



70: Troy



That's it, if you want to read more, you've got to write more! Beat Army!

*Ring-A-Ding-Ding!*

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I love the fall and winter! It's football season! By the time you read this we will know if Navy won Army - Navy game and the Commander-in-Chiefs trophy. I'm expecting a rousing game as the Black Knights have a shot at the trophy for the first time since 1996! GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY! You'll receive my annual game report in the next column.

My first note is from the 36th Company annual ski-cation / reunion organizer, **Jan Milligan**.

■ "Hi guys, Here are the confirmed: we have (10) for Feb. 28 - Mar. 3 - **Mike Trice, Mark Horgan, Lee Burgess, Don Beaudette, Craig Welling, Bruce Gallemore, Ron Spratt, Jim Barron, Garry Holmstrom, and Jan Milligan**. Regrets from **Clive Graham, Steve Joens, Karl Athow**, and sadly our founder, charter member and Organizer Emeritus, **Sonny Naple** can't make it this year. **Lee Roberson** is a maybe. Any of the rest I never heard from. (Okay keen reader - the no reply includes your's truly! This is I must go!) I don't need to pay the balance until December 30, so I'm giving everyone lots of lead time so you can budget Christmas, Thanksgiving, expiration of the Bush tax cuts and all of that. So, sometime before December 30, mail me your check. We'll talk food and beer later. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. Jan." ■

So the perennial question remains, "Will Duke make the reunion this year?" I surely hope so! I've been saving and

1100 - 1200 Protestant Service  
(Main Chapel)

1300 - 1400 Class Memorial Service  
(Main Chapel)

Look for more news on the reunion during the months ahead.

On a personal note, I joined the retired ranks at the conclusion of Jim's term in December. Serving as his military legislative assistant was a true highlight of my professional life. I'm looking forward to spending more time with Diana and seven-day weekends!

All the best in 2013, — **Gordo**

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Greeting all, there's not much in the inbox this month, but that's OK, since next time you'll all have written to me about what a great time you had at Army.

I do have the sad duty to inform you of the passing of **Ed Wlodarczyk**, on November 21, 2012, of Runnemede, NJ. He was a member of Barrington VFW Post #7247. Interment was at the Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, NJ. Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Mr. Wlodarczyk's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Family and friends may share memories at [www.GardnerFuneralHome.com](http://www.GardnerFuneralHome.com).

No mail does allow for some trips down memory lane. **Roy Golez** is always the source of the most interesting stuff.

Apparently the College of William and Mary had a reunion of the 1967 team that beat Navy. To quote Roy: "Wow! Look at this article! They still remember after 45 years. This happened during our time. I remember that day when we were hollering "We're Number 1!" after beating Penn State, Michigan and Syracuse. I think even Pitt. And of course Army." I don't feel right about quoting a printed story in it's entirety but here's the link, and if you're interested, you can read the article: W&M to honor 1967 football team that upset Navy at <http://www.dailypress.com/sports/colleges/dp-spt-wm-fb-1967-reunion-20121026,0,3996490.story>

Most of you know that I moved down to Pensacola to follow a job. Well I work in the building that was the hospital when we all came through flight school. In my daily musings I sometimes have the occasion to use the facilities at the end of the hall. The stalls are solid granite and amazingly, they have no graffiti, except one. Scratched into that one is the name of USS Putnam. I remember her well as should about 25 or so of you, since we spent eight weeks of Youngster Cruise trying to keep cool and work as little as possible. How the name of a WWII Fram II Destroyer got scratched into the head of a hospital in Pensacola is a mystery. Cue spooky music here.

I've been able to attend two football games this year, Notre Dame and Troy. The guys in my office told me: That's it, I'm not allowed to go to any more games. There was a nice 70 crowd at the Troy game including **Skid Heyworth**, a contingent of guys from the Pensacola Alumni chapter which rented a bus to the game: **Dick Folga, Curt Hingson**, over from Jacksonville, and I, plus **Paul Borer, Jim Levy** and **Dick Click**.



'71: NAPS, 45th Reunion

planning all year. So, if there's no blizzard stopping travel I'll be there!

Here's a superb note from **Bob Capra**:

■ "Hi Duke, the weekend of October 13-15, 2012 found the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) Class of 1967 / USNA '71 gathering on the grounds of the former U.S. Naval Training Center Bainbridge, MD for its first ever reunion. While the Friday evening "All Hands Reception" was held at our headquarters hotel in Aberdeen, the main event followed Saturday morning with a "Return to NAPS" and a memorial service in front of the once grand Tome Memorial Hall. A Saturday evening dinner at VFW Post 8185 in Port Deposit, and a Sunday Brunch Cruise on the Susquehanna River aboard the *Lantern Queen* out of Havre de Grace would complete a memorable weekend.

"Attendees included 47 classmates, 6 former instructors / staff officers, 36 spouses and 16 guests (3 from earlier NAPS classes). Classmate and former student Battalion Commander **John Condon** served as Master of Ceremonies while key note speakers included: Maryland Delegate David Rudolph representing Cecil County; our former Commanding Officer, CDR **Arlis J. Simmons '53**, USN (Ret); one of our former Company Officers, COL **Donald Christy '62**, USMC (Ret); and the current Commanding Officer of NAPS (Newport), CAPT Jim Cunha, USN,

"By all accounts the weekend delivered as old friendships were renewed and sea-stories flowed without end. Some may have even been true, but all improved with age. It was the perfect opportunity for each NAPster to thank the instructors and staff officers for serving as great role models and mentors during our formative



'71: Starting at the left and going around the table: Marcelo Arcil, Cass Young, Karen Young, Wally Poleshaj, Bill Butler. Kathy Butler, Nancy Poleshaj, Susan Brighton, Steve Brighton and Martita Arcil.

years. It was also a time to remember those who have gone before us.

"It was a labor of love for the reunion committee that included: **John Condon, Bob Gallagher, Ken Marks, Wally Poleshaj** and me. As Ken tackled the task of locating as many classmates (grads and non-grads alike), instructors, and staff officers as possible, he managed to determine the whereabouts or passing of 75% of all students / staff. For the record, August 1966 saw 198 active duty Sailors and Marines reporting to NAPS Bainbridge. By May 1967, 109 would gain admission to Annapolis. For reasons we will never understand, two fellow NAPsters accepted appointments to West Point! Of the 111 entering service academies, 42 would be commissioned Ensigns or 2nd Lieutenants, and 34 would complete 20 or more years of military service. The class produced one Rear Admiral (**Dave Polatty**), 8 Navy Captains (**Bob Annis, Drew Beasley, John Brandes, Fred Gorriss, David Howe, Ken Marks, Wayne Peters, and Mike Wilson**), plus a number of career field grade officers and senior enlisted personnel.

"With the bonds that joined us together so many years ago reconfirmed,

we created a NAPS Class of 1967 website. We invite all classmates to visit [www.naps1967.com](http://www.naps1967.com), to enjoy the many pictures, videos links, and historical documents of interest. I am attaching a copy of the picture of our NAPS '67 classmates and staff in front of Tome Memorial Hall during our "Return to NAPS." For the reunion committee, Bob Capra." ■

Sounds like a superb reunion! I hope our readers visit the website. Please see the photo above.

My next note is from **Wally Poleshaj**:

■ "Marcelo Arcil (24th Company), and his wife of 5 days, Martita, came to the USA on their honeymoon in mid-October. We hosted them for a week at our condo near Annapolis. Since this was Martita's first visit to the USA, we did the Annapolis/USNA scene before spending two full days touring Washington, DC. They also took a day trip to northern MD to spend the day with Ruth and **George Perkins** - one of his USNA roommates whom he had not seen since 1971. While in Annapolis we also had an impromptu get-together at a local watering hole with several couples representing the 11th Company. See the picture above.

“Before departing for a four day visit to NYC, Marcelo made an obligatory shopping run at the Midshipmen’s Store which he had not visited since graduation. Needless to say, his credit card took a major hit!

“Marcelo and Martita, and their son Nico live in Viña del Mar, Chile and they extend their greetings and an invitation to all classmates to drop by for a visit at any time.” ■



“Marcelo and Martita wedding photo”

Too soon it’s time to close. Life is short, so love with all your heart, give generously to those whom you love, and speak words of peace and life to all. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in their travels. We have several classmates in business and government leadership who can use our thoughts and prayers, too. There is plenty of work remaining for us as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

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Happy New Year to you all! As I begin my...28th!?!...year here at the scribe’s inkwell, I never cease to be filled with gratitude and appreciation for having the privilege of performing this function for you. A lot has happened over those years—as I remarked recently to **Rich Goldsby**, I recall one evening back in

1989 when he schlepped over to my house with a brand new Zenith 286 and a monochrome CRT which allowed me to get off of the typewriter to prepare the monthly Class column. It seems like Dark Ages now, but it was a quantum leap back then. Ditto when **Saul Klein** first gave us space on his list server that exists to this day as the mechanism behind *The Gouge*. More recently, the latest iteration of the Class website and the Facebook page that **Mike Lundblad** has put in place continue to improve our ability to keep in touch with each other. And, while technology has changed the way we have done things, one thing that remains is the dedication of folks like these—and so many others—to the Class. From Class Presidents, the Class Treasurer (**Jim Klima** still has the books!), Boards of Directors and the numerous reunion committees, filled with individuals who have committed your time and talents to the Class: Thank you!

Old Dogs and New Tricks  
Department. Speaking of Mr. Goldsby...

■ “Diana and I visited Linda and **Carl Strawbridge** in York Beach, ME last summer as we do almost every summer. Since Carl and Linda live within walking distance of two beaches, you can understand why. It doesn’t hurt that Linda is a gourmet cook either. Since settling in southern Maine a few years ago, Carl has acquired a few toys: kayak, canoe, surfboard, paddle board, roller blades, mountain bike, hockey skates, etc. The first photo shows us suiting up for some surfing and paddle boarding—my first time for both. Wetsuits on the 4th of July? You betcha in Maine! Only the Canadian tourists think the water is warm. Don’t you just love the way wetsuits slim you down!?! I found out that I had outgrown surfing but was passable on the paddle board. I think the latter was invented by an old guy who could no longer surf! The second shot shows Carl and me with some of his toys.

“On a separate note, after our very successful 40th Reunion I turned over the reins of the Class to **Jim Grover**, your new Class President. It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent ’72 during the conduct of Alumni Association and Foundation business over the past five years. And the only credit I can take for the Reunion was asking **Rick Rubel** to Chair the large committee of classmates and their spouses who did a fantastic job staging our best reunion yet.” ■



“Suck it in, Stud!”



Goldsby and Strawbridge masquerading as surfer dudes

And two weeks after the Reunion, the Nocons and Maixners were at the Navy-AF game. From **Mike Maixner**:

■ “11th Company continued its fine tradition of representing USNA at the Navy-AF game in Colorado Springs for the 5th consecutive time—although our numbers were sparse due to the proximity of the game with our recent 40th reunion, Onnie and **Ed Nocon** and Gretchen and Mike Maixner battled the unseasonably cold weather and the early game time to cheer Navy on to a thrilling 28-21 OT victory! We were seated a few rows from the USNA Superintendent, **VADM Mike Miller ‘74**, so Ed and Mike took advantage of the opportunity to introduce ourselves and to have our picture taken with him, as shown in the accompanying photo. The other photo shows our group (Mike and Gretchen Maixner, Onnie and Ed Nocon) after the