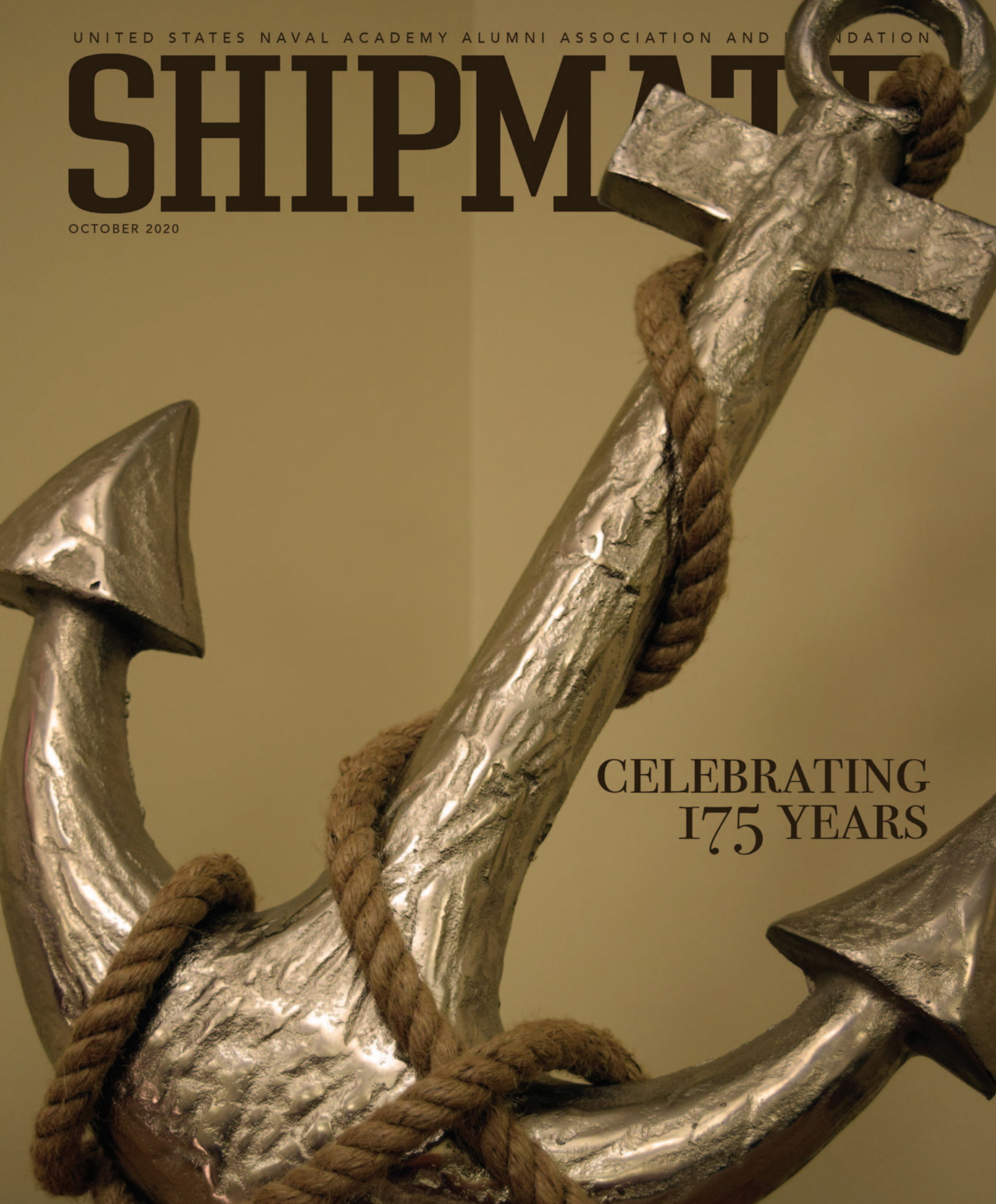


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65/66 CLASS NEWS

tickets and what to do if you are already registered for the reunion events. If you didn't receive Mike's email on this, please contact Mike at mike.epprecht65@gmail.com and he will send you the details.

I emailed **Jim Roorbach** on 11 Jul for an update on the Villagers and got this reply. "Dave, thanks for checking in with those of us here in America's Friendliest Hometown. Our '65 contingent consists of **Jack and Caryll Moore, Larry and Pat Eggert, Bob and Susan Stevens, Bill and Gayle Hancock, Tom and Roni Crowder, Larry and Barbara McMurry, Sam and Judy Stevens, Skip and Pat McAlexander**, and Jo and me. That's eight classmates and their spouses hunkered down here. We suspended our luncheons until we "old" people are no longer in danger from the virus. Hope you can come visit us again when this crisis is over."

Since I have room (hint, hint – guys send me your updates for this column!), I'll shamelessly provide you my own book publication notice.

From **Dave Anderson**, 06 Jul

✉ My book, *Dog Owners Beware!*, subtitle *Your Pet Pooch Sees All, Hears All and Tells All*, is now out and available on Amazon and elsewhere. Some of you have seen my dog Art over the years (1000 portraits and counting) and some have seen my Doggiel poems (1500 of them and counting). This book has 120+ pairings of PoochPics and PoochPoems and in each poem the dog pictured is commenting on the peculiarities of his owner(s) – their habits, peccadillos, thoughts, actions – all stuff the owner(s) would not particularly wish to be exposed. All done in good clean fun and humor! And you don't have to be a dog owner to enjoy them all. The book may make a good gift to a family member or a friend. And I'd welcome you sharing the Amazon link with folks who you think might enjoy the book. Blatant self-promotion now – thankfully – behind us all! Below a pic of me outside our Independence, MO home on 04 Jul. Aloha, Dave



Dave Anderson

Quick note from **Denny Neutze** on 12 Jul. Sunny and I are headed to Oahu, to stay at the Hale Koa, in June 2022 for our 50th.

Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

'66

Life Membership: 65%

Donor Participation: 10.21%

Pres: **Gen Carlton W. Fulford, USMC (Ret.)**

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Once again the mailbox is very low on content. Hopefully, the next issue will be more newsworthy. The Class Executive Committee, aka the 55th Reunion Committee, is continuing to work on the final efforts of the reunion. The response to the Class survey was very good. The Company Reps really came through to complete the survey. The results show that 322 Classmates plan to attend, 147 will possibly attend and 141 don't plan to attend. Those numbers could change should a viable vaccine be available. Let's hope so. It's hoped that no later than March 2021, definite registration info will be ready to post. In the meantime, stay well.

In addition to the 55th Reunion planning, the regular Class luncheons have been scheduled. For 2021, the dates are 10 February at the Army-Navy Country Club (ANCC); 12 May in Annapolis, MD; and 11 August at the ANCC. Messages with details on guest speaker and cost will be sent about three weeks before each event.

Our Class Treasurer, **Chuck Grutzius** has provided the 2019 Class financial report. A brief excerpt is cited in the following. The complete report is available on the Class web site, usna66.org.

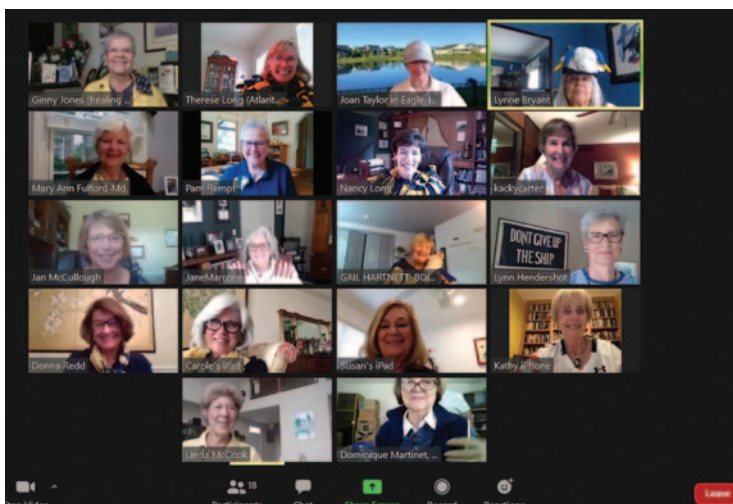
✉ "As required by the By-Laws of the Association of The Class of 1966, attached is the Fiscal/Calendar Year 2019 Financial Statement for The Class of 1966, United States Naval Academy. The Financial Statement consists of this summary letter, a Balance Sheet, an Income and Expenses Report, and the General Ledger. These reports provide a complete summary of the financial condition of the Association, as well as a complete and total listing of all the financial transactions of the Association for CY2019. Any item listed on the Balance Sheet or Income and Expenses Report is also shown under the appropriate category in the General Ledger. The Class ended CY2019 with Assets as follows: NFCU ShareChek \$1,659.86 NFCU Share Savings 25.59 NFCU Certificates of Deposit 18,015.41 USNA AA Cash Mgt. Account 7,323.49 2019 Total Assets: \$27,024.35 Based upon the CY2019 total assets shown above, The Association of the Class of 1966 at the end of CY2019 was in very good financial shape and continues to be in 2020. The Class has no outstanding debts. The 2019 Total Assets above represents a Net Loss of \$1,596.51 over end of CY2018 Total Assets of

\$28,620.86. This decrease does not reflect any significant financial impact one way or another on the Class finances. This Net Loss is attributable to Classmate Memorials, website fees, Leadership Award expenses, and the usual Class administrative expenses."

Kacky Carter (**Rodger Carter**) and Ginny Jones (**Charlie Jones**) launched a ladies Zoom effort in March. Therese Fish (**Larry Fish**) provided the following writeup and photo.

✉ Naval Academy Classmates have sometimes referred to themselves as a Band of Brothers. Wives became part of the Band and appreciated that sense of community throughout their spouses' careers and into retirement. Many of us wives, widows, partners, and friends of the USNA Class of '66 looked forward to seeing each other at tailgates and reunions. As the football season or reunion events ended, we would often say that it would be good to see each other more frequently.

This Spring, as COVID-19 spread throughout the world, the opportunity to see each other with greater frequency became a reality. Thanks to two enterprising '66 brides, Ginny Jones and Kacky Carter, the Class of 1966 Ladies Zoom Group was launched to make connections, support each other, and to have fun. The list of '66 wives, partners and widows has grown organically over



'66: LADIES ZOOM PARTICIPANTS

the past few months, and the potential participants now number more than 70.

The Class of 1966 Ladies zoom every Wednesday at 4 PM (Eastern). The videoconference lasts about an hour and people drop in occasionally or become regulars. The group has gotten a peek at the Yard's latest look with the Chapel's fresh copper panels gleaming in the bright sun, new Cyber Center, 1845 Coffee Shop and COVID-prevention themed shirt at the Mid Store. Zoom participants have discussed favorite books and movies enjoyed during lockdown, checked with each other about travel restrictions, shared anecdotes of children and news of grandchildren's unique COVID-era graduations, and encouraged each other during medical issues. The group has donned Navy regalia, discussed the latest news on the football season and shared inspiring thoughts (i.e., Pam Rempt's "to whom much is given, much is expected" and Gail Hartnett's daily positive post on Facebook). The Zoom experience has contributed to building more relationships and deeper bonds with more Navy "sisters" than would have been possible during pre-COVID times.

For those '66 wives, widows and partners who have not heard of the Wednesday Zooms, or want more information, please send an email to usna.66.ladies@gmail.com. The USNA Class of '66 Ladies Zoom has been an extraordinary gift from COVID. We hope that our Band of Sisters will continue to grow."

Thanks Therese. Hoppe the number grows.

So that wraps up this article. Stay safe! Until December -All the best -Mike!!!

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

Log into **Online Community** at usna.com to update your profile.

'67

Life Membership: 76%

Donor Participation: 11.61%

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Yeah, things are NOT normal around here. I'm resorting to trolling through Facebook to see what I can find. I found this one from last February just before the SARS-CoV-2 thing started. It's from **Dan Mulligan**. His posts are a treat to read.

✉ Monday (24 Feb, I think...jm67) I enjoyed the opportunity to get together with some pretty terrific folks. The gathering started informally with the inclusion of **Greg Marshall** to a monthly lunch **Pledger Robertson** and I enjoy (or at least I do, he shows up thinking maybe sometime I may pick up the tab). That got picked up via e-mail and **Ron Waddell** decides the sunshine in Washington is too much to put up with and decides to fly down to join us. Absolutely incredible, he really needed to collect the 5 bucks I lost to him playing golf in Monterey nearly 50 years ago. Louise and **Steve Andres** pick up on this and he decides he does not need to visit the Midway another time and Louise comes along to support his making bail given that this group is likely to get busted. So they fly over from San Diego for lunch. Last but not least, we were laughing about **Buddy Barnes** propensity for showing up from what many used to believe as unexpectedly to now for everyone regularly. Your gatherings are insignificant unless he shows and he did. He had recently returned from Japan and Korea. And just when we thought how great this is Judy Robertson joined us knowing she was about to endure the agony of listing to our BS, this was digging deep, love her for taking the bullet. What I am getting at is this is a wonderful reflection of how much we mean to each other. I haven't felt this way since they use to tuck me in at night

at the Naval Academy. To say I was fortunate to develop such friendships is an understatement.

By the way it feels good being sentimental. We need more of it.

This one is more recent from **Del Giffin's** FaceBook page. He posted it in late July. For those of you who haven't kept up with Del, he does wonderful glasswork. His website is areflectioninglass.com or you can search FaceBook for "A Reflection In Glass." Go poke around either place to see his glass. He does really good work for a helicopter guy. Here's his post:

✉ I am officially the proprietor of 2500 sq ft retail space at 602 N Orchard St in Boise. I will be moving things from the shop (at home) to the new location over the next couple weeks...This will give me room to teach classes and be able to sell supplies to stained glass hobbyists in Boise in conjunction with my custom stained glass and etched glass designs. It's been a long time coming and probably long overdue. The space has a little work to be done to make it presentable but shouldn't take too long.

Well, our 26 June 2020 I-Day Picnic fell through. We'd actually decided to hold it indoors at a popular Annapolis sports bar, but the virus happened, they went out of business, so there we were. **Dave Church** sent out a short Happy-Birthday-To-Us e-mail, and the responses turned up a bunch of names we don't hear too often as well as some of the usual culprits. Here's the list. Take time to read it and remember: **Ken Bowers, Ted Stearns, Ken Ptack, Tim Quigley, Tim Winters, Vince Putiri** (Vince added: I saw **Mark Graham** and **Jim Aldrich** on a Zoom meeting that **Mike Shelley** organized last week and they are doing well), **Billy Haake, Dewey Struble, Ted Witt, Steve Woodall, Dick Kirtley, Phil Guy, Burlie Brunson, and Dick Collins**.

Billy Haake is a non-grad Classmate who left USNA in early 1964. His roommates were Dave Church and **Eldon Schierman**, and he added this note:

✉ In 1966, I enlisted in the Marines and served 12 months in Danang as a clerk in counterintelligence at the III MAF Headquarters. It sounds a bit James Bondish. I was fortunate that I was never in combat, and my heart will always belong to the grunts, men and women, of all the services who did serve in the field.

In 2005, I went through chemotherapy and radiation treatments, followed by major surgery that removed all the cancer and I have been cancer free for the past 15 years, Praise the Good Lord. I retired in 2016 as a property insurance adjuster after 20 years and I self-published my first novel (fiction) in 2017. It's on Amazon entitled *Solomon Foxly* about a fox and his family (it's not a children's book). I also have continued my life-long passion for sleight-of-hand magic and I am involved in a group of creative and witty magicians. I have a grown son, Dana, a beautiful daughter-in-law, Emily, and two fantastic grandsons, Noah and Eli.

I was sorry to hear that **Henry Wright** was killed in Vietnam in 1968, just several months after I left in December of '67.

Couple of short, quick ones: ' Nita and **Jack Parry** caught up with Karen and **Bill Hall** at the Olde Greenfield Inn in Lancaster, PA in July and sent a photo. And Mo and **Steve Phillips** saw **John Clevenger**. Steve said he and John did the European youngster cruise together and have stayed close friends since then. John has given up on living in the San Francisco area, fed up with the politics of that area and is now living in Atlanta, near one of his children.



The Parrys and Halls in PA

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

Tully Shelley Jr. '41 ■
23 July 2020

Donald Marchand Miller '44
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
15 August 2020

Lamb Dowd Jameson '45
18 July 2020

John Kinsey Mealy Jr. '46
LCDR, USNR (Ret.)
26 July 2020

Gordon Platt Talcott '47
1 August 2020

Lawrence Gale King '48
14 April 2020

Stanley James Jack '49
15 June 2020

Richard Ernest Keebler '50
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
30 July 2020

Robert Scott Satre '50
CDR, USN (Ret.)
3 August 2020

Robert Charles East Jr. '51
12 June 2020

Gerald Ross Leopold '51
Maj, USAF (Ret.)
16 August 2020

Frank Trenton Shaver '51
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
16 August 2020

Duwain Elroy Bjerke '52
Maj, USMC (Ret.)
10 May 2020

William Schaefer Bowen '52
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
7 August 2020

**Francis Laughlin
Wadsworth '52 ■**
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
13 August 2020

David Malcolm Govan '53 ■
13 July 2020

Herman Adolph Spanagel '53
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
4 August 2020

Allan Richard Gunion '54
14 July 2020

Edward Eugene Henifin '54 ■
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
25 July 2020

Russell Duane Hensley Jr. '55
Col, USAF (Ret.)
18 July 2020

Carlos Kay McAfee '55
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
13 July 2020

David Oliver Miller '55
CDR, USN (Ret.)
5 August 2020

Lawrence Earl McCullers '56
CDR, USN (Ret.)
29 July 2020

Phillip George Billings '57
22 June 2020

David Malcolm Collins '57
CDR, USN (Ret.)
13 July 2020

Robert Andrew Doragh '57 ■
27 July 2020

Richard Corbett Gentz '57
RADM, USN (Ret.)
27 July 2020

Barry Jack Howard '58 ■
Col, USAF (Ret.)
17 July 2020

Allan Rachap '58
27 June 2020

Raymond Arthur Kambeitz '59
LT, USN
28 July 2020

Stanley Wayne Legro '59
17 August 2020

James Shelley McPhillips '59
23 July 2020

Francis Daniel Kay '60
CDR, USN (Ret.)
14 August 2020

Henry Lemle Phillips Jr. '60
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
24 July 2020

Torrence Wiseman Rogers '60
Col, USMC (Ret.)
6 July 2020

Edward Harvey Szweda Jr. '60
Capt, USMC
1 August 2020

Beverly St. Clair Pankey '61
11 August 2020

Jerrold Michael Smith '61
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
4 August 2020

Joseph Francis Corcoran '62
CDR, USN (Ret.)
2 August 2020

Joseph Albert Hanzel Jr. '62 ■
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
28 July 2020

James Randall Barnum '63
11 August 2020

Walter John Breede III '63 ■
Col, USMC (Ret.)
24 July 2020

Joel Ruland Gardner '63
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
6 August 2020

Wiley George Grantham '63
18 July 2020

Charles Robert Gates '64
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
1 August 2020

Melville Henry Lyman III '64
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
8 July 2020

Ernest Mallory Smith '64
CDR, USN (Ret.)
28 August 2019

William Patrick Donnelly '65
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
24 July 2020

Paul Francis Noe Jr. '65
1 October 2019

Richard Stephen Sirota '65
15 May 2020

David Chapman Byers '67
1 October 2019

John Filip Juneck '67
6 August 2020

Raymond Anthony Roll Sr. '67
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
8 August 2020

Edward Michael Southerland '68
15 July 2020

Michael Arthur Chafee '69
July 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.

from Maine to Trinidad before finally swallowing the anchor in Palm Coast, FL, to watch their two children, Keith '90 and Heidi, and four grandchildren, Claiborne and Haley (from daughter, Heidi) and Claire and Livy (from son, Keith), grow with joy and happiness.

JAH Jr. '62 ★



WALTER JOHN BREEDE III '63

On Friday, 24 July 2020, Colonel Walter J. Breede III, USMC (Ret.), loving husband and father of five children, passed away at the age of 79.

"Walt" was born on 2 March 1941, in White Plains, NY, to Walter and Mary Breede. He was commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1963. On 8 June 1963, he married Elizabeth Jane Johnson and they went on to have five children.

Walter's career in the Marine Corps included a tour in Vietnam, two assignments as the naval attaché in Ankara, Turkey, and culminated with an assignment as the first director of the Marine Corps Intelligence Command in Quantico, VA. He received his master's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Among his multiple military honors, Walter received the Legion of Merit, the highest military medal awarded during peacetime.

Upon his retirement from active duty in 1989, Walter found his two passions outside of his family: teaching and writing. Walter spent nearly 20 years teaching math to middle and high school students in Virginia and Florida. In 1996, he participated in the Olympic Torch Relay, carrying the torch for the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. After retiring from full-time teaching, Walter wrote and published a series of novels based, in part, on his own career and family.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mary; and his sister, Barbara. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; their daughters, Karen Vesey and Anne Marie Rowe; sons, Mark, David and Erik; seven grandchildren; his sisters, Ellen and Nancy; his brother, Matthew '70; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, 5 August 2020 at Serenity Meadows in Riverview, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org). ★



THEODORE KANJI SADAMOTO '64

Lieutenant Commander Theodore K. Sadamoto, USN (Ret.), of Montebello, CA, died on 31 March 2020. He was 78 years old.

Born to Takeko and Sadao Sadamoto, "Ted" spent his formative years at Poston, a Japanese American internment camp in the Southwest. After the war ended, the Sadamoto family returned to Los Angeles, CA, where Ted graduated from Roosevelt High School. He also attained the Boy

Scout rank of Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm. Ted spent a year at Los Angeles City College. He applied for admission to the Naval Academy in 1960 and was given an appointment by Congressman Chet Holifield of California's 19th District. During his years at the Naval Academy, Ted, a good athlete, earned a reputation as one of the best (if not the best) soccer goalies in intramural competition. He also spent his four years as part of the 10th Company.

After graduation in June 1964, Ted headed to Long Beach, CA, for his first assignment on the destroyer COLLETT (DD-730), where he served as gunnery officer. His next assignment, also at sea, was in COCHRANE (DDG-21) in Pearl Harbor, HI, where he was the anti-submarine warfare officer. After Destroyer School in Newport, RI, Ted headed to TURNER JOY (DD-951) as the weapons department officer. From TURNER JOY, Ted was sent to the Seventh Fleet Flagship, BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), as deck officer and then as the combat-information center officer. After BLUE RIDGE, Ted remained in Japan serving in the Fleet Activities Command. Ted's final Navy assignment was in MIDWAY (CV-41) as maintenance and material officer.

Ted retired from the Navy in 1984 as security officer at the U.S. Naval Station in San Diego, CA. After spending a year gaining his teaching credentials, in 1985 he started an 18-year career at Garfield High School in Los Angeles as a high school math teacher. He retired for a second time in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Eiko; children, Emily Sadamoto and Brian Sadamoto; brothers, James (and his wife, Katherine, and their sons, David and Todd) and Howard Sadamoto; and sister, Arline Shiotsuka (and her husband, Ed). ★



KEVIN WILLIAM MCCOOK '66

Captain Kevin W. McCook, SC, USN (Ret.), died on 11 February 2020 at the age of 75.

Born in Marlboro, MA, on 29 September 1944, Kevin graduated from the Naval Academy on 28 June 1966 (21st Company) with a commission in the Navy Supply Corps.

His 27 years of Navy service began with a 19-month tour in Vietnam and two additional combat deployments aboard WICHITA (AOR-1).

He served as supply officer at both the Industrial Naval Air Station and Navy Supply Center, Norfolk, as well as XO of the Navy Cargo and Handling Port Group. He had several tours at Naval Supply Systems Command in Washington, DC, but his two career highlights were as supply officer for Command Fleet Air Mediterranean, Naples, Italy, and CO of the Naval Supply Center, Puget Sound.

Advanced education was always important to Kevin. He taught supply management at the Navy Supply School; earned his MBA at Michigan State; attended the Armed Forces Staff College; completed two simultaneous MAs at the Naval War College and Salve Regina in Newport; and a MEd through Boston University Overseas.

After retiring from the Navy in 1993, he spent the next 14 years in business development and sales as an IT executive.

Kevin and Linda, his wife of 37 years, resided in Vienna, VA, making frequent visits to their house on Selby Bay in Edgewater, MD, and their family homestead on Cape Cod, MA, in addition to traveling extensively within the U.S. and abroad.

In addition to Linda, Kevin is survived by their two sons (and their wives), Christopher '07 (Laura) and Brendan (Yale '10) (Jen).

A memorial service and Irish wake were held on Saint Patrick's Day, 17 March 2020 at the Naval Academy; the last function before the Yard closed due to coronavirus.

For further information on Kevin's life and service, please send an email to (Kevin.McCook.Memorial@gmail.com) with the subject: Attachments.

Donations in Kevin's memory may be made to the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship Fund at (<http://bit.ly/NSCFSF-McCook>). ★



JAMES VINCENT SULLIVAN JR. '66

Commander James V. Sullivan Jr., USN (Ret.), died on 7 April 2020 in Virginia Beach, VA, after a protracted battle with bladder cancer. He was 76 years old.

Born on 11 February 1944 in Brooklyn, NY, his family soon moved to Baltimore, MD. "Jim" was a star athlete at Loyola High School in Towson, before attending the U.S. Naval Academy, where he participated in Plebe football, varsity lacrosse,

intramural football, softball and the Newman Club.

Following graduation with the Class of 1966, Jim served 20 years as a Surface Warfare officer. His shipboard assignments were: damage control assistant, BORDELON (DD-881); damage control assistant, commissioning crew, ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050); engineer officer, PHARRIS (FF-1094), maintenance material officer DesRonTwo staff; executive officer SUMTER (LST-1181); and damage control officer, ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). Shore duty included maintenance material officer ComNavSurfLant staff and operations officer, Organizational Effectiveness Center, Norfolk, VA.

Jim earned a Master of Science Degree in Meteorology at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, and completed the Management and Planning Course at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA.

After Jim retired, he taught math for 13 years in the Norfolk Public School System, and in 2002, he joined MTS Technologies, as an operations analyst project manager.

Jim and his wife, Margie, were married for 46 years, lived in Virginia Beach for 32 years, and were serious volunteers in many lay ministries of Catholic churches in Virginia Beach. Widowed in 2012, he married Susan Shipp of Virginia Beach in 2018 and they enjoyed home, church life, travel, watching movies and Orioles baseball and visiting with family and cherished friends.

Jim is survived by his wife, Susan; daughters, Kathleen Sullivan (and her husband, Dan Berger and their sons, Gabriel and Cyrus) and Megan Sullivan (and her husband, Eric Walter and their children, Oscar, Vincent and Lena); sister, Elizabeth Sullivan; brothers, Edward Sullivan (and his wife, Mary Alma) and Denis Sullivan (and his wife, Faith) and Gerard Sullivan (and his wife, Michele); sister-in-law, Roxane Geiger; brother-in-law, John Gaudreau (and his wife, Christine); and extended family and beloved friends. In addition to his first wife, Margie (Gaudreau) Sullivan, he was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Margaret Sullivan.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at the Church of the Ascension at a future date, after the coronavirus epidemic is over.

Memorial gifts in Jim's name may be made to Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia (CCEVA.org). ★



JOHN PAUL HYDINGER '68

John P. Hyding died peacefully in Mount Joy, PA, on 12 July 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He was 74 years old.

Born on 23 September 1945, he was the son of the late Marlin and Helen Hyding. As a Navy junior, John attended high schools in both England and France before receiving his appointment to the Naval Academy with the Class of 1968. A member of the 14th Company, John demonstrated

an early interest in computers and was a talented racketball and tennis player. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in June 1968.

Following in the footsteps of his father and brother, John served as a Surface Line officer. After one tour of duty on a destroyer, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, graduating in 1972 with a master's degree in computer science. While at the Postgraduate School, John met and married his wife, Tullia. John's naval career took them to the East Coast and duty stations in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Virginia, where, in 1978, he resigned his commission as a lieutenant commander and returned to civilian life and the world of computers.

During his business career, he served as the vice president at USA Direct in York, PA, and later as chief executive officer of both Quantum Radiology (York) and Lancaster Orthopedic Group, retiring from the latter in August 2016.

Over the years, John and Tullia enjoyed traveling whenever the opportunity presented itself, often seeing family and friends along the way. Their "special" place was St. Maarten in the Caribbean, which they visited at least 19 times between 2006 and 2019. When not traveling, John enjoyed perfecting his landscaping skills of many years, reading and playing bridge.

Preceding John in death were his parents, Captain Marlin C. Hyding, USN (Ret.), and Helen Scott Hyding; brother, Captain Robert M. Hyding '59, USN (Ret.); sister, Nancy Thompson; and brother-in-law, Lieutenant Colonel William R. Thompson, USA (Ret.). He is survived by his wife, Tullia; sons, Michael and Christopher; sister, Karen Dale Dyer; brother-in-law, Everett Dyer; sister-in-law, Dolores Hyding; and several nephews and nieces.

Due to COVID-19, private services were held for the immediate family. A public memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's name may be made to: The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 75816, Topeka, KS 66675-8516; (www.woundedwarriorproject.org). ★



RONALD MARK DRESSIN '70

Ronald M. Dressin passed away on 16 June 2020. He was 72 years old.

Born on 20 January 1948 to Sam A. Dressin '44 and Suzanne Abrams Dressin, "Ron" followed in his father's footsteps. He was appointed to the Naval Academy by the Congressman from Brooklyn, NY. At Annapolis, Ron was a proud member of the 34th Company and graduated with the Class of 1970.

He was commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served for six years as communications officer with 3/5 at Camp Pendleton, Shore Party in Okinawa, and the Air Wing at El Toro. During that period, he completed a MS from University of Southern California and a MA from Pepperdine University.

Upon leaving the service, he joined General Dynamics as an engineer and software engineer. He then went to San Diego Federal Savings and Loan, where he managed the Organization Development Department.

Ron was then recruited by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to design and manage various broadband network systems for the Navy and Air Force.

Ron left SAIC to consult in the private sector. His first consulting contract took him to the world of supply chain management for the hospitality/gaming industry. He worked with a software development company called Stratton Warren Software for several years, before buying it in 1987.

In 1989, Ron married Cherri Miller of Crystal City, TX. They were married in San Diego, where they lived until 2001.

In 2001, Ron sold Stratton Warren Software to a Las Vegas company. At the time of the sale, the software was installed in almost 90% of the casinos in the United States. Ron and Cherri moved to Las Vegas to manage the