



As we end, we take note of a few more classmates no longer answering to muster:

Richard Harold Dolliver (1)

Richard (Dick) Harold Dolliver, age 86, of Pineville, NC, died peacefully on December 20th, surrounded by his family including his wife of 61 years, Betty Nicodemus Dolliver. He was born on April 30, 1932, in Conrad, Montana, to Harold and Hazel Dolliver.

Joe Junker (19) died 22

September 2018, obituary not yet available.

Albert L. Pagani (9)

Albert L. Pagani, 82, died December 5, 2018 at Lutheran Care.

He was born in 1936, in New York City, son of the late Alexander and Anne Pagani.

They will be remembered. Meanwhile, carpe diem.

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ARMY AND NAVY

A nice Classes of '58 tradition in Washington DC is for a joint November luncheon for members of the USNA Class of '58 and the USMA Class of '58. And so it came to pass, last November when 27 Navy '58 Classmates and wives and 31 Army '58 Classmates and wives came together in anticipation of the

GAME. Pictured are Harry Hurst, USNA '58 and Brad Johnson USMA '58.



Harry Hurst and Brad Johnson

SAN DIEGO

At the November USNA Alumni luncheon the Class of '58 was represented by John Washburn, Chuck Smith and Marty McCullough.



Class of '58 in San Diego

THE REST OF THE STORY

How many remember the name John Metzger? Probably not many, but let me ask the question this way. How many remember Chief Shorty? Well, they are one and the same. John Metzger was born in New York City in 1892. He was an orphan at age 12 and enlisted in the Navy in 1909 at the age of 17.

He went on to serve on 11 different ships and in 1928 was stationed at the Naval Academy as an instructor in the Department of Seamanship and Navigation where we all came to know him. Chief Shorty went on to teach seamanship to Midshipmen from 1928 to 1958 before retiring the same year we graduated.

In his honor the Enlisted Quarters building at the Annapolis Naval Station was named "Metzger Hall".

Chief Shorty taught us more than how to tie knots. He also taught us about life in the Navy in ways that were not taught in the classroom. An example of his wisdom went like this: "Remember that when you graduate, you become a leader. Men will be looking up to

you by the example you set. Your example will mold other men's lives."

BMC John J. Metzger died in 1976 at the age of 84.

CLOSING RANKS

Peter Corr, 14th Company died on 24 November 2018.

Ronald Charrier, 4th Company passed away on 26 November 2018.

Mac Baldwin, 18th Company died on 3 December 2018.

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This is my final *Shipmate* 1959 class column. My replacement as *Shipmate* Class editor is Ed Hill, his phone number is 301-943-4185. Thank you for all who have sent notes for the column. Special thanks to Sandy Spadaro for all she has done for us and will do for us in the future regarding the class column.

Rise and Shine, —Charlie

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From **Bob Krese (14)**:

✉ "My good friend of over 62 years, **John Chenard (14)**, passed away on December 01, 2018. John leaves behind his wife Sheila of 55 years;

his sons John, Christopher, and Michael and their wives; and eight grandchildren. John and I were roommates at the Academy and he served as Best Man at my wedding to my wife Elly. He will be missed by all who had contact with him over the years; our sincere thoughts and prayers are offered to his family at this very difficult time in their lives.

From **Tom Solak (2)**:

✉ "Bill, Becky & **Dick Pariseau (1)** and my wife, Jeanne, and I just returned from Peru and Ecuador. Perhaps that's too simple a commentary on our trip which lasted 20 days in early and mid-November. Total air miles for the trip were 11,244. In country, we flew 4,598 miles. We also did a lot of boating and riding in vans, buses, and trains. Besides Lima and Cuzco in Peru and Quito in Ecuador, we visited the Sacred Valley of the Incas and the Galapagos Islands. My wife and I took the pre-tour option of the Amazon Rainforest and joined Dick and Becky in Lima for the remainder of the tour.

In the Incas' Sacred Valley, we visited Inca sites of Sacsayhuaman, Ollantaytambo, and Machu Picchu and passed through Chinchero and Aguas Calientes for shopping and transportation changes. The Incas didn't have any written history, but they were skilled stone masons, astronomers, diplomats, and warriors. When the Spaniards under Francisco Pizarro defeated the Incas, the Catholic clergy demolished parts of the sites claiming idolatry, and then built beautiful churches in the cities of Lima and Cuzco. In Cuzco, they used some of the Inca stonework as their bases. To this day, the majority of Peruvians speak Spanish and are Catholic. The Inca descendants speak Quecha. What we know of the Incas comes from Spaniard historians and archaeologists.

Of interest to us in Ecuador was that their economy is based on the U.S. Dollar and that there is a considerable Ex-Pat (US citizen) population in the city of Cuenca. In Quito, we were on the Equator as evidenced by Dick and me shaking hands from either side. Dick was on the South side and me on the

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North. We also got to balance an egg on a nail; something only possible on the Equator. The Ecuadorians speak Spanish and 80% profess to be Catholic. Ecuador claims the Galapagos Islands as part of their country. The Galapagos Islands were made famous by Charles Darwin in his "On the Origin of the Species" and follow-on studies of evolutionary aspects of natural selection, especially those of the Darwin Finches. Of interest to us were the Giant Tortoises, marine iguanas, land iguanas, sea lions, Galapagos Sharks, Reef Sharks, and a myriad of birds, including the Blue Footed Boobies and the Darwin Finches. The tortoises live to be 120 to 150 years old. Besides seeing all the flora and fauna of the islands, we did some snorkeling. Some of us, including Becky and Jeanne, but not Dick and me, got to see the Reef Sharks coming out of caves, supposedly harmless during the day.

In the Rainforest, Jeanne and I fished for Piranhas and walked on the Amazon Canopy Walkway near the Napo River. I even took a hook out of the Piranhas mouth without getting bit. The walkway is 1,640 ft. long with 14 platform stations and about 122 ft. high at its highest point, Platform 6, just above the jungle's triple canopy. Best always, Tom."



From **Doug Johnston (5)**

✉ "Our October lunch was particularly gratifying as David Belt '82, a Professor at the National Intelligence University, provided insights relating to the challenges posed (and opportunities provided)

by major trends in the Middle East. Foremost among these challenges is that of transitioning from what might be called an extraction paradigm to one of entrepreneurship.

For example, the longstanding economic engine for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has been its extraction of oil for global consumption. In a monarchy such as this, the state essentially serves the rulers, who in turn develop the equivalent of a middle class through their patronage and clientelism. But it is a middle class in name only, because there has been no emergence of a private sector to inspire the kind of entrepreneurship that can drive an economy and benefit society as a whole.

In short, it is a top-down arrangement, prone to crony capitalism, in which those at the top initiate any change that takes place rather than facilitate the efforts of others to do it themselves. Such states focus on the regime rather than the individual and are inherently illiberal in the absence of a free press, the right to assemble, and the like.

While states like Saudi Arabia are attempting to execute this transition, the difficulties are magnified by the demographic tidal wave that is currently sweeping the region in which the ever-increasing numbers of youth are far-outstripping any future capacity to create jobs. And so it goes!

In his capacity as a retired Navy Captain, David regaled us with tales of the challenges he faced during his career in Special Operations as a Navy diver, including salvage of the Challenger's space capsule five weeks following its fall to the bottom of the ocean.

Taking part in the lively discussion that followed were: **Don Broadfield (22)** Martha and **George Dowell (19)**, **Dennis Hickey (22)**, Darlene Matulka, Becky and **Dick Pariseau (1)**, Fae Daniels and **Bud Pezet (13)**, **Grant Sharp (19)**, Jeanne and **Tom Solak (2)**, Charlotte and **Bob Stevenson (2)**, **Duane Tollaksen (3)**, **Bob Traister (2)**, Dolly and **Gene Tucker (9)**, Guests: Les and Michelle Janka, Daren and yours truly.

From **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ "Dear Bill, On Monday 3 December the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Class of 1960 held its annual Christmas dinner in Williamsburg. This year it was held at a French restaurant, Le Yaca, whose owner has a daughter in the Class of 2011. So we do get special treatment. We started at 1700 for a cocktail hour which included amazing hors d'ouerves and great camaraderie. Then **Rod Friedmann (5)** got everyone together for our traditional photo with Santa hats and another with all our lovely ladies.

At 1800 we moved into the dining room with 53 in attendance. **After Jim Eilertsen (21)** gave a moving benediction including honoring President George H. W. Bush, we sat down and orders were taken. While our wonderful meals were being prepared, we had a brief program. First introduced were two people who had never attended before: Carolyn Smith, a retired teacher from Gloucester and Jackie Ianucci, our most recent newlywed. Next were Sarah McCaskill and Alice Meineke, two of our widows who enjoy staying part of our circle. We all were so pleased that both felt comfortable being with us and assured them they would always be welcome.

We also were all pleased that **Tom Wishart (22)** felt well enough to attend, but saddened that Sandy had to cancel out at the last minute due to her health. We were honored that our Class President **John Michalski (6)** came down from Annapolis for this event and he spoke a few words about how well our class project was going.

Ed Clextion (10), whose efforts many years ago brought all of us together for luncheons and other events, was recognized and applauded **Rod Friedmann (5)** for the terrific job he does all year long organizing our luncheons. We all agreed with that assessment. **John Claman (3)**, **Wick Parcels (12)**, and **Pete Chabot (14)** all spoke of the wonderful camaraderie and caring for each other that has developed among us over all these years. Later the owner, Joy Abid, gave us a rundown how her daughter was doing and told us how much Le Yaca enjoys having us as customers each year.

We all then settled in for a wonderful meal. From the intensity of the noise level, there was no doubt everyone was enjoying themselves and each other. As we were wrapping up, each lady present was given a Christmas box of French macaroons to be eaten with coffee the next morning. Everyone went home with memories of a most pleasant and gratifying evening of fun and fellowship. How blessed we all are to have this special connection with one another.

Those present were Gloria & **Bob Antonio (14)**, Barbara & **Al Bissell (8)**, Jan & **Pete Chabot (14)**, Joyce & **John Claman (3)**, Catherine & **Ed Clextion (10)**, Sue & **Paul Cooper (5)**, Jane & **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, Paula & **Rod Friedmann (5)**, Muriel & **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, Joy & **Dick Hamon (8)**, Jacki & **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Joe Jaap (13)** and Martha Frakes, Beth & **Jim Knorr (20)**, Sandra & **Bill Manning (14)**, Sarah McCaskill, Donna & **Mike McCullough (14)**, Alice Meineke,



'60: Christmas dinner in Williamsburg

Nancy & **John Michalski (6)**, **Bob Osmon (17)** and Carolyn Smith, Prissy & **Wick Parcels (12)**, Sarah & **Bob Powers (8)**, Barbara & **Don Schlicht (23)**, Eleanor & **Jack Suddath (6)**, Nancy & **Skip Sweetser (6)**, Linda & **Bill Townsend (19)**, Mary & **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, Inge & **Al Whitaker (16)**, and **Tom Wishart (22)**.

I hope we can keep this tradition going for many, many more years. God bless and merry Christmas. Oz

From **Tug Knorr (20)**:

✉ I would add, 'Twas a NEAT NIGHT of NOSTALGIA for LASSES and LADS of 60. Tug

And from **Al Fulkerson (13)**:

✉ **Doug Menikheim (10)** and **Al Fulkerson (13)** the oldest and only class of 60 grads in the state of Minnesota at the Army/Navy game at Poor Richards Commonhouse Bloomington, MN. About 60 were in attendance and Doug got the honor of the "Oldest Goat." Al



'61

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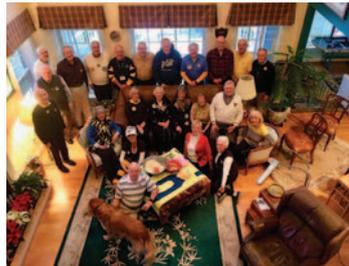
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Although you guys are due to receive this in March, FYI, I'm putting it together in mid-December. I have a hodge-podge of items this time, which ought to give you some

variety in your reading ... I also have some more from the West Coast Reunion, part of which I am throwing in this and probably also the next issue or two. Some came in later than others, and some were lengthy as well, with photos. All are of interest, however! Skip



This is in from **Ned Kuhns (7)**:

✉ Although the 2018 Army-Navy game didn't end with a win as we had hoped it would, the Tidewater 1961 group certainly had a great party hosted by **Bob (18) and Peg Graham** in their wonderful home for the 15th consecutive year. The turnout was a bit fewer than usual but those that attended had a super time with good food, drink and conversation despite the final score. We were pleased to have **Tim (11) and Caroline deGavre** join us from their home on the Eastern Shore. As you can tell from all the smiling faces in the photo, it was a fun time. Attending from left to right were: On the floor - **Bob Graham (18)** with their golden retriever Rosco, Seated - **Barbara Mercado, Caroline deGavre, Bonnie Campbell-Kuhn, Sandy Craig, Breeze Stewart, Toni Henderson, Peg Graham, Charlie Stewart (6), Jane McNicholas and Fran Rohdenburg.** Standing - **Ned Kuhns (7), Dudley Miles (Honorary '61), Jim Joyner (1), JP Decker (8), Buzz Needham (12), Tim deGavre (11), Kurt Rohdenburg (20), Carlos Mercado (7), Jim Henderson (15), Ken Craig (7), Joe Kuhn (3 - Honorary) and Tom McNicholas (9).** We are counting on the Navy football team starting another winning streak in 2019.



This comes in concerning our West Coast Reunion from **Tim de Gavre (11)**:

✉ I think that the general feeling was that the four days were very, very relaxed ones, somewhat in contrast to the reunions we have back in Annapolis where we have so many activities and events to get to in a couple of days. It was extremely well organized and planned and the venue in Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego (San Diego is huge — we were 26 miles from SD's waterfront) was superb.

There were 125 classmates attending with almost an equal number of wives and anchors, with the 21st taking line honors with 13 members reporting for duty; 23rd had none and the 2nd, 4th, and 5th having but one.

My Company, Club 11, numbered four of us and here we are at the La Jolla Beach BBQ on Friday evening (61#3)... Starting from the port side, that's **Anne and Raese Simpson (11), Lee and Jim Cavanaugh (11), Terri and Roger Goodall (11), and self (11) with Caroline.**

The USS Midway was, by itself, worth the trip to the Left Coast. The docents, our own **Bruce Churchill (9)** one of them, have done a 4.0 job of restoring the old girl and giving all who come aboard a real taste of life aboard a carrier. 50,000 folks visit every year. #1 attraction in SD. San Diego Zoo — wow, you know all about that. I heard the golfing was top-notch. (I'm waiting to get old before I take up that game.)

But the best part was being with Class/Ship mates I have not seen in donkey years; the hard part was recognizing them. But once I did, we were back in Bancroft reliving carrier landings, greyhound races, and 100th night. Funny how Plebe year brings back the best memories though they were the worst of times.

On to the 60th when "two or three shall meet and old tales be retold." Editor's note: One of the things not mentioned here was an opportunity to review the USMC graduation parade at the San Diego Marine Barracks. A few of us lucky ones sat right behind the Commanding General, who happened to be a USNA graduate. Sorry; no photos for this part. But then, you've all seen these before.

This in from **Jerry Smith (8)**:

✉ Skip, we just had a very interesting monthly luncheon for the Annapolis, DC and Northern VA class of '61 group. We had as our guest CAPT (ret) Douglas Rau who has just reported in to USNA as the Class of 1961 Professor of Leadership Education. He was selected after a very extensive search to replace Dr. Joe Thomas who has moved on to the Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership. CAPT Rau is 1974 graduate of the Naval Academy and a career naval officer as a SWO and Engineering Duty Officer. He has a PhD in Leadership Studies and has taught at the Academy both on the faculty and as an adjunct, teaching ethics. He is delighted to be back on the faculty and was happy to share sea stories with us at the Tuesday luncheon at McGarvey's Tavern.

