

## Admiral Farragut Academy

# Flagship

Summer 1987

Dear Neighbor,

This year, Admiral Farragut Academy marks its 54th year as a college preparatory school and as a part of this vital and growing community. We're all very proud of our long association with Pine Beach, with Toms River, and with Ocean County.

We'd like to start our 55th year in the community with a new tradition: the FLAGSHIP, a newsletter that will fill you in on what's been happening at Farragut during the past year—and let you know about upcoming events. We hope you find it interesting and informative.

On behalf of the faculty, the staff, and all the Cadets here at Admiral Farragut Academy, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to join us during the upcoming year...stop by for a tour of the campus...enjoy a visit to the naval museum...or watch the excitement at dress parades and sporting events from football to sailing.



I hope you enjoy the FLAGSHIP.
Sincerely,
Capt. Robert W.
Matthies, Jr.
Headmaster



▲ Pine Beach grad appointed by Texaco. Dan Wilhelm, a member of the Farragut Class of '82 born and raised right here in Pine Beach, has been appointed as a Media Specialist by Texaco in New York City. Congratulations, Dan! After graduating from Farragut as Battalion Commander, Dan attended Georgetown University, where he graduated in 1986.

#### Enrollment sets all-time record

During the past four years, the student body at Farragut has grown steadily, but 1986/87 set a new record with 235 Cadets enrolled. Out of that total, 203 were boarding students while 32 commuted to Farragut daily from the Ocean County area.

#### A broad-based student body

This past year, seventeen states, Guam, and eight foreign countries were represented by the Corps of Cadets. Thanks to you, many of our students from out-of-state or overseas are getting a

wonderful impression of New Jersey and the United States.

#### Ocean County well represented

"Going away to school next door" is a good way to describe the way 18 Cadets from Toms River, Island Heights, Bayville, and Beachwood feel about life at Farragut. And for the 51 local Cadets who prefer living oncampus to commuting, all agree it's great to know that childhood friends and the "old neighborhood" are just around the corner.

## Farragut accreditation renewed Administration and faculty commended

Following a year of intensive self-study involving the entire faculty and staff, Admiral Farragut Academy's accreditation was renewed for ten years—the maximum period of time.

The Middle States Commission Report granting accreditation commended the Academy "for the concern exhibited by the faculty for the educational and personal growth of the students..." then went on to state that "The members of the Visiting Committee found the Admiral Farragut

Academy a dedicated school community with a long and noble tradition of educating young men within the framework of naval tradition, custom, and courtesy. It has a dedicated staff and administration and a loyal student body. Most of what is done is excellent and needs no comment other than, "Well done!"

Additionally, the Department of the Navy inspected Farragut's Naval Science Department, once again rating the program as "outstanding."

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This past year, the Academy instituted two new programs to recognize the professionalism and dedication of Farragut faculty members.

for excellence

Captain Frederick Jewett, USN (Ret.) of Toms River received the first Teacher of the Year Award, given in recognition of his personal contributions as an individual teacher. Captain Jewett, a graduate of the U.S. Naval

Academy, received an award plaque, accompanied by a Golden Apple paperweight and substantial cash honorarium. Col. Charles Harrington, USAF (Ret.) of Toms River has been named as the 1987 recipient of the award.

Gabriel Daniel of Beachwood and David A. Elms of Lakewood have both been elected to the Farragut Gallery of Great Teachers, created to acknowledge

A Museum expands. For a fascinating view of U.S. Naval history, plan to stop by the Admiral Farragut Marine Museum here on campus. The museum is open during regular academy hours, or by appointment for group tours. Captain Frederick N. Klein, USN (Ret.), former Lakehurst Commanding Officer, serves as museum curator—for complete information, call him at (201) 349-0957.

the significant impact and contributions made by teachers who dedicated a substantial part of their career to teaching at Farragut. Cedric Lewis of Beachwood, and Alfred Lesser and William M. Kelly of Pine Beach all received the award posthumously. Commissioned portraits of honorees have been hung in the gallery area of Shepard Hall.

## Postgrads earn academic success

According to a recent survey of students who have graduated from Farragut during the past ten years, over 98% go on to continue their education at a higher level (over 90% opt for a four-year college or university). Nearly all graduate with a degree; just 1% discontinue their education for academic reasons.

## Capt. Russell receives OCC's Distinguished Service Award

County College have conferred this year's Distinguished Service Award on Captain W. Kable Russell. The award, presented during commencement exercises last May 28th, was given in recognition of Captain Russell's "outstanding contributions to Ocean County residents and Ocean County College." Captain Russell was the first Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, serving in that capacity from 1964

to 1980, and is currently an active Board member. He is also President of the Board of Admiral Farragut Academy and has been a leading proponent of education in Ocean County for more than 50 years.

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## New recruitment ad campaign captures Farragut spirit

"Send Your Son To Mars" is the theme of a new recruitment campaign first introduced in Time, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, and U.S. News & World Report in 1986 and now appearing in The New York Times Sunday magazine and regional papers. The campaign, conceived and executed by Farragut's ad agency, Janson & Pincus of Red Bank, New Jersey, is based on the accomplishments of two Farragut graduates who took part in NASA's Apollo Moon Missions. (One of the men was Rear Admiral Alan C. Shepard, '41, also the first American in space).

The theme expressed by the ad capsules the values and traditions honored by the Academy since its founding: a dedication to helping each Cadet achieve his personal best through individual attention, a strong academic

program, and an emphasis on traditional values—honor, integrity, self-discipline, and pride of achievement.

In addition to generating a record number of applications, the campaign has helped to build awareness of the Academy as a first-rate college preparatory school. Farragut Headmaster, Capt. Robert Matthies, Jr., comments, "Traditionally, many people think of 'military school' as a place to send children who are 'disciplinary problems.' That's not true of Farragut, and never has been. I think the new ad campaign has helped people who don't know us to realize that Farragut is first and foremost an excellent school that offers qualified boys a stimulating academic curriculum, an opportunity to learn about leadership, and a chance to explore



naval science, astronomy, and the sea."

## New trustees elected

W. Kable Russell of Toms River, President of the Board of Trustees of Admiral Farragut, recently announced that three new Trustees had been elected to the Academy's Board: Captain Robert W. Matthies, Jr., presently serving as Headmaster; Mr. Donald R. Schreiber, a partner in Griffiths-Schreiber and Company of Newtown, Pennsylvania; and Mr. William R. Clayton, (father of Daniel O. Clayton, '85), President of the Clayton Block Company in Lakewood, New Jersey.

## Scouting comes to Farragut

In response to a special request by the Cadets, Explorers Club #348 of the Boys Scouts of America was founded at Farragut. The club plans to invite guest speakers from the professions to share their knowledge and experience. If you'd like to volunteer as a speaker, please call Mr. Tom Costello, the club's Faculty Advisor, at 349-0957.



#### **AXCountry and lacrosse get started**

Last year, a cross-country squad and fledgling lacrosse team were organized at Farragut. The cross-country team had a winning season first time out! Plans are

underway for the lacrosse team to begin playing other Ocean County high school teams in the near future—we look forward to seeing you on the sidelines!

### Farragut North and South compete

A basketball tournament played in St. Petersburg, Florida, last January marks the first time Admiral Farragut Academy of Pine Beach met its southern counterpart, Admiral Farragut Academy of St. Petersburg in athletic competition. The game resulted in a 65-49 victory for North and drew a large crowd of alumni rooters from both campuses. Other joint events are planned for the future.

#### Athletes recognized

The Farragut Athletic Hall of Fame was established this past year to honor former graduates who excelled in athletics while attending the Academy. According to Cdr. Stan Slaby of Pine Beach, Director of Athletics, sixteen charter members were elected.

#### Fall Calendar of **Events & Activities**

#### Football/Games at Home

Sept. 19 Greenbrook (1:30 pm)

Oct. 3 Keyport (1:30 pm)

Oct. 17 Sussex VoTech (2:30 pm)

Nov. 7 Hun (1:30 pm)

#### Football/Games Away

Sept. 26 Blair (2:00 pm)

Oct. 10 Valley Forge (2:00 pm)

Oct. 24 Pingry (2:00 pm)

Oct. 31 Peddie (2:00 pm)

#### **Parades**

Sunday, Sept. 20 (2:00 pm) Sunday, Oct. 4 (9:00 am) Friday, Oct. 23 (1:00 pm) Sunday, Nov. 8 (TBA)

#### Cadet/Alumni Basketball

Saturday, Nov. 21 (1:30 pm)

#### **Christmas Concert**

Friday, Dec. 11 (8:00 pm)





#### Financial aid up; more is needed

Since 1979, thanks to a concerted drive by the administration, parents, and alumni, scholarship aid at Farragut has risen to over \$80,000 a year. But according to Cdr. Anthony D'Elia, Jr., Director of Admissions, more is needed: "We have a large number of qualified boys—many with out- or financial aid, contact Cdr. standing records, and many who live right here in Toms River and

Ocean County—who want to attend Farragut, but need scholarship aid to do it." D'Elia extends a special thanks to past Farragut graduates for their tireless efforts and adds that new fund-raising efforts are currently planned. For more information on admissions D'Elia at 349-1121.

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