

On June 8th, the 36th anniversary of our graduation, over 20 classmates were among the many gathered to remember Chris. Fellow Naval Aviator Bob Larned, a good friend to both Chris and many others in '77, gave a moving tribute which captured Chris' spirit and truly infectious personality. Chris was a great friend and classmate, an accomplished Naval Officer and business leader, and a terrific family man.

Scott Neidhold (24th Co.) will be submitting a formal obituary for later publication in *Shipmate*, but until then, we offer these few photos in honor of a great guy. The names aren't important; it's the memories that count! First, from The Senator's wedding back in 2012:



Then there's "Ryan; The Early Years", on the occasion of Scott's wedding:



Which begs the question why Sully was wearing Steve Scott's trow?!?

Finally, there's this shot of Chris' final formation, for which, as Pete Grieve observed, R,ryan was late yet again:



Which was *just* the way he would have wanted it. Home is the sailor, home from the sea...but for once, far too early.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

— Mago

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Greetings, '79ers!

I received terrific news this month from **Dave Emerling**. Dave and Sandy have identical twin sons, **Alec Emerling '13** and **Eric Emerling '13** who graduated from USNA in May. From Dave:

■ My wife and I are very proud of them both. They entered the academy with the ambitious (if not unrealistic) hope of obtaining one of only 10 allotted Medical Corps slots. Well, actually they needed two of those slots. Not only did they excel academically, but they went the extra mile with summer training internships at Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda along with medical research at Wright Patterson Medical Center ... along with all that other Navy stuff. They also shadowed doctors during their summer leave.

The academy's Medical Selection Board selected them both – the first twins

to do so in the school's history. For the fall semester, Alec will be attending Georgetown University School of Medicine and Eric will be attending Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN. ■

Two new Legacy members for our class and both will be medical doctors. Congrats to Alec and Eric – and to proud parents Dave and Sandy!

In the "it's a small world" department, **Tim Moon** checks in with this graduation update:

■ **Eric Haas, Bill Rose** and I ran into each other at the Villanova University NROTC unit commissioning ceremony on May 17th because we all have daughters who attended Villanova and received their commissions as Ensigns. I was very honored to be the guest speaker and commissioning officer for the ceremony.

It is kind of neat to see three old guys in uniforms we had to retrieve from deep storage standing with three wonderful young women who are replacing us in the fleet! Kelly Moon reports to Ross (DDG-71) in June, while Alison Haas and Carrie Rose will report to NAS Pensacola for flight school.

An interesting note is that all three were awarded swords during the Unit's awards ceremony last month. It may not be the Naval Academy, but it was a full NROTC scholarship at a great academic institution, a commission from the "second best" navy commissioning source, and a job after graduation. As a parent, it just does not get much better than that! ■

Doesn't get better, indeed! Congrats to the ladies – and also to Eric, Bill and Tim! Now you guys will have to start planning to get together at the 'Nova reunions.

While we're talking legacy, **Chuck Kuzma** emailed to say that his son **Richard Kuzma '16** successfully completed Plebe Year. And he didn't just "complete" it – he finished the year with a 4.0 GPA. Chuck says that "puts him above the combined GPA of **Hank Kuzma '78, Jim Kuzma '83** and myself." Congrats, Chuck!

This month's "Flag Update":

■ **RADM Jim "Traps" Cloyd** will be assigned as director, maritime operations (N3/N5/N2/N7), US Fleet Forces, Norfolk, VA. He will be wrapping up his tour as commander, US Naval Forces, Japan/commander, Navy Region Japan, Yokosuka, Japan and heading back to CONUS. ■