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Class Communication

Note from **Mike "Duck" Laviano** on the upcoming 2006 '77 Weekend Getaway:

■ Greetings from Lake Tahoe! This is Mike "Duck" Laviano (20th Company) and I have inherited from Pete Hyers the hosting duties to the 2006 "Weekend Getaway" he's been hosting down in Hilton Head the past two years. During a "man-fuel" induced discussion this past March, we decided to attempt a West Coast location not only to entice the guys on this coast to attend by making the transportation a bit more palatable but also to bait the skiers, snowboarders, and gamblers amongst us who have been absent the past 2 years! Thus was born the "LAKE TAHOE COME AROUND"! It is scheduled for 10-12 March 2006, which is at least a week before most high school/college spring breaks; this date should make air travel more available and has enabled me to get some really good deals on hotel accommodations and ski lift discounts up here at the lake. The typical weather for that time of year is absolutely perfect for spring skiing. For the non-skiers, I have arranged discounted snowmobiling, and for the more sedentary, the sight-seeing is unparalleled - and free. And, of course, there's always gambling (not free) no matter what the weather is!

I have blocked off 25 rooms at Harrah's (800-455-4770) under the reservation Group Code: S03USNA for those who would like to make a reservation now. That group rate is \$139/night and is guaranteed for reservations made until 24 January 2006; rates for reservations made after that date will go for over \$200/night. I have much more information to pass on and will be forwarding a class-wide email soon. If anyone would like to contact me for any reason my email address is laduckiano@aol.com. ■

Closing Remarks

What more can I say but, "Go Navy!" (and see you next month!).

—Bob Sanderson

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A while back we wrote of **Jim Degree's** son, Matt's graduation with the Class of '05. Jim has since followed up to confirm Matt is at Stanford on a full ride to earn a Masters in Mechanical Engineering before he heads to flight school. Jim and Tracy are real proud of all their kids. Besides Matt, there are Janelle (high school), Kini (college student) and Kaitlun (Kindergarten teacher).



The Degree Family on Commissioning Day

Les Wallace reported on **Jim Carr's** change of command of USS Anzio, on August 23, 2005 in Norfolk. Jim's now assigned to N810, which is the Navy JROC office in the Pentagon. Les also corrected that Jim has been temporarily rooming with he and Tammy in their Centreville, VA home until his apartment is available in Crystal City. Meanwhile, Dana keeps the home front and teaches in Norfolk, with Cavin (17) and Doran Abbot (15). Eldest daughter, Natalie, just entered Randolph-Macon College in Lynchburg, VA days before the COC. Les said it's been great having Jim as a roommate again catching up on all that stuff that's occupied much of our time since graduation - like doing the Navy's

business and rearing children. Les is working for two-year old Systems Technology Forum. He's their Washington Area Operations Manager in support of communications networks on new Navy ships, and DoD satellite programs. Dee and **Tom Trudell** were also at the ceremony. They live in Lexington Park, MD were Tom markets the E-2 internationally for Northrop Grumman. Also present were WWII Veterans of the ships name-sake, the Battle of Anzio, the Mayor and a delegation from Anzio, Italy. Two of the most memorable moments of the ceremony were Jim's teaching comment on ship handling to his young J.O.s to "drive her like you stole her" (It reminded Les of their formative years in Annapolis in Jim's MG.); and the line of Anzio sailors waiting to shake hands and wish Jim well after the ceremony.



Trudells, Jim Carr and Wallaces

Vivian Hampshire sent word that some of 28th Company enjoyed a second annual "Mini Reunion" over Labor Day weekend. While the original concept was to meet every year in a different part of the country, they wound up back in Dallas, Texas again this year. As she put it, "Those Texans sure know how to treat their guests, so we'll be heading for Dallas again next Labor Day, 2006! Ya'll keep that weekend open and be there!" The weekend was filled with activities and laughter—golfing and tubing on Joe Pool Lake ("You've never tubed until you've been pulled by Tom Bond!") not to



18th Company Reunion

mention relaxation in the Mori's pool and some of the best beef brisket in Texas! Viv wrote that all 28th Company is welcome and asks you to contact hubby, **Dave Hampshire**, at david.hampshire@navy.mil or **Tom Bond** at tbond@sbcglobal.net to get an updated Company list and info on this great time. Attending this year were: **John D'Orio** (Colorado Springs); Patti and **Chuck Behrend** (York, PA); Anne and **Dan Fanelli**, (Orlando, FL), Virginia and **Kevin Cheezum** (Fairfax, VA), Brenda and **Tom Hamilton** (Tucker, GA); Vivian and **Dave Hampshire** (Pittsgrrove, NJ); Judi and **Dan Mori** (Rockwall, TX) and Jamie and **Tom Bond** (Arlington, TX), **Barry Pochron** (Marietta, GA) and **George Matthews** (Arlington, TX) and his girlfriend Lynda Jagers.

Scott Godfrey forwarded for "Hard Core 24" info on **Jay Bowling's** promotion ceremony to Admiral. It was held at the Special Operations Forces Memorial, MacDill AFB, in Tampa, FL. Jay arranged the ceremony to coincide with the 7th anniversary of the death of younger brother, Chris, an Army Special Forces Officer who died of a heart attack during a run. Jay's dad and Chris' wife placed flowers by a plaque in Chris' memory mounted on the memorial. Chris was prominently featured in Jay's remarks and it was a day of remembrance and celebration of life and change. **Rick Daniel** was able to attend and took plenty of photos (sorry I only had room for one). Seem Jay's commutes from the old CENTCOM-duty Tampa house to his job as Deputy Director, Navy Expeditionary Warfare at the Pentagon. It's the price he's willing to pay for now for some family stability after 13 moves. VADM Eric Olsen (THE Senior SEAL), Deputy Commander U.S. Special Operations Command, was guest speaker. He and Jay served together on Tarawa when JayBo was C.O. and Tarawa was flagship for the GulfWas in 2003. (That's Jay's son Shane in the Zoomie uniform. He's in Air Force JROTC at school.). Thanks Scott. Great seeing you and Nancy out in San Diego!



Admiral's boards- a family affair

Rusty Cone, Marty Drake and **Prentiss Hall** held a mini-reunion of another kind back in August in Las Vegas. I can't tell you much of it because of course, what goes on in Vegas...well, you know. Suffice it to say that there was golf, shows, charitable contributions to the casino (odds always favor the house), pool time and a large quantity of reminiscing and swapping sea stories. As for the Drake-Clifford household, Marty wrote that all is well. Leigh works for CISCO. Marty couldn't exactly translate what it is his wife does in her techno-vernacular, but it laymen's terms she's an internal consultant for CISCO; focused on developing selling opportunities among their customer base. He explained more than I have room to repeat here but the bottom line is she loves the job and is having fun. Unfortunately, between her travel and Marty's they kill house plant after house plant so much that Marty claims their photo is in the garden shop at Home Depot and Lowes with a warning to not sell anything to them! Marty's son, Ryan is in Graduate School at the University of South Florida working on his Masters in Education. Other son, Jason is at George Mason University studying for a BA in History. He may also be on the teaching track like older brother Ryan. Marty is still the Military Assistant (MA) of record in Defense Research and Engineering (DR&E). Marty reported classmate sightings every once in a while. He talks to **Glenn Fogg** routinely. Glenn has been doing some great work for DR&E as a contractor. He's involved in our Combating Terrorism Technology Task Force (CTTTF) and really making a difference. Marty also ran across **Charlie Martoglio** at a Frocking ceremony. Charlie's up in OPNAV waiting his next assignment that will enable him to put on Flag. Marty heard that **Chris Wode** is in the same office area as Charlie but hadn't made a connection yet. He's also spotted **Mark Ferguson** in the passageway. Fergie's the Military Liaison in Office of Legislative Affairs and "looks good in stars".



Rusty, Marty and Prentiss

In closing, congrats to newlyweds Mee and **John Semcken**. Over an expansive and delicious brunch at their Pacific Palms Resort in Pomona we heard the details of the wedding ceremony and shared mimosas and talk of family, friends and life. They look great together and we all wish them the best. (By the way, if you play golf or just want to get away check out the Resort. John, Mee and their partners have done an excellent job and have a first class property and course.). More to follow.

Launchin' Spot Four!



Mee and John Semcken

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Greetings, 79!

This month I begin with a heavy heart, for I must report that **Rick Malone** died suddenly on 2 October after he slipped and fell at his home. It is never easy for me to be the bearer of sad tidings to the class. In my time as your secretary I've had to report a number of deaths and other tragic news. Please forgive me for being selfish, but what makes this personally troubling to me is that Rick was a fellow member of 19th Company. As a group, we of Cloud 19 have been very fortunate, for since we all formed up that first time on 7 July 1975, Rick is only the second to have left us.

Rick was a true icon in the financial circles of the Washington DC metro area. Immediately upon graduation he set out to get his broker's license, and upon completion of his military obligation he began his financial career at Dean Witter, and then spent twelve years with Prudential Securities. Six years ago he founded the Malone Financial Group of Reston, VA, a branch of the regional brokerage firm Ferris, Baker Watts, Inc.,