

aim towards our Twentieth Reunion in the Fall (more on that later in the column), and I'll try to pass along all information regarding the planned festivities, in addition to the planned Class mailings, so that we can contact the maximum number of Classmates for this landmark reunion.

As a personal update, I'm now serving as the Head of Radiation Oncology at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA. After leaving USNA, I completed flight training and flew P-3 Orions in Maine and Pax River before attending medical school. Since medical school, I've completed a residency in radiation oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and served as a staff Radiation Oncologist at NNMC Bethesda, prior to assuming my present position. In the immortal words of Jerry Garcia, "what a long strange trip it's been."

As unusual as a medical career after the Academy may seem, there are quite a few Classmates who also hang an MD after their names. While visiting Bethesda in December, I quite literally bumped into **Harry Meyers, MD**, who is a staff surgeon and Head of Laproscopic Surgery there. He updated me on three other Classmate docs also at Bethesda. They include: **Dave Wade**, who is the Head of the Department of Surgery; **Kilton Kingsman**, who is involved with cross-sectional imaging (CT and MRI scans) as a staff radiologist; and **Kerry Knoizen**, who is a staff anesthesiologist. You know what they say about anesthesiologists, it's the perfect specialty for people who routinely pass gas and put people to sleep.

Here at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, we have a slightly smaller contingent of 77 grads. I actually work for a Classmate, **Ray Bozman**. Ray is the Director of Ancillary Services (basically all medical services which are neither surgical or internal medicine). Ray has been here in the Tidewater area for a decade, but may soon be moving on as he has screened for XO of a major medical command. I also run into **Carlos Rosende** from time to time. Carlos is the Head of Ophthalmology here at Portsmouth.

I've received an email from **Ray Trygstad** (trygstad@mcs.net), who had been in contact with **Dan Oliver**, **Tom Behrle** and **Kevin Sullivan** (kevin@nosc.mil) in San Diego. They were all wondering what was going on in regards to our 20th Class Reunion. Here are the details:

Friday, 17 October 1997

Formal Dinner at the Marriott

Saturday, 18 October 97

Class Tailgate/ Football Game

Sunday, 19 October 97

Dedication of Class sponsored Weight Room

Contracts have been signed with both the Marriott Downtown Annapolis and the Wyndham Gardens, which is located near the Annapolis Mall. We are competing with the Boat Show, so I'm told that there are no discounts on the rooms. It should also make the local transportation logistics interesting. **Carl Moore** is coordinating memorabilia items with several companies. Hopefully, this is old news, as a Class mailing was planned for late January.

I hate to end on a sad note, but I received the following email from **Bill Millward** aboard HALYBURTON:

Craig Langman and I are transiting to the Arabian Gulf together. As we crossed the Atlantic, the weather deteriorated to the point that the ships were diverted to Las Palmas to refuel. After spending the holidays in the Mediterranean, we chop to Fifth Fleet for four months of duty. HALYBURTON is **Dave Allands** STEPHEN W. GROVES relief and **Tim Spragues** NICHOLAS is my relief. I feel as if were on CMOD duty back at the Academy.

Craig passed along some terrible news. **Andy Tamayo, CO FIVE (DD-991)**, died suddenly while at sea. Word is that he either had a stroke or heart attack. He is survived by his wife Irene and two sons.

This just illustrates how unexpectedly short life can be sometimes. Why not pickup the telephone and call that old Classmate you've been meaning to contact, or make those reservations to attend this year's Reunion? Until next month, be well.

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The big day finally arrived after nine months of waiting. We were blessed with the birth of our daughter, Shaina Marie Grace, yesterday the 13th of January 1997. She came into the world howling and quickly won over Dad's heart. I have heard that little girls are different, and that is sure the truth from the feelings that come up for me. Anyway, we now have members of the Classes of 2007, 2016 and 2019. I realize that I'm a little behind the rest of the Class; some have children that will be entering with this

latest Class, or who are already at the Academy. Are we possibly that old? None the less, we are sure excited about our latest addition. Because I am running to the hospital to check on Mama, this may not be as long as usual. Hope that's OK! Thanks for all of your cards and calls of congrats!

I hope that everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and that Santa was very good to all. He made a long stop at our household, so anyone that got ripped off, sorry about that! For those of you who didn't include me in your Christmas card mailing list, go pull it out and send it to me anyway. The news will still be welcome. Here are a few notes that came in:

One of the last of the clan has finally fallen "victim" to the vows of matrimony. **Dale Lumme** was married on the 23rd of November to a wonderful lady, Roxanne Danner. It seems that most of the entire 33rd Herd were there at the wedding and were a part of the bridal party (27 males alone!!!). **Pete Stanford** and **Bill Killea** were the co-best men. In the great 33rd tradition it was a "rip-roaring" reception and a great party. We have concluded that the next one to get married will be one of our kids! Congrats, Dale!!!



Dale Lumme and his new bride

I think that I mentioned in a previous column that I had been enjoying the reading of **Mike DiMercurio's** books. I hope that to a man and woman we are supporting Mike and going out to get a copy of all of his books. They are fast moving and lots of fun. His 4th book is going in for a debut in paperback. **Walden's** and **Dalton's** are usually the best place to get them. Mike is working for Foster Wheeler USA in the Construction Operations Department as the Subcontracts Manager, living outside of Princeton, NJ.

The following was sent on the occasion of Commander **Earl L. Gay's** change of command:



The very large 33rd Herd wedding party