

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION

SHIPMATE

JUNE 2020



NAVY home game is September 12th. Also, during this gathering in March, **Bob Andretta** and **Tom Kinder** both arrived, and it was almost amazing to see how they looked like 'identical' twins. Same color and shape of beard, same mustache, same trim and cut, same eye glasses, same scalp hairline and hair color. It was a stunning sight as they arrived together. When it was noted that they looked like 'brothers', they responded "we are brothers, we are classmates!"



'65 First Wednesday lunch at McGarvey's Saloon, Sam Dutrow, Fred Vogel, Ted Nanz, Wyman Howard. Four stalwart, erudite, happy guys; 3-4-20.



3-4-20, '65 lunch at McGarvey's Saloon, Bob Andretta and Tom Kinder. WHICH one is WHICH?? They look almost exactly alike!

From **John Szubski**, way back in Sep 19

I was one of **Rick Hamilton's** roommates in the 8th Company before the Brigade split to create 36 companies. Some of you know that Rick died of cancer in 1981 at the age of 38. Eleven months before his death, his wife **Dola Davis Hamilton** gave birth to a baby boy whom they named Rylan. As Rick was a Philadelphian, I was invited to dinner with his family after two Army Games and one Notre Dame Game back when we were Mids. I remain friends with Rick's sister, Patricia Hamilton, who was a young teenager back then, and is now an artist's agent in Los Angeles. Therefore, I was somewhat aware of Rylan's comings and goings. In the late Nineties I took 18-year-old Rylan and his cousin on a tour of a Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit at the Museum

of Modern Art. But it wasn't until recently that I made a point of meeting 38-year-old Rylan at his office in Boston. I'd contacted him to find the location of Rick's burial site, (it is just off US 301 in Maryland near the Delaware border). Having contacted him, we made plans to meet near his home in Boston. Rylan's the Co-founder and Co-CEO of 6 Rivers Systems which develops, builds and sells warehouse automation systems based on proprietary mobile robots. After receiving a BA from Harvard University in 2002, Rylan wanted to do more than to just go on to graduate school, so, following in the footsteps of Rick, he attended Naval OCS and was commissioned an Ensign in 2003. He served aboard the USS PONCE and the USS JARRETT until 2006. Upon completion of his service as a Lieutenant, he returned to Boston to attend Harvard Business School and receive an MBA in 2009. Rick would certainly have much of which to be proud. In the late spring of 2019, I invited Rylan to bring his family to USNA so that I could give them a tour and tell stories of our Midshipman days. I dragged them all over the Yard. In the photos are Rylan and his wife, **Kristin** (on the right) and his family standing in front of Mahan Hall. Perhaps a Blue and Gold spark might have been kindled in the heart of one of the children! Beat Army!

—John Szubski '65



Hamilton family

Mike Epprecht was out via email on 14 Mar with a list of those attending our 55th Reunion. If you didn't get a copy of that, contact Mike at mike.epprecht65@gmail.com.

With the loss of **John Mickelson**, as described below by Jim and Neil, that puts us down to 630 living '65ers of the 801 graduates. So far there are 90 signed up for the 55th reunion. Hopefully many more will plan to come, as there is much to enjoy that Mike is arranging.

From **Phil Ferrara**, 21 Mar

As a first stop on our March trip through the Carolinas we visited **Denny Jones** and his wife **Janet** in Leland, NC. Arriving at their home located on the Cape Fear National Golf Course we walked about the beautiful house right on the second fairway. The huge sports viewing room upstairs was set up like a combat operations center!! We then enjoyed a long lunch at a local restaurant, catching up on all the news and activities. Please enjoy the photos.



March 7, 2020, trip to the SOUTHEAST to N. Carolina and S. Carolina. A '65 lunch in Leland, NC. Linda & Phil, Denny & Janet

Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

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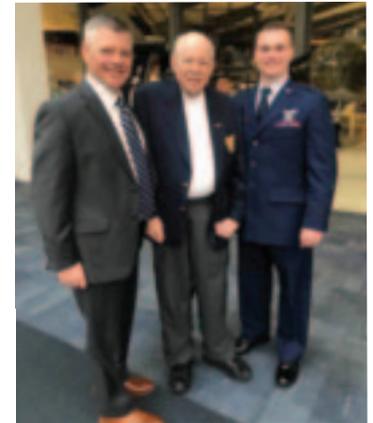
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Mother Nature is indeed fickle. As I write this on the first day of spring, several inches of snow are already on the ground and it's still snowing. We are 17 months away from our 55th Reunion, and the Class Executive Committee, aka the Class Reunion Committee, has been planning the event for several months. Contracts are in place for hotels, the tailgate at

the N*-Room, and arrangements for other venues are in work. The 55th Reunion promises to be a festive occasion, and I hope you are all looking forward to it. Details should be coming out in the next few months via email and the Class web site, so be aware.

Bubba Phillips proudly sent the following email and photo.



BRENT, BUBBA, AND TYLER

✉ Our grandson, Tyler Phillips, received his Air Force Wings at the Naval Air Museum on 21 February, with 15 of us looking on proudly. Tyler is a 2018 graduate of USAFA, and now will be a Weapons System Officer on a B-52. He is the third generation of aviators to serve his country. Our son Brent retired as a Commander, USN, and was an Electronic Countermeasures Officer (ECMO) on both the A-6, and the EA-3B. I flew EC-121s way back when. Up he goes into the Wild Blue Yonder!

Thanks, Bubba! I know you all are proud of Tyler's accomplishments.

Robert Johnson checked in from the West Coast to provide the following update,

✉ I spoke with **Bob Verratti** and he has an interesting note for the next column. Bob and his wife, Kathleen, have been very high profile in nationwide thoroughbred racing. They regularly come to Southern California, and have been racing horses at both Santa Anita, during the winter meetings, and at Del Mar during the summer season, late July to early September. They also race at the New Jersey and New York tracks

and have often raced with great success at one of our stomping grounds along the racing circuit while we were at USNA (bettors only) at the famous Shenandoah Downs. They have been doing this for about 35 years and love the sport. They have purchased yearlings at the Keenland Sales and other places, but two years ago they might have hit the mother lode. They bought a horse named Independence Hall from a great bloodline. He was undefeated in his first three races last year as a two-year old, and ran at Aqueduct in New York, the largest track there. He won his first race as a two-year old, in the fifth race. He ran two weeks ago and found a great field at Tampa Downs, finishing second. He is now pointed for the Florida Derby on 28 March. If he finishes first or second there, he will have enough points to make the 20-horse field at the Kentucky Derby, the first Saturday in May. So it is very neat story, and Bob can possibly run his horse in the Kentucky Derby this year, his first ever entry there. Perhaps we are still in time for the April issue. I will keep you posted on Bob's thoroughbred world. All the best, Robert

Ps: One other bit. Carol and **Bo Wiley** ran into Marjorie and **Steve Abbot** at a restaurant in Rancho Santa Fe, near Del Mar, CA in December. The Abbot's son had just graduated from my law school Alma Mater, the University of San Diego, and were celebrating his diploma. Nice place to run into your Classmates.

Many thanks, Robert. Great update!

With permission of Linda McCook, the following obituary for **Kevin McCook** is provided rather than placing it in the Last Call section.

Captain Kevin William McCook, slipped the surly bonds of earth to touch the face of God on 11 February 2020. He is survived by Linda Irons McCook, his wife of 37 years, his sons Christopher ('07) and Brendan (Yale '10), and their wives, Laura and Jen. He was the fourth of six children of Dr. and Mrs. T. Joseph McCook from Marstons Mills, MA.

He graduated from Classical High School in Springfield, MA with

varsity letters in swimming and crew and reported to the US Naval Academy on 28 June 1962. He graduated in 1966 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and accepted a commission into the United States Navy Supply Corps.

Captain McCook's 27 years of Navy service included a 19-month in-country tour in Vietnam. Upon return to the US in Dec 1968, he reported to Navy Supply School in Athens, GA to teach supply management before moving on to Michigan State University to earn his MBA. He then completed two more combat deployments as supply officer aboard WICHITA (AOR-1).

His next assignment was as Supply Operations Officer at the Industrial Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA where he was also admitted to Armed Forces Staff College. He spent the next two years as the Executive Officer of the Navy Cargo Handling and Port Group and the next three years at Naval Supply Center Norfolk. While living in Virginia Beach as a Navy Commander, he met and later married Linda, the love of his life and their 37-year adventure began.

With his new bride by his side, he reported to Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island where he simultaneously completed a second Master's Degree in Foreign Policy at Salve Regina University. Adhering to the old Navy tradition that paybacks are hell, he then reported to the Naval Supply Systems Command in Washington, DC as the Navy Inventory Accuracy Crisis Manager.

He emerged from this tour having been selected for promotion and in May 1985 reported as the Force Supply Officer for Commander Fleet Air Mediterranean in Naples, Italy. It was a productive tour as Kevin and Linda both completed Master's in Education degrees through Boston University overseas, but more importantly added Chris and Brendan to their family.

Kevin returned to Washington, DC in August 1988 with Linda and their two new sons to lead Special Projects and the Navy Supply 2010 Study before being selected for Major Command as the Command-

ing Officer of Naval Supply Center Puget Sound.

He retired from the Navy on 1 December 1993 with the Bronze Star Medal, the Legion of Merit (3), the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Joint Service Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Navy Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and a number of campaign and unit awards. Following his military retirement, he commenced a second career in the information technology (IT) industry where he spent 14 years as an IT Executive in Business Development and Sales.

During retirement, Kevin and Linda resided at their home in Vienna, VA and added a "beach house" on Selby Bay in Edgewater, MD and the family home on Cape Cod. He was first struck by prostate cancer in 2003, and while continuing treatments, he and Linda spent the next 17 years living life to the fullest, traveling extensively within the US and abroad. His pace only slowed when a more vicious cancer evolved as small-cell carcinoma in 2019. Both cancers would ultimately be attributable to combat exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam many years earlier, but despite the awful nature of the disease, his indomitable spirit, and his love for family, friends, and life, continued unabated.

For those interested in sharing stories about Kevin's life, or sharing pictures, the family requests that they be e-mailed to Kevin.McCook.Memorial@gmail.com so that they can be compiled into a remembrance book. Donations in memory of Kevin McCook can be made to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship Fund at: <http://bit.ly/NSCSFSF-McCook>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship Fund at https://www.usnscf.com/Foundation/Ships_Store/MakeDonation (note "In memory of Kevin McCook" in the donation info box) or by mail to: Navy Supply Corps Foundation. Many thanks to **Pierce Johnson**, who worked closely with Kevin on this obituary.



KEVIN MCCOOK AND FAMILY



INTERMENT CEREMONY FOR KEVIN

That's it for June. My thanks to all who helped contribute to this article. Hope by this time the corona virus is a thing of the past. Stay well everyone. Until August. All the best. Mike!!!

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Ah! *SHIPMATE* in the time of plague. So here we are in late March. Maryland's governor has just closed all non-essential businesses in the state. But...liquor stores are considered to be essential so we may survive this thing. And, yes, I washed my hands before writing this. Speaking of disease, **Chuck Penque** posted this on 67Chat back in January; I think it's worth passing on to a wider audience:

LAST CALL

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

—Laurence Binyon, 1914

Harold Huntington Ellison '42

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
7 March 2020

Thomas Eldredge Williamson Jr. '42 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
17 March 2020

Richard Stuart Moore '46

13 March 2020

Robert Jackson White '46

26 March 2020

John Elder Cohoon '47 ■

CDR, USNR (Ret.)
2 April 2020

Joshua Rutland Morriss Jr. '47

2 April 2020

Michael Lawrence Childress '48

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
25 March 2020

John Frederic Mangold II '48

CDR, USN (Ret.)
3 April 2020

Chester George Davis '49

17 March 2020

Marvin Swartz '49

8 March 2020

Jess Lee Cariker Jr. '50 ■

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
1 April 2020

Frank Richardson Carter '50

CDR, USN (Ret.)
26 March 2020

Wiley Winton Greer '50 ■

9 March 2020

Presley Morehead Rixey '50

Capt., USMC (Ret.)
28 March 2020

Clifford Admiral Skinner Jr. '50

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
21 March 2020

Joseph Michael Lombardo '51

28 February 2020

John Bohannon Orem Jr. '51 ■

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
28 February 2020

Vincent James Argiro '52

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
26 March 2020

David Dunham Davison '52

CDR, USN (Ret.)
13 May 2019

William Edward Pike '52

18 March 2020

Leon John Ezzell '53

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
1 April 2020

Harvey Alfred Falk Jr. '53

CAPT, CEC, USN (Ret.)
21 March 2020

Clayton Paschal Mays '53

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
1 April 2020

Richard Ludlow Thomas '53

1 March 2020

Marvin Frank '54

27 March 2020

Gerald Irving Gard Jr. '54 ■

3 February 2020

Anton Roy Switzer '54

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
5 April 2020

Richard Lee Thompson '54

RADM, USN (Ret.)
26 February 2020

Lawrence Stanley DelPlato '55

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
14 March 2020

William Edward McGinnis '55

4 February 2020

Byron Bruce Newell '55 ■

RADM, USN (Ret.)
9 April 2020

Carl Raemon Schneider '56

8 March 2020

Fred George Spellman '56

CDR, USN (Ret.)
11 March 2020

Russell Howard Weidman '56 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
16 March 2020

Rufus Nelson McCord '57

17 March 2020

William Alexander Graham Jr. '58

8 March 2020

Carl Norman Danitschek '59

29 March 2020

Charles John Cox '60

CDR, USN (Ret.)
4 April 2020

Thomas Dean Paulsen '60 ■

RADM, USN (Ret.)
27 March 2020

Dallas Eugene Barnett '61

2 April 2020

Daniel Joseph Sullivan '61

CDR, USN (Ret.)
19 March 2020

Joseph Francis Carroll '63

27 March 2020

William Lewis Rogers '63

6 April 2020

William Paul Ruhnke '63

27 March 2020

Homer Dale Kemp '64

28 March 2020

Theodore Kanji Sadamoto '64

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
31 March 2020

John Raymond Mickelson '65 ■

LTJG, USN (Ret.)
12 March 2020

Daniel Lee Rumbley '65 ■

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
29 March 2020

Manfred Neil Brosee '66

27 February 2020

James Vincent Sullivan Jr. '66

CDR, USN (Ret.)
7 April 2020

James Wilson Barrett '67

CDR, USN (Ret.)
20 March 2020

Joel Isidoor Dumont '67

4 April 2020

Robert Sheridan Thurlow Sr. '67 ■

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
30 March 2020

Terrill Jay Wendt '67

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
31 March 2020

William Alfred Doig Jr. '69

1stLt, USMC
27 March 2020

William Richard Grimm '69

20 March 2020

John Braddock Hawkins Jr. '69 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
29 March 2020

Robert Dean Wakefield '73

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
20 March 2020

Jack Clayton Good '79

10 March 2020

Darrill Anthony Carter '80

18 March 2020

Leslie Martin Hahn '80

17 March 2020

Jeffrey Daniel O'Connell '86

CDR, USNR (Ret.)
29 March 2020

Jason Jones Michal '89 ■

15 March 2020

Ryan Patrick Tuttle '98

17 March 2020



■ Obituary appears in this issue

This list consists of alumni deaths we have learned of since our last issue. Full obituaries will appear in Last Call if/when families send them in.