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Dear 'mates, *Shipmate* deadline for this issue is the day we leave to head for Maryland for the 40th Reunion! Fortunately, I can once again rely on **Jon Greenert** to provide column material while we wait for reunion stories to fill the gouge locker. This time he did it by holding his change of command and retirement on Friday, 18 September. I would like to personally thank the Admiral for your service to our Navy and our country, but more especially, for letting me ride your coattails for *Shipmate* column material for years. Therefore, I am presenting Darlene and Jon with *the coveted Scribe's Award*. The prize is all the Abita beer you can drink when you visit us in Pensacola (airfare not included).

According to numerous classmates who were present in Alumni Hall to witness the ceremony as the last Flower Child standing called it a good 40 years, Jon went out with class and style. As always, his speech was outstanding. Darlene got a big **"Beat Army!"** when she shouted, **"Go Navy!"** as she and Jon were piped over the side for the last time.



Photo #1: "I stand relieved."



Photo #2: "Jon congratulates his relief, ADM John Richardson"

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Photo #3: "It won't take nearly as long to rig your civilian clothes, Classmate!"



Photo #4: "Class of '75 at Jon's ceremony"

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Tina and **Andy Howard** took advantage of the CNO's retirement to get together with company mate Barbara and **Stu Richards** for dinner in Annapolis and ice cream on Main Street.

Photo #4: "Andy and Tina Howard with Stu and Barbara Richards"



Leave it to **Chuck Geyer** to come up with a fun way to celebrate our reunion dinner. He designed a Flower Child version of the classic Chuck Taylor Converse All Stars. Alternate uniform for dinner is "tux and Chucks."

<Photo #6: "USNA 75 Chucks">

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Based on a sample size of two games, Coach Niumatalolo and his staff have the football team performing quite nicely. Here's a group shot from the Colgate game tailgate.

Photo #7:
"Tailgate!"



With that, Madame Editor, I yield the remainder of my column-inches to the distinguished Scribe from the great class of 1976. 75 Sir! Larry