

U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1975, Shipmate Column
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Dear 'mates, The great 40th Reunion is less than four months away! We will gather in Annapolis for the Air Force game on Saturday, 3 October. Class meetings, Memorial Service, and Ice-breaker Dinner will be on Friday the 2nd. Golf and Crab Feast at Mike's are on Thursday. Important note: Tailgater will be in the N* Room inside Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, so you WILL need game tickets. All Flower Children planning to attend need to do three things ASAP (if not sooner): 1—Get yourself a place to sleep. 2—Buy game tickets. (There are still tickets available in our section. Call 1-800-US4-NAVY and ask for tickets in the Class of '75 reserved section.) 3—Register for class events (golf, Crab Feast, Friday evening dinner, N* Room Tailgater). To register, log in to the USNA Alumni Association website (www.usna.com), click on the **Classes** link under **Stay Connected**, and select **1975** from the drop down menu. Once on our page, click on the **Events** tab, and you will see the link to the registration. After all of that is checked off your list, you can visit the Class of 1975 USNA store at www.usnaclasstore.com/75store.html.

Calling all authors! We are going to set up a Flower Child Book-signing event at the DoubleTree before the Ice Breaker dinner on Friday, 2 October. Shoot me an email if you'd like to participate. **Erwin Wunderlich, Jim Tenuto, Pat Sloan, Rick Gribble**, and yours truly are all published authors ... and I am sure there are others in the class as well. Bring books to Annapolis and share your creations with your classmates!

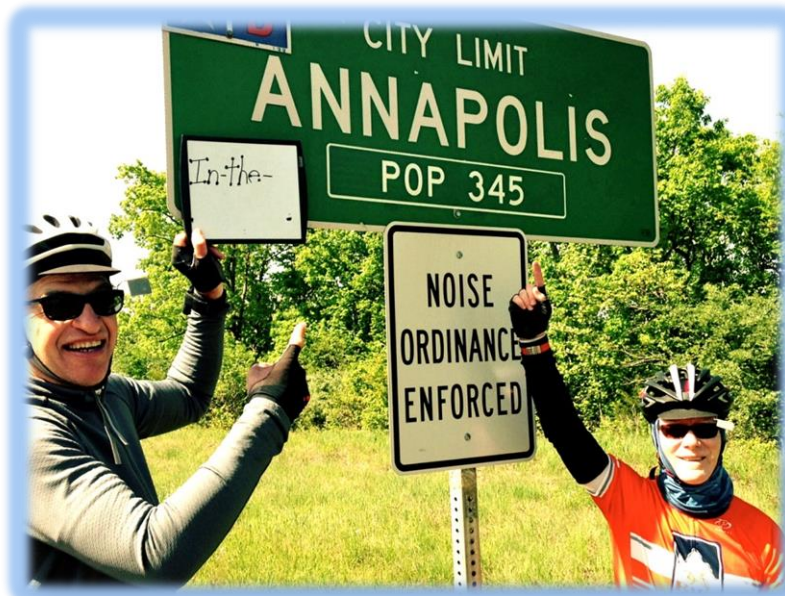


Photo #1: "In the Annapolis. I hope Jeff and Randy weren't too noisy."

Jeff Simmons biked the US for MS in April and May. He and Randy Dunlap (USMA '73) worked together and retired from Procter and Gamble. The Marine and the Army Ranger put their rear wheels in the Pacific in San Diego on 4 April and headed east. They paid for all their own expenses on the ride so that all money raised goes to fight multiple

sclerosis. To donate, go to jeffandrandyrideforms.org.

Jeff checked in via email on 14

May. "We have traveled over 2,100 miles so far and climbed over 70,000 feet. We're in

Illinois on a rest day today and cross into Kentucky tomorrow. We will finish on May 31 in Virginia Beach where we will dip our front wheels into the Atlantic. We rode through Annapolis, MO (population of 345). Can't believe that Randy actually posed in front of the sign. He's a good sport for a good cause."

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Scott Perkins sent an update on his life in San Ramon, California.

"I completed my first and second "bucket list" items. In 2009, I hiked the entire John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in 22 days. The trek was about 230 miles and I ended the on top of Mt. Whitney (14,505 ft.). Last October, I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro (19,341 ft.) with five friends. We hiked six days up and two days down. Our final assault on the peak started at 2330 from our 15,000 ft. base camp. It took us about six hours to hike the 3.2 miles to the summit. We reached it just as the sun was rising over the Indian Ocean. When I displayed the USNA flag I yelled out, **"Beat Army! 75 Sir!"** The people gathered at the top thought I was crazy. Obviously, it worked because we Beat Army again.

At home, I am still working at Livermore Lab in the Weapons Program. I have been at the Lab for almost 35 years and have had six different jobs. Currently, I work on the Nuclear Weapons Surveillance Program. We ensure that the Stockpile is safe, secure, and reliable. I retired from the Naval Reserve in 2005 as Captain. My last assignment (1999-2002) was on the PACOM J4 staff at Camp Smith HI. To fill the gap left by retiring from the reserves I ran for City Council in 2003 and won. I have run for reelection twice and won both. I have served the citizens now for 12 years and am up for reelection in 2016. I plan to run and win once more.

Elizabeth—one of the "36 Company Cuties" from the Log in 1975—and I are pretty much through with raising our own kids, but we do enjoy the grandchildren. Our four children have all graduated from college and are off the family payroll. Michael works for ONR at the Navy Yard. Bill works for a video game company in San Francisco as a game producer. He has proven that if you play games enough, someone will pay you for it. His brother, Nathan, also works for the same company as an IT guy that sets up and fixes computers. Merry—our favorite daughter—is a first grade teacher here and loves teaching little ones. Two of the grandchildren are in Virginia with Michael and one lives here in California. He is 4 and a terror just like his father—payback is great! That is the short version of the Perkins life."



Photo #2: "Scott Perkins summits Kilimanjaro"

Last February, **Tom Donaldson** was invited to enjoy a reception put on by the Class of '74 for the Brigade Boxing Finals, celebrating the 74th year of Boxing at Mother B. The night involved a simple, but nice reception with cash bar and donations (\$20ish) to help pay for *some of the cost* of hors d'oeuvres (from the O Club) and medallions for each boxer (winner and loser) in every weight class. Members of the Class of '74 presented the medallions. ('74 had six boxing champions.) It was a well-run and enjoyable evening, and the coaches and boxers appreciated the extra effort. By attending, Tom became the de facto heir for carrying on the tradition. He has contacted **George Tusing** in West Virginia, who agreed to help Tom organize a similar effort for our Class next February. It's an agenda item for the class meeting in October.

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Love it, or hate it, the boxing program is one of the unique aspects of the Academy experience. Next year will be the 75th year of the program, so it is an excellent opportunity for our Class to show some class. If you have contact information for our two other brigade champions—**Johnny Arline** and **R.C. Thomas**—please pass it on to Tom or George.

One of the cool things about the Scribe's job is hearing from classmates who have been incommunicado since graduation. **James Buttermore** is the latest to surface. He and Maria live in South Sioux City, NE where he has been practicing Dentistry for the last 29 years.

Photo 75#3:
"Buttermore-Mahoney
wedding in Arizona"



"Many times I have thought about writing to *Shipmate*, but this is a first for me. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 40th reunion. Maria and I have our plans set to attend. I want to brag about my oldest daughter (we have a son and three daughters) who we visited in Arizona several weeks ago. CPT Jennifer Buttermore, U.S. Army, took command of Alpha Company, 305th MI BN on 22 April 2015 and followed that up with a wedding to CPT Thomas Mahoney. The picture shows Maria, Jennifer and myself with Tom and his parents—Yanny and LCOL Steve Mahoney USA, Retired (USMA '79). The second picture is Jennifer and our other two daughters, Jaclyn and Jordan. (As everyone can see, they are fortunate that they favor Maria.) My oldest son Jeffrey did two tours in Afghanistan. Jennifer did tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are very proud of them."



Photo 75#4: "The Buttermore sisters: Jaclyn, Jennifer, and Jordan"

See y'all soon! 75 Sir! Larry