

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, CLASS OF 1975, SHIPMATE COLUMN
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Dear 'mates: On 16 March your class officers held a video teleconference to talk class business. Because of the inherent latency of *Shipmate* columns, you've already heard much of what we discussed. Plans for the 45th Homecoming are moving ahead nicely. **Bill Squires** and **Eric Guerrazzi** have taken the lead on fund-raising for our class project to support USNA. We also touched on the "Another Link In the Chain" program. Beginning on I-Day for the Class of 2025 in June of 2021, '75 will be closely involved with these great young people. I am making an early prediction that 2025 will be the second-best class ever!

Four members of the 13th company converged on the Alumni RV Key West Come Around in February. **Kirk Daniels, Steve Howse, Bob Brown, and Fred Weber** were able to camp on the beach at Truman Annex. Fishing, fun and lots of great food and fellowship were the plan of the week. The RV Chapter of the Alumni Association has met at Key West Truman Annex for 19 years. Next year's "come around" will be the first full week of February 2019. The 13th Company RVers hope to see more classmates arrive for the fun and festivities. Contact the Chapter for more information of events and membership.

<photo 75#1: "13th Company at the RV Key West Come Around">



Maggie and **Steve Hubbard** were pleased to celebrate Holy Mass in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on 10 March. They witnessed Dominican Brother **John Paul Kern's** ordination to the diaconate—the last step before being ordained to the priesthood in a year. The presiding bishop was the Military Ordinary—Archbishop Broglio. By the way, Brother John Paul is known to most of us as **Ludwig "Lud"/"Buck" Kern**. The Hubbards felt Lud's spiritual presence during the mass.

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Friends and family were beaming with pride. Great day for the '75 brotherhood!

<photo 75#2: "Brother John Paul and Sheri">

During the class officer teleconference mentioned above, the conversation turned briefly to a the 2018 Texas District 2 Congressional race (Houston). Nan and **Terry Blake's** son-in-law, Dan Crenshaw, came in second in a crowded field in the Republican Primary—he beat out several candidates who raised and spent far more money on their campaigns. Both **Chick Cikanovich** and **Gary Jones** personally endorse Dan. A medically-retired SEAL who lost an eye in the service of our country, Dan is an amazing young man; extremely intelligent, and the type of

Congressman/leader in DC that we sorely need to thoughtfully and actively address the pressing issues facing our country. If he was successful in the May run-off for the Republican nomination, Texans will be able to elect Dan Crenshaw in November.

Elaine and **Bill Weyand** made their annual trip to the Sarasota area in March.

<photo 75#3: "Ahle, Paulis, and Weyand in Tampa">



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“We visited our snow bird and other friends. This year arrangements were made to meet with company mates **Deke Ahle** and **Jack Paulis** during our visit. I also tried to include **Tony Russell** but he was out of town, in (of all places) Annapolis. Deke was kind enough to invite us to Mulligan’s Irish Pub in his neighborhood for lunch. Then we spent time at Deke’s home swapping old stories while enjoying additional refreshments. It was great to get together, if only for a couple of hours. We are all happily retired and enjoying life!”

Thanks Bill! Enjoy your summer, Classmates. And welcome aboard, Class of 2022! ’75 Sir!
Larry