

USNA 64 Newsletter
September 2013

Class President's Remarks:

Classmates: Grant has produced another outstanding newsletter full of Class information; some which is time sensitive; others with more details posted on our website. Enjoy. Please thank Grant and other classmates who volunteer their time to "The Great Class of 1964" to keep us all informed.

Best to all,

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1. CLASS INFORMATION

a. Corresponding /Secretary Shipmate Contact Information

Thanks to all of you who have taken the time to write an item for SHIPMATE and sent it to Roland Marquis. Please send pictures to Roland in digital format – preferably “.jpg”. For those of you who have not written to SHIPMATE in a while, please send an update to Roland so that you can let your friends/classmates know:

- What you have been doing!
- What you may be planning to do (take a big trip, relocate, etc)
- Where you are living now since most of us have retired and many have settled in new areas.
- Any other information you want to pass on to your friends/classmates.

I know we all continue to enjoy reading Roland’s column in Shipmate, but he needs your help to ensure he has information for his column for each Shipmate issue. You can send your notes to bigroland1@comcast.net.

b. Class Project Status Update

The latest report of our Class Project is now available on the Class Website. You can view the summary report as well as additional information relating to the class project on the website. Go to the website at: <http://usna64.org>; then click on “Class Projects” button on the left side of the homepage; then click on 50th Reunion Class Gift; then click on “USNA 1964 Class Fundraising Dave Wagner updates this financial information each time new information becomes available. Additional information on each of the elements of the class project can be found on the “Executive Summary of the 50th Reunion Gift Project” at this same website location. If you have not yet contributed to the Class Project or if you wish to increase your gift, please join contributing classmates by making a new or increased matching challenge donation or pledge. You can contact Denny, John or Bill for help in making your contribution Thank you to all who have contributed thus far.

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c. Class Website Update

If you haven't been on the class website recently please take a few minutes and check out the latest information posted there as well as checking your own biographical data to ensure it is up to date. Scott Bushnell continues to improve and update our award winning site. Steve Claassen is also assisting Scott with all of the work and update requirements necessary to maintain the site. We are providing links and other helpful information in the newsletter and in mailings from the Company Reps to assist you in locating articles on the Website that will contain more detailed information than will normally be included in the newsletter or in the Company Rep mailings. You can check out the website at <http://usna64.org>. Scott has recently been providing weekly statistics on the use of the website. Below is a summary of the statistics for the week ending 25 August along with a description of what each of the categories mean.

Summary

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	Avg
Pageloads	4	10	12	34	36	4	8	108	15
Unique Visits	4	4	5	18	11	4	6	52	7
First Time Visits	4	4	5	15	7	4	3	42	6
Returning Visits	0	0	0	3	4	0	3	10	1

Here are the explanations of each category.

Page Load - The number of times the class webpage page has been visited.

Unique Visitor - Based purely on a cookie, this is the total of the returning visits and first time visits - all your visitors.

First Time Visits - Based purely on a cookie, if this person has no cookie then this is considered their first time at the website.

Returning Visits - Based purely on a cookie, if this person is returning to the website for another visit an hour or more later

The site counter sets a cookie when a visitor lands on the Home Page (currently). In future, Scott will be adding page counters to other pages to provide additional visit counts/information.

d. Another Link In The Chain (ALITC) Update

Jay Green continues to do a great job of coordinating all class activities associated with the Class of 2014 ALITC events. Jay reports that the next scheduled event will be the "Service Selection Dinner that is tentatively scheduled for early December. The class will also be receiving invitations to the Class of 2014 Graduation Ball during Graduation Week 2014 and finally approximately 50 tickets will be provided to the Class for the 2014 Graduation ceremony.

Jay will continue to keep the class informed of all future ALITC events through future class newsletters, through postings on the class website at: <http://usna64.org>; then double click on the “Class Projects” button; then double click on the “Link in the Chain” button, and through class wide email messages through the Company Rep system.

e. 64 Cares Program Update

The 64 Cares Program stands ready to provide support to our classmates, their spouses and families who may be in need of our assistance. Should you know of any classmate spouse, or family member who may be able to use our assistance please contact Dave Tornberg at the following email address: 64Cares@usna64.org. Please share the 64 Cares program mission with your spouse, significant others, and family members and let them know that the program is there to help all classmates and their families in any way we can.

f. 50th Reunion Planning Information

The 50th Reunion Committee held its most recent meeting in August. Plans are being finalized and the Committee will be sending a letter to all classmates in October that will contain information regarding hotels and rates, reunion activities and prices and additional information to assist with your reunion preparations.

As has been mentioned previously the dates for the 50th class reunion will be 18-21 September 2014. The weekend will coincide with the Navy-Rutgers football game on Saturday 20 September, but it will not be a Homecoming weekend. Joe Stewart, the 50th Reunion Committee Chairman, and members of the committee have continued their planning activities and continue to ensure every detail of the reunion has been addressed. The various reunion subcommittees are arranging all of the logistics associated with the reunion.

There is also 50th Reunion Button on the Class Website. You can get the latest information regarding event schedules and other useful information by going to the class website at: <http://usna64.org>, clicking on the 50th Reunion Button and then clicking on the button for the area you wish to view.

Events tentatively planned include:

18 September 2014 (Thursday morning)	Class Golf Outing
18 September 2014 (Thursday evening)	No host cocktail party
19 September 2014 (Friday evening)	Dinner Dance
20 September 2014 (Saturday morning)	Class Business Meeting

20 September 2014 (Saturday afternoon)

Rutgers football game and tailgate

20 September 2014 (Saturday evening)

Company functions

g. Washington DC Area 64 Class Luncheon Schedules

The most recent Washington Area class luncheon took place on Wednesday, 4 September 2013 at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. The next luncheon is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday 4 December at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. If you live in the Annapolis area or anywhere in the Washington area, or if you plan to be in the area on 4 December plan to make reservations for our next luncheon. Please contact Dave Wagner to make your reservations at: dawagner64@verizon.net as early as possible. Wives and significant others are now invited to attend all quarterly luncheons.

h. Classmate Activities

(1) In the category of classmate activities, **Dr. Scott Bushnell** is continuing his participation in efforts to salute veterans for their Vietnam service! Scott is co-chair (and web master) of Florida's Vietnam Veterans Recognition Committee. He asks that classmates living or visiting in the Florida area check out the organization's web site at <http://vvr2013.org> or their Face book page at "Vietnam Veterans Recognition 2013". These sites will list are upcoming events as well as other important information. Please contact Scott if you would like to support the organization or any of its activities in any way.

(2) Dick and Peggy Curley have continued their participation in the Washington area USO Honor Flight program for World War II veterans. The flights bring veterans from around the country to Washington to visit the World War II Memorial as well as other landmarks in the capital. When they arrive at the airport, they are greeted at the gate and escorted to their tour bus by volunteers like Dick and Peggy. Dick reports that the process takes about an hour and provides a very satisfying interaction with some interesting people.

The USO is always looking for volunteers to meet the veterans. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this very rewarding activity you can contact Dick at 703-968-4315 or via email at rccurley1@verizon.net.

i. Class Literary Activities

Below is a short summary of the books and other written works of some of our classmates plus the children of two of our deceased classmates. Additional information on each of these authors and their works is available on various internet web sites.

(1) **Dave Lapham (14th Co).** Dave has published three collections of Florida ghost stories, “Ghosts of St. Augustine” (Pineapple Press 1997); “Ancient City Hauntings” (Pineapple Press 2004), and “Ghost Hunting Florida” (Clerisy Press 2010). I have also co-authored with an elderly friend a memoir of her experiences during and after WWII, “Crossing The Elde Bridge”, which won a Royal Palm Literary Award from the Florida Writers Association. The book is out of print now, but will be re-released next year (2014). Last year Dave published a young adult novel about the Mayan calendar prophesy, 12-21-12 (pen name Parker Lee) as a Kindle e-book. He has also published numerous short stories in a variety of literary magazines and e-zines. Dave has just finishing another young adult novel set in the West in 1870 scheduled to be published December of this year. Dave has also appeared on radio shows and in several TV shows on the History, Discovery, and Travel Channels, most recently on Travel Channels Monumental Mysteries. Dave passed on a story about how he got involved into writing what he calls “this paranormal stuff”. “Several years ago, Sue and I were in St. Augustine and discovered no one had ever written about ghosts there--so I did. Write one book and you're an expert, so I guess I'm stuck. It's fun and I make beer money,”

(2) **Pat Malone (14th Co).** Pat is Professor Emeritus of American Studies and Urban Studies at Brown University. In addition to serving on the Brown faculty since 1972, he has worked as a metallurgical engineer, taught at the University of Pennsylvania, and directed the Slater Mill Historic Site. Pat is the author or co-author of four books. His most recent book, “*Waterpower in Lowell*”, was published in 2009, by the Johns Hopkins University Press and won the international Neaverson Prize in 2010. Pat’s other works include: “Forge of Innovation: An Industrial History of the Springfield Armory, 1794-1968”, with Michael Raber, Robert B. Gordon, and Carolyn Cooper. 2008. “The Texture of Industry: An Archaeological View of the Industrialization of North America”, with Robert B. Gordon. 1994. “The Skulking Way of War: Technology and Tactics Among the New England Indians”. 1991.

(3) **Dick Muti (16th Co).** Dick has recently had his fourth book published. Titled “Essays for my Father: A legacy of passion, politics, and patriotism in small-town America”, the book is a collection of essays about New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and New Jersey politics, the national political scene, unnecessary wars and wrongheaded government, rare displays of political courage, not-so-rare displays of political cowardice, and an Italian-American heritage shared by 17 million Americans. More than 20 book signings in five states have been lined up. Dick's previous book, “The Charmer”, has gone into a second printing and is being looked at for a possible film treatment. Besides writing, Dick teaches American government and politics part-time at a New Jersey college and serves on his

hometown's Board of Education.

(4) **Bob Timberg (7th Co).** Bob's first book "The Nightingale's Song" published in 1995 was a best seller. Since 2009 Bob has been at work on another book, his fourth. "*The Blueeyed Boy*" tells the story of how Bob rebuilt his life after a losing battle with a Viet Cong landmine in 1967. As most of you know, that encounter left Bob severely injured and ended his brief career as a Marine. In the years that followed Bob underwent years of reconstructive surgery, attended graduate school at Stanford to learn the fundamentals of journalism, then had a long career as a local reporter and Washington correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*. His new book recounts high points and low ones, some of which may elicit admiration, others that will make you shake your head in disapproval, more than a few that will cause outright laughter. The title comes from the last line of a poem by E.E. Cummings that goes, *how do you like your blueeyed boy Mister Death?* (Cummings wrote almost exclusively in lower case and had little use for punctuation.) The book should be out sometime next year. The publisher is Penguin Press.

(5) **Mitty (Griffis) Mirrer**, daughter of Bill Griffis (3rd Co.) has written, directed, and produced a film titled "Gold Star Children" which was released by Gold Crest films earlier this summer on a DVD. This story depicts the consequences of war from a different perspective through the eyes of the Gold Star children. The documentary is told through the eyes of a [nine](#) year old girl whose father was killed in Iraq and a forty year old woman whose father was killed in Vietnam. Additional information will be promulgated once the DVD has been released. The film's schedule calls for a "soft" launch on Memorial Day, meaning the website www.goldstarfilm.org will not be complete, but you can go to the site to learn additional information and if you want pay to download the film.

(6) **Stephen Roderick**, son of CDR Peter Roderick, (20th Co) has written and recently had published a book about his journey into his father's life. The book was released on May 14 and has received extremely good reviews. Copies can be obtained through Amazon at the following address: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Magical-Stranger-Journey-Fathers/dp/006200476X>

2. USNA and USNA Alumni Association Information

a. USNA Football Schedule 2013

Sep 7	Navy 41	Indiana 35 (Bloomington, IN)		
Sep 14	Delaware (Annapolis)		3:30PM ET	CBS SN
Sep 28	at Western Kentucky (Bowling Green, KY)		7:00PM ET	TV TBA
Oct 5	Air Force (Annapolis)		11:30AM ET	CBS
Oct 12	at Duke (Durham, NC)		TBA	TV TBA
Oct 19	at Toledo		7:00PM ET	TV TBA
Oct 26	Pittsburg (Annapolis) (Homecoming)		1:00PM ET	CBS SN
Nov 2	at Notre Dame (South Bend, IN)		3:30PM ET	NBC
Nov 9	Hawaii (Annapolis)		3:30PM ET	CBS SN
Nov 16	South Alabama (Annapolis)		3:30PM ET	CBS SN
Nov 22	at San Jose State (San Jose, CA)		9:30PM ET	CBS SN
Dec 14	Army (Philadelphia, PA)		3:00PM ET	CBS

NOTE: The class will again have a tailgate party for each home football game. The tailgate normally begins about 2 hours prior to the start of the game.

b. Video on the 1963 Navy football team.

The following link will bring up a great video showing many game highlights from the 1963 Navy football season. Our classmate John Dalton provided the link on you tube. The 1963 team will be honored during the

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqf5CNuG1Gk&NR=1&feature=endscreen>

NOTE: The 1963 Navy football will be honored on their 50th Anniversary during the October 5th Air Force game.

c. Video with comments from the new USNA Commandant, Captain Bill Byrne, Class of 1987.

This is an excellent video of comments by Captain Byrne.

<http://www.navytimes.com/article/20130822/EDU03/308220004>

d. Nominations for 2014 Distinguished Graduates Awards

Below is note from our Class President and the Chairman of the Alumni Association regarding nominations for 2014 Distinguished Graduates Awards.

Please see the call below from the Chairman of the Alumni Assn. for 2014 DGA nominations. I echo the call and encourage nominations from The Great Class of 1964!

Two of our classmates have been so honored and selected as DGA's: Ambassador, ADM. Joe Preuher, USN Ret.; and former Supt, Dir of USNA Foundation's Athletic & Scholarship Program Div of the Board of Trustees, RADM Tom Lynch, USN Ret. Let's add our outstanding and deserving classmates to this list!

Please see the description of the process and timing below. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very best regards,
Bill Natter

Dear Class and Chapter Presidents,

I am asking for your assistance. On behalf of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, please consider providing a nomination for the 2014 Distinguished Graduate Award. As alumni leaders, you and your fellow alumni know best those fellow graduates that embody the spirit of this award and those who should be brought forward as candidates.

All nominations should be submitted to General Peter Pace, USMC (Ret.) '67, Chairman of the Distinguished Graduate Award Committee.

We are asking each Chapter and Class President to publicize this award throughout his or her class and chapter with a call for appropriate nominations. Nominating packages of candidates for the 2014 Distinguished Graduate Award should arrive at the Naval Academy Alumni Association no later than Friday, 1 November 2013. Nominations must be typewritten documents using the format provided in the [Nomination Instructions/Form](#). To be competitive, strong, written justification must be provided for each category in the nominating criteria. Although it is suggested that nominations be originated by Class and/or Chapter Presidents, any alum can submit an appropriately documented nomination package, forwarded via the Class and/or Chapter President for

endorsement. Nominees need not necessarily be a member of the Chapter or Class forwarding the nomination.

If you have provided a nominee before who was not selected, his or her nomination may remain active for a total of 3 consecutive years before having to take a year off the consideration list. After the year off, a new letter may be submitted stating that the class or chapter wishes the nomination to be activated for that year. Please see [Nomination/Instructions/Form](#) for complete instructions and policy. A nomination package is not automatically considered for all eligible years, but a simple letter of intent may be sent in to ensure the package is again considered. Adjustments and new information may be added to the package each year it is considered. After the submission deadline of 1 November 2013, the nomination packages will be compiled and submitted to the Distinguished Graduate Award [Selection Committee](#). The Selection Committee will convene in December 2013 to review the nominations and select the 2014 Distinguished Graduates from a group of highly qualified and deserving nominees.

I hope each of you, our alumni leaders, will take this opportunity to nominate graduates who have provided a lifetime of service, made significant and distinguished contributions to the nation, and demonstrated a strong interest in supporting the Navy and the United States Naval Academy. In turn, the Naval Academy will be highlighted publicly as a “national treasure” and the premier source for leaders in our military, government and civilian arenas.

Individuals requiring additional assistance or information should contact Noreen Frenaye our Distinguished Graduate Award Program Manager at Noreen.Frenaye@usna.com or (410) 295-4016.

Many thanks for your continuing service and especially your help in this important initiative.
All the best.

Bob

Robert J. Natter '67
Admiral, USN (Retired)

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, USNA Alumni Association



e. "Honor Fallen Heroes" Weekend 2013

Honor Fallen Heroes is a weekend to honor Naval Academy graduates whose names adorn the walls of Memorial Hall. This year the Alumni Association will be inviting family members of these fallen graduates to a reception at Ogle Hall on Friday, 8 November. They will also invite them to visit Memorial Hall throughout the day to see the plaques with their loved ones' name. On Saturday, 9 November a limited number will be invited to be guests of the Superintendent at his tailgate party for the Hawaii football game and to be introduced on the field at the Navy vs. Hawaii game. The Alumni Association held this event last year, but it was limiting due to what information was held on family members. Those who attended, were honored and moved that the Alumni Association still and always will remember their loved ones.

The Alumni Association needs your help. Their database is limited for family members of the men and women listed in Memorial Hall. They do not want to overlook a family, wives, husbands, children, parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, who would be very interested in being a part of this. They are asking for our help to locate names and contact information for any of these family members. This information may be sent to Dick Curley who is coordinating efforts for our class. With your help, you can make the Honor Fallen Heroes a true success.

Also, the Alumni Association will once again aid Run to Honor with their Memorial Dinner on Friday, 25 October. This is another event to let these family members know that we are grateful for their sacrifice and will always honor their fallen family members.

Once more details are gathered for the Honor Fallen Heroes weekend and Run to Honor Memorial Dinner, the Alumni Association will send this information back to the classes for their data bases. Dick Curley has volunteered to coordinate class efforts to locate family information on our deceased classmates whose names are listed in Memorial Hall. You can pass along any information you may have to Dick at 703-968-4315 or via email at rccurley1@verizon.net.

3. Upcoming Class Events Calendar

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| a. 17 September 2013 | USNA 64 Class Executive Board Meeting |
| b. 19 November 2013 | USNA 64 Class Executive Board Meeting |
| c. 4 December 2013 | Class luncheon at the Army-Navy CC, Arlington, VA |
| d. 5 February 2014 | Annual class meeting and luncheon at the Army-Navy CC Arlington, VA (tentative) |

- e. 6 April 2014 USNA 64 and USMA 64 Joint Memorial Service at the Vietnam Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.
- f. 18- 21 September 2014 50th Reunion Weekend in Annapolis

4. Classmates Appreciating Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please remember the following classmates and wives in your thoughts and prayers.

- Hal Anderson (15th) Multiple Myeloma
- Joe Dimmick (5th Co) Multiple Myeloma
- John Durden (10th Co) Cancer/type unknown. Currently living in the VA continuing care facility in Durham, NC. John really enjoys visits from classmates.
- Tom Flory (15th Co) Prostate Cancer
- Roger Granere (17th Co) Multiple Myeloma. Roger underwent a stem cell transplant on 3 September and is expected to remain in the hospital in Denver, CO through 28 September.
- John Howland (7th Co) Malignant melanoma
- Bob Mabie (9th Co) Parkinson's disease. Bob enjoys hearing from classmates. He has no computer/email but he can be reached by phone at 781-894-9851 or by mail at 38 Fuller Street, Waltham, MA 02453.
- Nick Markoff (21st Co) Lymphomic Cancer in remission. and his wife Mary who was recently injured (several fractured vertebra) in an automobile accident.
- Pat Mizer (wife of Bob/23rd Co)) Stroke – Bob continues as Pat's primary care giver.
- Steve Moore (13th Co) Parkinson's disease.
- Sandy Munro (11th Co) Parkinson's disease.
- Jim Norvell (11th Co) Prostate Cancer-now in remission, congestive heart failure, and Renal Disease
- Bob Rinker (14th Co) Multiple Myeloma
- Ron (Short) Brockman (22nd Co) Variety of medical problems
- Jane Sargent (wife of Bill/ 13th Co) Brain tumor

5. Last Call

Please remember in your thought and prayers the following classmates and their wives who have recently died.

- Gilbert Arthur (Art) Harrison (20th Co). Art passed away on January 6, 2013 while visiting relatives in Colorado. He had been living in Taos, NM at the time of his death.

- Susan Granere (wife of Roger/17th Co) passed away on August 26, 2013 from complications associated with uterine cancer. The following note was provided by Roger and his daughters for Susan's memorial service. "Our beloved mother and wife Susan passed away on Monday, August 26th from advanced complications due to uterine cancer. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, food and flowers over the past couple of days. We are beyond words over the loss of our wonderful Susan and are still in shock at the swiftness of her passing. We will be holding a celebration of Susan's life at Howard and Vicki Kingry's household on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 2pm. Words will be shared at 2:30 by family and Clarene Shelley from Christ Community Covenant Church. We will share our favorite stories about Susan over refreshments afterward. If you would like contribute in any way, please contact Vicki on her cell phone at [303-349-3629](tel:303-349-3629). The Kingry Household is located at 17204 W. 53rd Drive, Golden, CO 80403."
- William "Bill" Lloyd Clayborn (Died August 26, 2013). Bill was 1964 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Bill served in Viet Nam flying numerous bombing missions. After military service he flew commercially for Continental and American Airlines. Bill also received his Juris Doctorate and worked in patent law for a number of years. He had a unique patent for an optical lens for cameras. He owned his own race car and was associated with SCA Racing. Bill is survived by a cousin Barbara Atkinson of California. He is also survived by his very loving and dear friends, Maria and Robin Kruse and their children Alicia and Chris and granddaughter Alyna who Bill adored very much. Bill had never married and had no children of his own. Bill was living in Irving, Texas at the time of his death. Bill will be honored with Military Honors Services at Dallas/ Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Best wishes to each of you and to your families. I hope you are all having a wonderful summer. If there is anything in the way of class, USNA, or Alumni Association information that you would like to see included in future newsletters please let me know.

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