

Classmates, but by the entire Annapolis community.”

That's it for this month. Time, tide, evening meal formation and reunion signups wait for no man. Don't forget to register!

More to come. D. O.

### Tried and True With '72.

## '73

**Life Membership: 66%**  
**Donor Participation: 7.25%**

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Hello everyone, I hope you are enjoying summer and it's not too hot where you are. We seem to be in the "doldrums" for news. I have a little bit of news to pass on and a few public service announcements. First the news;

I received the below from **Joe Stewart**. Its honoring **George Watt** on his retirement from the College of Charleston.

✉ "On May 19th, the College of Charlestown (CofC) Foundation established the George P Watt, Jr endowed scholarship at the College of Charleston. The Board authorized \$25,000 to do a dollar for dollar match toward additional gifts. During the commencement, the Student Affairs division re-named their Bonner Leader of the Year Award in George's name. the College of Charleston Alumni Association conferred upon George the first Honorary Member designation in its history.

I included part of the resolution. It's pretty cool! "RESOLVED, that this Board hereby thanks and commends George P. Watt, Jr. for his outstanding service and the lasting contribution he has made to the College of Charleston Foundation and to the College of Charleston, that to commemorate such service and contribution the Foundation establish a scholarship fund in the name of George P. Watt, Jr. for deserving students to be selected on the basis of criteria to be determined by the Foundation, the

College and George Watt, that such scholarship fund be open to contributions from the various constituencies of the College and the general public, and that the Executive Committee is hereby authorized to cause the Foundation to provide matching funds for the initial establishment such scholarship fund in an amount and upon such terms as the Executive Committee determines are advisable and in the best interests of the Foundation."



George (right) being honored by Jeff Kinard, Chairman of the Board, College of Charleston Foundation

Congratulations George!

Here is a great picture of **Bob** and **Zach Smith**. Smitty is a fellow 9th Company classmate and Zach is a Lieutenant and helo instructor in San Diego. Zach was recently awarded an Olmsted Scholarship. The scholarship affords the recipient a unique opportunity to take graduate courses in a foreign country while being totally immersed in the language and culture. Zach will be going to Greece after language training in DC.



Bob and Zach Smith celebrating with a champagne trophy

Here is '73 at the President Council meeting. I do not have much of a story on this one (I did ask).



Mike DeManss, Royce Engler, Dave McClellan and Kevin Callahan.

As I said it is a slow news month and it's a great picture so I wanted to include it!

Now for some public service announcements; The 45th Reunion is a little earlier than usual. It's the last weekend in August which by my calculations is 25-26 August 2018. Start making your plans and reservations!

The fund raising, for the Classes Gift for our 50th Reunion is going pretty well. **Dirk Mosis** is the Chairman and reports we have raised about \$350K. I'm re-publishing the appeal that was in a last year's edition;

Classmate, Greetings again! I hope you saw and recall my letter to you of a few weeks ago about our 50th Reunion Gift to USNA. I am sincerely asking for your support of our \$3,000,000 gift by pledging to donate \$73 per month for 73 months. That totals \$5,329 over 6 years or \$876 per year. If 188 of us (only 22.5% of our 834 living grads) answer this call and make good on our pledges, we will have raised \$1,000,000 of our goal. The '73 50th Reunion Gift Committee recommends that you split your gift 30% for 1973 Academic Programs Support, 30% for 1973 Leadership Support, 25% for 1973 Athletic Excellence and 15% for the Naval Academy Annual Fund. However, the split decision is entirely yours. Just make sure that your splits add up to 100%. Here is a link <http://www.usna.com/Pledge73> to the pledge form that you can complete and mail or scan and email to the Foundation so they can register your pledge. If you choose to pay by credit card and include your card number on the form, **do not** email it. Send it to the address on the form. If you have any questions, please contact me at [dmosis3@aol.com](mailto:dmosis3@aol.com) or Rich Goldsby '72 at the USNA Foundation at 410-295-4167 or email him at [rich.goldsby@usna.com](mailto:rich.goldsby@usna.com).

**Tom Storch** is heading the panel for Distinguished Graduates and looking for input. Please submit your nominations to Tom Storch at [tomawacs@aol.com](mailto:tomawacs@aol.com).

**Bill Short** is our Point of Contact and Subject Matter Expert on Agent

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That's about it! The mail buoy is riding pretty high in the water so send those pictures and stories. Thanks, and as always Beat Army and Semper Fi! General

## '74

**Life Membership: 59%**  
**Donor Participation: 6.50%**

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**The Idiot and the Odyssey tour, 2017 - Seventy Four days of Come-Arounds**

Part I

I'm five weeks into the tour, and it has been incredible. This trip was originally conceived as an 8th Company get together in many parts. But many of you contacted me to say "come on bye", meeting up with classmates from other companies has been an enlightening and rewarding experience, beyond our own company reunions.

There is not enough space here to relate details from all of the visits with my 8th Company mates, let alone for all the photos. So that is going to be left for another vehicle, as yet to be determined. But getting together with **Jim Rucks** and **Bill Walters** my first night out, spending a couple of days with **Doug** and **Lisa Foster** in Dallas, overnighting with John and Katy Westerheid in Katy, Texas, several days with **Jim** and **Lela Burns** in P-Cola (including **Phil Cereghino** driving over from JAX for a round of golf at NAS Mainside), spending a night with **Warren** and **Irene Kleshefsky** in Melbourne, Florida, a weekend with **Steve Swann** in Stuart, several days with **Phil** and **Brenda Cereghino** at there home in JAX Beach, several days in Charleston with **David** and **Deborah Oyster** (including a visit from **Jack Mason** who flew down and rode back home to Williamsburg with me), several days with **David** and **Dana Zacharias** in Norfolk, and most recently several days with **David** and **Bootsie Humenansky** in