

# Chuck Stone

## Our Inspirational Leader



Chuck Stone exemplified “a life well-lived.” His life embodied the core principles of duty, honor, and loyalty inherent in the Naval Academy Mission. His love for, and commitment to, his country, his Navy, his classmates, and June, his wife of 53 years, were evident in everything he did.

Chuck’s leadership was easy to follow—and lead he did! In 2011 he rallied his San Diego area classmates to take on the challenge of hosting the Class of 1963 Mid-Term Reunion in San Diego, our first one held outside Annapolis. This was a major project that Chuck made fun and engaging, as well as one that bonded us together even more.

Inspired by that success, and undaunted by his long battle with multiple myeloma, Chuck put out the call for us to host our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in San Diego. Energized by the valuable experience of 2011, local classmates responded again to his leadership. Although Chuck’s declining health precluded day-to-day involvement, his presence set the tone, and, as Chairman Emeritus, he gave us the confidence to stay on the right track.

For many years, Chuck and June hosted our Class of ’63 Army-Navy Game parties at their beautiful hilltop Villa Sardinia in north San Diego County. Their wonderful hospitality helped to keep our classmates close and our old stories alive. Chuck played a very special role in the life of our Class in southern California. He was highly respected and loved by all of us. The passing of Chuck Stone has left a huge hole in our Band of Brothers.

