



Easy rider, **Tim Farrell**, getting his motor runnin' to head down the highway

On a sad note, **Dave Coggan** (6th Company) passed away on 7 May after a long battle with heart disease that resulted from an aircraft accident in Antarctica. Dave retired with the rank of Commander in 1999. Five years ago he returned to his Naval Academy sport of gymnastics as an instructor at Barlow's Gym in Annapolis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave's wife, Dana, and their two daughters, Katelyn Joyce and Corianne Jeanette.

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Greetings Classmates:

As I write this once again at 33,000 feet on my way home to New Orleans, we're only two weeks out from our 30th

reunion. Unfortunately by the time you read this we will have already checked in with everyone and most of this will be old news! The colder weather is coming in – and that means a shutdown of the boating season – somewhat – and that's not good. Anyway, on to the mailbag:

One of my 33rd Herd Company Mates, Penny and **Peter Kilger**, peter.kilger@gmail.com checked in with a quick update. I think Pete holds the largest family record for the Class...

■ Hi Joe!

I took a position in a new company and moved from Utah to Ohio. I am the Director of Programs for Sierra Nevada Corporation, Sensor Systems and Technologies. A lone Navy guy in a sea of Air Force here near Wright-Patterson AFB.

Penny is doing great. We brought our youngest here for her last two years of high school. Our oldest four are married now and two of them have graduated college, two are still working on that. We have two other daughters also in college (yes, that's four in college). Our four married children are having children now and we have seven grandchildren, four of whom were born in a three-month period last winter.

I retired from the Navy Reserve two years ago. Nice to have that time back, but I miss the Navy. I still serve as a Blue & Gold Officer for good old USNA. I've been doing that now for 23 years and I am never disappointed in the caliber of young people we have to choose from.

Pete ■

In preparation for the reunion a bunch of us went through many of our old stacks of photographs from our Academy Days – and some have even sent in a few to remind us of what we "used" to look like. I received a note from **Ed Borger**, ed.borger@honeywell.com from Club 34:

■ Joe – was going through my photo archives just last week as I prepare to digitize thousands from my pre-digital camera era. Your timing was perfect for requesting some old photos. Priceless more than 30 years later! Even some of the stuff in the background brings back memories – check out the infamous (legs only) Farrah Fawcett poster in the "Jim Winter 1976 – Plebe Year" photo... ■



We also get a few notes from the Alumni Association about Classmates. In this case we learned that **Chris Dods** recently joined the company Clean Earth as their CEO. Chris has enjoyed success for more than 20 years in the industrial and environmental services industries. Most recently, Chris was the President of the Environmental Services Division of PSC.

Also, in Flag News, Rear Adm. **Bruce Grooms** will be assigned as assistant deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans, and strategy, N3/N5B, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C. Bruce is currently serving as vice director, Joint Staff, Washington, DC.

**Scott Motz**, scott.w.motz@boeing.com from 20th Company, sent in a quick note from the hot and humid south:

■ Yes it has been a while since I last sent a note. I am still working for Boeing in Huntsville AL, although things even here are getting tough with budget cutbacks. I am currently the lead engineer for an armed unmanned ground vehicle on a Army program. Previously on this same program, I was the lead engineer for Army version of the Navy Firescout UAV, working with **Glen Morris** who was Program Manager for the Army Class I UAV. How about that; 2 Class of 80 USNA Mech Es developing UAVs for the Army!! My daughter is now a freshman at Mississippi State and my son is a sophomore in high school and wants to go into the Air Force (at least it is not the Army J). I retired from the reserves in 2007 and have I have changed my focus outside of work to being the Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout troop currently enrolled at 50+. I took a group to the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this past summer backpacking in the great outdoors for 10 days. My wife Karen and I will not be able to make the reunion, but do know we will be missing a great time!! ■

One of our Firstie's from the Class of 1977 sent in this photo of **Scott Stewart**, on The Harley Hold at a recent golf tournament in Pax River. So – who you calling old....

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