

he'll join Norwich's Corps of Cadets. Elder son Carlos graduated with the Class of 2012, and will be heading for Pensacola later this summer. Carlos and Carlos (he's a handsome lad!) are pictured below; see if you can guess who's who:



Frankly, we're quite impressed 13 years later those Trop Whites still fit! We look forward to seeing both Karen and Carlos in September, and wish both their boys all the best in their future service.

That's a wrap for now. Remember, we can't print what you don't send, so be sure to check in from time to time, regardless of how mundane the subject matter. After all, if it's *really* boring, we just won't publish it! ;-)

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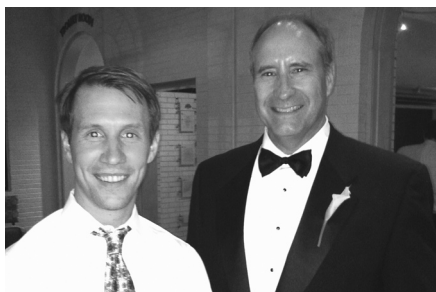
I open this column with belated prayers and condolences to the family of our non-graduating classmate, Dr. **Ka-Yueng Kwan** who passed away peacefully in his sleep at his Lincoln, NE home on June 6, 2012. Ka-Yueng finished off his undergrad work at Kearney State College and then graduated with honors UNMC College of Dentistry with honors in 1983. He had been a respected Omaha area dentist for 29 years. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne' Benorden-Kwan and their son, Ben-Wei Kwan. Memorials in lieu of flowers were asked to be made to: The University of Nebraska Foundation (Majorie Kwan Memorial Scholarship Fund #4429) 1010 Lincoln Mall Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508.

John "Hues" Hueseman dropped a note over the summer as well. He reported that 9 days in late May-to-early June was a great time of reconnection with him and USNA. Robin and **Bruce Gearey** (30th Co.) visited St. Louis for a business trip, and John and his wife,

Nancy, were able to play a round of golf with them. John also flew the next day to Annapolis for the graduation celebration for a good friend's son, ENS **Alex Corrigan** ('12). He also was able to spend quite a bit of time with Janet and **Bob Schermund** (15th Co.), reliving the SWOS School experience of "just one beer night". They also toured Bob's son, Bobby's ('09) former ship - USS GETTYSBURG, which was the visiting ship in the yard. No surprise to hear the genuine good feeling and respect that the crew had for Bob's son. And then on June 2nd, John's eldest daughter Heidi got married in St. Louis. In another "small world moment" it turned out that Heidi and her new husband, Matt, good friends with John Spegele, son of our Classmate **J.J. Spegele** (9th Co.). The younger ones all live in Chicago. Anyway, Hues found it a pleasant surprise to have John Spegele come up to him at the reception and introduce himself. He gave him the rundown on J.J.'s career (no jail time to report!), and they made sure to get a picture for me and this column. The reception must have been great because, unfortunately the photo of the proud parents turned out to be fuzzy to make the column. (Hues- send me a good picture of Nancy and you (maybe with your daughter for next time.)



Hues and Alex Corrigan ('12)



John Spegele and Hues

Mark Nault checked in to say his daughter, Janelle (married name Wilson) graduated from Coast Guard Recruit Training in Cape May, NJ on 1 June. Mark and his lovely wife, Ann attended

along with Mark's folks Angie and George (EMCM(SS)(Retired)), and his brother Jim ('81) and sister-in-law, Bonnie, both of whom- like Mark - are retired Navy CAPTAINS. Mark was in uniform so one of the best moments of the day claimed by Janelle was when SN Janelle Wilson, USCG (She started at E-3 due to signing up for 6 years) exchanged a salute with her dad, CAPT Nault, USN. Janelle, her husband and Mark and Ann's grandson now live at Janelle's first duty station in Galveston, TX.



Mark Nault proudly smiles at SN Janelle Nault and his grandson

In July **Dave Bruce** sent greetings from the UK. The month before he had just returned there after a nine-week trip to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso as lead instructor from the Regional Joint Intelligence Training Facility, RAF Molesworth for the 7th Military Intelligence Basic Officers Course - Africa (MIBOC-A). This one was conducted entirely in French and had students from Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia. Given that four of the participating nations share a border with Mali, current events were a frequent topic of discussion in class! On his return he got to spend time with '78 classmate and a shipmate **Eric Caldwell** and Eric's wife, Louise. Their son, David, was rowing crew for the University of Michigan at the Henley regatta and Dave's daughter, Audrey, is in London working in transportation for the Olympics - so the five of them got together for the first time in many years. The sun was out so they took a tour of Windsor Castle - the oldest, largest continually inhabited castle in the world. Wonderful day!

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Louise looking on at Eric and Dave at Windsor

Gary Shaw popped up on the scope. He's still in Hawaii, and still transitioning from active duty. He works for the federal government in the J5 at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) at Hickam. He's still flirting with the idea of transitioning to airport management, though there's an understandable reluctance to take such a large pay cut by working for the state. He's been on the road a lot, working access issues with various host nations where JPAC operates — Philippines, Burma, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Cambodia, Indonesia, etc. He also gets to do helicopter safety assessments on the civilian companies they work with in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. It's something he really enjoys because it allows him to work aviation issues again. Gary has lunch with **Rick Hiel** about once a quarter or so. Life is good in Hawaii and he doesn't see himself leaving. However, his daughter just had their first grandson in Iowa last month. So he'll have to see how strong the pull from the mainland becomes.

In June **Jon Kutler** sent a brief note to say that during his travels or "dinner circuits" he's been fortunate to meet up with 17th company mates. During a recent trip to Baltimore he had dinner with **Paula Jensen**. Paula was in town from Georgia seeing family. Sara and **John Anderson** also joined. A couple of months earlier Jon drove down to San Onofre to have dinner with **Jeff Rotton**. Jeff was starting his move back to the DC area (back to HQ Nuclear Regulatory Commission) from Arkansas. Okay, Paula, John and Jeff, now that Jon has proclaimed your sighting and while they say a picture is worth a thousand words—it's not. So you have to now send your scribe an e-mail or letter telling me what's going on. But not a thousand words, 'cuz I have a limit— which I have now reached...so...Launchin' Spot Four



Paula Jensen



Sara and John Anderson



Jeff Rotton

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Greetings, 79ers!

I start this month with this appeal from our class president **Sean Cate**:

■ In the News section of our class website, www.usna79.com, there is information related to the Captain **Gerald F. DeConto USN** Veterans Memorial Stadium building in Jerry's hometown of Sandwich, Massachusetts. Jerry, who died during the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon, grew up in Sandwich, and played soccer at Sandwich High School. His family donated \$250,000 to the non-profit Sandwich Sports Complex Committee (SSCC) which was formed to raise funds to build the stadium.

The Captain Gerald F. DeConto USN Veterans Memorial Stadium opened on Thanksgiving of 2011. The SSCC, though, is still raising funds to add Grandstands, Press Box, Field Lights, Field Turf, and the Memorial Plaza that will include granite memorial benches, flags, a brick walkway etc. After consultation with the class officers, it was decided the class will support this project: specifically, the class will raise a minimum of \$12,000 for the Flagpole and Base stones in the Entrance Plaza. Our class (Jerry's class) will be suitably recognized for this donation.

If only 120 of us donate \$100 – the cost of one or two nights out on the town – we will have this licked in no time. If we can get 120 more such contributions, we can add on ten granite piers that will ring the Veterans Memorial Plaza. Any and all contributions are welcome. I also propose the option for any classmate to donate for this or for a granite bench (\$2K each), a football goal post (\$15K). Field Lights (\$300K), etc., and be recognized individually.

If your company matches charitable contributions, please let them know to match your offer. If your company would like to step up further, the SSCC is seeking corporate sponsors. The non-profit has been working hard to raise corporate donations but the sledding has been difficult! The Sandwich Sports Complex Committee (fund raising arm for the DeConto USN Stadium) is a non-profit and any donation is tax deductible. The SSCC has two methods of receiving donations and all donations will be acknowledged. ■

As Sean says, there are procedures in place to ensure '79er donations are credited accordingly. For more information – and to donate – please visit the "Class News" section of www.usna79.com.

I was about to shut down the ol' computer one evening when I saw an email from our "first" flag, RADM (Ret.) **Jon Bayless** (jbayless@tandelsystems.com):

■ I'm enclosing a snap of two Ancient Mariners from the Class of 1979 – **Peter Johnstone** and myself. I was on business travel to Indianapolis from my home in Tampa last week visiting the Indiana School of Medicine after following up on a "cold" phone call I had made to a "Dr. Johnstone" a few days earlier. I did not realize we were classmates until Peter quickly pointed it out to me over the phone and we then set up an office call at