



Stoner splits time between his bachelor pads in San Diego and Miami flying for American while George works on the East Coast as a consultant. As for the for the rest of the Laviano family, in keeping with highest traditions of the Order of the Duck, son Nick graduated 2nd in his OCS class (Ducky having graduated #2 in his room!) and is currently finishing flight training at NAS Meridian. Daughter Leah is completing graduate studies at Ole Miss, having been named Miss Mississippi 2008 along with 1st runner-up in the Miss USA pageant.



Rumors Ducky purchased Leah a lifetime supply of Midshipman repellent remain unsubstantiated!

That's all the news that's fit to print; until next time, fair winds and following seas, and don't forget to mark your calendars for the big 35th.

— Magoo

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 77%

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This month's column opens up with some belated sad news. On December 6th, 2010, **Daryl Lengel** passed away in his home in Collierville, TN. Daryl is survived by



*In Memoriam-
Daryl Lengel*

his loving wife, Sharie Carr, their son, Brian and daughter Meagan as well as his mother, brothers and sisters. After graduating with a degree in Soviet Studies Daryl's twenty-one year Naval career had him serving aboard USS LaSalle and USS DuPont; Assistant Comptroller for then Vice President George H. W. Bush's Naval Observatory residence; and as Food Service Director at the Naval Academy. Daryl had also received an MBA in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Michigan State University. He had been an Account Systems Analyst for Financial Solutions & Services Inc. Daryl was an avid reader, loved history and was fortunate to travel the world. He was interned in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Forest Hill Road. The family requested donations be made in Daryl's honor to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, Suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203 or www.nmcrs.org. All we classmates join Daryl's 29th Company company-mates in passing our deepest sympathies to Sharie, Brian, Meagan and all of Daryl's family.

As the new year began **Gary "Iceman" Eisenmann** jotted a quick note to report that with any luck his son, Karl, would be stationed at The Basic School (TBS) upon his return from Afghanistan (Karl is S4 for 2nd Battalion 9th Marines (2/9). If such is the case Gary expects to make it to Annapolis for a future game or two while Karl might not get beyond the tailgaters. (Are you *sure* you got that straight and it's *not* the other way around, Gary?). Other son, Brian is a motor-T mechanic in the Army stationed at Ft Campbell, KY. Brian will deploy this summer so Gary reported that Boop was having a hard time getting the Christmas spirit (Karl deployed this past Christmas

and Brian to be deployed next Christmas) Having Karl closer to home (assuming he gets orders to TBS) will be nice while Brian is deployed. Gary was promoted to Director of the Requirements analysis Center of Excellence (COE) with Whitney Bradley and Brown (WBB). He said there are 12 consultants in the COE "so, after these many years (decades), I made it all the way to squad leader". Hey, remember that no command is too small! We hope Karl gets his TBS orders; Brian remains in safe keeping; Boop remains strong in coping with a son deployed; and your "squad" is the best one at WBB.

Army-Navy 2010 was *literally* a family affair for the Fiorelli's as Jan and **Jim Fiorelli** have sons on both sides. Younger son Matthew is a West Point Plebe while eldest son, Michael ('13) is a Youngster at Mother B. It must've been tough to have cheered for both sides throughout the game- unless you did the one half for Army and the other half for Navy. Youngest son, John (15) is at St. Christopher's an all-boys private school. The academics are challenging for John but Jim reports he is doing well in his classes and enjoying many new relationships. He also had a great football season, playing both sides of the ball as outside linebacker/ tight end and was chosen as the only freshman captain. John is now playing JV basketball and looking forward to a full season. The school sounds fantastic and a great "feeder" to a certain Academy on the Severn- unless you are trying for a "Tri-Service Family". Jim continues to enjoy work at the Attorney General's Office. He continues to be involved with Scouts and with a father-son group from church. As for Jan, she returned to nursing after 24 years of being a full-time housewife and mom. She volunteers one day a week at CrossOver Ministry, a clinic for the uninsured. She also leads a ladies' Bible study, prays with a Moms in Touch group, serves on the women's ministry board at their church and gets her "baby-fix" by volunteering in the nursery once a month. Hey—do you guys *ever rest*? Just kidding. Carry on with the good work!

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Fiorellis at Army-Navy 2010

John Semcken's daughter, Rebecca finished University of Maryland Law School in December. Son, Reed, loves being a freshman at USC (John remarked "who wouldn't?"). Other son, Jack is Student Body President at Loyola High LA and wants to go to Notre Dame. John admits that could be blamed on "bad parenting"! Of course, if Jack does go to Notre Dame it could make for an interesting USC-Notre Dame football game for the Semckens, not unlike the Fiorelli's Army-Navy dilemma. John's *Land of the Free Foundation Golf Classic* (www.landofthefreefoundation.com) is going well even in the bad economy. He still hoped it will raise \$1 million for injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, TAPS, USO and Operation Home front. That's awesome, John! With all the snow we've had recently we Balderramas can't help but think more of Mee's Facebook tempting offer to visit you guys and that 80 degree southern California weather.

At the end of January **John Kovalcik** was on the USS Midway in San Diego for an Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) conference. MIDWAY was John's old ship (252 traps 30 years ago!). John was joined by classmates **Craig Diffie**, **Eddie Reid** and **Bill Timme** (Faris Farwell was a no show but no "Deuce" was given.). John's story reminds me of a post **Lloyd Prince** had this fall on his Facebook page. (Lloyd was also once onboard MIDWAY). Lloyd had been showing friends around MIDWAY. He was sitting in "The Chair" Flight Deck Control before he realized a video loop was playing shots of him 21 years previously during carrier operations. I wondered what was stranger for Lloyd— seeing himself on a video loop; or the fact he was part of a display in a museum?! Lloyd pondered that he is "a relic in [his] own time."



78 Onboard USS Midway

If you ever get to Colorado Springs you should check out Sallie and **Welling Clark's** lovely bed and breakfast, The Holden House. In 1986 they meticulously restored the 1902 property and continue to own and operate the inn. In addition to their inn-keeping duties, Sallie [Clark] is an El Paso County Commissioner and Welling is a Research Scientist. The Clarks also offer consulting and seminars for aspiring innkeepers.



Sallie and Welling Clark

Happy belated "half-year anniversary" to Carol and Will Kramer and Happy retirement – finally – to **Lee Yarberry**. In early February, Lee finally retired from the Marine Corps. In know he participated in the group ceremony a couple of years ago but for some reason they kept extending him. So a hearty OOOORAH to our last active duty Marine Colonel to retire! More to follow next month.

Launchin' Spot Four.

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Greetings, 79ers!

The Dark Ages are behind us: birds are singing, grass is growing, trees are budding . . . and those bleeping ground moles are destroying my yard. I've tried all the remedies: shredded paper, chewing gum, "mole bait" – nothing. I bought a couple

of those "solar molers" – things that supposedly generate noise and drive them away. The moles just laugh and tear up another quarter-acre of what used to be a back yard. Now I know what Bill Murray felt like in *Caddyshack*.

Karen and I are doing well here in the Land of the Chesapeake. Our most recent adventure was driving 4000 miles round trip to spend Christmas with her parents in Rapid City, SD. Although we had planned and timed our trip to avoid as much nasty weather as we could, we still went through quite a snowstorm around Indianapolis. No white Christmas in SD, though – although we did miss a rare one at home. Go figure . . .

Several 79ers have sent in some news items to pass along. First up is our own world correspondent **Scott Pursley** (SPursley@aol.com), checking in from the scenic confines of Little Rock, AR:

■ **Wiz**: I have some interesting news for class of '79. One of our long-lost alums has recently surfaced: **Shahab Attaie**. For those who do not remember Shahab, he is an Iranian foreign national. Shahab and **Saeed Ahmadi** were members of 9th and 10th Companies, respectively. (As many 79ers already know, Saeed was killed in the Iran-Iraq war.) Shahab left USNA after his 2/c year and now lives in Tehran, Iran. There has been much rejoicing among 9th Company 79ers, and many emails have been flying back and forth as we catch up on the last 32 years. Shahab's news update to **Greg Costello** is pasted below.

"Greg, finally, really great to hear from you too. Actually I visited the academy website for the first time yesterday not even imagining to see a familiar face, and saw pictures of **Roger Vanderwerken's** and **Jeff Lemmons'** retirement ceremony [Actually these photos were from the Class of '79 group retirement in June 2009; Jeff and Roger were keynote speaker and Chaplain respectively.] WOW! An admiral no less; I was really impressed, so he stayed till the end and became a flyer instead of a grunt, and Roger became a Chaplain!

"I also saw a listing of the 30th reunion ceremony of the class of 79 and 9th Co. It seems like you all got out much earlier, can't wait to hear how everybody did. As for myself, I experienced several lifetimes' worth of adventures since then. In short, after leaving the academy I went to Jacksonville University; I graduated, then the Iranian revolution happened, and