

grandchildren. A funeral service followed by burial was held on 28 September in Ft Worth.

Carol Danitschek passed away on 6 September, 2011. She was the beloved wife of **Carl Danitschek (11)**. Services were held for Carol on 13 September, with burial in the National Cemetery Beaufort, SC on 15 September.

Last Column:

This is my last column as Class Secretary. My thanks to all the contributors from among the Class over the last six years who have helped create the stories for each issue of Shipmate. The reins have now been passed to the very capable hands of **Charlie Pease**, effective 1 October, 2011. Charlie's contact info is in the mast head for this column. It has been an honor to serve on the Class Executive Committee and very gratifying—and fun—to be in closer contact with so many Classmates. Semper Fi.

Rise and Shine, — Tim

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From the Class President, **John Michalski (6)**:

■ “During a recent class board meeting, it was decided to establish a “Class of 1960 Memorial Scholarship” in honor of our classmates killed in action during the Viet Nam war - **Donnie Lee Darrow (19)**, **Alexander McIver Jr.(12)**, **William Marshall Roark (8)** and **Martin Nelson Tull (4)**. The endowed scholarship will be provided to a prospective Midshipman who will benefit from a year of study at a prestigious prep school prior to entrance to the Naval Academy. The selection of recipients will be made by the Dean of Admissions of the Academy. I've communicated with the families of our lost classmates, and attached a copy of the letter sent to one of the families for your information. We will receive notice of the students selected for our scholarship, and I'll share the information with you as it is received. The funds for the \$50,000 endowed scholarship came from our class surplus that developed as a result of the surplus in our ALITC account, a surplus in revenue from the sale of LINK, and discounts negotiated by our 50th reunion

committee. A sizable surplus still remains, and we plan to use it to lower charges for our 55th Reunion.

The board also felt it appropriate to establish a “Policies and Procedures” supplement to the class charter to share with the class. The two items covered relate to (1) Notification of the death of classmates and their spouses (which includes information on obituary submissions to Shipmate as well as instructions on arrangements for inurnment of ashes at the Naval Academy Columbarium), and (2) Privacy policies on class wide distribution lists.

Copies of these supplements and further information are on the class web site. I'd like to thank all those classmates who assisted in these efforts. Beat Army!

John Michalski (6) ■

From **Bob Osmon (17)** via **Gene Tucker (9)**:

■ “All, Our ‘Link in the Chain’ coordinator for the 1960/2011 ALITC events has just retired. See below from **Bob Osmon (17)**.”

Last Friday I had the pleasure and honor of attending the retirement ceremony for Capt. Anne Hammond '86. Many of you will recall that then CDR Hammond was the 2nd Batt Officer and was my main point of contact with the brigade as we kicked off our Class of 1960/2010 ALITC program. Due to her efforts we were able to participate in a number of events which other classes were not able to do. She also designed and procured the blue T-Shirts for us for Sea Trials that designated us as VIP attendees in the all day event. In short she was a tremendous asset to us and we all were blessed to have her as our coordinator.

The retirement was held at the Women's Military Memorial in Arlington Cemetery. The retirement itself was an all Class of 86 event as the guest speaker was Brigadier General Loretta Reynolds, USMC, who was Anne's roommate at the Academy and the first female graduate of the Academy to become Commanding Officer of Parris Island, NC. The Retiring Officer was also Class of 86, CAPT Eric Johnson of the Entrance Processing Command. He awarded Anne the Legion of Merit. Her sideboys were also all members of '86 as were many in the audience who came to honor her.

Anne will be moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico where she will become the Regional Director for Human Resources for the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

All of us from the Class of 1960 say thanks for all she has done for us and wish her God speed and smooth sailing in her future activities. Anne, you have been a blessing to our class and will always hold a fond spot in our hearts for what you did for us. God bless. Bob. ■



CAPT Anne Hammond '86 and CAPT (RET) Bob Osmon '60

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ “Our luncheon on Tues. 9 Aug. was nothing special – a simple gathering at a local chain restaurant called Ruby Tuesday. The sleeper was the tour of our local newspaper's Production Facility, the *Virginian Pilot*. Thirteen classmates participated in the tour (**Ed McCaskill (8)**, **Tom Wishart (22)**, **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, **Bill Kee (9)**, **Frank Kay (8)**, **Geo VanHouten (24)**, **Jim Eilertsen (21)**, **Paul Cooper (5)**, **Bob Brenton (12)**, **Ray Taylor (14)**, **Don Schlicht (23)** and yours truly). **Bob Powers (8)**, **Jack Brockman (18)** and **Ed Clextion (10)** opted to skip the tour and meet us at the restaurant. Reading the morning paper over a cup of coffee will never be the same...the process of printing, bundling and getting the paper ready for delivery, before we have our first cup of coffee, is a very complex, demanding and impressive procedure. Many of our former paperboys were impressed. Our tour guide was a personable manager who knew the process inside and out. He said at the end that he was honored to conduct the tour of a group of Naval Academy graduates and thanked all of us for our service to the country.

The group requested a follow-on tour of the *Virginian Pilot* headquarters to see how the process works from the news input side. This will probably occur in early 2012.

Rod ■

This photograph of the back of a classmate's “B robe,” and the accompanying text came to me anonymously, but the writer felt that clarification was needed



Tidewater group at the paper

after reading several recent Shipmate letters that included mention of the “Black N.” The honor in fact did exist, but was worn by only a few that graduated. So as some classmates look back, longing to be recognized as members of that elite group, remember that there were requirements, and as in all Navy “Ns” the reward had to be earned. Individuals had to demonstrate, creativity, expertise, and at times a sense of humor, but the Academy and the Commandant had to do their part by finding the member’s efforts worthy of a “Class A.”



Black N

From **Doug Johnston (5)**:

■ “Greetings to All Hands, In my latest book, *Religion, Terror, and Error: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Challenge of Spiritual Engagement*, I suggest some changes in approach and direction for our country that are informed by our Center’s work (the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy) over the past 12 years in various trouble spots around the world, all of which have had an Islamic interface.

To stimulate new debate around these suggested changes, I am reaching out to as many influential opinion leaders and interest groups as possible. Since I can think of no finer “interest group” than the Class of ’60, I would be happy to send you a copy at the author’s discount rate, which equates to \$35 plus \$3 postage (i.e. what it costs me). Amazon and the publisher (Praeger) are selling it for \$50, which is simply too much. You can link to a flyer on the book or view a related event at the National Press Club on our website at www.icrd.org and see what you think. If you’re interested in obtaining

a copy, you can also order it off our website. Worst case, it’s a great cure for any sleeping disorders you might have. Very best to all, Doug ■

From Dick Augur ‘63:

■ “Your Classmates have just taken command of the Southern Arizona Chapter of the Alumni Association:

Frank Hayes (24) has just been elected President

Norm Mims (10) has been elected Secretary

Rich Richey (10) is a member of the Board of Directors ■

From **Grant Plummer (6)**:

■ “Barbara & Charley Simmons (9) hosted a dinner party recently when Rose and **Jack Newman (6)** were visiting the Port Orchard area from California. Karen & **Grant Plummer (6)** were delighted to enjoy the wonderful Puget Sound view, great food, and most of all, the lively sharing of old memories. Funny how we always seem to pick up right where we left off the last time we were together. Grant and Karen (L to R - Jack Newman, Karen Plummer, Grant Plummer, Charley Simmons, Rose Newman) ■



Newmans, Plummers & Simmons

We lost **Don Eirich (7)** in August. I heard from a number of his classmates as arrangements were made for the funeral. A particularly poignant one came from **Gene Kishel (7)** who had heard from **Richard Harper (7)**.

■ “Dick, Thanks for the note on Don. I feel bad that I didn’t know he was doing well. I will surely miss him. He always called me Minnesota Medicine Man when we corresponded. Kindest regards, Gene” ■

From **Colin Saari (4)**:

■ “Bill, The USNA AA Puget Sound Chapter held a picnic at Kitsap Lake near Bremerton, WA on 14 August. Members of Super Sixty were practicing our “sea lies” but we learned after all these years, you can tell them again and no one remembers them from the first time you told them. Attached is a picture of (L to R) **Bob Dropp (20)**, **Charlie Cook (3)**, **Larry Ryan (5)** and **Colin Saari (4)**. Colin ■



Puget Sound chapter group

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 64%

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Happy Holidays, classmates. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Now it’s on to the December holidays and the opportunity to once again whip up on Army and extend our win streak to 10 straight. Those in the Washington, DC area will only have to venture as far as FedEx Field this year to join the fun as opposed to the trek to Philadelphia. We have lots to cover, so let’s get to it.

ALITC: Jim Luper (11) reports on a delayed graduation:

■ LtCol **Ron Campbell (15)**, USMC, (Ret) represented the Class of 1961 by handing out the bars to three members of the Class of 2011 graduating on 19 August 2011. The ceremony was held in Mahan Hall.

The ceremony which lasted about 30 minutes, was: Official Party Enters (lead