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## **Greetings Classmates!**

It was to my surprise and great honor to be nominated and elected President of our Class. Living in Annapolis for the last 40 years has allowed me to see frequently many of you whether at football game tailgates, reunions or all too often lately, funerals. Also being elected to serve a 5-year term was a bit sobering but also a welcome challenge in these later years to help do something worthwhile.

Our Class has faced many tough challenges starting with Viet Nam but I am proud to say that I believe we handled them all well. So, let's continue the 66 mode of operation and launch into these next 5 years with that same spirit, drive and zest. We must continue what Carl Fulford and Scott Redd demonstrated over their many years serving our Class and a sincere BZ to both.

I commit to focus and work hard with each of you, our very special widows and the Academy to make these years special, and worthy of the commitment all have made to each other, our Class, the Academy and our Nation. Enough for now and I look forward to seeing all of you in the future!

Cheers!

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