



Hoot's Retirement

Well, I'll close by passing on our respective phone numbers like everyone does and wait for someone to call when they hit town. Mike (901-756-4835), Dave (901-757-9043), and I (901-759-4060) all live in Memphis and are always up for a go on the town. Marty's number in Jacksonville is 904-771-621.

Marty and I are planning on making Homecoming and look forward to seeing everyone and telling some lies with the boys...Later—Sam

I also received a photo of some of our East Coast Reserve EDs from **Karl Klee**.

That's it for this month. Just a reminder, my address has changed due to the new 911 system in southern Maryland. My Address is 8112 Cedar Run, Waldorf, MD 20603. Remember you can send me files via the *Over-the-Wall* BBS or via INTERNET to my CompuServe address, 71223.2446@compuserve.com. Until next time...Take Care...**Dave**

## 76

Membership: 62%

Pres., **Chuck Gorum**

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Hi Folks! Nancy advised me that there was a vacancy in this month's column and asked if I wanted to put in a few brief comments. Of course, never one to miss an opportunity to express myself, I jumped right in here!

Unfortunately, I don't have any great Classmate news to pass along. BUT, I do want to take a moment to outline the skeleton of our **Twentieth Reunion** Celebration. That's all that it is at this point, a skeleton, but I am sure many of you are wondering what is in the works.

First, after much consternation, we did choose to celebrate our reunion on what is referred to in Annapolis as an "off homecoming" weekend. That is, we are going to celebrate on November 9th, 1996 at the Navy-Delaware football game. **This Is Not The Regular Homecoming Weekend For 1996!** Don't get confused!

We have a block of rooms set aside for '76 at the Holiday Inn off Riva Road starting on November 8th. They should be ready to start taking reservations by about the time you read this or shortly thereafter. The rate was a bit pricey by my standards, but the best I could do in town.

Friday night (8 November), I expect a small cocktail party or similar event to get things rolling for those coming into town the night before the game. Saturday morning is still to be fleshed out but I am sure it will include a Class meeting prior to the start of an awesome tailgater at the stadium. We'll have a great time at a knock down drag out tailgate party while the Navy team kicks the heck out of Delaware (Always an optimist!!). Afterwards, we'll retire to a fancier affair for the evening, continuing the festi-

ties of the day. Sunday normally includes recognition of the Class at chapel services and other more relaxed opportunities to see each other one last time.

It is time for me and some help to get off our duff and start working out the weekend's details so that we can publicize them in time for all of you busy folks out there to work them into your lives! We'll get on it...

On a different note, the Class of '99 is in town. Admiral Larson has put some of the "teeth" back into the plebe indoctrination system and this year's crop of plebs seem to be coming around nicely. I recently became involved in a discussion of what the Class of 2000 would call themselves. Old Zero Zero just doesn't sound quite right! I took a look in the Class of 1900's Lucky Bag and 'lo and behold', they referred to themselves as Double Zip!

My next door neighbor is RADM Walter "Henry" Ford of the great Class of '25. He used to tell the Class of 1990 that he remembered when the Class of '90 were the older, not the younger! Time marches on and so does the Academy!

If you are in town and haven't seen the new Visitor's Center, you should take the time to stop by. Constructed on the seaward side of Halsey Field House, the Center includes gifts, a cafeteria and informational displays about life at the Academy. It's beautiful! Stop in for a look!

Well, this has rambled on enough but I did want to get in a reminder about reunion planning. We'll get the word out in more detail in the reasonably near future! Take care and keep in touch. **Chuck**

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Pres., **John Rudder**

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OCTOBER 19-22**

**TO CELEBRATE THE 150TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF USNA.  
SEE PAGES 9-12 FOR  
SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION**

## 79

Membership: 94%

Pres., **Mike Finley**

Sec'y, **Ken Russell**

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Well, I worked on a few intros but man, after re-reading them a few times I just had to break out the delete key. They were awful and REAL not funny. Not just the usual "pathetic stab" not funny. No, these babies would have initiated phone calls to start an impeachment process. And there's probably more than a few who think that might not be a bad idea, but the original intro would have caused you all to get reintroduced to your lunch. Needless to say, being the King of Give, I was kind enough to spare you the agony. Kids, we have an 18 wheeler sized bag o' info to fling so hang on while I start flingin'.

First off is a human interest story and a serious APB (**Ed Francis**, that would be an All Points Bulletin, means we need to get in touch with the guy real bad. Doc, ask Andrew. I'm sure he can explain it.) that needs to be issued. Seems that the Class ring of **Paul Darring** is easier to find than Paul. His ring whereabouts is known and Paul can call the Home Office at 410-

263-4448, but Paul hasn't updated his address at the Alumni House so nobody, not even yours truly, can find him. If anyone has seen him, have him phone up Ronbo's Fun House and ask for Marcy. She'll hook him up with the ring. Paul, if you're within the sound of my voice, you need to prepare a REAL nice thank you letter to the guy who discovered it.

I got an update from **Don Beeler** but for the life of me, I can't find the letter that was in the envelope. Don, you can send me some hate mail if you want, don't blame you, but man, it was in my briefcase and now it isn't. And Hillary has never been in my shop or my home. Don did mention that he was born near the Bridges of Madison County (again, Ed, that means Don was born in Iowa). Don is still living in Castro Valley with his physician wife. If I remember correctly, Don is doing environmental stuff. Don if you could find it in your heart to send me an update, address it to Vicky so that it won't get lost, I'd sure appreciate it. Thanks.

Mary and **Mark Tempestilli** have left the homeland near Naples, Italy and have returned to Newport as of last November. Mark's at the Naval War College apparently loving it. They live in the base housing in Fort Adams Park so they have a Newport Mansion-like view of Narragansett Bay and Newport harbor and I think it's fair to say we all pretty much hate 'em for that. Upon their return, they provided Emily 3 with a new baby brother, Joseph who was born last December. He weighed in at 9 lbs, 11 oz. Mary put the word "OUCH!!" in parentheses after Joseph's weight. Don't know what she meant by that. Maybe Mark was having a hard time or something while Mary was taking it easy during the birth. Who knows. **WIVES, PUT THE LETTER BOMBS AWAY. IT WAS A JOKE.** Vicky will vindicate you all when she reads this. Mary, thanks for the note and the photo.

Through the magic of cut and paste, Tim Hewitt sent an OTW message that I'll copy for yun's verbatim. Here goes:

Ken, This is the first time I am trying this, but I always contemplated sending a letter or phoning, but this E-mail seems like the way to go. First of all, I would like to congratulate you on the column you write every month. It is always enjoyable, despite your feeble attempts at comedy! I just wanted to give you an update on my family and me. My wife Barbara and I have been happily married now for 16 years, and have survived more than our share of USMC deployments. We have five kids, Nathan,