

Shipmate May-June 2013  
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Spring is nice as the weather warms and the sun shines, the convertible top is down most days for the evening drive home. It's the onset of those persistent spring and summer chores: mow the grass, trim the bushes, mulch the flower beds, trim the edges, paint the wood, and so on. But, the top down drive home makes all this just a little more pleasant! And, I really do enjoy the yard, and the work is good for the soul. So, on with it! In the Yard years ago, the evening stroll along Stribling Walk from Hubbard Hall to Mother B was always a tranquil event for me.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Company 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest in Lake Placid, NY was a smashing hit! A record high of twelve 36'er's attended: **Jimmy Barron, Don Beaudette, Lee Burgess, Bruce Gallemore, Garry Holmstrom, Mark Horgan, Jan Milligan, Sonny Naple, Robbie Roberson, Ron Spratt, Craig Welling** and me (**Duke Longworth**). Robbie and I were the new guys this year. **Mike Trice** had to cancel just prior to the event or we would have had a third newbie! **Mike McDanold** (Cavell) promises to attend a future event. We did hoist a few drinks to our absent company mates! Hope we can increase the numbers next year! The more the very merrier!

Just as he promised, Ron delivered Anne's freshly cooked meals – chili dinner Thursday and lasagna dinner Friday! Anne is a superb cook! Saturday evening Ron and Don prepared steak and lobster. Ron's sous chef, Don, outdid himself such that Ron recommended Don to take the chef reins next year! Don promised fresh lobster for the Saturday dinner, so my vote is with the new chef!

Jan led the breakfast efforts ensuring delicious hot food and coffee were ready for all. Jan did a nice job shopping and fulfilling food and beverage requests as we never ran out of coffee, dark beer, or red wine! He surely set the standard for our future reunions! Our breakfast and dinner settings were three hour story telling sessions. Somehow, we never ran out of more entertaining tales of our past lives!

Between breakfast and dinner we went snowshoeing, hiked snow covered trails, downhill skied, toured the town, or just relaxed. Lake Placid is a beautiful small town with much to do in a short time. Next year Sonny says he will lead us on a 13 mile hike up a big mountain. I've already started my training! Below is the photo evidence 36<sup>th</sup> Company met:



Front row: Bruce Gallemore, Ron Spratt, Jan Milligan, Garry Holmstrom. Second row: Craig Welling, Don Beaudette, Mark Horgan. Back row: Duke Longworth, Jimmy Barron, Robbie Roberson, Sonny Naple, Lee Burgess.

Here's a superb note from **Eric Benson**: "Duke: we are in the planning stages, but it looks like a mini-25th Company reunion is in the works for Clifden, Ireland in late September. For several years, True North, a fantastic musical group including **Bruce Batten** (and Toni London), **Denny Walsh** and **Gary Tabor** have performed during the Clifden Arts Festival (and at local pubs in the evenings). They are going back this year and will be joined by a group of golfers who are not immune to pub crawling in the evening. Sally and I will spend about two weeks in Ireland (after our successful golf trip last year in conjunction with a not-so-successful football game in Dublin) golfing before rendezvousing with True North.

"Falling onto formation along the way will be **Ed Bouton** (and Susan Miller), Ann and **Hugh Butt**, and Maura and **Bill Long**. These three twosomes will take a different golf path than Sally and me; however, we will all meet up in Clifden on September 25 for an enjoyable 'come-around'. This come-around will be a LOT better than the ones we experienced in 1967-1968!

"I've posted notes on the USNA '71 and Company 25 Facebook pages today in the event that anyone else may be able to join us. Eric." Wow, that sounds like lots of fun. Perhaps more classmates can rendezvous overseas for mini-reunions!

I received a newsy note from **Bill Emslie**: “Tracey and I were married in the main chapel on February 22, 1975 when I was a LTJG. Thirty-eight years, four children, two grandchildren later, and I’m now a Captain (USN, Ret), Tracey and I decided to renew our vows. It was not a ‘landmark’ anniversary of 25, 40, 50, or more years, as is recommended for renewal ceremonies in the Chapel; however, we were granted permission due, in part, because the original presiding minister, Rev. Eric Swanfeldt, of Uncasville, Connecticut, is 82 years old and would be the officiate for the renewal of vows. For our 1975 wedding, Reverend Swanfeldt drove to Annapolis with a van full of Uncasville United Methodist Church’s youth group members so they could see the wedding ceremony, Annapolis, and Washington, D.C. landmark sites.

“For this ceremony, two of our four children attended. Air Force Major Andrew Emslie is stationed in Germany, anchored by his duties and a new baby who didn’t have a passport. David Emslie, a custom Master Goldsmith, was suddenly and unexpectedly scheduled to appear on a live TV program that very day in front of ten million viewers on the other side of the continent. Charles Emslie, a certified Swiss Watchmaker who restores vintage Breitling watches, was recovering from a broken back suffered in December while riding a horse; however, he was out of his turtle-like back brace carapace so he was able to stand in as best man. Our daughter, Alexis Emslie, a college student and staggeringly successful individual business woman, attended the ceremony as well to supervise preparing her mother for the ceremony. Alexis was assisted by one Tracey’s Goucher College classmates who attended the 1975 wedding. My two brothers, my sister, sister-in-law and a nephew attended as did Tracey’s brother, sister-in-law and a nephew. Classmates attending included Janet and **Rob Ferguson**, Jean and **Perry Martini**, and Sue and **Lon Ortner**. Lon was an usher at the 1975 ceremony.

“The ceremony followed much of the original; however, instead of the pipe organ an Irish trio played soft tunes with guitar, fiddle, and flute. New rings made by our son Dave, the master goldsmith, were exchanged. At the end of the ceremony, after the blessing, instead of walking, the Tracey and I waltzed down the aisle, complete with mid-chapel twirl and a promenade exit. The minister and startled guests approved of this so much that they followed, also dancing, as the music played on. The Alumni House reception was a huge success as the same Irish trio played an Irish Ceilidh which was fun and easy for the uninitiated with a caller accustomed to beginners. The evening concluded with the wedding party and guests retiring to the hotel where they watched the season finale of ‘Gold Rush’. The surprise in this episode was that Dave, the goldsmith son, was melting, pouring and hammering gold during the live presentation! In all, a fantastic weekend full of tradition, reality, and celebrations of joy inherent in the wonder of relationships that last.” That’s a great story, Bill! Congratulations to you and Tracey on the renewal of your vows!





Caption: "From bottom of steps to the top: Tracey and Bill Emslie, Jean and Perry Martini, Janet and Rob Ferguson, Sue and Lon Ortnier."

I received a couple emails from **Vince Conroy** about a recent patent he obtained from his new invention. Here's the note: "Duke, on 11 December 2012 the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office published my patent 'Robotic Defilade System', (US 8,327,748), a defense against roadside bombs. It consists of thick steel walls which self-propel on armored truck frames remotely controlled so as to be placed and kept between our people and whatever threatens them, whether moving or stationary. I got the idea after attending the opening of the Marine Corps Museum near Quantico. I was intensely moved by the need to do something to reduce the carnage our troops were suffering from these terrible weapons (improvised explosive devises). I think it was during the evening after I left the ceremony that the phrases 'earth armor' and 'take the wall with you' came to mind from my time at The Basic School. I was able to draw on my years in anti-tank missiles and targeting systems and my interest in unmanned aerial vehicles to put a system on paper. Even where these things can be used they won't solve the

problem entirely, but they should make enemy targeting a lot more difficult. I thought our classmates might like to know what led to my response to the need which had struck me so intensely at the Museum of the Marine Corps. Best wishes, Vince Conroy.” Great work! Nice to think your experience and innovative thought will save our Marines’ and Soldier’s lives on the battlefield. Semper Fi!

Here’s a short note from **Carl Josefson**: “ I have come into the possession of an extra copy of the 1971 Lucky Bag. If there is anyone in the class who has lost their copy, I would be happy to send it to them. Cheers, Carl.” Let me know if you would like this treasure and I’ll advise Carl!

April 1<sup>st</sup> brought a pleasant surprise to my short-term work site in Norfolk – **John Tennant** moved into the office adjacent to where I’m temporarily working. We’ve shared sea-stories and we’ve looked into where we hope to be in the future!

Regretfully, there is “other” news to share with you.

There was a Committal Service at the Naval Academy Columbarium on Friday, 22 March 2013 for **Paul Kolody**. Paul resigned from the submarine service to fly helicopters in the Army National Guard.

**Ed Krueger** passed away on 9 March at the VA hospital in Pittsburgh, PA due to a pulmonary respiratory infection. Ed came to us from Nebraska in 1967 and was a member of the 6th company. He is remembered as a true professional and leader in the Drum and Bugle Corps.

My belated thanks to **Brad Closson** for getting this info to me: **Lawrence Fee**, a 21st Co Plebe non-grad, died October 6th 1984 in Dallas, TX. Larry was a computer technician for SouthWest Bell Telephone Co. in Dallas, Texas. He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church. He is interred in Edgmand Cemetery, Columbus, KS.

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