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65/66 CLASS NEWS

gathering. Six classmates volunteered to update the gathering on the status of Corona Virus in their various states and regions - **Lloyd Abbot, Mike Coyle, Charlie Morrison, Dave Bailey, Tom Dames, and Dave Anderson**. Tom presented an interesting overview of how his daily life is conducted in a very safe, controlled lock-down at a senior living facility in northeast Florida. **Ed Linz** gathered six other classmates with masks for a group lunch on the lawn at his Rockefeller estate in Springfield, VA. That entire group participated in the ZOOM, while **Tom Kinder** took copious photos to share with the Class. Ed Linz added: Lots of iced tea and hot dogs and socially distanced electrons made for a great afternoon. Ed's group is shown in the attached photo, L-R: **Tom Kinder, Sam Dutrow, Jim Stark, Ed Linz, Skip Orr, Bob Sullivan and Ted Nanz**. Others there on Zoom not already mentioned were: **Bob Sullivan, Sonny Harrison, Steve Mladineo, Conrad Best, Jack Devine, Allan Foy, Art Wittig, John Collins, Jay Cheney, John Alexander, Pat Philbin, Mike Coyle, Phil Ferrara, Bill Erickson, Pat Fitch, Jim Minderlein, Jim Savard, Paul Mickelson, Frank Peterson, and Bob Andretta**.



From **Steve McDonald**, 09 Jun on the 55th Anniversary of our Graduation

✉ Our 55th Anniversary has arrived. Imagine in 1965 what we thought about the Class of 1910. Well today, that's what the class of 2020 thinks of you and me. Somehow, I don't think I resemble the class of 1910 today, still the days of wooden ships and iron men. Maybe you, but not me. Let us rejoice in the fast and renewed friendships of us fellow sufferers of the Class Class. At the time, I hated changing companies and roommates each year. BUT the brass unknowingly did us a



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great favor by allowing us to know more of us than any class in modern history. Including plebe summer and ACTRAMID, inside the wall, most had about 12 different roommates. Further, academic classes were selected not by company, but randomly so 1st and 2nd Regiment classmates were integrated during all four years. And athletics further introduced us to each other. My Roommates over 4 years: **Tulodeski, Norman, Kelly, Marymont, Hoffman, Hancock, Roorbach, Robinson, Minor, Shipley, Broms, and Paul Nelson**. So today I salute everyone of you and thank God for knowing many of you as friend all these many years. Here's a photo of our celebrating our last P-Rade, June 1965.

From **Ron Bishop**, 09 Jun

✉ This is an after-action report regarding the ZOOM Video Meeting we held on this historically important date of 6-9-2020. So, exactly 55 years ago we told our parents and girlfriend(s) not to pay the ransom because we escaped after four years together by the Severn and the Bay. Today six Classmates joined a ZOOM virtual conference meeting for an hour-long eye-to-eye discussion of the latest USNA news and the usual Organ Recital. There are currently 21 Classmates in the 234XX zip code area of Tidewater. They all were polled via email for bona fides corrections and invited to join the ZOOM meeting today. **Pete O'Connor** in his home in Lago Mar, Virginia Beach, kept asking

who was responsible for social distance catering to the attendees. **Bob Finley** joined the meeting from his house at Sandbridge on the ocean just a short distance from Pete. **Carl Spangler** and **Gordon Clarke** both live in the condo near the USS Wisconsin (former BB 64 in downtown Norfolk) were early joiners of the meeting. **Mike Hester** lives in the same condo but was unable to join the meeting today. **Bob Hopkins** checked in from Chesapeake, VA, but also was unable to tune in today. Serving as Zoom Host, **Ron Bishop** was in his home in the King's Grant area of Virginia Beach. **Tom Forbes** won the long-distance prize for tuning in to the ZOOM meeting from Goodyear (near Phoenix), AZ. He and **Pam** moved there in April. They'll move into their new home, near to daughter and grandchildren, on 15 Jun. **Ron Voelkel**, our usual Lunch Bunch moderator, was back in the area from a granddaughter's HS graduation in New York, but unable to join the ZOOM. The monthly 1st Tuesday luncheon meeting was not executed in April, May, or June. It was really nice to get together on multi-image TV. We all seemed to enjoy our light discussions of events of our lives in this really new non-normal world environment. We have tentatively planned to have a Zoom Meeting for any classmates in the local area and now from anywhere on 07 Jul.

From **Phil Ferrara**, 12 Jun

✉ There was an article in the June 2020 Proceedings authored by our classmate, **Paul Reason**. It was entitled, A Lesson in Tolerance from the Navy's First African American Four-Star Admiral. It had the subheading - "Thirty years ago, I learned a valuable lesson in leadership and tolerance from the man who would become the U.S. Navy's first African American four-star admiral. That lesson guided me through the rest of my military career and beyond." If you don't receive Proceedings and would like to read the entire article, contact Phil at pferrara65@comcast.net who will email you a reprint.

Jim Minderlein on 24 Apr posted on our email forum his report from a virtual teleconference call with the Council of Class Presidents (COCOP). Lots of good gouge there on how USNA is coping with COVID. If you'd like a copy of Jim's report, please email him at jimm65@verizon.net.

Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

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Life Membership: 65%

Donor Participation: 8.15%

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Too bad it took a pandemic to force the Navy - Notre Dame game to be played in Annapolis. Who would have guessed? Writing this in June, all I can do is hope the game and season come off as planned. The mailbox has been dry, but I'll try to present some useful information.

Recently, **Tom Eubanks** was at Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and found the plaque honoring our Class' contribution to the Battle Names that were redone around the inside facade of the stadium. The first money obligated by our 50th Reunion Legacy Project



'66: CLASSMATES AND SPOUSES AT THE DEDICATION

was to accomplish that project. The attached pictures were taken during Homecoming in October 2012. They record the mini dedication ceremony conducted to mark the placement of the plaque acknowledging our Class' sponsoring the renaming effort. The plaque is located on the second level of the east end of the stadium, facing the Gold side. Anyone attending a game this year should stop by and see it. Thanks to Tom for raising this as a point of interest to the Class.



BATTLE NAMES DEDICATION PLAQUE



MIKE BAIRD, BRUCE BICKEL, BYRON MARCHANT, CHET GLADCHUK and VADM MILLER

And that's a wrap for this issue. Hopefully, we'll be getting out more and doing more and the October issue will have more news. Until October—All the best—Mike!!!

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Life Membership: 76%
Donor Participation: 9.65%

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Here we are, still hanging in there, masked at a social distance. Different locations are coming back to life in different phases, and as I write there's some threat of the virus being on the increase again. I hope that's wrong. We'll know by the time this hits your mailboxes! All kinds of things have been rescheduled at least once and I'm sure calendars are in total disarray. Here's a couple of date changes current as of late June. Jim Barrett's memorial service is now scheduled for 19 Sep 2020 in Lewes, DE. Mary will provide the details later. Sergei Kowalchik's services at Arlington National Cemetery are now scheduled for 12:45 PM 15 Oct 2020. There is to be a chapel service, graveside burial and reception to follow at Spates Hall. Again, further details will follow.

Willie Williamson had an eventful June! He had gall bladder surgery on the third, and right after that his wife Jo had heart surgery. His words:

✉ I share good news with you through blurry eyes full of happy tears! Jo's heart surgery was hugely successful. She is resting comfortably at University of Maryland Medical Center. Her brilliant surgeon and his fantastic team

of medical professionals are to be saluted and thanked many times over!

Allow me to take this opportunity now to thank each of you for your wonderful thoughts and prayers... they clearly were impactful, they made a real difference, and they led to this positive outcome for Jo. I would also like to apologize to those of you who were unaware of her failing heart...regrettably, during the past few days, the clock simply ticked too swiftly for me to keep everyone abreast of her condition. Please know that we are finally at peace, knowing that her life has been extended and that her reward will soon be the chance to spend more time with each of you, her amazing friends and family.

Good news, Willie! (Willie is at rwilliamson8@icloud.com.)

I got great note from **Dana McCarthy**.

✉ I just received my June copy of *Shipmate*, and right there on the cover is a photo of LCDR **Kevin Ringelstein '07**, at the controls of an MH-60S Knighthawk. The young LCDR is attached to the Black Knights, HSC-4. Back in my day, HS-4, as the squadron was then known, was my first assignment after flight training. Seeing that photo generated one of those "Aha" moments. I suddenly realized that there are O-4s out there who graduated 40 years after me. It's just one of those things that had never crossed my aging mind. Indeed, this year has been a year of memories. As a young JG, I was fortunate to have been the Skipper's co-pilot and, therefore, flew the prime



'67: APOLLO 13 Recover Crew (Dana 2nd from left)



'67: APOLLO 13 Recovery

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

Wendell McHenry Jr. '46 ■

RADM, SC, USN (Ret.)
5 June 2020

John Presley Shelton '47

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
28 June 2020

Wayne Portland Warlick '47 ■

24 June 2020

Herbert James Kindl '49 ■

29 June 2020

Franklin Jay Holcomb '50

15 June 2020

Sanford Preston Holcomb '50

Capt, USMCR
26 July 2019

Edward Allen Burkhalter Jr. '51

VADM, USN (Ret.)
1 July 2020

Ralph Wilson Hooper '51

15 April 2020

Leroy Gustave Appell '52

22 June 2020

Harold Lee Blanton Jr. '52

Col, USMC (Ret.)
21 June 2020

S. David Frost '53 ■

RADM, SC, USN (Ret.)
27 June 2020

John Alvis Smitherman '53 ■

Col, USAF (Ret.)
29 June 2020

Takeshi Yoshihara '53 ■

CAPT, CEC, USN (Ret.)
25 June 2020

Aloysius Gerald Casey '54

Lt Gen, USAF (Ret.)
10 June 2020

Richard Tillman Gaskill '54

RADM, USN (Ret.)
2 July 2020

Ralph Jerold High '54

Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)

16 June 2020

Charles Edward Powell '54

Col, USAF (Ret.)
2 July 2020

Lyle Frank Storrer '54

6 July 2020

John Elliott Stewart '55

CDR, USN (Ret.)
24 June 2020

Donald Bennett Stuart '55

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
27 June 2020

Simon Joseph Ulcickas Jr. '55

5 July 2020

Paul Raymond Gambarani '56

2 July 2020

Raymond Willard Hill '56 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
18 June 2020

Clarence Frank Klaassen Jr. '56

30 June 2020

Thomas Schwartz '56

Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
19 June 2020

Thomas Robert Fox '57

RADM, USN (Ret.)
23 May 2020

Stephen Tallichet Powers '57

23 June 2020

Joseph Dwight Hutchinson '58 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
30 June 2020

Daniel Bynon Leonard Jr. '58 ■

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
27 June 2020

James Edward Lott '58

15 June 2020

William Newton Moore '58 ■

CDR, USN (Ret.)
30 June 2020

Eric Forsta Thacher '58

1 July 2020

Russell Elias Vreeland Jr. '58

Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
1 July 2020

James Joseph Arnold Jr. '59

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
4 July 2019

William Gunther Clautice '59 ■

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
14 June 2020

James Russell Fiene '59

19 June 2020

Brian Michael Shea '60

28 April 2020

Wallace Curran Swaverly '60

16 June 2020

Charles Wade Eddins '61

LCDR, USN (Ret.)
9 July 2020

Joseph Carter Maiden Jr. '61 ■

13 May 2020

William Louis Wunderly Jr. '62

CDR, USN (Ret.)
4 May 2020

Michael Paul Cronin '63 ■

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
17 June 2020

Craig Lee Thrasher '63

8 July 2020

Richard Claude Bowers '64

7 July 2020

John Paul Hydinger '68

12 July 2020

Philip Frederick Connors '69

23 June 2020

James Michael Hines '72

2 July 2020

Richard Navarro '74

1 July 2020

Daniel Cean McGuire '76

12 June 2020

Lester Richard Hayward Jr. '83

12 July 2020

Daniel Everett Eldredge '84

CDR, USN (Ret.)
10 July 2020

Louis Aboytes Gomez '85

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
12 July 2020

Michael Francis Ott Jr. '88

CAPT, USN (Ret.)
10 July 2020

Glenn Michael Crabbe '92

20 February 2020

David Douglas Meadows '07

LCDR, USN
30 June 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.



Rand and Susan established "Case Camp" and each summer their family spent time in a national park or the mountains enjoying outdoor activities and time together. It was treasured time for the Case family.

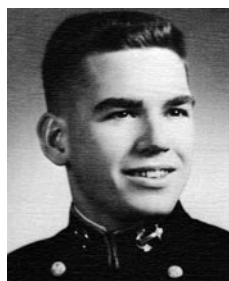
Rand was a kind and caring man who was deeply loved, highly respected and greatly admired.

He was predeceased by his parents; and his sister, Caroline Case. He is survived by his adoring wife, Susan; sons, Scott and Brad Case (Shannon); stepdaughters, Rebecca Lacque (Wade) and Elizabeth Dawson (Rickardo); grandchildren, Malena, Evelyn, Annalise, Spencer, Owen, Katie, Fletcher and Tommy; his brother, Steve Case; and former wife, Nancy Case.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations in Rand's memory may be made to Project Sanctuary. (www.projectsanctuary.us).

Mrs. Susan Case & Bill Zuna '65 ★



GEORGE THOMAS KAYE '66

Dr. G.T. "Tom" Kaye died at home in San Diego, CA, on 20 May 2020 from complications due to heart surgery and a stroke. He was 75 years old.

A native of Lorain, OH, Tom received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy from his home state and graduated in June of 1966 as a member of the 12th Company (old Eighth Company).

He served as communications officer on CLAUD JONES (DE-1033), deploying to Mombasa, Kenya, Australia, Mauritius and American Samoa. Tom was operations officer on TANNER (AGS-15), conducting hydrographic surveys in the Trust Territories of the Western Pacific, including Palau, Yap and Pohnpei. His final tour of duty was on TRUCKEE (AO-147), deploying with the Sixth Fleet out of Naples, Italy, during the Mediterranean Crisis of 1970 and continuing aboard until his resignation in 1972.

After the Navy, Tom completed a Ph.D. in oceanography at the University of Michigan in 1976. He joined the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1977, researching physics of the upper ocean and remote sensing, with major focuses in acoustic and non-acoustic antisubmarine warfare (ASW). Tom supervised programs at the Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC) until 1995, when he became the Navy Science Advisor to the Commander, Pacific Fleet.

At PacFlt, Tom coordinated science advisors in subordinate Navy fleet and type commands throughout the Pacific and Indian oceans. Tom was appointed to the Navy's Senior Executive Service at the NOSC Laboratory in 1998, now the Naval Information Warfare Center Pacific. He retired from government service in 2003 as the technical director of the lab. Tom was awarded two Navy Meritorious Civilian Service awards during his time in the Department of Defense.

Tom formed a consulting company, Tom Kaye & Associates, and worked with numerous companies on a wide range of defense technologies and programs. He also worked with collegiate and civic organizations, serving on their boards and giving generously of his time and experience. An avid saltwater fisherman in the waters offshore of Southern California and Baja California, Tom always looked forward to local fishing trips and yearly outings in Alaska.

Tom is survived by Janet, his wife of 53 years; son, Tom; daughter, Elizabeth (and her husband, Rich); his sister, Betty; and brother, Albert.

A Celebration of Life is planned to take place and his ashes will be scattered at Makapuu Beach, Oahu, HI. ★



JONATHAN LEE HUGHES '89

Commander Jonathan L. Hughes, USN (Ret.), of Grand Forks, ND, passed away on 13 June 2020. He was 55 years old.

"Jon" was a 1983 graduate of Neche High School. After enlisting as a Marine, Jon graduated from the Naval Academy in 1989.

Upon his commissioning, he was assigned to TW-5 in Pensacola, FL, for flight school and was designated a naval aviator in June 1991. He was

reassigned to Helicopter Mine Countermeasures Squadron (HM-14) in Norfolk, VA, to fly the MH-53E Sea Dragon. Jon returned to Pensacola as a flight instructor in 1995.

In 1998, he left active duty, but remained in the Reserves, assigned to HM-15 in Corpus Christi, while flying commercially for Trans World Airlines and Atlantic Coast Airlines.

After returning to active duty in 2001, he was deployed to the Persian Gulf in January 2003 and again in 2004, this time as officer-in-charge, HM-15 Det. 2. He commanded the 90-person detachment until his transfer to Fort Worth in January 2005. On 1 October 2006, he was promoted to commander and was assigned to the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX. On 15 July 2007, Jon took his last command of the Navy Operational Support Center, Alameda, CA.

After retiring from the Navy in 2010, he moved to Grand Forks and flew commercially for Sky West Airlines until the time of his death. He also drove beet trucks for area farmers and contracted with Trans Systems in the winter months.

Jon enjoyed traveling, camping and boating, snowmobiling, motorcycling and attending sporting events. He remained active in the VFW and spent many of his summer weekends on the water. Jon also spent many evenings and weekends watching his nieces and nephews play sports.

He is survived by his mother, Judy Warner (Bert) of Pembina, ND; brothers, Jeff Hughes of Neche, ND, and Jeremy Hughes (Beth) of Thompson, ND; sisters, Jackie Johnson (Steve) of Reiles Acres, ND, and Laurie Williams (Allen) of Montrose, CO; nephews, Daniel (Sarah), Samuel, Jacob and Marcus; nieces, Rachel, Mara (Joe), Lauren (fiancé, BJ) and Mackenzie; and grand-nephews, Thomas and Oliver.

He was predeceased by his father, H. Frank Hughes; maternal grandparents, Bert and Irene Hvidsten; and paternal grandparents, Howard and Doreen Hughes.

Services were held on 18-19 June 2020 at the United Lutheran Church in Cavalier, ND.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Hughes Family (jeremyh@firststatebanks.com) to support causes/organizations important to Jon. ★

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