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Alumni Association, Maritime College Renew Partnership

After a 13-year separation, including about six years of conversation and debate, and two years of intense deliberation and contract negotiation, SUNY Maritime College and the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association have come together in a new partnership. They marked the occasion at a ceremonial signing of a memorandum of agreement in December.

When he became president, **Rear Adm. Michael Alfultis** began engaging with **Dan Gillette '97**, president of the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association. Their efforts were a continuation on work to rebuild the relationship between the two organization that was begun by their predecessors: college presidents **Rear Adm. Wendi Carpenter** and **Dr. Michael Capetto**, and FSMAA president **Charles Munsch '73**.

Alfultis and Gillette developed a plan of action that began with symbolic but meaningful gestures to build a working relationship based on mutual interests. Alfultis attended several events at the invitation of the FSMAA, including their Membership and Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner for the first time in January 2015. As their relationship grew, the two leaders focused on increasingly substantive issues and their good-faith efforts and optimism steered the two organizations in a positive direction, culminating in the signing of the memorandum of understanding in a ceremony on campus on December 21.

“The flexibility on the part of SUNY and the state gave us some needed leeway,” said Rear Adm. Alfultis. “This, coupled with the fact of the FSMAA board trusting and empowering Dan to act in their best interests and on their behalf, led to productive meetings and agreements, and moved us further along with each discussion.”

As the college and the alumni association move forward to build and identify areas of cooperation, several things will remain the same for the alumni association. The organization will continue to be incorporated in Delaware; it will retain its assets, as well as authority and control over them; and it will continue its existing methods of financial reporting,

though that data will be shared with the college and New York State. Furthermore, it will continue to be incorporated in Delaware.

“No doubt about it; this reunion became possible because of one person – Adm. Alfultis,” said Gillette. “He arrived as president of the college with an open mind. He was willing to talk through uncomfortable issues and remain open to the uniqueness of our situation. In my opinion, Mike’s desire to reunite the alumni association with the college was the driving force that allowed this reunion to become a reality. It also helped that most of the alumni I’ve spoken with over the years have strongly and vocally supported the idea of a reunion with the college.”

The signing of the agreement has ushered in a period of renewed trust and collaboration between the alumni association and Maritime College. The partnership will strengthen the organizations themselves as well as the individuals connected to them in three ways.

First, the partnership will connect alumni more strongly and effectively with each other.

Second, it will serve as a conduit to build relationships between the alumni and the college; allowing alumni to be more closely engaged in the college’s activities and to share their knowledge and professional expertise with college administration.

Third, it will help current students to expand their professional networks, learn about post-graduate opportunities, and build relationships with their predecessors.

In the near term, the two organizations are already acting to solidify the spirit of the agreement.

“This agreement is more than the college doing our thing and the alumni association doing their thing. Now we’re together,” Alfultis said. “This is really about the two of us reimagining what’s possible together.”

There will be a unified calendar of events – not merely that the two organizations will promote each other’s events, but that each organization will play an active role in enhancing and strengthening existing events. As the first step toward these goals, the alumni association

was prominently represented at commencement ceremonies: a member of the board addressed the graduating class and shook each graduate’s hand as they crossed the stage. Similarly, homecoming 2018, scheduled for October 13, will become a joint event, with collaboration and coordination on events throughout the weekend.

The alumni association will have its own space on campus. The association’s presence on campus will enhance the two-way flow of ideas and initiatives, and help to identify additional ways of working together. Already, work has begun to merge the two organizations’ databases and to find a way to combine the magazines, the Mariner and the Navigator. This joint story is a first step in that direction.

Over the years, the most common question alumni asked both presidents was about fixing the relationship between the college and the alumni association. With the new partnership, Gillette, Alfultis and the organizations they represent are delighted to have an answer to that question: *Now*.

In every way, the partnership signed on December 21 allows for the alumni association to come home and once more play a vital and irreplaceable role in the life and future of the college, its students and its graduates.

Gillette has shared, “On behalf of the Admiral and myself, I’d like to express thanks to all alumni, friends of Fort Schuyler and advocates who supported us throughout this process, who were patient and did not give up hope for this day when the FSMAA would so generously be welcomed home on campus once again. *‘All Fast’* has been entered in the log book, and the gangway is being lowered to the dock in Throgg’s Neck. See you on campus.”

Today is the beginning of a new era, and we are all equally looking forward to a bright future,” said Alfultis. **“We talk about 1874 being a very good year. I am proud to say that 2018 is shaping up to be another very good year.”**



**“When will the relationship between the college and the alumni association be fixed?”
NOW.**

A list of frequently asked questions is included on the following pages.



Frequently Asked Questions

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Will data be shared between the Alumni Association and the College in order to build the **esprit de corps** between College, students and alumni?

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Frequently Asked Questions

about **SUNY Maritime College** and the **Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association**, and about the establishment of the **SUNY Maritime Foundation**:



What is the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association's (FSMAA) **mission and purpose**?

The FSMAA, or "Maritime College Alumni Association", is the official, one and only alumni association for SUNY Maritime College with the purpose of working to connect alumni with each other, connect alumni with current students and connect alumni with the College to help fortify it.



What **activities** will the Alumni Association and the College work on, jointly and separately?

- The College will support the Admiral's Scholarship Dinner, lecture series and panels, career fair and various student development events and other activities that are organized in conjunction with the Alumni Association
- The Alumni Association will initiate and coordinate the Annual Awards Dinner and Annual Membership meeting, the spring networking event, the summer golf classic, Battle on the Bay Sailing Regatta, Ancient Mariner Golf Outing, fall networking and nominating event, Summer Sea Term Scholarship Appeal and various alumni networking events
- Joint activities of the College and Alumni Association will include a new alumni night, dining in and ring ceremony, Homecoming, Summer Sea Term departure and arrival, and various activities that help enhance alumni connection to the College



What happens to the Alumni Association **assets** that previously resided with the Alumni Association and what will the Association's **fundraising role** be going forward?

- The Alumni Association retains, manages and has full authority over those assets it held before
- The Alumni Association will continue to generate revenue through the following activities: Summer Sea Term Scholarship, membership dues and payments to support events such as the Annual Awards Dinner and membership meeting, spring networking event, summer golf classic, Battle on the Bay Sailing Regatta, Ancient Mariner Golf Outing, fall networking and nominating event and other alumni networking events.



Will the Alumni Association be **represented on campus**?

- The Alumni Association will have a dedicated, centrally located, free workspace on campus. The space is located currently in the Fort and will be the site of Alumni Association's meetings.
- The College's Coordinator of Alumni Affairs will collaborate with the Alumni Association and its Director to enhance the Association's projects and output. The Director will work on campus several days each week.



Will data be shared between the Alumni Association and the College in order to build the **esprit de corps** between College, students and alumni?

The Alumni Association will have full access to the College's database, and the Alumni Association will fully share its database, in order for each to conduct their business. Each will also share updates to the database with the other regularly.



Does the agreement between the College and the Alumni Association **take effect immediately** or will it require **some time to implement**?

- Several changes are already in process: Alumni Association participation at the January 2018 graduation ceremony on campus was enthusiastically received. The Association encouraged graduates to stay connected with the College and to join the Alumni Association. Also, a joint calendar of events between the College and Alumni Association features such gatherings as Chapter meetings and New Alumni Night.
- Several collaborative initiatives that will come to fruition in the near future include merging the Navigator with the Mariner and merging each entity's database.



What is the **mission** of the SUNY Maritime Foundation?

The Foundation is constituted separately from both the College and the Alumni Association as an entity that will raise and manage private funds. Its focus is enriching the educational quality of the College in order to help Maritime achieve new heights of academic excellence.



Do you expect a **strong relationship** to result between the Alumni Association and the Foundation?

- Both entities are important to the long term health of the College and are fundamentally devoted to ensuring the College's success for generations to come. The Alumni Association and the Foundation are independent of each other and each has a separate governing board.
- The Alumni Association recognizes that the SUNY Maritime Foundation is the main entity that engages in revenue generating activities supporting the College and its students. The Foundation recognizes and values the efforts of the Alumni Association to connect alumni with each other and with the College broadly and to help foster that interrelationship.





TREASURER'S REPORT

January 31, 2018

This Treasurer's Report summarizing the FSMAA's financial situation comes with mixed results in fiscal year 2017. Our total support to the College for fiscal year 2017 was \$246,972 and we had a net income of (\$23,658). During the contract negotiations with the College, the Board elected to retain outside legal counsel that was not included in the previously set budget. The expenditure of \$43,470 in legal fees was the reason our operating budget experienced a loss. Dues revenue decreased by \$39,290 in 2017 as compared to 2016. Through tireless efforts of our Mariner Editor **Bridget Bendo '96**, we saw an increase of \$7,250 in advertising revenue.

The independent auditor Condon O'Meara McGinty and Donnelly LLP audited our financial statements and expressed that our books are in good order. The auditor considered our internal controls to the extent they believe necessary to determine and conduct the audit to render an opinion. They found no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses during their audit, and there were no adjustments made - a trend we are committed to continuing. Our internal controls ensure transactions are authorized, executed and recorded properly. Our FSMAA Bookkeeper, Kamal Verma, devotes an enormous amount of time and effort into this audit and is responsible for our outstanding results. Kamal has been with the FSMAA since April 2010 and is very dedicated to the organization; we would be lost without him.

Our financial health is good. Below are the highlights of our financial standing for the year ended December 31, 2017:

- The consolidated FSMAA portfolios managed by Fiduciary Trust International (FTI) were up 19.7%.
- The end-of-year balance for our FTI funds was \$8.415 million.
- FTI funds earned \$141,262 in interest and dividends in 2017, and the Chase accounts earned \$312 in interest.
- The three accounts (two checking plus one high-yield savings) at Chase Manhattan total \$219,822.



1967 classmates started their reunion weekend by enjoying a day on the green at the Ancient Mariner: Jim Brennan, Tom Wilders, Lenny Yanazzo, Pete DiCapua.

The **Class of 1967** presented the FSMAA with a Class Gift of an endowment, with instructions for it to be directed toward funding the Summer Sea Term scholarship program and for infrastructure needs that the class determines are beneficial to the license program. At year-end, their class gift was valued at \$78,830.

In 2017, we distributed a total of \$246,972 to cadets to help defray the costs of the Summer Sea Term. These scholarships were distributed to 91 deserving cadets. First-Class cadets received \$3,000 scholarships for their 90-day cruise, and Second-Class cadets received \$1,500 scholarships for their 45-day cruise. Two cadets received the full cost of the Summer Sea Term in scholarships dedicated to **Chief Edward Pflieger** and **Captain William Sembler '52**. This scholarship money came from the interest and dividends on our endowment funds, plus the generosity of alumni and friends in supporting our Summer Sea Term campaign.

Since 2004, the FSMAA has donated over \$2.77 million dollars to the cadets and the school.

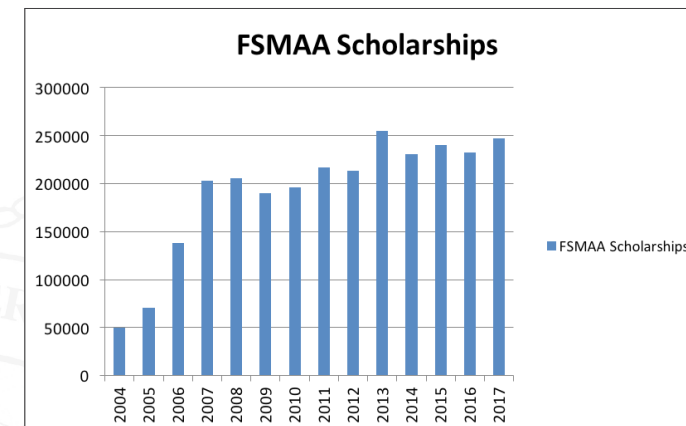


This foursome is sporting matching beverages at the Ancient Mariner: Dave Holman '80, Victor Rapp '68, Sterling Pearson '82, Howard Wyche '79.

Every one of our events was a success in 2017. The largest events consisted of the Spring Golf Classic which brought in a profit of \$84,800, and the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner whose profit was \$48,500. The Ancient Mariner Fall Golf Outing netted \$7,900, while the post-Homecoming Paddy's on the Bay cocktails turned a \$4,700 profit. Support for these events is strong as shown by the consistent turnout and many of the events selling out.

Thank you if you have recently paid your dues for 2018 to continue your membership this year. If you haven't yet paid your dues, I hope you will consider doing so in the future. Your support is needed for the FSMAA to continue to thrive. For those who said they had been awaiting the reunion of the Alumni Association and the College prior to paying dues, the time has come. **Share in the celebration of his historic reunion by your individual support of paying \$5 per month.**

If you have not attended an FSMAA event, please consider doing so. We'd love to see you. And, if you know an alum who is not a member, encourage him or her to attend an event with you. There's usually a moment a number of years out, where it feels important to reconnect with friends with whom we shared The Fort Schuyler Experience.



The consolidated financial statements in this report accurately reflect the organization's financial position, results of operations and workflows. The financial information is prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in the United States. The financial statements in this document are the complete set presented to our auditors. I have reviewed them, and to the best of my knowledge, they contain no untrue material statements nor do they omit any material facts.

Matthew D. Devins

- Matthew D. Devins, Class of 1997, Treasurer



Matthew's Class of 1997 enjoyed their 20th reunion on campus for Homecoming weekend. Kneeling: Daniel Waters, Bruce Schadler, BJ Lewis, Terrence Munster, Pedro Santos (who traveled from Dubai to attend the reunion! Thanks, Pedro!) Standing: James Bobrowski, Angela (Perretti) Bobrowski, Melanie Douglas, Carolyn (Thornton) Hunter, Steve Monez, Brendan McCauley, Devon Cowles, Richard Johnson, Dan Gillette, Matthew Devins, Eric Jenkins.

SAVE THE DATE!

Thurs, March 15th
New Alumni Night

Thurs, May TBA
Spring Networking

Mon, June 11th
30th Annual
Golf Classic

See You There!

	Jan-Dec '17	Jan-Dec '16	Jan - Dec '15
ORDINARY INCOME / EXPENSES			
Income			
Total 4100-00 · Dues Income	51,560.00	90,850.00	77,455.00
Total 4150-00 · FSMAA Development / Underway Fund	10,637.17	18,724.61	17,961.69
Total 4200-00 · Interest/Dividend Income	90.00	85.10	54.68
Total 4250-00 · Mariner Magazine Income	10,800.00	3,550.00	16,775.00
Total 4300-00 · Annual Golf Classic	172,575.00	168,420.00	162,980.08
Total 4350-00 · Fall Golf Outing	24,895.00	30,406.00	26,469.96
Total 4410-00 · Homecoming Income	5,000.00	9,200.00	0.00
Total 4420-00 · Awards Dinner Income	98,787.50	90,582.50	37,350.00
Total 4430-00 · Membership Dinner Income	0.00	0.00	41,162.50
Total 4450-00 · Promotional Merchandise Sale	564.75	1,372.01	10,580.61
Total 4451-00 · Networking Events Income	1,430.00	10,592.50	27,328.64
Total Income	376,339.42	423,782.72	418,118.16
Expenses			
Total 5250-00 · Promotional Merchandise Purchase	0.00	0.00	8,121.05
Total 5300-00 · Golf Classic Expenses	92,739.09	86,033.61	77,565.42
Total 5350-00 · Fall Golf Expenses	19,955.76	17,017.39	16,348.81
Total 5400-00 · Annual Events Expenses	61,377.85	82,857.64	47,332.42
Total 5450-00 · External Events for Networking	5,336.62	11,846.02	25,105.98
Total 5500-00 · Mariner Publication Expense	14,719.97	14,834.74	28,620.11
Total 5750-00 · Special Pass Through Fund	0.00	2,417.78	0.00
Total 6100-00 · Telephone & Fax	1,701.05	1,875.16	2,116.84
Total 6200-00 · Contract Services	85,421.74	43,229.90	49,687.92
Total 6300-00 · Facilities and Equipment	7,700.00	9,599.99	9,100.00
Total 6350-00 · Computer Equipment & Services	3,788.59	5,082.54	9,642.05
Total 6400-00 · Insurance Expenses	1,103.00	1,089.00	1,116.00
Total 6500-00 · Operations	2,513.97	5,309.06	5,973.83
Total 6600-00 · Payroll Expenses	93,009.67	103,223.59	104,357.36
Total 6700-00 · Corporate Filings and Taxes	739.88	727.00	620.00
Total 6800-00 · Travel and Meetings	4,390.18	5,200.19	4,127.07
Total 6850-00 · Outreach Expenses	238.48	304.38	3,422.73
Total 6900-00 · Bank Charges & Fees	234.41	57.61	135.93
Total 6950-00 · Credit Card Merchant Fee	5,027.77	6,337.74	7,663.90
Total Expenses	399,998.03	397,043.34	401,057.42
Net Ordinary Income	-23,658.61	26,739.38	17,060.74
Net Income	-23,658.61	26,739.38	17,060.74

Farewell & Welcome

Since **Maggy Williams Giunco** joined us as Director in 2012, she has truly become part of the Fort Schuyler family. Due to Maggy's event expertise, availability and stability, she has allowed our organization to reach more alumni, and has been successful in increasing the quality of our events. Due to Maggy's technical background and artist's eye, she has taken the Fort Schuyler Maritime Alumni Association to the next level. On behalf of the entire Board, we thank her for choosing to spend her talents on us, and we are glad that Maggy will remain engaged in our larger events for some time to come. It is our hope that Maggy considers herself an honorary alumna and continues her involvement with the FSMAA as such. We thank Maggy for all she has accomplished for the organization, and I extend my personal thanks for all the help over the past three years.

Matthew Devins, Class of 1997, who was elected to the Board of Directors in 2012 and served as Treasurer since 2014, has had his hands full with his growing family, successful career, and US Naval Reserve commitment. And yet, Matthew has never missed an FSMAA Board meeting or event. He knows where every penny of our organization's funds is spent, is strict on budget, and has implemented strategies to improve the efficiency of our assets, ensuring they are working for the organization at maximum capacity. Matthew has been instrumental in driving better processes for the payouts of the FSMAA Summer Sea Term Scholarships, financial reporting and accounting. On behalf of the Board, we extend our gratitude for the dedicated service that Matthew has given to the FSMAA. From my personal standpoint, I will miss my friend and classmate at the FSMAA meetings and post-meetings.

Outgoing Director:

Maggy Williams Giunco



Incoming Director:

Saira (Suhrawardi) Yoo



Outgoing Treasurer:

Matthew Devins, Class of 1997



Incoming Treasurer:

John Valvo, Class of 1983



Saira (Suhrawardi) Yoo, our new Director who has taken the reigns from her role as Assistant Director, is a vibrant personality whom we welcome with open arms. As Saira settles in, we ask that you extend your welcome and support to her in her new role. We will let her introduce herself and talk of her plans in the next issue of the *Mariner*.

John Valvo, Class of 1983, has stepped up from Board Member to Treasurer and will discuss his vision and hopes for the future of the FSMAA in the next issue of the *Mariner*. We are thrilled to have John as Treasurer and know he will make a positive impact on the organization, further improving our financial standing.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. Gillette, Class of 1997

FSMAA President

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER



JANUARY 25, 2018, TRIBECA 360°



Dan Lily '98 greeting guests at the door



SUNY Maritime College Color Guard



Leo Imperial '01 & Ed McCarthy '90 catch up on this cadet's sea stories.



Captain and Mrs. Joe Hazelwood '68, Maureen & Michael Chalos '70, Esq. (Honoree) and Frank DeGiulio, a KP alum.



Dan Gillette '97 addresses members at the Annual Membership Meeting. Killer view!



Check out this fun Gerson table with: John Konrad '00, Cadet Christopher Deddo, Denise Tiernan, Stephen Carbery '80, Austin Dooley '68, Rhonda Gerson, Cadet Erica Davis, Emily Pusatere '03 (Hon.), Cadet Alexandra Schnabel, Charlie Hoffman '60, Cadet Gabrielle McCracken.



Steve Bendo '94 catching up with Annmarie Bhola '98.



1970 classmates were sure to join in celebrating Michael Chalos' honor. Here are: Gene Carcone, Jack Craft, Mike Chalos, Steve Carlson and Carmine Pizzariello



Dan Gillette '97 presenting Dedicated Service Award to Jim Maloney '80, Honoree.



Admiral and Kim Alfultis join the Awards Dinner with sponsored cadets and students



Ralph Mellusi '67, Cadet Gabrielle McCracken, Maggy Williams Giunco, Joe Colella '79.



Guests enjoy a lively cocktail hour.



1980 Classmates showed their appreciation of Jim Maloney as he was being honored for the dedicated service he gave to the FSMAA. Here are Stephen Carbery, Andy Werner, Jim Maloney, Esq. (Honoree), Jennifer Barnes-Hayes, Brian Donovan, Steve Gulotta, AJ McAllister, Bob Fay (Event Emcee).

Michael G. Chalos, Class of 1970

FSMAA 2018 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award

The Mariner Editor had the pleasure of an interview with the colorful Mr. Chalos, Esq. along with his entertaining wife Maureen, on January 11, 2018 in his office in midtown Manhattan which extended over a Greek dinner at Avra.

How did this boy from Greece wind up attending Fort Schuyler?

I was born in a place called Chios, Greece. It's a famous island that many of the Greek shipowners come from. Most of the employment on the island in the past was in shipping; life on the island revolved around shipping. My father shipped out when I was first born and he continued to go to sea for my first nine years. Then, he decided to stop shipping and move the family to the United States. The U.S. was our first choice, with Australia the second. When the day came for us to leave Greece, we were headed to Piraeus in order to board a ship for Melbourne, Australia for which we already had a visa. On the way, we received a call telling us that our U.S. visas came through. So, it was a fortuitous event; otherwise, we'd be having this conversation in Australia and I'd be speaking in an Australian accent. We sailed from Piraeus aboard the SS Queen Frederica (or Vasilissa Friederiki as she was called in Greece) bound for New York. The voyage was about two weeks and we sailed via Naples, Palermo and Halifax, and then we pulled into New York. Seeing the Statute of Liberty for the first time was one of the greatest thrills of my life. Our cabin didn't have a porthole, but it didn't matter to me, because if I was awake, I was on deck. I really enjoyed the experience on board the vessel. Growing up, I had heard stories from my Dad and my uncles about life at sea, and I thought: this is for me. Shipping is part of my makeup and in my blood. When I was preparing to graduate from high school in Long Beach, Long Island, I only applied to the maritime colleges – all of them. I was waitlisted at King's Point, but that's okay, I was fortunate enough to be accepted by Fort Schuyler and it was meant to be. That's how I found my way to the New York Maritime College.

Can you share with us some Fort Schuyler experiences?

My roommate was Gene Carcone '70 from Utica, NY. I had no idea of what to expect during Indoctrination. But Carcone had even less of an idea. "Gino" and I remained roommates for all four years, even though he was an engineer and I was deck. For our last two years, we had a third roommate Jack Craft '70 or "Crafty". The combination of the two of us, and later three of us, had more demerits than anyone else in our class (maybe, ever). Everyone says that, right? But, we did. We earned our demerits and our periods of restriction - and worked them off doing endless MIAPS. And we made it through.



Nevertheless, I loved my four years at Schuyler. We made a lot of close friends that I still talk to today; many of my lifelong friendships started there. I enjoyed playing on the lacrosse team. Overall, I appreciated the camaraderie at Ft. Schuyler; it was, and still is, special to me.

What did the Fort Schuyler experience best prepare you for?

People ask: Was the bar exam hard? I say, not compared to taking License! License involved tests over a 6- or 7-day period; a series that you had to score 90 percentile or above? That was the hardest test in my life. After that, the bar exam was easy. In fact, many things were easier as a result of the Maritime experience. The College prepared me for:

- Being organized, diligent, attentive, accountable
- Setting a goal and expectations for myself
- Achieving that goal and those expectations
- Knowing that we should use our God-given talents to help where we can – help our classmates, our schoolmates, wherever and whenever we can. I attribute graduating from law school and practicing law as a career to my Fort Schuyler experience – in particular to expectations, character-building, significant responsibility at a young age – as an officer, the lives of your shipmates are your responsibility; you can't screw up.

Fort Schuyler provides a great education including Life-Training, plus all the intangible benefits that serve you the rest of your life.



College roommates Micke Chalos and Jack Craft "Crafty", 1967

How did your career as an attorney begin?

For three years after graduation, I worked for the McAllister Brothers Towing– one year on tugs, then I came ashore, where I spent two years in the office as dispatcher. They were among the best three years of my life. I worked with the funniest guys I have ever met. Brian McAllister '56, and some-Domers but industry folks: Bill Dowling, Milt Nelson, Vince Campion, George Kramer, Frank O'Brien. A few others. They could have easily worked as comedians in the old Catskills Borscht Belt. I looked forward to getting to the office everyday just to laugh at the stories they told. I then worked for International Paper for three years while going to law school at night. The first firm I worked for was Cichanowicz & Callan. Then, along with my colleagues Tom Kane and Jim Halley, we started our own firm in 1978. It was called Kane, Halley & Chalos. We started representing insurance companies pursuing subrogation claims. The first six months were slow. So slow that we were living off of our credit cards. Our firm's secretary was paid on Thursday. On Friday morning, we'd play cards – Hearts - and win back her pay from her. Poor thing. But, the secretary hung in there with us for thirty years. So, it worked out. After a few years, Kane left, then Halley left, then Bob Brown and Craig English '71 started with us, and we became Chalos, English & Brown. More and more sophisticated maritime work started coming in and we hired a number of lawyers with maritime backgrounds. The firm blossomed from there and we were busy. In the beginning, and for a number of years thereafter, we focused on cargo recovery work. Once in awhile, a collision, a ship sinking. We had a good reputation for our field.

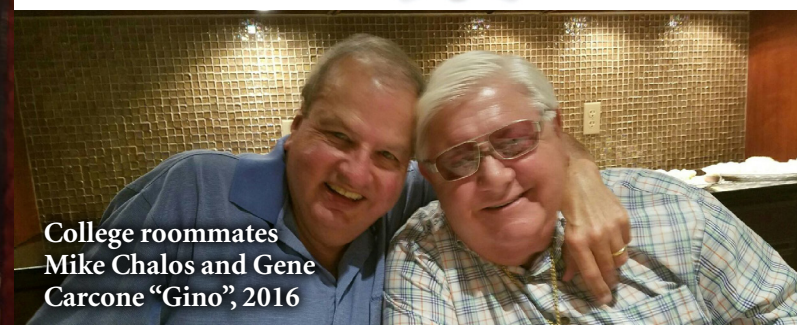
Then, I got the call from "the Capt."

Captain Joe Hazelwood '68, of course.

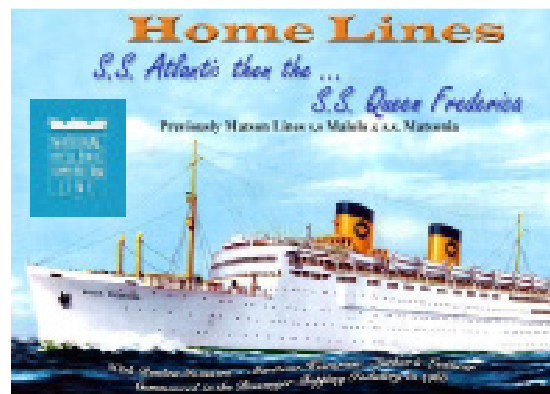
THEN NOW



Mrs. Maureen Chalos with Kristen and Olivia - Olivia was born right in the middle of the "Exxon Valdez" trial! Michael was eager to return from Alaska to Long Island to meet her.



College roommates Mike Chalos and Gene Carcone "Gino", 2016





Michael Chalos '70 (center) with his colleague Tom Russo and Capt. Joe Hazelwood '68 (right) walking out of the Federal Court after Capt. Joe was cleared on three counts.

Tell us about receiving that call.

I was in Atlantic City for WrestleMania VI and received a call from Captain Joe Hazelwood '68 about the "Exxon Valdez" running aground at Prince William Sound's Bligh Reef at 00:04 hours on March 24, 1989. I figured, "Okay, there was a spill, maybe Captain Hazelwood's license would be suspended for a time, and the case would follow standard protocol from there". I told the Captain, not to worry about it, I had him covered. Next thing I see on the news is that there was a Warrant out for his arrest while he was in Alaska. The Captain and I discussed it, and I suggested that he fly back to New York and lie low for the weekend, which he did at another Schuyler guy's house.. Then, after the Hulkster beat the Macho Man and won Ms. Elizabeth's hand, we met and planned our approach to answer the outstanding warrant.

We surrendered Captain H in Suffolk County. We had previously discussed with the Suffolk DA, who was a Mass Maritime graduate that we would ask the judge for no bail, and that the DA's office would ask for \$25,000, and that we'd settle – around \$5,000... We had our deal. However, the judge did not buy it. The judge, who was apparently playing to the many cameras in the courthouse, set bail at \$1,000,000 and justified his actions by saying that the spill was the "worst ecological disaster since Hiroshima". Can you imagine the absurdity of that statement. Captain Hazelwood was sent to jail with murderers and other serious criminals who had significantly lower bails placed on them. I remember feeling, "There's something not right about this; this was an accident that could have happened to me or anyone. Easily." Fortunately, the next day the Chief Judge of the Court found that the bail amount was "unconstitutionally excessive" and reduced the bail to \$25,000, which we made and the Captain was set free to await trial in Alaska.



Up until this point in time, no maritime accident had ever been made into a criminal case.

I also remember thinking as I watched my client and friend being taken away in handcuffs, "This is serious stuff. This is no more Schuyler shenanigans or demerits. As this was my first criminal case, I wondered if I was the best representation for my friend."

How did you approach the "Exxon Valdez" case?

This was my first criminal case and my friend and school-mate called "One Hand" and was looking for me to help. The stakes were high. I didn't know how to measure or establish "reasonable doubt" in a maritime case because there were no precedential maritime criminal cases after an accident on the books. What I did know was how to establish a maritime defense which is exactly what I proceeded to do. I found some graphic and animation specialists ahead of their time who worked up simulator scenarios, showing that if Captain Hazelwood's clear steering instructions were followed, and



The Chalos Family was proud to support Dad as he was honored as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Here are wife Maureen, Olivia, Michael, George, Kristen, Mark.

if the Captain's orders had been obeyed, the "Exxon Valdez" would have missed Bligh Reef by two miles.

In essence, I put the jury right on the bridge of the ship that night. I let them feel and see what it was like under the exact circumstances of the "Exxon Valdez" in Prince William Sound before midnight on March 23, 1989.

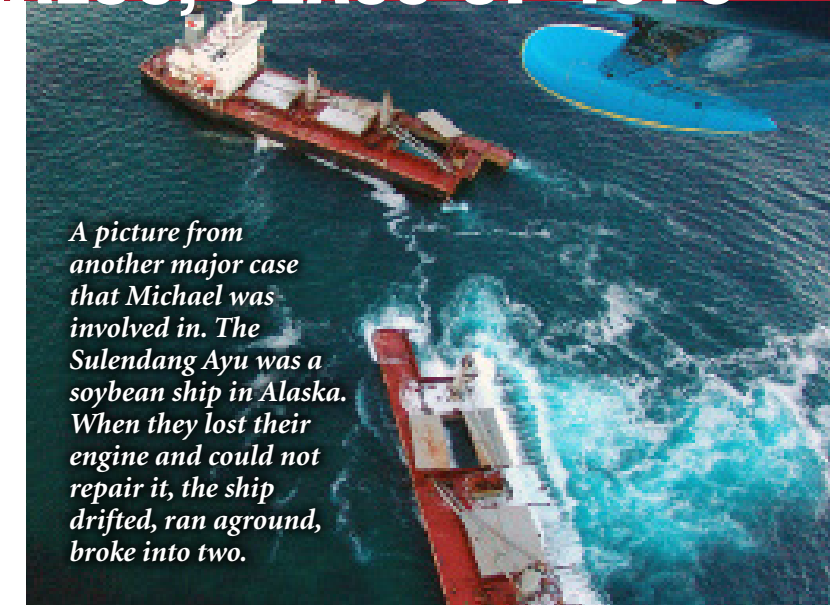
The prosecutor wanted to put on a drunken driving case. The jury was far more interested in the maritime disaster case.

How did you handle the media?

The media was all discussing the one angle – giving full blame to the Captain who they wrongly accused of being impaired by alcohol. I had wanted to change the discussion. A reporter from Time magazine named Richard Behar called me and seemed willing to consider the systemic nature of the factors leading up to the accident and offered to look at another angle. About six months or so before the trial, we gave Richard access to the Captain and a glimpse of our intended defense and he wrote a fair article that captured another side to the story and which gave many people a different perspective of what actually occurred on the night of the accident. If you will recall, Captain Hazelwood was on the cover of Time magazine in July, 1989.

Were you surprised to win, especially given that the trial was in Alaska?

What amazed me was that twelve ordinary people in twelve ordinary walks of life were able to look at the facts, familiarize themselves with the industry practices at the time, put aside strong emotions arising from issues occurring in their backyard, ignore the heavily charged media finger-pointing



A picture from another major case that Michael was involved in. The Sulendang Ayu was a soybean ship in Alaska. When they lost their engine and could not repair it, the ship drifted, ran aground, broke into two.

and come to a fair verdict. They stopped the governmental prosecution train simply by being willing to listen to the evidence put before them and rendering a fair decision based solely on that evidence.

Capt. Hazelwood was acquitted of three of the more serious felony and misdemeanor charges against him, including the charge that he was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. He was convicted of one minor misdemeanor for negligent discharge of oil, which every Captain is responsible for if their vessel suffers an oil spill.

How has this historic case changed the way maritime risks are viewed, from the perspective of the employee?

In America now, if you are a Captain of a ship that has an accident resulting in death or a spill: you will be investigated and most likely tried criminally. If you are a senior officer and do not maintain accurate records/logs: you run the serious risk of being charged criminally instead of civilly. The shipping industry has been targeted by the government for years now. It's not fair for merchant seamen. This criminalization of maritime accidents and on board operations is hurting the recruitment of qualified seamen worldwide.

How has this historic case changed your focus at work?

After the Exxon Valdez verdict, I was one of the pioneers of a new sub-practice of maritime law – maritime criminal law – and it's a field I feel passionately about. Over the years I have represented crewmembers, including the Captain of the Selendang Ayu cargo ship which broke up and sank near Dutch Harbor, Alaska, as well as owners, operators or underwriters involved in major pollution casualties including the Morris J. Berman, the Buffalo 405, the Cape Mohican, the Bermuda Islander, the Athos I, the Cosco Busan and a number of other less publicized cases. I always feel that I am a phone call away from the next one.



James Maloney, Class of 1980 Dedicated Service Award

We thought it best to let Jim Maloney '80 speak for himself. And so here is a copy of his speech from the night of the Awards Dinner.

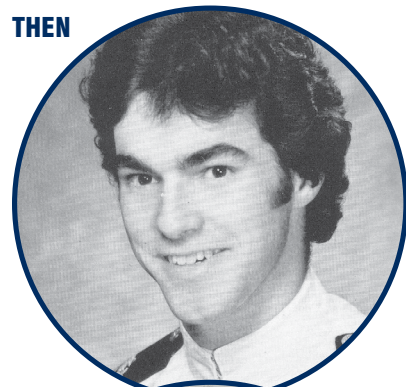
They say I've got seven minutes, so I brought my own stopwatch, and gavel. [THUMP]

Thank you, Ted, and thanks to the Awards Committee and the Alumni Association Board for this honor. Congratulations to my fellow Maritime College alumnus, fellow Fordham Law alumnus, and fellow maritime lawyer, Michael Chalos.

Ted said something about me walking on water. I don't think so. I just try to keep my head above water. I find it's easier to breathe that way.

But I want to tell you about a time when I was really in over my head. That was back in the year 2000, before I was, before I was ever a member of the Association Board. I decided that it would be a good idea then to sue SUNY. You see, back in the 1950s, the United States sold the land and buildings at Fort Schuyler to the State of New York for one dollar, and New York got all that great waterfront property basically for free because New York agreed then and there that it would [QUOTE] "continuously use the property . . . as a maritime school, devoted exclusively to purposes of nautical education and for no other purpose." That's exactly what it says in the deed. So as I saw it back then, when SUNY announced around 1999 that it was going to start making nautical education optional for students, that it was going to start recruiting non-cadets to the Maritime College who would presumably not be trained in seamanship and leadership, well I figured New York was possibly, you know, breaching the terms of the deal. And since I had just come out of law school and I was still very naive, I thought, well, I'll just march into federal court and seek a little justice. I'll just get a federal judge to decide whether optionalizing nautical education would violate the terms of the land grant. I couldn't get anyone else to join my lawsuit as a plaintiff—not the alumni association, not the Marine Society of the City of New York, not the United States Department of Justice, so I just went ahead on my own. I felt very strongly that it was something that needed to be done, and so I started the case.

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I didn't succeed. But I tried really hard. And I will say this: when you put everything you have into a fight and still get your ass kicked really badly, you learn a lot.

As a matter of fact, we mainly learn from our failures, not from our successes. My wife Debbie is very fond of saying: "Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want."

So I've been really lucky. Thank you.

And I've been really lucky, I've gotten a lot of great experience.

Seriously, I have been very lucky. I'm not complaining. One very fortunate thing that's happened during the last few years, you've heard already, I've had the opportunity to teach as an adjunct in the GBAT Department up at Maritime. And so I've had a chance to be on campus, and to see how the school is functioning with the new non-regimental students there. Most of my students are non-reg. And many of those students are very bright, and many are very motivated, and they're all very polite and



respectful, and overall, they're a great bunch of students to teach. I think you see the irony in the fact that I'm now teaching, and enjoying teaching, some of the very students that almost twenty years ago I tried very hard to keep out.

And this brings me to my main point. As they say in the Middle East, the camel is the tent. The new students are here, and they're going to keep enrolling, and keep graduating. And, as Albert Einstein once said, individuals should not be held responsible for the acts of their governments. We can't hold it against these new students that it's no longer "exclusively nautical education" at Maritime. We not only have to welcome them into our association, but we should also help to bring them something extra while they're at the school. We all know that what you learn in college is not limited to the courses that we take for credit. I've found that many of these new students are very interested in learning about seamanship and leadership. They see the training ship sitting there, but they hardly ever get a chance to get aboard it. Some actually switch to license programs because they have that interest, but the rest would benefit greatly if there were extracurricular programs for "inclusively nautical education," even if the school isn't committed to "exclusively nautical education" any more. But to do that well is going to require outside help. SUNY isn't going to do it alone, and that's where we come in. And now for the really good news. The new seven-year strategic plan for the Maritime College, which was just released last month in draft form, calls for more alumni participation, including mentoring and teaching. That was mentioned already by Admiral Alfultis.

And one of the top priorities, listen carefully, is [QUOTE] "Expand leadership development opportunities, and promote their benefits to all students, regardless of their programs or career plans." That sounds to me like the beginning of "inclusively nautical education" for all students. In fact, if you read this plan carefully—and kudos to the Admiral and everybody who put it together—if you read this plan carefully, I think you'll find in it a characteristic that Jose Femenia has always been fond of talking about: synergy. The quality of the whole is more than the sum of its parts. In fact, when I first looked at the new strategic plan, with its goals of building a culture at Maritime that is multi-cultural, and environmentally aware, and includes leadership training for all students, I was struck by how much it parallels the good seamanship and good shipmatehood ideas that I wrote about in my very, very, very long letter to the faculty, which I printed up and hand-delivered to all the faculty mailboxes back in February of 2000, before I'd even learned about the land grant, let alone started a lawsuit. That letter's online, by the way, and you can find a link to it on my SUNY Maritime bio page.

Anyway, I'm very optimistic about the future of the school, and about the role this organization can now once again have in helping to shape that future. Here's a closing thought for you: the alumni association was formed in 1903, so sometime in 2017 it became 114 years old. If you do the arithmetic, you'll see that that's a million hours. I find that interesting because we measure running time on marine engines in hours, even when the numbers get very big. So this engine of ours, this alumni association, has now been running continuously for over a million hours. And a month ago, that engine got reconnected to the vessel it's supposed to help power. And so now, we can finally say that we are doing that thing that my friend and mentor Joe Gerson used to write when he signed his letters. We are steaming smartly as before. Thank you.

Has this interesting man sparked your interest? For an interview with Jim, we refer you to an article entitled "Jim Maloney: A Tribute" featured in the Summer 2014 issue of the Mariner, and found online at: www.fsmaa.org/publications

Congratulations on this well-deserved award, Jim. We have all benefited from your dedicated service.



Jim and his wife Debbie live on Long Island where they raised their twin sons Jake and Rudy.





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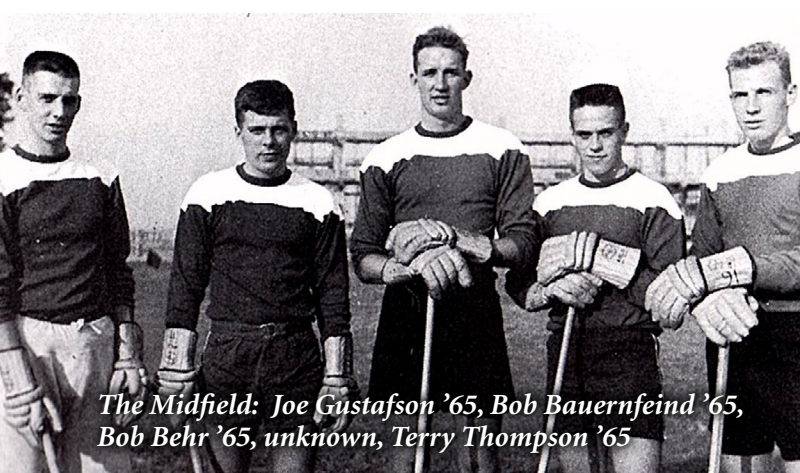
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THE FIRST LACROSSE TEAM

The Stickmen Of Fort Schuyler: Our First Lacrosse Team

By: William "Bill" Erb, Class of '65

The story begins in the Fall of 1961. I was a seventeen year old mug at Fort Schuyler following in the footsteps of my cousin **Harry Rausch '58**. Harry encouraged me to attend the Fort and he was currently shipping out in the Merchant Marine after serving his time in the Navy. However, I had also dreamed of playing lacrosse in college. After being accepted at the Fort, I was offered a lacrosse scholarship for the University of Maryland. My dilemma was that by choosing Fort Schuyler I would have to give up the game. I chose the Fort but was determined to play the sport I loved.



The Midfield: Joe Gustafson '65, Bob Bauernfeind '65, Bob Behr '65, unknown, Terry Thompson '65

Fortunately, **Dr. Herbert Millington** was teaching Economics 101 to the mug class. "Herbie" as he was affectionately known, (not to his face) had played lacrosse at St Stephens College (now Bard), where he was team captain, and had played in the World Games in 1928. Bob Bauernfeind, a classmate and star player from Long Island and I approached Dr. Millington about coaching a team at the Fort. He readily agreed and through his contacts in the US lacrosse association obtained 20 wood sticks, helmets and gloves at no cost. The gear arrived in February 1962, and a few days later we had our first practice. We recruited most players from our '65 class. Most had never played lacrosse. Fortunately, many were superb athletes and being a Mug and hitting people with sticks was simply appealing. Bob knew attack and I knew defense so along with Coach Millington we taught the team the fundamentals of lacrosse.

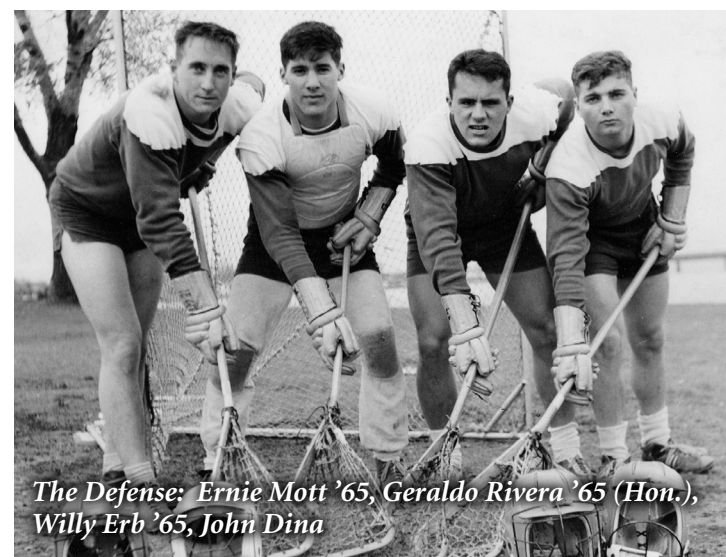
A first difficult hurdle was finding a place to practice. The Throgs Neck bridge had just been built and underneath it was a piece of earth covered with small stones, no grass and lots of bumps. As fields were limited at the Fort, this was the only site offered to us by the Athletic Department. Other coaches clearly didn't want a bunch of guys with cleats tearing up their turf. Occasionally we practiced on patches

around the Fort and occasionally used the granite walls outside the Sallyport as a backstop (this was not popular with the Administration). Herbie would try to attend practice every day but when he couldn't either Bob or I would stand in. After a few short weeks the guys could actually throw and catch pretty well. In those days a big part of the game was hitting with body blocks exactly as you see in football. This came naturally to the ex-football players and as Schuyler alumni will understand the thrill of making a block on someone maybe resembling an upperclassman was irresistible!

Another problem was lack of funding. Lacrosse was not budgeted by the Athletic Department until 1964. There was no money for buses, food, travel, tape, referees, equipment, etc. Herbie stepped in again and funded our entire first two years. He would give gas and toll money to a couple of players who had a cars and we would pile in for the trip while following Herbie and his passengers. He would also give each player enough cash for a burger and a coke.

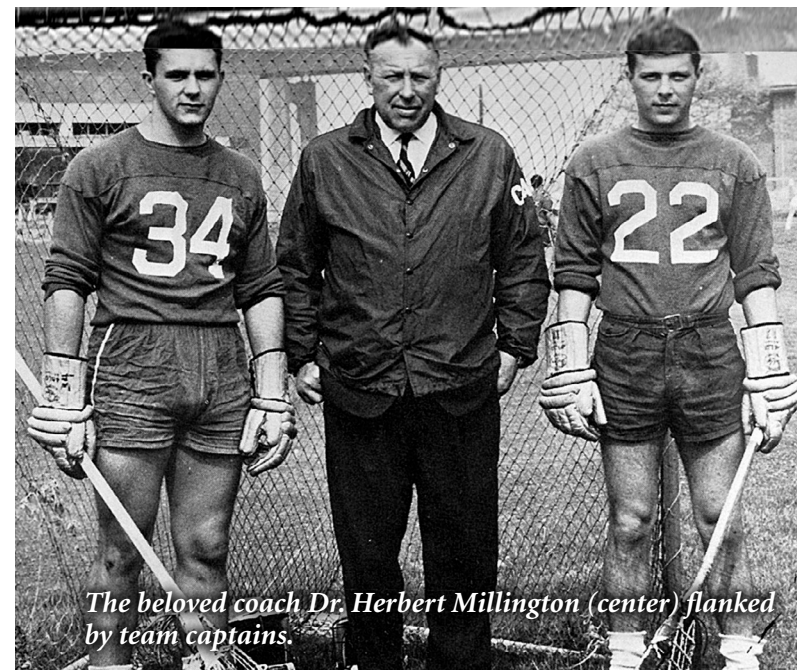
In 1963 we were able to recruit some new talented players including **John Hagedorn** who had actually played before. **Clem Sousa** and **John Dina** learned to play at the Fort amazingly fast and contributed early on. Clem was a midfielder from Hawaii who ran hard and fast. Dina played defense and became a starter his first year out and played with intensity and smarts.

Unfortunately we still did not have a suitable playing field. I recalled that my mentor Harry Rausch had his wedding reception at the German Stadium in Throgs Neck (incidentally Harry was an honorable-mention All American soccer player and captain of the 1958 team which was nationally ranked). The Stadium was actually a beer hall with an



The Defense: Ernie Mott '65, Geraldo Rivera '65 (Hon.), Willy Erb '65, John Dina

adjacent soccer field. In a short meeting, the owner agreed to let us use the field at no cost but we still had to find a way to get there. I tended to organize the practice warm ups so I suggested that the team jog to the stadium each day, six miles roundtrip. Permission was granted for us to exit the Fort each day for practice and the locals would gawk as they watched us running down Pennyfield Avenue with sticks and helmets. Our team manager Bill Baran, would drive to the Stadium and watch practice from the bar (sipping a coca cola, I'm sure).



The beloved coach Dr. Herbert Millington (center) flanked by team captains.

Finally in 1964, we moved operations to the Fort itself and our operating costs were picked up by the school. At last we felt "accepted". In 1965 the new gym was opened and we actually had lockers and a field! Captain Phillips, the Associate Dean of Students, and Matt Twomey (boxing and track coach), often watched our games or practices and asked questions about the team. Their interest and support was really helpful and greatly appreciated. Our schedules improved each year and we won more games against bonafide lacrosse schools. Herbie contacted his lacrosse colleagues and lined up games with teams such as Villanova, RPI, Sienna, New York Lacrosse Club, CCNY, CW Post and many others. As the years went by we won some and lost some, never great but not bad. I thought it was amazing since almost all other teams we played were comprised of ex-high school lacrosse players.

In 1963, **Geraldo Rivera** transferred schools and left us without a goalie. Geraldo being a superb athlete was sorely missed. He also had one of the few cars available to us. Fortunately, **Richie May** moved up to starting goalie and our season was saved. Both he and Geraldo had been champion wrestlers in their high school days on Long Island. Richie was intrigued by the game and quick as a fox from his wrestling days. He stopped many shots with his chest or helmet with only an old baseball chest protector and no throat guard.

We played hard and never once quit in a game. Most rewarding was the bond and camaraderie that developed amongst the team. At our 30th class reunion in 1995, on Alumni Day, we fielded a team of about 12 with an average age about 51. We put on a pretty good show against the current alumni team who "dared to play us". This bond between lacrosse players is in many ways similar to that which one finds in rugby teams. Part of it is the intensity of the game and also the trust one has to place with their team members. In our case I believe it was magnified by our living in the hold of Empire State IV for two years while dorms were being constructed. The closeness we experienced then lives on today and we all consider ourselves brothers till the end.

Some of my fondest memories of the team include **Ernie Mott** and **Bob Bauernfeind**, who both have died too early. After graduation they went to Vietnam with Ernie flying B- 52's and Bob F-14 fighters. Ernie was one of our "blocks of granite" (a term we used to describe our defense). He put his football prowess and size to work on defense as well as his enthusiasm. Bob was an all-star high school lacrosse player who could take



The Attack: John Hagathorn, Bob Bauernfeind '65, Bob Behr '65.

a step and shoot around most any defender. He was a very intelligent player who could out think most defensemen. **Bob Behr** was another standout who played middle and crease attack. At six foot four Bob could take a pass from Bauernfeind behind the goal and score at will. Bob's family and mine have grown old together and we have shared holidays and vacations for the last forty years. **Bob Blaney** was a mountain man playing midfield who could flatten any opponent and often did. Even so Bob was one of the kindest and soft-spoken people you might meet. **Terri Thompson** was the closest thing to a deer that I have seen on two feet. Teams usually used and rotated two or three midfields in order to give players a breather. We often played with only one midfield due to injuries and our small team. Terri would often play the entire game without coming off the field. This is pretty much unheard of in lacrosse. I have not seen anyone run like him in my 61 years of playing lacrosse. **Eddie Uttridge**,

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John Holster and Bob Schaffran all played midfield and provided that rock solid play where being tough, scrapping for the ground balls and finessing a fine shot made all the difference. Joe Gustafson had never played the game but became one of our steady goal scorers. Alby Renz and Larry Kenny were a year ahead of us but true teammates all the way. All these guys had what it takes. Bill Baran managed us, if that was possible. He was invaluable as anyone.

These were the guys from my class and a few others. I can proudly say that this was the finest group of players one could have for teammates and friends. I have been fortunate enough to play the game since junior high school and continue to play club lacrosse. Over these years I've been on many teams but none finer or closer than the Fort Schuyler team founded by the Class of '65 and Dr "Herbie" Millington. I imagine this is in some way a gift to the school and I hope that all lacrosse teams at the Fort take away the same fine memories as we did. I also hope they never forget that the man who made this all possible is Dr. Herbert Millington. He was truly a gentleman, brilliant teacher, superb athlete and selfless in his time and devotion to the sport of lacrosse and to those who played for him. I regret that he is not still with us so that we could personally honor him and express our gratitude for all that he gave us and the school. I hope that Fort Schuyler will continue to support and grow the game of lacrosse and that its teams will value the benefits that the experience offers and support those that follow.



Author William Erb '65 and Bob Behr '65
(Alumni from First Schuyler's first lacrosse team)

60TH ANNIVERSARY - CLASS OF 1957



Classmates from the Class of 1957 proudly marched at the Fort. Here we see: Front row: Bill Hefner, Tony Criso, Paddy Walsh, Tom McCarthy, Ted Mason, Harry Polus, Frank Gallo, George Maffey. Back row: Admiral Alfultis, Gil Williamson, Al Ward, George Redfern, Jim McGovern, Ed Shepherd, Art Lofstedt, Ralph Sirico, Ed DeGaetano, Steve Hertz, Jack Burns.

Class of 1957 at Our Sixtieth Reunion

by Ed Shepherd, Reunion Coordinator

Eighteen members of the Class of 1957 and sixteen of our ladies enjoyed our 60th reunion during a three-day weekend coinciding with the College's Homecoming on 14 October 2017.

We stayed at the Doral Arrowwood Hotel in Rye Brook, NY. This beautiful location, which borders a nine-hole golf course, resembles a resort more than a hotel. It is located on 114 acres in a rural area about two miles from the Hutchinson River Parkway. We arrived at the hotel on Friday evening, relaxed over cocktails and had dinner together in a casual hotel restaurant called "The Pub".

After an early breakfast at the hotel on Saturday, we traveled to the College aboard a private chartered bus and participated in Homecoming activities. As one of the honored classes, we marched into the Pass-In-Review ceremony carrying our Class banner and wearing blue blazers, white shirts, red ties and khaki pants and were seated very close to the speakers' podium. Afterward, we enjoyed a luncheon for honored classes in the Vander Clute Hall. Then, we returned to the hotel aboard the same chartered bus, arrived in time for cocktails and a terrific dinner in a private dining room. After dinner, we held a short Class meeting during which we voted to establish a Class of 1957 Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. This need-based fund would provide scholarship money for high-achieving students studying at SUNY Maritime College and participating in the regimental program. We established a targeted goal for the fund of \$25,000. As of this writing, three months later, our fund is now valued at \$50,000.

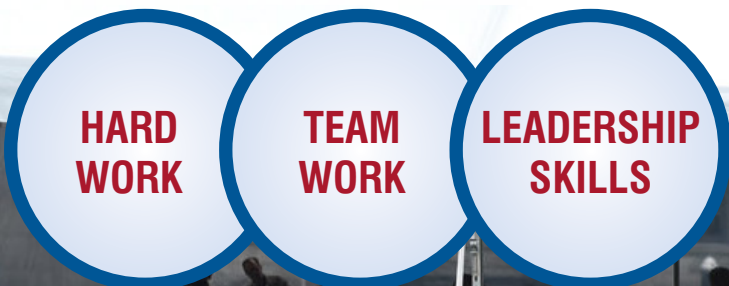
After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel on Sunday, we traveled in a private chartered bus to the Chelsea Piers on the West side of Manhattan and cruised for two hours around lower Manhattan and on the Hudson and East Rivers. We were enlightened during the cruise by an architectural narrator who described the history of many of the buildings and structures that we passed by. We then returned to the hotel aboard the same chartered bus and arrived in time for cocktails and had dinner together in the Pub restaurant. After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel on Monday, we said our goodbyes and vowed to meet again at our next mini reunion in two to three years.



SUNY Maritime College Lacrosse Team 2017 - 2018. The magic, started in 1961, lives on.
(Photo used with permission of SUNY Maritime College).

After five years in the making, the **Class of 1967** kicked off the events of the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation of the Maritime College with a presentation of their class gift endowment of \$80,000, as presented by **Peter L. DiCapua '67:**

I am honored to speak on behalf of the Class of '67. The Class of '67 is a proud class and accelerated its graduation to serve the needs of our country in Vietnam. After that, many of us went on to diverse careers. There's no doubt that our careers were enhanced by the core values of the Maritime College: hard work, teamwork and leadership skills. The bonds and friendship we share will never be broken.



FIFTIETH REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

0715 hours: The FSMAA Ancient Mariner Golf Outing, Pelham Bay Split Rock
 1400 hours: SUNY Maritime College Welcome Center Campus Tour
 Weekend Reservation at Westchester Marriott Renaissance Hotel, West Harrison, NY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

0900 hours: 50th Reunion Class Breakfast at Stephen B. Luce Library, Fort Schuyler
 1000 hours: Class Photo
 1030 hours: Pass-In-Review, St. Mary's Pentagon
 1200 hours: Alumni Luncheon, Special Events Room, Vander Clute Hall or Homecoming Barbecue, Baseball field
 1300 hours: Football Game Alumni Parade, Campus Activities
 1900 hours to 2300 hours: Cocktails, Music, Dinner & Dancing at Cooper/Greely

Ballroom, Marriott Renaissance Hotel

- Welcome - by Al Aymer
- Pledge of Allegiance - by Bob Daley
- Benediction - by Carl Mattia
- Introduction by Reunion Committee – Richard Plant, Al Aymer, Jim Brennan, Bob Daley, Pete DiCapua, Carl Mattia, Ralph Mellusi
- Honoring Deceased Classmates – Ringing Eight Bells on Class Bell for 28 classmates who are deeply missed - by Jim Brennan and Pete DiCapua
- Endowment Presentation - by Pete DiCapua, The Reunion Committee
- Introduction of Admiral Alfultis - by Ralph Mellusi
- SUNY Maritime College to The Class of 1967 - by Rear Admiral Michael Alfultis
- Toast to the Class of 1967 - Ralph Mellusi
- Dinner and Slide Presentation
- Closing Remarks - Richard Plant / Al Aymer
- Singing of the Alma Mater - "The Bells of St. Mary's" - The Class of 1967
- After-dinner dancing and cocktails

The College's Homecoming weekend enjoyed a large turnout for the Class of 1967's fiftieth anniversary of their graduation. In this picture at the Pentagon, we have (left to right, front row to back): 1st row: Dave Cooke, Efrek Krisher, Tom Wilders, Al Aymer, Carl Mattia, Ralph Mellusi, Richard Mognoni, Peter DiCapua, Admiral Alfultis, Conrad Youngren, Andy Allocco, John Jensen, Bob Daley, Rick Hervey, John Hagedom, Jay Bolton. 2nd row: Joe Sargente, Ed Ratigan, Don Metzger, Joe Ward, Tom Allen, Jim Brennan, Roger Danesi, Jim Calhoun, Val Petrov, Charles, Nolfo. 3rd row: Dick Miner, John Egan, James Healy, Tom Connors, Joe Flannery, James Maguire. 4th row: Rick Klattenberg, Ed Robinson, Robert Leto, Dave Ryan. 5th row: George Ferranti, Ray Saleeby, Richard Plant, Robert Liddell, Leonard Yanazzo, Larry Collins. 6th row: Robert Goldman, Tom Malanchuk, Gerald Ford.

History of The Class of 1967

By Reunion Committee

Our Class entered Fort Schuyler on September 5, 1963, with 220 members from ten states and two countries on that first day. We were all curious about what to expect during our first two weeks of training. Our Indoctrination Officers were anxious to teach us the basic requirements to survive our first year. Some were teaching in a positive manner, while others intended to inflict pain as a teaching point. At the end of the process, we did reach the level of understanding necessary to succeed as a MUG class.

We all learned to draw on the assistance and encouragement from our classmates, looking out for one another to overcome regimental and academic hurdles. We shared a common goal - to graduate and pursue our career, whether in the military, Merchant Marine or in other industries. We worked together, overcoming one crisis after another that dominated our time at the Fort. From the JFK assassination to the Vietnam War and civil unrest in our country, our class answered the call together. When asked, we did not hesitate to go on an accelerated schedule, giving up our Christmas holiday, to graduate early and to serve our Country's needs.

After three training cruises and earning an average of 165 college credits each, in less than four years, on April 18, 1967, 123 of us survived and graduated, receiving, not only a Bachelor of Science degree in our chosen field of study and a Navy Reserve Commission, but also a U.S. Coast Guard License as a Third Assistant Engineer or Third Mate. Our class is proud of our 100% license examination passing rate on the first attempt. Our class achievement proved that hard work, a common goal and the support of one another over our Schuyler years is a legacy worth keeping and passing on to others.

After graduation, some of us went to sea immediately to satisfy our Navy obligations, others were commissioned in other branches in the military, during the Vietnam War. Many classmates made a career out of sailing in the U.S. Merchant Marine or the military, while others later chose shoreside professions including: finance, insurance, engineering, law, business, medicine, art and religion, to name a few. We are very proud of all the members of our Class for their accomplishments and for their contribution to our society. Twenty-eight of our classmates have crossed the bar, but they will always be remembered. Our Class story is still being written as we sail toward the future in search of what it holds. May we all experience smooth seas and lasting memories in our search for new adventures over the horizon!

At the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of our class, we were proud to present a class gift. Our class gift to the Alumni Association is an endowment, currently \$80,000, directed to the Summer Sea Term scholarship program and for infrastructure needs that our class decides are beneficial to the license program. We also established a legacy program which is just starting as a tool to grow the fund.



Admiral Moore's flag had mysteriously gone missing from campus in 1964 but as Admiral Alfultis has come to find out, the flag has been held in trust and safety by The Class of 1967 for 53 years. The Class saw fit to return the flag at their fiftieth reunion, much to the delight of Admiral Alfultis. The flag can be seen on display on the College campus right outside the Admiral's office. This Admiral won't let it out of his sight. The question is: Will Admiral Alfultis be serving the ringleaders overdue demerits?



In our friends' good times and bad, life's hellos and goodbyes, look who's still standing right by our side. Domers! Here we see from a gathering in March 2018; Brian McClintock '93, Will Frohne '98, Joe Leotta '91, Pete Borboroglu '93, Chris Schierloh '93, John Ventrudo '93, Dave Callaghan '93, Mark Hanna '93.

WHO WILL YOU NOMINATE AS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF 2019?

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Here's a snap taken August 2017 showing part of the Long Island chapter who showed their respects and told their stories as they gathered to celebrate the life of Admiral Hoss Miller '53. Here are Tom Munster '83, Tom Hall '65, Douglas Graham '53 Jim Yahner '86, Stu Fitz '53, Harry Stumme '65, Carmine Pizzariello '70, Jim Lynch '54, Dave Nieri '72, Rich Olsen '90.

STARTING LINE:
220 boys on
September 5, 1963

**HARD
WORK**

**TEAM
WORK**

**LEADERSHIP
SKILLS**

FINISHING LINE:
123 men on
April 18, 1967

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN 2018?

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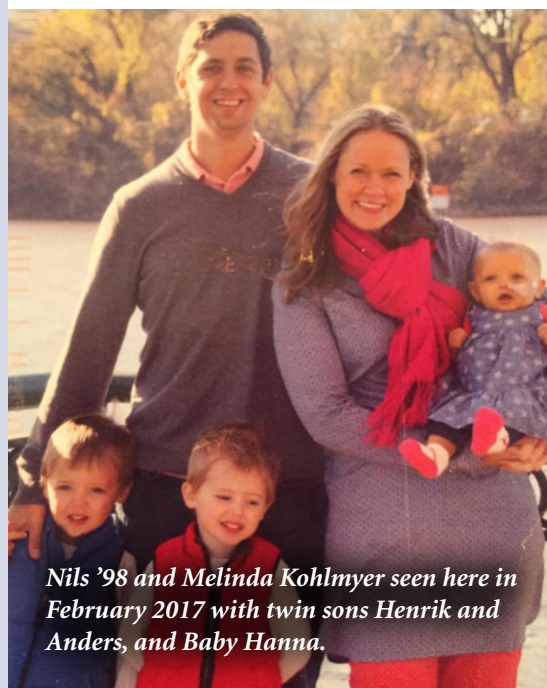
Background:

A year ago, in February 2017, we had heard about an alumnus facing the unthinkable. Nils Kohlmyer, Class of 1998, had found out that his six-month old daughter Hanna was seriously sick and in desperate need of a liver transplant. Medications, hospital bills and other related expenses were becoming insurmountable, along with the stress caused by the uncertainty of whether Hanna would find a suitable liver replacement in time. Nils and his wife, Melinda, needed our love and prayers and help. Nils and Melinda were waiting for news from Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA), a national charity based in Bloomington, Indiana, that is dedicated to guiding communities in fundraising for transplant-related expenses. Their goal was to raise \$20,000 from their family and friends. Nils' Schuyler roommate Will Frohne '98 had reached out to the FSMAA and asked that we spread the word, knowing that there was no time to waste. We sent out a Constant Contact email to our FSMAA alumni and friends, and within three days raised the money to reach their goal. Within a week, the goal was surpassed by a significant percentage. We were receiving checks and calls and notes of encouragement and prayers from alumni around the world from the entire range of graduating years.

Update on Baby Hanna Kohlmyer:

We have some good news for you. And we'll let Daddy Nils Kohlmyer '98 share it in his own words:

*To my fellow alumni and friends,
Hanna underwent a successful liver transplant on March 10th, 2017. Since the transplant she has been thriving and making up for lost time. Although she will be on anti-*



Nils '98 and Melinda Kohlmyer seen here in February 2017 with twin sons Henrik and Anders, and Baby Hanna.



rejection medications for the rest of her life, our doctors ensure us that she will be able to lead a normal life and do everything a normal child would do. She is now meeting all her milestones: walking, getting into everything, terrorizing the family dog, and shouting at anyone who doesn't pay attention to her.

My wife, who has been my rock through all of this, wanted to say something to you all:

“One hand. It is an expression that I have never heard before. Now I believe I understand the meaning to the fullest. My name is Melinda Kohlmyer, the mom of Hanna Kohlmyer - to whom you so generously donated for her liver transplant.

My husband had to explain all of the “One Hand” references on Hanna’s fundraising site (COTA.org). My sister originally set this site up and in her words “so a few people can donate online”. Well, a few turned into numerous and then we had the whole crew onboard with our fundraising goals. We couldn’t believe all of the generosity that was and is still pouring in. The Fort Schuyler Maritime alumni are the most amazing and generous. It was so nice to know that you had our back in this situation... and that is how my husband explained the significance of “One Hand”; it is knowing that people are willing to help you in all sorts of situations, immediately, whether on land or at sea. You have made all of the difference in the world to us and to our daughter Hanna and for that we would like to say thank you.

This past year has been an emotional and financial roller coaster for our family, but thanks to your kind words and generosity we are making, much like our Hanna, a complete recovery. I don't think I could ever adequately express how grateful we are to you all, but please know you are in our prayers always.

Sincerely,

Nils Kohlmyer, Class of 1998, and my grateful family



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January 12, 2018

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