

NAVAL ACADEMY PREP SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967
CONSOLIDATED BIOGRAPHIES
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SIMMONS, ARLIS J., LCDR, USN, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, U.S. NAVAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1953 and taking leave, I returned to the Naval Academy to help teach the incoming class infantry drill and sailing; then, on to Pensacola, Florida for flight training. Upon completing flight training, I served in Patrol Squadron 18 at Jacksonville, Florida. Our mission was anti-submarine warfare, flying the P2V-7 "Neptune". Then, back to Pensacola, Florida as a flight instructor and ground school instructor in aircraft engineering and aerodynamics.

While at Pensacola I acquired enough jet time to be assigned to Attack Squadron VA-163, "The Saints", aboard the USS Oriskany, CVA-34. My next tour of duty was on the staff of Anti-Submarine Warfare Forces Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. My position was Allied Plans and Policy, helping develop and maintain war plans for Naval Control and Protection of Shipping in support of the political agreements the United States had with the various countries in the Pacific area.

I was ordered out of Honolulu on a ten day notice to become the Officer-in- Charge of the Naval Academy Preparatory School. About one year after my arrival, the School was made a Command and my title was changed to Commanding Officer. I was scheduled to return to the fleet as Executive Officer/Commanding Officer of an Attack Squadron aboard an aircraft carrier. However, that was prevented because I had to start wearing eye glasses. Consequently, I went to Pensacola, Florida to become Executive Officer/Commanding Officer of Training Squadron Six (VT-6)

My next duty assignment was as a student at the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island. While at the war college, I attended extra courses offered by The George Washington University and earned a Master of Science Degree in International Affairs. I was then assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington. D.C. My position was Manpower Plans and Policy. My last achievement in that position was to restructure the grade requirements of the entire Officer Corp of the Navy, 72,000 position requirements.

After retiring from the Navy as a Commander, I was the Supervising Broker of a real estate office in McLean, Virginia. The office had approximately 100 agents and was among the top producing offices on the Washington Metropolitan Area.

CHRISTY, DONALD E., CAPT, USMC COMPANY OFFICER, COMPANY 2 & SWIMMING COACH

Graduating with USNA Class of 1962, my first duty as a young infantry officer was six months at the Academy. Then onto Quantico, Hawaii and South Vietnam.

I joined NAPS in 1966, after my tour as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army in I Corps. Naval Postgraduate School followed my shortened NAPS tour. Then back to South Vietnam with the First Marine Division. Numerous command, staff, and school tours followed, including HQ USMC, Secretary of the Navy staff, R&D, Okinawa, Recruit Depot, and Naval and National War

Colleges. My final tour of duty was Crisis Management, International Military Staff, NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium. After 27 and half years, I retired at the end of 1989 as a Colonel.

I would do it all over again if the Corps would take us old guys. It was a great honor to lead young Marines and sailors, and a humbling and exceptional opportunity to work with the best and brightest of our nation. It was indeed an honor to help the great NAPS Class of '67 achieve its goal of entering the Naval Academy.

Just prior to my last tour, I married my lovely wife Kyoko having met her in Washington DC several years earlier. Selecting San Francisco Bay Area as our new home base after retiring from the Marine Corps, I joined a private real estate holding company developing and operating commercial, retail, and multi-family properties on the West Coast. After 16 years in the civilian sector, I happily retired again in 2006.

The journey has been terrific, and the friendships and memories priceless.

**FASH, ROBERT E., LTJG, USNR
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTOR & WRESTLING COACH**

I grew up in the Oklahoma City, attending Putnam City High School and Central State College. Upon graduating from Central State, I applied for Naval OCS and was accepted for the class beginning in November 1963. Since I had a few months prior to my reporting date, I contacted my prior year's summer employer, The Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington, requesting to be re-employed for summer of 1963. I had been employed at the Olympic as a night auditor during the summer of 1962, the year of the 1962 Seattle's World Fair. On my first day on the job in 1963, I met Marilou Collins, who was a service hostess for the Hotel. We immediately began dating and were married on September 30th of that year.

In late October of 1963, we took a long drive, down the California coast to meet some of Marilou's family, then on to Oklahoma to meet my extended family and friends. (She had met my mother, father and sisters just before our wedding). We left Oklahoma and drove straight to Newport, Rhode Island to report to the Naval Base. When I was standing outside the barracks, waiting for my barrack assignment, one of the OC Candidates had "picked up" on his small transistor radio that President John F. Kennedy had just been assassinated in Dallas. It was a very over-whelming moment.

Upon graduating from OCS, I was sent to instructor's school in Norfolk, Va., then on to NAPS, as an instructor for the NAPS and NESEP Programs. Initially, I was assigned the drill team, as well as my instructor duties. Later, LCDR Stark, our Officer-in-Charge, asked me to start the wrestling team, pending arrival of the wrestling coach. I was never told what happened, but the wrestling coach never arrived and I was ask to continue coaching until they were able to replace him. A few days later, I approached LCDR Stark and suggested that I be allowed to continue as the school's wrestling coach for this season and that if we had a winning season, I would continue as the school's wrestling coach for as long as we could deliver winning seasons. He agreed; therefore, I

remained the schools wrestling coach for the full three years I was stationed at NAPS. Marilou was the teams Mascot for my first two seasons, preparing a big spaghetti dinner at the end of each season. With the arrival of Page Elizabeth in June 1966, it became more difficult for Marilou to attend all matches during the 66-67 season; however, she did keep the end of season spaghetti party tradition alive for your class, with Page being the Star attraction.

Upon completion of my active duty, I returned to Oklahoma City to begin my civilian career. At the time of my discharge, Marilou was pregnant with our second child, Holly Diane, who was born in Oklahoma City, in September 1967. I was employed by Travelers Insurance Company, in the Oklahoma City Office, where I went through their comprehensive training program. Upon completion of the training program, I was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida, where our third daughter, Brandy Kathleen, was born in May 1969. I was transferred by Travelers several more times, including Nashville, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago and Dallas. I remained employed by Travelers in various management positions until I retired in 1993. During this time, I also completed my 20 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a Commander in 1983. I was promoted to Commander on 1 January 1979. This being a Biography for a Naval Reunion, I will outline my Military assignments:

Adv. Training Plans Officer NRSD 8-46 (M) Okla. City
Ass't Training Officer NRSD 6-43(M) Jacksonville
War Gaming Officer NRSD 6-87(M) Nashville
Training support T & S 9-85 St. Louis
Executive Officer NRSD 9-2(S) Wood River/St. Louis
Program Ass't NRG 9-34(L) St. Louis
Admin Officer NRG 9-28(L) Twin Cities
Commanding Officer Convoycom 1316 Duluth
Training Consultant NR MOBASCONTGRP Twin Cities
Training NR CPACFLT DET 616 Twin Cities
Training NR VTU 1618 St. Paul
Commanding Officer FF-1056 Connole 5616 Duluth
SBS Implementation Team NR VTU 1618 St. Paul
Commanding Officer NR VTU 1310 Forest Park

Most of my ACDUTRA's were aboard ship; including USS Waddell DDG-24, USS Marlin SST2, USS William M. Wood DD-715, USS Brumby DE-1044, USS Juneau LPD -10, USS Cone DD -866, USS Connole FF-1056. I was also the Chief Staff Officer on COMPHIRON SEVEN, CONVEX 1-77 and attended the DEFENSE STRATEGY SEMINAR 78...As I look back on the past, I can honestly say my years in the NAVY were some of my most enjoyable.... and my years at NAPS account for a lot of these positive feelings. I feel very fortunate to have a very close family, with three lovely daughters, a supportive wife of some 48 years, and 5 exceptional grandchildren: Preston, Rachel, Ryan, Phoebe, and Lauren. I retired at the age of 53, thanks to an option available on a Travelers' merger, which allowed me to draw retirement then, as if, I was 58. I keep thinking I should feel guilty about being retired so early, but I don't. I worked 20 plus hours per week thru High School and five years of College, add to that the 5 years Travelers gave me, it's like retiring at age 66. All sick

humor aside, my passion has always been the great outdoors, hunting, fishing, softball, golfing, etc. The softball and golfing has been replaced by Texas Hold'em.....easier to stay cool.

**MARKWOOD, RICHARD A., LT, USNR
ENGLISH DEPT. HEAD, GLEE CLUB DIRECTOR**

Richard (Dick) Markwood served as a Naval Officer on the USS Moale (DD693), then on the Cadmus (AR14). He was English Department Head at the US Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) for academic years 66/67 and 67/68. Leaving active duty in 1965, he returned home to Colorado and taught English at Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado, for twelve years. As a Reserve Officer, he taught in the NESEP summer program from 1966 through 1971. He retired from the Navy in 1973. He spent twelve years as Senior Project Manager for several projects of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in Boulder, Colorado. In 1993, he became the founding director of Central Oregon University Center, a collaborative effort of the Oregon University System and Central Oregon Community College. Markwood retired from the Oregon University System in 2001. He continues to consult in higher education in partnership with his spouse, Dr. Martha Romero. They reside in Santa Fe, NM and Boulder, CO.

Markwood has four sons with his former wife, Barbara--Thor, Bruce, Evan, & Crag, all born during his tenure in the Navy. He is currently married to Martha Romero who has three children. Together, Dick and Martha have fourteen grandchildren--in Anchorage, Santa Fe, Omaha, Reading, Boston, Utica, and Saratoga Springs. Martha and Dick hike, ride a tandem bicycle, and golf.

1989 Ph.D. University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, English Education

1962 M.A. University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, English Literature

1960 B.A. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, English Literature

**WARD, ROBERT M, (BOB), LT, USNR
MATH DEPARTMENT HEAD, TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY COACH**

Born 1940, Belfast, N. Ireland and emigrated U.S. 1949 settling in Phila. Pa.

Graduated LaSalle College 1962 BS/Math Ed. Grad. OCS, Newport, June 1963

Sea Duty 1963-1965 USS Uvalde AKA 88 (practicing for WW2) Shore Duty 1965-1969 NAPS, Bainbridge, Md. (Such great duty I re-upped for an extra year twice). Math Instr., Math Dept. Chair, Academic Director (replacing Mr. McGhee), and in my final year established a billet for a Guidance Officer.

Graduated U. of De. 1969 M. Ed. (secondary guidance)

1969-1991 Counselling positions in several high schools in New Castle County, De. Coached Track and X-Country every season. Named 1989 State Coach of the Year in X-Country. (Probably helped that our team won the Manhattan College Prep Invitational in NYC)

1991-1994 Assistant Track Coach U. of De. Also pursued a degree in Nursing obtaining RN in May 1994.

1994-2010 RN at Beebe Health Center, Lewes, De., primarily in Cardiology. Pursued a Masters License passing CG exam and held a 100-ton License for 12 years.

Personal: Married my childhood sweetheart 3 days after grad. OCS. Married 54 yrs. and together 60 yrs. 4 adult children: Bob, Maureen, Mal, and Christy, 2 grandchildren: Tadhg and Burke. Resumed running in early 70's at the beginning of the road racing era competing mostly in 5 and 10K's and completed 3 marathons: Jersey Shore, Marine Corps, Boston. Present athletics restricted to watching grandsons. Very happily ensconced in Lewes, De. (First Town in the First State) on the De. Bay and Atlantic Ocean. With my wife and I, "What a Journey!"

Looking forward to the reunion!

STUDENTS

ALLEN, MICHAEL G. (GREG), ICFN, USN

I did enjoy my semester at NAPS and it certainly made going to fleet relatively easy. I did try to return the following year as I realized I had let an opportunity slip by; but the reviewing board felt I was needed to care for sound powered phones on the Ranger, or at least that's my humorous reason.

I spent a year on the Ranger and then a year on the Nueces, an APB (Self Propelled Barracks Ship - converted 1944 LST) in the MRF. That was a maturing experience. As an IC2, it was pretty good duty. Our engineering officer, Dennis Slattery, gave me a free hand to do whatever I wanted to entertain the 600 troops on board so we had 6 movies a night, bingo and 4 channels of music. The officers consisted of 3 or 4 regular navy and 9 or 10 reservists, mostly pretty smart Ensigns and JGs, so it was fairly lax environment as long as we did our jobs.

After the Navy, I went to Maryland, getting a BS in Computer Science and after a dozen years as a DC consultant became an entrepreneur eventually selling the second company to PictureTel, a videoconference company, in Peabody, MA.

That's where I reside now, in Marblehead. I do get back to Maryland once or twice a year as my wife, Martha, is a marine artist (www.landfallgallery.com) and does the Annapolis Art Festival each June and we stay with old friends in Severna Park.

A few people I remember, besides yourself (I recall you were a MM2) would be Cliff Beckley & Dick Kremer (Marines), Ron Kentfield, Dave Maskaluk, Bob Annis from Maine, Sadler James from KS and an airman from Lacrosse, WI, whose name escapes me.

Give my best to everyone and hats off to the organizers for an amazing job.

Greg Allen
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BEASLEY DREW W., STG3, USNR

The location of our last command was in Orlando, Florida area (Joint Simulation Systems working for JCS) in 1998 where I retired. While there two of our daughters, Carrie and Kimberly, worked at Disney World as “Alice in Wonderland” and “Cinderella” – what fun! Our youngest daughter, Rachel, was not quite old enough to work there part-time – was she green with envy. As a family group, we sure enjoyed our time in the park being with and watching our girls! Our two older children, Jennifer and Jeremy, were both married at that time. As it stands now, our children are all married and dispersed in Moscow, Idaho; Chubbuck, Idaho; Perry, Utah; Tampa, Florida; and Bremerton, Washington. Between the five of them, we have been blessed with twenty grandchildren...yes, I said 20. My wife Bonnie and I moved to Ammon, Idaho (near Idaho Falls on the eastern side of the state) in 2009.

Between 1998 and 2009, I was Vice President of Operations of a company (which succumbed a hostile take-over), an independent contractor/advisor, and served another company establishing a Washington, D.C. office as the General Manager and international project director. Bonnie was engaged with family genealogy, genealogical librarian, President of a church-based women’s organization with 154 women, and caring of grandchildren.

Following our 2nd retirement in 2009, we left northern Virginia for Idaho. We have continued genealogy, church work, visiting with grand kids, keeping a large garden, and taken on the burden of being the care-givers to my mother, who is 94 and infirmed. I have been working with our son, who owns Maelstrom Arms and co-owner of Quality Arms, in selling firearms (including the one’s we manufacturer), teaching gun safety and concealed weapons permits.

This brings the Beasley’s up-to-date.

BECKLEY, CLIFFORD H., CPL, USMC

Corporal of Marines Clifford Beckley

I resigned from the Naval Academy at the end of Plebe Summer 1967. I reverted to my enlisted rank of corporal and was sent FMF Pacific, Western Pacific AKA Vietnam.

Arriving in RVN in December of 1968 I was first assigned to the 1st Amphibian Tractor BN at Cua Viet on the coast of the South China Sea. After about three months I was transferred to H&S Co. 1st Bn 9th Marine Regt, “the Walking Dead.” I rotated home in January 1969 and reported to MCB Quantico where I remained until separated in April, just in time to go home and bury a childhood friend who had been killed in RVN. I am proud to be a Marine and I treasure my time in VN,

wouldn't take a million bucks for it, but I wouldn't give you a plugged nickel to do it again. As divisive as VN was, it was the big thing of my generation and I had a piece of it!

For the next three years, I worked for Litton Industries, had a stint of unemployment and got the bug to be a Peace officer. I joined the California Highway Patrol, in November 1972, just a month after marrying a lovely lady, with whom we have three children (the oldest became a 3rd generation Marine) and two grandchildren and a 3rd grand baby due in December 2012. In October of this year Deanna and I have been married 40 years...not bad in a job that has a higher divorce rate than the national rate!

On the CHP I served in Los Angeles, Orange, Stanislaus, Fresno and Merced Counties. In 1983 we transferred to the Central Valley where we remain to this day. I promoted to Sergeant in October of 1986 and ended up back in Merced in December of 1990. I spent the remaining years of my career there. I served the CHP for 30 years, retiring in November 2002.

The CHP was a great job with good pay and benefits. Heck, they gave you a brand new fast car every 18 months, a credit card to keep it filled with gas and they told you to go cite speeders as well as toss drunk and reckless drivers, along with other miscreants in the slammer, and they paid us too! It doesn't get better than that!

Along the way, I bought a horse, then another and turned "Cowboy." We live on a ranchette of one acre I call "Horse Creek Ranch."

Since 1990 I have been a Civil War cavalry re-enactor with the 7th Michigan Volunteer Cavalry doing living history and battles over most of northern and central California. Our two sons as teenagers rode in the ranks with me. I went out of state to Wilson's Creek, Missouri in 2001, Vicksburg (the Battle of Raymond) in 2002 and to the Little Big Horn in 2005 (Indian Wars reenactment). We fought there on the original battlegrounds three times in three days and each time we lost. Go figure! As an aside I was part of the US Cavalry Assn entry in the Rose Parade in 2005.

Once you reenact any period you get into others and now I do not only Civil War but Indian Wars, WWI, WWII, California Gold Rush and the Old West. Yeah, I belong to Sass too.

Right now, my wife and I are remodeling our home, enjoying our children and grandchildren and looking forward to growing really old together.

I've had a good life; a great career and I am married to a good woman who gave me a loving family. God in his infinite and merciful wisdom has blessed me far beyond what I deserve.

Take care, have fun and God Bless.

(Note: Cliff passed away on 5 September 2015)

BLOOM, HOWARD L., HN3, USN

Most of what I've been up to since leaving the Academy would not be fit to print, even though the Statute of Limitations should have expired for most of it.

When I resigned after the 1st semester of my Youngster Year, I transferred to Occidental College in L.A. from which I graduated in 1971. I missed President Obama by about a decade. I was able to keep the timing track with USNA Class of '71 because I was able to transfer many of my USNA credits and also received credits for 2 courses from my enlisted "A" School as a Hospitalman.

I moved back to my native Bay Area and graduated from Hastings College of the Law in 1974. I worked as an Alameda County Public Defender from 1976-1994. I was then appointed to the Alameda County bench as a Court Commissioner and after 7+years of presiding in my own courtroom, I retired from the Superior Court in 2002.

I have remained gainfully unemployed since that time. My wife of 36 years and I do a little travelling, mostly in the off seasons to our National Parks. I garden, tend my fruit orchard, ride my mountain bike daily, weather permitting, and spend as much time as possible in the ocean as a free diver.

My recent phone call with Ken Marks rekindled a whole lot of memories with visions of names and faces from my time at NAPS. Life has a lot of +s and -s and at 70 years old, I've had my share of both and remember most of them. I can honestly say that NAPS was the high point of my Navy days with only +s.

BOVE, EDWARD S. (STEPHEN), SN, USNR

I resigned from the prep school in February of 1968. I had a football scholarship to C.W. Post College. I injured my back then went on to become a resident assistant in the dorms. Junior year I transferred to NYU Washington Square College, then going onto NYU College of Dentistry and Hospital Internship in Dental Medicine in Harlem, New York. While in Dental School I met and married my great girl, Maryanne. I went on to work at union dental clinics while opening my private practice of Dentistry in Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY, my neighborhood and still hometown. My three Girls were born and are still the focus of this doting father. I try to run in Prospect Park with one of my Labs and if possible 5K's with my Girls.

My military career continued on the reserve level. I served in the submarine reserves here in Brooklyn attaining the rank of torpedo man 3rd class. They were a great group of guys.

I currently maintain my private practice of Dentistry in Brooklyn, NY and should finish my Masters in Public Health shortly. My wife and three daughters are my life. My wife, Maryanne works as a secretary for Brooklyn Tech High School. Our oldest daughter Christine had worked for the National Basketball Association and is now the Development Director for her high school in Brooklyn. Our Twin daughters, Kimberley and Laurene' just graduated from the NYPD Remount School. They patrol on horses now rather than sit in a radio car in NYC. On a side note I also breed chocolate Labrador Retrievers, our website is www.nethermeadlabradors.com.

BRANDES, JOHN C., SN, USNR

John graduated from NAPS in 1967 and graduated from USNA in 1971. Upon graduation, he entered the Nuclear Power program and finally made it to his first ship, USS Sargo (SSN583) stationed in Hawaii around November 1972. He met his wife Kathy Welch in Hawaii and they were married in 1976. He served in various positions over the years and to most folks amazement stayed in the Navy. He served on several boats and shore duty stations that culminated in his Commander Command of USS William H. Bates (SSN 680). His final duty stations as a Captain included the OPNAV N87 staff, National Security Fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government, Commanding Officer of Submarine School in Groton, CT, Chief of Staff for the carrier battle group stationed in Yokosuka, Japan, and his final duty station was as Chief of Staff for COMSUBPAC in Pearl Harbor, HI.

He retired after 30 years of active duty in 2000, and moved to Jupiter, FL where he took a position with Lockheed Martin managing subsea robotic programs. His current project is a manned submersible for the SEALs that has diver lockout capability. He has yet to figure out the retirement thing, but he is certain that it is just around the corner.

Kathy and John have raised 3 boys (two of their own and their nephew). The older two boys are married and have two children each that Kathy and he spoil, which is every grandparent's duty. Their youngest is a registered nurse who currently lives in Winston Salem and doing well.

BUCHANAN JR, HENRY H., SN, USNR

June '67 Graduated NAPS.
July '67 Entered USNA.
Dec. '68 Resigned USNA.
Jan. '69 Entered Stephen F. Austin State Univ. Playing football for my High school coaches.
August '70 Married Denice Raymond.
Nov. '70 Injured Rt. knee ending my football career. Left one at NAPS, RT one at SFA.
August '72 Graduated SFA with B.S.Ed. Major was P.E. with minor in History. Decided not to teach and went into the world of business. I went to work for Robert Bosch Corp. Started as an inside sales rep. in the Houston regional office. Progressed to a outside Merchandizing rep. to a Territory rep. and then left in Dec '79 as a District rep. covering the mid-west.
March '74 Our son Brent was born, and March '78 our daughter Brooke was born. They are both married and we have 4 grandchildren. (1 boy & 3 girls)
January '80 Went to work for Air Filter Supply, Houston, TX. We are a family owned small
to Present business serving the Houston and surrounding area. We supply air-conditioning filters to commercial contractors, and to any one that can't find their size. We also supply and assemble specialty filters for the electric motor industry in the oil field and marine industry. Bosch was transferring us to Kansas City, Mo. when my father-in-law and I went fishing and he approached me with the idea of coming into the business. We were able to purchase it in '84. This allowed me the time to be a Little League coach for 3 years, YMCA basketball coach 2 years, Pop Warner style football coach 3 years, and a Girls' Softball coach for 3 years. We've lived in Pearland,

Texas since Oct '76. Brooke and her husband work with us and Brent lives in the area so that we get to see the grandkids fairly often. I had both knees replaced in '09 and has made a huge difference in my quality of life. We are now able to travel a little more and enjoy our weekend home in Sargent, TX.

CAPRA, ROBERT A., MM2, USN

After graduation from NAPS, I went on to the Naval Academy graduating with the Class of '71. In June of 1971, I went back into the submarine pipeline. Following nuclear power training and submarine school, I served aboard USS Nathanael Greene (SSBN 636) for 3 1/2 years. I then spent a two-year tour as 19th Co. Officer at USNA. I left active duty in 1978. I stayed in the reserves for 10 years working in operations and engineering for the Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic until I retired as a Commander in 1988.

I joined the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) when I left active duty. I spent 20 years with the NRC licensing and regulating commercial US nuclear power plants mostly in the East and Midwest. I retired as a member of the Senior Executive Service. I am currently a happily retired triple dipper living in Annapolis.

I am married to the former Jona Souder. Between Jona and me, we have a blended family consisting of 6 children and 13 grandchildren. As a side note, one of our sons went over to the dark side and graduated from West Point in '95. To put the cherry on the cake, he married a woman from West Point '96. It gives extra meaning each year to GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!!!

CARLTON, EDWIN, SN, USN

Following NAPS, I attended USNA from 1967 to 1969. I left the Academy June Week of 1969. I completed finals etc. and transferred to Rochester Inst. of Technology in Rochester, NY. The plan was for my fiancé and I to move to Rochester where she would attend graduate school at Eastman School of Music [Univ. of Rochester] and I would finish my undergrad at R.I.T. During the summer, her undergrad music professor convinced her to go to Yale Grad School instead. Long-distance relationships usually don't work, so.....

I graduated from R.I.T. June 1972 utilizing a co-op work-school program with Eastman Kodak. 1973: Went to work for Riedman Insurance Agency, the largest insurance agency in NY outside NYC. Got married [1973] and had a son, Benjamin, in 1975.

I moved to Las Vegas in 1977 and promptly got divorced. Was hired by Cash, Sullivan & Cross Insurance, a smaller branch in Las Vegas of a large Phoenix agency.

In 1984 my partner and I bought the Las Vegas branch from CSC Phoenix and formed Layne & Associates. The office grew substantially, with over 100 employees at one point, and in 2001 we sold our agency to Brown & Brown, the sixth largest insurance agency in the U.S. B&B is traded on NY Stock Exchange. I stayed on after the sale and retired in March 2012.

I stayed quite active in the local USNA Alumni Association. Was secretary three years and president two years. In 2003, I sponsored a local student for the summer program at USNA and was able to attend his graduation ceremony the next year and award him his appointment to the academy. Very rewarding, especially since his dad was a client of mine. Not only that, his whole family [grandfather, father, mother and sister] all went to Notre Dame so it was especially satisfying to get him into USNA. He graduated in 2008 and is now a fighter pilot.

Charlotte and I were married in 1982. We have two daughters and three grandchildren [and one on the way]. Have attended two '71 reunions [20th and 40th]. I recently retired in March 2012.

CLAYTON, WILLIAM R., SN, USN

In April 1967 I resigned from NAPS and returned to my home in San Diego and eventually enrolled at San Diego State University. I was accepted into the Air Force ROTC Program and as a Distinguished Graduate in June 1973 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. After completing Undergraduate Pilot Training in August 1974 at Reese AFB, Texas I was assigned to fly C-141s at McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

Over the next twenty years the Air Force was good enough to allow me to: serve under some great commanders who taught and mentored me; fly all over the world and see some exotic sights; earn a Master's Degree in Management from Webster University in St. Louis; lead some enormously dedicated and talented NCOs and airmen while commanding an aircraft maintenance squadron at Torrejon AB, Spain, and a logistics group at McChord AFB, WA; and maybe most importantly it was through the Air Force I met my wife, Jean, who has been with me for 15 years.

I retired from the Air Force as a Lt Col. on 1 April 1998 at Travis AFB, CA. After several years of leisure (two in Illinois, four in San Diego) playing a lot of golf, my wife....and I....decided I needed to return to the work force--for two reasons. First, so we could afford to send our youngest daughter (Lindsey) to college and second, to have money to pay for a wedding which we knew would someday befall us. My logistics background in the Air Force landed me a job in January 2004 with Jack in the Box, Inc.

My daughter went off to the University of Nebraska (Jean's alma mater) in 2005, graduated in December 2008 (went to summer school every year) and, surprise, married a nice Nebraska boy in November 2009. I resigned from Jack in the Box effective 1 April 2011 (guess I have a thing for April retirements) and moved to Maui, 30 April 2011.

My son (Richard) is a Firefighter (he has a real estate business on the side, qremaui.com), has lived here 22 years and I have five grandchildren. Jean and I don't plan to spend the rest of our lives in Hawaii. We just moved here to be close to the grand kids and get to know them and they us. We'll return to the mainland full-time in a couple more years. Not sure where. A lot depends on where Lindsey and Jake and our new month old grandson reside.

My other daughter, Mara, lives in Fresno. She is coming for a visit 16 Sep, and we are very much looking forward to it.

I have had a blessed life. I had the honor of serving my country for over two decades and in the process met a lot of marvelous people, and made a lot of wonderful friends. I have three great kids, and 6 grandchildren.

If you sailors...okay, and you Marines too...ever find your way to Maui, first Mai Tai is on me.

COOK, HAROLD G., CPL, USMC

Although I completed the course of study at NAPS the Naval Academy rightfully concluded I was not suited for the academy. In June 1967 I returned to Fleet Marine Forces in North Carolina. In October 1967 I shipped out to Viet Nam and was attached to Marine Air Support Squadron Three (MASS 3). In December, my air support radar team was shipped to Khe Sanh to support the 26th Marines with direct air support. I was wounded in February 1968 and eventually ended up in Japan for treatment and recovery. After returning to "Nam" in March I helped dismantle our installation in Khe Sanh and finished my tour on Hill 327 outside Da Nang.

I returned home in November and was discharged in June 1969. Utilizing the G.I. bill, I started college in September and eventually earned a PhD in psychology. For more than 33 years I worked for the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services during which time I managed facilities for developmentally disabled people, developed computerized management systems, managed mental health hospitals and in 2008 the Governor appointed me administrator of the division. All that is now behind me as I retired in October 2011.

Education and career did not entirely consume my time and I managed to produce a son and daughter in that order. My daughter has herself produced the world's most precocious granddaughter. My son is a graduate of the University of Nevada and still lives in Reno. I am married to a wonderful Korean woman who is also a PhD psychologist.

I remember my time at NAPS fondly but vaguely. (I do remember raiding the galley one night and confiscating several pounds of blue cheese.) The pictures of the campus today are profoundly sad. I cannot imagine how that wonderful facility could be allowed to deteriorate so that it looks like an urban combat site. Notwithstanding my sadness, I do hope to join you there in October.

CONDON, JOHN K., SGT, USMC

After graduating from NAPS, I managed to also graduate from USNA with the Class of '71 but not without some difficulty with the Conduct System which resulted in my being placed on restriction from February 22nd until Graduation morning (a longer story that I'll be happy to share at our NAPS reunion). With that behind me, I set out upon a career as a Surface Ship Driver (much to the chagrin of a whole slew of Marines!). I managed to command two warships (USS WELCH PG-93 and USS HERMITAGE LSD-34) and HERMITAGE won the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy as the "Most Improved Ship in the Atlantic Fleet" – one of my proudest achievements. My last tour took me back to USNA as First Battalion Officer and I retired as a Commander on my 20th anniversary of active duty.

Only days after graduation, I married Mary Ellen Mulvaney and we have three great kids - Matthew, Mark and Elizabeth. Matt and his wife, Gwen, have 3 kids; Mark and his wife, Joan, have 2 kids, and Lizzie and Jason are engaged to be married in November. Not long after I finished my Navy career, my first marriage ended but Mary Ellen and I remain very good friends and she lives in Annapolis where Matt and Lizzie also live. Mark's family lives in Alexandria, VA, so we all get to see one another often. I'm now married to Patti and we live in Bethesda, MD.

After the Navy, I joined the Government Consulting Practice of Coopers & Lybrand in Washington, DC, where I made Partner in 1993. I later joined IBM as SVP of Public Sector Business Consulting Services and took an early retirement in 2001. I didn't stay retired very long and now have my own business, Ambit Group LLC, based out of Reston, VA. My partner, Kim Hayes, and I are both Service Disabled Veterans. We made Kim a 51% majority owner so Ambit Group is a Woman-Owned, Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business and we are strictly focused on Federal Government contracts. My final retirement is hopefully not all that far away. Meanwhile, I squeeze in a round of golf as often as possible.

CUDDY, PAUL L., MM3, USN

After graduating from NAPS, I attended the Naval Academy until October of 1969. At that time I left the Academy and returned to the enlisted ranks as a Machinist Mate. Over the course of the next two years I served in the Engineering Departments of two World War II class destroyers: the USS Waldron (DD-699) out of Norfolk, VA and the USS Charles P. Cecil (DD-835) out of Newport, RI. After my discharge in 1971, I spent some time traveling the U.S., the highlight of which was spending two months with our now-departed classmate, Earl Weinhaus, at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Upon returning home to Quincy, MA, I met my future wife, Marsha, while spending the summer on Cape Cod. We were married the following year, and have been blest with two beautiful daughters and now four amazing grandchildren. Who knew that being a grandfather was going to be so much fun!

In 1975 I completed my undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts at Boston with a B.A. in Psychology. After spending several years in the business world, I was appointed as a firefighter on the Quincy Fire Department. Over a 24-year career, I served on ladder, engine and rescue companies, first as a firefighter, and then as a Lieutenant and Captain. One of the great honors in my career in the fire service was leading a group of firefighters on the fireground. It was at this point that I truly realized the great life lessons learned at NAPS: leadership, team work, duty, honor, commitment, loyalty and so many others. I could never adequately express my thanks to the staff and my classmates at NAPS for these great lessons learned.

My final nine years on the Quincy Fire Department were spent as Deputy Chief in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau, with major responsibilities including fire code enforcement, arson investigation and public fire safety education. I retired from QFD on 6/30/02 and am now enjoying my second career as a manager for a fire sprinkler company on Cape Cod, in charge of the testing division. I am officially semi-retired at this point, working a 3-day work week, and hoping to be fully retired in two years. I am so looking forward to celebrating our "coming of age" with all of you at our reunion!

DIETZ, RICHARD A. CPL, USMC

I left USNA at the end of plebe year. Was assigned to finish my active duty, training reserves in Albany New York. Which just happened to be the home of my wife to be Sandi. We were married in 1970.

I started work at IBM in July of 1969 as a computer operator, on a computer as big as a 12 by 12 room. Have ten times as much power on my phone now. Worked my way through Data center hierarchy and spent time as a System Analyst. Became a first line Department Manager in the Data Center in 1973. Worked my way through Management chains in ops, systems programming and Application Programming as a first, second and third line manager. Spent about a year on the planning staff of one of the IBM divisions. Then as assistant CIO of another division for about a year.

During these years, I implemented the PC utilization for IBM headquarters. I also was a member of the start-up team for IBM's public offering of a Business Recovery Services business. Also, was a manager in the start-up of another IBM business with Sears and CBS, which was the first IP offering for the internet. I also was a co-leader of the IBM team that audited the NASA Data Center at Johnson to certify for a DOD flight and to certify for the return to space after the Challenger disaster.

My last two years of my 33 years with IBM were as a member of the staff of the IBM CIO. I had Global Responsibility for IBM's internal I/T (IBM's biggest customer was itself) Strategy, Implementation and Budget Oversight. I retired in 2002.

We now live in Manchaca, Texas a very small city on the edge of Austin. Our daughter who is a teacher and her family (husband two children: a girl and a boy, as well as our son (who is the senior Project manager for an application development company), his wife and three children (a girl and two boys) both live within a mile of us. I also spent about 25 years as a licensed soccer coach for boys and girls select teams.

Semper Fi

DROOG, DANILE L., CPL, USMC

I will not be able to attend the NAPS reunion. I have been fighting the effects of Agent Orange for a number of years, including chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and lung cancer. The window has become shorter and shorter. I am again now on Chemo. I feel pretty good. Please give my regards to the NAPS people that attend.

When I left NAPS, I went to Vietnam. I spent short periods of time with the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), the CAC Combined Action Companies (living in the village), and served as a radio operator with the 3rd Marines at Khe Sanh during the battle for Hills 881 and 861. In August 1967, I extended to go with B Co., 3rd Recon Battalion at Khe Sanh. We went through the siege, and then left Khe Sanh for Quang Tri. I became a patrol and platoon Sergeant and ran

patrols out of there. One of our duties was to see and evaluate the effects of Agent Orange and the effectiveness of our B- 52s. We ran other recon patrols for various reasons. I also did bridge duty after becoming dive qualified in the Philippines. Back in the states I ran the dive locker for 5th Recon Battalion.

All in all, it was quite the ride. I have no regrets; at the time, it was the right thing to do.

Semper fi to you all.

(Note: Dan passed away on 8 January 2013)

FOX, JAMES C. (PETE), SN, USNR

It's good hearing from you all and seeing the long list of NAPS67 alumni achievements.

Following NAPS, I went to River Patrol Boat (PBR) school and related training. After a year in Vietnam, I attended Old Dominion University and the University of Virginia. I was an administrator and taught accounting, auditing, and computer courses at both schools. Then, I worked at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia. I retired in 2006 and enjoy bicycling, hiking, fishing and the grandkids.

I can't make the reunion this year due to prior plans for the Winter season. I'll be in Eagle River, Alaska assisting one of my twin daughters with the four grandkids, (7, 5, 3, and 1). She is an Air Force wife and her spouse is deployed for a year. Alaskan Winters start in mid- September, so I fly out in a couple of weeks.

My other daughter is a Spanish teacher and her spouse is Army Reserve.

My son is in the Army, stationed in Germany. He just returned from his second deployment. Looks like he's going to make the Army a career. Both of his granddads were Army officers, so he has "Boots on the ground" in his DNA. I tried: he was on the high school swim team, I sent him to sailing camp several summers, even had him take some flying lessons. But after high school he moved to Cary, NC for school and work; and those guys from Fort Bragg started talking to him Enjoy Pete Fox.

GALLAGHER ROBERT M., AN, USN

After graduating from NAPS in '67(which for me was no easy task), I went on to the Naval Academy and graduated with the Class of 1971 (to the surprise of many, myself included). Three days after graduation, I married my childhood sweetheart and we started our adventure in Norfolk, VA. My first sea tour was with the Amphibs and later a two-year stint as an ASW instructor at Dam Neck, VA. My last tour was a sea adventure with the Amphibs in the Med – we were sent to evacuate Lebanon; unfortunately, that adventure disrupted my MBA ambitions.

I left the Navy in 1977 and went to work for Westvaco in NYC. By this time, we had three wonderful children (girl, boy, girl). I stayed with Westvaco for 5 years, moving from NJ to IL to OH and then back to NJ where I left and started my own business. I owned and operated a 4 bay EXXON Service Station five minutes from my home for almost 20 years (not a bad commute at all.) I sold the Service Station in 2000 and went to work for KONE Elevators & Escalators in NYC and I am currently the Service Operations Manager for Manhattan (but that is a bad commute.)

My wife, Elly, and I have been married for 40+ years and we have 8 wonderful grandchildren ranging in age from 13 years to 11 months (GBGGBGBG). Surprisingly, six of the eight grandkids live in MD, so we spend a great deal of time on the road between NJ and MD (Ellicott City & Pax River.) My older daughter, Kristie, is a grad of URI and a practicing Speech Pathologist in Ellicott City, MD (GBG) - my son, Rob, is a '96 grad of USNA and a Naval Aviator operating out of Pax River (GBB) – my younger daughter, Kat, is a grad of U of DE and a pediatric oncology nurse at NYU Medical Center. I could go on and on about them, their spouses (who are as close as blood) and their children but I'd run out of space...

Let me just say "LIFE IS GOOD!" I look forward to seeing you all at the NAPS '67 Reunion.

HINDMAN, ROBERT L., CPL, USMC

I resigned from the Naval Academy at the end of plebe summer and requested orders to Ground Forces WestPac. I served a tour with Force Logistics Command in South Vietnam in 1968 - 1969. After a short tour on the I&I staff of 2nd Bn. 14th Marines in Dallas, Texas, I was sent to Marine Corps Communications-Electronics School for further training, and was retained as an instructor. I volunteered for a second tour in WestPac in 1972, and was afloat with 1st Bn. 9th Marines when major hostilities ended in 1973. I was then assigned to the amphibious assault school at the Del Mar area of Camp Pendleton, where I became the senior instructor for tactical communications. I left the Marine Corps as a Gunnery Sergeant in 1977.

I returned to Texas and went back to school, graduating with a Masters in International Management Studies from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1983. After holding several positions in the Dallas area, I was selected for an alternative certification program and received a teaching certificate in 1989. I taught secondary mathematics in inner city public high schools in Dallas until 1995. I worked as a technical representative for Dow Jones until 1997, and then became affiliated with a subsidiary of Vance Security. In 1998 I moved to Portland, Texas (near Corpus Christi), where I taught high school for two more years (and married my assistant principal).

After 9/11, I was invited to submit an application to the Military Sealift Command. I was selected in 2002, and sailed as a radio electronics technician aboard a variety of ships on a variety of seas and oceans for the next six years, accumulating 1,893 days of sea service. The experience increased my respect for what sailors do for a living. I am the proud holder of a Merchant Marine Expeditionary Award, and a DoD GWOT medal. I retired from federal service at the end of 2008, and live in Portland with my beautiful wife Virginia and two small "teufel-hunden".

HOFFER, GERALD L., MMFN, USN

Guess this starts with Cecil "Sully" and I in the engine rooms of the Enterprise sweating our asses off on 12/12 duty in the Tonkin Gulf. We were friends then and applied for NAPS as it seemed to be a better place than where we were at the time.

Both of us were accepted and NAPS everyone knows about. Plebe year for me was a bitch. I was continually ridden by a second classman and my grades suffered. Tom Maier was unfortunate enough to be my roommate and suffered some of the collateral damage. At the end of my third-class year my grades were in the toilet and I got set back to the class of '72. The next year didn't go any better as I struggled with grades and spent a month in Bethesda flat on my back from getting hit in the goal with a lacrosse ball ringing my cup. So, grades really suffered and I was discharged to the Richard B. Anderson, a Civil War destroyer headed back to Nam. I took advantage of the Navy releasing me from my 2-year Nuclear Power extension and came home to Mansfield, Ohio.

Took a position as Youth Director of the YMCA which was very rewarding and I enjoyed working with the kids. Met and married my wife Janet, a school teacher in 1971. Offered a job with the Tiffin, Ohio YMCA as Youth and Camp Director which I accepted and had two children, Heidi and Jeremy.

Started a remodeling business in Tiffin and left the YMCA. Designed and built several homes in Tiffin and eventually moved back to Mansfield where our families were. Up and down success with building and remodeling, now for 37 years. Was superintendent of the Mansfield Building and Codes Department for three years, leaving that employ, returning to self-employment again (more money, and less politics).

Charter Commissioner of the Youth soccer league, charter commissioner of the Referees Association. Ran unsuccessfully against an incumbent County Commissioner and when we moved to the small community of Lucas served awhile on council in a "good ole boy" community which drove me nuts.

Retired (on paper) last year as did Janet. We have lived in an old farmhouse (last of six homes) which we have totally remodeled/rebuilt for the past 22 years.

Six years ago, had the upper left lobe of my lung removed (cancer). In January had a section of the lower left wedged (cancer). August 3 found brain cancer. Made it through the lung issues and kept working, but I guess this one is going to take its toll.

Looking forward to the reunion in October (next week)!

Jerry

(Note: Following the 2012 reunion Jerry passed away on 10 June 2013. See the obituary section of the NAPS '67 website)

HOLBACH, ROBERT A. (ALAN), MM3, USN

R. Alan Holbach was born at a very early age to Betty & Al Holbach, itinerant student at the University of Houston in the Republic of Texas.

Fast forward 18 years to 1965 when Alan enlisted in the US Navy for a six-year hitch. While in Machinist Mate "A" School, Alan noticed a posting for applicants for SecNav appointments to the Naval Academy and said why not. But the question is what has happened in your life in the past 50 years?

After a short stint at the Academy, Alan and the Commandant both felt it was in the Academy's best interest if he to return to the fleet where he served out the remainder of his enlistment as a MM 2/C on the USS Guadalupe AO32. During that time, Alan proposed to the love of his life, Bonnie, and was married soon after his separation from service in July 1971.

Alan entered into a career in public service starting with Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste operations with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and continuing with the Hernando County Florida Utilities Department (1986). In 1992 Alan was appointed to serve as the Director of Public works for Hernando. Alan served as Interim County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator prior to moving to Southwest Florida.

In 1998, he and Bonnie moved to Port Charlotte Florida where he was the Public Works' Maintenance and Operations Manager. During that time, Alan served as Interim Facilities Director. Alan spent his final year as Public Works Director and retired in 2014.

Bonnie and Alan have two children and five grandchildren. In retirement, in addition to housekeeping, Alan is active in Rotary, tutors students in math and English at the Charlotte Technical College and serves on the United Way Board.

HUGHES. ERIC M. "MIKE," RMSN, USN

Went Surface Navy after graduation from USNA.

Served aboard USS Reeves (DLG 24), home-ported in Pearl Harbor, as Gunnery Officer, First Lieutenant and Damage Control Assistant. Made two WestPacs during the Vietnam War.

Served aboard USS Albany (CG 10), home-ported in Norfolk, VA (flagship for Com 2nd Fleet) as ASW Officer and Nuclear Weapons Officer. Made a Northern European cruise aboard Albany.

Resigned from active duty June 9, 1976.

Worked in sales for two years for Mobil Oil Co. Married Lorraine in January 1978, left Mobil Oil and moved to Colorado in January 1979 to attend The Colorado School of Mines in Golden, CO, where I earned a Masters in Mineral Economics. Moved back east, to Attleboro, MA and joined Shawmut Bank in Boston in 1982, going through their training program, starting as a Credit Analyst, becoming a Commercial Loan Officer. Worked for

Shawmut for about 12 years, then working for several smaller community banks as a commercial lender.

Joined my present employer, Cobblestone Management, in 2003. We perform a variety of services for community banks throughout New England, including loan review, management consulting, due diligence, etc.

Lorraine is a teacher, in Attleboro, teaching third grade, which she enjoys very much. Lorraine and I have three children: Becky, a Special Education Administrator who lives in Pomfret, CT with her husband Justin (a cost accountant for the DOD) and their two daughters, Addie (3) & Emmie (1), to date, our only grandchildren; Ben, a musician living most of the year on Martha's Vineyard where he has a band that plays all original music that he has written in various venues on the island; and, Anna, who lives in Somerville, MA and is in admissions for School Year Abroad, an organization through which high school students spend either their junior or senior year in France, Spain, Italy or China (an opportunity that Anna enjoyed herself, in Spain, during her junior year).

IVES, FREDERICK C., EM3, USN

Starting at the beginning of my NAVY career... it all began when a recruiter stopped at our home in a rural farming community in Minnesota in the spring of 1964. I couldn't wait to sign the bottom line as I was convinced that in a couple weeks I'd be looking through a periscope and blowing up Russian ships. It was November when I was to report to boot camp and I had a choice of Great Lakes or San Diego..... yup - California, here I come. I met my new mother - a very colorful CPO who taught me a whole new aspect of our English language that I was quite sure did not come over from the Queen. After boot camp, I was assigned to electrician A school in San Diego and then I went to Nuclear Power School (my first time to call Bainbridge home). It was then up to West Milton, NY and D1G. It was from there I returned to Bainbridge and arrived at NAPS.

At the Thanksgiving Dance, I met a girl from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Lancaster, PA. They bussed a few down for the event. Her name is Anita and we are still together today - thank you NAPS. I learned that the rumors about student nurses were true and it took me quite a while to tame this one. We dated for a while and it was Christmas of my youngster year that I resigned from the Academy and married Anita. I was then assigned to the USS Point Defiance, LSD-31, and made my way to the Viet Nam theater. We did rotations off the QuaViet river and supported our Force Recon brothers.

After 6 years of active duty and with a service connected disability, Anita and I had moved from job to job in Pennsylvania and then found ourselves in Livingston, MT where we had our own business for 13 years. We raised 3 children; our first born male child was given back to Mother Bancroft when Nathan went to the Academy in 1988 and graduated in 1992. He went to nuclear power school (in Orlando) and then to train at West Milton. He got S3G though and did not follow my footsteps to "the ball - D1G". When he got out as an LT, serving on the USS Groton, he worked for a power plant before going to work for INPO. He is now a utility consultant for Ernest & Young. Our daughter married an Army man and our youngest son was also in the Army.

After 13 years in Montana, Anita and I moved back to Pennsylvania and went to work for Bob Gallagher's competition, Schindler Elevator Corp. I spent 22+ years with them starting in engineering and rising to one of their Principal Engineers before going into management. Prior to retiring, I spent numerous years in field operations in supervisory and management positions. We have 5 granddaughters and a dog..... can't forget the dog.

I'm not sure about being able to make the reunion this October, but am absolutely delighted to hear about some of our old Shipmates. I was sad to see that one of my friends, Jim Postel, had passed away. Jim was my roommate youngster year and my best man at our wedding.

JACKSON, PAUL E., DKSJ, USN

I entered NAPS as a DKSJ, but was promoted to DK3 while there. Previously, I had served on the USS Prairie (AD-15) and the USS Shelton (DD-790). I would have loved to have completed my course of study at NAPS and become a midshipman, but I reached the point where I had to extend my enlistment to cover my commitment to the Academy, and there was a problem. I had been flunking all the numerous hearing tests they gave me, and I was afraid that if I extended, I would be denied entrance to the Academy anyway. With great dismay, I opted out of NAPS and was assigned to the Naval Air Station on Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Washington in February 1967, where I ended my naval duty in September 1968 as a DK2.

Following my discharge from the Navy, I continued my education at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University), earning a B.S. degree with a double major in accounting and business administration. While still a student at NMSU, I married Denise Wilkinson in August 1971. Denise was a fellow student at NMSU and was from my hometown of Ottumwa, Iowa. We were blessed with two boys who have made me very proud. Denise passed away in January 2015 from pneumonia. The pneumonia was a result of her immune system being severely compromised from the chemo therapy she had been taking to combat brain cancer.

My working career was spent as an auditor for the State of Iowa. In my early years, I travelled extensively throughout the country conducting corporate income tax audits on companies doing business in Iowa. Eventually, I was able to get out of the travel mode, and my main job became working with the Attorney General's staff in trying to resolve tax protests. I handled matters from an accounting perspective, while the AG's, of course, managed the legal work. Additionally, I wrote audit manuals and audit selection guidelines, and participated in various special projects. I retired in July 2002. Now my days are spent traveling around the country playing in senior slow pitch softball tournaments, bowling, working on my coin collection, studying history, taking cruises and train rides, and being a typical grandfather.

In February 2016 I began dating Jan Sime, and we now reside together in Urbandale Iowa. Jan's father was a Navy man, but one of her two sons graduated from the Air Force Academy and is now a pilot for Delta. Although I did not make the Navy my career, it is still near and dear to my heart as evidenced by the license plates of my two vehicles: XSAILOR and GO NAVY.

JACKSON, WAVERLY E., STGSN, USN

After my time in the Yard, I went through many life events until July, 1971. At that time, I began to realize that the things I was doing with my life were contrary to the Christian upbringing I had received from my parents; I recognized that God was not pleased with the manner in which I was living my life. I sought Him and His grace, and He saved me from my sins, and filled me with the blessed gift of the Holy Ghost and fire! I met the girl I would eventually marry during my first year of walking in salvation, and I also received from Him the calling into the gospel ministry. My marriage to Joy has been blessed with two beautiful daughters, Tomika and Tatiana; and now we are proud grandparents of a wonderful three-year-old sweetheart named Taylor. The Lord has blessed me tremendously over the almost 40 years that I have been with my wife.

After the Academy, I earned my bachelor's degree in business administration through the Franklin University here in Columbus. I also earned a second bachelor's degree in Religious education from the Karl F. Smith Bible Institute, also located in Columbus. I am preparing to return to school for an MBA in the near future, Lord willing.

My employment experience has included professional driving both trucks and buses. I became a banker just before marrying my wife, and worked my way up through the ranks from teller to banking office manager over 11 ½ years. I worked a short time as a consultant, and then was a co-manager of a super store with the Kroger Co. for a short time. I eventually became an educator, teaching first fifth grade, and then middle school social studies at a private Christian school here in Columbus, the Sonshine Christian Academy. I retired from teaching after 20 years, and am supplementing my retirement by driving professionally again.

My years in the gospel ministry have included work as an associate minister in our local church, of which I eventually became pastor. Along with four other brothers in Christ, I was appointed to the governing body of our church, the Executive Board, in 2004, and then ordained a bishop in September of 2006. In addition to being a pastor, I have done missionary work overseas in Kenya, East Africa, and in Haiti, West Indies. My heart is now toward foreign missions, and I am in the process of organizing a department of foreign missions for our church organization. It is my hope that the Lord will permit me to labor in the word and doctrine in Liberia, West Africa, and to return to Kenya for more ministry there.

All that I am, and all that I have, I owe to the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Lord Jesus Christ. Without His grace and mercy, my life would have been decidedly different than it is; and I am ever grateful to Him for loving me and giving His life for me. Alleluia to His name!!

I am looking forward to being with the guys at the upcoming NAPS Reunion! It will be so good to see you all once again. Be blessed, my friends; and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!!

Waverly E, Jackson
Columbus, OH

KELLOGG, J. EDWARD, SGT., USMC

1. Graduated from NAPS June 1967.
2. Entered USNA with the class of 1971.
3. Bob Capra and I roomed together our Plebe year to make the first Year a bit easier. It worked.
4. Majored in Operations Analysis. (Probably isn't offered anymore).
5. Took the aviation physical our senior year (we all took it) and the Corpsman broke my glasses and threw them in the trash. I was a bit ticked because I wore them since I was 3. He lucked out when I realized I could go to flight school.
6. After Quantico, where all good new Marines go, I headed to flight School in Pensacola. Ended up in Kingsville, TX where I finished In record time. Had to squeeze into the fiscal year qualifying group.
7. Headed to MCAS Yuma then MCAS EI Toro, CA to join VMA-214 The Blacksheep Squadron.
8. Bailed on that when the C.O. wanted to send me on a FAC (forward air controller) year tour. I convinced him I had my share of that as a grunt in a previous life. Went back to Kingsville TX as an instructor in primary jets 6 days a week for 2 years.
9. Resigned my active commission in 1978 and got hired by North Central Airlines, which became Republic then bought out by Northwest.
10. Retired at age 59 (required to at age 60 anyway).
11. Flew in the Reserves out of NAS South Weymouth, MA from 1978 till 1988. Retired from the active reserves in Minneapolis as a LTCol, USMC around 1997. (Dates get blurry with a family as you all know.)
12. Married Jeannie in 1980. Son Tom born in 1986, daughter Katie in 1987 and son Steven in 1991. No marriages or grandchildren yet. (We started a bit later than most of you.)
13. Live in Eagan, MN except when we summer, so to speak, in northern MN.

KING, ROBERT E., FTMSN, USN (Post-NAPS Story)

Had a call from Bob Gallagher recently recalling old times. I am forwarding a tale I told him.

I have only run into one former classmate since then and this is the tale.

I was racing home back to Fort Worth, TX from Louisiana on election day (Ford/Carter) doing about 80 in a 60 zone, trying to get back in time to vote. I noticed a DPS patrol car pulling into the median and I knew I was caught. The patrol car pulled me over and the officer came to my window. He had on those shiny reflective eye glasses. As he began his "you were speeding" conversation I noticed his name tag which was "STARNES". I commented that I once was in the navy with a man named Starnes. Turns out this officer was in fact Paul Starnes. We talked briefly and he said since my memory was so good he would give me a warning ticket instead of speeding. That was the last I saw of him.

A couple of years ago, I checked and I believe I found that he died in 2004, not sure of the cause of death but reasonably sure that it was him.

I am a 6-year prostate cancer survivor, knock on wood, sad the number of classmates who have already left us.

Robert King

KREMER, RICHARD E., CPL, USMC

After I left USNA in March 1969, I finished my degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota and decided to return to USMC via OCS at Quantico. I flew F4's for 17 years, retiring as a LTCOL. I also flew as an airline pilot, but unfortunately, I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and finished my career as a simulator instructor with American Airlines.

I currently live in The Woodlands, TX with my Dee. We have two sons. My oldest son, Ed is a petroleum engineer and President of a small oil company based in The Woodlands, TX. My youngest son, Luke (USNA '96) is a CDR presently deployed on USS Stennis in the Pacific. He expects his next set of orders to be working on the F35. Luke's bride is a LCDR in Navy Intelligence.

I enjoyed the 45th NAPS reunion. It was good to see old friends.

MARKS, KENNETH A., SN, USNR

As I reflect upon life since that year in Bainbridge, the picture painted in my mind's eye is a bit blurry; but I'll do my best to highlight the journey from NAPS to USNA and beyond. Where to begin? Perhaps a good starting point would be late June 1971 when a few weeks after tossing a combo-cover into the air my high school sweetheart met me at the chapel in Annapolis. Except for a number of extended deployments, we've been together ever since. By Julie's count that would be about four years give or take, but I digress. Let's see ... I seem to recall serving as Navigator on the bridge of a Guided Missile Frigate (USS LUCE) before receiving orders to flight training which I completed in Beeville, Texas just about the time the war in Vietnam was coming to a close. With many squadrons on the chopping block and fleet seats drying up fast, I managed to squeeze flight time as a basic jet flight instructor before landing orders to an S-3A squadron. In a weak moment a few years later, I submitted my resignation and immediately joined Michelin Tire Corporation. About three years into the civilian tour I began to explore the possibility of securing a reserve billet only to be invited back to active duty. It was during the "Reagan build-up" era; and while I much enjoyed the work I was doing on the outside, I had only to look myself in the mirror to realize I genuinely missed being a part of the magnificent Navy / Marine Corps Team. I agreed to a recall and never looked back as I spent another 18 years in uniform. Out of the cockpit far too long, I opted instead for the world of Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Duty. Four Nimitz Class aircraft carrier tours and five staff assignments later (one as a dreaded detailer), I retired from active duty as a Captain, handed the safe combination to my relief as Deputy Chief of Staff for Fleet Maintenance and Logistics (supporting the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe), and hopped on a plane from Heathrow to Dulles to begin life anew. Yes, my office was in London; and for the record, I could take you on a pub tour you would never forget!

It wasn't all sea duty. Along the way, we managed to have two children, one of each. We now enjoy two grandchildren, also one of each. Our son lives in Savannah, Georgia with his wife and two children. Jeffrey serves as a news director for WSAV, the local NBC affiliate. Our daughter is a starving artist and plays the role well. Having earned a Masters Degree from the University of Illinois, Anna has embraced life in the mid-west and has taken up residence in Champaign where she lives happily with her loyal Bassett Hound!

In the not so distant past we sold our home of some 27+ years in Norfolk to return to New Jersey to live near and attend to Julie's aging parents. We like to think we are setting an example for the kids, though time alone will tell. Of course, I had to re-learn the language and hand gestures, but I do find life in the Garden State more pleasant than I recalled. Exit 5!

McINTYRE, KEITH W., ETSN, USN

1966 - Attended USNA prep school, graduated summer 1967.

1967 - Attended USNA.

Fall 1967 - Resigned USNA (had to go clear to the Super to get it done).

Late '67 – ET2 on **USS BUSHNEL AS-15**. Primary function installing crypto equipment on diesel subs. I did make one very short trip on a boat. Interesting and fun for a day, but noisy and smelly. My time on the Bushnell resulted in a couple good stories for Happy Hour. I was also on the base Pistol Team. I never left the wharf, I was in EMI 'C'-School during a cruise to Puerto Rico.

6/68 - After a short time on the Bushnell, I received an Emergency transfer to the **USS Jonas Ingraham, DD-938** (my predecessor had been electrocuted!). Sometime before or after the transfer I made ET1 and was the leading ET until the JI was decommissioned for ASW conversion in Philly. When I arrived onboard, 90% of the Electronics gear was down, 17 days later when we hit Gibraltar 90% was up! As a result I was pretty much the Captain's "fair haired boy". For a reason possibly known to some of my fellow Napsters this seemed to mean that the Exec. wasn't fond of me (Insert Sea Story Here!). After we turned the Ingram over to the yard, I was transferred to USCOMSTA San Juan P.R.

5/69 – Sabana Seca P.R. - Leading ET maintaining 7 microwave sites (ISSH). Last 6 mo. ATCU.

8/30/69 – Married Joyce. The absolute BEST thing I've ever done!

5/4/71 - Received my discharge, 3 month early out for College.

5/71 – 8/71 - Toured the US in a pickup camper, 29 states, 13,000 miles.

9/71 – Started on my B.S.E.E.

12/74 - Received my B.S.E.E.

7/75 – Took a position with Martin Marietta in the Aluminum plant in Goldendale WA.

7/78 - Facilities Engineer at the University of Idaho. Worked on an M.B.A.

12/80 - Received my M.B.A.

2/81 - Took a position as a Project Manager for PAE in Portland, Since then I've been registered as a Professional Engineer in four states and have held leadership positions at various Consulting Engineering firms in Washington and Oregon.

2/83 – Birth of son - Sean Christopher McIntyre.

4/88 – Birth of son - Mark Alexander McIntyre.

1/00 – Took a Senior Facilities Engineer position with UW for eight years.

12/08 - Went back to consulting as the V.P. Electrical at WSP Flack+Kurtz.

8/10 I had a hemorrhagic stroke affecting my entire left side (watch your BP!). It seems to me that our medical system leans towards “warehousing” stroke victims. I decided to become a survivor rather than a victim. When I asked my Doctor if I could go to the gym to get my strength back, I thought her chin would hit the floor. Her answer was “well, I uh guess so.” So I did! I hired a good trainer and went to work. There was one machine that I could only do 8 reps at 25#, I have since maxed out that machine out at 20 reps at 305#. I returned to work as a consultant to WSP for two years **1/14**, leaving **9/16** in frustration with my *two* replacements inability to manage the department. I am currently on a FT gig assignment at the VA Hospital, with the task of reviewing work plans and switching orders to reduce the possibility of outages. The project is a service upgrade from 5kV to 15kV. It's \$26 million and very complicated. Demanding gig, but it pays very well! ☺ I still go to the gym at least 2X/wk., once for strength training and once in the pool for walking/balance training. I walk the 200' perimeter of the pool, in chest deep water doing 20 laps in 50 minutes with no aid device.

2/14 – I had an idea for a new product to keep the beer in growlers fresh. I started Growler Werx with a good friend. We have received three US Patents have three more in progress and one pending in the EU. Watch for us on Kickstarter, maybe. There is lots of VC available in our area so that is also a possibility.

NAPS Memories by Keith McIntyre

Here are some of my memories from NAPS.

- Getting gigged by Capt. Christie at one of our first assemblies, because I had my shirt properly tucked in and bloused. He gigged me because I hadn't shown my squad mates how to do the same thing. That didn't seem very fair to me.
- Playing lacrosse and coming back to the room to look at Jerry Hoffer's bruises since he played goalie.
- Playing football in the fall.
- Playing floor hockey in the gym with those damned broomsticks and hollow pucks. I dislocated my shoulder and one of those games. It hurt like hell and it was two weeks before I could put my T-shirts on correctly.
- Building the mirrored ball for our gala end of the year Ball with Tim Sewell. We blew up a balloon and used papier-mâché to build a ball, then we glued broken mirror pieces to it. I'll be darned if I can remember how we made it turn or even if we did.
- Which one of you wise guys put the pubic hair on the podium in English class? :-)
- Smuggling a pitcher of 3.2 beer back from the club on the bus, I actually tucked it under my raincoat!
- The raid conducted by our “commandos” on MAPS. I'm sorry I wasn't on the raid but I still remember some fun facts (at least I remember them as facts)
 - shaving the letter “N” into their hair.
 - the bath-powder grenades (firecrackers inserted into a container of bath powder). I was told that you could find powder between the pages of books on the bookshelf after those went off.

- It seems to me I remember that Capt. Christie couldn't get the smile off his face as he was chewing you guys out.
- The many trips we took to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds NCO club.
- Hugging a commode and calling my uncle Ralph while Chuck Rocha was in an adjoining stall calling his uncle. We talked back and forth to each other between calls to our uncles.
- Waking up in the study room in the middle of winter starkers, with snow blowing on me. Jerry Hoffer and some others got me back to my room. I'm told the first time they went looking for me I was in the shower with cold water running on me, claiming I was hot, I told them I would be back to the room but I didn't show up so they came looking for me again and found me in the study room with my head on my towel and my arms crossed over my chest with both windows open and the snow blowing on me, in the middle of winter.
- One time after one of our many trips to the club, I was talking with someone at the top of the stairs at the scuttlebutt. Whatever he said caused me to start laughing and I slid to the floor with my arms wrapped around the scuttlebutt laughing all the way
- I used to try and keep track of how many drinks I had had the night before. I would then put the swizzle sticks into my inside jacket pocket and count them the next morning. On one little remembered night one or more of you must've contributed some swizzle sticks to my collection. I counted 31 the next morning!
- Why do a lot of my memories center around alcohol consumption??
- All of my memories are good ones and I miss you guys. It was fun guys and I'm happy I did it. I hope you all it had as good a life since NAPS as I have. I think you all have access to my e-mail address (kwmcintyre@att.net) so if you feel compelled to communicate I would love it. Take care.

MURPHY, MICHAEL E. (MIC), CPL, USMC

When I arrived at NAPS, I had just completed a tour in Vietnam as a US Marine infantry rifleman. I was only 19 years young and not very certain about my future. After a satisfactory completion of NAPS, on 7 July 1967, I married Patricia Jazdzewski, a Navy Corps Wave that I had met at Bainbridge. Two years later I could pronounce her last name, and about four years later I could actually spell it. We had two boys, and both joined the Navy. My oldest, Mic Jr. retired as a CPO a few years ago. David was a nuke on subs, but got out to take a good job with a computer company with a big salary. Our marriage lasted 8 years until July 1975 – (still a record to this day).

After NAPS I reported to the Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, MD (in the city of Baltimore) to get more intelligent (?). Marines didn't have their own intelligence school, so we crashed the Army one. After graduation, I was assigned to the 17th Counterintelligence Team (17th CIT) in 29 Palms, CA.

From there I went to the 9th CIT in Okinawa, then the 4th CIT at Camp Lejeune, NC. I left the Marines a SSGT E-6 in August of 1972 after 6 years and 3 months of some combat, security inspections, training, washing trucks, and very little boredom. Still miss it. To show for my years of service, at least I do have a cigarette lighter presented to me from the 17th CIT, but I can't find it right now.

After USMC I took a job as Chief of Security for the Everglades Hotel in Miami, FL. Very interesting..... About 3 years later, I enlisted in the Army, to thank them for the schooling they gave me after NAPS. I spent 2 weeks in basic training, where I learned how to spell inclosure with an ‘i’ instead of an ‘e’. I basically played cards with the DI’s for two weeks, was issued Army clothing, and then wore civilian clothes until I was discharged. I was attached to the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) as a Special Agent in Hattiesburg, MS for three years. While there, I got my BS degree from University of Southern Mississippi in Criminal Justice Studies. I didn’t really feel very “special” there when my marriage broke up in 1975, so I was discharged a SSGT E-6 and began entertaining (formed a band) at the LaGrace Hotel in Hattiesburg.

In January of 1979 I moved back home (Dayton, OH) to help run my father’s business due to his health problems. I began entertaining there, performing as a single act, and eventually performed in clubs in CA, FL, MS, TX, TN, AL and OH.

Since the Marines and Army I have been an entertainer/performer for most of my adult life. I traded in the guitar and harmonica from my early days at NAPS for keyboards, but, yes, I still can sing some Bob Dylan tunes! After 2005, only a microphone and no more piano (after I successfully put my thumb in a table saw).

There was a wife #2 and wife #3, but no need to really mention them by name (possible legal issues, you know...). However, I met Gloria Saker (easy last name –Baker with an S) while entertaining in Centerville, OH, and she asked to sing with me! She had picked up a 45 record I had made in Nashville, and had put a harmony part to it. So I married her too. We have been together since 1995, and married since Dec 7th, 2007 (A Date Which Will Live in **Infamy**).

In 2006 we gave up the Supper Clubs and Night Clubs to semi-retire. We now perform several hundred shows a year for nursing homes and senior care centers within a 60-mile radius of our home in Beavercreek, OH. We still enjoy the singing and performing and will probably not retire completely until we die or hit the lotto, whichever comes first.

I often have some regret as not having retired from the military. So much about that life I really enjoyed, especially the sense of duty and honor and helping to protect our country. I can justify it, however, because the route I took led me to a successful performing career, a wonderful wife and two fantastic children, and four grandchildren.

I can’t wait to see my old shipmates from NAPS. If my wife thinks I prevaricate pretty well now, wait until she hears me tell some stories to my old shipmates in Bainbridge! I’m so glad you found me.

I had promised myself not to make this bio longer than the longest student bio so far, but with 807 words, I think I failed. My bad.

CPL Michael (Mic) Murphy USMC
Beavercreek, Oh

PADGETT, GERALD A., SN, USN

I entered NAPS in 1966 with the rest of you guys, graduating in May 1967. It was while at NAPS that I met a local girl from Elkton, MD, Pauline, who would eventually become my wife of over 41 years. We waited two whole days after graduation to get married. The Lord has blessed us with three wonderful daughters (Katrina, Marun, and Rene), three of the world's best sons-in-law (Jason, Phil, and Tom) as well as nine grandchildren.

I entered the Naval Academy in July 1967, graduating in 1971 and spent the next 18 years either assigned to or TAD to ships at sea, predominately as a main propulsion engineer with the exception of my Executive Officer tour on the USS Harlan County. Other tours of duty include the USS Boulder, USS Spiegle Grove, USS Basilone, USS Belknap, USS John F. Kennedy as well as tours of Duty with the CINCLANTFLT Propulsion Examining Board and on the staff of COMNAVAIRLANT as the staff conventionally powered Engineering Training Officer. In that capacity, I had the opportunity of serving on all of the non-nuclear powered aircraft carriers of the U.S. Atlantic fleet - USS Lexington, USS Coral Sea, USS Forrestal, USS America, USS Kitty Hawk, and USS Independence. Even crossed paths once with Master Chief Lafferty on the Kitty Hawk, I believe. As a "reward" for career path and after eight major deployments of six months or longer, I was offered a 2-year unaccompanied tour to Saudi Arabia. I declined and retired instead on September 1, 1989 with the rank of CDR, finally acquiring a real "shore duty" tour.

After retirement, I taught high school math and science at a Christian school in the Tidewater, VA area for three years before taking a position as administrative assistant to the General Director of Armed Forces Baptist Missions, eventually developing a Christian outreach ministry to the unmarried servicemen in the Tidewater, VA area. My family and I worked in this ministry for 12 years. During this time, I returned to school earning a Masters of Religious Education (MRE) in 1997 and in July 1998 I was ordained into the ministry. I continued my seminary education, receiving my Doctorate of Religious Education (DRE) from Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary in 2000.

In January 2004 I became pastor of Emmaus road Baptist Church and feel like I am just getting started.

PATTAVINA, JAMES (JIMMY), FTGSN, USN

I'm not sure, but I may have the only double attraction to the Bainbridge Base from this reunion. My "A" school for FTG was on the base, as was NAPS. I went from the barracks for the "A" school to NAPS. Although, I attended the "A" school for 14 weeks, but only about 6 weeks at NAPS. After leaving NAPS I was assigned to the USS O'Hare, a fine tin can that traveled all around the world. The kind of enlistment that the recruiters always promise, but sailors seldom get.

My enlistment was up in May 1969 and I left the Navy as Second Class Petty Officer. I went back to Nebraska to go to the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and use the G. I. Bill to its full value. That era was a very heady time, anti-Vietnam War, environmental activism, civil rights, women's rights, and the notion we had the freedom to go or do anything. I graduated with a BS in Education in

1973 and later received a Masters of Education. I taught in the Lincoln School System for 4 years, but eventually left to work in the retail insurance business. I worked in sales from September 1977 to October 2011, lots of car and home insurance and Business Owners policies, over 34 years.

My wife, Terri, and I have 3 great girls, who married wonderful young men. The kids in OKC, OK have two of our grandchildren, and the kids in Omaha have the other grandchild. Our daughter in Lincoln and her husband have not been married long, but there could be another grandchild there someday. Terri, and I have been married for 11 years and are both retired and having a wonderful time of it.

I have been active in a number of community organizations, and in most, took a turn as president. In the last few years both Terri and I have been active in a great international social club: Parrot Heads in Paradise, and the local clubs in our area. In calendar years 2008 and 2009 I was the international president; those two years made Terri and me a huge number of friends. The clubs have a tropical attitude, and the clubs double as a fan club for Jimmy Buffett. Our local club in Lincoln is called The Corn Republic Parrot Head Club. (fyi: Key West is known as the Conch Republic)

On the day I wrote this, I turned 65, but I feel like I'm still about 40. Although, when I look in the mirror, I see my father. I hope all of my old shipmates are doing well, and when you look in the mirror you see Brad Pitt.

PETERS, WAYNE A., SN, USN

Following graduation from NAPS and USNA with the Class of 1971, Peters embarked on a 30.5 year commissioned service career serving in submarines and submarine related shore assignments.

His command tours included USS George C. Marshall (gold), the shore-based nuclear power training unit in Windsor, CT, and the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT. Other shore assignments included branch head on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon and four years as Chief of Staff to the Commander, Submarine Group Two. Peters received a master's degree from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. He retired as a Captain in December 2001.

After retirement, Peters returned to learning at the University of Maine at Machias, where he graduated summa cum laude in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He taught 7th and 8th grade math and science at Bay Ridge Elementary School in Cutler, ME and retired from teaching in June 2013. In May of 2012 Peters received the University of Maine at Machias' Distinguished Alumni Award.

Peters is an active member and past president of the Machias Rotary Club. He has served on the board of the Roque Bluffs Community Center, the Down East Community Hospital, and Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church in Machias. He is also involved with the Sunrise Senior College both as a

committee member and occasional instructor. He has volunteered as an auctioneer for countless charity events.

Wayne married Gail Joseph three days after his USNA graduation. They now reside in rural Washington County Maine in the coastal town of Roque Bluffs. Their three daughters and their families including 7 grandchildren live in Maine and New Hampshire.

PETTY, WILLIAM D., CPL, USMC

I received orders to NAPS from "C" company Communications Electronics Battalion San Diego. My time at Bainbridge was a pleasure and a joy being around kindred spirits in a very beautiful setting. By spring of 1967 I knew a military career was not for me and with my temperament Annapolis would not have been a good choice. I did complete the course of study at NAPS but did not graduate or receive an annual, a real bust.

I returned to Communications Electronics Battalion and was trained on the TPQ-10 as an aviation fire control radar technician. Upon graduation. I was sent to Marine Air Support Squadron Cherry Point, NC. Orders came for Vietnam where I joined Marine Air Support Squadron Two (MASS Deuce) at Dong Ha and LZ Vandegrift.

After leaving the Corps in 1969, I worked a couple of years for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in San Francisco before returning to finish my education at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS. I graduated in 1974 with a BS in Geology and a BA in Economics then accepted a job with Dresser Atlas (an oil and gas service company) as an Openhole Engineer in Laurel, MS. I worked in and around the south Mississippi area for Atlas until retiring in 2009. I am currently a professional piddler!

POLESHAJ, VALENTIN (WALLY), SN, USNR

Graduated from NAPS then graduated from USNA---but had to give up football after two seasons in order to graduate with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. I survived a Rickover interview and he 'reluctantly' selected me for the Navy's Nuclear Power Program. He assured me that I would not last 8 weeks in his program---to spite him, I washed out academically after 10 weeks!

I then went into Surface Warfare and served on active duty as follows:

- USS Lockwood FF-1064---Main Propulsion Assistant, Navigator
- Destroyer/Department-Head School---Newport. RI
- USS Meyerkord FF-1058---Chief Engineer
- USS Haleakala AE-25---Operations Officer

I left active duty after 8 years and stayed in the reserves serving in various capacities in Reserve Centers in Watertown (NY), Indianapolis (IN), Portland (OR) and Rock Island (IL) before retiring from the USNR as a CDR in 1996.

I joined Alcoa after leaving active duty in 1979 and worked in purchasing and inventory management positions at six different locations including a 3 year assignment in San Luis, Brazil. In early 2005 and after 26 years of service, I was offered a coveted 'retirement package' which I gladly accepted. Two weeks after my effective retirement date, I was contracted back by Alcoa and offered a position as Director of Procurement for Alcoa-Russia. I then spent most of the next two years living in Samara, Russia managing the purchasing activities of two huge aluminum fabricating plants that were former Soviet defense-industry plants purchased by Alcoa in 2004. I finally retired for real the end of 2006 and so remain.

I married Nancy Rhodes (a '73 Purdue graduate) in 1974 and we have two daughters who, at the moment, are still not married, thus no grand-kids yet.

POWELL, GILBERT A., AA, USNR

I left NAPS and went to Cal Berkley on a football ride and coned Jim Brady to come along. We both played for the Frosh team. Joined a Frat house and kept being crazy. Two years later, I had an injury, detached retina, and had to hang it up. I continued my Navy obligation in the NROTC until they found out about the eye problem. They wanted to skip the liability of the injury and gave me a medical discharge in 1969.

I went on with joining the construction trend. I have spent the past 40 years building homes and developing land in the Pacific Northwest, Idaho and Washington. My wife, two sons, and I have a construction company and hope to retire in a couple of years and move back to Idaho. We have 7 children, 11 grandchildren and do any and everything that has to do with water, boating, fishing, crabbing and occasional hunting trips. This is kind of a short story, but again I say thanks for the contacts and I hope to somehow stay in touch with you, Brady, Wally, Skidmark and whoever else pops up. Thanks again, Gil Powell

RANGE, KENNETH L. (KEN), ATN3, USN

Highlights in the Navy

1964 - Joined Navy when 17 - scheduled to get out the day before I turned 21.

1965 - Graduated from Aviation Electronic School, Memphis, TN.

1965 - Assigned to VAW 13 at Alameda NAS – California.

1966 - Made E4 and started NAPS (extended 7 months for NAPS).

1967 - Left NAPS (marriage) and assigned to VA 75 Oceana NAS, Virginia Beach, VA.

1967-68 - Vietnam tour aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.

TAD from VA 75 to Ship's AT Shop, maintained the Doppler radar system for all aircraft on board the Kitty Hawk. Made E5 and extended enlistment an additional 7 months.

1968-69 - Returned to Oceana NAS and taught the maintenance of the Doppler radar system to new electronics techs until my discharge.

Note: Would not trade my Navy experience for anything.

Highlights Professional Work

California Highway Patrol Officer 8 1/2 years, San Benito County SO 4 years – Retired.
Owned a restaurant for 7 years.
Operated an Orvis Wingshooting Lodge and Resort for 14 years prior to retirement.

Education

AA - Law Enforcement major.
BSBA

Volunteer

CA & OR Hunter Education Instructor and Fishing Education Instructor
US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 5-56 - Flotilla Commander 2011-12
US Coast Guard Certified Recreational and Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspector
Board Member Oregon South Coast Fishermen
Board Member Brookings-Harbor Friends of Music
Oregon Governor's appointment to Salmon, Trout, Steelhead Advisory Committee

Hobbies

Hunting and fishing
I have a nice off-shore boat (24' North River) and enjoy fishing for tuna, salmon, Ling Cod and halibut in the ocean.

History of the USMA Prep CQ Arm Band

It's been 50 years, so my recollection of some of the facts is a little vague.

I recall in November of 1966 a small group of us from NAPS made a surprise visit in the middle of the night to MAPS. The duty officer (CQ) felt compelled to donate this arm band to us. It has been in my possession since then.

I know there was an issue with some of their personnel. I believe several of them came back with us. They were not kidnapped and no charges were filed. I believe they thought they could simply switch academies and attend NAPS. Unfortunately, they did not realize our entry standards were much higher than MAPS.

At some point Capt. Prichard got involved and negotiated their safe return and acceptance back to MAPS.

Of course, there were consequences. We stood at attention while Capt. Christy gave a very heart felt lecture about compassion for other members of the military. Hopefully some others can fill in more of the details on our visit to MAPS.

Ken Range



SHELL, MICHAEL C., SN, USN

It was a great time at NAPS, but I was glad to graduate and go on to the US Naval Academy. After much consideration and prayer, I resigned from the Academy in September 1967. I decided that 4 years at the Academy, serve 5 years in the fleet, get out and then go back to college was not best for me. After resigning, I went back to serve the other 2 years left on my enlistment. Before getting out, I went to Vietnam and spent a year in the Mekong Delta with the Mobile Riverine Force.

After the Navy, I went back to college. I graduated from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide) with a degree in accounting in December 1971. After completing the requirements and passing the exam, I was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. I am still in a part-time practice.

In 1970, I met a wonderful lady and we were married in August 1970. Sandra is still my wonderful bride. We have 2 children. Our daughter teaches in the school nursing at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. Our son has 2 master degrees in engineering and is in charge of the robotics at the Honda plant in Lincoln, AL. We also have 3 granddaughters. We love to travel and have been to 80 countries.

Life & God has been good to us. But Agent Orange has caused a lot of problems. The current bump

has been leukemia and chemo this year. God has taken us through this and things are looking up.

I look forward to the reunion.

SISSON, FRED U., SN, USNR

I left USNA and went back to the enlisted ranks. After six years in the Navy, I joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard (NG) and became an Infantry man. I remained in the Infantry for my total career. I continued in the enlisted ranks for another seven years reaching the rank of E-6.

I was then asked if I would like to become an officer. I saw more money and more responsibility, so I went through the process and was commissioned a 2nd LT in 1979. As an officer I ran a mortar platoon, a TOW platoon, served as XO, Company Commander, S-1 (Bn. Admin) , S-3 Air (Operations) and S-4 (Beans and bullets). I left the NG and went into the Army Reserves where I completed Command and General Staff College.

West Point asked me to work for them as a Liaison Officer for recruitment. As soon as this happened, I was asked to go to Germany as an Operations Officer with the 7th Army. I moved through Bosnia, Hungary, and Germany and then back to the US. Next stop was the Physical Disability Agency for the Army. Then 9/11. I was immediately moved to the Pentagon Forward, as an Operations Officer responsible for the affirmation of Army personnel at the Pentagon that were still alive. Next move was the Army Operations Center at the Pentagon. I was then assigned to the Human Resources Command (HRC) as Deputy Chief for Combat Related Special Compensation and Traumatic Service members Group Life Insurance for wounded soldiers. I spent almost a year there and then went to work at the Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

I was called up for Iraqi Freedom with CENTCOM and worked in J-3 Special Operations, both in Tampa, FL and Qatar. I was later reassigned back to D.C. to my old job at HRC and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel - Total time 41 years (13 years enlisted and 28 officer). For a while, I was the oldest 2nd LT in the Army.

Each move, especially with my brothers in the military, brought me into a one-on-one relationship with those men and women that were in need of spiritual help. I started attending Seminary in Lanham, MD and upon retirement from the Army, I transferred to a Seminary in the New England area. During Seminary, I was introduced to CPE, a formal introduction to the art of Spiritual presence for those who are hurt, suffering loss of a loved one and grief and joy. I am doing what I must do for the rest of my life, but took me a life time to find. How blessed I am. I was ordained last year. I am a member of the Congregational Church, 4C's affiliation (Evangelical)

I am married to my wonderful wife Terri. I have two sons, Fred and Jason and a stepdaughter Jenna. We have six grandchildren.

SPRATT, RONALD E. (Ron), RM3, USNR

Executive Summary

Since graduation in 1971, I have been honored to serve twenty years as a Marine Corps officer, blessed with a wonderful wife Anne and two daughters, privileged to enjoy an ongoing second

career and fortunate to maintain lifelong friendships with many fellow NAPSters and Academy classmates. With this said, I no longer briskly jump out of bed at 0600, or pump out 71 pushups, nor chow down without devastating consequences. But it has been a good ride and, in nautical terms, hope to be at sea underway for many years to come.

Extended Version (only for the brave)

My Marine Corps career, largely as an artillery officer, was typical of the post-Vietnam / Cold War Era. It encompassed six years of overseas deployments and assignments on five continents (happily missed the Arctic) and most of the seven seas, i.e. join the Marine Corps to really see the world. My first duty station in 1972, with new bride in hand, landed us in the desert resort of Twenty Nine Palms, California. As we were just beginning to enjoy the 120 degree temperature, we were shipped off to Marine Barracks, Guam. Although, not a tropical island paradise, a great tour of duty. After two years on Guam, it was time for an unaccompanied tour on Okinawa with 12th Marines, 3^d Marine Division. In 1977, I returned stateside for a four year assignment (student then instructor) at the U.S. Army Field Artillery School in Lawton, Oklahoma. By then, Anne and I were doting parents of daughters Andrea and her little sister Allison. From Oklahoma, we made a PCS move to 2d MarDiv, Camp Lejeune, NC. Over the next four years, with the family comfortably settled on base, I remained a lean and somewhat mean highly motivated Marine with various assignments at the battalion, regimental and division levels in both staff and command billets. In 1983, as UNITAS / USMC CO, I deployed to South America and West Africa for joint allied military operations. From 1984 to 1988, we were stationed in Washington DC, where I served in various staff billets at Headquarters Marine Corps. We bought our first "real" home in Bethesda, MD and still reside at 5905 Woodacres Drive. My final tour, as a Lieutenant Colonel with family aboard, was a return to Okinawa and, once again, with the 12th Marines.

My second career began by chance, when shortly after retirement in 1991, the American Red Cross asked for my help with the Military Family Fundraising Campaign. With the sum total experience of observing my First Sergeant conduct a Combined Federal Campaign, I jumped on board. Over the past 20+ years, in addition to the ARC, I have enjoyed working for several nonprofit veteran programs to include the National WWII Memorial Campaign, the National Defense University Foundation and currently the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. After these many years, I have concluded that Americans care very deeply and have the highest respect and admiration for the extraordinary Men and Women of our Nation's Armed Forces and their Families.

I am pleased to report that Anne, who was the perfect military wife, and continues to be more than just the better half, will be joining me for the upcoming NAPS Reunion. Our daughter, Andrea, after graduating from the University of Maryland, taught eighth-grade in the Los Angeles public school system for five years. She has since established her own fashion line and actually (which seems almost impossible to me) developed it into a relatively successful enterprise. Allison, a graduate of the Elon University Musical Theater Program, spent over nine years either on tour or in NYC Theater. Now settled and happily married in San Diego, she just completed the Old Globe Shakespeare Graduate Program. (I was summarily ejected from one of her recent performances for excessive snoring.)

I anxiously await the October NAPS Reunion reliving the glory days, remembering only the very best, and rekindling old friendships. Oh yes, also enjoying many special toasts to the Fiddler's Green.

(Note: Following the 2012 reunion, Ron passed away on 12 October 2016. See the obituary section of the NAPS '67 website.)

WALKER, JAMES L., LCPL, USMC

I was released from NAPS (poor grades) in February '67, and reassigned to Marine Corps Schools, (now MCB) Quantico, where I worked in H & S Company of OCS, until my release from active duty in June 1968. Shortly before my release in '68, I learned with sadness of the murder in D.C. of my good friend, Bill King, who had also been a Marine at NAPS, and had been reassigned to Quantico. I enrolled at the University of N.C. at Charlotte that summer, met my future wife Janice Cranford, and she and I married in June of '71. We have been married 41 years as of this coming June 6th. We both graduated UNC-C in May of 1972, and are the proud parents of a daughter, Kelly, who is 34, and a son Shawn, who is 32. Kelly has been married almost 10 years, and has two little twin girls who are 2 1/2 years old, Abbie and Lily Burton, who are the apple of their old grandpop's eye, and who only live 5 minutes from our house. Shawn is not married at this time.

For most of my working life since graduating college, I have worked in industrial credit and collections with a large chemical company here in Charlotte, from which I took early retirement in 2001. I returned as a retiree contractor in 2005, and continue to work about 30 hours a week.

My primary interest for most of my life has been the study of Confederate and Civil War history. I have been a reenactor since 1976, and have studied and hiked Civil War battlefields and fortifications from Gettysburg to eastern Kansas and Oklahoma, and most places in between. My battlefield buddies and I have studied and hiked extensively the battlefields of Chickamauga, Georgia and Vicksburg, Mississippi, two of the most significant campaigns with significant consequences for the outcome of the war. I have given presentations on these subjects for 40 years in the Carolinas at various historical groups and schools. In 2005, I had published a volume on the war in the Wilmington, N.C. area, called "Rebel Gibraltar: Fort Fisher and Wilmington, C.S.A.", which is a military study of that area for the years 1861-65. I have been monument chairman for 13 Confederate monuments erected in Charlotte and at Spotsylvania Courthouse, Va. and Goldsboro, N.C., as well as one World War II monument here in town, since 1976.

I have been a swimmer and distance runner for over 50 years (was on the swimming team and cross-country team at NAPS), and my wife and I currently dance Carolina Shag (Southern-fried jitterbug) here in Charlotte four nights a week, and at Ocean Drive Beach, S.C. frequently throughout the year. The Good Lord has blessed me with good health, and I try to take care of it. My wife and I are also blessed with fine family and many great friends, and all in all, life has been very good for this old Marine and former Napster. I look forward to seeing my old shipmates at the October reunion.

Best regards to all,
Larry Walker, Corporal, USMC, 1964-68
NAPS, Sept.'66 - Feb. '67

WILLIAMS, PHILLIP E., CPL, USMC

Following graduation from NAPS in 1967, I entered the Naval Academy and graduated with the Class of 1971. Ten days after graduating, I married my high school sweetheart, Ann Irwin, and our first homestead was the Belleau Wood Apartments in Triangle, VA outside the gate of the Quantico Marine Base. At the end of The Basic School (TBS), the Marine Corps assigned me an 1803 MOS. I guess since I was with heavy equipment tracked vehicles as an enlisted Marine, and I went to USNA this was a good combination of the two – tracks and water. The Marine Corps then sent us on an “extended honeymoon” to the Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station (KMCAS) in Hawaii with the 1st Marine Brigade. As an Amphibian Tractor platoon commander, I periodically visited LSTs and LPDs that were in Hawaiian waters for RIMPAC to run a ship-to-shore “taxi service” for the infantry. But most of the time we played with our amtracs in the mud at KMCAS or did amphibious landings at Bellows (an abandoned air base) beach. One sidebar, while in Hawaii I earned an MS degree in System Management from the University of Southern California – the “real” USC. However, payback for living in paradise for 3 years meant 13 months unaccompanied in the Far East on Okinawa. My duties included being the XO of an Amtrac Company at Camp Schwab, Okinawa, and then towards the end of my tour as the Headquarters Commandant of a Tactical Exercise Control Group in the Philippines and Korea for war games with the U.S., Filipino and ROK Marines.

Following my overseas tour in 1976, I was transferred to Marine Barracks Annapolis where I was assigned to the Naval Academy as a member of the Management Department to instruct Second Class and First Class in Personnel Administration and Materials Management. The head of the Management Department at that time was a senior Marine Major by the name of Walt Boomer. He was General Schwartzkof's senior Marine during the first Gulf War, and in 1992 General Boomer became the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. However, while at the Academy as an instructor I developed Type I Diabetes – 30 years old with Juvenile Diabetes. I fought the Navy and the Marine Corps for 7 months trying to stay on active duty before finally being medically discharged in August 1977 as a Marine Captain. The irony of this event is that it occurred 12 years to the month after I enlisted in the USMC and travelled to Parris Island for “fun in the sun” and to earn the title of “Marine”. It was not until 2012 that I was guided to have the Veterans Administration give me an Agent Orange evaluation. It appears that when I was a Combat Engineer in Viet Nam, I “played in the dirt” too much and was exposed to Agent Orange. Thus the reason why the doctors could not give a reason for my diabetes during my initial medical evaluation in 1977. In addition, my later heart problem was also tied back to Agent Orange.

After returning to civilian life, I was hired by Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta as an entry level COBOL computer programmer. I so “fondly” remembered punching and submitting my 80-column card stacks and seeing the blinking lights on the Academy's Burroughs computer...I thought, what more in life was there – a machine that can “think”? I ended up working at the GSU Computer Center for 30 years. In 2006, our family had a ski trip cancelled when I was checked into the hospital for open-heart surgery. However, in 2008 after a person who worked with Ann – and was younger than me – died from a heart attack, I decided that life was too short and retired from GSU. By 2008 I had earned a Master's degree in Business Information Systems and was the GSU Director of Library Support Services in the Computer Center as well as the Director of Virtual Library Support for the University System of Georgia (USG). However, after a year of enjoying

retirement, I was re-hired to work part-time at the University of Georgia. Because Ann was traveling the SunTrust Bank footprint as part of her job, I could travel with her and do my UGA support work when we were on the road. While at the University of Georgia I work in the Library's Systems area again supporting the USG's automated library system.

Ann and I have 1 son who graduated from Wake Forest University in 2006 with a major in Mathematical Economics. Anyone who knew my affinity for math when I was at the Academy may well be surprised that I had any math genes hidden in my gene pool. In May of 2012, our daughter-in-law, also a Demon Deacon, graduated from Wake Forest Medical School. She completed her Residency in Neurology at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in 2016 and a Fellowship in Neuro-Muscular diseases at the Rush University Medical School in Chicago in June 2017. They have just moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where our son who is a Financial Analyst is working for Innosphere in Fort Collins which is a high-tech incubator company and at the same time in a consultant for the private financial services company he worked for in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Ann and I now enjoy living in a Del Webb active senior community northeast of Atlanta (the Village at Deaton Creek). We both fully retired in June 2013 and started truly enjoying the retirement life – family, travel, friends, tennis, etc. We now have to plan our fall travel around the football schedules of Navy and Wake Forest. Last fall offered us the chance to go the Class of 1971 Reunion and see Navy football. In 2015 we traveled to New York City with our son and his wife so we could take a ferry ride and go to the Wake Forest – Army football game at West Point and of course WFU won. Our retirement travel adventure in 2013 was to Europe. At Normandy the American Veterans on our tour were able to participate in Morning Colors at the American Cemetery at Normandy. That was a very emotional experience. And when we were at the American Cemetery in Luxembourg I could not resist standing at the foot of General Patton's grave wearing both a Marine shirt and my Navy hat. I think I felt the ground rumble as the General rolled over a few times. In 2016 Wake Forest was invited to the Maui Open and of course we had to turn that into a family vacation. Ann and I enjoyed being on Oahu and Kauai again. This year was a family trip to Cancun and in November it is a trip to Israel. Next year (2018) we will have to plan our visit to Fort Collins to coincide with the Navy - Air Force football game. Because of the possibility of a sudden change in our health (living in a senior community you see this on a daily basis), we are truly trying to enjoy our retirement and travel taking advantage of our current good health.

NOTE: If you are not a member of “**Together We Served**” or have not written out your military adventures and organized your pictures, etc. for your family, you are doing your children a disservice. As Ann has reminded me many times... “*when you die all your memories go in the box with you*” and your pictures will be just meaningless pictures because they will not have a story associated with them. Each service has its own section so go to: <http://togetherweserved.com> and start your story.

My TWS Bio: <http://marines.togetherweserved.com/bio/pwilliams1965>

WILSON, DAVID E., RMSN, USNR
(Here's my crazy story)

I left the Naval Academy in my second year when a fellow NAPSter came around informing of early outs (I was due to sign a new six year contract). I went back to San Diego with a 5 year GI bill...wanted electronics.

Worked on NASA Apollo, Viking, Mariner R&D. Became an Electronics Engineer in '71 and married. Had my first two inventions and started my own company in '73,

Recruited to General Dynamics. Got a masters from Cal Poly. Rose to Stinger Program Management.

Early retired in '91. Two children from my first marriage.

Went to Sea as a Merchant Marine Officer during Desert Storm. Upgraded my licenses and got a permanent ship (APL Asian shuttle, 30,000 ton). Retired early 2001. Second marriage with another two children.

Started a resort on a tropical island (Boracay). Bought 14 properties (two restaurants, a school, and a radio station). Taught high school physics and math, college English and graduate management.

Now back in San Jacinto, Calif. Enjoy Ham Radio, Sailing (Cruising), and tutoring my 15 and 16 year old along with my wife Lynne.

*****Life has had many ups and downs (haven't we all?) but I rarely came again into the presence of so many intelligent and driven peers as we were at NAPS*****

WILSON, MICHAEL K., AN, USNR

I entered NAPS from California as an Airman from the Naval Reserve and, after graduation, headed to the Naval Academy where I was in the 26th and 8th companies, majored in Operations Analysis, and played Tennis and Captained the Squash Racquets team.

I graduated in 1971 but First Class year did an about face from aviation and interviewed with ADM Rickover and was accepted for the Nuclear Power program. When I got to Nuclear Power School and kept thinking of flying, I bilged the second set of exams at NPS so I decided to head back to flying, which matched up with all my classmates getting to Pensacola after their initial ship tours.

After completing flight training and being awarded my wings near the end of the Viet Nam War, I was assigned to the Light Attack Squadron community aboard carriers flying the single engine, single seat, A-7 aircraft. I trained with VA-174 and then flew as a squadron pilot with VA-87 aboard USS Roosevelt (CVA-42) and USS America (CV-66) with Carrier Airwing 6.

After my squadron tour I returned to the VA-174 RAG as an A-7 carrier qualification instructor pilot, under now Senator John McCain, before I transferred to the Naval Reserve to chase a job as a pilot for one of the major airlines. I continued to fly the A-7 with three Reserve squadrons and was lucky to achieve 3000 hours in the A-7 as well as having four commands, before retiring as a Captain out of the Pentagon, while attached to Director Air Warfare (N8) in 1999, after 33 years of naval service.

In the same timeframe, I was a pilot, instructor, check airman, and domestic and international Captain for Delta Air Lines before I early retired in 2005, due to Delta's bankruptcy. After leaving Delta I worked in industry as a Director of Technology for a defense contractor and as a Chief Pilot for a private company, before being hired by the FAA, where I am currently employed as the Program Manager for Unmanned Aircraft, writing policy and guidance and overseeing operational issues for the FAA's Southern Region.

I married my wife, Laura, a Delta Air Lines Flight Attendant, in 1992, and together we have four children and reside outside Atlanta, Georgia. Laura and I hope to reunite with all our NAPS classmates and invite anyone passing through Atlanta to stop and say hello. Thanks to Ken and the committee for all the hard work done in making this reunion such a success.