



Old Salts & Assorted Spies Newsletter, 2nd Quarter 2023

President's Message: *Words from Bill Anderson*

We just returned from a trip to Israel – a tour inspiring for the anticipated archeological and religious sites as well as awesome geography. The Holy Land expanse is about the size of New Jersey and has a wide-range of unique physical features and microclimates. Its coastal plain spreads to the sandy shorelines of the Mediterranean, then transitions to chalk cliffs and grottos farther north. Mountain ranges run the length of the country and the hills of Galilee are green year-round. Our guide was well-informed in ancient and contemporary history, flora and fauna as well as Israeli military issues. What follows are a few snapshots from our trip twice postponed by COVID.



Beit Gurvin bell cave – one of the larger, over 60' high, out of 2,000 caves in the area. Most were quarried from the 4th - 9th centuries for chalk to make roads, plaster and mortar.

We spent a few days in **The Negev** -- the large, rocky desert region, with deep craters and canyons, covering the southern half of Israel. It includes Masada and the Qumran caves, where the Dead Sea scrolls were first discovered in 1947 by a young Bedouin shepherd boy.

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Editor's Corner:

I am enjoying the work on each newsletter. The articles submitted have been great.

Keeping sending them in to osasnewsletter@gmail.com. I plan to issue 4 newsletters per year.

Robin Barnes



One of the more productive Dead Sea scroll caves was Qumran. (Q4)

Along the edge of the Israeli border is the highly saline Dead Sea (10X saltier than Myrtle Beach) at 1,412 feet below sea level. The Negev is also home to many of the major bases of the Israeli Defense Forces.

Nomadic life in the Negev dates back at least 4,000 years. We visited remains of a Nabatean settlement and way station for caravans traveling the incense route between the 2nd and 7th centuries AD, a

journey of 1,200 miles, divided into 65 rest stops. A caravan traveled approximately 20 miles/day and consisted of 10 to 20 camels. We rode one in Eliat. It was Bonnie's first and last camel ride.



Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion's final wish was to be buried in the Negev, where he retired in a kibbutz. His tomb along with wife Paula's overlooks a breathtaking view of Tsin Canyon in the heart of the Negev.

Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) - Surrounded by hostile countries with much larger populations, military security is omnipresent throughout Israel. Our tour guide noted, "we profile over here," as we moved through West Bank border check points. IDF is considered one of the elite fighting forces in the world.

Military service in the Israeli Defense Force is mandatory, though there are exemptions to conscription (Israeli Arabs, Orthodox Jews and others). Minimum obligation is 2 years, 8 months for men and 2 years for women. Following active duty, most everyone is assigned to the reserves in case of war, natural disasters, or for current military operations. The IDF also invests heavily in intelligence to provide enough advanced warning to mobilize the reserves.

Among Jewish Israelis, the military is by far the country's most trusted institution. As the Talmud says: "If someone comes to kill you, rise up and kill him first." This instinct to take every measure, even the most aggressive, to defend their homeland is hardwired into Israel's DNA.

Israeli Iron Dome Defense System – We spent our first night in Ashkelon on the east coast, downrange from the Gaza Strip. Fortunately, no incoming rockets, but some comfort knowing we were sleeping under Israel's Iron Dome Defense System. One of the guys in our tour had worked 20+ years for Raytheon, so he was intimately familiar with Israel's Dynamic Defense Co. "Rafael Systems".

Thousands of rockets and mortar rounds from Gaza in the south and Lebanon in north have landed in Israel over the years. Since its inception 10 years ago, IDF officials say Iron Dome is about 85-90% effective. Because it cost \$90,000 to shoot down each target, many are allowed to explode in unpopulated areas once their trajectory is determined. Continued on Page 3

We drove through the town of Sderot, near Gaza and observed bus stops for children with bomb shelters. Once the warning siren goes off, they have 20 seconds to get into the shelter. Along with widespread property damage, injuries, and deaths, rocket barrages disrupt daily life among the population. And...yes, there's a phone app to alert one to incoming mortar rounds and missiles for the State of Israel, called Red Alert.

The day after we left, 05 April, (Passover), Hezbollah fired 34 rockets into northern Israel from southern Lebanon. IDF said five made it past Iron Dome, with two causing injuries.

Chairman's Message: *Greetings from Pat Merrill*

I briefly read a few articles of Navy Intelligence history and thought I would include a few historical comments made in them.

The office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) was established in 1882 to advance the Navy's modernization efforts, is the oldest member of the U.S. Intelligence community and serves as the nation's premier source of maritime intelligence.

Intelligence Specialist (IS) is a U.S. Navy enlisted rating within the Information Warfare community and was established in 1975 by combining the Photographic Intelligenceman (PT) rating (first established in 1957) and parts of the Yeoman (YN) rating.

The ONI's Operational Intelligence section was established in 1946. In 1945 ONI began hiring civilian experts in a wide range of fields to develop the Scientific and Technical Intelligence section.

Jan and I just returned from a trip to Marathon, FL with our son and daughter in law. Although springtime in Texas is beautiful it was nice to go to a warmer climate with lots of delicious local food while surrounded by beautiful water and the sunsets are still spectacular. On our last trip there some years ago we were fortunate to spend time with Admiral and Fanna Loma Dickey and John and Catie Geist. With the paucity of available real estate on which to build structures it seems that a lot of people set up businesses and homes on tiny lots that are very crowded.

Our next reunion is only a year away. Early registration will really help Mike Halbig and his crew with their planning. I look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless America

Veteran's Day Celebration in Texas

by Ronda McCauley

Over the week of Veteran's Day, the Georgetown, Texas Rotary presents the *Field of Honor*. The goal is to honor and benefit veterans, military, first responders and other heroes, to ensure patriotism by honoring our flag and our country and to provide educational experiences for our youth.



The 2022 *Field of Honor* had a breathtaking display of 1,600 full-sized U.S. flags constantly flying throughout the entire week. Every flag is dedicated to someone in honor of their service to this country. Each flag, and every person that visits the *Field of Honor*, contributes to a groundswell of community patriotism, unity and gratitude for our country, our freedoms and our heroes.



During the week, over 1,000 children from the middle schools in the area make a school sponsored trip to the *Field of Honor* to hear speakers and tour the exhibit. Again, this year, CAPT Bill Kelberlau was a panelist representing the U.S. Navy. He got to talk about his Navy experience and his service assignments. One student asked, "What did you do that you were the proudest of." Easy answer for CAPT Kelberlau, undoubtedly an action by the military that students don't understand. He said, "April 29, 1975. We launched an evacuation operation named *Frequent Wind*. The crew on the USS Hancock assisted over 2,000 people with an escape from Vietnam to begin their new lives in the free world, the United States." The whole group was silent.



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The 'Dear Hero Station' is a booth at the *Field of Honor*, staffed by Vacation Liberty School directors. Here, the people who tour the field, young and old, can write a note to someone in the military, thanking them for their bravery and sacrifice. Some of the greatest notes are from the kids that draw pictures, have advice, and sincerely send their love and



interest to active-duty sailors McCauley is Chairman of for children that introduces fathers envisioned. This group 'Dear Hero Station' from the start of notes, written throughout the Fort Hood facilities.



Ronda Vacation Liberty School, a summer camp campers to the America our founding has developed and expanded the 'Dear the *Field of Honor*, six years ago. The entire week, are sent out through the

On Veteran's Day, there was an elaborate ceremony planned against the backdrop of the 1,600 flags to honor our nation's veterans. The bell rang 11 times, every 11 seconds beginning at 11:00 am, to commemorate the signing of the Armistice when guns fell silent following WWI. Music by the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas National Guard accompanied the ceremony. This year, due to the deluge of rain, the entire tribute, including the speeches and recognition awards, was given under a tent and the yearly missing man formation by the Falcon Flight Team had to be cancelled. CAPT Kelberlau presented the wreath concluding this covered but dynamic ceremony.



We plan to present this week of tribute and honor again, November 5-11, 2023 and everyone is invited to attend and be proud.



Old Salts and Assorted Spies Annapolis Reunion

Sunday, 21 April – Thursday, 25 April 2024

Hotel reservations are now available at 1-800-221-2618. Reference code OSAS2022. Or, online:
Via OS-AS.com, 2024 Annapolis Reunion, Book Your Hotel Reservation



- **Sunday Evening, 21 April 2024.** GRADUATE HOTEL, President's reception. The reunion begins at our fabulous GRADUATE Annapolis hotel. We've set aside the gorgeous Stevedore Room for heavy hors d'oeuvres—you won't need dinner, we think--and drinks with shipmates and spouses. Time to get registered, renew old acquaintances, and pick up reunion materials like name tags, programs, maps and schedules. Our **Hospitality Suite**, which will be open—and fully stocked with refreshments--throughout the Reunion.

- **Monday, 22 April 2024.** Breakfast on your own among a fantastic variety of choices in the GRADUATE Annapolis Hotel and within a block or so just outside.



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Monday’s main daytime event—see flyer below--will be a tour of colonial Annapolis, focusing on three main venues—the brand-new Historic Annapolis Museum; the beautifully restored 1760s House and Garden of William Paca (1740-1799), one of Maryland’s four signers of the Declaration of Independence and the State’s third governor; and the impressive Maryland State House, our country’s national capitol in 1783-84 and the oldest state legislature in continuous use.


George Washington resigned his commission in the Senate Chamber and rode home to Mount Vernon as a civilian from here. All three venues are within short walking distance of one another and the GRADUATE Annapolis, but with robust and convenient bus transportation for those who prefer. These are small venues, so our reunion, subdivided into three (3) smaller groups, will rotate among the three (3) sites. Catered lunch at the William Paca House and Garden. Concluding around 1430.

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A Day with Historic Annapolis

Let us share our rich history with you!





Museum of Historic Annapolis:
Annapolis: An American Story

Historic Annapolis's newest exhibit, *Annapolis: An American Story* shares dramatic stories of Annapolis and its diverse people – revolutionaries, visionaries, and champions in our nation's continuing quest for liberty and justice – who helped to shape our American story across more than 450 years. An inspiring film, three floors of colorful exhibits, and an amazing collection of objects provide a fun learning experience and spark visitor interests.

William Paca House and Garden

This five-part Georgian mansion was built in the 1760s by William Paca, one of Maryland's four Signers of the Declaration of Independence and the state's third Governor. Carefully restored by Historic Annapolis beginning in 1965, today the William Paca House is recognized as one of the finest 18th-century homes in the country and a National Historic Landmark. The property includes a two-acre colonial garden that is a picturesque retreat from the bustle of the city. Here, visitors can view native and heirloom plants while exploring the terraced landscape's formal Parterres, naturalistic Wilderness, and practical Kitchen gardens.





The Maryland State House

The Maryland State House is the oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use and is the only state house ever to have served as the nation's capitol. The State House is where the Maryland General Assembly convenes for three months each year, and where the elected leadership of the state all have their offices.

For private and group tours, contact Janet Hall at grouptours@annapolis.org
annapolis.org | 410.990.4543

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Monday evening will step off at 1600 with a forty-five-minute Annapolis Harbor Cruise at the Annapolis Dock. Your purchased ticket for the cruise of the harbor, Chesapeake Bay and Severn River will allow you access to any of the five (5) day time cruises on the *Harbor Queen* while you're in town.



Monday's main evening event will begin at 1700 at the Armel Leftwich Visitor's Center of the US Naval Academy. Offering the consensus *premiere* panorama of the Naval Academy, the Annapolis Harbor, Chesapeake Bay, and Severn River, the Visitor's Center is just adjacent (400 paces) to the Annapolis waterfront dock & *Harbor Queen* embarkation point. Our second floor, elevator-accessible reception will again offer heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (alcoholic and non-), with ample opportunity to relax, enjoy the magnificent view and for shipmates and spouses to catch up with one another. Ample bus transportation from and to the GRADUATE Annapolis for those who don't want to walk (about 20 minutes or 2000 paces).



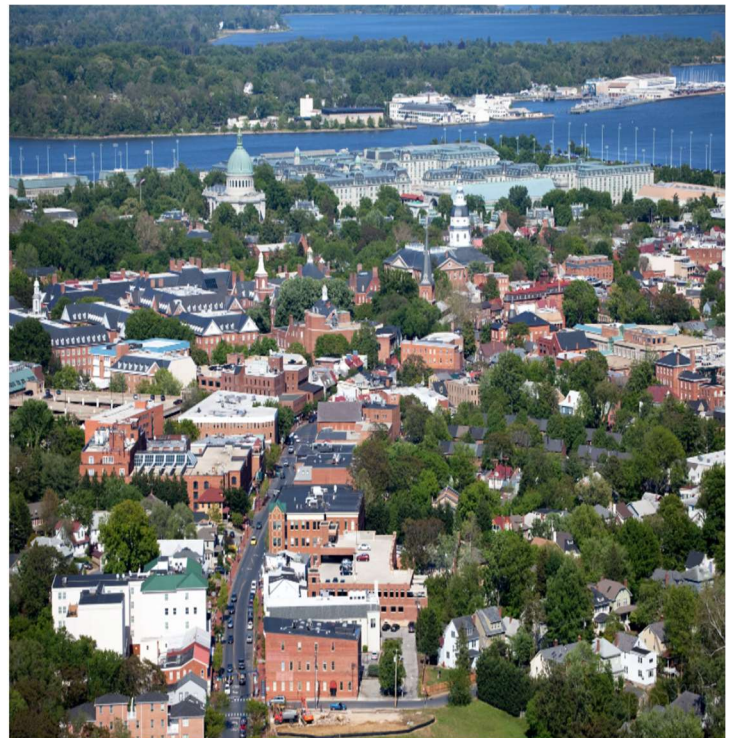
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- **Tuesday, 23 April 2024.** Breakfast on your own. Tuesday's main daytime event is devoted to touring the magnificent Yard of the United States Naval Academy and its renowned museum, together among the most heavily visited sites in the Washington DC area. Dividing our reunion this time into two (2) smaller groups because of space constraints, we'll be delivered to our stepping off places –the **Naval Academy Visitor's Center** or the **Academy Museum**—by 0930. The **Academy Museum Director, Claude Berube**, himself a Naval Reserve Intelligence Professional, will escort half our reunion team through the Museum's two floors: a history of the US Navy from inception through the modern age on floor one, and on floor two the most extensive collection of 17th and 18th century ship models in the Western Hemisphere. Check them out on the web!
- Proceeding in parallel to the Museum Tour, the *other half* of our OS&AS Reunion group will have a 90-minute guided tour of the Naval Academy Yard—the Chapel, the Crypt, John Paul Jones, Bancroft Hall, Albert Michelson's first speed-of-light experiments. We'll all meet for lunch at the USNA Club around 1130, just a few steps from the Museum, then swap tours for the afternoon. We should be done for the day shortly after 1430. Free to maneuver and explore on your own the rest of the day. Buses available to get you back to the GRADUATE Annapolis or amble back on your own—a walk of about twenty (20) minutes. Shopping with your military ID card in the Midshipman Store (closing at 1530). Dinner on your own in one of the many fine restaurants in the Historic District, listed in our Reunion Brochure.



- **Wednesday, 24 April 2024.** Breakfast, for the most part, on your own. Our final full day will start with an early, catered Breakfast Business Meeting, for those wishing to attend, 0730-0930 in GRADUATE Annapolis hotel. At 1000, at the N* Room, Navy- Marine Corps Stadium (walking distance or easy driving with modest stadium parking fee), our principal midday events in the N* Room at Navy Marine Corps stadium—***and the centerpiece of a one-day Washington area reunion***—will consist of two distinguished speakers on (1) the Changes to Naval Reserve Intelligence in the last two decades (1000-1130); and (2) the Challenges to the Intelligence Community in the decades ahead (1230-1400). We’re not quite ready to announce their names but are confident you’ll be thrilled when you find out. A catered lunch will be served, to include Annapolis Crab Soup!
- For reunion guests less interested in the discussions at GRADUATE Annapolis and the presentations at Navy Marine Corps Stadium, there are *many* individual or small group tours of Annapolis gardens, museum houses, and Annapolis highlights (Historic Ghost Tours, Scandalous Annapolis, Weird Wacky and Unusual, African American Heritage, Architrex). Our registration form (July 2023), will make these opportunities known.

- **Concluding Banquet and Awards Ceremony.** A festive ending to a busy week. We’ll have a renowned speaker to talk with us about our Navy, a delicious meal together in the elegant surroundings of the five-star GRADUATE Annapolis hotel. And a final time to share memories and renew friendships in our **Hospitality Suite**, which will be open—and fully stocked with refreshments--throughout the Reunion.



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- Budgeting for this reunion. We're proud that we've booked a **five-star hotel** for **\$119** per day, plus tax and \$20/day parking, *considerably less* than the Denver reunion hotel cost. Our reunion price is also *much lower* than the regular GRADUATE Annapolis rate. The five-star international GRADUATE chain is famous for its university campus locations, from Cambridge (England and Massachusetts) to Ann Arbor to Palo Alto to **Annapolis**. You'll be tempted to purchase one of the Navy Goat desk lamps in your room or pose next to the life size David Robinson *Sports Illustrated* cover in the hotel lobby. We've worked hard in these inflationary times to keep our conference costs down, and you'll have ample choice to pick and choose from among four days of organized activity, with plenty of time on your own.

The GRADUATE Annapolis hotel reservations are limited and going fast, so don't delay!

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Interesting Trivia (read Intel) about Annapolis

by Bill Mitchell
(Former RIA-19 and RIA-5 member)

As part of our continuing series on why you should attend the 21-25 April 2024 OS&AS Reunion in Annapolis, we bring you more amazing and surprising trivia about Annapolis and Maryland. Annapolis is the capital of Maryland. It was founded in the mid-1600s and as of 2021 has a population of about 41,000 people. It is located at the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay on the Severn River with eventual access to the Atlantic Ocean.

So, how well do you know Annapolis? In April 2024, you'll be able to physically walk its' streets and see for yourself whether the "intel" was meaningful and helpful.

1. Four of the 56 signatures found on the Declaration of Independence came from residents of Annapolis, Maryland:

- William Paca (whose house we'll tour on Monday, 22 April), along with his close friend Samuel Chase, were local leaders against the British Stamp Act of 1765 and members of the Sons of Liberty.
- Samuel Chase, as a Supreme Court Justice, has the distinction of being the first Justice to be impeached by the House of Representatives (for political bias in 1804) and eventually acquitted by the Senate.
- Charles Carroll was the only Roman Catholic signatory and the first Senator appointed for Maryland, and
- Thomas Stone was a pacifist who reluctantly voted to go to war with Britain.

2. Annapolis has the distinction of being the oldest state capitol building in continuous usage (and we will tour it on Monday, 22 April). It also served as the capital of the fledgling United States from 1783 to 1784 when it hosted the Continental Congress. The Treaty of Paris, the document that officially ended the American Revolutionary War, was also signed in its chambers. It is also where General George Washington (in 1783) voluntarily resigned his military commission to the Confederation Congress to return to private life at his Mount Vernon plantation.

3. We know about the U.S. Naval Academy, but did you know there is another major university located in Annapolis? It is St. John's College which focuses its curriculum upon studying the classics. It was founded in 1696 and received its collegiate charter in 1784. The U.S. Naval Academy didn't open until in 1845 (see our previous story on the *USS Somers*). We'll see the Naval Academy on our tour on Tuesday, 23 April (and possibly walk by the site where one of the Harrison Ford (aka "Jack Ryan") action scenes for the *Patriot Games* movie was filmed.)

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4. You will see this flag over the State House and all over the state.

It is the Maryland state flag which bears the coat of arms of the Calvert and Crossland families. Calvert was the family name of the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland, and their colors of gold and black appear in the first and fourth quarters of the flag. Crossland was the family of the mother of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. The red and white Crossland colors, with a cross bottony, appear in the second and third quarters. This flag was first flown October 11, 1880, in Baltimore at a parade marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of Baltimore. It also was flown October 25, 1888, at the Gettysburg Battlefield for ceremonies dedicating monuments to Maryland regiments of the Army of the Potomac. It was officially adopted as the State flag in 1904.

5. Maryland Sports: Jousting became the official sport of Maryland in 1962. Lacrosse became the official team sport in 2004. The official state exercise is walking. Their NFL team, the Baltimore Ravens, adapted its name from the Edgar Allan Poe poem “The Raven.” The Washington “Commanders” homefield is located down the road in Landover, Maryland. Maryland’s baseball team (since 1954) is the Baltimore Orioles, known locally as the “O’s” or the “Birds.” It does not currently have a professional basketball team.

6. And finally, Maryland Food: Maryland is known for its crab cakes and sells more crab cakes than hamburgers and hot dogs combined, and many tourists come to Maryland just to try them (and you should too). It is also known for its soft-shell crabs, steamed crabs, and cream of crab soup.

Old Bay Seasoning was originally created in Baltimore. It is packaged in a distinctive red, blue, and yellow box. The blend of herbs is a combination of paprika, crushed red pepper flakes, black pepper, and celery salt. Outside of Maryland you can sometimes find the seasoning in food stores in the “gourmet” aisle. Give it a try!



Smith Island Cake, the state’s official cake, is a decadent yellow cake with chocolate frosting. The cake has been a staple since the 1800s and has between 8 to 12 very thin layers. Another well-known local dish is the pit beef sandwich in Baltimore. It usually comes with thin strips of beef on a Kaiser roll with mayo, horse radish, and raw onion.

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And last, but not least, while not necessarily a food, National Bohemian beer, or “Natty Boh,” is an iconic local beer consumed almost entirely in Baltimore only. It is now owned by Pabst. Not quite like Coors, but you should try it.

What about the weather in April? Typically, you can expect very pleasant temperatures during the day. The average maximum daytime temperature in Annapolis in April is about 67 degrees and the average minimum temperature goes down to around 45 degrees (usually at night). Rainfall during April is moderate with a monthly average of 3.4 inches. There are generally around ten rainy days. If you enjoy blue skies and sunshine, then April is a great time to go to Annapolis, which averages 227 hours of sunshine.

Annapolis is a beautiful little city and a springboard to all that the state of Maryland, and surrounding states, have to offer. Bring a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, an umbrella or light raincoat, and most importantly comfortable walking shoes. Hope to see you there!



City of Annapolis



Article submitted by David Mattingly



Paul Becker
April 13, 2023

Our Naval Intelligence Future Is Bright!

Wonderful evening hosting fourteen future Naval Intelligence Ensigns at the Annapolis Yacht Club ... all graduate next month with the Class of '23.

- Former USNA Intel Officer Hosts included: RADMs (Ret) Rick Porterfield ('72), Sam Cox ('80), Paul Becker (illustrious '83), CAPTs (Ret) William Hamblet ('87), Bill Bray ('88), Paul Tortora ('89), CDRs (Ret) Jim Kelly ('77) and David Radi (illustrious '83).

- Current USNA Intel Officer Hosts included: LCDR Polly Kisin ('14), LTs Sydney Frankenberg ('17) and Alexis Opferman ('14).

- The amazingly accomplished Midshipmen First Class (soon - Navy Intel Ensigns): Mary Almay, Lily Brown, Eric Carey, Marisa Casimates, Angelina Chan, Dylan Conley, Ely Deas, Janette Fernandez, Elizabeth Linsdell, Libby Miller, Simon Peterson, Jacobi Rice, Alex Romano (not pictured - at Crew practice) and Kirsta Wheelock.

One thing the distinguished alumni all agreed upon ... we would not have been selected if we competed with these rising stars.

U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association & Foundation Naval Intelligence Professionals - National

Go Navy! 🇺🇸



U. S. Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, WA

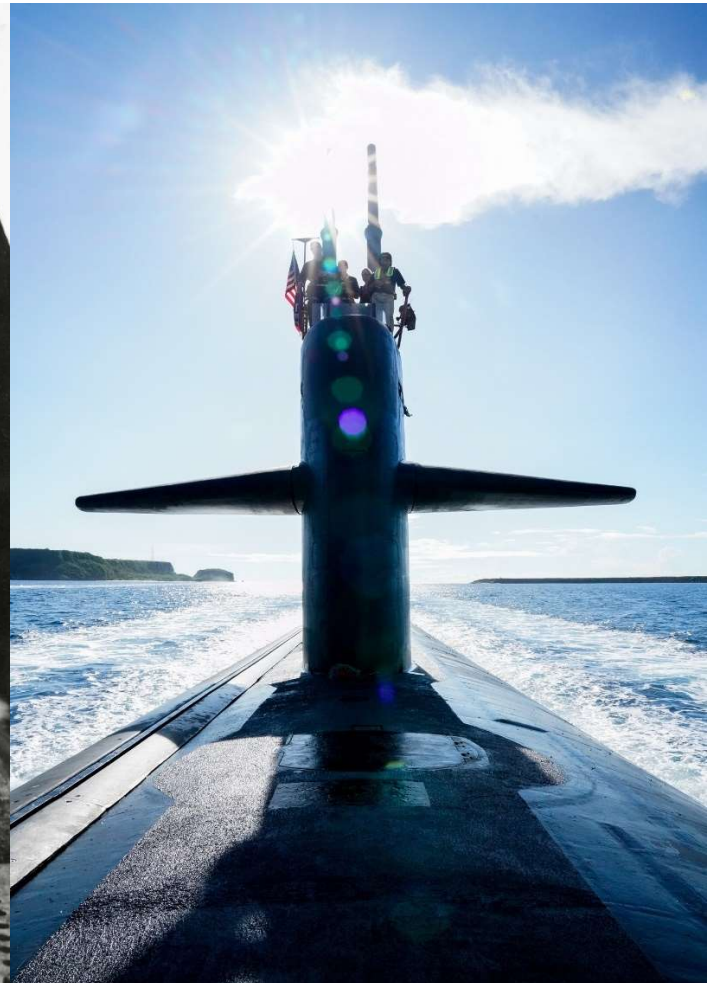
April 11, 2023

Happy Birthday to the Silent Service, 123 years old today!

The U.S. Submarine Force celebrates its birthday every April 11 — the day in 1900 that the U.S. Navy purchased its first submarine, Holland, from inventor John Philip Holland. The purchase price for the 54-foot submarine was \$150,000, equivalent to about \$4 million today!

Later designated (SS 1) — aka submarine number 1 — USS Holland was equipped with one torpedo tube, designed for a test depth of 100 feet, and operated by a crew of just seven (one officer and six enlisted Sailors).

USS Holland was commissioned in October 1900 and served as a training and testing submarine until her decommissioning in November 1910.



Old Salts & Assorted Spies Treasurer's Report As of March 31, 2023	Old Salts & Assorted Spies Contributors' Report As of March 31, 2023
2022 Financial Activity	Anna Mae Clark Jim Manzelmann
Beginning Balance 1-1-2022 \$12,860.37	Benjamin & Catherine Crew Johnny Osborn
Donations \$3,363.00	Bill & Bonnie Anderson Jon Clarke
Ship Store Sales \$119.57	Bill & Jean Mitchell Larry & Linda Baylor
2022 Reunion 2 nd Advance (\$2,100.00)	Bill & Laura Craig Mack & Linda Cox
2024 Reunion Advance (\$3,000.00)	Bill & Ronda Kelberlau Mark Dorman
Rocky Mtn Honor Flight** (\$2,500.00)	Bob & Josie Dolezal Mark Montano
2022 Reunion Proceeds \$4,710.96	Bonnie Koehler Max & Kathryn Dodson
Ending Balance 12-31-2022 \$13,453.90	Bruce & Marjorie Black Michael & Joyce Waldron
**\$1,503 cash from the floor provided as well	Charles & Beth Morrison Michael & Robin Barnes
2023 Financial Activity	Charlie Tennyson Mike Halbig
Beginning Balance 1-1-2023 \$13,453.90	Dave Muenkel Normand & Peggy Lussier
Donations \$200.00	David & Robin Farris Pat & Jan Merrill
2024 Reunion Advance 2 (\$1,500)	Denny MacDonald Paul & Judy Pappenheim
Ending Balance 3-31-23 \$12,153.90	Dewey Dyer Ralph & Nina Ross
	Doug & Pamela Moore Rick & Bea Martinez
	EJ & Joan Nusbaum Rick & Jennifer Shay
	Gary Powers Robert Woods
	George & Susan Snyder Roc Beaver
	Grant & Cathy Oasheim Stephen Schultz
	Jeff & Stephanie Johnson Tim & Lela Kathka
	Jim & Mara McMahon Tim Held
	Jim & Pat Zucker Tucker Coughlen
	Jim & Rose Goldsmith
Treasurer's Note: Above report covers two years in order to reflect the 2024 Reunion advances.	

New ID Cards.....Bill Mitchell

When I attended the Denver Convention and mentioned there was a new ID card underway I got a lot of blank stares. I mentioned it to Suzanne Brannon and she suggested I send the information and it "might" be included in a future newsletter. To wit, here is a copy of the info from the MOAA website (<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/id-card-update-new-deadline-for-some--military-retirees,-dependents/>). As you can see from the article below, in 2026 the new card will be the only acceptable ID for installation and benefits access. Don't wait until the last minute!

ID Card Update: New Deadline for Some Military Retirees, Dependents
JULY 18, 2022

Editor's Note: This article by Travis Tritten originally appeared on [Military.com](https://www.military.com), a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient -- as long as it's done within the next four years, according to the Defense Department.

There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active-duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026, Maj. Charlie Dietz, a spokesman, told [Military.com](https://www.military.com).

"DoD plans to phase out and cancel the existing card forms in 2026 when all existing cards with an actual expiration date will have expired," Dietz wrote in an email. "After then, only the USID card will be accepted for installation and benefits access."

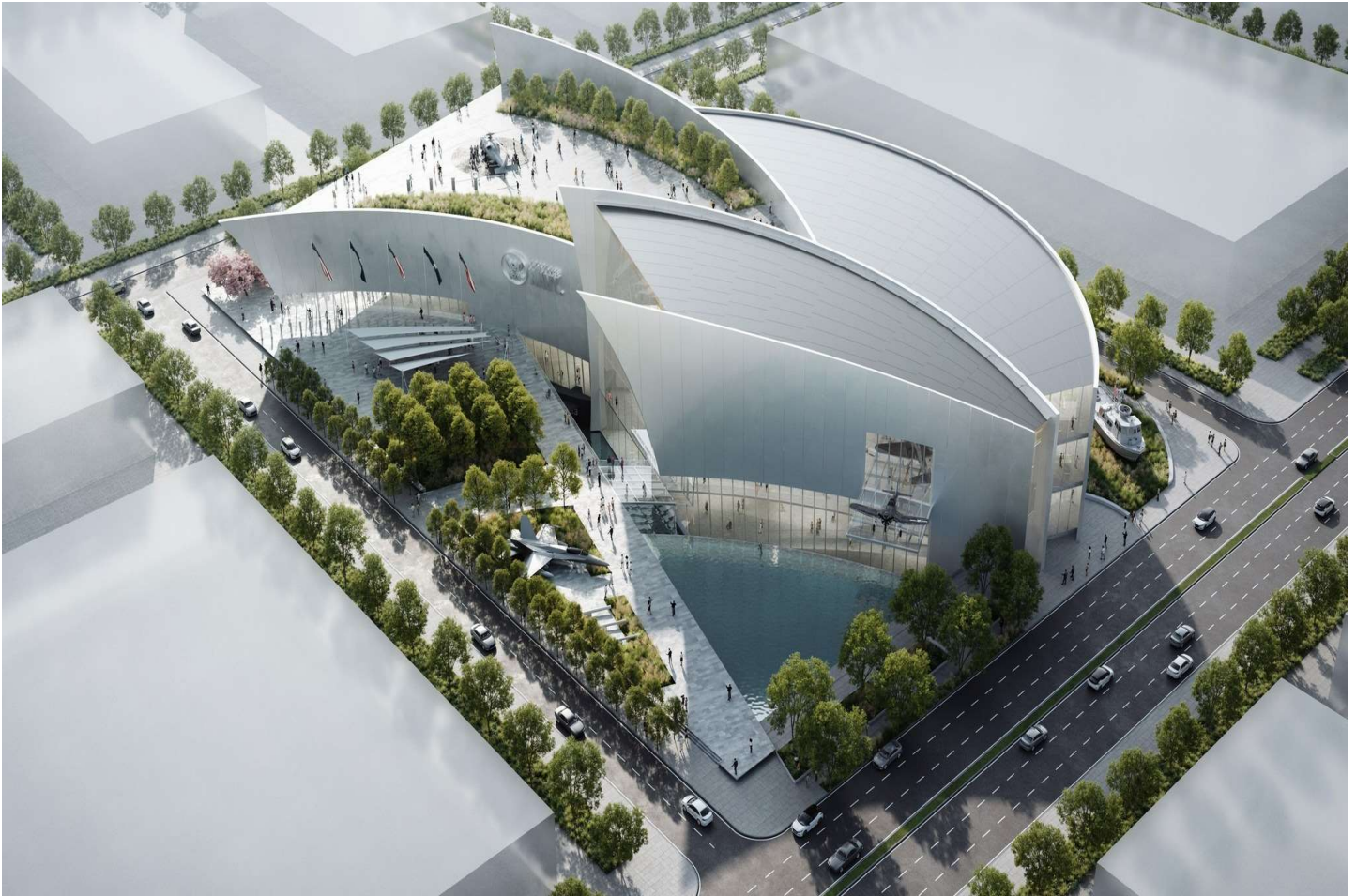
The USID format for military retirees and dependents represents the first change to those identification cards in nearly 30 years; the last update was in 1993. The new design closely resembles the Common Access Card, or CAC, format issued to active-duty troops and department civilians.



U.S.NAVAL INSTITUTE, April 13, 2023

More About the New National Museum of the U.S. Navy

SECNAV Carlos Del Toro unveiled the first conceptual renderings for the future National Museum of the U.S. Navy. The Navy plans to build the \$475 million museum near the Washington Navy Yard and hopes to reach a construction milestone on the Navy's 250th birthday in 2025.



Submitted by Robin Barnes

Humor Corner

SPECIAL REQUEST 497-57A-1000/1 DATE **20 July 1967**

NAME AND RATE: **PN1 David Jarvis ANDERSON** SERVICE NO. **484 98 70**

SHIP OR STATION: **Navy Recruiting Station, Philadelphia, Pa.** DIVISION: **School Team**

NATURE OF REQUEST: LEAVE (Kind) TRANSFER
 SPECIAL LIBERTY (Kind) CAPTAIN'S MAST
 SPECIAL MONEY \$ (Amount) (Date Last Paid)
 OTHER (Specify)

If requesting Leave or Liberty All out following

DATE	FROM (Time)	(Date)	TO (Time)	(Date)
03	1600,	21 July 1967	0830,	25 July 1967

ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE: **Post Office Box 187, Layland, West Virginia 19107** PHONE NO. **AC-304 438-7444**

PREVIOUS LEAVE TAKEN THIS FISCAL YEAR (Kind) (Days) (Kind) (Days)
NONE NONE

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My wife is planning on getting pregnant this weekend and I would sure like to be there when it happens.

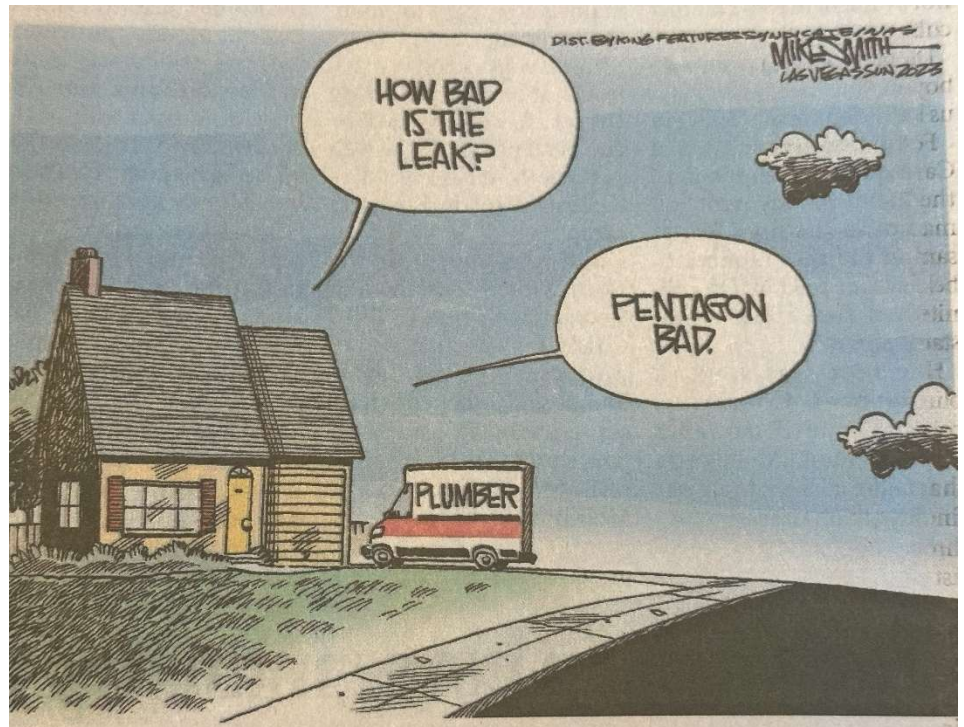
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My Shipmate

by Bill Craig



Beth Morrison asked me to speak at Chuck's funeral. While the comments below were written specifically addressing my relationship with Chuck I hope that each and every one of you have someone in your life who is your Shipmate. Call them today!

Chuck Morrison was my Shipmate. What does that mean? For most people a shipmate is someone with whom you served in the Navy. While that is true there are some rare, special situations when the term shipmate rises above that simple definition to take on a much more significant meaning...that of Shipmate with a capital "S". In that sense Shipmate surpasses more common terms like friend, colleague, pal, buddy, or amigo.

Throughout life we experience many personal associations...classmate, fraternity brother, business associate, fishing buddy, golf partner. But it is rare for these associations to rise to the level of Shipmate. A Shipmate relationship cannot be formed intentionally, through force or will power. It occurs when two people are brought together almost randomly or by chance, as if due to fate, or some cosmic power, or even divine intervention. And from that association a special bond forms; a bond catalyzed by common interests, by common core values, by a common dedication to duty and service often at the cost of great personal sacrifice. This unbreakable bond survives even the most difficult challenges and endures the longest separation by time or distance such that you might go for months or even years without direct face-to-face contact yet when you come back together you pick up exactly where you left off as if there had never been a break in the action.

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A Shipmate is someone whose name on the return address of an envelope, or on the caller ID of your phone, or in your email in-box, or on a text message notification, brightens your entire day and brings a smile to your face even before the first word of communication is exchanged. A shipmate is someone for whom the answer is “Yes” before you even know the question. It is someone when you hear a story or read an article your first response is that you need to share it with your Shipmate. In fact, just this week I read an article about the traditional annual Princeton University snowball fight. My first reaction was that I needed to share it with Chuck. Of course, that wouldn’t happen.

For someone who has never experienced this sort of relationship it is difficult to understand. For someone who has been blessed with a Shipmate it is impossible to explain.

Yes, Chuck Morrison was my Shipmate. It is a simple statement yet it says so much. It is an honor for which I will be eternally grateful and a relationship that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Because I know that someday, somewhere down the road, the opportunity will present itself, probably over a bottle of single malt Scotch, when Chuck and I will be able to share a laugh over the story of the famous Princeton snowball fight.

In the meantime, rest easy Shipmate. I have the watch.

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