

72/73 CLASS NEWS



'72: Outside the O'Keefe house: Pat Keller, Maury Koelemay, Paul Shemella, Tom Jones, Rick Horne, Frank Garrick, Ken Smith, Tom Powers, Tom Crawford, and Chris Lee



'72: Front row: Frank Garrick, Tom Crawford, Tom Jones. Back row: Ken Smith, Chris Lee, Paul Shemella, Pat Keller, Jim O'Keefe (forever with us), Tom Powers, Maury Koelemay, and Rick Horne

Big Guns Dept. No, dear readers, that guy in the ball cap is *not* Admiral Nimitz, and this is *not* a reenactment of the signing of the Japanese surrender aboard *Missouri* in September 1945. Back in late May, a Dining In was arranged aboard *New Jersey* for Reserve Officers who served out of Philadelphia Read Comm 4. **John Nosek** (who retired last year as Professor of Computer and Information Sciences at Temple University, and now works full time at the company he founded to help individuals with developmental challenges learn life and vocational skills) learned about it and networked out to a number of Classmates, including **Terry Galvin, Glenn Reitingner, Biff Waltman, Bob Pell** and **Ken Costigan**. Interestingly, once upon a time, Ken was Gunnery Officer aboard both *New Jersey* and *Iowa* during their brief renaissance in the '80s. Needless to say, he provided assistance to the tour guide from the *New Jersey*'s

Board of Directors...who had actually served onboard together for a few weeks. In John's words, "Fun time; beautiful evening. First time for me on a battleship. Quite impressive. They have done a great job restoring NJ."



Distinguished Classmates aboard *New Jersey*: Reitingner, Pell, Waltman, Nosek, Costigan and Galvin.

"But still when two or three shall meet...
" Ten of our Classmates from 34th Company gathered in Elk Horn, Iowa on 15 June for the Celebration of Life for **Jim O'Keefe**... who, as you will recall, passed away back in February of this year. It's difficult to put words to bittersweet events such as this, but **Chris Lee** summed it up nicely:

✉ "It was a celebration of a life well lived with friends traveling from afar, including ten classmates who met 51 years ago on a steamy June day in 1968 at USNA. Jim was a Renaissance Man, devoted husband, father, best friend to all he touched, musician, mechanic, teller of tall tales, a larger than life figure and one who redefined the joyful, unpredictable journey of life. His last endeavor was the development of an art program for veterans with PTSD."

The life size photo of Jim makes it seem that he was really there... which, of course, he was.

As we all know, time is a precious commodity. So, with the onset of fall and the Big Blue back

on the gridiron, try to find some... and make it to one (or more) of our Class tailgaters if you're back in the Annapolis area.

That's it for this month. More to come. D. O.

Tried and True with '72.

'73

Life Membership: 65%

Donor Participation: 15.09%

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Hello 73! I hope you had a great summer and are ready for some Navy Football! The inputs on I- Day and our first year at the Academy have slowed. If you have any good photos or memories please pass them on. I do have a lot of Good Stuff to share so let's get to it.

The first is from **Steve Ritacco**. He and Beverly participated in the second annual USNA Quantico Area Chapter "Run to Honor". The purpose of the event was to honor a fallen Naval Academy shipmate, Lieutenant **James Surch, Jr, USN**, USNA Class of 1977, who was killed on 23 October 1983 in Beirut. The 5K event was held on 27 May 2019 at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Proceeds from the event fund one scholarship seat at the Naval Academy STEM Camp and sponsor one high school student aspiring to become a midshipman to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar.



'73: Members of the Quantico Chapter at the Honor Remembrance Run



'73: The Annual 28th Company Sponsored Golf Tournament. L to R Kneeling Joe Kriasiak, Jim Campbell. L to R Standing Larry Myers, Marv Clott, Chuck Stevens, Doug Rice, George Watt, Dave Stacy, and Chris Myers

ENTRANCE REQUISITION OUTFIT	
CLASS OF 1973	
NOW-USA EXC 4235/45 (REV. 8-67)	
MIDSHIPMAN (PRINT LAST NAME, FIRST NAME & INITIAL)	IDENTIFICATION NO.
	CLASS 73
	ITEM CODE 01
MEASUREMENTS	
HEIGHT	WEIGHT
CHEST	WAIST
INSEAM	SHIRT NECK
SLEEVE	SHOE
CAP	LEGGING
ISSUE No. 1	
1 Bag, laundry	\$.85
6 Tags, cloth, dry cleaning	.50
2 Name Badges	.70
1 Razor (Optional)	1.10
1 Cream, Shaving (Optional)	.39
1 Jump Rope	1.00
10 Jumpers, white work	28.50
10 Trousers, white work	28.50
1 Bathrobe	11.25
3 Pajamas, prs.	10.50
12 Drawers, prs.	9.00
12 Undershirts	9.00
6 Undershirts, V-neck	3.90
1 Sweater	8.50
3 Jerseys, Gym	3.90
4 Hats, blue rim	4.40
2 Supporters, athletic	1.20
1 Shirt, white, collar attached	3.25
1 Slide Rule	11.75
1 Trunks, swimming, pr.	3.95
2 Trunks, gym, prs.	6.50
2 Pants, sweat, prs.	3.20
1 Shirt, sweat, regular	1.60
1 Shirt, sweat, (Hood)	2.25
1 Raincoat-Cape	22.75
3 Trousers, white, prs.	12.75
6 Shirts, white, tropical	18.00
2 Bags, Net, Laundry	4.20
ISSUE No. 2	
1 Bag, laundry	\$.85
1 Shoes, low, black	11.75
1 Blue Jackets Manual	3.50
1 Sail & Power	6.25
1 Tennis Manual	.25
1 Navy Song Book	3.50
1 Student Calendar	.65
1 Squash Racquets	2.25
1 Service Etiquette	5.50
2 Leggings, prs.	4.40
1 Shoes, low black, 2nd pair	11.75
1 Sandals, bath, pr.	.70
2 Shoe Trees, prs.	1.20
1 Shoes, Gym, pr.	5.95
1 Overshoes, pr.	1.85
1 Slippers, bedroom, pr.	4.50
1 Shoes, Chukka, pr.	13.50
1 Shoes, white, pr.	11.75
3 Shirts, Chambray	5.70
3 Trousers, Dungaree, prs.	7.35
2 Cap Sets, complete	17.20
1 Cap, Utility	.90
Total — Issues 1 & 2	\$
Boxed Outfit	\$ 76.09
Total — Complete Issue	\$
Receipt is acknowledged of the articles listed under Issue No. 1.	
W. C. Kurze	
Midshipman, 4th Class (1973)	
Date 6/30/69	Date 6/30/69

'73: Our Plebe issue inventory! Money went a lot further in 1969 than today!

The 28th Company Golfers are back! I received the following from **Dave Stacey**:

✉ Jim, On 12APR19 we successfully concluded another 28th Co Sponsored Class of '73 Golf Outing at Shades of Green which was held on three

BOXED ISSUE			
1 Strong Box	\$ 2.75	1 Blotter Pad, Desk	1.35
Items in Strong Box		1 Blotter, Cover, Vinyl	.43
1 Scouring Compound	.18	1 Filler, Note book (300)	.60
1 Plastic tumbler, drinking	.10	4 Composition books	.85
1 Jack Knife	1.80	1 Clipboard	.85
1 Shoe Horn	.04	1 Paper, Math 111	.25
1 Card Thumb Tacks	.08	1 Paper, Math	.25
1 Black Polish	.17	1 Paper, Pad, Official	.18
1 Shoulder Marks	3.80	2 Paper, pads, Scratch	.30
1 Dentacator	.35	2 Binders, 3-Ring	1.70
1 Tooth paste, Crest	.60	2 Indexes, sets of 5	.28
2 Pens, Laundry, Dri-marker	.48	1 Stationery, Box (Seal)	1.20
1 Dentotape	.42	1 Stationery, Note Size	.65
3 Soap, Safeguard	.63	1 Broom, whisk	.48
1 Soap Box	.14	1 Pledge	.68
1 Polish, white	.27	1 Tooth brush, electric	9.50
2 Locks, Combination	2.40	1 Pkg. Sponges	.33
1 Ruler 6", transparent	.10	1 Cotton Balls, pkg.	.24
1 Comb, Pocket	.09	1 Ash Tray	.25
1 Cuff Links	2.80	2 Belts, Web, Black, w/buckle	1.18
1 Tie Clasp (Navy)	.40	2 Belts, Web, White w/buckle	1.18
2 Spiffeyes	.25	2 Neckties, Four-in-Hand	2.20
1 Sewing Kit	.55	1 Suspenders, Pr.	1.25
1 Nail Brush	.42	12 Socks, Black, Prs.	8.40
1 Deodorant	.50	6 Socks, ath. prs.	4.20
1 Ball Pen	.23	6 Socks, White, Prs.	3.90
1 Scarves, white	2.00	12 Handkerchiefs	1.44
1 Dust Cloth	.16	6 Towels, bath	3.90
2 Neckkerchiefs	1.80	8 Hangers, Suit	1.20
2 Wash Cloths	.26	2 Bags, sock, net	1.20
2 White Gloves, prs.	1.90		

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Championship Courses of Walt Disney World...meaning: no arrests, warrants or complaints are still outstanding. Unfortunately, this year we experienced a diminished number of final attendees due to various health issues and schedule conflicts but we are happy to divulge the specific ailments and conflicts should be of a limited nature. We were fortunate having nine classmates who actually golfed but the tournament committee is particularly grateful for the inspiration received from motivational speakers, **Don Patton**, **Mike Zimet** and **Craig Corbett**. I know I can speak for all, their words of encouragement were instrumental to our tearing-up the courses...literally. While golf provided the excuse, the real motivation for our gathering was the fellowship of classmates (but the bourbon, the beer and the food which can't be eaten at home didn't hurt the cause either). There were two days of practice rounds for warm-up: the first on Disney's Magnolia Course followed by Disney's Lake Buena Vista Course. The competition round was held the third day in a scramble (best ball) format on Disney's Palm

Course. Team Captains, **Jim Campbell**, **Joe Kriasiak** and **Chuck Stevens** chose their fellow team members the night before in a lottery format. I was very fortunate, along with **Chris Myers** to have been chosen by my four year roommate, Chuck Stevens; however, it humbles me to say... WE WON!!!! (although we're still waiting for the sports company endorsements). The entertainment sub-committee (**George Watt**) of the 28th Co Tournament Committee arranged each evening for venues to celebrate the day's accomplishments (besides waking-up on time). Fine food and spirits offered by Walt Disney World and Shades of Green were instrumental in concluding each day's events. But with tremendous committee insight, tee times had been wisely reserved for late mornings, so tardiness was hardly ever a serious issue. I know I can speak for the 28th Co Tournament Committee when I say we very much look forward to the next gathering of '73 golfers!

I got a great piece of history from **Bill Kurz**. I know it will bring

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W.C. KURZ
#734956

BOXED OUTFIT PACKING SLIP - CLASS of 1973

Strong Box

Items in Strong Box

1 Scouring Compound	1 Paper, Pad, Official
1 Plastic Cup	2 Paper, Pad, Scratch
1 Jackknife	2 Binders, 3-Ring
1 Shoe Horn	2 Indexes, Sets of 5
1 Card Thumb Tacks	1 Stationery, Box (Seal)
1 Black Polish	1 Stationery, Note Size
1 Pr. Shoulder Marks	1 Cotton Balls
1 Cream Dental, Crest	1 Broom, Whisk (Clothes)
2 Pens, Laundry Marking	1 Pledge
3 Soap, Safeguard	1 Tooth Brush, Electric
1 Soap Box	1 Ash Tray
1 White Polish	*2 Belts, Web, Black, w/buckle
1 Denticator (Stimulator)	*2 Belts, Web, White, w/buckle
1 Dentotape	2 Ties, four-in-hand
1 Deodorant	1 Pr. Suspenders
2 Locks, Combination	#12 Socks, Black, Pairs
1 Ruler, 6"	# 6 Socks, Athletic, Pairs
1 Comb, Pocket	# 6 Socks, White, Pairs
1 Cuff Links	12 Handkerchiefs
1 Tie Clasp	6 Towels, Bath
2 Spiffys	8 Hangers, Suit
1 Sewing Kit	2 Bags, Sock
1 Nail Brush	1 Pkg. Sponges
1 Ball Pen	
2 Neckerchiefs	
2 Scarves, White	
1 Dust Cloth	
2 Wash Cloths	
2 White Gloves, Prs.	
1 Blotter Pad, Desk	
1 Blotter Pad Cover, Vinal	
1 Filler, 300's	
4 Composition Books	
1 Paper Math - 111	
1 Paper Math - 102	
1 Clipboard	

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Verify the items in your box with this packing slip. All discrepancies **MUST** be reported to the Store within 3 days. Have your inspecting officer sign this slip, noting any discrepancies and bring it to the Store for necessary adjustments.

*If too large, cut to fit.
If too small, exchange at Store.

Fits sizes 10-13, if larger size required, exchange at Store.

Date _____

To: Midshipmen Store

The items listed below were missing from the boxed outfit issued to Midshipman _____.

Signed _____
Inspecting Officer

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back some memories. I hope these come through and are readable.

I received a great input from **Randy Plane**:

✉ Jim, In early April my wife Debra and I traveled from our home in Idaho to Charleston, South Carolina, to do some sightseeing and to have a 50th I-Day mini-reunion with my 13th Company mates, **David Dodge** and **Mike Harris**, and their spouses Susan and Colette. Coincidentally, Mike and Colette were on vacation in Myrtle Beach, where the Dodges live, so the four of them drove down to meet us in Charleston. After touring Charleston, we visited Fort Sumter, where the first shots of the Civil War were fired. We were on the first National Park Service tour of the day, and the Park Ranger (a Marine) asked if any in the group wanted to assist in raising the U.S. flag over the fort. David, Mike and I volunteered, despite the torrential

downpour. As you can see from the photos we were soaked. But it was a special lump-in-the-throat moment to be able to raise the Stars and Stripes together with my roomies. "But still when two or three shall meet ..." reminds us of the brotherhood we share even fifty years later. Our wives gamely stood in the rain to watch, and we especially appreciate Colette for taking the photos. Later that day we all headed back to Myrtle Beach to enjoy some warm, sunny weather and wonderful hospitality at David and Susan's home. It was a welcome respite from the cold Idaho winter. Mike was the last of us to retire (last year), so now we are all free to use our Social Security benefit checks to roam the country visiting our kids and grandkids and classmates. Retirement is awesome! By the way, that '73 guidon has been around: to the top of Pikes Peak, at the Kilauea volcano a few

months before the eruption last year, and now Fort Sumter. It will be at our 50th Reunion in four years, too. See you all then, Classmates! Randy Plane 13th Co.



'73 conducting Morning Colors at Fort Sumter



'73 at Fort Sumter; Randy Plane, Mike Harris and David Dodge

Here is the tailgate schedule again. **Paul Ryan** is the overall coordinator. If you're coming from out of town please contact your tailgate POC for additional information and to offer help; Sept 14, ECU, Submariners, Paul Ryan is POC. Oct 5, Air Force, Potluck. Oct 19, USF, Aviators/SWOs, **Tom Kilcline** is POC. Oct 26, Tulane, Staff Corps, **Mike Kalas** is POC. Nov 23, SMU, Marine Corps, **Leif Hendrickson** is POC

I have some sad news to pass on. **Steve Sudkamp** (17th Co) passed away on 10 June 2019 in Virginia Beach, VA surrounded by his family. Look for more on Steve's life in an upcoming Last Call. Please keep Steve's family in your thoughts and prayers.



I am at my limit and will stop now. Thanks for all the great pictures and stories from our time at the Academy. I will be publishing them in coming editions. Please pass on any items you want to share. If you are looking for a way to help our injured service personnel, I encourage you to check out Operation Mend administered by UCLA. As always, Go Navy and Semper Fi! General

'74

Life Membership: 58%
Donor Participation: 17.81%

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September! Great weather. Football weekends. And Homecoming season. The last hurrah of summer. And once every five years, we come together as a class to celebrate the lasting impact our long association has spread upon our lives. As you read this column, our 45th reunion will be about four weeks away. If you have not already registered, better do it NOW! In a week or so the final attendance count will be made for various activities that hinge upon the total number of guests we expect.

Before I get into this month's notes, there is some past business that needs to be finished. In the last Shipmate column you read about **Jay Wells** and **Jerry Cerney** taking a road trip to visit with fellow 16th Company mate **Mark Kokosinski**, and **Jim Jones** who had been their