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## FEEDBACK



CDR Roy S. Phillips '44, USN (Ret.)

## Shipmate

Commander Roy S. Phillips '44, USN (Ret.), is 99 and his 100th birthday is in May. His son, Gary, said in an email to *Shipmate* that the magazine is one of the few his father still receives. Commander Phillips lost his shipmate, Emily—his wife of 68 years—in June 2019. Gary shared a photo of his father with the October issue of *Shipmate* and provided Commander Phillips' biography.

*"Roy Stribling Phillips was born in Clifton, TN, in 1921. Having built two sailboats in his youth and become a lover of the sea, it was inevitable that he would find himself in the Navy. He graduated early from Annapolis in 1943 and served on NORTH CAROLINA in the Pacific Ocean until the end of the war.*

*After the war, he was working as a canal docks engineer when he met his future wife, Emily Brown. Roy moved with Emily to Memphis, TN, in the early '50s and became manager of maintenance at the Quaker Oats Company. There they raised a daughter, Gail, and a son, Gary. Emily and Roy sailed as often as they could on a Dolphin class boat at Pickwick Lake until the hazards involved became too worrisome for the family.*

*As Roy Phillips approaches his 100th birthday in 2021, we ask that you remember two things: tell a parent or a child that you love them and either sail or dream of sailing."*

—Gary Phillips

## Parachuting



*"I just received my September 2020 Shipmate and read with interest, and a big smile on my face, Skip Wheeler's 'Leap of Faith' article in Feedback. Right after graduation, I reported to Pensacola to begin flight training, earning my wings in October 1967. My 'dream sheet' had A1 Skyraider written all over it, but with only one squadron left on active duty and transitioning to A6's in two months, the detailer said the next closest thing was to 'plow back' as a TPA (Transition, Precision, Aerobatics) flight instructor to NAS Whiting, VT-2, instructing in the T-28B/C.*

*I loved flying—and instructing—at VT-2. In February 1968, (as best I can remember) our ops boss called an impromptu all hands safety meeting because of a situation that was occurring in the training command, and the fleet. It seems that there was a rash of incidents concerning loss of aircraft in the recent months where pilots were bailing out of aircraft that were almost 'perfectly good airplanes' as Skip put it. After interviewing the pilots post-accident, it was determined that several of the pilots that had experienced a minor inflight*

*abnormality with their aircraft but also had experience with sport sky diving had no fear of using their parachute and therefore 'hit the silk' instead of trouble shooting what was determined to be just a minor situation.*

*So, bottom line, the word was put out to all instructors to highly discourage all your students from partaking in sport sky diving while in the training command in order to save some huge losses that the Navy was experiencing."*

—William J. "Buck" Buchanan '66

## Museum Quality

*"On page 30 of the September 2020 issue of Shipmate, the second paragraph of Museum Quality reads 'Known as sea or kedge anchors, they were routinely dropped over the vessel's stern during storms or squalls... ..and drag against the current, keeping the vessel's bow pointed into the wind and waves.' All is correct except, if dropped over the stern, it would keep the stern into the wind and waves.*

—Commander Charles "Charlie" Pfeifer '66, USN (Ret.)



## Hopper Hall

*"I just watched the Hopper Hall video. Wow! Great story. Amazing video and well put together. I understand the significance of the building, its many uses, and fully appreciate how the Naval Academy Foundation made this possible.*

*Great job to the team who put this together!*  
—Captain Barbette Lowndes '80, USN (Ret.)

Editor's note: To view the Alumni Association and Foundation's video on Hopper Hall, visit [www.youtube.com/USNAAAF](https://www.youtube.com/USNAAAF). [📺](#)

*Thank you for your feedback. To comment, correct or clarify, send your note and name to [shipmate@usna.com](mailto:shipmate@usna.com).*

Submissions have been lightly edited for length/clarity.

# PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE

By Byron F. Marchant '78



View of the future U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation Center from College Creek.

Nearly 60 years ago in 1961, then-Chief of Naval Operations Admiral George Anderson '27, USN, said, "The Navy has both a tradition and a future—and we look with pride and confidence in both directions."

Those words ring true today as we head into the new year. There were no assumptions or automatic decisions in 2020. That was evident in how the Superintendent and his leadership team maneuvered to cover the basics of midshipman housing, meals and training. From midshipmen staying in St. John's College to navigating hybrid classrooms and labs and from meals in outdoor tents behind Bancroft Hall to socially distant extracurricular activities, the Academy executed its mission in the most challenging of environments.

At the Alumni Association and Foundation, we followed suit. In the fall, we launched a campaign to help support the Brigade of Midshipmen through the Midshipman Activities Fund (MAF). We have also seen support for the new Alumni Association and Foundation Center, especially around class and chapter support. We've launched plankowner and recognition opportunities via class and chapter leadership. You can

find more information at [www.usna.com/](http://www.usna.com/) support/plankowner or by reaching out to staff directly. We look forward to a groundbreaking for the Center this summer, and future events where we can host you back in Annapolis.

We have seen an even more engaged alumni base through new and reimagined virtual and hybrid events. The virtual environment has enabled us to increase our reach, share more information—and more timely information—and interact in new ways with our members and donors.

We connected with volunteer leaders and alumni with virtual chapter and regional meetings before football games and through meetings throughout 2020. We launched speaker series focused on alumni accomplishments, storytelling and learning. This spring we will continue our investment in technology and support for classes, chapters and shared interest groups. We will likely continue to work in a virtual environment through at least April 2021. Visit [www.usna.com/COVID-19](http://www.usna.com/COVID-19) for updates.

Our shared success in 2020 serves as a reminder of the strength of our community. Volunteer leaders are at the heart of our alumni community.

On page 36, you will find the biographies of candidates running for two open board positions—the Mid-Atlantic and Western Region Trustees. My sincere thanks to Captain Dale Lumme '80, USN (Ret.), and Commander Steve Clark Hall '75, USN (Ret.), who have served on the Board as regional trustees and contributed greatly to our mission. In January, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Trustees was formed to continue the work started by the Special Committee on Alumni Culture, Diversity and Inclusion whose work was complete in December 2020. The Ad Hoc Committee will conduct a survey of alumni to assess strategic initiatives and recommendations in order to ensure inclusiveness for all alumni and to grow the Alumni Association in both impact and relevance.

We will continue these efforts and innovation in 2021 carrying what we've learned in this past year with us. We know we are not yet through this challenge but have the knowledge, resilience and strength of community to chart our course. Our traditions are strong and our willingness to forge new traditions even stronger. Thank you for your generous support and your engaged participation. 🚢

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## 65/66 CLASS NEWS

Ave. Annapolis, MD 21402 ATTN: Mrs E. Root. In the memo line, put Pat Donnelly Scholarship."

From Holly Powers, Research Fellow with the USNA Museum, 23 Sep

Working within a Research Fellowship granted by the USNA Museum, I have undertaken to ask for and gather alumni stories. I plan to conduct a study of midshipman experience and culture across multiple generations, specifically stories that relate to midshipmen pranks and sacred moments. I am writing to ask your support and assistance in sending out the attached announcement to your classmates about this project and to encourage them to send me their stories or contact me to conduct an interview.

For more on the Fellowship please see: [https://www.usna.edu/NewsCenter/2019/10/USNA\\_MUSEUM\\_ANNOUNCES\\_INAUGURAL\\_NON-RESIDENT\\_FELLOWSHIP\\_PROGRAM.php](https://www.usna.edu/NewsCenter/2019/10/USNA_MUSEUM_ANNOUNCES_INAUGURAL_NON-RESIDENT_FELLOWSHIP_PROGRAM.php)

From **Mike Epprecht**, 19 Oct

We have finalized plans for the rescheduled 55th reunion now being held on 01-05 Sep 21. As you should know, we have moved hotels to the Crowne Plaza as our base hotel. We also have the Marriott Courtyard. Mike

Ed note: Mike has a ton of gouge on our deferred 55th Reunion - too much to include here. If you plan to make it, please email Mike at: [mike.epprecht65@gmail.com](mailto:mike.epprecht65@gmail.com) and he'll send you all the details.

From **Chip Seymour**, 25 Sep

The Lighthouse Bistro opened in January 2017 as a restaurant that was successful due to our daughter, **Beth Rocca**, having established herself as a top chef and food and beverage director in a number of restaurants throughout a couple of decades prior to the Bistro. The Lighthouse Bistro opportunity was unique as it (besides being a high-quality restaurant) provided a vehicle for forward mobility, as the vast majority of its staff was made up of men and women, who faced employment barriers, due to alcohol or drug abuse (or similar serious infractions of the law).

Consequently, the Lighthouse Shelter trained (and counseled)

folks with employment barriers who, after successful training, gained employment at the Lighthouse Bistro. In effect, the increasingly popular Lighthouse Bistro continued to succeed, through training and counseling, not only as a top-rated restaurant but also as a Social Enterprise. While Covid restrictions have brought the Lighthouse Bistro restaurant operations to a near halt, its staff continues to feed the vulnerable population of Annapolis (40,000 meals have been served over the past 6 months). That service to the community has been applauded; however, the Lighthouse Bistro patrons are most anxious for the restaurant itself to re-open soon.

Best, Chip (and from me, Dave, BZ to Beth Rocca!)



From **Ted Nanz**, 27 Sep

Later in the fall sports season I'll send you photos with my high school daughters. One is a champion swimmer, another a champion lacrosse player (who has just started also with field hockey), and another a champion field hockey player. We are putting 300 miles on our car each week now just driving them to and from practices and tournaments in Virginia. and also to tournaments in Maryland, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, DC and shortly Delaware as well. I plan to take them later this year air-boating in the Everglades and to observe alligator wrestling in a Miccosukee or Seminole Indian Reservation and snorkeling on the reefs off Broward County.

From **Dan Flanagan**, 14 Oct

We had a morning ceremony last Thursday at the Naval Academy Superintendent's House for my wife, Fonny, to present her father's navy retirement punch bowl set to Admiral Sean Buck-it was great - with sons Matt and Clay (from California) on hand as well. Fonny's

father was a navy surgeon and amongst his many tours was to be stationed at the old Naval Academy Hospital in the early 40s here where Fonny was born. It was a very enjoyable event and attached is one of the Navy photos of the ceremony. Dan



From **Andy Wilson, USNA'77**, 18 Oct

Dave, greetings from Andy Wilson '77. Here's a great trivia question: How many Heisman Trophy-winning QBs are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a QB? Answer is ONE: **Roger the Dodger**. Only other Heisman QB in the Pro Football Hall is Paul Hornung of Notre Dame - but of course he was a RB in the NFL. The Packers had some guy named Bart Starr at QB. Interesting how many people ask what about Bradshaw, Montana, Peyton Manning—you name the great QB. None of them won the Heisman! Best to the great Class of '65! Beat Army, Andy Wilson '77, Arlington, Texas

From **Jim Minderlein**, 06 Nov

Yesterday afternoon, I attended a four and a half hour meeting of the Council of Class Presidents (COCOP). We were provided briefings by several Naval Academy officials and if you would like the highlights, please contact Jim at: [jimm65@verizon.net](mailto:jimm65@verizon.net).

From **John Wroten** (Class Sec'y), 09 Nov Pursuant to the by-laws of the United States Naval Academy Class of 1965, you are hereby advised that the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Class will not be held. The Class Executive Committee decided that because of restrictions imposed by Covid-19 it would not be prudent to hold a meeting this year.

Fall AnnaLunchBunch reports deferred to next column. Also deferred - some gouge on Navy Blue and Gold Scarves and a tidbit about the Rog. Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

## '66

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Welcome to the new year. It's been an interesting November as I write this column. I hope 2021 sees a drastic reining in of COVID and a return to "normality."

In a detailed email, I reported the deaths of **Bill (Bubba) Phillips** (21) and **Bob Scarbrough** (7). I have received details on both of their interment services and that of **Gary Schmidt** (28). Bubba's service will occur on 4 June 2021, at 1030 in the USNA Chapel. Inurnment will follow the service at the USNA Columbarium, with a later reception at the Naval Academy Club. Bob Scarbrough's inurnment was held at the USNA Columbarium on 13 November. The Memorial Service and inurnment for Gary Schmidt is scheduled for 17 May 2021 at 1400. Again, please keep all these families in your prayers.

Our Class President, **Carl Fulford**, attended the ribbon cutting for Hopper Hall on 15 October 2020. He states that it is a magnificent building. Our Class has three recognitions: name on Class donor wall, the first classroom inside the door dedicated to '66, and a '66 plaque honoring the top cyber graduate each year. Carl writes "Our Classmates can be proud of their contributions and appropriate recognition for our Class." The photo nearby is of Carl standing in front of the Cyber Award Plaque. Thanks, Carl.

**Robert Johnson** checked in from the west coast to provide the following family update.

✉ I don't know if I told you before, but my younger sister, Kristina Mary Johnson, was named the 16th President of Ohio State University this year. She signed a five-year



'66: CARL AT HOPPER HALL DEDICATION CEREMONY

contract to head the Buckeye Nation, and she just finished her first month, and loves it. Ironically, our grandparents met on campus there in 1896, when our grandfather, Charles, was a senior and later became the President of the Mechanical Engineering Department of Westinghouse. He was reputed to have been George Westinghouse's best friend. Grandmother, Evelyn, was a graduate art student. Kristina was President Obama's Under-secretary of the Energy in his first term, and was awarded the coveted "John Fritz Medal," the highest award in Engineering in the US. It is considered the Nobel Prize in engineering. The award has been given for 115 years. Past recipients include Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright, George Westinghouse, and Herbert Hoover. Kristina is the only woman to have ever won the award, and she was inducted into the Inventor's Hall of Fame at the Smithsonian while working for President Obama. She has the patent for the 3-D glasses for the Avatar films. She was nine years old when we graduated, and she was writing me letters in Vietnam when she was 11. How fun!"

Great update, Robert, and congratulations to Kristina.

**Jim Strouse** sent an email and photo to document a Zoom meeting with himself, **Dick Sidney, John Reeb, Charlie Pfeifer, and Roger Burnett**. Here's Jim's description of the event.

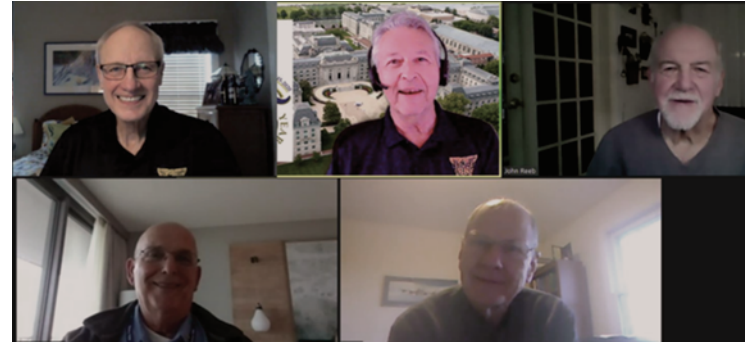
✉ Several of us, **Roger Burnett, Charlie Pfeifer, John Reeb, Dick Sidney, and Jim Strouse**, were

roommates during various times at USNA (14th/20th Company). Due to the postponing of the 55th reunion, we decided to connect using ZOOM. Dick is our technical expert and took the screenshot of the group during our last ZOOM meeting. It has been interesting to catch up, relive old sea stories, and strengthen the already strong bond of friendship. We are hoping to convince our spouses to join in a future meeting as several knew each other during our dating years or had met during past reunions.

The following provides a brief note from each of us. Anne and **John Reeb** are living in Pinehurst on the western boundary of Army's Fort Bragg, NC. They live in the Sandhills, a curious geological area 120 miles from the sea where our "soil" is sand. Instead of mowing their yard, they rake pine straw dropped from the several 100+ foot pine trees. One little project has been to resurrect from their time in Mother B the names of roommates and room numbers.

Peggy and **Charlie Pfeifer** are still in the Virginia Beach house they bought in 1977. Before they moved into this house, neither of them had ever lived anywhere more than four years. They are enjoying retirement and are trying to take a significant vacation every quarter with 2020 being a dismal failure on that front. Charlie is keeping busy with Church and the American Society of Naval Engineers at the local and national levels. He gets most of his exercise as a docent and tour guide on the Battleship Wisconsin.

Bonnie and **Roger Burnett** are living a fully retired life on Brush



'66: JIM, DICK, JOHN, CHARLIE, AND ROGER IN ZOOM

Mountain in the Jefferson National Forest just outside of Blacksburg, VA. They are keeping up with a wonderful set of grandkids and helping out here and there keeps them busy. The local bears add a bit of interest along with deer, raccoon, and other critters. They are looking forward to the delayed 55th!

**Dick Sidney** writes that he's been married to Pola for 53 years, and has two daughters, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is in his 19th year as a test administrator for Florida State College in Jacksonville. He is very glad to still be around to rub antennae with '66 USNA Classmates.

Celia and **Jim Strouse** continue to enjoy life in Wilmington, NC. The highlights since their last reunion have been many. However, the birth of a grandson in October 2020 certainly stands above all others. Over the last five years they have been blessed with good health and the ability to travel and spend time with their family. Like many others, their lives have currently been placed on pause, but they hope and look forward to resuming life after COVID. They miss seeing Classmates and are looking forward to our 55th reunion. Jim, thanks for taking the time to write this up.

Therese Long (**Larry Fish**) provided the next item as a follow-up to the Classmate Wives/Widows/Partners group Zoom meetings.

✉ An Ounce of Prevention: Nancy (Jim) Long recently shared information on symptoms and prevention of ovarian cancer during the weekly Class of '66 wives/widows partners Zoom meeting. Nancy was diagnosed in the late stage of

the disease but beat it. Pam (Rod) Rempt's sister died from it. Statistically, 11 of the wives/significant others of the 868 USNA Class of 1966 graduates will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in their lifetime (1 in 78 women), a cancer that's death rate far surpasses that of breast cancer. Nancy is on a mission to help others identify the cancer earlier and suggests visiting [www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org) to obtain information, a list of symptoms and handy tools. Nancy's Zoom presentation was recorded and a link to the recording can be obtained by contacting Ginny (Charlie) Jones at [usna.66.ladies@gmail.com](mailto:usna.66.ladies@gmail.com). All wives/widows/partners of the Class of '66 are encouraged to join the weekly Zoom conversations to make connections, support each other, have fun and, on occasion, to learn things that may save lives. If you are interested, please send an email to Ginny at: [usna.66.ladies@gmail.com](mailto:usna.66.ladies@gmail.com).

Thanks, Therese. Great report.

That does it for this article. I really hope those COVID vaccines are being distributed, and we can all get back to some degree of normalcy. Hoping everyone is well and stays that way as we move into 2021. Until April. All the best. Mike!!!

## 2021 CLASS SECRETARY COLUMN DEADLINES

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6 December 2020

**Ronald Briscoe Kirk '58**  
LCDR, USNR  
17 September 2020

**Phillip Freeman McNall '58 ■**  
RADM, USN (Ret.)  
28 November 2020

**Leo Thomas Powell Jr. '58**  
9 December 2020

**Robert Knowles Slaven Jr. '58**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
2 December 2020

**Robert William Stibler '58 ■**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
12 November 2020

**Richard Lloyd Tillman '58 ■**  
Maj, USAF (Ret.)  
15 October 2020

**Richard Lewis Buxton '59 ■**  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
19 October 2020

**Robert Hilliard Byng '59**  
CAPT, USN  
8 October 2020

**Richard Leo Friend '59**  
25 September 2020

**Griffin Freeman Hamilton '59**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
9 December 2020

**Charles Boyce Humes '59**  
14 October 2020

**Denis Joseph Kiely Jr. '59**  
Col, USMC (Ret.)  
29 October 2020

**Richard A Lidstad '59**  
2 March 2020

**Edwin Warren Besch '60**  
Capt, USMC (Ret.)  
11 November 2020

**Daniel Timothy Coughlin Jr. '60 ■**  
CAPT, USNR  
13 October 2020

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13 November 2020

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10 November 2020

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CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
3 December 2020

**Gerald Morgan Johnson '60**  
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)  
4 December 2020

**Larry Dean McCullough '60**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
5 November 2020

**Robert Dale Parker '60**  
6 August 2020

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Col, USMC (Ret.)  
17 November 2020

**Thomas James Terry Jr. '60**  
28 November 2020

**Larry Dee Thomas '60**  
LCDR, USNR (Ret.)  
1 April 2020

**Michael Towers Gothie '61**  
LCDR, USNR  
27 October 2020

**Daniel Joseph Houton '61**  
10 December 2020

**Robert Glenn O'Steen Jr. '61 ■**  
15 October 2020

**John George Baehr Jr. '62 ■**  
7 October 2020

**Edward Bernard Danber '62**  
Maj, USAF (Ret.)  
18 September 2020

**Chadwick Hunter Dennis Sr. '62**  
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)  
22 July 2020

**Patrick Joseph Jones '62**  
Col, USMC (Ret.)  
17 November 2020

**Charles Eugene Fries '63**  
12 November 2020

**Willard Joseph Gentile '63**  
LT, USN  
20 November 2020

**Howard Francis Langley Jr. '63**  
26 November 2020

**Colen Richard Lindell '63**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
11 November 2020

**Nils Alexander Silliman Pearson '64 ■**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
5 November 2020

**Richard Samuel Ruble Jr. '64**  
10 December 2020

**Robert Sutton '64**  
RADM, USN (Ret.)  
16 November 2020

**Norman Arlon Dean '65 ■**  
27 October 2020

**Peter Edward O'Connor '65**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
13 December 2020

**Gordon Rollins White Jr. '65 ■**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
21 October 2020

**Thomas J. Gingrich '66**  
LT, USN  
27 November 2020

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CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
8 December 2020

**Richard Stuart Madaleno '66**  
12 December 2020

**William Lawrence Phillips Jr. '66 ■**  
14 October 2020

**William Barclay Tirrell '68 ■**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
9 November 2020

**James Mark Aronson '69 ■**  
18 November 2020

**Randall Sherman Henderson '69 ■**  
25 November 2020

**Howard Keith Kline '69**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
8 December 2020

**Edward Corbett Hines III '71**  
1 December 2020

**Larry Randall McMaster '71**  
8 October 2020

**Bruce Eric Rychener '71**  
14 December 2020

**Michael Clinton Shell '71**  
4 December 2020

**William Frankin Galli '72**  
30 November 2020

**Paul James Lewis '72**  
17 September 2020

**Kenneth Patrick McKay '72**  
4 December 2020

**Thomas Joseph Rodjom '72 ■**  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
24 November 2020

**Raymond Lee Wenderlich '73**  
20 November 2020

**James David Gibbs '74**  
13 December 2020

**Larry Gene Warner '74**  
16 October 2020

**Scott Guy Seney '75**  
Maj, USMCR  
21 October 2020

**John Joseph Lyons III '79**  
27 November 2020

**Richard Allan Medley '80**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
10 October 2020

**Rick Arthur Miller '81**  
CDR, SC, USN  
4 November 2020





## NORMAN ARLON DEAN '65

On 27 October 2020, Captain Norman A. Dean, USN (Ret.), cast off the wicked chains of Parkinson's disease and set sail on his final voyage.

"Norm" was born on 8 August 1943, to the late Dorothea and Norman R. Dean in Amarillo, TX. At the Naval Academy, he was a member of the 36th Company during First Class Year.

Norm was a naval submariner and physician for 30 years.

His naval career included nuclear engineering in GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN-656); a scholarship to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; an internship at Balboa Medical Center in San Diego, CA; family practice residency at Camp Pendleton, CA; training at the Undersea Medical Institute in Groton, CT; diving and medical officer for the submarine tender and squadron in Guam; a master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD; OIC Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Unit #6 in Pearl Harbor, HI; commanding officer of the naval hospital in Groton, CT; personnel officer to the Navy Surgeon General at the Navy Bureau of Medicine in Washington, DC; and fleet medical officer for SurfLant, Norfolk, VA.

After retiring from the Navy in 1995, he continued to serve as a medical locum tenens in rural areas of Virginia for the next ten years.

After Norm's final retirement, he sailed solo to the Bahamas and Key West, during which he diagnosed his Parkinson's. He continued to sail with family and friends for many years from his home port in Norfolk, VA, where he lived with his loving wife of 55 years, Linda Bower Dean.

In addition to Linda, he is also survived by his daughter, Bambi L. Chapin of Baltimore, MD; son, Kevin L. Dean (Janet) of Wilmore, KY; grandsons, Tucker Chapin, Jonathan Dean and Rowan Dean; and his sister, Sharisse McCafferty of Calgary, Canada, and her family.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date at Providence Presbyterian Church in Virginia Beach, VA.

Condolences and memories may be shared at ([www.smithandwilliamskempsville.com](http://www.smithandwilliamskempsville.com)).

Donations in Norm's memory may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church ([www.providencechurch.org](http://www.providencechurch.org)) or the American Parkinson Disease Association ([www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)).

*Mrs. Linda Dean & Bill Zuna '65 ★*



## PAUL FRANCIS NOE JR. '65

Paul F. Noe Jr. of Ridgewood, NJ, passed away peacefully surrounded by his wife, children and oldest grandchild on 22 October 2019.

Paul was born in Kearny, NJ, on 22 September 1941. He grew up in nearby Harrison and attended Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and after two years of distinguished service, was selected to attend the United States Naval Academy,

where he was a member of the 11th Company First Class Year.

As a naval officer, Paul served on destroyers until he received orders to Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work in coastal surveillance in DaNang and as a tactical commander of swift boats on the Chu Dai River. After returning home, he earned an MBA from Columbia School of Business and also became a Certified Public Accountant. He was employed for many years in Manhattan by Arthur Young & Company, including as

Director of Technology. He later worked in New Jersey for Merck, Medco and Express Scripts.

Paul was an avid reader who always had a book in hand. He was level-headed and had a great sense of humor. He was inventive, curious and had an adventurous spirit. He loved fishing and the shore and passed those interests on to his children. Throughout their lives, he was their biggest fan and cheerleader. In his later years, he was delighted to be a grandpa and he treasured every minute he spent with his grandchildren.

Paul will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Elizabeth Ruge Noe; their son, Michael Noe; and daughter, Christina Noe Martin (and her husband, Brian). He leaves behind three grandchildren whom he dearly loved—Jackson, Sophia and Lincoln. He is also survived by his sister, Kathleen Levens (and her husband, Herbert); and brother-in-law, Richard Ruge. Son of the late Paul F. Noe Sr. and the late Kathryn Hessian Noe, Paul was also predeceased by his brother, Thomas R. Noe.

*Mrs. Elizabeth Noe & Bill Zuna '65 ★*



## GORDON ROLLINS WHITE JR. '65

On 21 October 2020, Commander Gordon R. White Jr., USN (Ret.), passed away after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

"Gordy" grew up in Baltimore, MD, attended the McDonogh School in Owings Mills, MD, then went to Bullis Prep before entering the Naval Academy, where he was in the 32nd Company during First Class Year.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara White (née Rose); devoted father of Gordon R. White III, Justin J. White (Army) and Jamie Fulcher Tipton (Chad); and grandfather to seven grandchildren.

Services, military honors and inurnment will be held at the United States Naval Academy at a later date.

Donations in memory of Gordy may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018; ([www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org)).

*Bill Zuna '65 ★*



## WILLIAM LAWRENCE PHILLIPS JR. '66

"Bill" Phillips passed away on 14 October 2020 in Mobile, AL, from complications of COPD. He was 77 years old.

"Bubba" was a 1961 graduate of Cooper High School in Vicksburg, MS. After spending a very interesting year at Mississippi State, he was awarded a Naval Reserve scholarship to the Naval Academy, where he was a member of the "Old 14th" and then 21st Company.

Upon graduation with the Class of 1966, he married his wife of 54 years, Donna Sabatina, and headed to Pensacola to begin his career as a naval aviator. He received his Wings in Corpus Christi, TX, in 1967, and headed for the EC121 RAG in Pax River, where he received orders for VQ-2 in Rota, Spain. There, he became a plane commander, flying many reconnaissance missions and making the most of living overseas. After a short tenure at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, he decided to try the civilian life.

He ultimately worked for 28 years at Ingersoll-Rand, where he incorporated his love of people and desire for fun into a rewarding career as a top 10 salesman for several years and #1 in the nation.

He was known far and wide for his expertise in tailgating at the Kansas City Chiefs games and made the best Caesar salad in the world. People

would bring containers for him to fill with his secret dressing. He brought this expertise to Annapolis and with local classmates, started the Class of '66 tailgate to bring classmates, wives and significant others together who never knew each other, and ultimately made them fast friends for the rest of their lives. Mission accomplished—this was one of his proudest achievements!

He and Donna enjoyed many cruises, with trips to Europe and the Caribbean, and the beach with both family and friends. He never stopped having fun. During his long illnesses, he was good at not being miserable and everything he did was fulfilling. He lived and loved until the very end.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; sister, Susan; sons (and daughters-in-law), Brent (Laura) and David (Kristina); and five grandchildren, Tyler (USFA '18), Delaney Anne, Natalie, Paige and Shane; and great-grandson, Jaxson.

He was loved large and left an even bigger footprint.

*The Phillips Family ★*



## ROBERT ROYCE SCARBROUGH '66

On Saturday, 19 September 2020, Robert R. Scarbrough passed away in his home. He was 77 years old.

Born in Muskogee, OK, and raised in Pratt, KS, "Bob" was the eldest child of Robert and Reita Scarbrough. He graduated from Pratt High School before spending one year at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO. He then accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

As a Midshipman, he competed for the Brigade in varsity track and was a member of the Seventh Company, Second Battalion. He was a proud graduate of the Class of 1966, earning a bachelor's degree in engineering.

Following his time in Annapolis, he dutifully served the United States Navy for ten years. He was awarded, among others, the Silver Star, Bronze Star w/Combat V (2) and Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat V (2). He concluded his service as the engineering officer for Fleet Training Group Pearl Harbor. Throughout his life, he remained incredibly humble and seldom spoke of his time serving our nation.

While stationed at Pearl Harbor, he completed a master's degree in systems management at the University of Southern California (Hawaii).

After leaving the Navy in 1976, he went on to earn a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan. Moving to northern Virginia in 1978, he continued to work with our armed forces in the private sector as a consultant and analyst for more than three decades. From 2010 to 2018, he concluded his professional career with DFAS as a financial analyst.

Bob was known for his uncanny ability to "get the job done." He was a true perfectionist; reluctant to surrender command, but always willing to recruit and educate. He shared his eldest son's love for baseball and his youngest son's love for automobiles. To him, becoming "Grandpa" was his crowning achievement. He rejoiced upon the arrival of each of his beloved grandchildren and relished every minute he spent with them. His love for his family was unyielding.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Loretta "Lori"; their children, Joshua (Sarah) and Jason (Meghan); five adoring grandchildren, Liam, Jackson, Palmer, Owen and Tenley; and his loving sister, Janice. ★



## JOHN FILIP JUNEKE '67

Captain John F. Juneke, USN (Ret.), died on 6 August 2020 after a four-year fight against cancer, which studies at Walter Reed and the National Institutes of Health determined was linked to exposure to Agent Orange during combat deployments to Southeast Asia. He was 75 years old.

After his Naval Academy graduation in 1967, John reported for flight training and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1968. His primary specialty

was air to air warfare. Additionally, he was a board selected Major Weapons Systems Acquisitions Program Manager, a proven subspecialist in Engineering Flight Test, Operations Analysis, Applied Logic and Financial Management. His post-Academy education included Navy Fighter Weapons School ("Top Gun"), USAF Air Command and Staff College, Naval Test Pilot School and an MBA from Auburn University.

Operational assignments included two combat deployments aboard KITTY HAWK in VF-114; three deployments aboard CONSTELLATION in VF-24, which won the Clifton Award, the Battle "E" and the "MUTHA" trophy twice; and two deployments aboard ENTERPRISE as commanding officer of VF-213, named the Most Improved Command by the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet. During his command tour, he provided F-14 aircraft for, flew in, and coordinated the shipboard flying segments of the movie "Top Gun." Back at sea, John was commanding officer of the deep draft oiler ROANOKE (AOR-7).

Captain Juneke flew 261 combat missions, logged over 3,300 flight hours, made 962 carrier landings in fighter aircraft, sailed six of the seven seas, rounded Cape Horn, transited the Panama Canal, and sailed north of the Arctic Circle and south of the Antarctic Circle.

Assignments ashore included seven years at the Pentagon as a TacAir analyst and program sponsor for the F-14 aircraft and executive assistant to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Air Medal (15), Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat V, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Navy "E" Ribbon (2).

After retirement, John worked as the Corporate Business Development Director for Naval Aviation Programs for Lockheed Martin, where he was on the design and capture team for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

He then retired to Southern Maryland to farm, hunt and fish.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years—his high school sweetheart, Kathryn (Sinclair) Juneke; two children, Karenan and John; and three grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 13 May 2021 at the USNA Chapel. ★

*Start by doing what's necessary,  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

~St. Francis of Assisi