



In the continuing effort of the Trustees to regularly communicate with members of the Class, this is the seventeenth of regular Newsletter communications to all Classmates.

### 2013 GRADUATION & LINK IN THE CHAIN

Our Legacy Class of 2013 graduated May 24 with 54 of our classmates present. Honor coins with our Class Crest on one side and the 2013 Class Crest on the other as well as Ensign/2<sup>nd</sup> Lt bars were presented to each graduate. In addition, approximately 50 swords have been gifted to members of '13 in both public and private ceremonies over the last few months.

Over the past four years we developed a close relationship with '13. Starting with "I DAY" in 2009 with 73 of us present for their induction, classmates cheering them on during Sea Trials, and 69 of us present for their climbing of the Herndon Monument as Plebe year ended, 56 classmates attending the Commitment Dinner in August of 2011, 164 of us joining '13 for their Ring Dance, and 51 classmates attending their Service Selection Dinner.

Other participation by '63 included attending 39 Alumni/Parent's Club Chapter sendoffs as the future Mids left for I Day. Members of '13 also were regular guests at our tailgates over the past two years. Local classmates attended many company level events, and also hosted members of '13 in their homes. We also co-hosted with the Alumni Association Battalion Dinners at Alumni House this Spring, with a guest speaker from '63 addressing the soon-to-be graduates. On graduation 61% of the Class of 2013 signed up for allotments to the Naval Academy Foundation to accrue for their first class gift to their alma mater. The class leaders have indicated their intention to join us in supporting the '63 CAE in future years.

All in all, we have established a close bond with '13 that will hopefully continue into future years and will exemplify the concept of the Link in the Chain. This was perhaps best exemplified when John-Rex Spivey, the president of the Class of 2013, proposed "three cheers for these we leave behind us and for the Class of 1963" before their hats went into the air. A special thanks to Ron Klemick for leading this activity over the past four years, with support from our superb class president, Spencer Johnson.

### "63 CAE" FUND DRIVE FOR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION LEGACY GIFT

As you all know from prior communications, our Legacy Gift will go toward helping the education of all Midshipmen through the Academic Center - now named the Class of 1963

Center for Academic Excellence, (“63 CAE”) due to our donations. This project fits the education endeavors of our Class Foundation and is a living memorial to our deceased classmates - and is one that impacts the lives of hundreds of midshipmen on a daily basis. Recently Spencer received the following from a 2013 grad going into the Marines who stood 14<sup>th</sup> in her Class. She majored in Chinese and will spend the summer engaged in language Indonesia before attending Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

“Captain Johnson,

Thank you for all your support to my Class. I wanted to personally thank you for your kind words after the awards ceremony and also to tell you how much I appreciated your Class’s gift. I used the Center for Academic Excellence so much—it significantly helped me at the Academy and definitely prepared me to excel academically at USNA. I owe a large thanks to your class because they all helped me graduate with distinction and as the Marine with the highest order of merit. Thank you so much!!!

Very respectfully,

Katie D. Whitcombe”

To make our Class the major financial contributor to the 63 CAE we have set a goal of \$6.3 million by our 50<sup>th</sup> – now just a few months away! Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we have combined cash donations/pledges, as well as Planned Giving gifts for the 63 CAE, for a total of \$4.8 million. As we close the Class Foundation, our intent is to add the remaining funds from our Foundation accounts to the 63 CAE gift. These funds now approximate \$675,000, this places our potential total gift today at about \$5.4 million. We are optimistic more is yet coming, but we need your help!!

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP ACHIEVE THE GOAL

Many of you are already on a pledge to support this 63 CAE effort, but some are not. There are two ways to help, direct contributions *using the pledge form pledge enclosed* or through a *Planned Gift*. Existing pledges can be increased using the same form. Forms for Planned Gifts are on the website or you can contact Dick Jones at [rjones@fnfd.com](mailto:rjones@fnfd.com) or at any of these numbers: 800-676-3688, 202-626-5237, or 410-353-4060 to pursue your own program. Any Irrevocable gift counts toward our goal.

Recognition of gifts at various donation levels will be shown on a Striper Recognition Plaque, which will be permanently placed at the entrance to the new and much improved 63 CAE location in the Levy Center (Mitscher Hall). Hopefully, you all want your name included. The new venue is more readily accessible to the midshipmen, and available during study hours.

#### COMPANY COMPETITION

In an effort to get 100% Class participation for this effort we have established a company competition with appropriate recognition for the Color Company (or Companies) that achieve

the 100% goal at our 50th. Details of this competition are on the website. Those of you not having access to the website please contact your respective company contact for more information on this program. As we have lost a number of Classmates since June 5, 1963, we have included the capability for you to make a donation to the 63 CAE, in the name of a deceased Classmate, in order to honor him. This allows each company to get to a true 100% participation of that graduating Class as of June 5, 1963.

### RAFFLE FOR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

At our reunion we will be raffling off a complete set of 12 place settings of antique Wedgewood Naval Academy plates, cups, saucers and bread plates in Staffordshire Blue, donated by Mike and Kathy Krause. These can be viewed at [www.usnawedgewood.com](http://www.usnawedgewood.com).

Other prizes include a weekend for two couples at Mike and Sheila Bonsignore's home in Santa Barbara, a bottle of Chateau Lafite Rothschild Bordeaux, 2000 vintage, donated by Ken and Sandy Metviner, a weekend away for a family or two couples at the lake home of Al and Sally Griggs at Lake Sunapee N.H. and last but not least an Army/Navy Game signed Football for the 1962 game donated by Ollie Donelan. A total of 1000 raffle tickets will be sold, from now until the reunion, at \$50 each. Proceeds will go to support our Legacy 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion gift to the '63 CAE.

Attached is an order form for you to buy your tickets before they are sold out! If you have any questions about the raffle, contact Mike Krause at [msk7736@gmail.com](mailto:msk7736@gmail.com), or 203-349-5132.

### 50<sup>th</sup> REUNION

And... please plan to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion October 24-27!

### A TOUCH OF '63 STYLE - SALE!

We continue to have a good stock of bow ties, four-in-hand ties, and lovely silk scarves for your ladies. All are done in the Class pattern of regimental stripes designed exclusively for our Class.

Ties (both styles) and scarves are \$63 each, but a discount is offered for orders of more than one article. You can buy any two for \$100 or any three at a price of \$120.

Please be specific when ordering.

Order by sending a check made payable to Class of 1963 Foundation and mail to:

Ms. Jessi Crawford  
Lowe Enterprises  
P.O. Box 12393  
Aspen, CO 81612-9207

FINANCIALS

The Class Foundation presently has a net worth, through March 31, 2013, of \$675,157 as reflected on the attached financial statements. The scholarship liabilities are those of funding to completion the grants to which we are already committed. Operations are on a calendar year basis.

See you in October!!

BEAT ARMY!!!!

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY  
CLASS OF 1963 FOUNDATION

March 31, 2013  
BALANCE SHEET

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Checking Account	\$	30,771
Pledges Receivable		-
Schwab (at market)		676,386
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$707,157</b>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Scholarship Commitments:		
Niss dependents (2)	\$	32,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>(32,000)</b>
<b>NET WORTH</b>		<b><u>\$ 675,157</u></b>

OPERATING STATEMENT

<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations (direct)	\$14,534	
Donations (via NAF)	-	
Investment Account/Schwab	1,289	
Checking Account/Interest	6	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 15,829</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Scholarships	\$ 2,500	
Management Fees	500	-
Administrative Expenses (stationery, bank charges, printing, postage, mail expenses, meeting expenses, and fidelity bond insurance)	4,329	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>(7,329)</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>		<b><u>\$ 8,500</u></b>