

extensive set of handouts led us through the question of how the equity markets came unglued and what lies ahead. He even left us with some optimism that this too will pass, citing historical trends, and provided some tacks we might take as investors.

Class Marines to Award Mameluke Sword: The Marines in the Class, following the lead of '57 and '58, will fund and award a USMC Mameluke Sword to a member of this year's graduating class entering the Marine Corps. **Bill Eshelman** (14), **Jerry Garbacz** and **Tim Tinsley** are organizing the effort, with all '59 Marines asked to support the project. A committee of '59ers and USNA staff Marines will select candidates for the award who exhibit the greatest commitment to and achievement in professional military education, especially history and naval heritage, and leadership potential. The winner and runners-up will also receive three year memberships to the Marine Corps Association. The sword will be presented at 10:00 am on 19 May, 2009 during a Marine Corps awards ceremony in Alumni Hall. Semper Fi.

California Report:

Joe Keeley (19) reported on '59ers at an Orange County Army - Navy game party, celebrating the overwhelming Navy win. The photo from the Left Coast depicts **Joe McGlinchey** (6), **Bob Vasey** (4), **Joe Keeley**, **Joe Casasanto** (12), and **Art Merz** (22). Spouses Diane McGlinchey, Sue Casasanto, Puddy Merz, and Jane Keeley were also cheering Navy on.

Joe added he and Jane had a recent coffee break visit with roomie **Ron Denney** (19), who was in Long Beach visiting his daughter.



Los Angeles Area '59ers

Our electronic mail buoy received a story from **Mike "Trash" Hastings '83** about Donna and **Dennis Read** (10).

Trash writes:

■ "Greeting from Nairobi, Kenya. Your Classmate, Dennis Read, was spotted at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held by the US Embassy. Not to let the moment

pass, we're attaching this photo of Dennis Read. Dennis and Donna are working with BSF International, a Bible Study Fellowship, headquartered in San Antonio, TX. The group is interdenominational. Kenya can use this kind of atmosphere to help in the reconciliation process following over 1,500 dead in the post-election violence of early 2008. Though we did not talk too much about military stuff, I did catch that he left the Yard and did twenty years as a surface nuke, seven in ENTERPRISE. He's been a Blue and Gold Officer for many years, giving back to institution that gave us so much. Good luck on your upcoming Link in the Chain interaction with the Class of 2009!" ■



Dennis Read and Mike Hastings

Navy Football Chronicles:

Aptly dubbed by **Tom Lukish** as the Class of 1959's own Grantland Rice, **Buddy Wellborn** (11) has faithfully and most entertainingly produced a superb post-game analysis for every Navy football game this year. Not just a blow by blow, but including, for example, a preamble on the host city, stadium, temperature and wind velocity/direction. Cast with an insider's vision (who can forget his three touchdowns against Notre Dame at South Bend), Buddy's salty, locker roomish, yet articulate game accounts were a much anticipated weekly email. Such colorful descriptions and monikers as "Kettani crashed through the phone booth for nine yards; The Hawaiian Royal Prince, Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada's gallant effort; please do not do that Prevent Defense crap; it must be new math of Hawaiian Football-401 (on decision in bowl game to kick a field goal on second down to save time for an onside kick in hopes to then win the game with a touchdown)." He concluded his final report with congratulations, pronouncing Navy football alive and well: "Navy Football, A Proud Tradition." Right on -thanks, Buddy.

40 Years Ago in 1969 Shipmates:

Annually **Frank Young** (12) has kindly forwarded copies of the Class Column

from 40 years prior—most recently from 1969 issues. There were some good nuggets about '59 exploits. Here are some samples.

Jim Osburn (6) became an aquanaut preparing to operate at a depth of 620 feet off San Clemente; **Phil Salyer** (8) played a key role in launch of a Titan III-C from Cape Kennedy; **Deej Kiely** (17) was flying F-8 Crusaders in RVN, then joined the grunts of the 3d Marines as ALO near the DMZ; **Bill McAree** (23) in WHALE surfaced through 27 feet of ice at Latitude 90° North—and claimed to be first '59er to walk around the top of the world; and **John Butterfield** (2) flew OV-10A Broncos in RVN.

Homecoming that year (our 10th) was quartered at the Holiday Inn in Glen Burnie for \$14 a room, with a dinner-dance at Bay Ridge Inn.

Frank included a note of how we once wondered how long it would take the Class Column to "reach the staples" in *Shipmate*. No staples are used in today's *Shipmate*, but we are now well into the first half of the magazine!

Rise 'n Shine, —Tim

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From **Ted McClanahan** (23):



Newlyweds Ted & Mary Katherine McClanahan

■ Mary Katherine Conroy and I were married in St. Andrew's Chapel on the twenty-second on November after a whirlwind two year courtship. We were introduced and the "match" was made by

my friend and tennis partner, his wife, and sister successfully linking Northern Virginia to Annapolis. We are happily ensconced in the Murray Hill neighborhood of Annapolis and are looking forward to the fiftieth reunion. ■

From **Rod Friedmann (5)**:

■ Bill, I'm sorry you and Linda couldn't join our group for our Annual Christmas Gale this year. It was held at the Vista Point Conference Center located on the Naval Operations Base (NOB) in Norfolk on Tues., 9 Dec. **Ed McCaskill (8)** volunteered to make all the arrangements this year and did a terrific job in booking the Conference Center, arranging for an excellent sit-down dinner and contracting for a very entertaining and enterprising DJ. Yours truly functioned as his money bag man. We had 44 classmates, wives and guests signed up for the event, including three out of toners: Sandra & **Bill Manning (14)**, Barbara & **Al Bissell (8)** and our newlyweds, Becky & **Dick Pariseau (1)**. Janet & **Dave Harden (23)** left their OBX abode to join in the fun, while the Williamsburg Express included Sandy & **Tom Wishart (22)**, Muriel & **Jack Greenhalgh (9)**, Christy & **Joe Jaap (13)**, **Bob Osmon (17)** and Sarah & **Ed McCaskill (8)**. The rest of the Southsiders included: Sue & **Paul Cooper (5)**, Maureen & **Bob Ianucci (16)**, Paula & **Rod Friedmann (5)**, **Jack Brockman (18)** & Guest (Pat), **Bill Kee (9)**, Mary & **Henry von Kolnitz (22)**, Mary Jane Whelan, Catherine & **Ed Clextion (10)**, Prissy & **Wick Parcels (12)**, Ruth & **Frank Kay (8)**, Karen & **Tom Inderlied (21)**, Mary Jane & **Ray Taylor (14)**, and Bobbie & **Bob Brenton (12)**.

Ed McCaskill (8) arranged for an open wine & beer bar and an attractive arrangement of hors d'ouvres. Our sit-down dinner included a nice presentation of Herb Encrusted Pork and Chicken Marsalis. While waiting to be served, the DJ played requested music and kept us occupied with word/memory games. Some of our classmates and wives seemed to have retained the ability of instant recall and were they quick with the answers! Following the completion of the meal, a Twelve Days of Christmas matching game was promoted by our innovative DJ. The winners were awarded sealed prizes that they could "Deal or Not Deal" with the other winners. Maureen Ianucci was the big 10 buck winner. Post dinner activities involved at Gold Putting

competition...most golfers in the crowd failed to qualify. **Paul Cooper (5)** (a non-golfer) and **Ed Clextion (10)**, both qualified and ended up in a Putt-Off. After many quirky putts, Ed finally won the event. Dancing to the music of the 50s and 60s topped the evening off. Attached are a few pictures of this fun-filled event that you may want to select for inclusion in SHIPMATE. Note: For all Pictures-read Left-to-Right ■



Newlyweds Dick & Becky Pariseau with Ed & Catherine Clextion



Choir Boys Bill Manning & Joe Jaap

One of our long missing non grad classmates surfaced during reports of his retirement as the executive director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. **Gary Myers (12)** reported that it was Capt. Patton USA, (Tank tracks) who gave him his first lesson in leadership. Though he didn't complete the Academy, the lessons stayed with him though out life. Gary is stepping down in March after more than three decades as the chief overseer of hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation in Tennessee.

From **Lee Seligman (6)**:

■ How goes it old man? I hope your health is better than the last time we corresponded. Mine sucks! But, it's better than the alternative, I guess! If you're going to the Bowl Game and the "tailgate", hopefully, I'll see you there. If my health holds up, I'll be there.

Hey, re news for "Shipmate", my oldest son, Todd, was married on 5 Oct to Sian Anghasirisan on beach on the Outer Banks of NC. Quick trip to deliver Sian's Mother, Aunt and cousin to Dulles a few

days later allowed me to stop by Joan and **Willie Willenbacher's (6)** for a visit, dinner and the better part of a bottle Willie's private stock single malt; then reveille at 0515 and the drive back ... I'm getting too old for this stuff, especially after driving cross-country to get [someone had to bring Todd's dog] there and then back. BEAT ARMY ... oh, we did that Saturday ... PRICELESS ! for now, BEAT Wake Forest ... again !

Best regards, Lee ■

From **Warren Hahn (5)** to the class:

■ "Classmates, as many of you know, I am creating a DVD for our 50th reunion. I need your help. The DVD will have a company section with your grad photo (or if non grad, your name) and then recent photos. The DVD will also have a midshipman day's section, career/military service section and a wedding. Each company and section will be selectable shows on the DVD. I have at least one photo for the DVD of almost 50% of our class. Some of these are photos of our midshipman and career days sent in of yourself and others. I have about 35% of our class with recent photos to be included in the 24 company shows. When I say recent, some photos are of our deceased classmates sent in by widows or family members that were taken 5 years after graduation, but are the most recent photo. A lot of the photos are from group or reunion gatherings. Not enough are recent, within the last 5 to ten years. I need family and/or individual photos for the company shows.

For the next 12 months I will list the names of those of whom I have NO photos. Below is this month's listing of NO photos. I started with the two middle companies and will work outwards. (Next will be 11 & 14). Please send midshipman, career, wedding and/or especially recent digital photos to wghahn@hahneng.com or hard copy, with SASE, to W. G. Hahn, 4525 West Beachway Dr. Tampa, FL 33609. I have NO photos for:

12th Company: Butler, Calvert, Dunne, Earle, Falk, Harris, Maguder, Mercer, Meredith, Ramsey, Ryder, Shea, Shughart, Thames, Turner, Wheeler, Wills, Wycoff. (18 of 35 total missing)

13th Company: Babcock, Bartolett, Birtwistle, Booth, Branson, Cooper, Durham, Harlan, Littlefield, Marshall, McAfee, McCoy, McKinley, Meyer, Montgomery, Parlette, Patrick, Potter, Rengel, Rudy, Schweizer. (21 of 39 total missing)

Note: If you have photos which include some of the folks who are no longer with us, please send them along so that they will be included in our book. ■

Jack Greenhalgh (9) wrote the following e-mail after reading Bob's book:

■ "I don't know how many classmates know that **Bob Osmon (17)** has written a book about his days in high school football. At its core, it is about setting goals and doing whatever you have to do to follow-through to meet them. It is inspirational and an exciting true story about his years in high school football, with the team reaching the championship in his senior year, setting some records that still haven't been beaten. It is also about the intense coach and how Bob came to understand that those that are the hardest on us are often the ones that love us the most, a great message for kids. I really enjoyed it. It is a great read for teenagers especially but for others as well. It is titled "Zee Bees", the nickname of the team. I got one for me and one for my grandson for Christmas. I wonder how many grandchildren there are among the Class of '60? The book has been in the upper 20% of sales among authors on Amazon for the past two weeks and Bob's high school intends to make Zee Bees required reading for all incoming freshmen starting next fall. Bob has been recommended for the Abe Lincoln Program in Illinois, which means over 700 high schools will place Zee Bees on their reading list for next year. I heard that it is going into a second printing. It is nice to see classmates having such success." Jack ■

From **Jack Shaw (2)**:

■ The So Cal group met for lunch in November at the Municipal Golf Course in Coronado. Special attendees were **Bob Raymond (20)** from Alaska and **Dave Parkinson (11)** from his winter home in Palm Desert. Many comments about the election, Sarah Palin (Bob has seen her frequently), the economy and our shrinking net worth. Other attendees were **Tom Curtis (22)**, **John Schmidt (20)**, **Ben Hallowell (3)**, pitching his "Old Goats" program, **Mike Fenn (4)**, **Doc Hand (7)**, our photographer brought his camera, but we decided to spare the rest of you, **Mike Merrill (20)**, **Bill Lloyd (21)**, **Tom McDonough (4)**, **John Pethick (9)**, **Denis Crawford (2)**, **Sam Ward (8)** and me. Jack ■

A couple of photos from recent tidewater activities show some folks who haven't been "nailed" by our duty photographer. **Rod Friedmann (5)**



Bob Ianucci (Left) and Al Whitaker



Bob Rutherford (Standing) converses with Bob Powers

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Happy spring, Classmates ... and your babes! It's time for another edition of "WGNAC Class Nooze," the most popular feature of this fine Alumni magazine that has been endorsed by many "older, leading, smart, contemporary writers", including George Will, Rush Limbaugh, Steven King, and Gen. Tom Clancy, because it's easy to read, uses simple words, has a nice beat, and is easy to dance to. They give it a 95. So, we'll start off this year with one of our most popular features THE LATEST NOOZE.

Ned Kuhns. To do our part in 1961's "Another Link in the Chain" program, Jim Joyner arranged a 1961 luncheon to host the Tidewater members of the Class of 2011 (and their parents) while they were home on Christmas leave. On 30 December, we were pleased to have Rachel Clapp, Jeff Heckelman and Mark Maliniak join us as well as Rachel's

parents (her father is Jeff Clapp, Class of 1982) and Jeff Heckelman's father Loren (a retired Navy Supply Corps captain). There are five other members of 2011 in the Tidewater area who had prior commitments and also were unable to join us. The conversation was lively and animated as we received first-hand insights into the activities at the Academy and left impressed with the outstanding quality of our local members of 2011. 1961 attendees included: Mike Bradley, Ken Craig, JP Decker, Cyd Driscoll, Jim Henderson, Jim Joyner, Ned Kuhns, Buzz Needham, Tom McNicholas, and Charlie Stewart. We had such an entertaining luncheon with 2011, we hope to make this a recurring activity whenever their members are in the area as a group. For those classmates organized in other geographical areas, we would recommend you consider hosting similar events. It's a great way to develop our association with 2011.

Ron Carlberg. So far, as of December 18, 2008, the guys from 20th Company have raised more than \$10,000 in name for "JF Connell" who will be honored at NAVFAC 2009 in March. Those who put up the money are": Ed Straw (Honorary 20th), Joe Bellino, Joe Berkley, Ron Carlberg, Walt Cawein, Gary Chapel, Ken Dixner, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Jim Flynn, Clark Gibbs, Corky Guenter, Hu Hyde, Jack McQuade, Bob Partlow, Fred Wilson, Ed Ettinger, Hank Ochel, Tom White, and Matthew Hudson (Friend of '61 and Honorary 20th). *WE DID IT !!!!!* Congratulations again to everyone in the 20th Company who stepped up, and Ed Straw and Matthew Hudson, two special friends of the 20th Co.

Jim Laster. Of interest, I'm going to participate in the Friends of Navy Tennis Tournament at the Brigade Sports Complex in late January, '09. In that tournament we are paired with a current member of the Navy Tennis Team. I asked the coach if I could be paired with a member of the Class of 2011. Just outside the Brigade Sports Complex they have an outdoor tennis stadium named the Fleugal-Moore Tennis Stadium named for our classmates, Rick Fleugal and Bill Moore. They even have a big portrait of Bill in the Brigade Sports Complex. I'm wondering what went wrong with me. At any rate it should be fun- really looking forward to it! Sorry to miss the last lunch—we had a Christmas party at work at the same time.

PARTING SHOTS. Here's one that should send you back more than 50 years from Ed Oleata.