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# HITTING OUR STRIDE

By Byron F. Marchant '78



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Campaign leadership speaking at the milestone event for the Alumni Association and Foundation Center on 18 November 2021. Clockwise from top left: Naval Academy Superintendent VADM Sean S. Buck '83, USN; Naval Academy Alumni Association President and CEO Byron Marchant '78; Foundation Chair Daniel Akerson '70 and Admiral Robert Natter '67, USN (Ret.).

As we open 2022 we are truly firing on all cylinders as an Enterprise. We just completed a historic nine-year campaign thanks to the partnership of Naval Academy leaders with our Alumni Association and Foundation leadership (see inset this page). The transformational impact of the *Called to Serve, Daring to Lead Campaign* is detailed in the campaign report [here](#).

I'd like to especially thank Daniel Akerson '70 for his bold leadership as Foundation Chairman. Dan added two-years to his four-year term to help guide us through the end of the campaign (see story on page 18). Dan leaves a legacy of impact that will endure for generations. Here are just a few: Hopper Hall; renovation of the Naval Academy Golf Course; expansion of international programs for midshipmen; Akerson Tower at NMCMS; Ron Terwilliger '63 Center for Student Athletes; Halsey Field House squash facility renovations; enhanced experiential leadership programs at the Academy; the sale of the Ogle Hall complex; construction of a new Alumni Center; expanded research opportunities for midshipmen and

faculty; and professionalized Alumni Association and Foundation staff to better serve the alumni community.

We are thrilled with the beginning of the construction phase for our new home for alumni and parents alongside College Creek. See page 34 in this issue for details on the project, and monitor construction progress in real time at [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com). Special thanks to Admiral Robert Natter '67, USN (Ret.), as chair of the Alumni Center Chairs Committee and Advisory Panel, who ably leads the overall project.

I am pleased to share the results of our 2021 Alumni Survey (see opposite page for links to those results). I'm grateful for the candid feedback we received from the more than 5,700 alumni. Led by Admiral Mark Ferguson '78, USN (Ret.), and the Board of Trustees, we will continue to analyze the data and personal comments from the survey to help shape the development of Strategic Plan 2030 in the next year.

I announced in December 2021 (see press release [here](#)) I would be departing the Alumni Association and Foundation this spring after 13 years. I'm proud of what we've accomplished during my

time as President and CEO. Alumni Association Chairman of the Board of Trustees Admiral Mark Ferguson '78, USN (Ret.) and Chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors Ronald Terwilliger '63 are co-chairing a Joint Search Committee to select my successor. Heidrick and Struggles has been retained as the search firm to assist in this effort. Please direct inquiries to [USNACEO@heidrick.com](mailto:USNACEO@heidrick.com). I'll have more to share about my time as President and CEO in a future issue of *Shipmate*.

Enjoy this issue of *Shipmate* and an alumni community truly *Hitting Our Stride*.  
Go Navy! ⚓

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*This Bill is hiding somewhere in this issue. Find him and email us at [getthegoat@usna.com](mailto:getthegoat@usna.com) with the correct page number and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize from the Alumni Association. Good luck! The drawing is limited to the first 100 correct answers, so get reading.*

*Bill was hiding behind the photo on the top of page 126 of the November-December 2021 issue of Shipmate.*

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### Our Mission

To serve and support the United States, the naval service, the Naval Academy and its alumni by furthering the highest standards at the Naval Academy; by seeking out, informing, encouraging and assisting outstanding, qualified young men and women to pursue careers as officers in the Navy and Marine Corps through the Naval Academy; and by initiating and sponsoring activities which will perpetuate the history, traditions, memories and growth of the Naval Academy and bind alumni together in support of the highest ideals of command, citizenship and government.

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#### On the Cover

The Navy Women's Rugby team captured the College Rugby Association of America's Division I championship on 5 December 2021 with a 20-12 victory over Davenport.

Photo provided by Maj Murph McCarthy '00, USMC (Ret.)

enough money to buy the first shell and establish a fund for future shells. The idea was that after several years, we would sell the shell and with the proceeds and the growth of the fund, Navy would be able to buy a new shell, and over the years we would always have a Class of 1965 Memorial shell in the boat-house for Navy crews. The idea has worked very well and the shell we recently dedicated is the third shell we have bought for the Navy crews. The cost of new racing shells has increased significantly. The first one we bought was about \$35,000 and the new one we just bought was over \$57,000. What I am asking is that if you can, we would really appreciate your donation to our 1965 Crew Shell Fund. It is very easy to do. If interested, please contact me at [vikingcaptain.comcast.net](mailto:vikingcaptain.comcast.net) for the simple instructions how to do it. Doyle

**Phil Ferrara** also reported – as he always does – on the attendance at the monthly class luncheons at McGarvey's Saloon in Annapolis for the October and November gatherings. Attending either or both lunches were: **Wyman Howard, Herb Barnett, Chip Seymour, Bob Andretta, Bob Sullivan, John Collins, Doug Katz, Skip Shealy, Frank Peterson, Charlie Morrison, Phil Ferrara, Fred Vogel, Sted Garber, Skip Orr, Sonny Harrison, Carter Refo, Mike Luecke, Bill Erickson, Conrad Best, Rich Harden, Art Wittig, Tom Kinder, Ed Linz, Sam Dutrow, Pat Philbin, Moke DeMatta, Dan Flanagan, Steve Mladineo, Doug Norton, Andy Prince, Bob Green, Jim Minderlein, Bob Wahlfeld,** and **Jack Devine.**

From **Mike Epprecht**, 20 Oct

✉ About our September Reunion: We successfully held our 55th reunion although it was postponed. From the feedback it appears that everyone had a great time. The feedback also confirmed that our 60th reunion will be held homecoming weekend in 2025. At this point we don't have a date but it has consistently been scheduled for late October. Please block your calendars so that you can be available. Our thanks to a number of our

classmates who made contributions to our reunion fund during the signup process over the past two years. Fingers crossed that we will only have to schedule the 60th one time.

About our Class Cruise coming up in 2023: We have had a great response to our request for your thoughts on future class cruises. As you know, we have done two thus far, Uniworld from Lyon to Avignon France and Oceania from New York to Montreal. The survey results strongly favored a cruise in the US and the lower Mississippi was a slight favorite over the Columbia River. With this result in mind, Karen McComb has reached agreement with American Queen Steamboat Company for a cruise from New Orleans to Memphis. The cruise would depart New Orleans on 17 Apr 23 for an 8 day, 7 night cruise aboard American Countess. There is a \$500 per person deposit required to secure your cabin. It is 50% refundable until 15 Dec 22, when the final payment is due. We strongly recommend "Trip Insurance" which will protect you in case of an illness prevents you from making the trip. Contact me for details on the cruise at [mike.epprecht65@gmail.com](mailto:mike.epprecht65@gmail.com).

Best regards, Mike Epprecht

And Phil Ferrara chipped in this link to Shutterfly where you can see the 174 photos from the 55th reunion - <https://link.shutterfly.com/JYvMXSqXWjb>

From **Dave Miller**, 30 Oct

✉ Pictured are the Millers (me and Pat) and John and Leahray Wroten



'65: The Howell group

at the tailgate representing '65 prior to Navy getting the big victory over Tulsa!



From **Tom Howell**, 24 Nov

✉ In early November, **Mark and Jeannie Hopper** hosted several classmates and wives at their lovely home in Austin, with all of us staying in their home. Mark had various events planned, and Jeannie fed us some delicious meals and made sure we taken care of very well. One very memorable excursion was an evening riverboat cruise on Lady Bird Lake just south of downtown Austin. We watched as hundreds of bats flew out from under the Congress Avenue Bridge where they make their nests and breed. For 5-10 minutes the sky was filled with the bats going off to find food for their young; truly remarkable to see. The Hoppers were tremendous hosts and a good time was had by all. In the group picture left to right are: **Deb Jealous, Bart Jealous, Jane Howell, Mark Hopper, Judy Criss, Jeannie Hopper, Bill Criss, Tom Howell** and **John Owens.**

From **Ted Nanz**, 25 Nov

✉ Have received quite a few responses from classmates who've reached their Golden Wedding Anniversary and there will be more

by the time of our 60th reunion. Suggest some sort of recognition of them at our upcoming 60th reunion. Ted

Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

# '66

**Life Membership: 66%**

**Donor Participation: 21.62%**

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Welcome to 2022. I hope you all had a great holiday season. This year we will celebrate our 55th + 1 Reunion. Please note the reunion page provided in this issue. Also, you can register for reunion events on the Class web site, [usna66.org](http://usna66.org). There are several noteworthy items to relate, so here goes!

During halftime at the Navy-Air Force game on 11 September, the family of LT Victor P. (Pat) Buckley (11th Co.) were present to honor Pat on the anniversary of 9/11. Pat was killed in Vietnam while on a photo recon mission in an RF-8, Crusader. **Carl Fulford** provided the pictures below. Thanks, Carl.

The annual Class of 1966, 2021 GONZALEZ (DDG-66) Leadership Awards ceremony took place on board GONZALEZ on Tuesday, 21 September 2021.

Monday evening before the ceremony, Classmates, and wives: Linda and **Tony Franzitta**, Fay and **Tom Martin**, and Joyce and **Rob Ploeger**, gathered with **Pat Muldoon** and **Charlie** and Sharon **Votava** at the **Votava's** home to welcome our Class President, **Carl Fulford** wife Mary Ann to the Tidewater, Virginia Area.

Tuesday morning the CO, XO, CMC, the Engineering department and Classmates **Tony Franzitta**, **Chuck Grutzius**, **Rob Ploeger**, **Pat Muldoon**, **Charlie Votava**, and Mary Ann and **Carl Fulford** mustered on GONZALEZ' main deck aft, for the awards ceremony.



'66: Buckley Family



'66: Pat Buckley Sister and Family

Prior to presenting the awards, Carl addressed the crew thanking the CO, CDR Battles, the XO, CDR Reynolds, and Command Master Chief Connolly for the warm reception and the honor to be aboard. Carl's remarks pointed out The Class of 1966's unique tie to the Vietnam War, in that most of the Class fought in Vietnam at sea, in the air or, on the ground, and we lost 17 Classmates and good friends in that war.

Carl provided a brief history of The Class Leadership awards beginning 30 years ago with the commissioning of HUE CITY (CG-66) and 25 years ago with GONZALEZ. He mentioned that he did not personally know Sergeant Gonzalez but had a small part in the Battle of Hue City in 1968 and witnessed the courage and sacrifice of the sailors and Marines in that battle.

Carl closed his remarks with telling the crew how proud our Class is in seeing their dedication to preserving the freedom and security of our nation. He sincerely thanked them for their service.

While the XO, CDR Reynolds read the citations, Carl presented the awards to: LT Laura A. Krause,

USN, for her tremendous effort, devotion, and dedication to duty as Damage Control Assistant. LT Krause successfully attained certification, six weeks early, in the Damage Control Material Assessment inspection, and for flawless leadership in achieving above average scores in all aspects of the inspection. Furthermore, she was recognized by the INSURV Board as "the best Division Officer" the inspectors had seen. MM1 (SW/AW) Cody A. Hauser, USN, in recognition of his outstanding professional performance of duty and exceptional leadership of the Auxiliary Division. He was instrumental in achieving a score of 95.5% during the Light Off Assessment, and as the LPO of A-Gang he earned high praise for the above average score of .90 during the INSURV Inspection.

The CO and Officers then hosted Carl, Mary Ann, Lt Krause, and '66ers to lunch in the wardroom following the ceremony. Many thanks to Chuck Grutzius for this great writeup and pics.



'66ers Attending GONZALEZ Leadership Awards



Carl Fulford Presenting GONZALEZ Leadership Awards

**Andy Sosnicky** provided the next news item. As he explains, "When the 55th Reunion was postponed this year, four close friends from 33rd Company decided to hold a "mini-reunion." **Tom Huffman** (with wife, Joan), **Jerry Kerr** (with wife, Claudia), **Andy Sosnicky** (with wife, Joan) and **Denny Zveare** (with wife, Mary) met in Branson, Missouri in October for a few days of camaraderie, attending entertaining shows, and repeating the usual tales from years past. The motel honored our presence by posting a welcoming message on their outdoor sign. A good time was had by all. Thanks, Andy.



Tom, Jerry, Andy, and Denny at the 33rd Company "Mini" Reunion"

**Jim Kelly** reported the death of Ellen Hura, wife of **Myron Hura**. Myron provided the following to commemorate Ellen. Ellen Hura,

wife of Myron Hura, passed away 10 October 2021. Ellen and Myron met in high school in 1959. Ellen graduated from High Point College in North Carolina in 1966. She taught in elementary school for three years. She and Myron were married for 52 years during which time she dedicated her life to raising and supporting her family. She leaves behind Myron, three children Andrea, Stefan, and Kristine, and granddaughter Kate. Ellen's remains will be inurned on 4 April 2022 at the Naval Academy Columbarium, in Annapolis, Maryland. I know you join me in expressing condolences and prayers to Myron and his family. My thanks to Jim Kelly for the heads up.

I also report the death of **David Krause** (34th Co.). From the Alumni Association I received the following: David Albert Krause was born 3 February 1944 to Ralph Krause, Sr. and Rose Krause in Omaha, Nebraska and passed away on 2 September 2021 in Omaha, Nebraska. Left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife, Pamela Krause; Children: Aaron (Debbie) Krause (grandchildren: Henry, Charlie, William, and Mary Krause), Molly Wynn (grandchildren: Tyler and Sophia Wynn), Eric (Lisa) Rubedew (grandchild: Evelyn Ledonne-Rubedew). Ashley Krause, Hayley Krause (Traviss Dorris); Siblings: Ralph Krause Jr. (Janice), Jeanene (Rod) Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents Ralph Sr. and Rose Krause; Siblings: Jeanette (Dean) Ekberg. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the Lymphoma Society, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 7909 Mormon Bridge Road, Omaha, NE 68152. Please keep David's family in your prayers.



**CLASS OF 1966**  
 UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY  
**55TH + 1 REUNION**  
 1-4 SEPTEMBER 2022



## OUR 55TH + 1 REUNION IS UPON US!

**IT IS OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN DOWNTOWN ANNAPOLIS;  
 FOOTBALL TEAM OPPONENT IS DELAWARE BLUE HENS  
 WE HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THREE ANNAPOLIS HOTELS FOR ROOM BLOCKS.  
 RESERVATION INFORMATION IS POSTED ON OUR CLASS WEB SITE, USNA66.ORG.  
 OUR HOST HOTEL IS THE ANNAPOLIS WESTIN.**

### ***THE WEEKEND'S FESTIVITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:***

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| THU | 01 Sept | Evening Regist. at Westin; Tour of Hopper Hall (5:00 p.m.);<br>Informal No Host Bar at Westin (7:00 p.m.)                                    |
| FRI | 02 Sept | Morning Regist. at Westin; Personal Tours; Class Memorial Service<br>(11:00 a.m.); Supe Talk (1:50 p.m.); P-Rade (4:00 p.m.)                 |
| FRI | 02 Sept | No Host Reception at Westin (6:00 p.m.);<br>Evening Class Dinner Banquet (7:00 p.m.)   |
| SAT | 03 Sept | Prayer Breakfast at Westin (9:00 a.m.); Personal Tours   |
| SAT | 03 Sept | Tailgate before, during and after game at N Room of Navy-Marine<br>Corps Memorial Stadium (1:30 p.m. start; 3:30 p.m. k/o;<br>7:00 p.m. end) |
| SAT | 03 Sept | Evening Company Social Events (as scheduled by Company)  |
| SUN | 04 Sept | Farewell Breakfast at Westin (9:00 a.m.)<br>or various Annapolis locations (Optional)  |

**PLEASE GO TO OUR CLASS WEBSITE AT: [USNA66.ORG](http://USNA66.ORG) FOR  
 MORE INFORMATION AND FOR LINKS TO SIGNINGUP FOR EVENTS.**

**Notes:**

- 1. Game Ticket Purchase Info and a link will be available on the Class Website in April 2022.  
 You **MUST** have a game ticket to attend the tailgate.**
- 2. Buses will be provided for shuttle to events.**
- 3. Anyone with special access requirements please contact Mike Baird: [pmbaird@verizon.net](mailto:pmbaird@verizon.net) or 410-279-1664.**

## 66/67 CLASS NEWS

**Art Knight** (5th Co.) died 14 November 2021 after a long battle with lung cancer. Though a non-grad, Art served in the Navy Reserve and worked as a contractor, builder, and engineer in Connecticut and northern New York until his retirement.

**Terry Terebessy** (12th Co.) died suddenly on November 3, 2021. His services were held on November 23 and 24 as follows:

November 23 - 5:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church, San Diego, CA. November 24 - 09:00 a.m. at MCAS Miramar National Cemetery. **Kin Searcy, Harry Thaete, Dave Himchak, and Paul Copenbarger** attended the funeral service at the Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church on 23 November. Kin says it was a beautiful service in the Orthodox tradition. He also stated that Terry was not a "Turk" but Romanian. The family suggests that any memorial donations in Terry's name can be made to the most appropriate veteran or Class-related charity. Please keep both their families in your prayers.

**Clay Spikes**, our Executive Committee Chairman, recently experienced a severe setback as his loving wife, Nunna, died suddenly on 18 November 2021. Most, if not all, Classmates knew Nunna and that she has contributed more to our Class than any other wife. She has dedicated herself for decades to the betterment of our Class Reunions and activities, and has spent hundreds, if not a thousand or more hours, tirelessly working on our reunions with the intricate planning details of our banquets, tailgate parties, and more. In many respects she was the "First Lady" of our Class. To say that she will be sorely missed is a gross understatement. **Chuck Grutzius** and I have worked with Nunna since the 25th Reunion. We will miss her expertise and friendship in planning the coming reunion and those to follow. Services for Nunna were held on 14 January at the USNA Chapel. Inurnment followed in the Columbarium, with a reception at

the Naval Academy Club. Please keep Clay, daughter Courtney, her husband Craig, and Clay's grandson, Connor, in your prayers.

**Robert Johnson** provided the following news.

✉ "I spoke to **Bob Verratti** last month. He and Kathleen are still making quite a splash in the Sport of Kings. Last year, their prize three year-old colt, Independence Hall, won his first three races in the 2020 season, and had an invitation to run in the Kentucky Derby. However, the horse suffered an injury in the Florida Derby in a prep race, and could not make the field, which was later run in the Fall. He is back on the mend in his 4 year-old season, and just recently ran a terrific second in the Lukas Cup, a \$400k Stakes race at Churchill Downs on 2 October 2021. The race is named for the Hall of Fame Trainer, D. Wayne Lukas. He lost to Go Knicks, which will likely be this year's Horse of the Year, as he won the \$6M Breeder's Cup Classic at Del Mar on 5 November 2021. Independence Hall got back into the win column recently in the Grade

2 Fayette Stakes on 30 October 2021, at Keeneland. Next stop (at time of press) will either be the Clark Handicap (Grade 1) at 1 and 1/8 miles, Cigar Stakes at Churchill, or the (Grade 1) Cigar Mile at Aqueduct, which may actually be his best distance. If he wins either, he will likely go into breeding at Winstar Farm in KY. Based on syndicate members, he most likely gets 80 mares his first season. Must be great to be a horse these days! Bob says the only problem with his prize thoroughbred is that he eats like a horse, and Bob has to buy him new shoes every two months, which he can't buy at Nordstrom's."

Thanks for the update Robert and continued success to Kathleen and **Bob Verratti**.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue. It's a great way to start 2022. Don't forget to register for the reunion on the Class web site. Until April...All the best...Mike!!!

## '67

**Life Membership: 76%**

**Donor Participation: 29.83%**

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**Dave Church** received a note from **Michael Cathey** in October with news of the death of **Ron Pruiett** (16th Co.). Ron was commissioned in the Marine Corps and was in the same TBS company as Michael and some others. His note contained this from Linda Pruiett:

✉ Hello Michael. I wanted to let you know that my husband, Ron Pruiett passed away on 3 July 2021. He was diagnosed in February 2020 with a glioblastoma brain tumor and fought a courageous battle until this disease took over. He was proud of his service as a Marine and will be so missed by his family and friends.

We've received no further information on Ron's arrangements.

The last address I have for Linda is 6577 Brindisi St, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

We had back-to-back inurnments at the USNA columbarium, both from 33rd Company, on 28 and 29 September 2021. **Jeff Johnson's** was on the 28th followed by Diana LeMaster (wife of **Don LeMaster**) on the 29th.

**Bill Waters** wrote a wonderful tribute to Jeff that is much too long for me to include, but it was an account of the day in 1969 when two river patrol boats in Vietnam had been ambushed by the Viet Cong. Bill was on one of them and called for air support. Two OV-10s from the Black Ponies of VAL-4 responded. During their strafing runs one was hit by ground fire and came near crashing. It pulled out of its dive at the last second, and a different calm, cool, and collected voice came over the radio: "this is the back seat, I have the aircraft." It was Jeff's voice that Bill recognized from USNA days. Jeff's front seater, LT Peter Russell, had been hit and killed. Bill saw Jeff a few weeks later



'67: Jeff Johnson inurnment (classmates and Georgie)



'67: Diana LeMaster inurnment



'67: The Legends (In Their Own Minds) at Hapke's

# 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

**William Paul Cosgrove '45** ■  
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)  
22 November 2021

**Eugene Milo Masica '45** ■  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
4 December 2021

**Doniphan Brown Shelton '45** ■  
RADM, USN (Ret.)  
31 October 2021

**Richard George Brown '47**  
28 November 2021

**Fernando Sisto '47**  
4 December 2021

**Howard Rich Weiss '47**  
4 December 2021

**Rhodes Boykin Jr. '49**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
18 October 2021

**Bernard Lamothe Buteau '50**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
8 October 2021

**Eugene Nelson Chipman Sr. '50**  
LCDR, USNR  
7 December 2021

**George Alfred Fox Jr. '50**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
2 December 2021

**Samuel David Hoffman '50** ■  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
1 December 2021

**William Anthony Miller '50**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
28 September 2021

**John Simpson Sieg '50**  
8 November 2021

**William Dinsmore Blackwell '51**  
25 November 2021

**James Howard Hoge '52**  
CDR, USNR (Ret.)  
13 October 2021

**Charles Francis Horne III '52**  
RADM, USN (Ret.)  
29 November 2021

**Lloyd Milton Lambert '52**  
10 May 2021

**James Henry Smith '52**  
Col, USAF (Ret.)  
2 December 2021

**Hobart Joe Wiseman '52**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
11 November 2021

**Horace Breneman Jones Jr. '53**  
3 December 2021

**Eugene Campbell Matheson '53**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
26 October 2021

**Wallace Cooper Scott III '53**  
Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)  
18 November 2021

**Nicholas Wallner '53**  
25 September 2021

**David Edwin Lewis '54**  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
16 October 2021

**Edward Keith Walker Jr. '54**  
RADM, SC, USN (Ret.)  
11 December 2021

**Lawrence Henry Holmes '55**  
28 August 2021

**Carl Brynolf Peterson '55**  
5 November 2021

**Thomas Randall Edgar '56** ■  
1 December 2021

**Frederick George Lippert III '56** ■  
CAPT, MC, USNR (Ret.)  
12 November 2021

**Edward Coughlin Lovely '56**  
2nd Lt, USAF (Ret.)  
23 November 2021

**John Perry McCrae '56**  
26 October 2021

**John Robinson McCravy Jr. '56**  
8 December 2021

**Raleigh Edward Piatt Jr. '56**  
18 June 2021

**Andreas August Piske Jr. '56**  
14 June 2021

**George Laddie Rosenhauer '56**  
Col, USAF (Ret.)  
8 December 2021

**Daniel Labbee Sullivan '56**  
Capt, USMC (Ret.)  
22 October 2021

**Edmund Norman Benes '57**  
2 December 2021

**Robert Frank Dundervill Jr. '57**  
Col, USAF (Ret.)  
28 November 2021

**Orrie Griffith Hiett Jr. '57** ■  
4 November 2021

**William Gordon Lange '57**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
25 October 2021

**William Charles McIlvain Jr. '57**  
CDR, USNR (Ret.)  
10 November 2021

**Kenmore Reed McManes '57**  
4 October 2021

**Edward Franklin Nikkola '57** ■  
Maj, USAF (Ret.)  
25 November 2021

**Daniel Livingston Roudebush '57**  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
24 February 2021

**Gerald Sedor '57** ■  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
24 October 2021

**James Larry Stephens '57**  
3 November 2021

**Harry Eugene Wells '57**  
Maj, USMC (Ret.)  
6 November 2021

**Jan Wilson Cook '58**  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
26 November 2021

**Joseph Daniel Fenick Jr. '58** ■  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
4 October 2021

**John Armon Goolsby '58** ■  
25 November 2021

**LeRoy Reuel Haenze '58**  
12 September 2021

**William Francis Herrin '58** ■  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
10 November 2021

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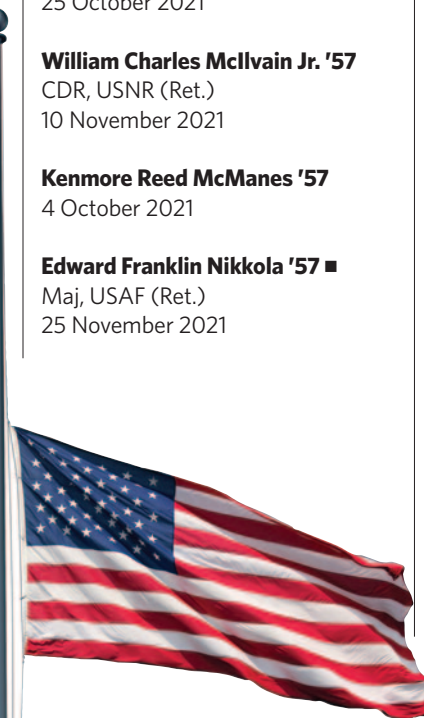
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30 June 2021

## LAST CALL

grandchildren. His exemplary method of teaching utilized guided practice and gentle critiques. Ben was heavily involved with the Pennsylvania Forest Stewardship Program, as well as youth forestry education.

In addition to his parents, Ben was predeceased by his first wife of 48 years, Veronica R. Angelo Vaupel; their infant daughter, Cynthia Marie Vaupel; and his sister, Martha Mae Kirby.

Ben is survived by three sons (and their wives), Warren (Rosa), Wayne (Sylvia) and Welles (Susan), all of Auburn, PA; six grandchildren, Nicolas, Hadrian, Andrew, Marcus, Andrea and Alexander. He is also survived by his loving wife of three years, MaryAnna Lake Taylor of Chesapeake City, MD. Ben and MaryAnna enjoyed sharing time between their Maryland and Auburn homes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ben's memory to the Center for Private Forests at Penn State, 416 Forest Resources Building, University Park, PA 16802.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Hamburg, PA, at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at ([www.gsesfuneralhomes.com](http://www.gsesfuneralhomes.com)). ★



### WILLIAM PATRICK DONNELLY '65

Captain William P. Donnelly, CEC, USN (Ret.), died 24 July 2020 in Carlsbad CA, after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 77 years old.

Born in Cleveland, OH, "Pat" graduated from Maumee High School as class valedictorian with a number of academic and athletic collegiate scholarships, as well as All-Conference and All-State recognition in several sports.

Pat's prowess on the football field is legendary.

In addition to Navy football, Pat played in two All-Star games. He was honorable mention All-American and is in the USNA Football Hall of Fame and the Collegiate Football Hall of Fame.

While at Annapolis, Pat was recruited to play lacrosse and is in the USNA Lacrosse Hall of Fame. He was honorable mention All-American in 1963 and was named first team All-American by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. Additionally, Pat was Navy's third straight winner of the Schmeisser Award for best college defenseman in the nation.

Pat was a member of the Sixth Company, Battalion Commander, class president and graduated 18th in his class.

Declining an invitation to try out with the LA Chargers, Pat began his career in the Civil Engineer Corps with two Vietnam deployments. He married his true partner in life, Missy, in 1966.

Pat earned a Certificate in Advanced Study in Engineering from the University of Cambridge, and an MS in Civil Engineering from MIT. Subsequent tours included NAVFAC; Pearl Harbor, HI; U.S. Embassy in Laos; USNA; BuPers; Subic Bay; Naval Weapons Station, Concord; and CO, Mobile Construction Battalion Three.

After Pat retired from active duty in 1988, he joined Gosnell Builders/Pointe Builders, followed by The Staubach Company as a senior vice president. He chaired the NCAA's Postgraduate Scholarship Committee, was active in the Society of American Military Engineers and headed the co-sponsored SAME and Navy Engineering and Construction summer camps for high school students.

Pat is survived by his wife of 54 years, Missy; children, Patrick '89, Sean '92 and Shannon Donnelly Curtis; siblings, Bob Donnelly and Susan Donnelly Strack; six grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Pat was predeceased by his parents, Helen and Bob Donnelly.

Services were held on 29 October 2021 at the Naval Academy Chapel, followed by a Celebration of Life. Inurnment at the USNA Cemetery will occur at a later date.

Donations to the Pat Donnelly Memorial Scholarship at the Naval Academy Foundation may be made at ([www.bit.ly/PatDonnelly](http://www.bit.ly/PatDonnelly)).

Please visit ([www.usna.com/find-an-obituary?story=7637](http://www.usna.com/find-an-obituary?story=7637)) for an extended obituary. ★



### ROBERT MANNING NIELSEN '66

Robert M. Nielsen, a 1966 U.S. Naval Academy graduate and resident of Rupert, ID, passed away on 27 September 2021.

"Bob" was born on 3 November 1943 to Blain and Ida Nielsen in Paul, ID, and grew up with five loving brothers and sisters on the family farm. He excelled academically and athletically at Minico High School and was elected as senior class president.

Bob's success led him to an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962, where he was later named company commander and was selected as top Marine Corp recruit in his class. Highlights included touring the Mediterranean Sea with the Spanish Navy; sailing on the carrier SHANGRI-LA; and marching in the funerals for President John F. Kennedy and General Douglas MacArthur. He boxed competitively in over 100 Academy matches while earning his Marine Engineering degree.

Bob attended the University of Wyoming Law School from 1967-1970. He met Cara Keefe, a Wyoming student, and after marrying in 1968, they moved back to Idaho after receiving his JD. He was elected Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney and began a successful law partnership that lasted 30 years. In 2000, he started his own practice and a new partnership until his death. He was recognized for 50 years of dedicated service by the Idaho State Bar, while his civic involvement included youth sports, and both the Rupert Elks and Rupert Country Club.

Bob and Cara started their family in Paul, ID, and had three children, Erik (1971), Chris (1973) and Sara (1976). Bob loved to watch each of his kids participate in school activities and sports competitions. He enjoyed spending time at the family cabin in Ketchum, ski and golf trips, fishing trips to Alaska and throughout Idaho, and pheasant and goose hunting with family and friends. Bob loved to entertain, spoke proudly of his Academy colleagues, engaged in countless hands of gin rummy, perfected grilling and cooking, and would bet on any game while cheering on the Midshipmen, both the Wyoming and Dallas Cowboys, and the New York Yankees.

Bob is survived by his former wife, Cara; their three children (and their families); and his sisters, Margaret Duff and Marilyn Swensen. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ronald and Richard; and sister, Colleen.

A memorial service was held on 4 October 2021. ★

*There is no chance, no destiny,  
no fate that can hinder the  
firm resolve of a determined soul.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

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