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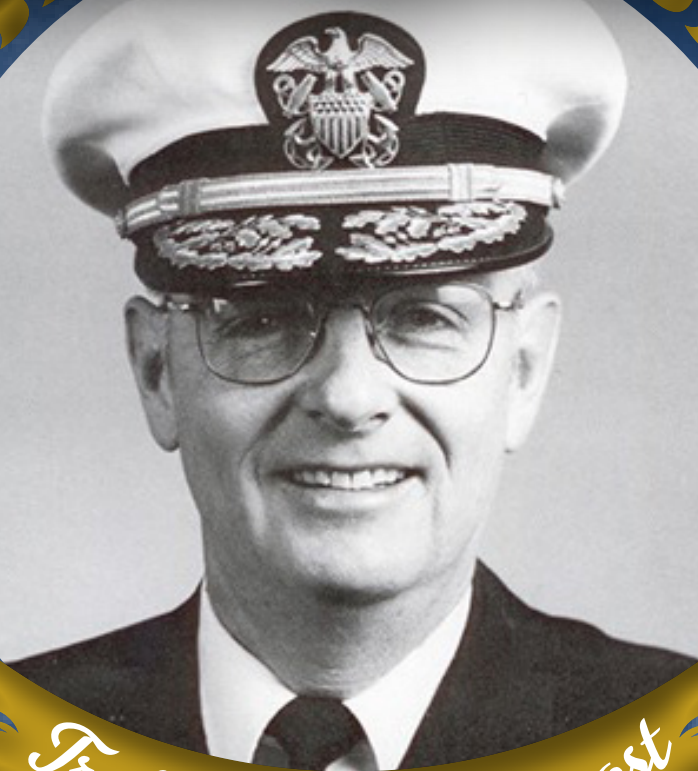
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FIRST AND FOREMOST, SINCE 1903

Rear Admiral Floyd "Hoss" Miller

Class of 1953



Truly First & Foremost

President of SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler: 1982 – 1995

For an insight into the man as remembered by his Commandant of Cadets and Training Ship Captain James C. DeSimone, Class of 1973, turn to page 4.

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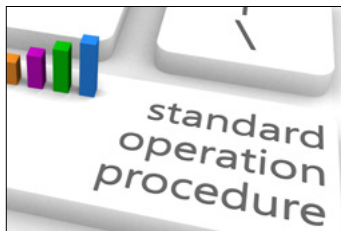
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Alumni & Friends,



The Board continues to work on the SOPs (standard operating procedures). This has been a long and time-consuming process, but

our goal is to have these procedures in place for all future generations of the Association, to maximize efficiency and not have to reinvent the wheel with each new President and Board. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this work in the near future.

The FSMAA is looking for an Assistant Director.

If you know someone who would like to work with the Association, please have them get in touch with Board Members **John Valvo '83** and **Mike Trotta '99** who are leading the search. **Denise Tiernan** can provide their contact information: denise@FSMAA.org



We enjoyed a very successful and fun **29th Annual Golf Classic** this year with good weather and an excellent turnout. Thanks to all of you who participated and helped make the event a success. For those who could not attend, consider penciling it on your calendar for next year - **Monday, June 11, 2018 for the 30th anniversary**. It is truly a great day, and even if you don't golf, the dinner is worth your time.



Dan Gillette '97 at the Golf Classic with Jim Thompsen, Mike Keaveney and Michael Schunk (US Navy (Ret.)).

The issue that I have spent the most amount of time on these past few months is our relationship with the College. I am very pleased with where we are in our discussions and we do continue making significant progress. I hope you are all encouraged by this and I do hope to have something more substantive to share with you all very soon...



We hope you had some rest this Summer and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events:

Save The Date!

Ancient Mariner Weekend

Friday, Oct. 13, 2017:

Golf Outing, Pelham Bay/Split Rock,
Bronx, NY

Saturday, October 14, 2017:

FSMAA Homecoming
Reception,
TBA, Bronx, NY



Hofbrau Holiday For Mariners

**Tuesday, Nov. 21st
NYC**

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

**Thursday, Jan. 25th, 2018
Tribeca 360, NYC**

Fraternally,
Daniel M. Gillette,
Class of 1997, President
president@fsmaa.org



ADMIRAL FLOYD “HOSS” MILLER

My Mentor, My Boss, My Friend

by *Captain James C. DeSimone, Class of 1973*
Commandant of Cadets & Captain of Training Ships
Empire State V, Empire State VI (1986 - 1995)

My connection with Admiral Miller spans almost a lifetime!

As a bit of history, my father, **Guy DeSimone, Class of 1936**, was a professor at the College who served on the faculty from 1946 to 1974. During that time, he held a number of positions ashore and afloat including Navigator on the training ship (*T/S Empire State II* (ex-*USS Hydrus*)) during the 1952 cruise when Cadet Miller was the Cadet Navigator. That summer, they developed a friendship that lasted until my father passed in 1986.

The first time I heard the name “Hoss” Miller, I was a kid growing up on the Maritime College campus. My father came home one evening with the mail, which back then was always delivered to the mail room in the Fort, and he had with him a good sized box. When he opened the box, there was a picture of a Navy ship, that my brothers and I thought was pretty cool, and a note from “Hoss” Miller telling my father this was his first command. Little did I know that I would end up working for this guy at some point in my life.

Admiral Miller served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1982 with distinction. He had many accomplishments including being selected for the Navy’s nuclear power program, serving as the Reactor’s Officer on the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* (CVA 65), commissioning Commanding Officer on the nuclear frigate *USS California* (CGN 36) and ultimately being promoted to flag Rank 1977, where upon he commanded a destroyer squadron and ultimately Navy recruiting.

Upon retiring from the Navy at the ripe old age of 51, after serving five years as a flag officer, he was appointed as the sixth President of the Maritime College and served in that capacity for 13 years – the longest tenured president thus far. He was proud of the many upgrades to the physical infrastructure of the campus and the acquisition of a new training ship, *Empire State VI*. He led the efforts to introduce simulators to the College, along with the tug & towing program and the Maritime Industry Museum.



Not long after my father’s passing, my mother indicated that she wanted to present a painting to the College and make a donation. Naturally, the donation was very modest given my father’s career at the College. So, my brother Rich and I made an appointment to visit Admiral Miller and deliver the painting and a check. **Rich (MS Class of 1979)** had actually met the Admiral a number of years before while serving as a Lieutenant in the US Navy. His ship docked across the pier from the *USS California* which was then under the command of CAPT Miller. I had also met the Admiral a couple of years before on the training ship. Our family kept crossing paths with “Hoss” Miller.

During our visit with Admiral Miller, he indicated that the position of Captain of Training Ship and Commandant of Cadets was open and asked if I had any interest. Although I was somewhat interested, I had just turned 35 a short time before and in my mind I assumed he was just being polite. The position had traditionally been filled by someone of retirement age. So, I smiled, thanked him and said no.

On the way home that day, my brother Rich asked why I wouldn’t consider the position as I was then sailing as Master and looking to come ashore. I told him that I thought the Admiral was just being polite and that they would never offer that position to someone my age. Rich disagreed and insisted he thought the offer was sincere. So, several days later after discussing with my wife, I contacted the Admiral and asked him if he was serious. I will always remember his response –

“...God yes, I need a young person with current industry experience in that position...” I then forwarded a resume and was invited to interview with the search committee and others on the campus and the rest is history – I served 10 years as Captain of Training Ship & Commandant of Cadets.

During our years of working together, Admiral Miller was my boss, he was my mentor, and he was my friend. I could tell endless stories about him and his accomplishments, but the best way to describe him is to explain how he made people feel. He was one of those people who listened to everything you said, and really listened; he made you feel understood and accepted as you were. He had a gift of personally engaging people and striking a chord with them.

A telling story would be the commencement exercise each year. The ceremony was carefully choreographed on a strict timeline - ten minutes for this, seven minutes for



that and so on. But, the Admiral always blew the schedule – and by a lot. He knew every graduate personally and had to say something personal to each of them as they made their way across the platform. He, along with a number us, enjoyed the cadets immensely and we all recognized the special moments we were witnessing, even though it was taking time from the carefully planned schedule. Of course the schedule was blown, but who really cared. Every graduation during my tenure was outside in beautiful weather in the Pentagon, so a longer ceremony was no big deal.

The Admiral was one of the most ethical people I have ever met. As a boss, he was demanding, but in an easy way; he would never ask anyone to do anything that he wouldn't do himself, and that included the crews he sailed with in the Navy and cadets at the College. He also had a really nice way of telling you when you were wrong - by making it sound like he agreed with you! Only looking back in hindsight on a conversation might you realize that it was possible that the Admiral could have disagreed with your initial position, and had since changed your mind. He had unlimited energy and passion for everything he did - be it working the State Assembly or changing a heat exchanger on his beloved sailboat *Miss Kitty Kay*. In working for Admiral Miller, I never questioned whether he 'had my back'; his loyalty was a certainty. He laughed more than anyone I have ever worked with before or since; he enjoyed each day and just naturally had a positive and pleasant disposition. I can remember times, tough times with the budget, enrollment or some other issue with SUNY Central when we were trying to work out an issue. Invariably, during a really stressful moment, the Admiral would just take off his glasses, rub his eyes and just start laughing (along with, perhaps, a few choice words), but his laugh was contagious.

I and my family enjoyed the many times over the years when we visited the Miller's home or they visited ours. We often skied together, in fact the last time I skied with the Admiral he was very proud of his shoulder patch that said "Skier 75+"! We also sailed together and my wife and I usually made an annual Long Island Sound crossing on our boat from Connecticut to Centerport and rafted alongside the *Miss Kitty Kay*. The Admiral always said "...Jim, just put her alongside, no sense wasting 50 bucks on a guest mooring..."

I will close with a story of our daughter's wedding. The Admiral approached our son-in-law who was, at the time, a First Lieutenant in the US Army and said "...Remember, Lieutenant, Army is a four-letter word..." The junior officer then replied "...With all due respect, Admiral, so is Navy..." The Admiral howled laughing!

My wife, daughter and I will always remember him as one of the most pleasant people we have ever known, someone who always had a smile on his face and in his heart, and as someone who always had time for a good laugh.

James C. DeSimone 



Scholarships

Total \$246,972

The Full Engineering scholarship in honor of Chief Edward Pflieger was awarded to **Cadet Merrick Kovatch '18**, seen here with **Dan Gillette '97**, **Capt. AJ McAllister '80**, and **Paul Jennings '83** (Selection Committee Member).



The Full Deck scholarship in honor of **Capt. William Sembler '52** was awarded to **Cadet Richard Scales '18**, seen here with FSMAA Board Members **John Valvo '83**, **Ted Mason '57**, **Dan Gillette '97** and **Carl Hausheer '79**.



*Figures reported by Summer Sea Term Scholarship Committee Chairman **Michael Brown '82**.*

The Class of 1965 Scholarships were awarded to four deserving cadets, namely **Marsha Volgvi '18**, **Isabella Kent '19**, **Joseph Woodward '19**, **Dylan Moran '19**, seen here with **Harry Stumme '65** and **Alan Rowen '65**.



Class of 1965 Honors Their Own

The four scholarships from the Class of 1965 are dedicated in honor of these deceased classmates:

*A sailing ship raises its white sails and glides
out onto the open waters. You see it get smaller and smaller
and where the sea and sky meet, it disappears.
As it disappears and we say, "it has gone",
Others say, "it has arrived".*



Pete McKinney '65
(Engineering)



Tom Wesik '65
(Engineering)



Sam Peters '65
(Deck)



Ernie Mott '65
(Deck)

SST *2017*

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May 8



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Louisiana**



**Alicante,
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Dear Alumni & Friends,

Once again, we are humbled by your generosity and dedication to the FSMAA. This is a partial list of alumni and friends who have donated to one or more of the following funds/campaigns in the fiscal year of 2016:

SST Scholarship Fund, The Underway Fund, The Richard Pusatere Fund (one-time campaign) or the Scholarship Endowment Fund. A full listing of 2016 donors including all Class Specific Funds can be found on our website: www.FSMAA.org

Gratefully,

Maggie Williams Giunco FSMAA Director

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MISCELLANEOUS
Thomas Munster 1983

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Charles Anderson
Thomas Breglia 1980
Christopher Brennan 1974
J. Buffington 1974
Russell Crowther 1953
Paul Dengel 2008
Ronald Dreher 1985
Edward Goll 1949
Brian Houst 2002
Brian Kreppein 2010
Stephen Lyons 1970
Robert Milligan 1956
Matthew Noltz 1991

Geraldo Rivera
Gary Shulenburg 1960
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Michael Toner 1965
Alan Trachtman 1964
Lee Ann Traut 1979
Ferdinand Wight 1950

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Robert Biglin 1986
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Robert Brannigan 1953
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Edward Carpenter 1955
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Robert Santucci 2013
Matthew Self
Stanley Siegel 1962
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Charles Terembes 1968
The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc.
John Valvo 1983
Robert Weaver 1969
Fred Weber 1947
Ian Workman

THAT GIRL FROM CRUISE



That Girl from Cruise:
Ruhl Beach,
Nice, France - 1947



The City of Love lives up to its name.
That Girl From Cruise: Paris - 1949



Paris - 1949

Wedding Day - Ed & Yvonne
June 19, 1954
San Diego Naval Base.
I married That Girl
From Cruise.



ED DANGLER, CLASS OF 1949

~~The~~ A Girl In ~~Every~~ Port! ~~One~~ - Cadet Ed Dangler



Ed & Yvonne in May 1972 with daughters Chantal (sitting) and Josiane (standing).



Ed as Celestial Navigator



USS Hydrus (later the T/S Empire State II).
Photo Credit: NavSource



Ed with an Indian Longshoremen
Foreman named Effendi, 1953

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ED DANGLER, CLASS OF 1949

A Snapshot: although we hope Ed writes a book about all of his adventures!

Being the son of semi-literate immigrant parents who were born in the old Austro-Hungarian empire, (his mother was from the Hungarian region now known as Slovak Republic; his father was from the German-speaking part), Ed was typical of many of the immigrant families growing up in the South Bronx in early-1930s. The local police precinct in the neighborhood was referred to as Fort Apache, to give you some flavor of the neighborhood.

Graduating from Stuyvesant High School in 1946, Ed realized that his parents could not afford to pay college tuition. He had heard that the New York State Merchant Marine Academy was being transformed from a two-year training school into a BS degree-granting college, on top of commissioning as an Ensign USNR and licenses as merchant marine officers upon graduation. In addition to being tuition-free, because graduates had USNR obligation to serve, they also received about \$75 per month, matching that of cadets at the federal academies. Ed saw it as a viable and practical option, and was curious to see the world.

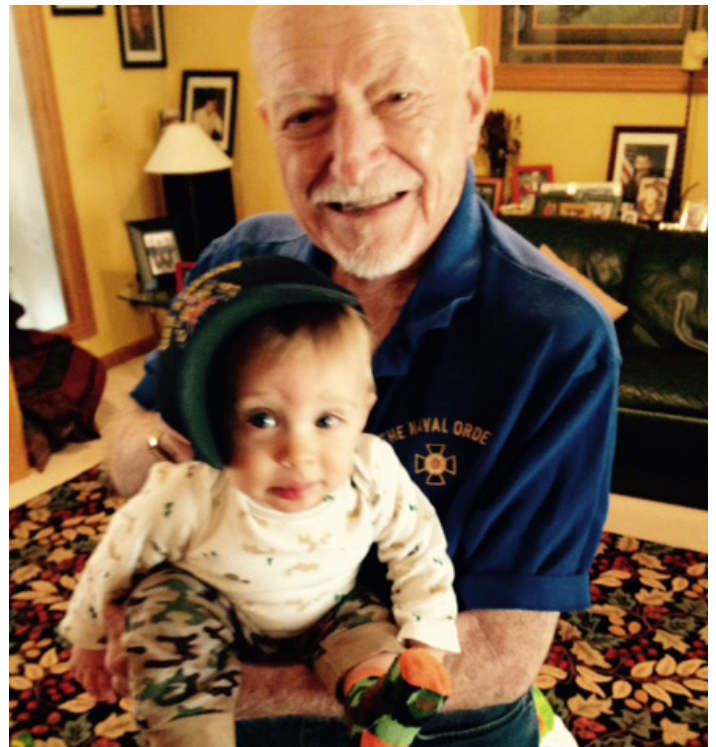
For cadets who flunked out or resigned from the program (three years and three months covering 144 college credits plus three sea training cruises), the selective service draft would be sure to ship them off as privates in the Army. Needless to say, the motivation to study was strong, and that never left the forefront of Ed's mind.



Pre-Training Cruise 1947 at Hofbrau at 82nd Street, NYC with classmates: Markus, Sollecito, Finnegan, Woods, Van Etten, Do, Bennett, Jacobs, Dubon, Dangler, Walsh, Day.

Ed graduated at top of his deck class and was the recipient of the Excellence in Navigation award by the **Marine Society of the City of New York** upon graduation. An even more memorable event at graduation for Ed was the class being sworn in as Ensigns by none other than **5-star Admiral Chester W. Nimitz**.

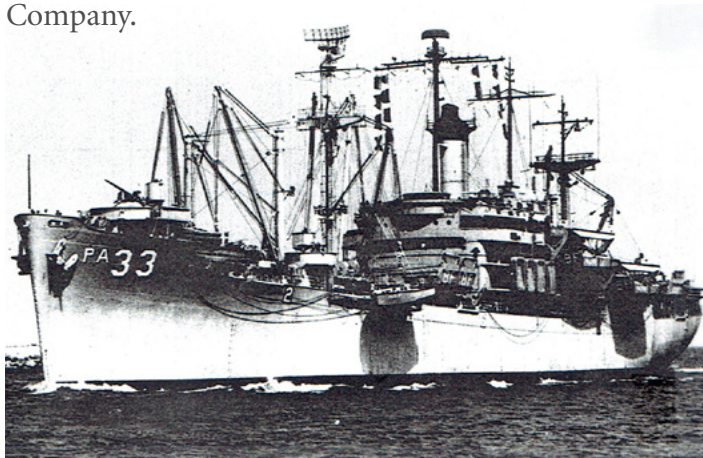
During Ed's first sea cruise to the Med in 1947, Ed met a cute French gal at a dance sponsored by the US Consul in Nice. Although his classmates suggested he'd never see her again, Ed was not so convinced. The following year, during Ed's 1948 cruise, the two young love interests were lucky enough to meet up again. And then on First-Class Cruise in 1949, they met up in Paris. Some five years later, when the French girl visited the US to see her older sister who had married a GI during WWII, Ed made sure he greeted her upon her arrival. The rest is history. Ed and Yvonne had been married for sixty years when she passed away in October 2014. Ed is very proud of their two daughters, who gave them the gift of six grandchildren. Ed is thrilled to have become a great-grandfather, and has a hunch that Fort Schuyler is in the future for his great-grandson Jaxon.



Ed with his great-grandson Jaxon Edy, Fort Schuyler Class of 2038.

US NAVY CAPTAIN. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Ed's merchant marine experience started the day after graduation with Isthmian Steamship Company as a Junior Third Mate. He worked his way up to Chief Mate and served a short stint in that role aboard an Israeli-flagged vessel of a subsidiary of the company. Ed then became a Master and commanded an Indonesian inter-island cargo ship affiliated with US Steel Company - the parent company of Isthmian Steamship Company.



USS Bayfield in 1954, serving as headquarters for "Operation Passage to Freedom".

Immediately after Ed married Yvonne in June of 1954, he was called to US Navy active duty, and assigned to different vessels in the Pacific during the tail-end of the Korean War. After that service, they were back to the West Coast for shore duty at the amphibious base in San Diego. Ed left active service but remained very active in reserve programs, and went back on active duty for extended periods at Military Sealift Command, and flag staff duty aboard aircraft carriers in Philippines and Vietnam, retiring from Navy with rank of Captain in 1980.

Ed held several different civilian jobs between his various active duty tours - in the fields of systems engineering, ocean research, and project management with aerospace companies.

Once Ed's daughters were married and started having children of their own, he decided to pursue what had always been a strong interest of his - admiralty law. He did not let his age influence his decision to study something new whatsoever. He entered the law school evening program in San Diego, Western States Law School (now Thomas Jefferson Law School), and completed the four-year program and passed the California bar in 2000 - some 51 years after his passing the USCG license at Fort Schuyler. For a number of years in San Diego, he was of counsel with Kaye Rose and Partners firm, and continues to support them with some assistance from time to time. Ed also teaches Maritime Law at Lincoln Law school, San Jose, CA on occasion.

Back in the 1970s, Ed and **Captain Lloyd Rath '69** formed the **Golden Gate Chapter of the Alumni Association** in the San Francisco area which enjoyed a good active group of alumni from classes of 1922 through the late 1970s. Years ago, Ed passed the reins of the chapter over to **Christian Jones '96**.



1954 in Vietnam as part of "Operation Passage to Freedom" wherein the US Navy assisted in transporting 310,000 Vietnamese civilians, soldiers and non-Vietnamese members of the French Army from North Vietnam to South Vietnam.



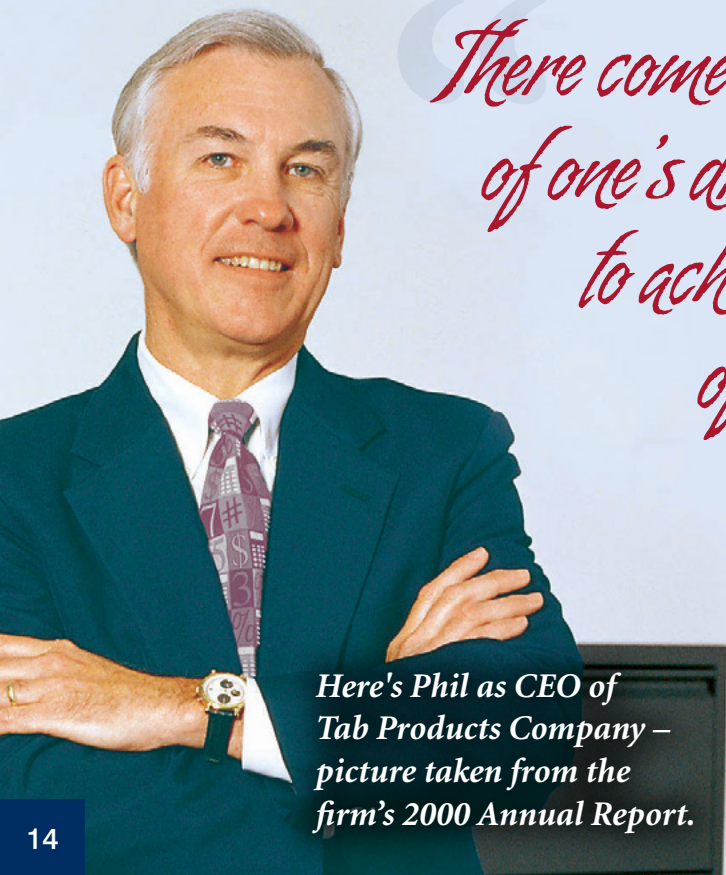
*From conversations and emails between
Ed Dangler '49 and 'Mariner' Editor.*

Phil Kantz, Class of 1965: 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award

A Lifetime of Learning

The FSMAA would be hard-pressed to find a Domer with more academic education and seetime than the 2017 Lifetime Achievement and Award Honoree, Captain Phil Kantz, Class of 1965. In a higher-education journey that started at Fort Schuyler with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and International Economics, Phil also completed degrees from Hofstra (MBA) and Norwich (MPA) Universities forty years apart, and professional certificates from Hofstra and Stanford Graduate Schools of Business. In addition to the degrees, Phil also earned his USCG unlimited shipmaster's license - not once, but twice! His stints as a Licensed Shipmaster bookended an equally impressive corporate career focused on transformation management of companies across a broad array of industries, including land redevelopment, business analytics, internet security, healthcare, global data networking, transportation, genetics, manufacturing and finance. The FSMAA honored Phil as an alumnus who has made significant contributions to American industry while constantly seeking opportunities for lifetime learning.

— As written by 2017 Honors Committee Chairman Dick Bracken '56

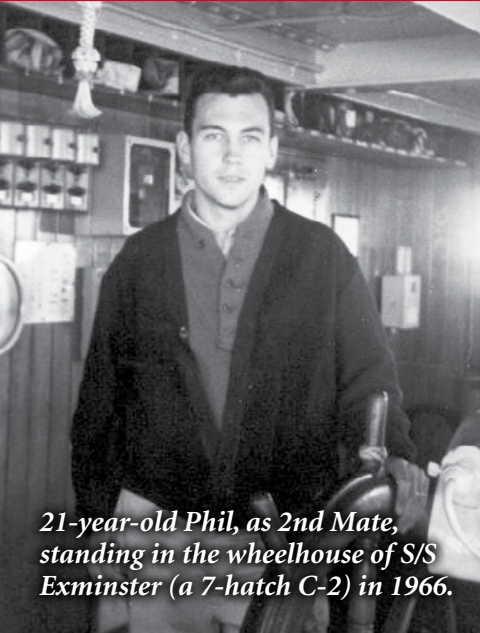


*Here's Phil as CEO of
Tab Products Company –
picture taken from the
firm's 2000 Annual Report.*

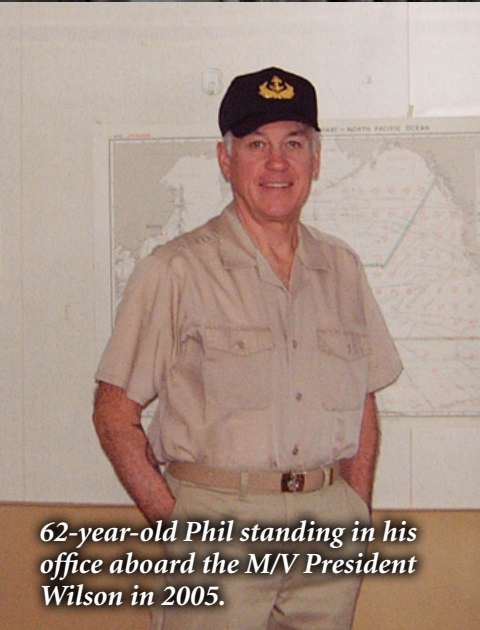
*There comes a time in one's life to decide
of one's dreams, either to risk everything
to achieve them, or sit for the rest
of one's life in the backyard.*

The guiding prescript of Phil's personal philosophy can be taken from this quote from Robert Manry (a journalist) who, on June 1, 1965, set out from Falmouth, MA at the helm of his 13.5' sailboat *Tinkerbelle* for Falmouth, Cornwall, England. Manry represented the first single-handed Atlantic crossing in a craft that small. He was successful in reaching his goal. Like Manry, Phil Kantz dreams big and does not edit his dreams.

PHIL KANTZ. CLASS OF 1965



21-year-old Phil, as 2nd Mate, standing in the wheelhouse of S/S Exminster (a 7-hatch C-2) in 1966.



62-year-old Phil standing in his office aboard the M/V President Wilson in 2005.

What is the aspect of shipping that changed the most after your 30-year hiatus?

In short, there is more work spread among fewer people. The Master performs the work of the purser; the Chief Mate stands a watch and works the deck gang because there are only three watchstanders; the Second Mate is responsible for all of the GMDSS equipment and testing because there is no radio operator; and the Third Mate often performs as the medical officer and extra duty cargo watches. The part that is most difficult is that often this structure results in fatigue, and fatigue is the cause of distraction, reduced alertness, impaired critical thinking and poor judgement. Arguably, there have been savings in personnel costs. However, there is a cost of fatigue and its many ramifications.

Tell us about the part of your corporate career that you enjoyed the most.

I mostly enjoyed the coaching and development of younger people, especially those who had not given any thought to a future or a plan to achieve something specific. That is why the Manry quote is so important to me. I counsel younger folks to prepare for personal competition – for a spouse, a specific job, a career, an education, as a retiree - because competition is a reality. Planning for something specific is what makes a dream an achievement. Executing a personal plan is a disruptive event in one's life. Disruption is not always a bad thing. It can have positive purpose.

How did your experience at Fort Schuyler and aboard ships make you better at your job in the office of a shipping company?

NY Maritime provides a grounding in leadership that is best-suited for managing crises. Piracy, fire, heavy weather, medical response, and close quarters with other vessels all require critical thinking, calmness, deliberation, and action. These are essential attributes of leadership. One can reach out to a handful of others for help, but not more than twenty. The essential experience of sailing is the maturation of the leadership quality, which becomes essential in any job. My first job in a maritime company was as CEO. Leadership actions were called for and played out daily. My time aboard ship insured my capacity to lead in my role ashore.

“Throughout my career, I have realized how important it is to create options for oneself just in case the plan you had goes awry. Embracing change for its new possibilities is definitely the way to go.”

- Phil explained to Dick Bracken '56.



SS President Wilson

PHIL KANTZ. CLASS OF 1965

What are some of the biggest challenges you faced during your career? How did you overcome them?

Challenges come in all forms. My experience is that interpersonal conflicts are the most difficult challenges to manage because they result from a myriad of causes; among them are rank/position, fatigue, personal philosophy, competition and power struggles. I have experienced all of them aboard ship and ashore. I believe that interpersonal conflict may be negative or positive depending on how we choose to handle it. I have always sought the positive outcome, because I believe that it can offer potential for mutual growth if parties work together to solve the conflict. In that way, it becomes an opportunity to clarify differences, and a chance to cooperate to build a better relationship. Of course, there have been times when the other party did not have a positive outcome as the preferred way of resolving the situation. In that case, a few more attempts may make sense to stabilize the conflict, but may be met with recalcitrance. Notwithstanding that, I seek to respond appropriately being candid, open, and honest in my response; being respectful by asserting my opinions respectfully; and always treating the other person as I would want to be treated.

What is your advice to a recent alumnus/a?

It is important to recognize that the Maritime College gives each graduate much more than a license, a commission and a degree. Each one of us takes away additions to our personal belief system in the form of values. Values are personally held beliefs, not facts. Understanding one's personal values is the first step to self-awareness. A leader's personal values may be one of the most important determinants of how the leader's power is exercised or constrained. This is true both aboard ship or ashore. The leader's perceptions and behavior will also set the tone for how the organization conducts itself. I believe that effective leadership skills include honesty, the ability to delegate, a sense of humor, the ability to communicate clearly and confidence. A leader should also be able to keep his team motivated and have a sense of creativity to handle unexpected problems and take advantage of opportunities. Having a sense of self-awareness helps to understand these skills and the leader's effectiveness in deploying them.

Capt. Phil Kantz resides with Barbara, his wife of 52 years, in Wilmington, NC and Carlsbad, CA.



The Class of 1965 celebrated Phil's honor by joining him at the Awards Dinner. Here we see Dennis McIntyre, Phil Kantz, Richard May, Gerhard Muller, Tony Savas, Harry Stumme.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1958



Members of Class of 1958 and their wives enjoying a mini reunion lunch at Patricia's in the Bronx. Bill and Jean Caldwell, Rich and Marie Blatus, Harry and Ruth Rausch, Tom and Carol Hancock. These four couples met their wives while attending Maritime and have been together since then. The class will be celebrating their 60th anniversary from Maritime next year.
Submitted by Bill Caldwell '58.

CLASS OF 1961



The Class of 1961 held its 55th reunion at sea and on land. The oceangoing phase was held on 5/15 to 5/22/2016 aboard *Celebrity Summit* Bermuda cruise out of Cape Liberty, NJ. It was especially meaningful because Bermuda was their first port on their MUG cruise in 1958. The land-based phase was held at the Doral Arrowhead in Westchester, NY on 9/29 - 10/2/2016.
Submitted by John Dohring '61. Here we see: Peter Joyce, Frank Wicks, Bill Monte, Bob Naumann, John Stipcich, Dan Larkin, Greg Silberberg, Bob Brand, Thom Cartledge, John Dohring, Jack Ringelberg, John Klumpp, Dietrich Schlobohm.

CLASS OF 1977

Classmates of 1977 celebrate 40th Reunion in the Dominican Republic

Seven members of the Class of 1977 celebrated their 40th Class Reunion at a resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in April 2017:
Standing: Tim Gaughan, Doug Jones, John Harris, Bill Hoeler. *Kneeling:* Bill Grover, Steve Ederle, Woody Gaskin.

Submitted by Tim Gaughan '77.



CHAPTER GATHERINGS

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER JULY 14, 2017



Is the attendance of this new chapter, under the enthusiastic leadership of Andrew "Ace" Campen '97, putting other chapters to shame? Here we have (not in order):

Andrew Campen '97, Ellen Cava '07, Carl Fisher '65, Jackie Graham '08, David Silberberg '09, Peter Brucato '10, Maggie Frarey '10, Chris Frarey '09, Ernie Lang '85, Matt Matson '05, Andrew Hales '08, Doug Jaarsma '03, William Kyle Whyte '09,

CAROLINAS CHAPTER JUNE 10, 2017



The Carolinas Summer meeting was held at the Riverboat Landing Restaurant on June 10, 2017 and was hosted by Norm Carathanasis '60 and his wife Audrey a few blocks from the new Merchant Mariner Memorial that was dedicated on National Maritime Day, May 22, 2017. Attendees included (not in order): Marianne Michelsen '95, George Hooks '65, Tony Savas '65, Charles Lewis '59, Lori Sanderling '17 (MS), Norman Carathanasis '60, Peter Jensen '90, Phil Kantz '65, Patrick Ramsbotham '13, Jim Ross '91, Devon Kennedy '14, John Sena '88 and Colin Barnes '14.



MERCHANT MARINER MEMORIAL

Alumni are very proud of the grand unveiling of the new Merchant Mariner Memorial (left) that was dedicated on National Maritime Day, May 22, 2017 and is located next to the Coast Guard Station at Riverfront Park, Wilmington, NC. It is the result of many years of commitment to making the idea a reality.



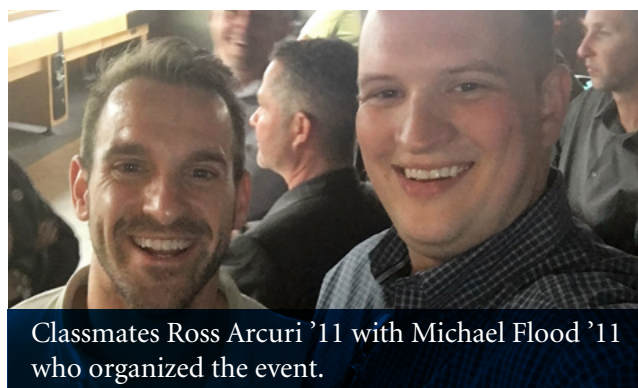
Mark Nemergut '79, Mike Catalano '07, Leon Garber '88, Rolf Peterden '85, Kevin Hudson '94, Charlie Burns '70, Mark Sheppard '94, David Steel '94, Andrew Maksimowicz '11, William Hadgraft '11, David Still '94, Alyssandra Steedle '16, George Hairston '00, Jeffrey Ellington '19, David Gommo '89, Robert Dpeietri '14, Alexander Spitz '14, Caroline Sturgeon '99, Jack Dodson (KP '15).

HOUSTON CHAPTER RESURRECTED JUNE 22, 2017

Houston Chapter, you and your families are in our prayers.



Matthew Cirrella '10, Ross Arcuri '11, Erol Bural '09, Kieran Kindle '11.



Classmates Ross Arcuri '11 with Michael Flood '11 who organized the event.



Photographers were having so much fun at Fuego's Saloon in Houston with the 50+ attendees from Schuyler and other Maritime Colleges, that they forgot to ask who they were capturing in the pictures! We do recognize two New Yorkers who must have taken a wrong turn - Brian Ledwith '98 (middle) and Andrew Donovan '98 (right).

29TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



Joe Samon, Harold Boyer '99, Mike Ogle and Dave Walters '71.



David Choe, David Kelly, Pat Reidy and Sam Pitsiri.

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Classmates from the Class of 1983: John Valvo, Brian Kirk, John Bradley (former President of FSMAA), Martin "Headly" McCluney.



That photographer
has style! Martin
McCluney '83

Tom Montanya '66, Joe Trainor '68, Peter DiCapua '67, John Bradley '83, Jim Brennan '67.

JUNE 12, 2017



Soren Ibsen (KP), Ray Marquardt '77, Jamie McNamara '94, Jim Yahner '86, Dave Walters '71 and Harold Boyer '99.



Brian McClintock '93, Maggy Giunco, Peter Austen '87, Mike McKenna and Tony Plutino.



Chris Brennan '74, Joe Lorino '87, Tom Breglia '80 and David Kelly.

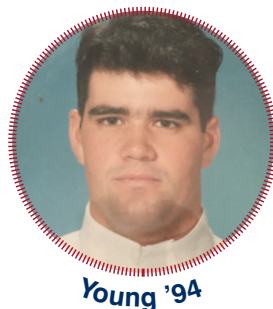
AJ McAllister '80 inspecting his flag.

A FORT SCHUYLER FAMILY



George Spellman, Class of 1927

The Young/Litwin Legacy began when an impressionable 'tween Simon Young caught a glimpse of a framed picture at his Uncle Joe's house. The seed for Fort Schuyler was planted right then and there. The picture was of his Uncle's brother in a Navy officer's uniform taken during World War II. Simon learned that the man in the uniform had gone to school on a ship and sailed around the world. That sure sounded okay to Simon. As it turns out, that Uncle was George Spellman, New York State Merchant Marine Academy Class of 1927.



Simon Young, Class of 1994

Rugby Team Captain, Student Government President, Regiment

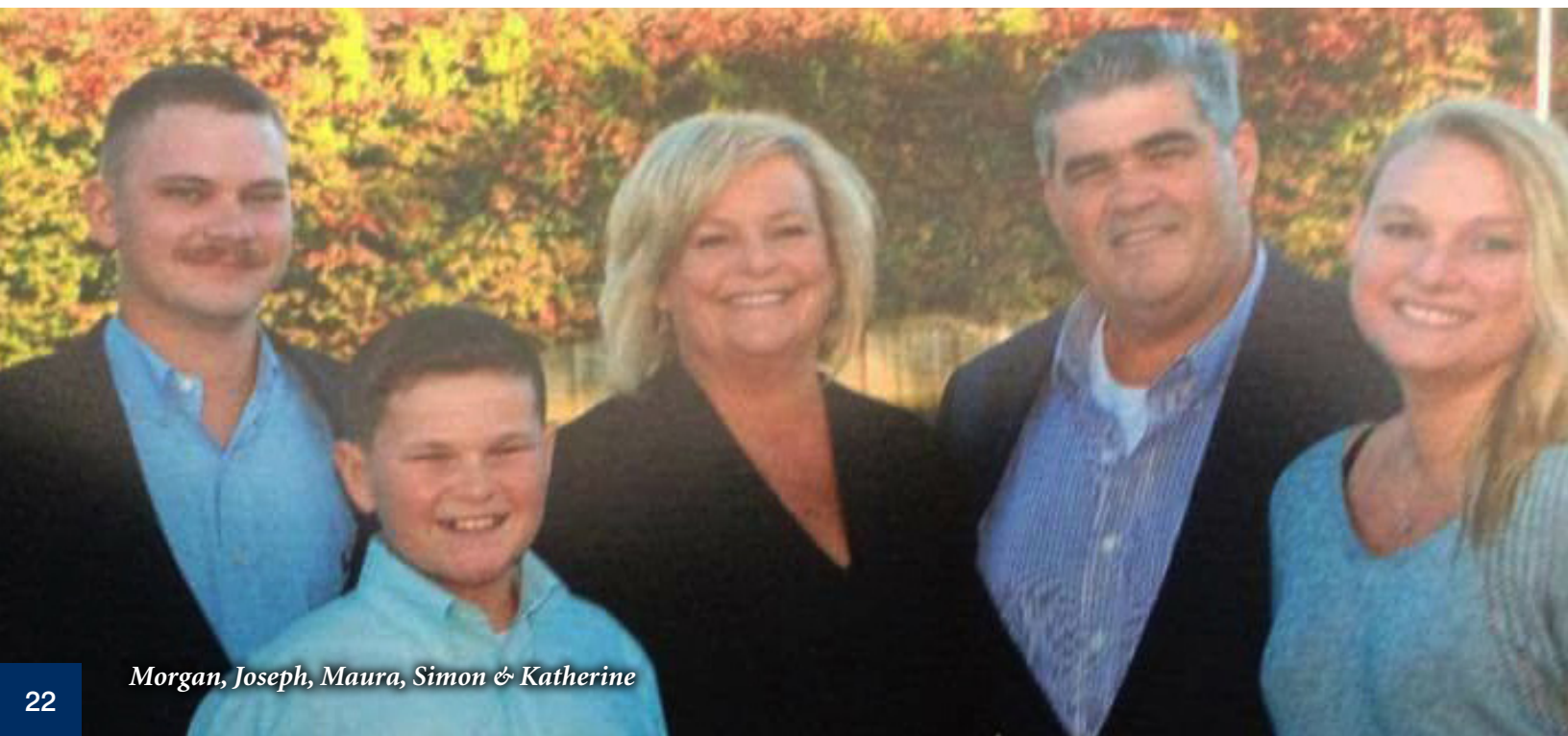
Having grown up in Rockaway Beach in a family of seven, Simon was always in the water in the summers and wanted to work on or around it as a career. He could see himself in that picture of the man in uniform who sailed around the world. That brought him to the College open house where he took the tour with Cadet Tour Guide **Pete Vecchio '92**, who, according to Simon, "could sell ice to an Eskimo." He was sold. Fast-forward sixty-seven years, and George Spellman's relative, Simon Young, graduated from Fort Schuyler. Although according to Simon, graduation didn't always appear to be a certainty. *(See opposite page for that story!)*



Morgan Litwin, Class of 2016

Lacrosse Team, Regiment

Having worked summers on charter fishing boats out of Captree State Park on Long Island, Morgan knew he had an affinity for hard work and being on the water. (Morgan worked for family friend and neighbor in Babylon **Chris Altbacker '91**). When he thought about what he wanted to do in his life, from a young age, Morgan knew that pursuing a career in the maritime industry would be the best fit for him. Visiting Fort Schuyler often with his family for rugby games and Homecoming events had also left its mark.



Morgan, Joseph, Maura, Simon & Katherine

SPELLMAN/YOUNG/LITWIN



Morgan Litwin '16 (right) with brother Joe Young

Simon's stepson **Morgan Litwin '16** came into Simon's life when he was six years old. They as a family would take day trips up to Fort Schuyler campus on weekends and as Simon was taking his Master's courses, Morgan and his sister Katherine would walk around campus. When Simon starting helping out with the Maritime Rugby team, Morgan would also join him for the games. It wasn't that Simon was deliberately planting the seed for him to want to attend Fort Schuyler, but it just so happened they visited campus frequently and Simon - a gifted story-teller - regularly told stories about his time at the Dome. When Simon was working for McAllister, he brought Morgan with him one Fourth of July celebration where the tugs went out on the East River to see the fireworks. **"When Docking Pilot Sheldon Davis let Morgan steer one of the new McAllister Tractor Tugs and then commented how Morgan had steered better than I regularly did, I think Morgan was pretty happy", Simon recalls. "Morgan might as well have completed the application to Maritime that night."**

Simon Young '94 recalls one story where during his Third-Class year in the Spring of 1992, he was made aware that his accumulation of demerits had been noticed by the Regiment who had given him a warning. These offenses had seemed to Simon to be minor offenses - an unmade rack, late for formation, lack of a shave - but nonetheless had apparently added up and had been noticed.

After he had received that warning, on that very night, Simon was looking to help a friend by removing a keg of beer from the first-class deck of E & F dorm and returning it to its rightful place where it was permitted in the student council office where it would await pick-up. When Simon along with classmate and friend **Ron Leard '94** had walked right into a Regimental Duty Officer (RDO) while carrying the keg, his innocent intentions sounded slightly unbelievable even to him. Simon and Ron knew that there was no reason to fight their position, and they realized a life lesson - not to worry about things out of their control. During Captain's Mast with Capt. DeSimone, Simon explains, "Ron was dressed down by Capt. DeSimone, 'Mr. Leard, 50 & 2, and get out!'" Ron had left the office before the "t" sound of "out" had crossed the Captain's lips," shares Simon. (50 & 2 being 50 demerits and 2 months' restriction to campus). However, Simon was dismissed by the Captain and sent to the Admiral's office. It was there that Admiral Miller talked about how Simon had amassed some education up to that point in time and that it would be a shame to end it right then and there. The Admiral also talked about how all-encompassing an education is, and that the biggest education that someone receives in life is from making mistakes and learning from them. "Those lessons stick," the Admiral commented. Simon was feeling hopeful that he would not be expelled. He left with restriction for the full two months of cruise, the four months following, 150 demerits, and Extra Duty (E.D.) the entire Summer Sea Term. Simon sighed relief and smiled at the news. He could stay. The Admiral sensed his relief and smiled, too.

Since that day, Simon does lean on the education he experienced at Fort Schuyler, and that does not only include the academics. It includes having survived the Regiment, and knowing to accept that sometimes we are dealt an uninspired hand and we have to make the most of it. Most of all, Simon appreciates the network of maritime industry experts at his fingertips, and the friendships he developed from those formative years. Simon discusses, "Loyalty and Valor are part of the Maritime credo and the values of the school. Taking risks and helping shipmates have made for many successful careers. I don't think I regret the keg incident. Knowing that you can pick up a phone and call someone who you went through that experience with is a valuable asset that only a finite group of us have. Whether it's for a job for a friend's son or daughter, or a simple question about an honest assessment of the VLCC market in the AG, it's comforting to know that we have real alumni friends we can count on."

Edited from emails between Simon Young '94 and 'Mariner' Editor.



Morgan Litwin '16 (far right) sharing 'The Fort Schuyler Experience' - here with his classmates on cruise at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Italy.

Simon works at Dietze and Associates, a brokerage shop in Wilton, CT; he handles the operations for all charter parties pertaining to clean petroleum products. Simon had previously worked for McAllister Towing from 1997 until 2006. Then, he was at Bouchard from 2006 to 2008. While at Bouchard, Kevin Doughney and Dave McAnn (both KP graduates) offered Simon an opportunity to handle the operations for the new arm of Dietze Products.

Morgan is starting his career and works as a Third Mate.

CDR LLOYD “LUKE” REINHOLD, '94

CDR Lloyd “Luke” Reinhold, Class of 1994, retires from the US Navy

Master of Arts (National Security & Strategic Studies), Master of Science (National Resource Strategy)

Following commissioning, CDR Lloyd Reinhold reported to USS SIDES (FFG 14) in San Diego, CA. While serving on SIDES, he requested and was selected for early Department Head screening, bypassing his second Division Officer tour and first shore tour. He served his Department Head tours in Norfolk, VA as Operations Officer in USS KAUFFMAN (FFG 59) and USS NASHVILLE (LPD 13) where he deployed several times in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.



CDR Reinhold reported as Commanding Officer of MCM CREW PERSISTENT in June 2007. During this tour, he commanded USS SCOUT (MCM 8) forward deployed to the Arabian Gulf, and USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6) home-ported in Ingleside, TX. Following his command tour, he reported as Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Maritime Expeditionary Security Detachment Bahrain (CTG 56.11), Kingdom of Bahrain. Here he was responsible for the execution of Operation VIGILANT MARINER, protecting merchant shipping supplying combat support to the FIFTH FLEET Area of Responsibility.

After returning from Bahrain, CDR Reinhold reported as Maritime Operations Officer on the Flag Staff of Strike Force Training, Atlantic. Following his last tour at-sea, he reported to The Dwight D. Eisenhower School, earning a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy. CDR Reinhold served in the Strategy Division, U.S. Special Operations Command where he has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and RESOLUTE SUPPORT.



Headquarters, ISAF SOF, Kabul Afghanistan.

His initial shore duty was at Surface Warfare Officers School Command, where he served as Instructor and Academic Director, Fleet Training Department (N-72). During this tour, he completed an Individual Augment (IA) deployment to United States Central Command, Joint Intelligence and Operations Center, serving as Executive Officer. He continued his shore tour at the United States Naval War College, earning a Master of Arts in National Security & Strategic Studies.



*“I believe my education at Fort Schuyler best prepared me by introducing me to shipboard life and providing me fundamental seamanship.”
— Cdr Reinhold*

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– Cdr Reinhold commented to ‘Mariner’ Editor.



Cdr Reinhold at his retirement party following the official ceremony on April 21, 2017 in Tampa, Florida.

His awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, plus numerous other unit and campaign awards.

CDR Reinhold retired from his active duty in the US Navy on April 21, 2017 after nearly 23 years of service. His retirement party in Tampa, Florida included a bus for 45 people who flew in from Long Island and New Jersey to celebrate.

As for his Act II, CDR Reinhold is currently working as a Maritime Security Consultant and Advisor, and he looks forward to this next chapter of his life.



Cdr Lloyd and Mrs Joann Reinhold

Lloyd attributes his success to his time at Fort Schuyler, as well as his close family including his understanding wife Joann who has moved cities with him no less than twelve times. Lloyd first met Joann, a Bronx native living in walking distance of the campus, when he was a MUG cadet giving campus tours. Joann had accompanied a friend who was considering attending Fort Schuyler.



Keeping the Light by Bill Chaloupka '68

The Fire Island Lighthouse has a long and storied history. The original tower, erected in 1826 had a height of 80 feet. The current tower, erected in 1858, has a focal plane of 167 feet above sea level and the new Fresnel Lens achieved a range of 25 miles and flashed once every minute.

The current aero beacon flashes once every 7.5 seconds with a 1000-watt Quartz bulb. Anyone who has watched the beacon on a foggy or misty night can observe as it sweeps its beam through the darkness to remind mariners of the perils on shore and the approach to safe harbor.

The beacon was electrified in 1938 and fully automated in 1949 when the last full-time keeper Godfrey and Marylyn Mayer were at the lighthouse. It was then the responsibility of the US Coast Guard Aids to Navigation to maintain the beacon. In 1974, the light was extinguished and replaced with a flashing light on the Robert Moses State Park water tower.

The Lighthouse was dark, its soul stilled; the tower was declared irreparable and faced demolition. Through the dedicated efforts of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society (FILPS), the tower was repaired and the beacon relit.

Again, in January 2005, the U. S. Coast Guard proposed to extinguish the current beacon and replace it with a "modern optics VEGA Light" - a strobe-like flasher like the one installed at Montauk Lighthouse. No more would the reassuring beam sweep the horizon; no more would the back scatter reflection wink at the mariner.

Again, the local population as well as history-buffs and mariners rose to protect their light. As a registered Professional Engineer, I was asked to survey the beacon, operation systems, generator, transfer switches and electrical equipment, and prepare a formal

report for the Preservation Society to present to the Fire Island National Seashore detailing the feasibility of assuming full operation and responsibility of the beacon as a private aid to navigation. With other lighthouses that have been declared excess and sold to become private residences or B&B's, the beacon remains the responsibility of the USCG Aids to Navigation.

On January 6, 2006, the USCG made a final visit to the Lighthouse to formally transfer operation to the FILPS and their volunteer Light Keepers. A group of marine engineers, all graduates of the New York State Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, answer the call of "One Hand!" to assume the responsibility for the light. All maintenance tasks were performed, operational improvements were implemented, and procedures written. Repairs were made to the emergency generator fuel and exhaust systems, the level controls for the day tank and replaced the oil seals on the beacon gear case. Finally, on October 11, 2008, a new modern Programmable Logic Control (PLC) system was designed and installed by the volunteer Light Keepers to increase operational flexibility and reliability. The beacon receives regular monthly service and emergency service as required. If the beacon goes out, we will answer the call.

Tours are available and scheduled on the Lighthouse web site Fireislandlighthouse.com or by calling at 631-661-4876.

Join the current volunteer keepers -**William (Bill) Chaloupka '68, Rob Dunlop '70, and Walter Bay '79** - for an interesting and informative look into the operation and maintenance of our iconic Light House.

Other alumni who have served with us are:
Jose Femenia '64, Brian Rohena '80 and Dennis Danseglio '85.



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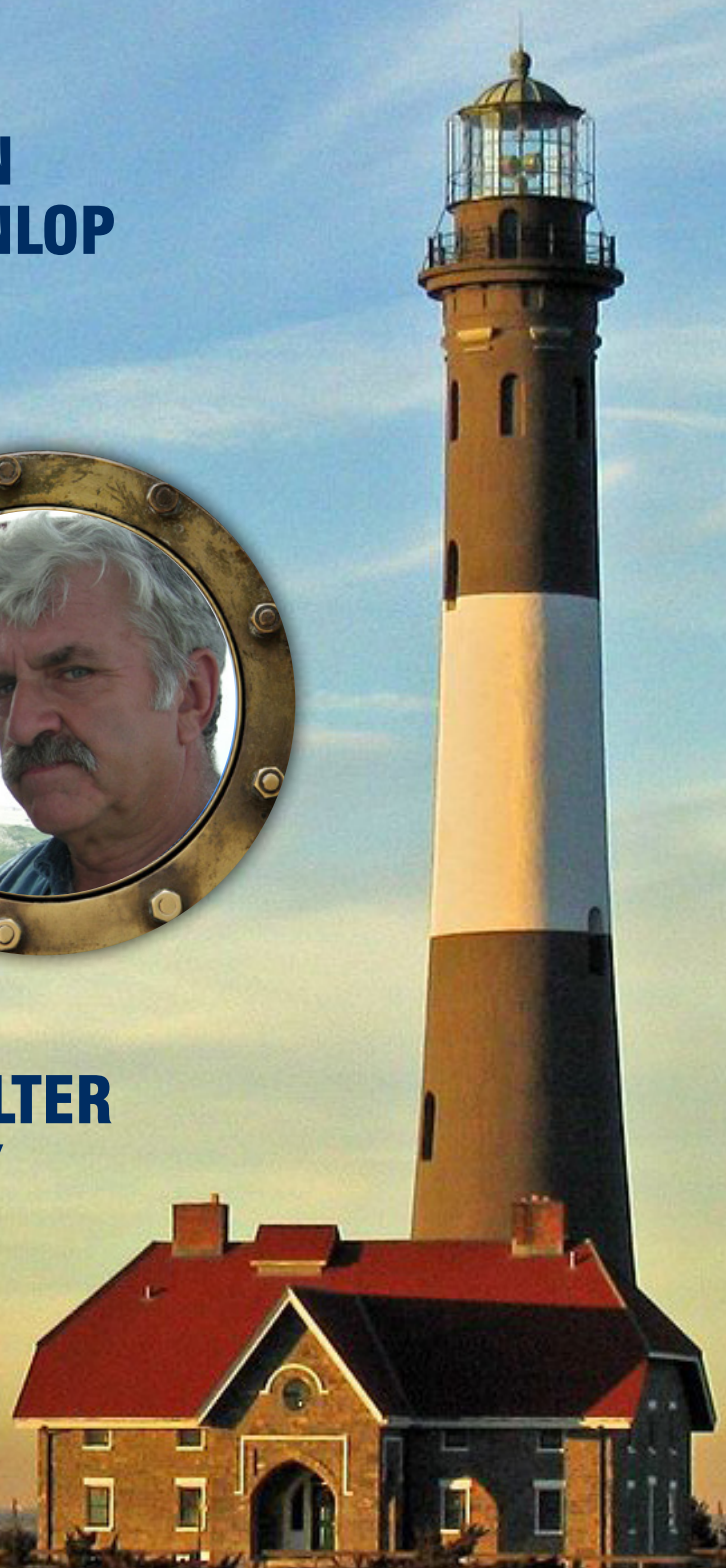
**RON
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BAY
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ALUMNI NEWS



Mystic Seaport Names **Quentin Snediker, Class of 1972**, the Clark Senior Curator for Watercraft. His role will be to provide direction and leadership in the preservation and development of the Museum's watercraft collection, which presently numbers more than 500 vessels of all sizes, ranging from small rowboats and kayaks to four National Historic Landmarks, including the 1841 whaleship *Charles W. Morgan*. This position is in addition to his role as Director of the Museum's Henry B. duPont Preservation Shipyard.

Photo Credit: Caryn B Davis Photography

Philly Shipyard, Inc. and Matson, Inc. recently marked a milestone in the construction of the first of two new 850-ft long, 3,600 TEU, "Aloha Class" containerships, on order for deliveries in 3Q 2018 and 1Q 2019. On hand for the occasion was NY Maritime College alumnus **S. Mark Patricola '96**, senior materials engineer for the project. Mark (*fifth from right*) is in charge of steel inspection and hull construction. These vessels, designed specifically for the Hawaii service, will be the largest containerships ever built in the U.S. They are also designed to accommodate future needs by being able to navigate safely into some of Hawaii's smaller ports. The new vessels will incorporate a number of "green ship technology" features that will help protect the environment, including a more fuel efficient hull design, dual-fuel engines that can be adapted to use liquefied natural gas (LNG), environmentally safe double-hull fuel tanks and fresh water ballast systems. *Photo Credit: Philly Shipard*



Capt. Michael R. Reagoso, Class of 1996, was recognized and honored as Port Person of the Year by the Propeller Club of Baltimore. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at Tabrizi's Harborview Restaurant in Baltimore.



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Submitted by Capt. Steve Hertz, Class of 1957

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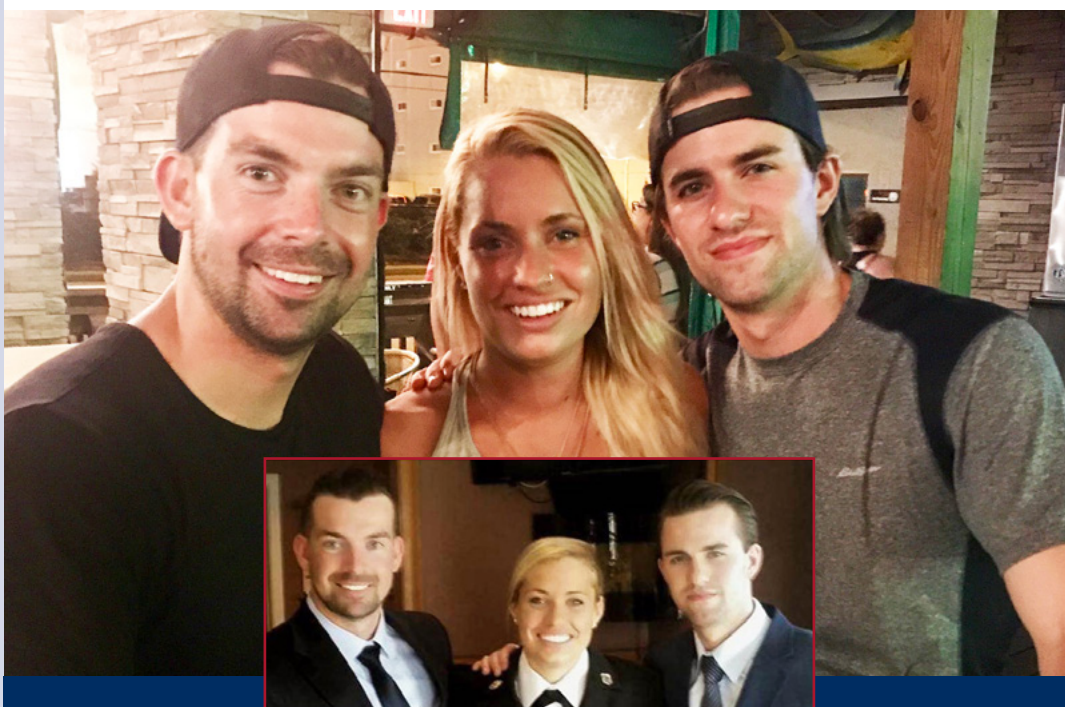
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What's a summer for the Class of 1983-ish without a barbeque at Victor Corso's house? Here from the event on July 28, 2017 are: (Standing): Martin McCluney, Mike Reilly, Rich Merhige, John Valvo, John Bradley, Bob Langstine, Harold Guidotti, Jaime Heenehan, Heidi Benedikt, Mike Rohan, Mike Haeflich, Dick Jones, Brian Bernhard, Jim Hannon, Rich Picinich. (Kneeling): Mike Hinchcliffe, Dan Wickstrom, Kevin Comerford, Vic Corso, Bill Bartsch, Gary Russo, Tony Kennedy.



April 5, 2017 found this group of alumni in Philadelphia for the Vessel Owners' dinner - Bill Hough '83, Marino Hwang '01, Ward Guilday '82, AJ McAllister '80, Art Sulzer '74, Robert Cooke '80, Jim Yahner '86.



Mini-reunion at Virginia Beach on August 23, 2017 for Michael Riley '15(left), Jaclyn Bellisari '14 & Cory OFarrell '15. Michael is working as an AB for Chevron in Gulf of Mexico, Jackie as a licensed deckhand for Lindblad Expeditions/National Geographic in Alaska, while Cory is a Third Mate for MSC on an EPF/JHSV vessel currently in Spain. When they are all in the same city at the same time, they get together. The inset is a picture of this same trio just before graduation.



On hand to celebrate the wedding (below) was: *First Row:* Colin Schneider '00, Robert Dishman '00, Donald Moore '75, Timothy Angerame '00, Norman Chui '00. *Second Row:* Patrick Gensch '03, Bill Marmann '95, Christopher Dellow '00, Gregory Grosso '75, Keith Gensch '98. *Third Row:* Donald Moore '00.

Don Moore '00 tied the knot with his lovely bride Helen Yu on April 9th, 2017 at Land's End in Sayville, NY.



Stay Tuned...

Ron Rasmus, Class of 1960, has retired from The Great Lakes Group where he served as President and CEO for many years. An exclusive interview with this entertaining and colorful force in the maritime industry will follow in the Fall issue of the 'Mariner'.

EBBTide

Brian Alex, Class of 1975
May 7, 2017

Gordon L. Brion, Class of 1937
February 2007

Robert Burst, Class of 1945
February 20, 2017

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August 15, 2017

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May 23, 2017

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