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Dear Classmates,

The Class of 2022 graduated last month, and they are on their way to join the Fleet as a new generation of Navy and Marine Corps leaders. In my observation, this Class bounced back from all the COVID disruptions and persevered. I will wager that they will be exceptional leaders in days to come. The Class of 2025 arrives next week, and the sacred process continues. Time does pass quickly!

By now, I hope most of you have made plans to join us in Annapolis for our 55 plus 1 reunion on 1 through 4 September. I am regrettably informing you of one event cancellation, but otherwise, plans are solid, and we look forward to a great weekend. 1966 had 11 athletes approved by NAAA to be recognized in the "Legends" display in the new Student Athlete Center in Ricketts Hall. Nine of these Classmates are already in the display, and I have been assured the other two will be included by September. It is a hike down to Ricketts Hall – across from the Visitors Center – but I encourage you to go see the display if you can.

Unfortunately, the tour of Hopper Hall which was scheduled from 1700 to 1900 on 1 September has been cancelled from the program. The timing of this event just as people are arriving at the hotels, the difficulty of coordinating transportation and other logistical elements, and the high risk of afternoon storms this time of year all combined to lead the Executive Committee to delete this event. I sincerely regret doing this and apologize to anyone who is disappointed. I am working directly with the Superintendent and the Director of the Cyber Center to find other opportunities for anyone to go visit Hopper Hall during the weekend. Your leadership will get back to you on these opportunities. A visit instead of attending the Parade is not a good option!! Rod Rempt will be representing our Class at the Parade, and we all want to be there to show our admiration to Rod and Pam.

Lastly, this will be my final letter as your Class President. It has been a distinct honor to serve you and represent the great Class of 1966. Personal changes in my life as well as some health considerations caused me to ask to step down as your President. The Class Executive Committee accepted my resignation and asked Scott Redd to finish the last two years of my term. Scott graciously agreed, and the change will occur at our reunion. I hope to be there, and look forward to thanking you all personally, for your support and friendship.

Warm Regards and Semper Fidelis,

Carl Fulford