



'77: Standing left to right are Dan Olivier (14th Co.), Dan Beach (17th Co.), Tom Behrle (14th Co.), Van Davis (14th Co.), Dave Ziembra (19th Co.), Rob Lamb (6th Co.), Joe Christofferson (4th Co.), Justin Davis (Van's son), Tom White (36th Co.), Marc Troiani (4th Co.), Joe Comacho (14th Co.) and Craig Turley (36th Co.). In attendance but, owing to certain outstanding warrants, not willing to be photographed were Pete Hyers (16th Co.), Tom Hutchinson (16th Co.), Jim Kelly (11th Co.) and Neil Gillespie (16th Co.).

them to market. Other than work and coaching high school lacrosse (his team won the state championship this past season), Jim keeps himself busy trying to get on Survivor, noting the show always has a token old fart, so why not him? He remains the exact same weight he was the day he retired from the Corps...only his hairs a smidge longer. Below is a photo of Jim, family and friends zip-lining the week before JJ moved back to Houston.



Featured left to right are Mary (friend), son JJ, wife Marian, Jim and Olivia (JJ's girlfriend of six years).

Speaking of old farts, Craig Turley forwarded some additional photos of the December '77 golf outing to Bandon Dunes.

In the immortal words of Burls, pictured below with Turl and Z watching his last remaining Pro-V1x sail into the icy Pacific (and this only the first 18!)...



...another round above the ground; TRULY a cause for celebration!

In a related Z-gram, recently-minted-Ensign Jack Wilson (USNA '14), the midshipman we recently had the distinct honor of sponsoring, ran into Z while watching Billy Hurley at Congressional during the U.S. Open. Though willing to admit he knew us, Dave was *not* prepared to sing the praises of our links skills; guess he knows an honor offense when he sees one.

Finally, we wrap up the month with an update from '77's Trekkus Maximus, **John Vuolo (12th Co.)**. John forwarded a shot from the Appalachian Trail commemorating his passing the 777.7 mile mark. You'll note he's scratched out "12" in honor of his company just above the 777.7.



When John's latest photos reached us, he was in Waynesboro, VA and marching north, noting that THIS time the south will win. As of the date we're writing this column, John is likely deep into New York and approaching if not past 1,500 miles. Keep it up, '77; you're looking good!
— Magoo

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Congratulations to **Dr. Rob Cloutier** who is now the systems engineering program lead within the Systems Division at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ. Rob is an associate professor in Stevens' School of Systems and Enterprises (SSE). Rob will be charged with ensuring the academic standards and relevance of the systems engineering courses and program, while ensuring efficient and effective operations, and processes. He'll also engage with the systems engineering faculty to enhance the program portfolio and deliver world-class scholarship and research. Hmm, sounds like a Department Head Tour, Rob. (Thanks to **Ed Reid** for passing me the Stevens Press Release with this news.)

Congratulations also to: **Bart Buechner** on his new job as Adjunct Professor, Military Psychology at Adler School of Professional Psychology; and to **Tim Hanifen** who is Vice President Marine Corps Systems at The Boeing Company in Washington DC; and to **Jeff Gagne** who now is an Erp Analyst at Marinette Marine Corporation.

In a June e-mail **Rich Polek** reported that his he and his family (Jennifer, Nadilee, and Cole) traveled from sweet home Chicago to Cincinnati for a Flag Day/Father's Day weekend lacrosse tournament, in which Cole Polek played midfielder for the Windy City Selects club. A "limited" 31st Company reunion was planned in advance and executed that

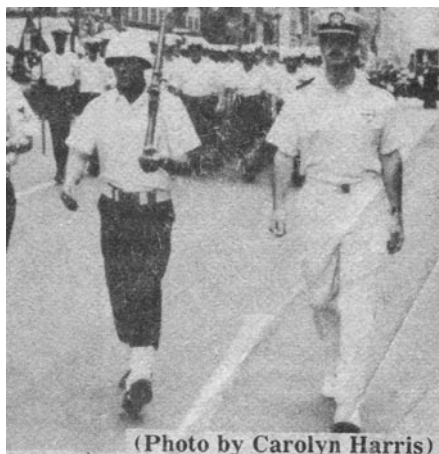
Saturday evening, when Connie and **Charlie Pangburn**, along with granddaughters Mila and Stella, hosted the Poleks for dinner. It was a wonderful time for food and stories of the past and plans for the future. Rich and Charlie had not seen each other since the 30th class reunion, so there was much to catch up on. Rich said they did not get it all covered in the brief time they enjoyed together which means another “mini-reunion” will have to take place (or there’ll be even more catching up to do at or 40th!) A highlight for Rich and Cole was *Colonel Pangburn* providing a tour of USMC memorabilia - including some items from his deployment in Iraq, when he was recalled to active duty in 2004. You guys are looking good and thanks for the update, Rich.



Gerry Katilius sent a quick note comparing his 1980 lead of the USS Vulcan’s Honor Guard down 5th Avenue for New York’s Armed Forces Day parade with the recent march of his daughter, Kim, and wife, Karen, leading Google’s contingent down 5th Avenue in Pittsburgh’s Pride Parade this summer. As Gerry put it – we’ve come a long way! As for the family, he is happy to report that “everyone’s good, helping our daughter’s get through school.” He says Google’s great (Or so I gathered from the Internship movie- wow free food?!). Gerry is taking classes in complexity, brushing up on math that he says he hasn’t “since EE at boat school.” That’s okay, Gerry, my knowledge atrophied the minute my foot crossed the door threshold on our way *out of class*. He’s joined the corporate rowing team, so he may make it to a crew reunion, and “not embarrass myself too badly”. Great hearing from you Gerry! Don’t make it too long again before you “report in”.

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(Photo by Carolyn Harris)



Our prayers and condolences go out to **Alex “Dog” Callas** and his family on the death of his brother, Peter G. Callas Jr, in May of his year. Peter had lived with muscular dystrophy since it was diagnosed when he was in eighth grade. His valiant forty-year fight and indomitable spirit was the inspiration for Alex to raise money to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association through his *Golf Day for MDA* Tournament. It’s been over 20 years since the first tournament was held and since then it has generated nearly \$870,000 in donations to help fund research. Peter’s legacy will go on as Dog will continue the Tournament; continue the fight while Peter cheers him on from above. Keep your calendars open in late June next year as that is usually when the Tournament is held. Let’s continue to help Alex “fuel” that research to find a cure.

Prayers and condolences also go out to **John H. Rogers** who lost both his mom and dad (Harris and Ruth) within hours of each other on May 28th. John’s dad, CAPT Harris G. Rogers was also a graduate of the Naval Academy. John summed it up best when he wrote family and friends of their passing: “They gave us our life, their love, and no shortage of drama! Dad celebrated his 90th birthday with tons of family and friends on April 16th, and Mom would have turned 89 on June 9th of this year. This is sad, of course,

because of our deep loss and incredible feelings of grief, but wonderful too, because of their full lives, and their example of love, dedication and commitment to one another. As I said in a toast at their (re-)marriage in 2008: ‘This, ladies and gentlemen, is a picture of TRUE LOVE!’ They held each other’s hands, literally until the day they died. I bet they’re still doing that in heaven, but that’s tough to prove!” While it might be hard to prove from the sound of their life together it certainly rings true and probable. Sorry for your loss, John, but so happy for the example they gave you.

The local Nahant, MA paper ran a short article on **Clarke Orzalli** participating in the 2014 Run to Home Base in July. The 9K run was to raise money for services for local veterans and the finish line was home plate in Fenway Park! The paper cited Clarke as saying what really kicked it off was his desire to take part was a visit to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown with the Massachusetts High Tech Council. The event was hosted by retired Army Brigadier General Jack Hammond, who Orzalli knew and who is also the CEO of the Home Base Program. It further reported that “the program’s purpose is to support veterans with PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury through research as well as providing care to veterans with PTSD/TBI and their families free of charge, Orzalli explained. ‘saw some of the ongoing research at Spaulding and was impressed’ he said. ‘Not just the brain research but prosthetics and artificial limbs, it’s really impressive.’ Clarke noted that he was also impressed that the Run is a partnership between the Boston Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital and that all the money raised goes directly to research.



Well that’s all she wrote or for which I have room. Lots more in the queue so look for it next month.

Launchin’ Spot Four!