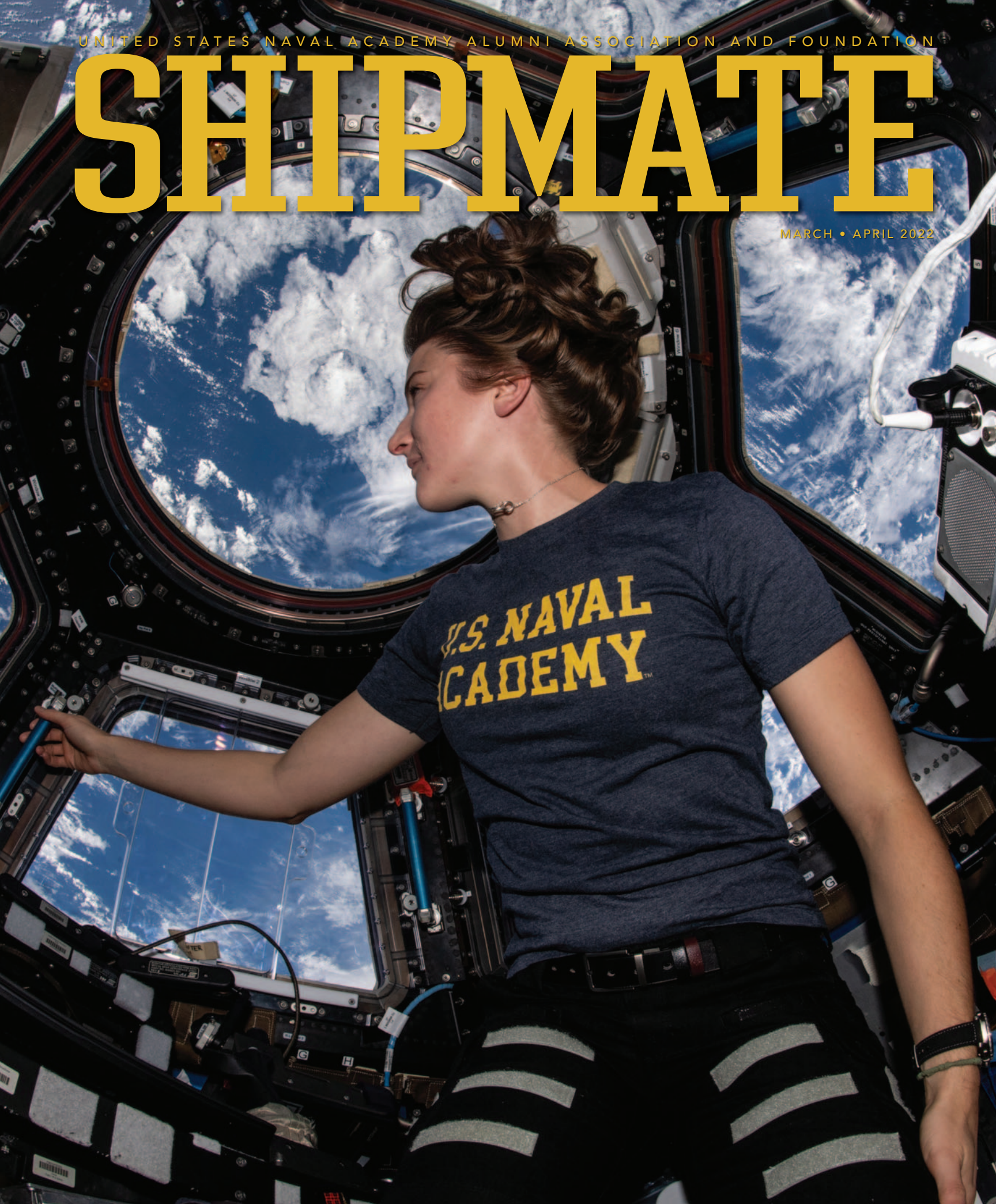


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*This Bill is hiding somewhere in this issue. Find him and email us at [getthegoat@usna.com](mailto:getthegoat@usna.com) with the correct page number and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize from the Alumni Association. Good luck! The drawing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

*Bill was hiding behind the rocks on page 32 of the January-February 2022 issue of Shipmate.*

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### Our Mission

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**On the Cover**  
LCDR Kayla Barron '10, USN, in the International Space Station's Cupola Module. Barron launched into space on 10 November 2021 aboard SpaceX.

Photo courtesy of NASA

## 65/66 CLASS NEWS

wife, **Meliza**, and of **Chip** and **Mary Seymour**.



10-6-21,

From **Rick Rickard**, 11 Dec

✉ Here's a photo from a small post-COVID gathering today at **Ron** and **Sue Wecht's** for a great Army-Navy game. Shown are: **Rick, Wayne Goodroe, Barb Goodroe, Joan Borchers, Allyson Rickard, Sue Wecht, Ron Wecht, and Doyle Borchers**.



A-N Game

**Mitch Henderson**, on 14 Dec, enlightened us as to his effort to get some help from the USNA Alumni Association in support of graduates with Parkinson's Disease. Here's his take:

✉ "You may recall I wrote you a few weeks back suggesting NAAA do something to help alumni who have Parkinson's Disease. Most of these men got it in Vietnam from Agent Orange and many have died in recent years as you know. The letter is enclosed. I suggested we owe those living help in their fights as USNA warriors, men whose SERVICE is unquestionable.

For your info, the Class of 1965 just started up a Support Group last week and we have been meeting weekly since December. Our participant and caregiver list now, in one week, numbers 15 and three from outside '65 want to join. Guest speakers from the VA and elsewhere are in the works. All can learn from each other as they proceed forward with the burden of PD.

While it is early to see exactly where this warrior group will go as a

team, the need for such groups is obvious. I believe NAAA should play a leadership role in helping MAKE IT HAPPEN for other classes too. You are obviously the best judge how to bring your resources to bear on the starboard flank. Perhaps as our class proceeds downwind we can help with ideas."

From **Pete Lumianski**, 24 Dec

✉ Happy Holidays from Arizona! Here's me just shoveling some pesky sunshine in Phoenix! The Old Laundry Bag and my white works were put to good use at the Army-Navy Game event held in a local bar - 50 former Whoops and 50 former Middies showing up, including Dave English '86, USMC, head of the local USNAAA Chapter



From **Bill Erickson**, 24 Dec

✉ Just checkin' in to let you know I'm still hanging in there and still XecDir for the Surface Navy Association (SNA). It was a nice Christmas for-me as my daughter and granddaughter are here from Norway and my son and daughter-in-law from California are here also. Wishing you all the best for a healthy new year. All the Best, Bill Thazzit, Guys!

Aloha, Dave

# '66

**Life Membership: 66%**  
**Donor Participation: 21.62%**

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Welcome to Spring. I hope the year has started well for everyone. The key event to discuss before we get

into the main article is the 55th +1 Reunion. The reunion is slated for 1-4 September 2022. The host hotel is the Annapolis Westin. Registration began on 15 February, and I hope many of you have signed up. Most of the information is being passed through the Company Reps, so contact your Company Rep for detailed information.

With the permission of **Ken Robertson** (30th Co.) I report the death of his wife, **Blanche**. **Mike Parks** provided the following obituary and photo from Ken.

✉ "Blanche Jean Robertson, 78, formerly of Warminster, PA, passed away on Sunday, 28 November 2021 at her residence in the community of Rock Hill in West Rockhill Twp., PA. She and her beloved husband, Kenneth Robertson, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in August and were virtually inseparable for nearly 60 years. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was the daughter of the late Harry G. and Blanche (Wurst) Franke and was a devout follower of Jesus Christ. She was employed as a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia and taught at the Frankford Hospital School of Nursing while getting her Master's Degree at Temple University and attending Philadelphia College of Bible. She then served on the mission field in Mexico and Guatemala. Mrs. Robertson was a member of Cheltenham - A Church of Hope, formerly known as Cheltenham Baptist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons; Wyatt Robertson and his wife Amy of Perkaspie, PA; and Mark Robertson and his wife Teresa of Sellersville, PA; a daughter, Karen Griffin and her husband Cliff of Treasure Island, FL, five grandchildren; Caden, Cassidy, Nathan, Emily, and Anna, and four sisters; Gwen Wiedman of East Stroudsburg, Carol Taylor of East Stroudsburg, Susan Rosselli of Horsham, and Doris McDade of North Wales; and a brother, Harry G. Franke of Horsham. Funeral services and interment were privately held at the convenience of the family."



**KEN AND BLANCHE ROBERTSON**

I know you join me in extending condolences to Ken and his family. Thanks to Ken and Mike Parks.

By Class-wide email, I also reported the deaths of **Dan McCague** (21st Co) on 22 October 2021 and **Barney Hauptfuhrer** (7th Co.) on 24 December 2021. Obituaries for both were provided in the emails. Please keep their families in your prayers. When Dan's Last Call is posted in **Shipmate**, please note the initials at the end. They are his as he wrote it.

**Robert Johnson** checked in from the West Coast to provide the following:

✉ Patti and I were fortunate to be able to attend the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on 1 January. We had seats on the 50-yard line, halfway up; best seats in the house. Compliments of my younger sister, Kristina Mary Johnson, President of the winning team, Ohio State University. It was one of the most exciting in Rose Bowl history, with records for most passing yards all-time, and most points ever, with six passing touchdowns, 48-45, with a field goal in the last 10 seconds. After the game, Kristina was down on the field with coach Ryan Day, and the athletic director, Gene Smith, whom she hired last year, to accept the trophy for the winning team. We had a great day, and fabulous way to start the New Year.

Thanks, Robert.

And that caps another article. Not a great deal of news to report. Note the FI Comearound is

scheduled to be held in Boca Raton, FL on Wednesday and Thursday, 6 and 7 April. There will be a Wednesday evening wine bar reception at the Hilton, followed by dinner at the City Fish Market. This is a beautiful restaurant with an excellent menu, best of all it is right next door to the Hilton. For those interested in golf that will be arranged for Thursday early morning. The highlight of the Comearound will be Thursday evening at a gathering hosted by Karen and **Keith Melton** at their unique and most beautiful home. Thanks to those who contributed to this article. Until May, All the best, Mike!!!

## '67

**Life Membership: 76%**

**Donor Participation: 29.83%**

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I'm sorry to say that we've lost two Classmates since our last column: **George Butvilas** and **Ray Clatworthy**.

Barbara Butvilas notified **Tom Leiser** that George had passed away suddenly on 21 December 2021 at his daughter's home in Marietta, GA. George and Barbara were married in the Chapel on 8 June 1967. Afterwards, he served two Vietnam tours and rose to the rank of LCDR in the Reserves. He began a very successful career in banking and teaching in 1971. He began banking at American National Bank, achieving increasingly senior positions in the industry in Michigan. In 1987 he completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. He was an adjunct professor at Michigan Technical University's Business School and was inducted into the Honor Academies of both the Forestry Department and the Business Department there. He was made Honorary Alumnus of the year at MTU in 2007. In 1991 he was appointed by President Bush as the Chairman of the National Veterans Development

Corporation. He is survived by Barbara, his wife of 54 years, his three children: Christiann (Tom) Rosemurgy, Mike (Marcia) Butvilas, and Joellen (Mike) Razzano and numerous grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Ignatius Building Fund (<https://www.stignatius-houghton.org/>), the Naval Academy Foundation (<https://www.usna.edu/>) or to the Omega House (<https://omega-house.org/>).

A Mass of Christian Burial for George was held on 29 December 2021 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church of Houghton, MI.

**Dave Church** was informed by Susan Goebel that **Ray Clatworthy** had died. **Jim Goebel** and Ray were roommates, and they married sisters: Judy and Susan.

Ray passed away on 19 December 2021 surrounded by his family. Ray was born in St. Louis in 1944 and was raised in Milwaukee. After graduation from Navy, Ray was commissioned in the Marine Corps and flew F-4 Phantoms. After leaving the Corps, he became a prolific entrepreneur who opened five restaurants, developed real estate, owned two Christian radio stations, and created a credit card that benefited Food for the Hungry. He raised his family in Dover, DE where he actively served his community through his church and several community boards. His faith in Christ was the center of his life, and as such one of his favorite ways to serve was teaching the Bible in church and in prisons with Prison Fellowship, sharing a weekly message of hope for over a decade. He ran for United States Senate in Delaware twice. He treasured family gatherings at their cottage on the Sassafras River off the Chesapeake Bay. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judy; his sons John (Stephanie) Clatworthy and Michael (Meredith) Clatworthy, his daughter Molly (Wes) Shepherd, and seven grandchildren. Ray's memorial service was held 28 December 2021 at West End Assembly of God, Richmond, VA. Memorial contributions may be made to Prison Fellowship at 1 (800) 206-9764, or the Jackson

Wesley Shepherd Memorial Fund at West End Assembly of God Church (<https://weag.church/>). Judy's address is 1350 Westwood Ave, Unit 804, Richmond, VA 23227.

Dave received a short note from **Chris Daniels** just after New Years that his dysautonomia symptoms had returned. He had been on medication that had helped, but he said:

✉ ...The meds have worn off. I recognized it coming in September and have been out of action pretty much in bed since October. I thought it would be re-fixed by now so very frustrating...just hoping they do come up with something soon. Sharon is being the consummate nurse again taking care of me. I plan to (be) well for the 55th!

Just before Christmas, **George Samaras** was flying to Pensacola to meet **Bob McFarland** and **John Fears** to go to Bob's beach house in Alabama when he had a seizure and was taken off the plane. He was subsequently diagnosed with a brain tumor. His family had him transferred to Duke University Hospital where he underwent a seven hour surgery. He will have to undergo radiation and chemotherapy. **Michael Cathey** talked to him on 1 January 2022, and he had been transferred back home to San Antonio where he'll be treated. He'll travel back to North Carolina periodically for additional consultations.

Two Classmates, **Ted Lewis** and **Don McKee**, were affected by the Marshall Fire in Colorado around New Years. We could raise neither by phone (they were busy!) but from what we could piece together, Don and Barb in Louisville, CO appeared to be a couple of miles outside the fire's boundary while Ted and Sally in Superior, CO were right on the boundary or just inside it. Both were in the evacuation zone.

It turned out that Ted and Sally were in Florida so they were watching this play out from their hotel room. They did receive a message from a neighbor who had been able to walk in to their

cul-de-sac and found that all their homes were intact. They returned to Colorado the afternoon of 31 December, rented a car, and checked in to a hotel since they were not allowed back to their home. Ted said he walked for about a mile and a half to the house and found it undamaged except for smoke and soot, but the fire had come within 150 feet. They finally got to go home on 21 January, but of course, they have to deal with insurance and extensive cleanup.

Don and Barb, on the other hand, were at home when the evacuation order came. She said she was doing dishes, looking north at a blue sky. She said she turned to look south and "found the sky filthy gray with a sun the size of forever and the color of faded blood." They began to grab things to take (including two upset cats). She said it was interesting what they took: mostly things that carried memories, not necessarily the most valuable. They went to a friend's house about 15 miles north of Louisville where they hunkered down until they could go back.

Both the Lewises and the McKees voiced the same question during this ordeal: Do we still have a home? Luckily, the answer for them was "yes."

**Chuck Scherk** sent me an article from the June 2021 issue of Preservation & Progress - The Quarterly Publication of the Gettysburg Foundation in which **Cliff Bream** (9th Company) and his wife, Julie, are prominently mentioned as a result of their involvement in the rehabilitation of the very significant Culp's Hill portion of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Through the years, Culp's Hill has become overgrown to the extent that it is virtually impossible to visualize the action that occurred there. The effort by the Gettysburg Foundation in partnership with the Gettysburg National Military Park aims to restore the appearance of Culp's Hill to be much more representative to what it would have been in 1863 by thinning the woodlot, removing overgrown vegetation and highlighting remnant breastworks. They'll also add interpretive

# 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

**Leonard Robert Pavelka '45**

20 January 2022

**Vincent LeRoy Bacon '46**

14 January 2022

**Stuart Grant Murray '47**

LCDR, USN (Ret.)

17 January 2022

**William Thomas Sanders Jr. '47**

27 December 2021

**James Thomas Hayes '48**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

8 February 2022

**Richard Hugh Benson '49**

17 November 2021

**Robert Taylor Hardeman '49**

30 December 2021

**Carlos d'Arcy McCullough '49 ■**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

17 January 2022

**Robert Francis Fahey '50 ■**

5 December 2021

**Richard Jerome Landes '50**

24 January 2022

**Albert Simon Corwen '51 ■**

28 November 2021

**Arthur Peter Ismay '51**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

13 January 2022

**Thomas G. McCreless Jr. '51**

7 February 2022

**Frank William Hauff '52 ■**

19 January 2022

**Gerald Henry Hyndman '52 ■**

Col, USMC (Ret.)

11 January 2022

**Frederick Charles Johnson '52**

RADM, USN (Ret.)

5 January 2022

**William Edwin Roberts Jr. '52**

14 January 2022

**Francis Thomas Brady '53**

CAPT, USNR (Ret.)

3 February 2022

**Norman Arthur Deam '54**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

8 January 2022

**Allen Hobbs Jr. '54**

27 January 2022

**Charles Edward Jaco '54**

28 December 2021

**James Vincent Jolliff '54**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

4 January 2022

**Bernard Gerald Klein '54**

4 December 2021

**James Flood Lamore '54**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

21 December 2021

**Calvin Wayne Thomas '54**

26 January 2022

**Edwin Hendrie Grant Jr. '55**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

19 December 2021

**James Edward Masters '55**

LtCol, USMC (Ret.)

1 January 2022

**Justin Albert Miller Jr. '55**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

12 November 2020

**John Robert Baals '56**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

1 August 2019

**Paul Bernard Cusick '56**

Col, USAF (Ret.)

7 December 2021

**Richard Stanley Jensen '56 ■**

14 July 1905

CDR, USN (Ret.)

8 January 2022

**George Warren Kenaston '56**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

8 February 2022

**John Richard McLaughlin '56 ■**

25 December 2021

**Charles Lewis Monson Jr. '56**

28 August 2018

**Karl Lawrence Peterson '56**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

27 December 2021

**Raymond John Schreiner '56**

LCDR, USN (Ret.)

26 January 2022

**Robert Raymond Babbitt '57**

Maj, USMC (Ret.)

24 December 2021

**Robert Melvin McIntyre '57**

21 May 2021

**Edwin Miles Nelson '57**

12 December 2021

**James Patrick O'Hara Jr. '57 ■**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

20 January 2022

**Jerry Gray Patterson '57**

CAPT, SC, USN (Ret.)

8 January 2022

**Stephen Fred Guthman '58**

24 January 2022

**James Rupley Hoerle '58**

Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)

24 December 2021

**Paul Arthur Polski '58 ■**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

31 December 2021

**John Allen Battenburg '59 ■**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

20 January 2022

**Richard Stoughton Davis '59 ■**

CDR, USNR (Ret.)

11 January 2022

**Robert Lazarchick '59**

25 January 2022

**John Walden Durham '60 ■**

6 January 2022

**Arthur Howard Butler III '61**

LTC, USA (Ret.)

16 January 2022

**Richard Samuel DeRose '61**

3 January 2022

**William Stanley Emmerich '61**

3 February 2022

**George Rhodes Worthington '61 ■**

RADM, USN (Ret.)

18 December 2021

**James Richard Kendrigan '62**

29 January 2022

**James Scott McCasland '62**

CAPT, USNR (Ret.)

2 February 2022

**John Thomas Regan '62 ■**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

18 December 2021

**Thomas Kenny Woodka '62**

CDR, USN (Ret.)

10 February 2022

**John Warren Alford '63**

16 January 2021

**Austin Eugene Chapman '63 ■**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

5 January 2022

**Robert Edward LaGassa '63**

CAPT, USN (Ret.)

29 December 2021

**Herman Francis Trabbic '63**

7 February 2022



■ *Obituary appears in this issue*

*This list consists of alumni deaths we have learned of since our last issue. Full obituaries will appear in Last Call if/when families send them in.*

**Richard Glenn Wakefield '63** ■  
17 January 2022

**Michael John Gierman '64**  
CDR, USNR (Ret.)  
5 January 2022

**Bruce Allen Kastel '64** ■  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
9 January 2022

**James Clinton Kraft '64**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
9 February 2022

**James Blenn Perkins III '64**  
VADM, USN (Ret.)  
27 November 2021

**Richard Paul Genet Sr. '65** ■  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)  
24 December 2021

**Gary Lynn Krebs '65**  
3 February 2022

**Joseph Conrad Lausier '65**  
CPT, USA  
26 January 2022

**Arne Paul Soderman '65** ■  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
21 December 2021

**James Daniel McCague '66** ■  
24 December 2021

**George John Butvilas '67** ■  
21 December 2021

**Raymond Jack Clatworthy III '67**  
19 December 2021

**Eric Harold Johnson '67**  
CDR, USNR (Ret.)  
29 January 2022

**Billy Ray Moffett '67**  
28 January 2022

**Robert Phillip Murrian '67**  
24 January 2022

**Raymond Charles Smith Jr. '67**  
RADM, USN (Ret.)  
6 February 2022

**Gary Douglas Wear '67**  
9 January 2022

**James Richard Fox '68**  
20 January 2022

**Larry Russell Givens '68**  
CAPT, CEC, USN (Ret.)  
24 September 2021

**David Alan Hodgson '68**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
9 February 2022

**Kent Van Lewis MacNeill '68**  
CAPT, USN  
25 November 2021

**James Kenneth Orzech '68**  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
5 February 2022

**John Cullen Purcell '68**  
27 November 2021

**Paul Allen Alfieri '69** ■  
CDR, USN (Ret.)  
6 January 2022

**Edwin Harold McMahon Jr. '69**  
27 January 2022

**William Redding Bacon '70**  
27 December 2021

**John Jay Manis Sr. '70**  
31 January 2022

**Harold Boyette Wallace '70**  
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)  
5 February 2022

**Ross Stephen Dessert '71**  
20 January 2022

**Thomas Lewis Hoffman '71**  
9 January 2022

**Stephen Todd Raphael '71**  
28 January 2022

**Edward Randolph Reinhardt '73** ■  
27 December 2021

**John Delbert Rush '73**  
CDR, SC, USN (Ret.)  
29 December 2021

**Donald Gordon Fleming '74**  
11 September 2021

**Darius Chester Karalis '74**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
23 January 2022

**Thomas Alan Knight '74**  
20 November 2021

**Jeffrey Allen Reinhart '77**  
LCDR, USN  
20 January 2022

**Steven James Gregor '78**  
18 August 2021

**James Earl Zeigler '78**  
10 January 2022

**Stephen Jerard Schemmel '79**  
CDR, USNR  
27 January 2022

**Patrick Wasilewski '79**  
11 January 2022

**John Lenroy Russell '82**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
8 February 2022

**Daniel James La Fave '85**  
7 January 2022

**Robert Emmett Dennehy '86**  
LCDR, USN  
22 December 2021

**Daniel Petersen Speer '99**  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)  
18 December 2021

**Daniel Alfredo Nin '08**  
LCDR, USN  
15 November 2021

## OBITUARY GUIDELINES

- *Obituaries for Shipmate must be submitted by, or approved by, the family of the deceased and require final approval of our draft prior to publication.*
- *If possible, email format is preferred. Be sure to include a phone number so we can contact you if there are any questions.*
- *Please note that we have a firm 400-word limit.*
- *A photo is encouraged, but we ask that irreplaceable photos not be sent through the mail in case of loss or damage in transit.*
- *Emailed photos must be at least 300 dpi in resolution.*
- *We have Lucky Bag photos here (for graduates only) and they may be scanned in-house, but must be specifically requested.*
- *Our "how to" document, "A Fitting Tribute: How to Write an Obituary" is available online (search [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com)), or via USPS upon request.*
- *Although we encourage people to write their own obituary in advance, we DO NOT keep them here at Alumni House. We suggest that you keep a copy with your important papers for your family to update and send in when the time comes. You may also wish to contact your class secretary to see if he/she is keeping files.*
- *Direct submissions or inquiries to: Shipmate obituaries, 247 King George Street, Annapolis, MD 21402-5068; [obits@usna.com](mailto:obits@usna.com); 410-295-4064.*

NEW JERSEY (BB-62). He attended the Naval Postgraduate School, graduating with a master's degree in Computer Science. He completed the prototype program and assisted in the development of the Systems Acquisition Management curriculum.

Richard served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations as Combat Systems Division Head and on the Joint Staff as the J-63 responsible for all systems integration in the National Military Command Center. His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal and three awards of the Legion of Merit, as well as other meritorious and combat service and campaign awards.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 1993, he joined General Dynamics becoming the vice president of homeland security at the successor company, BAE Systems. Additionally, he served as that company's chief cartographer and chief hydrographer.

Always the sailors, Richard and his wife, Karen, cruised their sailboat, CHESSIE, extensively from the Gulf of Alaska to Central America for five years. In his retirement, he dedicated his life to a variety of volunteer activities in the Gig Harbor, WA, area including mentoring/tutoring at the local high school, serving as a docent in TURNER JOY (DD-951), and teaching history at Tacoma Community College.

Richard is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karen; their four children, Richard, Danielle, Peter and Adam; and eight grandchildren, Jordan, Elle, Gracie, Zoe, Thea, Sam, Harrison and Drummond.

Richard always said his close family relationships and his Naval Academy classmates represented the best part of his life. He will be greatly missed. ★



**ROGER WILLIAM HUML '65**

Roger W. Huml passed away peacefully on 20 August 2021. He was 79 years old.

He was born in Cleveland, OH, on 11 September 1941, to Jim and Evelyn Huml. He graduated from John Adams High School, where he played in the band, as well as the All-City band and the Ohio State Fair band. He attended Case Institute of Technology while awaiting his congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

After four years at Annapolis, he served in the Naval Reserve and received his BA from Hiram College. Most of his career was spent as an instrumentation engineer with B.F. Goodrich. He was a 50-year member of Summit Lodge #213, F&AM and served as Master in 1977-1978. As a longtime Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 882, he was most proud of the 12 young men that became Eagle Scouts during his tenure. He enjoyed playing golf, especially with his brother-in-law, Bill, but his real love was fishing in Lake Erie or near his son Dave's Minnesota cabin, where he finally caught a trophy fish.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Carol; brothers-in-law, Bill Lovell and Joe Main; and sister-in-law, Betty Jo Main. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Virginia "Jinny" Huml; sons, Brian (Tonya), Dave and Joe (Sue); and six grandchildren, Jack, Charlie, Abby, Connor, Maddy and Lauren.

Masonic and funeral services were held in Sagamore Hills, OH, on 26 August 2021.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in his name to Shriners Hospital for Children ([www.lovetotherescue.org](http://www.lovetotherescue.org)).

*excerpts from The Plain Dealer* ★



**ARNE PAUL SODERMAN '65**

Captain Arne P. Soderman, USN (Ret.), passed away from COVID-19 pneumonia on 21 December 2021, with his family by his side. He had been successfully fighting chronic lymphocytic leukemia, but the infection overpowered his weakened immune system.

Arne was born on 11 February 1943 in Springfield Gardens, Queens County, NY, the son of Arne Johannes Soderman and Helen (Bendi) Soderman.

He spent his early youth in Yonkers, NY, moving later to Hastings-on-Hudson. Upon graduating from Wappingers Central High School in 1961, he received an appointment to the Naval Academy.

Newly commissioned, Arne reported to HARRY E. HUBBARD (DD-748), which deployed to WestPac and Vietnam. It was during this tour that Arne got the desire to fly and in May of 1968, he received orders to start basic naval air training in the T-34, carrier training in the T-28 and advanced training in VT-21 (Kingsville, TX). He proudly received his Wings of Gold in May of 1969, which resulted in further training in the A-4F. He joined VA-164 aboard HANCOCK (CV-19) carrying out combat missions in the Gulf of Tonkin and North and South Vietnam. Arne was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for missions well done during this challenging assignment.

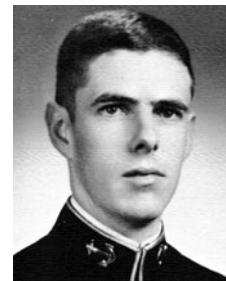
Subsequent assignments included admiral's aide in Yokosuka, Japan, and the Naval Postgraduate School, earning a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. In 1976, he transitioned to the A-7E and joined VA-93 aboard MIDWAY (CVA-41), until 1979 when he tested overhauled A-4s at the Naval Rework Facility (NARF) in Pensacola, FL.

In 1981, Arne left active duty and joined Southwest Airlines, where he enjoyed 23 years of flying. He flew B737s. His nickname at Southwest was "32" because when he laughed, you could see all 32 of his teeth! During flights, he would quiz passengers on historical landmarks they were passing. Passenger answers were written on napkins and flight attendants collected them.

Retirement was spent cruising. Riverboats were his first love. No matter what boat or what country, everyone was singing Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" by the time he left! Those who knew Arne will forever miss his contagious laugh and bright smile, his scientific curiosity and his kindness, which he shared generously with all.

Arne leaves behind his wife, Pat; daughter, Lillian; son, Arne Johnston; and grandson, Gus. He is also survived by his brother, Jon, of New Brunswick, Canada.

Burial will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. ★



**JAMES DANIEL MCCAGUE '66**

James D. McCague, 80, passed away on 24 December 2021 at his home in Charleston, WV.

"Dan" was born in St. Louis, MO, on 5 August 1941. He was raised in Phoenix, AZ, and resided in West Virginia since 1974. He graduated from Phoenix Union High School (1959) and attended Phoenix College for one year. He enlisted in the Navy in 1960, attending Boot Camp in San Diego, CA; Electronics "A" School at Treasure Island, CA;

and the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) at Bainbridge, MD. He received a SecNav appointment to USNA in 1962 and graduated with the Class of 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a naval officer.

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As a surface line officer, his first tour was as first division officer and then ASW officer aboard New (DD-818) in Norfolk, VA. He served as communications officer at the Naval Facility, Point Sur, CA, for two years; attended Naval Destroyer School at Newport, RI; and served as plans officer and then current operations officer at ComOceanSysLant Headquarters in Norfolk, VA. Dan resigned from active duty in 1974.

As a Reservist, Dan drilled at the Naval Reserve Center in South Charleston for two years, then maintained a non-drill status for many years. He resigned in 1986 as a lieutenant commander.

Dan was employed as a DuPont engineer for 11 years at a DuPont chemical manufacturing plant at Belle, WV, holding various positions in Technical, Production and Employee Relations departments. He was a vested DuPont retiree. He then provided public service as a West Virginia State Government employee for 17 years. His main assignments were in the Bureau of Employment Programs and the Bureau for Public Health. He was a West Virginia State Government retiree.

Dan met his wife, Betty Jo "BJ" Watson at church in 1985 and they were married in 1987. Dan enjoyed reading, studying the Bible and taught an adult men's Sunday School class for many years. He enjoyed travel, and most of all, a wonderful retirement lifestyle with his wife. He was a life member of the USNA Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Roy and Martha Allena McCague; daughter, Jamie Leavelle McCague; and son, Warren Scott McCague.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Betty Jo McCague; sister, Sandy McAlpin; niece, Cathy Grimes; and nephew, Gary Schwab.

Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park in South Charleston, WV.

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### GEORGE JOHN BUTVILAS JR. '67

George J. Butvilas Jr. of Houghton, MI, passed away on 21 December 2021 with his wife of 54 years, Barbara, at his side. He was 76 years old.

George was born on 9 November 1945 in Chicago, IL, to the late George Sr. and Adella Butvilas. He was a 1963 graduate of De La Salle High School and was captain of both the baseball and football teams. At the Naval Academy, George was a plebe in the 15th Company and an upperclassman in the

24th Company, where he led his company to the Brigade fieldball semifinals.

Following his 1967 graduation from USNA, George served on destroyers out of Pearl Harbor, HI, and Long Beach, CA, which included two tours in Vietnam. He was promoted to lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve in 1978.

George had a long successful career in banking as well as teaching. In 1987, he completed the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. A highlight was then moving to Houghton, MI, in 1990 to become president and CEO of D&N Bank. As the bank changed, he assumed senior leadership positions in Republic Bancorp and Citizen National Bank. In 1991, he was appointed by President Bush as the chairman of the National Veterans Development Corporation. George was an adjunct professor at Michigan Technology University Business School and was made an honorary alumnus of MTU in 2007.

George is survived by his wife, Barbara; their three children, Christiann Rosemurgy (Tom), Mike Butvilas (Marcia) and Joellen Razzano (Mike); 13 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Georgiann Miller (George) and sister-in law, Connie Eppel (Joseph), and their families.

George left this message for his Naval Academy family: *"We truly were a Band of Brothers! Whatever successes I've had in my life, I can trace the roots back to Boat School. The experiences made me unafraid in business, instilled kindness in me towards others and made me a better husband and father. I further tried to imprint the qualities of character that I learned at USNA onto my children and grandchildren."*

A Funeral Mass was held on 29 December 2021 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church of Houghton, MI.

Please consider a donation to the St. Ignatius Building Fund ([www.osvhub.com/stignatiuschurch-houghton/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stignatiuschurch-houghton/funds)); the Naval Academy Foundation ([www.usna.com/give](http://www.usna.com/give)); or to Omega House ([omega-house.org/donate](http://omega-house.org/donate)) in George's memory.

Masses of gratitude will be offered for all of the kind words and sympathy extended to the family. ★



### PAUL ALLEN ALFIERI '69

On Thursday, 6 January 2022, Commander Paul A. Alfieri, USN (Ret.), a loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at age 74.

"Alf" was born the son of a schoolteacher and nurse on 13 June 1947 in Tampa, FL. Paul was a high school athlete and scholar who was a direct entry into the Naval Academy Class of 1969. After graduation, Paul went to flight school and flew helicopters, performing supply and rescue missions

off Enterprise during the Vietnam War.

Paul attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, receiving a master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. After graduation, he served as an instructor of electrical engineering at USNA and then in various NavAir positions at both the Pentagon and Pax River. During this time, Paul received his second master's degree (business) from The George Washington University. Paul retired from the Navy in October 1989.

Paul worked as a defense contractor before beginning his second career in the service of his country as a professor at the Defense Acquisition University. In 1998, Paul completed his doctorate in Education from Virginia Tech. Dr. Alfieri spent the next 25 years as a professor and department chair of the Test and Evaluation Department. While at DAU, Paul was selected to and graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF), where he received his third master's degree in 2006. In 2018, Dr. Alfieri was inducted into the Defense Acquisition University Hall of Fame. Citing his achievements, the award closes with *"...Dr. Alfieri's achievements have played a key role in the acquisition training of a generation of T&E professionals"*

Paul was married for 50 years to Janice (nee Marks). They enjoyed a lifetime of family, fun and travel with their daughter, Amy Marcy; son-in-law, Matt Marcy; and granddaughters, Peyton, Ava and Sophia. Paul was a longtime resident of Alexandria, VA, a lifelong fan and season ticket holder of Navy football, a member of Fairlington United Methodist Church and a member of the Old Dominion Boat Club.

Kind, thoughtful, smart and generous are just a few words that best describe Paul. The world is a better place for having had him in it...and we are better for having known him.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 12 August 2022, at the Naval Academy Chapel.

Donations in his memory may be sent to Fairlington United Methodist Church in Alexandria, VA ([www.fairlingtonumc.org](http://www.fairlingtonumc.org)). ★



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