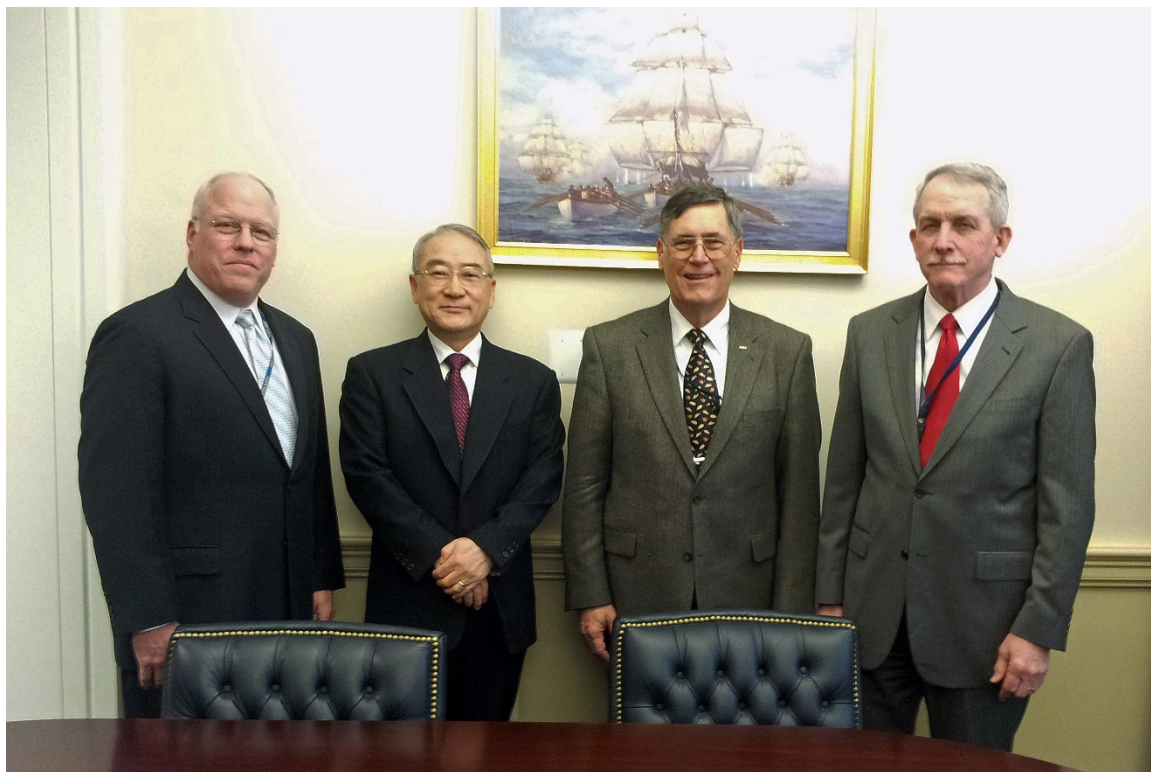


Shipmate July-August 2013
Duke Longworth
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Summer is here full blast! The heat and humidity are pervasive throughout the mid-Atlantic, especially so in the Yard. Can anyone ever forget how the plebes long for the “black flag” declaration so we didn’t have to “chop” from place to place while we got drenched in perspiration! Memories of summer on the Severn are mixed: plebe summer was pure misery; however, running plebe detail wasn’t so bad as upper classmen could go to town anytime. I remember water skiing on the Severn as pleasant and something I would enjoy doing again. But, as a plebe my memories are more of the heat and humidity and how it affected everything. I remember, too, the window air conditioning in Professor Saslow’s calculus class and how it was a relief from the heat; however, I fell asleep in the class, too! I’m confident there’s a plebe falling asleep in some summer study class this summer! Sailing was the best relief from the heat. That was fun! I hope your summer plans include family and fun!

My first note is from **Tom Ledvina**: “Duke – I’ve attached a photo of **Mike Duncan** and **Steve Pelstring** on the occasion of a lunch that we had for **Doug Cho** to send him off to Afghanistan in January. We’re all still working in the Pentagon and try to get together for lunch every couple of months. Doug volunteered to participate in the Ministry of Defense Advisor (MoDA) Program. The MoDA Program uses experienced civilian DOD employees as advisors to senior Afghan officials, including the Minister of Defense and the Minister of the Interior. The tour usually lasts a year, on top of several months of training. By the time this appears in print, Doug should be well into his tour. Doug said that after plebe year, he wasn’t all that worried about it. Tom Ledvina.” Nice photo! Surely hope all is well for Doug – he’s certainly courageous!



Caption: left to right – Tom Ledvina, Doug Cho, Mike Duncan, Steve Pelstring

Here's a note from Jerry Byrnes: "Hi Duke! Recently we had a great local mini-reunion of the 7th Company in the Charleston area. A fine time was had by all. Attending were: Susan and **Rick Blake**, Audrey and **Rich Burman**, Ellen and **Denny Bruwelheide**, Cecily and **Ed Kelly**, Sallie and **Bill Nold**, Pat and Jerry Byrnes.

"After a welcome lasagna dinner at Jerry and Pat's on Friday (as promised, there was cold beer and cheap wine), the weekend included forays to Fort Sumter; the barbeque buffet at Moose's; a Low Country Boil at Bill and Sallie's; breakfast at the Byrnes'; and a trip to the local pistol range. Ed and Cecily continued their ancestry investigation in the Charleston area. Several couples toured local real estate offerings. Hopefully, they found the Charleston area as attractive as we did a couple of years ago. Feel free to ask Bill and Denny about their fishing trip. I will not bilge a classmate!

"The attached picture is of the entire group. We are testing a libation called EVOL bottled and marketed by Torrey James Ward, Jim's son. (evolspirits.com)



Back Row, on couch (Left to Right): Denny Bruwelheide, Rick Blake, Pat Byrnes, Sallie Nold, Audrey Burman, Susan Blake, Cecily Kelly, Ellen Bruwelheide, Ed Kelly. Front Row, on Floor (Left to Right): Jerry Byrnes, Rich Burman, Bill Nold.

“And as I have mentioned, the welcome lamp is always lit. Feel free to stay with us while you tour the city that Conde Nast lists as the number one tourist city in the world, Charleston. Jerry Byrnes.” Thank you, Jerry! I haven’t toured Charleston, so I need to put that city on the “to do” list! Sounds like a good time was had by all!

Too soon it’s time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in their 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. Life is fragile. Love, give and share with others your bounty. Now is a good time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. 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