

Bounds of Gold Ceremony
Class of 1973 and Class of 2023
Memorial Hall
26 April 2021
Remarks by Captain Joe Stewart, USN (Ret.)
USNA '73 ALITC Coordinator

Good evening, and hello once again.

You might not remember us, but the Great Class of 1973 first met you and your families about 22 months ago on June 28th, 2019, on your Induction Day. Seventy of my Classmates came from all over the country to be here that day.

And now the Class of '23 is almost halfway through “This Place” as we would call it, sometimes even fondly!

We hope you are seizing all opportunities and challenges that “This Place” offers, and that many years from now, when you reflect on your time as Mids, you will have no regrets, that you always tried your best, and most importantly that you have lived your life with honor.

Due to the pandemic, you haven't seen much of us, but know that we have not forgotten about you. To the last Classmate, the Class of '73 will always be wishing you success as a Class, and in all dimensions of your own individual lives as well. We'll keep you in our prayers.

If you check your Reef points (I think it starts on page 69), you'll see the brief bio for the Class of '73. We mention many things that were specific to our time 50 years ago, specific historical references to “This

Place', to our country, and to the world we stepped into. These all will become faded over time.

We mention the '73 Bench at the end of Stribling Walk where there is a time capsule buried, to be opened in 2073, at your 50th reunion. Don't forget us!

But there a few things that we mention in our Class history that should always be remembered and be alive as long you are, to the very last Classmate.

These "things" that ought to endure are: your oath to support and defend the Constitution; the Honor Concept as a way of life; a life of "Non Sibi, Sed Patriae" to the very end; and your commitment to the well-being of your Classmate.

There are no statutes of limitations on these principles. In them, you will always find challenges and opportunities to goodness.

There is no more enduring symbol of these four principles than your class ring.

When you are out in the Fleet and in the Corps, or years later when we all inevitably return to civilian life - if you notice what might look like a Naval Academy ring on someone's hand (and you'll develop that knack), this first two words you'll likely say are, "What Class?"

From those two words, bonds are created that will bring you back to "This Place".

Others not from our Academy might say to you "So you're a ring knocker, huh?" If this happens, look them in the eye and say with all humility, "Yes I AM!"

There are seven rings that will be presented to your Class, three from the Great Class of 1973, and four from the Class of 1923.

Think of it, 50 years from now, when it's your turn to present your rings to the Class of 2073, there will be a bond of 150 years of the Naval Academy in their rings.

It is in this spirit that we give to you these rings to become part of yours, and for you to pass on the Class of 2073.

Donors from The Great Class of 1973:

- Captain Marc Goldberg, USN (Ret.) 26th Company
- Lieutenant James Gruber, USN (Ret.) 36th Company
- Captain Dudley Outcalt, USN (Ret.) 28th Company

Donors from the Class of 1923:

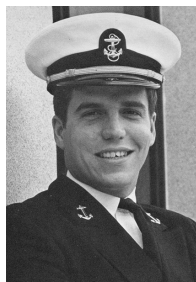
- Rear Admiral Josephus Briggs, USN (Ret.)
- Rear Admiral John Ginder, USN (Ret.)
- Captain John Ocker, USN (Ret.)
- CDR Richard McDonough, USN (Ret.)

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CAPTAIN DUDLEY M. OUTCALT '73, USN (RET.)

A native of Cincinnati, OH, he graduated from Western Hills High School in June of 1969. He sought and received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy. He majored in physics, and participated in sailing, and graduated with his class in June of 1973 as a member of the 28th Company.

Upon graduation, Captain Outcalt attended a year of nuclear power training and submarine school. He served as auxiliary division officer and reactor control division officer on TECUMSEH. He moved to Newport News and became a "Plank Owner" communications officer on MEMPHIS. He left active duty in 1978 but continued his career in the Naval Reserve. Captain Outcalt retired in 2003 with 30 years of service.

As a civilian, Captain Outcalt held several engineering positions, working in the nuclear power industry and the commercial electrical generation industry. This enabled him to obtain a master of science degree in electrical engineering (University of Cincinnati), master of business administration (Northwestern University), and doctor of philosophy (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee). He retired from his civilian career after 11 years as a professor at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

He is married to his wife of 48 years, the former Nancy Jean Gloystein, of Greenland, NH. He has a son and daughter, Mark and Emily and two grandchildren.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES P. GRUBER '73, USN (RET.)

James Gruber was born in New York City and entered the Naval Academy in 1969 as a qualified alternate. Upon graduation Ensign Gruber became the naval tactical data officer followed by the missile officer on Coontz.

He attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey receiving a master's degree in physics. He was then assigned as commissioning crew for ESTOCIN as weapons systems officer. He attended Navy Nuclear Power School which was followed by tours of duty as main propulsion assistant on DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER and nuclear maintenance officer for Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic and damage control training officer for Commander Training Forces Atlantic. His final tour of duty was as the military exchange officer/instructor at the Royal Military College of Canada. He retired from active duty in 1993 as a lieutenant commander.

Lieutenant Commander Gruber has worked for the last 28 years as a metallurgical engineer with specialty steel manufacture Carpenter Technology Corporation in Reading, PA. He is post commander for American Legion Post 732 in Bernville, PA, and is president of Historical Impressions, a group of dedicated Civil War living historians.

Lieutenant Commander Gruber has been married to his wife, Roseann, for 47 years. They reside in Leesport, PA, and have two children, two grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and eight step-great grandchildren.



CAPTAIN MARC D. GOLDBERG '73, USN (RET.)

Marc Goldberg, a native of Harrisburg, PA, entered the Naval Academy with the Class of 1973. He majored in mechanical engineering, served as a battalion commander, and was editor of the 1973 *Lucky Bag*.

Following graduation and commissioning, Captain Goldberg attended Georgia Tech where he earned a master of science in nuclear engineering and then completed naval nuclear power training.

He served in the Navy as a submarine officer. He was assigned to *FLYING FISH* as main propulsion assistant and weapons officer, *MEMPHIS* as engineer officer and *WOODROW WILSON* as executive officer. Captain Goldberg served as commanding officer of *NEWPORT NEWS*. The ship deployed to the Mediterranean Sea in support of Operation Desert Storm. Captain Goldberg was selected for major command and served as commanding officer of *ALASKA*.

During his years of active duty, he served in several important shore assignments, including the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, senior military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy and commanding officer of the Naval ROTC Unit at Penn State. He retired in 2000 after 27 years of service.

Following his Naval career, Captain Goldberg worked for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. He served as the director of Pennsylvania Correctional Industries, the department's prison industries program, and as the deputy secretary for administration.

Captain Goldberg has been married to his wife, Suzanne, for 46 years. They live in Durham, NC. In his retirement years, he is active in managing clubs and events for their vigorous adult community, competes in duplicate bridge competitions and pursues his favorite hobby of woodturning. Captain Goldberg and Suzanne have three sons—Ross (and Deanne), Ben (and Ooma) and David—and two granddaughters, Violet and Rosie.



REAR ADMIRAL JOHN K. GINDER, USN (RET.), CLASS OF 1923

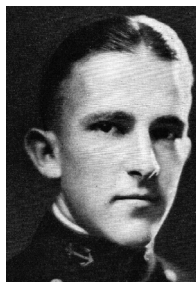
"Jawn" hails from the banks of the blue Jamata, where, in his youth, he built locomotives, so if you would remain undisturbed don't let him get started on: "Now when I was an electrician."

Jawn is a real snake. He started out early Youngster year to drag heavily, and it has been a cold day in Crab Town when he has missed a Hop since.

Second Class he numbered HER letters in sequence, and it is still a matter of conjecture whether the last was 97 or 197.

Plebe year athletics claimed him, and he was a mainstay on the soccer team, but Youngster year and there after he refused to participate due to the fact that they didn't have any shoes small enough for him.

Jawn admittedly came in the Navy to follow in the footsteps of his brother, which fact became known to the D.O's "Ginder, huh—Have you a brother in '16?" "Yes Sir"—"Well you're down!!"



CAPTAIN JOHN M. OCKER, USN (RET.), CLASS OF 1923

His *Lucky Bag* entry reads: “ALRIGHT, let’s go, there’s formation,” and with these oft repeated words John ambles along to his place in ranks. For this habit, founded early in Plebe year, of avoiding the incidental attached to “Late to Formation” stuck through Youngster and Second Class year.

Ock is one of those chaps who lets nothing worry or disturb him. Savvy?—yea, and no. While it is impossible to frankly admit that he is, it is quite as impossible to apply the term of wooden to one whose margin of safety has been as broad as his is. ‘Tis hardly indiscrete to mention some of his weaknesses, the Red Book, the Cosmos; and his infatuation with Lady Fatima are quite prominent. On liberty in Kristiania appetizers etc., are for Johnny cherished reminiscences. Rumor has it that Oscar is a Red Mike but doubts exist. There are worse doubts than those supported by a regularity of the arrival of letters written in a peculiar feminine hand.

Ock is a regular fellow and a true friend. We all wish him well and are quite sure that he will do justice to the standards of his Alma Mater.

Sub Squad (4, 3, 2).



COMMANDER RICHARD P. MCDONOUGH, USN (RET.), CLASS OF 1923

His *Lucky Bag* entry reads: “Now fellows, I am not Scotch.” Plaintively on the air comes Dick’s denial of the land of heather and tartans. It’s the weak spot in our hero’s usual armor of non-worrying good nature. Somehow it doesn’t seem to change the impression left by his Mac, his ability to go game on a two spade make, and that carefully reared child, pride of his heart, his passbook. Besides, we just know

his knees would look sweet in kilts.

“Sound off Mister! McDonough, Ah P—(the clue)—from the granite pits of Old New Hampshire—to be exact Portsmouth. —Staht the cah! Got make the eleven o’clock train.”

Along the banks of the Piscataqua, Delphi divines, a midshipman’s heart for centuries advent among the nattily clad embryonic admirals he has been “le plus rouge” of the Red Miles, verily unto a misogynist. It’s a cinch that that role is adaptable just as well to a ballroom floor as a destroyers deck. New York was the Salamis:—Oracle checks one.—“What’s trumps”—“Have a pomme.”



REAR ADMIRAL JOSEPHUS A. BRIGGS, USN (RET.), CLASS OF 1923

Admiral Briggs was a native of Nebraska. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1923, and until World War II served in various surface ships, as officer in charge of the Battle Force Torpedo and Fire Control School and of the aviation unit of the USN Torpedo Station, Newport, RI, and commander of a subchaser and a seaplane tender.

During World War II, he served as commander of two seaplane tenders and antisubmarine squadrons in Trinidad, Bermuda, Natal, Brazil, Northern Iceland with Norwegian ASW airplanes and in Port Lyautey, French Morocco, where also established and commanded the Naval Air Station at the French airfield on 11 November 1942 (the date of the armistice with the French in Africa). He also assumed duties of port director, supervisor of the salvage operations of ships scuttled in the Wadi Sebou River; liaison officer with the U.S. Army and the French Army-Navy officials then in Port Lyautey until late December 1942, when he escorted a convoy to Boston and resumed duties in Icelandic waters with the seaplane tender *BARNEGAT*.

After serving as deputy and chief-of-staff of the Navy Air Technical Training Command, he commanded a Jeep aircraft carrier during the invasions of Luzon, P.I., Okinawa and Hokkaido, Japan. For these services he received three Legion of Merit medals with Combat V, two Presidential and Secretary of the USN Unit Citations and various area and campaign medals.

After World War II, he served as senior Navy member of the staff of the Army-Navy Staff College; as professor of Naval science and commander of the Navy Reserve Unit at the Georgia Institute of Technology; as commanding officer of *TARAWA*; as USN director of the Continental U.S. Defense Planning Group; as Navy Aviation representative to Spain during August-October 1951, responsible for the selection of Roat; and as chief of the Navy Advisory Group to France until his retirement there in June 1953, for which services he was awarded the French Legion of Honor, Commander rank.

After his retirement, he developed an industrial management corporation, The Special Projects Consultants Inc of Washington, DC, and was its president and chairman until 1971 when he dissolved it. During his retirement years he was active in Naval Academy Alumni Association affairs, was past president of the Washington, DC, Chapter and recruited for the Academy. He participated in civic affairs and was a member of the Army-Navy Town Club, NY Yacht Club and several military and civilian organizations.