

72/73 CLASS NEWS



'72: Haizlip, Cereghino, Mansfield, Kemp, Fraser, Johnson and Weatherspoon



'72: The 4th Company contingent takes a breather during one of the lead changes



'72: The final score says it all

although a bit windy and on the chilly side.

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"And another retirement report from USNA ...Don Carlson recently retired from his Naval Academy position at the Center for Academic Excellence. Don had been there since 1989 helping academically challenged mids improves their grades and meet the standards for graduation. On a side note, Don is a real history buff and he was thinking about helping out his wife, Evelyn, at the historic Paca House in

Annapolis. Evelyn is a docent and tour guide at the House and gives a tremendous tour."



At the '72 Tailgate: Al Kraft, Chris Haizlip, Bob Lieb, Ken Paul, Don Carlson and Earl Smith (Not pictured but somewhere nearby: Curt Kemp, Jeanette and Larry Sluderberg, and Mike Brennan)



Nick Pantelides, Skip Kohler, Don Carlson, Dave Hogen, and Phil Mansfield at Don's Retirement Reception at Nimitz Library



"You want to buy the place?"

Congratulations to Don and Evelyn, and thanks to Chris for the news!

So, gentle readers, as we watch the sun setting on the horizon, let us not forget that the 45th Reunion is but a mere 6 months away. Better make those reservations now before the price goes up. Check the class website (1972.usnaclases.net) for details.

More to come. D. O.

Tried and True With '72.

'73

Life Membership: 63%

Donor Participation: 3.63%

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Hello everyone, I hope you survived the Dark Ages okay. If you have any pictures or stories please send them on. I do not have a lot of news but do have some great pics so let's get to it!

I received a note from **Paul Ryan** about the Class's final tailgate of the season.

✉ "Classmates, Every year our class Marines host the last tailgate of the season. Attendees bring contributions for the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign, there's a reading of the annual message from the Commandant celebrating the Marine Corps birthday, and a traditional cake cutting ceremony. Navy won the football game, its 15th consecutive home victory. The following week we had a "bonus" football game and tailgate as Navy played Temple for the AAC championship. Temple was better than expected, Navy quarterback Will Worth ended a phenomenal season on the sidelines after a season-ending foot injury, and the rest is history. Another great Navy football and Class of 73 tailgate season."

Paul, On behalf of the class thanks for all your efforts. Here are those great pics I promised;



Bryant and Marq Orr and Steve Ritacco (background) and Marine Corp Toys for Tots

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'74

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With the end of the Dark Ages just coming into view, I reflect on Annapolis, late January, 1971. Back when first semester didn't end until the end of January, and Annapolis was aptly described as, in the words of a former midshipman, "All the leaves are brown, and the skies are grey," the dark ages were incredibly foreign to most of us plebes that year. In contrast to the current plebe class, who finished finals before Christmas, but returned to Mother "B" under record snows, at least we came back with a win over Army still warm in our memory.

By the time you read this, flowers will be blooming in the yard, and it brings to mind that first glorious spring evening in '71, shortly before evening meal formation when at least a couple of hundred midshipmen were milling around T Court and up and down Stribling Walk, just enjoying the warm temperatures, and the realization that that particular "ack year" was drawing to a close, and with it, all the jubilation that comes of summer leave and summer training programs for some, and the beginning of a career for others.

I reminisce, in part, because I have so little to write this month. Perhaps the winter doldrums have kept many of you from traveling, or getting together with classmates. Or maybe some of you have forgotten how to write, but it puts me a position of having to make up enough information to fill enough column inches to justify my job, lest I get relieved for cause. Oh wait, I volunteered for this gig. OK, so if you guys don't write, I don't print.

In a more serious mood now, I did receive a note from **Tommy Lozier** (19th Co.), passing on some monumental news about my predecessor, and former brother in arms on the 4th Batt ED Squad, **John Branch Branchflower** (19th Co.).

**73's Tailgate Contingent!****The Birthday Cake! It looks great!**

I received an update from

Tom Broussard;

✉ "Hi Classmates, It was a busy year! I attended the Navy/Notre Dame game in Jacksonville in November 2016. It was a great game and a very nice venue. I was there with **Vince Mocini** '73 and President and CEO of USNAAA **Byron Marchant**, '78. I hear that there were several other classmates there too but I didn't see any of them! Bummer! Our daughter, Josiane, had her second child, Jackson (Jack) Thomas Olp on September 4, 2016...four grandkids so far—two in Colorado and two in Maine!"

"I finished my first book, *Stroke Diary, A Primer for Aphasia Therapy* last year (2015) and published my second book this year (2016), *Stroke Diary, The Secret of Aphasia Recovery*. The books are available on Amazon and Kindle. This book introduced motivation, practice and recovery

being all about "the doing" including chapters called, "Walking is Thinking, Metaphor is Therapy, Evidence Matters, and Use It Or Lose It." The mission of my company, Stroke Educator, Inc. (www.strokeeducator.com), is to educate the country more about stroke, aphasia and learning. This is my second year and have spoken at 17 states so far! Let me know if you want me to come to your state (tbroussa@comcast.net)! I am working on the third book of the trilogy and hope to have it done next year (2017) about this time! I hope to see everyone at our reunion In October 2018! Have a great year! Go Navy!!! Tom"

**Tom, Byron Marchant and Vince at Navy-Notre Dame****Tom's daughter Josiane and newest grandson Jack**

Tom, Thanks and congratulations on your new grandson and book.

That's about all. The mail buoy is riding pretty high in the water i.e. its empty, so please pass on any news! Just a reminder, **Tom Storch** would appreciate inputs for the Distinguished Graduate Award and if you are looking for a way to help our injured Service members please consider Operation Mend. Thanks and as always, Go Navy! and Semper Fi! General

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