



'72: Classmates attending Nick Pantelides' funeral in December

during the Vietnam War, where he completed two combat missions. He subsequently returned to USNA, where he worked on several improvements to include the restoration and renovation of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Nick served as Admissions Officer at USNA from 1981 to 2004. He was one of the original architects of the current admissions systems, designed and introduced scan forms for USNA, USMA and USAFA, served as the Secretary on the Admissions Board, and was also responsible for selecting Vice Presidential nominees for the Naval Academy. In total, Nick served his country (military and federal service) for over 36 years. However, as his obituary so clearly states, Nick's most significant accomplishment during this assignment was dating and marrying the love of his life, Dolly; they had four children. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to Dolly and their family.

A number of our Classmates and spouses attended Nick's funeral in Annapolis in mid-December, including **Chris Haizlip, Skip Kohler, Max Mills, Don Carlson, Barb and Dave Hogen, Larry Johnson and Ray Glennon**. Chris reported some great stories at the funeral luncheon...especially one from Don Carlson, reputed to be Nick's Army-Navy liberty sidekick. He also reported meeting one of Nick's sons-in-law, LCDR Steve Clagett, a Navy Seal, who mentioned how much Dolly appreciated the stories and remembrances emails from

Classmates...another example of the healing power when folks come forward with life stories, at the right place and the right time.



Classmates at Nick Pantelides' funeral

Hanging Up Your Spurs Dept. **Len Kaplan** reports that he retired from GE in November after being with them for 40 years. (Wow—Congratulations!) Also, your old Scribe must report that he finally decided to listen to the sage advice provided by **Rich Goldsby** a few months back ("...sometimes work gets in the way of life...") and retired from Northrop Grumman in December after 21 years with them and legacy companies. It is curious how people keep asking, "What are you going to do with your time...?" when my to-do list never seems to get any shorter. (Mrs. Scribe has already offered to provide me time management counselling so she can have a few minutes to use the computer...for things like...paying the bills...)

So, dear readers, better wrap this one up. Have a great month and drop me a line when you get a chance.

More to come. D. O.

Tried and True With '72.

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Donor Participation: 21.27%

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Hello everyone, I hope you are well and starting to warm up. The "old mail buoy" was riding a little high in the water but it got an "Unrep of opportunity" and I have some great news and info to pass on. So let's get to it!

The first is from **Doug Peters** who sent a great update;

✉ Jim, After more than 45 years I've decided to check in as "all present and accounted for". Barbara, my wife and "drag" for all four years at USNA, have been married for 45 wonderful years. We settled in upstate New York after leaving the Marine Corps in 1980 as I was beginning a new career with Mobil Chemical Company. Our transition from Hawaii to Rochester in the winter was certainly a wake up call. However, 38 years later it's still home and wonderful place to live and raise a family. Barbara and I retired approximately 5 years ago - she from teaching high school math and I from a career in manufacturing operations and project management. We now divide our time between three grandchildren, traveling, and enjoying our summer home on Honeoye Lake - one of the beautiful New York State Finger Lakes. Among my various volunteer initiatives, I have been a Blue and Gold Officer for the past five years and am currently the area coordinator for western New York. It has been a pleasure, as well as reassuring, to see up close and personal the wonderful and highly qualified young men and women now attending USNA. I don't think many of us would have held a candle to them if we were to apply now.

We have two children, Derek, thirty-four and Kimberly, thirty one. Although my son Derek chose not to attend the Naval Academy, this past May, Barbara and I were immensely proud as we watched

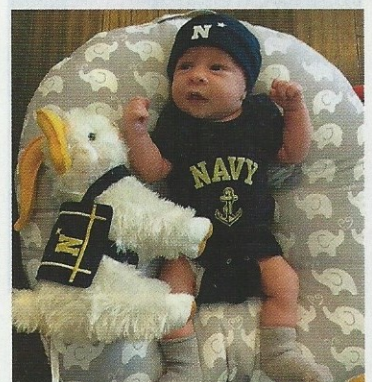
him receive two degrees from Harvard University - an MD and a PhD in Genetics. When questioned, I tell people that I think the "smarts" skipped a generation in our family. He is now in his surgical residency at Duke University. Kimberly is also in the medical field as a Nurse Practitioner. I guess no matter which way our nation's health care system goes Barbara and I should be well covered! In closing, if any alumni are living in the Buffalo to Jamestown area of upstate New York and are interested in being a Blue and Gold Officer, please contact me at: douglaspeters@gmail.com. If any classmates find themselves in upstate Western New York, please reach out to us. We would love to share with you the hidden gem of the Finger Lakes!



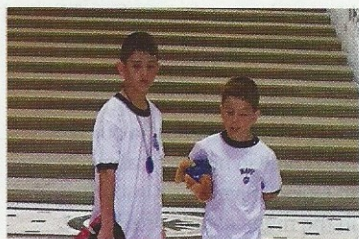
Doug and Barbara Peters at their son's graduation

Doug, Thanks for the great update. Two children in the medical field. I congratulate you. That shows great planning on your part!

I received a great update from Beth Hendrickson, widow of my good friend and fellow 9th Company Mate **Scott Hendrickson** announcing the birth of her grandson Jack Scott Hendrickson. She also sent a long a picture of her two other grandson's Connor (8) and Kevin Scott (6).



Jack Scott Hendrickson. His parents dress him well!



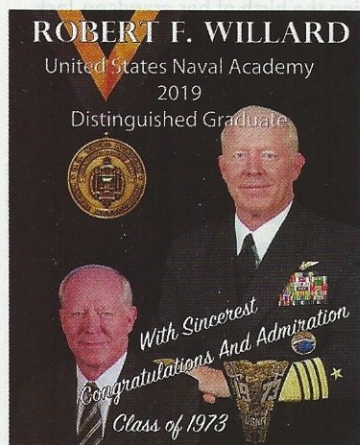
Future Mids Connor and Kevin Scott. Looks like they are ready for their PT test!

I received the following news article from **Terry Silva**.

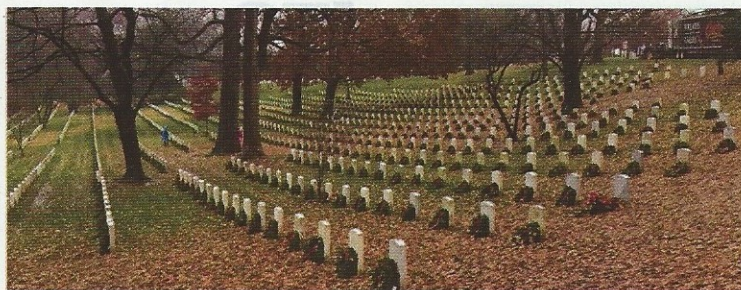
✉ "Retired Navy Adm. Eric Olson is the 2019 recipient of the highest honors of the Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (SO/LIC) Division of the National Defense Industrial Association.

Olson will receive the R. Lynn Rylander Award, named for a Defense Department civilian and a founder of the SO/LIC division, who was an advocate and activist for Special Operations Forces. The awardee will be recognized during the 30th annual SO/LIC Symposium and Exhibition Awards Banquet being held on Tuesday, February 5."

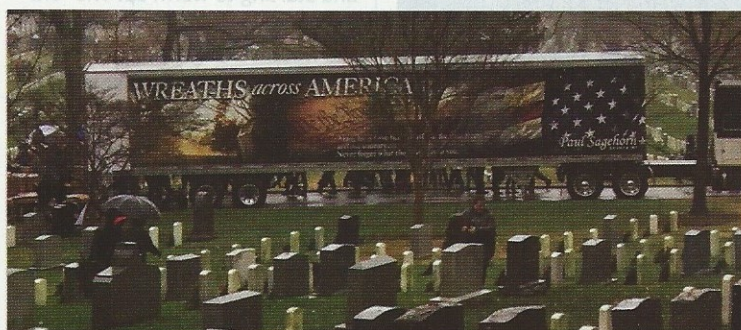
Congratulations to **Bob Willard** for being selected as a Distinguished Graduate! This award is given to the living graduate whose character, distinguished military and civilian service and stature represent the qualities that the U.S. Naval Academy strives for in keeping with its ideals of duty, honor, loyalty, and integrity.



Bob and Eric, On behalf of the Class, Congratulations!



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'73: Arlington Cemetery at Christmas time by Wreaths Across American

I have a couple of admin items; If you have not been to the class website recently I encourage you to go to it. The address is; 1973.usna-classes.net and it contains a lot of good gouge. Just a reminder, as I mention in the last edition my email address jchan769@verizon.net is no longer valid. The email address chap769@yahoo.com listed above is still good so please use it. We have the 50th reunion coming up and there is a lot of planning being done, including a survey for your inputs. We really need a good email address for you and your inputs. Please register with the Alumni Association website and keep your email address up to date. It will be a big help. Thanks.

I have a little space left so I thought I would include a couple of pictures I received of Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery.

That's all the news. The mail buoy is riding high in the water again. If you are looking for ways to help our injured service members I encourage you to check out Operation Mend run by UCLA. I am looking for some Dark Age stories and pictures. As always, Go Navy! and Semper Par! General

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Donor Participation: 18.61%

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It has been only a month since you saw my New Year greeting. So I sit here, just a few days before the New Year actually begins, resisting the urge to be redundant. Regardless of my warm feelings for all of USNA '74.

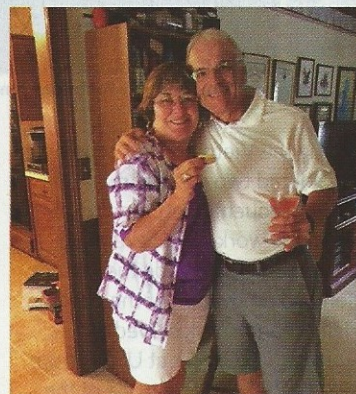
I have a lot to cover this month, but there are many, many photos that will consume our allotted 2000 word barrier. The "2000 Word Limit" as I like to think of it. A lot more than 7 (as in miles), but often restrictive just the same. So I will endeavor to be as brief as I can in my comments, and let the photos speak for themselves.

First, an all too common occurrence, I need to correct some info from an earlier column. You may recall that **Ben McMillan** (17th Co.) sent in photos that were supposed to be a golfing vacation in Myrtle beach, SC with **Skip & Mary Syer** (also 17th Co.), and **Greg & Susan Stachelczyk** (15th Co.). Unfortunately the proper assignment of photo ID was missed. Ben took the blame, so I give him credit for

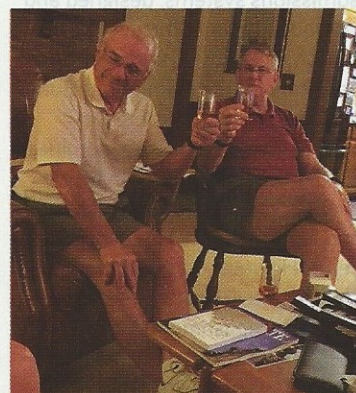


Mark Syer dealing with the hurricane

not pointing fingers in the proper direction. Here are those photos, now for the first time, properly labeled.



Mark & Karen Syer



Mark & Ben in full anti-hurricane mode

We didn't have much to cheer about this year regarding Navy Football. I look at this year as a growing year, more than a rebuilding year. I think Coach Ken tried to stretch the envelope of the triple option, and not everything tried worked. I think we will be a better team as a result. But I was particularly enthused at the strong support that continues from our class as a whole. I missed the annual Army-Navy get-together at the American Legion post in Encinitas with **Al Lerchbacker** (20th Co.) & associates. But **Al**, **Bob Santos** (5th Co.) and **Dick Plush** (32nd Co.) took