



'72: 27th Company with spouses – Cost of Freedom, Inc.

guests, while being commended for their mental toughness despite still being in the fight (Etiam en Pugna.) Our guest speaker for Saturday night was Admiral John Mustin, USN, Class of '90, and sixth generation Naval Academy. His heritage goes back to USNA Class of 1896 and there are two US Navy ships named *USS Mustin* in honor of family members – talk about legacy. Cost of Freedom, Inc. started out as a kind gesture to show appreciation to our Servicemen and Servicewomen returning from Iraq and later Afghanistan and has turned into a growing, passionate “family” of Patriots that understand freedom is not free and recognizes we have a responsibility to ensure the next generation does not forget that. I salute Hugh, Gary, Karen, Paul, Ron, and Bob Z for helping to pull off another magical weekend for our honored military guests. The team does it from the heart. I am sharing some photos of our weekend together.”



Bob and Cindy Madden with Bob Bender '73 of the Travis Manion Foundation

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Ollie North '68 meets Rob Jones (31 marathons in 31 days)

This is an impressive effort that, as Bob so aptly puts it, is from the heart. Thanks to all of you!

An update on the 50th Reunion Legacy Campaign from **Jeff Beard** (jeffreymb72@icloud.com):

✉ “Dear Classmates: As you recall from our Class business meeting at our 45th Reunion in October, our 50th Reunion Legacy Campaign will formally kick off this month (March). Since the reunion, we’ve been identifying and working with the vendor that will help us with the mailings and the solicitation calls to all of you. We’ve also been preparing materials, and quietly contacting our top donors from the past to confirm their participation and pledge early. All of our Class officers AND the Campaign Committee have already recorded their pledge for the campaign!

“So, we’re already off to a good start toward raising our \$5 Million and meeting our 50% participation rate goals. Keep in mind that we have our “anonymous” classmate who has agreed to match any campaign donation up to a total of \$2.5 Million, meaning the rest of us only need to come up with the other \$2.5 Million! For example, if you pledge \$1000 per year for five years, that’s a \$5000 pledge, matched by another \$5000 by our anonymous classmate, **equalling \$10,000!**

“By now, all of you should have received the campaign letter from me (explaining the projects), and some of you may have already been contacted by a member of the campaign committee to discuss your participation. Regardless, beginning this month, and continuing for the next three months, you will all be contacted personally (by phone) and asked if you’re willing to pledge toward the Class campaign. This is a five-year campaign, and we’re seeking a pledge that would be spread over the 2018 - 2022 time-period. Keep in mind that, for those of you planning to donate a portion of your “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from your IRA or 401K plan that kicks-in at age 70.5, you can backload your pledge toward those last two years when you would otherwise be receiving those taxable distributions (which are, of course, tax deductible if you donate).

“Although my campaign letter to the Class provides a lot more detail, here again are the four project components that you can choose from:

Class of 1972 Athletic Facility and Excellence support (68720200/Y17CG)

Class of 1972 DMP for Character Development (65720000/Y17CG)

Class of 1972 Project Based Learning (66720100/Y17CG)

Naval Academy Annual Fund (69000000/Y17CG)

You can pick any one of them, or split between two or more of them... your choice.

“Finally, for those of you who already know what you’d like to pledge, and want to avoid the call from the vendor, you can contact

me and I’ll send you a pledge form electronically that you can fill out and submit. Even if you can only afford a small amount, it’s very important for us that we try and hit that 50% participation goal for the Class.

“Thanks again for your support for the Class campaign!”

One last note: Be on the lookout for more information regarding our participation in the Another Link in the Chain program, which will begin in a few short months (June).

More to come. D. O.

Tried and True With '72.

'73

Life Membership: 64%

Donor Participation: 21.92%

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Shipmate 2018 March

Hello everyone, I hope you survived the Dark Ages and it is starting to warm up where you are. I do not have much news to pass on but let’s get to it.

First is from Dave Stacey. Dave wrote;

✉ “Jim, A group of 28th Co classmates gathered in Portsmouth, New Hampshire to enjoy the Navy/Notre Dame football game together. The evolution was initiated and very adeptly organized by Mike Zimet, which included dinners, a tour of USS Albacore and the consumption of adult beverages into wee hours of the morning in various venues (due to closing hours from one establishment to another was not standardized in New Hampshire). Fortunately, we enjoyed adult supervision from Nancy Outcalt which precluded any re-enactment of former encounters with Shore Patrol...those tales improve with each telling and are usually enhanced by the consumption of bourbon. An interesting unplanned element of the weekend, first recognized by George Watt was that we had gathered in pairs of former roommates. Chuck and

Dave roomed together all four years (and still graduated), Dudley and Mike were roommates (for which Mike says he is eternally grateful for Dudley's academic acumen) and Joe and George were roommates to Hoover (an undocumented graduate who passed away many years ago).

Thanks Dave. Sounds like it was a good time had by all!



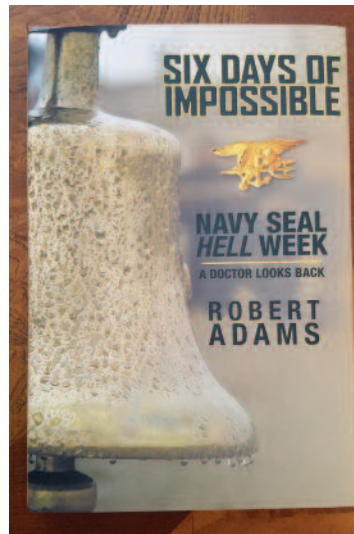
'73: 28th Company at Navy vs Notre Dame. Left to right: Chuck Stevens, Dave Stacy, Joe Stewart, Dudley Outcalt, Mike Zimet and George Watt



Left to right: Chuck Stevens, Nancy Outcalt and George Watt

Bob Adams sent me a note about his new book describing his experience training to be a SEAL and the friends he made going through the training. Unfortunately, I did not get his note until a week before Christmas so I could not get the word out and let you give as a gift to your roommate for Christmas. However, you can get a copy to mark our 45th anniversary! The book is titled *Six Days of Impossible*. Bob says the book details: "the story of the 11 of 70 men that finished SEAL Hell Week together. The book was written as a physician looking back to find out why we few succeeded when others did not. I do identify the common thread that I believe made the difference. The story of our teeth chattering during winter Hell Week and each man's struggle, is available now at Amazon and other on-line publishers." I asked

Bob what else he was doing when not writing books and I got back; I am still taking care of my family medicine patients in Raleigh, NC, but looking forward to a world book signing tour once Hollywood discovers this and makes it into a movie. Thanks Bob, Good luck with the book and please invite me to the movie premier!



The cover of Bob's book "Six Days of Impossible"

I received word that the football game scheduled for the 45th reunion is canceled. I don't know why but the class plans on going ahead with the 45th reunion as scheduled. More info on the reunion schedule should be out shortly.

I have some sad news to pass on. Matt Minahan of 7th Company passed away June 10, 2017. Look for more information on Matt's life in the Last Call section of Jan-Feb '18 *Shipmate*.

That's all the news. Send along any news and especially Dark Ages Parties. If you are looking for ways to help our wounded service members I encourage you to check out Operation Mend run by UCLA. I received a newsletter recently describing how they have helped 270 folks over the last 10 years. As always, Go Navy and Semper Parvulus
—General

'74

Life Membership: 57%
Donor Participation: 19.11%

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In our last column I strategically positioned myself (with vision of fore-thought) to start this issue by launching directly into a review of the events of December 9, 2017. Hmhmhmhm, the best laid plans, etc. etc. etc.

The Christmas mail glut seems to have a prolonged impact on mail delivery, or perhaps it was just too cold in Philly for cameras to work, as I am still awaiting photos from *The Game*. Or maybe no one wants to think about that day so they are not touching their cameras. But out here in sunny California several classmates convened at the American Legion Post in Encinitas where **Al Lerchbacker** has been instrumental in organizing and promoting Navy Football watching parties these past few years. With my upcoming PSC move to Tennessee only 3 or 4 months off, I drove down to enjoy the camaraderie (and hopefully a joyous celebration) on that cold, dreary December day in SoCal (Temps that didn't exceed 84 degrees with CAVU conditions (that's Ceiling And Visibility Unlimited, for you non-aviator types).

USNA '74 had a pretty good turnout. **Stu** and **Judy Cvrk**, **Bruce** and **Sita Lowman**, **Al** & **Amy Lerchbacker** with daughter **Tara**, **Bob** and **Suzanne Santos**, **Dick Plush**, **Dick Costigan**, and **Steve Gilmore** were present, and I'm told that **Mike Turner** was there, but he kept avoiding the camera, so I can't prove it! It was really a great afternoon, despite the outcome of the game. I am going to sincerely miss my occasional trips to San Diego to see classmates.



Bob & Suzanne Santos



Dick Plush with Bruce and Sita Lowman



Stu & Judy Cvrk



Dick, Bruce, Dick, Steve and Rog

One of the real highlights of the day was the raffle held during halftime. Proceeds went to support the American Legion activities there in SoCal. One of the items auctioned was a Roger Staubach-signed Dallas Cowboys Jersey, with proper documentation and photo of Roger signing the shirt. When bidding hit \$300, with the auctioneer pointing somewhere back over my head, I turned to see who was bidding so actively. I was surprised to see Al standing behind me, a big grin on his face, his hand outstretched

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