



OLD SALTS & Assorted Spies

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9th National "Old Salts & Assorted Spies" Reunion
Norfolk, Virginia September 12-16, 2018

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Norfolk and Virginia Serve Up History

Loaded like a pirate's chest with history, the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area has long been a popular destination for beachgoers, military and history buffs.

The area's history goes back to the earliest days of English colonization in America. Before settling at Jamestown, Admiral Christopher Newport came ashore at Virginia Beach on April 26, 1607, to decide if the site was suitable for a colony. Though it was inviting, Newport decided it was too vulnerable to the French and Spanish marauders and sailed off to Jamestown.

Colonists soon began settling the area. Originally part of Elizabeth County, the settlement of Norfolk soon had a county courthouse and a defensive works called Half Moon Fort. It officially became a town in 1682, joining Jamestown and Williamsburg as one of the only three towns in Virginia to receive a royal charter. Blessed with a natural deep-water harbor, Norfolk – which today is home to the largest naval base in the world – quickly became an important port. That made it

strategically valuable in 1775 to both English and Patriot forces.

In the fall of 1775, Virginia's last royal governor, Lord Dunmore, had sent troops into Norfolk to suppress growing Patriot fervor.

On December 9, Patriot forces routed the British at the nearby village of Great Bridge. Dunmore and his troops retreated to

Royal Navy ships anchored at Norfolk. They were soon joined by hundreds of fleeing local Tories as the Patriots secured control of the county.

The Patriots repeatedly denied Dunmore's requests for food and water, and, on January 1, 1776, Dunmore ordered the ships to bombard and burn the city. The Patriots decided to let the city burn to keep it out of British hands and plundered it for useful items. Thwarted, Dunmore sailed away, and in February, the Americans burned the rest of the city.

The Revolutionary War returned to the area in early September 1781, when the French fleet commanded by Admiral DeGrasse defeated a British fleet, helping set the stage for the Patriot victory at Yorktown. Norfolk began rebuilding after the war ended, and in 1801, the first U.S. Navy Yard was established here.

The Navy Yard made the area strategically valuable when the Civil War broke out. Federal vessels were scuttled in 1861, including the *USS Merrimack*, which the Confederacy raised in 1862 and refitted as the ironclad *Virginia*. The *Virginia* and the *Monitor* fought the first ironclad battle in nearby Hampton Roads. Norfolk was subsequently occupied and remained in Union hands throughout the war.



Kathka's Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage



(r-l) Lela and Tim Kathka had an extended Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration. The planning began a year ago when they learned that one of their favorite musical groups, IL DIVO, would be the featured entertainment on a cruise to Cozumel in December. They immediately booked a stateroom, with the anticipation growing as the time neared. IL DIVO is a multi-national quartet of guys put together by Simon Cowell in 2003. The group is special for Lela and Tim because their youngest daughter, Laura, sang with one of its guys, David Miller, in her Colorado high school choral group. That group would practice in their parents' homes, so they have fond memories of David Miller singing in their living room. Lela, a musician, recognized David's talent and was sure he would become a star sometime. The cruise was a whole lot of fun. Tim was amazed. There were 2000 passengers, 1500 of whom were women, fully 75% of them being older than Tim.

While the actual anniversary night, December 27, was relatively quiet with dinner and a movie, the Kathka's three daughters were planning an additional celebration for family and friends in early January. The party was an ice cream social, the ice cream theme coming from the fact that Lela and Tim met in a South Dakota ice cream parlor where Lela was working for the summer after her freshman year in college. Some of her high school and college friends were among the hundred guests enjoying an ice cream sundae on a warm January day in Denver.

- Tim

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TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1- March 31, 2018

OS&AS Operating Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$	17,333.99
Donations	\$	450.00
2018 Reunion Expenses	\$	(2,510.37)
Ending Balance	\$	15,273.62

Richard P. Martinez
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Lockhart's Celebrate Christmas in Cuba

Since May 2017 my spouse, CAPT Anne H. Lockhart, USN, has been serving in a one-year mobilization tour as the J2, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The photo below is Anne and our daughter Meg that I took at the GTMO ferry landing in December 2017 when we had a family "Christmas in Cuba" complete with an excellent Christmas dinner in one of the base galleys.



Hi,
I have a couple of notes. Completed my PhD doctor of philosophy in liberal arts, urban studies, retiring from US Marshals, job searching for fourth career. Looking forward to Norfolk Reunion.

- Genny May

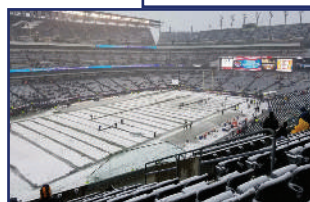
NAVY Game



Stark House Press, which published my first novel, *Smith*, in June 2017, has accepted my second novel, *Pirates*, and plans to publish it in March 2019. *Pirates* is a contemporary sea-faring tale set in the Caribbean and features a former Navy SEAL, a Dominican gangster, the gangster's Cuban mistress, and a Cuban intelligence agent--not to mention half a million dollars in mob money that keeps changing hands.

Norfolk will be a good opportunity for RIA-15 shipmates to get together again and tell some sea stories—only true ones, of course! I plan to attend at least the Saturday evening banquet, and I hope that some of our fellow "locals" will too. Thanks.

- V/R, Timothy J. Lockhart, CAPT, USN



NAVY Seats

NAVY Snow



NAVY supporters all (l-r) Ash Miller, Sally and Gary Ryan and Eleanor Miller.

November in Central Texas



Admiral Dickey has an annual get together in the Dallas area, of his former staff. Kent Fletcher states, "A grand time had by all, lots of sea stories, a few guided tours of overseas trips in the past year. Awesome camaraderie once again." Attendees, (l-r) Cheryl and Mel Reid, Russ King, Robin and Michael Barnes, Kent Fletcher, Gene and Fanna Loma Dickey, Pat and Jan Merrill, Bill and Laura Craig, Jay Hartman plus Kathy and Lynn Ruffin.

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Kathy Ruffin



(l-r) Jan and Pat Merrill



(l-r) Gene and Fanna Loma Dickey



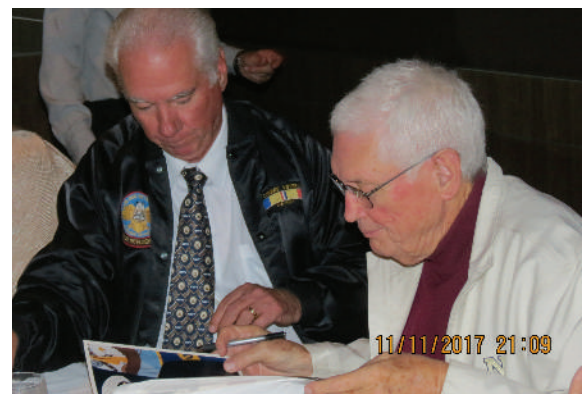
(l-r) Laura and Bill Craig



(l-r) Cheryl and Mel Reid



(l-r) Robin and Mike Barnes



(l-r) Russ King and Gene Dickey



9th National "Old Salts & Assorted Spies"
2018 Reunion Registration Form
The Home of the Atlantic Fleet!



Norfolk, Virginia September 12-16, 2018

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM - VERSION 1.1

Registration instructions:

1. Complete registration and event form and enclose total amount due
2. Make check payable to: Gary S. Powers
3. Mail Registration to: Gary Powers, 5211 Hawkbill Circle, Roanoke, VA 24018

REUNION REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY 15 AUGUST 2018

Name: _____ Rank/Rate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone/Cell: _____

Name of spouse/companion/guests attending

1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

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Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel Accommodations
Final Registration Date 15 August 2018

Start Making Your Reservations for Norfolk Now

The 2018 *OLD SALTS & ASSORTED SPIES* reunion will be held in Norfolk, Virginia, 12-16 SEP 2018 at the **Norfolk Waterside Marriott**. The Marriott is offering the following special group rate:

- ★ \$149 per night (net state & local taxes currently 14% + \$2.00) if booked by August 15, 2018
- ★ Complimentary Internet access for all attendee guest rooms
- ★ Modern workout area and indoor pool
- ★ Self parking \$14/car/day (regularly \$20/day) includes in/out access
- ★ Rates are available from 10-16 SEP 2018
- ★ To book via phone, please call Central Reservations at **1-800-874-0264** and mention "**OS & AS**" for your special reunion rate
- ★ Reservations can also be made online from the **os-as.com** website using the link provided on the "**2018 REUNION**" Page tab.

A special 2018 Reunion Page has been established on the OS&AS website: <http://os-as.com>

EVENT REGISTRATION AND FEES

NOTES:

- (1) Each individual attending the reunion must pay the registration fee.
The registration fee covers reunion incidental costs.
- (2) Each person attending the business meeting must pay for the meeting breakfast.
- (3) Registration packet, reunion program, name badge and promotional items may be picked up at OS&AS desk near Hospitality Suite.
- (5) All bus tours will depart from the Marriott front entrance.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>COST/PERSON</u>	<u># PEOPLE</u>	<u>TOTAL \$</u>
Tues 11 Sept	Registration & Hospitality Suite	\$40.00		
Wed 12 Sept	President's Reception – location to be announced	No Charge		
Thu 13 Sept	Tour #1: Nauticus, USS Wisconsin, McArthur Memorial	\$12.00		
	Tour #2: Chrysler Museum, Wisteria Cafe, Chrysler Glass Studio	No Admission Charge – Mini-bus to/from \$10.00 each		
	Evening Social w/ Andy Wallach & Cynthia Faschini	No Charge Mini-bus to/from \$15.00 each		
Fri 14 Sept	Tour #3: IWTCHR Overview, CNRIC Brief, Tour of Military Aviation Museum, Virginia Beach/box lunch	Complete 2-tours transport and lunch \$40.00 *Limited to 50 total people		
	Tour #4: Shopping at MacArthur Mall or Military Highway Outlet. Other attractions as desired. Self-guided	No Charge		
Sat 15 Sept	Breakfast-Business & Directors Meeting	\$25.00		
	Victory Rover/Naval Base Cruise	\$22.00		
Sat Evening 15 Sept	BANQUET (Your choice)			
	#1 Bistro Filet	\$52.00		
	#2 Herb Roasted Chicken	\$46.00		
	#3 Vegetable Manicotti	\$40.00		
*All entrees include: Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Potatoes, Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea, Regular or Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas. Dessert choices: Lemon Mascarpone Italian Torte & Berries or Apple Pie & Calvados Caramel.				
				TOTAL \$

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What do you think our future looks like?



If our future looks like Owen Ryan



- or Navy baby Gracie Hurley

It looks pretty good!



Any idea who this young, naive E1 might be?

Francis Gary Powers, Jr to Speak at OS&AS Reunion Dinner in Norfolk



Our guest speaker for the 16 September 2018 OS&AS dinner program will be Francis Gary Powers, Jr., son of the famed U-2 pilot made famous from the incident during the Cold War. He is also the Founder and Chairman



Emeritus of the Cold War Museum and a consultant for the recent movie "Bridge of Spies."

As the founder of The Cold War Museum, he has had the opportunity to lecture internationally and nationally on the U-2 Incident, the need to preserve Cold War history, honor Cold War veterans and educate future generations about this period of world history. He appears regularly on the History, Discovery and A&E Channels and is called upon by news media outlets for commentary. Mr. Powers has indicated he will be offering signed copies of his book after the program as well.

REMINDER: Check the OS&AS Reunion page periodically on the CONFIRMED ATTENDEES page. See which of your former shipmates will be in Norfolk. Also, the **tour #3 to the IWTCHR** is limited to **50 people** due to escort constraints. Individuals **must have a photo ID**, preferably military ID, to enter the facility even for an unclassified briefing. Each day has alternate tour activities for anyone who may not be interested in the primary planned activity. Plenty of sites and shopping within walking distance of our hotel. Even more area attractions for those with automobiles. Use the AREA ATTRACTIONS page on the Reunion website for more ideas.

Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

Warren Represents Navy in Wreaths Across America Ceremony

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(l-r) Texas Governor Greg Abbott & CAPT Steve Warren

“The Daughters of the American Republic (DAR) sponsored a wreath-laying ceremony to honor veterans buried at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on December 16, 2017. Wreaths Across America is a yearly DAR activity. I was asked to represent the Navy in the ceremonies headlined by Governor Greg Abbott. As a part of the ceremony, I lay a wreath at the grave of Navy SEAL Chief Chris Kyle,” Steve explains.

From the President

By now most of you should have received email registration packets for our upcoming OS&AS reunion in Norfolk in September. Many of you have already registered for the gathering. Norfolk is the east coast Mecca for Navy activity, and Gary Powers has assembled an enticing array of both haze gray and landlubber activities for the week. Additionally, he has negotiated competitive rates at the beautiful Marriott on the waterfront right in downtown Norfolk. Take time now to complete and submit the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. You don't want to miss this great opportunity to renew relationships with old friends and make a few new ones.

Laura and I have already set our itinerary for the reunion. We are flying to New Orleans to join Chuck and Beth Morrison for an early start on the festivities. From there we will take the overnight Amtrak Crescent to Charlottesville, VA and drive to Norfolk for the reunion. After the reunion we will stay in the area to visit historical sites at Yorktown, Jamestown, and Williamsburg.

Last September my business partner and I took a fall motor-

cycle ride through the mountains of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. Along the way we stopped by to visit with Bruce Black and spent the night with him at his “cabin” on Vallecito Lake near Durango. Bruce is still actively poking holes in the ground looking for oil and gas. It is always fulfilling to spend time with long time shipmates. Thanks for your generous hospitality, Bruce.



(l-r) Bruce Black and Bill Craig

See you in Norfolk!

- Bill

By Travis M. Smith | @travisSmith / tsmith@theglenrosereporter.com / Managing Editor / and Hugh Smith Posted Nov 24, 2015 at 12:03 PM

Whether by accident, chance or divine intervention, Hugh Smith taught me to enjoy life as it comes, trust others enough to make the first lesson possible, but to never doubt myself or second-guess a gut feeling; to always search for answers, build relationships, and do not dwell on someone calling me a "sob" because there is always someone else to have a drink with. Cheers, Hugh.

The Eulogy of Hugh Montgomery Smith

As written by Hugh Montgomery Smith

This Eulogy, panegyric or encomium as you may prefer is being read to you by one of my children, as I am unable to do so being disembodied and living impaired. I am talking to you from the other side and I tell you right now that you should avoid this trip if at all possible.

There will not of course be a graveside service of interment as there is nothing left of me to be interred. I was cremated and my body burned to smithereens, or so I was told before it was done. I take their word for it, as I have never seen one or anything that was described to me as a smithereen. I am now a SMITHereen. Or at the utleast a bunch of them. This effectively prevents me from being resurrected in the same body, which I wore out pretty good. I think it prevents me from being resurrected at all. I wanted to be buried in Israel where there's a higher percentage of resurrection than anywhere else but that cost too much money and besides my children didn't want to take a chance that my tongue might come back to life and start talking.

Now, as to the biography, which is always done at funerals, I was born 27 years after the beginning of the 20th Century in Florence, South Carolina. I was the third of four boys and the best of them by far. My Mother was born as Marjorie Montgomery Stupp but took the name of Smith when she married my father, William Harold Smith. She was born and raised in Auburn, N.Y. My father was born in Orangeburg, S.C. but moved often because he was the son of a Methodist preacher, which are not tolerated by any congregation after 4 or 5 years. As a matter of interest I want to point out that he didn't become my father until after they were married. That should settle that question for you skeptics in the audience.

They had four boys. They all did better than me in life, but I had more fun. My biggest problem was trying to prolong adolescence beyond all reasonable limits. I was married on April 4, 1950 in Washington, D.C. to Nancy Douglass of Wilton, Connecticut and with her assistance I had three very fine children. Each of them has done good, at least they haven't been a burden on me. To the contrary I have been almost arrogant in my pride in each of them. They, in turn, have returned the favor by giving me and Nancy six very fine grandchildren. That's the biography, now for the eulogy.

As a child I didn't always do the best I could. I didn't pay much attention to my schooling because I was more anxious to become an adult so I could start smoking, drinking and cussing and using adult language. I graduated from Harvard College, which surprised me as much as it did my family, but looking back I realized I deserved it. I graduated with the lowest possible passing grades over a four year period than had ever been scored by any graduate since 1652 when Increase Mather of Boston, Massachusetts did it. My old roommate recently told me that he had reviewed my class standing when we graduated and I was very surprised that I had graduated in the top 98% of my class. I went from there to Georgetown Law School where I graduated despite grades, which are still talked about today. If it wasn't for Nancy I wouldn't have even that.

What I have been most proud of is that I enlisted in the Navy in July 1945 and it so unnerved the Japanese that they unconditionally surrendered two weeks after I entered. I stayed in the Naval Reserve long enough to become a naval Captain. It took about 25 years. I practiced law on the side. Most generally on the inside... of a bar. The legal bar was the only one I ever passed in 30 years until Nancy and I moved to Glen Rose. We moved here because Nancy liked the countryside and I like the idea of bootlegging. It satisfied both of us. My real estate agent said I would be sorry til the day I died, if I lived that long. But I wasn't.

The day before I shot though and arrived here, I was sitting on the side of my bed trying to fall awake but was only barely able to. I think that contributed to my being here. Who knows. Now as to where I am now I didn't have much to do with it. Certainly I had no influence on it, but it ain't hot. (That's for all you Hugh Smith haters cause I know where you expected me to be.) If it had been left up to me I

would have rejected the entire process, opting for immortality.

There is no gravity here or at least I can't detect it, but all other forces of nature remain at work - tornados, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and such. By the way, there are no pearly gates, or any other kind, to keep the riff-raff out and I haven't seen St. Peter or anyone else of any fame. I'm learning to play the harp for the first time in my life -- or death. ("Life", that's just a figure of speech up here.) I've been doing Amazing Grace to a boogie beat and I got this place rocking. My instructor thinks he's in hell. Other than that it's the same old humdrum. By the way, I don't have wings either and it's the same old halo I had on earth, which is none. This place ain't no Hollywood.

Now for some advice, which I wish, I had when I was back amongst you. First, to live a long time you should avoid death like the plague. It sure was a shock to my system when I shot through. It was a heart-stopping thrill and took my breath away. Second, folks, don't take the Ten Commandments too seriously, only the first two and the eleventh one. The rest of them don't count too much and you can talk your way out of any trouble. Just confess and say you won't do it again. And you can be honest about it because I guarantee you won't do it again. So I say have as much fun as you can during your days on earth, but look out for that eleventh commandment, it's a doozy. Shoot for that one and you'll be okay. I learned, to my chagrin, that drinking, cussing, card playing, gambling and dancing and other such don't count. I know that'll be a relief to most of you.

Contrary to popular tradition, which most people believe rather than the facts, the streets are not paved with gold. They aren't even paved. It doesn't even have streets, but only alleyways paved with good intentions. Presently, those in charge, mostly Methodists, are engaged in a money-raising program for new harp lessons, which is -- naturally -- selling chances on a horseless chariot (magic carpet) at 6 for \$5.00 or ten for \$11.00, which the Baptists think is a better deal. But the Methodists haven't caught on yet either because nobody has any cash anyway having left it all behind along with everything else. I don't even have a toothbrush but I don't have any teeth either. So I'm not complaining. And don't believe that business about "in my Father's house are many mansions". He was talking about the way things were in around 30 a.d.. Those buildings were somewhat short of being mansions. I'm talking mud huts. If the mud was hard and solid they thought of it as a mansion.

That's it! I can't think of anything to be eulogized about, but I sure did enjoy all my years on earth made especially nice because of my God, my parents, my wife, my children, my good friends past and present, and wonderful good luck.

So as sailors say, Goodbye, Godspeed, safe sailing, and may you always have fair winds and a following sea...

P.S. If the preacher lets people stand up to say things about me, please make a recording so I can hold them to it when they get here.



★ **CAPT Jack Francis Ritter, Jr.**
December 19, 1933 - March 8, 2018

Jack Francis Ritter, Jr. went to be with our Heavenly Father on March 8, 2018 after a short but fierce battle with a complicated and rare autoimmune disease.



Born in Austin, Texas December 19, 1933, Jack was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Austin High School, received a BBA from the University of Texas, and was commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy. After serving on active duty, he graduated from UT Law School. He then was elected and served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives.

Following many decades of practicing law, serving as a Captain in the U.S. Naval Intelligence Service, and developing real estate, he followed in his father's footsteps and entered into the gasoline business. He was President and CEO of Ricon Products, Inc. and a ConocoPhillips distributor. He was a member of the UT Silver Spurs, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Knights of the Symphony, Sons of the American Revolution, the Naval Order, St. David's Episcopal Church, and many other organizations.

Jack was a devoted husband, dedicated father, doting and patient grandfather and loyal friend. He adored Mary Hamilton Carroll Ritter, his wife of 51 years. They were set up on a blind date on July 15, 1966 and married five months later. They traveled the world together and recently spent three weeks in Great Britain. They worked with each other in countless ways. He wanted her involved in all he did.

After his U.S. Navy retirement, he continued his commitment to the Navy by serving as VP of the National Navy League and as President of the Greater Austin Council of the Navy League. The Midshipmans Foundation, UT NROTC Unit, recognized Jack for a scholarship he funded for midshipmen in the Unit. He advocated for the interests of the Navy and worked diligently in Washington DC to increase support for the Sea Services. As Legislative Affairs director for the Navy League, he spent countless hours over many years educating legislators about the importance of protecting our nation's stability and world presence. Jack Ritter never sat idle and was passionate about his family and spending time together.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, his 4 daughters, Diane, Susan, Valerie and Cheryl and their families.

★ **CAPT Roy T. Grimes**



**USNR - 42 years
of service
Sept. 5, 1926 -
April 27, 2014**

★ **CAPT Richard Alan Hill**
April 25, 1944 - July 22, 2017

★ **CAPT George James
"Jim" Roark III**
1947 - 2017

★ **CAPT Hugh Montgomery Smith**
November 9, 2015



(l-r) Janis & Worth at London Dining Room

Camp Updates

Janis and Oliver "Worth" Camp, Jr., CAPT USNR, are alive and well and have been shipmates since August 1956. Joined the Navy, February 1957 - and shipped out by overnight RR Sleeper Car

to Pensacola NAS from Memphis Navy Recruiting Station, downtown Memphis.

We have been retired about 10 years from an active General Small Town Law Practice. Ours was a typical small city where a lawyer's shingle might read "HONEST LAWYER, ONE FLIGHT UP."

We have both crossed 80 and still in active good health. Our last annual trip was to Paris, France for the 100 or so mile river cruise down (and then back) the Seine (Sin) River. Our destination was the Normandy Beaches. This

triple headed monster student from the Air Intel's School (2nd or 3rd class) Anacostia NAS, Washington D.C. and Janis, my original bride, are thinking to attend this year's reunion in Norfolk. Hope to see you there.

- Worth

NRIP HISTORY NOW ONLINE

Ever wonder who the RIAC in your area was - way back when?

Or maybe, what was actually in COMNAVRESFORINSTR 5450?

Visit the Old Salts & Assorted Spies website at www.os-as.com and look under the "NRIP ARCHIVE" tab and reminisce. You may notice some intel gaps and if you've got the raw data, just forward to Gary Powers at for further exploitation.

We would like to add more old photos, too! No fake news, please!

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MAIL ADDRESS AND INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

New Member

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ () Check if preferred mailing address

City, State, Zip: _____

Spouse's First Name: _____ Email: _____

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RIA/NRIC of Retirement: _____ Year: _____ Rank/Rate: _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Operating Fund for the Association for Old Salts & Assorted Spies.

A yearly donation of \$25.00 is suggested for the Operating Fund. More or less is appreciated, too.

**Make checks payable to OS&AS and send to: *Richard P. Martinez*
248 Palomino Court
*The Woodlands, Texas 77382-1812***

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Updated information can be emailed to osasnews@os-as.com

Chairman's Corner

It is another beautiful spring day in Texas. Most of the trees and grass have turned green and people appear to have more energy



Pat and Ian

and positive attitudes. Jan and I are members of the Rotary Club of Waxahachie and have been enjoying spring community support projects. A few days ago we helped plant 110 trees in a park surrounded by a new housing edition. A few months ago we helped plan and coordinate the club's first annual sporting clay event

netting \$7,000 to be returned to our community in various ways.

We are currently planning for our annual Cow Creek Classic bike ride which attracts riders of all ages from North Texas which earns about \$30,000. The most important part of these activities is to know that we are providing student scholarships, helping eradicate polio in the world, providing water sources in countries that don't have it, sending students to leadership camps and supporting several non-profit organizations in our community.

Our grandson, Austyn, who came with us to the Boston OS&AS reunion said he would really like to attend the Norfolk reunion. As he is completing his first year at UT Arlington, we had to remind him that with his college schedule it is more difficult to take him out of school today. Jan and I were

fortunate to be included in a surprise birthday party for Jim Manzelmann in McKinney, TX. It was a wonderful opportunity to visit with him, Denise, Connor and their family. Jim is looking great and keeping very busy with his work at DNI.



(l-r) Jim Manzelmann and Pat Merrill



(l-r) Grandson Austyn, granddaughter Addy and daughter Heather on Easter

Many thanks to these OS&AS members for their 2018 donations

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- ✓ Ralph and Nina Ross
- ✓ Jerry and Cynthia Wiens

Admiral Dickey and I communicate regularly and in his usual manner provides guidance with ideas that make me think they were mine. He is still pretty smooth with his management style.

Jan and I are looking forward to attending the Norfolk reunion. I encourage you all to attend the reunion. Gary Powers has done an outstanding job of coordinating activities and planning the reunion. Please make you Marriott reservations soon and send your registration information to Gary. The most important item on the agenda is to enjoy time with shipmates.

God Bless America!!

- Pat Merrill