



12 July 2024

Dear Classmates,

It is my sad duty to report that our Classmate, Jim Morgan, CAPT, USN(Ret), passed away last Sunday, 07 July after a prolonged and hard-fought illness.

Jim hailed from Wooster, Ohio, was a member of Stalag 17 plebe year, and graduated with the 33rd Herd. At the Academy, Jim studied Oceanography and started his storied SWO career as the USNA YP Commodore. A great friend and shipmate, Jim was a SWO's SWO – commanding USS HOWARD (DDG 83), DESRON 7 and also as the CO of the NROTC unit at University of Florida.

A Burial service will be held at **St. Catherine's Cemetery Chapel** (1247 Drinker Turnpike, Covington Township, PA 18444) (a few miles outside of Scranton, PA) **on Wednesday, 17 July 2024 at 1100, with a graveside commitment at 1200.** After services, there will be a luncheon at the **Blue Shutters Restaurant** (200 Memorial Dr, Elmhurst Township, PA 18444), just a short distance away from the cemetery. It will be helpful for planning if we are able to get a quick response from any Classmates who intend to attend to provide an accurate headcount – **please text me with your name and # of your total party.** Also, be prepared to shift colors into Aloha shirts (probably at the luncheon) in honor of Jim.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jim's name may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society online at <http://www.nmcrrs.org/donate> or by sending a check to NMCRS, 875 N. Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203.

Please take a moment and join me in remembering Jim. RIP Classmate.

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