

Dolls: (L to R): Judy “Gunny” Tart, Jill Floyd, Debbie McKenzie, Trish Herberger, Susan Sprung and Kristy Scott

We’ll be featuring some more moments in time from the 35th Reunion in our next column.

Finally, we’re saddened to mark the passing of yet another classmate; **Jose Galvan (13th Co.)** died February 9th at his home in Poulso, WA,



surrounded by his family. Jose served aboard the George Washington and Ulysses S. Grant prior to leaving active duty for a career as an electronics engineer with the NUWC.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jose’s wife, Patricia, his children Jennifer and Phillip and all of his family and friends.

Here he lies where he long’d to be; Home is the sailor, home from the sea... Magoo

78 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 1%
LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 78%

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It is with a heavy heart that I open this column with sad news on the sudden loss of another of our ’78 family, **J. Kevin “Fuzz” Foley** on February 15th. The initial report I got from Ty Glasgow was that Fuzz succumbed to a blood clot to his brain. Regardless of cause, his loss is greatly felt by his wife, Lorrie, and their children, Kevin, Erin, Meghan and Lauren, his classmates and greater Naval family of which Fuzz was a large part. Here’s just a sample of his accomplishments: Fuzz was a 1985 graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. He served 27 years in the Navy and retired as a CAPTAIN. As Fuzz put it in his class website bio in 2006, he “basically closed down the Technical Director Program for the AEGIS program”. Fuzz joined Northrop Grumman Ships Systems after his retirement as the Director of Total Ship Integration for DD(X). He came to Alion Science and Technology on January 25, 2010. He managed several important programs for Alion and the Navy, including CG(X), DDG51 and most recently IWS3.0, the Navy’s Surface Weapons Systems Program Office. Fuzz was an

active member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Woodbridge, Virginia, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and a member of many committees. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. **Al “Blues” Baker** reported that among classmates who joined him in bidding farewell to Fuzz at the Funeral Service were **Steve Koronka, Bob Zalaskus, Steve Brady, Chris Hassler, and Barney Cramp**. Al also said that Sean **Stackley** (’79) Assistant Secretary of the Navy (ASN) (Research, Development & Acquisition (RDA)) provided an incredibly moving eulogy. Our condolences and prayers go out to Lorrie and their kids. Contributions may be made in the form of Mass requests, donations to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the Knights of Columbus Assembly Number 1443.



“Fuzz” Foley in Memoriam



78 Bidding Farewell

In February **Stephen “Jock” Maloney** coordinated the annual gathering of boxing fans and past Champions at the Friday night Brigade Boxing Smoker. Among those whom I recall attended (advance apologies for those I *didn’t see* or forgot) were: Karen and **Brett Ayotte**, Maura and **John Rudder**, Marla and **Al “Blues” Baker**, **Doug Diehl** his son Jarrod and Doug’s brother and fellow Marine “Duke” Diehl, **Frank Behm, Chris Breslin, Ned Davis, Will Ervin, Julie and Roy Cranford, Mike Brown,**

Mo Tose, Peter Craig, Bill “If” Fell and his son Jeffrey, Mary and **Bill Burke, Craig Diffie, Dave “Deke” Philman, Dave Surgent, Eddie Reid, Bob “Schmerm” Schmermund** and my wife, Elizabeth, son, Michael, and yours truly. **Kevin “Grinch” Lynch, Ray Kwong** and his daughter Jordan were also there sporting Navy ’78 football jerseys. As usual, it was a great time and some pretty good boxing matches. The next Saturday morning many of those same attendees played some basketball but I was not among them. I have been banned by CINCHOUSE based on the outcome of my last attempt at it- when I tore my ACL, meniscus and sprained the MCL during the 30th Reunion Hoops Games. (Besides, Jock has informally banned me until I get in shape and preferably get my outside shot back.) That night the Ayottes and Balderramas (3Bs) saw the Naval Academy Glee Club’s production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. It was a pretty good show though Elizabeth and I couldn’t help but draw comparisons to our son’s performance of the same show years ago. I also spotted fellow “cultured” classmate **Ray Miskowski** in the audience, not to mention Marla and **Blues Baker**.



Jordan Kwong in a ’78 Jersey



Lowe Pruitt and Doug Grau at Brigade Boxing Smoker

I read where **Al Jaquith** left at the end of February with a team from Wheels for the World to visit the Dominican Republic. They will be adjusting and modifying wheelchairs to fit each individual person; people who cannot afford one. Their goal is to distribute and fit 350 wheel chairs in Santo Domingo and Santiago. It sounds like a rewarding trip, Al. Hope to hear details sometime.

Speaking of details, by the time this issue comes to your mailboxes your reunion committee will have locked in details of the Reunion. Go up on our website and check it out. You'll also see that the website has a new look! So log on and get informed. And as for being informed, this was a sloooooow month- with not much going on in the way of news or information from you. So drop your scribe a quick e-mail, note, phone call or even snail mail! If you don't I'll just revert to making stuff up or talk about me (and you know you wouldn't want to hear an all Vince column- heck even **I** wouldn't!) So until next time, I am Launchin' Spot Four with the hopes that when I RTB (return to base) I'll have a big mail bag.

79 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 0%
LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 90%

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Greetings, 79ers!

First, my apologies to **Mark Shell** (mdshell@trane.com), who sent an update back in November. I promised to get this printed earlier, but it's just getting into the queue now. Anyway, here's Mark:

■ An update on "The Shell" clan. I have attached a several photos from the annual 320 mile 4 day Ride Allegheny (www.rideallegheny.org) trek from Pittsburgh, PA to Gaithersburg, MD to raise money for Operation Second Chance (www.operationsecondchance.org).

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Honor Chairs

org). Three Navy grads, **Andy Payne '94**, **Brad Snodgrass '96** and me the '79 old timer. This year's ride was 4-7 October 2012 and has raised \$220,000 to date for severely wounded soldiers and their families. Of the 71 riders, 15 riders from Boland, our employer, stepped up to the ride and fund raising challenge.

My son Justin flew up from Ft. Lauderdale to join the ride. Therese Shell, and Caroline Davis, Justin's friend stepped up as SAG drivers (Support and Gear) for the ride. Daughter Christie Shell, finishing up her last year of college was a fund raiser and volunteer working for rider registration. My son **LT Jason Shell '05** and I had a great time training together. He was one of our consistent high fund raisers as was Justin. Jason & Loren's daughter's imminent early arrival kept him from the ride this year. Grace Elisabeth Shell made here exciting arrival on 10/11/12. Weighing in at 2 lbs 6 oz, she continues to make great progress at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Best Regards, Mark ■



Ride Allegheny 2012: Andy Payne '94, Brad Snodgrass '96 and Mark Shell



Therese & Mark Shell, with the clan (l-r): Justin, Caroline (friend of Justin), Jason & Christie

Thanks, Mark! Congratulations on becoming a grandpa. Is this your first?

I received a brief note from Soozi and **Earl McLain**, who headed down to visit **Shannon Saunders** in Savannah, GA last fall. **Jim Showalter** also came up for a mini-reunion. Soozi snapped a shot of the three intrepid sailors on the water. The McLains are still living and working in Va. Beach, VA.



(l-r) Shannon Saunders, Jim Showalter and Earl McLain

Pete Parsons (peteparsons10@hotmail.com) checked in from Seattle, WA, having met up with some classmates over the holidays:

■ Hi, Wiz! Leanore and I came back east from Seattle for the holidays to visit family and planned a rendezvous in Annapolis with Jean & Dave Krueger, and Daryl & Grant Thornton. In the photo, from left to right: Pete Parsons, **Dave Krueger**, and **Grant Thornton**. We met at McGarvey's for lunch and had a great time catching up. I'm still with Boeing in Seattle, Dave is still with Mantech in DC, and Grant is with the Navy in DC.

While in Seattle, Leanore and I have the frequent opportunity to get together Debbie & **Nat Green** who live in Kent, WA. Nat is a Judge for King County - taking his law expertise to the "other side of the bench". Fortunately, I haven't had to "appear" before the Judge in his courtroom!! Best wishes for 2013. Pete ■



In Annapolis: Pete Parsons, Dave Kreuger, Grant Thornton



Pete Parsons with "Hizzoner," Judge Nat Green