

Shipmate July-August 2012
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Summer in Annapolis is hot and humid. The plebes are likely pouring perspiration as you read this column! Such are the hazy hot days of summer in Crabtown. Plebe memories are seldom fondly remembered. The changes in the facilities since our days have made the place nicer. I remember sitting adjacent to the window air conditioner in Professor Saslaw's class trying to understand calculus while my company mates were studying their Reef Points. Such were the days. Some of you may remember my comment about the warm winter here in the Norfolk area and my driving with the convertible top down. I promised to let you know if that continued – so, yes, the winter persisted and I had the top down every opportunity. Now, the top is only down in the late afternoon as the temperature and humidity are too high for a top down drive home from the office!

The first note is from **Perry Martini**: “A company gathering of nearly 50% of the graduating 9th company was held this past spring in Charleston, SC. Over a long St Patrick's Day weekend, Sybil and **Bill Yocum** and Nancy and **Tom Dalton** hosted a Folly @ the Beach for the 9th Company Dirty Dozen Plus (plebe year's Tiger 29). The **Yocum's** and **Dalton's** were joined by Lyn and **Dub Hay**, Peggy and **John Morris**, Jean and **Perry Martini**, Tamara and **Don Brewer** and **Chuck Hiles**. Festivities began Thursday afternoon with BBQ at Smoky Oak to celebrate the Hay's arrival and subsequently included a beer tasting tour of the Palmetto Brewery, a welcome get together at Blu Restaurant, painting of the Folly Beach Welcome Boat, a St Patrick's Day Pub crawl of Folly Beach followed by dinner (Nancy's corned beef and cabbage) and dancing by the Palmetto Oasis Middle Eastern Dance Troupe (belly dancers to be sure), a carriage tour of downtown Charleston, brunch at Fleet Landing, golf at Charleston National, a golf cart tour of Folly Beach and evening dinner gatherings where we took turns remembering things that never were and swearing all we said and heard was true. The short ball hitters began departing Monday, but the hard core elements made it till Tuesday evening. We ended where we began, enjoying more Smoky Oak BBQ before final departures Wednesday morning. By then we'd absorbed all the fun and camaraderie our bodies could sustain till next time and we declared the entire occasion a success.” Sounds like a grand time was had by all! Here are the photos:



(Perry Martini, Bill "Pappy" Yocum, Dub "Baby" Hay, Don "Hawk" Brewer, and John "JT" Morris).



(Perry Martini, Dub Hay, Don Brewer, Chuck Hiles, kneeling Tom Dalton, JT Morris, Bill Yocum).

Perry continued with a business note: The Class Officers and Board of Trustees held their semi-annual executive board meeting on GoToMeeting.Com Friday 27 April. The meeting focused on a 40th reunion debrief as well as a planning meeting and discussion on the preparation for the 45th. The results of the survey regarding the location of our 45th was clear that a majority of our class indeed wanted to continue to hold the every five year reunions in Annapolis; so, the plan is to hold our 45th in Annapolis, Maryland in 2016. Although still in discussion, there is a great interest (and west coast support) to hold a “west coast gathering” in 2018 or 2019 in San Diego and more to follow on that as we get closer to our 45th to announce when and where our 47th or 48th reunion / west coast gathering will be held!” I’m ready for the next reunion already!

Next is the annual TestFest note from **Steve Ayers**: “Hey Duke, How are you doing? Here’s my annual report for the 16th Company 2012 Test Fest. The 25th Annual event was held May 3-6 on Figure 8 Island near Wilmington, **Roger Young** once again got a great house, and **Bill Luckey, Mike Bluestein, Paul McIntire, Paul**

Timmins and I showed up. The attached photo, left to right, was taken at the Blue Water Grill on Wrightsville Beach.



Roger Young, Bill Luckey, Mike Bluestein, Paul McIntire, Paul Timmons and Steve Ayers.

“Most everybody arrived on Thursday afternoon. Young, Timmins and Ayers played a round at Porters Neck Country Club Friday and everybody went out to a great Asian restaurant, Indochine, that night. Wilmington is a nice place to live, as many USNA alums have discovered. A must visit place is Hell’s Kitchen – the sports bar owned and run by Roger’s family.

“On Saturday Blue took us down the Inter-Coastal Waterway in his Bayliner from Hampstead to Wrightsville Beach for lunch. Dinner was the mandatory steak cookout followed by an evening of sitting on the deck watching thunderstorms and finishing a few bottles. Kind of a skilled nursing facility demo - plenty of medication, lots of downtime, and no boats or cars to drive until daybreak. Sunday we were back on the road to retirement. Here’s how that’s going:

“Blue still flies for USAirways from PHL to all the best European destinations (Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, and Rome, among others) plus Tel Aviv (likes Israel a lot). He lives on the water in Hampstead with Debbie, Eleanor, two dogs, two boats, a truck, and very nice neighbors.

"Peggy and Roger live at Porter's Neck. Roger has eased away from his consulting contracts to spend time with Peggy, children, grandchildren and his backswing. He has found an authentic Long Island Italian sausage shop nearby, making his transition complete.

"Paul McIntire is now five years into retirement and spends time with Jane in Sarasota, Buffalo, and Boston. He drives a lot, and his enduring sense of humor comes in handy whenever he pulls up to the pump for a fill up.

"Heather and Bill Luckey are building a house in Chagrin Falls, OH. Bill has retired from Westat and is spending more time fishing and travelling.

"Robin and Paul Timmins live in Greensboro, where he is winding down his consulting business. 2008 helped that decision a lot. Paul spent most of the winter skiing out west - gravity based sports are good at his age.

"Bebe and I live in NYC and San Diego. I still do some pro bono work, but would much rather go for a walk in Central Park with my wife than go into a conference room for anything. Besides, the coffee and donuts near Central Park are better. So, there is indeed some form of life to be found among the retired, and it's pretty darned good! Hope you get here soon. Best, Steve." Thanks for the skilled nursing facility tip! I'll have to try that a few times. Really amazing that 16th Company has been doing the TestFest for 25 years! Way to go!

My last note is from Bruce Lemkin: "Duke, I hope all is well, Classmate! FYI, I had an op-ed in yesterday's Baltimore Sun on North Korea. The original title was U.S.POLICY AND NORTH KOREA: TIME TO STOP REWARDING BAD BEHAVIOR WHILE REESTABLISHING THE ESSENCE OF DETERRENCE. The link is <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-north-korea-20120426,0,1779846.story>." Thank you Bruce! I'm glad you help educate our citizenry on the vagaries of foreign policy. Hope all is well with your company!

Quite sadly, we lost two classmates this past month. Theodore "Ted" Saari passed away on Saturday April 21st. Ted had a long career in public service with the State of California specializing in water quality. He faithfully protected the health of the families and working people of the High Desert region for 27 years before retiring from public service in 2004. His funeral services were held in Hesperia, CA on April 29th. Paul Kolody died suddenly on Thursday, May 10, 2012 of a pulmonary embolism. Paul served on the Tinsona and Parche nuclear submarines, and later flew helicopters with the Maryland Air National Guard. Following his military career, Paul worked at the Westinghouse Research and Development Center in Churchill, PA and then at Northrop Grumman until his retirement in 2008. A Life Celebration was held for Paul on May 14th in Edgewater, MD.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in summer travels. Pray, too, that our mission in Afghanistan will achieve success and our work in Iraq does produce an ally in the Middle East. We have several classmates in business and government leadership who

can use our thoughts and prayers, too. There is plenty of work remaining for us as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke