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Admiral Farragut Academy North Association

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Serving Admiral Farragut Academy Pine Beach Alumni

Capstan Version 2 - July, 2018

“Attention on Deck”...

“The Northern Brotherhood is Back on Campus!!!”



The 9th Annual Pine Beach Alumni Weekend sponsored by the

Admiral Farragut Academy North Association and the Pine Beach Reunion Committee

It was once again a tremendous success!

THE NORTHERN BROTHERHOOD IS STRONG...

Over 80 alumni and friends attended the Friday festivities at the former campus and informal gathering at Yesterday's Family Restaurant. On Saturday, at the spectacular Sea Oaks Country Club, Over 130 alumni and friends gathered to celebrate, reconnect, and just have a good time with the Brotherhood.

The weekend once again kicked off at the former campus where we raised the colors and announced that the brotherhood was once again “Back on Campus”. It was a wonderfully sunny, breezy and slightly chilly day on the banks of the Toms River. Just like so many of us remember, bringing back those fond memories of our times at AFA. After a tribute to the 85th Anniversary, Silver and Blue carnations were passed out and many Alumni tossed them into the Toms River in a traditional Naval Memorial Ceremony. We “Struck the Colors” for the day with the evening colors ceremony and folded the flag with the reading of the 13 folds. After the Flag was folded, it was passed amongst all in attendance as the poem “Old Glory” was read. You could see the pride and reverence in each person as they passed the flag throughout the assembled group.

After the ceremony on the campus, the brotherhood moved to Yesterday's Family Restaurant for some good food, good drinks, and some spirited revelry while reliving good times and getting reacquainted with old friends. A special edition of the resurrected Capstan, our former Alumni newsletter, was passed out composed of several stories of our early Alumni. This compilation of stories was put together by CAPT Frank Porcellini USN (Ret.) He visited and talked with several of these Alumni and was able to collect and preserve their part in the history of Admiral Farragut Academy for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday kicked off with the traditional Alumni Golf tournament at the Sea Oaks Country Club. Unlike last year, it was a magnificent day to hit the links. The team from the class of 1976 once again took the crown, closely followed by the combined 1980/1977 team. During the day, many folks took in the many sights and activities around South Jersey from Long Beach Island to the Renault Winery to Shooters indoor gun range to the excitement of Atlantic City. It was a great time getting to know the old stomping grounds again.



The weekend concluded with the Annual Pine Beach Alumni Banquet. As was previously stated, over 130 alumni and friends descended on the beautiful Sea Oaks Country Club for dinner. This year was a special occasion as we celebrated the 85th Anniversary of Admiral Farragut Academy and it's founding on the banks of the Toms River in 1933. The night started off with a site that hasn't been seen in 24 years... an Alumni evening meal formation! Tim Carnicle, the 1980N Battalion Commander, brought the formation to "Attention" as the newly formed Alumni Color Guard posted the colors under the direction of Charles Groder 84N. They looked great as the flag and gun bearers still remembered their craft!! The dinner program continued with recollections of Admiral Farragut North throughout the decades. Representing the 40's was Richard Prugh 48N, the 50's - Ben Antrim 57N, the 60's - Jason Wolins 68N, the 70's

Ross Mobilia 78N, the 80's - Salvatore Abbracciamento 88N, and the 90's - Chris Quincannon 92N. The one thing that continues to ring true, no matter when you attended AFA, is the experience was exactly the same! This, I believe is what binds us and enables us to connect with alumni from different decades like we were all in the same class.

After the testimonials from these brothers, we conducted a USMC style birthday cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Academy. We added this ceremony based on a suggestion from one of our brothers after last year's reunion. Thanks for the input and we encourage all our brothers to send us comments on what they would like to see at our reunions. The night concluded with the airing of the Admiral Farragut Academy 85th Anniversary Reunion Video. It was an emotional and uplifting ride through the decades and I don't think there was a dry eye in the room at the end.



If you would like to see the video a link is available on the web site.

In conclusion, it was another great gathering of the brotherhood back where it all started. A special thanks should go out to the Pine Beach Reunion Committee who put this epic event together... Frank Porcellini 80N, Brian Fischer 76N, Ace Bottone 80N, Chris Quincannon 92N, Chales Groder 84N, Ross Mobilia 78N, Bob Da Silva 76N, and Rick Creange 77N. It was great seeing everyone at this year's Alumni Weekend and we hope to see everyone next year.

Please visit the reunion website often for more information, pictures and the continuation of the Friday fun Facts

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*CDR Ross Mobilia USN (Ret.)
Class of 1978*



Commander Ross Mobilia AFA '78N was slated to be one of the decade guest speakers at the April 2018 reunion, unfortunately his Dad had passed away shortly before the reunion and he was unable to attend.

Here are his reminiscences. of AFA in the late 70's...

It all started with my parents dropping me off at our revered Institution on a warm Summer day in late August 1974. Greeted warmly by Commander George Bleezard, AFA '42 N, I was definitely not prepared for the day which quickly followed.

Band Company's 2PO Ed Philpot's friendly countenance as he dropped me off into the line at the Tailor Shop below Farragut Hall was a clear deception which brought me, unknowingly, into a tortuous eight hours of fun and adventure, for the upper classmen, that is!

Standing at what I thought was a respectful pose of attention (after all, I was a fan of *Gomer Pyle, USMC* and I thought I knew something...) I was brutally and shockingly corrected by a tall and athletic (and regrettably the late) Cadet Lieutenant Bob Schneider, '75, the 3rd Company

Commander and the master of my future for at least the next five very long days.

Perfunctory and seemingly irrelevant inquiries such as, "HOW'S THE COW?" and "HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE NAVY?" were answered poorly with "I'm sure she's fine," and "About five minutes," illuminated my new reality. "BRACE! I WANT TO SEE SOME CHINS!" I quickly thought... "Brace? What the heck is a brace? Chins? Do I look Chinese!?! " (Yes, I did think that!) Correctly appraising my classic blank look, Bob Schneider took his thumb and pushed in my chin, immediately correcting my poor posture into something that would hopefully avoid further scrutiny. Continuing interrogation regarded something called the "Rotation." After numerous hits from this unique new term I truly wanted to respond about another type of rotation my tormentors might try in their spare time, but I knew instinctively that discretion was indeed the better part of valor.

Listening to the learned response of a fellow Plebe immediately in front of me, Rick Creange, '77, I learned that Lieutenant Schneider of 3rd Company was conducting the inquisition and that a Lieutenant Commander (Artie) Diaz, '75 was the Battalion Sub-Commander, and a distant and awe inspiring individual, Commander (Mark) Buzby, '75, was the god-like figure of our Battalion Commander. An equally fierce platoon commander, Ensign Dave Rekow, '76, spotted some apparent reticence of mine and loudly reminded me of the necessity of sprouting additional chins. I was lucky to display one, much less multiple copies. Weighing-in (remember, this is 1974) at a whopping 110 pounds soaking wet, I could not figure out how to meet his gentle request with any sort of alacrity or twenty-year delay. Apparently, I was able to meet the requirements because he moved on to the other skinny, considerably taller, and much smarter and informed plebe ahead of me. Rick Creange took some real heat that day! If it wasn't for that voice of reason, Cadet CPO Brian Fischer, '76, who took care to assure us all that it was not that bad or otherwise lost, we all would have been very desperate, indeed!

Well, some friendships are formed in conditions of severe adversity and during one of the few "breaks" we had that day (hiding in the day student locker room below DuPont Hall) after running and squaring corners whilst yelling the odd incantation, "BEPLAIR!" Rick Creange and I introduced ourselves to each other. One his first questions as we attempted to decipher our new

language, was, “What the hell is BEPLAIR?” As it turned out, it was New Jersey dialect for Beat Blair... our first football opponent in the 1975 season.

Plebe Week morphed gradually into the academic year. Thinking that the friendly faces of our teachers would afford a welcome break from being a “new boy,” I was again, sadly mistaken. Vern Romefelt’s first cold-call with me on day one whilst discussing *Julius Caesar*, was, “I presume that you’re getting all of this down, Mobilia?” Ugh! *Death, where is thy sting?*

Freshman year did manage to expire the next June, followed by a hot summer working in Manhattan. But Labor Day arrived rapidly. Sophomore and Junior years seemed to roll by with the traditional and predictable events we looked forward to as annual milestones. Commander Daniels, aka Dr. “D” and his mad house of science (Simon Goldenberg’s memorable description) chemistry course notwithstanding.

Senior year had now arrived! With it those cool senior privileges we all remember, TV in the Weldon Room after lunch, the various walks and time allowances, and the NYC senior trip. Well, or so we thought, the entire upper management echelon of AFA changed overnight. The new Headmaster, Captain Willie Lowe, the new Commandant, Captain Jewett, and the new DNS, Commander Batten (yes, as in batten down the hatches) proceeded to upend the entire annual repertoire and throw the entire year into confusion. The senior trip was canceled, and the rotation lived up to its name – we had three sets of cadet officers rather than the one set we were used to. Oh well, live and learn! We did get to watch faithfully the *Gong Show* after lunch, at least.

Well, graduation in June sent my class of '78 off to fulfill our individual ambitions and commensurate fates. I am pleased to report, though with all due respect to the AFA classes with whom we shared the banks of the Toms River, '78 appears to remain entirely intact – a certain blessing in this day and age. May God bless our AFA colleagues with good health and fortune. And may God keep those who have joined him.

Thank you for the reflection!

Oh, and yes, BEAT BLAIR!

Did you know?

Admiral Farragut Academy Pine Beach Reunions have been run by the Pine Beach Alumni Committee exclusively for the past several years? This group has self funded the promotion, production, and execution of the event and all proceeds collected from attendees go directly into the events costs. The group has a burning passion to keep our Brotherhood alive and thriving.

Brotherhood, Honor, Traditions, and Pride are the focus of these events.
Friend Raising—NOT fundraising!



10th AFA North Association
Pine Beach Alumni Weekend
April 26th & 27th, 2019

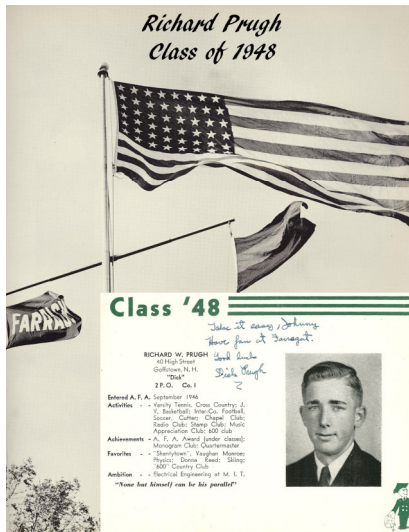


Richard W. Prugh 1948 N Valedictorian of the Class of 1948

Richard was the first decade guest speaker at the 9th Admiral Farragut Reunion and gave a wonderful heartfelt presentation which we felt needed to be shared. Below are his comments from his presentation...

“Let me take you back a few years; well, about 70 years!”

The United States and its allies had just won a world-wide war, and its military men [and women] in the Navy and Army [and the Coast Guard, and the Merchant Marine, and the Army Air Corps (now the U. S. Air Force) were heroes! Proud parents were sending their young men to military school, with many on the east coast near Farragut. This included Bordentown Military Institute, the Valley Forge Military Academy, the La Salle Military Academy, the Staunton Military Academy, and the New York Military Academy.



In my years at Farragut, I don't believe that there was an empty bed anywhere at Farragut. This was partly because Farragut had 42 post-graduates who were headed for the Naval Academy, and they were the heart of the football team.

And 1947 was a very good year for the football team! They were undefeated and champions of the Military School League – except for a zero to 14 loss against the Naval Academy plebes – and several members of the opposing team were Farragut alumni!

And here is Farragut Hall, on the banks of the Toms River! Rumor had it that this building was once a “motel” with a bad reputation. You could rent a room by the month, by the week, by the night, or by the hour! In my first year, I shared a room with three others, in the center of the building, on the second floor, right over the Canteen, which was also the Academy store. Our room was a good location, because it was right across the hall from the bathroom, which served all 40 of us first-timer plebes.

There are many of us who recall waking to the sound of reveille, standing in the slush and snow, in morning formations before breakfast, at temperatures in the teens, behind Farragut Hall. And we can remember “square” meals for those who forgot good table manners.

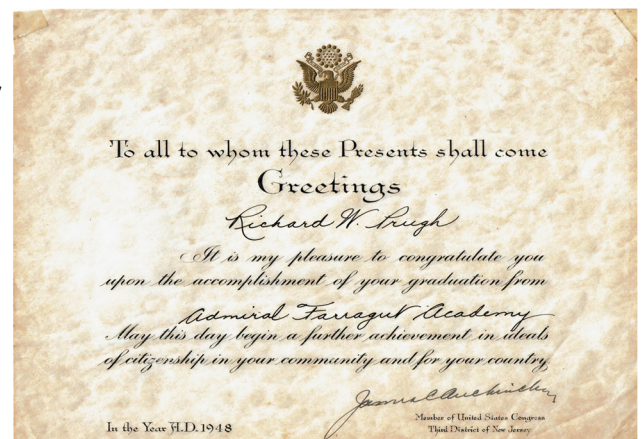
I can also remember being “on report” on at least one occasion; I spent a half-hour making holes in the New Jersey soil, doing a hundred about-faces. As I remember, my white gloves weren't white enough.

Yes, discipline was imposed, back in those days. Among the required activities that I remember were boxing, wrestling, parallel bars, and rifle, and I was not very good at any of them. However, I believe that they led to self-discipline and a healthy self-confidence. And I believe that this self-discipline helped me in the future that was about to take place.

But there were good times in the fall and spring, with sailing and many sports. Education in every subject was relentless and marginally overwhelming. Speaking for myself – and, I'm sure – for many others, Farragut prepared me well for the upcoming college. And, it can truthfully be said that there was hardly a moment in our lives at Farragut that was not eventful, in every day.

And then came graduation! It may be of interest to later classes, but this was the first singing of Farragut's “Alma Mater”, and we had not adequately rehearsed the song. No one was sure of the words or the tune! My parents were astounded at the unbelievably-weak voices of all these young men!
But, here is the all-important sheepskin! Note the words at the bottom:
“May this day begin a further achievement in ideals of citizenship in your community and for your country”.

Hopefully, each of us has – in our own way
Met at least part of this big challenge.





AFA Flag Officers

The term "Flag Officer" is applied to an officer holding the rank of General, Lieutenant General, Major General, or Brigadier General in the US Army, Air Force or Marine Corps

Admiral, Vice Admiral, or Rear Admiral in the US Navy or Coast Guard.

Admiral Farragut Academy North Association is proud to acknowledge our Flag Officers...

Whitehouse, Thomas, B. 1934 N MGEN - USMA

Dickman, Joseph, L. 1935 N MGEN - USMA

Cramer, Shannon, D. 1940 N VADM - USNA 1944

Foss, Newton, P. 1940 N RADM - USNA 1944

Shepard, Alan, B. 1941 N RADM - USNA 1945

Small, William, N. 1944 N VADM - USNA 1948

Foley, Sylvester, R. 1946 N ADMR - USNA 1950

Shaffer, Guy, M.B. 1946 N RADM - USNA 1951

Bell, Clyde, R. 1948 N VADM - USNA 1953

Odgers, Peter, W. 1950 N MGEN - USNA 1955

Schrader, Harry, C. 1951 N VADM - USNA 1955

Weinstein, Sidney 1952 N LGEN - USMA 1956

Duke, Charles 1953 S BGEN - USNA 1957

Vincent, William 1958 N RADM - USNA 1962

Buzby, Mark, H. 1975 N RADM - USMMA 1979

A Salute to Admiral Farragut Academy Pine Beach Battalion Commanders!

These fine young men were our leaders and gave us the structure during their tenure as BC's



School Year	Name	School Year	Name
1933-34	Robert S. Crane (D)	1971-72	Joseph J. Hrasna III
1934-35	Alfred L. Brassel (D)	1972-73	Arthur E. Musicaro
1935-36	Cryus S. Radford (D)	1973-74	Carl J. Gustenhoven
1936-37	William H. Pellett (D)	1974-75	Mark H. Buzby
1937-38	Howard L. Stone	1975-76	Lucian M. Pravati
1938-39	Andrew K. Dutch (D)	1976-77	Robert D. Cox (D)
1939-40	Charles J. Halpin	1977-78	Henry A. Nunez
1940-41	Merrill Waide	1978-79	Jeffrey L. Fout
1941-42	John R. Linsay (D)	1979-80	Timothy Carnicle
1942-43	Kenneth R. Bender (D)	1980-81	Chris F. Roden
1943-44	Bruce C. <u>Fiering</u>	1981-82	Dan Wihelm
1944-45	Alvin C. McCully (D)	1982-83	John P. Wnek
1945-46	Fred C. Gambke (D)	1983-84	Thomas J. Gaffney
1946-47	Robert Fountain III (D)	1984-85	Thomas J. Gavenda
1947-48	Tony G. Zulica (D)	1985-86	Timothy J. Shoemaker
1948-49	Dominic A. Cusano (D)	1986-87	Brian E. Crane
1949-50	Paul A. Dollard	1987-88	John Hoffman
1950-51	John R. Howie (D)	1988-89	Jarod Vanna
1951-52	Joseph W. Esposito	1989-90	Benjamin Buring
1952-53	Alan J. Isquith (D)	1990-91	Bradley Moses
1953-54	Robert C. Camp	1991-92	Brian Fullerton
1954-55	Richard F. Huebner (D)	1992-93	Kent G. Weiss
1955-56	Henry R. Narciso	1993-94	Brian Skubin
1956-57	DeLacy M. Wyman		
1957-58	James E. Cody		
1958-59	James P. Bradley		
1959-60	Peter S. McChesney		
1960-61	Francis D. Jordan		
1961-62	Richard C. Rissel		
1962-63	Victor R. Saitta (D)		
1963-64	Peter C. Alsop		
1964-65	Daniel M. Winer (D)		
1965-66	George E. Kinemond		
1966-67	Edward B. DeSeta		
1967-68	Geoffrey B. Rabida (D)		
1968-69	Stephen P. Gangemi Jr. (D)		
1969-70	Harry S. Ferguson		
1970-71	Anthony J. Milici		

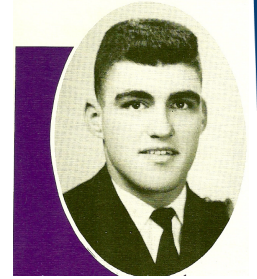


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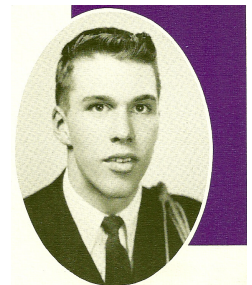
Harry Humphries 1959 N Catherine and I are still in the throws of settling into their new home in McKinney Texas after moving from Southern California. Harry says you can count on them being at next year's reunion!



Ed Caldwell 1959 N Last ten years are easy. Retired (happily) after selling my manufacturing business. Spending quality time with my beloved wife and seeing the children, grand-children and great-grand-children as we can. As an ordained minister (non-career), gave a lot of part-time to our church. Before all that after serving in the submarine service, getting degrees (love the GI bill) spent years in international business (frequent flier points you wouldn't believe).

Michael Fisher 1959 N The past ten years or so.....

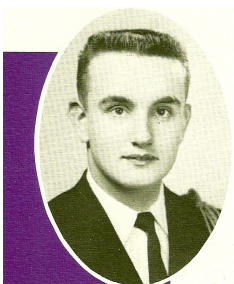
I retired from Barclays Global Investors (San Francisco) in mid-2007. Karen and I then moved from the Bay Area to Tucson where we had owned a second home for a number of years. At retirement, I became Chair of the Board of Trustees at my Alma mater, Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. Though I missed the "beat" of working in the institutional investment realm as I had done for so many years, my Bryant duties kept me busy as the school transitioned from "college" to full university status, including a move to NCAA Division I for the athletics program.



Since I retired, Karen (my "bride" of nearly 55 years) and I have been able to travel the globe extensively, mostly by ship. Just recently we made a trip from Hong Kong to Singapore with a number of stops along the way. Staying closer to home, last year we did the Mississippi River going from New Orleans to Minneapolis. This Summer we are doing a two weeks Great Lakes cruise that will take us from Chicago to Toronto. Having lived at one point in Milwaukee, with our house only several blocks from Lake Michigan, we are looking forward to actually being on various of the Great Lakes.

We have three grown sons: oldest (Peter) is 50, lives in Black Diamond, WA and is married with a soon to be 17 year-old daughter. Middle son (Jamie) is 47, lives in Austin with his three children--sons 16 and 14, daughter age 9. Our youngest son (Greg) is 43, divorced and lives in Auburn, WA with his special buddy "Wilson", a loveable Chocolate Lab.

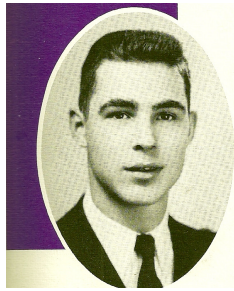
We have a second home in Austin where in addition to our grandchildren we are also "Grammy" and "Papa" to three of their first cousins who do not have living grandparents. So our Austin "crew" keeps us well occupied when we are in town. We feel blessed to have plenty of family around as we move through the so-called "Golden Years". And probably like most '59ers we marvel at how the days, months and years have flown by! Like most of you, I hold great memories of our experiences at AFA back in the late 50's. Though the institution is no longer physically there, the Pine Beach days linger on in my mind---a truly wonderful period in my life.



John and Sue Morrissey 1959 N In the late 1970's, I got in to sailing/cruising on Lake Champlain. When I retired from Ethan Allen in the early 2000's I sold the 33' sailboat and got a 40' Albin Trawler and made several cruises between Lake Champlain down to The Keys and a couple of trips to the N. Bahamas wintering in Jensen Beach, Fla. and summers in Vermont. In 07 we sold our last house and moved full time on to the ABIGAIL. We - my wife, a couple of yellow labs, and myself are currently "dock potatoes" in Jensen Beach living the marina life. The boat is our home.

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Ernie Hegi 1959 N

2000 To start the Century, Susan and I were married at the Balsams Hotel in Dixville Notch, NH. (location of the "First in The Nation Presidential Vote")

2000 I was appointed Naval Aid de Camp to NH Governor Jeanne Shaheen and later to Governor John Lynch.

2002 Sold my company DigiPaq, LLC to several investors. The company was a reseller of computer and electronic components back to OEM's and other authorized repair facilities for Digital and Compaq.

2005 Selected as Naval representative for the Governor to the 100th reenactment of the Treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Russo-Japanese War.

2007 We went on a five week cruise to the North Atlantic and Europe, covering 22 major ports. Departed / returned to Boston, if you're going to sea make it long enough. Since that time we have taken several other interesting cruises.

2008 Susan retired as a senior educator after 39 years.

2008 Have been active for over 20 years with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). As the Region Three Chairman, I did several activation and deactivation of guard and reserve units fighting the war on terrorism. For my efforts, I received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

2013 We started an addition on our cottage in Maine, which has become extremely interesting and to this day very time consuming.

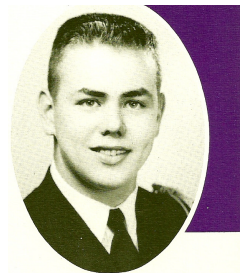
2016 Went in for a small over night operation. The hospital gave me three super "bugs" (bacteria) which almost killed me but thanks to Susan and her research, she was persistent at keeping the pressure on the doctors to come up with the right IV.

Steve Sattler 1959 N Well, I retired in 2006 after 40 years in the rubber and plastic industrial hose business. My wife, Kathleen, and I immediately downsized to a 4 bedroom home in the City of Delaware, Ohio (20 miles north of Columbus). This being the first time in my life I lived "in town" it took some getting used to, but we have managed it well enough,

A year after retiring we took a trip on Amtrak's northern route to Seattle then rented a car and drove down the west coast visiting west coast friends and family. In Sacramento we turned in our rental and returned home by Amtrak's Central route. We have made many trips since then, but this was my favorite.

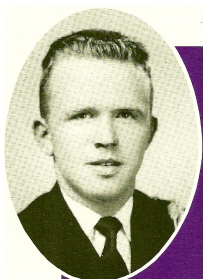
My wife, Kathleen, is heavily involved in her church. I continue to chase Great Lake Freighters, from Duluth, MN to Massena, NY (on the Saint Lawrence Seaway). My Grandson, Zach, traveled with me on many trips. He is a senior at Miami University (Ohio) now, and will be returning soon from a semester in Europe.

I have always loved working with wood, and am a member of Woodworkers of Central Ohio, based in Columbus. Each year members make toys for underprivileged children in Central Ohio. Annually this numbers about 4,000 pieces. I love my shop and in addition to toys I enjoy making furniture and trinkets for friends and family. A few years back I decided to write down the history of my ancestors, where they came from, and what they were able to make of themselves. I have also included stories of my own life (including AFA of course). The book is titled "Anticipation and Remembrance" and I hope to have it published and ready for friends and family to read early in 2019. It will be rated PG. I treasure my experience at Farragut. My closest friends from those years have passed but I hope to someday make the Pine Beach Reunion and join in the celebration of that which was ours. Until then, Smooth Sailing to all.



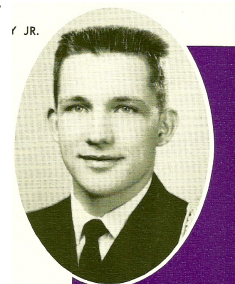
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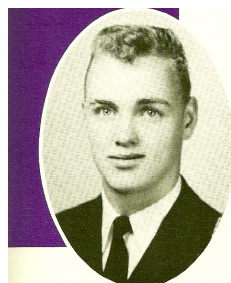


Raey Webster 1959 N My career as I knew it ended when I retired at age 51 rather than 70. Instead of being employed, I was self employed and that has been my way to this day. I turned into a landlord and became a personal financial advisor. I have also been involved with volunteer activities serving on boards for my church historical society, planning board and condo associations. Time seems to be passing faster and faster as I get older so the idea of seeing places around the world has become a major priority. I've made a bucket list but the more I travel the longer the list becomes. This travel sometimes has a downside as you visit a certain place like the Great Wall of China and realize that you are running out of runway and may never see this sight again so make the most of it, whatever that means. For recreation, I try to stay in shape with running, biking and swimming. I like to participate in 5Ks and Sprint Triathlons where I start last and try to finish before the race committee goes home. **From Cuenca Spain**

Charles Kearney 1959 N Linda and I have not been home for a few weeks as we try to offer support to my oldest son and his wife. Our daughter-in-law was involved in a serious car accident (they live in Fort Worth area and we are 300 miles away in Houston), support requires our being there. As a result, my reply to you comes via email. I was an officer in U.S. merchant marine and parlayed that into a complete career reversal by becoming a Special Agent with FBI. After retirement, I moved to corporate security. I retired once again. Lastly, I drug tested for the NFL, NBA, MLB, PGA and pro soccer, did that for about 6 years. A couple of years ago I decided to retire-retire. I have written my first book entitled "Trial and Burn" which has been published and available on Amazon. It is a murder mystery. I am nearing the completion of my second book, a true FBI story involving the "Fraud of the Century" that I investigated. It was an international maritime case (where bad guys intentionally sunk a supertanker as part of scheme to steal oil).



Anyway, that's my tale. My warmest regards to everyone!

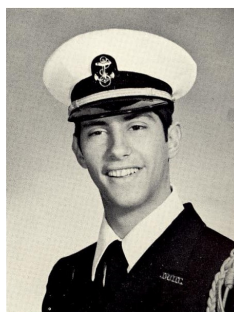


David Robinson 1959N Retired from Hilton Hotels in 2014 after 24 years in the business. My last stop was the Hilton Garden Inn, a 155 room full service facility with large banquet applications. The property is located on the Las Vegas strip so it was very busy from when I opened it in 2004. Since my retirement I have indulged myself with golf some four to five times a week and as many tournaments like member-guests, invitationals, and qualifier individual events as I can find. I have belonged to Anthem Country Club for some 14 years and enjoy the friendships I have made there.

My wife and I bought an RV in 2017 and traveled the country twice once on the northern route and once on the southern route. These trips were accented by golf tournaments, family visits and national parks. We also are ardent "Cruisers" and have taken cruises to Europe, several Caribbean cruises, Alaska and Mexico. I do little charitable work, do not help orphans, nor do I donate food to the starving in Ethiopia. Generally still have a good time, enjoy my friends and toss back a few beers now and then. Kind of a useless life but still going strong. Now for the big question. Will there be a 60th reunion and if so when and where? That one I will attend! I will even kidnap the "Humperdinker" and bring him along!

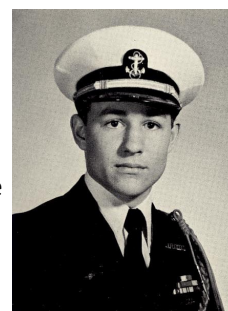
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Svend Hansen 1980N Last year I retired from fighting the forces of tyranny and evil in S.W. Florida where I have lived for the past 28 years. My wife, also just retired, and I have made several trips abroad and spend as much time in the Florida Keys as we can. Our next trip will be travelling with our “furry” children in an RV soon. No real kids for us.

Jim Hanel 1980N Attended Northeastern University 1980 – 81 but after graduating high school with 24 kids found the school too big and transferred to New Hampshire College here obtained a degree in business and marketing . After a year in San Francisco opened up a trucking company in JFK airport. Ran that company for more than 17 years and decided to change careers to Information technology. Opened up American Computer Professionals 2000 and have been working on networks and business class systems ever since. Married Ellen Murphy 1992 and have two children, Dillon Hanel in 1996 and Morgan Hanel in 1997 . Dillon will be graduating Geneseo University with economics degree 2018. Morgan will graduate Binghamton University with Biology Degree 2018.



Frank Porcellini 1980N After graduating AFA went on to Maine Maritime Academy and graduated in 1984 with a Third Mates License and a Commission as an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. Started working in American Maritime Officers in 1986. Continuous service since then on various merchant ships. In 2014 retired from the US Navy with the rank of Captain. Married Luzineide Fernandes in May of 1989. Son Frank in 1992 and Daughter Kyla in 1995. Kyla just graduated Magna Cum Laude from LIM College in New York City and Frank is attending Stockton State to obtain Teaching Certifications in History. I look forward to seeing you at the next reunion!

Ace Bottone 1980N After graduating from AFA 1980, I went to college and was seriously hurt playing football which ended my football career. At that point I went to the CIA and became a Chef. After many years running restaurants I had the opportunity to be a corporate chef for an exotic game company based out of CA. I travel mostly the east coast to clients and talk about game items and demo on cooking it. I’m married to my wife Debbie for 33 years and have two great sons and two awesome daughters in law.



Chris Cordero 1980N I live in Ridgewood, NJ with my wife, step-son and step-daughter. I have three grown daughters in their 20s who are all successfully launched. My wife and I love to cycle, ski and travel. Career wise, I am Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer at Regent Atlantic, New Jersey’s largest independent Registered Investment Advisor. I help self-made millionaires grow their wealth, shrink taxes and manage risks. You can catch me on CNBC a few times a month.

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George Miller 1980 N I worked in private industry for 25 years. I did "I-T" work at a Moving & Storage Company, then at a Software Development Company and then at a Heating, Plumbing, HVAC Wholesaler. After that, the Moving & Storage Company made me an offer to return and as much as I enjoyed working at Thos. Sommerville (the wholesaler), I took them up on the offer.

Unfortunately, the economy tanked in 2008 and the Real Estate Market had an effect on the Moving Industry. In 2012 I was one of the people "downsized." (Euphemism)

Next stop on the Career Train: I accepted a job at the Federal Government. I don't know if I want to admit which agency it is, but the initials are I.R.S. Things have gone very well there. I have gotten involved in a number of projects and have also trained/mentored other employees. They have also provided me with many training opportunities as well.

On a personal note, I had been promising my parents to travel with them for 20-25 years. Circumstances never allowed me to do so. In September 2016 I finally made good on that promise and we went to England for two weeks. Then again in May 2018 my father and I went to Italy for 10 days.

Regarding the reunions: Frank asked me to attend the Change of Command for Admiral Mark Buzby who was the BC in our 7th grade year. I really did not want to go but Frank "didn't want to be the only junior schooler there." I ended up doing this as a personal favor to Frank, despite feeling *very apprehensive* about seeing these guys who were the "big guns" when Frank and I were mere 12 year olds.

I got there and was very uncomfortable. These guys were all Seniors and Juniors when I was in 7th grade!! However, they were all friendly and made me feel at home, even though most did not remember me. I was so glad Frank begged me to attend and it left me hoping for more events like that one. Lo and behold -- the first Pine Beach Reunion happened a few months later.

Since that time, I have cherished the brotherhood and camaraderie from so many alums -- including those who were before or after my time. Some of my best times have been with those who graduated 5 or 10 years before I even arrived in 1974. Even if our paths never crossed at AFA, we share a common bond.

If you feel some anxiety about returning after all these years, this is understandable. I've been there. I encourage you to "take the plunge" even if it is a little scary.

Well, that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Hope to see you at the 10th Annual Pine Beach Alumni Weekend on April 26th & 27th, 2019.

Regards,

George Miller, 80 N

**A special thanks to Nick Morris '59N and Frank Porcellini '80 N
for rallying their classmates for their updates.**

**I challenge all other classes to submit their stories for future publications
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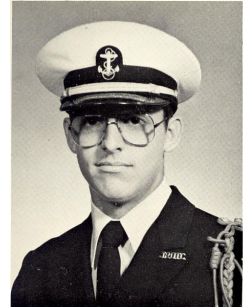


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Ross Birns 1980 N Frank, Since last we spoke, I have made the transition to the almost single life. Teresa is living and working in northern Vermont and I have moved up to the Dude Ranch full time in Winhall, VT.

I am still the manager of Big Butterfly Promos and I am also transitioning into the Safety and Training Officer for our sister companies Black Magic Chimney Sweeps and LuxBrush Painting. I completed my last class for my Bachelor's degree and am waiting on my diploma. I still train in Koroken Karate and hope to obtain my



third degree black before the end of the year. Life at the Dude Ranch is serene. I have a brook that borders the property and the Green Mountain National forest borders another. Like most country properties, there is always something to fix or build. I like it that way. I'm never bored and it's always peaceful. At this age I have come to enjoy the solitude and quiet. Although, if you listen carefully, it's never really quiet! Warmest Regards, Ross F. Birns 80 N

Letter sent from President Ronald Reagan

on the 50th Anniversary

of Admiral Farragut Academy Pine Beach, NJ

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1983



I am very proud to extend my warm congratulations on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Admiral Farragut Academy.

Your time-honored traditions of excellence in education and in leadership training have created a fine reputation for the Academy. Whether serving the nation on the high seas, in space, or the halls of government and industry, Admiral Farragut Academy graduates have demonstrated high standards of professionalism and duty time and time again.

I welcome your continuing contribution of superbly educated and trained leaders to the future of America and, again, send congratulations.

Ronald Reagan

Did you know...



Our beloved AFA Crest now is emblazoned on an Admiral Farragut Academy building in China? Chinese students now can get the same diploma we did while not having to step foot in the United States. Their goal is to make it easier for students from Communist China to get into Universities in the United States.

In 2013, Admiral Farragut Academy South launched a dual-diploma styled program in China as a way of giving a wider group of students the opportunity to earn a U.S. high school diploma without traveling half-way around the world. Students can now study in a local school in China and earn credits granting them both a Chinese high school diploma and an Admiral Farragut Academy diploma. This gives them advantages for attending college in America both academically and linguistically, because Farragut courses in China are taught in English.



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