

I saw 10th Co. Classmate **Joe Sheppard** in Belton, Texas, a few weeks ago when he and I attended some continuing legal education there. We are both Texas lawyers. Contrary to popular belief, most lawyers do not claim to know it all and they make us get a certain number of hours of continuing education annually so that we will get closer to knowing it all. While we were there for the day, he and I recalled our history as World War Two Veterans. How could that be? Well, back in 2000, Joe and I attended the Navy-Tulane football game in New Orleans. About that time, they were opening up a D-Day Museum in New Orleans so Joe and I headed over there to check it out. I think it was Veterans Day so they were giving free admission to all veterans who wanted to tour the museum. When we showed up, we told them that we were both veterans so they surprised us and gave us both passes to wear on our shirts that declared that we were both World War 2 veterans. Never mind the fact that neither one of us was born until nine years after that war ended, we were WW2 veterans for the day. Now when my wife gets on me about something, I just tell her that I am a WW2 veteran and she should just cut me some slack. Of course she never does. ■

Peter Varsanyi sent news and pictures from the retirement ceremony for VADM **Richard “Weasel” Gallagher**, USN, US Military Representative to NATO (US MILREP) with Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), ADM **James Stavridis**, USN, as the guest speaker at NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium, 5 JULY 2012.



Dick & Roslyn Gallagher enter the auditorium



Jim Stavridis and Dick Gallagher



Dick Gallagher delivering his speech



The last act before retiring – Dick kisses his wife



The spectacular cake in honor of Dick Gallagher's retirement

Thanks again to all who provided news at my moment of crisis! Now, get back to work...

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Greetings, 79ers!

It's been very quiet since I last updated you here in these pages. I don't know if it has to do with the end of summer, the return from vacations, the start of the Navy football season, or all of the above. Whatever the reason, I don't have much in the way of news, but there are a couple of things.

Imagine you're a guest at a high-rise hotel in the downtown area of a major city. You walk over to your window, open the curtains, and stare down at the cityscape. Then, all of a sudden, someone is looking you directly in the eye – from the other side of the glass.

It didn't “quite” happen that way, but some guests at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel could easily have had this experience. The National Kidney Foundation of Maryland held a “Rappel for Kidney Health” event last June, where participants rappelled down 32 stories from the hotel's roof. This was the event's third year, and was on track to raise over \$135,000 for the NKF.

One of the participants was 22-year-old Adrienne Hunt, daughter of **Ohlen Hunt**, who describes her as the “family daredevil.” Ohlen has had kidney problems for a number of years, and Adrienne wanted to do something that one day may help heal him. Now that's love. Ohlen – I know you already know this, but you have a very special young lady there!

I received a short note from **Tim Moon**, who was getting ready to send his son off to the US Coast Guard Academy to join the Class of 2016. He says getting his son ready brought back a lot of memories from June/July 1975, making the trip to Annapolis.

Tim mentioned that **Mike Chanenchuck's** son Mike was a member of the University of Maryland team, who lost to Loyola-Maryland in the final. As you may remember, “our” Mike was a 3-time All American lacrosse player at Navy. Another case of the apple not falling very far from the tree.