

3 hours but maybe next time!! Even though I just turned 80, I had to run in the 75+ group and ended up taking first place. It helped that I was the only runner in the group. Someone else had signed up but didn't start. That proves the old saying that "You have to show up in order to win!" Out of 249 males running, I came in 233. The significance of this is that 16 males came in after me, all YOUNGER!!! That's it for now. On to the next race!



So /Fellow 59ers, we have distinguished classmates in government and in running foot races. And we are losing many brothers. Let's continue to stay in touch. That's it for now. Rise and Shine!!

## '60

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From **Bob Osmon (17)** reminiscing:

✉ Classmates, put on your memory caps and see if you can recall this one. Recently I watched once again the movie "MacArthur" with the General being played by Gregory Peck. If you can recall, he was fired by Truman over a dispute whether or not to invade North Korea (Right now there are a lot of folks in the world who wish that Truman had

allowed him to do so). Anyhow after his dramatic speech to Congress he made a nationwide tour during which cities and states honored him. Our Mayor at that time, Mayor Fleming, had been on MacArthur's staff in Japan before returning to our little town and invited him to come through Zion, which he did, in the summer of 1951 I believe. I had recently become an Eagle Scout and since MacArthur was an Eagle Scout, I was selected to make a presentation to him of the patches and awards representing the three troops then operating in Zion. So I was able to shake his hand and give him these gifts. I can still remember that thrill clearly. Certainly could have never envisioned at that time that about 6 years later I would be attending the Naval Academy as he did West Point. Life unfolds in amazing ways. Life is not made up of years passing: life is made up of moments. God bless. Bob

From **Bill Ballard (4)**:

✉ "Ed Clexton's (10) recollections about N3Ns brought back some good memories. It also reminded me how poorly developed my brain was in 1959. My flight log shows three one hour local flights from the Severn in N3Ns on April 17th, May 1st and May 15th, 1959. A log entry for a local flight from Lee Airport (Annapolis) October 11, 1959, includes the remark "Parachute Drop." What I dropped, from a 65 horsepower J-3 Piper Cub on a cold windy day, was a USNA Midshipman 2/c, a former Army paratrooper, from one of the even numbered battalions who had shown up in my room with the request that I take him up for a jump. With more concern that the word was out that I was going off the reservation and flying airplanes at Lee Airport than how this venture just might go wrong, I had agreed to fly him if he showed up. He did, wearing two parachutes, a battalion football helmet and boondocks. We flew, he jumped, and we both safely landed back on the field. Only afterwards did I start composing in my mind the Class A offense that would have been read off in the mess hall if

(pick your own likely catastrophe). Bill

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

✉ "Bill, great weather creates a hearty turnout. The Hampton Roads/Williamsburg group set a new high Aug. luncheon attendance record of 18. We met at a popular, long time Norfolk restaurant, called the Freemason Abbey. The building was built in 1873 as a 2nd Presbyterian Church. The church was converted to a restaurant in 1989. The interior of the former church was able to accommodate our large and somewhat noisy group with ease; The menu offered a nice selection of entrees and appetizers for a reasonable price. The service was excellent. Their award winning She Crab soup, still retains its #1 status.

Braving a clear, sunny and low-humidity day were: **Al Ablowich (16), Pete Chabot (14), Paul Cooper (5), Jim Eilertsen (21), Joel Febel (5) Rod Friedmann (5), Jack Greenhalgh (9), Dick Hamon (8), Bert Johnson (10), Frank Kay (8), Bill Kee (9), Bob Osmon (17), Bob Powers (8), Jack Suddath (6), Geo. Van Houten (24), Al Whitaker (16), Bob Brenton (12) and Arky Vaughn (21).** Rod



From **John Schmidt (20)**:

✉ "John Schmidt (20), Chuck Schroeder (3), Jan Shaw, Avery & Ben Hallowell (3) at the 3rd annual Old Goats Kids Who Care wheelchair basketball tournament. The Old Goats who now number 40 of our USNA '60 classmates and widows was founded after our 47 1/2 San Diego reunion 8 years ago. The Old Goats have added the Kids Who Care program and continue to work with transitioning wounded warriors and their families and are now under the auspices of the Charlie Humphrey Keating IV Foundation. Benny was recognized by the Coronado Mayor and many of the speakers and benefactors for his years of service to this effort. For information or to join, contact Ben at [benhallowell@gmail.com](mailto:benhallowell@gmail.com). John"

Finally, I can't believe I ran out of material for the column this month. The move down to Florida might have contributed to it. In any event, you don't have to be in an area with 20-30 classmates meeting every month to have something interesting to pass on to the Class. We'd like to hear from folks in "Anywhere, USA" if you can take a few minutes and drop a line. Email is preferred. (It's faster) But no matter how you get it hear, we want to get it out to the Class. Bill (Secretary to the Stars... that's you guys).

## 60/61 CLASS NEWS



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And also from **Bob Osmon (17)**:

✉ "Classmates, last week I went to a birthday party celebrating the 60th of a very close friend. When I saw the glasses and hat he was given to celebrate 60, I knew I had to jump in and celebrate our class. SO....here is the Oz in Class of 1960 paraphernalia. Super Sixty!!! Oz

**Al Whitaker (16)** commented:

✉ "OZ, you have never looked better. Where can I buy the items-I plan to use them when I become 60? Al



## '61

**Life Membership: 71%**

**Donor Participation: 25.29%**

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So, hello again. By the time you all get this, the summer will have wound down, and we'll be likely into

the '61 West Coast Reunion, or close to it. Connie & I are going out there, and maybe I can even get some hot West Coast news/photos for our next SHIPMATE issue. If those of you who go do get some good shots, get them to me ASAP, and I'll include some in possibly the issue after this, or the next. After some early season jitters, it looks as though we may have a fairly good football team this year. However, as usual, beating Notre Dame would be a Great Leap Forward...



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This comes in from **Tom White (20)**:

✉ A week ago today, I went in a van (don't ever do it) with 12 Spring Lake, NJ friends to Boston to see a baseball game. **Joe Bellino (20)** met us & several of us accompanied him into the umpires' locker room for an hour before the game. With the help of **Jeff Moody, USNA 2006** (see the first photo); it includes the Red Sox and Yankee managers, along with Joe and all the umpires), Umpire Dan Bellino (no relation & had never met Joe) had connected recently with Joe & invited him to the locker room. It was a very special occasion & the umpires could not have been more gracious & friendly. As we were about

to go to our seats, A Red Sox official asked Joe if he would deliver the game ball to the mound just before the first pitch. (Joe would not have even been at the game, if Dan had not reached out on his own.) The second photo is Joe with the umpires, in their locker room.

Here is a big submission from **Ned Kuhns (07)**:

✉ The Tidewater 1961 Group attended the recent Celebration of Life memorial service for our friend and 15 Co. classmate, **Dr. Jim Laster**. We were joined by two '61 Marines **Ron Campbell (15) with his wife Linda** from Fairfax, VA and **Bill Rakow (19)** with his wife Nancy from Ocean City, MD. Ron was Jim's "first wife" for four years at USNA. After a wonderful reception remembering Jim's many accomplishments in the medical field, we decided a photo was most appropriate to share with all. In the front row, left to right are: **Ned Kuhns (07), Bob Graham (18), Bill Rakow (19), Judy Laster, Mike Bradley (03), Jim Henderson (15), Charlie Stewart (06) and Ron Campbell (15)**. In the back row, left to right are: **Joe Kuhn (03-Honorary), JP Decker (08), Tom McNicholas (09), Ken Craig (07), Dave Timm (20), Marc Bruno (01), and Jim Joyner (01). Cyd Driscoll (22) and Jim Noonan (23)** also attended the service but had to depart before we got organized for a photo."



This comes to us from **Ted Langworthy (06)**:

✉ Skip, I recently donated this original Howard Chandler Christy