

Shipmate July - August 2019
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Summer in Annapolis! The Yard is so hot and humid now! My least favorite time in the Yard, but also a time filled with many good memories! In the summers after plebe year I enjoyed sailing on the Severn River and Chesapeake Bay in the knock-about boats. **Rich Connelly, Mike "Del" Del Balzo** and I did plenty of sailing on windy and calm days! Ah, those halcyon days with few cares and the world on a string! My favorite sailing day was when the wind was so strong we sailed with only the jib! The gunnel was at the water's edge and we stood along the windward side! That was fun! Many years later I managed a similar sailing day in Newport in a slightly longer boat! So much fun! Much to report!

First up is an excellent note regarding an upgrade to the baseball field: "On Saturday, April 20th, a clear and sunny baseball kind of day and with the temperature at '71' degrees, our class established reality from a field of dreams by contributing new stadium lights for Navy baseball. Due to the generosity of our classmate, **Bob Stuart**, Bishop stadium now has night games for Navy baseball! The lights were dedicated to the memory of Bob's father in a ceremony held at home plate between the twilight doubleheader of the Army-Navy Baseball N Star game. Bob's contribution made it possible for the stadium lights as well as added value to the Navy's new scoreboard in center field. Bob threw out the first pitch for the start of the second game and it was a strike right over the plate! Pictured below are members of the Navy '71 baseball team with **Bob Stuart** and Chet Gladchuk, left to right: **Tom Galloway, Bob Pierce, Pete de Vos, Pete Schneider, Bob Stuart**, and Chet Gladchuk. Also present were class Vice President **Mike McNallen** and President **Perry Martini**. Many thanks to Bob and his wife Margy for his special contribution to Navy Baseball!" Excellent work, Bob! Always good to see what our classmates do for USNA!



CAPTION: (L-R) Several '71 baseball team members with Bob and Chet

Here's an excellent note from **Pat Doyle**: "**Doug Murphy** and his fiancé, Becky Windle, had planned a celebration at their home in The Villages, FL, for April 9th this year to mark Opening Day at Fenwick Park for Doug's beloved Boston Red Sox. When Doug passed away on March 18th after a long bout with pulmonary fibrosis, Becky re-purposed the party into a Celebration of Life for Doug.

"Several classmates were able to attend, and it was a wonderful event. Doug had lots of memorabilia from New England sports teams, plus pictures and objects from his childhood, his time at USNA, and his life after both Mother B and the Navy. He also had his well-documented athleticism on display, including trophies for five holes-in-one that he shot while golfing, and the football from the Regimental Champion 23rd Company Lightweight Football team in 1970.

"After some tributes to Doug from friends and neighbors, Becky played their song, '*Desperado*', and we followed up with the Alma Mater and a rousing 'Beat Army' cheer to intimidate the lone Woo-Poo in attendance. Those of us able to be there (pictured left to right) were Brenda and **Mike Jastrab**, 21st Company, and nine of us from 23rd CO: **Dave Odland**, **Pat Doyle**, **Mike Hallahan**, **Paul Swetland**, Jill Tuttle Gallant, Murph's high school sweetheart, Academy drag, and his first wife, **Hank**

Turowski, Donna (1971 Color Girl) and Jack Conrad, and Jim Hergenroeder. Also present was Lisa Marie Murphy, Doug's younger daughter." Doug will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace.



CAPTION: (L-R) Classmates and friends gathered to remember Doug Murphy

A special Another Link in the Chain (ALITC) event was held in a ceremony on Tuesday, April 23rd in Memorial Hall. Eleven classmates donated their class rings to be molded into our link in the chain with '21. Rings were donated by **Dave Leestma, Mike Lynch, Dan Lyons, Walt Havenstein, AJ Whittle, Brad Clossen, Mike O'Connor, Jim Gonzales, John Scott, Tom Hammons, and Mike (Munt) Marks.** Remarks were made by those classmates present who gave rings, by our ALITC chair and VP, **Mike McNallen, and Perry Martini.** This was an honorable night for all as part of ALITC with '21.



CAPTION: AJ Whittle ring presentation



CAPTION: Walt Havenstein ring presentation



CAPTION: Dan Lyons ring presentation



CAPTION: Mike Lynch ring presentation

You can see this ALITC ceremony at the following YouTube link which a '21 class officer submitted: <http://bit.ly/2IHX75N>.

Last column I reported on the Distinguished Graduate Award (DGA) ceremony program. DGA video and photos from the 2019 DGA Ceremony have been added to the USNA Alumni association website. Here is the link: <https://www.usna.com/DGA-past-recipients>. To view the video, click on 2019 Ceremony Video. If you only have time to watch **Walt Havenstein's** award presentation and his comments, you can fast forward to approximately 46:35 into the ceremony. Enjoy!

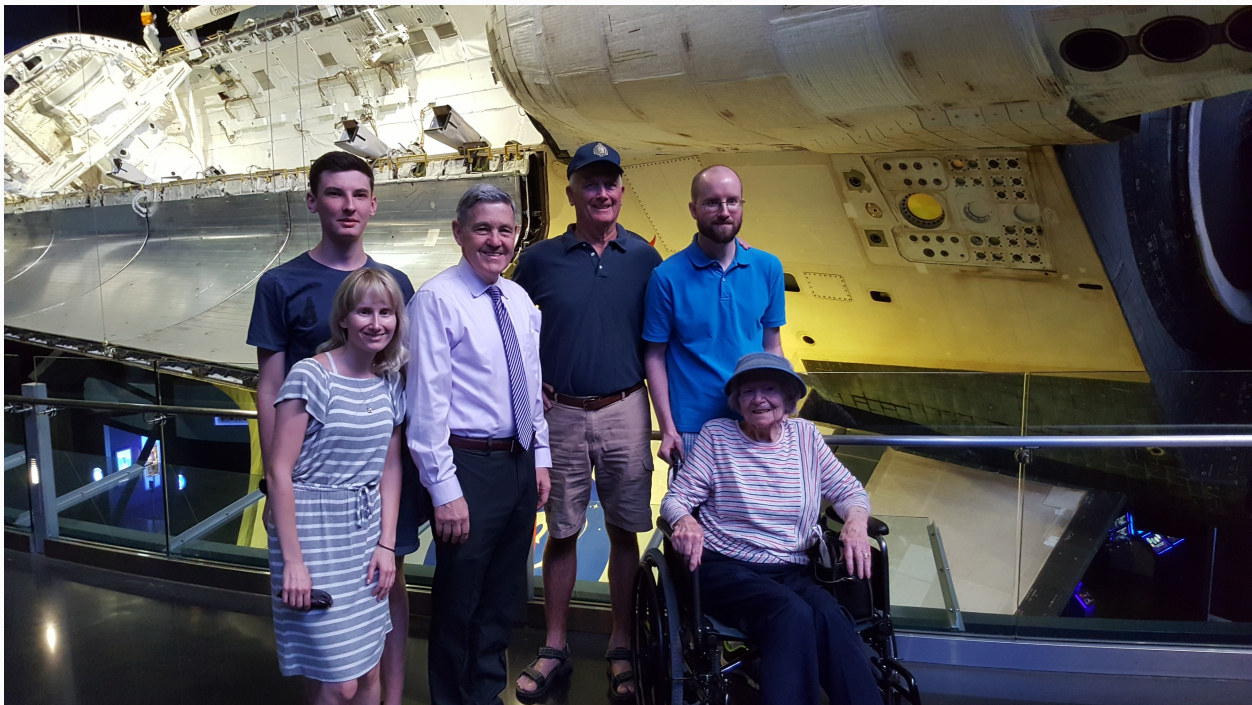
Here's a most humbling note from **Dennis Viglienzone**: "Duke, My wife and I would like to thank Karen and **Vic Linck** for establishing a college scholarship in memory of our son, PFC Caesar Viglienzone. The scholarship is administered by the Marines' Memorial Association & Foundation in San Francisco. Our thanks also go to the many members of 29th CO, friends, and family who supported the scholarship with their donations. Our son was KIA 01 Feb 2006 in Iraq with two other soldiers while serving with the 101st Airborne Division. Caesar is buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio near the Golden Gate Bridge, where the Blue Angels fly for Fleet Week in the City by the Bay. *Duces Virum, Dennis (Vig) Viglienzone.*" I cannot imagine the sorrow. May Caesar rest in peace.

Next is a note from **Tom Laboon**: "Duke, Marie and I visited USNA a few weeks ago with some non-Navy friends and, of course, impressed them with the great facilities there! Last tour stop was the Laboon Ministry Center, named for my uncle, **Jake Laboon '44**. Worth a stop for those who have not been there! Tom." I will be sure to visit the center this fall! Thank you for sharing!



Here's a note from my company-mate, lightweight crew teammate, and VA-87 squadron-mate, **Karl Athow**: "Duke, I took my family to Kennedy Space Center (KSC) last month. It is a place every American should visit. A full day of tours and exhibits. Quite amazing!

Met with **Bob Cabana**, the Director of KSC, while there. Bob is, in my estimation, one of our real leaders. On his watch KSC is returning human space flight to Florida and moving ahead with the heavy lift vehicles that will carry us to the Moon and Mars. Pictured at the Atlantis shuttle are: Mary, Kim Lehmann (a Swiss AFS student), Bob, me, my wife, Kris, and my mother, Marian.” Most excellent, Karl! I am glad to hear from you and get an update on Bob! Karl and I have many mutual memories from our days on the Severn and while cruising the seven seas!



CAPTION: Karl with family and Bob Cabana at the Atlantis shuttle

It's my sad duty to report the death of **Art Duscheid**. Art passed away in Oakdale, PA on Friday, April 26th. He joined us June 1967 as a member of 1st Company. Art spent his time at Navy dreaming of becoming a Marine. His dream came true 9 June '71 when he graduated from the 19th Company and was commissioned a 2nd Lt., USMC. After his service in the Marines, he was known in Washington County (Pittsburgh area) as a man of the most generous spirit, an avid supporter of Animal Rescue Efforts, and as one who loved Corvettes. Art found happiness in simple pleasures making him a joy to be around. He is survived by his wife, Janie. Interment was at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Memorials may be made to any Animal Rescue group. May he 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. Give thanks for family and citizenship in our great nation. Now is the time to actively shape 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