

83. Class Meetings (2:25)

The fact that we were interested in them after they left the Academy, it probably got started because of the one thing they did - asking me to attend all their class meetings. I was with them in the Fall - thinking this out - when they were Swabs, they sometimes have a meeting two and three times or more a week.

That meant I would go to work and get there a quarter after seven and my day was done at three o'clock. But I stayed at the Academy until I went to their class meeting at seven o'clock. I would go home at seven o'clock.

Now I did lots of work in there getting my lesson plans and all the stuff I would do at home later probably. I would do that in the afternoon waiting for the meeting but then they would have their class meeting at 6 30.

One thing I admit that I did and they may not remember it very well but I usually took about four or five minutes at the end of the meeting to talk about Coast Guard stuff - families, duty, assignments, people and so forth. I just talked the Coast Guard.

That part was probably a part of my feeling my duty for the Coast Guard. I didn't become a Class Advisor as a Coast Guard function. That was something they asked me to do and I didn't do it with the Coast Guard being the responsible party that I was responsible to.

The party I was responsible to was each cadet that picked us to be Class Advisors. They were who mom and I were responsible to.

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