation I was in the Marine Corps for 12 years. I served in a variety of assignments including 3 1/2 months outside the Beirut International Airport prior to the barracks bombing, a deployment to Norway where I became a "Blue Nose," two years in Hawaii, and the Naval Postgraduate School where I got my master's in Computer Science.



Bob

I married Sarah, Hood College '81, in December 1981. My first class year roommate, Don Ross, was a groomsman in our wedding, and met and subsequently married Laurie Ross, Hood College '82. Our daughter, Rachel, was born in 1984 at Camp Lejeune and Andrew in 1988 while stationed in Quantico.

I left the Marine Corps in 1993 and settled outside Raleigh, NC, beginning a productive career as a computer programmer. From 2003 to 2006, I backpacked 200 miles of the Appalachian Trail. In 2007, Sarah and I took a motorcycle trip to Key West, FL, and in 2009 we rode to Quebec, Canada, so we have been to the furthest southern and northern points in the US on bike. In 2015, I rode as far west as Dodge City, KS, and in 2017 I rode to Sturgis, SD. I was a scout leader for many years and have served in several fulfilling volunteer jobs in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We have five grandkids and are lucky enough to have all our kids and grandkids living near us in the Raleigh, NC area.

It's been a fun and exciting life, and I look forward to several more years of work before retirement. I apply the things I learned at USNA and in the USMC every day in civilian life, showing others the importance of trying to make a difference and of living a life of honor and integrity.



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Hardy (Heon), Susan

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Hi, classmates! Jim ('82/13th) and I have three kids – Michael (Navy LTJG/USS Alabama), Tommy (Coast Guard Ensign/CGC Alert), and Catherine (junior at Santa Clara University). As recent empty nesters, we moved from San Diego (postage stamp lot) to something a bit bigger in the Pacific Northwest. Jim served 28 years, and I did 23. Most fun Navy job? VP-44!



Susan and Jim

We started late (married at 35; first child at 37; last at 42), so all of my post-Navy retirement time has been centered around our family. After the Navy, I taught school as our kids were still munchkins. It was fun to be in their school system, and teaching had the best parts of what I loved about the Navy – working with people and learning something new. Also like the Navy, I enjoyed change...so I taught in the elementary and middle schools (regular & special ed) and then put an MS in Education Technology (pre-pandemic) to good use and co-founded an online high school program for our district (best post-Navy job).

Best volunteer work? Helping high school kids get into ROTC or Academy programs. Best vacation? In 2010, when Jim retired, we homeschooled our kids on bikes/camping/trains around Europe for a semester (kids were 13, 11 and 8). Our kids will tell you there wasn't much real homeschooling involved with that trip! We still love to travel and biking/bike touring is a favorite. Our next big project will be converting a cargo van (that we used to move multiple college-age kids to multiple places) into a TWO person RV.

Herrod, Tony

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After graduation I reported to the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia along with other newly commissioned Marine Corps officers. I had planned on a long, successful career. However, that was not to be. In 1983, I was severely injured in a helicopter crash while preparing for a deployment. As the sole survivor of the crash, I adapted, improvised, and overcame significant physical and mental health challenges to recover and return to active duty. I received a permanent disability retirement from the Marine Corps in 1985.



Tony

After departing the Marines, I was determined to continue serving in the government as a civilian. I was subsequently hired by the National Security Agency. For the next 38 years, I managed organizations and projects of increasing scope and complexity. To enhance my resources management acumen and satisfy my thirst for knowledge, I attended Loyola College and received an MBA in 1995. More importantly I led, coached, mentored, and inspired people to help them unlock their potential and attain their career goals. I retired from NSA in 2021 after a successful and fulfilling career.

I'm counting my blessings and thoroughly enjoying a healthy, comfortable, and relaxed retirement! I currently reside in Laurel, Maryland with Karen, my wife, inspiration, and soul mate. We have been happily married for 20 years. We are active in our church which strives to be a thriving spiritual center that reaches people for Christ and builds believers to be Christ-like. Outside of church we are passionate about helping others and making a difference in our community. We enjoy traveling, reading, gardening and spending time with friends and family; to include our gifted son Joseph Hodge.

Once a Marine, always a Marine! Semper Fi.



Lawrence, Wendy

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I retired from the Navy and NASA in 2006. After over 10 years in hot and flat Houston, I was ready for some seasons and changes in elevation. That led me back to the West Coast (where I grew up), only this time to Washington, not California. I lived for 10 years in Ferndale, just south of the Canadian border. Thanks to my NEXUS card, I was a frequent visitor to British Columbia and its many beautiful parks and recreational areas. A couple of years ago, I moved to the other end of Puget Sound and now live in Lacey, which is just south of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Some days, I can hear artillery practice!



Wendy and Cathy

Shortly after retirement, I had the opportunity to participate in several Sally Ride science festivals. That experience helped me decide that I wanted to spend my time on K-12 STEM education efforts. Several times a year, I work at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex and Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. I also support a couple of aerospace and science programs in Washington and Idaho for high school seniors. When I lived in Ferndale, I helped with the middle school girls robotics club and the STEM club.

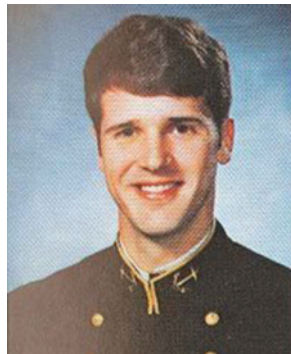
I married my spouse, Cathy, in 2013. In our free time, we enjoy kayaking, snowshoeing, and hiking in the nearby Cascade and Olympic Mountains.

Ross, Don

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Upon graduation I went to Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, RI. I then served for six Active Duty years, leaving the Navy entirely in July 1987.

Upon leaving Active Duty, I went to work for NAVAIR at the Naval Avionics Center (NAC) in Indianapolis, my hometown. NAC was a victim of the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. I stayed with the Indianapolis Facility that privatized in 1996 and became a Hughes Aircraft employee. Raytheon bought Hughes Aircraft in 1997. I am still working for Raytheon at the Indianapolis Facility, with retirement looming in the next couple of years, targeting the end of 2023. Over the years with Raytheon, I have held many positions, including System Engineer, Program Engineer, Engineering Manager, and Program Manager.



Don and family

My focus over the last 40 years has been family. I met my wife, Laurie, at my roommate Bob Dixon's wedding in January 1982. Laurie and I married in July 1983. Our daughter Rebecca was born in 1985 and Jennifer in 1987, three months before I left Active Duty. We then moved back to my hometown to be near family. Once settled back home, we had five more children: David in 1989; twins Katherine and Michael in 1997; Patrick in 1999; and Timothy in 2004. All are our biological children. As of 2021, four of our seven children are married, and we have 11 grandchildren so far.

Included in the focus on family is our church family. From 1988 through 2019, I have served in church leadership positions, including Deacon, Elder, Music Ministry Leader, and teacher in the Children's Ministry. Laurie and I have helped to plant local churches, one in 2001 and another in 2013. Although not yet fully retired, Laurie and I are stepping back from church responsibilities and are slipping into the retired grandparent mode.

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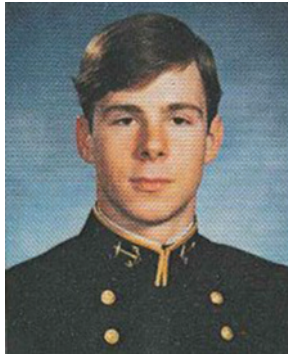




Barron, John

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After graduation, it was straight to Pensacola and designation as a naval aviator, flying the H-46 Sea Knight for the next 20+ years. Primary missions included VERTREP, SAR, and logistics, based in San Diego, Guam, and Norfolk. Interspersed with squadron tours was academics, including Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA, Naval War College, Newport RI, and faculty, USNA Oceanography Dept. I had amphib tours onboard Tripoli (LPH-10) and Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6) as Air Boss for her maiden deployment. I finished active duty as XO of Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego, the Navy's C4ISR Lab.



Barron family

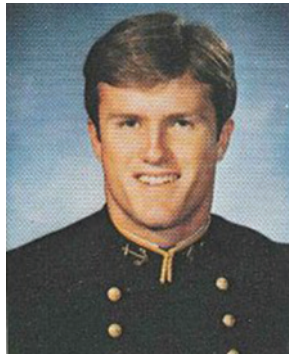
I retired in 2005 and walked down the hall to a new office as a government civilian physicist. I've been working there ever since, though it is now known as Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific. I work with talented scientists and engineers conducting RDT&E of new technologies that deliver increased capability in the realm of Information Warfare. My projects have included developing UUV architectures, processing acoustic intelligence, and serving as Deputy Department Head, Cyber and Science & Technology. Currently, I'm living the dream, working with the U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program in my final assignment before true retirement.

On the family front, I met my wife, Lisa, a native San Diegan, during my last sea tour. We were married in 2001 and have three awesome children. We started (and stopped) building our family after welcoming triplets two years in. Our sons Ryan and Jack, with our daughter Ava are now 17 and we have had our hands full since the very first days they came home from the NICU. They are the best, and they never fail to remind us that having a family is truly a blessing.

Boblit, Chris

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I went Navy Air (with a few slots to spare). Got stashed and married to Lori in San Diego, then drove to Pensacola for our honeymoon. After jet training in Kingsville, TX, ended up flying A-7s out of LeMoore, CA. Deployed twice with VA-146 Blue Diamonds on the USS Kitty Hawk; one WestPac and the other one we "Did the Ditch" and sailed around the world. Earned Top Hook award on the second cruise. Instructed in VA-122 FRS and Light Attack Weapons School before getting out in '89.



Chris and Lori

Our first son was born, and I got hired by Northwest Airlines/Delta. We moved to Minnesota where my second son was born. In 1999, we moved back to San Diego and bought the house that I grew up in, after my first bout with Cancer. I had a stem cell transplant in 2001 (Hodgkin's Lymphoma) and remain cancer-free.

During my airline career I was based in Minneapolis, Detroit, Seattle, Salt Lake City, and New York City. I took advantage of the Voluntary Early Out Program that Delta offered last year and retired November 1, 2020 after 31 years. I realized that I had worn a tie to "work" for the last 43 years!

My four years at Navy were quite eventful; when we were Plebes, President Carter granted amnesty to all those with demerits during halftime at the Georgia Tech game. That got me out of 75 and 2! There were more Black N's to come, as well as Varsity N Stars. I almost quit and almost got kicked out, but I am so glad that I stayed. Thanks to all of you that helped me along the way.

(Also, Bancroft Hall had the best record collection in the world!)



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Buczowski, Bucky

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After graduation, I became a Surface Warfare Officer on the USS Truett (FF-1095), where I served as the CICO, the Gunnery Liaison Officer, and the principal ASW Evaluator. After Truett, I became the Navigation Officer on USS Platte (AO-186). While on Platte, I transitioned to Engineering Duty and attended graduate school at Penn State before reporting to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, where I served as a Ship Superintendent, Type Desk Officer, and Program Manager for Foreign Military Sales support. It was in Philadelphia that I met my wife, Robin, and where we started our family which now numbers four children and four grandchildren.



I then spent a short tour at NSWC Philadelphia, before reporting to the Trials Board of the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) where I was the C4I Inspector, and the trial coordinator for new construction Amphibs and CVNs, and all Military Sealift Command vessels. Following that, I reported to SUPSHIP Newport News. Newport News Shipbuilding decided it did not need non-nuke project officers shortly after reporting, so that freed me up to do an extended TAD with PMS-400R/PMS-500 for concept development of SC-21; ultimately the Zumwalt Class destroyers. I lucked out and was asked to lead the logistics and maintenance area. After the TAD completed, I returned to SUPSHIP and retired.

After retirement, I took a position at Bath Iron Works in Maine; a position I intended to keep for only three years before moving on. Twenty-two years later we are all still here. I spent most of my time at BIW supporting the DDG1K program in ship certification, SW configuration management, and Human Systems Integration. I currently work in the Advanced Concepts Engineering group which looks at new manufacturing technology. It is time now to look at transitioning to Phase III...

Happy 40, and God's blessings to all.

Chiffole, Anthony

After a post-graduation summer at the Navy Annex, I went through NFO school in Pensacola, then VAW training in Norfolk, then a sea tour with VAW-126, flying in the E-2C Hawkeye out of Norfolk and on USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67). My shore duty was at Fort Monmouth, NJ, for a joint tour testing the compatibility of all of the services' datalink software.



Leaving active duty, I worked as a book editor at the U.S. Naval Institute, on the grounds of the Naval Academy. At the same time, I attended the graduate institute at St. John's College, across the street from the academy, and earned my master's degree (liberal arts). My publishing career took me to St. Louis (briefly), New York City (Queens; Bronx), Westport, CT, and (virtually) Santa Barbara, CA, where I was editorial director. For the past six years I've been working as a freelance book editor and indexer (from home, which is now Troy, NY). I also continued in the Naval Reserve until retirement.



Anthony

I plan to continue working freelance, but painting has become quite an enthusiastic endeavor.

I had my first book published in 1997; out of the dozen I've written or co-written, the most successful has been "Cooking with the Bible," but my favorite might be "100 Names of Mary."



Harrington, Dan

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USMC-Quantico to PCola to California flying the venerable CH-53D (HMT-301 and HMT-462 Heavy Haulers) aircraft in Tustin, CA. Deployed twice to the Rock (Okinawa) and instructed with HMT-302. Next stop Monterey – Ops Research degree. Payback



Dan and Deb

proved a career death knell as the 1st Gulf War kicked off upon my arrival. With no way to get to the Gulf, I could hear the words of my Monitor (that’s a Detailer for you Navy types), “If there is a war, you best be there.”

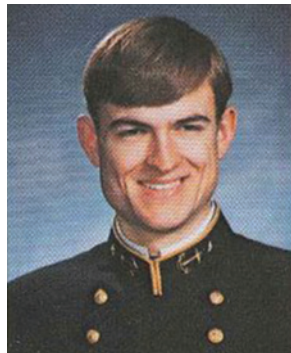
Navy season tickets while in D.C. but those were the 1-10 years. Back to Tustin for another CH-53D tour with HMT-363 Red Lions as OpsO and ultimately XO. Cross-country, back to Quantico, Command & Staff College then on to the USS SAIPAN as Air Ops for a Med Float. Took two passes to LtCol (“If there is a war, you best be there.”). Finished my 20 at the Naval Safety Center, Norfolk.

Took a job with Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford, CT in 2001. Lost my first wife, Krystal in 2002 to Leukemia, re-married (Debbie O’Neill) in 2005. We now reside in Wells, ME, and both continue to work for Sikorsky. Our eldest, Danielle, is a Veterinarian (Iowa State University) practicing in Denver, CO, and our youngest, Katherine (Masters in Economics, Queen Mary University London, UK), works in Manhattan for a private equity firm. My future may be as a substitute teacher of math/science for a bit. My 16 years teaching Religious Ed gave me the bug, and after completing a Masters of Teaching at Sacred Heart University, it would seem a waste to not put it to use. Please, if you are healthy enough, GIVE BLOOD regularly. I donate platelets every 2 weeks and have done so for years...sure, the needle might sting a bit but it can’t hurt more than cancer.

Haugen, Jon

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Jon Haugen, 30 seconds on me: Navy P-3’s Moffett, south of San Francisco. Married to Cathy, my wife’s a nurse, she’s from Minnesota, I grew up in Oregon, we met in Texas.



Jon and family

3 kids: Oldest child, Jessica, is a school counselor, she has 2 girls; middle child, Ben, does computer coding for a DC company but can live anywhere, he spent the winter in Orlando and is moving to San Diego; youngest, Allison, works for the State Department in Ho Chi Minh City (she speaks Vietnamese, Mandarin, Spanish and a smattering of English).

22 years Navy/Reserve. I was hired by Delta in February 1988, I retire from Delta in March 2024, I’m writing this from Seoul. I live in Bellingham, WA (20 miles from Canada). A- blood type and I’m a Pisces.



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Liss, Ken

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I went SWO and served on USS Vancouver (LPD-2) from '81 to '84 as CommO. Second ship was USS Ingersoll (DD-990), serving as Electrical, Auxiliaries, and Repair Officer. Finally, it was Des Moines, IA, recruiting for the Nuclear Power program.



Ken and boys

I left the active Navy in '88 to work for Ingersoll-Rand company. I joined the Reserves and served for the next 18 years. Assignments included multiple trips to South America, exercises around the world, and a command in Lincoln, NE. I retired from the Navy in '06 as an O-6.

Went to the University of Cincinnati in '89 to get an MA in Anthropology, concentrating in archaeology. I spent a number of seasons doing my research at the Grand Canyon, studying Anasazi settlement patterns. I branched out to various projects in northern Belize, the Dominican Republic, and southern Kentucky. I moved to Minneapolis in '91 to pursue a PhD in Anthropology at the U of MN. I worked at the U from '92-'03 (Academic Advisor, Asst. Director for International Admissions, and Grad Coordinator for the Journalism School). I went to Le Cordon Bleu cooking school. An internship at the Artisanal Cheese Center in New York City led to my owning/operating the Premier Cheese Market in Minneapolis from '06 to '09. I became a Cheese Consultant for other businesses and then combined my passion for whiskey into seminars I currently offer on cheese and whiskey pairings. I'm also a certified BBQ Master Judge (KCBS)! My career has evolved again, and I'm teaching at an elementary school in St. Paul.

On the personal side, I was married from '95 to '17 and have two sons. Patrick (20) is a junior at St. Olaf College and Benjamin (18) is a senior at Richfield High School. Watching my sons as they grow up into adult human beings is definitely a highlight of these past 20 years.

Nosal, Greg

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After graduation I flew jets on-and-off aircraft carriers. Multiple tours flying the A-7, FA-18, and other aircraft. Lived in numerous locations, had many awesome jobs, and worked with some amazing people.



Greg and family

Retired in 2013 after 32 years wearing the cloth of our nation. Wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I grew up so tried to get into MLB in an executive position but learned quickly I did not have a network. Worked for a few months for a guy by the name of Tony Robbins. I now work for Lockheed Martin at their Center for Innovation in Suffolk, VA. Awesome opportunity to bring engineers together with warfighters to find solutions to their most significant challenges.

Probably work another year, buy a lake house, continue to fly with the Civil Air Patrol, work on my golf game, and most importantly, travel and spend time with family and friends.

My wife Liz and I married in 1985 and we have been blessed with three healthy and happy kids. Katie, our oldest, is married to Tyler and lives in Charlotte, NC. She runs her own executive search firm, Omada Search, and is the mother of our first grandchild, Cooper. Cooper's other grandfather is USNA '79 so he has Navy in his blood. Greg Jr. is the tight end football coach at Bowling Green in Ohio. Our youngest, David, lives in Raleigh, NC working for Draft Kings. Both Greg and Dave are dating wonderful women we like very much.

Recently, I spoke to a company about leadership. It was an opportunity to tell stories, some of them were even true, and I was surprised how much of my material was from things I learned at that little school by the bay. I thank God every day for my wife, family, and the wonderful life we have been fortunate to live. Overall, life is good!



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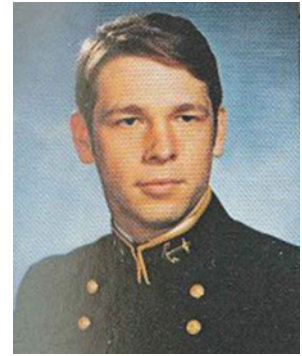
After graduation, I was stashed in RVAW-110 in San Diego. I went to Pensacola in February 1982 and immediately failed the vision test. I decided not to be an NFO and went TAD to USS Barbour County (LST-1195), awaiting SWOS. I did two half-WESTPACs on BC. I came back early from the first one to go to DCA school and came back early from the second one to rotate to CIVPAC. I retired from the reserves in 1999.

I have worked in HR since I left active duty, in manufacturing, healthcare, telecommunications, and not-for-profit. I'm currently working as the senior global compensation analyst for Compassion International. I get to make friends in 26 countries while we "release children from poverty in Jesus' name." Our family lived in California, Washington, and seventeen years in Alaska. We now live in Liberty Lake, WA.

My final civilian retirement plans are not firm. I will most likely retire from Compassion sometime in the next four years. I will probably spend the time visiting kids and grandkids (and classmates), serving on boards, and continuing writing.

In July 1982, I married Bonnie while serving on Barbour County. We have a son, Steven, and a daughter, Katelyn. Steven is married with two daughters, 4 and 7. He lives in Minneapolis (by Ken Liss) and is the NY Life managing partner for Minnesota. Katie is married (to a retired CPO) with three sons, ages 1, 2, and 4. She also has five step kids from 8 to 21. She directs a contract probation resource center in Lewiston, ID.

I've written five novels about the birth of the US Navy during the revolution and three modern political dystopian novels. I also write a children's short story every Christmas in which I work in my grandkids as first hand witnesses into a popular Bible story.



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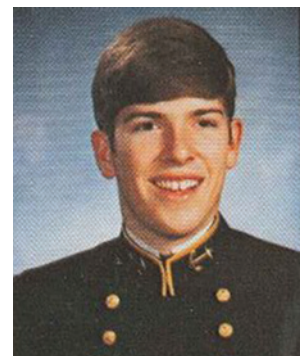
Qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer and then served as the Aide to Commander Naval Base Norfolk where I became a Public Affairs Officer (PAO). Served as PAO on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) followed by tours as PAO for Commander, Naval Surface Force Pacific Fleet, Chief of Legislative Affairs, Chief of Naval Personnel, Chief of Naval Operations and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and led the media operation in Qatar for the invasion of Iraq. Also interspersed were assignments at the Navy's Chief of Information, including EA and Director of National News Desk.

Promoted to Rear Admiral (lower half) on December 2, 2005 and assigned as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategic Communications, followed by a tour as the Navy's Chief of Information.

First job out of the Navy in 2009 was as Vice President for Corporate Communications and Washington Operations for AM General, then entered the not-for-profit world as SVP for Marketing and Communications at the USO. In 2013, I followed my wife to Boston where she was a National Security Fellow at Harvard, and I had the opportunity to audit classes on strategic management of not-for-profit businesses.

Coming back to Washington, DC, I started Quattro Communications, providing marketing and communication counsel. One of my clients, the United States Navy Memorial Foundation, offered me the opportunity to be the President and CEO in 2016, which is where I continue to serve today.

I married in 1982 and have two wonderful children, Frank and Brittany. I was divorced in 1996 and retained primary custody of Frank and Brittany. In 2003, I married Tammy Kupperman, and we are currently living the dream in my hometown of Annapolis. We are most fortunate that Frank and Brittany now have their own families, and we have three grandchildren!





14th Company

Traub, David

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Although I deeply enjoyed my 14th Company classmates and our shared experiences, I left USNA in 1979 to pursue my true path as a ‘scalable psychologist’ deploying mass media (movies, TV, etc.) and technology (AI, VR, etc.) to address one of humanity’s greatest challenges: the pervasive lack of mental wellness. I have done this as an educator, investor, venture catalyst, speaker, philanthropist, board member, and as an advisor to numerous startups, corporations, NGOs and government entities. I have an undergrad degree from UC Berkeley and an M. Ed. from Harvard.



David and family

Bypassing humility, some of the social impact films I’ve helped produce include “Lawnmower Man” (1992), “Jobs” (2014), “Bronx Bull” (2017), and “Drama, Drama” (2019). My next movie is the NBA partnership “Sweetwater” (shooting Nov 2021), Rise (on rising oceans), “Lawnmower Man Reborn” (working title), and George Benson’s “Give Me The Night.” all in development. I have produced a few music-centric games (“Promised Land” and “On the Road with BB King”). I’ve produced a few benefit concerts, such as “Unity for Peace” (2010), “Unity For Vets” (2011), and “Miami Rocks the Troops” (2012). I am contributing to Music4ClimateJustice.org (2021) for the UN’s COP26 climate conference.

I’m most excited about my social impact nonprofits, including Globalmentalwellness.org, Eic.Earth and the GCHFoundation.org, currently streaming health/wellness to 3m+ kids/week across 93 countries.

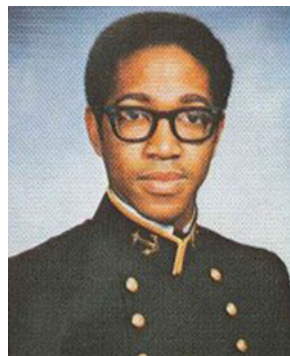
I’ve given many speeches on the future of mental health, media and tech, and been published more than 50 times. I am currently writing multiple books and tools related to supporting the future of humanity.

I left to find my true purpose in life, which I luckily did in helping others do the same; but I do miss, and offer the very best of luck to, my good friends from the class of 1981. I thank you all for your continued goodness, friendship and fine humor.

Weems, Rodney

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Upon graduating, I intended to go inter-service transfer into the Air Force, work as a computer programmer, and take a shot at making the Olympics in épée. But for that single year, the Navy cancelled inter-service transfers. I ended up sailing the high seas on the USS Caloosahatchee (AO-98) out of Norfolk, then a final tour in Adak, Alaska, which turned out to be one of the Navy’s best kept secrets.



Rodney and Kathleen

Post-navy, I trained for six years in Germany and the northeast, falling shy of my ’92 Olympic aspirations. During that time, I tried my hand at wildlife art, writing, and eventually supported myself as a math teacher at St Patrick HS, in Elizabeth, NJ. You may know St. Pats because they emerged as a basketball powerhouse and NBA funnel around that time.

After four and a half years at St. Pats and 20 years in the public school system, I retired to become a programmer. I recently opened www.firefallmath.com, an AI math tutor for pre-algebra and algebra students. It is designed to help secondary-school, at-risk students who lack access to solid math teaching, improving their understanding and helping some of them become their communities’ next generation of math teachers.

In my early 40s, I was fortunate enough to meet and marry Kathleen Tucker. We have two boys, Ethan (now 14) and Eric (12). A few years ago, I received a prostate cancer diagnosis that scared us a bit. I was fortunate enough to recover. But while ill, I began to ask, “If I only have a little time left, what would I most like to leave behind to try and make the world a better place for my boys.” In answer to that question, I began to write a book about love. It will be out sometime next May.



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Post-Graduation: A-6 Intruder guy. Whidbey Island, Virginia Beach, and Nevada. Squadron tours in VA-196, VA-176, and VA35. First deployment to WestPac/IO in 1985 with CVW-14 on USS Constellation (CV-64). First to fly into the Persian Gulf in 1987, escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers. Operation Desert Storm into Iraq in 1991 with CVW-6 on USS Forrestal (CV-59). Deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in 1992 with CVW-17 on USS Saratoga (CV-60). Flew the A-6 and F/A-18 at the Naval Strike & Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) NAS Fallon, NV 1993-1996.

MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL 1996-2001 and 2004-2006 with US Naval Forces Central Command / Fifth Fleet (Tampa and Bahrain). USS Cole and crew recovery. 2001-2003 with US Central Command (Tampa and Qatar), Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

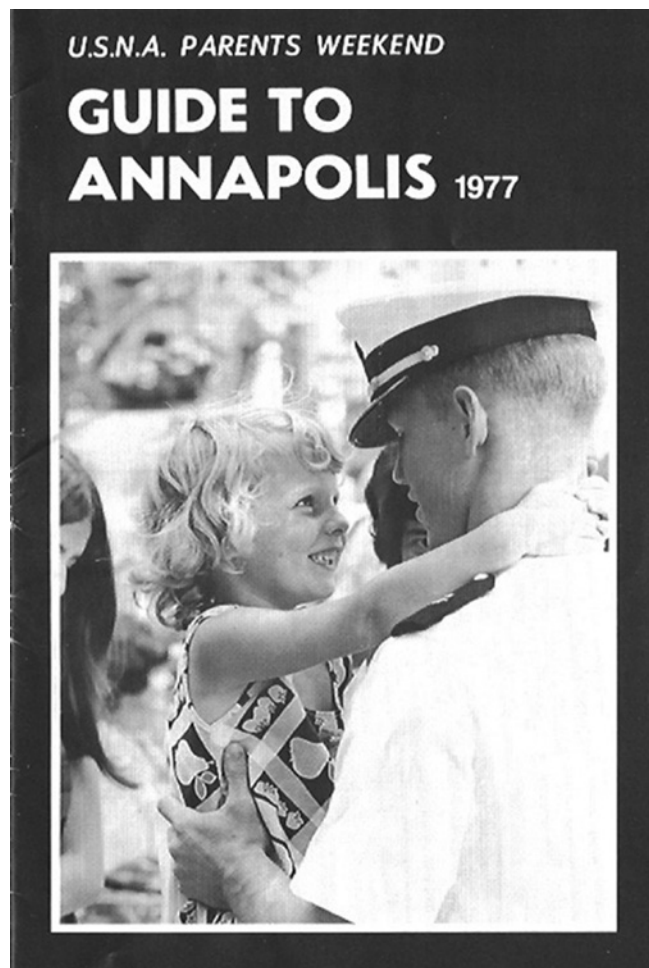
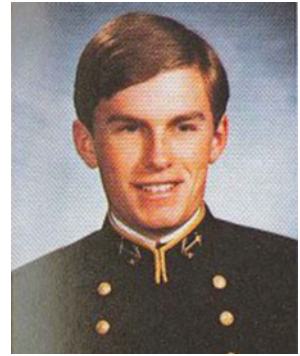
Retired in 2006 as a Captain with over 25 years of service.

Post-Navy: Live in Clearwater, FL. Boeing 777 Captain at FedEx. 25 years total flying international express routes for FedEx. Most famous for flying a manatee and his handlers from Florida to San Diego for Sea World.

Retirement/post job plan: We spend most of our time with our kids and grandkids. Operate a boat and watercraft. Spend my free time swimming, boating, fishing, scuba diving, and spearfishing. Also, shoot pistols, rifles, and shotguns (trap, skeet, and sporting clays).

Family: Debbie and I have been married for over 39 years. First date was on July 4th, 1980 on an 18' Hobie Cat in Clearwater. We have two kids and three grandkids. Brynn and Palmer live in Atlanta with their three kids, Wells, Mary Sims, and John Wilson, and their dachshund, Biscuit. Mike and Meghan live in St Pete with their golden retriever, Cooper.

I hold world records for the most circumnavigations flying an airplane – 120+ (and counting), the top ground speed Boeing 777 – 742 knots (FL350 off Japan, eastbound), and the largest boat parade – 2500+ (15 August 2020, Clearwater, FL).



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I went into the submarine force after graduation, serving aboard USS George Washington (SSBN-598) and USS George Washington Carver (SSBN-656). My only Navy claim to fame is that I was among the first in our class to leave active duty, exactly five years after graduation. However, since I had two months of terminal leave, the last time I actually wore a uniform was the end of March 1986. As a civilian, I became a startup, test and operations engineer at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Ohio.



Gary and Martha

In 1989, I got a wild hair and quit work to attend Yale Law School, graduating in 1992. I was then a lawyer for 27 years, first in large firm private practice in both Hartford and New York City and later as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Connecticut. I retired from the practice of law (and, indeed, from all paid employment) in June 2019.

I met Martha Schultz at a Hood College mixer in September 1980 and, in February 1984, we were married. She taught middle school and high school in Fairfield, Connecticut for 30 years, also retiring in June 2019. We do not have any children, so nothing to brag about there. We mostly work in our extensive vegetable garden and do projects around our vintage 1857 house, located in the historic district on the harbor in Milford, Connecticut, where we have lived since 1989. We took a couple memorable trips shortly after retirement and planned for many more, but since the pandemic hit last year, we have been stuck at home like everyone else. We hope to get back to traveling soon.

Klein, Craig

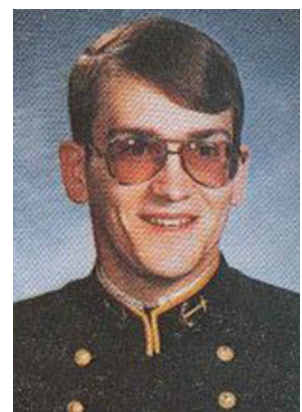
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After spending almost nine years on active duty as a SWO, in 1990, Jim and I moved back to my native Long Island, where I transitioned to the Naval Reserve and full-time motherhood/volunteer service for the next ten years. While serving as a Blue and Gold Officer for almost two decades, I visited numerous schools and worked with hundreds of young



Noreen and family

men and women. Among other volunteer activities, I was also the marching band director at my children's school for almost ten years. You haven't lived until you are able to get 150 elementary school children to march in unison!

My association with these children and young adults led to my second career in education. In 2001, I earned my MS in Education, with a concentration in School Counseling, and joined the staff of the Rockville Centre School District on Long Island, first as school counselor, then as the Assistant Principal of the High School and finally as the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education. I earned my Doctorate in Education in 2014 from Hofstra University. I retired from the Naval Reserve in 2002, and after 20 years, I retired from my second career in Education in June 2021.

Jim and I have been married for 38 years and have three grown children. Joseph, is a 2009 USNA graduate, also a SWO. Joe and his wife, Melissa (USNA 2010) have given us three beautiful grandsons. Our daughter, Meaghan, Boston College (2011) is a child life specialist, and our youngest, Michael, St. Joseph's University (2014), is an economist living in Chicago. Jim and I split our time between Long Island, New York, and Newport, Rhode Island with our yellow and black Labrador Retrievers, Tuck and Bob.

Manazir, Mike

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I retired from the Navy as a Rear Admiral. Highlights of my career included command of: VF-31 'Tomcatters' fighter squadron; USS Sacramento; USS Nimitz; and Carrier Strike Group Eight embarked on the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. I participated in 15 overseas deployments, qualifying on the F-14A/D and the F/A-18E/F. Along the way I accumulated 3,750 flight hours and 1,240 carrier landings. During my time in uniform I had five tours in the Pentagon, including Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfighting Systems.



Mike and Kelly

After a 36 year career in uniform, I accepted a position with Boeing in August of 2017. I started in the Government Operations group as Vice President - Navy Systems, representing Boeing's products and services with U.S. Navy leadership. While in that position, I advised company leaders on Navy and Department of Defense perspectives, helping Boeing with business development and technology investment strategies to support this important customer. I also played a key role in Boeing's successful campaign strategies for the F/A-18 Super Hornet, MQ-25 Stingray, Orca XLUUV, and the F/A-18 Service Life Modification Program.

I am currently vice president, Government Services Sales, Global Sales and Marketing, where I lead business development, sales management and market positioning in the government services market.

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Leigh and I are retired in Mechanicsburg having just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. We have two grown children, Chris and Caity, who are both married and given us four grandchildren: Levi, Grace, Nash and Austin. Nothing we've been through has prepared us for the joy of this stage of our lives.



Pat and family

After 30 years in industrial real estate I retired in December 2019. My proudest real estate accomplishment was representing Hillwood, Ross Perot's real estate company, in 9 transactions over the years.

I left the Navy in 1989, concluding at SPCC Mechanicsburg where I served as Aide to RADM Robert Phillips, SC along with other inventory control positions. We'll be visiting the admiral and his wife in New Mexico in early August. My most challenging and transformative experience was assisting the admiral in officiating the funerals of two sailors who perished in the line of duty while serving in the 1987 attack on USS Stark (FFG-31). Standing across from a mother and a young wife as they wait to receive the tri-folded flag is the longest distance I have ever known.

Prior to SPCC, I served as Supply Department Head on USS Fairfax County (LST-1197). One Med deployment highlight in the Spanish port of Benidorm was buying fresh vegetables for the crew as the "potential" radioactive cloud floated down from Chernobyl. "Choose wisely, my friend," my CO offered.

My first tour after SWOS (Newport) was in USS Independence (CV-62). We conducted two Med deployments and I served as B Division Officer and 2nd Division Officer. I consider my greatest professional accomplishment at any level to be obtaining my SWO designation and serving as the General Quarters Officer of the Deck during combat operations in Grenada and Beirut. Never again would I make so little money or have so much responsibility.

Schaaff, Kevin

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After graduation, I married Irena, my childhood sweetheart, at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, DC where we first met and grew up together. Following a successful aviation career flying S-3 Vikings, I retired following my command tour and a 24-year Naval Career. I decided to put my engineering degree to work as a systems engineer specializing in cybersecurity. I retired for



Kevin and Irena

the second time from Booz Allen Hamilton and since then have had the opportunity to work for a variety of defense contractors. We built our own house in Silver Spring, MD, our home base, out of which we operate our engineering consulting services small business that Irena and I started. We are very happy setting our own schedule and getting to travel the world doing work in both the public and private sector. I have now had the opportunity to work or visit over 67 countries and counting.

We have two sons who both graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with engineering degrees and now are working in industry. Michael, our oldest, lives in Hanover, MD not too far away and is also a systems engineer specializing in cybersecurity. Mathew, our youngest, lives in Scottsdale, AZ working for Choice Hotels and is a cybersecurity engineer. Both sons enjoy the career fields they work in, and we have a lot to discuss when we get together and put together complete sentences using nothing but acronyms!

We enjoy cruising and traveling to different places and experiencing the cultures in various countries. A couple years ago we finally completed a bucket list item for me where we flew all around the world, visiting South Africa and Australia. Irena and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. Feel free to stop in if you are in the area. Shipmates are always welcome!



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After graduation, I began my Marine Corps Aviation career flying the venerable A-6E Intruder on the East Coast with VMA(AW)-224 (Bengals) and VMA(AW)-332 (Moonlighters). This was followed by transition/conversion into the F/A-18D on the West Coast where I was assigned to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing as the Staff Secretary to the Commanding General. While flying the Intruder, I made five WESTPAC deployments and was afforded the opportunity to visit South Korea, Okinawa, Philippines, Australia, and Guam.



Mark and Bonnie

In between flying, I attended the Amphibious Warfare School and Command & Staff College where I earned my Master's. Over my career, I was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps as a Fixed Wing Monitor in the Officer Assignment Branch; the U.S. Liaison Office at the American Embassy in Abu Dhabi, UAE (twice) managing the UAE Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Program; and to NAS Pensacola as the Operations Officer and Senior Marine at TRAWING 6 where Naval Flight Officers are trained.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2006, I joined Kellogg, Brown, and Root (KBR) in 2007 as a member of the Business Development team in their Government Services Division. I remained there for over seven years until I made the decision to retire in 2015.

I met and later married the love of my life, my sweetheart, and my best friend, Bonnie, when I returned from my first Embassy tour in 2000. We will celebrate our 20th anniversary in December 2021! Bonnie and I are truly blessed to reside in PARADISE – Pensacola, Florida. We enjoy our lovely home, volunteering with our church and other civic organizations, golf, the wonderful military community, the Blue Angels, and sunsets on the beach!

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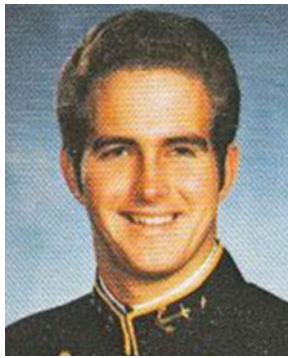




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My 23 years of USN active duty were in an unusual pattern. I served for 12 years with a heavy dose of submarine sea time, including an influential 40-month tour as the Engineer Officer on SSBN 632 (GOLD). That tour made me believe that small and simple could be a successful path for nuclear energy. I obtained a patent and founded a small modular reactor (SMR) company called Adams Atomic Engines in 1993. After three years of intensive effort, we downsized to less than one full time equivalent. We had determined we were somewhat ahead of the bleeding edge.



Adams family

After a 3-year stint as the General Manager of a plastic product manufacturing company, I was recalled to active duty as a Systems Engineering Instructor at USNA. That recall began my second Navy career which ended with retirement in 2010 after 11 more years of active duty.

I remained interested in nuclear energy matters throughout my Navy career. I published articles on Atomic Insights and wrote numerous additional articles for energy industry publications and for Forbes.

Following my Navy retirement, I accepted a position with B&W mPower to help develop a small modular reactor. I left B&W in 2013 to focus on Atomic Insights and on participating in the development of our grandchildren. Each summer we host most or all of our six grandchildren for somewhere between 4–7 weeks.

In 2018, I joined several Silicon Valley investors to develop Nucleation Capital, which we believe is the first venture capital fund focused on advanced nuclear energy enterprises.

Jan and I got married at the Andrews AFB chapel just two days after graduation. After 14 moves, we are enjoying life on the west coast of Florida with friendly neighbors, close family and good friends.

Bailey, Dave
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Following graduation, I was determined to leave USNA in the rearview mirror. I maintained that commitment for 15 years by serving as a SWO in the Pacific Fleet. When I was not aboard ship, I found myself at either the NPS in Monterey or the War College in Newport. While aboard USS Leahy, I discovered the love of my life and married Brenda Chiarelli. Together we have raised a family of two beautiful women – Emily and Hanna. Emily was born hours before I departed to join USS Jarrett in the Persian Gulf, and Hanna was born on the day before I left aboard USS Blue Ridge. I chose to leave the SWO community and return to USNA, where I taught Weapons Systems Engineering (ES 300) for my final five years of service.



Dave and daughter Emily

While teaching at USNA, I began working on a project known as Greystone Preparatory School. As a prepster before earning my appointment to Navy, I was interested in helping those not willing to give up on the dream of attending a service academy. After six years of development, Greystone began operation in 2004. In the past 17 years, Greystone has inspired 523 candidates to earn their academy appointments. The follow-on relationship with our graduates has enabled 96% of those who enter the academies to graduate and commission.

Brenda and I now live in Clarksville, AR, where Greystone is affiliated with the University of the Ozarks. We have expanded the academy prep program and now offer USMC PLC, Army ROTC, NuPOC, CECP, OCS, and OTS four-year commissioning programs. Emily is an Army “LT,” engaged and currently at Fort Leonard-Wood for BOLC. Hanna is engaged to a Greystone and USMA grad. She’s starting her master’s program in Epidemiology at the University of Washington.

I wish the USNA Class of 1981 continued success, good health, and happiness.



Blandon, Max

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After graduation, I spent seven years working for NAVSEA PMS 400 as a naval architect helping redesign the CG-47 foundations and the CG-52 CPS systems. In 1988, I earned an MBA at Georgetown University where I graduated Beta Gamma Sigma and was class President. The rest of my career has been in investment banking. My training as a naval architect and in engineering in general have been invaluable for me.



Max

In the summer of 1988, I started my investment banking career at the Chase Manhattan Bank where I completed the MBA credit training program and was part of the M/A and Project Finance teams for four years. Prior to joining Stephens, I worked for 17 years at Morgan Stanley and MSCI including seven years in Asia. I also worked eight years covering Latin American clients.

I have spent the last eleven years at Stephens, Inc. (the Navy Marine Corps Stadium is named after the founder, Jack Stephens). Currently, I co-head the Power and Industrial Technology Group where I have been able to work on some of the most leading-edge sectors focused on the electrification and decarbonizing of the economy and planet respectively.

On the personal side, I have two beautiful young adult children. My daughter, a recent graduate of the University of Chicago, is a Teach for America Fellow at a charter school in the Bronx. My son, a graduate of Georgetown, is working at a health care law firm assisting clients in getting FDA approval for the latest technologies and drugs. In my free time, I enjoy cycling, skiing, golfing, fly fishing, and traveling.

I am blessed to have the USNA ring on and to know so many great classmates from the Brigade, as well as to be part of the 16th Company fellowship.

Brooks, David (Mayson)

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Surface Warfare, Communications Officer – USS Patterson (FF-1061), USS Scott (DDG-995). Moved to civilian life in '87, first at Air Products & Chemicals (NC, TX, London), then to a start-up semiconductor capital equipment company – August Technology, taking it public in '99. After a couple of mergers, I was off to another start-up as President of Akrometrix in Atlanta. Retired in '19 after 32 years in semiconductors with many years on the road in Asia & Europe (translation: 5 million miler on Delta). MBA UNC-Chapel Hill, General Management Program Harvard Business School.



Mayson and Rene

Married to Rene Brooks for 40+ years (Holy Donkeys – Tempus Fugit!) with 2 daughters, grown and off the payroll! Home base is a condo on the intracoastal in Sarasota, FL (think lock/leave) but we spend much of the year hiking/traveling in France, Switzerland, UK and drinking wine in St Barths, especially now that the pandemic is over! Carpe Diem



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Canalichio, Pete

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After graduation, I chose aviation and was thrilled to enter the patrol community, flying the P-3 Orion. In 1982, I married Melissa, my academy sweetheart. Andrew was born two years later. In 1987, Andy became a big brother when we had Timothy. Wanting more family time, we left the Navy the following year and headed to Chapel Hill so I could earn an MBA. To stay connected, I joined the reserves. In 1990, the family moved to Atlanta, and I started a career in finance at Coca-Cola. I got bored “crunching numbers” and leapt at the chance to help market the Olympics in Atlanta. The “Peace Dividend” gifted my reserve retirement in 1997. With Andy (13) and Tim (10), we tried for a girl. Miraculously, Eleanor and Madeline were born in 1998.



Pete and Emily

In 2000, I got laid off from Coca-Cola and sadly in 2003, divorced. It was at this nadir that I gave my life to Christ. Living for a greater purpose, I discovered that what matters is how one lives, not what one accomplishes. This belief has shaped my daily outlook and activity. Emily came into my life, and we wed in 2009. We live in Atlanta and keep busy fostering dogs and watching quirky sitcoms like Schitt’s Creek and Ted Lasso. In 2015, I began serving on mission trips and leading a men’s small group. My son, Andy, married Michelle in 2017; they live in Boston with two young boys. Tim married Rachel the following year; they have a baby girl and live outside DC. Maddi graduated in 2021 and her twin, Ellie, will graduate from USNA in 2022.

Incredibly blessed, I am an award-winning author of the Amazon #1 New Release, “Expand, Grow, Thrive” (2018) and a TEDx speaker. When not with family, I enjoy working in brand strategy, expansion, and licensing through BrandAlive, a Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that I founded in 2009.

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Except for the last one, all my assignments in the Navy were in undersea surveillance. My last duty station was on Treasure Island in San Francisco as OIC of a training detachment. During my off time, I attended a two-year clairvoyant training school. My husband had already retired from the Navy, and I applied for early retirement. After I retired we moved to Phoenix where I began teaching clairvoyant meditation classes. Bob and I divorced two years later and I soon met my partner for the next 15 years, Connie.



Carol

Living in the desert took an adjustment, but I quickly discovered the nearby Superstition Wilderness and its miles of beautiful hiking trails. I began backpacking there and in the Grand Canyon fulfilling a life-long dream. For my 40th birthday, I attended BOSS, a 28-day wilderness primitive skills course which cemented my love of immersion in the backcountry.

A few years later, I became editor of an online backpacking magazine. I was, and am, a nut for lightweight backpacking. After four years, I decided I needed to earn some real money. I earned a Master’s in Education and taught high school math for 11 years, retiring in May 2021. I got out of the meditation habit after I stopped teaching intuitive meditation, and my personality definitely suffered for it! But after teaching for a few years, I rededicated myself to meditation when I started Pranic Healing. Pranic Healing involves using prana, or life-force energy, to heal physical and emotional ailments. My Pranic Healing practice has transformed me into a sunnier, more loving person.

My next adventure/career is teaching Pranic Healing part time, so I’ll have plenty of time for backpacking and camping. Life is good!



Galt, Skip

Deceased 8/8/18. Bio submitted by Rodney Adams

After graduation and five years of active-duty service as a general submarine officer, Skip Galt transferred into the reserves and began a career in communications systems engineering and project management. Like many in that field, his employers changed more often than his actual job did.

Skip and his wife, Deb, sank their roots into the Lynchburg, VA area. It offered good prospects for technical employment and provided ready access to open spaces and horses.



Skip and Deb

Skip and Deb eventually relocated from the Lynchburg suburbs to a farm in Rustburg where they could care for horses and other four-legged friends. For many years, they operated a side enterprise that created prosthetic devices for injured horses. One of their star patients, Thor, provided inspiration for handicapped children by showing them that even a horse could keep functioning with a bad limb.

Skip always welcomed any classmate who was interested in learning more about cutting, baling, and stacking hay for winter forage. Their large garden was also a source of amazing fresh and pickled produce.

He enjoyed running, completing several Marine Corps Marathons. Skip also participated in Hashing, which combined running with beer and fellowship. That shouldn't surprise any classmate who knew him.

Skip was an ardent Navy sports fan who could be relied upon as a source for news about the active teams. He usually wore a Navy cap during his work as a gentleman farmer with a multi-use tractor. His tradition for the Army-Navy game was to have his wife paint a large blue N star on his hairless head.

Skip had an ever-present smile, especially in the presence of his beloved friends.

He passed away suddenly just a few months before his 60th birthday. We miss him terribly.

Hendrick, David

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I married Debra following graduation and entered the nuclear power training pipeline, ultimately being assigned to the USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN-655). After Engineering School, I was assigned to USS Sam Rayburn (SSBN-635) as Assistant Chief Engineer for converting this submarine into a floating nuclear power training plant in Charleston. I decided to follow through on my ambition to be a surgeon and started classes at the Medical University of South Carolina while on terminal leave from the Navy.



David and family

Lauren was born during my first year and Jenny during my second year of medical school. I converted my commission to the Army Reserve National Guard Medical Corps, eventually taking a "15 Year Retirement" from the ARNG as a LTCOL with 18 years of service.

After graduation from medical school, I was accepted into a surgical internship and residency in Denver, followed by a fellowship in Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery in Chicago. Debra and I divorced during residency, and I later married Heidi. Heidi and I moved to Vail, Colorado, where I practiced for three years. Skylar was born in Vail. The family then moved to central Kansas where my surgical practice thrived, and Hunter was born. I learned to fly and bought an airplane to facilitate my weekly parenting time in Denver with Lauren and Jenny.

Heidi and I divorced after 18 years of marriage. I decided to sell my practice and move back to Denver in 2017, where both of my grown daughters are now living.

I now work for SonoBello in Denver as a cosmetic plastic surgeon and own a home on nine acres in Castle Rock. My two boys, Skylar and Hunter, are seniors at Kansas State University and Kansas University, respectively. Skylar is applying to medical school this year, and Hunter plans to join the Air Force and be a fighter pilot.

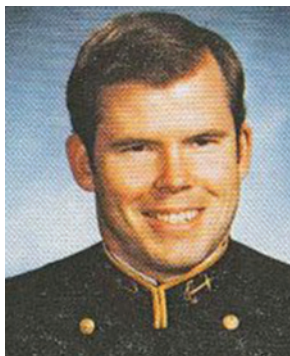


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Hubbard, Barry

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Frankly, as I graduated from the Naval Academy I was proud, fortunate and somewhat surprised. After four years in Annapolis and a year at Navy Prep School in Newport, RI I graduated as a newly minted Naval Supply Corps Officer having been Not Physically Qualified to fly as I'd hoped. Days after graduation I married the former Karen Kenny of Severna Park, MD (with whom we've had two beautiful boys, Mike and Keegan). Karen and I eventually divorced in '89 but stay in close contact as distant neighbors outside Denver, CO and as caretakers of our now 2 grandkids, soon to be three. I later met and married Chris Will Hubbard, and we have been married since '91.



Barry and Chris

Upon graduation from Supply Corps (SC) School in Athens, GA I selected submarines at SC service selection. After Submarine Basic School in New London, CT my first assignment was to USS Sturgeon (SSN 637) in Charleston, SC. Fast forward through all my additional tours on: USS Alabama (SSBN 731), Navy Cruise Missile Project, Logistics Officer in Bahrain and Djibouti, Navy Detailer, Submarine Squadron 8, Naval Post Grad School and finally as CIO at COMSUBPAC where Chris and I retired in Pearl Harbor, HI.

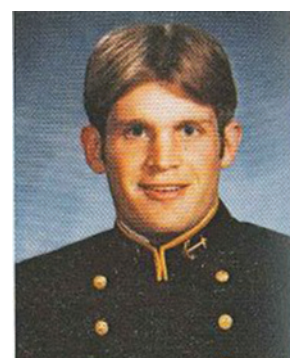
I have spent my "retired" years working as an IT Exec for numerous companies (Kauai Electric, Time Warner Cable, Prosodie Interactive, BCT International, AT&T, TiVo, EnvisionHealth and now my own IT Consulting LLC) overseeing IT Technical Infrastructure and Operations.

When not working I like to work on home improvement projects, hanging with the "grandkids" and golfing.

Johnson, Eric

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After our USNA graduation and a chapel wedding, we moved to California to join the COMPATWINGSPAC Admiral's staff. One year later after my indoctrination into VP politics and being awarded a Navy Achievement medal, I headed to Pensacola. Earning my wings in 1982 was followed by advance training and an assignment to P-3 Orion's in VP 47. In Corpus we expanded our family with the addition of Daniel and, five years later, Christine. Sea duty deployments took their toll and the marriage split up while I was an instructor pilot in VP 31.



In 1989, I exited the USN with ambitions of being an entrepreneur, initially working for tech-oriented companies with stints in sales, marketing, and manufacturing. Another marriage was in my future along with being blessed with two wonderful children, Kurt and Elisa. After spending several years in AMD management, I started my entrepreneurial journey in early 2000. Learning from the school of hard knocks, I was subsequently involved in four other startups during the next ten years. Again, with lots of travel and working long hours, my marriage did not survive.

In 2010, I had the opportunity to move to Hong Kong. After selling my company which brought me to the far east, I worked on expanding my knowledge of world cultures. Learning that money is only a vehicle and true wealth is what is inside, made me much more self-sufficient exploring real happiness. Currently, I am pursuing my twilight startup venture as Founder/CEO of HELM Audio. While in Hong Kong I met a simply amazing lady from Indonesia who has become my best friend, confidant, and wife.

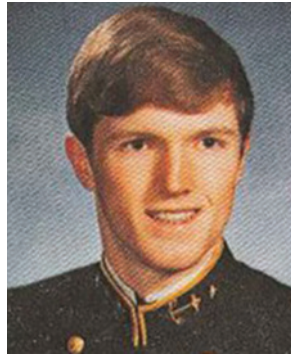
It seems like a lifetime since the academy days, and I have enjoyed some of the finest foods, wines, and experiences. Nothing can replace how proud I am of my four children and six grandchildren.



Keenan, John

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40 years and still serving our great nation! As part of the first cold war peace dividend, I traded my uniforms for CIVLANT with an early retirement in 1997, commencing a second career in science and technology, first at Dahlgren and then 16 years with the Marines at Quantico. I was the Navy program manager for seven years for what became the Critical Infrastructure Protection program within the DoD Homeland Defense office in 2005. Since then, I have been working for the USMC to identify new technologies for non-lethal weapons. These intermediate force capabilities are even more important now in the current era of great power competition.



John and Carol Ann

I met Carol Ann (the girl of my dreams) on a blind date to the '92 submarine ball in Hawaii, and we married in 1994. She was a traveling nurse, and I was a nuke in the shipyard – amazing how things work out! We have a “COVID-MVP” truck driving son, Tristan, and a Marine Biologist, Sarah. We have always been an on-the-water family with water skiing being responsible for many of the fantastic friendships we established along the way. As perpetual “Skimates”, our skiing is not limited to unfrozen lakes. Carol Ann and I are already scratching snow ski trips off our bucket list, the most memorable being a trip to Lech, Austria and two heli-skiing trips to the deep powder of Blue River, British Columbia – yeah two, so we could scratch it off twice! Our latest water excursion was a week-long 50’ catamaran sail around the British Virgin Islands, shared with Rod and Jan Adams and captained by our newest neighbor here at Jennings Pond in Spotsylvania, VA. We have a BVI-reunion trip planned for 2022, but this time around the Greek islands. Thanks USNA – great fiends, great times!

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From NAPS to USNA to Indiana State University. Business degree, major in Mktg, minor in Math. Worked with Hallmark, Bally of Switzerland in couture consumer goods, then migrated to the education service industry. Taught at Higher Education level, then went into management for educational organizations: Follett and Compass.

Serve(d) on various non-profit boards: Neighbors Credit Union (Chairman), National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame, St. Louis, Mo. Chapter (Pres), Mehlville School Board (Pres), USNAAA STL Chapter (Pres), and USNA Blue & Gold Officer for 21 years. Looking forward to retirement in another 5 years. Love to travel and do woodwork in my back garage. We always root on the midshipmen and try to make games scheduled in the Midwest. Have a wonderful family consisting of my wife Diana (Visual/Graphic Designer); my son Trevor (Cyber Security at Protiviti) and daughter Sabreena (Landscape Architect MBA with an Environmental Science minor – Kansas State University, 2024).



Ken and family

Any of my old friends from USNA are always welcome at the Leach camp whenever you are in STL. Just give us a call – 314-229-9776. Go Navy!!!



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Manning, Dave

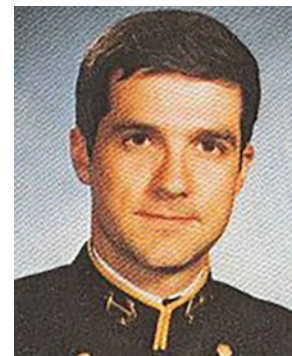
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After multiple surgeries for a knee injury while at The Basic School, I was medically discharged from the Corps. Upon returning to civilian life, I worked for a number of construction and engineering firms, managing projects up to \$25 million in value. I eventually found a great job with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, overseeing shore erosion control and shoreline protection.

After ten years with DNR, I transferred to the Maryland State Police, serving first as Deputy Director of the facilities management division. I particularly enjoyed overseeing the construction of the new Forensic Sciences Laboratory. I was eventually promoted to director of the division. (In typical government fashion it was a new title, more responsibility and no change in pay.)

I retired from the state in 2018 and found a new job with an environmental services company, writing reports on possible environmental hazards in proposed locations for new Baltimore City Schools. I also got to work in the field doing cleanup and remediation of oil spills.

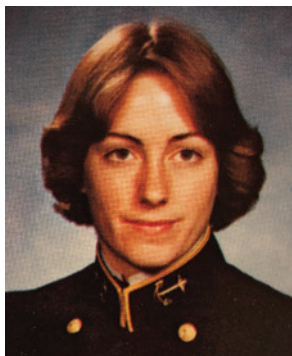
With the COVID-19 pandemic, work slowed to the point that I fully retired. Diane and I enjoy camping in our RV and spending time with our grandson, Joel.



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Immediately after graduation, I was sent on a great tour of Germany before heading to Flight School. I was thrilled with my selection to fly helicopters, and my first three tours were in San Diego (another win) where I joined the San Diego Track Club and ran my best marathon time in 3:09. First was sea duty in HC-11 flying the H-46; then a tour as an H-46 instructor in HC-3; and, back to sea duty with HSL-31 Det Bravo, flying the H-2. Next stop was BuPers as POW/MIA Officer, which had been a historically centered billet, but with Desert Storm I became the so-called expert. After graduation from Air Command & Staff College, I had my first daughter, Jessica, in 1992. I transitioned to my third fleet helicopter, the H-3 upon assignment to HC-2. When not flying to the Pentagon, I deployed as Officer-in-Charge of the Desert Ducks in Bahrain with three helicopters or on USS Mt. Whitney, most notably for Operation Haiti in 1994, in charge of a two helicopter detachment. In 1995, I reported to the NATO base in Naples, Italy, where I had my second daughter, Kayla, in 1996. My last tour was teaching in the English Department at good ole' USNA. I was able to simultaneously earn a Master of Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University.



Laurie and daughters

After retiring as a Commander, I moved to Kentucky. Once my girls graduated from high school, my volunteer efforts became more community focused with Ten Thousand Villages, Northern Kentucky Emergency Shelter, and currently with Brighton Center. I became a consultant of creative media solutions for my previous academic advisor's publishing company. I took up painting, with a yearly donation for a local museum fundraiser. By physical necessity, I switched from running to cycling.



Miller, Chip

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Ellen and I married shortly after graduation in June of 1981. We've been blessed with 3 wonderful children and a 39.5-year Navy career. Our last duty assignment before retiring in Dec 2020 was as the Commander of Naval Aviation Forces in Coronado, CA – a dream job. We thoroughly enjoyed our Navy journey that included 20 PCS moves, 10 deployments, and serving Navy sailors and their families.



Chip and Ellen

My first post-Navy job is with Huntington Ingalls Industries where I am Vice President of Customer Affairs. The office is located in Washington, DC, however we settled in our hometown of York, PA in order to be close to our parents. After being “away” for so many years, it's nice to be close to them at this stage of their lives.

All three children (Ryan, Sarah and Emily) currently live on the East Coast, so we are thrilled to be back East and look forward to attending many events at USNA and spending quality time with classmates, friends and family.

Parker, Ross

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I left USNA for a brief NAS Jacksonville “stash” assignment before heading off to flight training in Pensacola to ultimately earn my Wings of Gold (awarded Commodore's List) in Corpus Christi in April '83. I got married later that summer to Janet. Following a P-3 tour in JAX with VP45, it was back to Pensacola instructing for another year before joining Delta Air Lines in April '88.



Ross and Lisa

A few years later, Janet and I shook hands and parted ways (no children), and I continued with the Delta career, now in its 34th year. A few years later, I met and found love again in my wife, Lisa, and her two children, Austin and Peyton who are now 31 and 28. We have been a happy family for over 20 years.

When the Delta career began, it was off to Atlanta, but the warmth of Florida kept calling, and I moved to Melbourne, FL in '93 and have resided there since, enjoying cycling (part owner in a bike shop), surfing, golfing, tennis, boating, and running. Occasional visits from family and friends in Melbourne have added to the fun there over the years. With Lisa's mother getting on in years, we took up an additional residence closer to her in 2017 and are spending most of our time in Atlantic Beach, FL outside of Jacksonville.

The airline career has been great even throughout the ups and downs of the airline business. At Delta, I have flown the Boeing 727, MD88, and, for the last 30 years, the Boeing 757, 767, and 767-400, accumulating well over 22,000 total flight hours between the Navy and Delta. In addition to flying, I took on a new role three years ago at Delta managing the B757/767 and B767-400 fleets and their Pilot Standardization Programs, now only getting out to fly a few times a month.



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Warmest greetings to all. Lois and I hope this 40th Reunion finds you healthy and happy. For us, Annapolis and our time in the Navy were wonderful experiences, and we can't believe it has been 40 years. It seems like yesterday we were at the Ring Dance.



This reunion finds us empty nesting. Beth is married to Gavin Bauman, and they have two toddlers, Lucas and Charlotte. Beth works for Take2 Consulting in Tysons, and Gavin works for Northrop Grumman (Orbital). Richard is married to Katja and is completing his second year of the full time MBA program at Darden (UVA). He joins Boston Consulting Group in Seattle after graduation in May 2022. Mary, our youngest and an accomplished ballerina, is a senior at William and Mary.

On the career front, I went nuclear submarines, earned a Harvard MBA between my junior officer and engineer tours, and left the Navy in 1992. I joined a large mining firm - the job that introduced us to Utah. Then 11 years with GE Healthcare, manufacturing surgical x-ray systems in Salt Lake, Munich, Bangalore, and Beijing. I have been in DC at the Treasury Department for 13 years, nine at the United States Mint as the longest serving Acting Director/COO in its history and four at the Internal Revenue Service. At the Mint, I led one of the nation's top 75 e-retailing sites, and had oversight of Ft. Knox and the nation's gold reserves and minted all circulating coins, gold and silver bullion, and Congressional Gold Medals. I currently run an IRS campus site in Ogden, Utah.

We are mostly in Utah now, enjoying skiing, tennis, golf, ballet, and National Parks. We have kept the house in Great Falls as the children are all nearby. Best wishes for this reunion and for many more to come.



Dick and Lois

Robinson, Michael

Deceased 12/7/2004 Bio submitted by Scott Sutherland

Michael L. Robinson, 45, of Atlanta, GA, passed away December 7, 2004. His funeral and burial took place in Kansas City, KS. Michael was the fifth child born to Scott M. and Betty E. Robinson. He graduated from Washington High School and attended the Naval Academy for a brief time in 1977. He graduated from the University of Kansas and worked for AT&T as a Data Processing Associate from 1981 until his death. He was a devout Christian and a member of the Eagles Nest Ministry in Atlanta, GA. He leaves to cherish his memory three daughters, Amanda, Rachel, and Victoria.

Scott Sutherland was Michael's plebe summer roommate. Michael resigned early in the plebe summer experience.



Slyman, Gary

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Michele and I were married shortly after graduation. Stayed at USNA for Plebe Summer, TBS, Pensacola, and finally VMAQ-2 at Cherry Point as a Prowler NFO. Finished that tour with a couple of deployments to WESTPAC and two world traveling toddlers (Scoop & Lindsey). From there Monterey, Point Mugu with a WESTPAC deployment, Command & Staff College, and back to flying at Cherry Point with 4 deployments (3-Aviano, 1-WESTPAC) culminating with a command tour. Our finale was at USNA as the Stockdale Center's Deputy Director. There I helped originate the William P. Lawrence Ethics Essay Award Dinner sponsored by our class. I also served as the football O'Rep for Paul Johnson's first two seasons.



Gary and family

Our family traveled cross country in a camper 5 times. On almost every deployment, Michele traveled with Scoop and Lindsey to where I was for a visit. Hence, we have been to Italy, Austria, Germany, France, England, Japan, and the Philippines as a family.

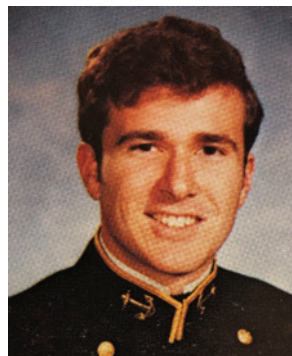
Retiring in 2004, we moved outside of Baltimore to lead a new private independent school focused on leadership development. I, as the Head of the Middle then the Upper School and Michele, as the school nurse. The task: develop the program from grade 6 to 12, adding one grade each year. In our 11 years we grew the program from 64 to 343 students, graduated four 12th grade classes, and had the program accredited.

In 2015, we transitioned to Annapolis and started an executive coaching practice. A large portion of my practice is assisting veterans transition from active duty. Michele is a school nurse in Anne Arundel County, serving an all special needs population. Scoop is a real estate agent in Hawaii, and Lindsey is an '08 grad on active duty in the USMC.

Speirs, James

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One month after graduation I headed down to flight training in Pensacola, FL. After exactly 1 year I pinned on the Navy Gold pilot wings and packed my bags and headed for VT-28 Corpus Christi for Intermediate Flight Training. I completed T-44 training and received orders to the P-3 RAG training VP-30 JAX. I completed P-3C Training and in January 1983 was sent to NAS Moffett Field to VP-40 for my first tour assignment. I then requested and received orders to VP-31 NAS Moffett Field as a RAG instructor pilot. In June 1987 I parted ways with the US Navy and was hired by Delta Air Lines.



Jim and Gail

I concurrently drilled in the P-3C Reserves and flew for Delta Air Lines. At Delta I flew the B-727, MD-88, B737-800, B757, B767-200/300/400. I finally retired from the USNR in July 2001 for a combined 20 years in the USN and USNR. Flying was my passion and after almost 34 years I retired from Delta in October 2020. Being able to travel to so many wonderful places in the world and fly airplanes/jets in the Navy and Delta was an adventure and privilege of a lifetime. So many wonderful times and good friends!

I have 2 wonderful children Philip and Carson. They have been great kids and we have shared many special times and adventures together. I also have a very special little 4 1/2 year old granddaughter, Sophie.

I met Gail 14 years ago who is my soulmate and love of my life. We have enjoyed traveling all over the world and living in the great cities of Manhattan, NYC and Miami Beach. We are currently building our retirement home in Vero Beach, FL, where we enjoy hanging out on the beach and exploring anything that has to do with great restaurants and food. My passions are kite-surfing, kite-foiling, golf, working out and of course traveling.

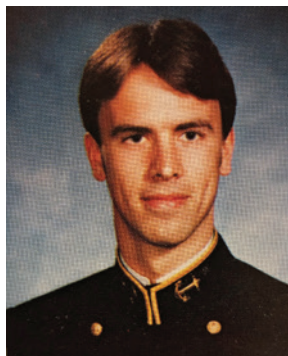


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After what amounted to an eight month post-graduation vacation in San Diego, I began flight school in January 1982. I had no idea if flying was what I really wanted to do, but figured I'd give it a try. As it ended up, I loved it. I was assigned to the VA-86 Sidewinders in October 1984 and flew the A-7E off the Nimitz for a few years. After my sea tour, I was assigned as an Adversary Instructor to VF-45 in Margaritaville. It was tremendously rewarding flying the F-16N, F-5, and A-4E.



Tom and Lynn

I left active duty in 1991 to work for Delta Airlines. I started as an engineer on the Boeing 727, and by the end of the decade was flying international flights on the 767. Over the last 30 years, I've flown as Captain on the Airbus A320, and Boeing 737 and 767.

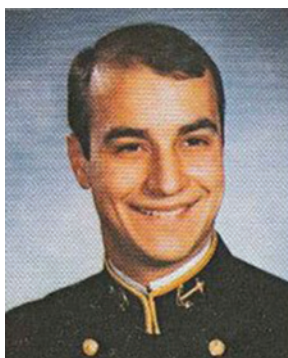
I remarried in 1998 and have had a wonderful marriage to my wife Lynn, who is a San Diego native. We had our two beautiful daughters, Lauren and Manon in Atlanta before moving to Annapolis in September 2001. By 2014, it was time to move to Lynn's home state, so we pulled chocks and moved west. We chose Carlsbad, which is just north of San Diego, due to its proximity to work and family. It has been wonderful living here.

That's it in a nutshell. Happy 40th reunion shipmates! Here's to many more!

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After graduation, I completed flight training and began my operational tour with HS-15. In 1983, I was deployed aboard the USS Independence (CV-62) and flew combat operations in both Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada) and with the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces off the coast of Beirut, Lebanon. Following a second deployment to the Indian Ocean and a series of short detachments aboard the USS Forrester, I was assigned as an east coast SH-3 helicopter flight instructor.



Scott and family

I ultimately resigned my commission to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent. As a Special Agent I conducted criminal and national security investigations in the FBI Washington DC field office, FBI Headquarters, and the Harrisburg Resident Agency of the Philadelphia Division. I retired after more than 25 years of law enforcement service and assumed the role as Director of Security at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and the Penn State College of Medicine through July 2019. I am now self-employed as a contract investigator for the federal government and in the private sector.

Kim and I were married between deployments in 1984. We raised a daughter and 2 sons who have all completed college. All 3 of our children served their country and participated in overseas deployments in the War on Terror (Afghanistan, Iraq, and Cameroon). Kim and I have visited our children around the world and have vacationed in Germany, Switzerland, and France, as well as having taken trips to San Diego, the Finger Lakes in New York, Oklahoma City, Sanibel Island in Florida and the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Kim continues to serve our community as a registered nurse at our local hospitals in south-central Pennsylvania. We look forward to a full retirement, doing some traveling, and spending time with our children and their families.



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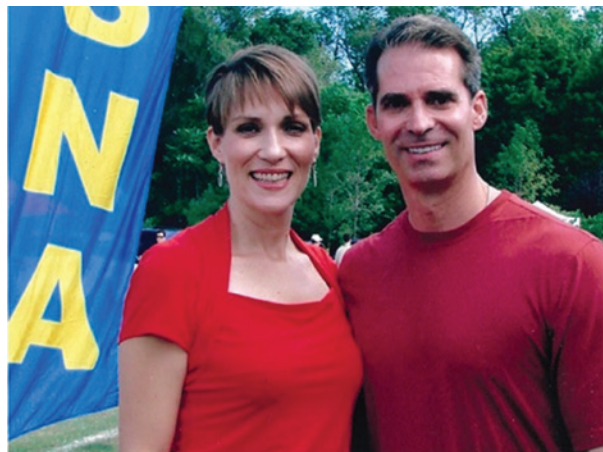
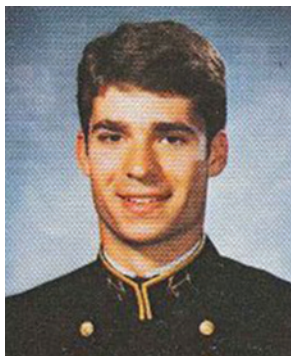
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Wall, Jon

Deceased 1/23/09. Bio submitted by Randy Lovdahl and Gary Slyman

Jon Wall passed away on 23 January 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jon attended NAPS before entering the Naval Academy. He quickly established himself as a superb leader and athlete at Navy, earning All America honors for squash, leading Navy Squash as Captain, and serving as Company Commander. By firstie year, Jon had an impressive record of wins in both squash and tennis, and was easily recognizable on the Yard in his N-Sweater with eight Beat-Army stars. He was the winner of the USS Barb Squash Trophy and recipient of the Naval Academy Athletic Association Sword as the midshipman who had excelled in athletics throughout four years of varsity competition.

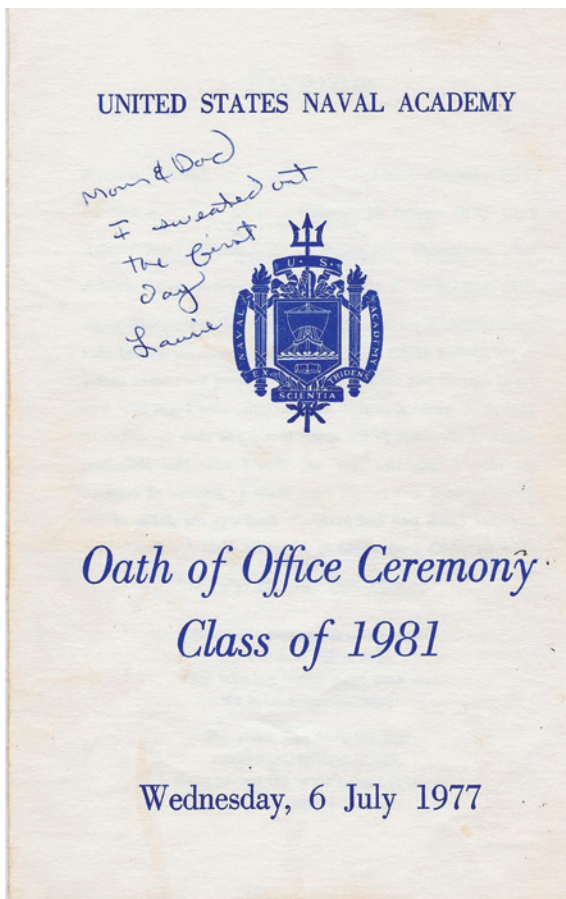


Jon and Andrea

After graduation, Jon trained as an NFO and flew P-3s with VP-1 at Barbers Point, Hawaii. After his initial squadron tour, he earned a Master of Science in computer science at the Naval Postgraduate School. Jon was next assigned to the Republic of the Philippines, and as a final tour he served in Washington, DC on the Joint Staff in the Manpower and Personnel Directorate (J-1).

After Naval service, Jon embarked on a very successful 16-year financial market career, serving first with Johnston, Lemon, then Legg Mason, and finally as a Certified Financial Manager with Morgan Stanley. He was active in Toastmasters and used his toastmaster skills to motivate and inspire us all. Jon was heard to observe that “every conversation is either a step towards intimacy or towards alienation.”

Jon married Andrea Bronkema in March 2008, and they lived life to the fullest in the brief time they had together. Andrea was Jon’s primary care provider throughout his final battle. Jon will be remembered most for his wonderful warmth, ready smile, quick wit, and awesome athleticism. Jon was inurned at the Naval Academy Columbarium on 2 February 2009.



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I stashed at Topgun for 6 months after graduation, which severely didn't suck. I married Deb in November of '81, and went to flight school in January '82. Things went really well in that regard, until they didn't – I scared my LSO in my TA-4 at Kingsville one time too many and ended up a SWO.



Jeff and Deb

Two deployments to the Persian Gulf in a Dead Admiral-class DDG, and I got out at the tail end of December '86.

Went back to school to get the degree I should have gone for the first time 'round – Mechanical Engineering – and got hired by Hewlett-Packard upon graduation in early '90. After a couple of years in Sonoma County we transferred to Boise, Idaho, building HP disk drives, then 23 years of part design and supply chain development for LaserJets, and I retired at the end of 2019 with 30 years on the books. Debbie retired in June of '20 with 40 years as an RN on the books—it was time!

Somewhere along the way we had two boys, Joseph and James. We've traded up in travel trailers now and spend as much time out and about as we can – in between hunting seasons and family get-togethers. Boise is too blasted hot in the summer, so we are looking at a move westward sometime in the not-too-distant future. Life is good!

Jacob, Tom

I have been truly blessed during the 40 years since graduation. Life is good! I completed my five years of active duty in the submarine force, serving on Nathan Hale (SSBN 623 Blue), stationed in Charleston, SC. Following this tour, I left active duty and moved to Maryland and continued to serve in the naval reserve, retiring at the rank of CAPT in 2009 after 34 years of enlisted and commissioned service.



Tom and Megan

Following active duty, I went to work for EG&G Washington Analytical Services, supporting submarine combat system development. I have worked for several defense contractors and currently work for ISM Corp., supporting the Office of Naval Research Low Observable/Counter Low Observable Program Office (PMR-51) on Integrated Air and Missile Defense science and technology programs. Retirement is approaching quickly, so I am considering options to give back to the community.

Following graduation, I married Beth Hackman, and we had two beautiful daughters, Lauren (38) and Melissa (37). Lauren's family currently resides in San Francisco with my granddaughter Alice (2). Melissa resides in Tacoma with her husband who is a C-17 pilot in the Air Force. I am very proud of their accomplishments and support to me throughout my career. Nineteen years ago, I met the love of my life, Megan Mitchell, and we married in 2005. We currently reside in Odenton, MD.



17th Company

Kirsch, Ed

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Sindy and I are happily married and have a 15-year old son, Edward “Ping,” who brings joy to our lives each day. He seems to have gotten the best characteristics of both of us and is calm and kind. I am a Scoutmaster for Ping’s Boy Scout troop in Vienna, Virginia. We enjoy camping together and hiking. Ping is a Life Scout on his path to Eagle Scout.



Ed and family

I am slowly working on a PhD in history—very slowly. I served as a nuclear submarine officer during my active naval service and was a Main Propulsion Assistant. As a civilian, I earned an MBA at American University in finance and a law degree at George Washington University. I practiced government contracts law for over 25 years at private law firms, including most recently, Morgan, Lewis, & Bokus. I left private practice about five years ago to serve my country again as legal counsel working on procurement programs at the Marine Corps Systems Command, where I continue to practice government contract and fiscal law and assist the USMC in achieving Force Design 2030.

My family travels together extensively such that my son Ping has been to 26 countries at the age of 15. I will probably retire soon, and we will hike and travel even more often.

Madigan, Nick

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After graduation I served my maximum 28 years (O-5); seven years active and then six years reserve as an NFO in the E-2 community. Then various jobs in the Navy Reserves including over 25 years (and counting) as a Blue & Gold Officer.



Nick and family

Unbelievably fortunate, I like to joke I have only had two full time jobs my entire life. Upon leaving active duty I went to work for The Alison Company, a commercial real estate company headquartered in Newport Beach, CA. I purchased the company with two partners in 1996 and since then we have been actively financing commercial real estate projects in markets across the country.

As a lifelong competitive sailor, I spent most of my time at USNA racing sailboats and not much has changed. I have remained an active sailor and recent sailing interests have included numerous one design and offshore events including six Transpacific (LA-Honolulu) Yacht Races beginning in 1987. At this writing I am preparing for the seventh race this July.

I have served on numerous boards supporting junior, interscholastic, and intercollegiate sailing. I was most honored to serve for 18 years on the Fales Committee; an independent advisory that advises the Supe on the sailing programs at USNA; chairing the committee from 2013–2019.

Best move ever was marrying my wife Maureen in 1990, and we have three children. Oldest son Michael (USNA '17) is a Naval Aviator currently stationed in Rota, Spain and flying the H-60R. Our second oldest son Jimmy (USNA '18) is also a Naval Aviator and is currently in the E-2 RAG in Norfolk. Daughter Kate recently graduated from UC Santa Barbara.

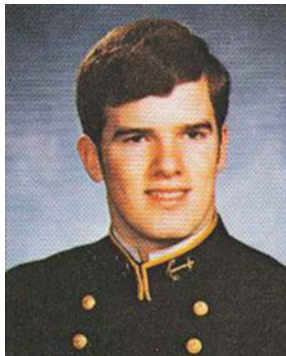
Our empty nest is here in Newport Beach, and we look forward to spending time traveling, boating, hunting in Baja and, of course, sailing.



Ravener, Bob

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Went the sub surface route aboard the USS Daniel Webster (SSBN-626), then after my sea tour, returned to USNA to work in the Athletic Department for Dave Smalley. Coached baseball, taught boxing, became the academic liaison officer, and kept the athletes academically eligible.



Married my wonderful wife, Lisa in 1982 and now have three amazing grown children and four beautiful grandchildren. Two of the kids are living locally in Franklin, Tennessee. One is living in California.

Left active duty in 1987 and pursued the corporate world. Started my civilian career at PepsiCo and learned the ropes of human resources. Spent the next thirty-two years at some of the iconic Fortune 200 companies including Home Depot, Starbucks and lastly, Dollar General, where I joined to lead the Human Resources Team and retired from there in 2019. Spent a career helping military veteran hiring throughout corporate America. Coached every one of my kids' sports teams.

Earned an MBA from NYU, had a book published in 2013, UP! The Difference Between Today and Tomorrow Is You, and now I spend my days with the grandkids, serving on non-profit boards, participating on Congressional Service Academy Selection Boards, getting involved in the local community, doing restoration work and writing a new book about my grandfather's life. In 2020, I became a Trustee of the Naval Academy Foundation Athletic & Scholarship Programs. Lisa and I have also started to embark on adventures in a conversion van, with the plan to travel around the back roads of this great land of ours.

We are truly blessed. To have started with nothing, the Navy jump-started my life. I will be forever grateful to the institution, lessons learned, and the dear life-long friends I made. What a life to be an American and a graduate of USNA.



Bob and Lisa

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I left the Academy after two years, but still relish my time and the people I met there. Deciding that music was my true calling, I started working at classical radio KDFC in San Francisco. While I loved it there, four years into a lousy relationship and eager to explore the burgeoning jazz scene in New York City, I packed up and drove cross-country, landing in Manhattan in April '85.

Eight months later, I became the program director of WQXR, the classical radio station of the NY Times. That was a dream job: my own show every Saturday night, interviewing the likes of Tony Bennett, Keith Jarrett, Frank Zappa and more; producing concerts for Take Six, Branford Marsalis, and the Count Basie Big Band, among others; and every day, sharing some of the greatest music ever composed with people around the world.

I also met Anne Scala in 1985, and had the good sense to do on January 10, 1987 what Dwight Clark did five years earlier to the day. Yep, I too made The Catch. Almost 35 years later, we have three grown sons and the delicious experience of living life alive together to show for it.



Loren and Anne

While at WQXR, I met the two partners in the audio-post/original music production company we still run together. Since then, I've written songs for the Muppets of Sesame Street, scored feature films, collaborated with the playwrights Arthur Miller, Sam Shepard, Edward Albee, Regina Taylor, Lanford Wilson and others, continue radio broadcasting at Met Opera, and play the piano every day. I feel so blessed and grateful. Why me?! Not sure I'll ever know, but Thank You!

I try to remind myself every day to be kind, pay attention, and tell the truth. So far, so good.

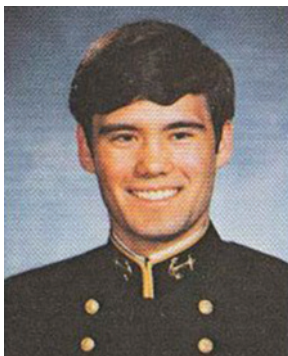


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Commissioned in the Supply Corps at graduation, I spent the next several months in Athens, GA, where I had the time of my life. Julia (UGA grad) and I met on a blind date, and we got married in May 1983. Since then we've had many adventures in different locales: two years of shipboard life in Bremerton, WA; a stint at USNA working for the Supply Dept. in Halligan Hall (Annapolis was a great place not to be a Mid); leaving active duty for law school at UVA in Charlottesville; working in Baltimore, first for a federal judge and then for a firm; leaving private practice to work the next 24+ years as a federal prosecutor in Charleston, WV – the best legal job you can have as a litigator – while handling many types of cases and serving in different roles.



Phil and Julia

Over the years, we raised four children – Mallory (USNA '08), Kelsey, Audrey, and Joe (Capt, USMC). We saw three of them get married, greeted three grandchildren with a fourth on the way, traveled far and wide, introduced lacrosse to southern West Virginia, and retired from the Navy Reserve. During all that time, Julia held various teaching positions, including college professor, and kept it all together.

I'm still with the Department of Justice, but now in Kenya, training and mentoring investigators and prosecutors on combating corruption. The last year and a half have been a whirl, not least because of COVID. Between safaris, snorkeling in the Indian Ocean, hiking and mountain climbing, sundowners, making new friends – we've drunk life to the lees. Now we're eyeing retirement to Amelia Island, Florida, but don't count on us merely to ride into the sunset. There are other worlds to explore, other mountains to conquer.

Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurled on every shore
From dawn to setting sun
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun

In the snows of far off northern lands
And in sunny, tropic scenes
You will find us always on our guard
The United States Marines

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.



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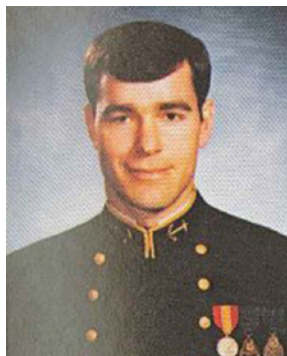


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Bingham, Bing

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During June Week, I married Patricia Ann Kirby from Centreville, MD, and reported to The Basic School. At TBS, I opted for Marine Corps Field Artillery and joined 3rd 175mm Gun Battery (SP), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (REIN) at 29 Palms, CA. I filled the usual junior officer billets (FO, LNO, MTO, MMO, CommO, & FDO) culminating in assignments as Executive Officer, 3rd 8-inch Howitzer Battery (SP), 5th Battalion, 11th Marines (REIN), and Executive Officer, Battery R (SP), 5th Battalion, 12th Marines. I left the Mojave Desert and moved to Yokosuka, Japan for two years of Sea Duty as the Commanding Officer, Marine Detachment, SEVENTH Fleet Flagship, USS Blue Ridge (LCC-19). Our son Matthew David was born in Yokosuka in 1986. In Hawaii, I was the Commanding Officer, Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 12 Marines (REIN) and took the Battery on a six-month unit deployment to Okinawa before returning to Kaneohe Bay. At the Naval Postgraduate School, I earned an MS in Electrical Engineering. I fulfilled my payback tour in acquisition at MARCORSSCOM Quantico, VA over the course of five years as Project Officer for the Precision Lightweight Global Positioning System Receiver (PLGR), Operations Officer Intelligence & Communications Systems, Project Officer for the Single Channel Ground & Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS), and APM Radio Systems.



Bing and family

In 1998, upon retirement from the Marine Corps and having endured 18 moves in 24 years, the Admiral and I decided to stay put in Stafford, VA. While on terminal leave, I joined EG&G (now Amentum) providing engineering support for the VIRGINIA Class Submarine Program as a member of the Navy On-Site Team (NOST) at Lockheed Martin in Manassas, VA. After 23 years as a member of NOST supporting Architecture, Navigation Data Distribution and Display, SONAR, Combat Control, TacLAN, and Common Weapon Launcher, I am retiring at the end of 2021.

Calvente, Vinny

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Where do I begin...

I arrived at USNA via the NAPS pipeline after graduating from Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico. The friends I made there were a strong bond during and after my life at the academy along with my cherished 1981 classmates.

Upon graduation I entered flight school in Oct '81 after teaching Plebe sailing to the class of '81 + 4. After funding delays while at VT-3, I finished primary flight training and received my aviator wings at VT-28 in July of '81 + 2. My first active duty squadron was VP-5 with a fun group of '81 classmates. I deployed to Rota, Spain, Sigonella, Sicily and Bermuda. My following tour was as an instructor at VP-30. Besides being an instructor for the fleet training of P-3 pilots, I was a pilot and Aircraft Commander for CINCLANT Fleet, CINCLANT/SACLANT and the CNO, flying the VP-3A's assigned to VP-30.



Vinny

I was hired at Delta Air Lines in July 1990 but continued flying C-9's with the Navy Reserves at VR-58 at NAS Jacksonville. In December 1990 I was reactivated during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, flying out of Naples, Italy until May 1991. I retired from the Navy Reserves in 1999 as an O-5.

During my Delta career I have flown many different planes and I am currently a Captain on the Airbus A-350 and scheduled to retire in January 2023.

I have three beautiful daughters, Jennifer, Kristina, and Angela, and two fantastic grandsons, Connor and Caleb. To be continued at future class reunions! (Hopefully...!:-))



Eaton, Jim

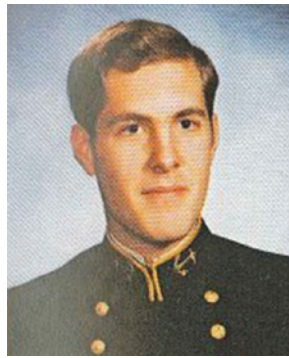
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After graduation I proceeded to SWOS, followed by two sea tours out of Norfolk before completing my shore duty at the Aegis site in Moorestown NJ. That set me up for the rest of my career.

I left the Navy after completing two years in Moorestown. I was hired by RCA in 1988 to be the installation engineer for Aegis systems at the Aegis Training Center in Dahlgren, VA. I then served as the lead engineer at the Aegis Combat Systems Center at Wallops Island, VA, during which time I completed my MBA at Salisbury University. In 1997, I went back to NJ to work in the new Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) program office and helped put the first BMD systems on US Navy ships. I moved back to Wallops Island in 1999 and became the Deputy Program Manager for the Lockheed Martin (LM) support contract. In 2007, I accepted a senior program manager role in Dahlgren, VA and became the LM onsite liaison for the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) Aegis BMD program office, as well as the program manager for several programs under the LM Aegis BMD development contract. I retired from Lockheed Martin in July 2021.

I have been blessed with a lovely and loving family. My wife Lissa and I were married in December 1981. We have three successful daughters and now a very busy grandson who lives near us in Fredericksburg, VA.

During our travels I served as an Elder and Deacon in several churches we attended. I have continued to sing with multiple church and community choirs over the years and currently sing with the Chamber Chorale of Fredericksburg. I have also been involved in many community efforts including Habitat for Humanity, the Dahlgren Naval Museum, and many local mission events through the church.



Jim and Lissa

Elkin, Herb

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A couple months after graduation I first met, and the next year married, Jane Cynewski, who was a high-school classmate of Kevin Warnke (18th Co). We have two wonderful daughters, one saving lives as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Johns-Hopkins Medical and the other saving the planet as a California coastal conservancy sea-level rise professional.

After 16 years in the submarine service I took an early retirement and settled in the Annapolis area. Since then I've worked at the Naval Academy in several financial and information technology roles. Currently, as USNA's Executive Director for Information Technology and Deputy Chief Information Officer, I lead a terrific team responsible for planning, acquisition, development, integration, implementation, and operation of the institution's computing products and services across all faculty, midshipmen, and staff areas. Meanwhile, Jane has taught French and music at the elementary level, spent three years as an adjunct French instructor at USNA, and currently teaches English as a Second Language at Anne Arundel Community College.



Herb and Jane

In our spare time, Jane and I have traveled extensively, encompassing all fifty states and many foreign locales. Additionally, we've both been active in the regional music and theatre scene having performed in, managed, supported, or attended hundreds of events. Jane is an accomplished vocalist, writer, and reviewer, whereas I primarily stage-manage theater productions and serve as a board member for various state and local organizations. Otherwise, you'll frequently find us boating, fishing, or hiking close to our Chesapeake Bay home or further afield...with our grandchildren increasingly adding to our adventures. Life's been a blessing, and I count myself fortunate to be a member of the always-amazing USNA Class of 1981!

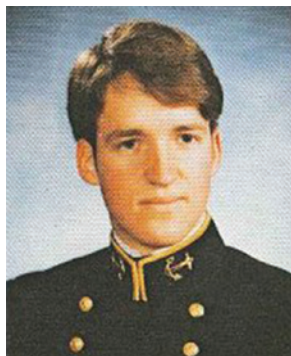


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Joined the throng on the aviation track in Pensacola then Kingsville, TX. Stayed on as an instructor until reporting to Lemoore, CA in 1984. Anne (Hood '80) and I married in December 1985. After the honeymoon and flying back into LAX, I drove my bride through the Grapevine pass and descended into the Tule fog of the San Joaquin valley. The fog lifted a couple months later, and Anne could finally see what the neighborhood looked like. We bounced back and forth between Lemoore and Patuxent River, MD. In Pax, we joined classmates Randy Cohn, Bob Fox, Brent Jett, and Rob Niewoehner as members of USN Test Pilot School Class '95 (a record for most USNA classmates in a TPS class). Philip was born in 1987, and Elizabeth came along in 1990. After years of requesting an East Coast squadron, we received orders to report to VFA-82 at Cecil Field, FL as Greg Nosal's XO. Nose passed me the reins in the fall of 1999 at the last squadron change of command held on Cecil Field (victim of BRAC). Deployed on USS JFK for her "Millennial Cruise;" a personally memorable experience was the close formation fly-by Corky Vazquez and I executed toward the end of the deployment—Corky in 'his' H-60 and me in 'my' Hornet. Following cruise, VFA-82 flew to our new home at MCAS Beaufort, SC.



Tom and family

In 2001, the 'needs of the navy' and the 'desires of the individual' diverged, and we decided to move on to the next phase. Turns out, 2001 wasn't the best of years to start your airline career. After furlough by American, I joined some Navy friends at Whitney, Bradley & Brown consulting.

Anne and I have now lived in Leesburg, VA for 20 years. Both kids are married, and grandkids started arriving in 2020. Phil is a Naval Aviator currently in Oceana, and Beth and family live in Arlington. Anne and I are preparing for retirement-retirement soon.

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After TBS at Quantico, I married Janet, a hometown girl from Kentucky. We immediately headed off to Pensacola for flight school and got my wings. I flew CH-46's out of New River Air Station until returning from my second Med Deployment when we had Caitlin in 1987.

In 1989, I left the Marines to spend more time with my family. We went to Dallas to work for Texas Instruments for a couple years then transferred to Versailles, KY where we built a house on eight acres where Lauren was born in 1989 and then Caroline in 1993. After about ten years with TI, I took a job as a manufacturing manager at the Osram-Sylvania plant still in Versailles.

In 2011, we bought a 78-acre (would be bigger if I could flatten it out) farm in Anderson County, KY where we later built a home. I retired in 2015 to a life of leisure, working harder than ever. I've taken to prepping but not the doomsday type, just as self-sufficient as possible. I have beef cattle, dairy goats, chickens, rabbits, quail, bees, and a big garden.

Caitlin is near Indianapolis and has two daughters, 7 and 4. Lauren is in Fort Lauderdale and is planning a wedding here on the farm next May. Caroline and her husband are near Bowling Green and are expecting their first this December.

The Lord has certainly blessed this ole country boy; life is good.

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After graduation, I married Lisa, my academy sweetheart. We drove to Newport, RI for SWOS Basic. Then, we headed to Norfolk, VA where I reported onboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) as Assistant A Division Officer, one of three DIVO tours on IKE. Our first son, Larry Jr., was born in 1984. In Jan 1985, I transferred to USS Virginia (CGN-38) as Fire Control Officer. Our second son, Daniel, was born in 1986, shortly before I transferred to USS Austin (LPD-4) as CICO. After 15 months, I reported to SWOS DHS. After graduation in 1988, I became USS Trippe's (FF-1075) Weapons Officer. Our third son, Will, was born in Dec 1989. In March 1990, I became USS Pensacola's (LSD-38) First Lieutenant. As a Reservist in January 1992, I did tours at CINCLANTFLT, COMNAVBASE NORFOLK, PMS AEGIS and as CO of the FLETRACEN NORVA Unit.



Larry and family

In 1992, we moved to Dale City, VA, and I started at High Technology Solutions, where I supported Naval Weapons Ranges for three years. I then worked as a Reservist at CINCLANTFLT N7 until they hired me as Assistant for Joint Training eight months later. I co-developed the Reserve/National Guard JPME (Joint Professional Military Education) Phase 2 course at the Joint Forces Staff College. In 2003, I returned to full active duty, as Joint Forces Division Deputy at USMTM (US Military Training Mission) in Saudi Arabia. In 2004, I transferred to USSTRATCOM, as Deputy for Plans Integration for three years. Then, I taught S&P (Strategy & Policy) at the Naval War College for three years. I then commanded the UNM NROTC Unit, from which I retired in 2012.

After retirement from the Navy, I taught JPME Phase 2 for two years. Then I was a Civil Servant at FEMA for four years and at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, for nine months, before retiring from Civil Service.

Perry, Bob

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After eight years flying A-4Ms and AV-8Bs, I left the Corps in February, 1989 and got hired by Delta Air Lines, based in Cincinnati, Ohio. I ended up flying for Delta for almost 32 years. Being, and having married, a military brat (my high school sweetheart, Mary), we grew to love the stability that came with actually having roots. Cincinnati's been a fantastic place to have raised our five sons. After years of wondering and wandering, I got serious about my faith in the mid-1990s. In 2006, I received an M.A., Christian Apologetics from Biola University. Since then, reading, writing, speaking, and teaching about faith topics has been my passion. I've tried to combine my aviation experience with that to provide a unique faith perspective ever since.



Bob and Mary

All five of our sons are currently active duty military. Their service includes: a Green Beret Troop Commander/Army Ranger, an Infantry Company Commander/Army Ranger, a former USMC Scout Sniper Team member and current Navy SEAL, an Army logistics officer, and an Air Force A-10 pilot. Together, they have accumulated 8 deployments to the Middle East, 3 fantastic wives, and 4 beautiful grandchildren. I could not be prouder of them all.

All I have ever wanted to do since I was a kid was fly airplanes. So, taking an early retirement offer from Delta in September, 2020 was one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make. But it turns out it was also one of the best. I guess 40 years in the cockpit was enough. I am thoroughly enjoying playing lots of golf and traveling to see our kids/grandkids who are scattered all over the place. Semper Fi ...

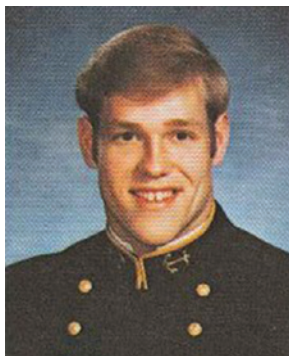


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Teufel, Bob

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Following USNA graduation I had a rewarding 27-year Navy career that included six ships, numerous deployments, and a variety of Navy and Joint Service shore duty assignments. My time in uniform was highlighted by tours as CO, Beachmaster Unit TWO; XO, USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7); Aide to the President, U.S. Naval War College; and completion of both the Naval Command and Staff and Army War College master's degree programs.



Bob and Lynn

Following retirement from the Navy in 2008, I went to work for ARINC, Inc., as the Director of Homeland Security/Homeland Defense, followed by nine years as a Senior Associate and Program Manager with Booz Allen Hamilton. I retired from Booz Allen Hamilton and the defense support industry in mid-August 2021.

By far, my greatest joy and blessing has been my 39-year marriage to the love of my life, Lynn. Together we've raised two wonderful young adults, Kristen and Adam, who are both married and have blessed us with three grandchildren. We continue to enjoy living in Virginia Beach, VA.

Wencl, Allen

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I left active duty in the Marine Corps as a Captain in 1988. My time in the Corps was probably best summarized by the late Kevin Warnke who inquired at our 30th reunion, "What in the hell were you thinking?" I had a successful tenure as a communications officer, but it really wasn't the best fit.



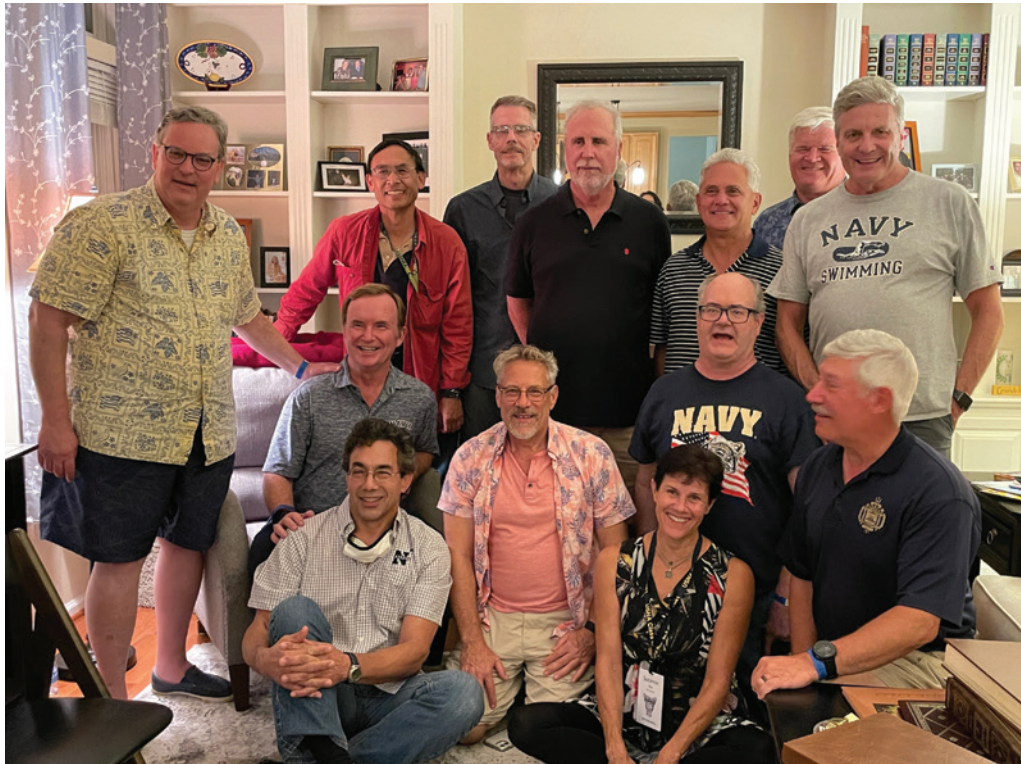
Allen and Milena

Upon my return to Georgia, I entered the civilian workforce and eventually ended up as a commercial insurance underwriter. In December 1989, I married Rhonda Young, who I knew from high school. Never underestimate the potential of class reunions. We had been married for a little over two years when she was diagnosed with the first of several brain tumors. Over the next 12 years (with five brain surgeries) she displayed a courage that made this Marine proud, but eventually lost the war and passed away in April 2003.

Having left the insurance world to provide home hospice care, I did the only logical thing and went back to school. I obtained another bachelor's degree (in civil engineering) and began working for a transportation engineering firm in 2005. I am still there today (16 years later) doing the hydraulic modeling of bridges. I even get to apply my oceanography degree from USNA when we have a project near the coast. I think that my co-workers have learned the perils of asking me a question about tides. I am a registered Professional Engineer in Georgia.

I have married again (there was one that didn't work out in the interim) to Milena, who teaches college math. She has two daughters from before her emigration here from Bulgaria. We have been married for six+ years and have two grandchildren. The daughters and their families live close to us, so I have multiple opportunities to be grandpa.

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It's been a great and interesting journey for me, and I'm pleased to say one with a lot of love and laughs. I met the love of my life at flight school, and together we've raised two daughters and already experienced a lifetime of adventures. My wife, Jan, besides being a wonderful wife and mother, is a judge in Virginia. My oldest is now a professor at Vanderbilt University and my youngest is following in my footsteps by working on national policy in public housing.



Bob and family

As for me, the Marine Corps journey took me to flying CH-53s out in Southern California, where I'm pleased to say I got to fly, see different parts of the world, and thankfully did so during peacetime. We knew we should try other adventures, so we returned to the east coast after seven years of service.

The odd thing about returning to the East Coast is that when I went through The Basic School, I was unimpressed with the Quantico area and decided I'd never come back to this area – only to move a few miles up the street in 1990 and have been here (happily) ever since.

I became a beltway bandit, as we've been called, doing consulting in a variety of areas before focusing on aviation analysis and then GPS and navigation engineering for aviation applications. I joined the Federal Aviation Administration in 2000, where I performed safety engineering of FAA aviation systems and subsequently aircraft systems. It's been challenging, and I'm pleased to say that I feel like my work has made flying a little safer and enjoyable.

We are ever so close to retirement and still haven't decided between adventuring with a trawler or more simply touring and seeing family and friends.

I look forward to hearing from the rest of you.

Benner, Jeff

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After earning my second Black N for the "Manicotti 5" incident, I decided that a different career path might be advisable. After youngster year, I left USNA to pursue my dream of becoming a physician.

I transferred to the University of Illinois with Bob "Bro" Connolly, graduating with a degree in biology and competing in intercollegiate swimming. I then completed both medical school and a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Maryland. Next, I moved to California to specialize in retinal surgery at UC Davis. It was there that I met the love of my life, Shelley.



Jeff and family

We moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to start our family and establish the first retina specialty practice in the region. We have been blessed with 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Life on a horse farm in this coastal community has been wonderful.

In 2004, things abruptly worsened, and I descended into a deep depression. During one of the darkest days of this period, I cried out to my Savior Jesus Christ and accepted Him into my life. He changed everything! The focus of my life shifted from serving me to serving Him and others. Since then, my family and I have served on many medical mission trips around the globe.

Over the last ten years I have also become an inventor and entrepreneur, holding 7 patents, with a few more pending. These projects include surgical instruments, a crop harvester, an extraction method to produce CBD, and an implant that releases naltrexone for 6+ months and then dissolves. My heart has been touched by the suffering of addicts, our modern-day lepers. I am hopeful that this implant will free them from their addiction. We are on track to begin human clinical trials in 2022. This implant blocks an opioid addict's cravings and may prevent fentanyl overdose.



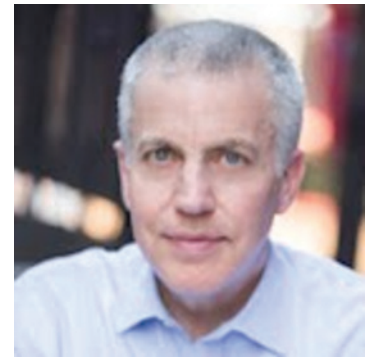
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I left USNA after Youngster year because I felt called to the ministry. After a year at a bible college and interning at my home church, I realized I felt called but I wasn't chosen. I got married, and we had two beautiful children, Emily in 1982 and Tyler in 1991. I graduated from Lehigh University in 1983 and started in public accounting as an auditor. After four years in Boston, MA, I got my CPA certification, and we relocated back to Pennsylvania. I spent seven years with a large local firm and added taxes to my resume.

In 1995, my marriage ended as I was starting my own firm. A year or so later I met Lisa Shannon and her sons, Nicholas, Thomas Ryan, and Patrick. She opened my eyes to what a true partnership could be and got me connected to the Alumni Association in time for the 20th reunion. We have blended our lives and our families for over 25 years, marrying in 2002. We also worked side by side, adding financial planning and a CFP credential to the CPA in 2000, and last year we welcomed our CPA daughter-in-law to the practice.

Though I will always wish I had graduated and served my country more directly, I have tried to live up to the ideals and Honor Code of the Naval Academy in all my relationships and giving back to my church and community, serving others, and being the best husband, father, stepfather and grandfather I can be. We proudly supported Nicholas, Thomas Ryan, and Tyler (Class of 2014 – 12th Co) in their military service, and we are honored to be considered part of the USNA family. And since in some ways I still feel like a plebe, I still carry a clean handkerchief and change for a dollar at all times.



Alan

Burgess, Jack

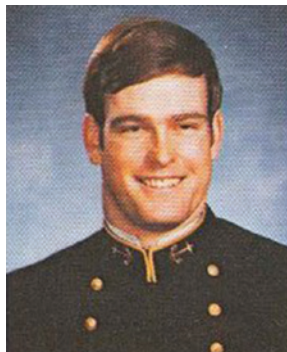
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40 years have passed, but experiences from USNA still apply today. I married my grease girl Amy who was both my high school prom and Ring Dance date. We recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in June. Along the way we raised two daughters who have done better than OK. Jessica is a practicing veterinarian and Kaitie is a Major as an Air Force dentist. Their early lives were greatly influenced by Amy's dedicated mother time and a little support from dad.

My life has been more traditional rather than new age. My Navy time and work experience were very similar and parallel in nature including the lessons experienced. Five years active shipboard sea duty and 21 years in the reserves. Non-Navy events included 2 years at RCA/GE, Master Business degree from Carnegie Mellon University, 6 years at Harris Corporation, 20 years at CSX Railroad and 2 years at Patriot Rail.

During my Navy time I experienced the transition from steam power plants to gas turbines while my railroad experience saw the demise of the coal market. In both cases many great dedicated boiler techs and coal miners faced life challenges even with their great dedication and work ethics. Both reflect great changes resulting from technology advancements over time, which will certainly continue as I watch from retirement.

Plebe summer lessons of patience and persistence applied for me during my recovery from a dramatic car accident. A drunk illegal immigrant put me in intensive care for 9 weeks and out of work for 6 months in 2005. The experience left me callous toward our hollow immigration policies. On the positive side after receiving needed blood due to the accident I have become a dedicated donator of blood, plasma and platelets; 30 gallons donated by reunion time.



Jack and Amy

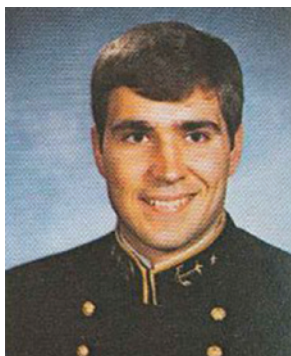


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Bushong, Paul

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Two weeks after graduation, my high school sweetheart, Dona, and I were married in our hometown of Allen, Texas. I then went into the submarine service, fully intending to do my five years and then move on. But, the Navy gave me a great deal in sending me to graduate school at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute/MIT. Hey, what's four years of payback? Anyway, the next jobs were always good, so we kept staying in, retiring at the 34-year point, having progressed through submarine command, command of a submarine tender in Guam, and then making flag. The career was probably a bit unusual, particularly for a submariner, in that out of 34 years, we lived 19 years outside the Continental US, had nine overseas moves, and moved about 20 times. The three places we lived the longest during the career were Hawaii, Guam, and Belgium.



Paul and family

After retirement from the Navy, we settled in Havre de Grace, MD, where Dona had lived during my last duty assignment in Jerusalem (it was unaccompanied). We renovated our own home and have since done numerous remodeling projects for daughters, friends, and our church. Also, we are very involved with our church and local organizations and have volunteered with disaster response teams or service organizations that try to assist those in need.

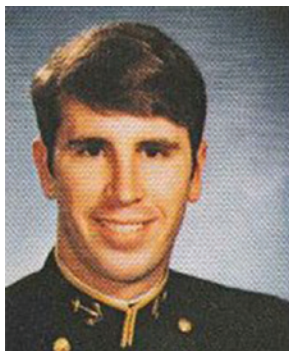
Dona and I have three daughters: Cassandra, Sarah, and Ellyce. All of them are married, and we have four grandchildren, two each from Cassandra and Ellyce. Cassandra ('07) and Sarah ('09) each graduated from USNA as did their husbands. Ellyce and her husband both work as civilians for the Army. Dona and I have been truly blessed.

Cloughley, Bill

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Lynnette, who I met at Disco Dahlgren, and I have been happily married for soon-to-be 40 years.

I was a P-3 Naval Flight Officer (VP-26 NAS Brunswick, Maine and VP-45 NAS Jax, FL). I earned a Masters in Computer Science at PG School in Monterey. I spent two years with the Surface Navy as the token aviator on a Destroyer Squadron staff, home-based in Charleston, SC. I did shore tours at HQ US Pacific Command in Hawaii and in USNA's IT Department (Ward Hall). I retired in 2001 after 20 years.



Bill and Lynnette

After the Navy, I worked for 19 years in sales operations at Ciena Corporation. Ciena makes next-generation fiber-optic telecom equipment. I retired for good in 2020.

Lynnette and I have three grown children who are all on their own, doing great and have blessed us with three grandsons and one granddaughter. We have lived in Severna Park, Maryland for the last 27 years. In the last ten years we have started traveling, with multiple trips to Western Europe and throughout the U.S., plus two weeks in New Zealand. All of which we enjoyed very much.

My hobby is flying. I spent five years (3,000 hours) building an airplane in my basement. It is an RV-7 built from a kit made by Vans Aircraft Company. It opened up a new world for me. The last 12+ years I have flown all over America, usually around 500 feet above ground. It has two seats, cruises at 170 mph, is aerobatic and is a good formation flying plane. I flew in a 49-ship formation over a Kansas City Chiefs football game in October of 2013.



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After leaving USNA, my fellow 19TH Company mate Jeff “Bones” Benner and I switched from living in Mother B to the University of Illinois. After graduating with a degree in engineering, I decided to attend medical school due in large part to Bones Benner. I attended the University of Illinois Medical School and upon graduation embarked on a career in diagnostic radiology. I was commissioned a LT in the Medical Corps and completed my residency at the Naval Medical Center San Diego. After my Navy commitment, I completed a fellowship in CT/MRI/Ultrasound (body imaging) at the University of Utah. Since then I have lived in Park City, Utah, Phoenix, Arizona, and, for the past 20 years, in San Diego, working at the US Naval Hospital, Camp Pendleton.

Personally, I just celebrated 32 years of marriage to my best friend, Andrea, whom I met during residency training (she is a pharmacist). We have two wonderful children, both graduates of the University of Southern California.

I made lifelong friends at USNA and look forward to reuniting and spending quality time with many of you in the years to come.

Fair winds and following seas, Bro.

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After graduating with an NFO slot, I likely had the best duty stations ever between squadron and space systems jobs including Pensacola, Key West, Monterey, Northern VA, and Whidbey Island with almost half that time as a student (flight-NFO, EW, NPS-Space Systems, EA-6B FRS).

I had 2 kids (son and daughter) before I “retired”, then one after, with that last son still an undergrad and the other two charting brave lives in this crazy world.

I was lucky enough to work part-time doing space systems work after retiring. Once my kids were a bit older, I got a masters in environmental science doing wetlands research. This spawned part-time teaching gigs at George Mason University in Freshwater Ecosystems and Sustainability that continue today.

Being outdoors has been a constant in my life with a sequential list of athletic passions including running and racing that started at USNA, scuba diving and now rock climbing, all of which brought an amazing number of people who love the planet into my life.



Suzanne



19th Company

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After graduation I lit back to “Da ‘Burgh” for leave, met Mary, who would be my bride of now thirty-nine years, in the infamous Zelda’s Greenhouse, then off to Pensacola. Winged in 1982, my operational tours in Mayport, Florida included flying the SH-2F and SH-60B in four operational squadrons.



Craig and Mary

When my flying days had run their course, succeeding assignments took me north, first to the White House, where I led the President’s Emergency Operations Center, then to the Naval Academy in 1997. With retirement looming, teaching history seemed a nice way to finish out my twenty. Timing being everything, I arrived in time for the establishment of the Permanent Military Professor (PMP) program. I applied, got accepted to Duke, and spent four years as a grad student, my only responsibility to finish my Ph.D. in four years.

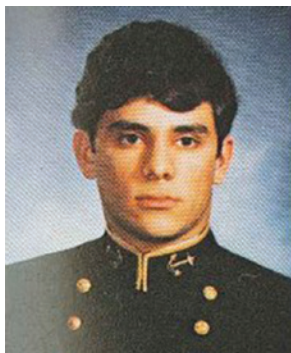
We returned to Annapolis, sans daughter (who enrolled in N.C. State) in 2004, and I set up shop as a PMP in the history department, while Mary, who is an RN, worked in a local VA clinic. Two years later we became empty nesters when our son enlisted in the Army, where he spent three of his first six years in combat. My comparative experience was leaving the department for a year to serve as the historian for the NATO command training the Afghan army and police.

In 2016, after 35 years, it was time to say adios to Big Navy. Mary and I had built a log home in north central Pennsylvania, and moved there in 2017. Our daughter Angela still works as an engineer for NAVSEA, while our son is completing a tour as a first sergeant. The Felker line now includes four grandkids (eschewing the commonplace names for a grandparent, the squirts call me “Captain”), and a cat. The grandkids are great; I’m agnostic about the cat.

Giorgione, Mike

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Beyond all things, I am very grateful and fortunate. I am grateful for my wife, Michele, 39 years married and the incredible support and love she gave me, our family, and our Navy community over 29 years on duty. We are grateful for our two extraordinary daughters, Briana (29) and Ryanne (26). To my classmates, 19th Company friends, and our then-company officer, Major Shelley B. Mayer, USMC, I am extremely fortunate to know all of you, and I am thankful for your friendship and service. I would definitely do it all again.



Mike and Michele

As I had always planned, retirement occurred in Memorial Hall in August 2010, another black flag day, just as it all started in 1977. We settled in Coronado, CA, and I spent four years in private industry with two engineering firms. I was content, not happy. I did what I knew I would do someday and that was to go to work for myself. I founded LeadingLeaders, a leadership development and executive coaching firm, and I support Navy and Marine Corps commands and individuals with these services. I have also always been impressed with entrepreneurs and was looking for a new opportunity. In 2020, it landed on deck, and I started as the Chief Executive Officer of LeanFM Technologies, a building automation software company, headquartered in my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA.

In October 2017, I achieved a lifelong dream when I published my first book, “Inside Camp David: The Private World of the Presidential Retreat.” The new relationships and opened doors have been fascinating as I travel and speak often on the experiences and insights.

All of this was possible because of USNA, the Class of ’81, 19th Company, my family, and our many friends. As I said, I would do it all again.



Godbold (Rampp), Lorraine

Upon graduation, I traveled to Fort Benjamin Harrison for PAO training...then onto Naval Base Seattle as Asst. PAO. My greatest blessing was meeting my husband Dan at the Branch Dental Clinic Seattle. I was a patient and he was my dentist!

During our active duty years, we participated in Navy Ski competitions in the Northwest, Navy Tennis competitions, and 5K, 10K, and 15K road races. With Dan attached to the Fleet Marine Force, we traveled to Navy and Marine Corps bases throughout the United States and Hawaii. Dan and I ran in a marathon, participated in a triathlon, rode in several 25-100 mile bike rides, and ran many 10K road races.

My next great blessing was having our daughter, Annalyn. She was an answer to prayer. Annalyn was homeschooled at our Melodic Christian Academy. In addition to an awesome curriculum, music was a beautiful and active part of her schooling. My husband and daughter are the music ministers at our church (piano/keyboard/pump organ).

One of our greatest family privileges was having Annalyn play the pipe organ at the Naval Academy and play the piano for the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Naval Hospital. We are a dental family – Dan is a general dentist, I am his office manager/second dental assistant, and our daughter is a dental hygiene student (and part time dental assistant). We are dog lovers and currently have our fifth Airedale Terrier, Jedidiah, and our daughter’s dog, Lydia (poodle/terrier mix). Our favorite hobbies are tennis, snow skiing, surfing, and camping in Oklahoma state parks with our dogs. We are so thankful and blessed for our family, our church family, and our great nation.



Lori and family

Holley, Bob

Deceased 4/16/10. Submitted by 19th company classmates

As much as any of our other classmates, Bob Holley gave his life for his country. His sacrifice came not in his US Navy service, however, but in his time commanding hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) for the Military Sealift Command.

Bob parted company with the Academy during his Second Class year, but, by that time, the sea and Surface Line were in his blood. So, he joined the MSC as a Boatswain’s Mate and became the first/only person in the MSC to serve in every rank from E-1 to E-9, and O-1 through O-6.

His service culminated in two tours as Master of the Comfort: the first on a relief mission to the Philippines after a destructive tsunami; the second on a disaster relief mission to Haiti following a 7.0 earthquake, as part of “Operation Unified Response” in 2010. As ship’s Master, Bob ensured all the ship’s equipment and systems, including small boat and helicopter ship-to-shore craft, supported the medical department and its demand for highly reliable lifesaving systems and operating spaces. The importance of the mission, and of his crew’s accomplishments, were strongly reinforced by a visit by then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Admiral Mullen, during the tail-end of Comfort’s 7-week tasking off Haiti. It’s not reported whether Adm. Mullen met Kali, one of Bob’s pet cats, who often went to sea with Bob....

Bob brought Comfort safely back to homeport at the end of its mission. In the process of laying the ship up, his life was cut short when he succumbed to the effects of sarcoidosis, an auto-immune disease. Bob is survived by his wife, Julie, ex-wife Maria, daughter Elizabeth, son Matthew, step-son Jacob Dodderidge, and brother, Steven. At home, Bob was a griller of steaks, master crème brulee-maker, and (with son, Jake) grower of hops and a Samuel Adams beer-brewing contest winner.



Bob



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Matheny, Bob (Biker)

Deceased 6/22/1988. Collaboratively written by several company mates

Bob (“Biker”) Matheny attacked life with zest and enthusiasm. After graduation, he brought his love of flying, sports, and a strong passion for student-athlete youth development programs with him to Pensacola for his initial aviation training. While there, he coached championship youth basketball and football teams with record success. With thanks for his work with the Youth Organization of Pensacola, Bob was personally recognized with his own Key to the City and the dedication of a “Robert Matheny Day,” 27 February 1982. Bob was also later recognized and honored with a citation, commending him on his student-athlete program leadership, from the Virginia Beach JC’s and Chamber of Commerce, when he was stationed in Oceana, Virginia.



Professionally, Bob completed flight training at Pensacola and Meridian, Mississippi before accepting his initial assignment as part of the adversary squadron in Subic Bay, Philippines. As part of the “Checker Tails” Bob flew throughout the area for 16 months before reporting to his next duty in Oceana, Virginia with VF-11, the “Red Rippers.” Bob flew F-14s off of USS Forrestal with VF-11, and then off USS Saratoga with VF-74, before transferring to VF-43.

Lt. Robert N. Matheny was killed 20 June 1988, while flying an A-4 on a training mission for VF-43 in the Virginia Capes operating area. His funeral was held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Bolivar, New York, on 27 June 1988—Bob’s hometown and home parish. Prior to his accident, Bob was weighing his continued naval career and educational opportunities as an MBA candidate at Stanford’s Graduate Business School.

Bob’s spirit for life and concern for the development of the student-athlete has been continued with the Lt. Robert Matheny Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund for Bolivar Central High School Students—where Bob attended prior to entering the Academy.

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After graduation, I served in the submarine force on three boats: the USS Baton Rouge (SSN 689), USS Tecumseh (SSBN 628) and the USS Narwhal (SSN 671). While on the Tecumseh, a terrible thing happened while refueling the reactor in overhaul; I got hit by a crane which crushed three of my vertebrae. This injury would come back to change my life 15 years later.



JD

After the Navy, I joined Exxon and served in various national positions including the Valdez crisis response leader, supervising the oil spill clean-up in 1989. Crisis response would end up playing a big role in my life. After Exxon, I became an Ernst & Young partner, leading the energy sector for Asia Pacific and then the CEO in Southeast Asia where I led large mergers, outsourcing, and global systems implementations.

That’s when, in 2000 as the CEO, my neck broke, and I had a near death experience that changed the trajectory of my life. I wrote a #1 Amazon best seller, “11 Days in May,” and became a spiritual coach, merged that with my executive advisory experiences, and formed The Messinger Institute. So, for the last 20 years, I have helped thousands of people discover their purpose, ignite their passion, and unleash their power, which has been the most fulfilling thing I’ve ever done in my life.

I’ve been married to Marianne for 38 years, and we’re blessed with three beautiful children: Madison, Taylor, and Grant. No grandchildren yet, but we do have two weddings coming up in the next year. We now live in Dallas, Texas and have called Texas home for more than 20 years. It’s a great place to live, but I surely miss the water.



Pearlman, Jeff

Deceased 8/22/79. Bio submitted by 19th Company classmates

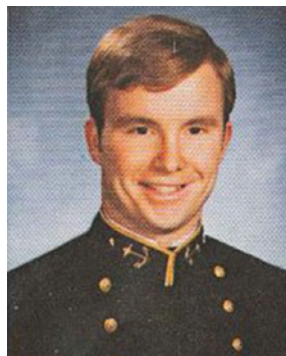
Born into and raised in a Navy family from Springfield, New Jersey, Jeffrey entered the Naval Academy with the aspiration of serving in the fleet. Jeff's engaging and assertive personality and humor were appreciated equally by classmates and upper class members of 19th Company. He always exhibited a great respect and kindness for his classmates, was a dedicated Mid, and helped to define the unique and quirky character of 19th Company. During his brief time with us, Jeff lettered while competing as a coxswain on the varsity crew team.

Soon after departing the Academy as a youngster to follow another path, Jeff died tragically in an automobile accident on August 8, 1979. He left behind a loving and supportive family, parents Captain Samuel Pearlman, USN (Ret.) and Bernice Pearlman, brother Howard, and sister Linda. As a company mate and friend, we proudly remember Jeff and celebrate his memory.

Rice, Jim

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After graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Cindi, on June 6, 1981. After completing nuclear power training, I served onboard the USS Simon Bolivar from 1983 to 1986, stationed in Charleston, SC and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, NH. I completed three strategic patrols, qualified in submarines, and rode the Simon B into the shipyard, where I served as MPA and Assistant Engineer during the refueling overhaul. I separated from active duty service in May 1986.



After active duty, I completed my MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in May 1988. As a naval reservist from 1987 to 1988, I served as the NROTC senior class instructor at the University of Pennsylvania.



Jim and Cindi

I am currently the co-CEO of Nautilus Solar Energy, LLC which I co-founded in December 2006. Under my leadership, Nautilus Solar has grown from a start-up to a leading solar company which has developed and managed over \$2 billion of solar projects. Before co-founding Nautilus Solar, my experience included stints at Goldman, Sachs & Co, JPMorgan & Co, and Carlyle/Riverstone.

I have completed an Ironman and the US Marine Corps Marathon. I also coached youth lacrosse for 15 years, with a leadership position in founding and growing Chatham, NJ's youth lacrosse program.

Cindi and I have three sons, Andrew, Kevin, and Ben. Andrew is married to Shannon and they have blessed us with our first two grandchildren, Addison and Theodore (Teddy). After living in Chatham, NJ from 1988 to 2019, Cindi and I now reside in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.



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Sett, David

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Post youngster year I transferred to Cal, gratefully transporting all USNA credits except one course in Naval Leadership, hardly my strength anyway. Working my way through college, I departed with a degree in History and a Berkeley education.

After hitching through Europe, there were a dead-end job with an ocean view in SF and too many mornings with ears still ringing. Following Central American wanderings, for want of imagination, I obtained a JD at UCLAW. Admitted to the California and DC Bars, I clerked for a federal judge in the historic courthouse overlooking the harbor in Old San Juan. It was an honor to work in a prominent institution in the Commonwealth and disconcerting at the end to realize the first could be my best legal job and paradise would now require a journey.

After a trip in Asia, then working in a tort law firm in Chicago, I moved to DC, only to relocate to Atlanta for a job with the Federal Highway Administration, USDOT in 1990. I have served the American traveling public in various roles with FHWA in Headquarters, Atlanta again, and most extensively, Lakewood, Colorado, counseling on and defending many road, bridge, and trail projects in spectacular National Parks and Forests in the west, Hawaii, and Alaska.

In 1993 in Washington, I was fortunate to marry my best friend and love, the brilliant and beautiful Kathryn Hill. Our two sons live in the twin cities of Hanoi and Pittsburgh. We relocated in 2017 to Charlotte, this time for her career as a museum CEO.

Pushing away from the desk in the WNC mountains, after 31 years (35 total Federal service) furthering the access, employment, clearing, grading, and paving of the nation, all I know about the road ahead is travel will likely be somewhat more comfortable.

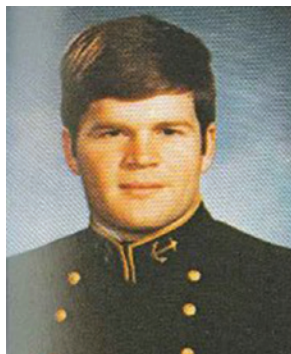


David and family

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After graduation and SWO School, I reported to the USS Lexington at Pensacola, FL. Thinking it was welded to the pier, I soon found out it was underway 50% of my two and half years before getting transferred to the USS Harold E. Holt at Pearl Harbor. Living in Hawaii was a very enjoyable experience. Along with two fellow officers, I was able to swing a beautiful house that had an indoor swimming pool and a private beach with rights to use a Hobie catamaran moored behind the house. A great time was had but it was time to move on back to New York.



Brien and family

I tried my luck in Wall Street and quickly figured out those high paying jobs were for Ivy League grads and submariners with an MBA. Learning the up and down cycles of the economy steered me into starting an insurance agency. Having an insurance agency allowed me the flexibility of having the large family I wanted and being home when needed. At the same time, I continued with the Naval Reserves for 20 good years as a Commander which guided me to retire early along with my Bitcoin/crypto currencies.

I was fortunate to meet my wife Theresa on a blind date and marry her in 1989. We are happily married and had five children within seven years.

A recent family picture at my son's (Timothy 2014/ fiancée Meredith) engagement party was a blessing since it is usually difficult to get everyone together. Behind Tim and Meredith, left to right is my wife Theresa, Brienna; 3rd row l-r is Gabrielle and Michaela and in the last row is Devin and the grey haired guy is me.

I have been retired since 2018 and would like to continue to travel with my wife and build a new house in the Texas Hill Country.



Tuey, Perry

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Upon graduation, I joined USS Hoel (DDG-13) as the ASW Officer. After three years, I transferred into meteorology with Naval Support Force Antarctica. This is important because I met my wife (the former Laureen Yee) of 33 years just before deploying to Antarctica. So, after 100s of letters, many MARS calls from Antarctica to Huntington Beach, two deployments, 12 months of separation over our two-year courtship, and 50,000 miles tallied on my Jeep, we finally wed in 1988. Then, I transferred to the Reserves, served as a METOC officer for the next 18.5 years, and somehow managed to make



Perry and Laureen

Captain. My drills brought me to not so exotic places like Hawaii, San Francisco, Norfolk, and New Orleans, but I often traveled with my family and had the benefit of free lodging and a free car.

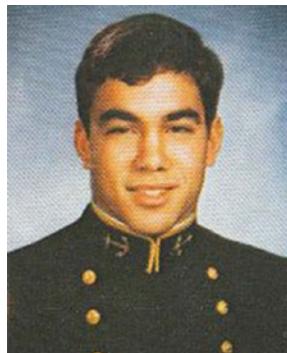
As a civilian, I worked defense through the 80's, but somehow managed to join Qualcomm in San Diego just before its breakthrough CDMA release in the 90's, then moved back to defense at Northrop Grumman in 2003. I often tell my kids that I am not defined by my work, but rather for my love of God and fishing. But I will admit that I take pride in having worked on the UCAS-D at Northrop—the first UAV to take off and land from a carrier as well as refuel from a tanker, completely autonomously. Now, as I finish out nearly 20 years at Northrop, I can look forward to traveling around in our Airstream, fishing when I want, and enjoying a life well lived.

Oh, did I mention that my wife Laureen is a newly retired schoolteacher? My son, Ty, is a schoolteacher. My daughter, Amy, graduated from UCLA with a nursing degree and will be joining the Navy Nurse Corps. My youngest daughter, Lily, is a sophomore in high school.

Van Baush, Brian

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After graduation I was fortunate to compete with the US Navy Wrestling team, winning Sambo AAU Nationals and spending the summer of '82 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. After that I served on two ships and then with the Italian Navy in Brindisi (can there be a better posting?). I left the Navy to work in the Paper Industry. I worked at a paper mill in Los Angeles (one of 13 in the LA area). In keeping with my service life, moves across the country and world for work did not stop, so in no particular order: Los Angeles, CA, Lake Oswego, OR, Milan, IT, Portland, OR, Zurich, CH, Elm Grove, WI, Evergreen, CO, Anacortes, WA, Sebastopol, CA and Vancouver, WA. All of the moves were for work in either the Paper Industry or Hydro Power, so in summary my work life has always been heavy industry and lots of water. We never truly escape where we started from.



Brian

So, I was married and am now divorced, with two children who are making their way in the world. A young lady and a young man, both contributing to our Social Security, and most of all they are good citizens of the world; my only goal for them. Oddly enough, while I dabbled as a volunteer wrestling coach, most of my free time was with a 501(c)(3) for my son's Lax team.

While I always dreamed of retirement at age 45, it looks like 2024 is a good year (realistic), and I will finally stop working for the Man. I'd like to think I'm done with moving, but would like to live in Italy one more time. The plan is to wander the world, visiting places I enjoyed in the past, as well as new places, some I have always dreamed of seeing and some I have been afraid of going to see.



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Williams, Frank

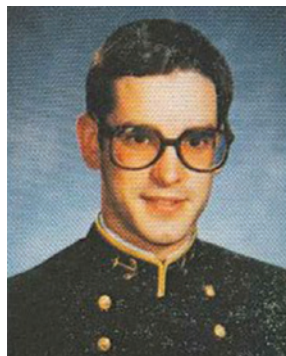
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Our Class has many distinguished graduates; I am not one of them. After graduation I served, without distinction, aboard submarines for five years; then I left the Navy, and have had a modestly successful career in financial services ever since. “The world will little note, nor long remember” my contributions to the commonweal. As quotidian as my life has been, I still take pride in my naval service and of being a small part of the enterprise that helped bring an end to “The Evil Empire” that was the Soviet Union.

I also take pride in my long-suffering wife, Gail, married to me 37 years (and counting). Likewise, I am proud of our son, Paul, 21 (also counting), starting his senior year in college.

Beyond the pride I take in living an ordinary life in America, I am proud of my classmates. I graduated near the top of my class from a very large high school; I thought I was “hot stuff.” At the Naval Academy, I was awestruck to encounter the most intelligent and accomplished group of people I’ve ever been associated with. I have been blessed by my many enduring friendships, forged during that time.

For 40 years, I’ve watched my classmates support one another. Their accomplishments in the military, and in their professional and personal lives, have been extraordinary. Many (especially my female classmates) have overcome biases against them with patience, perseverance, and grace. To everyone in the Class of 1981: I thank you for the inspiration you have given and continue to give me—and I salute you, one and all.



Frank

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After three ships, two shore stations, getting married, countless moves, and an MBA from Purdue, I transferred, under the Temporary Early Retirement Act (TERA), from Naval Reserve Personnel Command (NRPC) in New Orleans to civilian life in 1998.

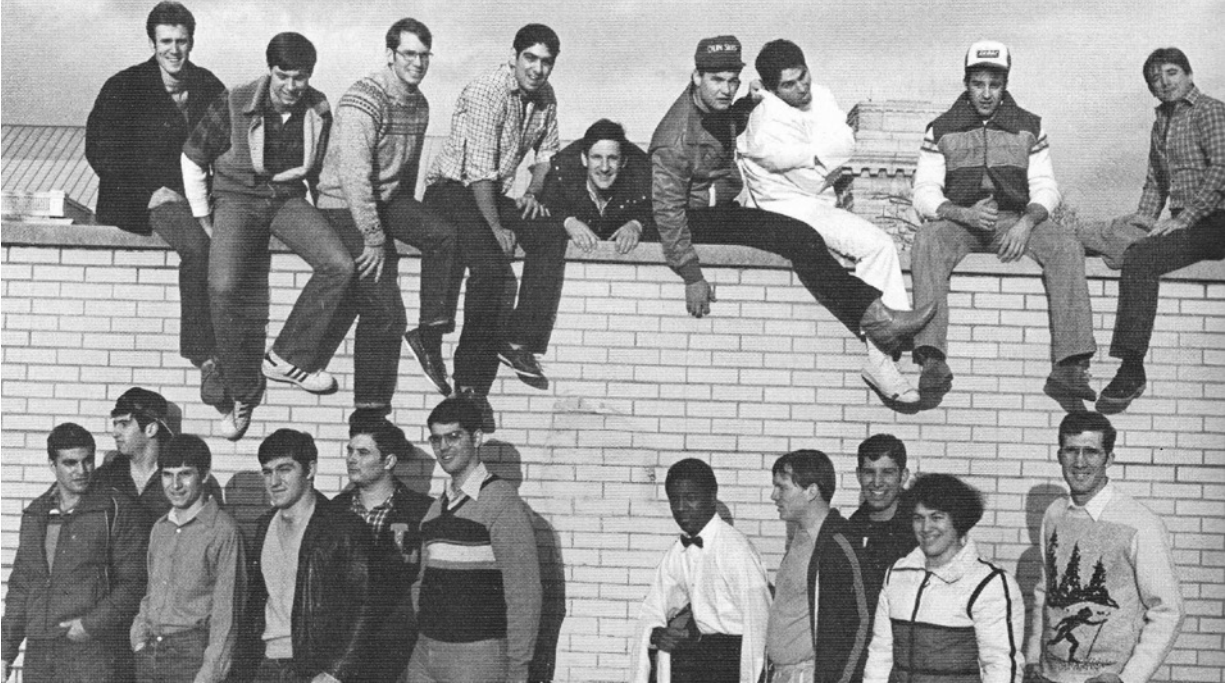
Through a SACC conference in DC, I landed my first job as a consultant with Perot Systems, requiring my wife Sarah and me to move from New Orleans, LA to Wyoming, MN, a small town north of the Twin Cities. It was supposed to be a three to four-year engagement then relocate again, but 23 years later, we are still freezing our butts here every winter, although spring, summer, and fall aren’t too bad. After my Perot days, I worked as a project manager for Thomson-Reuters, and for the last 14 years have been working as a process consultant for Naviant Group, out of Madison, WI. Most of the time I work remotely from home, so the recent quarantine had very little impact on us.

Sarah and I will be celebrating our 30th anniversary this October. She keeps me young with mountain biking and ski trips, cheering her on at her Ironman triathlon races, healthy eating, and a steady stream of Wild Turkey Manhattans. When I’m not working, I’m usually walking our yellow lab Archie, bicycling, hunting, clay target shooting, skiing, occasionally fishing, and volunteering as treasurer for our local chapter of Pheasants Forever. I am dedicated to habitat conservation and am currently a member of several organizations, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, Ruffed Grouse Society, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Forever, and, of course, Pheasants Forever. I was a Blue and Gold Officer for a little over 20 years and just retired from that this year. I’m looking forward to my next retirement soon.



Steve

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Dolan, Bob

Deceased 9/11/01. Bio submitted by Lisa Dolan

Captain Bob Dolan grew up in Florham Park, NJ. He was a 1981 USNA graduate with a BS in Ocean Engineering. He was tri-qualified as Navy SWO, EOD, and Deep Diver. He deployed three times to USNAVCENT for EOD/Anti-Mine Operations, then reported to COMINWARCOM Charleston in 1987. With his switch to SWO, Bob moved to USS Hewes as Weapons Department Head. Then he served as Combat Systems Officer aboard USS RK Turner, deploying to the Adriatic for Operation Deny Flight over the former Yugoslavia. In 1994, Bob reported as XO of USS TS Gates, deploying again to USNAVCENT.



Bob and Lisa

In 1995, he reported to the Pentagon as Joint Staff J5 BMD policy planner, then was selected to be Executive Assistant to the Deputy J5 Director. Thereafter, he attended National War College, graduating in 1998. Bob took command of USS John Hancock in 1998 at Mayport, again deploying to USNAVCENT. In 2000, he reported to the CNO's Staff as Strategy & Concepts Branch Head in the Pentagon to help formulate 21st Century naval strategy. At CNO-N513, he was selected for promotion. He perished in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and was posthumously promoted to full Captain and awarded the Legion of Merit and Purple Heart.

Bob is survived by his wife, Lisa T. Dolan, of Alexandria, Virginia, two children, Rebecca and Beau, a recent granddaughter, Ana, his father Robert E. Dolan, Sr., and two brothers, Chris and Dan, among many family and friends who loved him.

There are many reminders of Bob's service, which include naming the citizenship award at Alexandria's St. Mary's Catholic School for him, and a Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) therapy dog program in his honor comforting gold star families with grief and service members with psychological recovery.

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Following graduation, I became an S-3A Viking Naval Flight Officer, deploying multiple times on east coast missions. While earning a master's at NPS, I transferred to the Meteorology and Oceanography community and continued my career in that field until retirement in 2009. While at NPS, I also picked up one of the three D's (dog, divorce, or dependent) and married Louise Marolt, the sister of my former roommate, Tony Marolt. During my 28 year active duty career, we were fortunate to be able to live in Sicily and Japan, in addition to multiple places in the U.S. Afterwards, I worked as a civilian systems engineer for SPAWAR Systems Center as their liaison to the Meteorology and Oceanography Headquarters located at Stennis Space Center, MS.



Dave and Louise

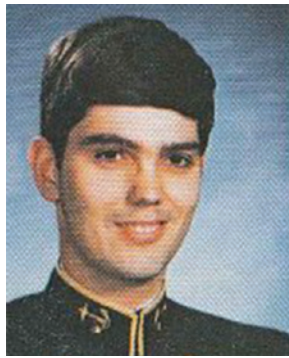
After our three children graduated from college, I retired permanently in 2016, and we moved to Central Florida where life is good! I spend my time now volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, playing pickleball, serving on community committees, enjoying three grandchildren, and helping out elderly neighbors with preventive and reactive household maintenance. God is good!



Sánchez – Caparrós, Carlos
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Ahoy mates! I'm Capt. (VEN-NAV) Carlos Sánchez-Caparrós (Ret.); AKA the Frito Bandito (old story related to chow calls).

After graduation, I went back to the Venezuelan Navy and married my sweetheart, Elsie. God blessed us with three boys, now grown-ups and fathers themselves (total of 4 grandchildren).



Carlos and family

Had an interesting career (Surface Line) with 3 Commands at Sea and 2 Commands Ashore (Coast Guard Stations). In parallel, I also developed an academic career (MSc and PhD) and taught at the Venezuelan Naval Academy and other PG institutions (military and civilian), and had a 3 year TAD in the Oil Transportation Industry. Retired in 2008 for political reasons as the Head of Cabinet for the Minister of Defense and Executive Director of the Secretariat of the JCS.

After retirement, I worked in shipping companies, TV stations, and back to academics. My last job was as Vice-rector for Academics at the Armed Forces Polytechnic University (one of the biggest in the world).

We moved to Spain in 2017 where we live presently. I've done volunteer work at the Red Cross (Venezuela and Spain), Caritas, Scouting of Venezuela, and BSA Sea Scouts.

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After graduation, I married Linda in Kingsville, MD, then went TAD to NAS Brunswick, ME to await flight school at NAS Pensacola, and NAS Corpus Christi, TX and chose P-3s. There, our first child, Melissa, was born. We were sent to NAS Moffett Field, CA and joined the VP-31 FRS and the Golden Swordsmen of VP-47, and our second child, Stephen, was born. Next it was the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) in Washington, DC. During this tour, I was able to fly north of the Arctic Circle and over Antarctica. Returning to sea duty, I was assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) and supported Desert Storm. During this tour, our third child, Timothy, was born. I was then assigned to Commander, Patrol Wing TEN (CPW-10) in NAS Moffett Field. For Department Head, we chose the Grey Knights of VP-46 at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, as the Homeport Coordinator. Our next duty station was Naval Air Systems Command in Crystal City, VA, then back to sea duty on USS Nimitz (CVN-68). After a time at Newport News shipyard, I reported to Hampton Road NROTC for my final tour as Executive Officer. I was piped ashore in August 2002 after 21 plus years of service.



Don and Linda

After my Naval service I worked at NAVAIR as unmanned liaison officer for the Patrol and Reconnaissance Group, Norfolk. During those 14 years, I traveled world-wide to determine basing locations for the MQ-4C and supported tactical development.

In January 2020, Linda and I retired to spend time with our seven grandchildren. We spend almost six months of the year in our RV, touring the United States. I have moved over 30 times in my 60+ years of life (I'm a Navy brat) and have been married to my wonderful wife Linda for over 40 years.

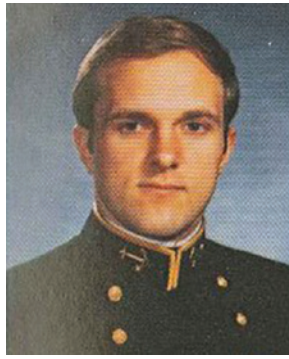


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In my earliest memory I'm holding my mom's hand, waving at my dad on a big Navy ship, and telling my mom I want to be a Sailor like my dad when I grow up. As a kid I read every book I could get my hands on about the Navy and going to sea. I couldn't wait to be old enough to take the oath, put on the uniform, and be part of a crew serving our country on a Navy warship at sea.



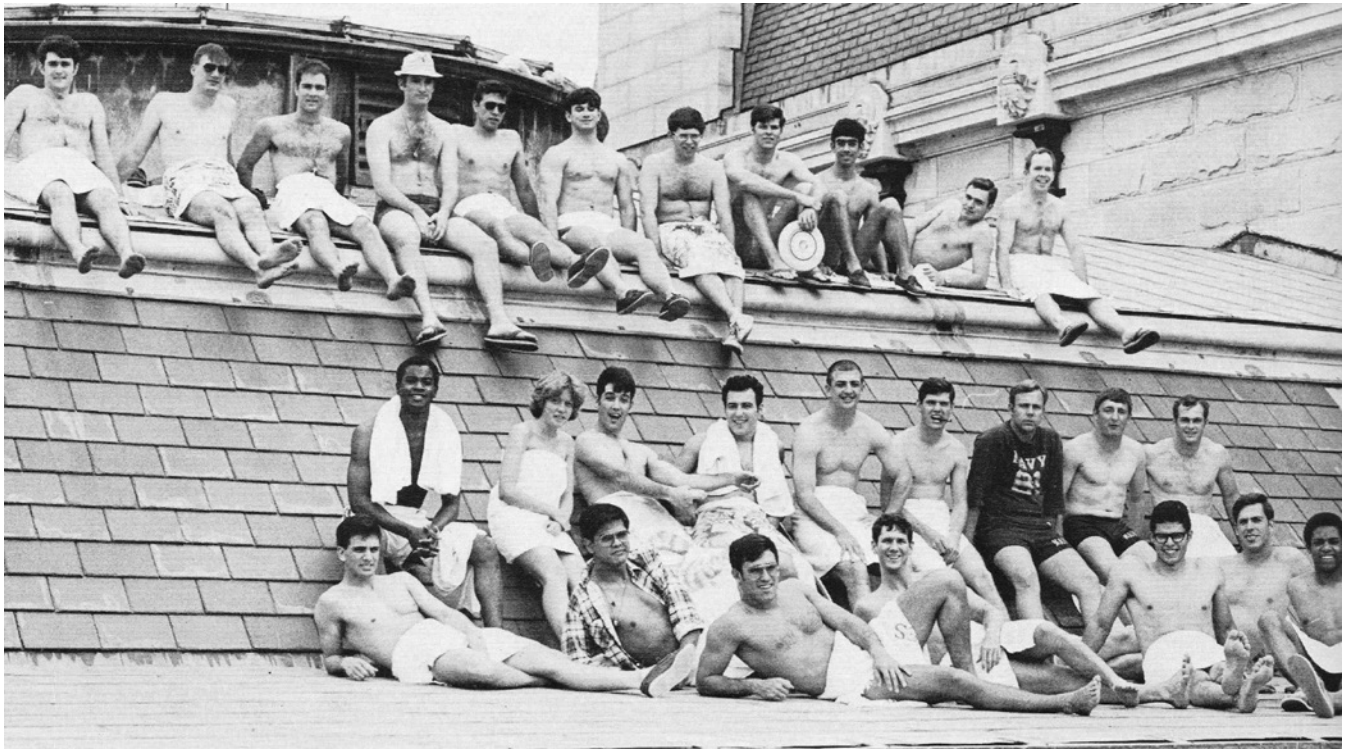
Dave with Bob Dolan

In the end, my Navy career was nowhere near what I imagined it would be...it was a thousand times more. It started with the friendships-for-life forged at NAPS and then over "four years together by the Bay"...guys I'd die for, whose love for each other forever defined commitment and loyalty for me. And then graduation, commissioning, and seven straight years at sea in three ships. Reluctantly, I finally went ashore as a detailer, only long enough to detail myself back to sea for two more years. Like the Johnny Cash song, "I've been everywhere, man." For over three decades, I served in incredible places and ships, witnessed triumph and tragedy, participated in amazing missions, and saw wondrous sights, all the while working for and with some of the finest people ever born, defending freedom and liberty across the face of the globe. When it came time to go ashore for the last time, I landed in the ship repair business and have spent the past eight years fixing Navy ships in shipyards where I still get to talk to sailors and walk the decks of Navy ships every day.

Along the way I managed to have three wonderful children who have become wonderful adults. My wife and I live in California, awaiting the next adventure.



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Chandonnet, Chuck

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We were in Bahrain from 1998 until I retired in 2006 as a Reserve 06. (Kay Hire gave my son a Shuttle patch when she passed through.) I was the construction liaison for the NAVCENT headquarters and Naval Support Activity. I left active duty before I reached the safe haven time so I continued in overseas construction in the civilian sector.

I started with a project for the Department of State (DOS) in Kingston, Jamaica (Feb 2008 – Jul 2009). My wife, Tracy, joined the DOS while we were in Jamaica and was posted in Belize, Singapore, and Zambia.

I was in the Atlanta area (Jul 2009 – Feb 2011) so my son, Chase, could complete high school in the states while Tracy remained in Belize. My brother and I owned a company that sold metal roof machinery so I spent time in Austria, China, Denmark, Taiwan, and Sweden. Chase graduated from the University of Georgia and is currently an analyst for a merger and acquisitions company in the DC area. One of our manufacturers in Denmark bought our company out, but my brother stayed with the new company, and I went back to overseas construction.

Next was a State Department project in Jakarta, Indonesia (Feb 2011 – Dec 2013). Then I joined my present company (B.L. Harbert International) and moved to another DOS project in Vientiane, Laos (Feb – Dec 2013). That was short lived as BLHI thought with my military experience I would be a good fit for a NAVFAC project, constructing an 11-building compound complete with a SOC headquarters in Djibouti, Africa (Dec 2013 – Aug 2017).

I'm writing this from Niamey, Niger, my last project, then it's retirement to Blairsville, GA. I'm looking forward to getting back in touch with my shipmates in 21, as well as friends (old and new) in the class of 1981.



Chuck

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Even after 40 years the excitement continues. After hanging up our spurs (Sep 2008), we returned to the Great Northwest and settled down in Oak Harbor, WA. (No more moves...13 on active duty). Post Navy found me working as a government contractor on EA-18G "Growler" simulators. After a few years of trials and tribulations I think we got it right. A far cry from the A6-E "Intruder" simulators I trained in.



Randy and family

In 2013 we moved, once again, to Kalispell, MT (move 14). I took a new job working for Check-6 Inc., a Human Performance and Leadership Training consulting firm. When I said the excitement continued, my new job found me 1000 ft underground kneeling in a 48-inch coal mine shaft and at other times 2,000 ft underground in a gold mine. Well, I can honestly say from 35,000 ft above earth to 2,000 ft below ground, "I've seen Heaven and I've seen Hell!". My Check-6 travels have given me a great appreciation for those who keep the wheels turning here in the USA, they have certainly put meaning behind military service and the protection of our way of life.

I have worked in manufacturing plants, fabrication plants, open pit and underground mines, oil production (fracking and lubricants) and currently in the steel making industry... all great Americans doing great things! We returned to Whidbey Island in 2017 (move 15) for good...I know you heard that before! We currently reside on 10 acres with our cows and dogs enjoying life. My wife, of 35 years, continues to teach Physical Education and Health. Our children are Joshua (30), Katherine (28) and Megan (26). Joshua and his wife, Dianna, gave us our first grandchild, Wesley Rose, in January. So long "Durk" and hello "Grandpa"! We have been blessed and look forward to our 40th!



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After graduation, I served on a minesweeper out of Little Creek, VA, on USS Iowa (BB-61) and got married in June of '85. Transferred to the cryptologic community and spent three great years in Rota Spain. Back to the US in '91 where our daughter Jessica was born in January '93.



Jeff and Lynn

From 96–99, I had the greatest tour of my career serving as the Force Cryptologist for the US Navy SEAL forces. Then on to Naval War College followed by my farewell tour at the Pentagon from 2000–2003. Got divorced in 2003.

After retiring I went to work for a couple of different companies in the signals intelligence world, culminating in my last job at Northrop Grumman Undersea Systems in Annapolis, from which I retired for the 2nd and final time in 2017.

I met Lynn, the love of my life, in 2003 and we got married in 2006. We moved to Durham, NC in 2010 and love it here. Since retiring, I've played lots of tennis and volleyball, and we have also picked up pickleball. I also started a beer club (like a book club but no reading required) with my neighbors. I've also taught some classes, started learning German again and done some micro-consulting (one or two clients). We've also traveled to six continents and spend two months in the Caribbean every winter. Retirement IS all it's cracked up to be.

As an adoptee, I discovered both my birth mother (found the old fashioned way – via records) and birth father (found using 23andMe) and am enjoying some wonderful times with my newfound families.

Our daughter is a successful producer for PBS North Carolina for their children's channel. She lives close by and will be married to Matt, a wonderful guy, in September. Life is indeed good.

French, Chuck

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I have been blessed with 40 years of continuous adventure since our graduation. Selected nuclear submarines and served a full JO tour aboard USS Olympia (SSN 717) followed by 3 years of shore duty on the squadron staff in Pearl Harbor. Married to Cara in '83, son CJ born in '84, daughters Courtney and Cheryl arrived in '93 and '97.



Chuck and Reecy

Left Navy in '89 for two years at business school, then entered the IT field where I have been since.

Divorced in early 2000's, now married to my best friend and partner in life's adventures, Reecy Payne (daughter of George "Pat" Payne '52), joyfully picking up a new (step)daughter Morgan (born in '95). Reecy and I started and continue to operate a real estate investment and management company.

After living in the Baltimore/Washington area for nearly 13 years, I moved to the Knoxville, TN area where I have been living for just about 17 years. East Tennessee is beautiful and is home. Now have a beautiful daughter-in-law Ashley and 4 perfect grandkids (2 boys, 2 girls), all living close by. Still working, but so lucky that Reecy and I have been able to live a retired-like lifestyle all these years. Honored to be selected to the Navy Rugby Hall of Fame in 2017.

We have been joined in Tennessee by Reecy's mom and two sisters (and their husbands), and we love our family time. You will find me on the golf course (with all my Hucklebuck Golf Club buddies from '81 whenever possible), floating around on our 50' Carver yacht or on our Cobalt runabout on our beautiful Tennessee lakes, or chasing the grandkids around. While we have come to like the Tennessee orange, we still love and bleed the Blue and Gold! Go Navy, Beat Army!



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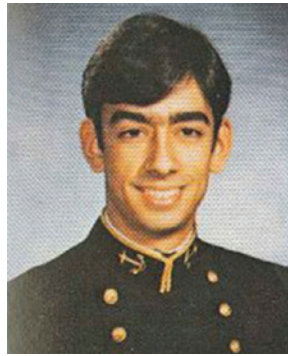
Horby, Rob

After graduation, I found myself in San Diego for SWO training and fell in love with the city. I was determined to return after my tour on board the USS White Plains in Yokosuka Japan and Guam.

Following that tour, I was successful and was back in San Diego, stationed on the USS Okinawa. I left active duty in 1987.

I spent the next 13 years in the Reserves, serving on the Admiral's Staff in Subic Bay, then in a logistics unit out of Pohang, Korea and finally retired after 20 years as an O5. Having spent years in the Pacific, I parlayed my interest in Asian Art and Design into a successful Asian furniture import business with a retail store in San Diego called Circa a.d. and a wholesale business in Los Angeles with showrooms in San Francisco, Las Vegas, and High Point, NC. I closed those businesses in 2008 and am presently a real estate broker in San Diego, Palm Springs, and L.A. County.

I have been with my partner Mike for 20 years and we spend our time between our homes in Palm Springs; San Diego; Paris, France; and Waikiki.



Rob and Mike

Kurtz, Doug

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After serving on the USS Adroit (MSO-509) I went surface nuclear as a LTJG and then served on the USS Virginia (CGN-38) with fellow 21st Company-mate Tom Moore. I left active duty and joined the Reserves, where I served until 2011, when I retired as a CAPT. My best reserve assignment was as CO of the USS Normandy (CG-60) Pittsburgh detachment.

After leaving active duty, I worked as an engineer at a small steel company in West Virginia and then moved to Latrobe Steel Company, near my hometown of Ligonier, PA. My most challenging and enjoyable assignment was as Plant Manager of a facility near Franklin, PA. I completed a 30+ year career in 2019.

Both before and especially since that retirement, I have stayed active with riding my Harley, skiing, and whitewater rafting. I also serve on the Ligonier Township zoning hearing board, work the polls at election time, and do part-time work for the Census Bureau. My most enjoyable activity is serving on the board of directors and as lead docent at the Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum.

I am widowed and have five grown daughters and four grandchildren. One of my daughters served in the Army Reserve and another is set to join the Navy Nurse Corps early in 2022. The activities of my daughters, especially sports, were a source of immense and lasting pride. I hope to have the same fun watching my grandchildren.

With moderation always the goal, you can often find me at the unholy trinity of fun in downtown Ligonier: the Ligonier Tavern, Joe's Bar, or the Wicked Googly; maybe playing trivia with my best friend, Melony. I especially treasure meeting my First Class-year roommate Ted Wirginis (may he RIP) in Ligonier last fall. I am the communications representative for 21st Company.



Doug



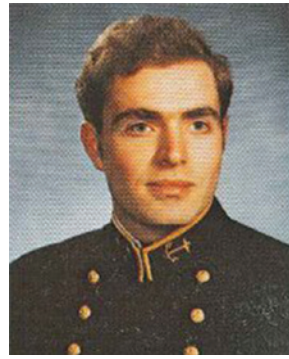
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McCloskey, Mike

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One week after graduation, I married my high school girlfriend Jamie Mary Brouillette. We started off with a ready-made family since Jamie had our son Patrick in September 1980. Our second child Rachel was born in Pensacola, and once I was winged I got selected for A-7s in Lemoore CA. After one-too-many close calls at the ramp at night, I stopped trying to kill myself and was reassigned to the Air Department on the Kitty Hawk. Shore duty took me to COMNAVBASE San Diego and then to Puerto Rico as the Navy Liaison Officer to the Puerto Rican Government with economic development on the island of Vieques as my primary function. That job also got me burned in effigy on the steps of the Puerto Rican capital in October of 1995. That's how I got to OPNAV. I retired under TERA in September 1998 and stayed in the DC area.



Mike and Jamie

My first real job in the civilian world was to help some rich and powerful entrepreneurs try to build an ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) plant in Puerto Rico. After that, Dave Rich (21) and I tried to start our own internet company but Angie's List sucked all of the funding out of the service provider rating space. I ended up becoming a govie at the Navy International Programs Office (IPO).

I left IPO after three years and together with Jamie, we started a foreign disclosure training company. In 2016, IPO extended our contract to rewrite their Foreign Disclosure Manual. It's an official SECNAV Manual and is still in use today.

We're nearing the end of our 17 year run in the disclosure business and have some ideas about our next big thing. In the meantime, our plans are to travel, enjoy our grandchildren, and pray that Bitcoin goes up!

McElroy, Dan

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Hey Peeps,

I thoroughly enjoyed my USNA journey. Four exciting and fun years with life-long friends!

After graduation I did a quick eight-month assignment at NRD Denver before attending Navy flight school. I was designated a RIO in 1983 and assigned to VF161/USS Midway, fighting the F4S Phantom II in Yokosuka, Japan. In 1986, I became a USNA Admissions Officer. In 1989, I was off to NAS Miramar for F14A transition training prior to squadron tours with VF114/USS Abraham Lincoln and VF2/USS Ranger fighting the Tomcat. In 1993, I was OIC of the BOOST Program in San Diego/Newport, RI. In Oct 1995, I transitioned to the NAVRES and had staff assignments with CNE Det 205/C7F Det 111. I retired on 1 June 2009. I enjoyed the ride... it was worth the sacrifice.



Mac and family

Fast Forward...

My 20 year-old daughter, Opal, still keeps me well grounded. She attends the University of Southern California, Class of '23, neuroscience major. Fight On!

I've been "working" for an airline since February 1998. Presently at Southwest Airlines. Captain, LAX Base. Mostly flying to the Hawai'ian Islands. C'mon.

I currently reside in Dallas, TX. Give me a holler if you're in town.

Prayerful shout outs to my 21st Company fallen brothers – Richard T. "Coonster" Cooney, William M. "Hawkeye" Davidson, D. Christopher "Deke" Forbes, and Theodore C. "Ballgame" Wirginis. "The rest of those who have gone before us, cannot steady the unrest of those... to follow." (Finding Forrester, 05 Dec 2000)

Forward,
Mac



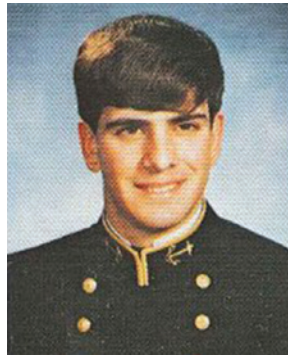
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Hey, guys. Here is a quick summary of the last 40 years: Five years in the USMC as a Supply Officer, followed by one year at the corporate headquarters of a national retail chain, and then 34 years with Lucas Group Military recruiting where I am a Senior Partner.

I have been, essentially, “an evangelist for the military” all this time. My job is to convince small and large companies that Junior Military Officers (JMO’s) would make great hires. (The service is completely free to the service-member since the companies pay us if they hire them.) Probably my proudest moment was when legendary GE CEO Jack



Eric and Merrell

Welch indirectly mentioned my work in his book, “Straight from the Gut.” I had made a large number of JMO hires with GE Transportation in Erie, PA. Jack came out to meet the whole group, and he was so impressed that he designated “the hiring of JMOs” a “best practice” for ALL of GE. Everything exploded and GE probably hired over 500 Junior Officers over the next two years. Word got out and many large corporations followed GE’s practice; that continues to this day.

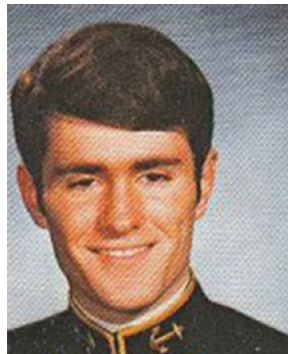
I didn’t get married until I was 40 years old and have spent the last 21 years with my beautiful bride, Merrell York Stagliano. We live in a small town about an hour west of Atlanta. We have two wonderful boys: a college freshman and a high school sophomore. Both are excellent musicians.

I’m very grateful to USNA for both what it taught me and for setting me on a great future career path. My current hobbies include weightlifting, playing the blues harmonica, and watching any kind of historical documentary. One highlight is the 6+ years daily text chat, started by Doug Kurtz, with our 21st company classmates.

Wittman, Gary

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I left active duty in April of 1988 and headed for the airlines. My first stint was with Pan Am for just a few months in Berlin, Germany before hiring on with Northwest Airlines as a 727 Flight Engineer. I flew the 727, DC9 and A320 as First Officer as well. I checked out as a Captain in June of 1997 on the DC9. In 2008, I moved to Captain on the A320. The merger with Delta came shortly thereafter, and I remained an A320 Captain until retiring in 2020.



Gary and Jane

Settling down in Azle, Texas in 1992, Jane and I had 2 more kids (after having 2 in the Navy). All are finished with college, the oldest an MD and the youngest in Law School. The two oldest each have a kid, and my grandchildren are currently the center of our lives. Currently, we are in transition to retired life. I feel we have been enormously blessed through the years!

I became interested in fishing and hunting while on active duty and continued to enjoy these activities after leaving the service. Bass fishing and dove hunting are my two favorites. I once shot two Rio Grande wild turkeys with a 30.06 rifle while deer hunting. Sadly, I left my shotgun in the truck! Trips to a hunting lease or out on my boat to bass fish have kept me sane over a hectic life. I also have a new drone I need to figure out how to fly. Jane and I have done some traveling over the years, but strictly domestically. She intends to drag me around the world soon.

I’ve reconnected with my company classmates via text thread and realize the bonds that were made over 40 years ago continue unbroken. May all of us continue in faithfulness as we interact with our brothers and sisters. Once a classmate, always a classmate. Godspeed to all!

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Duffy, Pat

Deceased 5/8/15 Bio submitted by Greg Dougherty and Veronica Duffy

Patrick is on a cruise to the other side, so I am writing on his behalf. After Pat left the Naval Academy, he married his first wife, Mary Garrigan, who took a lot of the rough edges off for me (thank you Mary!). He attended South Dakota State and got a degree in History and sold stocks for Edward D. Jones for four years. He returned to school and got a law degree from the University of SD before making his many substantial marks on the legal field – too many to mention here.

He had three sons with Mary, and had two more with me, plus helped raise my two sons from a previous marriage. His whole adult life after he left the Navy was spent with young men underfoot, which he loved. He would say, “Gentlemen! Make a hole!” or “You have to have a small footprint for your stuff onboard ship.”

One of Pat’s legal cases resulted in a documentary being made, Dinosaur 13, in which he had a starring role. Pat got to attend the film’s premier at the Sundance Film Festival where he barely let anyone else touch the microphone during the Q & A session afterward.

Pat never forgot his Navy classmates and cherished his experience with you for the rest of his life. He wanted his dates of service in the Navy on his grave marker, and they are there, prominently. Pat passed in 2015 at age 58.

Veronica Duffy

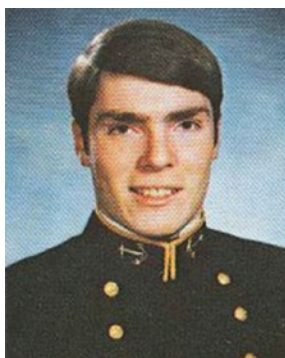


Pat

Magners, Rick

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After serving as a Surface Line officer in the Pacific, I began my civilian career in an Arlington, VA-based defense consulting firm. A year later, in Pennsylvania, I began a ten-year career that included elements of environment, health, emergency management, and industrial hygiene both nationally and internationally. I then switched career fields and thoroughly enjoyed working for a fiber optics research and manufacturing company, becoming a process engineer. Unfortunately, our jobs went overseas and I, along with thousands of others, had to look for other work. I ended up back in the Washington, DC area, in the emergency management field, eventually being hired by the federal government from which I retired in 2020.



Rick and JoAnn

I spent time in the Selected Reserve but, with my civilian job demands growing, and family responsibilities, had to give that up. With a break in service, the aftermath of 9/11, and a more accommodating job and family environment, I came back into the military, this time in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard from which I retired.

In 2008, I married JoAnn, one of my Scoutmaster’s daughters! Between us, we have five adult children. My daughter lives in Temple Hills, MD and my son lives with his wife and twin daughters in Quincy, MA. JoAnn’s three sons and two grandsons all live within a twenty-minute drive from us.

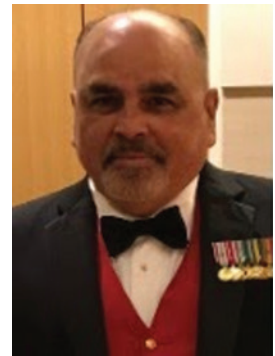
Upon retirement, JoAnn and I moved back to our bucolic hometown region of southeastern Pennsylvania. Currently, we enjoy visiting with family and friends, taking walks and hikes, watching the wildlife visit our property, preserving or purging several generations’ worth of possessions, and getting our new home and yard squared away. Eventually I would like to take up nature photography, revive my love of woodworking, take more trips, and learn to play the electric bass.



Ortiz, Junior

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I am a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Marines and the former Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment. My professional career spans over 30 years of working in government, corporate and the nonprofit sector. My twenty-seven year career in the Marines encompassed many diverse assignments that ranged from Administration, Communication, Law Enforcement, Counter-drug Operations, Recruiting, Marketing and Advertising for the Marine Corps, to professor and coach at the Naval Academy.



Junior

I am presently a Research Assistant Professor of Leadership at the Hart Center for Engineering Leadership, Lyle School of Engineering at Southern Methodist University. I conduct leadership workshops to help students focus on personal leadership, professional development, and management of human talent while developing strategic plans used to work with diverse populations in real-world leadership experiences.

I got a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Central Michigan University after my BS in Political Science with a concentration in Latin American studies from USNA.

I have served on numerous Corporate Board of Advisors, Board of Directors and Board of Trustees of associations and organizations throughout the United States and have participated in numerous White House Task Forces and public policy initiatives. I am a Life Member of the Naval Academy, the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation, the Military Officers Association of America, the American GI Forum of the United States and the American Legion.

Perry, Rich

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Went directly into the submarine force after graduation. Lots of operational time in four attack boats in the Atlantic and Pacific kept things interesting over a 22-year Navy career. I was fortunate to spend three tours and eight years in Italy supporting our operations in Europe. Easily explained since it was during my first shore assignment where I met my wife Cetti, just after she earned her doctorate in Chinese culture from the University of Naples. She's added the color into my life ever since.



Rich and family

We married in her home town of Palermo, Italy. A year later, Cetti was a Navy wife running the household in a strange country (her first time in the U.S.) with little help from me. Despite the initial shock (she told her friends that she'd be back in Italy within a year) and three sea tours, she's stuck with me for over 33 years. Julia, our only daughter, is now embarking on her own adventures, working in the international sector.

I landed a position at SAIC in the Washington, DC area after leaving the Navy. I started by conducting analysis for the Office of Naval Research which led to a second career in operations research advising varied Navy clients and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Currently embedded in the Secretary's Strategic Capabilities Office (SCO) seeking out solutions to rapidly deliver capabilities to soldiers, sailors, and airmen in the Pacific and European areas of operation. My most interesting job out of uniform.

Cetti and I still enjoy working but are starting to plan our next transition. We'd like to spend more time enjoying a life of travel and enjoy the best that our two homelands have to offer.



Schawang, Sandy

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The Navy was definitely an adventure – one for which I am very grateful. I left the Navy in Washington State – thinking I would stay in that very beautiful part of the country forever, but no.

At the turn of the century, I was back in the Midwest experiencing employment in the casino world – another adventure indeed! Since 2003, I have worked in numerous roles (jack of many trades, master of some) at Kitty Hawk Kites on the Outer Banks of NC (currently with locations stretching from Maine and New Hampshire to Florida) – the world’s largest hang gliding school. So very grateful for all of the adventures!

After finally visiting the 50th state (Vermont, for me) in 2011, the travel goal was changed to the 7 continents. Antarctica remains – planning for that adventure sometime within the next 5–7 years.

An ascending aortic aneurysm in 2017 was just a hiccup – offering myself as a resource for anyone that gets that kind of news for themselves or others. Grateful for a good life and good friends along the way.



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21402

18 July 1977

Dear Parents,

The Class of 1981, in two short weeks, has made a great deal of progress in achieving the transition from civilian to military life. Military drill, physical fitness, and professional knowledge are all showing improvement; and the Class will soon be ready to assume its place in the Brigade of Midshipmen.

It is my pleasure to invite you to observe firsthand the achievements of your sons and daughters. Parents' Open House Weekend, scheduled for Friday, 26 August through Sunday, 28 August 1977, will provide you an opportunity to visit with them, observe their physical and mental development, and watch them demonstrate some of their new skills. You will also have an opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Academy and to ask questions of the Superintendent, Commandant, Academic Dean and individual members of our staff and faculty.

This particular weekend is a unique period to observe and visit the Academy. I hope you will be able to attend. Accommodations in Annapolis are limited, so I encourage you to make reservations as early as possible.

Sincerely,

KINNAIRD R. MCKEE
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy
Superintendent

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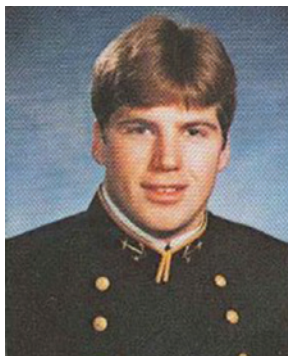


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Bolen, Mike

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After enjoying the team camaraderie of USNA Football, I tapped into the same spirit in the Marine Corps. I was a Ground Marine at Camp Pendleton from 1982 to 1989, as part of the First Marine Division, which is the oldest, largest, and most decorated Division in the Corps. We made WESTPAC deployments in 1984 and 1987.



In 1989, I left the Corps as a Captain and started my civilian career as a regional sales manager. Subsequently, I was called back to active duty to write the logistics plan to bring reservists back in the Corps in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Continuing my education after the Boat School, I earned my MBA (National University) in 1988 and my PhD (American University) in 1999.



Mike with grandkids

My civilian career spanned 30+ years of sales management and electronics sales to the military, aerospace companies, as well as the oil and gas industry. I built sales teams on six continents, made sales calls in 37 countries, and traveled to 49 states (missing North Dakota).

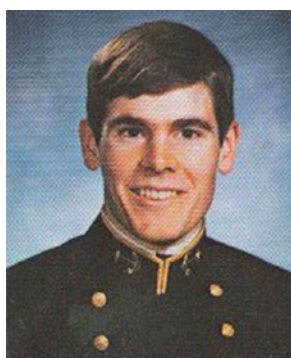
Along the way, I had three children (now adults): Brittney (35), Lexi (28), Brian (24), and got two beautiful blonde granddaughters, Riley (8) and Beau (5). All are California babies, and four out of five enviable “California Girls!” As a hobby, I authored and published a children’s book, “Riley’s a Big Sister Now.”

After 38 years in sunny Southern California, I relocated to the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area in November of 2020. I am still working as a National Sales Manager for the US and Europe, am serving as an advisory board member for the UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education and am loving life in Texas!

Connolly, Mike

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Following an initial tour on a destroyer, I was fortunate to get a billet teaching physics at USNA before heading off to MBA school and a career in medical device startups (30 years to date as an entrepreneur, VC, CEO). Latest company (Healionics) is in human trials with a novel synthetic blood vessel. My wife Kathy has been my co-adventurer for 30 years, with skydiving, backpacking, 4WD camping in Death Valley, paragliding, and scuba diving among some of our early “dates”, followed by hang gliding off Haleakala for our honeymoon. She continues to keep me in good shape, helping out with her CrossFit gym (Agoge CrossFit Woodinville) and hiking the Pacific NW in our free time. (We recently sold the gym after 14 years, but continue to train there with the new owners.) My time with you all at USNA continues to be among my best memories!



Mike and Kathy



Garza, Mike

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Upon graduating in May 1981 and after a short visit home, I began a 20-year surface warfare career, eventually serving on four surface ships, all homeported out of San Diego. My assignments included Main Propulsion Assistant/Chief Engineer on USS Fresno (LST-1182), Ordnance Officer on USS Lewis B Puller (FFG-23), Chief Engineer on USS Rushmore (LSD-47), and Executive Officer on USS Ogden (LPD-5). While ashore, I served as Pacific Fleet Propulsion Examining Board junior examiner, attended Joint Schooling at US Army Command and General Staff College, and my twilight assignment was in the Logistics Directorate (J-4) of the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Along the way I married the former Kim Wagner and adopted three children at birth, twin girls, Hannah and Rachel (Oct 1995), and finally Sam (Oct 2001).



Mike and family

When I retired from the Navy in April 2000, I settled in Eagan, MN and worked at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, initially as the Director of the Office of EEO Contract Management. Later I became the Director of the Office of Information Technology and ultimately the Director of the Office of Administration and Human Resources. In 2007, I moved to the University of Minnesota as the Associate Director of Facilities Management, where I served 15 years before retiring in October 2021. I recently moved to my final home in Mesa, Arizona but I have plans to frequently visit my brother and sisters in my home state of Texas.

Gast, Bob

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I was a Napster and attended USNA. Played for Coach Duff and received an athletic scholarship from Clemson University. While at Clemson, I was the second winter draft pick of the California Angels in 1980.

After my professional baseball career ended due to medical reasons, I finished my education and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and, later, an MBA from the Merrick School of Business at the University of Baltimore. My career developed as a Controller to CFO and consultant for both private and public organizations. I excelled in building financial best practices and teams, raising equity and debt with private investors, preparing private companies for an IPO and implementing change management outcomes for organizations to operate at new levels of activity and compliance requirements. I completed several M&A events and an IPO. My industry experience is in tech, media/broadcast (both network and production) and professional sports (front office). I am currently the Vice President of Finance and Operations at the USNA Foundation & Alumni Association. My career has seen much time in Chicago, NYC, Boston, Reno / Tahoe, DC, and Baltimore with some time in South Africa. The journey back to Annapolis is one that I never could have imagined. Learning at each step of the journey and adjusting to the environment and circumstances which unfolded was actually a process of “unlearning” many things that I thought I knew.



Bob

I am the father of three. My oldest son, Bobby, is a Green Beret medic, my second son, Andy, lives and works in VA, and my daughter, Emily, lives and works in MD. I am also the stepfather of two daughters, Jessica and Ashley. Jessica lives in MD and Ashley lives in Naples, FL. Wendy and I have been married for 20 years, and we have lived on the eastern shore of Maryland for 20 years. I truly look forward to hearing about the journeys of other classmates and teammates!



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Two Surface Warfare tours – ASW Officer USS Gray (FF-1054) and DCA USS William H. Standley (CG-32) – was enough time to convince me that an honorable discharge after six years in the Navy to enter the private sector in information technology was my future.



Tom and Mary

I married a Long Beach, CA beach girl – Mary Kuhse – and after two years recruiting nuclear power engineers in Los Angeles, we moved to Dallas, TX to start my professional IT career with Electronic Data Systems (EDS). Mary and I were fortunate to have two wonderful children – Richard and Sophie – along with my career at EDS with relocation stops in Columbus, IN, Long Island, NY and eventually returning to Southern California in Cypress, Orange County, CA. My time at EDS culminated in a three-year assignment, managing the computer systems for the Hughes Space & Communications Company, El Segundo, CA.

A life-changing event happened while riding the Internet/IPO wave of 1999-2001 – the terrorist attack of 9-11. Two C-bridge company colleagues were on the American Airlines flight that hit the 2nd Tower in Manhattan, NY. Colleagues who I worked with at EDS walked the Brooklyn Bridge to get out of Manhattan Island. With two young children at home in Cypress, CA, it was time to reverse course and find employment with greater life balance closer to home. I joined Sprint Corp. and worked in the Southern California telecom market for 11 years.

Following a Vice President role at Molina Healthcare, I retired in 2019. Mary and I enjoy traveling and spending time with our grown kids in Santa Monica, CA and New York, NY. Looking back at my experience at NAPS and USNA, I am thankful to be an Annapolis graduate and to have served my country. GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Glover, Dan

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Very fortunately, I am still married to my OAO, Annette. She is thus recognized as a saint. Should you doubt this, ask either son or our daughters-in-law, or watch our three granddaughters light-up when they see her!

I am retired (medical) from law enforcement, where I managed to replicate the Kurt Russell movie, “Escape from Los Angeles!” Well, minus the Hollywood stuff, and definitely minus the payday. I have scars to prove it, or at least that is my sworn testimony.

Post Academy, I bounced around the world visiting lovely places and suffering unlovely persons. By the time I started in law enforcement, the pace was actually a respite. Along the way, I convinced my childhood crush to marry me, then on our 35th anniversary asked her to try another 35 years before rendering a verdict on our pairing. Since retirement I began singing with a small opera company. My granddaughters have suffered through so much rehearsing that they have often fallen asleep before the big moments arrive.

When our sons were high schoolers, Annette went to work with a blasting company, automatically adding the title of “Coolest Mom” to sainthood. Nothing exceeds explosive destruction for an instant shot of adrenalin—right up there with catapult launches and incoming rounds. Every bit the Alaska-born, California beach girl – she left her blasting boots for high heels, cosmetics, and fragrances at Macys. Now, she shares her knowledge of the fine arts and wizardry of cosmetics and fragrances – between days with granddaughters!

We are immensely thankful for the grace of providence. While tragedy and trials took their tolls, the love that binds our little tribe together grows with every day. “Tis Grace has brought us safe thus far, and Grace will lead us Home.”



Hudson, Jay

In 2005, after deciding to retire after 24 years from my last assignment as the Operations Officer of the NATO Multi-Service EW Support Group, my last 3 months in England were a little busy. Between the wedding, honeymoon, moving, getting permission to retire in the United Kingdom, adjusting to being a house husband, and then getting accepted at King's College London for their PhD program, my terminal leave just flew by.



Jay and Lisa

From 2005 to 2008, Lisa and I lived in Gerrards Cross, just outside of London; a great location for everything, including connections throughout Europe. Lisa had introduced me to chartering sailboats with her teacher friends, and we sailed in Croatia (x3), Turkey (x2), Sicily, and Greece. Nothing like being forced to remember plebe summer sailing courses 28+ years later.

In 2008, Lisa's DoD school was closed, and she was posted to AFNORTH International school in Brunssum, Netherlands. I finished up my post graduate thesis in 2011, and we made a decision that she would retire and we would return to the states once I found a job because the parents were getting older and one never knew what the future would hold.

In the spring of 2012, I was offered a job as the electronic warfare expert for military exercise planning. It was with the U.S. Air Force! So we ended up moving to Hurlburt Field, FL, just about 25 miles east of NAS Pensacola, where I had started flight training back in 1982. We've been here ever since. I lost my father in 2014, and we inherited his golden retriever, Whiskey. Lisa had never had a dog but fell in love with the companionship, since I was traveling a fair amount for work. We now have Porter (another golden) who is keeping us both busy. He certainly loves swimming on hot Florida days.

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After Nuc Power and SWO schools, I spent 3 Years on USS Virginia. My Med tour included the gun line off Beirut on October 23, 1983. I left active duty after 5 years and served in various Naval Reserve units for another 20.



Paul

After active duty, I landed in Detroit working as a financial planner. I was active in the Detroit USNA Alumni Assoc. (USNA AA). After 10 years in Detroit, I moved to Philadelphia and worked for Vanguard Investments in their IT division for 20 years. I was also active in the Philly USNA AA, serving on their board including President of the Chapter. I made a lot of lifelong friends through the local USNA AA chapters. After 15 years in Philly, I transferred to Vanguard's office in Charlotte, NC where I currently live. I have 3 kids and 4 grandsons.

In high school, I always wanted to travel across the country on a motorcycle or a van. So when I retired in 2017, I bought a camper van. I pulled my Harley Davidson behind the van as I traveled across the country and rode my Harley wherever I set up camp for a few days. During the trip, I rode with over 200 Harley Owners Group (HOG) riders on a 5 day ride from Billings, MT to Jackson, WY. The ride went through Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. At a couple towns on the trip, the HOG group attended rodeos, which was exciting for a city guy like me.

The Smoky Mountains are an hour from Charlotte, NC. I ride my Harley to the Smoky Mountains regularly and stop in to see two 23rd Company classmates who live in the Smoky Mountains. Life is good.



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Matthews, Melissa

Deceased - bio submitted by Sue Sablan, written mostly by Melissa's sister

Melissa left active duty in 1991, moving to Atlanta – along with Shasta the dog and Max the cat – to be with her life partner, MajGen Larry S. Taylor, USMC. After settling into her new home, Melissa joined the naval reserves and earned her Master's in International Relations from Georgia State University. But mostly, Melissa took the opportunity to step back and enjoy life on her own terms. She and Larry traveled extensively, often following their beloved Atlanta Braves on the road.



Melissa and Larry

Melissa was devoted to her pets. After Shasta and Max died, she and Larry adopted two new furry friends: cats Bibimbop and Soju. And if you're sensing a food theme in the cats' names, it's because Melissa was a lifelong, self-proclaimed foodie. Dining out with her was a gastronomical delight; simply let her order and enjoy the sumptuous dishes that followed.

An avid cook and hostess, Melissa's parties were legendary. She poured her mad cooking skills into each hand-crafted dish — no pre-made food here! — and transformed Larry's annual "chip, dip, and beer" post-Peachtree Race bash into a culinary event.

Melissa managed to stave off extra pounds from her eating adventures by running — a lot. She completed both the Marine Corps and Maine Marathons and ran all over the world with the Hash House Harriers.

As a Korean adoptee, Melissa arrived in the United States with hidden health issues. In 2015, Melissa's health began to fail when her dormant childhood Hepatitis B reactivated. Although she fought hard against her illness, eventually her liver and then lungs were affected, and we lost her in February 2017. Her ashes rest in the U.S. Naval Academy's Columbarium.

Melissa's USNA family was important to her, and we are honored to include this remembrance in this reunion book.

Mutzabaugh, Dave

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I started Navy Flight School in June 1981 and got my wings in the Helo pipeline in May 1982. I reported to NAS Jacksonville for the H-3 RAG and then to HS-3 for my first sea tour. We were assigned to CAG-17 and I did 1½ long cruises on USS Saratoga. I detached from HS-3 while in port in Naples in 1985 and reported to NAS Beeville, TX for an A-4 jet transition enroute to NAS Patuxent River for Test Pilot School. I graduated with Class 90 (The Top Geeks) in 1986 and moved across the ramp to Rotary Wing Test Directorate to join the SH-60F Test Team. I left the Test Center in 1989 for San Diego and HS-10, assisting with the fleet's transition to the H-60 from the H-3.

I resigned from the Navy in 1991 and decided to try my hand at civilian life. I got into the communications business which eventually became the IT business. I watched world events from the sidelines until 2006 when, on Ted Carter's (1st CO) suggestion, I dialed 1-800-GO Guard and was given the opportunity (not what I was expecting at all) to fly again. I went from LCDR Mutzabaugh to CW2 Mutzabaugh in the VA National Guard, and in January 2009 went to refresher flight training and emerged as an Army UH-60 pilot. I did that for 10 years, rose to the lofty rank of CW3 and completed an all-expense paid trip to Basra, Iraq. My last flight was in July 2018, and I retired in Nov 2019 as an Army Major; a rank I never wore.



Last flight

I live in VA Beach and have a farm in TN where I expect to retire/retire in a year or two and start enjoying the outdoors full time.

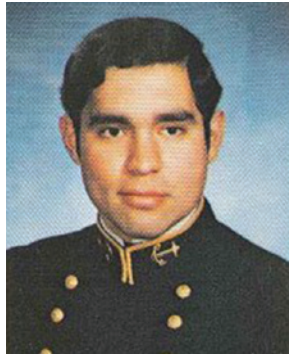


Perez, Rick

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The Lord blessed me far beyond what I deserve!

After a short stint as a stash ensign at NAS Cecil Field, I reported to Pensacola for Naval Flight Officer Training then off to Moffett Field in California for duty in Maritime Patrol. There during our first tour, I met my beautiful bride Kari Standard USNA '84. After 34 years we are still going strong!



Rick and Kari

I stayed in the P-3 community and also completed two ship's company tours, one as OOD on CV-67, then later as Gun Boss on CVN-72. Finished out 29 years with two tours as FAA Liaison in the northeast protecting DOD Airspace and helping our aviators avoid flight violations. I retired in 2009, then after a short stint with MIT Lincoln Lab joined the FAA in New England.

I'm looking to retire soon and be the trophy husband my wife deserves. Throughout the years we have been involved with our church in serving the Lord and working with children's ministries and wherever we can help. We have three wonderful kids, one son a USNA class of '14 helo pilot and a daughter class of '16 SWO. No grandkids yet! Will be sorry to miss the 40th but have a previously scheduled pressing engagement that week in Hawaii!

Riester, Peter

Deceased 12/17/21 Bio submitted by Bob Schulze and Nancy Riester

Pete Riester was a friend to so many that crossed his path. Most importantly, Pete was a loving and devoted husband to Nancy, proud father of sons PJ & Ben, and joyful grandfather of Annabelle, Mariette, Edward, Charlotte and Felicity.

I met Pete in the summer of 1976. It was induction day at the Naval Academy Prep School in Newport RI and I had the good fortune of being placed together with Pete in the same platoon. That's when our 45 year friendship began.

At the Academy I watched Pete become an extraordinary Midshipman. He excelled in class, Honor Committee, Junior Year Class President, Varsity Lacrosse (having never played in high school), and earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following graduation Pete reported to Pensacola for flight training and earned his wings in 1982. He served in two P-3 squadrons VP-17 and VP-30; followed by a deployment on USS Dwight D. Eisenhower as "Shooter" during "Operation Desert Storm".

Pete chose to transfer to the Aeronautical Engineering Duty Officer community. He served in many capacities on high level command staffs; culminating as Commanding Officer Naval Air Traffic Management Systems Program Office. After 26 years of exemplary service, Pete retired.

You take the measure of a man not when riding high on success but by his resilience in the face of adversity. Pete suffered with MS for over 20 years. He never complained. MS may have taken his body but it couldn't take him. It couldn't take his indomitable spirit. For every indignity it threw at him, he countered with grace and grit. He lifted the spirits of everyone around him and eased their anguish and sorrows. He was the rock and inspiration to his family and a source of admiration to his friends.



Pete



23rd Company

Roberts, Ricky

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Following graduation I wed my high school sweetheart, Julie, at our hometown, the Grand Canyon. A solid contingent of 23 company-mates attended. Following various adventures including hikes in the canyon, the joke was that there was also a wedding that week! After 11 Navy moves and my subsequent civilian career, we just passed our own 40th together.



My Navy career included time as an S-3 TACCO, with cruises on Ike and later as a TAR A-6 BN, broken up by a Pentagon tour and Naval Air Reserve HQ at North Island. This was followed by attendance at NPGS, where I drew on my nearly two decades of dated USNA background in Basic and Fortran 77, and yes, some NFL football on those teletype terminals to obtain a computer science master's. Shortly thereafter I took early retirement, as I had decommissioned two squadrons and had no flying career path left!

I parlayed that degree into my civilian career in IT, so the taxpayers were good to me. I spent 20 years going from team lead to CIO at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ, back near our families. The last three years I have been working in IT for OptumRx, the pharmacy wing of UnitedHealth Group in the Phoenix metropolitan area. Our only son is now a rocket propulsion engineer for Northrop Grumman, of Iron Works fame.



Ricky and Julie

Rogers, John

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After a challenging 10 year active duty stint as a submarine officer, I transferred to the Reserves. There, I served another 20 years where I met and worked with some of the brightest and most dedicated sailors on the planet. On the civilian side, I worked in manufacturing and industrial sales before NAFTA; business development in the federal sector after 9/11; and over the last decade in high-tech research and development. Along the way, I discovered how to work to live, thanks to Dianne, my amazing wife of 35 years.



John and Dianne

We moved around a bit before settling in Annapolis, where we raised two thriving young adults, Abby and Jack. We are thankful to many friends and mentors along the way and are happy that our USNA classmates visit us every five years as we convene in Naptown for reunions. Semper Gumby!



Rogers, Randy

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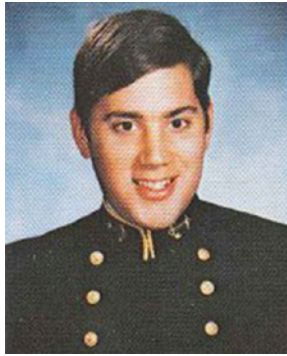
On active duty until 1992, I held shipboard positions in operations, logistics, and communications. During Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, I was the Primary Control Officer for the offload of a 19-ship Amphibious Ready Group.

In 1992, I started work for the US Maritime Administration (MARAD) in Benicia, CA, responsible for operations and maintenance of 100 reserve ships. I received the Secretary of Transportation's Award for Valor along with a team that rescued fishermen from the frigid waters of Suisun Bay and earned a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Affairs.

As the Port and Intermodal Specialist covering six western states and Guam in 2000, I was recognized for leadership in the California MTS Initiative and the Port Security Grants program. In November 2004, a new MARAD office was opened in Long Beach, CA as part of the CA Gateway Initiative, and I was selected to lead it. Due to that success, when the Pacific Northwest and Alaska Gateway Office was opened in 2008, I served as its director until 2010. Subsequently, I was the Chief of Staff for the Office of the Transportation Attaché in Baghdad, assisting the Iraqis in rebuilding their transportation infrastructure. In February 2011, I returned to the Gateway Office in Seattle.

Retiring from the government in 2014, I became the Director of the Waukegan Port District, managing the national airport and a marine and commercial harbor. In 2016, I became the Vessel Manager for our country's largest ferry system, Washington State Ferries. Then in 2019, I was the Airports and Ferry Administrator for Pierce County, WA, running two general aviation airports and a ferry system handling 500,000 passengers a year. In 2021, I retired from this second career.

I presently live in Austin, Texas and enjoy competitive swimming as a nationally ranked master's swimmer.



Randy

Rounds, Mike

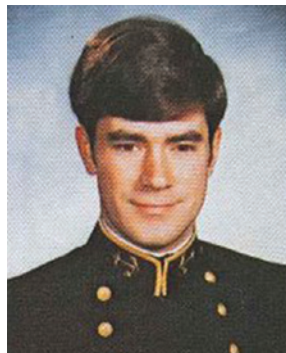
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I was born in Havre, MT to Judith and John Rounds on February 16, 1959. My younger years were spent in the Bay Area of California where my brother, Richard, was later born. Around eight years of age, my parents divorced, and we moved to Long Beach, CA. I attended Birney Elementary, Washington Jr. High, and graduated in 1977 from Long Beach Polytechnic Senior High.

At the Academy, I was assigned to the 23rd Company, and chose aerospace engineering as my major. After graduation, I proceeded to Pensacola Naval Air Station for flight training. Flying jets off aircraft carriers was a childhood dream, and after I received my wings of gold in 1983, I went on to fly the A-7 Corsair. I was assigned to attack squadron 83 Rampagers. My squadron was attached to the USS Saratoga. After 20 years of service, I finished my career in the Naval Reserves, at the Naval Control of Shipping Organization, where we protected merchant shipping.

In 1990, I left the active Navy, and eight days later I began working for American Airlines. At American I have flown the Boeing 727, 737, 757, 767, 777, and Airbus 319, 320, and 321. I will close out my career on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

In 2017, I moved to North Carolina, at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains on Lake Lure where I have an open-door policy and plenty of space for guests. I was married to Wendy Bergman for 23 years. We had two boys, Bryon ('91) and Brandon ('93), and I love being a grandfather-Papa. I am elated to be near my seven, yes seven granddaughters. I am engaged to Kerry Whitaker-Townsend, and we make our homes in Key Largo, FL, Aspen, CO, and Lake Lure, NC.



Mike and Kerry



23rd Company

Sablan (Miller), Sue *sablansr81@aol.com*

My Life by the numbers: 1 God/1 country/1 military service, 2 parents/husbands/grandchildren, 3 children/siblings, 4 dogs/houses-owned, 5 pregnancies, 6 primary schools, 7 years as either OIC or CO, 7 years in formal secondary schooling, 7 defense companies, 8 states and territories lived-in, 9 PCS moves, 10 fingers and toes on all babies, 11 cousins, 12 houses.



Sue and Mike

Currently residing in Fort Myers, Florida with my husband of 20 years, Mike Abbott, FTSM(SW). Together we have 47 years of carrying a Green ID Card. Mike had two Irish grannies, so among our travels, we visited Ireland to honor his heritage. We also traveled to Hungary to honor my grandmother who immigrated at 17 years old. My Hungarian grandmother said I would be a washer-woman based on my big hands; glad I exceeded expectations!

During my career in the USN and Information Technology, I constantly felt challenged by work/family balance. When asked how I did it all (I guess we were really the first generation of women widely pursuing careers – see note), I said I did everything half-a\$\$ed (which is true). After a brief retirement to watch the newborn grandbabies, I'm still working as the Personnel Manager for a 600-person roofing company.

Finding that now that I am somewhat relieved of responsibility, I am reverting to all the things I enjoyed as a Girl Scout (probably makes me pretty square!). I enjoy hiking and kayaking in the beautiful Florida outdoors. Moved to Florida in 2016 to be near my daughter (WINK TV Anchor) and her two kiddos, now 3 and 5. Love visiting one son in Minneapolis (Civil Engineer) and the other son in Seattle (SW Engineer).

Note: As of 2014, nearly six in ten women 16 and older (57.0 percent) worked outside the home (BLS 2015), compared with 33.9 percent in 1950 and 43.3 percent in 1970.

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My Navy career took an unexpected turn after completing SWOS in Newport and DCA School in Philadelphia when I was ordered back to USNA for my 3rd knee surgery on active duty. After a fun time at the USNA Public Affairs office, I joined the Navy News Desk at CHINFO as a Navy spokesman in spring 1983.



I rejected a change of designator to PAO in spring 1984 and received a medical discharge.



Dennis and family

Upon leaving the Navy, I turned down an offer to return to Chick-Fil-A corporate and joined Control Data Corporation to sell computer time sharing in Baltimore. In 1985, I was lured to John J. McMullen Associates Naval Architects by classmate, Max Blandon. I left JJMA in 1987 and spent the next 13 years at TRW and was Director, Aviation Solutions, when I left to join The MITRE Corporation in 2000. At MITRE, I have led the DoD and Intelligence Community Chief Information Officer work programs, an IT-focused Technical Center, the Veterans Affairs program, and returned to aviation in 2013. I am currently the Managing Director, National Airspace System Research and Systems Engineering and work with FAA, USAF, and Space Force, envisioning all aspects of air travel from surface to space.

I finally got marriage right in 2000 when I married Kristine (Kris) after meeting her at the USMC marathon (she was running, I was tailgating). We enjoyed training and running marathons until my doctor made me stop in 2014. We have 18 year-old twins and my 28 year-old from a previous marriage. Our current Plan A is to phase into retirement in spring 2023 following construction of a forever home in Berryville, VA.



Swetland, Stu

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After graduation, I spent a summer as the EMO on the USS Richard L. Page (FFG-5). A month of that assignment was spent on HMS Arrow (F173) as an exchange officer. I spent the better part of the next three years at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar. After Oxford, I was assigned to the USS Kidd (DDG-993) as 1st Lieutenant and, later, CIC officer.

I entered the Catholic Church while at Oxford and, after my stint on the Kidd, believed that God might be calling me to be a priest. I entered seminary at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. After ordination in 1991, I have served in mainly educational roles. I was assigned to Bradley University, the University of Illinois, and Mount St. Mary's University, reaching the rank of full professor. My doctorate is from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. I currently serve as President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS.



Stu (Msgr)

I have remained a geek at heart, with a voracious appetite for books and intellectual discussion. This is probably why I was asked to do radio and television work for EWTN and Relevant Radio. I write occasional pieces for various academic and Catholic journals. My spiritual life is nourished by a wonderful group of parishioners and friends at Our Lady and St. Rose Parish in Kansas City, where I am the pastor. God has been very good to me, and His grace has sustained me despite my many weaknesses over these 40 years.

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Adams, Jim

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Being a worldly and very wise 19, I voluntarily left Annapolis at the end of plebe year. I mostly just wasted the next couple of years before meeting and marrying the former Frances Mast of Tampa in July of 1980. Best decision ever.

Right prior to getting married, I enlisted in the Navy. During my 5 years in the Navy, I was able to complete my undergraduate degree and start working on my Masters. In 1985 while still in the Navy, I got selected for Air Force OTS and pilot training.

I graduated from Laughlin in February of 1986. I flew EC-130s, T-43s and C-12F/Js while in the AF. While in the AF, Fran and I had our son Nick in 1990. I retired in October of 1997.

After retiring, I eventually got on with NetJets and flew with them until 2013 when I fully retired. That decision was made easier because Frannie was diagnosed with Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease. I took care of her until she passed in early 2018.

Since then, I've moved to North Carolina and gotten remarried to a wonderful lady that was also a widow. 2nd best decision ever.

Kim and I are currently planning on doing more traveling via RV. My son is in Denver and hers is here locally. RVing is the easiest way of staying in contact with grandbabies.

We're an hour southeast of Asheville. If you're in the area, look us up.



Jim

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I am the Don Quixote of the energy industry. My wife Lisa and I live in the UK, where I am studying toward a doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Cambridge. We have two wonderful daughters: Katie, a data engineer, married and living in NYC, and Kerry, an urban planner in Portland, OR.



Henry and family

I arrived at Navy with a private pilot's license, intending to fly off carriers, a plan put to rest by my first eye exam. With urging from Admiral Rickover, I chose to serve as a nuclear-trained silent warrior; however, the Navy, in its infinite wisdom, decided I was better suited to work in the engineering spaces of USS Eisenhower, followed by another plum assignment as MPA of USS Bainbridge. After passing my engineer's exam, I left the Navy and attended MIT's Sloan School of Management to reinvent myself. This led to a career in the energy industry and extensive travel throughout the US, Latin America, and Africa.

We moved to São Paulo, Brazil, in the mid '90s, where I ran business operations for a global power company, and to London in the mid-2010s, where I was the CEO of a small independent power company focused on Africa. I subsequently became interested in electrochemical technology and the impact of global warming. This led to an appointment to the US DoE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Advisory Committee and co-founding Carbon Sink LLC.

Only in America can a kid born in a house with a dirt floor and no running water, to a mom who was a North Korean war refugee with a primary school education, and a depression-era father with a hard-fought high school diploma, who enlisted in the Army for three square meals and a bunk, becoming a veteran of WW II and Korea, become Don Quixote.



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Carlson, Tom

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After 3 years as a SWO, then 26 years as a SEAL, I hung up my flippers and joined the Navy Civil Service in 2010, managing Naval Special Warfare Combatant Craft programs until fully retiring in 2018. Two of my career highlights were CO of SEAL Team ONE, and Commodore of Naval Special Warfare Group Three.

Along the way I had a 3-year “Mulligan” marriage, and then found my forever home with Linda Fitzgerald. That union will hit 25 years in Dec 2021, to be celebrated on a Danube River Cruise. Our son Chris was a Santa Cruz Banana Slug before enlisting in the Navy (currently an E-6), and we have two awesome grandsons, ages 1 and 3, and a heroic daughter-in-law.



Tom and Linda

It seemed as though I had seen much of the world, but had not fully experienced the good old U.S.A., so we bought a Fifth Wheel RV in 2018 and have had some spectacular trips crisscrossing this great land.

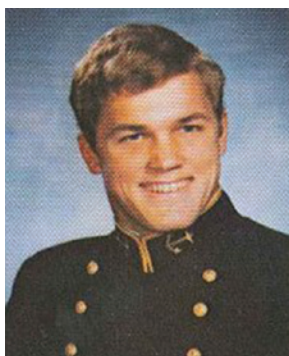
Linda served her country as a Navy JAG, and is currently an Administrative Law Judge for California, which is why I can stay retired. She meets me on the road during the best parts of the trips, avoiding the long-haul driving that I really enjoy with my loyal rescue dog Gracie riding shotgun. We have also truly enjoyed the many 24th Company sailing yacht charters throughout the Caribbean. There is nothing quite like leasing a boat for a week of camaraderie with your life-long friends from Hard Core 24 (a case of the best).

Life is good, and I totally underestimated how busy retired life can be, but I would not change a thing. Hooyah '81!

Freeman, Jeff

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Greetings, classmates! After graduation, I taught Plebe Sailing then got married to Annemarie Breaux, my bride of 40 years, before heading to Flight School. I served for 20 years in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPR) Community in various levels of authority and responsibility in four different P-3 squadrons, major staffs/wings, and a Congressional Fellowship.



Jeff and family

After transitioning from the Navy I have been fortunate to work as a Vice President for two great companies (DRS Technologies/Finmeccanica and Fincantieri) in Government Relations and Business Development. Key program wins included DHS Secure Border Initiative, US Navy CONSTELLATION Class Frigate, and Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Sustainment Execution Contract.

Annemarie and I were blessed with four children with three being commissioned through ROTC programs and all of which are currently serving (NOAA Hurricane Hunter P-3s, Army Nurse, VA NG). I was fortunate to be able to coach youth sports, including youth rugby in Virginia, with my youngest son's team winning the 2016 National High School Rugby Championship. We currently live in Ponte Vedra, FL, where I still work for Fincantieri and am a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member at St John Paul II Parish. Go Navy!



Grafton, Jay

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BS Mathematics, MBA, and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Senior Reactor Operator Certification.

USN Submarines 1981 to 1991 – last job as engineer on SSN705.

1991–2006 – commercial nuclear power (engineering, refueling management, QA, procurement, project management). Last job TVA Manager Capital Projects for five commercial reactors (averaged over \$100 million/year) and TVA Nuclear Safety Review Board.

2006–2009 – Director of Engineering, Procurement, Maintenance of 16 ASME and API code ethanol plants in seven states, and Operations Director (five plant manager direct reports). Integral senior level manager growing the company from \$300 million/year to \$2.5 billion/year.

2009–2011 – SunPower Director of Operations and Maintenance (commercial and utility scale PV solar) worldwide. Spent extensive time in Europe and throughout the US.

2011–2012 – Alaska Pipeline Services Company – Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) and Process Safety Manager (wanted to move to Alaska).

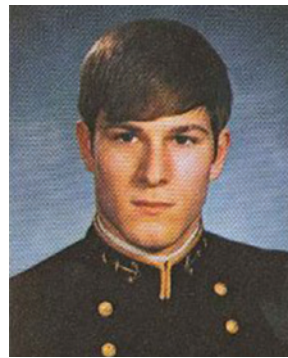
2012–2016 – Founding partner Power Factors, LLC (renewable energy software company for electrical production optimization and computerized maintenance management). Ran the business from Alaska for three years before moving to NH. Extensive travel, including South America. Sold the business to Oak Tree Capital in 2016.

2016–present – VP various roles, large scale (GW) Solar and Battery Storage, O&M Companies (MaxGen Energy Services and World Wind Services).

Four adult children, four grandsons

Two most favorite places to live – Alaska (2011–2015) and NH (2015–present). Living the dream with my wife, Gail, and two huskies, and visiting four adult children (three daughters, one son) and four grandsons.

Hobbies – historical ship and aircraft model building, John Deere tractor time on our 47 acre wooded property, raising fruit trees, canning, blowing snow during the wonderfully cold winters, and vacation travel (pre-pandemic).



Jay

Knapp, Bruce

Wow, how time flies! After graduation, I joined the USMC to serve with the Few, the Proud. I flew A-4Ms on the West Coast with a six month pump to Japan, Korea, Philippines etc. Other aircraft flown include the T-28, T-2, TA-4, OA-4, and F-5F (at Topgun).

I married the love of my life, Susan, in 1985. We have two children, Erik (wife Pirkle) and Lauren, now grown and successful. We are blessed with three granddaughters, Callie, Harper and Nora. Susan and I both did the airline gig, me flying the B-727 and B-737 over 32 years and Susan flying the MD-88, B-737, B-747 & B-757 over 35 years. Yes, time flies when you're having fun!



Bruce and Susan

Our hobbies include travel, tennis, skiing, grandkids, etc. A special feature of our travels is my hobby of snow skiing on every continent (already accomplished) and being hitting-partner for my wife's hobby of playing tennis on every continent (six done, less Australia so, have to go back-oh darn). I still race biathlon (ski and shoot), actually winning age group bronze at the US Nationals a few years back. Susan and I are keeping fit and eating healthy to "take care of our 80 year-old selves."

We both recently retired from Delta Air Lines with the Covid early-out. We do real estate investing now, fly sport airplanes, build houses, and spoil our grand girls as much as possible. Along with family and fitness, we stay strong with faith. We traveled to Israel twice lately, especially enjoying tours of the Galilee, Golan Heights, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Keep the faith and keep on flying!



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Logar, Don

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I married Robin during June week, and am happy to say we celebrated our 40th anniversary May 2021. I retired after 20 years of service, and during that time I earned my Master's Degree and raised two great children.

After my Navy retirement in Puerto Rico, we decided to return to the Northern Virginia area where I joined the government contracting workforce. I have supported most of our nation's Intelligence Agencies, first as an engineer, and later as an executive for multiple companies.



Don

We miss living at the beach, as we did during my Navy career, so most of our vacations involve a beach somewhere in the world. In our spare time we thought owning a boat would be fun, so we bought a power boat. After 10 years of fun and a lot of expense, we sold our boat in 2019. Our children live in the Northern Virginia area, both are married, and we have grandchildren so we will not be moving anytime soon.

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I'm eternally grateful for my 40+ years associated with our Navy. The two dominant shaping factors in my life (other than my parents and brothers) have been USNA and the Navy EOD/Diving Communities. I've had the opportunity to get the necessary advanced education to teach engineering at USNA and The Johns Hopkins University.



Bill and Liz

All the diving training and operations allowed me to pursue multiple various civilian commercial pursuits related to the maritime environment after military retirement, including inspections of coastal and harbor structures for the U.S. Coast Guard, underwater inspections of highway bridges (by NBIS standards), ship engineering support for the Military Sealift Command, and investigation of barge/levee interactions for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. My "final act" is serving as the NAVSEA NEDU Tech Rep after spending several years as the Supervisory General Engineer at the Navy Experimental Diving Unit in Panama City, Florida.

Even more important than professional pursuits is home life. My wife Liz is truly the light of my life, and I can't imagine a more perfect life partner. We have 4 adult children, three sons-in-law and one amazing granddaughter. We've had several great Labrador Retrievers, and our current love is a wild Chocolate Lab puppy named Nacho Dog.

Life is Good!



Moe, Nelson

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I was born and raised in Billings, Montana, and am married to Marcianne Hansen Moe. I have a B.S. in applied mathematics from USNA and graduate engineering degrees from Catholic and George Washington Universities. I am currently the CIO of the Commonwealth of Virginia and lead a 220-person organization responsible for IT infrastructure services, procurements, and cybersecurity.

As CIO, I led a multi-year transformation of the Commonwealth's IT services from a single supplier to its current multi-supplier model. This transformation started in 2016 and spanned a year and a half, all the while the incumbent exerted significant efforts to derail the Commonwealth's progress. Throughout the process, I drew on the strength of my marriage, experience at the Naval Academy, and classmates.

The transformation fundamentally improved the Commonwealth's ability to add new technology and won national awards from the National Association of State CIOs and the National Association of State Chief Administrators. I was selected in 2021 as one of the 25 national Top Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers by Government Technology magazine.

I served 14 years at the U.S. House of Representatives, with the last three years as CIO responsible for the IT services, planning, budget implementation, cybersecurity operations, business continuity management, and project management for the members, leadership, committees, and staff for the House. I also supported the national level efforts for continuity of government after 9/11 and the 10/17/2001 anthrax attack on Congress.

I finished my Naval career as a submarine officer after serving in Pacific theater SSNs, where I qualified as Nuclear Engineer and screened for Command. I also worked in the private sector for several small companies and an IT startup before shifting to the U.S. House of Representatives.

I enjoy golf and reading as pastimes.



Nelson

Perry, Dean

Deceased - 3/3/93, submitted by Nelson Moe

Dean was born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut. As a midshipman, Dean excelled in many areas but none of them included marching. He liked cribbage and backgammon and invested many hours playing them to perfection.

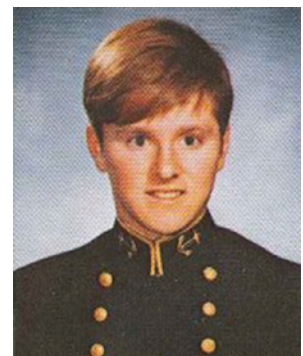
Dean was "sneaky efficient." He got his school work done on time and extremely well, without anyone knowing how he found the time to do it.

Dean was a definite music hound at USNA and enjoyed listening to Led Zeppelin, Styx, Boston, Kansas, and especially CCR (Creedence Clearwater Revival). His antics at Dahlgren Hall as a Youngster were legendary, although he rarely, if ever, got fried for them.

Math came easy to Dean, and he graduated with a B.S. in applied mathematics. After graduation, he had a short but meaningful naval career. Dean went to Pensacola and earned his NFO wings. He later served on P3s in VP-26 out of New Brunswick and then served on the USS Carl Vinson. Dean met and married his bride, Judy, shortly after flight school.

Dean passed away on active duty in 1993, and he is survived by his son Brendan (USNA Class of 2015) and his wife, Judy Eagan, PhD.

Throughout his life, Dean always had the mischievous smile of someone who just got caught with his hand in a cookie jar. He was always up-beat. Dean will be sorely missed by anyone who knew him and especially his 24th Company classmates.



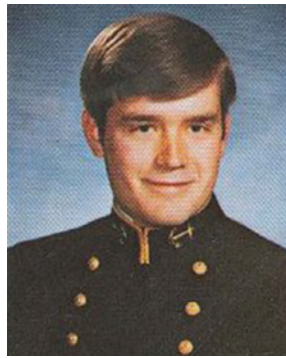


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Piontek, David

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After graduation, and having selected USMC pilot, I went to TBS at Quantico. At Pensacola for flight school, all my hopes and dreams were shattered with the infamous NAMI-Whammy. Still eligible for NFO, and with the USMC backlogged for two years, the USN had a dire NFO shortage. I was granted an inter-service transfer to the Navy and stationed at MCAS El Toro. While there, I earned a private pilot license. Back to Pensacola and behind my contemporaries, I received NFO Wings in the RIO pipeline. Just before completing the training, the most significant thing to happen in my life over the last 40 years took place – I received



David and Tana

Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I went to the fighter community at NAS Miramar, flying F-14As with the VF-111 Sundowners, which included a WESTPAC cruise aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) in 1986-87. That was followed by the Adversary Squadron at Miramar, VF-126 Bandits, and then back to Pensacola for an NFO Instructor tour with VT-10. I then left the service with the post Gulf War RIF.

I landed for the next 15 years at Qualcomm in San Diego, filling various roles in Component Engineering and in Real Estate and Facilities. While there, I became a commercial instrument and multi-engine rated pilot. In 2004, I took a short sabbatical to make a six-week historical and geographical study trip to Israel and Jordan. I left the company in 2010 and settled into retirement.

Early retirement has allowed me to volunteer at my church, Maranatha Chapel. I do one-on-one discipleship and church security, manage and fly at a local military affiliated club, and volunteer with the USS Midway Museum, various military, aviation, veteran's, conservative groups, and community emergency response preparation. Other leisure activities include tennis, amateur radio, and firearms.

My beautiful, precious (and literally medically miraculous) wife Tana and I met at church and were wed in 2002. We have no children and reside in San Diego, CA.

Rex, Brad

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Since graduation by the numbers: **20/12, 40/11/27, 3/5, 13, 81.**

I've had **20** different jobs in **12** different industries, ranging from oil and gas to theme parks, timeshare, consulting, mental health and even the funeral business. After serving on USS Andrew Jackson (SSBN 619), I attended Harvard Business School followed by stints at British Petroleum, Disney and Hilton. At Disney, I led Epcot theme park for over five years, starting the day before 9/11. I became CEO of a funeral home company ("from Disney to Deathcare") and am currently CEO of eHome Counseling Group, a nationwide provider of virtual mental healthcare. We have served thousands of veterans with innovative PTSD treatment through Wounded Warrior Project and serve Olympic and Paralympic athletes through Team USA.



Brad and family

Nancy and I have been married **40** years. She has been my rock and shield through **11** moves and all my career transitions. Nancy is from Severna Park and her father was a USNA professor. I am very thankful for our shared Christian faith, her love, faithfulness and support for four decades. After 11 moves, we have been fortunate to live in Orlando, FL for **27** years in the same home.

We have **3** children, James, Monica, and Natalie who have **5** degrees. James is 30 and recently graduated from Wharton business school (Wake Forest undergrad). He works at Apollo Global Management, a PE firm, in NYC. Monica and Natalie are twins, age 27. Monica just graduated from Harvard Business School (Johns Hopkins undergrad) and will be rejoining McKinsey Consulting. Natalie is a Vanderbilt grad and works at Google.

Nancy and I love traveling, food and wine. We have visited **13** wine regions around the world, including the US, South Africa, Chile, Argentina and locations in Europe.

I'm grateful to my '81 classmates, USNA, and the Navy for an incredible foundation that has allowed an amazing life.



Steckler, Steve

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Personal and professional challenges (most of them self inflicted!) came and went, reteaching me priorities from my parents: Faith, Family, Friends. I'm fortunate to have friends I consider family, many with whom I spent four years at Navy, and honored to still be mentioned in their company (that would be Hardcore 24!).

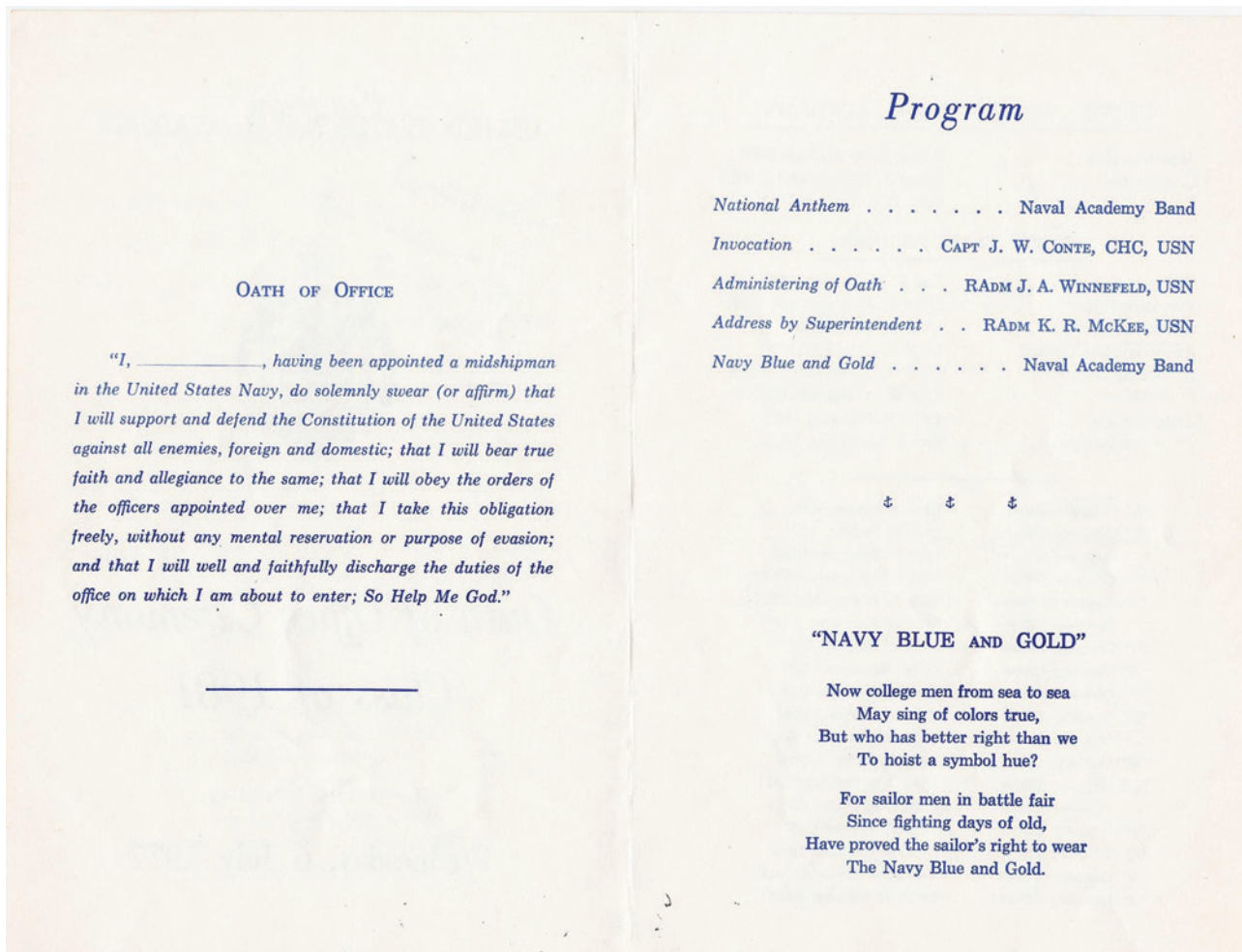


Steve and Alyson

The first decade of my twenty, we prepared for a war that thankfully never came and ended with my participation in Desert Storm aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt. As a P-3 driver, I was humbled by the "Shock and Awe" of my TacAir brethren. I served three more squadron tours, some test and evaluation, and started looking for another 20-year career. I started with Southwest Airlines in May 2001, and will have 24 years when they kick me to the curb in a few years. I think I have one more twenty in me, something that is "give back," like the Navy.

Any good I've done is because of, and to honor, my parents, Joe ('58) and Terry, the love of my life, Alyson, my four amazing children, Lauren, Madison, Austin, and Cora, and two granddaughters, Bella and Nora. They keep me grounded and have challenged me to make my sixties my best decade so far. Challenge accepted.

I'll share a memory from Plebe Year. During a Commandant's Call, our class visibly objected after not receiving "Carry On" for what we considered our impeccable performance. After the Commandant departed, an upper class directed us to "stand fast" and proceeded to dress us down for our disrespectful, self-centered behavior (how dare he). Then, he reminded us why we were at Navy, saying, "It's called The Service for a reason." You could have heard a pin drop, as we departed. To all my brothers and sisters in the Class of 1981, thank you for your service.



OATH OF OFFICE

"I, _____, having been appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the officers appointed over me; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter; So Help Me God."

Program

- National Anthem Naval Academy Band
- Invocation CAPT J. W. CONTE, CHC, USN
- Administering of Oath RADM J. A. WINNEFELD, USN
- Address by Superintendent RADM K. R. MCKEE, USN
- Navy Blue and Gold Naval Academy Band



"NAVY BLUE AND GOLD"

Now college men from sea to sea
May sing of colors true,
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue?

For sailor men in battle fair
Since fighting days of old,
Have proved the sailor's right to wear
The Navy Blue and Gold.

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Almeter, Ron

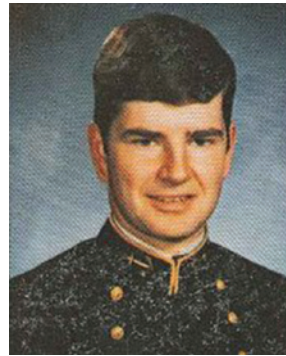
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40 years! Seems like just yesterday I headed to San Diego to enter the Special Operations training pipeline. Six years at sea in various diving billets and shipboard assignments went by in a flash. I thoroughly enjoyed the variety and challenges of the diving navy but soon tired of continuous sea duty. So I hung up the uniform in 1988 and parlayed my Navy resume into a career in the intelligence community.

The Academy's culture of personal accountability and principled leadership prepared me well for the ethical wilderness and confusing dynamics of human intelligence operations. The pace of foreign intel work never slowed, and after a few field assignments, I yearned for a tamer lifestyle. So I took leave of the government and leaped into the private sector working briefly for Harris Corp. then as project manager for Zachry Construction where I helped build several embassies.

For a time, life took on a more traditional rhythm; I met and married a kindred spirit, Barbara Fay, and we settled into a comfortable lifestyle on a Texas ranch, raising cattle and three adorable kids. After 9/11, I realized that "comfortable" wasn't a good fit, so we sold the ranch, moved back to Virginia, and I packed my fly-away kit in anticipation of deployments that soon followed. In line with an evolving intelligence mission, I was called upon to develop and deploy systems and infrastructure necessary for the conduct of covert operations on a world-wide scale.

While I have no illusions that we've won the fight against terrorism, in 2016 I decided we, as a family, had fulfilled our duty, and I retired from government service. We're settled into a historic manor house in western NY where we operate a bed & breakfast and farm.



Ron

**Andrews (Lasell),
Patricia (Trish)**

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What is the old saying, "Jack of all trades, master of none"?

My first tour after USNA was flying the EA-6A with VAQ-33, based in Key West, Florida. There I met and married Scott, a squadron mate and A-3 pilot, thus beginning a life of travel and adventure. Next move was to NAS Meridian, flight instructing where two daughters, Bonnie and Kate, were born.



Patricia and family

Career changes to the airlines, American for me, took us to Denton, Texas, where our son Soren joined the family. When the children were old enough to take an interest in horses, we traded subdivision life for ten acres as the children added equestrian activities to their academic, athletic, and musical pursuits. Scott and I refined our roles as music enthusiasts and sports fans. With the 10 acres came the requirement to produce, so I expanded my repertoire of skills to include operating hay baling equipment as well as the care and feeding of chickens, ducks, dogs, fig trees, grapes, etc. It has been a continuing education program lasting nearly 20 years.

We have traveled regularly, even taking a few trips together, including seven to Sicily to take advantage of daughter Kate's villa in the foothills of Mount Etna. With the children through school and scattered across the world, Scott and I delved into sailing. We keep a small Catalina on nearby Lake Lewisville and chartered boats around the Caribbean and Greek Isles with the two of us tempting fate. Retirement plans include more destination sailing.

My latest vocation has been as grandmother to 17-month-old, Julia, daughter of our oldest, Bonnie and caring for five dogs on loan to us by Katie and Soren. I gave up rowing for roller blading but did finally get an opportunity to row on the Thames.



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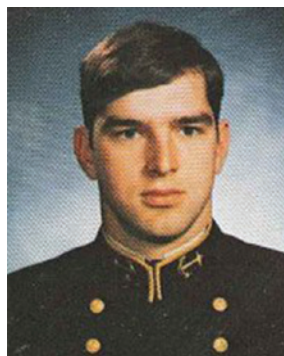
Armstrong, Bill

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After retiring from the Navy as a SWO, I moved back to central Pennsylvania. While earning my teacher certification, I was a substitute teacher as part of Pennsylvania's Guest Teacher program. Substitute teaching for industrial arts courses (metal working, woodworking, and electricity) confirmed my desire to be a classroom teacher as there were fewer dangerous tools for inattentive students to interact with. I have a passion for history; but I am too cynical to teach Civics, and I have no desire to grade essays. With this confirmation, I focused my certification on mathematics.

My engineering and logistics background as a SWO provided real world applications and examples (sea stories) for me to use in the classroom. I taught public high school mathematics for seventeen years and retired in June 2020. The "new math" curriculum the district was shifting to and the pandemic were the straws that broke this camel's back.

I am enjoying retirement, playing golf and working on hobbies. Woodworking and modeling provide me with plenty of hands-on and research activity.



Bill

Basil III, George

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Since leaving the Marines, I've been fortunate to have a solid career in supply chain management working for such companies as Logistics Management Institute, KPMG, and Deloitte, including four years as an independent contractor. Holding supply chain leadership positions in retail companies like PetSmart, Home Depot and a pair of national/international distributors has enabled me to travel extensively and to meet many professional and personal friends over the years. In my current role at Dealer Tire, I am a leader in the supply chain and enjoy developing the next group of future supply chain leaders.

My two sons are grown, engaged in careers they enjoy, and are an easy two-hour drive away. Fourteen years ago, I met the love of my life, my wife Cindy. We instantly knew we were meant for each other and acknowledged it on our first trip to Annapolis while drinking coffee at the city dock. We are "foodies," often being the first in the "crowd" to try a new restaurant, enjoy a nice cocktail or glass of wine, and are avid sports fans following the Cleveland professional sports teams along with our love of Navy Sports.

It's uncanny how much Cindy and I have in common, like our zest for travel and a desire to learn and embrace the cultures in different countries. Our work and personal travel have enabled us to visit several countries, and we were fortunate to take a cooking class on the beautiful Amalfi Coast. We've been blessed to have traveled to about 80% of the US, seeing the beauty and goodness that our great land has to offer and an excitement to see the rest. We look forward to further adventures.



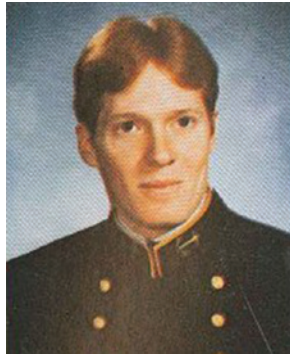
George and Cindy



Denkler, Greg

Deceased 2/9/15. Bio submitted by Fuzz Harrison

Denk opted for nuclear power out of the Academy, sorely disappointed that he couldn't follow his father and brother as a Navy pilot due to the most minor vision issue. Typical of Denk, he took the bump in stride, cruised through nuke school, and earned his gold dolphins on USS Phoenix. Later, while serving ashore as Test & Evaluation Officer (Submarine Combat Systems) he was smitten by a striking contractor – his future soulmate – Melissa Metheny. Greg and Melissa were married in 1989 and blessed with three wonderful daughters: Emmalee (1991), Caitlyn (1993), and Audrey (1997).



Greg and family

In 1988, Denk accepted a reserve commission and joined Stanley & Associates, a small IT company in Arlington. Teaming with classmate Phil Nolan and others, they built Stanley into a top 50 government contractor and a Fortune Magazine “100 Best Companies to Work For.” He left Stanley as EVP/COO in 2010 upon its acquisition by CGI Group, and founded Encore Executive Solutions Group.

Denk was an avid marathoner, triathlete, and golfer, and an accomplished painter. A licensed pilot, he took great pleasure in flying family and friends near and far. He generously supported Navy soccer, loved bluegrass music, and was proud of his German heritage.

Greg's family was his primary focus, however. He was a devoted husband, father, uncle and son, and always on the sidelines of his daughters' soccer matches and rooting for his nieces and nephews. Generous with his time and attention, he was thoughtful, kind, and genuine. He loved his God, family, and friends openly and proudly. Greg found the good in people, and continues to live through all those whose hearts he touched. “When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away...”

A finer man, husband, father, son, brother, and friend we've not known. Denk's legacy lives on in his beautiful daughters and, now, two granddaughters. Gone too soon but always in our hearts....

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One night's folly.....

An unplanned rally in Bancroft one Friday night in late November 1980 led to a series of bad decisions and actions not condoned by the Supe. He didn't think I was nearly as funny as I thought I was. He gave me my walking papers and ordered me to three years of enlisted service. My Philadelphia lawyers got a federal judge to issue a last hour TRO, which kept me on the property for a while.

An overnighted acceptance letter from a Utah college turned out to be just what I needed to defer my service requirement until the Philadelphia District Court could address the action I was taking, Dougherty v. Lehman.

Friday, 13 February 1981 was my last night on 6-2 with my EZ-25 classmates. I didn't have a plan B, but developed one. With my GI Bill in hand, I was off to State College, PA to finish my degree work. Just like that I became a member of Penn State class of '83. Within the first three months, I was contacted by former classmate and Napster, Richie Cooney, who plugged me into a network of fantastic folks.

After getting my degrees I started working in the freight rail industry, mostly on the commercial side. I've worked for Conrail, Indiana Rail Road, CSX, South Shore Railroad, and now the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad in nine different cities, all between NYC and Chicago. Really enjoyed it.

I married Cathi Croson of Mount Vernon, SD in 1995. I still enjoy this.

I won in District and Circuit court but was not allowed reinstatement. So other than some court dates and a meeting with a Congressman, I never got to wear our uniform after I departed. That wasn't my plan, just the results of one night's folly.



Greg and Cathi

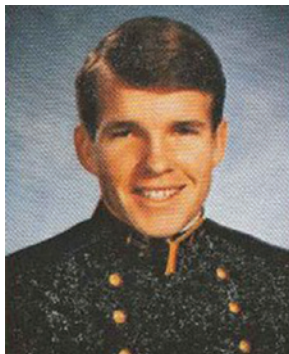


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Doyle, Tom

Deceased 8/21/84. Bio submitted by Dave Woods

On “I-Day” Tommy was the one ’81 Plebe that knew exactly what he wanted to do – “I am going to fly the A-7E Corsair!” During his four years at USNA, his drive, desire, and focus never wavered. He was universally loved and respected in his company – EZ-25! He was the Color Company Commander and chose as the Color Girl his one true love – Gail.



Tom

Tommy was not really interested in being stashed after graduation and was eager to get to flight school. He headed for Pensacola as soon as he was able. He rented a house a few blocks from the front gate and had several roommates, including Fuzzy Harrison at the snake ranch. Next, he was off to Kingsville where he was winged in April 1983. Then he reported to VA-122 in Lemoore, CA for A-7E Fleet Replacement Training. While there his roommate was classmate Greg “Nose” Nosal. His fleet squadron assignment was with VA-56 in CVW-5, forward deployed on USS Midway (CV-41) out of Yokosuka, Japan. He had followed in his brother Pat’s (USNA ’72) footsteps. In fact, they were actually deployed together on Midway where Pat was a LSO with CVW-5.

It was on 21 August 1984 in the East China Sea when Tommy met his untimely fate. He was lost at sea in an aircraft accident on a pitching deck at night. He died doing exactly what he wanted to do as he had proclaimed on “I-Day” seven years earlier!

Tommy had a significant and lasting impact on his classmates! He was the Godfather to Carly Woods and has three classmates’ sons named after him: John “Thomas” Hafey, “Thomas” Harrison, and Matthew “Thomas” Woods.

Tommy will live in our hearts and memories forever! Fly high and fast, TD!

Garcia, Roberto

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After graduation, I enjoyed about six years in San Diego, where I was able to thoroughly surf in the local area from the Tijuana Sloughs to Swamis, as well as Northern Baja Mexico a couple of times. I was able to surf during deployments on Oahu, The Philippines, Guam, Australia, New Zealand, and even a weird session in Western Samoa. My sweetest deal was two years on Point Loma, where I surfed every day for lunch. I moved back to the Gold Coast and started surfing at Point Mugu and revisited all my old haunts in Ventura County. I took a few more trips to work/surf in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Kauai, Florida (such as it is), and even good old Ocean City, MD.



Robi

My final gig has given me lots of opportunity to surf all over California, working on “ocean management issues”: Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Pismo, Laguna, San Onofre, etc., have all been thoroughly enjoyed. I recently took another epic trip to Southern Baja Mexico, but my health restricted me to stand-up-paddle surfing, which is all I can do any more. Still got some good ones, still worth it to paddle out.

I am also an avid grandfather, soccer player with the Over-60 league, and occasional snowboarder. I also hop on scooters, mopeds, and ride-on mowers, and smith some guns. Carol and I enjoy camping in the High Sierras with as much of the family as we can convince to join us.

I also had a career, it went well. It should be wrapping up next year. It was fun.



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Hafey, John

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I retired from the Navy in 2000 after 23 years of total service (4 years as an enlisted Marine). Since then, I have worked as an operations research engineer, conducting modeling and simulation of future aircraft and weapons for Department of Defense and industry customers. I am currently the Chief Engineer of the Mission Analysis Business Unit at Modern Technology Solutions, Inc.



John and family

Gail and I have been married for 37 years. After living at multiple locations on both coasts while on active duty, we decided to settle in Northern Virginia. We have lived there since retiring from the Navy.

We have two children – Jenna (35) and John Thomas (34 – named after our classmate Tommy Doyle) and one grandchild – Layla (13). They settled in Northern Virginia also so we see them often and still vacation as a family in Southport/Oak Island, North Carolina every summer. The first photo was taken there this summer – J.T., myself, Gail, Jenna, and J.T.’s wife Lindsay. The other photo is our grandchild, Layla. Life since retirement has been good.

Hagedorn, Nancy

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After separating from the Academy in February 1978, I returned home to Cincinnati and entered the University of Cincinnati to study history. While at UC, I took a junior year “abroad” in Rockland, Maine, where I helped build a 93-ft schooner, the *Heritage*; managed the shipyard office and reservations for their weekly windjammer cruises and served as extra crew. After returning to UC and graduating in June 1981, I entered graduate school at the College of William and Mary to study historic sites administration and eventually earned my Ph.D. in early American history.

Along the way, I worked as a curatorial fellow for mechanical arts (tools & trades) at Colonial Williamsburg, a research fellow with the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, and as a staff historian at the Cincinnati Historical Society. Since receiving my Ph.D. in 1995, I have held positions at St. John’s University, Indiana State University, and, currently, at SUNY Fredonia in western New York, where I am entering my 19th year. I currently direct the Museum Studies Minor Program and teach Early American, Revolutionary, Native American, and Atlantic World History.



Nancy

Though I’ve never married, I have had a variety of furry four-legged children - currently two Newfoundlands named Salem and Callie. I’m not sure where the last 40 years have gone, but it has generally been a good life, and I think of you all often! Sorry I won’t make it to the reunion, but have a great time!



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Harris, Stuart

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My life – not in the fast lane.

44 years ago, I entered the USNA and my world changed. While I did not stick out the 4 years, I am proud to have been a Mid.

After leaving Annapolis, I enrolled at Sacramento State to try my hand at business. I transferred after a semester to UNLV and obtained my undergraduate degree in 1981 in Hotel Administration. I spent the next 5 years working in hotels around the country, from Vegas, to Salt Lake, Miami, San Francisco, and Kansas City, MO.

I returned to school and obtained my Masters in Business and moved on to the next step in life, working in several companies in Accounting, Payroll, and Human Resources. While doing this I joined 3 other guys to form a 4-man bike racing team to compete in the annual AT&T 4-Man Challenge. I completed a personal goal for my 30th birthday by riding in and completing the STP (Seattle to Portland) in under 14 hours.

Currently, I am working for Stanford Healthcare in IT as a Senior Analyst. I married Judie 21 years ago, no children. My wife's family are all golfers, so I have taken up golf. Gave up biking after a particularly nasty accident.

These days I follow USNA football avidly from a little pub nearby that broadcasts the games for me (always good to have the bartender on your team). The local parents club stops in at times and we take over half the pub. I live these days in San Bruno, California, just down the road from San Francisco. Well I guess that's about it. Take care, stay safe, and BEAT ARMY!



Stuart and Judie

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40 in 300.... The best first: Nancy and I are blessed with four great kids. Amy (USCGA 2011) and husband, LT Brett, gave us our first grandson, and we look forward to being in Alameda, CA 8 Oct for Amy's promotion to LCDR. Kelly gave us grandson #2, she and husband, Joong, just moved south where Kelly is the new AP biology teacher at Jesuit High School of Tampa. Thomas Doyle Harrison is a wild-land firefighter with USFWS defending the Washington realm and recently attained senior FF/incident commander status. LTJG Jack (USMMA 2018) followed his sister into the USCG, stationed in Portsmouth, VA with his bride, LTJG Butters. Our pride/joy, Nancy deserves 99% of the credit.



Nancy and boys

I had a crazy USN ride; God closed doors but opened windows. Served 33 years active and reserve as a Special Ops type, deep sea diving/salvage was BIG fun. Jumping to the reserve world landed a fellowship with US EPA, which led to The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, ME... managed EH&S programs, a published expert in laboratory animal allergy. We loved Maine, and Mount Desert Island was idyllic for our family. And then 9/11... my reserve EOD unit mobilized through OIF. I was mobilized again in 2005, and returned to regular active status in 2006... led Joint counter-IED programs in Afghanistan and Iraq, established JCCS-1, commanded NWS Earle. Most recently joined the Navy's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program. Wrestled on the '82 and '84 All-Navy teams, won HI/NM/ME states and 2002 veteran's nationals.

Nancy and I are in Alexandria, VA for now, looking ahead, and I'm determined to lower my 19.8 HCI. I thank God that I'm USNA 1981, in the company of so many giants, the finest people I shall ever know, EZ 2-5ers first/foremost. Proud to be a classmate – '81, sir!



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My mantra - See, Experience, Do. Left active duty in Dec 1987 and went to Dallas and Texas Instruments/ Defense Systems Electronics Group manufacturing the LANTIRN terrain following radar for the F-15 and F-16. In Mar 1990, I moved to the Consumer Products Division, International Operations Group, outsourcing the manufacturing of calculators and educational toys. I attended numerous consumer electronics shows in Las Vegas and international toy fairs in New York. I traveled extensively to Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. Most fun job I ever had!



Gerry

In Jan 2001, I activated as a Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer with the 4th Marines during Desert Storm. In Jan 1996, I moved to Salt Lake City, UT and 3Com to work on developing laptop modem/DSL cards and the Palm Pilot. In Apr 2001, I moved to Hill AFB, UT to work as an Air Force contractor and transitioned to an Air Force civilian the day before 9/11. I worked in the Software Maintenance Group, the Business Offices at the Maintenance Wing, and the Ogden Air Logistics Center. In Jan 2011, I moved to Langley AFB, VA to work at Air Combat Command A4 Logistics, working Stranded Aircraft and Logistics IT. In Apr 2018, I moved to Northern VA to work at the Pentagon/Andrews AFB with HQ Air Force A4 Logistics CIO Support.

Outside of traveling to the Far East, I've traveled to France, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, and Iceland. Looking forward to a trip to Patagonia in 2023. While I have flown in T-2s as a student NFO, the most exciting thing I have ever done was driving an Indy car once and a NASCAR three times (twice at Daytona in 2009 and 2017). In Aug 2021, I retired to dog friendly, bike friendly, people friendly, sunny, warm, beachy, Dunedin, FL.

Jewett, Ellen

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After 34+ years with the Navy, my life continues with the same pattern of travel to new places, exploring cultures, and service to my communities. Now I share my vision of the world through my photography and dedication to supporting our national treasures: the ecosystem and wildlife.

For all my classmates and friends – Wherever I call home, know that the door is always open.



Ellen

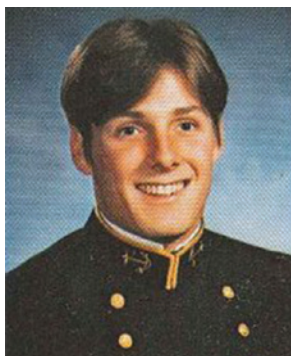


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Reitzel, Fred

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Upon graduating from the whirlwind year of being in the Class Color Company, I stayed on the grounds for a TAD stint as a graduate football coach and then proceeded to San Diego for SWOS. My first DO tour was aboard Coral Sea (CV-43), where I had a near starring role in "The Right Stuff" movie and met Miss America, as PAO and Deck Div in the shipyard. Then onto Farragut (DDG-37) for Gunnery Officer duties and eventually the end of my active duty career. I joined the Reserves and retired early as an O-5 in the 90's drawdown.



Fred and family

I started my civilian career as a stockbroker with Smith Barney but washed out after the '87 crash. I bounced between industries for a while in sales positions with Jane's Information Group (Jane's Fighting Ships and other pubs), Pentagon Federal Credit Union, owned my own business in the auto aftermarket industry, and then got involved in Telecom with AT&T and other related integrators. Leaving telecom in 2010, I embarked on my twilight career tour in real estate where I now facilitate and accelerate the process of buying old homes, building new custom homes, and working with end users to buy the new homes, doing about 30-50 projects per year.

Family life has been great for me. I met my fantastic wife, Andrea, in Riordan's after Navy Football's epic victory over South Carolina in '84, married in '88, and proceeded to have three intelligent (like their mother) and athletic sons, Kurt, Kevin, and Brady. The oldest is married now with our first grandchild, and we're waiting patiently for the other two to step up! We have lived in Ashburn, VA since '89 and are moving toward splitting our time between Ashburn and our beach house in South Bethany, DE, our probable retirement spot.

'81 – Second to None!

Ricks, Dave

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I was blessed to have served 22 years in the Navy in the Civil Engineering Corps and retired as an O5. I wanted to stay in the public sector, so I went back to my home state of Ohio upon retirement in 2003 and took a job as the Public Works Director for Montgomery County, Ohio. Our son Justin graduated in 2008 from Wright State University. After six years, I accepted a job as the Facilities and Transportation Director for Fulton County, Georgia. While in Georgia, my wife Julia and I were blessed with a granddaughter named Justine in 2011.



Dave and Julia

In 2014, I left Georgia and took a job as the Public Works Director for the city of Norfolk. I thought this was going to be Julia's and my last move, but I decided to take a job in Florida in 2017 as the County Engineer and Director of Engineering and Public Works for Palm Beach County.

Julia and I just celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary. We met during my 1st Class year at her grandmother's church in Annapolis. We got married two weeks after my graduation. She is truly the greatest joy in my life.

Since my senior year at the Naval Academy, I have been competing in the sport of powerlifting. During the course of over 40 years, I have won over 30 National Championships, nine World Championships, been elected to the International Powerlifting Hall of Fame and USA Powerlifting Men's Hall of Fame, and awarded the USA Powerlifting Brother Bennet Award. I hold numerous state, national, and world records. I still compete once in a while to show the young guns that, at 62 years, I still have it.



Rodgers, Mark

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After a Maritime Patrol career, I took early retirement in 1998. I retired from Naval Space Command (now defunct) and went to AT&T Government Services in Northern Virginia, developing and marketing deployable satellite systems/services. I was scheduled to brief JCS J-6 in the Pentagon on the morning of 9/11/2001 but it was cancelled the day before. Lucky me! I wound up providing emergency SATCOM services to several federal agencies in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks.



Mark and Judy

I traveled the world for AT&T as a 3rd tier subcontractor under the NPOESS (National Polar Orbiting Environmental Satellite System) Program, finding and mapping out potential downlink sites for the next generation weather satellite architecture. I got to see many parts of the world that I never got to see in the Navy – South Africa, Western Australia, East Germany, etc, etc, etc. The program was eventually cancelled, but not before I got to rack up a gazillion frequent flier miles and hotel points while collecting global trinkets for the wife and kids. I eventually left AT&T for other ventures, none of which were nearly as entertaining, rewarding, or fulfilling as the US Navy.

In 2019, once the kids were out of the house and successfully embarked on their own careers, Judy, my favorite wife of 38 years, and I retired to Williamsburg, VA, where I began my Recreational Employment career as a Neighborhood Handyman and Custom Woodworker.

Shook, Ken

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I left the Academy near the end of plebe year to pursue other dreams. Life happened exactly as it was meant to be. I earned an MS in Psychology from VCU and an MBA from the Darden School / UVA. While working for a Fortune 500 I managed the corporate planning process for several subsidiaries, and I lectured in graduate programs on strategic and tactical planning. On a slow news day in 1994, I caught the attention of Virginia's Governor's Office, and I was asked to come to Richmond for three years to help set up a strategic planning regimen in the public sector based on private sector principles. When that assignment was completed, I was asked to stay on and create an internal consulting group to recommend organizational and process changes for government agencies, transfer best practices, and identify cost savings. Other assignments followed, and for the last fifteen years I have overseen a great team, responsible for Virginia's budget for all health and human services.



Ken and Kim

On the personal side, I met my wife Kim while I was directing a local theater group in 1980; we married in 1982. Daughter Jessica followed in 1984. They are the joys of my life. My daughter and I spend dark evenings staring at the stars, telling tall tales and solving the world's problems.

I still have music around me, although singing is now limited to the shower at the request of, well, everyone. I am involved with several local charities and am active in our church. I smoke the best pork barbecue you've ever tasted, and since I've been judging for barbecue competitions across the mid-Atlantic region for a number of years, I feel qualified to make that claim.

Looking forward to retirement in 2024 — Kim and I plan to travel extensively.



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Woods, Dave

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The day after graduation, after a four year and four month engagement, I finally married the love of my life, Debbie. Surrounded by family and friends, it was the perfect wedding day we had imagined. My dad's toast was, "I waited almost five years for you two to get married, don't make me wait for a grandchild!" Never one to disappoint, our daughter Carly was born 13 months later, the week I started flying in flight school in Pensacola. Our first son, Clint, was born 21 months later, the week I started flying the Prowler in Whidbey. After an awesome first sea tour, I reported to BUPERS in DC, planning to get out after my commitment was up. Strange thing happened, I realized how much I missed flying and squadron life. Debbie agreed to a return to the fleet, but with the stipulation of another baby. Matthew Thomas was born at Walter Reed six weeks before our trip cross-country back to Whidbey.

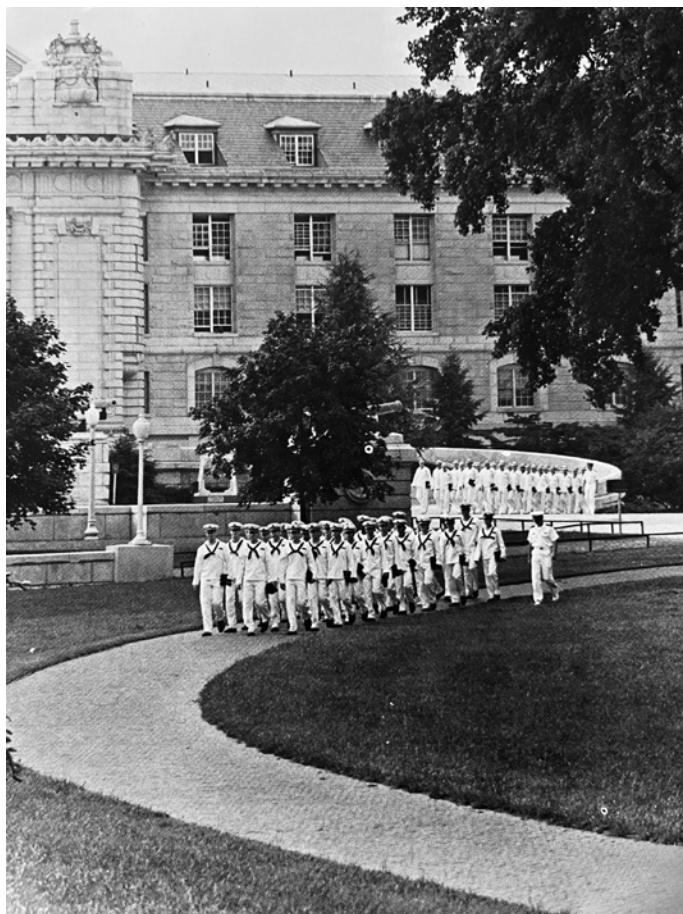


Dave and Debbie

We never really looked back, and I was blessed and honored to serve for 32+ years. I commanded twice as a Commander, twice as a Captain, and twice as an Admiral, including in a squadron, the FRS, CVW (CAG), in Iraq doing counter-IED EW, as JTF GTMO, and finally as Commander Strike Force Training Pacific (CSFTP). I retired in January 2014.

The next chapter included defense contracting in a small company then as an independent contractor, high performance team training with my rowing partner Dan Lyons, and flipping houses with Debbie in Maryland.

We are now embarking on the next adventure – in our 37' RV, we plan to spend about nine months a year on the road visiting our four granddaughters and 11/2 grandsons. We will homeport out of the house we built in Whidbey 27 years ago!



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After graduation, I became an NFO and flew from Pax River for several years (VQ-4). It was nice to be close to Annapolis, and when the Olympics opened its first medal event for women in sailing, I was able to spend a few years as a leadership instructor while training and competing around the world – fantastic! In Annapolis, I also re-connected with another college sailor (Chris Snow from Univ of Rhode Island), and when I was transferred to San Diego he joined me, and we got married the next year.



Mary and family

I left the Navy after 11 years, and we stayed in San Diego and had two sons, Nevin and Patrick. My career has been as a software sales executive, and I've worked for several large companies (e.g. Oracle, BusinessObjects, SAP) and some start-ups (which always seem to get bought by the large companies). I'm presently leading the Telco, Media and Utilities vertical at DocuSign and loving the job and people.

My husband just finished racing the Transpac (sailboat race from LA to Honolulu), and it was fun greeting him in HI. Nevin graduated from Georgetown and was selected to represent the US in the Tokyo Olympics (49er class), but unfortunately was unable to go as the US did not qualify for a country spot. We'll see what's next for him. Patrick graduated from USNA in 2017 and is now an EOD officer stationed in Virginia Beach. He and his wife Catherine were married in Tilghman Island, MD during Covid – a wonderful, small romantic event, and, even better, none of us got sick!

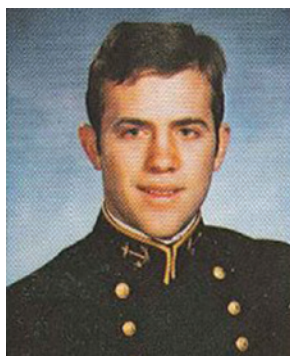
For our latest adventure, we've bought a house in Cape Cod where Chris grew up and we got married. We're looking forward to what comes next!

Church, Charles

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After graduation I served in submarines until 1995, retiring as a Lt. Commander. I attended the Navy Post Graduate School in 1987.

Between 1995 and 2001, I was a leader in dynamic, fast-paced multimedia and internet technologies, working as a Senior Product Manager with America Online; Senior Product Manager with Powersim; Product Group Manager with UUNET (now Verizon); and finally as Vice President of Managed Services for OneSoft.



Charles

In 2001 I went to work for the government at the Treasury Department as Program Manager, Telecommunication Services. I then went on to positions in the government as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD); the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) Directorate; and Preparedness Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from 2003 to 2008.

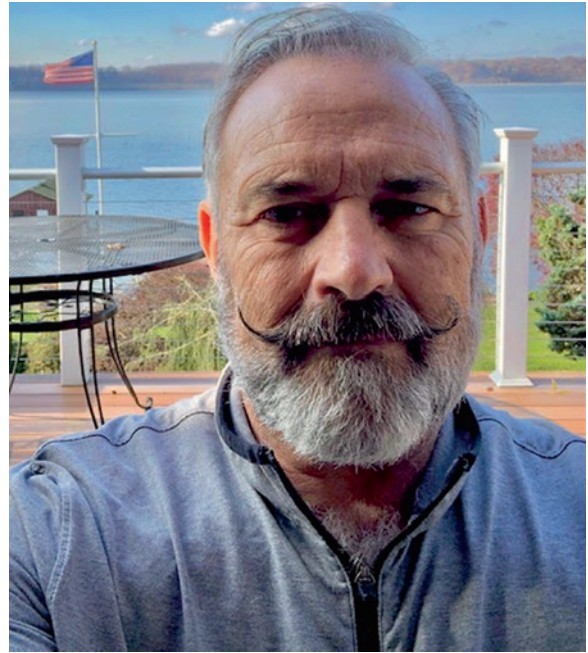
I am currently the Vice President for Business Development for CTEC. Before that I led the Iron Bow Technologies, Engility (SAIC) and Oracle's Business Development for Federal Civil Agencies and Department of Defense. I was also previously a Vice President for Sevatec and Vice President of Homeland Security and Defense for ACS Federal Solutions.



Goff, Leo

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After the boat school, I served for 30 years in the Navy as a submariner. I served in five submarines including command of USS City of Corpus Christi (SSN 705) and major command of USS Frank Cable (AS 40), home ported in Guam. In addition to my USNA education, the Navy provided me opportunities to earn two masters degrees and a PhD in organizational behavior. It was a great run.



Leo

Post Navy I started and ran my own consulting company (focused on energy, climate change and national security); retiring again in 2020. I now make my “mad” money selling my watercolor paintings or prints. My wife Christy and I settled in a great house on the Potomac River in MD, just south of Washington DC. I spend my leisure days trying to become a scratch golfer, boating on the Potomac, or relishing in the company of family, especially my two Grand-babies.

Hubal, Scott

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In the past 40 years, “I have grown older, but not up.” My military service in surface warfare lasted just shy of 10 years, before being medically retired. The reaction to seeing my retired ID changed over the past 30 years. What started out as a question of my age and being old enough to be retired, to what I now detect as a look of pity for the old guy who only made it to Lieutenant before retiring.



Scott

Where does a junior officer go after a shortened career? I became self-employed as a real estate sales agent. A declining market and a budding family made my desire to earn a steady paycheck a new priority. An opportunity to be Executive Manager of the Coronado Association of Realtors was the answer. I went back to school to develop new skills and wound up getting an undergrad degree in accounting. Community college was just like the TV show, and, yes, I was the old guy. I eventually became an accounting clerk for a tech start-up, and that was my last full-time employment. A traditional career never really happened for me.

Marci and I have been married for 26 years, and we have been blessed with two wonderful unmarried young adults. Although we met when I was still on active duty, our relationship was interrupted by her attending college and me retiring from the Navy. The short story is that we reconnected four years later, and she has been part of my blessings ever since.

The good news is that my career on the ocean was replaced by a home near the beach. The best news is that Marci, my wife and life’s partner, has helped me discover the priorities of God and family, and I am truly blessed.

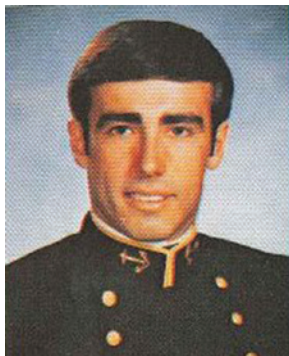


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Jackson, David

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After graduation, I was designated NFO and started my Navy career in the P-3 community. I was fortunate enough to serve in five different flying tours, including my command tour of Antarctic Development Squadron Six. My last duty station in 2004 was working for NORAD and U.S. Northern Command in the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center.



David and Gailyn

After retiring, I decided to remain in Colorado Springs. I was hired by ITT Systems Division as their Director of Range Operations, overseeing logistics and maintenance related contracts at several Navy ranges including the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii. In 2005, I was selected to be the company's Vice President for their Systems Support Services business area, which provided tactical vehicle maintenance services for the military. The business included operations in Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, and Germany. This timeframe was during the height of the war in Iraq, where we operated at 17 different locations. After four years of traveling from Colorado to the Middle East, Germany and back, I retired from ITT in 2009.

In 2010, I accepted a position with IAP Worldwide Services in Cape Canaveral, Florida. As the VP of their Base Operations Support Services business area, I oversaw base maintenance and logistics operations at military and federal government locations worldwide.

In 2015, I finally retired for good and settled down in Rockledge, Florida. I married my wife Gailyn in 2017, and we enjoy retirement playing golf, riding bikes, and traveling. My sons Christopher (USNA 2009) and John (USNA 2012) are still serving with the Navy. Chris is a reserve LCDR and John is a LT EDO. Between them both, we have five beautiful granddaughters.

Jaworski, Steve

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After my eight years of active duty (P-cola, Whidbey Island, and Roosevelt Roads, PR) I bid the khakis and blues farewell and went back to my ole' hometown of New York to pursue a dual MBA (Accounting and Finance) at Columbia Business School. Following graduation, I was off to the canyons of Wall Street (to be more accurate, the peaks of Midtown Manhattan) to work with a start-up investment banking venture as an analyst covering a couple of then "fledgling industries" (semiconductors and software). I must admit that I finally appreciated some of the EE theory we learned back in Rickover Hall.

Following eight years in NYC, I got married and moved to Maryland (1999) to take a job with an investment firm. Over the next few years, we adopted our son, Nico, from Bogota, Colombia, and I made a move to another firm as portfolio strategist. Then 2009 hit. Along with the stock market falling off a cliff (which directly affected my employment status negatively, ouch), I experienced marital separation and turned 50 years old (it seemed that I hit the trifecta).

But for every door that closes a new one is supposed to open, and so it was with me as I became a lecturer at Towson University in its Finance Department and met my new bride (Stephanie) who I married in 2016. After teaching at Towson for 11 years, I called it quits a couple of weeks before our 40th reunion, sold the house, and moved to Myrtle Beach where Stephanie and I plan to continue to work on our Latin dancing, take up kiteboarding, visit Nico at Clemson U, and add to our passport stamps.



Steve and Stephanie



Manski, Dick

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40 years! Incredible experiences, “around the world” cruises, life long friends, and God’s blessings! Class of 1981 is the best! Congratulations to all, particularly our classmates who became the senior leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps!

While serving at Patuxent River NAS, I met my “wife to be,” Patricia Bartolone, at a Friday night football game. Within a year, we were married at the USNA Chapel in 1990.

While taking a break from WESTPAC cruises, we had two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Kristen. Jennifer (Physician Assistant) and husband Mike (Bio-Medical Researcher) live in Scottsdale giving us an excuse to travel to Arizona often. We live in Garnet Valley, PA near the beautiful Brandywine River Valley, DuPont Estates, and Delaware “tax free” shopping. I have commuted to BWI airport for the last 20+ years where I fly for Southwest Airlines. Long overnights allow me to pursue bicycling, snow skiing, golfing, running, and SCUBA diving/snorkeling. Daughter Kristen enjoys “rent free” living as she resides with us and does a great job caring for our Syrian rescue dogs, Flower and Ember.

Thank you to classmate Jim Ahlgrimm for organizing the many Class of 1981 lunches at the Fort Myer Officers Club. These lunches have been a wonderful way to catch up with fellow classmates. Guest speakers included ADM Frank Caldwell, VADM Ted Carter, VADM Chip Miller, NASA Astronaut Kathryn Hire, USNA Director International Programs Tim Disher, and others. We certainly have some wonderful talent in our class, and they provided excellent briefings.

I imagine many of us ask the question, “Why me? Why was I given this wonderful opportunity to attend the United States Naval Academy?” We were blessed to have wonderful role models: VADM McKee, VADM Lawrence, VADM Stockdale, LTGen Parks, CAPT Stratton, CDR Galanti, and many more. I am so thankful! Life is good!! Many thanks to God, my parents, brothers, wife, children, family, friends, and Class of 1981 Classmates!

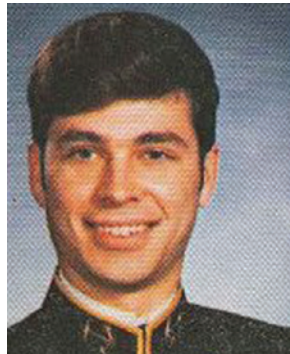


Dick and Patricia

Menger, Eric

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I graduated from Vero Beach High School in 1977 and was appointed to USNA to join the Class of 1981, 26th Company. I have many wonderful memories of my time at the Academy. After graduation and commissioning, I biked England with Steve Jaworski (via C-5 from Dover), waited on orders at Andros Island with Frank Marco, then entered nuclear power school with Hank Nieman. But I finally ended up where I belonged in naval aviation, earning my wings of gold in Corpus Christi in 1983. After almost 10 years on active-duty with VP-30, VP-49 (NAS Jacksonville), and VT-10 (NAS Pensacola), I transitioned to the naval reserve and worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence for over 16 years during the Cold War, the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. I retired from the naval reserve in 2007 as an O-6.



Eric and Kelly

In civilian life, I was executive director until retirement in 2020 at Vero Beach Regional Airport, my hometown airport. I also served in various leadership roles in statewide and national airport management organizations, including chairmanship of the Florida Airports Council, a statewide association of aviation professionals.

Since retirement, I have continued to work from home as a consultant in the aviation engineering industry while remaining active in civic, military, and charitable organizations. From 2009–2011, I served as president of the Florida District of the National Exchange Club.

My wife, Kelly, and I love to spend time with our four children and six grandchildren, who currently live in four different states. We also love to read, walk, enjoy local restaurants, craft breweries, and travel, mostly to visit family (last time by rented RV). I am also a serious modeler, working in 1:48 scale, and am currently creating a small model railroad at home for the grandchildren (and me!).



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Mulligan, Mark

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I married my roommate Steven Jaworski's sister Theresa in 1982, have two children, Joan Sullivan – Virginia Tech Corp of Cadets (VTCC 2007) and Thomas Mulligan – USMA 2011, and now one grandchild Elizabeth Sullivan, age three.



Mark and Theresa

A surface nuclear officer, my final active tour was in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Program Analysis and Evaluation (PAE now OSD-CAPE). Even though I had no modeling experience, I showed an ability to follow the workings of models based on periodic briefings and got a job running warfighting models with a defense contractor upon Navy retirement in 2001.

Two years later, I was hired as a GS-15 to manage several different contractors working on models for OSD PAE. Fifteen years as a GS-15 moving from modeling to analyzing program and budget for all the services (at different times) with OSD, I became a retirement double-dipper in June 2020. Some major projects I led were analysis of alternatives for TAO replacement and LPD-17 follow-on, review of Army training and readiness reporting, and F/A-18E logistics and readiness.

Volunteer work is an important part of my life. Living in Annapolis since 1995, I have volunteered extensively in Scouting at troop, district, and council levels. Starting in 2012, I helped found a club for blind and visually impaired bicyclists, where I maintain and schedule riders on ten tandem bicycles. In 2020, I incorporated Charlotte's Tandems US, a charity that started in the UK and loans tandem bicycles to people/families/partners with disabilities.

Last year, I spent a fascinating five months learning Anne Arundel County inside and out as a Census Enumerator. This year, I am working as a tour leader for Vermont Bicycle Tours, starting my first tour of the Eastern Shore immediately after our reunion tailgater!

Spiro, Ken

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Having gone to USNA for the many challenges and rewards it presented, I was very happy to find the same type of worthy opportunities in the fleet. I am proud and grateful to have served the Navy and country on two frigates, two cruisers, and two destroyers, and also led a major acquisition program. I'm also grateful that, after 27 plus years in uniform, I was able to continue to serve by supporting the offices of the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy for 13 years as a federal employee.



Ken and Barbara

Having been too long at a desk after trading the uniform for a suit, I desired to get back to the fun and challenges of a job on the water. As a result, I used my Navy experiences to earn my Master Mariner license and am now busy with a third career running an LLC that transports motor and sail boats, and leads charters along the east coast with a focus on the mid-Atlantic area.

As proud and grateful as I am of the chance to serve through work I enjoy, I am most fortunate to have met and married my wife Barbara of 39+ years and to share our two children; these are the parts of my life that I am most proud of and grateful for. They too serve our country and community by not only having supported my career but also in careers of their own (Barb as a HR generalist, Joanie as a lead pharmacist in a children's hospital, and Ken as an Air Force Major).

As always, I look forward to seeing the class of '81 again at or before the next reunion.

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After graduation and nuclear power/submarine training, I spent the remainder of my 26 post-grad Navy years on four submarines (including command of USS San Juan) and various shore tours, finally retiring from the OPNAV staff (Pentagon) in 2007. While active duty was rewarding and fulfilling, the post-Navy life has been great. Applying Navy skills and a late-discovered knack for analysis to contribute to a couple different small/medium size “beltway bandits,” I’ve had the opportunity to continue supporting the DoD and our nation (without the deployments!) for the past 14 years.



John and Vicki

My most fortunate year was 1988, when I married Vicki, the love of my life and mother to our two great kids (Wesley and Paul). We spent 15 enjoyable years in Northern Virginia (Burke) prior to and after Navy retirement before moving to the Charlottesville area in 2018 (where we enjoy much less traffic, mountain views, and fine local wines).

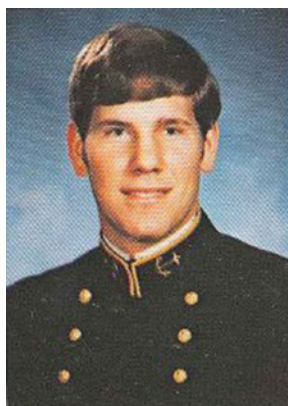
On the work side, I’m now down to two office days per week, with a little telework on the side. This was hastened a bit by last year’s COVID lockdown, and I now have no desire to go back full time. I am expecting to go into full retirement mode next year. With both sons gainfully employed (commercial shipping analyst and software engineer) and a newly purchased (gently used) motorhome in our driveway, I’m looking forward to additional leisure time with Vicki, traveling the country.

I will be forever grateful to USNA for taking a kid from a small town in Michigan and developing him morally, mentally, and physically with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty, qualities which I see so sorely lacking in so much of our national leadership in these trying times.

Burt, Larry

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After graduation and a short “stash” job in San Diego, Maureen, who I met and started dating in high school, and I were married on 19 Dec 1981 and headed to Pensacola and flight school. I received my wings in Beeville, TX and had a career flying F/A-18 Hornets and Super Hornets. I had three command tours, Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific, VFA-137, and Carrier Air Wing Two. We have three children, two daughters and a son, all grown and married, and as of this date, nine grandchildren.



Larry and Maureen

After many deployments and moves, I retired from the Navy as a Captain and went to work for Boeing. I am currently a Senior Director and Program Manager, working on a Navy TACAIR program. At retirement, Maureen and I were living in Annapolis, and I worked at the Boeing office in Arlington, VA as part of their Business Development organization. When I was offered the opportunity in Program Management, we relocated to Saint Louis and live in the Town and Country community outside the city.

Maureen has dedicated most of her married life as a homemaker, raising our three children and helping with our grandchildren. She has worked with a few architecture firms as well as run a home business. She’s also a volunteer sailing instructor at the Naval Academy with their offshore sailing program where she participates in the Midshipman Summer Block training. Maureen and I purchased her parent’s home in Pinehurst, NC where we spend some of our time each year playing golf and enjoying that area. We enjoy trips to see the children and grandchildren who are scattered between San Diego and England. The Lord has truly blessed Maureen and me over the years with good health and a fulfilling life together.



Hoffman, Tom

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After graduation, Sherry and I married at the USNA Chapel. I did NFO training. We reported to VQ-2, Rota Spain, to fly EP-3s (1983–86). We then came to San Diego, CA for shore duty. I left the Navy in 1989, worked for IVAC Corp., then attended medical school (1991–1995) and joined the Air Force.



Tom and Sherry

Our son, Nick, was born in 1992. Nick is a Navy submariner currently assigned to SUBPAC 1 in Hawaii and a University of Florida graduate. We work on the same base, so I get to see him and his new wife regularly. Sadly, Sherry and I divorced in 1999. Sherry passed away in 2013.

I had some interesting experiences as a Flight Surgeon (FS) in the Air Force, including FS for the Air Force Test Pilot School, Medical Director for the US Military Training Mission to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during OEF and the Iraqi war, and the DoD Surgeon for Human Space Flight Support to NASA.

After military retirement in 2009, I worked for NASA at Johnson Space Center, Star City Russia, and Kennedy Space Center. I provided medical coverage for the National Science Foundation operations in Antarctica for the 2013 to 2014 Antarctic “Summer” season.

Since 2014, I’ve served as the Agency Surgeon for the Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), whose mission is to provide the fullest possible accounting of our personnel from past conflicts to their families and the nation. Our medical teams support DPAA efforts around the world to search, recover and identify MIA personnel remains. We’re located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor, HI.

I’m active in the USNA Hawaii Alumni chapter and continue to run and do outside things, as long as my body lets me.

Jarman, Timothy

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Married in December 1981 during flight school. Flew mostly P-3s until I left active duty in August 1987 to fly for Delta Air Lines. Blessed with a daughter in January 1983, a son in July 1986 and a granddaughter in December 2011. Unfortunately, divorced in 2017 after 35½ wonderful years of marriage. Would do it all over again, but without the breast cancer the second time around.



After 40 years away from home, I am living on the same road where I grew up near Jacksonville, NC. The road is paved now and all of the outhouses are gone, but it still feels right. I must have blinked a few times along the way, because these past 40 years have flown past!



Tim and granddaughter



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Kroupa, Dave

Deceased 10/1/19, bio submitted by Tom Hoffman

July 30, 1958 – October 1, 2019

David Lawrence Kroupa died October 1, 2019 from injuries sustained while cycling the morning of September 24th. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, stepfather, son, cousin, friend, coach, mentor, and wingman.

David attended Hargrave Military Academy, VA for one year before entering USNA, graduating in 1981 with a BS in Resource Management. He was a member of 27th Company. On graduation, David accepted a commission in the Marine Corps. After leaving the Marine Corps, he began a 35-year business career, settling in Florida, pairing his business acumen and competitive spirit with his love of all things athletic. Running was his passion, competing in 5Ks to marathons in almost every state, and coaching the South Florida Leukemia Team-in-Training. After his calves gave out with “almost 150,000 miles on these legs,” he became a competitive cyclist, riding thousands of miles.



Dave

I was Dave’s roommate Plebe Year at the Naval Academy. We did a lot of running together for the cross country and track teams and on intramurals. We were both from Florida and raced against each other in high school, although we didn’t know each other then. We participated in several Academy attempts to set the 100-mile relay world record.

Dave was a great and loyal friend, a coach, a tough competitor, very organized, talkative (in an interesting way), a leader who cared about his roommates, and very clean. Our room was frequently inspected, and we were always “immaculate.” Dave, thanks for getting me through Plebe year.

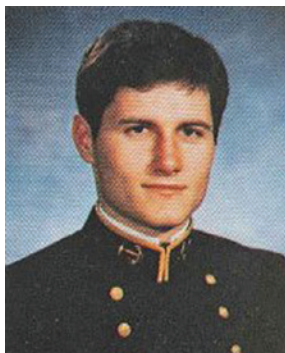
I’m saddened that Dave had to leave us too soon. I’m consoled that he passed while doing something he loved.

I will miss you, my friend. Fair Winds and Following Seas. May God bless your family.

Maguire, Mick

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After escaping from our final parade, I was catapulted/ bounced my way to Hawaii and the USS Tunny (SSN-682) via Orlando, FL/Idaho Falls, ID. As a Lieutenant, I think I laid claim as being the youngest engineer on record at 25yrs-4months (yes, there is a story) before heading to CTF69 staff in Naples, IT. Reserves for the next 13yrs wrapped up my Naval Career with my last assignment being Battle Group staff support for the JFK and Truman COMPTUEX’s.



Mick and Tonyia

I joined Michelin and had roles from personnel manager to IE manager, either at the Greenville or Columbia, SC locations. Along the way I picked up an MBA, left Michelin and began a 20yr consulting career. I had the opportunity to be part of some amazing projects. I participated in the design/construction of CVN-78 at Newport News VA, Boeing 787 production in Charleston SC, AH-64 Apache Avionics in Mesa, AZ. Three year sabbatical from consulting in NYC as a medical publication (oncology/surgery) director. Two years in Anchorage, AK and bi-weekly rotations to one of the largest North Sea oil platforms rounded out my oil experience. Mega-capital (\$35B+) LNG work took me to both coasts of Australia punctuated with a refinery turnaround in Singapore.

I now split time between Scottsdale, AZ and Houston, TX. Come visit us!

Divorced in 2004, but now remarried to the love of my life, Tonyia. My oldest son (born in Naples ’88) is in Supply Chain Management (USC graduate) living in FL, middle son is a Director w/Kinder ~ Morgan in NJ & daughter is a commodity trader w/Occidental in Houston.

I “Covid retired” for ~3 days before joining a ~\$4B capital/commissioning project in Houston. That said, Tonyia & I are looking forward to traveling/cooking around the world when things open up.

“That’s all I have to say about that!”



Marquet, David

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Proud member of the USNA class of 1981.

Elected to go submarines and served as commander, USS Santa Fe.

After departing the Navy wrote Turn the Ship Around! which unexpectedly launched me on a speaking career.



Dave and Jane

Married to Jane, 3 kids – Michael, Emily and Bryan.

Bryan is a submarine officer (surprise, no really, surprise) and serving aboard USS Colorado.

We live near Sarasota, Florida so let us know if you are in the area.

I am enjoying longer swims and trail runs in fun locations around the world, and pretending not to be getting old (just like the rest of you).

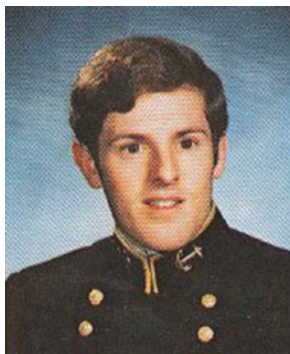
Sadly, I won't be able to make the reunion.

Say hi at Eighty-One, Second to None!

Moran, Steve

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After graduation I spent some time in Newport, RI (almost becoming a SWO) but received a waiver to go Aviation – so I moved to Pensacola. I went into the P3 community as an NFO and was based in Hawaii (VP-17) – got to spend a year of my life in the Philippines and flying around Asia. Got married to Caroline and have been blessed with three daughters – Christine, Katherine, and Elizabeth. After my initial shore tour in DC, I took a job with GE Aerospace (Lockheed Martin) in Northern VA. During my time at Lockheed, I earned my MBA from Villanova University.



Steve

As a government contractor I saw the light and started pursuing a software sales/professional services career, first with Oracle and then Microsoft. When the cloud took off, I worked for some small SaaS-based companies – Desire2Learn, SunGard and Blackboard. Next, I went back to a larger firm and worked for NetApp selling professional services to the Public Sector. Today, I am a VP of Professional Services with a medical systems company – Intelrad.

Throughout my civilian career I stayed in the reserves, eventually getting the requisite number of points to retire. One day soon, I will retire for good and spend my time traveling, visiting the family and my 7 grandkids, friends, and golfing whenever possible. We are currently living in Cary, NC.

I look forward to the upcoming reunion!

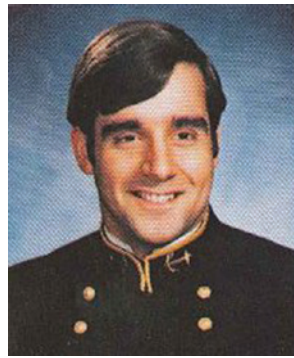


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Ott, David

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Upon retiring from military service in 2007 (best job I ever had), I was hired by Northrop Grumman to assist with building and marketing sensitive intelligence offerings, supporting human terrain analysis. In 2009, I



David and family

was recruited by the United States Army as the Senior Executive of the U.S. Army's Culture and Foreign

Language Program. My successful two-year term appointment was extended to three years to insure program stability. In 2013, I was recruited and joined the Shell Exploration and Production Company as the Alaska Logistics and Infrastructure Manager through June 2016 (the second best job I ever had). I co-authored the Logistics and Infrastructure chapter of "Arctic Potential," a 2015 Alaska research study for the U.S. Secretary of Energy. I was then recruited by Amazon in 2017 and served as the Operations Manager of an Eastern Tennessee-based fulfillment center through April 2019. I am currently employed by Alion/Huntington Ingalls as the Integration and Transformation Manager of the Navy Integrated Training Environment (NITE) contract. Since 2009, I have owned Tuskahoma Enterprises LLC, a Native American/Veteran-owned small business focused on providing management consulting services for Native American and Alaskan Native businesses, analytic services for effects-based solutions, and external relations/cultural awareness support.

I have been married for over 32 years to the former Ms. Cynthia Fall, and we have three children: 2Lt Solomon Ott, USMC (26), Madeline (25), and Alexandra (21). My children and I are tribal members of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and I am a life member of the Tailhook Association.

Sandoval, Ron

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After completing flight training, I had tours in HS-6, HT-8, USS Tripoli, HS-14, and OPNAV N3/5 (Western Hemisphere Pol-Mil affairs) before taking Command of HS-6 in '98. I then proceeded to more at-sea time as navigator onboard USS Constellation for my ninth/tenth deployments before going to shore duty at the Joint Information Operations Center at Lackland AFB, TX – where I checked in the day after 9/11. My last tour was as the Senior Navy Liaison Officer at the USAF Air Education and Training Command with the wonderful opportunity to fly the T-6A Texan II aircraft. I was one of a few pilots lucky enough to fly both the T-6A and T-28B Trojan aircraft and finished with over 5500 hours of flight time.



Ron and family

Upon retirement in '09, I became a civil servant at the Air Force Security Assistance Training Squadron as the first Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Program Manager in support of international training. After working as the Deputy Program Manager for the F-15SA Program, I became the Division Chief for the AFRICOM/SOUTHCOM/NORTHCOM region in '18, where we coordinate/manage all international training in support of USAF Foreign Military Sales and DOD/State Grant Programs.

My wife, Blanca, and I celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary in June of this year. My 24-year-old son, Christopher, just got married in May, and now my 31-year-old daughter, Veronica, has recently become engaged. Lucky to have gotten back to San Antonio (20 years now) in the later part of my naval career and am enjoying it as both my kids graduated from TCU in Fort Worth. I'm in the fifth and final year of a very intense academic and formation program to hopefully be ordained as a Catholic Deacon within the Archdiocese of San Antonio in June '22.



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Van Gunten, Ray
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After graduation, I spent 9½ years on active duty, flying the A-7 and F/A-18. Jeanne Brown, from Annapolis, and I married in May of 1983 while I was in advanced jet training in Meridian, Mississippi. Our three children, Erica, Michael, and Kaitlyn, were born while on active duty.

Once back in Findlay, Ohio, I took over my dad's building business. As a small building contractor, I built million dollar homes, remodeled, and did some light commercial work. During my 18 years as a building contractor, I was also able to build up a rental property company. I also managed to join a Navy Intel reserve unit in Dayton, Ohio and completed 12½ of reserve time and retired as a Commander in 2003.



Ray and grandkids

In 2008, I was approached by a gentleman from Australia to be president of one of his 14 companies around the world, Diamond Roll Up Door, Inc., in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Diamond manufactures sectional overhead doors for semi-trailers and box trucks and coiling aluminum roll up doors for fire/emergency vehicles and multiple work trucks. In my almost 14 years at Diamond, we have tripled in size and have become a nationally recognized company.

In about two years, I will probably hang up my working hat, enjoying the grandkids and playing golf. Erica, a school teacher, is married and has three children, Isla, Bennett, and Max. Michael, who was medically retired from the Navy as an AO3 (Aviation Ordnanceman), is married and has three boys, Corbin, Colton, and Kiaan. Kaitlyn, who just came off active duty as a Navy Nurse for nine years, will be getting married in summer of 2022. Kaitlyn is the only one not in Findlay, giving us reason to travel around the country now and in the future.



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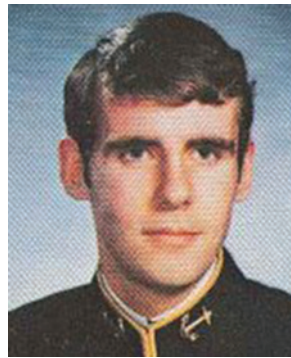




Driscoll, Jim

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I retired from the Navy in 2011 after three wonderful command tours. My first command saw USS Tortuga complete three unique deployments: a UNITAS cruise around South America; as a NATO flagship in the Caribbean; and as the U.S. representative in a Joint Baltic Sea operation. My second command was as Commodore of a Pre-Positioning Squadron in the Mediterranean. Unfortunately, that tour was interrupted by a serious injury when I ruptured both patellar tendons while disembarking a liberty boat in Lisbon. I was airlifted to Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany, where an Air Force doctor put back together one leg and an Army doctor repaired the other (talk about a joint operation!). I completed a three month rehab in Rota, where classmate Earl Hampton was the base CO. My final tour was as the NROTC CO for the SUNY Maritime College/Fordham/Columbia consortium in New York City, where we trained and educated more than 250 future Navy and Marine Corps officers. During this time, I coached the Maritime men's cross country team to their first Skyline Conference championship. I also fulfilled a childhood dream by becoming the public address announcer for Maritime athletics. At my retirement ceremony, Maritime College surprised me by naming me a Professor Emeritus.



Jim and mom

In retirement, I returned to my hometown of Chicago. I have been spending lots of family time and am a caregiver for my mom. I have also found time to be a founding member of my high school's alumni association and have enjoyed visiting area schools to talk about my Navy experiences. The kids' enthusiasm and hilarious questions ("Was your ship ever attacked by dolphins?") keeps me going back for more. I enjoy international travel (especially Europe), and I look forward to adding to my list of over 50 countries visited.

Larrew, Craig

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After graduation, I became a CA-based P-3 NFO. My last job in the squadron was training related (NATOPS/Instructor NFO). As my mechanical engineering degree had a nuclear engineering emphasis, I got a nuclear safety instructor position in beautiful San Diego as my shore duty. I extended there a bit before separating in late 1988.



Craig and Joanna

Meanwhile, I met (at a singles' Bible study group) and married Joanna, my amazing wife of now 35 years. We have three terrific adult sons, all of them living in the western US. Our youngest was just married on September 4th of this year—which kinda put a crimp on our ability to attend our 40th reunion.

After leaving the Nav, I tried my hand at a couple of technical sales jobs. Learning that I sucked at sales, I decided to return to my training roots. Since then, I've worked in Silicon Valley tech companies in various sales training, technical training, program management, and people management roles. After 22 years at Cisco Systems, I was laid off. Since then I've been a Senior Engineering Program Manager at PayPal.

For fun and fitness, after graduation, I returned to my love of riding dirt bikes. Later, I introduced each of our 3 sons to moto-cross/dirt bikes and go karts from an early age. Two of them are now even bigger gearheads than I am. Recently, I jumped on the electric mountain bike (eMTB) bandwagon, and I enjoy riding on some awesome hilly single track trails near our house in Northern CA several times a week.

Overall, I have been tremendously blessed with an amazing family, fantastic friends, and a rewarding career. I thank God for His many blessings in my life! And one of these days, Joanna and I are going to make the trek to Annapolis for a reunion!

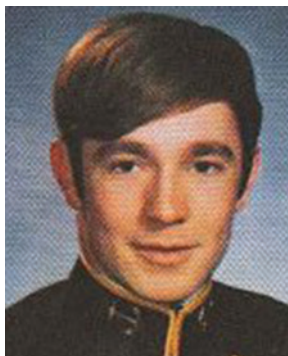


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McGuinness, Bill

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After graduation, spent a year hometown recruiting in New York and then flew poorly. Barb and I married in 1983 and spent the next four years at SWOS and on USS Saipan (LHA-2) out of Norfolk, making two Med cruises. Had a great tour qualifying as a SWO, Sea and Anchor OOD, and Ships Weapons Coordinator with the collateral duty of Welfare and Recreation Officer for 1,000 Sailors and 2,000 Marines. While away, Barb continued to hone her nursing skills, focusing on cardiac care.



Bill and Barbie

Departing the Navy in 1987, I took a position with Westinghouse Defense Electronics in Linthicum, MD, bringing us back to Barb's local area and Mother B. While at Westinghouse, I earned my MBA from the University of Maryland, and Barb earned her Master of Nursing Science at the Umd School of Nursing.

We were blessed with the arrival of Connor Patrick in 1993 and Caitlyn Bridie in 1995. Westinghouse Defense was purchased by Northrop Grumman, and I have been at Westinghouse/NGC for my entire civilian career in the defense industry. How did I manage to stay at one company? It's easy - being close to family, USNA, a major regional airport, a 15 minute commute, and orders every 3-4 years. I've had the opportunity to be in Systems Engineering, Marketing, Functional Management, Business Development, and Program Management across Navy, Army, and Air Force programs while specializing in the R&D of terminal guidance for precision weapons. Through it all, I've had the opportunity to interact with many a classmate and alum.

Today, the "kids" are grown, college educated (Connor with the FEC and Caitlyn with Northrop), and on their own (Caitlyn married Zach in 2018), and we reside in Crownsville, MD. After 34 years in the industry and 38 years of marriage, we're debating our next chapter in life. Plan to keep you all in it, so stop by and visit!

Perry, Bob

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Like many of my 28th Company classmates, I chose submarines due to the influence of our Company Officer, Dave McCall. I enjoyed a 27+ year career serving on four fast attack submarines, one "boomer" and several challenging shore duty assignments. Judy and I were married in March 1982 and will celebrate our 40th anniversary next year! We moved 17 times during our Navy career! Our last assignment was at the Pentagon so we bought a house in Manassas, VA in 2006 and have been in Northern Virginia ever since!



Bob and Judy

We are blessed to be the parents of three phenomenal children – Joe (38), Matt (36), and Jessica (33). All three have grown up to be outstanding adults, excelling in their chosen professions and have loving families of their own. We now have six grandchildren who bring so much joy into our lives.

Following my retirement from the Navy in 2008, I used my submarine experience and worked for Northrop Grumman Marine Systems supporting the Submarine Force and Strategic Systems Program (SSP) for 10 years. Following that, I worked as a support contractor on the Washington Navy Yard as Program Executive Officer, Submarines.

Judy and I are in the process of building our retirement home in Dover, Delaware. The house should be completed in early 2022 so we will move one last time around March 2022. We enjoy traveling and are looking forward to our fourth Viking cruise in 2022. We have been Navy football season ticket holders since 2006 and will continue to be in the foreseeable future. Hope to see everyone in Annapolis! Go Navy – Beat Army!!!



Pillot-Olive, Ildefonso
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After graduation, I was commissioned in the Marine Corps. After The Basic School, I attended the Basic Communications Officer Course at Quantico, Virginia, and then off to Pensacola, Florida for a five-week vacation, cleverly disguised as the Naval Cryptologic Officers Course. I met and married my wife, Brenda, at Misawa Air Base where she was a DoD school system teacher. One son and one daughter later, we're still going strong and in love.



Ilde, Brenda, Ilde III

Over a 26 year career, I spent most of my time in intelligence related jobs, though I enjoyed a great and varied career with some great tours, such as the Assistant Naval Attache to the U.S. Embassy Buenos Aires, Commanding Officer, 2nd Radio Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and culminating as an office chief at Fort Meade, Maryland, where I moved over to a government civilian job. After 17 years as a government civilian, I'm contemplating my second retirement, and I hope to do a stint in the private sector before I fully retire. All in all, looking back, it's been a great life!

Rickards, Dave
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I departed Bancroft earlier than most with the full and unwavering approval of the USNA Academic Board on Leap Day 1980. Armed with a copy of my USNA transcripts and syllabus, I was able to convince Drexel University to continue my engineering education pursuit in Philadelphia. With my previous knowledge of maritime operations and added naval seasoning, I found employment at various operations in shipbuilding and naval support enterprises in the Delaware Valley as well as a tangent stint in agricultural engineering in Lancaster designing "Pullers" and "Spreaders."

After 20 years, I cleaned the brine and manure from under my fingernails and behind my ears and moved to aerospace. For the last 23 years, I have been finding ways to provide various customers a unique 14 ton behemoth that beats the air into submission using 30 foot paddles fore and aft to lift its own weight in cargo. This last opportunity provided me with the gift of travel to the Far East, Middle East, Europe, Canada, Down Under, and all but eight states.

Along the way, I married my Plebe Valentine Dance date and have remain hitched to the lovely Diane for more than 40 years and blessed with three boys.....now on the path to collect grandchildren. I can be found these days working towards retirement or tethered to my Dover, Delaware locale.



Dave and Diane

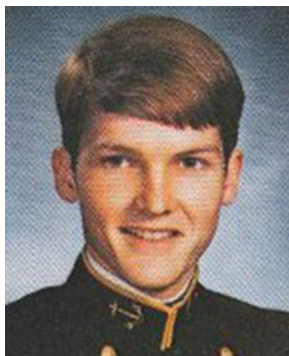


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After flight school in Beeville, (or affectionately known as “Bu-ville,” a small French town in southern Texas!) reported to Virginia Beach for training to fly the A-6 Intruder. Finished just in time to join my fleet squadron, VA-85, mid-cruise on the Kennedy during the Syrian conflict in early 1984. After workups and another cruise on the Saratoga, transferred to VA-42 to instruct at the A-6 RAG before leaving active duty in 1988. Had intended to stay in the reserves, but a subsequent herniated disc in my back made passing the flight physical questionable. Started right away with a major airline in the Atlanta area (!), and (knock on wood) still trying to hang on for three more years to retire!



George and family

Met my better half (Gay) through a blind date, set up by a cousin who was a childhood neighbor of hers, after learning I was moving to Atlanta, and we just celebrated our 30th anniversary! Have been blessed with two boys, Frank (26) – finishing his fourth year of dental school in Louisville, Kentucky, and Alex (23) – studying mechanical engineering at the University of Georgia. So now we miss all of the out-of-town sporting trips/tournaments.

After 29 years in Peachtree City, GA, we love vacationing at the beach, but anticipate moving to the north Georgia mountains for retirement. Gay and I have always enjoyed our visits back to Annapolis and are really looking forward to seeing my brothers and sisters from our time on the Severn!

Standley, Bill

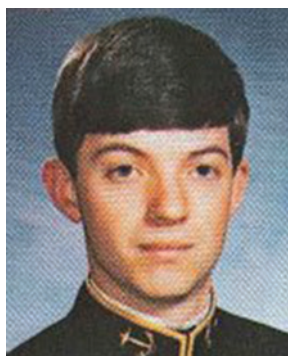
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Following graduation and midway through the nuclear power pipeline, Mary Jane and I began our almost 40 year journey together. Our 11 years of active duty service included SSBN, 36th Company Officer, and SSN tours. 13 more years in the Naval Reserve followed, almost all of which were with the Naval Doctrine/Navy Warfare Development Command.

We raised seven great children along the way (two served in the Army Guard and Marine Corps, both served a tour in Iraq/Afghanistan respectively). All were homeschooled, which is a lot more in vogue now than in the past (holding collectively six undergrad and three graduate degrees attests to the fact that we did not mess them up too much). Our youngest son begins work with KPMG in NYC next month, so we are officially empty nesters now.

Immediately following leaving active duty, I started work at Virginia Power (now Dominion Energy) and am still there. Currently, I am the Director of Regulatory Affairs at the DE nuclear headquarters in Richmond, overseeing the regulatory interfaces of our seven operating nuclear units. Virtually all of my previous assignments were at our North Anna nuclear site in Virginia, managing engineering, operations, training and oversight groups.

My outside of work time focused on our children’s activities (President and Chairman of the Richmond Strikers Soccer Club, officiating youth and adult soccer matches, Boy Scouts, and summer swim teams). That last one was a successful endeavor to not have another generation of Standley aqua-rocks. We currently enjoy spending time with our five grandchildren and hope for many more. Mary Jane and I look forward to reuniting with our many lifelong friends in the class next month. God bless you all.



Bill and Mary Jane



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My post-Navy life has never been far from the fold. My final active-duty job was Operational Test Director for Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force. I found that Test and Evaluation (T&E) was my calling. My first job after retirement was as T&E Officer for the Ship Self Defense System program office in the Washington Navy Yard. I had roles in the development of the combat system for most of the amphibious ships and aircraft carriers.



Joe and Kathi

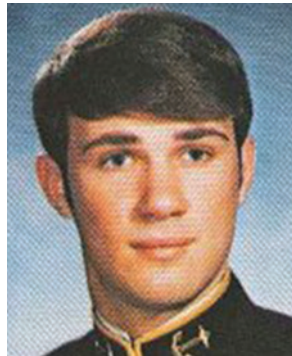
After five years, I thought the next logical step was to work for the Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon. I spent 13 years writing Department of Defense T&E policy and performed oversight of Navy shipbuilding programs such as Littoral Combat Ships, Ford-class Aircraft Carriers, and Zumwalt-class Destroyers. Next, I received a call from the U.S. Coast Guard, and they made me an offer that I could not refuse. I moved across the river to Coast Guard Headquarters to work for two years as Test Lead for the largest class of Coast Guard Cutters.

Finally, my wife Kathi and I moved to Orlando, Florida where I am the Lead Developmental Tester for the U.S. Marine Corps, Program Manager for Training Systems. It is nice to live away from the Beltway and close to family. I got rid of the snow shovel, too!

Walker, Ken

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Upon graduation, I entered the submarine pipeline and did tours in Hawaii, Italy (Flag LT in Med), South Carolina, Georgia, Hawaii again (XO on USS Omaha), Cambridge Mass (Harvard), Pentagon (N87), Virginia (Sub Command – USS Scranton), Pentagon (for 9/11 and follow-on activities), Hawaii yet again, and then Washington State, retiring as Chief of Staff for Submarine Group Nine in 2007. I had a spectacular career!



Ken

Along the way, I got married to Mary in 1991, and had two daughters – Kady Kalena born in Hawaii in '93 and Kelsey Liane born in Maryland in '95, who are now an Environmental Engineer and a budding Geologist respectively. Nothing better than kids.

We liked Washington, so I started civilian work in the Nuclear Remediation business on the east side of the state and have worked around the country and globe on projects in WA, NY, KY, NM, NV, SC, Abu Dhabi UAE, Leeds and Manchester, UK. I currently work for an Environmental Project Management company as Head of Dept of Energy Projects and Chief Nuclear Officer.

I am still somewhat mobile since the pandemic, but my home of record is the Texas farm where my father and grandfather were born and raised. This is where I entered USNA from and what I bought and have been restoring since 2017. 100 acres on the Gulf Coast with cattle, donkeys, dogs, cats, deer, wild boar, alligators, and wonderful views of the Bay and Gulf from my patio.

Travel has been my passion. With Mary and/or the girls, by myself, or with other friends, before, during, and after the Navy, I have been to about 81 countries and independent islands, including such out-of-the-way places as, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Estonia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Vietnam, Azores, Latvia, Taiwan, Peru, North Korea, and Annapolis – the real highlight!

Cheers!!

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Arango, Joe

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Looking back, 40 years has flown by it seems. I met Laura, my wife of 36 years, while in Norfolk on a fast attack sea tour. We completed a shore tour in Groton shortly after our marriage. Left active duty but retired from the Reserves at the 28 year point which included the enjoyment of three command tours. We raised our two sons and a daughter in Northern Virginia over the next two decades while I worked for a submarine support contractor and then the Department of Energy (DOE) in Washington, DC. Our best accomplishment and most pride over the years are our children, all of whom are now serving in their own way as a Pharmacist, Registered Nurse, and Air Force pilot! Most recently, we have been enjoying visits with our children and grandchildren and look forward to more time to travel to see them as retirement from DOE looms.



Joe and Laura

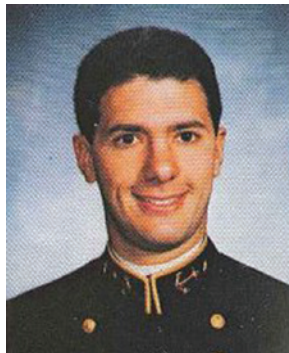
I have spent the last decade managing the DOE office at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, VA. Laura was glad to get back to the Norfolk area where she had grown up, and we enjoy the beach here as well as the Virginia mountains and wine country close by to the West.

We travelled to Italy twice and have found occasions to travel to visit with some 29th Co classmates here in the states over the years. We are currently scouting out possible areas in the mid-Atlantic region for our home base for much more travel and leisure in our retirement years!

Asher, Jeff

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Katie and I have been very happily married for 40 years. We love Manhattan (the greatest city in the world) where we've lived for the past three years. We'd love to see you, so, please contact us if you plan to be in NYC.



Jeff and Katie

We moved from the east bay hills of the SF Bay Area, where we lived for a quarter century after seven years in L.A. Katie is a landscape architect. I've worked in business management, technical sales, enterprise IT, and defense aerospace, after five years as a surface-nuke. Career details are in LinkedIn – feel free to check it out. I've led or been part of a number of volunteer/non-profit organizations, mostly related to inner-city education.

We love travel, theater, food, friends, family, and cats. I maintain interests in running, hiking, sailing, motorcycling, and diving.

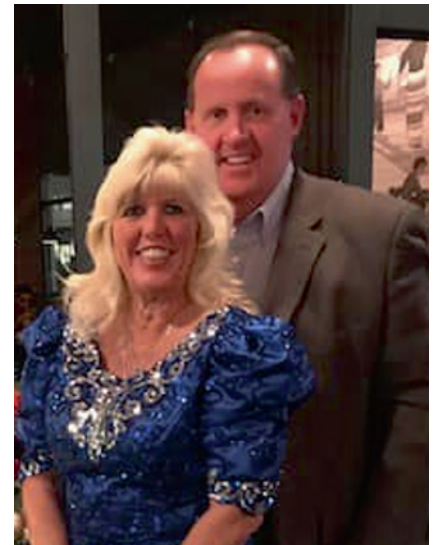


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Medically disqualified from flight training and motion sickness challenges at sea, resulted in reassignment to Subic Bay as Safety and Base Defense Officer. Developed NAVSTA Subic Base Defense Plan just in time for the People Power Revolution and various coup attempts against the Philippine government. Reassigned to Intelligence Center Pacific – briefed highest levels of US government on threats to Americans, continued Philippine coup attempts, and renegotiation of the US/Philippines Base Defense Treaty.



John and Peggy Sue

Resigned Active Duty Commission after 9 years and began a 24 year career with Naval Investigative Service/Naval Criminal Investigative Service. Assigned to NIS Subic Bay/SE Asia Office providing intelligence support to NIS and COMUSNAVPHIL. Survived Mt. Pinatubo eruption and closure of US Military Bases in the Philippines.

Reassigned to NIS HQ to work counterterrorism, counterespionage, and threats to US Navy assets in the Pacific. Played a key role in the arrest and conviction of a US national spying on behalf of a foreign power. Attended Naval War College and obtained 2nd Master's Degree. Reassigned to NCIS Bahrain and played a key role in threat warning and analysis following attack on the USS Cole, 9/11, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

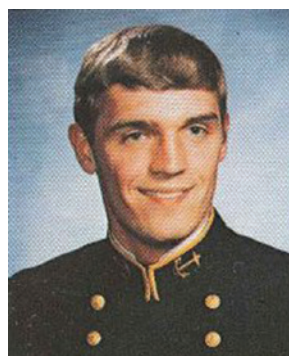
Reassigned to NCIS HQ and promoted to Defense Intelligence Senior Leader, serving as NCIS Senior Intelligence Officer and principal advisor to the Director and Deputy Director, NCIS on all intelligence and analytical matters. Supervised daily operations of NCIS Multiple Threat Alert Center – providing 24/7 Indications and Warning to Navy assets worldwide. Left NCIS and continued government service for the past 8 years with the TSA as Executive Director for Operations within TSA Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) – providing executive leadership, program, and operational direction to I&A's Threat Analysis, Vetting Analysis, and Field Intelligence Divisional elements.

Married to Peggy Sue, and currently living in Crownsville, MD with our three dogs, Simba, Timon, and Pumbaa.

Cotherman, Kevin

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I served nine years aboard two ships in San Diego and one shore duty assignment in Jackson, MS. While on shore duty, I earned an MBA from Millsaps College and married Mary, whom I met while in San Diego. I left active duty in June 1990 and moved to Baltimore.



Kevin and Mary

My first civilian job was with McCormick and Company in Maryland. After seven years, classmate and company-mate Jack Gallagher hired me to join his custom application software development company in the Baltimore office. After his company was sold and the Baltimore office was closed, I joined the process improvement group of the company that bought Jack's company. That company failed during the dot-com bust but I stuck with the small group and continued the same work as an independent consultant.

I've been working in the process improvement/CMM/CMMI field since 1999, and a self-employed consultant since 2002. This job has given me the opportunity to travel throughout the US and several countries, mostly China. Most of my US clients do business with Federal Agencies, including the DoD, and I have met several alumni working with these clients.

Our first son was born in 1990, and we adopted two sons in 1998. I stayed in the Navy Reserves and retired in 2003. We have recently moved from Baltimore to South Bethany Beach, DE.



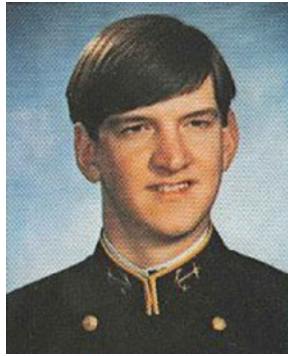
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After graduation, I became a Naval Flight Officer, flying the carrier-based S-3 Viking and decided to get out after 8 years, correctly figuring that the fall of the Berlin Wall would make the S-3 a Navy afterthought. After leaving active duty, I received my MBA from the University of San Diego and went to work for Patrick Development for 5 years before joining K. Hovnanian Homes in 1995 to help start up its San Diego operations as a project manager. I subsequently became the Southern California Coastal Area President for K. Hovnanian. I joined Barratt American Homes in 2006 as the San Diego Division President. I'm currently President of MirKa Investments, a tax credit affordable home developer. I took advantage of the early reserve retirement, arguably one of the best deals our class could take!



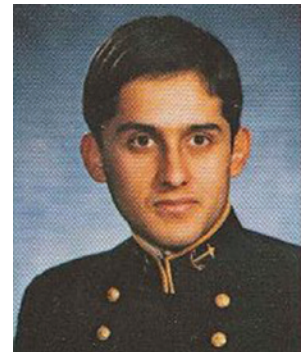
Bob and Georgia

I had three children with my first wife: Jimmy (33), Tommy (29), and Troy (26). I remarried 3 years ago to the amazing Georgia (from Rio de Janeiro) and live in San Diego. I have no complaints with my super blessed life post USNA!

Gallegos, Matt

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After graduation in 1981, I did a six-month temporary assignment at the Deep Submergence project in San Diego, shuttling between North Island and Ballast point. That was followed by Nuclear Power School in Orlando, prototype training in Ballston Spa then Surface Warfare School at Coronado. I reported to USS Truxtun (CGN-35) in April 1983, starting as an engineer in an extended refit at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and then returning to homeport at San Diego Naval Base. I left there after 26 months, sporting water wings and reported to the Navy Recruiting Command in San Francisco for more TAD. This was followed by a tour in the Reactor Department of the Carl Vinson (CVN-70) out of Alameda serving through multiple deployments. I left active duty in May 1987.



My civilian career began in June 1987. I worked for the same specialty chemical company for 31 years, filling various field sales roles in California, Hawaii, and British Columbia. The job entailed selling treatment programs and associated technology, hiring and training new representatives, managing profitability, etc. I took early retirement late in 2017 and have been a House Dad since then.

My lovely wife, Mary, and I have a son named Marco, born in 2004. We are fortunate to live in the San Francisco Bay Area where our families also reside. I am a longtime volunteer with the Scouts. Scouting programs have afforded me the opportunity to be a kid again and enjoy camping, backpacking, hiking, and some boating.

I have stayed in touch with friends from the Boat School over the years and see some periodically. It is always refreshing to talk with those lads and helps me to remember our Academy days fondly. The Navy afforded us a great opportunity to serve this great country and see the world. I think that truly matters.



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Gawboy, Brad

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I completed a sea tour aboard USS Henry Clay, SSBN-625, deployed out of Holy Loch, and finished my active-duty period as a recruiter in Dallas.

After my last boomer patrol, I looked up my old high school sweetheart, DeAnn, and the sparks were still there! We were married in 1987, and our first son, Robbie, was born in 1988! I affiliated with the Reserves and after a 2-year stint with J&J in Boston, and adding a daughter, Chelsea, we returned home to the Twin Cities. I started work at a nuke plant and joined a ConvoyCom reserve unit. We had two more kids, Allison and Zack, and have found ourselves homesteaded here for the last 30 years!



Brad and DeAnn

I've had fascinating experiences in the Reserves, parlayed the nuke experience into 30 years of energy management consulting that continues today, and saw our family thrive! I was the Naval Liaison Officer to Minnesota, supporting the Navy Dive Team that recovered the victims of the I-35W bridge collapse, and was assigned to the Secret Service Ops Center during the National Republican Convention held in St Paul in 2008. In 2011, I flew out to support US Forces Japan after the tsunami hit and resulted in the Fukushima-Daichi disaster, providing civilian nuclear plant expertise to USFJ staff, retiring from the Navy after my return from that duty.

I've been more active, but now focus on biking and swimming. Enjoying most water sports, I get on a sailboard whenever I can! Both boys are grads: Robbie, a Major in the Marines, now in the IRR; and LT Zack, a submariner, now on shore duty in HI. Zack married Anna, the youngest daughter of our classmate, Jim Rodrock! Chelsea and Allison, having traveled the globe and the US, and are now raising their families, giving us three grandkids!

Cheers!

Grabarek, Bob

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Hey, all! After graduation, I served aboard USS Dahlgren (DDG-43), Norfolk, as DCA and Navigator, then as Flag LT to Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. After leaving active duty in 1986, I served in the reserves until retirement after 20 as a CDR. I was recalled to active duty for a year at Military Sealift Command HQ for the Persian Gulf War (1990) (on the same day our third daughter was born!). I also served on the Navy Staff in the Pentagon.



Bob and Sue

I worked at NAVSEA HQ as a civilian and, at night, got a master's degree from VA Tech and my law degree from the University of Baltimore. I've been a patent attorney for 25 years and a partner in the international law firm Crowell & Moring in the Orange County, CA office. Never thought this Baltimore guy would ever end up in Southern California!

Sue and I have been married for 39 years, and have lived in Laguna Niguel, CA for the past 18. We have three daughters (Stephanie, Kelly, and Julie) and five grandsons! Kelly ('11) and Julie ('12) both graduated from the Air Force Academy. We had a great time with them at the Academy during their Zoomie days!

We spend our time mainly golfing (Sue a 17 handicap! and me an 11) and traveling to see family. We still have our Ravens season tickets and condo in Ocean City, MD. Somehow I came to be known as "Birdman" for wearing a Raven mask and drinking a few Coors Lights while tailgating! Kelly and Julie also got me into being really athletically active again (at age 56!), culminating in me becoming an "IRONMAN" by completing the Ironman Maryland triathlon (140.6 miles) in 2018! 15 hours, 32 minutes!

Been a great 40 years since, and looking forward to many more fun ones to come!

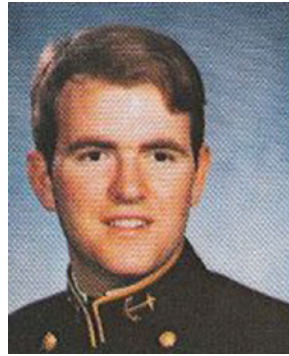
Bobby G.



Hardy, Charles

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After graduation and SWOS, I served on the USS Nashville out of Norfolk, then did a tour as a NGLO at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (where I met Josie and got married), then was assigned as Adjutant at the Louisville MEPS. Though I managed to sail weekly there, that was too far from the water. I resigned, went back to Maryland for a year, then returned to Saint Louis.



Charles and Josie

I worked at a number of Fortune 500 companies in IT, then wound up working special education, where I have been for 20 years. Most recently I was a long-term substitute in Electronics (which I knew pretty much, thanks to Wires) and Robotics (where I tried to keep one lesson ahead of the students). (My predecessor jumped ship when in-person classes resumed.)

Along the way, our son, Mark was born in Hawaii in 1986, and our daughter, Sarah, was born at Fort Knox in 1989. (They complain you never see the same doctor twice in military medicine, but the same doctor who delivered Mark at Tripler AMC delivered Sarah at Ireland ACMH.) Mark lives in Port Townsend, Washington, where he does computer work and sails on his J35; Sarah is a music teacher in town, as is her husband, Charles; I will be a grandfather in September. Josie managed to become an R.N. while raising our children, too; I don't know how she does it.

I still sail; would that I had inherited one of my dad's boats, but all I inherited was the dock (and the condo fees). I sail on a Precision 18 . . . the river is not as deep as it was when I was young, but what do they expect when the Army is in charge of the channel?

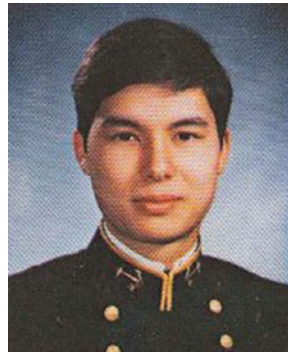
I love you all and hope to make it to the 45th reunion.

Hasegawa, Ralph

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Aloha,

I joined the Marines after graduation and thoroughly enjoyed myself for seven years. My fondest memories are serving with young Marines and Vietnam veterans, and I am very grateful to have spent time serving together. I wanted to see the world and left the Corps in 1988.



Ralph and father

After a couple years working in Florida, I returned home to Hawaii and joined UPS. When my cousin, who was my age, died unexpectedly in 2019, I reevaluated my life's priorities and decided 28 years were enough and I retired. I still keep in close contact with the wonderful friends I made at UPS.

I joined the Hawaii Army National Guard in 2008 after seeing the news from Iraq, and thought I could help. I like the concept of the citizen soldier; the challenge of problem solving at UPS, nights and weekends with family and hobbies and when needed, serving our state and country in the Guard. The synthesis of the three enriched my life, and I retired from the Guard this year.

I have two children and two grandchildren. With technology, we spend time together even though we live in separate states.

My father was USNA Class of '58. As his only child, we live together and look after each other. My mother passed in 2018, and they would have celebrated their 59th Anniversary in August.

I find myself searching for the unknown. I am in my 3rd week as a Freshman at the University of Hawaii, learning the Hawaiian language and culture. It's been a year since I began weekly violin and Italian language lessons. I have embraced the peace of watering the yard in the morning, the necessity of daily exercise and refusing a delicious hot dog to eat salad.

I reflect on all the lessons I learned and the meaningful relationships I had at USNA.... and I am very thankful. Ahui hou!

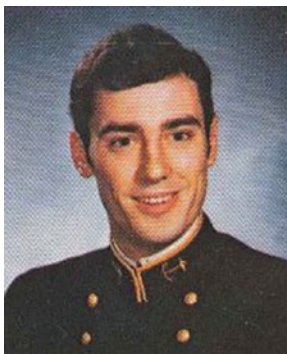


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Hogg, Neil

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After the Academy I wanted fun, challenges, and adventure, and I got plenty of it in Naval Aviation. I was lucky enough to get to fly helicopters, and the opportunities I got were worth the price of admission. My first flying tour was on an Amphib flying SAR. Just weeks before my first deployment I met Pamela, the love of my life. We were married in '85, and it has been a terrific partnership ever since.



My ship tour allowed me to get in on the ground floor of the SH-60B/LAMPS Mk III community – I wouldn't trade it for anything. Throughout deployments, moves, and even getting to the War College there was just the two of us (plus pets) until '97 and '99 when our son Graham and then his sister Isabel came along to complete our world. Now we live vicariously through their adventures, especially when it comes to running.

Somewhere along the way, the Navy, without checking my GPA (or Math grades), decided that my phenomenal flying skills would make me uniquely qualified to do budget and finance jobs for the Navy. My last few tours in uniform doing budgets translated into a career as a Navy civilian. Not the same challenge as flying, but just as rewarding. The real plus for the family has been 20+ years at the same address.

Not sure when it will be time for retirement, but with two in college and plenty to keep me busy between volunteer activities and my day job, it will happen someday. Truth be told, if I were under foot all day I'd probably drive Pam and our pets crazy.



Neil and Pam

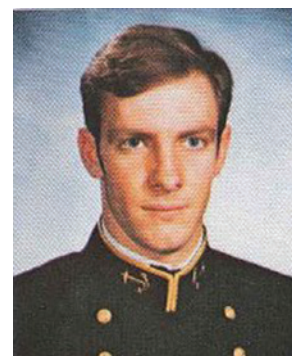
Hubbard, Hubs (James)

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I retired in 2009 as CO of Naval Air Facility El Centro, CA. My final flight in the Navy was a Blue Angel slot ride in the #4 jet for a full airshow practice over my airfield... Good fun! After the fastest recorded transition from active duty to retirement (whites to shorts, flip flops, and a beer in 48 secs), Diana (my then girlfriend, now wife) and I started sailing. We did a myriad of freelance deliveries and then worked full time as professional yacht crew, running private sailing yachts. The last one was *Azzura*, a 96' yacht that we had docked downtown Annapolis for the 35th reunion.

We've logged over 60,000 offshore miles with two transatlantics, including a three week stop in the Azores (If you haven't been, GO!). Transpacific trips included Panama Canal, Galapagos, Marquesas, Tuamotus, and Tahiti, as well as Bali to Darwin, Australia, across the north coast of Oz and down the inside of the Great Barrier Reef to Brisbane. We did five seasons between New England and the Caribbean on various private yachts, summering in Newport, Nantucket, and Maine, with winters throughout the Caribbean. Yes, we did charters; no, it's nothing like the TV series *Below Decks!*

In 2017, we retired from professional yachting and were dumb enough to buy our own boat. If anyone should be smart enough NOT to buy a boat, it's a former yacht captain! We sure miss the boss's credit card...for years we had not even paid for our own toothpaste, much less any boatyard bills or operating expenses! Our current boat/home is *Songline*, a 44' custom aluminum trawler. We own a vacation rental in the historic district of Savannah and a rental house in Pensacola. I have no kids that I know of and neither does Diana (though she's a bit more certain!).





Johnson, Kim

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After graduation, I headed to Pensacola and picked HS. I got married in 1983 to Ann while training in Jacksonville. I was on the Eisenhower when all the Marines were lost in Beirut. I went to Pax River to test the HH-60H and SH-60F. Then I was an instructor pilot at HS-10 at North Island. I completed my aviation department head back on the east coast and was lucky enough to be a CSAR pilot during the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1993 on the Roosevelt. Then I completed a tour at NAVAIR in Crystal City, Virginia. I transitioned to AEDO and was sent to Monterey for another master's.



Kim and Ann

I spent the next 20 years at the NRO headquarters in Virginia, first as Navy, then working for a large company, and finally as a civilian with the DoD. I took early retirement in 2018 as a civil servant and worked for a small company in the DC area.

We have three kids: Jennifer, born during our first tour in Florida and now a NP midwife; Christopher in Patuxent River, now a power plant engineer; Kyle in Jacksonville is in IT in NYC. Kyle just took a job with a start up in vertical farming in NYC. Our two oldest kids live in Colorado along with all three of our grandchildren. We moved to Colorado in late 2018, and I hung out my consulting shingle.

Ann was a speech pathologist during our Navy career, moving all over the US and working in the public schools. She spent her last 17 years in Fairfax County, Virginia, before finally retiring. We spend a lot of time with our grandkids, hiking, traveling, and playing golf.

I saw many classmates over the years in different places and look forward to catching up.

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I showed up to Mother B as a Petty Officer 3rd Class the day before I-Day. They weren't sure what to do with me, so they said, "Go get a room." I'm thinking, "Hey, this isn't so bad!" Then reality set in the next day. During the end of our 2nd Class year, a very kind Academic Board let me finish the four years, and rowing on the Severn got me through the four years. Our boat won the Second Varsity IRA Rowing Championship in June 1981.



Pat and family

As an infantry Marine, I attended The Basic School, Amphibious Warfare School, Command and Staff College, and Naval War College. I had the very good fortune to attend NPS in Monterey, earning a Master in Systems Technology degree. I was blessed to have commanded at the platoon level, company level in combat, and battalion level. My twilight tours were as Chief of Staff at I MEF and MARCENT. I retired in 2011 after 33 years of active service.

After the Corps, we settled in Tampa for a bit. I owned a home renovation business there, Warriors at Work, Inc. In 2016, I was asked to help build the Ark Encounter, the full-sized Noah's Ark in Williamstown, KY, and I currently head the volunteer program there. I'm also on the Advisory Committee for Patriots Landing, a northern KY faith-based veterans healing center which will open in 2022. Our veteran-made products include the burial flag cases sold at Arlington National Cemetery.

I met Barbara (CDR, USN (Ret.)) at Monterey. I have six children - three wonderful girls with Barb: Samantha is married and lives outside Lexington, KY; Hannah attends college and lives at home; and Abby started at the Citadel the fall of 2021. The three older kids live in AZ, MO, and VA...all productive citizens.



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Lawrence, Joe

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Drawn by the glamour of serving as a Navy jet pilot, studying naval architecture, and starting a life that would keep me close to the coast, my goal as a youth was to enter the Naval Academy.

My dream came true, except for the flying bit. God, with the help of Admiral Rickover, had other plans. So, I became a nuclear submarine officer and moved to San Diego after marrying my lovely bride, Néia, who I had met as an exchange student in Brazil.

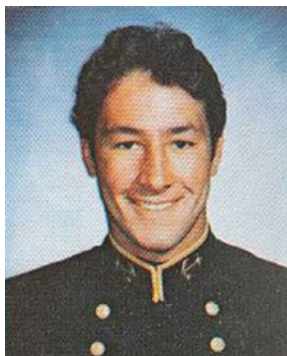
After serving on two attack submarines (USS Pollack, USS Drum) I joined the Reserves and fulfilled my dream of becoming a naval architect.

After the Cold War ended, I lost the naval architecture job and set my sights on a small San Diego company called Qualcomm. But they wouldn't hire me with "zero" wireless experience. So, God intervened again and DIRECTV hired me to launch their service across Latin America. That was enough to get me into Qualcomm. I introduced wireless communications across the globe and was instrumental in creating the first iPhone.

I have led engineering, manufacturing, software development, sales, marketing, customer care and business development efforts within the defense, IT, entertainment, mobile, IoT, cloud, big data, cybersecurity, machine learning and autonomous vehicle industries. As a pioneer, I helped disrupt and transform the world.

Yet, my biggest accomplishment was marrying the right woman 38 years ago and raising four beautiful children. My daughter, Tatiana, is a stay-at-home mother who is joyfully raising my grandchildren. My two older sons, Adrian and Darius, will serve others as Catholic priests. And, my youngest son, Troy, who discerned the priesthood wasn't his calling, will graduate from Stanford with a bachelor and master's degree in electrical engineering and computer science.

I served the country for 25 years and retired as a captain. Throughout my journey, I give the glory to God.



Joe and Néia

Love, Jamie

Deceased 12/19/90 Bio submitted by Pete Sciabarra

Jamie Love was a stellar athlete, midshipman, and one of our most well-liked classmates in the Brigade. After leaving the Academy in the Spring of '81, Jamie finished his degree at Towson State University and then entered naval aviation through the AOCS program. Jamie received his commission and earned his Wings of Gold as a helicopter pilot in September 1983.

He had successful tours at HC-8 in Norfolk and as an FRS Instructor at HC-3 at North Island, CA before being assigned to the Air Department on USS Tripoli. Flying Search and Rescue off Tripoli, Jamie was sadly lost at sea on December 19, 1990 and was one of the first casualties of Desert Storm.

Jamie is best remembered as a dedicated and loving husband to Cindy and a terrific father to his three young children, Erin, Matthew, and Bethany...this was truly Jamie's pride and joy. His amazing wife Cindy and three little children were sadly deprived of a lifetime with such an amazing and dedicated husband and father. Jamie's three children have carried on his legacy throughout their lives. Erin is currently a speech therapist and the mother of Evelyn, Jamie, and Audrey. Matthew earned his PhD in bio engineering and is the father of Owen. Bethany is an Art teacher and the mother of Lillian and Avery.

Jamie is remembered every year by his high school, Archbishop Spalding in Severn, Maryland with an annual golf tournament which provides a scholarship to a deserving student who has similar characteristics to Jamie. He is remembered and cheered by his squadron and shipmates countless times every year.

From Pete Sciabarra, who submitted the bio for Jamie:

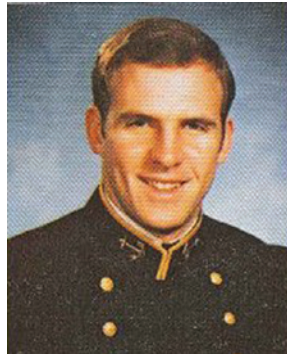
I had the pleasure to serve with Jamie in both our squadron tours in Norfolk and San Diego. And, sadly I was probably the last classmate to speak with him as he had just landed on my ship (I was Air Boss on Vancouver, LPD-2) for fuel before being recalled back to the Tripoli due to worsening weather. The SAR helicopter is always the last to recover and the aircraft was lost in prohibitive weather that kept them from safely recovering onboard. We had a great chat on the "backdoor radio" and were looking forward to a few days upcoming in the PI before we made our final push to the Gulf.

A truly great guy, squadronmate, and classmate.



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Two weeks after graduation, Cheryl and I got married and, following a short stint doing some home-town recruiting for the Navy, we headed off to Pensacola, Florida for flight school. After P-cola we headed to Corpus Christi, Texas to finish up flight school and get winged. I selected for the P-3 Orion, and we began serving in a variety of east coast squadrons. In addition to P-3 squadron tours, I also served aboard USS America (CV-66), including participation in Operation DESERT STORM.



James

In a push to continue my “academic prowess” cultivated at USNA, I achieved my Masters from U.S. Naval War College. After my obligatory Joint Duty assignment to U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida I was fortunate to be selected for aviation squadron command. There I was privileged to serve in the “front office” with classmate, friend/brother Jaime Navarro – definitely the highlight of my career. Following a couple of staff tours, I returned to the Naval War College and, shortly after starting as a military professor, I was chosen to serve as the Dean of Students, which I did up until my military retirement in 2008. I continue to serve the Navy in a civilian position as a Professor of Maritime Operations; beginning as an Associate Professor, I earned tenure and promotion to Professor.

Cheryl and I live in Rhode Island. We are the proud parents of two daughters, Erin and Robin and the honored grandparents of two grandchildren. We are lucky to remain in touch with many classmates and look forward to continued opportunities for that to endure and expand.

Pierse, John

Terri and I have been married for 38 years. We are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters and recently grandparents to a beautiful little girl.

During my time in the service, we were stationed at various bases along the east coast. I retired from the Submarine Force after 20 years. After retiring from the Navy, I took a position at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. We currently reside in Connecticut within driving distance of our daughters and granddaughter.

We enjoy traveling and listening to live music at different venues. I am still trying to convince Terri to sail with me on our sailboat.



John and Terri



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Schanuel, Mark

In the words of our beloved and departed Heinz Lenz, "Good morning, '81!"

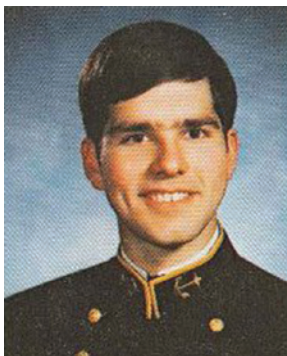
I successfully transitioned to civilian life after eight years of active duty as a P-3B Navigator, Tactical Coordinator, and Mission Commander during the tail end of the Cold War in VP-22. My final assignment was as a CNO briefer at OPNAV in the Pentagon.

While at the Pentagon I received an MBA, focusing on financial management and information systems from Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia. I firmly believe after studying at USNA, everything else was easy.

I'm still active in the workforce. The last 30 years have seen me in a series of consulting assignments, focusing on program management and large information systems used in the Federal Government.

Personal highlights include celebrating my 25-year anniversary, four children, five grandchildren, and successfully running three Marine Corps Marathons.

I miss you all and think of the good times at USNA all the time.



Mark and Luisa

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After leaving "Mother B," I spent 20 years in the Marine Corps flying CH-53 of various types/models for USMC/USN/USAF. After retirement, I spent 14 years following my lovely wife, Rhonda, USAF COL (Ret.), around the US. I had fun reinventing myself numerous times as I got to play the role of a spouse. Rhonda had an outstanding career as an AF Logistics Officer, and I was honored to be there at her side through her numerous commands.

For the past 20 years after retiring from the Marine Corps, I made a living as a Software Salesman, High School JROTC instructor, USAF Maintenance Test Pilot, EMS Pilot, Senior Operational Test and Evaluator for the SH-60 Program, program analyst for the F-35 program, and finished my last 11 years working for HQMC PP&O as a Program Manager in the Readiness Branch.

Rhonda and I both retired in July 2020 and moved to Orlando, FL. Orlando is only a place we call "home base." We have been traveling all over this beautiful country and the world via planes, trains, cars, and boats to Iceland, Europe, and the Far East and plan to continue to travel the rest of the world until we either run out of health or money. Thankfully we are both in excellent health, so it may be the money, but what the hell, you can't take it with you! Through it all, Rhonda and I raised three outstanding adults, twin daughters Alicia and Amanda are Physical Therapists and our son Lawrence is a Personal Trainer. We have been blessed with two grandchildren to date, Tyson 10 and Claribel 7 months. We wish everyone much happiness and good health in the next 40 years!



Al and Rhonda



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My first ten years after graduation was as an aviator in Marine Observation Squadron-1 at New River, North Carolina. I married Peggy in 1981, and we had three kids during this time. I flew OV-10 Broncos in Desert Storm. In 1993, I became the “peace dividend,” left the Marine Corps and joined a consulting company. I spent the next ten years bouncing around different consulting companies in different areas of the country.



Mark and family

In 2003, I was re-commissioned in the Marine Corps Reserve as a Major. I served with 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines in St. Louis, MO as a Forward Air Controller and then as the Battalion Executive Officer. The battalion was activated and did a seven-month deployment to Iraq in 2004. I was promoted to LtCol and picked up various reserve billets. I got orders to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan and was stationed there for five and a half years, until I retired from active duty in 2012.

Since retiring, we have lived in Swansboro, NC. I work as a consultant supporting the Marine Corps. So, I get to run my mouth and every now and then the Marines listen to me.

My kids have done well. Matthew is a KC-130J aviator and has two kids. Melanie was a Surface Warfare Officer and now works at UNC Wilmington. She has one son. Martha was a Fire Controlman and is currently stationed on Okinawa with her husband and has a son on the way.

Life is good.

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After riding submarines for a few years and then fixing submarines for a significant number of years more, I can look back and honestly say that I actually enjoyed all my jobs in the Navy. Each was froth with difficulties and setbacks, but I really had fun. I survived being told by a Commanding Officer that there are 24 hours in a day and that I should feel free to use them all. I have started and completed a submarine overhaul from the nuclear-end, and I have closed a shipyard from the IT side of things. I met some terrific people that were doing impossible jobs in impossible situations, but they did them and they did them well. Of course, they did not get the credit they deserved. But that is life, and we grow a little each time we overcome the setbacks and work through the difficulties.



Chris and Joni

All does not revolve around the Navy though. I managed to avoid DC while in the Navy but screwed up and got a civilian job doing network security in, of all places, DC. Internet/Network security has been an interesting career. I have been all over the country doing security work at various offices, primarily government sites. Security people are in high demand, so I was kept busy.

Through the years my beautiful wife Joni and I managed to have four kids. We must have done something right; one is a doctor, one is a Bay Pilot, and two are in the Navy. All have excelled and surpassed even my wildest hopes and dreams for their futures. I could not be prouder of my past and my legacy. Now it is just my wife and three fur-babies left. We are arguing over where we should retire, I think the three fur-babies will follow our lead.



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Wood, Robert

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As you may recall, I left the USNA at the start of our junior year. I transferred to Georgia Tech, where I earned a BEE and MSEE before entering the workplace. While at Georgia Tech, I met and married my wife, Gina (June 1981).

After graduation(s), I took a job at Harris Corporation in Palm Bay, FL, working defense communications jobs. After about 3 years there, I took a job at Martin Marietta in Orlando, FL working in image processing hardware development, developing unique parallel processor technology. Most of the projects were done for DARPA or the DoD, but some were internal research, focused on technology discriminators. I developed both hardware and software designs.

Along the way, we had two children: Nicholas and Ashley. Both have completed college and are doing well. Martin Marietta merged with Lockheed and became Lockheed Martin. I became focused on development of larger-scale image processing systems for government agencies like the FBI and others. I retired from Lockheed Martin in 2019, having spent 33 years at the company, although my career there was not continuous.

About mid-way through that career, I worked for a start-up company named Teranex as VP of Engineering, which developed parallel processing technology for the Video Post-Production and Broadcast industry. While there, we won an Emmy Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (2007) for a product we sold. Currently I am working with a small group of engineers attempting to create a new start-up company developing products for media professionals in the Video Broadcast industry (again).



Robert and Gina



Uniform Display circa 1977

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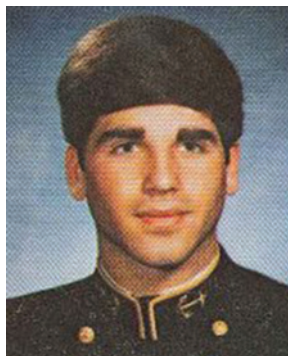


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Adamshick, Mark

Deceased 11/25/2018. Submitted by Paul Hankins

Mark Adamshick was taken from us much too soon in 2018. In his time with us, Mark lived a fantastic life and raised a tremendous family. To his Academy brethren, he was always Marko. Driven and never satisfied, Marko excelled at everything. His generous heart was matched by an indelible sense of humor, forever concerned about others yet always remembering to laugh “in these trying times...”



Mark

‘Shaker’ became an NFO and TPS graduate, accumulating over 3000 flight hours in 25 different aircraft. A TOPGUN graduate with over 1000 carrier landings, he flew over 100 combat missions over Libya, Iraq, Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia. He commanded VF-213 and VFA-122 (F-14D and F-18E/F squadrons) and was OPS aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt. In Washington, he served as the deputy flag officer assignment officer and the head aviation warfare policy officer. With his Master in Public Administration (Harvard Kennedy School of Government) and his Ph.D. (UofM School of Public Policy), his career culminated in leading USNA’s Division of Leadership Education and Development from 2007 to 2011. Retiring in 2011, he focused on the moral dimensions of personnel serving in public and private organizations.

Throughout his life, Mark never forgot the good in searching for greatness. He led with humility and a genuine concern for others. Although his luminescence is missed, he left a legacy of leaders he taught and mentored. He dedicated the best years of his life serving his country while sharing knowledge and wisdom on the values and virtues of morals, ethics, and character.

Mark’s most enduring gifts will always be his three children – Joe, Henry, and Gabrielle, born of the 40 year love story between Mark and Stephanie. Their three incredible children now take their own unique talents into the world born on the wings provided by their loving Dad.

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I went into nuclear submarines. It was probably the best choice for me, all things considered, but I really don’t think I would have chosen subs had Admiral Lawrence not told us that’s where the country needed us. Then and now, I consider myself a patriot. I stayed in the Navy until December of ’89. It was a tough decision to



Dave and family

get out. The Navy seemed to be such a “sure thing” (although that was about to change), but I decided to try “something else”, not really knowing what that would be.

After a brief stint as a defense contractor, I started graduate school in mathematics to see where that might lead. I also began to consider becoming a Benedictine monk (I had become Catholic shortly after graduation). The monastery wanted me to go ahead and enter religious life, and leave my future education to their discernment. I respected their views, but I really wanted to finish that Ph.D., so I stayed at Vanderbilt.

Later, while still in graduate school, I met Pamela, and we got married. Meanwhile, we have 5 daughters – one of whom we adopted. I have taught math at Franciscan University of Steubenville (the finest Catholic college in America) for 23 years. It’s been a great job, but I’m hoping to retire from it “sooner rather than later”, and I look forward to what might come next.



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I was one of the class who Rickover yelled at and threw out of his office, but still chose for nuke subs. Married Charlene a month after graduation. She was from my hometown, and we courted since Christmas of Plebe year. After a delightful TAD teaching sailing and generally messing about in boats, we started the pipeline and ended up in Charleston on a boomer. Soon after we changed homeports to Norfolk for reactor refueling. After riding a fast boat on a northern run for quals, I went back to the Yards and then shore duty as a Sub Tactics Instructor at Fleet ASW in NORVA.



Matt and Charlene

A kidney stone facilitated a career change and I took a civilian job as the County Engineer in a small county in VA. Enjoyed the work, but not the small town pay, so shifted to MD to work at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (along with dozens of other Academy grads). Worked at CCNPP seven years and continued as a Reservist supporting COMSUBLANT. Got a lot of satisfaction working NATO exercises and supporting the OPCONCTR.

Wrangled a recall to active duty to teach at USNA for a few years, and then got invited to stay as a Permanent Military Professor. Wound up teaching Mech E there for 22 years...and retired in the midst of Covid in 2020.

Charlene and I are blessed with three adult children. Rebecca is a USNA Physics Dept lab tech. Rachel married Jeff (USNA '06), a surface nuke on the newcon JFK. They gave us three grandkids and live in Tidewater. Aaron (USNA '11) went subs and is married to Hilary. They have our other two grandchildren and live near us in Maryland.

Charlene works for the Chaplain Center on the Yard, and I am working for a forensic engineering outfit in Annapolis for my retirement job. We live on Kent Island and still enjoy messing about in boats.

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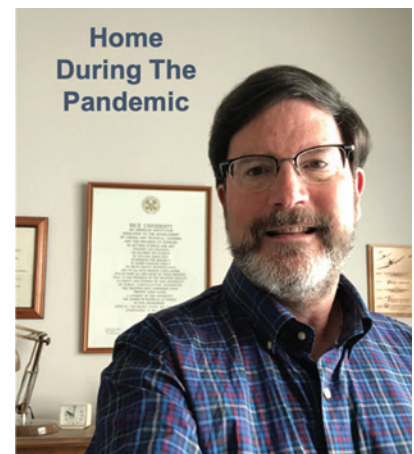
Some children pursue their youthful dreams and navigate straight to their target. They become soldiers or astronauts or, better yet, naval officers. Many of us just play the hands dealt us. I was fortunate in the draw, but my cards have led me all over the map.

So now, 40 years in a few words. Youngster year, after contracting pneumonia, I was told I would be released for having asthma. Needing a new home, I made plans to transfer to Rice University, before later learning I wasn't to be released after all! Despite the reprieve, after a semester of uncertainty, I proceeded along the course I had plotted to Texas.

I graduated from Rice with a degree in Civil (Structural) Engineering. I initially worked for the engineering firm that had designed the Astrodome, the "8th man-made wonder" when it was new. I subsequently earned an Engineering Master's (Rice) and MBA (TCU).

After my second engineering degree, I accepted a job at LTV Aerospace in Dallas, where I worked until retirement in 2014. I lived in Dallas, Hartford, Savannah, Seattle (3 times), Long Beach (CA), Montreal, Tel Aviv, and Brazil supporting airplane development programs. I worked with suppliers in many other countries as well. My business travel fed my personal interests in history and international affairs. In retirement, I especially enjoy traveling in planes (777, 787, etc.) I helped design. I have visited 73 countries, but there are still many places I seek to experience and things I want to learn.

I have always valued my two Academy years and the people I met there. Since leaving, I have challenged and annoyed many teammates by comparing them to my great Navy classmates. Cheers to 30th Company, and fair seas to all of 1981.



Tim



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Gallet, Mike

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It's hard to believe (and a bit alarming) that 40 years have gone by so fast! Following graduation, I followed the SWO/ED Option path and spent the next 20 years fortunate enough to love every job I had. The greatest take-away from my Navy career was the opportunity of working with some fantastic people and making so many great friends along the way. At the 20 year point, I signed on with Gryphon Technologies, then a small defense contractor, and spent another 20 years doing a lot of the same things I did in uniform, making more friends and being amazed at how fast another 20 years flew by.



Mike and Sandy

In 2016, my wife Sandy and I moved to our "retirement home" on a lake in central Virginia. We wanted a home our four kids and six grandkids would want to come visit and haven't been disappointed. I'm still working, but mostly from home and have been able to ramp down to working only part time, focusing on long walks with the dog, reading books and napping with the cat, and trying to find my golf game.

I'm lucky enough to see a number of my company-mates on a fairly regular basis, taking in an occasional Nationals, Capitals, Wizards, or Redskins/Washington Football Team game. I won't embarrass them by naming names, but I love them all and our times together mean a lot to me.

Pre-COVID, Sandy and I enjoyed traveling, mostly to a beach somewhere in the Caribbean, an annual Vegas trip with good friends or to California, Colorado, Maryland, or Norfolk to see our kids and grandkids. Life is good!

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In Dec '81, I embarked on a 9-year SWO 'career', the best part of which was being married to Holly – a marriage still going strong after 38 years. Those SWO years were mostly at sea, but in that time we had two sons, Keith and Ian.

I decided to hang up the pursuit of deployments by jumping into the civilian world in 1990. I got recalled for Desert Storm, but that too was OK, since Annie was born on the Navy's dime in 1991. Working several years as a Navy civilian on salvage and oil spill response jobs kept me on the road, so in 1998 the clan headed to Alaska to enjoy the wilds of the north sans travel, where I built a log house, a prerequisite for those long Alaskan winters.



Paul and Holly

Four years in came another Navy recall after 9/11. A job offer at the fledgling DHS brought us back to DC where I tripped into an SES job for a couple years. Missing the salvage world, in 2005 I set my sights on building a joint venture between two established salvage companies. I spent the next 15 years conducting marine salvage all over the world. In between those trips (see "I left the Navy so I wouldn't have to leave home" section), I had the privilege of enjoying three kids growing into fantastic humans. Oh yeah, and in this period (2007) I finally retired from the "you'll never get activated" Reserves.

In 2020, in the midst of COVID chaos, I decided to put a damper on the traveling (again) and accepted a job back at Navy's salvage group at NAVSEA, content to tell OTHER people when and where to travel. Holly and I continue to reside in Annapolis and always offer a room to other wayward travelers.



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I think most of us would say that the past 40 years have gone by too quickly. All in all, I would say that they have been good years. After graduation, I married my wife, Heidi, and we moved into a carriage house apartment in Portsmouth, RI. I was stashed at NAPS for six months, then attended SWOS basic.



Doug and Heidi

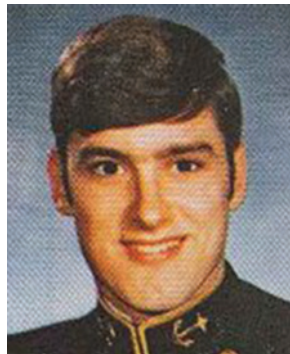
Moving to Long Beach, CA, I was the Ordnance Officer on USS Reid (FFG-30). After Reid, I went to PG school, graduating in 1987. I was an Ops Officer on USS Hepburn (FF-1055), 1st LT on USS Vancouver (LPD-2), and XO on USS Fort McHenry (LSD-43). I had staff tours at PHIBGRU 3 and Pacific Fleet, led a Navy Military Transition Team, and rounded out my career as OIC of Center for Personal and Professional Development (Det. West), retiring as a Commander in October, 1988. After retirement, I worked as a Booz Allen contractor at SURFPAC and SPAWAR, then as a Sayre and Associates contractor at the Surface and Mine Warfighting Development Center.

I've been married to Heidi for just over 40 years (surprised she let me live this long). She is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church and serves as Clinical Chaplain at Sharp Hospital. She is currently working on her 2nd Master's Degree, this time in Marriage and Family Therapy.

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After graduation, I attended SWOS in San Diego and then spent the next five years on sea duty in the SURFPAC area of operation, first on USS Downes (FF-1070) and then on USS Leftwich (DD-984). You know you're getting old when the ships you've served on have long since been decommissioned. After leaving active duty, I spent the next 19 years in the reserves as an Engineering Duty Officer in six different units, retiring as a Captain in 2005.



Rich at daughter's wedding

Between my two sea tours, I wed Dorin, my high school sweetheart, and we've been happily married for the last 37 years. Our daughter, Antonia, was born in 1992 and is now a successful pediatrician. She married Doug, another doctor, in 2020, so now we have two doctors (and finally another male) in the family.

After leaving active duty, I returned home to the Cleveland area and started my career in manufacturing and supply chain, working in various positions for three different companies. I am currently the Director of Customer Operations for the US subsidiary of Demag Cranes & Components, an international manufacturer of overhead cranes, hoists, and light lifting systems, and have been with the company for 21 years.

As a native Clevelander, I'm a lifelong fan of the Browns and Tribe (soon to be Guardians) and I also follow the Cavaliers, all things Navy (of course), and Georgetown Hoyas basketball (Antonia is class of 2014). Besides sports, my other pastimes include travel, reading (mainly historical non-fiction), exercise walking, and the occasional wine and bourbon tastings. Looking forward to retirement in the next few years which will give us more time to take up golf.

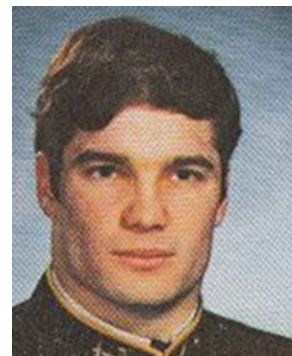


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Kronzer, Mike

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Following graduation, I married my wife, Pam, and enjoyed my first assignment outside of Bancroft Hall coaching Navy 150lb football, now called Sprint Football with classmates Mike Dolan and Kevin Tolbert. I reported to NAS Pensacola the following January, earning NFO flight wings then checked into VF-171 NAS Oceana, VA. I was assigned to VF-151 aboard USS Midway in April 1984 and spent two years in Atsugi, Japan. I returned to the Academy in 1986 with two daughters in tow and was assigned to the Seamanship and Navigation Department, teaching Air Nav and Sea Nav. I returned to coaching Sprint Football and earned a master's degree. In 1989, I reported to USS Abraham Lincoln with the Air Department.



I left active duty for the reserves in 1990, heading for Michigan, starting a career in automotive test and design, first with Ford Motor in Dearborn, MI working on the SN-95 Mustang program then moved over to GM. I spent most of the next 18 years in and around the Detroit area. While I was working for GM, our division was spun off and became Delphi Automotive. Delphi Automotive sent me to Newark, Delaware as a Quality Engineer. After 18 years in the automotive world, I left to join our classmate Bob Murtha's company in 2008, working with the Army in Bio/Chemical CBRN defense providing engineering and design services.

Along the way, our family grew to include three children and seven grandchildren. My wife and I currently reside in Annapolis, spending our free time playing pickle-ball and traveling to visit our oldest daughter, son-in-law, and four kids in Canton, MI, daughter, son-in-law, and three kids in Wilson, NC, and son and daughter-in-law in Alexandra, VA.

Morgan, Pete

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The last 40 years has been "Mister Toad's Wild Ride!" After graduation I pursued my love of Naval Aviation and earned my "Wings" as a helo pilot. I had multiple tours flying the H-46 and UH-1N, got an MS in Oceanography and Meteorology from NPS Monterey, got sucked into the DC vortex for a four-year Pentagon tour, escaping briefly for two years on the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) then back to the Pentagon.



Pete and Suzanne

Suffering "puzzle palace burn out," I retired to pursue entrepreneurship – so I bought a Schlotzsky's Deli franchise, attended Schlotzsky's University, and opened a store in Pensacola. After 3.5 years owning a top Schlotzsky's in the country, Hurricane Ivan took it out. Not loving 80-90 hour weeks, I decided to pursue real estate, which I have done for the last 16 years.

During the downturn in real estate, I was a project manager for a disaster recovery company which included Hurricane Ike Houston cleanup and Superstorm Sandy dredging ops. In 2017, my wife and I started a small business, Service Matters Realty and Property Management, which we operate today— and there is no better place to do real estate than in the "Cradle of Naval Aviation!"

To the best part! First and foremost, I give all glory and thanks to Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord! Without His blessings I would not be here. Second, my loving family: Suzanne, my wife-partner and love of my life who I met and married a decade ago; our combined family – three sons (two who served – one Navy, one Air Force) and two daughters and now four grandkids. Truly the best part of life - Grandparent!

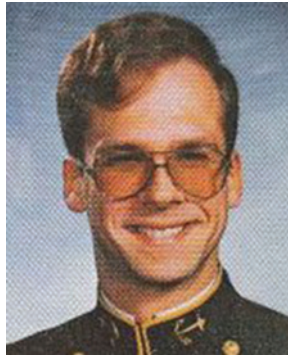
So "cheers"— here's to a wonderful 40 years – I would do it all again – no regrets!!



Schacht, Nick

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After graduation, I joined the Supply Corps and spent five years on the staff of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, headed by ADM Kinnaird R. McKee. I was medically retired in 1987 (Type 1 diabetes) and went to my “transition job” at the Logistics Management Institute. A couple of years later I joined a small corporate training company and since then have spent my entire career in learning and development. I’ve led companies providing training in project management, information technology, cybersecurity and petroleum engineering, among other topics.



Nick

Having spent 20 years as President or CEO of different companies, I’m relieved not to be the lead dog on the sled but contributing as a member of the executive team for the Society for Human Resource Management, where we’re focusing on creating better workplaces. I still get to travel, and I relish the potential to make a difference in the future of work.

Twice married, I have four children ranging in age from 38 to 21. All live near me in the Washington DC area, although my youngest is just about to enter her senior year at NYU – good opportunities to visit New York City. I have four grandchildren.

I’ve enjoyed exploring creative pursuits as well. A lifelong musician, I’ve been privileged to sing with a men’s chorus in DC where I’ve been part of recording a number of albums and have also had the challenge/good fortune to be able to perform a couple of solos on stage at the Kennedy Center. My guitar is a regular companion. Over the years I’ve been able to take glass-blowing and pottery classes and find physical creativity to be a solid antidote for the daily grind.

Here’s to the next 40!

Tettelbach, Fred

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Forty years went so fast! In 1990, I met Karen Sneath, a Navy JAG from Lancaster, PA, in McMurdo, Antarctica of all places, and we married in 1993. We’ve lived in Loudoun County, VA since 2002 (long commutes) with our two sons, both now graduated from Virginia Tech (NROTC scholarships) and Naval Aviation candidates. Jackson (born 1996) is in the P-8 pipeline at Corpus Christi, TX. Hunter (born 1998) just started Flight Training in Pensacola, FL.



Fred and family

I did a 30-year career as a Navy Oceanographer, highlighted as Superintendent of the US Naval Observatory and its awesome DoD mission in Astrometry, Earth Orientation, and Precise Time. My final active-duty years were with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) as Chief for Maritime Navigation Charts/Services, then deployed as Commander, NGA Task Force – Iraq, based out of Camp Slayer. I was hired back as a government civilian at NGA, initially as a Director on NGA Operations Center 24/7 watch, then Chief of Military Products Division (Bathymetry & Submarine Navigation) until selected to the Defense Intelligence Senior Level (DISL) in 2018 and appointed Chief of NGA Support Team to Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and Naval Oceanographic Office, directing embedded imagery/geospatial analytic support.

Karen and I enjoy travel, and toured Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands in 2019, completing all 7 continents for me. We’ve also toured England, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Greece and many parts of the US over recent years, and I got to dive the Great Barrier Reef on an NGA trip. I coached both sons in Little League (maybe why they switched to wrestling and hockey), and was a Scout leader with High Adventure trips to Philmont, Sea Base and Northern Tier, although our favorite was backpacking in Alaska. Picture (Jackson, Karen, Hunter & me) at Glacier National Park 2019.

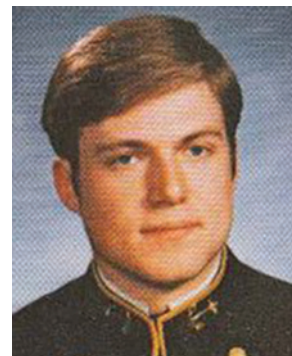


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Theiss, John (JT)

I am in my 33rd year with Delta, switching in this last year from Boeing's to the Airbus 330.

Going on 14 years now with my beautiful wife, Deena, and proud father to six children, and have four grandchildren and another on the way! Grateful to Jesus for grabbing hold of me at 33 years old, and my life has never been the same since. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.



Thomas, Scott

Deceased 5/11/80. Bio submitted by Bubba Turman

It all started in the summer of 1977 when 30th Company had the pleasure of meeting one of the most unique individuals we had ever met. Scott was a mixture of brains, a subtle but hammer-like sense of humor, and a quiet confidence that seemed to exceed his years. Scott did not have much in common with his classmates; he was very smart, most of the rest of us, not so much. However, if you shared his likes in Rock 'n Roll, he would dumb himself down to our level. Back in those days, that's all you needed to form a friendship, meeting someone who had the good sense to like your kind of music.



Scott with classmates

Then in the summer of 1978, the Thomas family invaded Annapolis and all of us survivors of Plebe Year were introduced to the nicest parents and craziest daughters/sisters one son/brother could ever have. We knew right then that we should stay clear of this group because they were nothing but trouble. However, like a moth drawn to a light, we lost all control and flew right into the mayhem of this unique family and we got zapped.

The summer of 1980 brought tremendous sorrow. When we lost Scott, we didn't just lose a friend who was an outstanding student and midshipman, we lost the potential of someone who would have been one of finest Naval Officers to serve our nation. We have no doubt that Scott would have been in the forefront of significant changes to the US Navy. Captain "Buzz" and Mrs. Adele Thomas are no longer with us, but those crazy sisters are, so the craziness continues.



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Turman, Robert (Bubba)

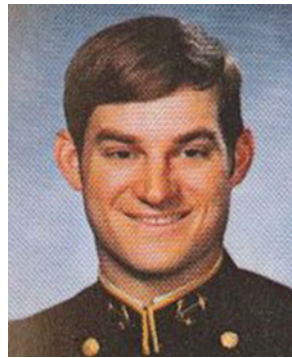
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After seventeen years of flying H-53 Sea Stallions and Hueys, the Navy informed me my services were no longer required. I added the two years as a Combat Yeoman to the one year as a NAPSTER and retired with 20 in January 1999.

It was time to put that Physical Science degree to work. I joined a company known as Coleman Research and worked as a Rocket Scientist with the Missile Defense Agency from 2000 to 2009. After tiring of missile intercepts and misses, I found my way into the world of submarines. I was hired by Stanley Associates to be a Nuclear Engineer designing the COLUMBIA Class strategic deterrent submarine. I did ride the Ulysses S. Grant (SSBN-631) for one day as a midshipman back in 1979; doesn't that make me an expert? I am still employed with Stanley; however, it is CGI Federal now, and am looking forward to watching the submarine come together.

My OAO (Carol Elaine) and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary in December 2021. It's hard to believe she stuck with me all these years, but I am eternally grateful she did. Carol and I love spending time with our son Rob, his wife Caity, and their two wild kids Odin and Augustus. I would be amiss if I didn't mention that Carol and I sponsored somewhere around 100 midshipmen from 1997 to our last middies graduating in 2022. Over two decades of trips to BWI, hundreds of meals and keeping up with midshipmen jargon.

Wrapping up, all I can say is I got to fly helos, launch missiles, and design submarines, but the whole time I was and always will be a better than average Navy Yeoman who was fortunate enough to be a member of the great Class of 1981!



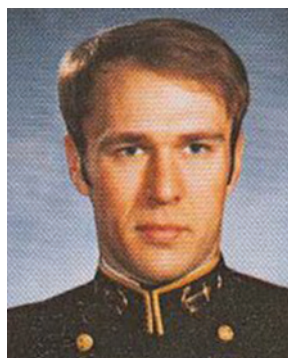
Bubba and Carol

Vranicar, Russ

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After graduation it was off to Nuke School in Orlando and NY. I married Cheryl in Bismarck, ND, (it was January and actually above zero) before being sent off to join the USS Nimitz in the Med. Two years later, it was on to an FFG out of Charleston for my SWO quals. With another sea tour in sight, I decided to pull the plug on active duty but stayed in reserves.

I was fortunate to land a great job at Charleston Naval Shipyard, working on two former SSBNs now the Moored Training Ships at the Weapons Station. We managed to have two amazing kids, Trevor and Kristin, and life was good on the intracoastal waterway south of Charleston. BRAC '93 forced a move to Ohio, opting for a job with the Energy Department at a uranium plant, followed by three years in Tennessee, helping with the closure and demolition of the K-25 complex. Retiring from DOE, I did a little contract work at the centrifuge plant in Ohio.



Russ and Cheryl

In 2015, we bought a vacant lot in Jacksonville, FL and had the house built in 2017, where we are now. Boating, kayaking, dancing, and traveling keep us busy.

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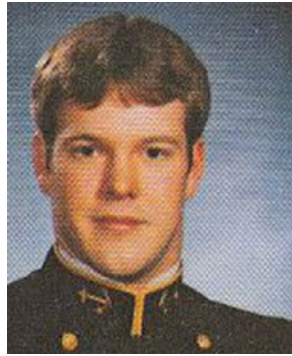




Bowman, Keith

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I married my high school sweetheart, Linda, shortly after graduation. We have two daughters and a son, Jacob (Class of 2010).



Keith and family

I served on four submarines and a battle group staff embarked on an aircraft carrier, seeing plenty of sea time along the way. Our most remarkable assignment was an exchange tour with the Australian Navy in Perth. My final assignment was at the NROTC Unit at Carnegie-Mellon, in our hometown area of Pittsburgh.

After singing at USNA, I continued choral singing with three symphony orchestra choruses in Kansas City, Perth, and Charleston. Following retirement, I taught high school physics and coached middle school football at an independent school in Charleston, SC, where we continue to live. We love to travel internationally, but domestic travel to visit grandchildren has become an even greater passion.

Carty, Dave

Deceased 3/22/08. Bio submitted by Frank Williams

Upon graduation, Dave entered the nuclear power program, for ultimate assignment aboard USS Lipscomb (SSN-685). He served in a variety of division officer jobs during his 3+ year tour and qualified in submarines. Dave left the Navy in 1986 to embark upon a career in the steel industry, beginning with a production position at Lukens Steel



Dave and classmates

Company in Coatesville, PA - the company, Dave proudly noted, that supplied the Navy with the HY-80 steel used to manufacture our submarines' pressure hulls. Dave did well in the ever-consolidating steel business, rising through various managerial positions at Lukens and its successor companies, moving beyond Coatesville first to Chicago and ultimately to his position as Regional Sales Manager for ArcelorMittal USA in Brentwood, TN.

While working out of Chicago, Dave met his future wife, Sarah. They married in 1990, and their marriage proved fruitful: daughter Shannon was born in 1991; son Garrett in 1993; and daughter Sheridan ("Kate") in 1996. Even with a growing family, Dave, as a student of Vietnam War history, delighted in attending Kent State University for his MBA, graduating as valedictorian in 1997.

In 1999, Dave was diagnosed with Stage-4 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Despite the progressive nature of the disease, he carried on with life. Until his health declined precipitously, Dave was involved in both recreational and competitive bicycling. He provided leadership for his children in Scouting and coaching for the Girls Softball Association of Franklin, TN. He led his family (willingly or not) on many tours of Civil and World War battlefields.

Dave died of lymphoma in 2008. In addition to the family, friends, classmates, and shipmates present, many of the Japanese and Korean manufacturing companies with whom Dave did business sent representatives to his funeral. In attending his funeral, those firms showed their deep respect for Dave as a business partner. A man of fierce principle, Dave often expressed his admiration for those companies' willingness to honor every aspect of their contracts with him.



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Dean, John

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Following graduation, I headed to Quantico, unsure of whether I wanted to go Marine Ground or Air. It didn't take long to decide on the higher route, so I was off to Pensacola. Got my NFO wings and flew to Yuma, Arizona for F-4 training. Wound up with the best job ever: Back-seater RSO (Reconnaissance Systems Officer) in the RF-4B Phantom, stationed in El-Toro, California. Our squadron motto was "Unarmed and Unafraid." Good thing there were no armed conflicts at the time!



John and family

Disappointingly, I never made it to carrier ops on the USS Midway, but did two overseas tours flying out of Iwakuni, Japan.

They eventually retired my jet and job, so I resigned my commission in '88 and entered the civilian world. Trying to duplicate the enjoyment I had received from my military career, I explored a bunch of jobs: Baseball Umpire, Traffic Engineer, and 10 years afloat in the U.S. Merchant Marine on tugboats and barges, carrying oil around the East Coast.

In 1993, I got married and had a daughter (Colleen and Chelsea), and figured I had better get a job that kept me home more, so I became a math teacher in Stamford, Connecticut. Switched to Librarian and Media Specialist after 10 years, and wrote a novel that I am constantly in the process of rewriting.

I am still living in Fairfield, Connecticut, with a year to go until retirement. And, hopefully, won't be going anywhere for a while!

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Part of what made the Naval Academy special were the friendships formed and grown over many years. I met E.D. on a blind date in February 1981 and found a lifetime best friend and partner. We learn, play, coach, teach, love, cry, and worship together. We have parented three children and enjoy watching them pursue their passions as young adults. I always cherish the time with my wife and family.



Dave and E.D.

Another lifetime friendship formed was with my 31st Company roommate, Henry "Hank" Zajic. Hank flew from Japan to be the best man at my wedding. I attended his parents' funeral at Arlington. Saturday morning talks still provide perspective and wisdom. Hank introduced me to the idea of being an NJROTC instructor, so I taught high school cadets for four years. From weddings to funerals and everything in between, I have not had a better friend.

I wrote Hank's bio for the Lucky Bag, and mysteriously it was not published. Hank saved the original version, so better late than never:

Hank Zajic Yearbook Bio 1981

Underneath that quiet professional demeanor is a wild and crazy New Yorker who likes Blob's Park and Mom's chow packages (rated best in the company four straight years). Hank loves nuclear power, "old man" cars (especially Renaults when they work), and "Colley zzz's" or just zzz's since the Colleys moved to Guam. Memorable experiences included NYC road trips - OLYMPICTRAMID, the snowstorm on the Jersey Turnpike, the bike trip to mosquito land (Maine), marathon running (with the Z knee), and tailgating Pep Band performances. Hank's persistence and New York pizzaz (who could doubt it with nicknames like "Roja," "Burt," "Bald Wally," and of course "The New Yorker") should lead him through a successful career as a "bubblehead."

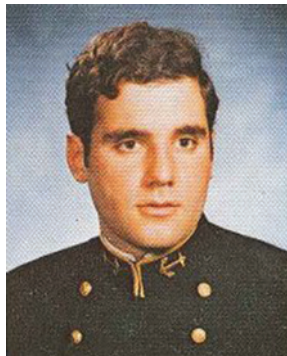
Best of luck and Angles and Dangles to you Hank



Gallo, Tom

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There's so much gratitude in my heart for all that USNA and the class of '81 has provided along my life's journey. Huge thanks especially to my 31st Company mates for enduring, joyful friendships. The highlights of my life have been my family and my faith journey. I've been married to the love of my life, Stacy, for 36 years and have been blessed with four kids and five grandkids. My two oldest



– daughter Jordan and son Benjamin – gave us three years of NAVY vs ND thrills as we watched Ben on the Navy side (USNA '09) and Jordan on the Notre Dame side (ND '08). Stacy rooted for ND, and I rooted for our alma mater! God also gave us Madeleine (Georgetown '16) and Olivia (Purdue '21) to round out our foursome.

I selected Navy air/pilot and chose the P3 community in Brunswick, ME and made deployments with VP-23 to Sigonella, Rota/Lajes, and Bermuda, flying alongside classmate Jim "Murr" Murray! Following that tour, I was an instructor pilot at the P3 east coast RAG/FRS VP-30 serving with Murr, Billy Moran, Mark Bradley, Pete Canalichio, and others. I left active duty from VP-30 in early 1989 and started a high-tech business career (tech start-ups) that has spanned the last 32 years.



Tom and Stacy

In between high-tech fun, I helped my close friend David Kauffman grow a Christian Music Ministry "Good for the Soul Music," chaired the Song Solution Foundation, and was executive producer for "The One I Wrote for You" – a family movie starring Kevin Pollak and Christopher Lloyd that is now on Amazon and other streaming services. Other passions have been coaching my kids on various sports teams and participating in planning and delivering dozens of three-day Christian men's retreats. Stacy and I are thankful for each day and strive to joyfully live in the mystery of what's in store for our tomorrows!

Gray, Tara

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Ode to Mother B

I was a bull major. Never survived wires. Never a star or a striper.
Thought my GPA, 2.78, was emblazoned upon my forehead.
Worried that I would never amount to anything.
Punched out in '79.

More reason to worry.

I distinctly remember drinking rum and coke out of a Coke can in Duff's room.

I could say more but I don't want to bilge anyone.

I don't want to be fried.

I don't want to serve extra duty.

More seriously, I spent two years at USNA, before finishing my education at Southwestern College in Kansas and then Oklahoma State University. There, I earned a Ph.D. in economics by asking, "Do prisons pay?"

I taught economics at Denison University before joining the Department of Criminal Justice at NMSU, my tenure home. I have published 50 scholarly works, including four books. I am the author of *Publish & Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar*, now in its fifteenth anniversary edition. I have been honored at New Mexico State and nationally with ten awards for teaching, scholarship or service.

I serve as associate provost for faculty development and as the founding director of the Teaching Academy at New Mexico State University (NMSU). The Teaching Academy provides professional development aimed at helping educators live extraordinary teaching lives embedded in exceptional careers.

I have presented faculty development workshops to 10,000 participants at more than 120 venues, in 35 states, and in eight countries. Workshop participants report that Dr. Gray is "spirited, entertaining, and informative—she's anything but gray!" My work is my play, but I also treasure spending time with friends and family as well as teaching parenting to women at the county detention center.



Tara



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After graduation I stayed at the Naval Academy for six months as a “Stash Ensign,” working as a Physical Education instructor and Assistant Wrestling Coach while awaiting the start of my Nuclear Power School class in January 1982. Upon completion of my nuclear power and submarine officer training, I reported onboard the USS Barb (SSN-596) in May 1983. I served aboard the USS Barb for 42 months until reporting to Submarine Development Group 1 in January 1987 as a Special Projects Officer in their Detachment Bravo.



Doug and Julie

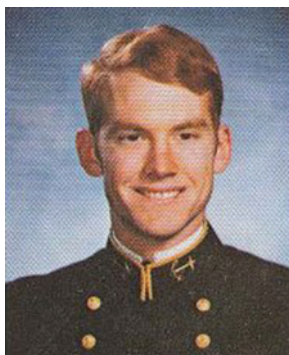
Upon separating from the Navy in October 1989, I accepted a marketing representative position with IBM in Kansas City, MO. Over the next 11 years with both IBM and IBM Global Finance I moved to Orlando, Miami, and Armonk, NY. In August 2000, I accepted a business development position with Cisco Systems in San Jose, CA. During my 15 year tenure at Cisco, I moved back to Orlando in 2003 in the same position, and I have lived there ever since. I returned back to IBM Global Finance from 2016 to 2018.

I met my wife, the former Julie B. Fletcher, in Orlando in January 2005, and we married in Sonoma, CA in October 2007 with some '81ers in attendance. Since leaving IBM in October 2018, I spend my time golfing, staying in shape, traveling with Julie to various parts of Europe on cycling trips, and figuring out how to use my 365 vacation days each year so I do not “lose” any. Additionally, I am a founding member of the world famous, and some would say exclusive, Hucklebuck Golf Club. We currently reside in the College Park area of Orlando, FL.

Johnson, Bill

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Following graduation, I eventually found my way back to my high school sweetheart, Jan, and we were married in 1983. We have two children, both USNA grads – 2008 and 2010. My daughter was a USMC C-130 pilot now in the reserves. She and her husband are raising three children. My son is an active duty LCDR EOD officer married to a 2011 USNA grad with two children.



Bill and Jan

I had a full career as a Naval Aviator flying A-7s and F/A-18s out of both NAS Cecil Field and NAS Lemoore retiring as an O-6. I flew over five continents and built up 3600 hours. I attended the Naval War College, and also had a tour supporting NASA's Space Shuttle program coordinating military support for contingency landings. As a department head, I flew over Somalia supporting Operation Restore Hope and Iraq in Operation Southern Watch as part of the last combat strike. My command tour was with the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific. I was the Air Boss on USS Kitty Hawk out of Yokosuka, Japan for the emergency deployment after 9/11 supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when we hosted a contingency of US Army helicopters. I finished up in the Pentagon as the OPNAV Air Warfare Directorate's Special Programs RO.

I transitioned to Northrop Grumman in Linthicum, Maryland managing classified R&D programs that I hope will someday provide capabilities that will keep our warfighters ahead of our adversaries. After 13½ years with Northrop, I retired in 2020 and started my own consulting LLC. I also became an active partner in a company providing marketing assessment and business advice to the maturing electric aviation industry. My wife and I live in Severna Park for the moment, but we're expecting to move to warmer climes in the near future.



Klein (DeLuca), Peg
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After graduation, I headed to Pensacola for the start of what would end up as 35 years in uniform as a Naval Flight Officer in the VQ TACAMO community. Frank and I were married in the summer of '82, and we were blessed personally and professionally throughout our careers. Frank and I both commanded aviation squadrons. I went on to serve as Wing Commander, Commandant of Midshipmen, Expeditionary Strike Group Commander, and the 2nd Chief of Staff at US Cyber Command.



Frank, Brendan, Caroline and I, plus my sister, Amy, lived in Maine, Hawaii, Virginia, Japan, and Oklahoma, and I spent a year in Bahrain as part of our Navy family journey.

My last five years in uniform were spent in joint assignments—Cyber Command, Joint Staff, and Adviser to the Secretary of Defense for Military Professionalism. That assignment led me to pursue a doctorate in the Chief Learning Officer Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

I have been the Dean of Leadership and Ethics at the Naval War College in Newport since 2017. Besides the commute between the family's HQ in Davidsonville, MD and Newport, I have the best job in the world!



Peg and family

Kobiela, Steve
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During the Navy, I served on two ships as a Surface Warfare Officer and switched designators to become a Naval Intelligence Officer. Upon retiring from the Navy, Nancy (my high school sweetheart) and I continued to raise our two children, Megan and Christopher.



Steve and family

Megan pursued and earned her PhD. Christopher went to college in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and, as an avid kayaker and climber, doesn't want to leave the area.

I've worked for two companies since the Navy, Boeing and General Dynamics, where I like to think that I continued to provide support to the young men and women at the pointy end of the stick, without being on the pointy end of the stick. Nancy and I are eagerly awaiting full retirement, but in the meantime, we are enjoying hauling our camper to places we haven't been before and a few repeats of our favorites. Williamsburg, Virginia, near Jamestown Island, is where we currently call home.



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After graduation, I didn't stray far from Annapolis and was "stashed" at the David Taylor Research Center. Those months passed quickly, and I found myself loading up my trusty Triumph TR-6 heading south. A year later I was selected for the E2/C2 program which conflicted with my desire to fly P3s. A disagreeable conversation with the Commandant of the training command resulted in a change, not to P3s but to helicopters. Thus began my Navy career as a CH-53E helo pilot. I was winged a few months later and was off to Sigonella, Sicily to stand up a squadron as a plank owner. Sicily and the Mediterranean was an adventure I'll never forget – principally because I would meet my future wife on a blind date as a favor for a squadron mate. Soon after leaving Sicily, I hung up my uniform.



Howard and Sarah

I returned to Annapolis to start my civilian career with ARINC. Stints at technical positions ultimately evolved into sales, business development, and strategy roles in my 12 years at ARINC. During this time, I married Sarah whom I'd met on that fateful blind date and raised our two lovely daughters, Isabelle and Emily.

I left ARINC in 2000, reaching for the brass ring at Marconi but my timing wasn't great. A few weeks later the dot.com bubble burst and Marconi's ferocious hiring spree turned 180 degrees with an equally fierce layoff. Another door opened as they do, and I joined Cisco systems for a 14-year gig in strategy with some of the smartest colleagues I'd ever met.

Sarah and I are still working, me at AWS in AI and Sarah as an exec at AARP, focused on brain health. We are, at last, empty nesters with Isabelle in medical school and Emily heading to LA for her aspirations for a career in the movie industry. We're making plans but we don't know where we'll land as life unfurls on its own.

Peacock, Bill

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After earning my Naval Aviator wings and a short stint flying A7E Corsairs, I transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps in 1985. The CEC took me around the world and in various roles in facilities management, construction contracting, and Seabees, and entrusted me to command a battalion (NMCB 74) and a facilities engineering command in Japan (NAVFAC Far East) before retiring in 2005.



Bill and Tonia

I met the love of my life, Tonia, in 1994 while deployed in the Caribbean. Tonia gave up her Navy career to help me finish mine. We share 4 children together, 2 boys and 2 girls that have graced us with 4 grandchildren and a fifth on the way! We settled in Northeast Ohio – Tonia's payback – where I've been grounded and serve the Cleveland Clinic. I'm responsible for leading their support services as Chief of Operations and enjoy leading their domestic and international expansion.

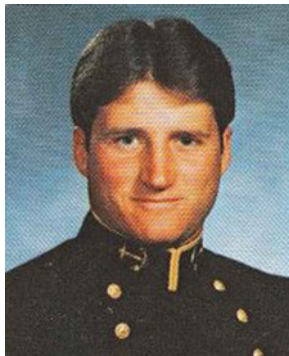
Tonia and I enjoy travel, family, friends, and cooking and eating healthy. We've been blessed to experience so much of the world and the US. Ohio remains home for now...but, look for us on a beach in the Med or the Caribbean. Our "wanderlust" will never die!



Schehl, Steve

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Went USMC Air and flew CH53-A/D/E after graduation. I got out in '93 and joined Merrill Lynch as a Financial Advisor. I currently manage seven advisors in the Concord, NH office.



Steve and family

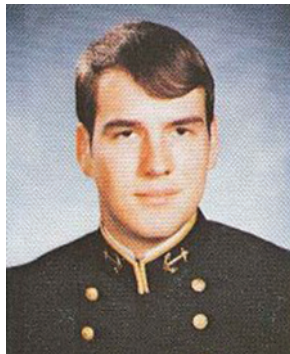
Married in '84 to Stephanie Trott. We had a daughter, Samantha, born 12/15/91 in NH and a son, Casey, born 1/15/95 in NH. Stephanie was diagnosed with ALS in January 2014 and passed away in May 2017 after a long, tough battle with the disease. Our family continues to support the local ALS Chapter with a golf fundraiser every year to honor her memory.

I have a granddaughter, Stephanie (Stevie), born to Samantha on 11/15/2019. I live in Bedford, NH with my fiancé.

Soukup, Dennis

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I entered the nuclear power community and submarine force after graduation. I spent two tours on submarines (one fast boat and one boomer) split up by a two-year teaching assignment at the NROTC unit at George Washington University. I got married during this time, left the Navy after 10 years and entered the corporate world, working for Scientific Applications International Corp. (SAIC), then a relatively small company.



Dennis and Faith

Over the next 10 years, my son, Matt, was born, I moved back to Colorado, and I lost my wife. I found myself as a single dad with a 2-year-old and a job which required significant travel. I determined that a third career was necessary, so I became a math teacher (first middle school and now high school).

I met my current wife, Faith, while getting my teaching license, got married in 2006, and gained three incredible stepchildren. My wife adopted my son, and we have now been happily married for 15 years. We currently live in Frederick, Colorado. I teach one mile from my house at Frederick High School, and we have an additional house outside Tucson near other members of our family.

I decided that I could not change careers every 10 years anymore, so I have been teaching for 18 years, waiting to collect retirement after 20 years. I have four incredible grandchildren who keep me young. Faith and I love to travel and are checking locations off our bucket list while we still can enjoy them fully. So far, we have visited Australia, Fiji, Greece, Scotland, Northern Europe, the Med, Iceland, and England. Still looking forward to visiting Tahiti, Norway, New Zealand, and Ireland (just to name a few). My wife and I love to golf and have incorporated that into many of our vacations, trying to golf at as many of the top 100 golf courses as we can.

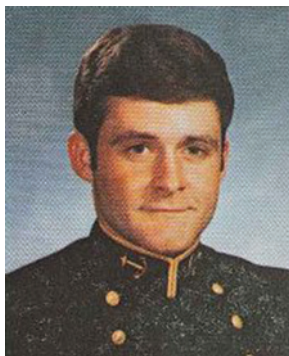


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Stewart, Doug

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Even though 40 years have gone by, I still have a lot of great memories and hilarious moments from our time at USNA. After failing the pre-commissioning eye exam (Oh, you want to be a pilot? Well, what's your second choice?), I went SWO and did 5 years active duty and the balance to retirement as USNR.



Doug and Mary Kaye

Mary Kaye (nee Blank, Trinity College '83) and I got married in 1984, bought our starter home in Rhode Island in 1987 and forgot to move; we're still here in the same house. We had four great sons during 1986–1991 who all still live locally in Rhody, because that's the law in this state. MK got her JD, I did the MBA thing, and I had my career in Human Resources.

I had some terrific gigs and a couple of dreadful ones at three higher education places and two Fortune 500 companies. I still do some HR consulting, but I'm kinda, sorta retired. MK and I enjoy skiing on the icy hills of NH and VT, golf and tennis. I still keep in touch with some classmates and company-mates but have sadly lost contact with others, especially after deleting my Facebook account.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and reconnecting at the 40th!

Zajic, Hank

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The Navy has been very good to me, even if none of it worked out how I would have ever imagined back in '81! 21+ years active duty. 19+ years of civil service so far, all for the Navy and still going strong!



Hank and family

I met the love of my life, Melanie, through the Navy. We'll be celebrating our 33rd anniversary later this year. As an engineer for Carderock, she got me out of a major jam when I was a young LT on USS Biddle (CG 34) and has been bailing me out ever since!

I met my best friend, Dave, during our plebe summer. We were roommates a couple times during our stay at Mother B, and although our active-duty careers took divergent paths, the bond formed back then was strong and remains so today.

My biggest successes are my children Sara, Katie, and Greg. Each of them has taught me more than they will know. They all have wonderful paths of their own choosing and the notion of service to others shines bright in each of them.

My hope for my future is that when I leave this campsite, it is in better shape than I found it!

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Fuqua, Rick

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After leaving USNA in 1979, I returned to Tennessee to receive some needed medical attention for my back. Once recovered, I finished my degree in Computer Science at MTSU. I've been fortunate to have had a tremendous career in technology leadership for a wide variety of financial, insurance, and healthcare companies. Retired in 2012, but I continue to help old friends with new startups.

Married to Tammy, five kids, 14 grandkids ... and counting.



Rick and Tammy

Grocki (Lau), Alma

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As a kid growing up in Hawaii, summers found me trailing my dad to his job at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, so it's no wonder I spent 35 years (14 active and 21 Reserve) in shipyards overhauling ships and submarines as an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO). During that time, I was the first woman officer to accompany her submarine on post-availability sea trials and served as the Shipyard Docking Officer. In the early 90s, I reconnected with my class and company mate, Russ Grocki, and although we had never dated at the Academy, we did then, and married in 1992, 15 years after we had initially met during Plebe Summer. Our first son, Dan, was born in 1993, graduated from USNA in 2016 (brainwashing does work!), and is a submariner stationed aboard the USS Connecticut (SSN22). Our second son, Nick, born in 1995, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with the NROTC program, and is now stationed at Headquarters, Naval Reactors.



Alma and family

In the Reserves, I stood up the first shipyard waterfront labor augmentation program (SurgeMain) and was responsible for instituting the EDO qualification insignia for both active and reserve EDOs. During that time, I also spent 18 years as the USNA Hawaii and Western Pacific Area Coordinator for the Blue and Gold program and raced open ocean outrigger canoes. I found that as the boys got older, this allowed me to spend more time on active duty. My career culminated with being the US Pacific Fleet Maintenance Officer in Hawaii—the perfect job for a local girl.

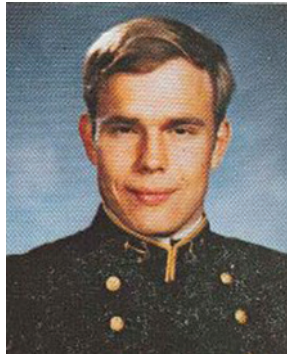
Now, back in Hawaii, I have “failed” retirement, volunteering on numerous non-profit boards, benefiting veterans and at-risk kids. I sing with the Hawaii Symphony Chorus, make jewelry and “Faberge” eggs, sew, and do calligraphy. Life is good! Come visit us!



Grocki , Russ

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Forty years ago, I embarked on a career in submarines which would ultimately build a lifetime supply of friends, and have me experience places on submarine patrol “that if I told you I’d have to kill you,” explore the bottom of the ocean 11000 feet down in the Navy’s Sea Cliff submersible, command the fast attack submarine USS Cavalla, travel to over 30 countries, and participate in a side hobby of skydiving which led to 2500 jumps, including air shows with the Blue Angels and competing in the national championships. But even better, along the way I was able to marry my best friend and classmate Alma Lau, raise two great sons who entered the “family business” as Navy nukes (Dan – submarines, Nick – “the Dark Side” at Naval Reactors!), and shift from service to country to service to others.



Russ and Alma

Skydiving was traded in for 20 years of youth sports coaching, serving as a Boy Scout leader and working on my golf game (If I can live to the 60th reunion, I might be able to shoot my age!). Traveling for work was replaced with retiring in Hawaii (grew up in Connecticut, but who wants to retire there and visit Hawaii when you can do it the other way around?). God blessed us with an ever-present Navy pension, so I volunteer as the Operations Manager for the annual Hawaii State Prayer Breakfast, coach golf each spring for a local high/middle school, and volunteer for various other church-related activities. Caring for a couple of rental properties and a 93-year-old mother-in-law round out the typical week. So, if your travels take you to Hawaii, look us up. We give good tours or recommendations to improve your stay and are happy to help. Aloha!

Karcz, Peter

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It’s been a fun 40 years! After being discharged in 1987, I moved to Crystal City, Virginia where I became a contractor for NAVSEA, conducting GPS installs on Navy ships and subs before anyone except the military even knew what GPS was! I married Kathy, my high school best friend, in 1990 and moved to Ashburn, Virginia.



Peter and Kathy

I accepted a job at the Department of Energy (DOE) in Washington, DC, where I managed advanced nuclear reactor programs and later, environmental management programs for disposing of nuclear waste. When DOE established the National Nuclear Security Administration in 2000, I became manager of DOE’s Russian plutonium disposition program where I took advantage of unique opportunities to visit Russian labs and weapons sites not even acknowledged on any Russian country maps.

Worst trip while at DOE was one of my firsts to Japan, where I contracted chickenpox at the ripe old age of 32. Best trip was to South Africa where my team was able to sneak in an unforgettable safari. Gotta love the government paying for all these experiences! It was difficult scheduling work trips around family events but managed to only miss a few of my son’s baseball and football games and even saw him proudly portray Admiral Rickover in his third grade Great America Program.

In 2015, I switched my focus to healthcare and managed a DOE program to establish domestic Molybdenum-99 production capabilities to improve diagnostic cancer imaging procedures for U.S. patients. This was definitely the most rewarding project in my 30 years at DOE.

On May 28, 2021, I retired from 40 years of government service, and along with Kathy, who retired from teaching, moved to Sarasota, Florida to spend our retirement swimming with the manatees and becoming the beach bum I always dreamed about.



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McCallister, Frank

Deceased 9/5/18. Submitted by the Navy Football Brotherhood

Earning All-American and Navy Football Hall-of-Fame recognition, Frank's determination and dynamic leadership flourished throughout his life. Frank credited the Naval Academy and Navy Football for exemplary mentorship that he continually emulated according to those who knew him. He distinguished himself as a Marine Corps CH-46E *Phrog* pilot and NAVAIR Program Manager for Marine Aviation Simulation, earning two master's degrees along the way, one from the University of Oklahoma in economics and the second from the Naval Postgraduate School in program management. At NAVAIR, he led the acquisition team that integrated networked aircraft simulators into Marine aircrew training, transforming the way Marine Aviation instructs aircrews. After retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel and joining Veraxx Engineering, his design and manufacturing team delivered the first Marine Heavy Lift CH-53K Helicopter flight simulator, named the *Big Daddy*, in his memory.



Frank and Joyce

Frank was a life-long student of football and passed along his love of football for six seasons as the Bishop Ireton High School associate head football coach, united in coaching with five other former Navy players. He delighted in every aspect of contributing to their winning team. In 2009, Frank was honored by being voted onto the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial 50th Anniversary All-Stadium Team.

Frank, who died in 2018, was a dedicated husband to Joyce Harrison McCallister (USNA '82) and supportive father to their two sons, Brendan and Conlan.

No doubt, every shared story by classmates brings a smile as illustrated by these heartfelt quotes:

"Frank made us all better with his leadership, talent, determination, and his joyful approach to all he pursued."

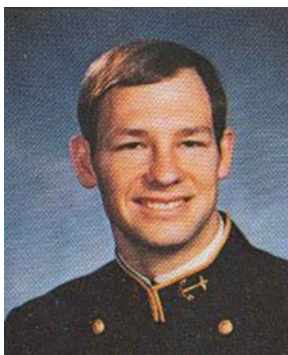
"He made us all want to be equally competitive and give it our best."

"When Frank walked into the room, you knew you were going to laugh, you were going to have fun, and someone was probably going to get a nickname."

Means, Jeff

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After graduation I served for 5 years as a submarine Strategic Weapons Officer. That warfare specialty was eliminated in 1985, so I left the Navy at the end of my obligated service. I moved to Manassas, Virginia where I worked for GE Aerospace (which was sold to Martin Marietta, which merged with Lockheed to become Lockheed Martin) for 19 years as a Systems Engineer Senior Staff and a Systems Engineering Senior Manager. I was married for 16 of those years, but upon my divorce in 2005, I moved back to my hometown of Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Jeff and Abigail

In Albuquerque, I went to work for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) supporting various programs with the Air Force Research Lab on Kirtland AFB. In 2007, I completed certification as a "Certified Systems Engineering Professional" (CSEP) through the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE). I also earned my MS in Systems Engineering through The George Washington University in 2011.

I remarried in 2015 to Abigail Ritz and we are living in a beautiful home in the mountains east of Albuquerque. I love playing guitar, a hobby I began somewhere around age 4, and plan to continue doing so after I retire in the next few years.

BEAT ARMY!!!!



Seidel, Bob

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After graduation, I spent the summer of any young man's dreams sailing all over New England visiting yacht clubs, doing PR for the USNA Sailing Foundation and coaching mids on the Academy's Class "A" fleet. Then it was off to P-cola to fulfill my dream of becoming a naval aviator. A victim of the NAMI whammy for 20/25 vision, I stayed in aviation and became a P-3 NFO, based at NAS Moffett with tours in VP-9 and VP-31.



Bob

I married my Hood sweetheart Leslie Morgan in 1982, and in 1987 our first son came, followed by a second son, and a daughter. I left the Navy in 1988 to pursue a career in business at Raychem Corp. I remained a reservist in the VP-MAU and VP-91 until 1992. Raychem moved us to Chicago in 1992, and I got my MBA at Northwestern. In 1999, I moved back into aviation, selling jets for Gulfstream Aerospace. In 2005, our family moved to New Jersey for a general manager position with Jet Aviation. In 2012, I became a partner in an aircraft management and charter company called Alerion Aviation. Today, we operate 20 bizjets with bases in NY, FL, and CA. My three children all graduated from the University of Vermont and chose widely different careers. One is a bond trader in NYC, one sells CBD confections in Vermont, and the third is a software engineer and lives in San Diego.

These days I split my time between summers at Greenwood Lake in New Jersey and the rest of the year in Jupiter, FL.

Stewart, Jim

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It took a few years after graduation, but I met a young school teacher in Norfolk. Thirty-six years later, the former Carol L. Spurgeon and I have four children – Travis, Dr. Tyler (PhD), Capt Tim (USMC), and Dr. Katie (PhT). All are married and have given us six grandchildren so far between them.



Jim and Carol

Besides working up to be a ship captain (and the rank, too), I also earned an Operations Research master's degree. Every shore tour was a subspecialty one, and after 27 years active duty, I found myself working the last 13 years in the Office of the SecDef in Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (OSD/CAPE) overseeing mobility programs. I just retired from the full-time gig.

Scouting has continued to be a primary area of volunteering. I was the Chief of Staff for Logistics for the last National Jamboree and was an Assistant Council Commissioner. Church also keeps me busy volunteering. Carol and I are living in Springfield, Virginia and love games, traveling, and her Virginia Tech Hokie football. We'll miss the 40th but come for an overnight visit any time.

All the best, Jim.



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Stutz, Otto

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Following graduation, and a short stint at NRD New Jersey, I attended flight school at NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, and NAS Kingsville, earning the Wings of Gold in 1983. Subsequent tours were with the VA-81 Sunliners (“Who said Sunliner?” – NAS Cecil Field), Instructor at the Naval Strike Warfare Center (“Strike U”- NAS Fallon, NV), VFA-83 Rampagers (NAS Cecil Field), J3 Fire Support Officer at the Joint Special Operations Command (Ft. Bragg), Air-to-Air Missiles Requirements Officer at OPNAV N88 (now N98 - Pentagon) and as Commander, Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic (NAS Oceana).



Otto and Meg

Since retiring from active duty in 2002, I have spent the past 20 years as a Sr. Principal Engineer/Analyst consultant for current and future requirements, design, capability, and testing of Joint Air-to-Air missiles serving OPNAV and the Joint requirements and acquisition communities. I have also served as an active volunteer for nonprofit boards, nonprofit organizations, as a Blue and Gold Officer for 12 years, and as a Class Officer for the great Class of 1981 for the past ten years.

Twice married, I met the love of my life and best and only mate, Meg, in 2015 and we were married in 2019. Together we have built our dream (and final) home on Tellico Lake in the Free State of Tennessee, moving from Tidewater in 2020. Between us, we have four children, and four grandchildren (and a great-granddaughter on the way), all of which are currently doing well and residing in Virginia.. We love boating, jet skiing, travel, volunteering, and hosting family and friends in our little slice of paradise. While I’m still working (much to Meg’s chagrin), the end is in sight, which will give us a lot more time to travel and develop new hobbies and volunteer opportunities together. We very much enjoy making a positive impact on our community and nation!

Looking forward to the adventures the next 40 years holds for us all!

Tucholski, Ed

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Eva and I got married in July 1982. Big thanks to Ron Elliot (25) for introducing us. She put up with being a submariner’s wife for the first 17 years of active duty, with tours on Lewis and Clark, Alexandria, and Dallas. I was then accepted in the first class of Permanent Military Professors. After 3 years in graduate school in Monterey, I returned to USNA as a Physics professor. Somehow the laws for statutory retirement changed, as did the removal of the 75% cap on retirement pay. Those two facts, coupled with an awesome job, made remaining on active duty a no-brainer. I served as Physics Associate Chair multiple times. I also volunteered as O-rep for both the men’s and women’s volleyball teams. This spawned my current avocation: refereeing volleyball for several Division I conferences, serving as the high school rules interpreter for Maryland, as well as calling club matches.



Ed and family

When it was all done, I was on active duty for 37 years, finally retiring as a Commander in 2018. I taught Physics in a visiting position for 2.5 years at Washington College. Eva retired in 2019 from a career teaching special education. We have 3 grown children. Our oldest, Joe, graduated from USAFA in 2006. He married a classmate and the Air Force sent him to dental school while she earned a doctorate in Economics. They are currently stationed in Colorado Springs. Our youngest, Kate, lives in Annapolis, has had many occupations, and is a flight attendant for American Airlines. Our middle child, Dan, was born with a disorder of his mitochondrial DNA. He lives in the apartment over our garage, works part time with a job coach, and participates heavily in the Special Olympics. For some unknown reason, he is a passionate Notre Dame Sports fan. He has a beautiful black lab service dog to keep him company.

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Boyce, Tom

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After graduation, I dove into submarine life via the nuclear pipeline. In 1982, I married my academy sweetheart and love of my life, Joanne, at the USNA Chapel. Our solid 5-year plan to start a family took a hard left when our son Bobby was born 9 months after the wedding day (fact checked!). We enjoyed sea tours in Newport News and Hawaii before heading back to Norfolk for a shore tour. When peace broke out with the Soviet Union in 1988, I left active service to become a beltway bandit. However, I continued in the reserves, successfully completing 30 years! Along the way I had more fun than I could have imagined, serving in units for science and technology, submarines, Military Sealift Command, Naval Historical Center, CNO, and eventually as Deputy Director for all Office of Naval Research Reserve Units.



Tom and Joanne

After a few years in the beltway contractor jungle, I decided to join the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in DC for a while until I could execute my secret plan to become a Fortune 500 CEO. Well, 30 years later, I've had a ton of wonderful jobs at the NRC, including working with some other great '81-ers, and I'm still having fun. (The CEO plan is still my back-up!)

Personally, Joanne and I are celebrating 39 short years together (just yesterday!). We are in Portland, Maine, for her job (key discovery—NRC allows teleworking!), but may eventually return to our place in Germantown, MD. Our son Bobby graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy ('05) and is now a CDR(!) in the Navy Reserves. He married his longtime girlfriend, Britney, in 2021, and we are happily going to have our first grandchild in February 2022! As for me, I'm still jogging to try to stay in shape and enjoy skiing.

Carter, Ted

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After graduation, I spent several months with the Navy Shooting Team, and met my future bride, Sue, at the National Pistol Championships. I received my "wings of gold" and was blessed to fly the P-3 Orion. I returned to USNA as the Head Pistol Coach where the team racked up several National Championships and produced multiple All Americans. After back-to-back P-3 tours and back-to-back joint tours, Sue and I, now with two beautiful daughters, Rebecca and Erica, went to Iceland where I was the base XO, and back in the P-3 driver seat one last time. My final tour at NAS Jacksonville capped an exceptionally rewarding Navy career of 32 years. Throughout my career I was able to compete in numerous pistol championships with the Navy's Pistol Team, all the while training hundreds of Sailors in firearm safety and proficiency.



Ted and Sue

Remaining in Jacksonville after retirement, I served on my church council and on the board of a faith-based charity for nearly 10 years. I worked for about 3 years as a contractor supporting Navy Region Southeast in preparing and exercising contingency plans. I was elected to the board of the National Rifle Association where I have served for nearly 10 years. I also serve as President of the Florida Sport Shooting Association. Both Sue and I remain active in running competitive shooting events and enjoy instructing individuals from beginner to advanced.

Our girls live close by. Our youngest is running her own business, and our oldest is married and is working for the city. I am the proud grandfather of a very active six year-old granddaughter. What a joy! Both Sue and I continue to serve in our church and are thankful for all the blessings God has so richly bestowed upon us and our family.



Cooper, Louis

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After Boat School, served aboard USS Seawolf (SSN 575), a submarine engaged in Special Projects in the Western Pacific.

Left the Navy after my first tour to attend Harvard Business School. Worked for ten years at Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank in both Corporate Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions, where I helped build and manage a variety of new business units focused on serving the basic materials, metals & mining, consumer cyclicals, electric utility and telecommunications. Substantial execution experience involving a broad range of products having closed over forty transactions.

Transitioned from Investment banking to running a public securities hedge fund, Anvil Capital Partners.

Found a creative outlet in glassblowing for many years and now in portrait and figurative painting.

After witnessing the 9/11 attacks I vowed to return to a life of service to others. At 45, I matriculated at Weill Cornell Medical College, followed by a residency in Emergency Medicine at NYU/Bellevue. Since then I have worked as an Emergency Room Physician in New York City, primarily at NY Presbyterian Hospital. It's tough and often heart-breaking work, but gratifying to be of service to others and to make a difference in people's lives.

Clearly, I have spent a lot of time trying to figure out what I want to be when I grow up. Winston Churchill said "we have one life to learn, one life to earn and one life to serve." So perhaps in a roundabout way I ended up where I was supposed to.

I am married to the love of my life, Susan Berger-Jones. We have been at each other's side since 1980. We are avid adventurers and have traveled widely.

I wish all of you the great luck that I have had in love, life and health — fair winds and following seas.



Louis and Susan

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Greetings '81,

As a proud member of the USNA non-graduate side of the house, I resigned midway through our Youngster Year to pursue a different line of service. I transferred to Creighton University, Omaha, NE and earned a BA in Psychology (05/1982). Later, I attended UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI and earned a MSEd in School Psychology (08/1990). For 35 plus years, I have served students in special education, the past 31 years as a School Psychologist. I also worked part-time for 20 plus years as a Family-Based Counselor/Intensive In-Home Therapist. While I am very grateful for having had the trust and confidence of those I worked for and served, I am thankful to be officially retired as of 06/30/2021.

My better half, Camilla, and I have been happily married for 37 years (05/1984) and have been blessed with eight children, including two sets of twins! We are grandfather and grandmother to 12 wonderful grandchildren!! While raising our children, Camilla and I also elected to homeschool our whole crew. We are beginning our 23rd, and final year, of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Homeschool.

We are happy to live in God's Country – the great state of Minnesota!



Garrett and family



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Hunter, Ned

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After graduating with the 33rd company, I earned my wings of gold in July 1982 in Corpus Christi, TX. I then joined the VP-9 Golden Eagles at Moffett Field, CA and flew P-3Cs with deployments to Diego Garcia and Adak. My last stop was VT-2 at NAS Whiting Field as a T-34C Flight Instructor.

After leaving the Navy in 1998, I worked in sales and senior management roles for Baxter, Rubbermaid, and Colgate-Palmolive. In 2011, I founded Stratizon, Inc. in Atlanta, GA, focusing on implementing an “Apple-like” web based UI to simplify the veteran benefit application process and served for ten years as the CEO. In 2012, I earned an MBA with honors from Emory University’s Goizueta School of Business. Post Stratizon, I joined L-3 Communications as a PM on CDC H1N1 pandemic planning and then a different division for U.S. border security solutions, leading me to found the Hunter-Wimberly Group LLC in El Paso, TX to do consulting. In 2016, I joined Monsanto/Bayer as a PM on soybean market supply systems in Brazil and Argentina. That caught the eye of Apple, Inc., and I joined in Jan 2020 as the Sr. Engr. Program Manager for the launch of Digital Identity in the Apple Wallet.

I have had the distinct honor of serving on the Board of Directors for the ALS Association (Lou Gehrig’s disease) and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Foundation. It has also been my privilege to have served as the Blue and Gold Officer Area Coordinator for Georgia from 2005 to 2009 and New Hampshire from 2010 to 2012.

My beautiful wife, Susan, has endured me for 38 years. We have three wonderful children and nine incredible grandchildren which makes every day of life worth living.

Cheers!

Ned



Ned and Susan

Kissel, Brian

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Greetings Shipmates from California! Hard to believe it’s been 40 years. Hope this finds you, your extended families, and friends healthy and getting back to “normal” after the Covid pandemic. After graduation I served 3 years on the USS Woodrow Wilson (SSBN-624 Gold) with Frank Voler on the Blue Crew in Charleston, SC then 2 years at SubDevGroup (DSV, DSRV, and project boats) in San Diego along with Mike Mahre, Doug Heimbach, and housemate Doug Weatherford. While at SubDevGroup, Mike and I had the good fortune to join Dr. Bob Ballard and his team from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute for the RMS Titanic expedition and visited the wreckage at 12,500 feet down in the DSV Alvin.

After DevGroup, I joined Raychem (many USNA alumni), along with Frank Moreman and Bob Seidel, in Menlo Park, CA just south of San Francisco. Then a two year break at Stanford Business School (with Mike Mahre and Mike Connolly), and back to Raychem for a couple years in corporate strategy, a couple of years at Stanford University’s Office of Technology Licensing, then moved into product management roles with software companies and served as the CEO of two early stage VC-backed software companies: Paraform, acquired by Nikon and Janrain, acquired by Akamai.

Along the way I met and married my wonderful wife, Liz Bradley (VP Marketing at Ariat, originally from Pasadena, CA) and we raised our now Oberlin College junior Jey (politics and sociology major). Hoping Jey can help us solve our political gridlock challenges along with all our kids and their generation. The last few years I’ve circled back to the Stanford community serving as the chief product officer at Stanford Federal Credit Union. We’ve got a guest room, so if you’re passing by the SF bay area shipmates are always welcome! Cheers, Brian



Brian and family



**United States Naval Academy
Class of 1981
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Has it really been 40 years? Hard to believe, but that did go by fast. I met my wife, Theresa, back in my final year at the Academy. It took a couple of years to win her over with my charm, and we have been together ever since. Proud to call myself a father of four wonderful kids and grandpa to three beautiful granddaughters!

After “Wings,” I never looked back and have flown ever since. Due to the ups and downs of Naval Aviation, my career choices gave way to the shoots and ladders of the airlines. First picked up by Pan Am then onto Northwest and finally Delta. I just recently finished training for the 330–900 series, and that will be my final plane. I still have a few years left before I retire. Hoping that will give me time to scope out the world and plan trips to all the places I want to check off on my bucket list.

With Theresa retiring early, we were able to get our “Retirement” 5th wheel camper, and we have plans to take it across the states and Canada. We have picked up some great hobbies, such as riding our motorcycles and scuba diving but always make sure that I make time for my family, which always comes first.

Forty years has been a whirlwind, but I hope it never stops. I enjoy being busy and visiting as many places as I can. Come on and join me!



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After leaving 33rd Company, I went on to Flight School and then to HSL-37 in Barbers Point, Hawaii. Afterwards, I attended Test Pilot School and had an active duty career highlighted by Command of HSL-37 and XO of USS Saipan as she was decommissioned.



Pat and family

In 2007, my first transition opportunity was a project manager with Innova Systems, International, developing Navy readiness software solutions. Then in 2008, I began serving the Navy again as an analyst for the Surface Warfare Enterprise. In 2013, I joined Fleet Forces Command for aviation capabilities and have been there ever since. Other enjoyable endeavors include part-time teaching Algebra at Tidewater Community College and business consulting with Ned Hunter.

I enjoy playing tennis several times a week along with bicycling around the Norfolk area. I’ve been married to my wife Shelley for 35 years. Our oldest daughter Courtney and her wonderful husband James live in Charlottesville. Our son Spencer and his lovely wife Holly live in Centreville, VA.



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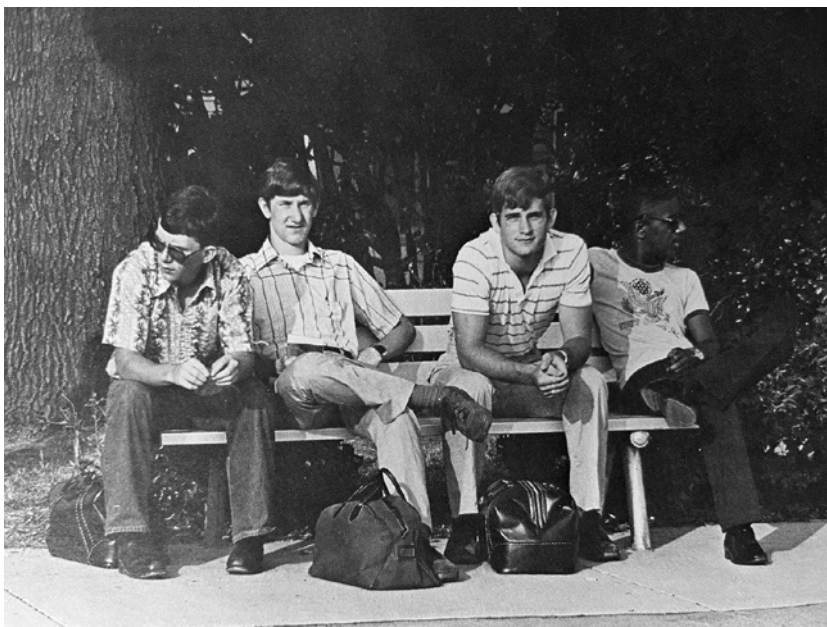
After nuclear power/sub training, I was assigned to a fast attack in San Diego. It was there that Dave Norris' sister set me up on a blind date. Mary and I were married 365 days later. I thought I had better strike before she realized what she had done. We have two awesome children, Kris, who coaches the women's pro soccer team here in DC, and Samantha, who is an FSO and just returned to the area following a stint at the embassy in Bangkok. Sam has two boys: Rowan, born just before the pandemic, and Sebastian, born this summer. It is hard to express how fantastic it is to spend time with our grandsons.



Brad and Mary

After a tour at what is now the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), I left the Navy to join Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC), which at the time was a mid-sized, employee-owned company. After two years, I was given the opportunity to start my own division, focused on geospatial intelligence - maps, imagery, and the systems needed to process and deliver the information. It was a great 20-year ride, but I thought it was time to shake things up and start my own consulting business. As much as I enjoyed helping companies grow their business and learning new tech, I was lured back into the corporate world, and I am currently a Director of Strategy at BAE Systems.

I have been blessed mightily with my beautiful wife and family. Mary and I enjoy many diverse activities and hobbies together, including biking, open water sailing, and paddle boarding. We both enjoy wine and have taken tasting trips to Napa, Tuscany/Chianti, Barossa Valley, and McLaren Vale. We spent the COVID year in Pensacola, first updating my father's house, then rebuilding the house after Hurricane Sally. We plan to share time between Pensacola and Virginia going forward.



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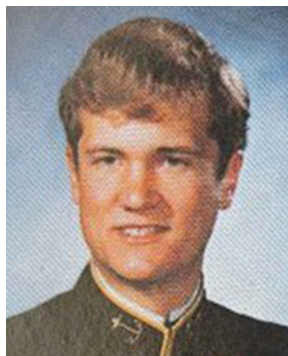


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Ahlgriim, Jim

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My son recently asked what my favorite job was. He was surprised I did not say my eight years of Navy service. I was surprised too as I had not even considered that as one of my jobs. Being in the Navy was my life, like being part of a family. It was so much more than a job. It has shaped me over the past 40 years, providing the following highlights:



Jim and family

- Meeting Marijo Brooks in July 1981 in Madison, WI, now my wife of 35 years. Way above my league, and after 5 months of trying, I finally got a first date.
- Being a dad with two fantastic sons, Jake and Aaron, Eagle Scouts, Naval Officers, NROTC Wisconsin.
- Being a Boy Scout troop Scoutmaster for 10 years spending time with scouts, in the outdoors, watching them develop into young men.
- A fulfilling career including eight years as a submarine officer, 20 years in wind energy, four years building the internet network, one year as a U.S. Senate staffer, and two graduate degrees.
- Being a charter member of the Hucklebuck Golf Club.
- 10 years as President, Naval Academy Class of 1981, representing my exceptional classmates.
- Presenting VADM Lawrence with a Class of '81 ring as an honorary classmate. With the exception of our own fathers, Admiral Lawrence was the greatest man we will ever meet.
- The love of my parents, who modeled how I should love my own children.
- The love of God, and Salvation through the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Leaving Annapolis after graduation, driving across the Severn River bridge, I made it a point to view the Naval Academy in my rear-view mirror. At the time I did not realize how fortunate I was to be a graduate. Reflecting on it today, 40 years later, the Naval Academy was the opportunity of a lifetime.

Billington, Scott

Deceased 1/10/15. Bio submitted by John Barron

After graduation, Scott completed flight training and became a C-2A Greyhound carrier pilot with VRC-50, based in Subic Bay, PI. Subsequent assignments followed with VRC-30 and VR-57 at NAS North Island in San Diego. After transfer to the Naval Air Reserves, Scott was recalled to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.



Scott and family

His naval career culminated with his command of VR-57 where he led the Conquistadors until his Navy retirement in 2000.

Scott's time and service in the military was noteworthy and replete with recognition. Arguably, you can describe his time as a civilian with even more superlatives. Scott was a career airline pilot with 27 years of service at Delta Airlines. He flew the B-727, the B-757/767, and was a Captain on the B-737. At the same time, he was an accomplished real estate agent and broker in his Solana Beach community. He served as President of the Solana Beach Soccer Club, and for several years, led the Solana Beach Schools Foundation fundraising events which earned him the title of unofficial "Mayor" of Solana Beach.

Given all the aforementioned accolades, it is telling that for Scott it was still all about family first. His wife, Jessica Phillips of Milford, MA, who he married in 1996 at the Naval Academy Chapel, was first and foremost in all he did. They were blessed with two incredible children in daughter, Reese and son, John. They are his legacy and Scott's proudest accomplishment. The memory of Scott also lives on through so many of his good friends in the Class of '81.



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As foretold in my original Lucky Bag bio, life has truly been a “great gig” and a blessed journey! Connie and I were married at 1800 on graduation day – drawing the first USNA Chapel lotto wedding slot. We have thoroughly enjoyed a lifelong collaborative journey including 30 years in uniform, 3 awesome children, and a seabag overflowing with amazing memories. My time in uniform was rich and fulfilling with a diverse mix of operational (E-2C NFO) experience – including squadron command and Navy, Joint, and NATO staff tours.



Mark and family

Our family transition to CIVLANT has been extremely rewarding. While I thoroughly enjoyed active duty, I’ve never looked back and have been enriched with every new opportunity and life chapter. I have largely spent my post-military career in engineering and acquisition management with Wyle (Pax River/D.C.) and Dynetics (Huntsville/Lawton). However, a highlight career segue was my great fortune to work with my Club 34 roomie/homey and lifelong best friend, Mark Landers (CEO), as President/COO at SpectIR Reno. Mark and I had an absolute blast growing a small company and globe-trotting on myriad junkets (excellent adventures). Connie and I relocated to Huntsville and “Sweet Home Alabama” in 2014. We bought a small farm in 2021, and have settled in for the long-haul - dropping my pin for final retirement in 2023. In the interim, I earned another Master’s in Organizational Leadership in 2020, and I’m pursuing a Doctoral degree in Strategic Leadership.

I have resumed my lifelong passion for music and currently perform in 2 classic rock bands in my local area, and enjoy an annual reunion/recording session with my USNA TRYX Band of brothers. Looking forward to a great next 40 years with Connie, my family, and friends – both new and old. It has truly been a great gig!

Cravaack, Chip

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The saying goes: “we make plans, and God laughs”. Wanted jets, got helo’s...(who knew I would love thumping the air into submission). Plowed through Asia flying the CH53E out of Cubi Point, Philippines and bouncing off the Midway (now a museum). Went back to the cradle at Whiting Field where I did a split tour as a fixed wing instructor in VT3 and in the Instructor Training Unit. While at Whiting, I picked up my MED. from the University of West Florida.

I was hired by Northwest Airlines (now Delta) in 1990 where I had a great 17 years flying until I unfortunately had to medically retire.



Chip

After active duty, I joined the Navy Reserves and the Blue and Gold Officer program (still active, 25 years). Had great tours in Chicago (NAS Midway), Seattle (CINCPACFLT), Minneapolis (Carrier Augment Units where I did a CO tour), Pentagon (Navy Command Center), and rounded out at SACLANT (Virginia Beach) where I retired as an O6 after 24 years.

While living in Minnesota, I became involved in politics and was blessed to put together a fantastic team that managed to defeat a 36 year incumbent Congressman. I was honored to represent the hardworking people from the 8th District of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives. In Congress, I appreciated even more our great nation’s exceptionalism and the freedoms that we all have been honored to defend.

After Congress, I asked myself, “What’s next?” and realized it was time for a final tour: a “give back” tour. I would use my education and experiences to become a high school teacher, instructing the next generation of Americans about our Government, U.S. History, and Economics, while occasionally interjecting a pertinent sea story. Not surprisingly, my students seem to mostly enjoy the sea stories. ’81... Second to None!



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Dwyer, Timothy

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After June Week '81, I reported to the Naval Research Laboratory as a stash ensign, conducting hugely fun experiments (using black powder, lasers, plasma arcs, and deliberately putting a hole in the roof!). I qualified submarines on a boat older than me (no drill program needed – everyday disasters kept the crew on its toes) – we turned her into razor blades in PSNY. My next sea tour was on USS Dallas just after “The Hunt for Red October” hit the streets. Just like the movie (not!), we started a 2-week cruise that ultimately turned into 54 days on station while a certain unruly dictator was put in his place. I finished my active career in Naval Intelligence (oops, can't talk about that!).



Tim and Nancy

I continued in the reserves to 30 years. In a strange twist, while in the reserves, I spent zero time in submarines. Instead, I worked Naval Intelligence, Surface Warfare (Seventh Fleet), Naval Special Warfare (highlight – a shoot-house drill with a SEAL platoon!), CNO's Executive Panel, and ultimately became Director of all Office of Naval Research Reserve Units.

As a civilian, I initially dabbled in the nuclear power industry, moved into defense nuclear production, and ultimately built a career in a small federal agency that oversees DOE's defense nuclear complex. The mission – ensuring public safety while promoting the success of our nuclear deterrent – motivates me to this day. I have served in every technical position over the last 30 years, from headquarters engineer to resident inspector to technical director.

On the home front, Nancy and I are enjoying life together (second marriage for both). We have six grown children and two grandchildren (who, of course, we spoil rotten). I am still playing (beer league) hockey, and Nancy and I visit beaches along the east coast as often as possible.

Fitzpatrick, Tom

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After getting derailed my 2nd class year by a car accident and wires twice, I went on to graduate from Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) in Melbourne, FL in 1983 with a business degree. After working for BDM in Orlando from 1983-1985, I turned down a job/career with the CIA and went to Texas in April 1985 to work for General Dynamics in Fort Worth. I have been there ever since, transitioning to Lockheed and now Lockheed Martin. I've gone from selling F-16s to working on LM's FS-X/F-2 Program with Japan for 19 years to selling F-16s again and now F-35s to Finland.

Along the way, I've picked up an MBA, a CPCM, taught college math at night, traveled to numerous countries, acquired millions of frequent flyer miles, met the love of my life, Gail, and raised a family. Gail and I will be married 33 years this November. Club 34 knows I was from Kalamazoo, MI, and though I met Gail at work, she too is from Michigan, the small town of L'Anse in the UP on Lake Superior. We've owned her grandma's farm there for almost 25 years and spend a lot of time up there when I'm not working or traveling. We've lived in Hudson Oaks, a small town west of Fort Worth, now 31 years where I'm in my 21st year on the city council and may be mayor next year!



Tom and Gail

We've raised two great kids, a daughter, Kylie (UT grad) now 31 and son, Tommy (UNT grad) now 28, whom I share a birthday with on 23 January. Both live in Texas, and we now have a grandson TJ. He will be two on 13 September and shares a birthday with Kylie. Not retired yet and enjoying telecommuting! Looking forward to catching up at the 40th!



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I went submarines after a great first-class cruise. Stopped back in the DC area on the way to nuclear power school and married Jenny in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Temple that we all saw from the beltway. 40 years and four kids later, she is still putting up with me. I realized when I got a letter from the detailer about a department head tour in 1987 that for me there was going to have to be a choice – submarines or my family. That made it easy. Though I did stay in the reserves and retire as a Commander.



Andy and Jenny

Most of my private sector career was in the electrical equipment industry. I spent 18 great years at Square D, with additional stops at Eaton, GE, LSI, and Piller. Discovered that I had a knack for innovation and running businesses – embedded or stand-alone. Now – as an ‘encore’ – I’m helping develop other business leaders with Academy Leadership.

Finally earned my pilot’s license (glasses kept me from flying in the Navy). That caps a lot of hobbies along the way – biking, martial arts, running, Toastmasters, amateur radio, and more. Stayed active in our church leadership, including a long time as Scoutmaster in our youth program. Jenny and I hope to serve a full-time mission in a few years.

Jenny has lasted with me through 14 moves, between the Navy and corporate life. She mostly focused on being a great mom but is now the family golfer. Our children have gravitated back to the DC/Virginia/North Carolina area. All are doing well as engineers, a nurse, and a schoolteacher. One grandchild so far, and while we like living in Cincinnati (final corporate role), we will need to decide where that final move takes us.

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After 5 years in the sub service on USS Shark (SSN-591), I became a high school English teacher at my alma mater, a homeowner, a husband, and a father, in that order. I teach in the same department, live in the same home, am married to the same woman, and am father to the same daughter.

My wife and I have been active in church life, pray together each day, and have our aging mothers on our minds. As dedicated homebodies, travels have been restricted to visiting family in Canada and, now, to visiting our daughter in Colorado, where she teaches math in a Catholic middle school.



Steve

I worked out this morning (to stave off osteoporosis) in the same gym shorts issued plebe year. Thanks to God, I have not taken the car to school in 2 years, biking or, in inclement weather, walking the 10-mile round trip. (I bought the bike after 8th grade and took it to Europe with company mates Burke Workman and Rob Niewoehner after June Week.)

When my goddaughter married a Mexican man 5 years ago, I decided to learn Spanish. I conjugate verbs on sheets I’ve devised, make flashcards, speak into the Google microphone and read Spanish library books for juveniles. Though I’m still terrible—very terrible—at understanding spoken Spanish, I’m making enough headway to be somewhat useful in teaching ESOL these past 2 years and in sharing in the Latino community’s life at our church.

Gardening is now mostly about transitioning to “deer-resistant” plantings. Throwing pebbles, then stones, and finally, at my most exasperated, rocks at them—and hitting them about 10% of the time—did not serve. There is a lot of weeding to do. Summers are largely read-‘n’-weed.



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I spent my active duty service as a Naval Flight Officer in the P3C Orion Patrol Aircraft, completing tours in the WestPac AOR with Patrol Squadron 19 and Patrol Squadron 90. Accomplishments during this time included nearly 3000 flight hours in tactical aircraft, where I qualified as Tactical Coordinator and Mission Commander. Assignments included extensive tours in the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean. I completed my naval service after 21 years of combined active and reserve duty.



Brian and family

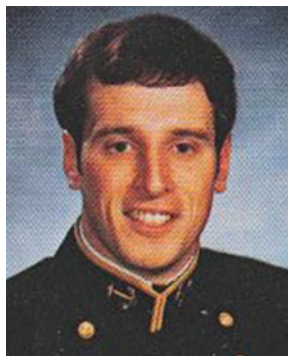
After active duty, I spent a 20+ year career in finance, holding positions in corporate development, as a CFO, and finally as a manager at the Department of the Treasury. I hold an MBA in Finance from the Kellstadt School of Business, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, and a BS in Physical Science from USNA, as well as a Certificate in Financial Planning from Georgetown University, Washington, DC. I also hold the following active licenses: Series 7 - General Securities, Series 66 - Investment Advisor, and Series 31- Managed Futures. I am an active member of Finance Executives International (FEI) and a founding board member of The Peace of Mind Foundation, Inc., a non-profit community outreach organization serving at-risk women and children.

When not pouring over financials, I enjoy playing golf, back-country and downhill skiing, hiking, collecting good wine, and traveling to the ocean to spend time at the beach. I share my interests with my wife, Karen, and our two sons and daughter. We reside in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Landers, Mark

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After departing the Navy in late 2002, with 27+ years of incredible adventure, I was given an opportunity to lead a small business. The private sector was appealing since Deb and our 4 boys were tired of moving 12 times in 22 years. I picked up SpecTIR LLC in Santa Barbara, CA and within a year moved the HQ to Reno, NV for both professional and personal reasons. Deb and I have made our home in the high Sierras for the past 18 years. Enjoying the entrepreneurial spirit, we spun off two companies that tailored our spectral technology to specific industries. We are now ready to stand up a Space venture to build and launch a large constellation of remote sensing satellites.



Mark and Deb

As a Special Duty Cryptologist, I spent time on subs, smallboys and carriers along with being stationed overseas and assigned special duty program management positions. Those experiences were invaluable to me for running small businesses and soon to lead a large aerospace company.

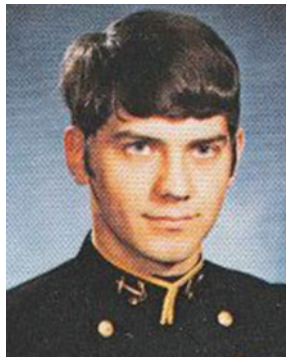
I've been fortunate to travel the world, visiting over 80 countries, meeting interesting people, learning new cultures, yet most importantly, having Deb by my side for over 40 years to keep our family grounded. It's not lost on me that I've had the great fortune of raising a loving family, while getting to work with amazing people in the military, government and private sector. USNA alumni who have gone on to greatness have inspired me to continue climbing. And if I have seen a little further, it has been by standing on the shoulders of these giants. You would think by age 65 I would be looking to throttle back and take off a few turns. But for now, life's journey goes on and the party never ends. Always think boldly; and always "Press On", regardless!



McGinty, Mike

Deceased 9/11/2001. Submitted by Dan McGarvey

Mike McGinty was tragically killed in the North Tower of the World Trade Center as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. At the time, he was a leader in the Power and Utility Practice of global insurance broker and risk consultant, Marsh & McLennan. Mike had parlayed his training as a nuclear chief engineer to specialize in meeting the extensive risk management and insurance needs of nuclear plants and their supporting companies.



Mike and family

Mike came to Annapolis from Omaha and entered the nuclear training pipeline upon graduation. He served in the nuclear surface warfare community and also as nuclear repair officer on the USS Shenandoah. His last posting was as an engineering instructor at Surface Warfare Department Head School in Newport, where he earned plaudits for his ability to convey complex concepts in simple terms. He left the Navy in 1989 as a lieutenant commander and held positions of increasing authority and responsibility as he worked for Johnson & Higgins, Sedgewick James, and Marsh & McLennan.

Mike had moved many times, both as an Air Force junior and a naval officer, so when he and his wife, Cynthia, bought their first house in Foxboro, MA, he put down roots. He was active in the community and became chairman of the deacons of the Bethany Congregational Church, where he also was a mentor in the confirmation program, served on two pastoral search committees, and was a member of the church's prayer team. But his great joy in life was being the father of David and Daniel, who were seven and eight years old at the time of his death.

Mike is remembered as a caring and loving husband and father, a supportive colleague and classmate, a wise-cracker with a rapier-like wit, and a respected businessman and officer.

Niewoehner, Rob

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I arrived for Plebe Summer convinced I'd be a submariner. Forty years after graduation, I'm the Navy's oldest active pilot: ten years in fleet fighters, ten years of developmental flight test, twenty years as an aeronautics professor @USNA, ten in uniform and ten wearing a coat and tie. It's rewarding work, and I'm connected with scores of our grads many years after graduation. I can't walk through a hangar at Pax River without seeing a LT/LCDR/CDR who flew with me as a Mid.



Rob and family

Natalie and I have loved Annapolis. We were married in the Chapel in '86 and raised our four sons here. The boys were wonderfully impacted by the Mids who frequented our home; one son recently married the little sister of a "sponsor son". After raising an all boy household, the family complexion has changed with all granddaughters (3 as of 2021).

The Boathouse was central to my life as a Mid, and I'm still there frequently. Our third son, Brent ('17), also rowed for N150 Lightweights, and I help out as Faculty Rep, adjunct coach, regatta official. One recent day I flew two flights with Mids in the morning, and then spent the late afternoon far up the Severn coaching one of the Heavies' boats. I could only think, "I get paid for this?"

The Yard's now an admixture of 44 years of memories... forming up in T-Court for plebe summer uniform inspection, forming up in T-Court as a CAPT for a command uniform inspection, rowing upstream with Scotch Hamele in an early morning N150 pair, running an early morning practice upstream with a son's team in a N150 8.

The adage is true; the Yard's a great place to return to.



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I left Navy after Youngster Year. That proved to be a good choice. Two years at USNA taught me who is the real me, for which I am grateful.

I obtained a BA in economics at the University of Chicago and an MBA and a PhD in economics from the Graduate School of Business at Chicago. At UC, I had seven Nobel in Economics winners as professors—an amazing experience. After working real jobs for a short time in the futures industry, I took a flyer in academia that has turned into a career—beats having a real job. I cannot believe how fortunate I've been.

I started at the University of Michigan Business School, then worked my way south-by-southwest with finance professor positions at the University of Chicago, Washington University, Oklahoma State University, and for the past 18.5 years at the University of Houston. Houston has proved to be great both professionally and personally. I teach graduate courses in energy derivatives, commodity pricing, and a PhD course in derivatives. I also teach courses in commodity trading at universities in Switzerland and the Netherlands.

I've carved out a niche in the economics and finance of commodity markets, publishing four books and over 40 articles. I also do quite a bit of expert witness work in high stakes litigation in commodity markets and finance, focusing on cases related to market manipulation and trading technology.

I have a wife, Terry, and two children, Renee and Genevieve. The apples didn't fall too far from the tree: Renee works in the energy industry in Houston and Genna in the finance industry in Chicago. In my spare time I work out, play tennis, and have a blog called StreetWiseProfessor.

BTW, I've had the beard in the pic since I walked out of Gate 8 in August 1979.



Craig





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Barnes, Tony

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I came to Annapolis via the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS). After graduation, I was thrilled to enter the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance (MPRA) community, flying in the P-3C Orion. First flying tour was in VP49 Jacksonville, FL, Department Head tour was in VP22 and VP17 Barbers Point, Hawaii, and my Command tour was VP16 back in Jacksonville, FL. In 1982, I married Donna, whom I met second class year in Dahlgren Hall. Ashley, my daughter, was born during my first shore tour.



Tony and family

Following a very enjoyable Command tour, I was fortunate to receive orders to the White House as the Deputy Director of Presidential Contingency Programs (PCP). I was the senior military officer from the PCP in the White House during the events of 9/11/2001. During the White House tour, I was promoted to O-6 and screened for Major Command in the Navy Recruiting Command as the Commodore of Navy Recruiting Region, CENTRAL, Great Lakes, responsible for 8 Recruiting Districts. Following this tour, I was assigned to my third tour in the recruiting command, this time to the Headquarters of Recruiting Command in Millington, TN as the Chief Diversity Officer and the National Recruiting Operations Officer. In 2008, I returned to USNA as the Chief Diversity Officer, working directly for the Supe. It was during this tour that the Supe relieved the CO of NAPS and assigned me as the CO. This third opportunity to command was extra special because I was able to return where it all began in 1976.

Completing 31 years of active service, I retired in 2011. I began federal service immediately as the Program Manager, Affirmative Employment and Diversity Management at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Eventually, I was assigned to the Office of the Executive Director for Operations as Executive Technical Assistant. I retired from Federal Service in 2019.

Berg, Brooks

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After graduation I went through the nuclear power pipeline and served on USS Finback and did several amazing special operations cruises. Follow-on tours included new construction on USS Newport News, strategic work on USS Alabama and a tour in Washington DC. I was a Reserve CO and my unit earned a MUC fighting the Global War on Terrorism with Naval Forces Japan (CNFJ) in Yokosuka.



Brooks and family

I met Linda while serving on USS Alabama and we started our lives together in DC. Leaving active duty, we returned home to be close to both families. I found leadership work in the medical device industry alongside some team-oriented people who have become life-long friends. Daily life has included being a BSA Assistant Scoutmaster, coaching football and downhill skiing on the 'bumps' in the Midwest.

I completed my charter sailing skipper certification and go sailing with Linda and others in the British Virgin Islands as often as possible. I enjoy fishing for steelhead and king salmon in Lake Michigan with my work buddies, hog hunting in Texas (with subsequent processing and cooking), and being a YouTube based handyman around the house. Spiritually, I enjoy playing bass in several church worship bands, attending Bible Study Fellowship and growing my faith in Him.

Linda and I have two grown sons who are out in the world leading others. Both are graduates of awesome universities, one in medical school in Des Moines and the other in the insurance industry in St. Paul. We enjoy a four season north woods cabin in WI where we sail, ski and hike the area. We remain close with the kids and leverage technology to communicate frequently when in person events are not possible.

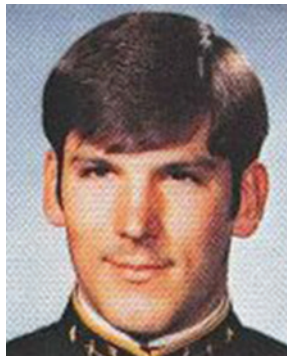
Life has been and is good in the USA which helps us live through the ups and downs that surround us every day.



Castleton, Jeff

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Upon graduation, I was off to Pensacola and flight training. Newly minted as a NFO, I headed to Virginia Beach and the F-14 Tomcat. I spent three years on the USS America (CV-66) with the VF-102 Diamondbacks along with several '81 classmates. We sailed on two Mediterranean cruises, an "almost famous" flight chasing Qadhafi's Learjet across the Med in April 1986, and a North Atlantic cruise all in support of Reagan's Cold War. I spent shore duty in Oceana with the VF-43 Aggressors, training east coast aircrews combat tactics. Like my fellow Tomcatters, I share a unique affection for the F-14 and was very honored and privileged to have flown the best fighter aircraft to ever sail the seven seas.



Jeff and family

Because NFOs were plentiful in a community focused on retaining its pilots, I left active duty after seven active-duty years. My love affair with the Tomcat continued at NAS Dallas where I flew two more years at VF-201 for the reserves. 1990 was a year of many changes for me. I left the cockpit, General Dynamics, and Dallas for Denver. My growing family, a new city and a new industry (commercial real estate) made for a dynamic and rewarding decade. The plan to return to Texas was overruled by Denver's amazing weather, snowboarding the Rocky Mountains, and the extra distance gained on my tee shots.

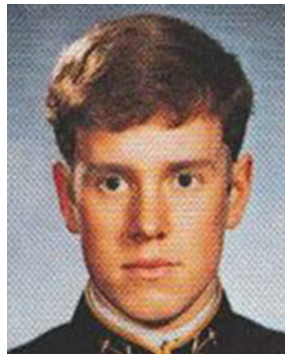
I am living a blessed life with two wonderful daughters and stepson living their best life, two grandsons, and a beautiful second wife I was so fortunate to marry in 2010. A lot has changed at USNA and, unfortunately, not all for the better. Still, Angela and I are very much looking forward to our sojourn back to the banks of the Severn and reuniting with my classmates.

Eastburg, Steve

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I followed in the footsteps of my dad in joining the Navy. He was a Navy vet who enlisted at age 17 to fight in some of the most intense battles of WWII aboard USS Intrepid, Hornet and Wasp. His stories of adventure and heroism were what drew me to the Navy.

Forty years later I found myself aboard considerably more advanced carriers flying the S-3A/B. I loved Naval aviation, and it turned into a terrifically rewarding career. I enjoyed the technical side of aviation and spent the second half of my career testing and acquiring Naval aircraft, retiring in 2012 as a RADM. Only had one really bad day in those 32 years, on 29 Apr 1992. Testing a Viking over the Chesapeake, the fuselage broke up under high test loads and the jet catastrophically exploded exactly three seconds later. I pulled the ejection handle 0.95 seconds after the failure, and we ejected with only 0.02 sec to spare. Grateful for God's protection, every day since I've thanked the Lord for saving us. Since retirement I've served as President of Smartronix Defense, managing the company's airborne C5ISR work on four continents.



Steve and Cathy

I met Cathy, my awesome bride of 35 years, in San Diego, and we've raised three young men. Greg (USNA '12) flew F-18's in INHERENT RESOLVE in 2016 and is currently a test pilot at China Lake. Matt (USNA '17) is a P-8 pilot stationed in Jax and deployed to the Far East. Our youngest, Andrew, is a college student and pharmacy tech. After spending the last couple decades in the Pax River area, Cathy and I have moved to Jax to be closer to family. I cherish my USNA experience and have continually leaned on the education/training and the friendships we forged forty years ago!



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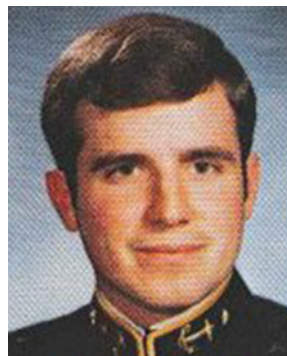
After graduation, I served aboard USS Leftwich (DD-984) as the Antisubmarine Warfare Officer. While in San Diego I met my wife, Barbara, and we got married on December 17, 1982. Our first daughter, Jessica, was born. At the end of my tour aboard Leftwich I became an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) and attended the Naval Postgraduate School where I got my Master's Degree in Computer Science.

My follow-on tour was as the only EDO stationed at the Naval Warfare Center in China Lake, CA. I worked in the Missile Software Branch on a variety of projects. While stationed at China Lake our second daughter, Alexandra, was born. I completed my payback tour at China Lake and got out of the Navy.

I joined The Boeing Company on August 17, 1990 and continue to work for them to this day.

My first project at Boeing was also at China Lake working on the Naval Air Battle Evaluation Model (NABEM-II). I worked on NABEM-II for nearly 8 years until March 1998 when I moved the family up to the Seattle area and started work on the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) proposal. It was working on the JSF proposal that I found my calling as a software test engineer and I have enjoyed testing software on a variety of projects including the X-45 Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (UCAV), Common Mission Control Center (CMCC), and the F-22 Raptor, where I currently work.

When not at work I enjoy relaxing on my small farm in Port Orchard, WA. Barbara and I used to breed Pugs but have since retired. So, we enjoy the company of our ten Pugs, which was the last of our breeding stock.



Karl

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Upon graduation, I entered Rickover's nuclear navy program and served as part of the Gold crew on the Trident Submarine SSBN-727. In parallel, I married the hometown girl and started a family. Final count - three sons. At the end of my tour, I chose civilian life. Truth is, my desire to be a great father trumped my desire to be an Admiral. As it turned out, my career in the civilian nuclear power industry was highly impactful and reasonably rewarding. Assignments included multiple locations in the US as well as Canada and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Like most, life had ups and downs. Ups - brother David graduated USNA in 2005, a helo pilot. Three sons whose character and contribution make me so proud (the eldest graduated USNA in 2004). Four grandchildren and counting. Downs - a bout with colon cancer in my 30s (though it didn't keep me down after surgery and chemo were completed). Alas, my marriage fell apart after 32 years - my fault.

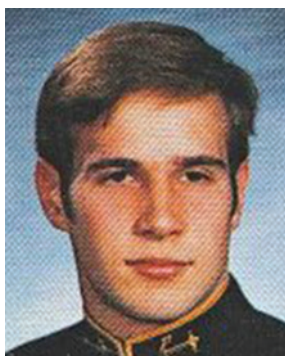
Today, I am happily remarried. I continue to consult on new overseas nuclear projects and programs. I also regularly pursue entrepreneurial opportunities to include some writing, some product development, and some international real estate investing.

Life is great. USNA and my classmates played a major role in helping me create a deeply satisfying life full of adventure, a life I am so grateful for. Thank you all ... especially my classmates from the 35th company.

A short story of my Rickover interview can be found on Amazon. Send me an email if interested in my other projects and products, or to share yours!

Excelsior,

Robert

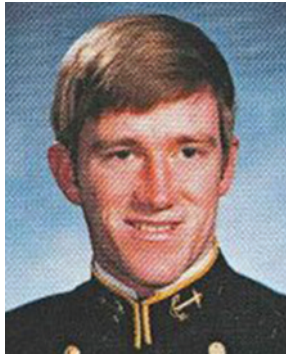


Robert



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After graduation I was stashed in Key West for a few fun months, then it was off to flight school, finishing up in Corpus Christi and Beeville where I dated a beautifully gregarious Texan. Diana and I were married in the USNA chapel in 1984 just before I deployed with VF-14 to the Indian Ocean. Not enjoying the night carrier landings (nor did my RIO...), I finished up my commitment while serving with the CEC in San Francisco.



Bob and Diana

Off to business school in Ann Arbor, then 28 years with Dow Chemical and Johnson Controls in Michigan, with a few stints in Cologne, Germany and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Diana embraced our adventures as we skipped around, making lasting friendships along the way. My career at JCI included stints in product management, finance, manufacturing, and operations excellence, where we produced seats and interiors for our automotive customers around the world.

For the last three years, we have been enjoying our retirement in Holland, Michigan. We have two daughters, both married with two grandchildren and one on the way! If not visiting them in Minneapolis, we have a neat spot here in Western Michigan where we enjoy the beach ... well, for eight weeks each summer. I still crow, and play guitar (thanks Kuz!) and that noisy harmonica in a local garage band. I am passionate about sailing on the local Wednesday night racing circuit. While at the academy my dad ('48) would sign off his letters to me with "BZ," so our boat is appropriately named ... *Bravo Zulu*. I know ... this stuff never leaves you!

Best wishes to '81, G-house.

Garrold (DeFiore), Vicky
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Love of adventure is likely a key component for all of us choosing to attend the Naval Academy. For this Master Chief's daughter out of Key West, it was just the beginning of an illustrious list of many great experiences. While not all adventures were considered fun, they all provided that ever important character-building element! Starting as an Ensign working as an EDO at Charleston Naval Shipyard, I had duty assignments, both active and reserve, that were challenging, rewarding, and most importantly provided me with wonderful opportunities.



Vicky and Tim

The greatest adventure I undertook was marrying a classmate from the other side of Mother B two days after our graduation, Tim Garrold (6th Company). It's been forty years, and through competing duty assignments, many moves and creating three great kids, we both ended up at the Naval War College in fulfilling second careers. We have truly been blessed in our commitment to each other and had the added joy of experiencing being USNA parents when our eldest daughter graduated with the Class of '09 (√81). Following our classmate Lisa Graham Stolle, I am proud to note my daughter and I were the second mother-daughter legacy.

As we enter this next phase of life and entertain the idea of retirement, we are doubly blessed to have three exceptional children that we can impose on and two grandchildren (so far) whom we can spoil rotten. I recently accepted a new job in Pensacola, so we are still two moves away from finally settling in our permanent Florida location on the Space Coast. Another time, tide and formation await and new adventures with a steady mate sharing the helm are always to be embraced! I'm proud to be a graduate of USNA '81, second to none!



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After graduation, I became a General Unrestricted Officer (1100) and headed to my first duty station at Naval Facility (NAVFAC) Bermuda as a IUSS watch officer. Two years later I went to NOPF Dam Neck followed by Naval Postgraduate School for my MS in Applied Science in the Undersea Curriculum. I left beautiful and warm California for beautiful and frigid Iceland. Then I became a Junior Officer Detailer in Washington, DC, my second-best job in my 24-year career. My best job was as the 3rd Company Officer, where I was the first female graduate to become a company officer. I loved every moment of those three years including my stint as the Conduct Officer.



After 24 years and 11 duty stations, six of them overseas, I retired as a Commander and packed up my sea bag, which now contained an ex-husband and three wonderful sons. Ensign Brandon (Simmons), my oldest son is in flight school in Pensacola, Ian attends Morgan State, and Jonathan is at USNA in the class of '23.

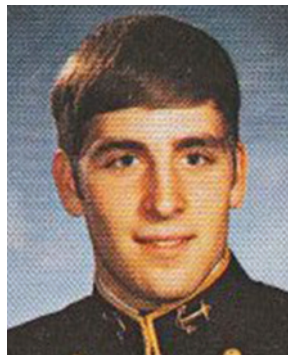
After the Navy, I did four years as an Associate with Booz Allen Hamilton, supporting the Navy in Tennessee and at the Navy Yard. In 2010, I became a government civilian at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), where I continue to work as a Workforce Manager. In 2019, I had the distinct honor to attend the National Defense University (NDU), where I earned a MA in Strategic Security Studies and the Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase II designation.

I have had a wonderful and unique life with all of its ups and downs and the lessons learned. The friendships I made at USNA have stood the test of time. I look forward to my next phase in a few years where I no longer need an alarm clock, just a calendar.

Johnson, Doug

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I left the Submarine Service and US Navy in July 1989 and moved to my fifth generation homestead. I continued in engineering in two local companies advancing into the Senior Management Team of Truth Hardware. I also ventured into the world of entrepreneurs, operating a business incubator and providing management to my wife and her partners' accounting practice with three separate locations. Essentially retired, I continue to serve with local non-profit agencies.



Doug with dogs

I have been blessed to live in a small rural community with family and friends. Tammy and I are approaching our 40th wedding anniversary. So blessed to have a Navy wife and three wonderful children. Grant was born to us in New London, CT and works for Coyote Logistics. He currently lives in Bloomington, MN. Alex was born to us at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton Roads, VA. He teaches early childhood education, living in Worthington, MN. Erin, my princess, was born in Owatonna, MN, post naval career. She is married to Matthew Larsgaard and works as an attorney in Fargo, ND.

Serving the community has been a significant part of my life. I served as a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for 12 years. Next was multiple terms, for a total of 12 years, as a Steele County Commissioner. The wrestling world provided another outlet with multiple years as a mat official and coach for Freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. This included multiple assignments at the national level. A lifetime member of the American Legion, I have served as Commander and currently as Adjutant. We are members at the local baptist church and enjoy a spirit-filled bible based sermon. I am currently a young adult sunday school teacher and have served as trustee through multiple remodeling projects.

Thank you to all of my classmates for 40 years!



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What an unremarkable life I have had. Yes, unremarkable. I have done much but none I consider good enough to laud! I have been a part of a great world with great people doing great things. I gave 100%.

The Naval Academy was the ticket to the life my parents envisioned for me. After graduation I served as a Naval Flight Officer (S3A's), conducted two Westpac tours, and did a stint as a flight instructor.



Jim and family

I never expected to make the Navy a career, so I studied for an MBA from the University of West Florida along with some classmates. I entered the FBI in 1989 and met my first wife around the same time.

The FBI was both demanding and rewarding. I was part of some interesting major cases. The FBI allowed me to do many different functions which included case agent, relief supervisor, pilot, and technically trained agent.

Along the way I adopted a little girl (Lindsay) who is now 29 and has three children of her own. She has a Master's in Psychology and is doing well. Also along the way, I got divorced and met another lady (Lisa Clare) who was my soulmate, but cancer stole her from this earth before her time. It was unarguably the most difficult thing I have ever endured.

I retired after 24 years and am working part time as a Security Consultant for some major companies in Silicon Valley.

The future is my greatest fear. We all have to land somewhere.

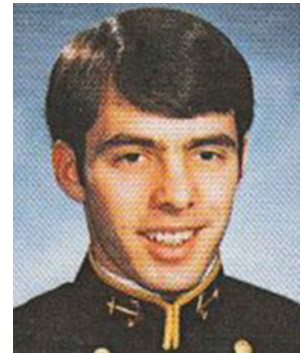
I am grateful to my nation and those who protect it. To those who are not with us, I feel the pain of your loss. For those who remain, thank you for your friendship.

Kraft, Terry

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I was raised the son of a Navy captain. I was designated a naval flight officer in 1982. I was a Federal Executive Fellow at Harvard University from 1999-2000. I earned a Master's degree in Political Science from Auburn University at Montgomery and graduated from the Navy Nuclear Power Program and MIT Seminar XXI.

My sea duty tours include Attack Squadron VA- 55 embarked aboard USS Coral Sea (CV 43), VA-115 embarked aboard USS Midway (CV 41), and VA-95 on USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). I served as executive officer aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). During those tours, I participated in Operations Eldorado Canyon, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Enduring Freedom (OEF).



I commanded Electronic Attack Squadron 131, the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport (LPD 12), the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), and the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group 12. I supported both OIF and OEF during all four tours.

My shore tours included duty in VA-128, Air Command and Staff College, and at U.S. Pacific Command. After flag selection, I reported to the Pentagon, chief of naval operations staff, N88 Aviation Requirements, then in N2/N6 as director, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capabilities from 2008 to 2010. I then served as the commander of Navy Warfare Development Command.

I finished my Navy career in Japan as Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan retiring in June 2015. I racked up over 3,700 flight hours and 1,000 carrier-arrested landings in the A-6E, EA-6B and F/A-18F and G aircraft.

After retirement, I went to work in the defense industry at General Atomics Aeronautical as Vice President, Leasing and Services in sunny San Diego.

I am married to the former Mary Hohman and we have two grown children residing in Denver, Colorado. I enjoy triathlons, sailing and tennis.



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OORAH! As the sole 35th company USMC veteran, it just needed to be said.

My USMC time was spent with various units at Camp Pendleton, as well as a 2-year tour as CCO on the USS Duluth (LPD-6). That included a WestPac deployment and participation in Operation Team Spirit, where I can confirm that you can indeed break an e-tool trying to dig through the frozen Korean soil.

After 5 years, I left the USMC and became a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration. I spent the next 25+ years disrupting international narcotics/money laundering organizations.

My USMC and DEA careers were an outstanding fit for my personality, or lack thereof. As it was unfolding, I certainly had my share of challenges, but I wouldn't have changed any of it.

After retiring from DEA, I spent 9 years as a government contractor supporting various federal law enforcement agencies throughout the country, a major change of pace that eased my transition into what is now full retirement.

As we all know too well, the bridge from 20 to 60 is much shorter than imagined after having crossed it. At a minimum, I leave 5 beautiful, often defiantly independent daughters, of whom I am extremely proud. Watching them grow into young women, blazing their own unique paths through life, has provided a joy unknown in any other endeavor, generating memories beyond compare. I hope to build many more with them and my 6 grandchildren (to date) in the years to come.

The veracity of the above, if challenged, can be confirmed by wife #3, Philippa.

Be forewarned – She cusses like a sailor and can back it up.

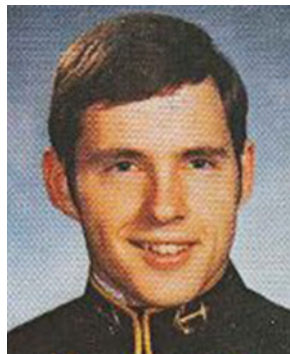
Semper Fi!



Mike

Kurta, Tony

I was fortunate enough to be a Destroyerman for 32 years after graduation. Sailors belong on ships, and ships belong at sea! The Navy was good to me and sent me to around 75+ different countries while in uniform. I commanded mine countermeasures ships, a destroyer, and a squadron of destroyers. Most interesting assignment was leading the Combined Joint Task Force in the Horn of Africa.



Tony and Maria

Fascinating part of the world. Djibouti is the hottest, continually inhabited country on earth...story for another day. Most intriguing port visits were Severomorsk (a closed Russian city and headquarters of the Soviet Northern Fleet) and Haifa, Israel, where I was able to visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Galilee!

I flunked retirement after leaving the Navy and spent 5 years as a DoD senior executive, almost all of that dealing with Military Personnel Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense; one year of that was Acting as Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, working for Secretary Jim Mattis. A better leader does not exist. Again, fascinating work amidst great people. I then, again, flunked retirement and now work for Leidos, in their Health Group. Very rewarding work dealing with military health, Veteran health and Veteran transition.

As the CO of a mine countermeasures ship, we were in Chinhae, Korea and I took a shine to Maria, the MWR girl for the base. We didn't talk again for nearly 12 years, but then reconnected and married on 7/7/07 (so I can never forget our anniversary)!

We look forward to our retirement, chasing golf weather, and hosting friends from our homes in Montana and Arizona!



Kuzmick, Joe

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After graduation and flight school (NFO), I became an A-6 Bombardier/Navigator and headed to Va. Beach where I met and married Holly Brown (best thing that happened to me!). We did tours in several Intruder squadrons everywhere including Japan and Strike U in Fallon. Spent some time in the Midwest getting Joint qualified before a command tour in EA-6Bs out of Whidbey Island.



Joe and Holly

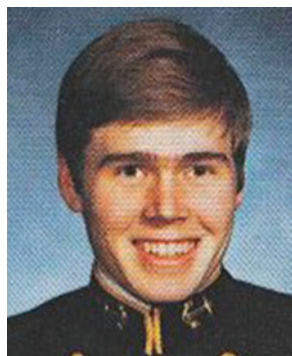
I had the great fortune to select for nuclear training and a long, wonderful relationship with USS John C. Stennis as XO and CO, with flagship command out of Gaeta Italy in between. My 34-year career concluded with flag tours in the Pentagon and CSG-15 out of San Diego. Since retirement in 2015, I dabbled in a tech startup and now run peer advisory boards for CEOs with Vistage Worldwide here in Seattle where we make our home.

Holly lovingly raised our three children through eighteen moves and spent countless hours volunteering to help our various family support groups - literally thousands of family members - make the most of their Navy experience. She still puts up with me. Ryan (UW '12) and Jimmy (USNA '14) are both MH-60R pilots. Shannon (USD '17) works for a renewable energy company here in Seattle. It's been a blur, but a wonderful ride!

Laughlin, Bill

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It has been a good ride since graduation! I married my High School Sweetheart Maura, one week after graduation and have been blessed with three children and five grandchildren (plus one on the way this fall).



Bill and family

Left the Navy in 1989 and decided to go into recruiting instead of flying for the airlines. Was a founder of a company called Orion International (named after the P-3) that has helped connect thousands of Veterans with new employment. As the company grew, we leveraged our team and started nine more companies in a variety of industries.

Sold five to Private Equity in 2007 and one to a German Engineering firm a bit later and stayed on as CEO until 2010 when I retired from it all. From there, Maura and I traveled the world and spent a lot of time goofing off.

I finally got bored in 2014 and started two new companies as well as a local Business Association. Still working, but I am grooming my replacement (my son Patrick... USNA 2011) to take over the business. I still do some racing (Mountain Biking and Xterra), a lot of traveling (looking to hit all the National Parks in the next couple of years after visiting all the Continents and 50 States) and manage to get in a week or two of Kiteboarding every year at OBX.

Our children have all moved back to Cary, NC to raise their families, and our house is always filled with children's laughter and plastic toys. If God took me tomorrow, he would be taking a happy man!

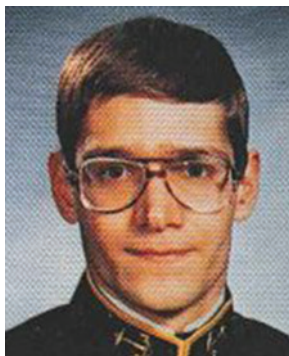


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The last 40 years have been amazing. Married my high school sweetheart, Mindy, days after the USNA Graduation, and the next adventure started. Hiking the Appalachian Trail, then to the Fleet. Nuclear training and on to 4 submarines (USS Tullibee, USS Gato, USS Philadelphia and USS Tennessee Gold), and shore tours at NEDU - Panama City, FL, RADCON Officer - Kings Bay, GA, NWC, STRATCOM - Omaha, NE, an overseas tour in Belgium with SHAPE, and NSA Mid-South as Executive Officer through the 9/11 Crisis.



Eric and family

Twenty-three years and 11 moves later, we retired for the first time in Millington, TN. Following a quick expedition to Alaska with the National Outdoor Leadership School, I started a new job with the USCG in Memphis, TN. An opportunity with FedEx Express opened up, which started a second career, in Air Ops Dept first (a BubbleHead!!!) as a Business Analyst, then Global Vehicles as the Planning and Analysis Manager, finally to NH for an Engineering position and later the Engineering Manager for most of New England.

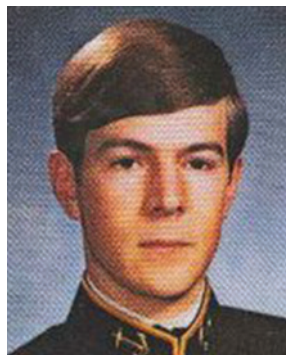
We have two sons, Chris and Corey, and I have done a lot of volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America and the National Ski Patrol.

Seventeen years later, time for a second retirement, as the COVID pandemic is winding down. Pastimes include Ultra Running and Triathlons. Qualified for the KONA World Championships in Oct 2021 (not fast, persistent). Looking forward to a lot of traveling in the future from our home base in Southern New Hampshire.

Sperling, Michael

Deceased 7/16/84 Submitted by his classmates

Born of flying parents – his dad a navy pilot (USNA '52) and his mother a stewardess – Sperls was born to live, and ultimately destined to die, aboard an aircraft. Before the final event, he lived the fullest and most interesting of lives. Whether with his sister Michele, brother Doug, USNA 35th company classmates, or fellow squadron members, he openly and graciously shared his unique perspectives, inborne curiosity, and sense of adventure with anybody lucky enough to walk by his side for any part of his 26-year journey.



Mike

His 35th company classmates recall some favorite remembrances:

- A talent for pen and ink drawings
- Killing moths with a flamethrower created from a can of pledge and a match
- Indulging others in games of Darts manufactured from Q-tips and sewing needles
- A love of Punk Rock ... Warren Zevon, Sex Pistols, etc.
- An expert marksman
- A love of travel. During second-class summer, he and roommate Mac visited family in Cairo, Egypt
- A skier, a sailor, and a scuba diver
- A penchant and skill with paper airplanes ... "He walked into our room to borrow our window. He paused briefly before gently tossing a small cylinder of paper out the window. We look on as this unassuming slip of paper sailed out over the 8th wing tennis courts, Farragut field, the Severn River ... hell, it probably still hasn't landed."

In perhaps a moment of foreshadowing, Sperls sat with an aviation classmate at the Cubi Point O'Club, where they discussed recent aviation events during their limited fleet experiences and the inherent dangers of naval air. Not a month later, Sperls was lost in a crash while navigating his KA-6D during a training mission near Pusan, Korea.

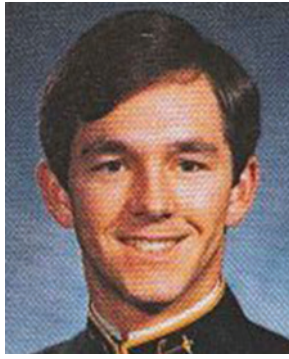
David Michael Sperling is buried in section 35 (where else?) of the Barrancas National Cemetery, Florida, and is enshrined in the USNA Virtual Memorial Hall.



Weatherford, Doug

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After graduation, three classmates and I immediately traveled to Egypt and Europe for our month's 'basket leave' to start off some great alumni memories. I spent seven years on active duty in the Submarine Force, then another 23 in the reserves. Karen and I married in 1987 after dating long distance for several years between Charleston and Orlando. Then we were in San Diego together during a shore tour assignment.



Doug and Karen

CIVLANT took me back to Orlando and to Walt Disney World. For 13 years, I had jobs from imagineering-like work to project management for utilities infrastructure. Since leaving WDW, I've been working in PM roles supporting science and technology (S&T) development for the DoD tri-service test and evaluation community's unmet needs.

We raised two sons in Orlando, where I enjoyed coaching them and refereeing in their church basketball league and being the family videographer for the boys' other sports and our vacation activities. My youngest son has unfortunately 'inherited' my dance-like-no-one's-watching 'ailment.' The boys are now finding their way as young professionals.

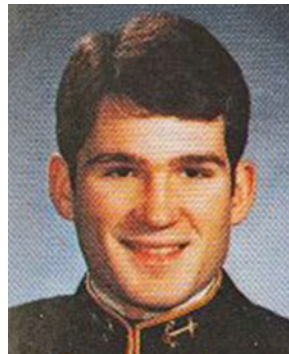
Over the past decade, Karen and I have delved into some curious areas of learning together, seeking impactful ways to serve others. The quantum nature of consciousness can open up new worlds. I am pondering ways to transition into a 'retirement' that aligns with both our dreams and needs. Still figuring out what to do when I grow up...

I've been blessed over these 40 years with a wonderfully forgiving, patient, and loving wife, sons who have taught me far more about life than I have for them, and special times spent with treasured classmates and families. Peace/Shalom/Salaam.

Willy, Chris

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After graduating from USNA with a BS in Systems Engineering, I studied at MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) Deep Submergence Lab from 1992 to 1994. I received an MS in Mechanical Engineering from MIT and an Ocean Engineering degree jointly awarded by MIT and WHOI. From 2005 to 2008, I studied at the George Washington University (GWU) School of Engineering and Applied Science, where I was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science, Systems Engineering.



Chris and Joan

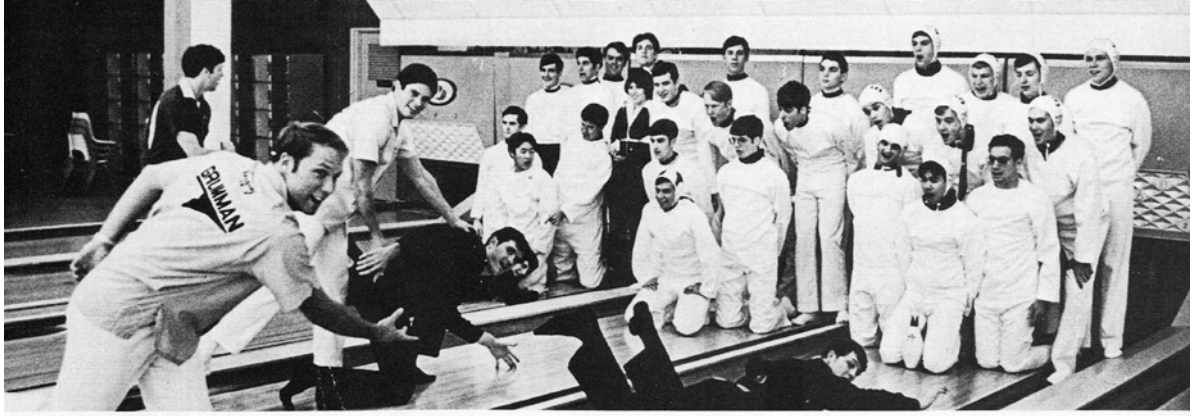
From 1981 to 1999, I served in the aviation community as a squadron Executive Officer, Training Officer, Administrative Officer, Legal Officer, classroom instructor, Operational Test Director, P-3 aircraft Mission Commander, Tactical Coordinator, and Navigator. I retired from the service in 1999.

I was employed by J.F. Taylor, Inc., Lexington Park, MD as a program manager and senior systems engineer for communications, navigation, and identification systems from 1999 to 2020. In this role I supported PMA265, the F/A-18 and EA-18G aircraft program office, as the lead systems engineer for integration of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Low Volume Terminal. I also served as the communication systems team deputy and, most recently, as the integration team lead for precision approach and landing capability. I retired at the end of 2020 from J.F. Taylor, Inc.

From 2009 to 2018, I also taught courses as a part-time faculty Professorial Lecturer for the GWU Engineering Management and Systems Engineering (EMSE) department, and advised EMSE department PhD candidates during their dissertation research. My research interests are in stochastic processes, dynamic systems, and systems engineering.

Two days after graduating from USNA, I married Joan (Petrini) Willy, my wife of 40+ years. Together we reared a family of four remarkable children. For the last several months, Joan and I have been touring the USA, enjoying much of what this great country of ours has to offer.

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Bell, Gary

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As an E-2C Hawkeye Naval Flight Officer at NAS Norfolk my career got sidetracked as I “broke my freaking neck” in ’82 at a classmate’s bachelor party. I was actually a swordsman in the wedding the next day! For the rest of the story please call Paul Harvey. After a halo, a 6-hour operation, and a year away, I was as good as new. For my fleet tour I did two cruises with VAW-126 on the JFK. Prior to my second cruise I was at Top Gun in ’85 and managed to get in the movie (Tom Cruise’s part was a little bigger).



I married my beautiful bride Frannie in ’87 and went to teach ROTC at Old Dominion University where I got an MBA. We had our first child, Cassie, in ’89. I resigned my commission, joined a Reserve squadron in Norfolk, and took a defense contractor job at Pax River, MD. Frannie and I had two more children, my sons Ryan and Marty, in ’90 and ’93. I became a Christian in ’92 and it has completely changed me from the inside out.



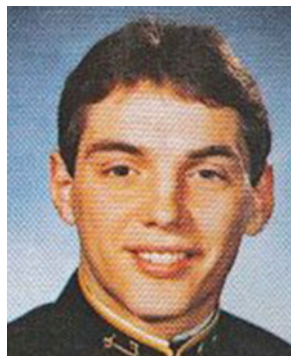
Gary and Frannie

I retired from the Reserves in 2002 and in 2003 I joined a small Federal contracting company as a VP that supported DoD, DOT, DOE, and NRC. I took over as CEO in 2014, and we moved to northern VA. I am retiring very soon, and we recently moved to Williamsburg, VA. In 2012, I self-published my first book, “Thinking Like Christ.” This summer, Westbow Press published my second book, “God & Mind, Extraordinary Coexistence.” Overall, I feel extremely blessed for my family and the path my life has taken. GNBA.

Bianchi, Jim

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After graduation, I served as a Surface Warfare Officer on a frigate in San Diego. When that sea tour ended, I switched to the Intelligence community and served in Norfolk. After that shore tour, I left active duty and stayed with the reserves as an Intelligence Officer and with emergency management and completed 30 years of combined active and reserve duty, retiring as a Captain.



Jim and family

My civilian career had a few false starts before I came to Pfizer 30 years ago. I have been in many sales and sales management roles. I still find the work rewarding and plan to continue with them for the foreseeable future.

In 1984, I married Martha Gibbon from the Philadelphia area. We have lived in Michigan for the last 30 years, where we raised our three children: Tom, Katie, and Bob. We have one grandchild, Paige, and look forward to several more. Martha recently retired from a career as a secretary in the local schools. The lacrosse bug bit me after being dormant for several years when my boys wanted to learn the game and prompted me to start a program in our community. I have been at it ever since and have been coaching at the high school for the past 20 years.

I really enjoy catching up to classmates when I get back to Annapolis for a lacrosse game in the spring or a football game in the fall. Look me up if you make it to the Great Lakes state.



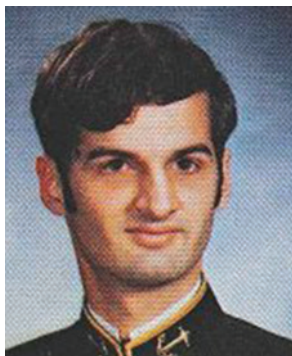
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Blake, Pat

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My nickname, ZEKE, did not follow me out of the Academy. Now I am happy when I hear it because I know it is a classmate.

I entered the Academy with the love of my life, Kathy as my fiancé. The most precious thing I can say about the last 40 years is being married to this wonderful lady. We spent our first twenty years as a couple before we adopted our two beautiful daughters from Smolensk, Russia. So, while some of my classmates are grandparents, my kids are just finishing college.



Pat and Kathy

I left the Navy and became an IT Project Management Consultant. I named my company JKE Consultants. It is the initials of Kathy, Jennifer, and Emily, to remind me of who I was working for.

Outside of work, I followed my passion. I have been involved in the local community theaters for the last 28 years. I am involved with four theaters, plus I am a member of a local Improv Troupe.

I also love to barefoot waterski. I don't do too bad for an old man.

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After graduating and my failed attempt to interservice transfer to the Air Force, I went to Navy Flight School. After primary in Corpus Christi, the Navy decided that I (and everyone else in my class) wanted to fly helicopters. I ended up flying H-46s out of Coronado, San Diego. Went on a couple of cruises to West Pac, where I flew rubber dogs**t out of Hong Kong and many other places. From there it was off to Pensacola where I was a RAG instructor for UH-1Ns.



Dave

I separated from Pensacola in 1989 and did my penance for being a helicopter pilot at a commuter airline (Comair) in Orlando. While in the reserves, I was able to get a position in the Jacksonville C-9 squadron. Shortly after, I was hired by American Airlines. Six months after getting hired, I was recalled to active duty for Desert Storm. Six months later, I was back at AA and not much new has happened since, 31 years later. Flying 787s primarily to the Far East right now, and don't plan on any big changes before mandatory retirement in 3 years.

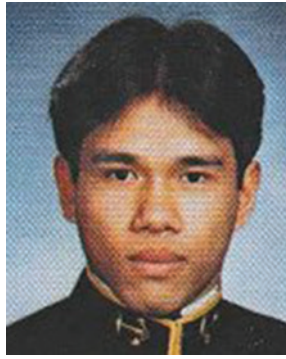
No wives, no kids and no Ex's, so I play a lot of golf (have kept my handicap around zero), do some long-range shooting, and in the last 5 years some big game hunting. I have been to Northern Canada and gotten a moose, mountain goat, and a record book mountain caribou. Last year it was an oryx in New Mexico. To wind this up, I will say that I enjoy an OCCASIONAL fine scotch. Cheers to All!



Calle, Joe

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Shortly following graduation, I underwent training to become a nuclear submarine officer. After 8 years as a Navy Nuke, I decided to join the civilian sector and shortly thereafter go into the commercial nuclear industry. I worked at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Maryland, as a lead design engineer, where a lot of USNA grads ended up as well. I left Calvert in 1997 to become a private consultant to the nuclear industry, specializing in major projects. In early 2008, I ended up at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission thanks to the recruiting efforts of our classmate Vic McCree. Five years later I joined the Tennessee Valley Authority's nuclear management ranks. I retired from TVA in February 2020 only to turn around and accept a position as Vice President of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for Nawah Energy in the United Arab Emirates, working at the first nuclear power plant in the Middle East. That is where I am today.



Joe and Delana

Along the way, I had several practice runs at being married. I'm now happily married to Delana Cuevas. If I would have met Delana first, I would still be married to her today. However, I do have a wonderful son, Jake, from the last previous marriage, who is now 26 and living in Savannah, GA.

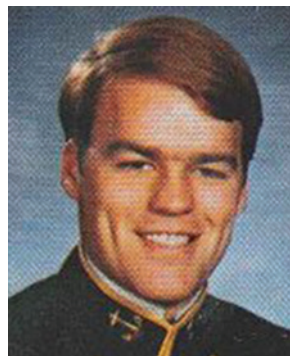
Delana and I (when I'm home) now reside in Pensacola, FL where we (Delana primarily) are currently overseeing the full renovation of the home we bought back in late 2011. I hope to fully retire in the very near future and spend my days in sunny Florida along with my lovely wife working out, playing golf, boating, fishing, traveling, volunteering and just enjoying life the best way we can.

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I had a memorable 41 years in a US Navy uniform. From I-Day in T-Court 6 July 1977, to retirement in Memorial Hall, 30 November 2018. Today, Teresa and I are both healthy and happily retired, exploring America and the rest of the world.

After graduation it was home to Coronado for SWOS and my first two sea tours. Then back to USNA where I bought my first house and was David "The Admiral" Robinson's Company Officer. Then back to California for two more sea tours, and where I married the girl who had literally grown up a block away from me since 1966, Teresa Jane Sheil.



John and family

Then to the first of many tours in Newport where our first child and only daughter Grace was born. She is a University of Mary Washington grad and marketing executive at Little League International. Tim, our eldest son born at Balboa Naval Hospital, is a George Mason University grad who just selected for Intelligence Specialist 2/C USCG, and is now stationed in DC. Matt, our youngest, born at Bethesda Naval Hospital, just graduated USNA '20 and is aboard DDG 113 in San Diego.

We spent our final six years on active duty in Europe (Germany/Belgium), and it was incredible...but, there is no place like home and the USA.

Teresa and I have had 31 wonderful adventuresome years together and are blessed to live in Annapolis (mostly) and Coronado (one week every other month), places we love and where we have family.

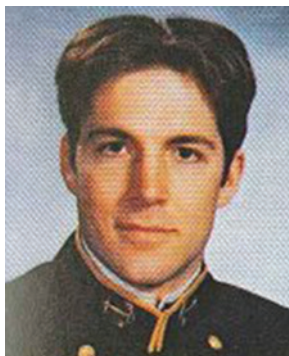


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After graduation, I was off to Navy Flight School at Pensacola, FL (NAS Whiting Field) and NAS Corpus Christi, TX, where I earned my Navy wings of gold in October 1982. My first duty station was Patrol Squadron Five (VP-5) flying P-3Cs in my hometown of Jacksonville, FL from 1983 to 1986. While attached to VP-5, we made two overseas deployments to Rota, Spain, Lajes, Azores, and Sigonella, Sicily. My next duty station was back to NAS Whiting Field as a Navy Flight Instructor in the T-34C from 1986 to 1988.



Dave and family

In March 1988, I left active duty service and joined Delta Airlines in Atlanta, GA and have been a pilot with Delta for 33 years, flying multiple aircraft: Boeing-727, 757, 767 and 777, Lockheed -Tristar L-1011, and currently Captain on the Airbus A350. We also developed and own a small private real estate investment firm in GA and FL.

I have been married to Carol (who I knew in highschool) since 1990 and have two wonderful children - Charlotte (28) and Grayson (24). After raising our family in Atlanta for 30 years and the children's college graduation, Carol and I moved back to our hometown of Jacksonville, FL. We live in Atlantic Beach, enjoying the beach life and boating and practicing for our retirement in a couple years!

Go Navy, Beat Army!

Fox, Bob

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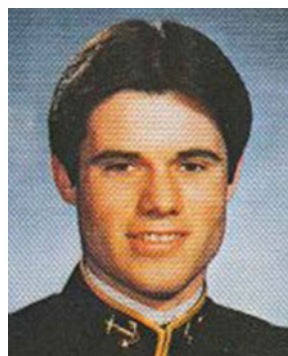
I met Sue Patton in 1979 at a Hood College mixer. We were married in 1982, and she endured my four operational deployments on the USS Kitty Hawk (2), USS Saratoga, and the USS Eisenhower aircraft carriers, flying the A-7 Corsair and the F/A-18 Hornet. In between these deployments, we did enjoy a tour at Point Mugu where I conducted flight test work on the F/A-18 software and weapon systems.

When I took the early retirement offered in 1996, Sue and I left the Navy with four children, Ashley (12), Bobby (8), Katie (6), and Jackie (3). I went to work for United Airlines, and we moved to Connecticut to be around family and raise the children. Soccer, horse-back riding, Little League, and golf tournaments ran two minivans into the ground.

During the children's college years, we lived in Northern Virginia, and I was flying the Airbus 320 out of Dulles and also became involved in union work. In 2013, I was elected by the pilot representatives to a full time union position. I am currently serving as the Airline Pilots Association's First Vice President and National Safety Coordinator.

Katie was married in 2014 and currently has 5 children; Lucy (6), Therese (5), Alexei (4), Mary (2), and Thaddeus (1 month). Katie and her family moved to South Bend in 2020 from California during COVID. Sue and I live in Jupiter, Florida, but spent the summer of 2021 in South Bend. We took an apartment, bought our third minivan, and have currently been shuttling the grandchildren to swim lessons, parks, and minor league baseball games. It has been such a wonderful experience...we now own a summer home in South Bend. Go Irish!

Sue and I have been incredibly blessed with a strong marriage and wonderful children and grandchildren. God bless you all, and God bless this great country.



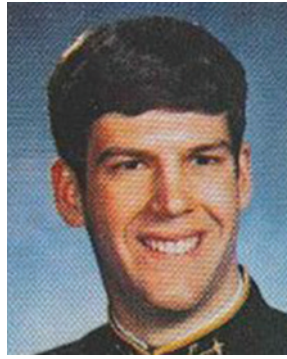
Bob



Galanie, Jim

Deceased 5/4/19, submitted by Dave Branzell

After graduating from USNA as the 6th Battalion Commander and a member of “the great” 36th Company, Jim attended flight school in Meridian, MS, where he earned his wings of gold. While in Meridian, Jim met and married Sheila, and they subsequently reported together to the VA-27 Royal Macs (Chargers), in Lemoore, CA. Jim initially flew the A7E Corsair, deploying aboard the USS Carl Vinson. He went on to serve a total of five carrier deployments. Always the overachiever, Jim combined Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey with Test Pilot School in Pax River, which earned him a master’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering. After a stint as a test pilot in Pax River and then transitioning to the F18, Jim served as CO of VT-7 in Meridian, where he led the final TA-4J jet carrier qualifications, and eventually served as the Air Boss on the USS Eisenhower. After Jim retired from the Navy as a Captain, he achieved many accomplishments as an aircraft systems engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.



Jim and Sheila

Jim’s greatest passions were his family, his faith, and his community. His service on his church’s council, as a local Little League umpire, as a foster parent, and even running the sound board for his son’s rock band, all revealed Jim’s true character. Thirty-five years with Sheila as his rock were unfortunately cut short, when Jim succumbed to a hard-fought battle with prostate cancer. Ever the Ironman, Jim (and Sheila) showed up at one of our retirement ceremonies in order to connect with friends and classmates, right in the middle of his battle. Jim is survived by his lovely wife, Sheila; daughter, Stephanie, and her family; and son, David, and his family. Many of the Class of ’81 were able to attend his Celebration of Life in May of 2019, and Jim was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in September, 2020.

Gallagher, Curt

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After four extraordinary years at the Boat School, I joined the Marine Corps, attended TBS at Quantico, and moved to P-Cola where I found my roots for what would be a 40 + year career as a pilot. In 1982, I married the love of my life, Linda, and she moved to P-Cola as well. Our first duty station after Flight School was Camp Pendleton. Five years and two deployments later, we were headed back to P-Cola, HT-8, and the best job I’ve ever had. I



Curt and family

loved teaching helos to young O1 and O2s. In 1991 we left the Corps, and I started my civilian career. Six long years at a small airline led to 24+ years as a corporate pilot for the 3M Company in Minnesota and travels around the world. And my favorite place in the world is ... drumroll...home (second favorite is Strasbourg, Austria).

We have five kids, and four of them are married. We have 5 grandkids and are hoping for many more.

As Linda and I wind down my career at 3M, Linda’s career is blossoming as a registered diagnostic medical sonographer (RDMS) instructor. Our plan is to retire from 3M in early 2023 and hit the road traveling across the United States as full time RVers, visiting friends and family but also teaching nurses and midwives how to use ultrasound at pregnancy centers. So, Linda has started her new business, we have bought our rig (a 27’ Airstream Classic and a new F150), and we are practicing camping. Yes, we’re newbies. Lookout USNA RV Chapter, here we come!

“One ship drives east, another west with the self-same winds that blow; ‘Tis the set of the sails and not of the gales that decides the way to go.” -EWW. Our sails are set. *Soli deo Gloria.*



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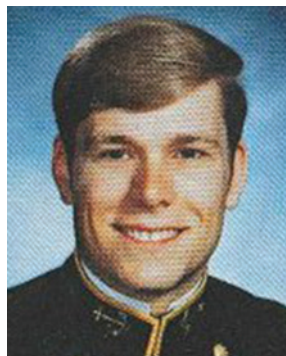
After graduation and Naval Flight Officer (NFO) flight training, I married my Dahlgren Hall sweetheart, Ellen. We served in various P-3 Orion NFO sea and shore assignments for the next ten years, during which our daughter Lauren ('86) and son Adam ('91) were born. Then, I made a mid-career shift from NFO to Meteorology Oceanography (METOC) officer and served in various METOC assignments until I retired from the Navy in 2002 in San Diego, my home prior to USNA.

I started my civilian career at Northrop Grumman several months later. I worked in various capacities there on several Navy and Air Force programs, eventually becoming Program Manager for the Battlefield Airborne Communications Node (BACN) program. This \$100M + /year program designed, built, installed, operated and maintained equipment suites on two US Air Force aircraft to support, extend and relay military communications in warzones.

While at Northrop Grumman, Ellen and I were able to take a few dream vacations. We toured Italy, took a river cruise through France, and took our kids to Cusco and Machu Picchu in Peru and La Paz, Bolivia. Most recently, we all celebrated my 60th birthday by spending three weeks in an apartment in Barcelona, Spain.

In October 2018, I pulled my uniform out of mothballs for the honor of walking daughter Lauren down the aisle to marry Danny Peterson. In October 2020, my beautiful granddaughter Lucy Ruth Peterson joined the family.

I retired from Northrop Grumman in January 2021, and Ellen and I hope to travel some more between visits with children and our grandchild.



Bruce

Hennessy, Marycarol

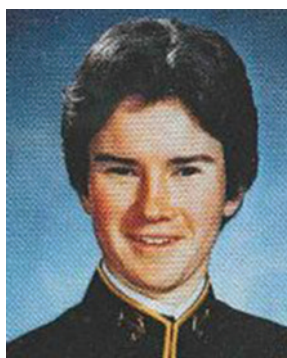
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After almost 8 years of active duty spent in the DC area, I operated an antique business full-time in Annapolis with my partner. This fulfilled a long-term wish to be self-employed and completely out from under the weight of a large organization. It only took a few years of juggling bills to cure me of that, however, and I spent the next 26 years enjoying a paycheck from a relatively small company in Annapolis, TeleCommunication Systems and then Comtech after acquisition, where I managed various software product development teams.

I never left Annapolis after graduation, living in the same house since '86 with my partner of 40 years. My children have all been the four-legged variety, and I've loved them each immensely! I have one niece, one nephew, and now a grand niece, and they make my life very rich.

I am obsessed with travel, especially destinations where I can be immersed in local history, the magnificent outdoors both grand and small, and day-to-day life and culture. I've had many great trips over the years: 6 to Alaska including 3 paddling trips on arctic rivers; canoeing in the Yukon Territory and the Canadian High Arctic; a sailing trip to Greenland; rafting the Colorado through the Grand Canyon; the Ring Road in Iceland; major road trip from Vancouver in British Columbia to Inuvik close to the Arctic Ocean in Northwest Territory; Banff to Jasper in Alberta; Maine to Nova Scotia; Newfoundland; backpacking in the Sierras; many trips throughout the US West; Ecuador from the Andes to the Galapagos....and next year, Antarctica!

I finally pulled the plug in March of 2021 and retired, so am looking forward to years of reading on the back porch, hiking near and far, puttering around the Chesapeake waterways in my kayak, eating out with friends, enjoying the family, and of course, more traveling!



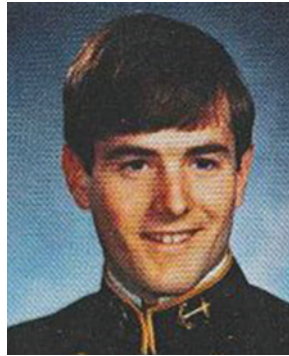
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After graduation, I went to SWOS, Newport. I vaguely remember introducing Jim to Noreen, then whisked off to the K-zoo in the Med to become Liquid Cargo Officer. Went to the Med, decided to wed, and learned to fly. Flew HC-46s mostly, not as a pilot, but as the Fleet Movie Officer, being lowered from HC-46's onto pitching flight decks.



Kevin and Doris

Did anyone else have the chance to go to a shipyard in Hoboken, NJ and make the front page of the newspaper? (OK- It may have been the crime beat section, but hey - it was Hoboken New Jersey, people!) Then it was off to Dam Neck, golfing, O-Clubs, and beaches with Freddy.

(When was the last time you received a standing ovation from the people at the beach? Freddy and I did – pet lobsters on leashes, lots of beer, a few lawn chairs, some sunglasses, a piano, an invisible high jump bar . . .you know, your typical beach stuff.) Then off to FL to be Commo on FFG-24. I was wed again, got underway . . .a lot. Daughter Laura was born, went to the Med/Indian Ocean, then was reassigned as Mine Warfare Officer at COMNAVSURFLANT, and eventually deployed to CIVLANT.

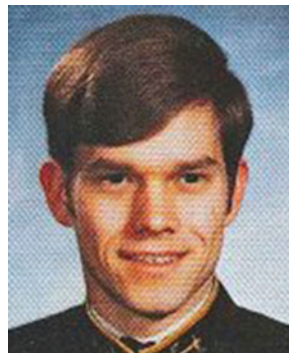
After a brief TAD return to sweep some mines and spend some time with Gary and Franny, daughter Mary was born, and eventually moved out to Evansville, IN. I divorced and wed again, to Doris on Maui over 22 years ago. We got underway a lot, traveling. We have been through life and death, experienced good times and bad, and have known loss and love together. Doris is the love of my life. We're both retired, own a mansion, and an inflatable yacht.

We have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren, and the love from the company of 36 that we have shared those great times with for over the past 40 (plus) years. GNBA!

Knight, Buddy

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After marrying Jane (Van Zyl, 3rd Co.) two days after graduation, I went to my first squadron via Aviation Maintenance Officer School at NAS Millington. While assigned to Attack Squadron 83 (VA-83) I deployed on USS Forrestal (CV-59) and USS Saratoga (CV-60). I then served a tour in Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 3 (VQ-3, TACAMO) before transferring to CIVLANT.



Buddy and Jane

I remained in the Reserves and, since I had the SSBI and clearance from VQ-3, switched to the Intelligence Community. I served in units supporting US SOUTHCOM, Fleet Intelligence Center Pacific (FICPAC), and Carrier Group 1. In September of 1990, I was recalled for ODS and served at FICPAC until April 1991. Due to some heart issues, I was medically retired in 1995.

In civilian life I worked for Texas Instruments on both PAVEWAY and JAVELIN programs. I was a QA engineer then a supplier manager. I left TI after Raytheon bought the TI Defense Group. I then followed a call to the ministry and finished seminary in 2001. Since 2001, I have been the Director of Knights' Quest Ministries, educating and equipping parents and those who work with youth on internet safety.

Jane and I recently celebrated 40 years of marriage! We have raised four children: Liz, Matt, Chris, and Debbie. Our two daughters both married Navy men. Our youngest son served four years in the Marine Corps and is married to a nurse. Our oldest son is deployed on USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76). Our youngest son-in-law is deployed on an LHD. We have one grandson, Zephaniah, who is 6. Jane recently retired from teaching high school math, and we make our home in Fort Worth, TX. We enjoy attending Texas Rangers games, serving in the church, and traveling.

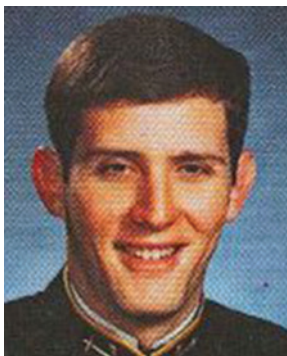


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Sometimes it seemed to me that I was in the Navy “all me bloomin’ life” – 42 years from start to finish, E-1 to O-7, hospital corpsman, midshipman, NFO, and medical officer. In the latter role I cared for patients and led clinical teams in hospitals and clinics in Washington, Connecticut, Spain, Rhode Island, Okinawa, Hawaii, and North Carolina. In deployed settings, I led medical teams following sudden impact natural disasters in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, and Japan.



Dave and Vicki

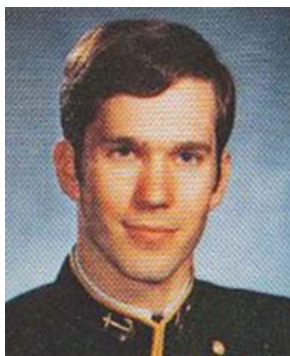
In retirement, I’ve volunteered in rural Panama with a nonprofit NGO, Floating Doctors, and qualified as a Greyshirt Volunteer with Team Rubicon. In addition, Vicki, my wife, best friend and lover of 40 years, and I have logged more than 25,000 nautical miles in our 48’ sailing ketch, “At First Sight”, including transatlantic passages from St. Augustine, Florida to Rota, Spain. After a year and half in the Mediterranean, we sailed from Rota to St. Lucia, Puerto Rico, and Panama. Notionally, we are intending to sail everywhere we were stationed, which still leaves several duty stations across the Pacific on our sail cruising bucket list.

We are fortunate and grateful to enjoy excellent health, to have three wonderful grown children who served our great nation in the Peace Corps, Navy, and Army, and two adorable grandchildren (presently 5 years and 18 months).

McLaughlin, Mike

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Karen and I are enjoying the post-Navy experience. After 30 years and all the moves, we returned to our home state of Arizona and close to most of our family. It’s hard to believe that 10 years have passed since retirement.



Mike and Karen

I was fortunate enough to start work with Arizona Public Service at Palo Verde Generating Station right after the Navy. APS is the largest electrical utility in Arizona and part owner and operator of Palo Verde, a 3-unit nuclear site about 50 miles west of Phoenix. APS has been a great company to work for, and I don’t have a complaint in the world. Karen is using her CPA and financial experience as a Net Suite consultant. Working from home, she continues to be the bedrock of the family and able to help both our church and a local food bank with their finances.

I think my biggest success is my 40-year marriage to Karen. Karen has kept everything running through all the moves and changes. I don’t think many of us knew what we were getting into when we went to the Academy. I am sure Karen did not know that she signed up for a life of moves and a husband at sea. Our two sons married two fantastic women, and it has been great to watch their journey. Our older son Matt works for a bank and our younger son Mark is an Intelligence Officer in the Army. They have given us three grandchildren, who we are enjoying.

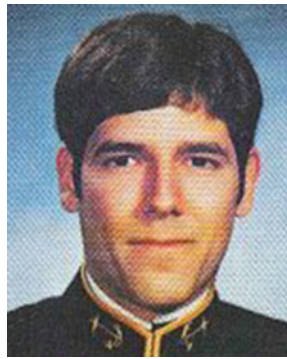
Life is good in Arizona, and we wish everyone the best!



Sanchez, Tom

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After completing my commitment to the Navy in 1986, I immediately joined the CIA as a clandestine operations officer. My beautiful wife of 34 years was already working for the CIA at the time. Kim and I were married in May 1987. She had two beautiful children (Peter and Megan) from a previous marriage which blessed me with an instant family of four. During our first tour overseas with the CIA in Mexico, we adopted our 3rd child Danny. Five years later while serving another overseas tour in Guatemala, we adopted our 4th, Andrea. Between 1986 and 2009, I served seven tours with the CIA along with various HQs assignments. I retired as an SIS 3 from the CIA in 2009.



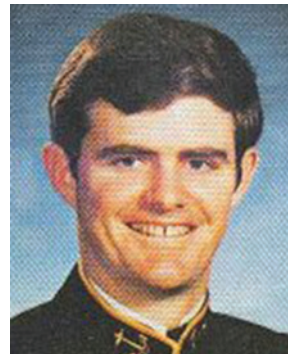
Tom and family

Since retirement, I decided it was time to give back to the community. I turned to volunteer work where I served in the Big Brother program as a mentor for 8 years, driver for senior citizens thru Faith in Action 7 years, and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity for 12 years and counting. My most satisfying achievements were being named Big Brother of the Year in 2013 and ReStore Volunteer of the Year in 2015. In 2018, I was awarded the President’s Lifetime Achievement Award for over 3000 hours of volunteer work. I have also been blessed with eight beautiful grandkids – Logan 12, Noah 10, Kaelyn 10, Reese 6, Bryce 6, Natalia 3, Chloe 3 and Maeve 2 (shown in the pic with Kim). We currently live in Williamsburg, VA where I also find time to get in a round of golf. Life has been good, and the Naval Academy helped prepare me for a very satisfying life of service. Tom Sanchez aka “chez”

Schartung, Joe

Deceased 4/1/09. Bio submitted by Dave Branzell

Joseph Thomas Schartung Jr., Company Commander of 36th Co (the best company of '81), graduated with a degree in mathematics. Joe went to Pensacola, earned his Naval Flight Officer wings, and was attached to VP-24 flying P-3s in Jacksonville, FL. Subsequently, Joe was assigned as an instructor with the Naval Air Training Unit, instructing future Naval Flight Officers at Mather AFB in Sacramento, CA. While in California he received his MBA at Golden Gate University. He joked that his thesis was used by Wells Fargo.



Joe and Connie

Upon transferring to the Naval Reserves, Joe did tours flying P-3s with VP-67 out of Memphis and VP-94 in New Orleans. He finished his Naval Reserve career supporting his community as the Navy Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for Puerto Rico and Alabama. He was directly involved in coordinating the Defense Department support following hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike.

After leaving active duty, Joe worked as NALCO Chemical Company’s district account manager. It was then that Joe found a real home in Decatur, AL. He poured his heart and soul into his family, church, and community. His actions for the community are too extensive to enumerate. Unfortunately, Joe’s time with us was cut short after a courageous battle with skin cancer. Joe passed away on April 1, 2009.

Joe’s wife Connie and children have missed him very much over the years. However, all of his children have worked hard to honor Joe’s memory. The three oldest - Cathryn, Michael, and David, all graduated with engineering degrees from Auburn. Paul graduated in May 2021 from the Naval Academy and is following in Joe’s footsteps to become an NFO. Merrilee is a senior in high school, planning to pursue a STEM degree. A son-in-law joined the family in 2016, and a beautiful granddaughter, Annicelli Rose, was born in 2020.

Joe was an incredible man and an inspiration to many. . .he is still dearly missed by his family, classmates, and his 36th company mates.



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After ruining my eyesight studying too much, I wound up as a P-3 NFO on the west coast. I transitioned to AEDO after my second tour at Test Pilot School at Patuxent River. As an AEDO, I took a detour into the National Security Space community at the National Reconnaissance Office, where I spent much of the remainder of my career.

Along the way, I had the opportunity to earn a master's degree at NPS in Monterey, where I was also fortunate to meet my wonderful wife, Martine. After graduation, we returned to the east coast for our last several tours. I eventually managed to bribe the AEDO detailer to send us back to Monterey for my final tour, which afforded us the opportunity to get closer to our families and put down some roots. After retiring in 2007, I was lucky to transition to a civilian position at NPS, first as a Senior Lecturer in Space Systems and finally as Director of the NPS International Program.

Martine and I took our time starting a family, but were eventually blessed with two great kids, Colette (17 going on 30) and Daniel (12 going on 6). While both are considering USNA, Daniel is particularly interested. If accepted, he would graduate with the class of 2031, 50 years after the last class to have a plebe year.

After retiring for the second time a few months ago, I'm thrilled to be able to spend a lot more time with my family before the kids leave the nest (not sure whether they appreciate that as much as I do...). Martine and I are also looking forward to doing some traveling. She's already had enough of me being at home, so I may just start a third career as a caddy at Pebble Beach!



Al and family

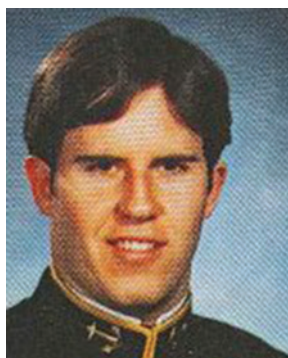
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After graduation in 1981, my first major naval event was deploying to the Western Pacific in 1982. Then I served across the globe in various positions, gaining a worldview that I am still trying to refine. With command experience at sea and ashore, I retired from active duty as a Rear Admiral (O-8).

I was a "straight stick SWO" serving on seven afloat commands, primarily as a snipe until my XO ride on Chancellorsville where we won the Spokane Trophy. My command ride was on the Estocin with a UNITAS deployment mostly in the Caribbean. With few options and no sense of what I would do after retiring, I applied and was accepted to the Acquisition workforce. There I was assigned to combat system projects, and eventually as a Major Program Manager that oversaw aspects of integrated warfare systems for surface ships. I thought this experience would help me transition easier. Due to unforeseen forces, joining the acquisition community gave my career a boost. Throughout my final fifteen years as a SWO, I was able to build a strong background in classified system integration, weapon system architecture, and international policy. I retired on All Saints Day, 2016.

Following the Navy, I stayed in "the business" consulting for a big company as a maritime expert and then assumed a new role at a smaller defense technology company. That's where I am today. I still root for the 49ers every year, win or lose. My wife Lisa and children Patrick, Casey (Carey), and Caroline, as well as grandson Colton, inspire me daily to keep a smile on my face and never give up. I still care deeply for the USNA Class of '81. Beat Army!



Jim and Lisa



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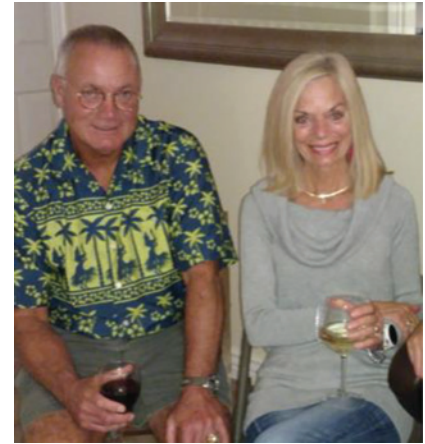
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Married to my beautiful wife Patti for 40 years this December 2021. We have two beautiful daughters, one in Phoenix with our grandson and one in Chicago. Both doing well and happily married.

I went Surface Warfare out of the Academy. However, I served 4 years as an enlisted man in the Storekeeper rating prior to attending the Academy and I made the decision to transfer to the Supply Corps once I qualified Surface. After a highly successful career I retired in 2005.

My journey after retirement was a bit unconventional. My family and I moved to Northern Michigan where we owned a house. There weren't many job opportunities in the area, so my post retirement career went like this: 6 months as a Sales Rep for a Major Distribution Company; 6 months as the Housekeeping Manager for a Major Resort; 8 years managing a Senior Living Facility; 2 years with the Traverse City, MI Downtown Development Authority; 2 years managing a Lake Michigan Lighthouse operation; and the last 4 years volunteering and taking it easy as a part time Grocery Store Cashier and State Bank Teller.

I'm now completely retired enjoying summers in Michigan and winters in Arizona with Patti. We enjoy traveling and visiting our children whenever possible.



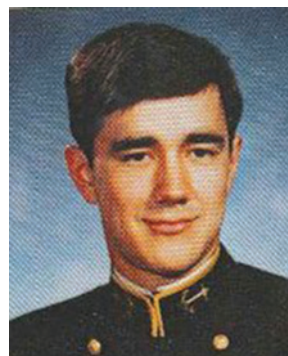
Dan and Patti

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Upon graduating, I spent the next 30 years serving as a Surface Warfare Officer. This included 3 tours in the DC area, 15 PCS moves, and 6 trans-oceanic moves. During my Department Head tour, I was very fortunate to meet (Iron Woman) Trish, and we were married in Virginia Beach in 1993. In my two afloat commands I had the privilege of leading capable platforms manned by exceptional Sailors. My final tour was as the Commanding Officer of the NROTC units at the University of Memphis and Ole Miss. It was an outstanding way to wrap up a highly rewarding career.

Since retirement from the Navy, I have been a program manager, leading a records management/IT team at the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tennessee. Without changing desks or responsibilities, I have worked for: Lockheed Martin, Leidos, Whitney, Bradley & Brown (WBB), and now Serco. Our two children both enjoyed the family's world travels and are doing well. JC is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and is an account manager in the logistics field. Malia, is a very recent graduate of the University of Western Kentucky. I have been playing a lot of golf, but not getting any better. Trish and I (mostly Trish) have also been very active inside the Memphis Council of the Navy League.



John and family



36th Company

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Growing up as a Navy brat, mentored throughout by my father ('55) and his many close shipmates, plus settling in Annapolis, I was fully immersed early to what eventually would be a 31 year career in the Naval Service. Although it took a couple of years of Anne Arundel Community College (hereto known to me as 13th and 14th grade) and a year at NAPS, I eventually found myself in the finest class ever to graduate from this institution. Little did I know I would also land in 36th Company and gain friendships that are as strong today as they were back in Mother B. I was further blessed to marry my AACC sweetheart, Linda, right after graduation.



Ed and Linda

After a short stint as a USNA yawl instructor, I headed to Pensacola and Flight School. Earning my Wings of Gold, I was off to over 4000 flight hours in five different S-3 Viking squadrons, 815 arrested landings on 10 carriers, five overseas deployments, including a combat deployment aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in Operation Desert Storm, and command of two great squadrons. Along the way were rewarding tours at the NMCC in the Pentagon, as a student at the Naval War College, Deputy Director for Operations at the US Southern Command, navigator of USS Nimitz, COS for the Naval Education and Training Command, and my final assignment as the CO of the NETSAFA in Pensacola.

After a fine Navy send-off, I became a Vice President of Logistic Services International in Jacksonville, Florida, then fully retired in 2020. I now enjoy family, friends, and salt life, while also serving on the Board of Directors for both the National POW/MIA Memorial and the Viking Association. Linda and I are blessed with three grown children, Tripp, Lindsay, and Mallory, and two beautiful granddaughters, Lilly and Emma.

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I had a charmed Navy career. From teaching sailing and working with the lacrosse team after graduation, to commanding an award-winning H-60 squadron. My 7 cruises offered me a few trips to Somalia, the opportunity to meet kings and military leaders from all over, survive Desert Storm, pick up Shellback and Blue Nose certificates, perform hurricane rescue operations, and work with more great people than I can count. I was able to pull down some great shore billets, including being an admiral's aide, two tours as a flight instructor, sneak in a master's degree, and was honored to serve as the Chairman of the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department at our alma mater. I couldn't have asked for a more rewarding profession.



Corky and family

After retiring as a Captain in 2005 at Navy Marine Corps stadium, I worked as a consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, DC on Base Realignment and Closure actions, and found my way into the military housing program. I've worked as the Director for Housing at both the Navy's Installation Command and the Naval Engineering Command over the past 12 years.

My wife of 40 years, Ann, has stayed with me for each click of my sea-counter and then some. Our family journey added two wonderful children - a daughter who now works at the Academy and a son who does specialized military training for our allies overseas. We're glad the kids and grandkid are close by. PCS moves didn't stop us from accumulating a couple of horses and a bunch of golden retrievers who will keep us busy into retirement.



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I went SWO and served 25 years, all in the Pacific, and retired as an O-5. I worked for a contractor for CACI and a small company based here in San Diego for about 5 years, until we lost the contract. After a few years of looking, I landed an analyst position with the City of Chula Vista (CA), which lasted about 6 months...I guess they didn't like my charming personality.

I have been retired since then (2015) and live in Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego. My time is spent as an individual investor, a passionate coin collector, and a volunteer at the Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. Never married....no kids, but a couple cacti on the patio.



John



USNA Class of 1981 Alumni Map



INTRODUCTION

By Dave Ciccarelli '81, Editor, former Marine, armchair historian

"History never looks like history when you are living through it."

– John W. Gardner

About a month into Plebe Summer, we returned to our rooms and found the first copy of Shipmate Magazine that most of us had ever seen deposited on our desks. It was the August 1977 issue and it had a picture of a P-rade on the cover. Inside, there were interesting articles by alumni, updates from the Yard and, like all Shipmates, Class News. Looking back at that issue (you can find it on the Alumni Association website), you will see that the "oldest" listing in Class News was the Class of '03. That short piece noted that "Vice Admiral Walter S. Anderson, USN (Ret.), the second oldest graduate of the Naval Academy, has changed his residence from New York City to Washington (DC)." A quick calculation pegged the Admiral at 95 years old at the time.

Think about that for a minute. If you were 95 years old in 1977, you were born around 1882. Your family almost certainly did not have an automobile, at least not while you were growing up, and it is also unlikely that your house had a telephone or even electricity, depending on where you grew up. In your youth, no one flew in an airplane, listened to the radio (much less watched television), or went to the movies on Saturday night. If you lived near a port, many of the ships at the docks had sails. Your neighbor, though less than 40 years of age, may have fought in the Civil War and the women you knew or knew of could not vote.

Now, jump ahead forty years and imagine growing up as a future member of the Class of 1943. You were born in 1921. Almost certainly, you have ridden in a car, but the driver probably had to crank the engine to start it. Almost certainly, as well, is the presence of a telephone in your house, but, instead of dialing it, you pick up the receiver and talk to a woman — who can vote — who connects you with the party you are calling. Still without a TV, your house has a radio in the parlor where you listen to President Roosevelt chatting with the country from his fireside. You may not have flown in an airplane, but you see one now and then and you know you can fly to Europe in one because Lucky Lindy did. Movies are all the rage and you watch them in grand palace odeons, sometimes with an organist musically enhancing the scene. Sailing ships are largely gone and Civil War veterans, those who remain, walk with canes.

Now, fast forward about another forty and you are the Class of 1981-to-be. You were born in 1959(ish), technically a baby boomer, but not old enough to be drafted to Vietnam or burn a bra. You watch *All in the Family* and *M*A*S*H** on a color television. You don't have a radio. You have a stereo and it plays rock and roll, soul, country, funk, punk, blues, classical, easy listening, and (almost) disco. People fly in jet airplanes. One percenters fly supersonic. Your family has two cars and garage or carport space for both. You can microwave your meal. You watched a man walk on the moon. Women are representatives, senators and governors. Some are liberated. There are no more sailing ships, but there are "tall ships" and you saw one at the bicentennial celebration. Gasoline is 47 cents a gallon, but not for long. Your parents' generation fought World War II. They are in their 40s. They drink cocktails.

What's the takeaway from this exercise? Every generation and every Class lives its own slice of history. Our slice is as unique as those before us and as those lived and to be lived by the Classes of 2021, 2061 and 2101. The "March of Time" marches ever onward. What follows are efforts to capture aspects of our slice. The authors, classmates and a classmate's brother, while not all subject matter experts, based their knowledge of their topics on life or career experiences and personal or professional interest. The articles are comprehensive, informative and intriguing. So, sit back and take a journey through time — Our Times.

The Editor



CYBER FROM 1981 TO 2021

By VADM (Ret) Timothy J White '87 and RADM (Ret) Peg DeLuca Klein '81

It would appear that we have reached the limits of what it is possible to achieve with computer technology, although one should be careful with such statements, as they tend to sound pretty silly in 5 years.

— John von Neumann

It seems fitting to start any cyber history article with Grace Hopper as the Naval Academy Center for Cyber Security Studies, Hopper Hall, was opened just months before our 40th reunion. Named for Rear Adm. Grace Hopper, a pioneer in computer programming, Hopper Hall is the Academy's newest and most state-of-the-art academic building on the Yard. Promoted to the rank of Commodore in 1983, Grace Hopper understood the importance of computers when they were large and mostly used for data processing. In her later years, she helped the Navy transition from room-sized computers to micro-computers that made them more practical for shipboard use.

In 1981, the Navy operated mostly analog long-distance communications. There were some digital communications satellites but POTS (plain old telephone system) lines were most frequently used to dial from ships to anywhere. The equipment used to support analog communications at sea was big, heavy boxes.

Ships talked mostly Very High Frequency (VHF) and High Frequency (HF); planes did mostly VHF and Ultra High Frequency (UHF); and submarines mostly didn't talk.

The first Ground Positioning System (GPS) satellites were launched just before we reported for Plebe Summer in 1977 to provide three-dimensional positioning and velocity data around the world. Everything you used to buy at RadioShack that is now in your pocket or on your wrist is a result of the desire for secure Nuclear Command and Control Communications (NC3) via ARPANET-DARPANET-INTERNET and long range Over The Horizon (OTH) precision fires (the cruise missile kind - Tomahawk - versus the ballistic kind - Trident) alongside Steve Jobs' vision for mobility and marketing called the iPhone:

- Clock
- Transistor radio
- Sony Walkman - Discman
- Pen / paper
- TV
- PC
- World globe or atlas
- Regional map
- Video camcorder
- Heart rate monitor
- Stock Ticker
- All 20+ volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica. Or, if you prefer, the Library of Congress.

Oh yeah, the telephone.

Do you remember waiting in line at the phone building to make a call from Diego Garcia (simplex) or Subic Bay? Or not only having to remember the phone number but the 1-800-CALL-ATT + the 12- or 15-digit calling card account number. Or what about the rotary dial? Or a public pay phone (iconic favorite remains the British red phone box.)

Then came the convergence of analog, digital, and information theory that became cyberspace. That convergence also meant that people and their identities became digital, from phone numbers and emails to addresses and driver's licenses, credit cards, and coffee preferences. Identity, personal preference, and consumer choice became commodities.

In parallel with the civilian convergence came the power and potential of delivering military effects in and through cyberspace. Then there came the imperative to defend the email system from attack, which required governments to work with public and private companies because each had an interest, and none were good at combatting cyber threats alone.

Navy cyber operations were originally the responsibility of disparate commands: Naval Computer and Telecommunications Command, Naval Security Group Command, and Naval Space Command which were combined with 20 other commands into the Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM) in 2002 to unify network operations, offensive and defensive cyberspace operations, space operations and cryptologic/signals intelligences.¹ In 2005, with the alignment of Naval Security Group, NETWARCOM brought the former Naval Security Group Activities (NSGAs) under its umbrella and the mission of the command fundamentally changed, making it the Navy's lead command for information operations, networks and space.²

¹ "Command Description". fcc.navy.mil retrieved 28 Nov 2021.

² "Command History". www.public.navy.mil. Retrieved 28 Nov 2021.



Secretary of Defense Robert Gates directed the creation of a new sub-unified command, U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) on 12 November 2008, to operate under the authority of USSTRATCOM. In 2009, Secretary of Defense Gates unveiled his plan for military cyberspace operations. In a memo to the Service Secretaries, he wrote, “Our increasing dependency on cyberspace, alongside a growing array of cyber threats and vulnerabilities, adds a new element of risk to our national security.”³

To address this risk effectively and to secure freedom of action in cyberspace, the Department of Defense requires a command that possesses the required technical capability and remains focused on the integration of cyberspace operations. Further, this command must be capable of synchronizing war-fighting effects across the global security environment as well as providing support to civil authorities and international partners.

In response, the Information Dominance Corps was established, Oct. 1, 2009. The corps consists of four separate communities: Information Warfare/Cryptologic Technicians; Intelligence/Intelligence Specialists; Information Professionals and Technicians; and Oceanographers/Aerographers. On Jan. 29, 2010, U.S. 10th Fleet was recommissioned and Fleet Cyber Command was established. The dual-hatted command assumed the Navy’s cryptologic, information operations, network operations, cyber, electronic warfare and space missions and worked to integrate the missions to effect defensive and offensive cyber operations.

The Department of Defense established Cyber Mission Forces aligned to services and combatant commanders. The Cyber Mission Force teams align with the Defense Department cyber strategy’s three primary missions: defend DoD networks and ensure their data is held secure; support joint military commander objectives; and, when directed, defend U.S. critical infrastructure. The Navy’s Cyber Mission Forces were fully trained and certified at Full Operational Capability in 2017.⁴

It used to be oil barons and publishing heiresses who were kidnapped for ransom; now it is oil pipelines and meat-packing plants. And the ransom is paid in digital currency. What about the good old greenback - global reserve currency and the almighty petrodollar? Talk about national interest - currency and sovereignty - they both end in Y and seem increasingly ephemeral. Cyberspace? You decide.



Hopper Hall

³ “Evolving Toward U.S. Cyber Command”. www.cybercom.mil/About/History. Retrieved 28 Nov 2021.

⁴ “Navy Cyber Mission Force Teams Achieve Full Operational Capability”. www.defense.gov Retrieved 6 Dec 2021.



FAMILY LIFE

By CDR Susie Sablan, USN (Ret.), CDR Pete Canalichio, USNR (Ret.) & RDML Michael Giorgione, CEC, USN (Ret.)

“The family is one of nature’s masterpieces”

– George Santayana

On July 6, 1977, we began our journey as the Class of 1981, arriving with shared anxiety and excitement, and leaving behind our families, some in near and some in far-flung locations. The customs and traditions of our families of origin varied as much as the young men and women taking the oath of office in T-Court that hot, humid day. However, the structures of our families were, in many cases, very traditional.

At its simplest, a family might be descendants of a common ancestor or those living together as a unit. However, what many of us have internalized is that in addition to being related by blood, or to being linked by sharing a household, by virtue of our commitment to service, we are all members of the “military family.” So, we stretch our concept of family to include our brothers and sisters in arms. And for many of us, as we have matured and as society has opened to embrace different family structures, we have also broadened our concept of family.

Family life in the United States has changed demographically over the 40 plus years since our swearing in. In our graduation year, 60% of US households included a married couple, and they had an average size of 2.73 persons. Single-parent families accounted for only 21% of our households. Over the following decades, married couples in a household decreased to about 45%, while the average size declined slightly to 2.53 persons. Respectively, one-parent homes grew to about 30%, with those led by a single mother four times as likely as those led by a single father.⁵ Along with the rise in single-parent families, there was a sometimes-associated rise in working women. The rise in single parent families does not account completely for the increase in those working outside the home in addition to fulfilling their in-home duties. Other factors, such as the increase in personal freedoms, factored in the mix. Concurrent with the increase in working women, there emerged a need for child-care, outsourcing of domestic duties, and other support structures. When we graduated, those structures were fewer and further between than they are today.

It is somewhat shocking to realize that it wasn’t until 1975 that mandatory discharges from the military for pregnant or custodial women ceased. So, the need for childcare up to that point was almost non-existent. Prior to 1970, most of the care of military children was provided by a member of the family or from a military family network. However, between 1970 and 1980, the demand for organizational care increased. During those years there was a loose network of installation childcare centers; it was not until 1982 that the first appropriated funds were authorized to build childcare centers.⁶ When we entered the Naval Academy, unbeknown to most of us, we were on the cusp of the emergence of services to support families with dual working parents.

Similarly, in society at large, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act passed in 1978. As parents began to manage the size of their families, many through the use of birth control, women were suddenly given many more choices regarding their futures. Pair that with the surprising fact that it wasn’t until 1974 that women could acquire a credit card without a male cosigner, and you can see why these two factors precipitated more dual working couples.⁷ Also at play in modern families is the emergence of homeschooling, first for secular reasons during the 1970s, and often, but not always for religious reasons in the 1980s. This also changed the structure of the modern family, placing one individual in multiple roles, as both educator and caregiver. In 2020, we saw the strain this can place on families as we transitioned to remote learning as a reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The entertainment industry reflected much of the transition in family life from the 1980s to the 2020s. Programs like the *Cosby Show*, *Family Ties* and *Growing Pains* revealed the challenges and attitudes of a traditional nuclear family during the 1980s. In the 1990s, we saw shows like *Full House*, *Married with Children* and *Home Improvement* take on the emergence of change in the family structure and the cultural biases of the time. In the 2000s, programs like *Modern Family*, *Two and A Half Men* and *How I Met Your Mother*, represented the complexity of the times and accepted cultural norms. Finally, television shows such as *Schitt’s Creek*, *Blackish* and *The Goldbergs* further portrayed family life as it has evolved in the past decade.

Increasingly, the sea-service itself changed, and the old, “If we’d wanted you to have a family, we would have issued you one in your seabag,” gave way to commissary bags that proclaimed, “Military spouse — hardest job in the Navy.” Legislation too supported this transition in the form of The Military Family Act of 1985, as well as the Military Child Care Act of 1989. In 1999, for the first time, DoD was also authorized to subsidize child-care outside of military installations, most likely in the wake of overall privatization initiatives. Other family friendly legislation in the 1980s and 90s focused on foster care, adoption

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau.

⁶ Congressional Research Service. (2020). *Military Child Development Program: Background and Issues*. <https://crsreports.congress.gov, R45288>.

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assistance, and child welfare. In 1993, the Family Medical Leave Act was passed. It was not only a particularly noteworthy piece of legislation, but also a progressive one, as it allowed eligible employees to take up to 12 work weeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period to care for a child or an injured military member. This gender-neutral, and perhaps controversial, act recognized women and men as having equal importance in a family.

As women proved themselves in the military and public opinion shifted, our class saw almost all service selection options open to women in the early 1990s. Shipboard, aviation, most expeditionary roles, space travel and 30 years after our graduation, even nuclear power were available for both military women and men. Now the demands of a sea-faring career potentially impacted parents of either sex, sometimes shifting their roles from more traditional ones. We all remember that lone male spouse having no place to gain support other than the wives club!

Regardless of who took on the mantle of CINC House the burdens of service including family separation for deployments, risks to life and limb, and the routine stresses of daily modern living were foisted on a single member of what is often a two-person team. This kept many of us searching for new ways to balance it all. Perhaps more than a few of our classmates, both male and female, chose to leave active duty under the weight of these challenges.

From the 2000s to present, national legislation focused on addressing the social and economic challenges that many US families faced, including marriage rights and laws, periods of recession, the mortgage crisis, and more recently issues involving gender identity. Harm caused by the foster care system, scrutiny on intercountry adoption, the opioid epidemic, and the recognition of the scope of human trafficking, necessitated new child protection and safety acts, and revealed the need for greater support to families. One might argue that these attempted to alter, but also in some ways strengthen the basis of civil society, the family unit.

Among our classmates, we have graduates with traditional nuclear families, graduates with very large primarily home-schooled families, graduates with same-sex families with and without children, graduates who made careers as dual military working families, families where one graduate was in the military and the other worked or provided important support at home, graduates who are single-parents, graduates who co-parented after divorce, and perhaps other perturbations unknown. Today there are openly same-sex families with either one or both serving on active duty. What is especially noteworthy among those that came after us, is the presence of legacy midshipmen and military officers, who were undoubtedly inspired by the service of one or both parents. We particularly honor those in our class who started or continued a family legacy of service. Regardless of our politics or religious affiliation, accepting the choices of all our classmates and finding love in our hearts for the basic humanity of each of them, makes us alumni where all are welcome, and that is a gift. That is family.





FORTY YEARS OF SOCIAL CHANGE: 1981–2021

By Dave Beydler – Dave Beydler is a 1981 graduate from First Company. He made a career of the Marine Corps. He and his wife, Kim, live in Brandy Station, Virginia and have two children, both Marines.

“When sailors feel included, respected and empowered, they will be more ready to win wars, deter aggression and maintain freedom of the seas”

– Admiral Mike Gilday, CNO

The Naval Service We Joined

We arrived at the Naval Academy in the summer of 1977. Our nation had just come out of a period of civil rights clashes and a long conflict in Vietnam that was divisive and produced an unsatisfying outcome. There was simmering unrest and lingering resistance to social change.

To put things into perspective, think back for a moment and consider where the US Navy and the Naval Academy were in 1977.

Just 33 years before our Induction Day, the first African Americans became commissioned officers in the US Navy, the Golden Thirteen, in March 1944—even while the Navy remained officially segregated for another four years.

Just 28 years before we arrived in Annapolis, the first African American graduate of USNA was commissioned an Ensign. Wesley Brown, a graduate of Dunbar High School in Washington, DC, and later a student at Howard University, a historically black college, was nominated for admission and later appointed to the Naval Academy by New York Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Brown entered the Academy on June 30, 1945, as the sixth African American to be admitted. On June 3, 1949, he was the first to graduate.

Only 12 years before our arrival, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, significantly changing the electorate throughout the nation and most so in the South.

Just five years before we arrived, there had been race riots on the USS Kitty Hawk deployed in the Pacific following a brawl involving nearly 100 Sailors, injuring 60. Twenty-six men, all black, were charged. At nearly the same time, a group of black Sailors aboard the USS Hassayampa refused to set sail from the Philippines, demanding money returned that had been stolen from one in the group. Six Sailors, all black, were charged.

Finally, exactly one year before we arrived, women were admitted to the service academies for the first time.

So, we were selected by the American people and arrived at the Naval Academy in the midst of national, cultural and institutional social change. We were charged by our leadership to navigate this change, while leading and commanding Sailors and Marines through that change. We were expected to continue to lead when our naval service was complete.

Our first President while we were midshipmen was himself a Naval Academy graduate and came to the White House from Georgia. Jimmy Carter was a firsthand witness to social change throughout his life. He stepped up and stood up for what he thought was right. At Navy, Midshipman Carter ran cross-country alongside Wesley Brown. As the Georgia Governor, Carter worked hard to increase diversity in Georgia’s state boards and institutions increasing African American leadership positions from three to over 50, eventually achieving 40 percent of key positions held by African Americans. He took that work beyond Georgia. A verbal opponent to segregation, he won the 1976 Presidential Election when no politician from the Deep South had been elected since 1844. Just a year before our 40th Class Reunion, Jimmy Carter stated, “As a white male of the South, I know all too well the impact of segregation and injustice to African Americans. As a politician, I felt a responsibility to bring equity to my state and our country. In my 1971 inaugural address as Georgia’s governor, I said, ‘The time for racial discrimination is over.’ With great sorrow and disappointment, I repeat those words today, nearly five decades later.”

So, who were some of the key influencers and commentators on social change in the Navy and at the Naval Academy prior to and during our time there? To start, let’s take another look at the U.S. Navy just prior to our arrival. The Navy of the 1970s was not a thriving and harmonious organization. Conditions were difficult, pay was low, combat deployments demanding and there was racial tension. But the ongoing draft to support the war in Vietnam overrode that. For many reasons, the Navy was a very popular option for draftees at the time. President Nixon was determined to convert from a draft to an all-volunteer force, and the pressures on the Navy to meet looming volunteer force demands were increasing. Enlistment of Sailors until 1972 exceeded quotas, but as the draft was completely abolished in 1973, recruitment became far more difficult.

Of note, as of June 1972, the percentage of black enlisted men in the Navy was 5.8, but there were only 0.7 percent black officers. Only one of the latter had reached flag rank.

Admiral Elmo R. “Bud” Zumwalt was the Chief of Naval Operations from 1970 through 1974. He was the youngest admiral in American history, and selected as CNO over 33 more senior officers. He stood for what he thought was right and did not bend to pressure. He shaped the Navy we saw as teenagers and wanted to be part of, and set the post-Vietnam course for the Navy we joined.



Following the racial incidents involving the aircraft carriers *Constellation* and *Kitty Hawk* and the fleet oiler *Hassayampa*, he directly and forcefully addressed the issue. Speaking with the Navy's most senior leadership, a day after 130 men assigned to the *Constellation* refused to board their ship in San Diego, (accusing the ship's officers of "calculated racism"), Admiral Zumwalt, joined by the then Secretary of the Navy, John W. Warner, charged senior commanders, and their commands, with ignoring his directives and failing to implement the Navy's equal opportunity program. He instructed the Navy's high command to "seek out and take appropriate action, either punitive or administrative," against those who have engaged in or condoned discriminatory practices or who have "violated either the spirit or the letter of our equal opportunity program." He ordered the Navy's Inspector General to begin spot checks on race relations. The text of Admiral Zumwalt's remarks was made public by the Navy, and the statement and new directives aimed at improving race relations were sent to commands around the world.

Race relations and morale improved under Admiral Zumwalt's leadership. He was perhaps best known for listening carefully and with an open mind to the rank and file, thinking logically, and not being afraid to take risks or buck tradition. He implemented his Navy-wide changes through directives dubbed "Z-grams." And he not only expected his reforms to be implemented quickly and fully, he led by example. He was instrumental in appointing the Navy's first black admiral and the first woman admiral.

Sadly, many have forgotten the impact of Admiral Zumwalt at a most challenging point in the U.S. Navy's history. Most young Sailors today have likely never heard of him.

Women At The Service Academies

It was public Law 94-106, passed in 1975, that decreed that women be brought into the previously all male world of the nation's service academies. Two-thirds of the House of Representatives voted for the measure. Women entered the Naval Academy the following year as part of the Class of 1980. In the summer of 1976, 81 women joined the ranks of midshipmen. Four years later, 55 of them graduated and commissioned in the Navy and Marine Corps. With the introduction of women at the service academies, gender eclipsed race as the Naval Academy's chief social issue, and later, perhaps the chief social issue in the Navy and Marine Corps.

On November 1, 1979, in the Fall of our second-class year, as we were adoring our class rings, thinking about upcoming holiday leave, and just beginning to ponder service selection, an article appeared in the *Washingtonian* magazine, written by a 1968 graduate and decorated Marine combat veteran. As we were just the second class with female midshipmen, "Women Can't Fight" caused a stir. "Women Can't Fight" continues to be a significant source of debate amongst alumni.

James "Jim" Webb used his combat experience in Vietnam to challenge all of this. His focus was on the physical and mental hardship, the horror of ground combat that very few know, noting, "We became vicious and aggressive and debased, and reviled in it, because combat is all of those things, and we were surviving."

He argued that men are naturally more violent than women and likely fight better without women present and that "there is a place for women in our military, but not in combat. And their presence at institutions dedicated to preparing men for combat command is poisoning that preparation."

That "the function of combat is not merely to perpetrate violence, but to perpetrate violence on command, instantaneously and reflexively. The function of the service academies is to prepare men for leadership positions where they may someday exercise that command."

In 1979, Jim Webb had a number of supporters of his views. Most were male and most likely accepted his position from a view of 1940s to 1970s combat and, more narrowly, ground combat.

In the years since, views have changed with the increase in war-fighting roles for women, their remarkable performance in those combat roles, and the significant expansion of war-fighting domains and the technologies that provide physical standoff in each of those domains. Precision of long-range fires delivered from afar was a major change. Operation Desert Storm was the first such display. Drone delivered fires moved many "war-fighters" even further from the battlefield. Current development of unmanned systems across all domains, and greatly expanded cyber and space capabilities, will require a whole new range and level of skill.

The impact of this 1979 article continues. In March 2017, then former Senator and former Secretary of the Navy, Jim Webb, was nominated by classmates to be considered for recognition as a Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate. Alumni on both sides of this issue weighed in, many citing Webb's distinguished combat record, his service as the service Secretary and later as a Virginia Senator and others focusing on the 1979 *Washingtonian* article and its impact on female midshipmen and female alumni. After much debate, former Senator Jim Webb declined to accept an award as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, citing pressure from female alumni, and not wanting to be a distraction to the awards ceremony.



Webb went on to say, “Back then, emotions about the Vietnam War, in which I had fought as a Marine, were spilling over on both sides of this debate. Clearly, if I had been a more mature individual, there are things that I would not have said in that magazine article. To the extent that this article subjected women at the Academy or the armed forces to undue hardship, I remain profoundly sorry.”

A female graduate of the Class of 1980 and retired Navy Captain said of the issue, “I take it personally, but I also take it professionally. He deliberately made that a very provocative article that essentially broke the unit cohesion of a Brigade of Midshipmen at the Naval Academy. I have lost track of how many times men thrust that article in my face and used it as a reason for why I didn’t belong.”

A female graduate of our own class and retired Navy Captain said, “Unless you were at the Academy at the time, it is hard to understand how damaging this article was and how lasting the impact was. Here it is 38 years later, and we are still talking about it.”

The Tailhook scandal of 1991, following America’s impressive and highly supported Desert Storm victory, was a significant setback to the Navy and a disappointment to the American people. If nothing else, it forced the Navy to act and compelled development and enforcement of more stringent policies to confront gender discrimination and gender-based harassment.

Despite it all, much has improved for women at the Naval Academy and for women in the Naval Service. Many of us have spouses that served, or daughters now serving, and realize now what more we could have done in the past and what more remains to be done.

LGBTQ In The Military

It wasn’t until 1982 that the military formally enacted a policy explicitly banning gay men and lesbians from their ranks. Before that, however, same-sex relations were criminalized and cause for discharge. In the early 1940s, it was classified as a mental illness, disqualifying gay men and lesbians from service.

The United States military formerly excluded gay men, bisexuals, and lesbians from service. In 1993, Congress passed, and President Clinton signed a law instituting the policy commonly referred to as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” (DADT) which allowed gay, lesbian, and bisexual people to serve as long as they did not reveal their sexual orientation. Although there were isolated instances in which gay service personnel were discharged through lawsuits, efforts to end the ban on openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual people serving either legislatively or through the courts initially proved unsuccessful.

In 2010, two federal courts ruled the ban on openly gay, lesbian, and bisexual service personnel unconstitutional, and on July 6, 2011, a federal appeals court suspended the DADT policy. In December 2010, the House and Senate passed, and President Obama signed the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Repeal Act of 2010, and under its provisions, restrictions on service by gay, lesbian, and bisexual personnel ended as of September 20, 2011.

Since 2011, openly gay, lesbian and bisexual men and women have been permitted to serve in the military. Another barrier was lifted in 2013 when spousal and family benefits were extended to same sex married partners in the military. Finally, after ending temporarily in 2016, the ban on transgender individuals was again rescinded in 2021, allowing those who don’t identify with their biological gender to enlist and serve in the armed forces. According to a RAND Corporation report, a 2015 survey of over 16,000 service members found that 5.8% of the respondents identified as being lesbian, gay or bisexual. When separated by gender, 1.9% of males identified as gay and 2.0% as bisexual. While 7.0% of females identified as lesbian and 9.1% as bisexual.

Still, some LGBTQ service members may worry about living openly. They may fear being harassed or passed over for assignments or promotions. While acceptance of LGBTQ service members is a relatively new development in the military’s long history, and stigma against LGBTQ members may linger, the Department of Defense is committed to maintaining a strong force that reflects the nation’s diversity. For many of us, to see the relief felt by serving LGBTQ members since 2011 has been profound. Free of the sense of fear, perhaps free from the sense of living a lie, and free from risk of compromising one’s integrity have allowed many even better to serve our Navy and Marine Corps and our great Nation.

The Brigade Looks And Feels Different

Not quite a year ago, the Commandant of Midshipmen announced the spring semester midshipman leadership positions for 2021, which included the selection of the Naval Academy’s first African American female brigade commander, Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber, of Lake Forest, Illinois.

The brigade striper selection board receives records of the top ranked first class (senior) midshipmen across the brigade for consideration for the most senior midshipman leadership positions each semester. The board’s composition is comprised of the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen, the six Battalion Officers, the Brigade Master Chief and the current Brigade Commander.



Records are reviewed in detail and 30 midshipmen are selected for board interviews. Each member of the board utilizes an objective assessment tool to evaluate each midshipman and then rank them in order. Individual board member scores are combined, and a resultant consolidated ranking is generated.

The first female brigade commander was then Midshipman 1st Class Juliane Gallina, from the class of 1992, who served in the position during the fall of 1991. Barber was the sixteenth woman selected for brigade commander in the 44 years women have been attending the Naval Academy.

Barber, a graduate of Lake Forest High School in Illinois, was a mechanical engineering major and aspired to commission as a Marine Corps ground officer. As a walk-on sprinter and hurdler of the Navy Women's Varsity Track and Field team, she lettered all three years of competing and was a USNA record holder for the outdoor 4x400m relay. She was the co-president of the Navy Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, secretary for the National Society of Black Engineers, and a member of the USNA Gospel Choir and Midshipman Black Studies Club. She is now a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

"Earning the title of Brigade Commander speaks volumes, but the title itself is not nearly as significant as the opportunity it brings to lead a team in doing something I believe will be truly special," said Barber. "I am humbled to play a small role in this momentous season of American history."

One of the most common remarks on the occasion of our 40th reunion was from those that attended the Brigade Parade on Worden Field the Friday before the football game. Not only was it apparent from the reviewing stands that the midshipmen looked different from in our days on the field—far more females and persons of color—but also what stood out most was the number of female strippers: Company Commanders, Battalion Commander and one of two Regimental Commanders and their staffs. These are all good signs, and many in our class have contributed mightily to this outcome.

We Clearly Have More Work To Do

On June 5, 2020, following a virtual Alumni Chapter meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, a Naval Academy alumnus, Alumni Association Trustee and the President of the Jacksonville Chapter—a retired Navy Captain—left open his virtual link. He continued to stream a live conversation that included racist, sexist, and bigoted remarks. His comments continued for 33 minutes. The comments were overheard and recorded by members of the Chapter. They included racially motivated disparaging comments towards named black Naval Academy graduates. These were graduates we know and respect. They were graduates accomplished in their service to our Navy and Marine Corps, service to our Nation and who continued their service to the Naval Academy as active members of our Alumni Association. They were classmates.

Remember the timing: George Floyd was murdered on May 25, 2020, less than two weeks prior.

Many questions arose. How could a Naval Academy graduate, a Naval Academy Alumni Association Trustee, a Chapter President, and retired Navy Captain, no less, harbor these views? How could he rise to this level and not be found out? Are there more like him in our ranks? What would his classmates think? What would his classmates who were singled out in his remarks think? No question was more important than what should the Naval Academy Alumni Association do about the individual and how must it, as an organization, change?

The comments of the now former board and alumni association member cannot be understood in isolation. The incident happened amid a period of deep and continuing social unrest, and it evoked a painful history of discrimination in our nation of which our Alumni Association is not immune. Progress has been made, led by many courageous and pioneering alumni of all backgrounds. However, discrimination and bigotry continue to persist; and progress has been insufficient. More must be done, and leaders are needed.

We are in a critical moment in our nation and perhaps within our Navy and amongst our alumni. Our alumni are energized and have created a groundswell of desire to see our organizations improve. Many members have already taken steps at their level to address issues of culture, inclusion, and equity and welcomes diversity of background and thought. Chapters, classes, younger and far more diverse alumni, and midshipmen have organized meetings and virtual forums focused on increasing awareness and connecting with our changing alumni demographics.

Our members' advocacy builds on the Naval Academy Alumni Association's diversity and inclusion efforts. To strengthen our diversity throughout our membership, our Association leadership has supplemented traditional alumni Class and Chapter structure with Parent Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs). The Women's SIG, established in 2017, comprises over 1,600 alumni supporting women's STEM efforts and sponsoring events across the country. Another SIG, the Naval Academy Minority Association (NAMA), was established in 2018 and supports 11 midshipmen multi-cultural affinity groups, recruiting efforts, mentoring programs, and STEM and Summer Seminar scholarships, all thanks to a dedicated, growing membership of over 250 alumni. These initiatives have proved invaluable, bringing more members together in new ways. But they are not enough alone.



Lasting and meaningful changes to the way our organization operates are essential to the future vitality of the institutions and associations we cherish. Younger alumni and midshipmen, especially, are taking note of how we respond. We take pride in our core values and seek to prevent and address incidents of discrimination in order to create organizational cultures and form teams within them that are the best they can be.

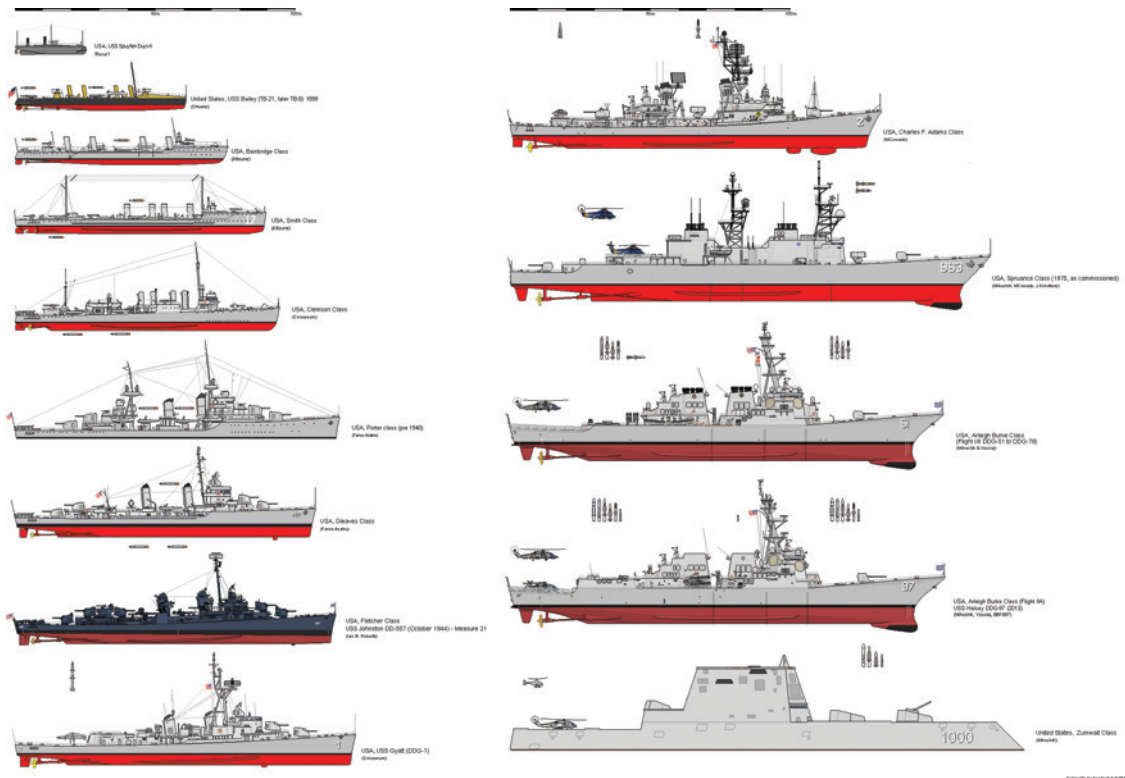
As Naval Academy graduates, our shared common experience should instill a “trust” that is an imperative as we venture forward together into Naval Service and beyond. It comes from offering support and lending a hand. Through “having one’s back” or being an “ally” using the jargon of today. This shared trust impacts the operations of our Naval Service and thereby the security of our nation. Trust within an increasingly diverse Naval Officer corps is a growing National Security imperative and an asymmetric advantage relative to a homogeneous and monolithic adversary. We can and must do better to ensure all our graduates share this trust.

Reflecting on these challenges, Admiral Cecil D. Haney ’78, USN (Ret.), published a Call to Action for Naval Academy Alumni:

“I would ask all alumni to look closely at this period of social unrest with an understanding that a lot of work remains to carry out the intent of our Constitution. Just as we alumni work to support the Academy, let us also support communities to help bring together unity in this country so that together we can be a catalyst for change to get others to respect and provide opportunities for all fellow Americans, including those of color as a main thing. We need to get this on the right course and not look at it as something that requires a simple fix but one that requires continual attention. We must passionately work to eliminate to the highest degree possible hatred and disrespectful attitudes toward fellow human beings. Failure to get at this will, in my opinion, cause others around the world to question the true ability of democracy to let freedom ring and will stifle our growth and capability as a country. This is a call for alumni action!”

To be clear, the strength of our alumni lies in embracing all of our members and those that will soon become members. It is critically important that all alumni voices are heard and that the actions of those in the majority actively champion our diversity and inclusion efforts and thus live up to our core values and effectively improve our culture.

We remain grateful for the continued dedication of our Class of 1981 leadership and those that continue to support the class in these and all other endeavors. The great Class of 1981 has played a critical role in making our Navy and Marine Corps better able to meet the needs of our Nation. Yet there is more we can offer, as but one link in the chain.





FROM SCIENCE FICTION TO SCIENCE FACT

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"One man's 'magic' is another man's engineering. 'Supernatural' is a null word."

Robert Heinlein (USNA, class of 1929)⁸

The 40th reunion of the Naval Academy Class of 1981 gave me an unexpected perspective on the life of a midshipman. As I headed up Stribling Walk to Bancroft Hall, I came upon a plebe by the Mexican Monument. She was engaged in a Facetime chat with her mother. What struck me wasn't her lounging on the bench, although I did find this peculiar. Rather, I was reminded of the ways in which midshipmen stay in touch with family had changed over the 40 years since we left the Academy. Recall how we waited in line at a bank of phone booths in Bancroft Hall, feeding Ma Bell quarters for our turn on the static-filled line. Smartphones are as common to us today as the bulky telephone receiver was in 1981. Now turn the nostalgic clock back another 40 years and ask yourself what a 1941 grad would say?

He may think the iPhone was a miracle of telecommunications. As the science fiction titan, Arthur C. Clarke, famously said, "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."⁹ We do live in magical times.

Since the golden age of science fiction, writers have served as the oracles of future shock. One of this genre's most famous authors, Isaac Asimov, made startlingly accurate predictions about how the world would look today in his essay for the 1964 World's Fair.¹⁰ They included flatscreen TVs, movies projected in 3D, worldwide videoconferences, video phones, self-driving cars, and robots that would "neither be common nor very good in 2014." Within the 40 years after graduation we have seen all these come into existence. Asimov went on to predict that processed yeast and algae products would be available as "mock-turkey" and "pseudo-steak". Today soy-based veggie burgers stock grocery shelves; however, many of us would prefer our wardroom sliders.

In the 1930s, H. G. Wells wrote an anthology featuring a concept of a "world brain." Wells wrote:

This World Encyclopaedia would be the mental background of every intelligent man in the world. It would be alive and growing and changing continually under revision, extension and replacement from the original thinkers in the world everywhere. Every university and research institution should be feeding it. Every fresh mind should be brought into contact with its standing editorial organisation. And on the other hand, its contents would be the standard source of material for the instructional side of school and college work, for the verification of facts and the testing of statements—everywhere in the world.¹¹

His prescient idea of a universally accessible compendium of world knowledge became the internet. Midshipmen no longer trudge through snow or rain to the Nimitz Library. They have the world's knowledge base on their laptops.

The advent of computer simulations for everything from weather forecasting to nuclear weapons testing demands ever-increasing computer power. In 1981, the brilliant and irreverent physicist Richard Feynman urged the world to build a quantum computer, a machine capable of simulating the world on the quantum level. At a joint MIT and IBM computer science symposium, he said, "Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of nature, you'd better make it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem, because it doesn't look so easy."¹² Now in the 21st century, we have a revolution in computer science, making possible the kinds of computing and communication unforeseen by the founders of the information age.

In honor of the four years that marked our passage through Bancroft Hall, let's look at some of the best sci-fi movies of the late 1970s and 80s. We saw this quirky backwater of cinema grow from surreal movies like *2001: A Space Odyssey*. As the age of Aquarius melted away in the disco inferno of the late 1970s, we watched science fiction films whose theme songs landed on the billboard list.

Our plebe year launched the shining age of the space opera with *Star Wars: A New Hope*, the premier film of the most successful sci-fi movie franchise. Even after 40 years of critical acclaim, it's hard to overestimate the cultural significance of this hero's journey created by George Lucas. Many of us fondly recall the Star Wars themed floats for the Army-Navy pep rally, how Dahlgren Hall became an off-world cantina, and X-Wing starfighters replaced naval jet fighters throughout the Yard. Our hearts stirred as we marched to John William's theme music at noon formation. That we still watch new films based on characters first introduced in 1977 certainly speaks to the enduring appeal of *Star Wars*.

⁸ Heinlein, Robert. *Time Enough for Love*. New York: Putnam & Sons, 1973.

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¹¹ Wells, H.G. *World Brain*. London: Methuen & Co., Ltd.; New York, Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc., 1938.

¹² Nielsen, Michael A. and Isaac L. Chuang, *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information: 10th Anniversary Edition (10th ed.)*, Cambridge University Press, 2011.



Some of the characters in the film aren't human. Skywalker's two sidekicks, R2D2 and 3CPO, represent robotic technology that has become reality since the movie's release. The DARPA Robotics Challenge, an international technology development competition, was a catalyst for droid development. The Atlas robot by Boston Dynamics is agile enough to do human-like backflips. The android uses computer vision to walk, run, and climb over obstacles.¹³ He could be a serious O-course contender in plebe summer Sea Trials. Toyota's T-HR3 is capable of flexible movements that mimic the actions of its remote human operator.

The year 1977 also saw *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Forty years after Orson Welles filled the radio waves with warnings of raiding martians, Spielberg gave us a widely different alien first contact. These friendly aliens rocked us with their melodic keyboard-based attempts at communicating. After decades of movies grinding out tattered tropes of alien visitations, it looks like we finally found the real thing. In June 2021, the Navy officially published videos showing Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). Naval aviators reported more than 120 incidents over the past two decades that did not originate from any American military or government technology. In one encounter, strange objects — one of them appeared as a spinning top moving at supersonic speed — appeared almost daily from the summer of 2014 to March 2015, high in the skies over the East Coast. Navy pilots reported that the objects had no visible engine or infrared exhaust plumes, but that they could reach 30,000 feet and hypersonic speeds. Lt. Ryan Graves, an F/A-18 Super Hornet pilot, told *The New York Times* in an interview, "These things would be out there all day." With the speeds he and other pilots observed, he said, "12 hours in the air is 11 hours longer than we'd expect."¹⁴ Former President Barack Obama also weighed in on recent UAP sightings when he appeared on *The Late Show* with James Corden on CBS. "What is true, and I'm actually being serious here," Mr. Obama said, "is that there is footage and records of objects in the skies that we don't know exactly what they are."¹⁵

Close Encounters gave us a first contact filled with curiosity, wonderment, and adventure. The aliens came in peace. A UFO watcher on the side of the road holds up the sign reading "Stop And Be Friendly." In our youngster year, we met a different type of alien with a Howard Lovecraft vibe. Ridley Scott's *Alien* gave us a deep reservoir for our nightmares, a place where no one could hear us scream. No matter how many times I've seen the alien's violent, onstage appearance (from Kane's stomach), it remains visceral and profoundly disturbing.

The film *Alien* is essentially a submarine thriller set among the stars, then morphs into unrelenting tension from the setting's close quarters aboard the commercial space tug *Nostromo*. The opening scene shows the crew waking up from their deep sleep after a long journey through space. Here, Ridley Scott took a science-based approach to solve the perennial problem in sci-fi plots that involve traveling vast distances in space. Rather than rely on the "waving of the hands" approach with faster-than-light technology, he chose cryogenic stasis (suspended animation), the pressing pause on our biological functions. I always thought Warrant Officer Ripley, played by Sigourney Weaver, had ice in her veins.

Forty years after *Alien* hit the silver screen, scientists developed Emergency Preservation and Resuscitation (EPR), an experimental treatment where an emergency trauma patient is cooled into suspended animation for an hour to prevent death from the blood loss following a shooting or stabbing. In 2019, Samuel Tisherman, of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, successfully put a human being in suspended animation, removing the patient's blood and replacing it with ice-cold saline solution. The patient was removed from the cooling system and underwent a two-hour surgical procedure before having their blood restored and being warmed to the normal body temperature.¹⁶

In our second-class year, we boldly split the infinitive again and went where no midshipman had gone before. In 1979, the USS *Enterprise* (NCC-1701) took her maiden voyage on the big screen in *Star Trek*. The movie came out from one of the most popular and influential television series of all time.¹⁷ Over the past 65 years, Gene Roddenberry's creation has offered fans a vision of the future, filled with fictional technological marvels, some of which have influenced real-world scientific developments, discoveries, and inventions. These include flip cellphones, tablet computers, universal translators, replicators in the form of 3-D printers, and telepresence video conferences.¹⁸

Medical technologies envisioned in *Star Trek* have come to fruition. The tricorder is a multifunctional handheld gadget used to sensor scan an environment or an individual and record data for analysis. Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy often uses it to diagnose and cure patients. Several recent diagnostic devices mimic the tricorder's capabilities of the Star Trek device. For example, the QuantuMDx DNA Lab can scan a patient and deliver a diagnosis in 15 minutes.¹⁹ NASA's Lab-on-a-Chip Applications Development (LOCAD) performed microbial monitoring at the International Space Station (Expeditions

¹³ Boston Robotics has a video that demonstrates Alas' agility. <https://youtu.be/LikxFZZO2sk>

¹⁴ Barnes, Julian E. Barnes and Helene Cooper. "U.S. Finds No Evidence of Alien Technology in Flying Objects, but Can't Rule It Out, Either." *New York Times*, 03 June 2021.

¹⁵ Guzman, Joseph. "Obama on UFOs." *The Hill*. 18 May 2021.

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¹⁷ Asherman, Allan. *The Star Trek Compendium*. New York, Simon & Schuster, 1981.

¹⁸ Hadhazy, Adam (May 6, 2009). "The Final Frontier: The Science of Star Trek". *Scientific American*, 06 May 2009.

¹⁹ See the QuantuMDx Q-POC product page: <https://www.quantumdx.com/products/>



14–16).²⁰ The *Enterprise* medical team also employed the Hypospray to inject vaccine through the skin using non-invasive injection. Although syringes still provide the bulk of vaccines, jet injectors have been in existence for years.

In the same year the first *Star Trek* movie was released, we saw another film in which later events reflected science fiction. The film *Plague* depicts an ambitious lab technician who carries out a forbidden experiment and accidentally creates a deadly pathogen. The government orders a curtain of secrecy and imposes a national lockdown while epidemiologists search for a cure. Enough said about this example.

Our first-class year began with the triumphant return of Darth Vader in *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back*. Before the Lord of the Dark Side declares to Luke Skywalker, “I am your father,” he caps this intimate father-son moment by slicing off Luke’s hand. Skywalker later receives a bionic version that has all the functions of a normal hand. Electromyogram sensors attached to his muscles control his prosthesis by the flexing or contracting of his muscles.

Researchers from the Georgia Institute of Technology developed a device for amputees to move their prosthetic fingers using an ultrasonic sensor. The prosthesis used machine learning and ultrasound signals to detect fine finger-by-finger movement. The first amputee to use it, a musician who lost part of his right arm, played the piano for the first time since his accident. In a tip of the hat to its progenitor, he performed the *Star Wars* theme song during the demonstration.²¹

It would be easy to conclude from these numerous examples that science fiction writers are gifted oracles who use their clairvoyant powers to predict the future. The impetus for their intuition may be more practical. Any good science fiction premise is based on real science. The most famous and prolific writers were scientists and engineers who carried out deep research into their topics to add verisimilitude to their world-building. Arthur C. Clarke studied physics at King’s College London and later served as president of the British Interplanetary Society. Isaac Asimov was a professor of biochemistry at Boston University School of Medicine. And Robert Heinlein (USNA ’29) was a naval officer and aeronautical engineer. He famously said, “One man’s ‘magic’ is another man’s engineering.”²² So, the next time you reach for a crystal ball, you might first ask a scientist for their forecast of the future.

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²¹Maderer, Jason. “The Force is Strong: Amputee Controls Individual Prosthetic Fingers.” *Georgia Tech Research Horizons*: December 11, 2017 Watch the demo at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjW1kIt5iQg>

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RELIGION IN REVIEW: 1981–2021

By Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, USNA '81, became a Catholic priest and a college president and remains a geek at heart.

“Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed this only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that their liberties are the gift of God?”

– Thomas Jefferson

Some of the most radical changes in religious practices, both in American society at large and at the Academy, happened before we arrived at USNA on July 6, 1977. The 1960s and early 1970s saw revolutionary readjustments to how Americans viewed both individual morality and religious commitment.

A Shifting Regard for Religion and the Military

Probably the most striking example of this was the ending of mandatory chapel at the Academies in 1972. By the time we arrived at the Yard, no current midshipman had been forced to go to religious services on a regular basis. Nationwide, formal public-school prayer had been banned by the Supreme Court case, *Engel v. Vitale*, in 1962. Both were emblematic of the increase in secularism in our culture.

It was for many of us a very countercultural choice to attend the Academy in 1977. The ideals embodied in the Academy's mission statement and our oath of office were not popular at the time. The sexual revolution, the anti-war sentiment, and the general cultural malaise (as President Carter's sentiments were characterized by the press) did not share the values of our mission. Concepts like duty and honor and loyalty were not fashionable or popular.

I would argue that things began to change during our years in Annapolis. By 1981, respect for the military and our mission were on the upswing. The obvious threat to freedom posed by the Soviet Bloc and the galvanizing rhetoric of President Reagan helped unite a large portion of our nation behind the efforts to overcome the “Evil Empire.” Most of our initial service occurred at a time of rapid expansion of our number of ships and a vastly increased operational schedule.

But at home, the buildup in patriotism and commitment was not being reciprocated in other areas of our society. The gap between rich and poor, the treatment of those on the margins, the continual lack of full rights for women and people of color all reflected injustices that needed to be addressed.

Seeing Those on the Margins

Religious practice in the 1980s looked for the most part as it had for much of the 20th century. Sundays still reflected the segregation of our society by race and class. Most people (close to 3/4 of adults) continued to belong to some type of formal religious group. But even then, attendance at weekly services was beginning to ebb.

Some religious groups began to experiment with radical changes in their practice and teaching. For example, many main-line Protestant denominations lifted their restrictions on women in ordained leadership. The Most Reverend Barbara Harris was elected bishop in the Episcopal Church in 1989, the first female ordained to the episcopate in the entire Anglican Communion.

Many religious organizations also adapted their teaching and practice to accommodate society's changing view of LGBTQ+ persons. Gay marriage, gender fluidity and transformation, and the ordination of openly practicing gay ministers was embraced and celebrated in many faith traditions. There was also increased attention to ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue. As a result, much ancient hostility between faiths has been overcome or greatly reduced in places like Northern Ireland and between faiths such as Catholicism and Judaism.

America also saw a noticeable increase in non-Christian religious practice. Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Unitarian/Universalist, and other religions account for almost 8% of our current population, doubled from 4% in 1980. In addition, Eastern religious practices such as meditation and yoga became popular with people who claimed other religious traditions. This type of syncretism reflects both a “flatter world” (as Thomas Friedman might put it) and the continued search for meaning and inner peace by many people who have found so called “mainstream religions” wanting.

Religion and Politics

As religious influence waxed and waned, some religious leaders became more directly involved with politics. Obviously, religious leaders had been at the forefront of the civil rights movement and the churches were just as divided as the rest of the USA on the war in Vietnam. But in the 1980s, both Protestant (the Moral Majority) and Catholic religious leaders began to be more directly involved in the political process. The abortion debate, welfare reform, nuclear deterrence, poverty, US involvement in Central America, peace in the Middle East, human rights, and environmental justice were all being discussed as much at churches, mosques, and synagogues as in the halls of Congress. Ministers from both the Right



(Pat Robertson and Gary Bauer) and Left (Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton) even made bids for their parties' nomination for president.

Inevitably, the entry of the churches into politics caused them to choose sides. Conservative and liberal became theological terms as well as political ones. Most Evangelicals and some Catholics sided more with the conservative movement of Reagan and Bush, while mainline Protestants, most Jewish and Muslim communities, and other Catholics sided with liberals.

At first, these more political religious movements seemed to many to be more “relevant.” But soon, a backlash, especially among our children’s generation, began to occur. More and more young people were turned off by the political tones of much modern religion. To many, the churches’ teachings and practices seemed harsh and judgmental. In addition, numerous personal and institutional scandals in the churches led to a growing disillusionment among the young. In 2021, more and more Americans self-identify as belonging to no organized faith groups, as compared with 1981. According to Gallup, when we graduated, 71% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue, or mosque. Today, that number is 47%.

In reaction to this decline, some entrepreneurial religious leaders began unaffiliated or non-denominational churches and religious centers appealing to many who still saw themselves as religious “seekers” but found traditional churches wanting. Some of these became quite successful and quickly earned the title of mega-churches. A subset of these new communities began promoting a version of religion promising wealth and earthly “success,” which was quite at odds with traditional religion’s focus on social justice and care for others. This so-called “prosperity gospel” is a uniquely American phenomenon.

The Decline of Religious Affiliation and the Belief in Moral Truth

Another result of the decline in traditional religious practice was an increase in informal prayer groups, bible studies, self-help groups, and book clubs dedicated to helping practitioners with their spiritual lives. Sometimes these groups supplemented weekend religious practice. But often these groups began to replace church membership as some began to identify themselves as “spiritual but not religious.”

The decline in religious practice also parallels a decline in the belief in moral truth. Today, moral and cultural relativism is commonly accepted by many of our society’s elites and is almost ubiquitous on college campuses. This poses a real challenge to those who serve in the military. The belief in fundamental rights and wrongs, truths and falsehoods, is fundamental to military practice. The USNA mission statement still speaks of forming midshipmen “mentally, morally, and physically” and of “ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty.” Are these beliefs just quaint reminders of old-fashioned sentiments or do they still have meaning in an era of post-modern relativism? If relativism is true, then there is no morality in which to form officers and the terms duty, honor, and loyalty are in fact meaningless. This may well be the challenge for the next generation of military leaders.

The Rise of Religious Radicalization

But all of this pales in comparison with the biggest development in religion in our era—the radicalization of religion into an ideology where the ends of power are pursued by any means, justifying even terrorism, genocide, crimes against humanity, and the rejection of the normal rules of armed conflict. Many of our classmates made the ultimate sacrifice in our efforts to overcome these ideologies. In many ways, the “War on Terror” has defined our class’s history, beginning with the attack on our Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983. This is somewhat unique in American history because we had never before fought wars that had religious belief at their center.

Of course, any scholar of religion would argue that this type of radicalization is a perversion of true faith. However, a part of the world we inhabit, the time and space where we exist, has accepted these ideologies. As we meet for our 40th Reunion, the Taliban are consolidating their hold on Afghanistan. ISIS operatives will potentially again be given a free pass to train and strike from there or elsewhere.

Most scholars would say the best cure for bad religion is good religion. But are the ideologies we face really open to argument and persuasion? Or will our only defense be an ongoing projection of military and technological power hoping to keep these enemies at bay? During our time, we did counter and ultimately overcame the false ideology of Soviet Communism. Can an increasingly irreligious and divided nation find the will and commitment to the common good and common defense necessary to counter this latest false ideology or the growing power of China? Where will we find the common ground to confront these challenges?

Perhaps one place to start is in our commitment to better care for our common home, the earth. Nearly every religion and much of the secular world agree that we face an environmental crisis. Another potential area where both the religious and secular world largely agree is the importance of the promotion and protection of religious liberty and personal conscience as a foundational human right. Despite this agreement, many in the world still live under persecution and repression. Could our united efforts to address these problems unite us much like the space race, the Apollo project, and the fight against Communism united the nation in our youth?

As the Christian Scriptures say, “Yet time will prove where wisdom lies” (Mt. 11:19).



HUMAN SPACE EXPLORATION

By Wendy Lawrence (USNA '81, 13th Company) – Inspired by the Apollo 11 crew and honored to have followed in their footsteps.

“We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills”

President John F. Kennedy
Speech at Rice University, 12 September 1962

April 12, 1981 — on this day, the class of '81 had 45 days and a wake-up until graduation and commissioning. Also on this day, NASA launched the space shuttle for the first time. Sitting on the flight deck of the orbiter, *Columbia*, were two former naval aviators, John Young and Bob Crippen. That day marked the start of a 30-year program during which 40 Naval Academy graduates flew space shuttle missions, including three from '81: Kay Hire, Brent Jett and Wendy Lawrence. Thus far, a total of 54 grads have been selected for the NASA Astronaut Program.

Wernher von Braun, the German rocket engineer brought to the United States after WWII, was instrumental in developing the concept of a space shuttle. His vision for human space exploration was to develop a reusable spacecraft (in theory to drive down the cost of getting to space), use it to build a space station in low Earth orbit (LEO), have astronauts live on the station and finally use that station as a base from which to launch missions to the moon and Mars. Von Braun expressed these ideas in the 1950s; President Nixon announced the Space Shuttle Program in 1972 after the completion of the Apollo Program.

Although the Space Shuttle Program never really lived up to the initial flight rate touted by NASA officials, the space shuttle orbiters proved to be very versatile. These vehicles and their crews deployed satellites, launched three of the four NASA Great Observatories (Hubble Space Telescope (launched in 1990), Compton Gamma Ray Observatory (launched in 1991) and Chandra X-Ray Observatory (launched in 1999)), conducted science missions (astronomy and microgravity research, for example) and finally fulfilled the mission envisioned by von Braun — assembling a space station.

President Reagan took the next step in von Braun's plan for human spaceflight, announcing the Space Station Freedom Program in 1984. The plan called for NASA to design, build, and operate Freedom in partnership with the European, Canadian, and Japanese space agencies. As is typical of new programs, Space Station Freedom went through many re-designs due to changing budgets. Even after almost a decade of work, no modules were built.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, President Clinton sought ways to engage Russia in peaceful pursuits. In 1993, he invited Russia to participate in NASA's space station program, now referred to as the International Space Station (ISS) Program. An often-overlooked part of the agreement outlining Russia's participation in the ISS Program was NASA's support of the Russian space station *Mir*. This was referred to as Phase One of the agreement, with the ISS Program known as Phase Two. Eleven missions were flown in Phase One, including nine shuttle docking missions to *Mir*, and seven NASA astronauts completed three to six-month missions onboard. This Shuttle / *Mir* Program provided NASA with valuable experience in operating a space station and supporting crews during longer duration missions.

The first module of the International Space Station launched from Russia in November 1998, followed by the Unity (Node 1) module launched onboard STS-88 a month later. The Russian-built service module launched in 2000, paving the way for the first crew to start living onboard the station in November of that year. Assembly of the station continued over the next decade. Thirty-seven space shuttle missions went to the ISS, delivering new components and supplies as well as rotating station crewmembers.

The ISS has been continuously occupied since November 2000. According to NASA, in its first two decades, the ISS has hosted over 240 people from 19 countries and nearly 3,000 research investigations have been conducted. NASA's laboratory module has been designated as a national laboratory for the United States.

Over a 30-year period, the Space Shuttle Program flew 135 missions. The last mission, STS-135 onboard *Atlantis*, landed at the Kennedy Space Center for the final time on July 21, 2011. While the Space Shuttle Program didn't dramatically drive down the cost of access to space, it did make spaceflight much more routine. In total, 355 individuals, representing 16 different countries, flew on space shuttle missions.

The end of the Space Shuttle Program paved the way for public-private partnerships. In 2004, President Bush released his space exploration plan which included a return to the moon and the retirement of the space shuttle once NASA's portion of the ISS was completely assembled. In parallel with this, the NASA Administrator allocated \$500 million over five years for the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services (COTS) Program. In this program, NASA would work with private industry to help them develop cargo delivery and crew transportation capabilities that would replace the space shuttle's role in supporting the ISS.



Prior to the COTS Program, NASA's traditional approach was to work with a contractor team to build a spacecraft which NASA would both own and operate. In the COTS Program, that would no longer be the case. Now the private company would own and operate the spacecraft, providing services to NASA. However, NASA would still retain overall responsibility for mission execution.

NASA selected SpaceX and Orbital ATK (now owned by Northrop Grumman) to provide cargo delivery services to the ISS. With the goal of eventually being able to use its spacecraft design for crew transportation, SpaceX developed the ability for its Dragon spacecraft to return cargo to Earth, unlike Orbital ATK's Cygnus spacecraft which only has a delivery capability (Cygnus burns up during reentry, allowing it to perform the very useful mission of trash removal). In May 2012, SpaceX became the first private company to deliver cargo to the ISS; Orbital ATK completed its first mission in October 2013. Now known as the Commercial Resupply Program, NASA awarded a second round of contracts in 2016, adding Sierra Nevada as a third provider.

The first contracts in the Commercial Crew Program were awarded in 2010, with NASA providing millions of dollars to help several private companies develop crew transportation capabilities. Ultimately, in 2014, SpaceX and Boeing were awarded contracts for actual missions. Once again, SpaceX was the first to orbit, successfully launching NASA astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken onboard the Crew Dragon spacecraft on May 30, 2020. Two more crews have traveled to the ISS on the Crew Dragon and another crew (which includes LCDR Kayla Barron '10) is scheduled to launch no earlier than October 31, 2021. Unfortunately, Boeing encountered several technical issues during the uncrewed test flight of its Starliner spacecraft and it remains to be seen when its first crewed mission will launch.

While it is likely the ISS will continue to operate until 2028, NASA is already working on its replacement as a part of its lunar exploration program, called Artemis. The Gateway space station will be smaller and, more importantly, it will orbit the moon. Astronauts will travel to Gateway on the Orion spacecraft. A lunar lander will then transport astronauts back and forth between a lunar base camp and the Gateway station. The European, Canadian, and Japanese space agencies are also participating in the Artemis Program and hopefully missions will launch before the end of this decade.

No longer is the International Space Station the only human occupied spacecraft orbiting the Earth. China is currently building its Tiangong space station and launched its first crew to live on this station in June 2021. Commercial companies, such as Axiom Space, are also working on designs for Earth orbiting stations. And SpaceX is no longer the only private company capable of launching humans to space. This year, Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin both successfully flew private citizens on suborbital flights.

It has been 60 years since Yuri Gagarin became the first person to fly in space. Human space exploration has advanced significantly during that time and living for months at a time in LEO has become routine for professional astronauts. Now thanks to companies like SpaceX, Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic, we're about to take the next important step, making spaceflight more accessible and affordable, allowing many more of us to follow in Yuri's footsteps if we so choose.



Kay Hire with "1981" flag on the space shuttle.



HEALTH CARE AND LIFE SCIENCES

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“Health Care is vital to all of us some of the time, but Public Health is vital to all of us all of the time.”

– C. Everett Koop

The past four decades have been a time of immense change, as medical knowledge is expanding at a pace never before seen in modern history. In 1981, it was estimated that the amount of medical information doubled every seven years. Today, it doubles every 73 days. Over the last 40 years, this exponential growth has brought significant improvements in technology and scientific research, enhanced the delivery of care for patients, driven new treatments for chronic conditions, and digitized the patient record — making it accessible anywhere.

Some aspects of medicine today were seen as science fiction 40 years ago if they were imagined at all. Doctor’s appointments over a computer or telephone. Mapping the human genome. Robotic surgery. Drugs derived from biological sources. And, most recently, vaccines harnessing the power of the immune system through messenger RNA. These are all commonplace now.

Stem cell therapy emerged 30 years ago. It is most widely practiced to treat leukemia and lymphoma. Transplanted stem cells generate an immune response that helps kill cancer cells and also replaces healthy bone marrow damaged in conventional chemotherapy strategies. Survival rates have been predicted in the range of 60-65%. Other treatment applications continue to be researched for efficacy throughout the world for conditions ranging from neurodegeneration, spinal cord injury, orthopedic injury, and vision impairment.

The Human Genome Project was an international 13-year effort. It formally began in October 1999 and completed in 2013. It led to the discovery and mapping of 20,000 to 25,000 human genes and made them accessible for biological study. Decoding the first human genome sequence took 6 to 8 years of active sequencing and cost approximately \$1B. Today, a human genome can be sequenced in one or two days and costs less than \$1,000. The effort created a leap forward in our knowledge about disorders caused by single gene defects. Today, the work is transitioning into an entire field devoted toward precision medicine – taking into account the individual variability in a person’s genes to more accurately predict and precisely tailor treatments and prevention strategies.

Robotic surgery first emerged in 1984 in Vancouver, Canada as an orthopedic surgical procedure. Original ambitions for robotic surgery were aimed at providing remote, “unmanned” surgical possibilities and to aid in the precision of minimally invasive surgical procedures. Technology continues to enhance the capabilities adding haptic “touch” sensations to robot “grips”. Image-guided magnetic resonance-compatible robotic neurosurgical procedures are also performed today. The use of robots has extended into heart, thoracic, gastrointestinal, spine, transplant, and urological procedures.

The earliest organ transplants occurred in the late 1800s and began with skin autograft-transplantation; but it wasn’t until 1981 that the first successful heart/lung transplant took place. Since that accomplishment the speed of advance in transplant science and immunosuppression has moved rapidly. In the span of 40 years, double lung transplants, liver, split-liver, combined liver-kidney, kidney-pancreas, hand, uterus, leg, and entire face transplants have been accomplished. Today’s limb transplant patients can experience a sense of touch through electrical devices used to stimulate sensation. Each new endeavor has crossed numerous thresholds in medical and social ethics and hurdled complex regulatory issues regarding access to organs both domestically and cross nationally. Certainly, more promise lies ahead as technology advancements continue to push even more successful outcomes.

In the 40 years since graduation telemedicine, or telehealth, went through a period of significant maturation and sustainable growth. This manner of care was first a means of providing remote monitoring for astronauts the US planned to send into space in the 1960s. Since then, the availability of high-speed internet, cellular, and broadband communications in the late 90s and 2000s saw the integration of health technology in self-tracking devices, home patient monitoring, electronic health records for patients, self-scheduling for appointments and virtual “express” care visits as well as second opinions. In 2015, Mercy Hospital in St Louis, Missouri, constructed the first “virtual hospital” to provide care without patients coming to their facilities. At this writing, this new modality of care was accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic, which due to its severity and rapid transmissibility forced healthcare providers to seek alternatives to face-to-face provision of care. Recognizing the flexibility of virtual care, providers and the government embraced the approach to care and removed barriers such as reimbursement and interstate practice restrictions — preserving patient access to care “anywhere”.

Artificial — or Augmented — Intelligence in healthcare also made its debut. With the availability of multiple modes of communication and high-speed computing, the period between 1980 and 2000 witnessed the proliferation of microcomputers



and network computing, which grew even more quickly in the last two decades into cloud and hyper-scale supercomputing capability. In healthcare, this has enabled genomic sequencing to be completed faster, the mining of electronic health records across populations for disease and treatment data, natural language processing to automate and record the interactions between patients and caregivers, and the design of tomorrow's precision therapeutics.

Advanced therapeutic capability also emerged during this period. Biologic drugs – produced from, extracted from or semi-synthesized from a biological source – were first approved in 1982 and began to gain approval in US and European regulatory markets in the early 2000s. Today they provide patients suffering from complications in rheumatology, oncology, dermatology, and gastroenterology, with treatment options not otherwise available.

The onset of COVID-19 in early 2020 and the need to swiftly decrease the virus' ability to spread pushed the rapid deployment of messenger RNA vaccines into the arms of people around the world. This was approved for emergency use inside the common deployment timeframes for traditional vaccines derived from pathogens. These mRNA vaccines use a copy of a molecule to produce an immune response to cancers or pathogens in the body. While the first mRNA vaccine was successfully transferred into mice in 1989, it wasn't until 2008 that BioNtech and 2010 when Moderna began product development. They appear to be the next wave in vaccine technology with their rapid deployment capability.

Our class lived through significant public health efforts that began in the years early after our graduation and continue today and beyond our 40th anniversary.

Recognition of smoking's impact on health and secondhand smoke's effect on non-smokers resulted in smoking bans that started in 1975 in Minnesota restricting smoking in most public spaces. These bans moved more quickly in the mid 80s as California enacted ordinances in several cities. It wasn't long after that when cigarettes were banned in ships' combat information centers!

The first evidence of concern over the impacts of trans fats in food — a product developed to ease spreading margarine — emerged in the 1980s. These concerns led to major alterations in the fats used in cooking processes to reduce coronary artery disease. Today, a proliferation of dietary programs has evolved — the Keto Diet, Paleo, Whole Food Plant Based, Nutritarian and other variants with the intention of reducing chronic diseases like obesity and diabetes. No “one size fits all”; but there is some irony that these efforts reflect back to Hippocrates' quote, “Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food” and that a growing number of physicians are prescribing dietary solutions in lieu of drugs to improve patients' care.

None of us will forget the most recent health-related experience since we left Annapolis — the global pandemic associated with the COVID-19 virus. First detected in Wuhan, China, in late 2019, it set off a global wave of hospitalizations, deaths and shutdowns implemented to slow the spread and ferocity of infection. World-wide, more than 201 million cases of COVID-19 and over 4.2 million deaths have been confirmed as of August 2021. The pandemic changed the nature of our lives, the way we work, the way we travel, and the supply chains that support every product we use and consume. It forced the resurrection of the face mask by the common public — eerily reminiscent of its use during the Spanish Flu in 1918 — to the acceleration of vaccines and medications that previously would have taken years to approve. COVID 19 isn't over yet. One thing is certain - its influence will continue to drive change in tomorrow's healthcare.

In the spirit of Heinz Lenz, and in the deepest possible German accent, “STAY HEALTHY 81!”.



LOOK, THERE'S A GIRL ONE!

By Jenifer Joyce Clement '81

"After reflection so many years later, I admit that I underappreciated and under respected the challenges and demands on our female classmates."

– Admiral Frank Caldwell, USNA Class of 1981
40th Reunion Memorial Service, September 3, 2021

Sitting in the Chapel amongst several hundred classmates, I was taken aback when Frank spoke those words. I can't remember anyone ever publicly offering such an acknowledgement of the women's USNA experience. I was equally surprised when I was asked to contribute an article to the Reunion Book about our experience. Honestly, I sat on the idea for quite a while before tossing the idea out to the women of '81. Responses quickly came back from more than 30 classmates. They were thoughtful, heartfelt, humorous, painful, reserved, and put-it-all-out-there. Sharing some of the thoughts of our classmates, I hope I have respectfully and fairly portrayed what our experience was like as midshipmen in the Class of 1981. One woman wrote, *"Our inclusion, which varied for each of us and, however hard fought, paved the way for those that followed. I'm so proud of that and of being a part of this incredible group of pioneers. Let's tell that story!"*

Following in the footsteps of the 81 women of the Class of 1980 who boldly broke the all-male barrier, 90 of us entered on July 6, 1977, ranging in age from 17 to 21 and arriving from all over the United States. Some of us knew almost nothing about the military and some had three years of enlisted experience. Some came ready to compete in varsity sports and some struggled with the mile run every semester. Academics came easy for some and not so for others. On paper we looked just like our 1,238 male classmates. However, indicative of the times, the sentiment of many of the Brigade, the USNA Staff and the Alumni was that we were distinctly different from the men and we didn't belong at the United States Naval Academy.

In 1975, Public Law 94-106 directed the Secretary of Defense to provide for "the orderly and expeditious admission of women to the academies." The academy staff made the necessary immediate logistical changes, but it was we who proved, much to the surprise of many (including my high school chemistry teacher), that the initial integration was successful. Even though we were among the early "trailblazers," I don't think many of us felt that way at the time. We were midshipmen like everyone else just making it through the chow call, the day, the week, the semester. It is in looking back that we see the immense responsibility we shouldered as women in the early 80s classes. On May 27, 1981, with only a slightly higher attrition rate than that of our male classmates, 60 of us graduated and became SWOs, pilots, Marines, EDOs, URLs, Supply Officers, CEC Officers, PAOs and a med student.

A common regret that many of us have is that the women never formed a cohesive bond while we were mids. There seemed to be an unwritten understanding that outside of our roommates, sports teams and extracurricular clubs we wouldn't gather as groups of women. One woman was put on report for mutiny when she tried to organize a women's meeting. *"I grieve for the lack of sisterhood we might have had to support one another back then as we were tossed about on the tsunami of social change. I personally resisted relationships with women midshipmen because I wanted to fit in and not be distinguished by anything except for my accomplishments."* Very few of the Class of '80 women reached out to us in support, which we learned years later was because they were under the impression that other upperclassmen would look down on them for doing so. In many ways, we were all on our own. *"Some of the stories we are just now hearing about each other's worst moments should never have happened with the support we could have given each other."*

We treasure the only group photo we have as midshipmen which was taken first class year. *"There was no listserv or easy way to get the word out so we kind of formed a committee and made sure everyone knew. We treated it like it was super secret, because a number of women told me that they were worried the men would be angry with us for having a picture just of us."* Unfortunately, only 48 of us are in the photo. Perhaps some women didn't get the word or didn't wish to be included. We have another group photo of 27 women taken at a brunch during our class ten-year reunion. It wasn't until the 30th reunion that we entertained the notion of really connecting with one another and getting together on a regular basis. With the help of the internet and social media, we now have more than 60 of our original 90 looped in and we have had a reunion every year since 2011 with 52 women having attended at least one event. Some women jumped right in while others needed a little encouragement to get over their fear that they wouldn't know anyone and wouldn't fit in. In the beginning we appreciated having nametags to help with recognition because really the names on our USNA uniforms were about as much as many of us knew about each other. It has been through these yearly, mostly weekend-long, reunions that we have gotten to know one another and to learn more about each other's unique USNA experience.

Two factors that stand out as primary contributors to how we would eventually describe our experience were which company we were in and who our roommates were. Company assignment obviously affected all midshipmen—Cloud 9 was notably more relaxed all around than Flaming 13. But the attitude towards the women and how they were treated varied by company and was often a function of the leadership at the top. One of our female classmates said, *"I never experienced anything that my classmates didn't.... I now surmise that there were some strong leaders behind the scenes policing behavior."* And yet another,



A History of Our Times

“Our company commander called us into his room at the end of Plebe summer and told us the Plebe Detail’s job that summer was to get rid of us. Unfortunately, we were still here.”

An equally strong contributing factor for women was roommate assignment. We were placed in 30 different companies, so every woman was in a “three-man room” with no in-company options for change. Sometimes it worked out well, *“I won the lottery with my roommate assignment,”* but often it did not. In some cases, two of the three women left before the end of plebe year requiring someone to change companies to fill the empty gap. Where there were irreconcilable differences between roommates, some volunteered to change companies or live in a different company area preferring the ramifications of that to staying in an untenable situation.

A common thread in our email conversation was discussion of the uniforms, especially the shoes. Neither the Corfams nor the Converse fit most of us properly which resulted in a disproportionate number of foot issues over the four years. We had comical exchanges about the issued prison-like night shirts, “granny panties,” WWII pin-up girl style bathing suits and those white canvas hip pouches meant to carry feminine products under White Works. For some reason it was ok that we wore ill-fitting men’s WUBA shirts, but we had pants designed for women — which meant they had NO pockets! But that was solved with that awful issued black handbag. Our summer whites were basically polyester “pant suits.” The women’s covers were hard to maintain and cost more to replace than the men’s. The uniform differences, especially the covers, accentuated our separateness. During P-rades and march-ons it was common to hear from the sidelines, “Look, there’s a girl one.”

Initial infrastructure changes to accommodate women in Bancroft Hall were minimal. Some women had to go up or down a deck into another company area to use the head, especially perilous as a plebe. A few women’s heads were created out of janitor’s closets. There was one small hair salon for women with only one stylist requiring us to plan our haircuts well in advance before inspections. We were fortunate, however, to have our own salon, unlike the women at West Point who had no choice but to take their chances at the cadet barbershop.

Even though we were all getting through the day-to-day life individually, collectively we were making our way through what seemed to be an ever-present anti-women undercurrent. Most, if not all of us, had good friends, perhaps boyfriends, or even fiancés among the male midshipmen, but the support from those relationships didn’t seem to lessen our frustration when confronted with this sentiment. For example, hearing boos when the cheerleaders entered a pep rally or football game—it was like we were all being booed. In the fall of our second class year, when I imagine many of us were feeling like we had finally found our footing at Navy, the *Washingtonian* magazine published James Webb’s article, “Women Can’t Fight.” Powerful assertions by a highly decorated Marine veteran seemingly provided the proof—we didn’t belong there. We have never forgotten how that article made it all the harder to prove that we COULD fight. And then, only a few days later at a Forrestal Series lecture on October 29, 1979, the CNO, in responding to a 3/c female mid essentially asking what all the training was for if women weren’t given equal opportunities at Service Selection, asked the now famous rhetorical question, “Are you saying that women don’t belong in the Academy?” By all accounts Halsey Field House exploded with cheering and clapping. Many of the men walked back to Bancroft Hall elated under the impression that the highest-ranking Naval Officer had just confirmed their belief. The women walked back deflated. We had been there for more than two years and proven our ability in many areas. We had developed real friendships with some of the men who *“joined the crowd in expressing a sentiment held by many.”* The memory of these two events still deeply affects some of the women in the classes of ’80 through ’83.

There are a few of our female classmates whose memories are mostly of feeling lonely and isolated. As one shared, *“I have very few good memories. . . I was very unhappy there and only stayed out of pure stubbornness.”* And another, *“Being so alone. Not getting any support from company classmates.”* For most, however, those feelings ebbed and flowed. No different from for our male counterparts, many of us found solace and a sense of belonging on sports teams and in extracurricular activities where we formed friendships, some having become lifelong, with both men and women. *“I found a Catholic community at the Chapel that was wonderfully welcoming ... The people - mids, officers and their families, and civilians alike - became my family away from family. That was where my sense of isolation was best combatted.”* Both collegiate and intramural athletics provided an opportunity for us to not only build camaraderie with teammates but also to achieve recognition for hard work. *“USNA helped turn me into a runner, which proved extremely beneficial during my Navy career. Guys can’t give you much [crap] when you can outrun them!”* Several women mentioned having a coach, a professor, or a sponsor who provided invaluable encouragement when it was most needed.

And we used humor just as every midshipman before and after us has done to get through the long stretches. We helped our classmates move airplanes, hang sheet posters, paint Tecumseh and keep the infamous food fight going. In getting to hear each other’s stories, I learned that my roommate and I weren’t the only women to decorate our room bulletin board with *Playgirl* centerfolds as a counterstatement to the men’s ubiquitous *Playboy* centerfolds and *The Log’s* one-sided Company Cuties. We created Halloween costumes that poked fun at some of the injustices. *“In one company, the women performed their own Army Recon Raid, collecting a pair of alpha-code marked briefs from each Firstie, tie-dyeing them pink, stitching the waistbands together, and stringing them in the wardroom!”*



If taking photos then was as easy as it is now, we would likely have a treasure trove of preserved gems (not that we'd necessarily want some of them to find their way on to social media). The photos we do have often show us truly looking happy and having fun joking around with our company mates in Bancroft Hall and classmates during summer training. Sometimes when we look back, there has been a tendency to paint all the male mids with a broad brush as anti-women. But as we reminisce, most of us can easily start naming with fondness men with whom we studied, or sang, or prayed, or exercised, or dated. At the recent 40th reunion the women I spoke with eagerly looked forward to the individual company events really feeling like they belonged. It may have taken a long time for some, but many of the women seem to be at that place now.

A shared sentiment for several of those who contributed to this piece was gratefulness for the opportunity to be the ones opening doors for women in the Navy. *"While it would take years for women to fully integrate into all aspects of the Naval service, we played a vital role in breaking down deeply rooted historical barriers."* Many of us can say we were the first woman at that command, on that ship, in that squadron, etc. We came from a wide array of backgrounds when we were first brought together in 1977, and we now bring a wide variety of life and career experiences to our reunions some 40 years later. What binds us together is our shared USNA experience. No two of us tell the same story, but we share more similar experiences than different ones. Looking at each other as individuals and at ourselves as a whole, we realize how strong and resilient we were. *"We helped the Navy learn and grow and evolve. I think we made big waves way back when and continue to with every successful career move, acknowledgement and title."*







SHIPMATES

By Craig Washington, USNA '81 + 8, Editor-In-Chief, *Shipmate* Magazine

"But still when two or three shall meet, And old tales be retold..."

– Navy Blue and Gold, CDR Roy DeS. Horn, USN

I was 10 when my brother Mark entered USNA with the Class of 1981. He was and remains my hero. Mark was recruited to play football. We lived locally in Davidsonville, Maryland when I was growing up, so we would routinely see Mark's football player classmates at the house on weekends. I can still reflect on how enormous some of them were. Bob Murtha, Terry Huxel, Rowland Huss, etc.. I don't know how Kevin Tolbert got his legs so big by the time he was nineteen, but he was clearly born to be a fullback. These men were giants, but they were kind and decent men and treated my family very, very well. That experience made me certain that there was no other school I'd ever want to attend, and those people were the type I would hope to have as my own friends in the years ahead. I entered USNA in the Summer of 1985 and graduated with some of the best people I've ever known in 1989. The knowledge of where and how to sneak out of the Academy, passed down from my brother Mark, served me very well for most of my USNA career. One unfortunate delayed return earned me a Black N, but that's a story for another time. Needless to say, the title of your book 'Over the Wall' has significant meaning for me.

I served on active duty for 24 years and finished up my career back at USNA with two of my own sons graduating from USNA as well (Mike '13 / Matt '17). After retiring, I began working at the USNA Alumni Association. I'll admit that for a long time after graduation, I didn't really know what the Alumni Association had to offer my classmates and me. We were out in the fleet, building our careers, building our families, typically putting the Academy in our rearview mirror outside of reunion years and football season. Over time, though, as I started to reconnect with the Academy, as my sons started thinking about joining the Brigade, and especially after I came back to Academy for my final active duty tour, I started to see the big picture. I learned just how much the Alumni Association had established in terms of opportunities to build relationships outside my class, to explore career options following my retirement, to learn from—or teach—alumni of other generations and to give back to the place that has made so many incredible moments in my life possible. Then I started working here... and I really learned. I know, though, that most midshipmen graduate with the same lack of understanding I had. That's why, to help bring awareness of Alumni Association, I have been trying to improve the way the Alumni Association responds to the needs of our constituents, and have tried to improve the way we recognize our alumni in Shipmate, Wavetops, and in our Social Media platforms.

The Class of 81 has made some remarkable accomplishments, and I have been honored to help be involved with many special class related issues. Dick Duffett (anchorman, Mayor, all around good guy) reached out to me to see if the Alumni Association would help communicate the need for help for another USNA grad from the Class of '77 who was in failing health. Dick's efforts, and our alumni reach, generated overwhelming response for alumni and friends wanting to help. Without violating HIPPA, I just want you all to know what a wonderful person and teammate your anchorman is, and that a member from the Class of '77 is alive and well because of it.

I appreciate Mark Kelly reaching out to see if I would help start this conversation. The stories from the Class of 1981 are diverse and compelling. You are an honorable bunch. I hope that the Alumni Association can support you well in the years to come. I welcome your suggestions about how we can better serve your class, and all those that came before and after.

Congratulations on this milestone, and all that you have accomplished individually and collectively since your graduation.

NAVY BLUE AND GOLD

Now colleges from sea to sea
May sing of colors true,
But who has better right than we
To hoist a symbol hue?

For sailors brave in battle fair
Since fighting days of old,
Have proved the sailor's right to wear
The Navy Blue and Gold.



THE ARTS — RHYMES FOR OUR TIMES

By Dave Ciccarelli '81, Bull Major at Heart

"If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him"

John F. Kennedy

When you think of the arts and their cultural parts, there's a lot to take in, you might say
You can cast the net wide, but it's not cut and dried and defining gets carried away
For the arts are diverse and, to make matters worse, they're subjective and not neatly boxed
The arts change with the times, they're not fixed paradigms and they leave the definer flummoxed
Though the topic's immense, in a general sense, categories of art total three
There's the visual thing, there is art, performing, and there's everything literary
With the art you can see, there is photography and the masters of paint are first class
But there's building art, too, with the architect's view manifested in metal and glass
The performance art sphere holds the works of Shakespeare, all the world, it is said, is a stage
And there's music and dance full of love and romance while the young folks decide what's the rage
Last comes things found in books, now on Kindles and Nooks, with a canon that came from the west
But the west is just part of this prose and rhyme art, read them all, then decide which is best
So, let's go on a tour of a decade times four through this cultural art potpourri
Who was seen, what was said on that carpet of red, what was lit on that neon marquee

Architecture

As the 80s rolled in, much to old art's chagrin, art had entered its post-modern phase
Less of substance, more style, let's try that for a while, deconstruct and install was the craze
Sweeping in from abroad, the pair *Christo-Jeanne-Claude*, with their *Running Fence* making its mark
Wrapped *Pont Neuf* all in gold, made the new of the old, then *The Gates* winding through Central Park
Now, the architects' turn for a Pritzger to earn, like *Frank Gehry's* Walt Disney venue
Guggenheim in Bilbao, a titanium wow, and in Prague, *Dancing House* was all new

Television

When we got to Ma B and turned on the TV, there were five channels offered each night
CBS, NBC and the others were free with your rabbit ears tweaked up just right
Many shows were quite tame, whether sitcom or game or a soap opera shown on weekdays
And the TVs had weight, even if solid state, it took mass to produce cathode rays
But the content was vast and the hit shows came fast, there was *Oprah* and *Hill Street* in blues
We asked, "*Who shot JR?*" and watched *Norm* in the bar while *Ted Turner* upended the news
And for satiric art, there came *Homer* and *Bart* - Critics argued if low or high brow
Thirty-two years have passed so hat's off to the cast — Just keep laughing and don't have a cow
There was *Seinfeld* on air, *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air* and the gecko from *GEICO* in ads
The *Sopranos* were new and so was pay-per-view - "It's all crap!" cried our Moms and our Dads
Then reality hit and it felt counterfeit, but, the ratings? They went through the roof
Purists screamed, "It's a scam! It's a phony program! It's not real, it's a miserable spoof!"



Still, we ogled the lives of those *Real Housewives* and *Survivor* and *The Bachelorette*
On the hot *Jersey Shore*, *Snooki* gave us still more in a tawdry, train-wreck vignette
But, despite all the fluff, there was quality stuff, *Breaking Bad* and a *Game of Thrones*
CSI hit the heights, so did *Friday Night Lights* — Watch ‘em all on your *Apple iPhones*
As if those weren’t enough, we bought all of this stuff via *Netflix* with shows we could stream
Stranger Things and *Ozark* and *BoJack* hit the mark — Pick a time! Pick a show! Pick a meme!
As we watch all of that on a screen that is flat and high density, showing us art
Ask yourself, if you know, as you’re watching your show, how our TVs all got to be smart
Did we send them to school there their brains to retool? We’re not sure and that makes us feel small
But, the answers we want don’t require a savant. Ask *Alexa* who sees and knows all
For it’s technology that allows us to see what we want when we want from our couch
All our problems were solved as that tech was evolved, as we all can most certainly vouch
We made TV memoirs with our own VCRs - VHS was the future to be
In the blink of an eye, analog went bye-bye and we all bought a new DVD
Then along came *TiVo* and it cost much less dough than the hardware that it made get gone
Now, there’s *Apple* and *Prime* you can watch all the time - All these channels and still nothing on
But we watch, nonetheless, and I, too, must confess that the content is wide and diverse
So we choose what we view, *HBO*, *Pay-per-View*, while our views line the web streamer’s purse
All our flatscreens are smart — they are state-of-the-art and they interface with our PC
While you’re sipping your scotch, there are movies to watch, but, alas, these electrons aren’t free
You must buy what you wish via cable or dish with an internet package to boot
You can pair with your phone and you’ll not be alone if you’re willing to cough up the loot

Music

If your eyes need a rest, if you’re feeling all stressed, there is music with melodic rhymes
Now the tunes have all changed, their formats rearranged as the industry morphed with the times
We were sailors, once young. There were songs that were sung. Some were disco, some rock and some funk
We were tapping our feet to that slick *Eurobeat* or to jazz by *Thelonius Monk*
All at once, with a splash, ‘long came *Grandmaster Flash* and his brothers, *The Furious Five*
Our attention was caught as they juggled and scratched out *The Message* ‘bout how to survive
On the streets with a rhyme, “Like a jungle, sometime — Don’t push me!” were their words to forewarn
And this rap from their hearts? Well, it ran up the charts — ‘82 was when hip hop was born
But of all that has changed and our lives rearranged, there was one that was biggest by far
So unlike an LP, it was called *MTV. Video Killed the Radio Star!*
We all stared and we gawked and about it we talked. Who’d have thought there’d be music you see?
And we liked what we saw, *Madonna* in a bra, *Aerosmith* walked with *Run DMC*
There were bands with big hair. There were *Whitney* and *Cher. Purple Rain* from the artist called *Prince*
Jon Bon Jovi was there as he lived on a prayer and the VJs have ruled ever since
But of all of the stars who were on our radars, on the charts, there was one at the top
Up in lights on the screen, sang about *Billy Jean*, *Michael Jackson* was King of all Pop



About *Thriller*, we talked while, on stage, he moonwalked. Defied physics or so it appeared
Made it look like a snap. *Vincent Price* did some rap. It was weird, but we all clapped and cheered.
As the 90s arrived, girl power revived – no punk here, not a pit, not a mosh
All the teenies went wild over *Destiny's Child* and those *Spice Girls* called Sporty and Posh
But the girls shared the noise with those fresh *Backstreet Boys* – In the teenie pop chain, they're a link
Wooing girls with sweet talk, the *New Kids on the Block* shared the limelight and stage with *NSYNC*
While the teens did their thing, in Nashville a new king made the headlines as country came back
He strummed all the right chords, won four Grammy Awards, no more *Willy & Waylon, Clint Black!*
Then *Garth Brooks* came along and he sang a new song, mixing country and pop by the score
Not a crowd he can't please with nine diamond LPs — That's three more than that British *Fab Four!*
And so, country was in with rhinestones and buckskin, *Urban Cowboys* and girls did their part
Hair in mullets, had they, like that cute *Billy Ray*, danced in lines to *Achy Breaky Heart*
Chet Atkins dissed the fad, "This music's pretty bad." Give that line dancing stuff the short shrift
But Chet couldn't foresee what was next on the tee, *Carrie Underwood* and *Taylor Swift*
Now, the music's diverse and that isn't a curse. There are *Britney Spears* and *Beyonce*
Lady Gaga? Just Dance! Have a great *Bad Romance!* Check 'em out on your *Apple AirPlay*
No cassettes or CDs, *Spotify*, if you please, or *Pandora*, the Premium kind
Think it's unorthodox? All the world's your juke box – Just click "Repeat", no need to rewind

Movies

A long, long time ago, we all watched a new show from a galaxy, far, far away
But the film's look and feel, although fake, looked quite real – Writing code kept the *Empire* at bay
This new tech, *CGI*, would go on to apply to the films of the next forty years
With *IMAX* and *HD*, it would change what we see on the screen full of laughter and tears
Spider Man, Avatar, Miramax and *Pixar*, were all parts of the movie genome
Revenue would increase with each week's new release and we watched and saw *ET* phone home
There were *Brat Packs* and thugs and cartoons about *Bugs* and an android who said, "*I'll be back!*"
There were *Boyz N The Hood*, a *Yaya Sisterhood* and *Pulp Fiction, Travolta's* comeback
Dinosaurs that could think made the audience shrink in their seats, but they spared no expense
As the trailers roll by, root against the bad guy waiting for the main flick to commence
Watch the *Titanic* sink, young *Leo* in the drink, *Agents J, K and L* dressed in black
Morgan Freeman played God, and no one thought it odd, *Hannibal* munched a nose for a snack
With a *Blockbuster* store down the street or next door, Friday nights on the couch were a breeze
You could rent what was new rated thumbs up times two, a *romcom* or *Thelma and Louise*
As the moguls conspired to make what we desired, *Gordon Gekko* proclaimed, "*Greed is good!*"
Studios, young and old, were bought up or were sold and so ended the "old" *Hollywood*
It was fate, I suppose, that the Indies arose in the 90s with *Reservoir Dogs*
They were rocking the boat and the moguls took note and updated their film catalogs
Home Alone, Hook and *Ghost*, hundred millions were grossed, films for oldsters and folks in their youth
Young *Tom Cruise* hit again, starred in *A Few Good Men*, where Jack yelled, "*You can't handle the truth!*"
Cartoon films were made long and they raked in a throng of pre-teens with their parents in tow



There was *Beauty and Beast* and *Mulan* from the east, Dad and *Dory* went *Finding Nemo*
Lion King was spot on, songs by *Sir Elton John*, retold Hamlet – That *Scar* was a brute!
And a story ‘bout toys thrilled the girls and the boys — *Woody* said, “There’s a snake in my boot!”
Harry Potter flew by on his broom in the sky doing battle with *Lord Voldemort*
Evil *Sauron* attacked — In the end, he got whacked by those *Hobbits* (with *Elvish* support)
Like a goose laying gold, *Marvel Comics* was sold to *Walt Disney* as part of their plan
To make hit movie shows starring superheroes like *Black Widow* and, yes, *Spider-Man*
Then, this fantasy gig got decidedly big when we all binged on *The Game of Thrones*
Full of murder ‘n stuff, we could not get enough, so we streamed it and watched on our phones
Many flicks were franchised and then mass merchandised filling coffers in Burbank out west
They made sequels galore and the crowds screamed for more of *The Rock* in a bullet-proof vest
But, despite all the hype about badass boy tripe, there were movies that were worth their salt
No Country For Old Men, anything with *Sean Penn* or with *Denzel*, an Oscar assault
Million Dollar Baby and *The Big Lebowski* and a *Slumdog* of Bollywood fame
The Empire of the Sun, *The Shawshank Redemption*, *The Pianist* and *The Crying Game*
Though the content’s diversified, Hollywood is still cursed by the eighteen to thirty-four male
But new talent abounds with new sights and new sounds and new thoughts about telling a tale
Every year, something new, and we haven’t a clue to predict what we haven’t seen yet
So, keep watching that screen, every shot, every scene, “You never know what you’re gonna get”

Literary Arts

Want a good book to read? There are lots, I concede, and there’s something to fit every taste
There is drama and crime, *A Brief History of Time* – There are kids books with text double-spaced
Stephen King writes a lot, a great niche he has got, tales of horror to scare me and you
If a thrill is your knack, there is data to hack by *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*
Or if sports are your scene, you should read *John Feinstein*, Army-Navy is his *Civil War*
Tales of *A Good Walk Spoiled*, PGA pros embroiled in a season with them yelling, “FORE!”
A philosophy book on a *Kindle* or *Nook*, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*
Why not give it a shot? Sure to provoke your thought with a message simplistic and freeing
More great authors abound, each of varied background, *Amy Tan* and *Khalid Hosseini*
Dave McCullough, *George Will*, histories they distill, there’s *The Road* by *Cormac McCarthy*
Read a Pulitzer Prize? There are lots of those guys and gals who write a one-of-a-kind
John Updike, *Carol Shields* were both tops in their fields with their subtexts and plots well-defined
On the non-fiction side, it cannot be denied that the last forty years have been rich
Herbert Bix, *Lawrence Wright* spent time in the limelight, modern history being their niche
There was *Guns, Germs and Steel*, *Jared Diamond’s* reveal about human societies’ fates
Tina Rosenberg told of the ghosts of the old European failed communist states
At the end of the day, books have come a long way in these modern to post-modern years
If you’ve no time to read, books have long been CD’d so you read not with eyes, but with ears



Epilogue

I remember I read *Gustave Flaubert* once said, “Of all lies, art is the least untrue”
Asked “Should art be mainlined?”, *William Morris* opined that he didn’t want art for the few
Some might say, with a smirk, all this art is not work, they are dreamers with no real demands
But, with hand to bald head, *Michelangelo* said, “A man paints with his brains, not his hands”
“Life is short, the art long” was *Hippocrates* song sung in Athens two thousand years past
For great art will endure and of that we are sure — The sublime will the lowly outlast
So, take time to regard what was said by *The Bard* about beauty as seen from the heart
And from his point of view, there is this much ado, that perspective is best painter’s art

**“IN THE STONE”
BY EARTH, WIND & FIRE
FROM THE ALBUM, “I AM”
COLUMBIA RECORDS, 1979**

I found that love provides the key
Unlocks the heart and souls of you and me
Love will love, to sing your song, yeah
Oh yeah, love is written in the stone

Every man I meet is walking time
Free to wander past his conscious mind,
Love will come and take you home, yeah
Love is written, written in the stone

Do you believe, my friend, in what you claim?
People of the world all doubt the same
Bringing questions of their own, yeah
Truth is, truth is written in the stone

In the stone, you’ll find the meaning
You’re not standing tall (In the stone)
In the stone, the light is shining
Ever touching all

Life experience a passing day
Time will witness what the old folks say
Getting stronger every day
Strength is, strength is written in the stone

Deep inside your hearts for you to keep
Lies a spark of light that never sleeps
The greatest love you’ve ever known
Love is, love is written in the stone

In the stone, you’ll find the meaning
Why you’re not standing tall (In the stone)
In the stone the light is shining
Forever touching all

Never, never, my darling, never you’ll be alone
Ever, forever my darling, true love is written in the stone



THE COLD WAR AND ‘THE END OF HISTORY’ FOR THE USNA CLASS OF 1981

By James G. Foggo, Dean, Center for Maritime Strategy, Admiral, USN (Ret.)

“When the animals had gathered, the lion looked at the eagle and said gravely, ‘We must abolish talons.’ The tiger looked at the elephant and said, ‘we must abolish tusks.’ The elephant looked back at the tiger and said, ‘We must abolish claws and jaws.’ Thus each animal in turn proposed the abolition of the weapons he did not have, until at last the bear rose up and said in tones of sweet reasonableness: ‘Comrades, let us abolish everything—everything but the great universal embrace!’”²³

– Spanish Ambassador at the Conference for the Reduction and Limitation of Armaments of the League of Nations, Geneva, 1932

As the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1981 tossed their hats in the air and departed the Yard on 27 May 1981 as brand-new Ensigns and Second Lieutenants, our class promptly entered the training pipeline and later embarked our great Navy’s ships, aircraft, and submarines to deter and defend the nation during the long Cold War. Fighting the nation’s wars was nothing new for Academy graduates, but this war was quite different from the last one. For the first decade of our commissioned service, there was rarely a shot fired. Deterrence theory seemed to work but when the Class of 1981 went down to the sea in ships, submarines, or aircraft launched from our carrier battlegroups, we were ready for war. In fact, there were several situations where brinkmanship could have led to an all-out nuclear exchange... With mutually assured destruction, the stakes were higher than they had ever been. Even so, that bipolar world may have been a little simpler.

Despite the post-war drawdown after the defeat of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, two superpowers with opposing ideologies and nuclear weapons emerged and the world split into two blocs. On one side, there was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) composed of the United States and like-minded Allies. On the other side, the Soviet Union and her satellites in the Warsaw Pact. As leader of the free world, the United States jockeyed for position vis-à-vis its Soviet counterpart as each side attempted to win more Allies and more territory under the rubric of its respective ideology and the guarantee of a nuclear umbrella. Superpower competition was truly global, spanning every ocean and every continent.

Interactions with the Soviets in the Pacific were notable, but secondary to more frequent and dangerous encounters in the Atlantic and on the European continent. Battle lines were drawn and our forces made contact with Soviet Forces nearly every day.

Ours was the Third Battle of the Atlantic and it is important to put this in the context of the first two and then examine the Fourth Battle that more recent USNA graduates are fighting today. The Class of 1981 learned and applied many lessons from the first two battles. As we look to the future to see what challenges successive classes of USNA graduates will face during their careers, it is important to heed the advice of George Santayana: *Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.*²⁴

The common denominator in the first three Battles of the Atlantic was their global impact. The First Battle of the Atlantic included the great naval battles of the First World War, most notably the Battle of Jutland (31 May – 1 June 1916). We witnessed the rise of U-Boats as a devastating asymmetric threat. Unrestricted submarine warfare was a tremendous new challenge. U-boats were innovative, with devastating results. The daring German Kaptain Lieutenant Eric Schweiger, Commanding Officer of U-21, demonstrated this when U-21 sunk the Lusitania in a mere 18 minutes with the loss of 1,198 souls. The event, aptly described in *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, foreshadowed the U-boat devastation to come.²⁵ This singular act brought the United States of America into World War I.

As stated earlier, history has a way of repeating itself, and in the Second World War we saw the Second Battle of the Atlantic, leveraging the lessons learned from the first. Led by now Fleet Admiral Donitz, German U-boats again threatened the high seas, this time with new tactics and technologies based on experiences in the previous war. The Germans had learned how to overcome anti-submarine warfare (ASW) tactics and technologies; they engaged with new *Wolfpack* tactics and improved vessels. Again, the outcome was uncertain, but innovations in radar, ASDIC, hedgehogs, depth charges, and cyber — yes, cyber — cracking the German codes from a captured Enigma machine — enabled victory. Together the Allies established convoys, with the Soviet Union providing essential support as troops and supplies were moved to critical fronts. Though united against a common enemy, it was clear that ideological differences would portend future competition. Peaceful coexistence with the Soviet Union did not last for long.

World War II set the stage for the Cold War and the Third Battle of the Atlantic.

This was the Class of 1981’s Battle. NATO forces engaged in a constant, high-pressure cat-and-mouse game with Soviet submarines. These submarines were daunting threats — we were compelled to build more effective anti-submarine warfare forces and continually improve our technologies and tactics to counter the Soviets. With the lingering threat of mutually assured

²³ Quote attributed to W. Churchill in an article by James G. Foggo, Proceedings, *The Bear’s Great Universal Embrace*, May 1990, Vol. 116, No. 5.

²⁴ George Santayana, *The Life of Reason*, 1905.

²⁵ Erik Larson, *Dead Wake*, Broadway Books, New York, p. 257.



destruction and the Soviet's pursuit of ideological dominance, the stakes couldn't have been higher and that tension frequently played out on the high seas.

Even after the *Incidents at Sea Agreement of 1972*, intended to prevent or mitigate mistakes and miscalculations made by our Sailors on the bridge of our ships or in the cockpit of our aircraft, dangerous incidents still occurred. For example, the Soviets created an international incident in the Black Sea on 13 February 1988. While exercising the right to innocent passage through waters near Sevastopol, guaranteed by the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the USS *Yorktown* (CG-48) was rammed by a Soviet frigate.²⁶ It is unlikely that any international agreement could have prevented this incident. Although U.S. vessels were perfectly within their rights to sail in these waters, the Soviets attempted to exploit this incident as an act of U.S. aggression and a threat to Soviet sovereignty. The incident highlighted the very real dangers we faced from Soviet aggression — and was an early example of Moscow's drive to control and exploit the narrative of such events.

Regardless of the Warsaw Pact's frequent unsafe and unprofessional conduct at sea, deterrence somehow prevailed. In fact, deterrence has proven to be one of the most important missions of the U.S. Navy and it has only become more complex over time. Deterrence was crystal clear during the Cold War with *two superpowers*—the United States and the Soviet Union—and *two blocs*—NATO and the Warsaw Pact. It was a bipolar world and, while there were simmering conflicts between states and groups globally, today's complex challenges from state and non-state actors were largely absent. Simply put, China was not in the picture, nor was there a real threat from Iran, North Korea, or Violent Extremist Organizations.

As midshipmen, our mission was simple. We needed to understand the existential threat posed by communism — and how to deter or defeat the Soviet Union. We read about decades of classes who had gone before us in E.B. Potter's *Sea Power*. We studied the Soviet Navy's rise and the doctrine and tactics of Fleet Admiral Gorshkov in *Red Star Rising at Sea*. Part of our professional development as maritime warriors consisted of recognition training on our only enemy's order of battle, which could be contained in a single deck of flashcards highlighting the silhouettes of all Soviet Naval Forces—quite a contrast to the multi-polar threat axes of today.

At the time of our graduation, we entered the Fleet with John Lehman as the 65th Secretary of the Navy, having been appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1981. A naval reservist, he became the Secretary at the age of 38. As one of our youngest Service Secretaries in the history our nation, Lehman was a naval visionary and the architect of the 600-ship Navy. He was also unique in that he continued to serve as a Commander in the Naval Reserve, as both a qualified NFO in the A-6 Intruder and later a helicopter pilot. With the help of the CNO, Admiral Jim Watkins, he articulated and implemented a Maritime Strategy that was *offensive* rather than *defensive*. This “significantly rattled” the Soviet chain of command, particularly the Russian CNO, who found he could not protect his own crown jewels from America's bold new strategy.²⁷

Accordingly, the Maritime Strategy of 1986 was the Class of 1981's playbook for overwhelming the Soviets in their own maritime bastion. It was clear to us as junior officers that when our ships left the pier to deploy, they had to be ready to fight. The threat was real and our Sailors understood their mission. We trained our Sailors to *fight to win*, but more importantly, to *win without fighting*.

The Maritime Strategy during the Cold War was a cost-imposing strategy. The Soviet Union was exposed as an Evil Empire suffering from imperial overstretch. Unable to keep pace with the West or NATO. Cracks started to emerge and the Warsaw Pact collapsed in 1989. The Soviet Union, as we knew it during our lifetime, simply evaporated overnight. The West had prevailed — and not a shot had been fired.

The impact of such a forward leaning strategy is accurately captured by Secretary Lehman in *Ocean's Ventured*:

*At first, the Soviets were aghast at the Maritime Strategy and then soon tried to react with increasing vigor. But as more and more ships, aircraft and technology joined the fleet, it became clear to the Soviet Navy that it could not cope... After begging their economy to achieve the dream of military superiority, the Soviet Union now found itself worse off than ever. The forward strategy and maritime supremacy that had been asserted and built since 1981, led by the president and supported by a bipartisan Congress had been vindicated. Along with the modernization and increase in NATO land and air forces, ten years of aggressive forward naval operations had convinced the Soviet leadership that they could not defend their strategic assets and their homeland without impossible large increases in spending. The fact had removed the political power of the Soviet military and created the political opportunity for strong leaders like Yeltsin and Gorbachev to pursue perestroika and glasnost and to seize the opportunity to negotiate an end to the Cold War. We had won the Cold War at sea: the world's oceans had been ventured and the world's oceans has been gained.*²⁸

²⁶B.H. Brittin, *International Law of the Sea for Seagoing Officers* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 1986), p. 96; NATO Political Affairs Committee, “Special Report on Confidence Building Measures: Next Steps for Stability and Security,” NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Hamburg, West Germany, November 1988, p. 44.

²⁷John Lehman, *Ocean's Ventured*, New York, W.W. Norton and Co., p. 56.

²⁸*Ocean's Ventured*, p. 273.



The Third Battle of the Atlantic and the Class of 1981's Cold War may have been over, but neither the Navy nor the nation realized the peace dividend many imagined would happen. In the summer of 1989, Francis Fukuyama, a brilliant young State Department officer penned an article entitled *The End of History* for the National Interest. Fukuyama argued that, with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the imminent disintegration of the Soviet empire, the last vestiges of communism had been rooted out. Former members of the Warsaw Pact sought alternatives to autocratic rule and embraced democracy and liberal reform. The Cold War really was over. We won!

In his own words, Fukuyama boldly explained the triumph of Western idealism and our way of life:

The triumph of the West, of the Western idea, is evident first of all in the total exhaustion of viable systematic alternatives to Western liberalism. In the past decade, there have been unmistakable changes in the intellectual climate of the world's two largest communist countries, and the beginnings of significant reform movements in both... What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of postwar history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government. the material world in the long run...²⁹

Despite the wishful thinking, the decades to follow were indeed full of change brought on by the peace dividend, but Western liberal democracy was not universally embraced. As many Western democracies thrived in the 1990s, membership in NATO and the European Union grew in leaps and bounds as former Soviet satellites clamored to become part of the Western Euro-Atlantic order. As markets thrived, the accumulation of wealth became lopsided. The combination of the lack of good governance and growing discontent in developing nations served as a cauldron that fomented violent extremism. Warning signs were missed. Despite the fact that in the 20th century, the United States of America established itself—from the execution of the Marshall Plan on forward—as one of the most philanthropic nations on earth, we became the main target of violent extremists, culminating in the attack on America on 9/11. As a nation, we embarked on what would become *The Forever War* in the Middle East. Indeed, two decades later, some would say that these wars are now coming to an end, with the drawdown in Afghanistan complete, and Iraq soon to follow. Does this mean that we will never have to commit our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines to fight overseas again in defense of our national interests? I think it would be naïve to assume that we will not have to do so. 2021 is not another “End of History” moment.

In the meantime, while America was distracted, China quietly expanded its industrial base and experimented with market capitalism to the extent that it exported far more goods and services than the West, giving its communist regime the liberality to strengthen both its armed forces and its influence around the globe. China has a long-term “dominance” strategy, one that moves from its self-professed “100 years of humiliation” to the “China dream” in the 21st Century. China seeks to become a superpower and challenge all existing international norms, standards and institutions that have regulated the relationship between large and small powers since the end of the Second World War. We see this playing out in the Western Pacific today, so much so that our Navy and our nation's next battle will likely be the Battle of the Pacific, rather than the Atlantic focus of past wars.

There is no doubt - our modern Navy faces a multitude of threats—not easily contained in a single deck of flashcards. One of the greatest challenges of a modern Navy is to turn from wars of the past to recognizing new threats from the sea. Manned platforms masquerading as white shipping or unmanned platforms in the air, on the sea or under the sea complicate the targeting problem and the Rules of Engagement. China's recent use of the roll-on roll-off commercial car ferry *Bang Chui Dao* – capable of also carrying 1,200 passengers – to launch and recover amphibious landing craft highlights the innovative approach of the PLA(N) to incorporate their massive maritime militia into operational plans.³⁰ Hypersonic weapons reduce our reaction time and increase our standoff range. Cyberwarfare exploits vulnerabilities in our command-and-control networks. The amount of information flowing into our networks is staggering and we struggle with processing, evaluation, and dissemination of targeting data. We have arrived at the crossroads of what constitutes the right hybrid mix of manned or unmanned systems facilitated by artificial intelligence. The limitation on resources puts pressure on our naval leadership to maintain readiness of legacy systems while taking risk as we migrate into new frontiers of autonomous platforms.

We face weaknesses in our industrial base and long-term acquisition strategies that pose challenges to designing a Navy with the right capacity and capability to fight to win, but win without fighting. I believe that our civilian and uniformed Navy leadership, many of them graduates of the United States Naval Academy, are on the right track. The latest Tri-Service Maritime Strategy, *Advantage at Sea*, is a good start, but we need to do much more as a maritime nation to preserve our liberal democracy and keep the homeland safe.

In doing so, I defer to Samuel Huntington's landmark essay “National Policy and the Transoceanic Navy.”³¹ He states that the maritime service must have a strategic concept in order to gain public (taxpayer) support and, as the world evolves, the service must adapt its organizational structure to the new mission. Timeless advice...

²⁹ Francis Fukuyama, *The National Interest*, Summer, 1989.

³⁰ Mabeus, Courtney. “Chinese Navy Using Commercial Car Ferries to Launch Amphibious Landing Craft.” *USNI News*. July 26, 2021.

³¹ Samuel P. Huntington, *National Policy and the Transoceanic Navy*. Proceedings Vol. 80, No.5, May 1954

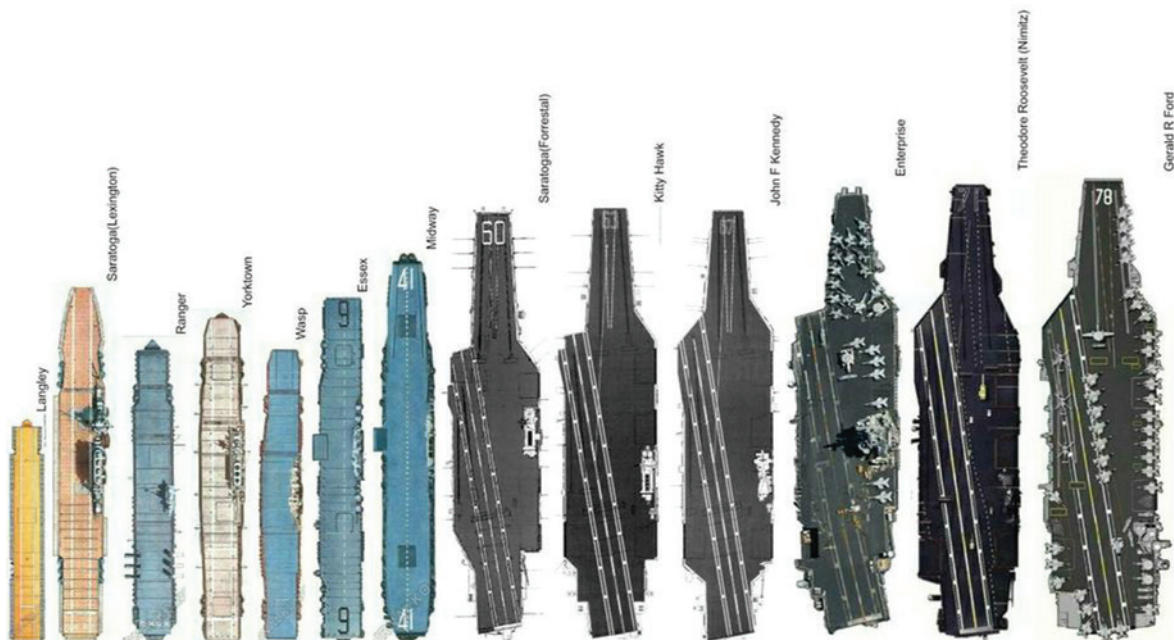


As far as a Huntington-like strategic concept, it is worthwhile reminding the American taxpayer that as we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, just a few days after our 40th reunion in Annapolis, it was the United States Navy and Marine Corps that were first to battle stations. Strikes against Al Qaeda in Afghanistan occurred just days later from two carrier strike groups—USS Enterprise and USS Carl Vinson. Our naval forces offer immediate response capabilities unmatched by any other service.

There is no doubt that the threats today are more diffuse and opaque than they were when the Class of '81 graduated. Warfare is more complex, requiring expertise and capabilities in all five domains. In order to maintain sufficient power projection capability in a resource constrained environment, we might have to reduce legacy systems while investing in unmanned platforms and artificial intelligence to deter and defend in the *seen and unseen* conflicts of the future. Knowing this, our alliances and partnerships become essential force multipliers — from traditional Alliances like NATO to the revitalized *Quad* in the Indo-Pacific, we're stronger together. As our current strategy notes, our Allies and partners will be critical to ensuring our Navy's enduring ability to uphold our core interests around the globe.

As I put pen to paper in advance of the 40th reunion of the mighty Class of 1981, I wonder what my counterpart will write forty years from now of the legacy of the Class of 2021? How many of them will go on to command at sea of our wonderful ships and crews? How many of them will have the opportunity to journey into space and earn the astronaut wings so proudly worn by three of our own 1981 classmates from the Space Shuttle program? While defending the nation forward, will germs and the biosphere that we live in become a new domain of warfare? What new variants of infectious disease or pandemics will the class of 2021 have to overcome? How many non-battle casualties will this incur on the Fleet? What sea stories will they tell of close encounters with the enemy during future Distributed Maritime Operations (DMO) or Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations (EABO) ashore? Will victory in their wars be determined in the non-traditional domains of cyber and space and by unmanned platforms or autonomous naval systems just entering the Fleet today? What will be the outcome of their *Ender's Game*?

To the Class of 1981, I say, "Rest your oar... they have the watch." You fought the good fight on active duty and have continued to serve this nation in one way or another in your second careers. Be proud of our service and, as we turn over the watch, take solace in the fact that the United States Naval Academy will continue to produce fine young naval officers and patriots, representing the diversity and gender equality of our great nation, and who are not just proud of their heritage and their country, but dedicated warriors willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of this great nation.





THE ECONOMY

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"If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail"

— Abraham Maslow

Much like the great debate over which Class had the last true Plebe Year — an academic argument at best as it clearly was '81 — generations often argue about which has dealt with the greatest economic change.

In looking back over the past 40 years, our generation certainly can make the case that this period has seen more change than ever before, and that the pace of this change is accelerating at an increasing rate. While there have been many, many factors behind the changes in the American business community, the combination of the emergence of the semi-conductor, the rapid rise of Globalization, and expansion of governmental oversight have been the most significant forces behind the dramatic restructuring of the American business environment.

The Semi-Conductor

When the Class of 1981 graduated, the semiconductor was a relatively new technology that had yet to have a significant commercial impact. The Fortune 10 companies were dominated by Oil and Gas companies (6 of the 10), Automobile manufacturers, (2 of the 10), General Electric and IBM. All were U.S. based. And in 1981 the Dow was at the then lofty 875. The technology of the day was, in general, being developed to support improved productivity in the industries rather than anything more transformational. Taking a quick trip down memory lane, I think we all remember making calls on one of the 2.6M pay phones located throughout the US, queuing up at the bank on Friday so that we could be sure we had cash for the weekend, sending letters via the Post Office, popping a homemade cassette tape into the radio or returning from Fotomat only to discover that all 36 shots were taken with the lens cap on.

However, in 1981 while we were busy working on the Academy's computer with phone modems and paper tape programming — technology that by itself was a huge leap forward at the time — the seeds of remarkable change were being planted. That year a new product called a Personal Computer was being introduced by IBM. Powered by a 4.8 KHz chip and a mind blowing 640KB of memory, expectations for the PC by many were low. In fact, a few years before, Ken Olson, the President and Chairman of the Digital Equipment Corporation was quoted saying that "there is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home".

All things being equal, the introduction of a computer with that speed and memory capacity probably wouldn't be expected to change the world. But in 1965, Gordon Moore, the co-founder of Fairchild Semiconductor postulated that the number of transistors in an integrated circuit would double while at the same time costs halved every 2 years. And sure enough, that postulation was upgraded to a "law" in the 80s as that is exactly what happened. As a result, some major innovations began emerging. The first cell phone was introduced in 1983, with a 30-minute talk time... if you were lucky enough to find cell coverage, 6-hour standby and storage capacity for 30 contacts. And if you can remember those first phones, they looked more like something out of the TV show "*Combat!*" At roughly the same time, a little-known device called an ATM began to appear with nearly 100,000 in place by the mid 80s. The first digital camera became commercially available in the mid 90s packed with 700 kilo-pixel resolution and storage capacity for roughly a dozen photos on a 3-inch floppy disk. Fast forward a few years and today personal computers with speeds of 3-4 GHz with 64 GB of storage are now readily available, computers are in close to 90% of American households, and 97% own a cell phone.

At first, the emergence of these new technologies proved to be a boon to both productivity and lifestyle, but very quickly they came to transform just about every element of life, and in particular the business community. Suddenly virtually unlimited data was available and computing power skyrocketed increasing the analytic opportunities and challenges for business leaders. The emergence of wireless communication meant an exponential growth in the timeliness and flow of information. Suddenly people — and you — became available any time and anywhere. The information available to customers increased exponentially. Suddenly the old adage that "everyone is a critic" became a reality as virtually anyone's opinion can be posted... globally...and often now in real time. And as computing power increased, so did entrepreneurs' ability to rethink product lines and entire industries. In just a few short years the emergence of the internet in the early 21st century has completely changed the way we shop, the way we research, the ways businesses are managed and how we are entertained. Entire industries have been created, and many others eliminated.

To highlight that change, the Fortune Top 10 today is composed of 1 brick and mortar retailer (Walmart), one online retailer (Amazon), two technology companies (Apple and Google), four healthcare companies (CVS Health, United Health Group, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen), one investment conglomerate (Berkshire Hathaway), and one energy company (Exxon Mobil). Of these companies, only Exxon Mobil was in the top 10 in 1981. And if the metric used is Market Capitalization rather than revenue, the top 10 biggest companies today are 2 online retailers (Amazon and Alibaba), 6 technology companies



(Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet, Facebook, Tennent, and TSCM), one investment firm (Berkshire Hathaway) and one automobile company (Tesla). And today, 2 of the Top 10 businesses are International, one in China and one in Taiwan, and none were in the Top 10 40 years ago.

The management challenges that flow from the explosion in technology today are real and significant. Clearly, there are very few, if any, industries or companies that have not seen monumental changes to the way they operate, the speed with which issues appear and decisions must be made, and how they interact with their customers. Virtually no element of the business cycle — or life for that matter — has been untouched by the digital revolution. In the last 18 months, the impact of COVID has led to a further acceleration of changes in the business community; changes that also could not have been contemplated in 1981. Businesses closed their offices and converted to remote operations leveraging both the internet and the ability to video conference. Those changes introduced new leadership challenges in leading and managing groups totally isolated from each other and without personal contact. Consumers continued to shop using virtual options leading companies to have to rethink how they interact with customers during the sales cycle as that critical point of contact is now more impersonal and at times totally so. In fact, today, roughly 1 in 5 transactions now occur on-line. Restaurants were able to operate using delivery businesses and on-line ordering. But that conversion impacted the guest experience by changing the important element of Hospitality, as well as the quality of food which now had to survive travel times and delays yet still satisfy the guests expectations.

Globalization

A second major impact on last 40 years has been the intense globalization that has occurred. While the US share of the global economy has been relatively stable throughout the last 40 years, our balance of trade has increased significantly. In 1981, our global trade balance was a negative \$12.5B, which represented .4% of our GDP. Fast forward to 2019 and the balance has grown to a negative \$611B, or 2.4% of GDP. During this time many industries shifted their entire manufacturing bases overseas. “Made in America” has become a selling point, and with many products, a rarity.

During this period of globalization, there is no greater example of the rise of foreign countries than the emergence of China. When we graduated the total GDP in the US was \$3.2T, Japan was the world’s second largest economy with a GDP of \$1.2T, and China really wasn’t on the global economic map with a total GDP of \$0.196T. Fast forward to 2019 and the picture changes dramatically. The US is still the world’s largest economy with GDP now a whopping \$20.6T. Japan’s economy has experienced slower growth with GDP today of \$4.9T. China however has seen its economy explode and today has the 2nd largest economy in the world with a GDP of \$13.9T. And as previously mentioned, it now has one of the 10 largest companies in the world.

Unlike conventional wisdom that “All politics is local” business today operates in an environment in which virtually everything is global. The competitive sphere, customer base and supply chain almost all have some global elements to them. That layers significant complexity on management teams as supply chains are now dramatically longer and susceptible to disruptions... like COVID. And because of the shift of semi-conductor manufacturing capacity overseas, combined with the integration of digital technology into so many products, supply chain issues in semi-conductors have now caused major availability issues from automobiles to household appliances; items that would never have been associated with such technology in 1981.

Growth in Government

The final key change impacting business these past years has been the expansion of the federal government and its reach. While the Federal budget has remained fairly stable as a percentage of the US GDP, its impact has increased significantly. In 1981, the Federal Register was 57,736 pages long and had a total of 25,733 rules, or proposed rules. Fast forward to today, and now the Register has 40,146 rules or proposed rules (a 56% increase) and has expanded to over 72,000 pages. This expansion of the regulatory body increases the complexity with which companies must deal and adds additional costs to business systems as compliance to most mandates, as we all know, is not always optional. And as the number of regulations increase, the time and resources that must be dedicated to the increased compliance challenges businesses to keep up.

Summary

I think it is safe to say that the next 40 years will likely see even greater change in business and at home. While we certainly cannot predict with certainty what those changes will be, we can predict that industries and companies will adapt and be successful because of great leadership that will navigate through the challenges and recognize the opportunities in front of them. For while the environment may change, the fundamental principles of leadership do not. Now more than ever, the business community needs leaders capable of responding in a complex, fast paced, high pressure environment. It is the lessons still being taught from the past that best prepare us for the future. While “Take a message to Garcia” may seem quaint and dated, it will likely lose all meaning should it ever become “Send an Email to Garcia”.



CHANGES — AS SEEN THROUGH THE LENS OF BASEBALL

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“Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”

– Satchel Paige

It is not a stretch to opine that our class has lived through some amazing transformations in technology, professional protocols and expectations as well as in personal and professional communications as the digital age continues to emerge and change many “fundamentals” from the realities we encountered back in the late 70s and early 80s when we became professionals. The world of professional sports has also changed in many fundamental ways since then as well. I have had the opportunity to see some of these changes from the field to front office in both the playing and business side of professional sports as well as the media/broadcast world related to it.

Specifically, in baseball, the playing side has changed with a more analytical approach to how the game is managed on a day-to-day basis. The “old school” ways of Coach Joe Duff are long gone. My first manager in the minor leagues was Joe Maddon (ultimately worked his way up thru the Angels system to manage the D-Rays in Tampa, the Chicago Cubs and now back with the Angels as their manager). In those early and long bus rides, he seemed a bit odd to be speaking of tendencies and stats not yet in the mainstream. He was a bit ahead of his time, but he was not the only person tracking these things on his own notepads and player cards. Over the years, the Elias Sports Bureau and then others began tracking a plethora of player stats that were heretofore not part of the front office and player development programs of professional baseball. Contemporaneous with this emerging statistical protocol (interestingly, this statistical emergence began outside of professional baseball with fans and avid devotees of the sport who had a knack and the time to develop such insights) was a huge change in the business side of the sport.

Many think that free agency was the driver of big money for the players in baseball. It was indeed important, but the most significant driver of large contracts was the right of players to choose arbitration in salary negotiations at certain points in their careers. Salary arbitration changed the market immediately with single rulings. The risk of losing at arbitration was also a driver of longer term contracts over time. As the contracts became bigger and television rights became more lucrative on the league level for national rights (think FOX, NBC, ESPN), teams also developed their own regional broadcast entities that controlled the rights to individual games with specific teams. As the explosion of cable television developed, a lucrative new revenue stream emerged for the ownership of teams. This created both subscriber and advertising revenue along with new ways to package sponsorship deals both inside and outside of the ballparks. This created exciting new branding opportunities for sponsors. Such deals reached new levels of marketing dollar spends with teams and their affiliated broadcast partners (usually owned by the teams).

As the money became larger, the players and their savvy agents began to use the emerging statistical data in their contract arbitration hearings. The teams were often left in the dust in those early negotiations because they had not caught up yet to the “money ball” approach. They eventually did and, as they did so, more analytical front office types began to change traditional approaches to player development and game management. Eventually, this became more normal than “old school” approaches. Our generation experienced this change literally.

On the business side, the parks began to change. The old multi-purpose ballparks of the 60s and 70s gave way to newer parks that were made exclusively for baseball and captured some of the “feel” of the early parks of the prior century but with architectural enhancements in premium downtown locations. This eventually led to business changes in selling tickets, food & beverage and related amenities.

Camden Yards in Baltimore was the trendsetter in this regard. Many have come since then. Interestingly, Camden Yards was built prior to the digital age and is now at a disadvantage compared to other parks that have been built during the digital age. The business model changes are all around creating “fan experience” options at these new parks with social areas, regional and unique food and beverage offerings along with a multitude of value-based options and pricing that include merchandise as well. The New York Yankees, Dallas Cowboys and the Atlanta Falcons introduced newer fan-friendly pricing that upset the older model. The “older model” comprised a team outsourcing its food and beverage operations (usually included merchandizing as well) to a third party who sold basic ballpark fare at high fan-gouging prices with low quality. The teams happily received a percentage of such sales and fans got used to accepting such price gouging as part of a “destination pricing” mentality. That “old” model is continuing to change with teams getting more involved in owning the total fan experience outcomes for their fans.

As one sits back and reflects on these changes which we have experienced in the last few decades, there are some things about the sport that have not changed. The game itself still has magic. The magic is found in the way every game and season unfold and leave us with memories and milestones that are connected to special years, players and the people in our lives at those



times. It also has the power to connect generations between eras. Yes, even with all the expert analysis and predictions, every season is played out and often with unpredictable surprises. The game itself also has the power to reveal life lessons, even in the struggle to compete and play it well at a high level. One of the best bits of advice I ever received came to me well before I could appreciate its wisdom.

Warren Spahn was my first pitching coach in the Angels organization. This Hall of Famer and WWII vet had a way of teaching wherein you did not realize that you were being taught. His way was to gain our trust. He understood that anything he could offer would be pointless unless each of us trusted him. As I think about it now, that was not an easy task given the talented but undisciplined arms he was asked to help. To add to the challenge, consider that a few of us (yes... including me) were more throwers than pitchers and our personalities reflected that at the time — a little bit of talent and some success but headstrong and completely unaware of the concept that there was much we did not know. To say we were difficult to coach would be an understatement.

In any case, I remember one particular evening where I was having trouble getting my curve ball over the plate in a bullpen workout before a game. I could throw very hard but because I could not consistently get the breaking stuff over the plate, the batters would simply sit on the heater. My problem was in my head because when I threw the breaking stuff, I tried always to finesse the pitch in. I did not throw it with the same abandon as the fastball. I will never forget when, after watching me after a few sessions, Warren walked up to me that evening and said, “Gast, your problem is upstairs... you think too much about that goddamn curve ball... just throw the f-ing ball like your fastball and let that son-of-a bitch go.”

Well, for a guy like me who threw his first warm-up pitch over the backstop a few weeks earlier, this was a new concept and one that *never* would have occurred to me without the patient insight of Warren.

In essence, what he ended up teaching me was that in order to gain control, you really had to let go. More specifically, you had to not be afraid to make a wild pitch (or an error). What he understood, that I did not at the time, was that it was the fear of making a mistake that (ironically) led to a higher degree of mistakes. Basically, when I learned to trust the talent that I had, I became comfortable with the idea that I could trust myself and, as a result, I committed to going “all in” on each pitch (yes — even those curve balls). This little tidbit of wisdom from this Hall of Famer made me more of a pitcher than a thrower.

Interestingly, over the years in my professional experience, those words have become more profound as I recognized that in many situations the best advice for any of us faced with moral, professional or career decisions is to not be afraid to trust our abilities and “let that goddamn ball go”. When we drop the fear of making mistakes and act proactively instead of defensively, we simply allow our talent to take us to better results. Sometimes, old ballplayers can do more than cuss and chew tobacco!

Moments like this are not what I expected when I left USNA to pursue baseball. Like most of you, I am sure, much of our careers had unexpected moments and “defining moments” which we could never have anticipated when we were at Annapolis. For this — even with all the changes, I am full of gratitude!



The Class of 1981 40th Reunion Survey

“There’s safety in numbers and numbers don’t lie” – Crack the Sky

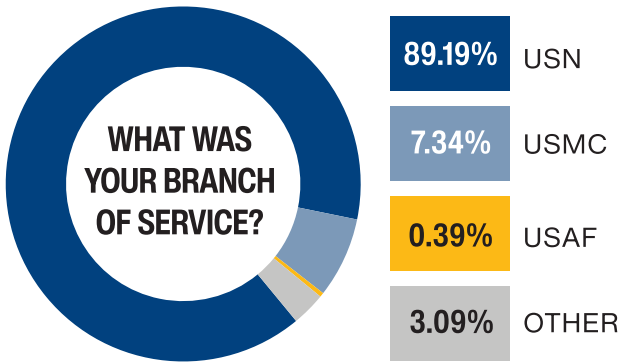
Numbers are interesting and important. In the case of the great Class of '81, USNA Admissions thought them so important that our Math ACT/SAT scores were weighted as 30% of the “Whole Man Multiple” (now “Whole Person Multiple”) they used to rack and stack us before we ever passed through the gates. Then, there was all of that calculus and engineering and naval science and, worse still, statistics – a bull major’s nightmare if ever there was one. But, that’s in the past and now the only numbers in our lives are quantity of grandchildren, likes on our latest Facebook posts, or amount of social security checks (for some of us) if we work another month or year. Well, that’s about to change.

The following pages contain a representative sample (there’s those darned statistics again...) of the results of the 40th Reunion Survey. More than a quarter of the Class took the survey which, so I learned, is statistically significant. Then, Tony Perotti and Pete Canalichio sharpened their data knives and sliced and diced the numbers into a veritable data charcuterie platter for your enjoyment (a significant amount of effort!). Unfortunately, we could not fit all of the results into the book, but all Survey data is available on the Class website (www.usna1981.org) and I encourage you to check that out after reviewing what follows.

The Editor

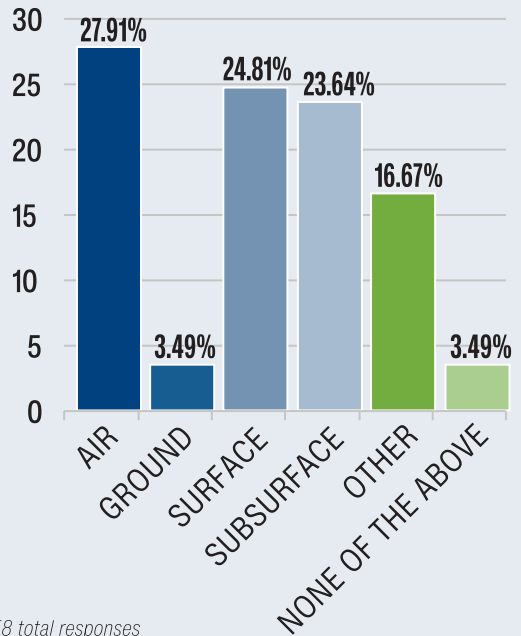


Survey Results



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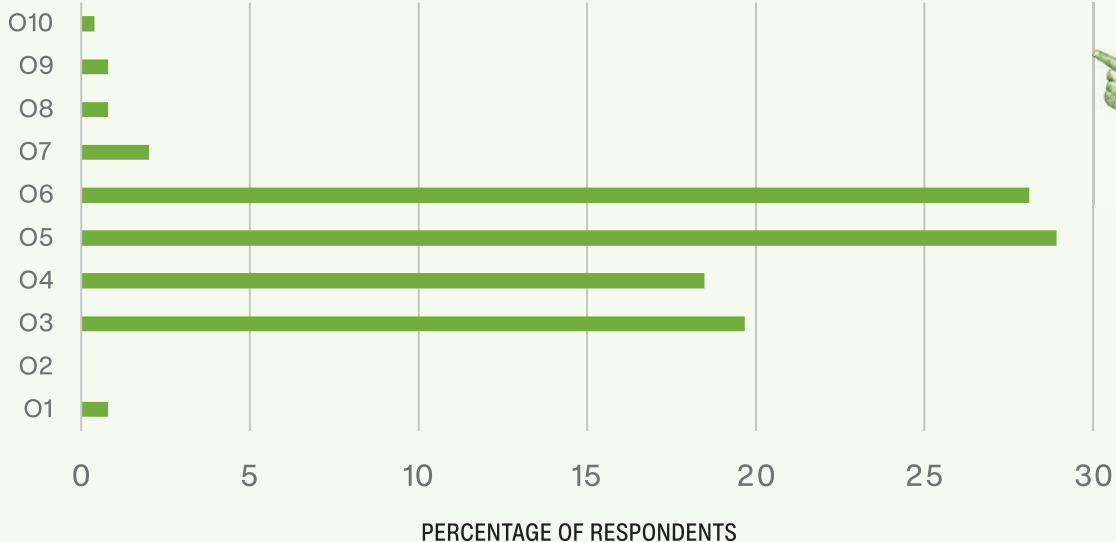
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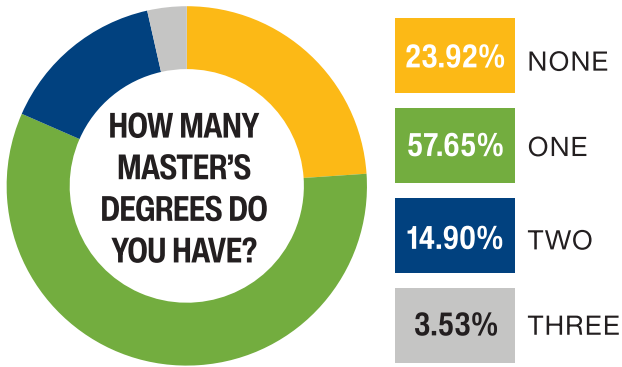
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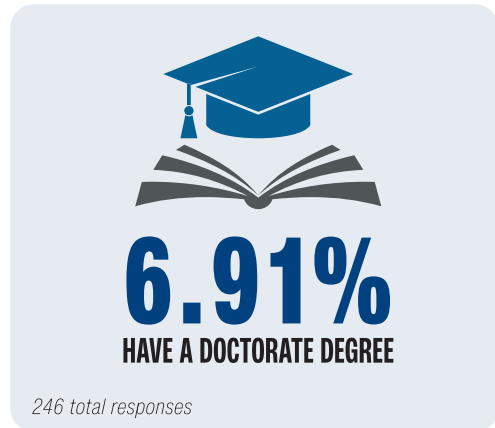


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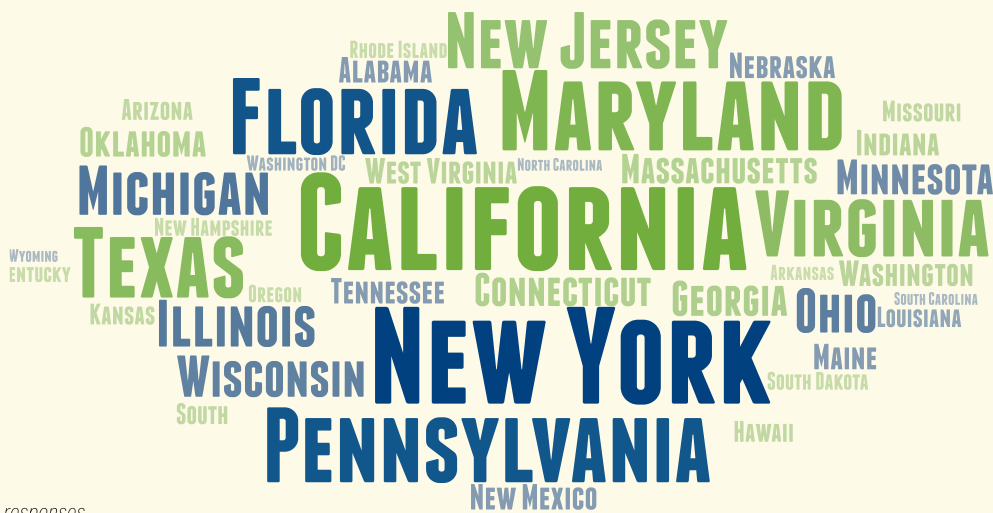


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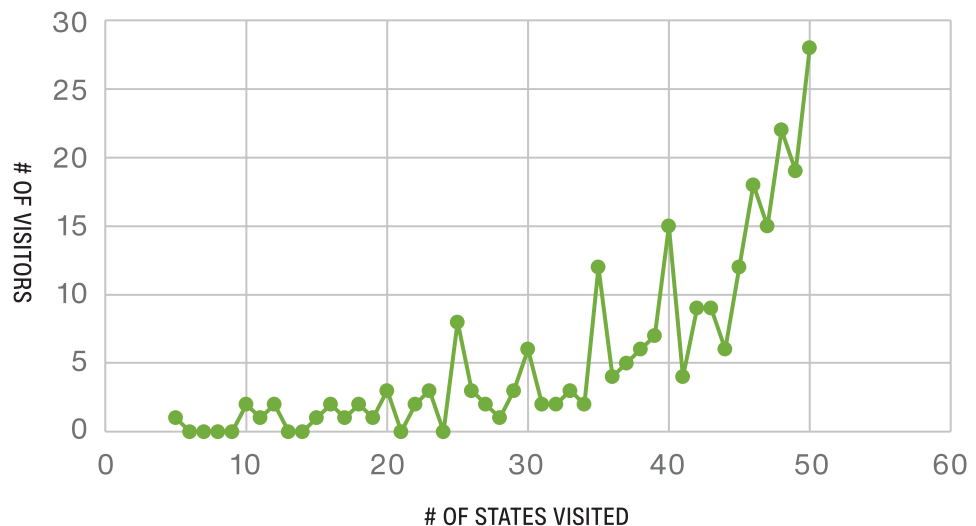
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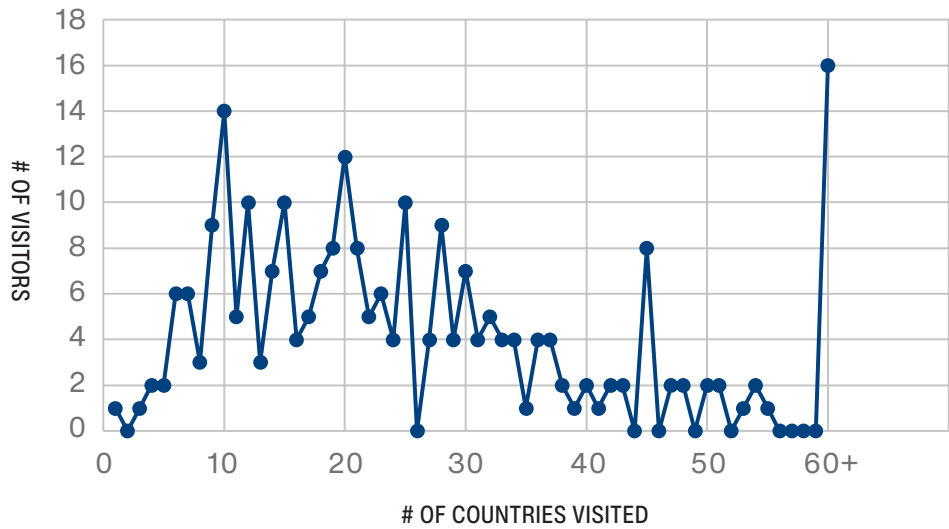


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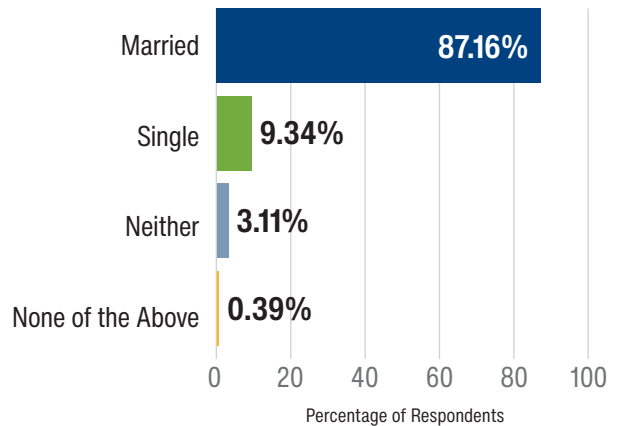


* for real. I'm a man/woman of leisure now

** I retired but started a second/third/fourth career and I'm still working

234 total responses

ARE YOU MARRIED OR SINGLE?



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HAVE BEEN TO
DISNEY WORLD /
DISNEYLAND

256 total responses

62.65%
HAVE TAKEN
A CRUISE (PLEASURE,
NOT MILITARY)

257 total responses

18.75%
HAVE FLOWN
IN A HOT AIR
BALLOON

256 total responses

28.17%
HAVE JUMPED OUT
OF PERFECTLY GOOD
PLANE VOLUNTARILY

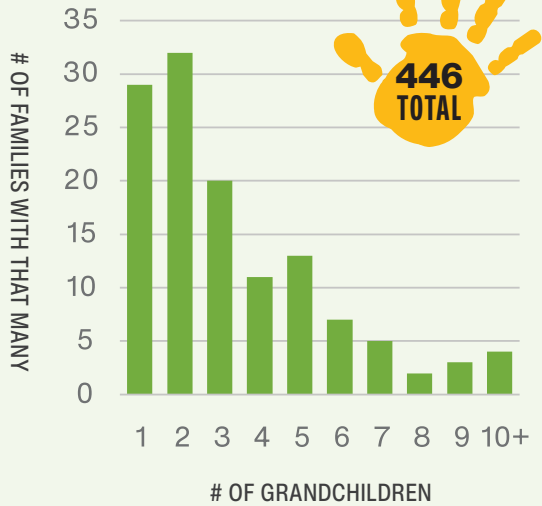
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18.43%
CURRENTLY PLAY
A MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT

255 total responses



HOW MANY GRANDCHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?



42.52%
CURRENTLY HAVE A
DOG

254 total responses

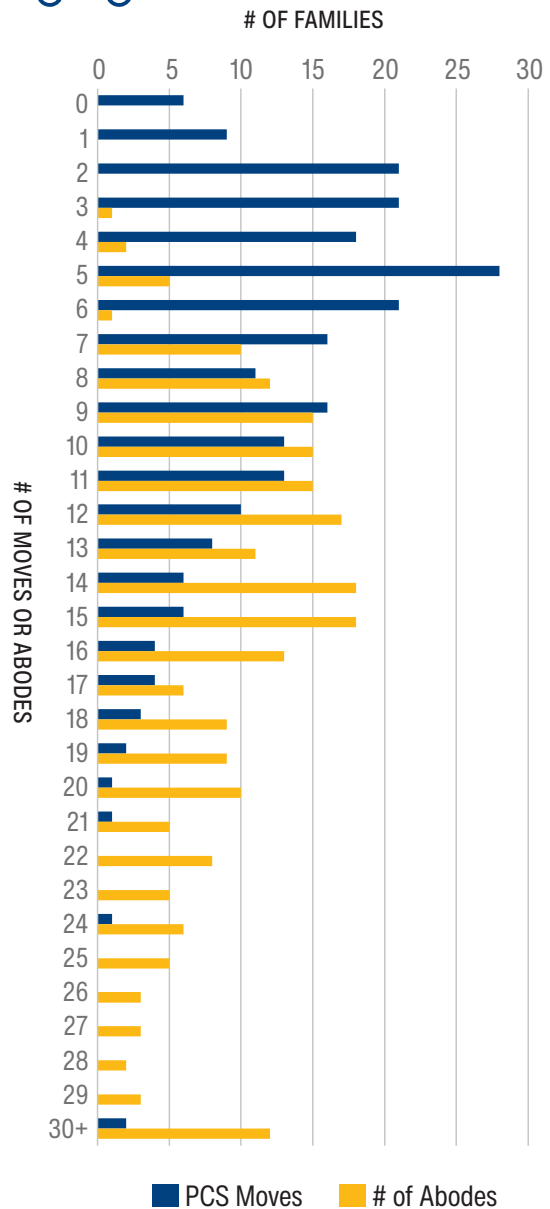


25.49%
CURRENTLY HAVE A
CAT

255 total responses



PCS MOVES AND ABODES



HAVE ANY OF YOUR CHILDREN SERVED IN THE MILITARY?

32.61% YES

67.39% NO

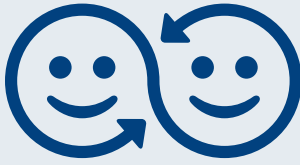
230 total responses



13.97%

HAVE CHILDREN WHO GRADUATED FROM A SERVICE ACADEMY

229 total responses



36.32%

MET ONE OF THEIR SIGNIFICANT OTHERS WHILE AT USNA

234 total responses

1.2%

MARRIED A CLASSMATE

234 total responses

6.87%

MARRIED ANOTHER USNA GRAD

233 total responses



256 total responses



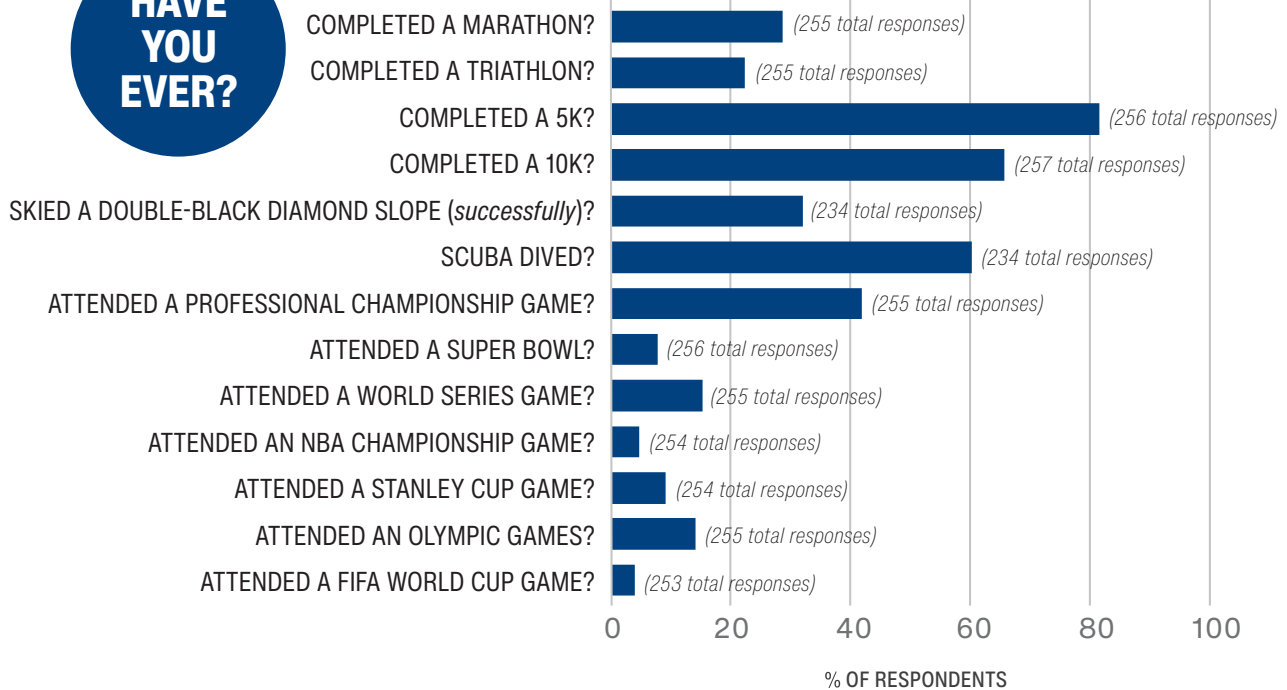
COKE OR PEPSI?

- Coke / 53.33%
- Pepsi / 21.96%
- Neither / 13.73%
- Other / 10.98%



255 total responses

HAVE YOU EVER?





50.22%
HAVE USED THEIR
ALPHA CODE FOR
A PASSWORD

231 total responses



38.26%
HAVE WALKED
THROUGH
BILGER'S GATE

230 total responses



70.94%
HAVE ATTENDED AN
ARMY-NAVY GAME
SINCE GRADUATION?

234 total responses



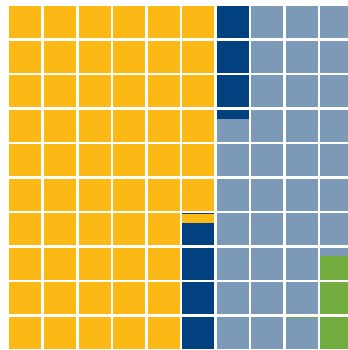
14.96%
HAVE SERVED
AS A BLUE AND
GOLD OFFICER

252 total responses



HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG?

- Hamburger / 56.25%
- Hot Dog / 7.03%
- Both / 33.98%
- Neither / 2.73%



255 total responses

WERE WE THE LAST
CLASS TO HAVE A
PLEBE YEAR?

228 total responses

YES
22.81%

HELL YES
77.19%



53.45%
STILL HAVE THEIR VINYL LPS

232 total responses



FORMER MIDSHIPMAN W. T. DOOR BREAKS BRIGADE DE-UNIFORM RACE RECORD! 47 SECONDS FLAT!



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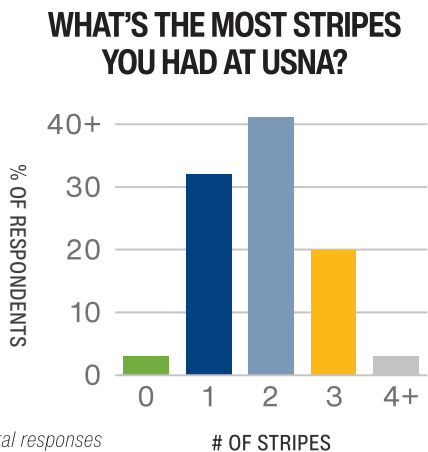
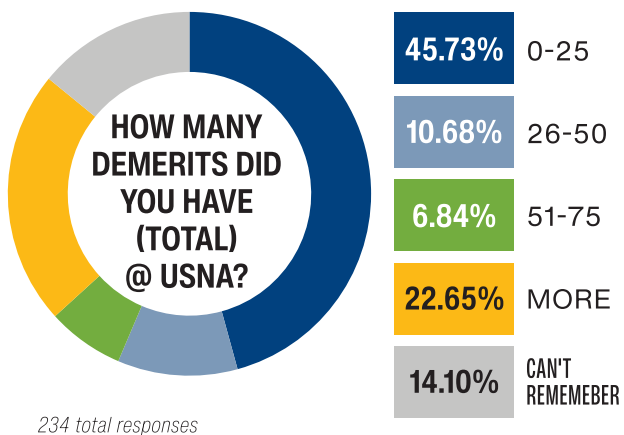
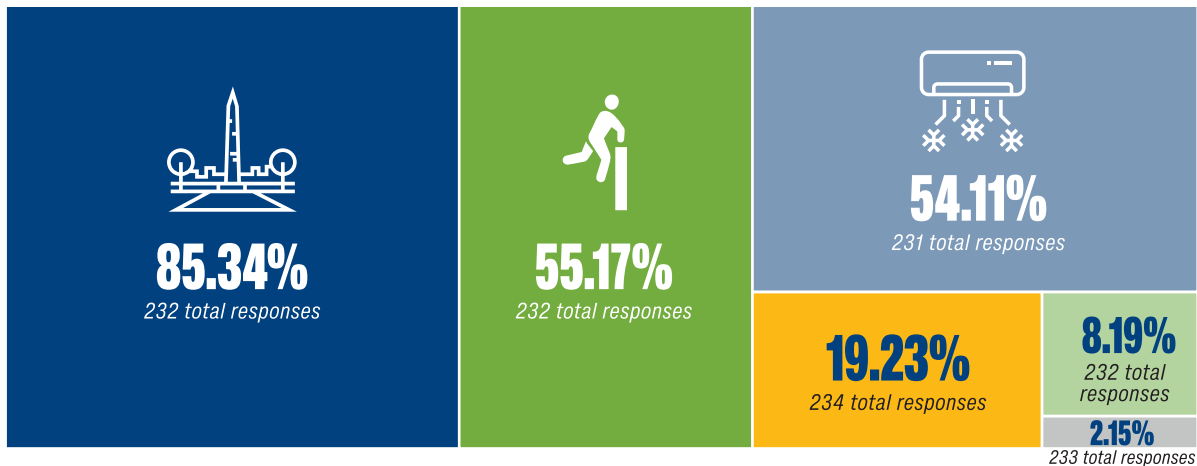


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DID YOU EVER?

- Earn a Black N?
- Toss a coin that actually went into Tecumseh's quiver?
- Fish for squirrels while at USNA?
- Actually climb over the wall?
- Think Bancroft should have been air-conditioned?
- Go wading in the Reflection Pool?



FIRE AT MIDNIGHT

Jethro Tull

I believe in fires at midnight
 When the dogs have all been fed
 A golden toddy on the mantle
 A broken gun beneath the bed

Silken mist outside the window
 Frogs and newts slip in the dark
 Too much hurry ruins the body
 I'll sit easy, fan the spark

Kindled by the dying embers
 Of another working day
 Go upstairs, take off your makeup
 Fold your clothes neatly away

Me, I'll sit and write this love song
 As I all too seldom do
 Build a little fire this midnight
 It's good to be back home with you



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