

Shipmate March 2019
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Winter is nearly past, spring is on the way! I'm sure many of you share my disappointment for the Navy football season. Another close game, but a loss at Army-Navy! Well, there's a new season ahead so there's reason to hope for a Navy WIN in 2019! On to the notes!

First up is a nice note from **Stan Szemborski**: "Hi Duke! BJ and I really enjoyed the San Diego reunion. The Navy team fell short against Notre Dame which leaves me with a real problem. My son Michael is the Director of Strength and Conditioning in the athletic department at Notre Dame so he now has bragging rights for the next year, perhaps longer. I am on the board of Navy Mutual Aid so I received the game ball on the field at the first time out. I was very excited, but BJ warned me that they would likely mispronounce my name. She was right, they did, and they also spelled it wrong on the scoreboard. Attached are two photos from the game. In one I am accepting the game ball for Navy Mutual along with the USNA athletic director and my good friend Cutler Dawson '70 who is accepting the ball for NFCU. In the other I am with a '71 who needs no introduction.



CAPTION: Stan with Cutler Dawson accepting the game ball!



CAPTION: Stan with Bill the Goat!

“BJ and I moved to Purcellville VA (about an hour from DC). We have four acres with a pond and a pool and our 24 grandchildren love visiting us there. I am currently involved in Navy executive training and teach several times a year at NPS in Monterey and at UNC to Navy Flags and O6s. I also chair the Audit committee on the Board of Navy Mutual. Beat Army! Stan.” Excellent photos Stan! I’ll be cheering for Navy vs. Notre Dame next year! Hope Navy gets another win soon! You’re genuinely blessed with 24 grandchildren! There are never too many! And, your work sounds enjoyable! That’s a blessing, too!

My only note from the Army – Navy game is a photo of **Perry Martini** and me after the game with one of our ALITC '21 3/C midshipmen riding the metro back to city center. MIDN S is from Memphis, TN and is a Navy junior. She is a cheer team member. GO NAVY!



USNA '71 and '21!

Next is a note from Dave Hackett: “Hi Duke, Here’s a photo of **Don Gunther**, me, **Terry Virus** and **Dave Bolduc** on the putting green in Irvine in mid-December. We had a good time, but I’m buying Donnie a new putter because he can’t figure out how to use the one he has. We all live in Orange County, CA and would welcome anyone else to our monthly game. Beat Army! Dave.” Thanks for the note! Sounds like a very fun group! By the way readers, Dave Hackett is President of Stillwater Associates LLC!



CAPTION: Don Gunther, Dave Hackett, Terry Virus, Dave Bolduc

I'm saddened to report that our dear friend and beloved classmate, **Nicos** (Nick) Savvas **Pantelides** died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Friday 7 December while undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Nick, a true Annapolitan, graduated from Annapolis High School in 1966 then attended Bullis Prep School. He raised his hand with the rest of us on June 28, 1967. Nick was a proud member of the class of 1971, well known to all for his service to country, the United States Navy and

Naval Academy, and his classmates. As our then Class Treasurer, he was the founding father of our class football game tailgates in 1976 which has blossomed to present day as a welcome site to '71ers on the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial perimeter road. He also served as our Class Vice President from 1991 to 2011, and as a member of the Class of '71 Executive Board.

While at the Navy Nick played on the lacrosse team and served as the “Sock Hop Committee Chairman” for Mrs. Emily Marshall where he organized the selection of USNA’s first Homecoming Queen & Parade. After graduating in 1972, he was assigned to USS Saratoga (CV-60) in support of the Vietnam War forward deployed conducting combat operations.

His next assignment was at USNA as a Physical Education instructor during which time he worked on several improvements to the Academy including the restoration and renovation of the Lejeune Hall Midshipmen Athletic Hall of Fame. However, Nick’s most significant accomplishment during this assignment was dating and marrying the love of his life, Dolly Tsatsios. Upon resigning his commission Nick remained at USNA serving as a government service employee as an Admissions Officer from 1981 to 2004. During his tenure, he was one of the original architects of the existing admissions systems as he designed and introduced scan forms not only for the Naval Academy, but also for the other service academies. He served as the Secretary of the Admissions Board and was responsible for selecting Vice Presidential nominees for the Naval Academy. In total Nick served 36 years and 17 days including his military and federal service.

Nick was famous in Annapolis for his devotion to family, church and the U.S. Naval Academy. In addition to his many achievements as a sailor, admissions officer, and lacrosse coach, Nick was a true patriot and God-fearing family man. Born in Nicosia, Cyprus, Nick was one of six children and raised in Annapolis by his Greek parents who owned the *Royal Restaurant on West Street* – frequented by many of his '71 classmates.

In addition to his dedication to USNA, Nick was a remarkable husband and father. His 42 years of marriage with Dolly exemplified to all who knew them what a wonderful couple they were. Nick and Dolly were soulmates, never leaving each other’s side. They lived in Annapolis raising four children and for twenty-five years opened their doors as a Sponsor Family to countless midshipmen. Nick is survived by his wife, Dolly, and four children: Anastasia Pantelides, Christa Clagett and her husband, Steve, Sophia Deane and her husband, Jake, and Savvas Nicos Pantelides.

Notes of condolence or letters can be sent to: Dolly Pantelides 1303 Lloyd Street Annapolis MD 21401. May our friend and classmate, Nick Pantelides, rest in peace.

Too soon it’s time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health, healing when needed, and safety in their travels. Our classmates in leadership as well as those in volunteer organizations need our thoughts

and prayers, too. For everything there is a season and a purpose. Today is the gift of “the present.” Life is precious and too short –love passionately, give and share your blessings generously with others – as we are richly blessed so may we richly bless others. Remember, too, that words have the power to elevate and to destroy, so use your words carefully! Give thanks for your many blessings, especially for family and of citizenship in our great nation. As much as ever, this is the time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. There is plenty of work remaining as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke