

# REVEILLE

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## a word from the dean of students

### Embracing Change

The theme of the Summer 2014 edition of *Reveille* is history and culture. Our school is a bit of a dichotomy in that we value our rich history while accepting and celebrating the changing culture of our campus, curriculum, and study body. As we grow and change, we weigh every decision with our mission at the forefront.



Since my first year at Farragut in 1995 and as the Head of Middle School since 2005, I have been part of the development of our school. This next school year I will experience more growth and change as I transition into the position of Dean of Students to streamline and manage discipline. Therefore it only seemed fitting that my last speech as Head of Middle School at the Middle School graduation covered embracing change.

"For many, change is scary and elicits fear. But without change, we have no innovation, no step forward, and we become stagnant. Even Albert Einstein said that the definition of insanity was doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. We all have to realize that people change, situations change, relationships change...in fact the only thing constant is change.

Here in our Admiral Farragut Academy community, we are facing many changes; changes that have already started in our cadet leadership structure, in our academic division structure, and even in our grade level staffing. Our graduates are also facing changes by heading off to college with more freedom, more responsibility, and more opportunity.

For adults and cadets alike, change can represent risk, and this can result in a sea of anxiety. After all, any change, even a change for the better, has its own drawbacks and discomforts. But according to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who has reached billionaire status already and only turned 30 in May of 2014, "The biggest risk is not taking any risk. In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks."

And so I leave you with this: Do not fear these changes that are coming about in our school community or anywhere in the world. Embrace them. Live them. And as Ghandi once said, "Be the change that you want to see in the world."

CDR Jennifer Grabowski  
Dean of Students

*Reveille is designed to give all members of our community a quick glimpse of what Farragut is today, including highlights of students, alumni, faculty and staff, past and upcoming events, and other important initiatives.*

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## Two Divisions, One Mission: Our Shift to a Lower School and Upper School

*By: Heather Lambie, Advancement Senior Associate*



*Sixth and seventh grade students.*

Our school's mission is to “provide a college preparatory environment that promotes academic excellence, leadership skills, and social development within a diverse community of young men and women,” and we are doing just that.

During the 2013-2014 school year some big decisions were made about the future grade configuration at Farragut. The solution our school leaders chose is one that will be mutually beneficial to students, faculty, and parents and one that takes our school to the next level of academic and social success.

Beginning in the Fall of 2014, what was formerly an Elementary (PreK-5), Middle (6-8) and High School (9-12) is blending into two divisions: a Lower School (PreK-7) run by current Elementary School Principal, Anita Fine, and an Upper School (8-12) led by current High School Principal, Shannon Graves. With

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- CDR Jennifer Grabowski, Dean of Students

this new structure, our previous Middle School Principal, CDR Jennifer Grabowski, will now take on the full-time role as Dean of Students. With Grabowski at the discipline helm, student behavior and character education will be consistent and front and center.

“In the education world, there is a lot of research about the benefits of pairing grades together for academic success and social development, which is why we are very excited about this shift. Now that I am moving to the role of Dean of Students, I have created a Character Education curriculum with the Costello Center, a local organization that provides services to help build healthy relationships,” said Grabowski. The Costello Center offers full service counseling and academic services to students and families. This partnership is exclusive to Admiral Farragut Academy and

the benefits will be priceless as they will come to our campus and offer professional programs, free of charge, to help our families deal with important issues such as: cyber-bullying, time management, and peer and parent relationships. Their motto is to help individuals build healthy relationships and work to enhance people’s lives holistically by addressing mind, body, and spirit.

You may be thinking, but a Lower School that is PreK through seventh grade? Here, it is interesting to note the pedagogical and program delivery changes which have occurred at the middle school level during the past thirty years. The primary reasons for embracing the PreK through seventh arrangement is that it fosters greater articulation of curriculum, causing fewer transitions for students

throughout their total lower school education. It also means, from a staffing perspective, an increased opportunity for shared resources, collaboration, multi-age and thematic teaming. From a facilities perspective, this shift means that more elementary-aged students will have access to more school campus spaces and resources.

Farragut administrators chose to break the divisions at seventh grade, not eighth--but why? The educational trend in both public and private institutions is the offering of graduation requirement courses at the eighth grade level.

“It started several years ago when eighth grade students began taking Algebra. Then they tested out of beginning language courses and began taking high school level Spanish II or Chinese II, and from there it expanded



*The Citizen of the Month award promotes and reinforces students who display good character traits.*

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to where it just made sense to schedule our eighth graders with our high school students,” said Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr.

The past 2013-14 school year was the first year Farragut eighth grade students were completely scheduled with high school students and shared many of the same teachers. It has been a seamless transition.

Grabowski and other school administrators understand that an effective middle school program (typically grades 6, 7, and 8) must be designed around the unique developmental needs of early adolescents (11-14 year olds). Because the intellectual, social, physical, and emotional needs of this age group are different from either elementary students or high school students, a customized character education program is necessary.

The 2014-2015 school year will also be the beginning of a strategized Character Education

Program in which grades 6-12 are separated for assemblies and will have age appropriate discussions on relevant issues. Also, boarding students will assemble once a month to cover a relevant issue.

“As we think about the future, we need to stretch beyond the grade configuration question. Regardless of age, we need to think about what students need,” said Fine.

Even though this plays out differently for each child at various ages and development patterns, we want our students to have:

- *A Strong Foundation of Morals*
- *The Ability to Work in Teams*
- *Time Management Skills*
- *Problem-Solving Skills*
- *Good Communication Skills*
- *Social and Cultural Awareness and Understanding*

The specific character education program topics are listed in the grey column to the right.

## Character Education

### Grades 6-7

- Study Skills
- Friendly vs. Mean Teasing
- Coping Skills
- Leadership and School Involvement
- Nurturing Resilience and Strength
- Boot Camp for Organizational Skills
- Bullying 101
- Taking Responsibility of Actions

### Grades 8-9

- Study Skills
- Safe and Healthy Relationships
- Overcoming Common Stressors
- Taking Responsibility
- Rumors and Reputation
- Conflict Resolution - Making Yourself Part of the Solution
- Boot Camp for Organizational Skills
- Self Esteem Ahead - Getting Ready for High School

### Grades 10-12

- SAT Prep
- Deciding on the Right College
- College Applications
- Resume Writing
- Interview Skills

### Boarding

- Developing/Reviewing Ground Rules
- Teamwork
- Conflict Mediation
- Taking Responsibility
- Balancing Leisure and Work (Sports and Academics, etc.)
- Leadership Skills
- Boot Camp for Organizational Skills
- Diversity

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- CDR Jennifer Grabowski, Dean of Students



## Farragut Corps of Cadets Becomes a Regiment



*Regimental Staff for the 2014-2015 School Year*



*Color Guard during the Final Parade*

For many years our corps of cadets has been organized as a Cadet Battalion with seven companies: Band, Drill, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for Upper School cadets and 4th, 5th and Middle School Drill for sixth through eighth grade cadets. However starting in the 2014-2015 school year the structure will change and the eighth grade will be part of the Upper School and the sixth and seventh grades part of the Lower School.

With the addition of eighth grade to the NJROTC Unit, and with increasing enrollment in the Upper School well above 250, the Naval Science Department has the authority to establish a Regiment. Our Regiment will consist of three Battalions of two companies each: Headquarters Battalion (HQ) will comprise Band and Drill; Bravo Battalion will have 1st and 2nd company and will be all boarding cadets; Delta Battalion will be 3rd and 4th company and will be all day cadets.

“ The cadets are excited to begin their new duties in the Regiment. We are confident that this new structure will streamline the organization and provide more leadership opportunities for our cadets. It will also further support our mission to prepare them for college. ”

- CDR L. Shannon Graves, Assistant Head of School  
and Head of Upper School

# How Two Kindergarten Classes Crossed the

# GLOBE

## Without Ever Leaving Their Classroom

*By: Heather Lambie, Advancement Senior Associate*

One of the true advantages of having a combination day and boarding school is the opportunity for international and cultural exposure for every child.

Our Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Gormley, and her students discovered this last fall when Anita Fine, the Lower School Principal, came into her classroom with a box. "This is for your students from Mr. Pospisil, a parent of one of our boarders from Czech Republic," she said.

As it turns out, throughout the year Mr. Pospisil travels back and forth quite a bit between St. Petersburg and Prague where he visits Mini Svet Mrac, a local elementary school in Prague. While visiting he asked the Kindergarten teacher, Iveta Dittrichova, and students there to prepare something to take back to Admiral Farragut Academy that illustrated a Czech child's cultural experience.

"When we opened the box," said Gormley, "we found Czech candies, a wooden penguin that we discovered is their equivalent of our Mickey Mouse, a class t-shirt, and a few other items."

It was really exciting and the kids were very into it. A few days later, Mr. Pospisil asked if we would pack up a box about Florida and the United States that he could bring back to them."

So the Kindergarten class--the classroom with a surfer theme--compiled a box of items including seashells, a seahorse, and sharks teeth with a postcard that showed which teeth go with which sharks. The class was studying sea turtles at the time, so they also included a sea turtle art project with some fun facts. Lastly, they included a class book of each Kindergarten student and what he or she likes to play with, some Disney and princess coloring books, a Farragut elementary yearbook, Legos and some American candy like M&M's and Skittles.

A few weeks later, the Czech school sent Gormley a link to a YouTube video of the students opening their box and looking at everything inside.

"My kids watched them picking up all the shark's teeth and matching them to the teeth images on the postcard. They asked to see it over and over,

especially the part where the Czech children looked at the classroom book and the pictures of our students. When they saw themselves on video in another country they'd shout, 'There I am!' They loved it," said Gormley.

From there, the two classes have continued building a special relationship by sharing videos and sending boxes. At Halloween time, our class sent over candy, the classic kids movie "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and a video of the class singing their favorite spooky song.

Gormley also used the exchanges as opportunities to enhance her curriculum with geography and math lessons.

**"We got out the globe and tied a string from where we are to where they are, so they could see the distance and realize how far apart we are."**

We talked about time and how many days, hours, and minutes it would take to travel that far overseas. We also researched



Prague and looked at pictures of the houses they live in."

**"The biggest benefit to the box exchanges," says Gormley, "is that the kids get to see that the world is bigger than their own house or their immediate environment. Also, they learn that even though we're different, we're all the same."**

The Czech kids are singing songs and doing the same kinds of games and activities in their classroom that we are. It was

a great way for our students to relate to another country's culture."

Likewise, Gormley is getting to communicate and collaborate with a Kindergarten teacher from Prague, Ms. Dittrichova.

"We have very similar curriculums. I share things we do here like the 100 Days of School to help students learn how to count by twos, fives, and tens. Her classes are mixed (3-, 4-, and 5-year olds in one class) so the students are on different levels, but many of the projects are the same. They did a lesson on Hawaii and had

a luau--and there the kids are in their video, having a luau in their little bikinis with the brutal Czech winter and snow outside the windows," said Gormley. "So cool."

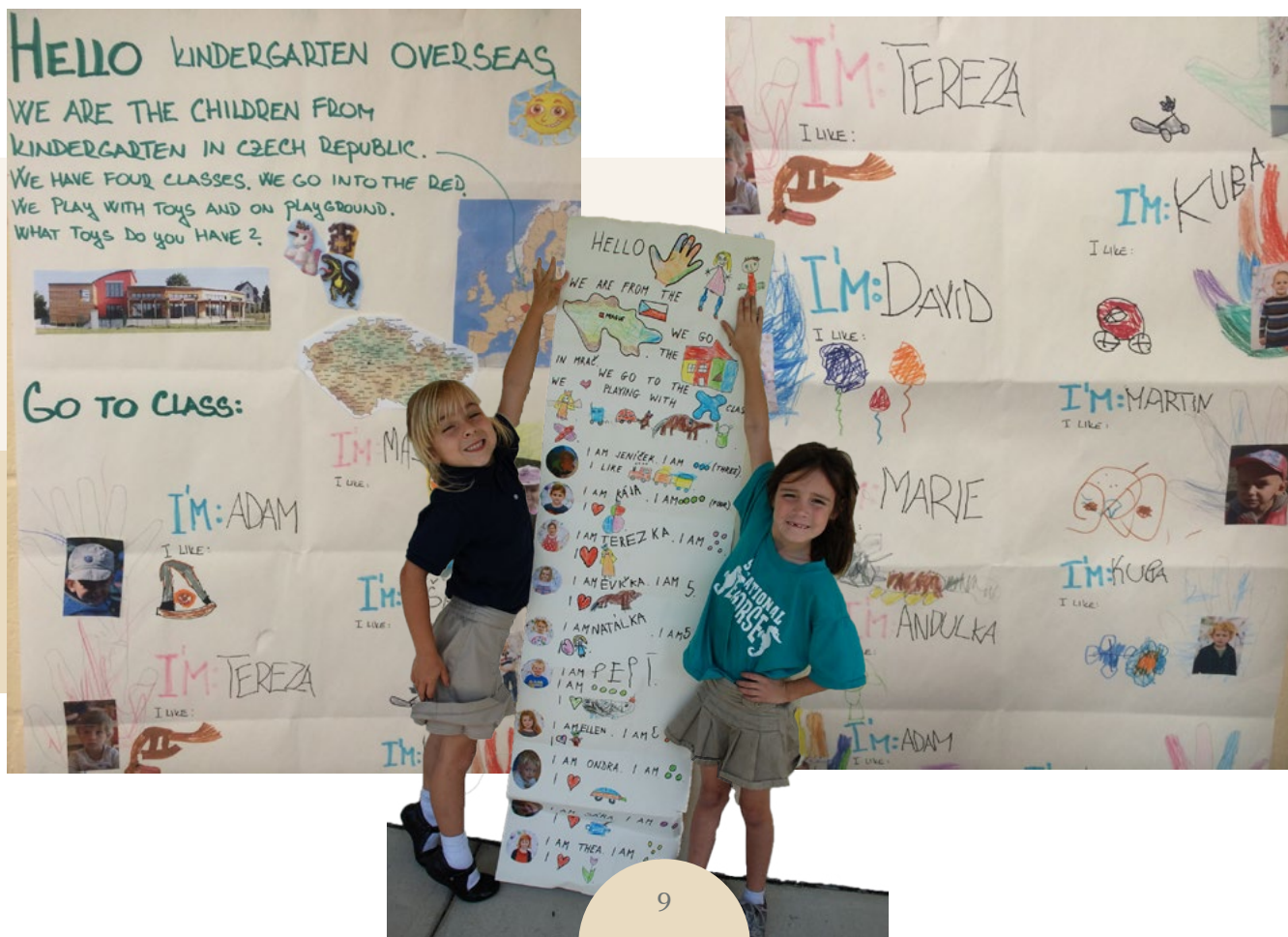
The Czech students are also using these exchanges to learn and practice English. Likewise, Gormley asked Tomas Pospisil, Mr. Pospisil's eighth grade son from the Czech Republic to visit her class and teach them how to say hello, goodbye, and thank you. "It's nice to practice my language here," Tomas said. "I don't use it much except when I talk to my dad or when I go back to Prague every summer."





“These moments are planting the seed for Lower School students to get excited about the experiences they will have in Upper School where they will have international students as classmates and/or roommates,” said Gormley.

Gormley says if Mr. Pospisil is willing to help again (the boxes were not mailed, he carried them with him on his travels back and forth), then she would definitely do an exchange with the school next year. “And even if he can’t, we’ll find a way,” she said. “This was too valuable an experience for all of us to not continue it next year!”



## Cultural Exchange: International Students Share the Hits and Misses of Living in the States

By: Heather Lambie, Advancement Senior Associate



**Ivan Elizarov (Grade 8)**  
*Moscow, Russia*

**When did you first come to the United States?**

I came to this school in sixth grade and my parents moved here to live in Miami, FL.

**How many languages do you speak?**

I speak Russian and English fluently, and I'm learning Spanish now in school.

**What is the best thing about living here?** The people are really different--more friendly.

**What is the best thing about being at Farragut?** The freedom and independence from my parents.

**What is the worst thing about living here?** Waking up early. (He said, with a yawn)

**Hui "Amy" Xu (Grade 6)**  
*Fuyang, China*



**When did you first come to the United States?**

I moved here last year with my Uncle who lives here.

**How is Farragut different from your school in China?** In China we didn't have P.E. like here. They didn't care about Engineering or creating things with your hands like they do here -- in China they only care about Math and Grammar.

**What's the thing you miss most about China?** FOOD! I miss the noodles and rice cakes.

**What are you afraid of?** My grandma. And Geography.

I don't know a lot of the words they use in that class.



**Hao "Timmy" Xiong (Grade 5)**  
*Shanghai, China*

**When did you move to the United States?** I came here last year, but this is my first year at Farragut.

**What the best thing about living in the U.S.?** The people are really friendly.

**What do you miss most about China?**

My family. I live here with my aunt and my cousins. My dad travels back and forth for work.

**What are you afraid of?** Bugs. I don't like bugs.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A businessman like my dad.

**Amada Serje-Gazabon (Grade 1)**  
*St. Petersburg, Florida*



**Have you always lived in the United States?**

Yes. But my mother recently just became a U.S. citizen.

**What other languages do you speak besides English?**

Spanish. My parents are from Colombia.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** A teacher. Because I like to learn a lot.

**What are you afraid of?** Snakes.

**If you had one piece of advice to give your friends, what would it be?** Treat others the way you want to be treated.

**What's the best thing your parents ever gave you?** My pets. Four parakeets.



**Ekaterina Goncharova (Grade 12)**  
*St. Petersburg, Russia*

**When did you move to the United States?** When I was 11. My family moved here for better opportunities in life. Plus my brother went to Eckerd College and my sister went to USF to learn English and finish their degrees.

**What do you miss most about Russia?** My friends. The culture, how people are more respectful.

**What other languages do you speak besides English?** Russian fluently and Spanish pretty fluently.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** I want to work for the CIA.

**What are you afraid of?** Not taking every opportunity that's offered to me in life, wasting a chance I might get.

**What's the best thing your parents ever gave you?** Bringing me here to the U.S. They gave me opportunity and a voice and made me the person I am today. (Kat is attending UC Berkeley in the fall to study Psychology).



## Boarding Life

*Boarding students visit John's Pass.*



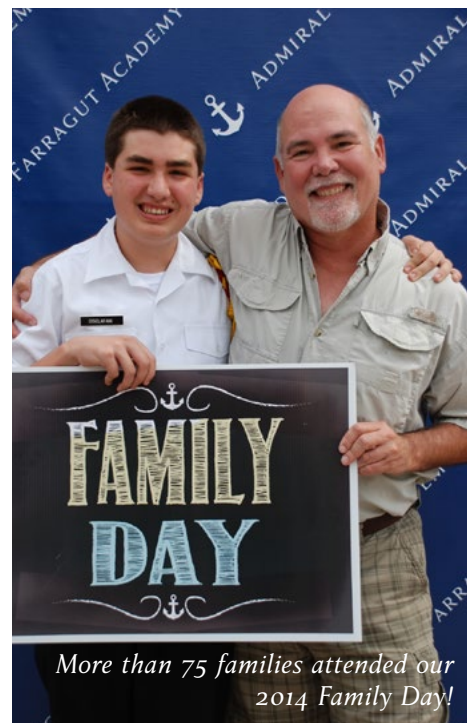
*Boarding students visit Disney's Epcot Center.*

## 5K Fun Run



*The school celebrated the new rubberized track and showed our Farragut spirit with a "5K Fun Run" for all grades!*

## Family Day



*More than 75 families attended our 2014 Family Day!*



## PreK-5th Grade Daddy Daughter Dance



*Girls bonded with their fathers, uncles, and family friends at Farragut's first annual Daddy Daughter Dance.*



*Daddy Daughter Dance*

## College Bound



*Seniors wearing shirts from the college they will attend.*

## World Culture Day



*We have students from all over the world -- 32 countries and 17 U.S. states! One day each year, our students and staff celebrate our school's diversity.*



*Students celebrate their heritage.*



I See England,  
I See France





**A**ngie Koebel, our Director of the Center for Academic Success, had always dreamed of visiting Europe. So when Andrew Forrester, High School Assistant Principal and longtime chaperone of the student European Spring Break trip, explained to her that he would not be able to take the students this year because he and his wife were about to welcome twins to their family of four, Koebel listened with excitement.

“Of course I jumped at the opportunity, and roped my husband into helping me,” said Koebel.

The planning process for this year’s trip to London and Paris was extensive for several reasons. Fifteen students attended the trip, which included eight international students and seven Americans. Only one of the 15 students had ever previously been to Europe so this was a first-time adventure for nearly all.

Koebel crossed travel T’s and dotted itinerary I’s by securing multiple travel visas for five of the students and doing copious research to plan fun and educational tour stops. Because Forrester

is from the U.K. and had taken students on this trip for so many years, he didn’t have any specific itineraries to share with Koebel.

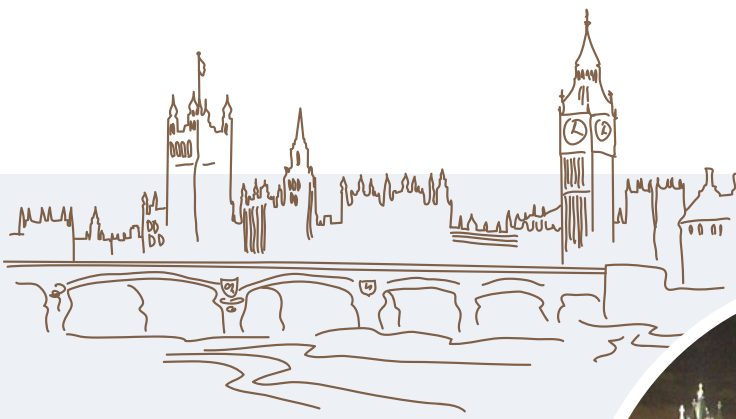
“Not knowing exactly where to go was kind of a benefit in the end, though,” she said. “It forced us to take local transportation--tubes and buses and such--and get out there on foot and walk miles and miles. We were really immersed in the culture and community.”

In London the group visited Windsor Castle, the London Tower Bridge, Shakespeare’s Globe Theater, took a double decker bus to the London Eye, Tower Bridge, Parliament, Big Ben, and St. Paul’s Cathedral among other historical sites. They also took a river tour and visited Buckingham Palace, the National Museum, Piccadilly Square, and Oxford street “for shopping, of course!” before heading to see the Lion King play.

Koebel said the students, even the ones she didn’t expect, were very impressed with how different the culture was in London and Paris. “They didn’t see one pair of boxers hanging out of anyone’s pants; everyone dressed nicely. You didn’t hear cursing or loud music booming through the streets. You never saw the entitlement attitude. It was very refined and cultured everywhere we went, and I appreciated that the kids noticed that and were impressed by it.”

“It was really nice experiencing another part of the world,” said Marisa Polchan, a freshman boarder at Farragut who is from Thailand. “I have





*The iconic London Bridge sets the background for a memorable picture.*



always thought about attending a university in England, and this trip made me consider it even more seriously. I loved the [cooler] weather."

In London, three of the American students who visited the Tate Modern museum became ironically inspired by some of the art displays and took a photo of their backpacks and phones in a pile, mockingly telling Koebel, "Look! This is modern art, apparently. Even we can do this!"

Koebel said, "When we go to museums we expect to see something unbelievable, like when we went to the Louvre. But even that didn't create as strong a reaction as when we visited Tate and those boys saw that with the right interpretation anything can be art."

The group spent their first night in Paris walking to the Sacre Coeur cathedral which overlooks

the city. "You get up there and the view is breathtaking. We went into the Cathedral and they were starting mass and we were allowed to walk around the perimeter even during mass. Some of the kids were overcome by the emotion and grandeur of it, and one of them had to sit down. To have the music and the art and the bishops and the choir, it was really something."

The second day in Paris the group got off the train at Trafalgar Square to find that it was pouring down rain and miserably cold, but they kept walking and all of a sudden there it was--the Eiffel Tower. "And as cold and miserable as it was, we all just took a breath and exhaled a wow," Koebel said.

"I am the one kid who has been to Europe before with my family," said freshman Matt Hajek, "but I wanted to do this trip with classmates because I thought it

would be a different experience than traveling with my parents. And Paris was my favorite.

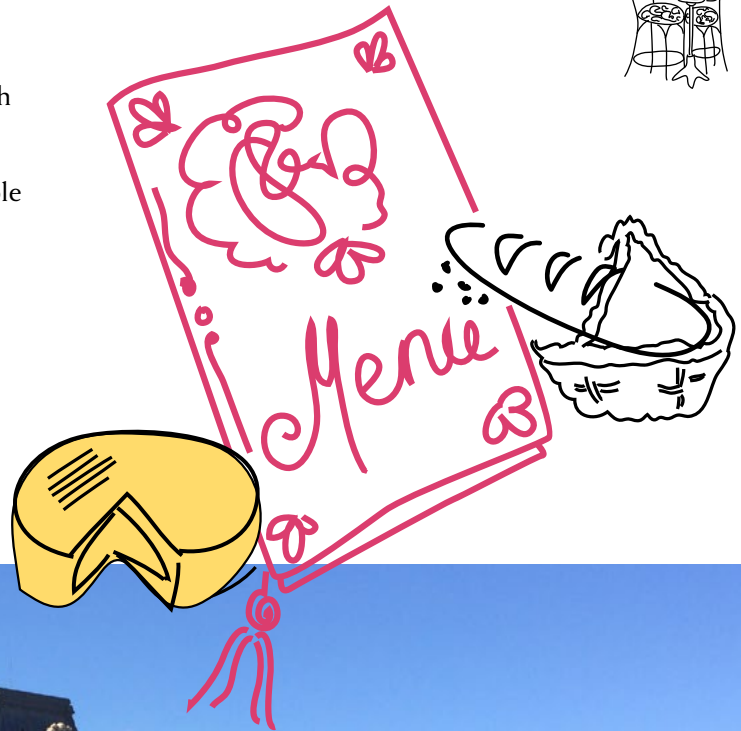
While in Paris, the group also saw the Arc de Triomphe, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, several cathedrals, the Louvre Museum, the Place de La Concorde, and enjoyed a river cruise on the Seine.

Beyond the wows of historical sites, Koebel and the students agree that the biggest benefit of the trip was the overall exposure to new and different cultures. Even though Farragut is home to students from an average of 32 countries and 17 U.S. states, while a student at Farragut they all have to wear the same clothes and eat the same foods. "It was great for them to see how other people live," said Koebel. "For instance, London had no trash cans anywhere, but it's incredibly clean. And the hotel rooms were incredibly small.

The kids were shocked by that. Their dorms look pretty good after those hotels!"

Koebel says many of the students compared the two countries by saying that in Paris, the food was amazing and the people were unusual, while in London the people were amazing and the food was not great. Students at Farragut who have not been to the UK, but have interacted with Mr. Forrester and his fun, effervescent personality often assume that all British people are like that. "To experience the culture in person and see all the people and ride the subways and be in the crowds . . . it's a good education about the differences and similarities we all have as humans, no matter where we grow up," Koebel said.

When asked if she would chaperone the trip again, Koebel said, "I was already on the phone with a tour company this morning talking about doing something for next year."



Group of Farragut students in front of the Louvre Museum.



## Academic Programs



### AVIATION - For students grades 9-12

Our Aviation Program provides safe, professional flight and ground instruction to students interested in aeronautical science and the field of aviation. This program began as an elective back in 1987, and is now a full program.



### MARINE SCIENCE - For students grades PreK-12

Through our Marine Science Program and waterfront location, our students have the advantage of being eyewitnesses to the material they are studying. Students use school-owned boats, cast nets, and seine nets.



### NAVAL SCIENCE - For students grades 8-12

As one of only two Honor Naval Schools in the country, Farragut's Naval Science Program is an integral part of our college preparatory mission. The program provides character education and structure for a challenging academic atmosphere. Students may take advantage of advanced leadership opportunities, sailing, the rifle range, Drill Team, Color Guard, and off-campus trips to air shows, Naval bases and ships, and more.



### SCUBA - For students grades 9-12

During the academic day, students have the opportunity to earn up to four scuba certifications. Students in scuba take incredible dive trips to locations like Hudson's Grotto and the Florida Keys.



### ENGINEERING - For students grades 2-12

Students process knowledge gathered from a multitude of sources and design it into a useful product that solves a problem or accomplishes a task. Farragut established a STEM-focused curriculum in 2011. As a result, engineering courses and robotics clubs are offered in all divisions and new instructors with specific knowledge and experience in those fields were hired.

## Summer Camps



### SUMMER@FARRAGUT - For students entering grades 9-12

During this four-week boarding experience students live on campus and attend college prep courses like Pre-Calculus, Calculus, SAT Prep, and ESL I & II. They may also take advantage of Farragut electives like Aviation and Scuba while meeting students from all over the world.



### ENGINEERING/STEM - For students entering grades 6-8

A summer camp that challenges students to become critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, and collaborative learners with their peers. During each week-long session attendees build robotics, launch rockets, and design Autodesk 3D projects.



### MUSICAL THEATRE - For students entering grades 4-12

Acting, singing and dancing with professional actor, singing coach, and choreographer. Attendees also help create, paint, and build the set and props for an end of camp performance.



### LITTLE CAPTAINS - For students entering grades PreK-5

Four week-long themed sessions: Reader's Theater, Marine Art & Science, Summer Olympics, and Top Secret (themes may change each summer). Daily activities include a rotation schedule of arts and crafts, swimming, summer reading, STEM, trips to our waterfront, science experiments and more, all related to weekly theme! Also, Upper School students interact with our little guys as Camp Counselors.



### EARLY ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT - For students entering grades K-2

Children learn curriculum taught during the school year including science experiments, art, phonological development, reading fluency, comprehension skills, writing/handwriting skills, math, music, and movement.

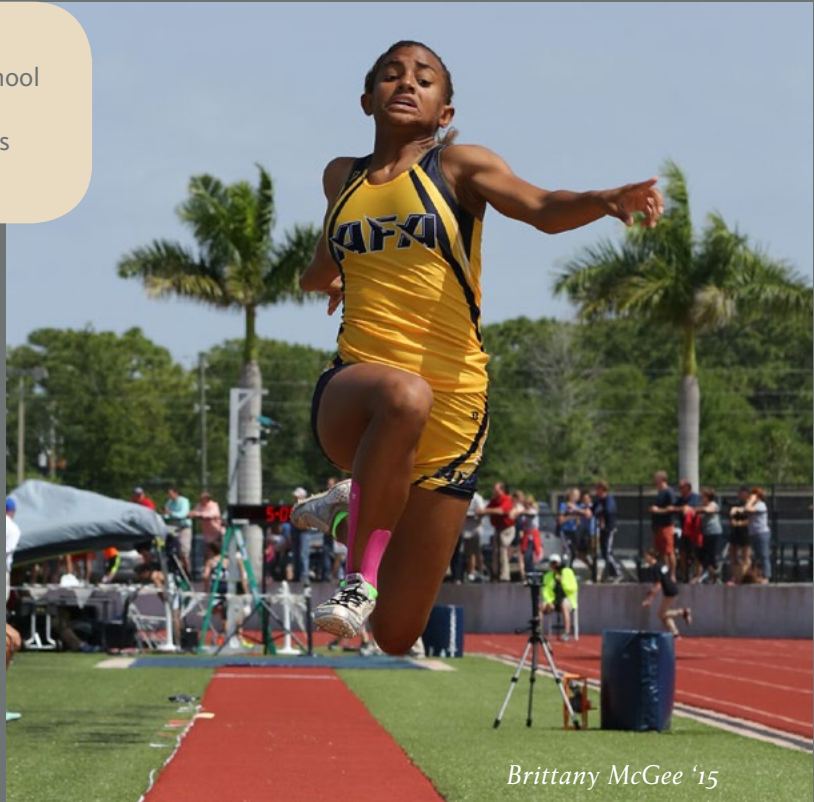


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Varsity Track Class 1A State Championship: Our women's team placed 4th overall, breaking the school record. Brittany McGee '15 won 1st place in three events, which also broke school records. Our men's 4x100 meter relay team placed 5th overall.



*Pictured left to right: Anthony Evans '15, Cortavios Givens '14, Napoleon Maxwell '14, and Dalton Collins '15.*



*Brittany McGee '15*



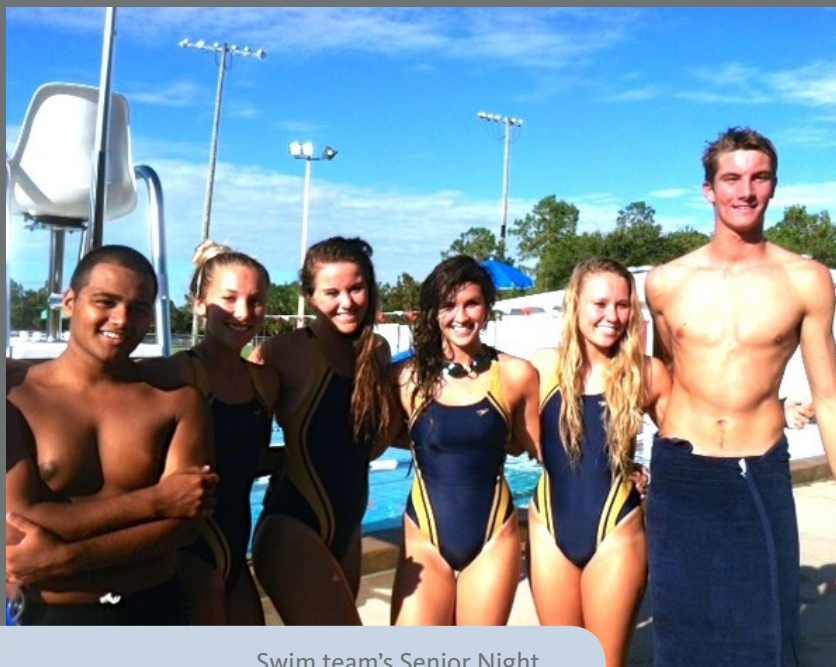
Three wrestlers earned 2nd place at the St. Pete City Tournament: Devin Griffin '15, Ricky Fuller '14, and Jack Lescarbeau '16 (pictured left to right with Coach LoRusso and Coach Brown).



*Angela Padovan '21 and Ansley Fine '21 at St. Anthony's Meek & Mighty Triathlon.*



During a golf match at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club, Maxton Lewis '17 got a hole-in-one at the 8th hole, a 169 yard par 3.



Swim team's Senior Night.



Congratulations to the entire 2014 Farragut Softball Team for achieving the Class 3A Championship, District Runner Up. They went undefeated in the district this season. Pictured female seniors sign to play college level softball: Claudia Pizzarelli '14 at Seminole State College and Allie Kowalczyk '14 at Clark University as teammates Alexa Smith (L) and Jessica Belcher (R) look on.



*High school student Franceska Akel '16 pictured playing transverse flute during the High School Talent Show.*





*"Of Mice & Mozart" was a musical performed by Elementary School students under the direction of Ron Turner and Shauna McKee.*



*Farragut families and friends gathered in the West Lounge to hear our High School Chorus. They sang songs from Les Miserables, folk songs, and sea chanties.*





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# alumni news

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## Class of 2014

*By: Heather Lambie, Senior Advancement Associate*



On Saturday, May 17, 2014, parents, families, and 63 soon-to-be-graduates marched up to the walkway to the Garden Theater for the final time.

Before they accepted their diplomas and shook the hands of administrators, they would hear

fellow classmates and alumni speak to them about what lies ahead and behind them. The class Co-Valedictorians were Nima Beheshti, who will attend the U.S. Naval Academy, and Battalion Commander Matias Sejersen, who will attend Villanova University. Ekaterina Goncharova--attending University of California,

Berkeley--was Salutatorian. All three were also the student speakers of the day along with board member and alum, Christian M. Wagner '82N.

All three students also hail from other countries and addressed their families personally in their native languages (Farsi, Dutch and Russian) during

CLASS OF  
2014 **BY THE NUMBERS**

- **100%** matriculation to a 4-year college or university
- **\$5.1 million** in scholarships earned
- **3** have attended Farragut since Prekindergarten
- **2** will attend the U.S. Naval Academy
- **6** will attend a ROTC school
- **5** will attend Embry-Riddle to continue studies in Aviation
- **6** will play a sport on a collegiate team their freshman year: (4 football, 2 softball)
- **63** graduates

their speeches, thanking them for choosing to send them to Farragut.

Wagner also referenced a foreign language of sorts when he spoke of the use of text acronyms in his speech. "LOL and LMAO are simple gibberish in the business

world," he said. "You must learn to write well and embrace public speaking. Some of you may already be good writers and public speakers. Get better. Your ability to communicate will be a great advantage. Smart is the new rich."

Salutarian Goncharova added: "Our school managed to nurture individuality in each of us and get us to where we are today ... a place where students can fly before they can drive to school. Farragut has honestly become my second home and I couldn't imagine my life without it."

*Nima Beheshti, Co-Valedictorian*



*Rank: Cadet LT  
Age: 18 years old  
GPA: 4.28  
Parents: Taraneh Beheshti and Ali Beheshti  
College Choice: United States Naval Academy*

*Matias Sejersen, Co-Valedictorian*



*Rank: Cadet CDR  
Age: 18 years old  
GPA: 4.28  
Parents: Peter Sejersen and Cameron Maltby  
College Choice: Villanova University*

*Ekaterina Goncharova, Salutarian*



*Rank: Cadet LT  
Age: 18 years old  
GPA: 4.27  
Parents: Valentina Goncharova & Yury Goncharov  
College Choice: University of California Berkeley*



# Tracing Farragut History & Heritage

*By: LT Steve Edwards, Exhibition Drill Teams & Honor Guard, Drill Instructor/Coach*

**T**hrough the travels, performances, and people they have met along the way, Farragut's Exhibition Drill Team has been exposed to a rich history directly linked to our school, our namesake, and our heritage. Through the team's visits to the USS FARRAGUT, a strong bond has developed between the officers and crew of the ship and our Drill Team. To give our Farragut cadets an understanding and background of the ship, a display has been created in the Alumni Museum at the St. Petersburg campus that traces the history of the USS FARRAGUT. The mat that welcomes visitors as they enter our Farragut Hall has the ship's symbol and crest on it.



Five ships have proudly carried the name FARRAGUT. This legacy dates back to the USS FARRAGUT TB-11 commissioned in 1899. The third was the USS FARRAGUT, DD-348 which served valiantly during WWII and was at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. The USS FARRAGUT, DD-348, earned 14 battle stars. Our Drill Team was asked to serve as Honor Guard and perform for the Chief Engineer of DD-348, at a special ceremony honoring him and his Naval service.

The Drill Team has also met and befriended an officer who served on the USS FARRAGUT DDG-37, the fourth ship to bear the name. The ship's bell from DDG-37 is displayed in the Alumni Museum. With our current relationship with DDG-99, the fifth ship in the line,



cadets have now met and **know** **officers** and crew members of three of the five ships to bear the name USS FARRAGUT.

We have been told by the current ship and by the **Navy** that we may be the **only group** to have **achieved this honor**.

Admiral David Farragut's Flagship was the USS HARTFORD. The HARTFORD was a sloop of war steamer commissioned in 1859. The ship served in many campaigns in the Civil War, the most prominent being the Battle of Mobile Bay where David Farragut commanded his famous – "Damn the torpedoes – full speed ahead."

The HARTFORD was designated for restoration,



but unfortunately sunk at Norfolk in 1956 while awaiting the fulfillment of those orders. Admiral Farragut Academy is honored to have the deck plate from the HARTFORD at our Quarterdeck in Farragut Hall, the capstan and cathead adjacent to the Parrott Library, and the binnacle in our Alumni Museum. Our museum also is home to two very personal possessions of David Farragut, his sword and knife. These artifacts are priceless remembrances of David Farragut and of the ship that carried him to his most notable military achievements.







Each year during Thanksgiving break, my wife, Joy, and I lead a nine day educational trip for Farragut cadets to experience Washington DC. Some of the Farragut history our group views along the way includes:

- The Navy Museum at The Washington Navy Yard which has a prominent display devoted to Admiral David Farragut and the USS HARTFORD that includes a torpedo -- the type referred to by Admiral David Farragut in his famous quote -- as well as portraits of Admiral David Farragut and Farragut alumnus Alan Shepard '41N.
- A statue of Admiral David Farragut cast from melting down the propeller from the USS HARTFORD is the centerpiece of Farragut Square.
- The Smithsonian American History Museum holds one of the actual uniforms and covers worn by Admiral David Farragut.



- The National Portrait Gallery has a painting of Admiral David Farragut. The Postal Museum has a David Farragut display.



*For additional information, a listing of the venues we have visited, the history that we have experienced, and how it is directly linked to our school, our namesake, and our heritage, please contact LT Steve Edwards at [sedwards@farragut.org](mailto:sedwards@farragut.org) or by phone at 727-384-5500, Extension 231.*

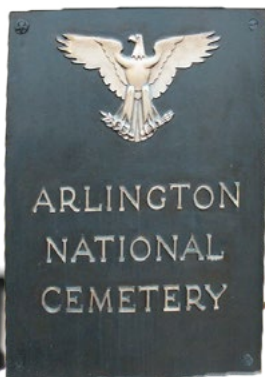
- At the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum the team visits the Mercury and Apollo displays which contain photographs of RADM Alan Shepard '41N, USN (Ret.) and Brig. Gen. Charlie Duke '53S, USAF (Ret.) our moonwalking astronauts.
- The American History Museum has a display honoring Alan Shepard '41N with photos and his flight suit.
- We spend a full day of our Washington trip at Arlington National Cemetery. We proudly march down FARRAGUT DRIVE, and also visit the grave sites of those from Admiral Farragut Academy who are laid to rest at Arlington.
- Through relationship building our cadets are also able to have special experiences at the Pentagon and actually meet with CAPTAIN Daly, former Commanding Officer of the



Whether it's visiting our Alumni Museum or the various sites in Washington, DC or the ports across the country, viewing and learning about the venues, artifacts, and heritage that link our history is a valuable and worthy adventure. Author and historian David McCullough said it best:

“To me **history** ought to be a source of pleasure.  
It isn't just part of our **civic responsibility**.  
It's an enlargement of the experience of **being alive**, just the way literature or art or **music** is.”

-- David McCullough, Historian



**FARRAGUT  
DRIVE**



### U.S. Navy Captain Eugene F. Paluso '85N Takes Command as Commandant of the Citadel in Charleston, SC

On behalf of the entire Alumni Community, we would like to congratulate CAPT Paluso '85N, USN on his recent appointment to serve as the Commandant of the Citadel in South Carolina. A 1989 graduate of the Citadel, Paluso currently commands Naval Special Warfare Group Three at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In that job he commands 700 Navy SEALs and other personnel.

During his career, Paluso has held leadership roles commanding special operations forces in Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan. He has led men and women in combat at all levels. His service awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Commendation Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (5), Joint Achievement Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.



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### Exhibition Drill Team Honor Guard Answers Call To Duty

*By: Steve Edwards, Exhibition Drill Team  
Instructor/Coach*



*Farragut Honor Guard and US Army  
Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell,  
recipient of the Medal of Honor.*

Our Exhibition Drill Team was called to serve as Honor Guard for the memorial service and funeral of John Stross who passed away suddenly and unexpectedly the last weekend of May. John Stross was the owner of the restaurant Leverocks, and was well known in the community as a philanthropist and for his extensive charitable involvements.

Even though it was summer break and our Exhibition Drill Team members are dispersed around the world, members as young as seventh grade and an alumnus who graduated from college responded to the call. When the Honor Guard was assembled, there were several Drill Team cadets who had never met before, but they all came together for the common purpose to serve.

Stross was a good friend to our Drill Team, which had worked with him as the Honor Guard for his "9/11 Patriots Day Memorial" each year. He will be greatly missed.

## What's in a Name?

*By: Jen Shedler, Advancement Office Manager and Event Coordinator*

### REVEILLE

Reveille is the title of our bi-annual publication about the happenings at Admiral Farragut Academy and our Farragut family... but do you know where the title came from? The word reveille originated from the french word *réveillé* which means “awake”, and ultimately from the Latin word “*vigilare*” which means “to keep watch”. To our boarding students, at 0630 hours, they know this to be a recording of their daily wake up call. When our alumni hear the word “reveille”, they may sing or hum the melody of the bugle or trumpet call, for it was once the duty of the BC staff to play this wake up call.

### TAPS

The actual meaning of the word taps is “lights out”. In *Reveille* it is our section devoted to praising the lives of alumni who have passed. Taps, also a bugle song, is traditionally played during a funeral honoring a fallen military person. To our boarding community, this song is played at 2130 hours, Monday thru Friday, and at this time each student must stand at attention in front of his or her dorm room to be accounted for.



### MAN THE RAIL

The act of “manning the rail” is when sailors stand evenly spaced on all the yards (the spars holding the sails) of a ship to pay tribute or render honors in the US Navy, Coast Guard, and US Merchant vessels.

Some years ago, our alumni team introduced a similar practice to welcome new Farragut graduates into the alumni family. During commencement, members of

our alumni community “Man the Rail” on the Garden Theatre walkway to cheer on the departing graduating class as they ring the bell from the USS Farragut.

Following the playing of Taps, the rising senior class wishes three cheers to their parting peers. Once the final cheer is bellowed, the graduating class is retired from the ranks and toss their covers into the air.





# Jersey Roots: Lost time capsule from Admiral Farragut Academy unearthed by superstorm Sandy

By: Erik Larsen, Asbury Park Press.

**I**n 1959, a cadet at Admiral Farragut Academy and his roommates commandeered an empty artillery shell from the basement of the band house and filled the inert weapon of war with memories from their time at the military boarding school.

Cadet Peter Ruzila Jr. of Paramus buried the time capsule in Seaside Heights, where his family owned a summer home. He and his friends resolved to dig it up in time for their 20th reunion in 1979. Ruzila never saw the 1970s. Today, his name is on Panel 3E, Row 13 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington. On Nov. 1, 1965, Ruzila was in the lead truck of a convoy in South Vietnam when his vehicle struck a land mine just 17 days into his tour. The 24-year-old Army private first class was killed instantly.

Ruzila was the only one who knew where he had buried the shell-turned-time-capsule and only an act of God was going

to reveal its secret hiding place. That act of God came on Oct. 29, 2012, in the form of superstorm Sandy.

The force of the storm was so great that the time capsule was unearthed and carried in Sandy's flood waters to Ortley Beach, a few miles north of Seaside. At the time, authorities believed the shell to be a relic of World War II, washed ashore by the disaster. The State Police Bomb/Arson Unit were called in and treated the device as live ordnance.

Once the contents of the shell were found to include memorabilia from the now-defunct Admiral Farragut Academy, the State Police Marine Services called a retired trooper from their unit who they remembered had often spoke about his time as a teenager at the school. In the kind of coincidence that gives one pause in life, Steve Kahn, the retired trooper was also from the Class of 1959 and would connect with old



*Peter Ruzila Jr. of Paramus graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach in 1959. At the time of his graduation, Ruzila made a time capsule out of an inert artillery shell that he and his roommates found on campus. The shell was to be opened during their 20th class reunion in 1979. However, Ruzila was killed at the age of 24 in South Vietnam in 1965 while serving in the Army. The shell with much of its contents preserved was found amid the ruins of Ortley Beach in 2012, after superstorm Sandy had unearthed it miles from where Ruzila had buried it for safekeeping. / Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund*

*Cadets from the Admiral Farragut Academy Marching Band perform during their first parade of the spring season on the football field of the Pine Beach campus on April 13, 1992.*



*Cadets Jeff Evans, 16, and Ken Nixon, 17, both of Lakewood, walk between classes on the grounds of the Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach on May 5, 1994.*



*Eighth grade cadet Michael Oldewurtel shares a joke with a classmate before the start of Admiral Farragut Academy's last commencement ceremony on June 4, 1994.*



*Cadets aboard a lifesaving boat docked on the Toms River near the grounds of the Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach.*

friends to get to the bottom of the story.

The time capsule contained reels of 8mm and 16mm films of the Farragut drill team and band performing for Armed Forces Day at then-Naval Air Station Lakehurst as well as the activity at the academy during graduation week in 1959. There were also perfectly preserved copies of the school newspaper from that year, along with copies of programs from the commencement ceremony. Some other items did not survive the long journey through time.

Fifty-five years later and 35 years behind schedule, Ruzila's wish to see the contents shown at his reunion will be honored by the alumni of all Admiral Farragut Academy. A reunion for all of its classes will be hosted Saturday night at the Sea Oaks Country Club in Little Egg Harbor.

Those films will be shown for

the first time to the estimated 120 former students who are expected to attend.

In Pine Beach on Friday evening, a group of alumni gathered on the grounds of what was once their school. Farragut graduated its last class here in June 1994, a few months after the academy announced it would have to close its doors due to financial troubles. The former students raised an American flag on what used to be the north lawn of the 10-acre campus, on the bank of the Toms River. Established in 1933, the academy was America's first college preparatory school with naval military training.

Cadet-Graduate Brian Fischer, Class of 1976, said he could not talk about his days at Farragut without getting choked up. "That's how awesome it was, the people, the friendships." Instead, he joked about the chicken and mashed potatoes the mess hall served up for dinner.

"It was awful.... I couldn't eat chicken and mashed potatoes for years after I graduated," he quipped.

John Ogden, also Class of 1976, reminisced about morning marches in bitter cold wind gusts off the Toms River and a residence hall that was never properly heated in winter.

"It was an old summer hotel in the 1930s before it was Admiral Farragut Academy. We used newspapers as insulation, they didn't like to spend money on oil," Ogden said. "I liked the chipped beef on toast every Tuesday morning. It was actually more military than the Air Force, which I later joined."

But he agreed with Fischer: This was an awesome place, where lifelong friendships and discipline were developed. Admiral Farragut Academy continues to live on in their thoughts.



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### Army Navy Weekend 2013 Recap



*Charlie Duke '53S in center and Michael and Brenda Kolchin '61N, during the special dinner.*

This year we were so pleased to have special guests of honor, Brig. Gen. Charlie Duke, AFA Class of '53S, USNA '57, USAF (ret), and Apollo 16 Lunar Astronaut, and his wife Dotty join us for a VIP Reception and 6th Annual Alumni Dinner at the Union League of Philadelphia. Charlie spoke about how important his years at Farragut were and how they truly prepared him for his future. During his speech, he also paid tribute to our fallen alumni heroes who gave their lives to protect the American Dream.

The following day, Army and Navy took to the field for the 144th playing of the Army Navy Game. Navy won for the twelfth year in a row, but most importantly the day was about honor, courage, and pride.

Please mark your calendars to join us in Baltimore, MD, for Army Navy Weekend 2014 events on December 12 and 13. For more details, please visit [www.farragut.org/armynavy2014](http://www.farragut.org/armynavy2014)

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### Pine Beach Weekend 2014 Recap



*Frank Maiorano '58N (L) and David MacDowell '55N (R).*

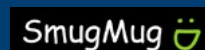
We would like to thank the 110 guests that shared their early May evenings with us. With guests traveling from as far as California by plane and Texas/Indiana by vehicle, your devotion and dedication is something to celebrate! Farragut would like to recognize the planning committee for their tireless efforts, planning, and execution of such a remarkable event.



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"How does a waterfront view make you feel?"

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**Alycia Mora** Jessica  
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**Troy Ralph Martin Jr.** very good  
Like · Reply · March 25 at 5:38pm

**Paul Saba** How I miss spending my afternoons giving Chief Maus and CDR Rodda heart attacks while racing up and down the bay!!! The memories!!  
Like · Reply · March 25 at 2:59am

**Kathryn Cox** Reminds me of boundless energy, sky's the limit career possibilities and an insatiable quest for knowledge not yet burdened by life's tasks.  
Like · Reply · March 24 at 7:52pm

**Andy Luckey** I always faced the parade ground since the band was housed in 2-C. Then again, most of the day's others were out drilling in the sun -- the band rehearsed in the heavily air conditioned band room. So sacrificing the view was OK.  
Like · Reply · March 24 at 5:42pm

**Donald Gates Elliott** Waterfronts are great views! What a beautiful school!!  
Unlike · Reply · 1 · March 24 at 4:50pm



"Cuban sandwiches for lunch today - YUM!!"

**Louie Rodriguez-Feliu** Wished I was there mmm...  
Like · Reply · March 6 at 3:42pm

**Sonia Almstadt** I would like to try one!!! 😊  
Like · Reply · March 6 at 2:18pm

**Allison Lescarbeau** They were delicious!!  
Like · Reply · 1 · March 6 at 3:23pm

**Rehab Alyafi** Bon Appetit ❤️ **Rayan Alrefae** Admiral Farragut Academy  
Like · Reply · 1 · March 6 at 11:48am

**Robert F Patten Jr** Used to work in the Cafeteria never saw these! I wonder if you still have to put your hand over your cup so you didn't get a napkin in it!  
Like · Reply · 1 · March 6 at 11:19am

**July Llanes-Bonilla** Send this Cuban one of these...lol  
Like · Reply · 1 · March 6 at 11:01am

**Taylor Courtney** Where was that deliciousness in 1985????  
Like · Reply · March 6 at 9:10pm

**Taryn Reilly Seeley** my son loves your Cuban sandwiches!  
Like · Reply · March 6 at 6:49pm

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## Claudia Sokolowski: Farragut Mother, Grandmother, and First Female Board Member

*By: Alison Lescarbeau, Academy Advacement Director*

On February 24, 2014, the Board of Directors and the administrative staff of Admiral Farragut Academy honored the contributions of Claudia Sokolowski to our school. Claudia has played an integral part in our school's history, from Farragut's Parents' Group co-founder to a Founding Board Member of Admiral Farragut South Inc. Claudia, a parent of two alumni and a current grandparent of four students, has been a strong advocate of Admiral Farragut Academy along with her husband Bob.

Claudia started her relationship with the school back in the late '80s when she and her husband enrolled their two sons, Doug and Matt. Recognizing the lack of parent involvement and having a desire to help, Claudia and several other mothers formed our first Parents' Group. Shortly after their initial formation, and following many fundraising activities, they managed to buy the school's first bus. Bringing active parent involvement to the campus was something quite new to Farragut and something Claudia was instrumental in starting.

After her boys graduated in the early '90s, Claudia accepted a position on the Board of Trustees. The Board at that time governed both the Southern and Northern campuses. When the schools separated she was one of four original Board members of Admiral Farragut Academy in St Petersburg, Florida. Claudia also served a greater role as she was the first woman to be elected to the Board of Admiral Farragut Academy. She was able to counsel the school as the female population grew to a truly coeducational institution. Her sage advice, encouragement and ideas have assisted fellow Board members, Board Chairs, and Heads of School for close to thirty years. She has served many roles on the Board over the years including a term as Vice Chairman.



*L to R: Headmaster Robert J. Fine, Jr. with Claudia and Bob Sokolowski.*

Claudia and her husband, Bob, are also members of Farragut's Blue Jacket Club. The Blue Jacket Club was formed to honor and pay tribute to those who have given over \$100,000 to Admiral Farragut Academy. The Sokolowskis have made Farragut a priority in their philanthropic endeavors and have impacted so many programs, students, and facilities over the years with their thoughtful and generous time and gifts.

In February 2013, Claudia was named a Life Trustee of Admiral Farragut Academy as she had completed multiple terms as a Trustee. She is seen today on campus supporting her four wonderful grandchildren, as they begin their own Farragut Experience. The school owes a debt of gratitude to Claudia for her faith and selfless service to our institution. "Thank you!"

### RALPH SMITH '45N

Many thanks for sending me a birthday card on my 86th birthday this past November 6! I'm sorry I have been out of touch with my alma mater. I am a folk music historian and teacher, specializing in the mountain dulcimer. My book, *Appalachian Dulcimer Traditions*, went into a Second Edition in 2010. This past July, I received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Western Carolina University for my work in recovering the dulcimer's largely lost history. Are there any alums out there beside me, who play the dulcimer?

### MARTIN LUDWIG '54N

I'm a semi retired Energy Engineer.

### ROBERT CAMP '54N

Recently I was remembering Richard "Dick" Huebner '55N who passed away in 2012. Dick was my roommate as Plebes and was Lt. of the Junior School while I was Battalion Commander in 1954 North. I send my condolences.

### HERBERT RICHTER '55N

My wife and I are still enjoying life in Albuquerque after my 21 year Navy career and 21 year career as a NJROTC instructor following that. I still substitute teach and enjoy my senior softball league. Thanks for any appropriate words to the alumni about my brother, Edward Richter who passed away in



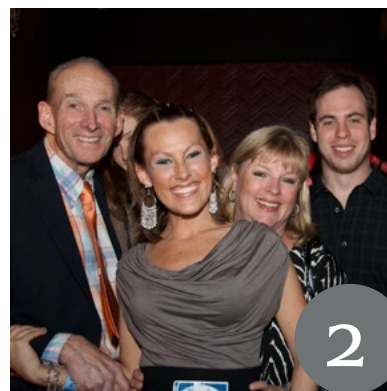
August of 2013.

### WM. P. "SMITTY" SMITH '56N

Was unable to attend the 5th Annual Pine Beach reunion because I was dancing in a flamenco revue on the same night. I would like to share that I dedicated my performance to our inspirational Spanish teacher, Frank "Paco" Young (1951-1956), and hopefully earned some needed "extra credit." Best to all, especially fellow Band Co. members.

### WILLIAM LUCAS '62N

I have recently retired to Cape Cod having had a career owning a manufacturing company as well as in commercial banking. Previously, I was a platoon leader with the corp of engineers in Vietnam in the late 60's. I received a discharge and spent the next three years traveling the world rather than coming home. *(Pic 1 - With my wife Judy, my son Chris and my daughter Elizabeth on our back porch.)*  
*"My years at Farragut propelled*



*me go from a lackadaisical, mediocre public high school student to a 'cum laude' Admiral Farragut Academy student; which in turn allowed me to enter into an excellent college. Hard to believe my 50th reunion at Tufts is coming up!"*

### RICARDO LARRABURE '63N

I attended my last two years of high school at Admiral Farragut Academy. I left Toms River initially to attend Lehigh University. I then moved to CA University System when my father was transferred. I spent my career predominantly as an international banker in various COO expatriate capacities. My wife, Joyce, and I have been married for 30 years and we have two children, Nicholas and MacKenzie. Nicholas is in the film industry in LA and MacKenzie is about to move from LA to Boulder, CO. *(Pic 2 - Our family together at a "RAW" event featuring MacKenzie's photography. Nicholas's girlfriend is peeking out from behind us.)*



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### PAUL HAMER '64N (Pic 3)

#### JOHN LEDDY '67S

I had a great get together with the rest of the Lost Annex Boys of 1967 in January of 2012 while visiting St. Petersburg. I was able to tour the campus and it's beautiful. The cadets are great! I recently re-signed as the third grade bilingual teacher at Lifeschool of Oak Cliff, Dallas, for the 2014-15 school year. I love it. (Pic 4 - During my 2012 visit to the Farragut campus.)

*"My favorite AFA experience was visiting the campus for the first time in 40 years in 2007 for the Reunion Weekend. I was also the recipient of a campus tour from an elite of the cadet corps. It was so much fun seeing great pals again for the first time in so long. The campus as well as the cadets of today were fabulous! We loved it: Paul Greaves, Maxie Max Marquart, y.t. And again in 2012 and being joined by Woods Staton and Sammie Claiborne."*

#### HOWARD REICH '67N

My son, Benjamin, received his BS Degree in Sports

Management from West Virginia University in 2014 and my daughter, Meghan, received her HS Diploma from Thousand Oaks High School, CA in 2014. She will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, TN this Fall. I practice Law with the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

#### FRANK O'BARSKI '68N

On November 5, 2012, I received my diagnosis of small intestine/ colon cancer and Crohn's disease. Added to the Celiac disease I have had all my life, I seem to have hit the trifecta of "C" diseases. On November 6, 2012, I was elected by the voters of District 10 to serve on the DeKalb County Illinois Board. I serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee, and the Highway Committee. On May 17, 2013 I married Suzanne Willis, the girl I took to the AFA prom in Pine Beach, New Jersey in 1967. My most recent scan shows me to still be cancer free, and my course of chemotherapy is over, and I am feeling better each day.

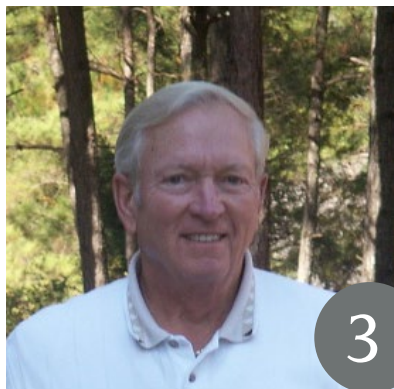
#### RANDY SUDDETH '69S

I am a retired Real Estate Appraiser, and now I'm a

computer technician who mostly repairs computers.

#### JON LANGBERG '73S

I reside in St Francisville, Louisiana with my wife Linden. I am the proud father of 5 children, ages 20 to 37 and proud grandfather of two beautiful little girls. After acquiring a BS and Master's Degree at Mississippi State University and leaving the military, I have worked for over 30 years in the commercial nuclear industry with a few years supporting government facilities. I am currently a Nuclear I&C/ Electrical Senior Staff Consultant with DP Engineering at their Baton Rouge, LA office. When time permits, my hobbies are long distance shooting, fishing, and working in Masonic organizations. I hold an NRA Marksman certification and am; the Past Master (PM) of Slaughter Masonic Lodge #475 Free and Accepted Masons (F&AM), PM and current Treasurer for both the 13th Masonic District and the 5th Relief Lodge. All of these operate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. I am, also, the past Secretary for



Washington Lodge #3 F&AM in Port Gibson, Mississippi which operates under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

#### RODNEY ORR '73N

*(Pic 5 - From an interview I had with Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia in June 1972 in Addis Ababa. I was wearing my Farragut letter jacket for the interview. My dad was a US Army advisor to the Ethiopian army.)*

#### LOUIS SANGIS '80N

My daughter is a talented singer and musician. My son is working

hard in high school. Life is good.

#### MICHAEL SIMMS '80S

I have been involved in the development and operation of the PGA Tour's Honda Classic Military Appreciation Program for the past three years. Overseeing the development of the program throughout the year and managing operations of the Patriots' Outpost during tournament week. The program has grown from welcoming roughly 2000 veterans in 2012 to an estimated 15,000 in 2014. Not invested in this for the personal accolades, but the perks are fun.



#### GUSTAVO BERIO '81S

I am living in Las Vegas after retiring from the Navy/Marines after working 21 years as a Navy corpsman with tours in Iraq and other places attached to the marine units.

#### KEITH R. SAILER '77N

"Well it's been some time since I have been in touch with anyone from Farragut. I have always enjoyed reading the publications that are mailed to me. Having followed the careers of many of my classmates and of alumni before and after my year of graduation. All I can say is that Farragut is still producing leaders and people of great influence. This is so great; and I have had the privilege of being associated with these people and I am proud that I am an alumni of such a great school. I did not go as far as many of you have but the discipline and other traits that were instilled in all of us has helped me through the years. As we all get older, I wish that I could go back and do it all over again. It was such a blast and I wouldn't change a thing. The memories of the infamous donut run, Mr. Hunts class on Monday and Fridays, spades games during lunch in the mess hall, the infirmary, and of course the waterfront times that taught so much before going into the Coast Guard after graduation. I could go on and on." After the Coast Guard, I went to work with my father at Delco Industrial

Textile Corp. producing textile items for the US Government. After 1988 I took over the company and ran it until 2006 when I shut the company down due to fighting foreign items in the government industry and budgets that were knocking the profits out of the jobs. Since 2006 I have been driving an 18 wheeler from Maine to Florida. Not the type of job that I dreamed I would be doing after going to such a good school but it does pay the bills for now. Admiral Buzby might have seen some of my cargo nets while he was a commander at MSC in Virginia Beach. "I have had so many experiences throughout my life and I can always look back at my time at Farragut. It still brings a smile to my face and it seems like yesterday. My how time flies, I wish I could have attended the gathering this Spring but one of my grand daughters had already put a date on that weekend with her first communion. My best to all of you past and present, and I will try to get in touch with some of you as time goes along. Keep up the tradition."

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### ROBERT BOWEN '84N

Today I am married with 4 daughters. *"Farragut was a great experience for me as it helped shape my future. Also, what an amazing experience to have some of the same teachers that my father had. My father graduated exactly 30 years before I did at Farragut."*

### VINCE SCOTT '85S

I have a new job doing Cyber Security with Procter and Gamble. *(Pic 6 - This is me during my Navy Retirement.)*

### JONG MIN KIM '86N

After graduating from AFA North in 1986, I attended New York University. I returned to my native South Korea in 1990 to pursue my career. Most of my career has been with the advertising/marketing communications industry (client services), starting at Leo Burnett, moving on to McCann Worldgroup (McCann Erickson and MRM Worldwide), G2 (now known as Geometry Global), and currently with Grey Group. I



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am leaving the industry soon to head and launch a new category of functional beverages, known as Koma Unwind (relaxation drink), in Korea. *(Pic 7)*

### JOSEPH ZOLFO '86N

I'm living a wonderful life with my wife of seven years, Carrie and our beautiful five year old Son, Maximilian. *"AFA was the joy and strength of my youth."*

*(Pic 8 - On the set of the television show I produce, STARCROSSED. Which premiered, February 17th at 8pm on the CW network nationwide.)*

### JAN HOSSFELD '88S

I have a new job as the General Manager at Meda Pharma Mexico / Brazil.

### JOSEPH GRAZIANO '90N

I am now a father, husband, photographer, and film maker. *"During my time at AFA I made some enduring friendships with*



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*amazing people. Thanks to Facebook, I keep up with most of them regularly, even the ones in Dominican Republic."*

### ERIC MITSCHLE '91N

*I can't believe 22 years have passed since I stepped foot off Farragut North campus. I remember the day like it was yesterday. My thoughts the same as many; "Thank God Im out of this place". I never thought as a young kid how much I would miss my time at Farragut and I certainly never could've imagined how much it truly prepared me for the life I am living. I wish now that I could go back to those days one more time. It really was some of the most fun I ever had. I have 3 kids since Farragut and I have instilled what I learned there into my kids. My daughter Brianna is in her 2nd year of pharmacy school. She is also a firefighter at 2 different firehouses. She runs her own photography business and plays multiple sports all while preparing for her future. My daughter Emily is attending college studying to be a neonatal surgeon and my son Ryan is quickly making a name for himself in baseball looking to be drafted as a pitcher in 2016 major league*

draft. I like to think that my time at Farragut has led me guide my children down the correct path of life. I thought many times to send my son to Farragut south but with his growing popularity in the baseball market we felt it best to keep him focused where he is at. My wife Heather and I still live in NC and have a place in Ft. Myers that we spend a lot of time at. My working days are all but over thanks to the education Farragut has given me. I spend most of my time traveling the country with my son and wife watching him play baseball. I have little to no contact with any of the others that I graduated with and it feels kind of empty not knowing what is happening with the guys I lived with for 4 years. I hope to one day meet up with those I graduated with and share stories of Farragut and the time lost since graduating. Farragut was the best thing that happened to me as a young man and I will miss it forever. I hope to visit south when I am in town this year I would really like for my son to see it. I wish all the best and

look forward to the future.

#### SEAN RANKIN '91N

I'm currently the Executive Producer of several TV series, including "Basketball Wives", "Basketball Wives: LA" and "Atlanta Exes" for Vh1. *(Pic 9 - On location with one of my crews during a recent shoot in Paris.)* "Farragut was an incredible time in my life that I look back upon fondly. The littlest details from shining brass and room inspections to "Stems" with CDR. Romefelt and History with Lt. Iverson stick with me to this day. I am proud to have graduated from AFA North and cherish the great friendships that I still maintain. There is a bond that this experience forges that can never be replicated. I will always be thankful for my time there, my classmates, and fellow cadets."

#### THOMAS WRIGHT '94S

The proud mom of Thomas J Wright, a past battalion commander, wanted to inform you that T.J. has gone into

private practice: Wright Law, PLC.

#### BILLY POULOS '95

I received my undergraduate degree in business administration and an MBA from Stetson University in 1999 and 2000, respectively. I've held various internal and external audit positions for the State of Florida, Hillsborough County, and AAA. I was recently appointed Deputy Tax Collector for Pasco County by former Senator and current Tax Collector Mike Fasano. I'm proud to be graduate of AFA.

#### FAITH ANGELICA COGSWELL '97

*(Pic 10 - Passing on the work ethic instilled in me by AFA to my two sons, who will also someday become Farragut alumni!)*

#### MARCO INCLAN '97

*(Pic 11, next page - I am happy to announce that my wife Elizabeth and I had a baby boy on 3/5/14 we named him Carlos Clemente Inclan II after my father.)*



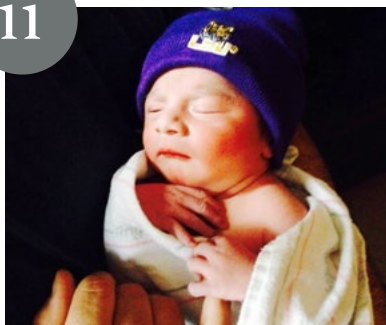
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**DANIEL LAWRENCE '04**

I've had the opportunity to attend a legendary military college with an esteemed history, marry the girl of my dreams, and work in several different functional areas in different industries. I'm thankful for everything I have and look forward to what the future holds. *"Admiral Farragut was my dream high school. It was a beautiful campus in a great city with a fantastic story. I went to school with some amazing people from the kids of legendary basketball players to the children of foreign dignitaries and diplomats to families that are now on the History Channel. I am nothing but thankful for my experience at AFA."*

**KIVI ALYSHA HERMANS '04**

Life is great! I am living in Saint Augustine, FL. I am teaching and coaching and taking care of my mom! I am looking forward to my 10 year reunion!

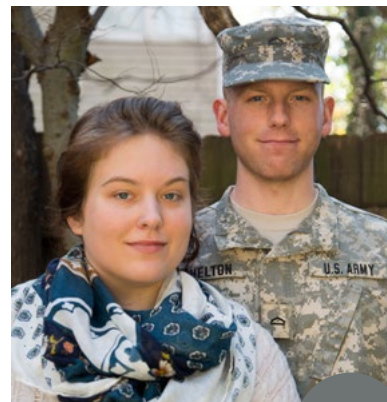
**BRET LOUDERBACK '09**

Ensign, USN. Just finished Aviation Preflight Indoctrination at NAS Pensacola. Moving to Corpus Christi, TX to continue flight training.

**ANNAGRACE SHELTON '09**

**AND LIAM SHELTON '13**  
Farragut graduates and siblings Annagrace, 22, and Liam, 20, have been accepted into study abroad programs on opposite sides of the globe. (Pic 12)

Annagrace Shelton, a senior at Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), will spend two months in France studying art history and photography. SCAD's French campus is in the medieval community of LaCoste, the mountain epicenter of French resistance in World War II and



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home of designer Pierre Cardin and the infamous Marquis de Sade.

Liam Shelton, a freshman studying journalism and Chinese at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, will spend two months in China studying that nation's history, culture, politics and language. During the summer of 2011, he taught English to young students in Central China. He is attending the university on a scholarship with the U.S. Army.

Non-graduating Alum:

**TERRY WOLFE**

My career since AFA has been U.S. Marine Corps from 1962-1966, various Law Enforcement Agencies 1966-1980, U.S. Marine Corps 1980-1994, Retired. Leon County Sheriff's Office 1994 - 2004, Retired. I married the lady of my dreams, Jane Andre, in

1982. We have 4 children, lost a son in 2013, 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Jane continues to work part-time, and my pastimes include being a Domestic Engineer, Landscaper, Director of Maintenance and Amateur Radio Operator, W4GCW. We have found paradise

in Suntree, Florida and are enjoying our time together.

**WILLIAM STRAW, PHD**

I am retired as a Regional Environmental Officer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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## *taps: a farewell to our friends*

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### *Robert "Gabby" Garbarine '39N*

Gabby was laid to rest at the age of 88 at Arlington National Cemetery on the 26th day of January with full military honors. Gabby graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach in 1939 and continued on to The Citadel. He served in the Army Air Corps and earned many honors including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was an avid sailor, and a member of many sailing organizations and clubs up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Gabby won many trophies and awards over the years for his sailing expertise. He was active with the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet. He had many careers in his lifetime the last being his own company "The Marine Exchange" a marine surveying business. He retired in 2003 when he and wife MJ moved to NC to be near their family. He is survived by his wife Mary Jane, daughters, Ellen K. Garbarine Whitfield, Susan Garbarine, Grandson, Alex Whitfield, two granddaughters, Kristen Burns and Gina Medefindt and three great grandchildren.

### *Norman "Norm" Mullin '45N*

Norm, of Hingham, fondly known as "Mr. Balsams" died July 8, 2013 at the age of 85. Norm was born in Medford, attended Milton Schools and later Admiral Farragut Academy in NJ. As a child, he flew with Amelia Earhart while attending an air show in Milton. He attended Tufts University before entering the United States Naval Academy. While in the Navy during the Korean conflict, Norm served aboard a destroyer in minesweeper service in the Mediterranean, North Atlantic and the Far East. He was the owner and President of C.K Mullin, Inc. before retiring in 1991 and a Past President of the New England Coatings Association. He enjoyed skiing, spending time in Cape Cod and travel. Husband of the late Chessie (McFadden) Mullin, his one and only. Loving father of Susie O'Rourke and her husband Bob, Rick Mullin and his wife Andrea, all of Hanover, Cindy Donovan and her husband Jim of Marshfield, Jody Murphy and her husband PJ of Cohasset, Joe Mullin and his wife Gayle of Scituate, Jonathan Mullin and his wife Debbie of Duxbury and the late Chris Mullin Weitz. Also lovingly survived by 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

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### *John Giunco '46N*



John Giunco, 85, of Manalapan died November 8, 2013 at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold Township. He was born in Spring Lake. He attended St. Rose Grammar School, Belmar, Admiral Farragut Academy, Pine Beach, and graduated from Rutgers University in 1950, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pomology. John married the former Annette Dardato in 1950. Upon graduation from Rutgers, John purchased the Tunis Smith Dairy Farm in Freehold and Manalapan

Townships. John converted the farm to orchards, planting apple and peach trees. In July of 1951, John was drafted into the Army, became a non-commissioned officer, and served for 18 months in Asia, and 9 months "on line" in Korea. John served in the 8th Calvary division and commanded a Mortar group. While on service in Korea, John was recognized for calculating and preparing a Mortar Firing Table. The Mortar Table revolutionized the accuracy of heavy weapons firing for the



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### *John Giunco '46N (continued)*

Korean Peninsula. The table doubled the firing area of the weapons. After retiring from service John began the business operation of "Twin Lakes Orchards". In 1955, John's brother Richard joined him in the farm business. In 1964 Wemrock Orchards was purchased and John and Annette began the retail business and bakery, which is operated today by John's nephew and nieces. Twin Lakes and Wemrock Orchards became the fourth largest apple producer in New Jersey by volume and was a member of "Jersey Fruit Co-Operative" and served on the Board of Directors for 30 years. John and Richard worked with Rutgers University to develop an apple irrigation system that provided for improved fruit quality and production. John also was the first fruit farmer in New Jersey to implement a progressive "Individual Pesticide Program" designed to minimize the use of pesticides in fruit production. John began scuba diving, with his son John Jr. in 1970. He enjoyed being on the water off the Jersey Shore and made dive trips all over the world with Annette and John Jr. John collected trophy lobster and recovered numerous underwater artifacts including 18th century brass fittings and 19th century portholes, while wreck diving. John was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4374 in Freehold and had served as Commander and Vice Commander for the post. John was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council, Freehold and the Christian Brothers Academy Century Club.

John is survived by the love of his life, Annette, and enjoyed 63 years of marriage along with his son, John and his wife Janet of Colts Neck; daughter, Joan and her husband Jay of Wilton, CT and his daughter, Maria of Freehold. His six devoted grandchildren, Peter, John VI, Jill, Christine, Connor and Caroline, also survive him.



### *Joseph Ippolito '47N*

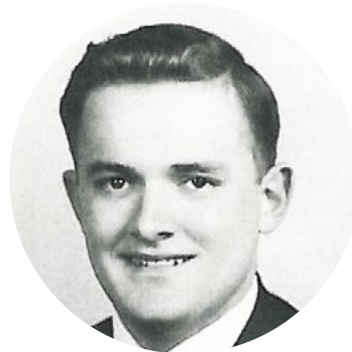
Joe passed away March 15, 2013 peacefully surrounded by his family. He was born on March 9, 1929 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, NJ. He moved to San Antonio in 1948 and attended Trinity University. In 1951, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and served as Sergeant in Korea with the combat artillery unit. He returned to San Antonio and graduated earning his BS Degree in Economics at Trinity, he also attended grad school. Joe was employed with the Hick's Company from 1958 to 1988 and worked part time with Finelines Flooring and Designs. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes for 40 years. Joe is survived by daughters, Ann Heath and her husband Martin, Jenny Hair and her husband Richard; son, Tony Ippolito and wife Natalie; grandchildren, Julie, Sam, Nicole, Jessica, Cameron and Lexy. He also leaves behind his beloved dog "Gus". A special thanks to Dr. Isbell and Northwest Dialysis, Darla Persyn and the "Breakfast Club".



*John Howie '51N*

Jack, 75, of Colts Neck, passed away January 7, 2009, at the Monmouth County Care Center, Allenwood. He recently moved back to his home-base of Monmouth County to be with his family after spending 10 years in his retirement state of Florida. A graduate of Rutgers and Admiral Farragut Academy, Jack was president of boat building companies, including Bangor Punta's O'Day Company, AMF's Alcort/Paceship Division, and later founded Howmar Boats, his own sailboat manufacturing company. He was a licensed Maritime and Aircraft pilot, enjoyed flying for years, and sailed competitively and also just for the love of the sea. A veteran, Jack proudly served his country as a Company Commander, U.S. Army Engineers, Korea. He lived in Marco Island and the Florida Keys prior to moving back to New Jersey. Jack was predeceased by his parents, John R. and Maryellen Howie. He is survived by his three daughters, Cathy Auriemma of Seattle, Wash., Sharon Huston of Colts Neck, and Nina Howie of Tinton Falls. Jack is also survived by four grandchildren.

NOTE: Death notices are printed as we receive them.



*Garet Pilling '53N*

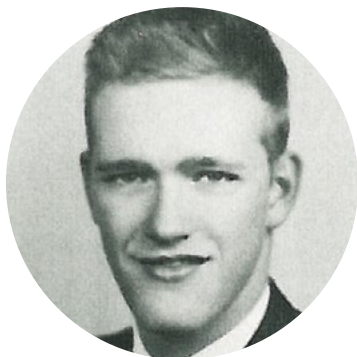
Garet, 75, entered eternal life on January 15, 2011, with his devoted family at his bedside. Born in Neptune, he resided in Brielle for many years, serving as Mayor during the early 1970's. He later moved to Mantoloking and spent winters in his Tequesta, Fla. home. Gary owned and operated Park Steel & Iron Company, Neptune City for 55 years, furnishing fabricated steel for countless projects mostly in New Jersey, but also worldwide. After graduating from Admiral Farragut in Pine Beach, he attended Hobart College in New York State, where he received his B.A. and was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. Gary served in the Army Reserves from 1956 to 1960. As a member of the Bay Head Yacht Club, Manasquan River Golf Club and the Jupiter Hills Country Club, he spent many years sailing, golfing, and playing tennis. An avid pilot, gardener, and motorcyclist, Gary also enjoyed fishing, cycling, skiing, and traveling. Gary was a Mason, and as a devout Episcopalian, he regularly attended St. Uriel the Archangel Church, Sea Girt. He was a hospital volunteer at Jupiter Medical Center. Above all else, Gary enjoyed spending time with his family and loved visits from his grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Garet Keith Pilling; and his former wife, Melissa B. Pilling. Surviving are his son, Scott T. Pilling and wife Laurie of Brielle; his daughter, Laurie H. Pilling of Wall; his sister, Joan Roberts of Pompano Beach, Fla.; and his seven grandchildren, Alexander, Zachary, Harley, Hobart, Meghan, Allison and Emily.



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*Capt Keith Farmer '54N*

Keith, 79, of St. Petersburg, died March 13, 2014 peacefully at home. He was born September 23, 1934 to the late Walter D. Farmer, MD and Mildred Farlee Farmer of Allentown, NJ and Seaside Park, NJ. He was a graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy, Toms River, NJ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. Upon retiring as a charter boat captain he moved to St. Petersburg where he enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, and making custom fishing rods. He is survived by his loving daughters, Anne (John) McMearty of Sarasota, Mildred Farmer (Glenn) Vaughn of St. Petersburg, Joyce Sanns of New Egypt, NJ; and grandchildren, Miles and Wade Vaughn, Kyle and Blaine McMearty, and Andrew and Sarah Sanns. He is also survived by brother, Walter J. Farmer; and sister, Millicent Osborn.



*Christian "Pete" Heuser '55N*

Pete, 74, of Manasquan, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune. He was born in Long Branch, NJ and remained a lifelong resident of Matawan before moving to Manasquan 2 months before his death. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy and went on to graduate from University of Virginia and then attended law school at Seton Hall University. He was the owner and proprietor of

one of the towns favorite watering holes, Don Quixote Inn for 45 years. He retired in 2005. He enjoyed boating and walking the boardwalk or in the park. He loved animals so much, some might say that his very best friends were the many very large dogs he shared his life with over the years. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years Margie, 2 daughters Victoria and Marjorie, his sister Constance and brother-in-law Bill, and his labrador retriever Harry.



*Henry Mandato '55N*

Henry, 77, of Goshen died Thursday, February 20, 2014 at Hackensack Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ. He attended St. John's Elementary School, Goshen High School for two years and graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy, NJ in 1955. He graduated from SUNY Delhi where he met his first wife, Virginia Thorington who predeceased him in 1979. Henry owned and operated

O'Henry's Luncheonette now known as Elsie's Luncheonette for over 20 years. He then worked for the Times Herald Record for 15 years and Alders Florist. A diehard Army Football fan for over 30 years, an avid home wine maker, he volunteered for the Tour de Goshen for 20 years, delivered for Meals-on-Wheels and the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry, and he loved to vacation in Puerto Rico.

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## *taps: a farewell to our friends*

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***Charles Schirmer '56N***

Charles, age 75, of Kennesaw, GA (formerly of Crystal River, FL) passed away on December 1, 2013. Charles graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 1956. He later attended Purdue University in Lafayette, IN, where he was a member of the Naval ROTC and the Purdue Drill Team. He also attended Wayne State University in Detroit where he was a member of the rowing team. He received his Professional

Engineering Registration in Mechanical Engineering in 1968. Charles was a member of the American Society of Professional Engineers, the American Foundry Men's Society, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was past president of the Woodland Estates Homeowner's Association in Crystal River, FL and a member of the Waterfront Advisory Board in Crystal River. Chuck loved woodworking, old movies, sailing and was an avid reader and student of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Susan Schirmer; granddaughter, Jacqueline (Joseph) Kane; great-grandchildren, Joey and Stella Kane; children, Michael and Lynn Schirmer; Cousins Dr. Barbara Lauderdale and Dr. Scott Lewis; Extended family members and friends and Chuck's four legged friends, Junior and Gizmo.



***Robert "Shaap" Shapiro '56N***

Robert, Admiral Farragut Academy Class of 1956 Pine Beach, passed away on September 4, 2013 from colon cancer. He was active in basketball, football and baseball while at Farragut and truly loved his Farragut years so much that he still talked about it when I met him in 2007. One of our last vacations was to St. Pete where we visited the south campus and had a tour by Jeff Ogden. (Submitted by his spouse Sally)



***Kevin Bates '90S***

Kevin passed away in Dallas, Texas on November 5, 2013 at the age of 41 years. Kevin was born in Kelowna, BC and his primary education occurred in Venezuela and Colombia. Kevin attended high school at Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, FL. Kevin went on to postsecondary education at Rollins College in Orlando, FL and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Kevin started working for

a trucking company while going to college in Florida where he was quickly promoted into management, eventually becoming a Vice President in charge of operations at 28 years of age. He is survived by his father Franklin (Elisa) Bates, his mother Laura Stienhoff (nee Selk), two daughters, Sydney and Brooke, grandmother Maxine Bates, five uncles, four aunts, and numerous cousins.



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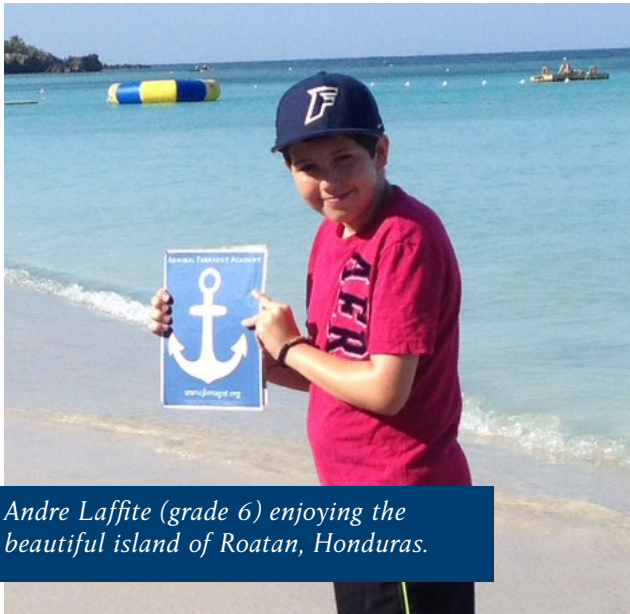
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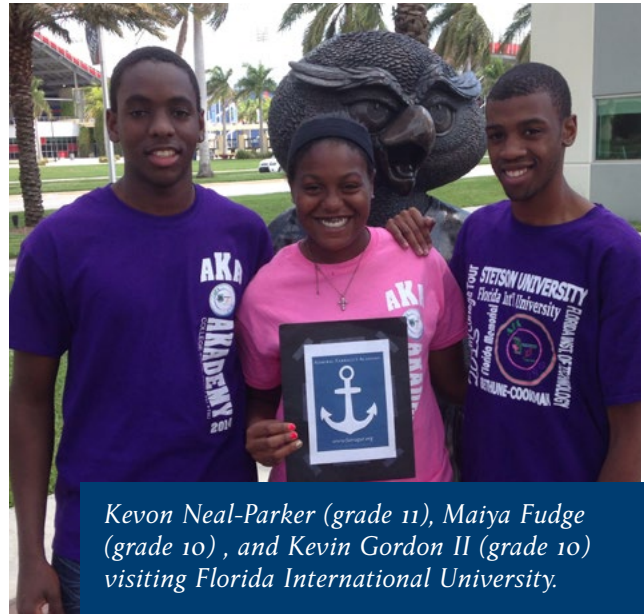


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*Andre Laffite (grade 6) enjoying the beautiful island of Roatan, Honduras.*



*Kevon Neal-Parker (grade 11), Maiya Fudge (grade 10), and Kevin Gordon II (grade 10) visiting Florida International University.*



*Meghan Lambie (grade 3) and Logan Lambie (grade 5) skiing and snowboarding at El Dora Ski Resort in Colorado.*



*Jerold Seybert (grade 6) in the Florida Keys.*



*Spring Break Elementary School Camp at the waterfront showing their anchor bags.*



Julia, Babe Ruth's daughter (pictured on the right back), came by our campus for a visit to recreate a picture that was taken of her and her father outside Farragut Hall back when it was a putting green. Julia was 15 in the photo, but says she remembers "staying here with Daddy" when she was as young as five years old.





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