

# Alumni Association Update Council of Class Presidents

Alumni Association Panel: 14 NOV 2016



# WELCOME!

- Byron F. Marchant '78, President and CEO
- Bill O'Connor, Ph.D., Executive Vice President for Development, Naval Academy Foundation
- CAPT Bill Dawson '82, SC, USN (Ret.), Executive Vice President for Engagement, Naval Academy Alumni Association
- Courtney Jolley, Director of Communications, Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation
- CAPT Hank Sanford, CFO, Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation
- LtCol MJ Pallotta '94, USMCR, Director, Events and Marketing, Naval Academy Alumni Association

# THANK YOU



CAPT Spence Johnson  
'63 USN (Ret.)



Maj Jeffrey V. McCarthy, USMC '00

Volunteer Leaders  
COCF Leadership  
Class Leadership  
Reunion Coordinators  
*ALITC* Representatives

# RECOGNITION

- #12 in *U.S. News and World Report's* National Liberal Arts Colleges
- #1 in *U.S. News and World Report's* Public Liberal Arts Colleges
- #1 in *U.S. News and World Report's* High School Counselor Rankings
- #5 in Best Undergraduate Engineering *U.S. News and World Report's* Programs
- #2 in *Forbes'* Public Colleges
- #2 in *Forbes'* STEM Colleges
- #9 in *Forbes'* Liberal Arts Universities
- #7 in *payscale.com* 2016-17 Salary Report



# ACTIVE DUTY ALUMNI



**ADM John Richardson '82, USN**  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Crew



**ADM Harry Harris '78, USN**  
Commander, U.S. Pacific Command  
Fencing and Track & Field



**VADM Terry Benedict '82, USN**  
Director, Strategic Systems  
Programs  
Crew



**VADM Jan Tighe '84, USN**  
Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for  
Information Warfare/ Director of  
Naval Intelligence  
Basketball and Softball



**RADM Peg Klein '81, USN**  
Senior Advisory to the Secretary of  
Defense for Military Professionalism  
Swimming, Sailing and Badminton



**VADM Joseph Rixey '83, USN**  
Director, Defense Security  
Cooperation Agency  
Football and Rugby



**BGEN Brian Cavanaugh '90, USMC**  
Deputy Commander, U.S. Marine  
Corps Forces, Pacific  
Sprint Football and Lacrosse



**MajGen Loretta Reynolds '86, USMC**  
Commander,  
Marine Corps Cyberspace Command  
Basketball



# ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



- RADM Robert Shumaker '56, USN (Ret.)  
2016 Navy Memorial Foundation Lone Sailor Award Recipient



- Commander Gary Montalvo '97, USN  
Commanding Officer, NORTH CAROLINA  
2016 Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale Leadership Award Recipient



- Commander Ken Kleinschnittger '98, USN  
Former Commanding Officer, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 12  
Naval Expeditionary Command Forces  
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# HOPPER HALL GROUNDBREAKING



# MILESTONES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- More than 17,000 applications for the Class of 2020
- 88% four-year graduation rate
- Academic attrition 3%
- Class of 2016 included Rhodes, Mitchell and Gates Cambridge Scholars
- First Cyber Ops majors graduated in 2016
- 430 midshipmen studied internationally in 2015-16
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in International Atlantic Council Cyber 9/12 Student Competition; Top Undergraduate Team
- Won 2015 NYU Cyber Policy Competition
- 40 years of women at USNA



**Hopper Hall**



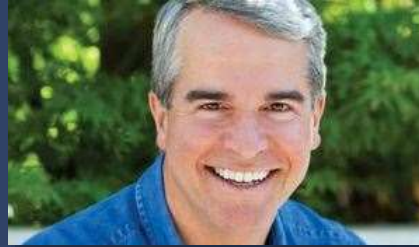
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Funded LREC  
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# KEY RECENT PROGRAMMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Martin Libicki  
Maryellen and Richard Keyser  
Distinguished Visiting  
Professor in Cyber Security  
Studies



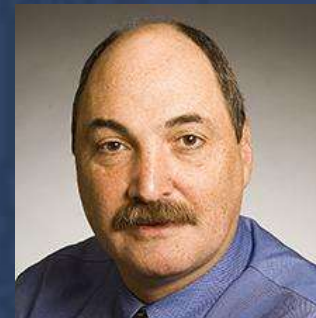
RADM Alan T. "Blues" Baker  
'78, CHC, USN (Ret).  
Sullivan Director of Influencer  
Development  
Stockdale Center



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Established by Sara and Dr.  
Ernst Volgenau '55



CAPT Paul Tortora '89, USN (Ret.)  
Director of the Center for Cyber  
Security Studies  
Funded by an Anonymous Gift



James Lewis  
Robert and Mary M. Looker  
Distinguished Visiting Professor of  
Cyber Security Studies

# CLASS GIVING—DATA TO COME ON CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES SUPPORTED



# GREAT PROGRESS WITH CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES:

- Cyber Building
- Project-based Learning
- Physical Mission
- Leadership

## Challenges Remaining

- USNA Priorities
  - International Programs
  - Experiential Leadership Learning
  - Science and Technology/Cyber-related Disciplines
  - Admissions Outreach
  - Faculty Development/Recruitment

# CHALLENGES WITH CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

- Foundation/Alumni Association Case
  - Annual Fund
  - Alumni Center Building
  - Unrestricted Reserve Funds



Aerial View of Proposed Alumni Center Location



# NEW RECOGNITION

## NAVAL ACADEMY ANNUAL FUND

### LIFETIME LEADERS In Unrestricted Giving

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Daniel '70 and Karin Akerson

Eric Grubman '80 and Elizabeth Compton

★ ★ ★

Lyle '45+ and Jane+ Cox

David '55 and Marilyn Dumi

John J. and Mary R. Schiff Foundation

Kevin Sharer '70

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Richard '47+ and Faye+ Anderson

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# SUCCESS TO DATE



■ Raised ■ Needed

## \$400 MILLION GOAL

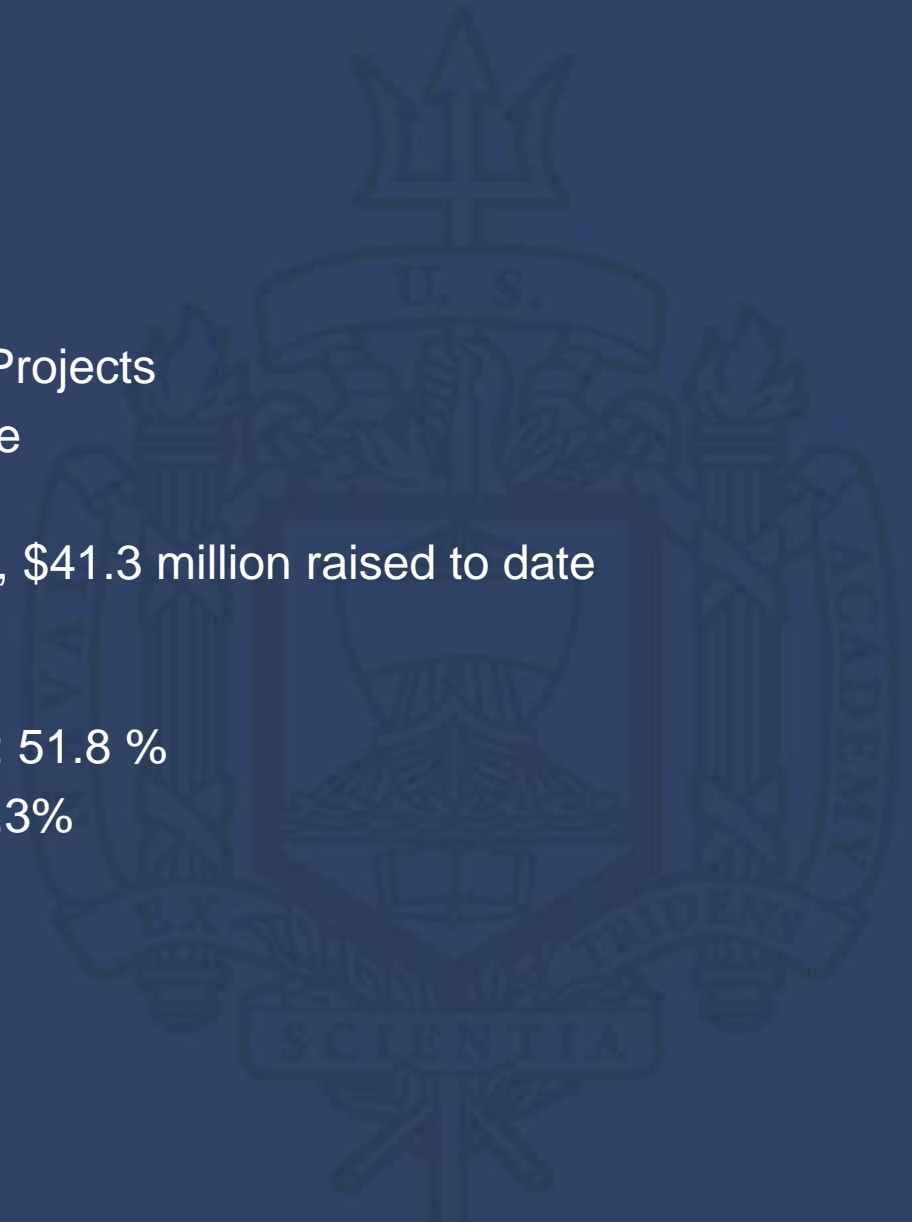
# **EVP FOR DEVELOPMENT**

## **BILL O'CONNOR**



# CLASS GIVING

- 23 Classes on Active Projects
- 5 New Class Projects Each Year
  - Annual Fund + Up to 3 Restricted Projects
  - Usually Includes Athletic Excellence
- 2008 – 2016: 44 Participating Classes, \$41.3 million raised to date
- First Gift Program
  - 2008 – 2016 Average Participation: 51.8 %
  - Overall Alumni Participation: 26.3%





# WHY SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND?

- Funds the operations of the Naval Academy Foundation, which then goes on to raise up to 10 times as much
- Provides the Supe with \$1 million or more per year to apply where it's needed most
- Provides critical support for alumni programs and services
- For most donors, it's the most immediate and impactful way of supporting the Academy

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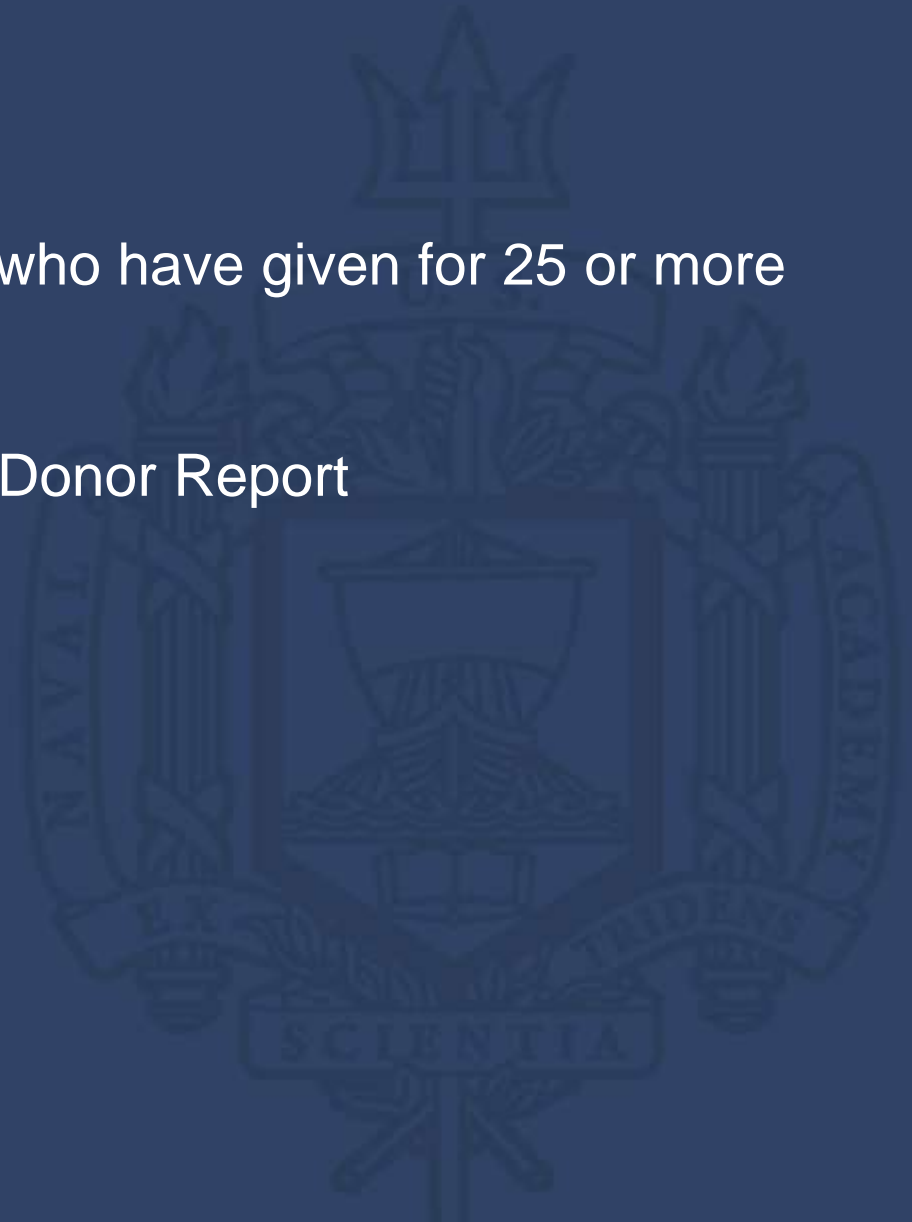
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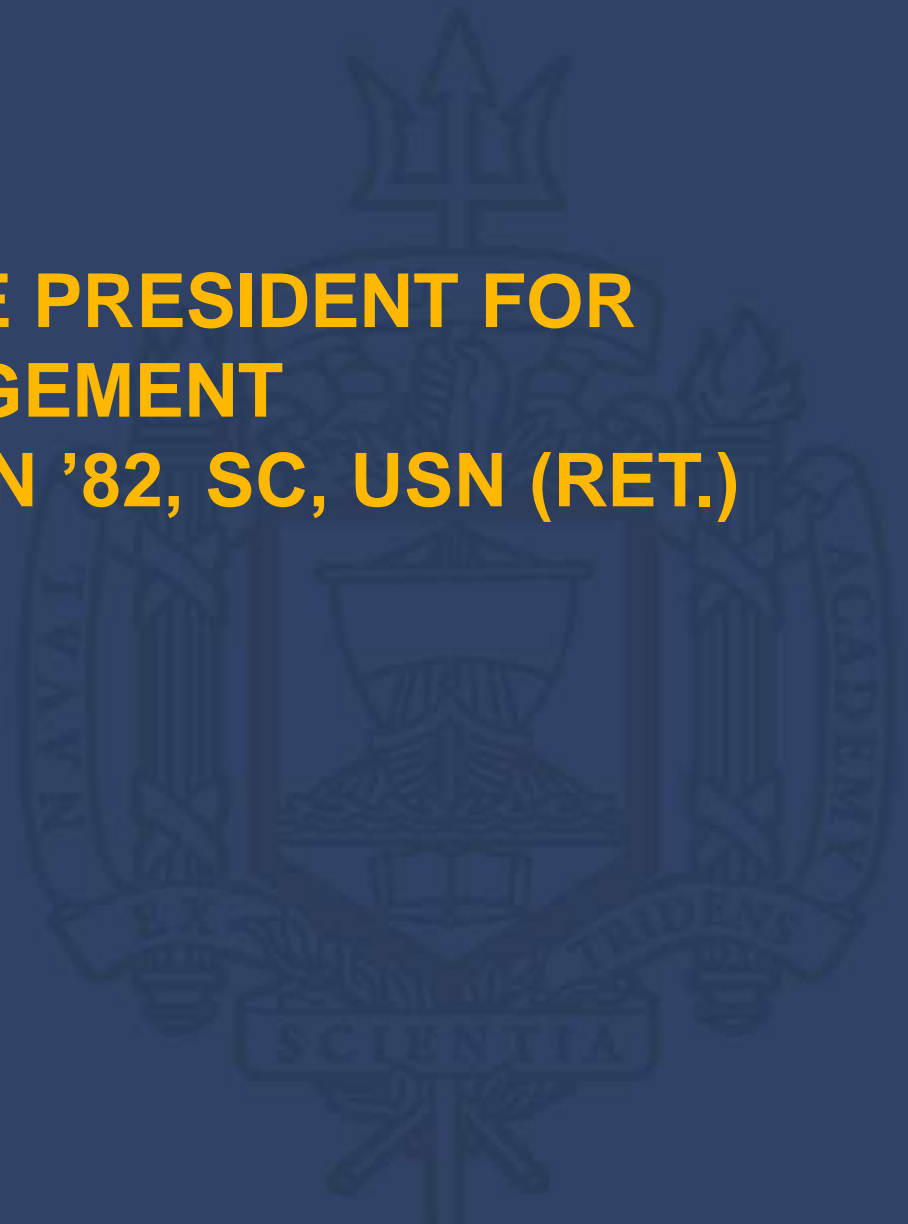
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# CONSECUTIVE GIVING

- New society highlighting those who have given for 25 or more consecutive years
- Began recognizing in the 2015 Donor Report
- More than 100 people included



**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
ENGAGEMENT  
CAPT BILL DAWSON '82, SC, USN (RET.)**





# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SNAPSHOT

- 79,000 living Alumni
- More than 62,000 Members
- 10 Decades of Classes Represented
- 98 Chapters
- 84 Parents Clubs
- 3,100 Parent Members



# KEY PROGRAMS SUPPORTED



Another Link in the Chain



Alumni Mentoring Program



Distinguished Graduate Awards



Honor Our Fallen Heroes



Service Academy Career Conference

# REUNIONS HOSTED IN 2016

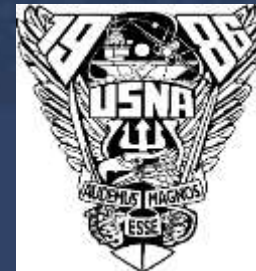
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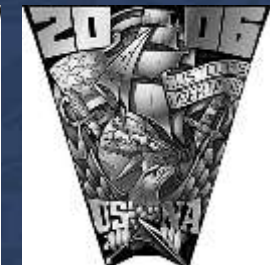
Fordham: Sept. 3, 2016



Houston: Oct. 8, 2016



Memphis: Oct. 22, 2016





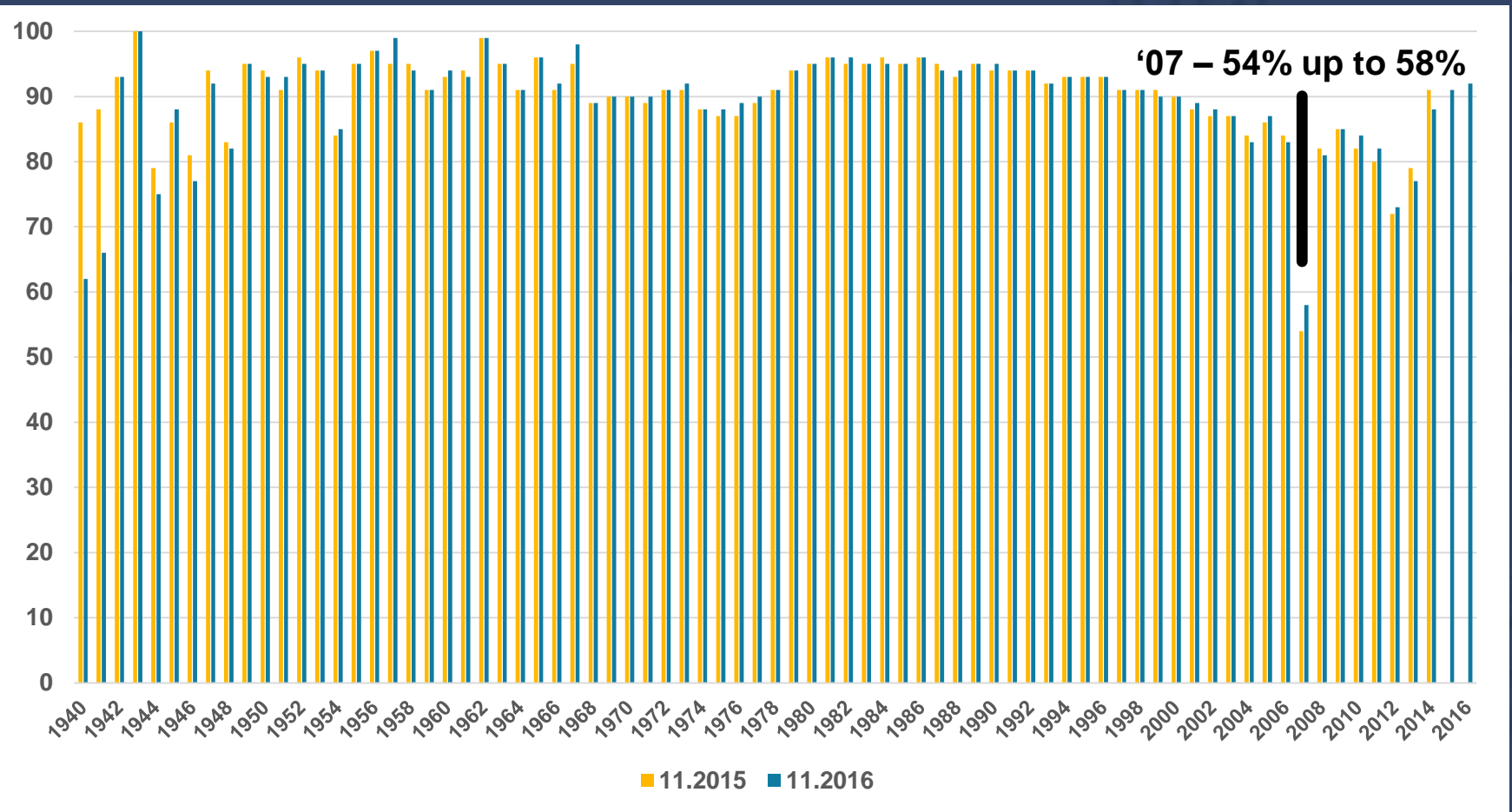
# REUNION PARTICIPATION (2011 – 2016)

	2011		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016			
Reunion Year	Class	Total	Class	Total	Class	Total	Class	Total	Class	Total	Class	Total	Reunion Year	Ave
75	1947	48	1937	40	0	0	1939	88	1935	1	1941/42	90	75	45
70	1942	102	1943	42	0	0	1945	95	1940	17	1946	16	70	45
65	1947	200	1947	247	1948	120	1949	101	1950	153	1951	116	65	156
60	1951	0	1952	240	1953	280	1954	175	1955	143	1956	290	60	188
55	1956	320	1957	450	1958	477	1959	412	1960	380	1961	481	55	420
50	1961	737	1962	811	1963	885	1964	886	1965	672	1966	823	50	802
45	1966	680	1967	695	1968	613	1969	583	1970	708	1971	763	45	674
40	1971	421	1972	757	1973	817	1974	725	1975	842	1976	699	40	710
35	1976	550	1977	550	1978	644	1979	540	1980	625	1981	768	35	613
30	1981	736	1982	730	1983	872	1984	765	1985	964	1986	843	30	818
25	1986	963	1987	833	1988	444	1989	790	1990	772	1991	1100	25	817
20	1991	1069	1992	557	1993	1200	1994	831	1995	863	1996	842	20	894
15	1996	240	1997	443	1998	415	1999	496	2000	418	2001	455	15	411
10	2001	227	2002	277	2003	411	2004	282	2005	471	2006	470	10	356
5	2006	174	2007	237	2008	427	2009	315	2010	312	2011	152	5	270
		6467		6909		7605		7084		7340		7908		7219

- AAC scheduling rhythm driving class behavior. i.e. no Base Hotel
- This year – we had two 75-year reunions ('41 and '42) and a 70<sup>th</sup> ('46)



# REACHABLE ALUMNI (MAIL 2015-16)

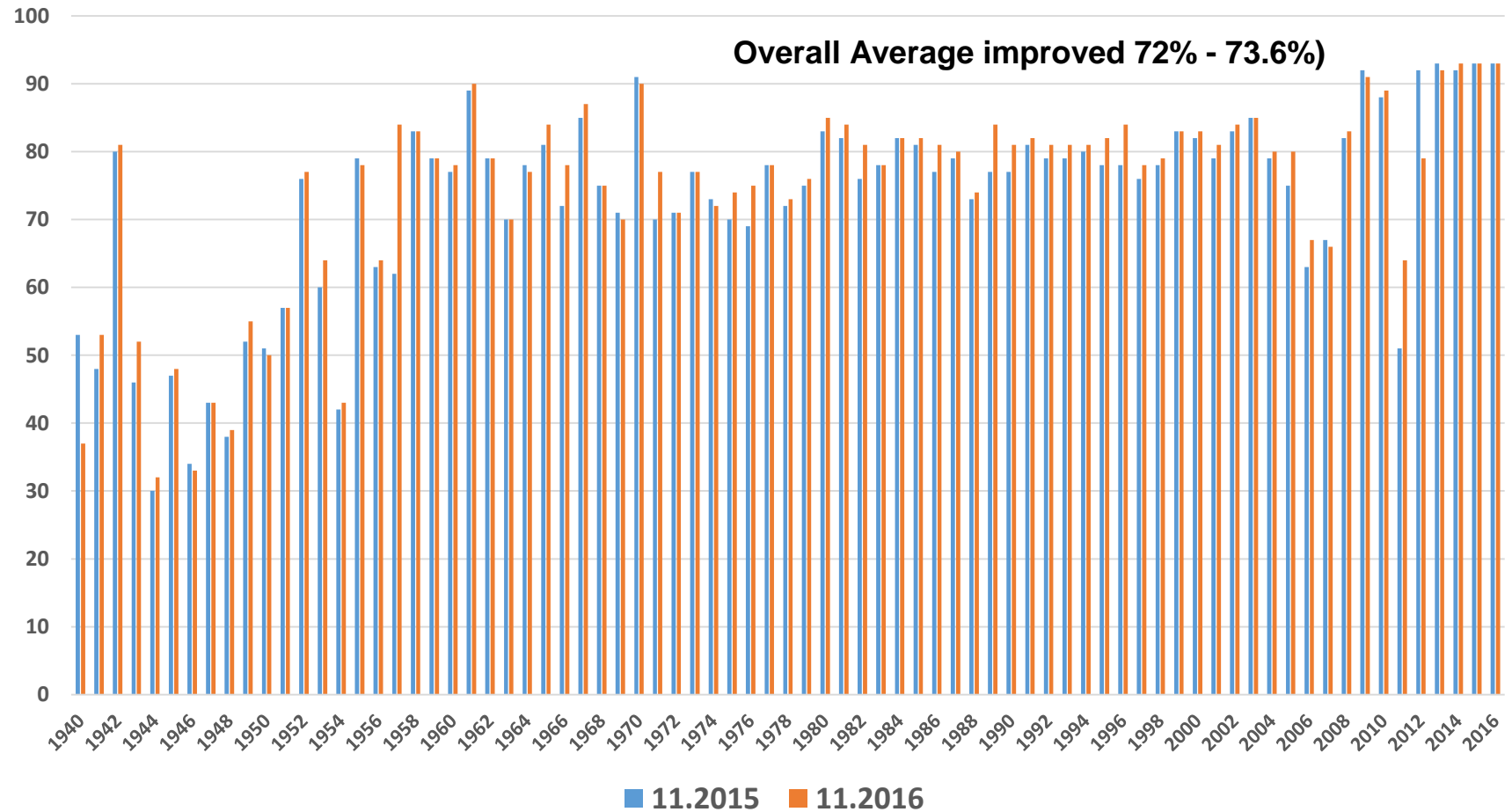


# TOP REACHABLE CLASSES (MAIL)

Class	Percentage
1943	100
1962	99
1956	97
1952	96
1965	96
1981	96
1984	96
1986	96
1949	95
1955	95
1957	95
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1963	95
1967	95
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# REACHABLE ALUMNI (GOOD EMAIL 2015-16)



# TOP REACHABLE CLASSES (GOOD EMAIL)

	11.2015
Class	Percentage
2013	93
2009	92
2012	92
2014	92
1970	91
1961	89
2010	88
1967	85
2003	85
1958	83
1980	83
1999	83
2002	83
1981	82
1984	82
2000	82
2008	82
1965	81
1985	81
1991	81
1942/94	80

	11.2016
Class	Percentage
2014	93
2015	93
2016	93
2013	92
2009	91
1961	90
1970	90
2010	89
1967	87
1980	85
2003	85
1957	84
1965	84
1981	84
1989	84
1996	84
2002	84
1958	83
1999	83
2000	83
2008	83

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS  
COURTNEY JOLLEY**



# SHIPMATE REDESIGN STRATEGY

- Create a design and editorial solution that moves *Shipmate* magazine **forward** without alienating the base audience.
- The redesign should not only **reflect and embrace its future**, but also its **storied heritage and history**. The redesign should feel “**right**,” versus simply looking “good.”



# OVERALL FINDINGS

- Readers would like to see *Shipmate* be slightly more modern and fun
- They like the current balance of big picture to specificity
- And they like the current balance of high-level to detailed

# BIGGEST CHANGES

- Increased trim size
  - 8 1/4 x 10 7/8" to 9 x 10 7/8"

3/4"



# BIGGEST CHANGES

- Still **8 issues** and a printed donor report

## 2016 Schedule

1. January-February
2. March-April
3. Stewardship
4. May-June
5. July-August
6. Membership & Services
7. September-October
8. November-December

## 2017 Schedule

1. January-February
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**BEFORE**



**2017 DESIGN**



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Serving the Alma Mater and the Alumni since 1894



COVER STORY  
Companions, Class of 2016!

Photo by Debbie Leno



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Two brothers aboard IWO JIMA have had the good fortune to deploy together, despite the fact that they are from two different commands and services. 32



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Wind blew and rain drizzled upon visitors to the Yard while inside Alumni Hall upbeat music filled the arena as classmates young and old came together to honor and learn from four graduates who have served their country with distinction. 38

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BEFORE

2017 DESIGN

## White House SEAL

He has covered sea, air and land as a Navy SEAL, and now he's navigating Washington, DC, in his role as senior director for Afghanistan and Pakistan at the National Security Council (NSC). Commander Jeffrey Eggers '90, USN, is not new to the White House, however, having served as the branch chief for combating terrorism on the Joint Staff, director for combating terrorism at the NSC and a White House Fellow.

In addition to his work in the nation's capital, his operational tours include executive officer of SEAL Team Seven and ASDS (Advanced SEAL Delivery System) operations officer for SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team One. Read about the education and career of an active duty SEAL.

**What advice do you have for misadventurous who selected SEAL?**

First, congratulations, and enjoy it, because you're off to an interesting and important career. Second, I often get asked by those headed to SEAL training: "What's the secret to making it through SEAL training?" When I tell them that there is a secret, they usually perk with keen interest expecting some hidden wisdom, but then seem disappointed when I respond with "Don't quit..." It sounds trite, but it's true. One of the great things about SEAL training is that it necessarily shows you what you're capable of, which is generally far more than most people realize, because they've never been pushed in such an extreme fashion. The best advice for anyone headed to SEAL training is the same advice you would give to anyone headed to something new and difficult: believe in yourself—once you put your mind to it, you have all you need to succeed.

Image courtesy of Jeff Eggers

**Your dad was Air Force—how did you make your way to the Naval Academy from New Hampshire?**  
I intended to join the military to fly. I felt that taking off and landing from an aircraft carrier was more interesting and challenging than doing so from a 2,000-foot runway, so I decided on the Navy, then the Naval Academy. After a year at Annapolis, I learned more and more about the special operations community and decided that would be even more interesting and challenging than flying from a carrier.

**You didn't have a typical path to BUOS as you made a stop at Oxford as a FitzGerald Scholar. How did that additional education help to prepare you for your future career?**

The funny thing about education is that it is often hard to know precisely how or when it helped, aside from a line on a résumé, but we think it does, somehow. Of course, Seven jobs and others did just fine with very little. In my case, the two-year detour to attend graduate school before SEAL training seemed like a long delay at the time as I was anxious to get started with training. In hindsight, I'm really glad I did it. Those two years involved a very different kind of thinking and a diverse blend of personal growth. The graduate programs at Oxford had an international dimension with students from all around the globe. At the same time, the undergraduate colleges were solidly British, so you also had a clear UK cultural immersion. The system at Oxford is more independent than in the U.S., and requires a lot of self-motivation and independent thought. Thinking differently about problems is valuable to any career, but it is particularly valuable in special operations and perhaps even more so in national security policy and strategy. The national security threats we face in the 21st century will not be solved with our 20th century tools. As a nation we're sitting at the fulcrum, or "paradigm shift," of those two eras, but we've yet to make that fundamental shift. So in the interim our solutions must be tailored, creative and adaptive.

**Tell us about an experience in Iraq that you carry with you?**

There were a couple times in Iraq when I failed to make a really hard decision, and those were some really hard lessons. Very few real decisions are easy or black and white. Strategic

decisions are usually left with the hard decisions in the gray area, because by the time the decisions get to them, all the easy black/white and right/wrong decisions have been made at lower levels. I learned in Iraq that the right answer is rarely obvious, and it is not typically right versus wrong, but more often right versus right, or sometimes bad versus worse. Leaders get paid to make those decisions, and ultimately the right decision is the hard decision, that it takes a lot of intellectual courage. This sometimes involves speaking up against the collective view of your peers or the institution, and that's a hard thing to do. My experience is that courage against the enemy is extraordinary, and it is actually fairly common, as our troops are trained to deliver courage against the enemy. Courage against ourselves is harder, and less common, because it involves standing and speaking up, and that's not something we train for.

**What was your road to the White House as a Fellow?**

Quite literally, it was 1-70 across the country. I moved from Concord, CA, where I was the executive officer of SEAL Team Seven, to Washington to take my first job at the National Security Council as a White House Fellow and a director for combating terrorism.

**What are you doing now?**

I left the White House Fellowship in 2007 and took a job at the Pentagon on the Joint Staff as a branch chief for counterterrorism, which was a natural transition from my NSC job. After a year there, I shifted within the Joint Staff to become a strategic advisor to the chairman, Admiral Mullen (USNA '86). From that job, I was loaned to General McChrystal when he assumed command of the NATO Headquarters in Afghanistan and deployed with him in June 2009, also as a strategic advisor. After 15 months in Afghanistan, I came back and returned to the NSC, this time in the Afghanistan and Pakistan Directorate. As far as what I'll do when this ends... I'm still trying to figure out what I want to do when I grow up.

**What do you want your fellow alumni to know about you?**

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NAVY MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AND MIKE PINES

Mike Dodge has also been traveling. He sent me the following news and picture.

■ "I just got back home to Guam from a river cruise on the *Daedalus*, visiting Vonnau and Budapest. I just missed Numa and Clay Spikes in Budapest. I also toured the Normandy landing fields and beaches as well as the Cotentin Peninsula. The photo is of Mont St. Michel. All is well where "America's Day Begins." ■

Thanks Mike!



MIKE DODGE AT MONT ST MICHEL

Robin Bellas sent a "fish story" with the proof of catch photos.

■ "I'm forwarding some photos of my Alaskan fly fishing trip (catch and release) earlier this month. The photo shows my largest rainbow trout (28 inches) and he was quite a fight to land. Hook me about 15 minutes to reel him in. He would take 30-50 yard runs as soon as he saw the net, so I spent a lot of time trying to wear him out. He wore me down, but I finally got a photo before releasing him. We also fished Arctic Char and some Salmon, but the most amazing of all was being in a river fishing, with a bear watching Salmon maybe 30-40 yards away! You could hear the crunch as he took one bite and threw the head and tail away. And the bears were huge. They were all fitted up for their habitation and were 10-12 feet tall. Every morning brought a float plane ride to a new river; I've never seen so many old De Havilland Beaver aircraft. Literally several hundred, flying in Alaska. The most prolific river was the Tanana, famous for its trophy rainbows, many in the 30 to

34-inch range, and many measured in the lodge. You can go online to the Alaska Sportsman's Lodge ([www.fishal.com](http://www.fishal.com)) and see the brochure for full color photos. We were 230 miles south west of Anchorage, near a native Alaskan village named Igloolik (Igloo-like E-Gee-yoo-Gee) on the Kvichuk (Kwee-juck) River in the Bristol Bay watershed. Bama wasn't too many miles away. Probably one of the richest sport and commercial fisheries in the world. An old DC-3 brought us in and out of the tundra from Anchorage. The guides estimated that 30,000 salmon pass the lodge during the spawns each hour! So when they die after laying their eggs, the other fish and bears eat them and get extremely big. What a trip... The Alaska Sportsman's Lodge was perfectly located on the river. Oddly enough, they didn't serve us fish at all for dinner; we had prime rib, steak, pork ribs, lamb chops and lamb chops. Dessert was good Scotch and Irish whiskey. I would heartily recommend the experience!" ■

Thanks Robin!



ROBIN BELLAS FISHING IN ALASKA

The Thursday breakfast group in Annapolis often extends to a golf outing or sailing session. **Rodger Carter** invited everyone to go on *RENEZVOUS*, his sailboat for an afternoon cruise. Kathy and **Jim Persch** joined him, and as you can see it was a beautiful fall day on the Chesapeake Bay. Anyone interested in joining in for a breakfast, contact **Paul Cotter**, [pmccotter@verizon.net](mailto:pmccotter@verizon.net). The group usually meets at 9:00 AM at the River Bay Roadhouse in Cape St. Claire, MD.

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RODGER, JIM, AND KATHY

**Jim Angel** sent the following message and picture. He is pictured with his two daughters, Holly Dymond and Heather Gossert. They were on their way to the Centennial Celebration of the School of Education and Professional Studies at Sanford University where they were among the 100 alumni who received the Learning For Life Award for their contribution to their profession. Linda and Jim are very proud parents. Thanks Jim.



JIM ANGEL AND DAUGHTERS

And that does it for this first article for 2016. Don't forget to read our 50th Reunion page adjacent to this article, and keep checking the Class web site for more reunion news. Until April—All the best—Mike!!

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I'm sorry to report that **Jack Brewerton's** wife, June, passed away 15 November 2015 as a result of pancreatic cancer. She was born 11 July 1945, was a high school mathematics teacher, and married Jack on 21 November 1965. In addition to Jack, she is survived by their six daughters and a son. The most precious aspect of her life was lovingly caring for her family as a wife, mother, step-mother and Nana. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 13 Brook St., Johnson City, NY 13790.

or to the Food Pantry of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 37 West Main St., Newburgh, NY 12551. Jack's e-mail address is [jbrewer@earthlink.net](mailto:jbrewer@earthlink.net).

We also received word that **Lois Michelle Redford**, 48, **Buzz Lawler's** daughter, passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness on 14 September 2015. In addition to Buzz, Susan and two siblings, she is survived by her son Zachary. She had worked at JP Morgan Chase for the past 18 years. Contributions in her memory may be made to an account set up for her son, Zachary Redford, through *GoStar Credit Union*, Jacksonville, FL ([www.go-star.com](http://www.go-star.com)).

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Thank you again for the flowers.  
GO NAVY! ■

Navy played a football game in Memphis on 7 November 2015, and the Marines of USNA '67 chose to have a mini reunion there, too. We began visiting into The Embassy on Thursday and by Friday party much had a spinoff. The last event I saw was 21 Classmates plus one wife and other guests. Memphis is a great city to visit with Beale Street, Graceland, Sun Raydon, the National Civil Rights Museum, and I think most of us covered those highlights. Drinks and dinner on Friday were followed by that tremendous win over Memphis on Sunday. I'm not going to try to list everybody's name, but some guys really made it happen.

**Michael Cathey** got the ball rolling last year when he came up with the idea, that followed through by keeping all the happenings posted onto the newspapers. **Jim Goebel** arranged ticket purchases.



87 Marines in Memphis

**Jack Quindlen**, our Navy Classmate and Memphis area resident, was a great resource for Memphis attractions, maps, and arrival gifts. **Rich Rodgers** arranged Friday night dinner at *Virgin's* Restaurant. **Ed Hepp** gave money to put on the bar to buy drinks. **George Sennors** paid for the cake for Sunday's abbreviated Marine Corps Birthday celebration with **JJ Slough** as the oldest Marine present and **Vince Balderrama** '78 as the youngest. A huge Thank You goes to JJ, as well. Building on the traditions of Marines taking care of their own and of Navy alumni purchasing tickets for active duty service members at bowl games, he made it possible for us to buy game tickets for 100 persons from the Memphis VA Medical Center and 345 retired Marines and sailors from Naval Support Activity Mid-South Millington, Sanger PD.



DAVE BESSY, JIM BECK, GEORGE SELLS



DANIEL AND THOMAS

Like many, **Al Jones** saw a problem in the incarceration and recidivism rates in this country. Unlike many, he's doing something about it. Here's his note:

■ A couple of years ago, **Wishful Pryor** called me after being released by a mutual friend. **Wishful** served 25 years in prison for bank robbery. Since he got out, he has dedicated his life to helping other ex-offenders stay out of prison. He had put together a program of services and needed someone to drive the education program for him. I was delighted to assist him. We have designed a program of services that will produce productive, successful citizens. We call the company "Mulligan Services, Inc." because we give the ex-offenders a second chance at life. For more information about the program, go to our website at [www.mulligan-services.com](http://www.mulligan-services.com). ■

**Al** thinks the program may also be made available to veterans who share many of the same re-entry issues. If anyone wants to get involved, contact **Al** at: [alpryor@mulligan-services.com](mailto:alpryor@mulligan-services.com).

Got this from **Marshall David**:

■ In July, Karen and I traveled to NY to surprise my USNA roommate, **George (Tore) Thompson**, and his friend, **Dale**, for Tim's 70th birthday. The occasion was orchestrated by Tim's son and daughter-in-law, **Keith and Natasha**, who live in the Finger Lakes region, and included vintage car racing at Watkins Glen, wine tastings, and fabulous dinners in their beautiful yard. The photo shows Tim and me admiring one of the eye-popping classics at the Glen. We all had a great weekend reconnecting, catching up on each other's surprisingly busy lives, and planning for Army-Navy in Philadelphia. ■



DR. HARRY GLEN



# CLASS NEWS

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HONORS USNA GRAD IN HISTORY PROJECT

While researching residents of Latrobe, PA, who served in World War II for a history project her junior year at Greater Latrobe High School, Sarah Weise stumbled across information about a hero she'd never heard of: Captain Chester Lee '42, USN (Ret.). Captain Lee had attended Greater Latrobe almost 80 years before Weise. He went on to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before serving 24 years in the Navy. He was among the first to train on radar technology and was selected as NASA's chief mission director of APOLLO 13.

"I decided Chester Lee was extremely underrepresented in this school," Weise said. Featuring Lee in her 15-minute history presentation didn't feel like enough to Weise so she set out to find a way to ensure future students at Greater Latrobe knew of, and remembered, his life and legacy. After meeting with Lee's daughter, Virginia, Weise presented her research to the Latrobe Area Historical Society and worked on a display plan with Jessica Golden, district director of the Center for Student Creativity and Development. In August, an exhibit featuring panels of family photos and news articles showcasing the timeline of Lee's life was unveiled at Greater Latrobe High School. In the section of the display that represents his time in the Navy, notes are included from when Lee served aboard DREXLER, in 1945 when it came under attack by Japanese kamikaze pilots near Okinawa, Japan. Lee was among only 52 who survived the ship's sinking. He died on 23 February 2000 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Virginia greatly appreciated the time Weise put in to sharing her father's story, and she hopes his life will inspire future students at Greater Latrobe. "He had no connections. Nobody pulled any strings. He didn't know anybody, and there he is," she said.



MON Chester Lee '42 Photo from the 1942 Lucky Bag



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## MIDSHIPMEN PURSUE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN OKLAHOMA

This summer, two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen and one cadet from the U.S. Air Force Academy traveled to Oklahoma City to complete a course in biomedical research at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF). Established in 2009 by OMRF board member John Saxon, M.D. through the John H. Saxon Service Academy Summer Research Program, the course is designed to provide military academy students with an opportunity to work side-by-side with OMRF's senior scientists.

"I think the team mentality was the most pleasant surprise about working at OMRF," said Midshipman Thomas Hengges '18, a chemistry major. "All the staff seemed to genuinely care about one another and always took opportunities to help with anything their coworker might need. Advice and wisdom was always freely shared, and it seemed like an incredibly positive work environment."

Midshipman George Peng '18, also a chemistry major, researched possible relationships between diabetes and heart dysfunction. Peng worked alongside Kenneth Humphries, Ph.D., in the Aging and Metabolism Research Program, investigating whether a high-fat diet changes the concentration of certain biologically important proteins in the hearts of lab mice. "The best part was working in a real research laboratory," said Peng. "While I've always found lab classes at school interesting, it is very rewarding to participate in actual scientific research and contribute to discoveries that make a difference. A lot of what I've done [this summer] wasn't covered in-depth in school and this experience has pushed me to learn many new things."

The John H. Saxon Service Academy Summer Research Program honors the founder's late father, a West Point graduate and career Air Force pilot who taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy.



Photo courtesy of OMRF

# ALL HANDS

## Global Opportunities

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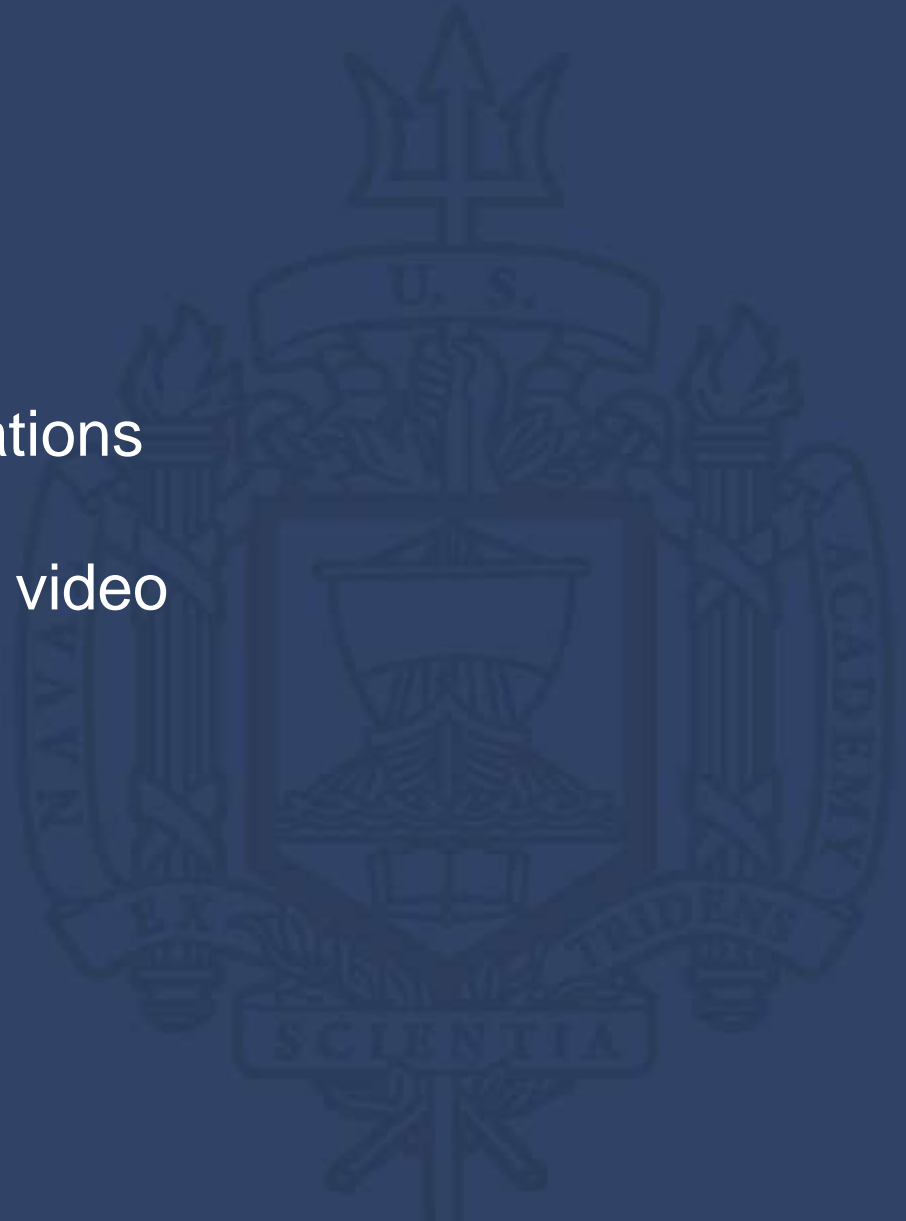
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# PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

- *Share findings* with BOTCC (May 2015), COCP (May 2015), ICOF (May 2015), PCOC (October 2016)
- *Tweak design based on comms committee*
- *Present to Board of Trustees*
- *Finalize all sections with staff & design firm*
- Share sneak peek at the COCP meeting
- Webinar for class and chapter secretaries
- Launch January-February 2017

# ONLINE EFFORTS

- [www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com)
- Upgrade email communications
- Integrate social media and video





# STORYTELLING ACROSS ALL CHANNELS

Shipmate

Web/Wavetops/  
Social Media



From the Bridge



Video

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# PROPOSED ALUMNI CENTER LOCATION



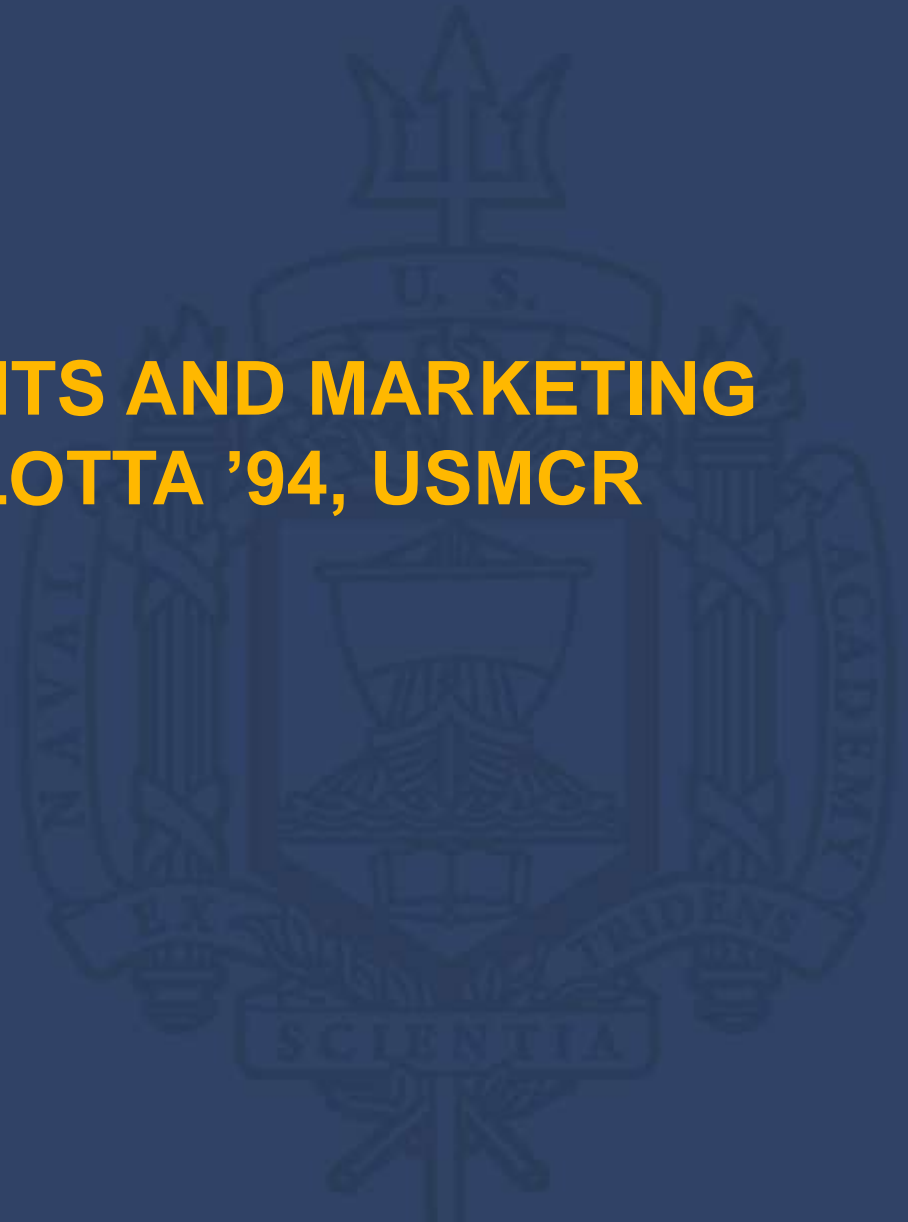
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# 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN AT USNA

- Women's engagement efforts increased in 2016:
  - July Alumnae Brunch.
    - Casual get-together to network and share fellowship at Ogle Hall.
    - 60 attendees.
- September reunion-style weekend celebrating 40 Years of Women at USNA.
  - Held in conjunction with two-day USNI Athena History Conference.
  - Alumnae were invited to attend sports practice of their choice.
  - CAPT Wendy Lawrence, '81 crew shell dedication.
  - Friday night reception next to Westin.
  - Saturday reunion tailgate.
  - More than 300 alumnae attended.
- Surveys and participation indicate strong interest for future events.





# ALUMNI DEMOGRAPHICS

	11/1/15	11/1/16
Total Grads	56,264	57,256
Female Grads (1980 on)	4,431	4,922
% female	7.9%	8.6%

As of 11/1/16

- Living Alumni with a Female Classmate (>'80) = 65%
- Millennials ( '00 <) = 17,346 / 57,256 or 30% alumni
- 2016: 294 Women / 1211 = 24.3%
- 2017: 274 Women / 1206 = 22.7%
- 2018: 302 Women / 1191 = 25.3%
- 2019: 324 Women / 1191 = 27.2%
- 2020: 326 Women / 1177 = 27.8%

## **Women Alumni (Class Leaders)**

'82 Janeann Treadway

'84 Toni Kasprzak

'99 Minh-Tu Greenberg

## **Alumni Association Board of Trustees**

### **Trustee's**

'80 Barbette Lowndes

'87 Veronica Roger

'91 CAPT Heidi Berg

'90 CAPT Karin Vernazza

'99 Minh-Tu Greenberg

### **Committee Representatives**

'81 CAPT Joan Platz

'80 Mrs. Sharon Disher

'99 Mrs Liesel Schopler

## **Naval Academy Foundation Board of Directors**

'85 Ms. Greer Lautrup