



2010 Golf Outing in Williamsburg

the return leg. **Bill Drake** (11) was able to commute daily from just five miles away. **Gordy James** (16) joined the group for the first day of golf.

**Bill Wheaton** (14) enjoyed the biggest golf thrill chipping in a birdie on the spectacular signature 16th hole at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club's Gold Course. This beautiful par three hole has an island green, and has a 150 yard carry from an elevated tee box about 200 feet above the water surrounding the green. No comment on the scores for the 600 yard (white tees) 15th hole!

The condo unit for the 17th and 18th Companies enjoyed the best breakfast feasts, with Chef **Rick Johnson** (17) in the kitchen. Highlights included creamed chipped beef on toast (the real stuff, not your mess hall SOS variety), delicious grilled kielbasa, premium sausage, Belgian waffles, and eggs to order daily.

If this all sounds like fun and you have not previously participated, let **Dave Donovan** know of your interest in getting on his list of interested golfers. Contact him at [donovanvabeach@cox.net](mailto:donovanvabeach@cox.net).

In this year's group photo above are (L to R) Dave Donovan, Joe Flynn (6), Tim Tinsley (17), Bill Drake, Gordy James, Bill Wheaton, Bill Eshelman, George Elliott (13), Howard Berkowitz (18), Doug Volgenau (8), Rick Johnson, Mickey King, Walt Szczypinski (18), Walt Baskin (1), Bill Palmer (7), Ted Alexander (18), Ray Art (5), Fred Olds (8), Jack Udebrock, and Art Emmerson (6).



Joe Flynn, Bill Eshelman, Bill Palmer, Gordy James



Mickey King and Fred Olds

#### Hampton Roads '59 Luncheon:

**Dave Donovan**, a busy guy on behalf of the Class, reports on an assembly of Classmates that he coordinated:

■ "Classmates in the Hampton Roads area enjoyed lunch together at Cypress Point CC in Virginia Beach on 21 April. Attendees were Bill Drake, John Hilt (24), Fred Olds, Bill McAree (23), Ron Jesberg (12), George Lehmborg, Bill Wheaton, Dave Bottorff (16), Dave Donovan and Bob Armour (16). Submariners Donovan, Drake, Lehmborg and McAree won the attendance medal. Several Classmates whet their appetites with a round of golf at Cypress before enjoying a fine lunch. Thirty dollars with cart – can't beat it. Pricing will be quite different at the annual Williamsburg outing. But as they say, you can't take it with you! Dave." ■

#### Class Children and Grandchildren Exploits:

News from the Class about offspring includes **Marty Finerty's** (10) grandson, **Robert Crutcher '13**, who is currently standing third in his Class. **Frank Donovan's** (13) granddaughter, **Bridget Byrne '13**, has earned an N Star in cross country, was the Patriot League Rookie of the Year in indoor track, and is on the Supe's List. She is the daughter of former Navy QB **Bill Byrne '85** and **Amy Donovan Byrne '85**. **John Buchanan** (2) sends via **Tom Lukish** (2) that **Bill Richardson's** (2) son and John's godson, **John Michael Richardson**, is on the vice admiral's list. Then from **Don Smith** (13) we learn that Tom Bond, Jr., son of

Nancy and **Tom Bond** (13), is on the rear admiral's list. Closely related, **Walt Szczypinski's** nephew, **Michael Gilday '85**, is the first in his Class to reach flag rank. Good genes in the grand Class of '59!

#### Bravo Zulu:

Shipmate staff advises that **Mike Stevens** (6) has been inducted into the Tribute to Veterans Honor Roll for holding the U.S. military record for the most fixed-wing combat missions (852) flown during the Vietnam War. 365 of these missions were flown over North Vietnam. Mike, the Class is proud of you- well done.

#### Binnacle List:

As has been reported here before since August 2006, **Dan Chapla** (9) is at the VA Hospital in NE Washington, where he battles Parkinson's Disease. **Bud McFarlane** (14) recently visited him and advises that Dan really appreciates visits from Classmates. He is on the 6th Wing in Room 2H140. The VA Hospital is located near North Capitol Street and Michigan Avenue. Let Barbara Chapla know in advance if you can make a visit to see Dan so she can coordinate her daily visits from Alexandria. (703) 780-2836. Semper Fi.

**Ing Kiland** (6) advises that **Jim Curtin** (6) is suffering from rapidly advancing ALS-Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mary Glenn Curtin and Jim live in Santa Rosa, CA, with an email address [jmgcurtin@att.net](mailto:jmgcurtin@att.net).

#### In Remembrance:

**Steven W. McGanka** passed away on 26 April, 2010 in Buffalo, NY. Steve was a member of the 15th Company, arriving via Bullis Prep School. A memorial Mass was held on 7 May in Buffalo, and an inurnment service was to be held at the Naval Academy Chapel on 3 June, 2010, followed by inurnment at the Naval Academy Columbarium. No other details were available at press time.

Rise and Shine, Tim

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From **Jim McLean** (14):

■ "Bill; attached photos are forwarded for the 50th Reunion DVD (and a future issue of "Shipmate" when/if space permits!). The DC Area Class of 1960 held their annual Xmas Lunch at the

Army/Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA on 12/16/09 with wives/friends attending. A few people had to leave before these pictures were taken. Everyone had a grand time; some classmates had not seen each other in years! Imagine how great a large gathering of classmates at the 50th Reunion is going to be when a small group such as this Xmas Lunch can have such a wonderful time!

**Gene Tucker (9)** told a very humorous, personal story about the term, “wives”, we used during our Academy days. Hope you get to hear it sometime. **John Chenard (14)** was recognized at the lunch for having the most “wives” present – (1) Sheila, his real spouse; (2) **Tom Head (14)**, his Plebe Year “wife”; (3) and (4) **Bob Krese (14)** and **Jim McLean (14)**, his “wives” our last 3 years.

Names of people in pictures are given left to right.

Regards: Jim” ■



Sigga & Jim McLean (14); Sheila & John Chenard (14); Elly & Bob Krese (14); Legare & Tom Head (14)



Barbara & Jim Hancock (16); Marcia & Keith Young (12); Joan & Willie Willenbacher (6)



Betty & Ken Loveland (23); Bob Matulka (2) & Darlene Levedev; Tomi & Tom Solak (2); Marbeth & Tom Paulson (10); Becky & Dick Pariseau (1); Dolly & Gene Tucker (9)



LCAC picture from San Diego

From **Chuck Schroeder (23)**:

■ “The San Diego and southern California classmates visited Assault Craft Unit Five at MCS Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California in January for a firsthand look at the Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC) vehicle and the proud men and women that fly and maintain the craft. In attendance were Carol and **Richard Bannister (9)**, Glee and **John Schmidt (20)**, **Danny Musselman (5)**, Jan Shaw (**Jack Shaw (2)**), Avery and **Ben Hallowell (3)**, Margaret and **Tom Curtis (22)**, Susan and **Sam Ward (8)**, Patricia and **Bob Byrne (22)**, Janet and **Dave Hand (7)**, and Joyce and **Chuck Schroeder (23)**. Colonel Mike Belding USMC and his wife Lisa were special guests. Following a Command briefing and tour of the hanger we were given the opportunity for a hands-on tour of the LCAC vehicle. Following lots of ‘60 sea stories to impress our hosts, we enjoyed a fine luncheon at the Oceanside Harbor.” ■

Discussing computer problems with **Tony Martin (23)**, I received the following:

■ “Not to worry, Bill. I get so reliant on my computer I go into withdrawal when it suffers a “boo-boo”. I have 1 “regulation” laptop I keep my GPS software and finances (Quicken) on, and a teeny one to use for Internet use. The teeny one also has the GPS software and Quicken software for use in case of emergency, but the screen is so small I dread the thought of having to use it for GPS. May have to buy a replacement, should disaster strike [has happened before].

My [southern route from Florida] travels from April 14th to May 20-30 in Las Vegas [annual national “come around” for the USNA ALUMNI RV Chapter] are set up in detail in the GPS software and all reservations have been made.

The specific route for May to October (Ft Meade FamCamp – yes, reservations made 1 year in advance – for the 50th) are not yet set in concrete. I plan to visit lots of National Parks and monuments on the northern route back east (will check to see if there is a new president being chiseled into the mountain yet) and will use the military campgrounds software package to locate stopping points. (I also use Coast-to-Coast and CampClub USA campgrounds, in addition to Wal-Mart’s, Flying J truck stops and Cracker Barrel restaurants to “fill in the gaps”). I will stop at the Winnebago factory in Iowa to get an “adjustment” made to the motor home. Maybe we will meet on the road.

All the best. Tony” ■

Classmates, back in January, **John Michalski (6)** checked into Anne Arundel Medical Center for knee replacement surgery. Ah the sins of our youth finally catch up in our old (well maybe elder) age. Anyway, the last I heard, John is doing well. He’s working hard planning for the 50th and possibly the 75th.

**Ed Mangan (20)** reports that in upcoming luncheons in Annapolis John will have a chance to show us his new deep knee bend capability and allow for a Reunion update/short planning meeting.

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ “Bill, the new year for the Williamsburg/Hampton Roads Super Sixty Bunch got off to a great start. We kicked it off with a luncheon at the Lone Star Steak House on Tues., 12 Jan and had a record turnout of 22! The Lone Star Steak House chain was where **Ed Clextan (10)** first got this group started way back in 2000. It brought back a lot of laughs and even more peanut shells on the floor. I had planned a late lunch due to the late 1400 scheduled start time of our Norfolk FBI Field Office briefing and

tour. Somehow we finished our lunch and meeting in less than an hour and Ed said, "OK Rod, what are we going to do for the next hour?" We'll, old submarine sailors can still "tap dance" when they have to. Long story short, **Al Whitaker (16)**, our retired FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) and current Ale Werks Brewery Miester, was able to get our briefing & tour backed up, so we packed up and moved out, meeting outside of Norfolk's FBI Field Office, which was only about 10 minutes down the road. We were greeted warmly, ID's checked, searched and scanned (no full body scans yet at this office) and finally admitted. They take security seriously. A few classmates had to make quick trips back to their cars to drop off pen knives, cell phones with video capability, etc. No one in our group made the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List.

The FBI briefing and tour exceeded our expectations. The two hour presentation turned into a three hour plus question and answer/ show and tell evolution. One of the briefers was a Naval Academy grad (former Marine), who instantly got **Torry Roger's (3)** attention.

Everyone was engaged and no one wanted to leave, especially after our tour of the gun vault. We were able to get our hands on some of the weapons like the H&K MP-5, SWAT shotguns; the old Thompson Machine Gun and our very old friend the M-1 rifle (remember our M-1 thumbs?) Unfortunately, I couldn't bring my camera into the building.

Classmates attending this event included: **Ed McCaskill (8)**, **Tom Wishart (22)**, **Mike Treacy (20)**, **Bob Ianucci (16)**, **Jack Brockman (18)**, **Ed Clextion (10)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Bob Osmon (17)**, **Bob Brenton (12)**, **Wick Parcels (12)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Bob Powers (8)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Al Whitaker (16)**, **Torry Rogers (3)**, **Nick Stasko (1)**, **Bill Manning (14)** (from Richmond), **Bill Kee (9)**, **Chris Thomas (23)** and yours truly, Rod" ■

**Bob Osmon (17)** with Class of 10 mids at a Battalion reception:



We know we have a top notch (professionally engineered) Class DVD set for the reunion because of the following: "Communications Division - Warren G. Hahn, P.E. Appointment to the Florida Board of Professional Engineers". Congratulations.

**Rick Johnson (3)** writes,

■ After retiring from Eastman Kodak Co and the ONI unit in Rochester, NY, I moved to the Northern Neck of Virginia with my wife Sue, a publisher and author who has just launched the 5th edition of her award winning book, *Grandloving*. I am her office slave and if Momma ain't retired, ain't nobody retired! Check out [www.grandloving.com](http://www.grandloving.com). **Lou Longton (3)** will be joining us before the Georgia Southern game and then on to Annapolis to visit with **Dave Criste (3)**. **Duane Tollaksen (3)** and his wife Amalia, a long time fan of *Grandloving* promise to stop on the way to our 50th. Mary and **Jerry Benson (3)**, charter Grandlovers, and supporters of Sue's literary adventure will be visiting and be renewing their marriage vows in the USNA Chapel on the Sunday of our 50th reunion weekend. Regards, Rick" ■

**Ed Clextion (10)** received a letter and picture from the CAPT Jeffrey T. Griffin, USN, Commanding Officer, USS NORMANDY (CG 60).

■ "Admiral—Hello again from USS NORMANDY. Attached is a photo of the silver tray mounted on the forward/port bulkhead of our newly re-wallpapered wardroom.

Thank you once again for presenting this to our fine ship. Very respectfully, Jeff" ■



USS Normandy memorial tray picture

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Greetings classmates. As we slide into summer, our 50th reunion committee led by **Jay Bower (14)** continues to work diligently. As you have heard from your company rep, there's now a possibility that we'll be able to have the class banquet in Alumni Hall in the Yard. So make sure you continue to periodically check our class website: <http://www.usna61.org> (wgnac/plebe) for Jay's latest updates.

The mail buoy is overflowing with lots of good stuff, so let's get right to it.

**People:**

**Neil Block (1):**

■ **Judy & Roger Onorati (11)** made a recent foray to the hinterlands of west central Georgia and spent a few days with the rural Blocks in their lair in the woods. Attached is a photo of the boys of WGNAC. "We were young, once." ■



Onorati & Block

**Gordon Callender (23):**

■ Ann & I plus our children recently took part in a promotion ceremony at Patrick AFB just south of Cape Canaveral. It was a family affair with our middle child Catherine, a USAF psychologist, putting on the gold oak leaves. Ann and

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