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**EDUCATION**  
 at Admiral Farragut Academy

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# a word from the CAO

## How the “A” was added to STEM

In 2008, Admiral Farragut Academy’s Board of Directors approved a strategic plan that set a course for Farragut to be the premier STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) school in the southeast. Our curriculum in all grades is now reflective of this plan. More about STEM can be found on pages 24-26 of this issue of Reveille.



We are joining the movement to incorporate more “creativity and innovation” into the STEM curriculum. The acronym for this infusion of the Arts into the curriculum is STEAM. Not only are the visual arts a component of this shift, but classes such as Drama, Film and Animation, Music, and Photography.

One could argue there has always been a creative side to design and creation in the STEM curriculum. I can remember back to my high school days when I took a drafting and design class. Bringing a concept I had in my mind to life on paper was the challenge of this course. In fact, I grew up in a General Motors town in Indiana in the 60’s and one of my most memorable experiences was participating in a competition to design futuristic cars.

Emphasizing creativity and ingenuity in the core of STEM reinforces the concept that all learning is interrelated. At Farragut, we believe the 21st century skills of communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking are not exclusive to one discipline, but are essential for our students to be able to solve problems and be successful in any profession. Students today will need to compete in an ever-increasing global workforce.

There are many ways we infuse the arts into our curriculum, for example projects include; the design and building of a robot, volcano eruption model, creating a Viking shield, and model airplanes. Learn more about these projects along with other projects our students have been working on, by visiting: [bit.ly/STE-A-M](http://bit.ly/STE-A-M).

Admiral Farragut Academy continues to strengthen our curriculum in all STEM subjects and to lead the way in the STEM + Arts = STEAM area. To find out more about this initiative visit [www.stemtosteam.org](http://www.stemtosteam.org).

Best regards,

Robert L. Gibbons CDR  
AFA Chief Academic Officer

# REVEILLE

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*Reveille is designed to give members of our community a quick glimpse of what Farragut is today and update our alumni. Here, you'll find news stories, events, and important initiatives.*

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# The Navy Hymn

“ Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.  
Amen ”



## PreK Teacher, Susan Morris, Named Teacher of the Future by NAIS

By: Anita Fine  
Elementary School Principal



NAIS, based in Washington, DC, is a voluntary membership organization for over 1,700 independent schools and associations in the United States and abroad.

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Teachers of the Future were selected from a large pool of nominees who inspire academic excellence in students and who serve as opinion leaders among their colleagues and peers. They were chosen for their expertise in particular areas- environmentalism, globalism, technology, and equity and justice - which NAIS believes are hallmarks of a high-quality education for the 21st Century.

As one of only 20 teachers nationwide chosen for the program, Morris led an online discussion forum and shared innovative ideas and teaching techniques to inspire others. She received a \$1,000 stipend for her participation and work as part of the program.

### Teacher of the Future Continued

Susan Morris has been a resident of St. Pete Beach for over 20 years. She is married and has two daughters; Emma, a current senior at Farragut and Courtney an AFA alumna (Class of 2009.)

She began her career at Farragut in 2003 teaching Character Education. In 2006, she became the PreK teacher. Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of South Florida and has completed Master Level courses in Reading Education at the University of South Florida. She acquired a certificate from the University of San Diego in Character Education, completed extended learning at UCLA, and holds credentials in PreK teaching with the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families (DCF).

## Florida Association of Water Quality Control (FAWQC) Awards Farragut a \$1,000 Grant

FAWQC is an association of professionals dedicated to managing, improving, and protecting the quality of Florida's waters. The \$1,000 grant purchased two LaMotte Water Testing Kits, two refractometers, and one LED cordless microscope to be used mainly in Middle School for CDR Nicholson's classes and LCDR Deitche's classes. High School Biology classes will use the equipment as well.



Thank you to Battalion Commander, Hans Hart, and his family for their generous donation of the new furniture and TV's in the East Lounge. The furnishings are in dedication to the Class of 2013.



“Susan is engaging, innovative and brings each and every child's individual talents and abilities to the forefront. The learning experience in Susan's class is one every teacher should strive to create.”

-Headmaster, Robert J. Fine, Jr.





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Years of salt marsh planting at our waterfront!

58

Students in the graduating Class of 2013.



26  
Average number of countries our students come from.

Thank you to the following students and their families for sponsoring the purchase of our new outside picnic tables: Albury Brothers Boats (Jeff Lichterman), Danielle Larrinaga, Maxton, Mitchell and Marin Lewis, and Erik and Brooke Sokolowski.



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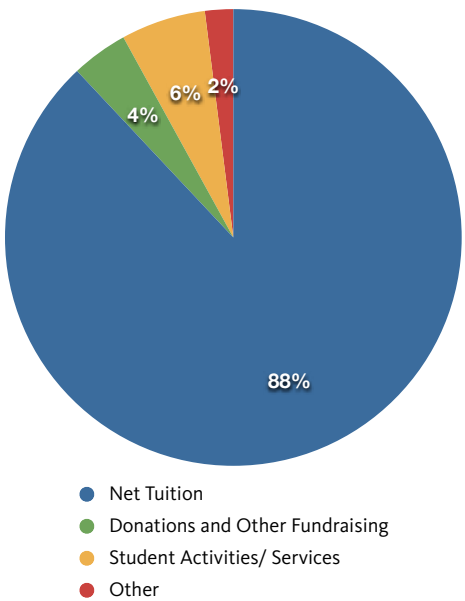
Certifications students can earn in scuba class!



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Number of moon-walking astronauts that graduated from Farragut. (Shepard and Duke)

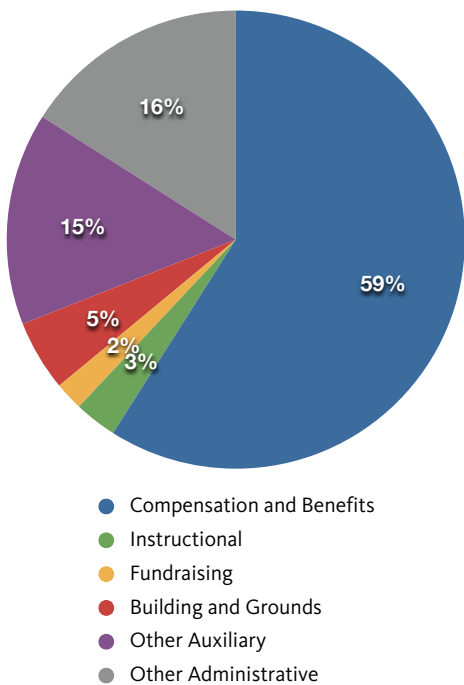
SOURCES OF BUDGETED REVENUE



\$9,150,000

State of the School Address  
2011-2012 FISCAL OUTCOMES

BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENSES



\$9,482,900

“ Here at AFA, we are committed to helping our students on their journey of self-discovery by modeling integrity, self-discipline, perseverance and wellness while preparing them for 21st century challenges within a global society. ”

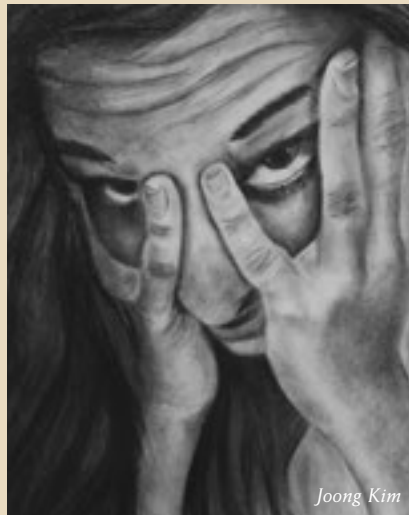
- Shannon Graves,  
Assistant Headmaster

“ Admiral Farragut Academy operates with fiscal responsibility by balancing its budget. The school continues to be heavily reliant on tuition dollars to fund operations, of which compensation and benefits for faculty and staff are the major expenditure. ”

- Tony Pemble  
AFA Chief Financial Officer

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards continue to be the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers. The following students received recognition from the Scholastic Writing Awards. We are so proud of their hard work. They competed against hundreds of students from Central Florida and proved to be amazing artists, poets and writers.



Silver Key for Art

- Zoey He
- Joong Kim (2)
- Jessie Rubin

Honorable Mention

- Jessie Rubin
- Mario Santoso
- Christopher Ngan

Silver Key for Writing

**Sara Graves**  
Poetry  
“Seasons Swimming through the Mind”.  
*Read excerpt below*

**Sasha DeSilva**  
Short Story  
“Insanity and the Iraqi Sun”

**George Tilbury**  
Short Story  
“Murderer’s Manifesto”

**‘The Night’s Direction’** - section of poem “Seasons Swimming Through the Mind”  
The street lights illuminated the face of night  
the trees outlined the road like a picture frame  
they were bare yet full of leaves  
the color of November  
rain was falling from the night sky  
slowly like tears streaming down one’s face  
they created small puddles throughout the road  
you could hear the drip! splash! splat!  
of the rain against the woman’s coral orange umbrella  
you could hear her teeth chatter  
as the coming of winter blew  
she danced around the street  
trying to avoid the pools of water  
not knowing her destination just following  
the stars



Writing Awards student participants left to right: Gabriella Spinelli, Zachary Fine, Joe Rotondo, Sara Graves, Jack Lescarbeau, Andrew Cevasco, Sasha DeSilva, Kenny Stutts, and Lauren Culbertson.



Honorable Mention

- Andrew Cevasco
- Lauren Culbertson
- Zachary Fine
- Ben Grant
- Jack Lescarbeau
- Victoria Padovan
- Joe Rotondo
- Gabriella Spinelli
- Kenny Stutts





A Creative Mentor for Students

# BRAD ROSE

By: Olivia Salomon

Since his arrival in 2009, Brad Rose has revolutionized Farragut's art program with his unique philosophy of teaching and habit of bonding with his students outside of the classroom.

A graduate of Manhattan's School of Visual Arts with a concentration in animation, Rose's educational focus is not on conventional study, but on allowing students to discover and hone their talents in a relaxed and experimental environment.

The result is a place where students can escape from the rigors of Farragut's structure and explore talents they may not have known about.

Following his graduation from the School of Visual Arts, Rose spent all of 2008 teaching art at a boarding school in Tasmania, an island state off the coast of Southern Australia. Rose served as boarding house master, which showed him a different perspective of teaching. "Working at the Tasmanian boarding school was what made me want to find another boarding school in the states. I found boarding school much more engaging than anything you could find in a day school."

“ I want every student to think and know they can do art. Anyone is capable of creativity. ”



Sophomore Melissa Brizzi with Mr. Rose



Senior Austin Bledsoe  
sketching design ideas



Rose tends to create most of his projects in the hopes they will help students discover artistic talents and allow others to challenge themselves further. Even if art isn't necessarily a student's passion, Rose uses it as a form of release and an opportunity to be creative, weird, or even goofy. "I think in general, art is a really good way for kids to find a healthy break in the rigorous academic day and for them to tap into a different part of their brain and emotions."

**“A healthy break in the rigorous academic day”**

It's through this easygoing approach to artwork that many students have discovered creative talents, resulting in the huge growth of Farragut's art program over the last few years. What started as seven kids in advanced art has become 36 students in two classes. Rose's

advanced art classes challenge students to put a contemporary spin on conventional artistic techniques, like a recent project where students filled a still life painting entirely with numbers.

A more challenging and, at times, reflecting project has been an advanced art project on teen awareness issues. Students took a statistic on teen issues and worked it into a 24"x36" piece containing a silhouette with a portrait inside of it and then the text of their statistic in the background. From homelessness, to suicide, to gay rights, the students in Rose's advanced art classes were given the challenge of addressing the issues so prevalent in today's society.

Rose says "the kids all bit down pretty hard on this project because it's teen issues they may be able to relate to. This kind of project required psychological content be reflected in their work. There's a well thought out message being put forward."

Outside of the classroom, Rose is very passionate about enriching boarding and day students' lives, and his presence as a campus resident is invaluable to boarding students.

A film-lover, Rose holds frequent movie nights with students and has a once-a-week LOST club where students meet and watch the show together. Rose emphasizes the importance of rewarding students who take their grades seriously, showcase good citizenship, and maintain a pure lifestyle. Rose says

**“a big part of boarding school is giving a kid motivation to make the right decisions, so I provide opportunities through activities for students to bond and have fun.”**

Activities include weekend trips to the movies, going out to dinner, and six or seven overnight camping trips a year, which he says are pretty relaxed and not very demanding.

"It's inspiring and reassuring to know both in boarding and academic life, students have access to a creative mentor like Mr. Rose," said Assistant Headmaster, Shannon Graves. His influence is clear within the student body and on the walls of Farragut,

where brightly-colored and imaginative artwork is displayed. While Farragut may not be an art school, students are still able to discover their talents and take them to the next level.

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-Assistant Headmaster, Shannon Graves



Students canoeing while  
camping at Withlacoochie.





High school students present various dramas throughout the year. Pictured above is a scene from "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie.



For the 2012 Holiday Season, elementary school presented "A Holiday Hooray at AFA" which was led by volunteer faculty and staff members in different departments.



"A Seussified Christmas Carol" was a hit! Performed by middle school drama students.



During summer 2012, four Farragut students had the opportunity to attend the American Legion Boys' and Girls' State program, a pair of premier leadership camps where students are offered the chance to participate in an entirely student-run mock government while learning invaluable leadership skills.

The American Legion conducted a highly selective application and interview process, resulting in the sponsorship of 300 boys and 300 girls from all over the state of Florida. Sponsored students attended a one-week leadership course at Florida State University's Tallahassee campus. During the event, the American Legion offered the proverbial chance of a lifetime as exceptional students from all over the state came together and participated in a practical simulation of US government.

Farragut's delegates Julia Lescarbeau, Samantha Font, Nick Guarcello and Liam Shelton, all members of the Class of 2013, were selected to attend.

The program's lengthy and selective application process ensured that students were prepared for the rigorous week Boys' and Girls' State

# THE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

By: Olivia Salomon

entailed. After being nominated by their schools, students were interviewed by men and women from the Legion and Auxiliary. Interviewers were searching for exceptional skills; a collective of the brightest, most dedicated, and most well-rounded students in Florida. Students visited American Legion posts and were asked both basic interview questions as well as challenging questions based on political and governmental issues. To say Farragut's students are familiar with leadership is an understatement. The leadership-based environment Farragut provides gave Julia, Sam, Nick and Liam an edge. Not to mention the additional accomplishments and commitments all four students maintain.

Sam and Julia admitted they are involved in almost everything at Farragut, both serving as NJROTC leaders while juggling three AP classes each. Plus, they are members of numerous clubs and organizations, as well as Four Square, the middle school mentoring program they started



*Pictured from left to right:  
Julia Lescarbeau '13S (Elon University)  
Liam Shelton '13S (Ball State)  
Nick Guarcello '13S (University of Florida)  
Samantha Font '13S (Smith College)*



themselves. Nick and Liam fit the bill of hard working students. Following graduation, Nick will attend University of Florida to study mechanical engineering and Liam is set to attend Ball State University in the hopes of pursuing foreign intelligence through anthropology. Sam will attend Smith College and Julia earned a Fellows in leadership to Elon University.

All four students agreed their experiences at Boys' and Girls' States were whirlwinds. With just one week to build and operate the simulated 51st American State, the program puts students through what Liam referred to as a political boot camp. Both the boys and girls recalled the tenacious competition that started as soon as they stepped off the bus. Students took campaigning to the extreme, and Farragut's delegates took a look at the intense world of political elections.

While Julia and Sam admitted they didn't expect the intensity behind some of the other girls' campaigns, they formulated their own tactics. Julia made it through three rounds of elections, eventually getting nominated for Supreme Court Justice. While some girls campaigned ferociously, Julia's strategy relied on honesty and forming real relationships with the other girls. "I didn't want to talk about how qualified I was. We're all qualified; that's why we were there. I knew it was about stating why I would be good for the job. We didn't spend all our time making posters. We really tried to spend our time talking to people," said Julia. Extending the hand of friendship turned out to be the best way to gain votes.

Sam agreed, "It seemed like the aggressive people who went around saying exactly what they thought others wanted didn't end up doing well. It was more the people who were friendly and outgoing who did best."

Sam served as Sergeant-at-Arms for the Senate, which she says was: "perfect for me," because she was in charge of closing ceremonies and keeping the senate in line. In such a multi-faceted program, the girls found there was something for everyone, and while running for a political office was intense, there were plenty of other roles for those girls who weren't interested in that aspect of politics. Overall, the experience was enlightening for all. "We learned a lot" says Sam. "Now we definitely know how to put a bill on the table, and we understand the process of having it put into law."



*Samantha Font*



Nick and Liam agreed the experience was what you made it, and every participant could find their niche. Liam, who comes from a long line of journalists, immediately volunteered to be a member of the Boys' State press corps. Serving as the "unbiased party of journalism" the press corps was a "whole different world" from the political sphere, says Liam. After joining the newspaper, Liam briefly ran for and was selected to be editor-in-chief, on the grounds that his "experience was in journalism." My mom is an editor of the Tampa Bay Times, my dad used to work there and worked for the Tampa Tribune. It felt right and nobody objected." The newspaper proved to be one of the most demanding aspects of both Boys' and Girls' State, with students working late into every night to produce a newspaper every morning.

{ NICK AGREES EVERY STUDENT FINDS THEIR PLACE IN THE PROGRAM. }

Nick ran for a seat in the house of representatives and ended up in the assembly, where he admittedly fell into place. Nick says, "They wanted nine people to run for the house of reps and only nine people stood up. I didn't have to give a speech or anything. It just worked out."

All four students found particularly inspiring the scholarship opportunities offered at the program. While the Boys' and Girls' State programs are entirely free to students, they offer the opportunity for four students from each program to win full four-year college scholarships, offering to a few exceptional students a true gift.

Julia recalls the emotion-packed moment when her roommate won a scholarship, without which she would not have been able to attend college. Sam recalls "there were a good amount of girls who were there because they needed the scholarship."

"Every single girl there was super motivated and incredibly smart," says Julia. "We all had similar intentions and similar motivations, but then they awarded the scholarships and it was so emotional and inspiring to see that these girls would be able to use all their gifts." These scholarships reminded all four students that Boys' and Girls' State are not just summer camps, but life-changing opportunities.

As for advice for future delegates, all four students agree on one thing: you get out of the program what you put into it. They gained a new, clear understanding of the way government works. Students who are not willing to put in any time and effort may not gain a rewarding experience. On the other hand, commitment and true effort offer limitless gains.

{ HONESTY, WILLINGNESS TO LEARN, AND HARD WORK ENSURE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE }



## Underwater Explorations

Since 1991, hundreds of our students have become scuba certified through an after-school activity program under the guidance of CAPT. Bill Hardman who took students all over Florida to places such as Crystal River, Rainbow River, West Palm Beach, and the Florida Keys.

Today, scuba is offered as an elective during the academic day for grades 9-12 and is taught by LT Scott Davenport, High School Marine Science Instructor, along with the help of CDR Angie Koebel, Director of the Center for Academic Success.

At the end of the 2012-2013 academic year, 23 students will have received the following four certifications - Open Water, Advanced, Rescue, and CPR/First Aid - equaling a total of 92 certifications! Next year we hope to add a divemaster course and certification to the list.

“Most photos are worth a thousand words. Underwater ones are worth at least a million.”  
- Stephen Frink

### Places We've Been This Year...

#### Dive Sites:

Troy Springs  
Royal Springs  
Manatee Springs  
Catfish Hotel  
Orange Grove Sink  
Devil's Den  
Hudson Grotto  
Crystal Beach Spring  
Florida Keys

#### Dry Caves and Swimming Springs:

Dames Cave  
Peace Cave  
3 un-named caves  
Buford Spring  
Eagles Nest  
Fanning Springs

#### Camping Areas:

Suwanee River  
Rendezvous (Convict Springs)  
Manatee Springs





# DRILL TEAM RECAP

By: Steve Edwards  
Drill Instructor and Coach

Our Admiral Farragut Academy Exhibition Drill Team continues to grow in number, stature, excellence, and reputation. Back in 2004 we had six enthusiastic members. We now number over 40 cadets on our High School and Middle School Drill Teams. The Admiral Farragut Academy Exhibition Drill Team experienced a challenging, rewarding, two years of record setting.

Our Exhibition Drill Team also serves as the official Admiral Farragut Academy "Honor Guard". They have been called into service for visiting dignitaries and special events, not only on campus, but also for civic and community events and functions throughout the year. Our Drill Team Honor Guard was invited to serve at a very high profile community charitable event last year. The team carried sabers and formed the welcoming arch for nearly 400 dignitaries and guests. The team has performed extensively, both nationally and locally.



*Performance at the Dali Museum*

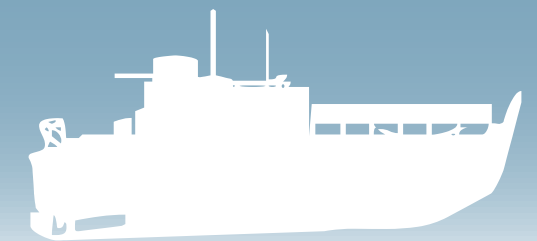
"Our Drill Team really is a "team". We care about each other, we support each other, we take care of each other, and we need each other. We are only successful if we all succeed together. The Drill Team has taught me the true meaning of teamwork" - AFA Drill Team member



## 2011-2012 Highlights

- **CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY**- Invited by the U. S. Navy, the Team performed for the guided missile destroyer USS Farragut at a Naval Station in Mayport.
- **PERFORMED AT MARDI GRAS** - in Mobile, Alabama, and at the USS Alabama.
- **VISITED FORT GAINES** - site of Admiral David Farragut's "Battle of Mobile Bay".
- **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY IN CLEARWATER** - Performed with the US Navy Band and with the US Coast Guard Silent Drill Team.
- **PERFORMED FOR THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE KOREAN MILITARY** when they visited our campus.
- **SERVED AS HONOR GUARD FOR USS INDEPENDENCE**- at the welcoming ceremony held on the Pier in St. Petersburg. The team was invited by US Congressman Bill Young to serve the Navy's newest and most technologically advanced ship. Our team spent two days with the ship while it was in port. Congressman Young, the Mayor and City Council, numerous dignitaries, the Admiral of the fleet, and other Naval officers all expressed their appreciation and praise for our team.
- **PERFORMED FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AMSCUS** - (The Assoc. of Military Colleges and Military Schools of the United States), during his visit to our campus.
- **HONOR GUARD AT CAMP BLANDING** - performed in Wings of Dreams Airfest WWII Airshow for the Guest of Honor, CAPT Don Dertien. Dertien was the Officer of the Deck and Chief Engineer on the USS Farragut on Dec. 7 1941 at Pearl Harbor. Dertien said: *"Having the Farragut Drill Team here for me is one of the greatest honors that has ever been bestowed on me."*
- **NINA HARRIS SCHOOL** - Performed twice this year for kids with special needs. The experience was a highlight of our year for our students.

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## 2012-2013 Highlights

**POSTMASTER INSTALLATION CEREMONY** - Just six days into the school year, our team was honored to be invited by the US postal service to the installation ceremony for the new St. Petersburg postmaster, John Keller. He and his wife expressed being avid fans of exhibition drill.

**VETERANS AIRLIFT COMMAND WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT** - For two consecutive evenings our Drill Team Honor Guard was in place to serve and honor the men and women of our Armed Forces wounded in combat. *"As citizens we owe an enormous debt to those who have sacrificed for our country. It is a debt that is impossible to repay, but that won't stop us from trying. The greatest casualty is being forgotten."* -The Veterans Airlift Command

**VETERANS DAY** - Our AFA exhibition drill team sounded off with *"damn the torpedoes full speed ahead"* and marched onto the drill deck at the

world famous Dali Museum on the waterfront in Downtown St. Petersburg. Veterans in attendance were appreciative and expressed their gratitude for our participation. Many shed tears as our drill team cadets executed our drill routine with discipline and precision.

**ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTMAS PARADE** - High School and Middle School Teams and Middle School Color led units and performed maneuvers in the prestigious parade. As they marched, the crowd greeted them with a warm applause.

**KIDS WITH CANCER** - One of our most memorable and rewarding experiences! The smiles on the kids' faces were one of the most emotional moments in our team history. Following our performances we met and took pictures with the kids and their families. The performance was at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort's Grand Ballroom, one of the most prominent venues in which we have ever performed.

**MAJOR MEGAN MCCLUNG** - Our Exhibition Drill Team Honor Guard flew our AFA Pennant over our Academy in honor of Major Megan McClung, United States Marine Corps, and AFA alumna '91N killed in combat in Iraq.

**USNS SPEARHEAD** - The Drill Team took part in the welcoming ceremony for the USNS Spearhead when it arrived in port in St. Petersburg. In attendance were Congressman Bill Young, RADM John Kirby, Chief of Naval Information, Mayor Bill Foster, and many officials and dignitaries. Some of our team members were aboard the ship from Pensacola to St. Petersburg.

**FEMALE EXHIBITION TEAM WINS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP** - Our female team captured Pinellas County's Female Championship in their initial competition!  
\* Pictured above.



## 2012-2013 Schedule

- Perform at the Military Tattoo in Dunedin, Florida.
- Host the National Champion Purdue Drill Team's bi-annual reunion.
- Perform and serve as Honor Guard during the AFA Alumni Reunion Weekend in Pine Beach, New Jersey.
- Perform for the Change of Command Ceremony for the USS Farragut at Naval Station Mayport.
- Perform prior to the AFA Graduation Parade.

**"Drill Team is NOT JUST MARCHING.** It becomes a way of life. LT Edwards tells us that we are the Drill Team 24/7 and that we must maintain our standards all the time – wherever we are and whatever we are doing – not just when we are marching. **That has made me a better person** – realizing that I need to be disciplined." - AFA Drill Team member

## DRILL TEAM VIDEO

We are proud to announce the completion of our Exhibition Drill Team DVD!

Enjoy a short version at the following link:  
[bit.ly/DrillTeamVideo](http://bit.ly/DrillTeamVideo)



Contact Steve Edwards at  
[sedwards@farragut.org](mailto:sedwards@farragut.org)  
for a hard copy.



Accreditation Team  
Evaluates Farragut

An accreditation team of seven members representing the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC) and the Southern Association of Independent School (SAIS) arrived on our campus Feb 4th to begin the 3-day process of evaluating our school. Accreditation ensures accountability of a program or institution -- that it has the means and demonstrates the outcomes for its educational process and is consistent with its goals and objectives. The accreditation process is extremely important to the well being of the institution and is done every five years. Prior to their arrival, Farragut's staff prepared an in-depth, self-study report which was headed by Middle School Principal, CDR Jennifer Grabowski.

“The self-study report was a process we started last spring of 2012 with participation from all faculty, administration, and staff. It was an opportunity for Admiral Farragut Academy to analyze all the aspects of our school, to make commendations on what we have accomplished and recommendations for what we wish to accomplish in the future,” said Grabowski.



The team leader of the accreditation process, Dr. Michael Sligh, Headmaster of the Lakeland Christian School, said, “we are pleased to report Farragut received a clean report without any standard violations. Your students are doing some amazing things and your campus has so much to offer. The opportunities for students are exceptional: aviation, engineering, sailing, leadership development, and more. Students here take on the leadership role as a responsibility not a power, and they have great role models in Farragut’s faculty and staff! You have a great story to tell. You should be very proud.”

Thank you to our parents, students, faculty, and staff for representing Admiral Farragut Academy with pride!



Radiant Peace Education  
Foundation Awards

Each year The Radiant Peace Foundation recognizes students, teachers and schools which create writing, art and projects that inspire, promote, and encourage Radiant Peace in our world.

Congratulations to first grade teacher, Mrs. Reynolds, and her students, Sophia B. and Traveler C., who received Honorable Mentions and \$30 checks for their essays.

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# STEM

## SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

By: Stephen Guarcello, STEM Director

STEM is an area of academic focus for Admiral Farragut Academy. In the last issue of Reveille we introduced you to our Director of STEM, Steve Guarcello. Under his direction, the academic program is now in full speed in grades 3 through 12. Each division has their own dedicated STEM lab for instruction and hands-on project learning. These new STEM Labs are fully equipped with computers, software and all the materials necessary to conduct lessons and engineering projects. Students are engaged on multiple levels, thus providing them with a foundation to post-secondary training and career success in STEM-related fields.

### STEM in Elementary School

The Elementary School STEM teacher is Shannon LoRusso, who is in her sixth year of teaching at Farragut. She uses the nationally curriculum called Engineering is Elementary® (EiE), which fosters engineering and technological literacy among children. EiE has created a research-based, standards-driven, and classroom-tested curriculum that integrates engineering and technology concepts and skills with elementary science topics. The lessons culminate in a hands on project to put concepts into action. These lessons not only promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning, but also connect with literacy and social studies. Mrs. LoRusso been happily married



now for 13 years. Her husband is a K9 handler with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and is an assistance coach on the Farragut Wrestling team. She has 2 beautiful girls, who both attend AFA. In March '08, Mrs. LoRusso earned her black belt alongside her husband. Reading and working on computers are her favorite pastimes.

### STEM in Middle School

The STEM program selected for grades 6-8 is called Gateway To Technology (GTT) which emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, innovation and real-world problem solving.

In 2012, the Middle School welcomed Joe Moseley as the new Engineering & Robotics (STEM) and Geography instructor. Mr. Moseley received his Bachelor of Science in Science Education from the University of West Florida. He is certified as an instructor for Project Lead the Way curriculum, as a robotics instructor by the NASA Electronic Professional Development Network at Georgia Tech University and the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy, and is also an active member of the National Science Teacher's Association. Over the past seven years Mr. Moseley has coached over 16 FIRST Lego League

robotics teams garnering awards in Team Spirit, Programming, and Project Presentation. For the past four years he has directed the largest FIRST robotics event in the state of Florida called the ROBOPALOOZA, involving high school robotics demonstrations, a 30 two team FIRST Lego League tournament, a Jr. FIRST Lego League EXPO, and four interactive STEM activities for students in grades K-3. Mr. Moseley is married and has five children and eight grandchildren. He is an avid hiker and hikes on the Appalachian Trail each summer (700 miles over the past five years with 1,400 miles to go).

JOE MOSELEY SAYS:

"ROBOTICS INSTRUCTION AND STEM HAVE BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE OF MY EDUCATIONAL INTEREST FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS AND IS A LARGE PART OF WHY I DECIDED TO JOIN THE AFA STEM TEAM. HAVING A STRONG TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ENGINEERING SKILLS IS PARAMOUNT TO YOUTH EDUCATION."



### STEM in High School

The STEM program selected for grades 9-12 is called Project Lead The Way (PLTW) which creates rigorous, relevant and reality-based curriculum complemented by hands-on lab assignments. High School Curriculum now offers a variety of engineering courses and electives.

In 2012, the High School welcomed Jim Baker as the new Engineering (STEM) and Physics instructor. Mr. Baker received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering & Technology Education from Utah State University. He comes to us with six years of experience in teaching engineering education and is also certified as an instructor for Project Lead the Way curriculum. He was named "Technology Teacher of the Year" in 2011 by the Utah Coalition of Technology Education.

He started and advised an award winning FIRST Robotics Competition team for 4 years and has 12 years experience working in manufacturing including: maintenance, distribution and production, and six years experience as a machinist. Mr. Baker is the first member of his family to graduate from college; proving that positive attitude and motivation can overcome family history. He grew up in southeastern Idaho and northern Utah. "I have been married to my wonderful wife, Lacey, for 21 years and have one daughter, Whitney, 20. I enjoy spending time with family and friends doing almost anything fun. My passion is in robotics and since joining AFA I have had the pleasure of being advisor for the AFA Robotics Team," said Mr. Baker.





# AFA'S NEW FOOTBALL COACH

By: Matthew Thompson, Athletic Director



Admiral Farragut Academy is proud to announce the hiring of James “Buster” Davis as the new head football coach and full time faculty member. Davis is a 29-year-old Florida native, born in Daytona Beach and a graduate of Mainland High School. Davis was selected after a search which included over one hundred applicants.

Davis was a linebacker at Florida State University from 2002-2006, and was named Team Captain his senior year. Coach Bobby Bowden often referred to Davis as a “coach on the field.” Davis graduated from Florida State University with

a B.S. in History in 2007. After his collegiate career, Davis was drafted in the third round (69th overall) in the 2007 NFL draft by the Arizona Cardinals. He was also a member of the Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, and Houston Texans.

Following his NFL career, Davis dedicated himself to coaching and began in 2010 at Glenville State College in West Virginia, then moved to the University of South Dakota, serving as the linebackers coach. In 2012, he was named the head coach at Duval Charter High School in Jacksonville, Florida and given the responsibility of starting both the middle school and high school football programs.

He was responsible for the day-to-day internal and external operations of the new program, including management and training. He implemented a study table and tutor program for all of his players.

*“As the coach at Farragut, our program will be based on the pillars of discipline, responsibility, respect, and sportsmanship. All of these principles will be expected by everyone who is a part of the football program,” said Coach Davis.*

Headmaster, Robert J. Fine, Jr. said, “The philosophy of Coach Davis mirrors the mission of Farragut and his dedication to student success is in line with our values.”

“He’s the kind of guy that once you meet him, you like him,” Thompson said. With his experience working with some of the most distinguished coaches, we feel he will lead our football team with class.

“I was always a very disciplined football player,” Davis said. “That component right there is huge for everything regarding a team. I always played like I was 6 foot 3, even though I wasn’t. When you play like that, people who

underestimate you always fall short.”

He’ll expect it from his new star middle linebacker, Napoleon Maxwell. The rising senior already has offers from UMass and Virginia, and Davis will mold his defense around the 5-foot-11 workhorse.

“We really are going to build the defense around guys like Napoleon, who can run, hit and cover,” Davis said. “He’ll do a little bit of everything for us. He’ll play safety, some outside linebacker and we’re going to put him in a position to make plays. “To me, linebacker is the key to being successful on defense... I was known as a coach on the

field, so I truly believe that Napoleon and the rest of the guys are really going to love what we do on defense.” Davis will also have another weapon in his arsenal, stud running back Cortavious Givens, whom he’s already done his homework on. “It’s so ironic, I was leaving off my visit and walking back up to the front and Cortavious (Givens) was the guy I ran into,” Davis said. “I was just very impressed by him as a person.”

We look forward to a great 2013 football season! We hope you’ll cheer us on during Homecoming Weekend November 1-2, 2013.



Go BlueJackets!



From left to right: AFA Tennis players Bianca DeSilva, Daniella Greco, Aliona Sherwood, Carlos Rivera, and Sean Swindle.



Brittany McGee breaks school long jump records.

School Trips



AP History class during Cannon School in St. Augustine, FL.



8th grade visited Boston, MA.



5th grade explored Ybor City.



During Spring Break, 18 high school students had an unforgettable experience in Costa Rica. The purpose of their trip was threefold: study biology, perform community service, and get away on a tropical vacation.



Parents’ Group Raises an Estimated \$100,000 in Annual Auction!

The Parents’ Group held their annual auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 16th in the Huntley Gymnasium. The theme “Luck O’ the Shamrock” included gaming casino tables, a live and silent auction, dinner catered by Carrabba’s Italian Grill, and a photo booth.

Over 125 parents and friends of Farragut attended and showed their generous support. The eight live auction items, which included a “Charlie Duke Experience,” brought in \$52,400! Thank you to our auctioneer,

and high school parent, John Lescarbeau. A special thank you to all the parents who coordinated the class projects and class baskets.

The attendees were also asked to “raise the paddle” with their bidder number to donate to the new track project and an additional \$6,500 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who attended and all the hard work of those parents directly involved.



Auction Committee Members

Mary Rice, Auction Chair and PG President

- Leslie Bridges
- Jerlene Green
- Steve Grunebach
- Donna Horan
- Tifnie Klingel
- Cathy Larrinaga
- Sam Lewis
- Marva Poe (grandmother)
- Angene Rohm (grandmother)
- Taewa Smith
- Joellen Sokolowski
- Phyllis Tauber
- Diedre Turner





**CDR JOHN VIELE, USN (RET.) '41N**  
Former Commanding Officer of USS Hardhead SS365 1959-1961. Author of three books on history of the Florida Keys 1996-2001.

**KENNETH ELOW '46S**  
I am living in Alpine, CA about 25 miles east of San Diego. I attended a mini-reunion in 2011 with my son, Brad, a detective in San Diego. I am always looking to hear from any '46S classmates who played on the first Farragut south football team.

**RUSSELL LUKEY '49S**  
I enjoyed the last issue of Reveille and look forward to receiving another one. I have lived in Walnut Grove, CA since 2001 and manage to keep in touch with Chuck McKenna '49S regularly. I hear from Bo Smith '49S and George Michel '49S from time to time. I was a Manufacturer Rep for Gourmet Foods and Wine Accessories until I retired in 1994. My wife and I visited Farragut in '94 for our class reunion and '96 for graduation. 2010 was an up and down year for us. My wife

had a stroke in June and in October Steve Thompson '49S, my roommate at Farragut and good friend for 60+ years, died of Alzheimer complications. On the upside my wife is 75-80% recovered and we celebrated our 50th anniversary in November with friends, our two daughters and four grandchildren. I wish my very best to everyone at Farragut- and if anyone out there remembers me (my surname was Neece when I attended) I would like to hear from you. My email is jrlukey@yahoo.com.

**ALDEN ELSEA '51S** - Attended the University of Missouri on a NROTC scholarship. Got married 4 days after graduation and reported to active duty aboard the USS Macon (CA-132). We have 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Favorite hobby at Farragut - sailing. Favorite hobby today - grandchildren.

**ALFRED REGINALD GENOLA '52N** - Served in the US Air Force 1954 - 1959.

Retired as an Airline Pilot from US Airways in 1991.

**BILL EMERSON '52S** - I recently gave a presentation at the Tampa Bay Austin Healey Club on the "Goodwood Revival" in England.

**JOHN EMANUELSON '53S** - I just enlisted in the Maryland Defense Force Band.

**ROBERT CAMP, SR. '54N** - Graduated at Cornell University with my BA of Civil Engineering in 1959. I earned my MBA in 1960 and earned my PhD in Business Logistics from Penn State in 1973.

**CHESTER DAVIS '54S**  
I am fully retired and enjoying every minute in Atlantic Beach, FL.

**WAYNE MUNSON SMITH '54N** - Sold my condo in FL and am now spending winters up north in Atlanta, GA. I am still spending my summers on Lake George, NY.

**DELACY WYMAN '57N** - Moved to Farragut, TN in May 2007. Served on a local

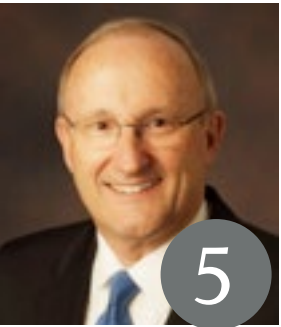
committee to save Farragut's birthplace here in Knox County.

**DENNIS SUSTARI '57S**  
Retired game designer. Next year is our 50th wedding anniversary. I went to Caltech, U. Texas, and U. Wisconsin, graduating with a PhD in Biology. Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi. Six years in USN, Asst. Prof. at Clarkson University, Principal Game Designer at Coleco (and lots of RPG publications), and twenty years in aerospace industry, doing mostly DoD work. ①

**WALTER BRAME '58S**  
Graduated from the University of Cincinnati (OH) and I've been in the remodeling business over 40 years, both residential and commercial. ⑥

**FREDERICK ABRAMS '59N** - Retired this year.

**DR. FRED NELSON '59S** - Retired orthopaedic surgeon working as a research consultant. ②



**ROBIN WHEELER '59S** - Today, I continue to operate an independent consulting firm that helps public schools improve their performance. I recently completed a lengthy contract in Puerto Rico and now I am enjoying spending more time at home in the Atlanta area. ④

**PAUL R. CALDWELL '60N** - United States Naval Academy (MD). Recently successfully defended my dissertation, "Yves Congar, O.P., Theologian of the Twentieth

Century and The Theologian of Vatican II," and graduated as a Ph.D. from Marquette University.

**LUIS GIRON '61S** - I am a Vietnam Veteran working at a VA in San Juan, PR.

**PETER DEWEY HUGHES '61S** - Farragut brought a Country Boy out of his shell and it was a wonderful experience. My roommates for the first year were Wayne Croysdale, John Burgess, Bill Haviland. They were

great roomies. Then my roommates were David Arms, Jim Luke and last but not least Bob Angus. Thanks guys for all your support and tolerance. My favorite activity was and still is golf. I enjoy hiking, walking my puppy, Hannah, with my wife Janet. Reading to quiet me down from ADHD. Helping AFA update records and getting groups together!

**T. KEEN EDENFIELD JR. '62N** - I am a retired International Airline Captain from Fed/ Ex and I own a music

production company manufacturing budget CD's in Ireland to sell in Eastern Europe.

**PEDRO BILBAO '62S** - The Rain in Spain does not fall mainly on the plain.... (Picture ③ In Key Biscayne, Florida one year ago.) *"More than fabulous...I love and miss you all!!!"*

**BOB KURZ '63N** - Recipient of the IGFA Conservation Award.

**GLENN MITCHELL '63N** - Just retired from being Chief Medical Officer at Mercy



Health, a 32-hospital system based in St Louis. Jane and I are now restoring an 1850 farmhouse in PA and loving it! Still doing a little consulting work to keep from developing barnacles though. Picture 5: My executive look! (On previous pg.)

*"As a retired Army Colonel with a successful medical center command tour, I never forget the education I received at Farragut. It definitely prepared me for life."*

**DR. DOUGLAS MILLER '63S** - Recently retired and living in Iowa. I am planning to move to

Arkansas soon. Would love to hear from class of '63. 7

**ALAN ABRAMS '64N** Retired from the Virginia Army National Guard in 2010 as an o5 and still working at the VA.

**REV. RICHARD WILLIAM BOWER '65N**-Accomplishments: BS (Biology); BS (Med Technology) MT(ASCP); MDiv.; Chaplain (Colonel) US Army, Ret.; Board Certified Clinical Chaplain (BCCC) by The College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy; Director of Pastoral Care, Western Maryland Hospital Center.8

**FRANK BENISON '65S** *"I grew up a lot during my years at Farragut. I loved my time there. I learned about my relationship to and with power. I swung both ways with it and ended up balanced in the middle for the rest of my life."* (In August, 2010, Ruby and I spent some amazing afternoon hours in the Grove of Titans, a grove of the largest redwood trees on earth. It was amazing!)

**HARRY CLEVER '65S** - My youngest son, Todd is the current captain of the United States National Rugby team, traveling the world and playing professionally in

Japan. I must say, I live vicariously through him. 9

**MARK EPSTEIN '66S** - 1970 Doane College, B.A. Sociology. 1971-92 Greyhound Racing, Track management, Mile High Kennel Club, Colorado. Favorite memories at Farragut: Great classmates, lifelong friends, being able to use Uncle Al Ross' saber senior year, participating in the effort to redecorate Leigh Thaeler's room (fun wasn't it Mike), liberty with Usi, water skiing with Corky, senior year 1st basketball game vs OLPH 100-29... still not enough for Hatzie,

playing baseball with Mike, Usi and Leigh, duties as Battalion Supply Officer, my 1 demerit junior year (thanks Almy). My roommates were John Almy and Bob Tilchin. I enjoy golf, staying fit, reading, and company of good friends.

**DOUGLAS C. PEARSON SR. '66S**- Married to Ann W. since April 1969. We have two sons: Doug Jr, PHD Biophysics and Stewart, Custom Woodworking-Cabinets-Furniture. At Farragut we all had a special comradeship during class, in ranks and in each others lives. A special AFA moment that I can recall was during February of 1966, I was sailing a comet in Boca Ciega Bay with Mike Lutz ('67S) and we flipped the boat on a tack that put us in the coldest water we've ever experienced. The air temp was about 40 degrees and Chief Grooms would not let us get out of the water until the crash boat towed us all the way back to the dock. We had to stay in the water and with the boat the entire time it was being towed in. We then spent four hours at the infirmary trying

to regain our body temperature. Lesson learned: Personal Responsibility. My hobbies: '64-'66 Sailing, military sciences/Drill Team, intramural sports, bowling & Now - Golf, Motor-home Travel, Family Motor Coach Association, Family (That includes my Farragut Family).

**FREDERICK (RICK) GUHSE '66N** - Working in ministry to make Christ be known.

**STEPHEN LIEBER '66S** - Live part time in Nassau and still fly both rotorcraft and turbine powered fixed wing. My son attends University of Missouri.

**JORDI GASSO BATISTA '67N** - I actually live in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I receive email and can be reached that way. I am in the pharmaceutical field and very active in the Rotary Club. (Picture 10 shows our family almost three years ago at my son's High School graduation dinner, right to left: oldest daughter Gloria Maria, wife Gloria, son Jordi, daughter Jordana and yours truly.)

**PAUL DANAHY '67S** - Retired from the Criminal Justice field. Working part time under contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

**TOM THOMPSON '68S** - As an NCAA record holder, my Austin College jersey, number 91 from the 2009 football season will be on permanent display at the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana.

**FRANK O'BARSKI '69N** - Fairleigh Dickinson University (NJ). Univ. of Tampa and Univ of San Francisco School of Law. Moved to Illinois in 2008. Diagnosed with Crohn's Disease and cancer last year.

**KEITH HART '70S** - I was married in 1983 and have been blessed with five children- Kaleb 22, Nathaniel 20, Sarabeth 17, Carolyn 15, and Abigail 10. I have worked for the Saab USA Division of General Motors since 1983. Now that Saab has been sold by GM I am currently a District Manager of Aftersales for GM Motors in NH & MASS.

**PETER MCCONVILLE '71S** - Seaman First Class in the military

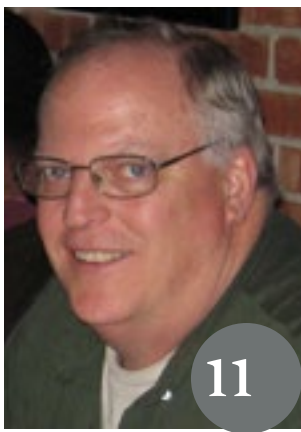
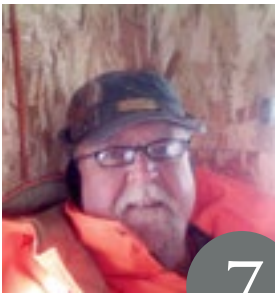
**FRANCIS GEORGE FIELDER '72N** - Computer System Validation and Information Technology Regulatory Compliance Specialist [Pharmaceuticals] (Photo 11 shows me during Christmas 2011)

Keep in touch! Share your class notes with us at: [www.farragut.org/alumni](http://www.farragut.org/alumni)

**THOMAS MILLER '73N** - Started another career in real estate investing. Sell real estate to investors using their 401K and IRA funds to purchase investment properties. Also work with investors buying larger quantities of investment homes. Still flying for NetJets.

**STEPHEN DAVIS '74S** Technical Consultant V with Hewlett-Packard.

**RAY OP'T HOF '75N** - Got married in New York City in September 2012.





**JOSEPH ROTOLO '75S**  
Owner of Universal Gold Pawnshop & Refinery in Puerto Rico. Architect and Software Developer of Pawnshop Accounting Management System.

*"AFA was a wonderful experience for me, which has helped me throughout my life!"*

**DAVID OWENS '76N** - "High the Silver & the Blue, ever will be flown!" (picture 13: USNA Football Banquet) **14**

**KEVIN BLAIR '76N** - Graduated from the School of Advanced Military Studies, US Army Command and General Staff College in May 2011. Retired from the FBI after 22 years in January 2012.

**MIKE BARRON '76S** - I retired in 2010 from the Army as a combat decorated, Airborne Ranger Colonel of Infantry after an exceptionally rewarding 30 year career as a professional Army officer having served all over the world. I am now in my second career in the Defense and Aerospace Industry. I joined the Boeing Company as a senior

executive after my retirement from the Army and my family and I have settled in Alexandria, VA. I am now the Director of Government Affairs for the Boeing Company here in Washington, DC. I came to AFA from my parents overseas posting in Guam at an important and key turning point in my life. I had a terrific and very memorable experience at AFA...many lifelong friends, great instructors and coaches and a lot of really good times! My experience at AFA truly set me on the course to achieve my goals in life and become a career professional Army officer.

**CAPT RICHARD CREANGE USN (RET.) '77N** - After Graduating Farragut I attended Penn State in the NROTC program and was commissioned in 1981. I went to flight school, received my Wings of Gold in 1983 and flew the F-14 TOMCAT for most of my career. I spent 27 years in the Navy retiring in 2008 with the rank of CAPT. After retirement I was hired by Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force

as the Director of Special Programs as a government civilian. **15**

**JOSE MARQUEZ '78S**  
I just move from Florida to California to launch my new Television Production, but always happy to keep in touch with AFA.

**ALFONSO QUIJANO GARMENDIA '78S**  
I am running the number one Mexican agrochemical company in Mexico.

**ESTEBAN SEVILLA '78S** - I am the father of 3 kids. My oldest son graduated from Union College, NY last year.

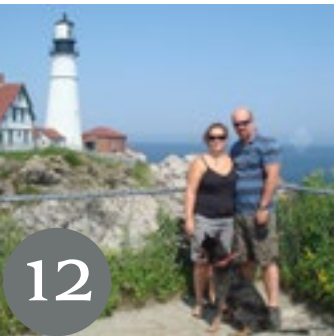
*"Great! Lots of stories and memories."*

**GUSTAVO BERRIO '81S** - Living in Las Vegas after retiring from Navy/Marines after working 21 years as a Navy corpsman with tours in Iraq and other places attached to the marine units.

**JOHN CONNER '82N**  
I am an agent/producer with New York Life in Harrisburg, PA, where I help people and families establish a measure of financial security for the long term.

**ROBERT LOPES '82N**  
I am currently working at the BMW plant in SC. Been married for 20 yrs. No kids of my own.

*"When I was in the 9th grade, I was attending a public high school and I was making bad decisions. My parents were observing the changes and decided to send me to AFA for my 10th grade year. During that first year I was a boarding cadet. I was reluctant at first but as time went by, it all grew on me and I decided to get involved at AFA. Needless to say, my grades picked up and I straightened out a good deal. I wasn't a great student but I did fairly well. During grades 11 and 12 I was a day cadet. My parents were proud on the day that I acquired my diploma in 1982. If it wasn't for AFA and my parents then I really don't know where I would be today."*



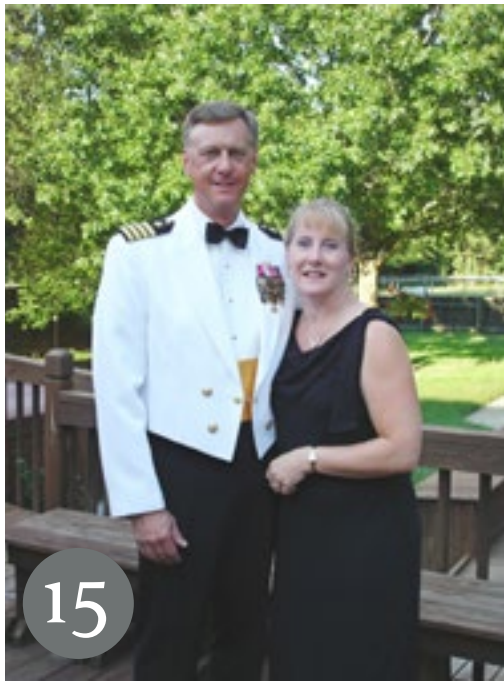
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**JULIO HERNANDEZ '84N**  
Working as a Regional IT Director for DeVry University. **16**

**ALBERT FEIX '84S** - Visited French Polynesia.

**TROY DONAHUE '84S** - I am a disabled vet from the Iraq War, single, and I take care of my aging father.

**CHRIS ROBINSON '84S** - Recently relocated to Dallas after 17 years in New Jersey.

**ALAN LEVINE '84S**  
Currently, the Senior VP and Group President for Health Management Associates, a Fortune 500 Hospital company based in Naples, FL. I served three years as Secretary of Health and Health Policy

Advisor for Governor Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, as Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Jeb Bush of Florida, and Secretary of Florida's Agency for Healthcare Administration. Most recently served as Transition Chairman for Florida Governor Rick Scott, and was appointed by Governor Scott to the Board of Trustees of the University of Florida. I currently live in Naples, Florida and hope to get more involved with Admiral Farragut Academy - a school I have great respect and admiration for.

**ROBERT BOHANEK '86N**  
Currently Social Media Counsel for USAA, as well as providing other legal counsel in communications for the association.

**WARREN SMITH '86S**  
Graduated from Florida State University and currently lives and works on a large cattle ranch. "It's a blast."

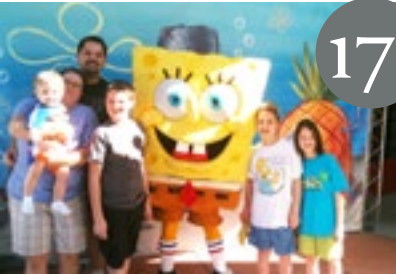
**JAMES BROWN '90N**  
Married June 2009 to my one and only soulmate Sara. I work as Chief engineer for APL Maritime LTD. Current ship is APL CYPRINE, a 5000 TEU container ship running from New York to Singapore and back. **17**

*"Farragut changed my life for the BEST. I would not change anything and I cherish every memory from those days and think about them often."*





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**BRUCE SARTE JR. '91N** - Recently released my third novel called "Philadelphia Story" which is selling well. This past fall Erin and I welcomed the newest addition to our family, Nathaniel Alan. I've also recently begun a new job as Director of Technology at The Perkiomen School as well as serving as the Computer Science Department Chair and JV Baseball Coach. 17

**ERIC MITSCHLE '91N** - Just wanted to drop a short update. Very sorry to hear about Megan I will never forget her first week at Farragut north you could tell she was a very brave and determined person and that she would accomplish great things. Very sad that we have lost such a great person. I am honored to have been able to attend school with her and knew her as a friend. On

another note I've been living in NC for the past six or so years. My daughter, Brianna, is attending pharmacy school at Campbell University, my other daughter, Emily, is studying to be a neonatal surgeon, and my son, Ryan, is becoming a top baseball prospect. I own Bermracing Ent. in NC. I have been partially retired for the past five years thanks to the education and discipline I received from Farragut. I have been blessed with the abilities to have traveled all over the world with my family and friends and to give back to the community. I am lucky to have been part of the Farragut family. Thanks to all Farragut staff and alumni.

**JONATHAN BRUNTJEN '91N**  
*"I wish I could 'turn the clock back'; I have many wonderful memories! Thank you..."* 16

**MAJ ALEXANDER BRASZKO, JR. '93N** - Information Operations Planner at USAFRICOM (United States Africa Command) in Stuttgart, Germany.

**THERESA REKUS '94N**  
Welcomed our first baby boy Joseph Kelly Murray born October 15. Looking forward to attending HIS parades at AFA! 18

**WES ERBE '01S** - After Farragut, I attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA. I earned a BA in Economics and Business and participated in Varsity Football. After college I began working at Moody's Corporation in New York City and have been with the firm for over 5 years. When I think about the time I spent at Farragut my fondest memories

are of the great faculty that helped guide me through my high school years. I was a thousand miles away from my family and without the direction and care from my teachers, coaches and counselors I would not have become the person I'm proud to be today. Being a part of an undefeated football team my senior year was pretty great too! At Farragut, I participated in Baseball, Track, and Football. I'm still very active and compete in numerous triathlons and running races every year.

**ELIZABETH METZGER (WELLS) '06S** - A proud mother of two beautiful boys! Newest addition, Bradley Curtis Metzger was born 11/29/2011. Now living in TN where husband is working as an Enlisted Detailer. 19

**RICHARD VETTER '07S**  
Currently deployed as MA3 in the U.A.E. with the US NAVY, MSRON 10 Security Forces.

**CAMERON PACKER '09S**  
Currently I reside in North Tampa and work for the worlds' largest private aviation catering company called Air Culinaire Worldwide as the Sous Chef. A quick advice: Always remember the core values AFA has taught you. Picture 20 shows a Bolognese dish I prepared.

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Homecoming Alumni Wkd 2012







Alex DeSeta '04S is Honored by The Citadel

On November 3, 2012 The Citadel honored Alex DeSeta '04S, son of Ed ('67N) and Wanda DeSeta, at their Homecoming for his service and bravery while serving in Afghanistan. He will be inducted into the prestigious Arland D. Williams Society.

The Arland D. Williams Society, established by The Citadel in the year 2000, recognizes those individuals who have distinguished themselves in

community service. Arland Williams is the ultimate example of service to others as he gave his life in the icy waters of the Potomac River so that five of his fellow passengers aboard Air Florida Flight 90 could live. Alex also received The Soldier's Medal this past July at The Citadel.

We could not be prouder of our alumnus. Congratulations Alex!



Pictured from left to right are AFA alumni members Blake Lusty '08, Alex DeSeta '04, Ed DeSeta '67, and Scott Hansen '90N while they were at the "night before" party.

Class of '09S Graduate Named U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Class President & Named to Honor Board

Spencer Fletcher, a midshipman in the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, has been elected as class president. He was also appointed to membership on the Honor Board at the academy.

The midshipman will be going into his senior year at the academy this fall. After graduating, members are required to serve active duty for five years or eight years in the reserves on a United States flag vessel. During their academy years, midshipmen are required to spend a total of one year at

sea on a merchant or Naval ship. The young man spent a lot of his time at sea in the Middle East, but also in the Far East, Honduras and Spain. Although being a "deck cadet" was tough, he said it was interesting. Young Fletcher's application to the Merchant Marine Academy was sponsored by Congressman Tom Rooney. The son of Kristina Kulpa and Steve Fletcher, he is majoring in marine transportation (navigation) with a minor in business.

He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 2009.



Pictured is MIDN Fletcher at the Ring Dance, 2012.

Kevin Long '89S Completes Tour as Commanding Officer, US Navy



Yearbook Picture

Navy CMDR Kevin Long '89S has successfully completed his assignment as the commanding officer of the Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4), Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Long reported to VP-4 in May of 2010 as the Executive Officer.

His tours include assignments with VP-4, Ronald Reagan Strike Group as a flag lieutenant and as an action officer at Joint Staff in Washington, DC. He joined the Navy in May of 1993.

CMDR Long is pictured below at a school in Hawaii while speaking to students during a career day at Aikahi Elementary School. He is also part of a sponsorship program to the Aikahi School through the Partnership in Education (PIE) program, a community-outreach initiative that partners a Navy command with a local public school.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Nathan Laird.





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\* Read more about their life at  
[www.farragut.org/TAPS2013](http://www.farragut.org/TAPS2013)



**VADM Shannon D. Cramer, Jr. '40N**

USN, Ret., 90 years old, formerly of Clemson, SC, passed away at his home in Washington, DC, surrounded by family on February 15, 2012. Shannon was born on September 18, 1921 in Washington, DC to Shannon D. Cramer, Sr. and Mary Hazen Duffy Cramer. He attended Central High School in Washington, DC. where he excelled at football, was named to the National Honor Society and was the President of his graduating class of 1939. He skipped one year in high school and attended Admiral Farragut Academy in Pine Beach, New Jersey to prepare for his entrance to the United States Naval Academy. \*



**George Arthur "Art" Herbert '43N**

A long-time resident of Florida and well-respected venture capitalist, died Feb 20, 2010, at the age of 83 from heart failure. He was born May 10, 1926, to Carl Morse and Jessie Freestone Herbert in Point Pleasant, NJ. He attended the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, from 1944 to 1947. During the Korean War he served on numerous ships, including the USS Montrose (APA 212) and the USS Doyle (DMS 34). During this time, he married Rebecca "Shelly" Sheldon Whitmarsh (D. 1999) with whom he had four children. He resigned from the Navy in 1954. In 1956, Art graduated from Harvard Business School with an MBA and became a senior executive of Radiation Inc. in Melbourne, FL.\*



**Donald "Don" A. Nadig '44N**

Don was born November 20, 1926 in Portland, Oregon to Morton Nadig and Elizabeth Nadig (McGillis). He attended Washington High School in Portland and was active on the Reunion Committee. He attended Admiral Farragut Academy in New Jersey for his last year of High School and then Oregon State University for one year. He was accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1949. He served on the aircraft carrier Valley Forge from 1949-1950 where he saw active duty at the beginning of the Korean War.\*

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## a farewell to our friends

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**John Willett Foster '46S**

Died Saturday, September 17, 2011 at his residence. Born November 24, 1927 in Bluff Point, NY, he was the son of the late Fordyce and Ruth Willett Foster. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a retired salesman. He was Past Master of Milo Masonic Lodge #108 in Penn Yan, NY, a member of Ark Masonic Lodge #33 in Geneva, NY, the Consistory in Rochester, NY, and was Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine in Webster, NY. \*

**Roland A. Bouchard '47S**

Passed away unexpectedly on February 18, 2011. Roland was the son of the late Augustus Bouchard and Germaine Cartier. Mr. Bouchard was educated at Admiral Farragut Academy and Boston College. Born in Cambridge, MA, Roland resided in the New England area for much of his life until moving his family to Syracuse in 1960. He was very active in local politics, as well as the ESM School Board, Jaycees and Boy Scouts. He was a special deputy with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department. \*

**Famous Alumnus, Edwin "Rich" Richards '47S, Passes Away**



**A**dmiral Farragut Academy celebrates the life of a great alumnus, Edwin Richards '47S, Olympian and USA Fencing Hall of Fame Member, who passed away in Las Vegas at age 83. Richards lived a successful life with many notable accomplishments.

"Edwin Richards is a shining example of Farragut graduates who live our core values of integrity, perseverance, self-discipline, and wellness throughout their life. He is remembered by his high school classmates as "Rich" - an athlete, leader, hard worker, and charismatic young man," said CAPT Robert J. Fine, Jr., current Farragut Headmaster. Richard's yearbook quote reads: "A leader of a noble class, a hunter of the comely lass."

Richards is most famously known for becoming the 1964 USA Fencing Olympian and a 2005 USA Fencing Hall of Fame inductee. In July during the USA Fencing National Championships in Anaheim, he was hospitalized and later transferred to a facility in Las Vegas.

See Rich's yearbook page and read more at: [bit.ly/EdwinRichards](http://bit.ly/EdwinRichards)

**“** Ed was a great fencer, a great referee and also a great friend of USA Fencing. He served as a mentor and role model to many of us as we were coming up through the ranks and will be dearly missed by all who knew him. **”**  
- USA Fencing President, Don Anthony



\* Read more about their life at [www.farragut.org/TAPS2013](http://www.farragut.org/TAPS2013)



**William Sutherland '50S**  
William was born on June 30, 1932 in Meridian, Mississippi to William Alexander Sutherland Jr and Maude Williams Perrin Sutherland. He married Louise Parker on April 2, 1955 in Memphis, Tennessee. They met at Vanderbilt University where William graduated. William served 28 years in the US Navy and retired as a Commander. \*



**Donald "Don" Stark '50S**  
79 years old, teacher, brother, uncle, and dear friend, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2012. Don was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina on Oct. 2, 1932. His father, Harry Newman Stark, was a U.S. foreign trade representative and diplomat stationed in Latin America, and his mother, Sylvia Masvidal Stark, was originally from Cuba. Don graduated in 1950 from Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg, Florida, then attended the University of Miami, where he earned a Bachelor of Education degree in 1956 and a Master's degree in mathematics in 1969. He taught mathematics at Southwest Miami High School, then spent the best part of his career teaching at Everglades School for Girls and later Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove, where he served as chairman of the mathematics department. Don was a consummate teacher, dedicated to his students, passionate about his subject, and lively, challenging, and engaged in the classroom.\*



**Riggs A. Smith '53S**  
Died Saturday evening at Samaritan Medical Center where he had been a patient for a week. Mr. Smith was born July 22, 1934 in Binghamton, NY the son of E. Kenneth and Ruth Riggs Smith. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in Florida and attended Penn State University and Boston College. He entered the United States Army serving during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged. He married the former Nancy McMullen April 9, 1964 in Washington DC. Mr. Smith worked as a mechanical engineer and computer specialist at the IBM Corporation in Endicott NY, retiring in 1987 after 30 years. \*



**Thomas "Mickey" Spillane '53N**  
Mickey died peacefully at home Friday afternoon, March 5, 2010 due to cancer. Born July 24, 1934, in Pottsville, PA., to Matthew and Thelma Foster Spillane, he graduated from St. Jerome's Academy, Tamaqua, PA. He continued his education graduating from East Stroudsburg State College in 1957, after which he served 3 years with the U.S. Navy at Quonset Point NAS in Rhode Island. After his honorable discharge, he taught biology and history at Atlantic City, N.J. High School. In 1961, he entered the corrugated packaging industry. \*



**Fred Fleming '55S**  
Two things about Fred Fleming: He knew barbecue, and no matter how many sucker punches life landed, he always bounced back. He lost a successful home building company in the 1980s when interest rates hit 18% and the economy collapsed. He developed a sauce that won accolades at rib festivals all over the country, then lost bottling rights. He started Fred Fleming's Famous BBQ on Fourth Street N, which had customers snaking out the door at midweek — until investors took over, forced him out and went belly-up. Family members pooled their money to underwrite a big new restaurant in Seminole that he and his wife, Cassie, called Champions' BBQ. Then the current recession wiped

them out. "It was incredibly hard on the family, with the tension that created. There was finger-pointing and fighting," his son, Scott. "He and Cassie went up to Homosassa and somehow scrimped and saved and borrowed and got another Champions going, worked long hours and got back on their feet. The family mended its ways and celebrated his strength." In 2010, the Flemings returned to St. Petersburg, renovating a hole-in-the-wall sandwich shop on Fourth Street, just across the street from the old Fred Fleming's. The new place held a handful of tables, but those same succulent ribs, tangy sauces and fluffy coconut cakes attracted a steady takeout crowd — many from the St. Petersburg neighborhoods where his family began to grow decades ago. "His whole life was nothing but being kicked around," said his daughter Tammy Rehnke. "I would have been shriveled up in a corner in a fetal position. I don't know how he kept going. He was the most positive person I ever met." \*

**Robert Simonson '55N**

Robert, Age 71 of Westmont, NJ passed away on February 26, 2009 at home. After graduating from Admiral Farragut, Bob attended Stanford University as an undergraduate. He enlisted in the United States Army and was trained at the Monterey

Language School with later duty in Romania. Bob earned a Masters in Education Degree from Temple University and spent many years teaching English As A Second Language at various PA/NJ Colleges. He thoroughly loved travel,

books, community service and connecting with diverse people. He is survived by his wife Grace, son Eric, two grandchildren and many other family members and friends.





**Mark Siegrist '59N**  
Mark's family were long time residents of Stone Harbor. Mark and Linda resided in Clermont, NJ for 25 years raising their children and moved to York, PA in 2006.



**Edwin Kuehnle '61N**  
Ed was a tool and dye designer who worked for numerous companies throughout his career such as Lenape Manufacturing, C.A. Spalding, Penn Manufacturing, Durex, A.K. Stamping and National Manufacturing. Upon his retirement, he decided to share his vast experience and taught at Archbishop Wood High School, New Hope-Solebury School District and the Central Bucks School District. He was a man of many talents and interests, some of which were photography, art, design, bagpipes and especially spending time in Jupiter, FL.



**John Robert "Bob" McGarvey '65S and wife Elizabeth "Liz" Morrell McGarvey**  
Both Bob and Liz passed away together unexpectedly on November 27, 2011, at 3:10 PM, as a result of an automobile accident. Liz was born in Norfolk, VA to Ellis and Grace Morrell. She was employed by CSX Railroad for more than 30 years. Bob was born in Darby, PA to Sidney and Arline McGarvey. He was retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company. \*

\* Read more about their life at [www.farragut.org/TAPS2013](http://www.farragut.org/TAPS2013)

**AFA Retired Postmaster, Ted Wall, Passes Away**

**F**arragut's long-time postmaster (Aug 1991 to Jan 2012), Ted Wall, passed away on Dec 5, 2012. Ted served on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from July 1, 1943 until Feb 16, 1946 and retired after 21 and a half years of service. He was awarded 11 Air Medals and three Distinguished Flying Crosses, as well as a Presidential Unit Citation.

Read more online at: [bit.ly/TedWall](http://bit.ly/TedWall)



*Ted Wall and AFA's Headmaster CAPT. Robert Fine Jr.*



*Mr. Wall visited Mr. Xenakis' high school history class many times over the years. This picture is from last Veterans Day.*



**Arthur "Art" Nicholson '65S**  
Passed away on April 18th, 2011 of brain cancer. He enjoyed sailing and spending time with family. Even during the final months he maintained a lively sense of humor and enjoyed visits daily from his large and diverse collection of friends. He is survived by his wife Nina, a son Taylor, and mother Dixie.



**Christopher "Chris" Loud '68S**  
Chris died peacefully Sunday, June 3, 2012 in New Ellenton, S.C. He fought the evil cancer beast with courage, dignity and his wonderful sense of humor throughout his illness. Chris was born in Newton, MA on May 2, 1949, son of the late Clarence "Bill" and Gwendolyn (Downey) Loud. He also enjoyed a close relationship with his step-father, the late Douglas Ross. Chris was a loving father to his only child, Christina. \*

**Alumnus, Arturo "Artie" Diaz '75N, Never to be Forgotten**

by David Lipsky '75N  
Member, Farragut Foundation



*Pictured from Left to Right: Art Musicaro '73N, David Lipsky '75N, and Art Diaz '75N*

**I**t is with deep personal sadness to inform you that our shipmate and friend, Art "Artie" Diaz '75N, lost his battle with multiple cancers and passed away Christmas Eve at the Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla, California.

Diaz spent three years at Farragut (1973-1975) and was the Battalion Executive Officer his senior year under Battalion Commander, Mark "Buz" Buzby '75N. Upon graduation, Artie entered the United States Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marine Engineering and a Third Assistant

Engineers License from the U.S. Coast Guard. At Kings Point, Artie and Buz teamed up again, Buz as Regimental Commander and Artie his XO. Immediately after graduating, Diaz entered the U.S. Coast Guard as a Commissioned Officer. After serving five years as a "Coastie", Artie went to work for the Navy as a civilian port engineer for Military Sealift Command where he rose through the chain of command to become the Senior MSC Builders Rep for New Construction. Artie was highly respected in his profession and often sought out for his expertise and mentorship.

Read more online at: [bit.ly/ArtDiaz](http://bit.ly/ArtDiaz)



Students Visit the Gravesite of Fallen Farragut Hero, Megan McClung '91N



Admiral Farragut Academy is proud to have a scholarship fund in Megan's name within our Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation.

It has become a Farragut tradition for our Residential Life Staff members, Steve and Joy Edwards, to take boarding students to Washington D.C. during our Thanksgiving break. They visit a number of historic places, including the Arlington National Cemetery. This year, they were honored to pay their respects at the gravesite of Major Megan McClung, '91N. Steve met Megan's parents in October when they visited our Florida campus for the first time. The Drill Team (coached by Steve) presented them with

a Farragut Flag flown over the campus. At that time, Steve promised to visit Megan's grave. ( See pg. 42)

Megan was the first female graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy. She was also the first female to attend the Naval Academy and the first female Marine Corps Officer to be killed in the Iraq War ( 2006). The experience was truly moving for the group.

Read more online at: [bit.ly/MeganMcClung](http://bit.ly/MeganMcClung)

Cadets Serve as Honor Guard in Respect for Spc Brittany Gordon

Spc Brittany Gordon was recently killed in combat in Afghanistan. Brittany attended Admiral Farragut Academy and graduated from St. Petersburg High School. Our Exhibition Drill Team Honor Guard was asked by the Administration of St. Petersburg High School to participate in the ceremony honoring Spc Brittany Gordon and retiring her basketball jersey. In October our Drill Team Honor Guard was also invited by St. Petersburg High officials to honor Brittany soon after her casket was returned from Afghanistan. Our Drill Team Honor Guard met privately with Brittany's parents and school officials before the ceremony.

Read more online at: [bit.ly/BrittanyGordon](http://bit.ly/BrittanyGordon)



Nathan Wilkins '11S

Age 20, of Indian Shores, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012. Born in Denver, CO, He came here in 2002. He graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy and was attending The University of South Florida in Tampa. He studied Buddhism and practiced through a life of loving kindness as he was a deeply spiritual young man. He had a passion for cars, had enormous love for family, friends, and all things honest and spiritual.

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Class Agents Update

Class of 1973

Tim Coffey '73N, Tom Miller '73N, Art Musicaro '73N, and Robert Griffin '73S joined forces as leaders among their class to make Homecoming something special for their class. The goal is to raise \$40K in honor of their 40th Reunion. We have no doubt the goal will be achieved and this level of excitement will spill over into other years in the future.

For an updated list of Class Agents visit [www.farragut.org/classagent](http://www.farragut.org/classagent)

Class of 1952

When a class like 1952 wants to encourage their classmates to give, they put their money where their mouth is. Bill Emerson '52S and Alan Atwood '52N got together and challenged their class to contribute in a rare way. Each member of their class received a \$5 bill in the mail. The plea: please send it to Farragut, match the donation, and make a gift above and beyond. That's what a number of the class did! Keeping the \$5 and mailing in a gift above and beyond the number. We could not be more pleased with the outcome! Thank you.

Steve Edwards & Chris MacKoul '09S at Goofy Challenge



Pictured with Steve Edwards is AFA alumnus Chris MacKoul '09S, currently a senior at the University of Rochester. Steve had previously told Chris about "Goofy's Challenge" and this year was Chris's first successful attempt in the race. Congratulations Chris and Steve!

Steve Edwards, AFA Residential Curriculum Director and Exhibition Drill Team Drill Instructor / Coach, successfully completed the "Goofy Challenge" at Disney World's Epcot Center. Steve has run every Disney World Marathon (20), and every "Goofy's Challenge" (Half Marathon) (8) since it's inception. Of the hundreds of thousands of runners over the years, Steve is one of the few runners who has a perfect finishing record in both the Marathon and Goofy's Challenge.

"If you think that a marathon is just a walk in the park, put your endurance to the test and compete in Goofy's Race and a Half Challenge! A 39.3-mile adventure held over two days, participants will run the Half Marathon on Saturday, followed by the Marathon on Sunday. If you finish both races within the pacing requirements, you will be awarded the coveted Goofy medal in addition to your Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse finisher medals," said website rundisney.com.



AFA Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Two New Members



Join us as the Athletic Department, along with the help of the Alumni Team, inducts two new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame: Ed Bartle '70N and Ramon Usategui '66S. These two alumni will join the company of other outstanding athletes who exemplified character, poise, and honor on and off the field during their athletic careers at Farragut. The induction is on Thursday, May 23, 2013 in the J.A. Huntley Gymnasium during AFA's Annual Athletics Banquet. We invite all class members of '66S and '70N to attend, as well as all fellow members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. This event will kick-off our 2013 Commencement Weekend.

Nominate an outstanding athlete at:  
[www.farragut.org/HOFnomination](http://www.farragut.org/HOFnomination)

Ed Bartle '70N

Throughout Ed's attendance at Farragut North he truly exemplified excellence in sportsmanship, academics, personal discipline and personified leadership within the Corps of Cadets and all his athletic endeavors. Ed was recognized as All-Prep during the 1969 football season.



Bartle



Usategui

Ramon Usategui '66S

During the seven years that Ramon attended Farragut South he not only excelled in three sports but then graduated salutatorian of his class. It has been said that Ramon was "someone who many aspired to be and become."



- **Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**  
Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 PM on campus
- **Alumni Golf Outing**  
Friday, May 24 at 9:00 AM at the Pasadena Yacht & Country Club in Gulfport, FL
- **2013 Graduation and "Man the Rail" Celebration**  
Saturday, May 25 at 9:00 AM on campus
- **Homecoming Weekend 2013**  
Weekend of Nov. 1-2 on campus
- **6th Annual Army Navy Weekend**  
Weekend of Dec. 13-14 in Philadelphia, PA

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Congratulations to Alejandro Lay '89S for winning a Kindle Fire during our "Post Your Favorite Farragut Memory" contest.



Congratulations to the winners of the "Update Your Contact Info" Contest.

Share your update today:  
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We are pleased to announce that we had 73 updates in a matter of 3 weeks. WOW... Thank you all!

Russell Weir '83S  
Alumni Polo Shirt with year

Thomas Detscher '54N  
AFA Tie

Theodore Raper '60S  
A Tale of Two Campuses  
History Book

Christopher Kale '89N  
AFA Throw Blanket





# one class can make a Difference

By Jeff Ogden '00S

We reference members of our alumni community by the term “class of \_\_\_\_.” The success of Homecoming can often be measured by the number of members from a certain class who attend. Many classes have discussions about starting “Class Gifts” within the Foundation. In order to establish a named endowed fund, a \$25,000 financial commitment is needed. In most cases, that high figure is far beyond what one or two people can take on themselves. Therefore in terms of a Class Gift or influence of a class - it is humbling to see what the outcome can be.



During the Homecoming festivities of 2010, we hosted over 125 alumni and guests on campus. All attendees spoke of the tremendous weekend they had. Special thanks goes to the help and generosity of '60N class members, Barney Hauptfuhrer, Randy Kressler, and Edmund Bailey, whose class involvement went to the next level. They rallied their classmates in an effort to redevelop and retrofit the West Grinder in front of Farragut Hall. Through their generosity, the school was able to increase the Grinder area by nearly 50%, allowing a larger formation area for our corps of cadets. Further, the Exhibition Drill Team, who uses this surface as their “Home Field” for training and performance exercises, were given a larger and improved practice area. The class of '60 gave this gift in memory of CAPT Raven O. Dodge, Headmaster of the Pine Beach Campus from 1945-1974 and from 1977-1978, as well as CAPT Norman Reinhard, Commandant of Cadets from 1940-1978.

*Cadets during competitive sailing practice in the Class of 1961 boat.*



*“The boarding life is, and always has been, a critical element of the complete ‘Farragut Experience.’ I wanted other Pine Beach graduates to know that their northern campus will be honored and remembered in perpetuity,” said Kressler.*

Kressler is also the founding father of the Pine Beach Tribute Fund within the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation which sustains and improves the boarding experience for students attending the school today.

Upon reaching the goal of \$25,000 in the fund, the Foundation will make annual distributions to support the school's boarding needs.

Two class agents started their Homecoming recruitment efforts one and a half years in advance and the result was great participation and enthusiasm! Class agent, Peter Hughes '61S, even attended the Annual Homecoming Alumni Dinner in the same dress blues uniform he graduated in! After Homecoming was over, they didn't stop. Hughes and David Arms '61S teamed up with class agent and sailing connoisseur, Robert Kaplon '61N, and together rallied the support of over 100 alumni from the Class of '61 North and South, to raise over \$15,000 for the purchase of new 420 sailing vessels in addition to purchasing new equipment for the entire sailing fleet.

Competitive sailing has been a focus for Farragut cadets since the days of sailing up and down Toms River, NJ in the 1940's. Today, Farragut has 14 sailboats in our fleet with six being 420's restricted for competitive use. The mission of the Class of '61 is to provide sufficient funding to purchase two or four new boats to field a true competitive fleet.

This would allow the school to host local high school sailing regattas on our campus, rather than relying on small sailing centers and the high costs associated with them. Being on the gulf coast, sailing is a growing sport among our kids. As we expand our boarding community to attract more students from the northeast, sailing fills the gap of rowing that many schools in that region offer.

When we say the Alumni Community is our strongest and most influential asset, we truly mean it. Each member of the community shared a unique piece of the “Farragut Experience” with their peers. The power of a class that is truly involved is a tremendous benefit to the school today. Whether through developing a class fund, retrofitting a piece of the campus, or giving the students of today the tools they need - the sky truly is the limit. This is a great community to be a part of and I am truly proud to be part of it.





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## Alumni Focus: an interview with Homer Moyer, Jr. '60S

Every man aspires to be able to reach a point in his life when he can look back and truly say “I believe I have made a difference.” This sentiment is expressed so well by Ralph Waldo Emerson in the quote above. Farragut is proud to say that our alumni make a difference in the world and that can be said of Homer Moyer, Jr, Class of ‘60S.

Those who have had the privilege of knowing and working side-by-side with Moyer would profess he has made the world a better place. His biography is evidence he has won the respect of intelligent people. One look at the multitude of photos on his bookcase is proof he has won the affection of children. You will see picture upon picture of his precious children and grandchildren. In each photo of Moyer and his family - you see a man who laughs often and much.

Homer Moyer, is a member of the law firm Miller & Chevalier in Washington DC and is the architect of the firm’s preeminent international practice.

He is regarded as one of the country’s leading Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) lawyers and has been recognized as a premier lawyer in other international legal fields. An appointee of both political parties, he has developed and guided the American Bar Association’s largest pro bono project ever, the CEELI Institute, which has been hailed for its global impact.

Moyer has enjoyed an international legal career. He is committed to public policy development through government service. Says Moyer, “Government service is a unique experience, I would never trade having had this experience for anything. An opportunity to involve yourself in public interest decisions and participate in running our country’s government has been a high point for me professionally. I am fortunate to be able to work with exceptional people.”

As an extracurricular activity Moyer is credited as the Founder of the CEELI Institute in Prague. CEELI is an independent not-for-profit

*“To laugh often and much;  
to win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children...  
to leave the world a better place...  
to know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived.  
This is to have succeeded.”*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

international provider of professional legal education which helps emerging Eastern Bloc countries build new legal systems and government structures for Rule of Law (ROL). “The fall of the Berlin wall was the real impetus to establishing CEELI. All of a sudden countries which were previously totalitarian communist regimes had to determine the type of government they wanted or needed to create. CEELI brought American judges and lawyers on a volunteer basis to work as neutral facilitators to help move this process along” said Moyer. Today you can look at countries such as Albania, the Czech Republic and Slovenia who have made incredible transitions with assistance

from CEELI, for improved human rights along with significant cultural and political changes. The success of this program is an exceptional accomplishment by all standards. What experiences laid the groundwork for Moyer’s success today? Ask him and he’ll tell you, “Admiral Farragut Academy, it is where I grew up!” Coming from Moyer, you can take that statement literally. He is the son of H.E. Moyer, founding Senior Administrative Officer of Admiral Farragut Academy in St. Petersburg. In January of 1945, Moyer’s father and mother began their work at Farragut when the school opened its St. Petersburg campus. Moyer, Jr. was only age three at the time. They lived in an apartment on the second deck of Farragut Hall above the current Headmaster’s Office. George J. Michel, Jr.’49S - Chairman of the Board, remembers Moyer at his young age being present by the ranks in his child-sized version of the Farragut uniform and looking on with great comfort and familiarity. “After all, Farragut was my home,” said Moyer. When he was of school-age he attended public school, but always with the



intention of starting at Farragut when he reached 7th grade. When he was in 6th grade his father died suddenly of a heart attack and he never had the experience of being a Farragut cadet while his father was alive.

During the years following his father's death, he and his mother continued at Farragut although they had moved off-campus. His mother, "Mrs. Moyer," was well known by all the cadets - she taught dance and ran the Cotillion classes for Farragut's young men. Mrs. Moyer continued to work at the school up until the mid-80's, well past Homer's graduation. It had become her life's work.

When Moyer was asked what his most memorable time at Farragut was, he replied, "I had a wonderful time at Farragut. I enjoyed everything about the school and found the mix of strong academics with discipline to be a great preparation for me as I went off to Emory University and later to Yale Law School."

"After graduating from Yale, I went into the Navy as a JAG - I was the only lawyer who knew how to march! The personal discipline, the pride in how to present yourself, and an understanding of military

decorum, gave me an advantage which resulted in being chosen to be a White House Aide. I had the responsibility of insuring the perfect execution of dinners, receptions and ceremonies for visiting dignitaries and Heads of State. Had it not been for Farragut and my mother, these opportunities would not have been as readily available to me." When asked if he had his sights set on retiring anytime soon, Moyer replied, "No, Our practice is very busy and strong. Working with anti-corruption laws around the world keeps my interest piqued."

With a plane ticket to Prague in his hand and his bag packed, he was off once again to CEELI to prepare for the next conference of lawyers, judges and others committed to the Rule of Law. One of his CEELI associates recently commented, "...so many of our conference participants stand on the front lines of protecting a new legal order in their country. We're proud to see the quality of this new generation - their intelligence, leadership, and regard for fairness and inclusion."

"Knowing that we are making that kind of a difference is what keeps me going," said Moyer.



The Moyer Family with 2011 Battalion Commander, Joon Kim.

Photo courtesy of US Embassy of Prague during one of Mr. Moyer's speeches.



## Pride in Our Past, Faith in Our Future

Nobody wants to see a ready, willing and qualified child turned away for financial reasons. In these challenging economic times it becomes increasingly important to have funds available to those children who are happy to exchange numerous childhood freedoms for discipline, drill and accountability.

The Heritage Society is a society of estate gifts. Heritage Society membership indicates that Admiral Farragut Academy and/or the Foundation is included in the estate giving plans of a donor. Some will give through a simple will bequest, transfer the ownership of life insurance, or elect to use one of the many options available through various trust arrangements. The method of giving is not as important as the decision to give.

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# The birth of new foundation Funds

By: AFA Alumni & Development Team

Over the past five years, the Alumni & Development Team has spent a lot of time focusing on what the Foundation is and what it looks like to our alumni. The Foundation, the fundraising arm of Admiral Farragut Academy, has a lot to offer in a variety of ways. During the years of 2011 and 2012, new funds were developed within the Foundation. Please take a moment to review them:

Give to Farragut at:  
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## Pine Beach Tribute Fund

Founded in memory of the Pine Beach Campus, this fund supports the boarding experience for students today. Each spring, the Foundation will make an annual distribution to programs designed to sustain and enhance boarding and residential life as well as the leadership training which is inherent to Farragut. This fund will benefit our boarders by providing items such as; special family-style dinners, off-campus gatherings, and other team building and leadership development exercises.



“ Thanks to the loyal support from so many northern alumni, the Pine Beach Tribute Fund has surpassed the minimum threshold amount of \$25,000 required to become a permanent asset within the Foundation’s endowment. As one of the founders of this fund, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone whose loyalty and generosity helped make this accomplishment possible in such a short period of time. What a great way to honor our 80th year of service. ”

- Randy Kressler '60N

## Specialty Funds in Support of Musical Arts & Drill Team

While both of the funds were created at the same time and have similar purposes, it was at the wish of an anonymous donor to create them as two separate funds. The main intent is to increase the awareness and impact each fund may have on their respective area.

The fund in support of Musical Arts was established to maintain and grow our musical community. Each year, the cost to repair or purchase new musical instruments and equipment increases. This fund allows us to consider the annual replacement and purchasing of new instruments and provide everything necessary for an impressive band.

Over the last five years, the Drill Team and Color Guard have taken on new life, often creating two complete teams of up to 20 members each. With the increase in participation, this fund will continually ensure that the team will be fully equipped with rifles, impeccable uniforms, and the necessary funds needed for travel expenses. Each year the Drill Team is requested to participate in over 25 performances: from the Veterans Day Parade to various civic holiday performances to dignitary visits. They also travel to the Naval Station at Mayport, Florida to visit and perform for the USS Farragut, its officers and crew.



CAPT Crosley Fund

This endowed fund was established to honor the memory of CAPT Paul C. Crosley, who served as Director of the Naval Science Department at Admiral Farragut Academy (Pine Beach Campus) from 1955-1965. CAPT Crosley mentored young men, both on the drill field and the waterfront, during his tenure and was instrumental in seeing that they completed their Naval Science requirements. Created as an endowment with all gifts to be held in perpetuity by the Admiral Farragut Academy Foundation, the income generated from this fund will be available for distribution each year in accordance with the distribution policy of the Foundation. First directed to either the Naval Science classroom or waterfront needs, the income from this fund may also be used to generate scholarships.

There are a number of other endowed and donor directed funds within the Foundation that assist and enable Farragut in a number of ways. The Alumni & Development Team asks our supporters to give directly to the funds that are important to them. Via the Foundation Board of Directors, we are able to provide credibility and accountability of those gifts. Today is a new chapter in the history of Farragut.

David G. Farragut was a maverick and today our school is looked upon by leaders, innovators and supporters in that same light.

It is thanks to you, our Alumni Community, for your support in ensuring our success.

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Naples Gathering

On January 8, 2013 a group of eight Naples area alumni assembled to discuss the creation of a need-based SW Florida Farragut Scholarship and an AFA Naples Area Alumni Chapter. At the conclusion of the gathering everyone agreed that the formation of a scholarship fund was worth the commitment of time it would take to bring it to fruition. Details will be finalized in the next Naples Area Alumni Chapter meeting (TBD).

If you live in or around Naples and are interested in becoming a chapter member or want to participate in the formation of the SW Florida Farragut Scholarship, please contact:

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-OR-

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Big thank you to Rick LoCastro '84S for organizing the luncheon and to Phil Wood '73S for hosting it. Thank you to those who attended: Elliot Garcia Jr. '84S, Dale Chlumsky '61S, Peter Easton '49N, Thomas Miller '73N, Robert Ayres '68S, and Bill Everett '53S.

Are you interested in forming an AFA Alumni Chapter in your region? Email [alumni@farragut.org](mailto:alumni@farragut.org).

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