



Molly and Eric are both Duke grads, and met in the Big Apple where, if Harry has the details correct, they're both in investment banking. No word on whether they support Mayor Bloomberg's obesity initiative, although if genetics are any guide, Molly need never worry about it. Congrats to the Hartmans.

And since we're offering ovations, kudos are in order for the Charles E. "Juno" Jamison, Jr. (36th Co.) family. Juno, retired and living the good life in Arlington, TN, wrote us on the occasion of the commissioning of his son, Ensign Charles E. Jamison III, who will be reporting to Pensacola in June for flight training after graduating from the University of Memphis NROTC program. Pictured below are:



Juno, wife Susan, daughter Jayme (UCF graduate/rugby player and the 2010 Florida Council – Warren B. Tracy Teacher of the Year), his mother and father, Fern and Charles "Spud" Jamison, and of course, C.J., the future Naval Aviator. The Jamison's other daughter, Jessie, who works in Orlando as a media planner, was unfortunately unable to attend.

It must be noted C.J. will be the third generation of Jamisons to have proudly served in the Navy, as his grandfather spud was a Radioman 2nd Class flying PBYs with VJ-12 out of Hawaii. Juno reports he is headed to Annapolis for '77's 35th Reunion, and is anxious to spend some time and swap tales with his fellow Rat Packers, including these once newly-commissioned Enzymes:



Steve (Ratzuli) Perris (36th Co.), Floyd (Hoseman) Houston (36th Co.), Jim (Oh Warren!) Warren (36th Co.) and Juno. We were sailors once...and young!

Finally, we'll call it a wrap with the words of Congressman Allen West, the reason for which will be self-explanatory:

■ "Tonight we are here to honor much more than a corporation. We are here to honor 45,000 employees who live and work in a culture of service. Not only to the customers for whom they fly safely across the country each and every day, but also to each other. With over 800 active duty military members in their ranks and many more veterans, Southwest knows what the Military means to them. With the Armed Forces Foundation, they have helped fly numerous wounded warriors and their families for trips to, of all places, the Palazzo Hotel in Las Vegas.

Southwest has participated in a Tweet-Off, which ended up raising \$100,000 for the AFF. And this year they became the Official Airline of the Armed Forces Foundation, enabling the AFF to continue their services around the country at no cost to the Foundation.

It is only fitting that an organization that values its employees and Military members so much would send Captain Bert Seither (16th Co.) to the stage to accept this award. In fact, Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said he was under-qualified for the job, and could think of no one better than Captain Seither who, among his many accomplishments, graduated from Navy Fighter Weapons School, making him a real "Maverick".

Hired by Southwest in 1987, Captain Seither was made a Chief Pilot in 2005, a position held by only five in a company of 45,000. In 2009 he introduced the Yellow Ribbon Fund to Southwest Airlines. With a ll of his spare time, he is also a Little League coach, a Cub Scout leader and a Blue & Gold officer for the U.S. Naval Academy." ■



Great guy, great company and very fitting tribute from a GREAT American. And no Carps, this is not a conspiracy aimed at either you or AA! ;-)

In closing, we note one again that time, tide and reservations wait for no man. So if you're planning on attending our 35th Reunion the weekend of September 28-30 but haven't yet signed up or arranged your accommodations, you're burning daylight; go to the Class website at www.usna1977.org/reunion.php for information on accommodations, transportation and the schedule of events.

— Mago

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A sad note opens this column. It is the surprising news of the loss of 15th Company's Mike Makowicz. After a long battle with melanoma, Mike died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, with his family and loved ones by his side. After graduation Mike served active duty in the Submarine Service aboard the USS Billfish, SSN 676. He retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves as a captain with 29 years of service. In addition to his parents, John and Isabelle, he is survived by his wife of 15 years, Deborah; a son, Brendan Makowicz of Georgia; daughters, Kathleen Atherton and husband, Brian, of Washington, and Gwen Nelson of York, Maine; sisters, Linda Adams and husband, Jonathan, and Susan Leser; brothers, Paul Makowicz and wife, Kendal, and David Makowicz ('90) and wife, Heather; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his stepson, Ian Nelson. Mike was an active member of the Eliot Baptist Church. He possessed a radiant spirit and spiritual poise even in the face of overwhelming disease. He was a model of what being a Christian is all about. He had an unwavering commitment to Jesus Christ. He received many accolades during his lifetime, yet he was

never boastful about his achievements. Mike had been battling melanoma for about 25 years. It became persistent about 2 years ago and eventually spread to the organs of his body. About a year ago, he finally had to retire from the nuclear power industry. So he had about a year from that point until his death.

Apparently, his health was fairly stable until he took a sudden turn for the worse in February. He died about five days later with a peace and calmness that exemplified the way he lived his life. He will be deeply missed.

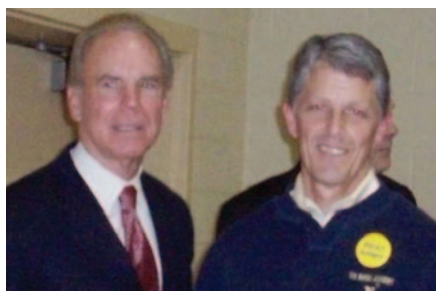
Cabell Greenwood dropped me an e-mail in May. Like many of you it has been a while since he had submitted anything to the column. He reports two major activities in his recent life. First, was that last November he was fortunate enough to marry Janet Peterson (USAFA '81). He says married life is great but admits there is some serious trash talking during Navy/Air Force week. Cabell has already had to don the Air Force t-shirt twice now, but he said on the other side of the coin Janet does look great in the Navy sweatshirt when we win! He added that apparently good taste in men runs in her class. During the fun they had at Janet's 30th Reunion last year and they met one of her classmates who was married to a USNA '68 grad. The second major activity was Cabell's son, Matt's graduation from the Rochester Institute of Technology. That graduation marked a halfway milestone for Cabell as now he has only one to go in the college department. He adds that "With any luck Matt will have found a job by the time this appears in Shipmate." Well, good luck to Matt and congratulations to Janet and Cabell. May you have a long life together for you (and string of Navy victories)! Okay, here is *one* thing on which you both can *always* agree- BEAT ARMY!



Janet and Cabell Greenwood

Third Company's **Dave Roberts** did recover his e-mail for me that provided update on what he's been doing. He took the earliest retirement window (55) from

IBM last August. At the time he had already begun a new job, and a third career (after the Navy and IBM) as a High School teacher. He's the Technology Director, Math teacher and Cross Country Coach at Purcell Marian Catholic High School in Cincinnati. He mentioned a little known fact that 2 of arguably the top 5 all-time Navy football players hail from Purcell Marian: Heisman Trophy winner **Roger Staubach** ('63) and 1954 Maxwell Trophy winner Ron Beagle. Dave got to meet our distinguished alumnus when Roger was back at Purcell in November 2011 for a ceremony sponsored by AllState and the NFL Hall of Fame honoring 'Hometown Hall of Famers.' Today Purcell Marian is in urban Cincinnati with an ethnically and economically diverse student body of about 400. It has been a lot of fun and very rewarding thus far working with young minds. It's been many, many years since a Purcell grad has gone to Navy. With Dave there maybe that will change. (Just keep your eye open for a future Roger Staubach!) Life is good in Cincinnati for Dave and his wife, Kyle. They've been there for all 27 years of their married life. They missed classmates and fellow Cincinnati residents **Mike Dinn** and **Charlie Pangburn** at last year's Army-Navy get together but maybe they'll catch up this year. Their youngest son, Nolan, graduated this year with a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Rose-Hulman in Terre Haute Indiana. By now he will be at OCS to be followed by Nuke Power school and sub school. He'd been in a program called NUPOC (Nuclear Power Officer Candidate) which has been a great deal. Their older son, Aaron, lives in Washington DC. He completed his second year of medical school at George Washington University. Aaron is a 2nd LT in the Air Force reserve as he joined the Air Force to pay for medical school. Although Dave's career at IBM *was* in sales, he confessed he was not able to "close the deal" and get Aaron to be a Navy doc instead of an Air Force doc!



Roger Staubach and Dave

On 24 May, **Mark Fox** relinquished command of US Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet/ Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) to John "Fozzie" Miller ('79). The change of command ceremony was aboard USS Enterprise (CVN 65). The week before Priscilla and Mark made an office call on His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the Saferiya Palace here in Bahrain in which the King presented Mark with the "Bahrain Order 1st Class". In turn, Mark presented the King an original painting entitled "A Guest of the King" by U.S. maritime artist Tom Freeman. King Hamad was clearly pleased with the painting. Mark presented numbered lithos of the painting to General Mattis and the CO of USS Enterprise prior to the Change of Command. Mark met the artist when he worked at the White House a few years ago. Several of his paintings hang in the passageway approaching the White House Mess. About six months ago, he commissioned Tom to paint an original painting as a special gift for the King. Among the end of tour awards I am sure they also treasure is the one given by their church community at St. Christopher's Cathedral. It was a framed print of St. Stephen's Cathedral presented to them during a church service by the Dean, The Very Reverend Christopher Butt and of course the prayers they received from the community. (We look forward to seeing you at the tailgaters this year!)



In one of my last columns I mentioned weddings of children of classmates, well **Jim Fiorelli** brought me news of another. On a beautiful May 12th day in Poughkeepsie, NY, he attended the beautiful wedding and wonderful reception celebration of Katie Bellezza, Barb and **Vinnie Bellezza's** daughter. It was a nice turn of the clock as 34 years ago, Jim was best man in Vinnie and Barb's wedding (which 2nd Company classmates will

remember as a week-long celebration!). Vinnie is a very busy guy as founder and President of ASEC, an avionics supplier for the P-3 and P-8. He seems to be flying out to Boeing in Seattle every week, and has grown the company to 175 employees. Also following in the Bellezza Naval Tradition is Ensign John Bellezza (Penn State 2011 and flight student). Jim was in town in Annapolis for Ring Dance weekend. Their youngest was scheduled for a football camp there, so they hosted dinner for oldest son, Michael and several of his classmates and dates, on their way to Ring Dance. Middle son, Matt (aka "The Woop" of the family) was also present. He had finished his 3/c year and was invited to join the mids for Ring Dance. Michael will spend his summer with a MAGTF at Camp Pendleton, then as an aero engineer intern with the Boeing F-18 plant in St. Louis, and finally as a plebe detailer. Matt will intern on Capitol Hill for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, wife of Brian Rodgers ('79), then spend six weeks as a plebe detailer at West Point, followed by 3 weeks of language training in France, two weeks of leave in Europe, and then a semester at the French Military Academy in St. Cyr. Whew! With those busy schedules the Ring Dance presented the last occasion to get a Fiorelli family picture until Christmas.



Well, this column's full. Until next month- Launchin' Spot Four!

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Greetings, 79ers!

As I write this column, today is Wednesday, 30 May 2012. Thirty-three years ago today (another Wednesday), we '79ers formed as a complete group for one last time, tossed our midshipman covers into the air, and began our journeys into the fleet. Today, all of us are older, some of us (you) are wiser, and some of us... well...some of us are working on it! I think of it as maintaining a "youthful attitude". (*My wife keeps muttering something about "maturity" - I'm sure she's talking about her investments!*)

We start off with a brief SITREP from **Bob Larys** (blarys@cox.net). Bob is still on active duty as an ophthalmologist at Portsmouth (VA) Naval Hospital. Last spring he participated in the "Tour de Cure" ride for the American Diabetes Association. He reports:

■ I got so much support - monetary and otherwise - that I had to send a quick "thank you" out to everyone. Yesterday was the 100-mile Tour de Cure bike ride and it was 100% awesome in every way. The weather was perfect - we even had a tail wind for most of the second half. The bike was purring and Team Portsmouth was in perfect synch - well, most of the time.

So the final stats were 101.8 miles in 6 hours and 45 minutes of riding time, averaging 15.8 mph. Many bottles of water and Gatorade were consumed as well as an indeterminate number of orange slices, bananas, a few PBJs, energy snacks and, well, even a few Oreos to get me through.

As of today, we've raised \$800 for the American Diabetes Association! Thank

you again to everyone who donated and thanks to everyone for your encouragement and support. I got quite a few motivational texts & emails just before the ride. Yours, Bob ■

Congrats, Hoser! Well done. And thanks for the note.

I had high hopes of attending Sea Air Space 2012 at the National Harbor in Washington, DC this year, but work precluded that. One '79er that did attend was **Chuck Dixon** (cbdixon@us.ibm.com), who banged out this quick email:

■ Wiz, It was a great week (at Sea Air Space 2012) and allowed me to reconnect with many folks, especially a number of '79ers, to include: **Mike Mahon** (Raytheon), **Mark Heinrich** (Chief of Supply), **Mike Davis** (SAIC), **Joe Fallone** (small company supporting NAVSEA), **Scott Van Buskirk** (N1), **Phil Cullom** (N4), **Sean Stackley** (ASN/RDA), **Jeff Lemmons** (IADC), **Rob Wray** (INSURV), and probably a bunch more, but those shows always turn into a blur after a while. Cheers/Chuck ■

Speaking of which, **RADM Rob Wray** (robert.wray@navy.mil) checked in with some big news:



Wray Wedding - Rob and Maryellen pause in the middle of the 24-person sword arch



'79ers attending the Wray wedding. Back row (l-r): Joe Harriss, Scott Gray, John Jolliffe. From row (l-r): Chris Brehany, Butler Newman, Rob Wray, Pete Kurzenhauser, Jeff McFadden

■ Saw SHIPMATE yesterday and I realized I'm several months dink in notifying you of a big event in my life: my second (and last) marriage to Maryellen Weir of