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“For in this modern world, the instruments of warfare are not solely for waging war. Far more importantly, they are the means for controlling peace. Naval officers must therefore understand not only how to fight a war, but how to use the tremendous power which they operate to sustain a world of liberty and justice, without unleashing the powerful instruments of destruction and chaos that they have at their command.”

—Arleigh Burke

Ahoy, me hearties! As most of us will be entering our 60's this year (ours is November 7th; please send cash in lieu of a gift!), it's only fitting we open our latest column with news of a recent birthday, courtesy of Jerry Miller's (19th Co.) wife Laura, and a party to remember. In honor of her husband entering his sixth decade of life, Laura rented a box at Yankee Stadium and invited some 90 of Jerry's family, friends and shipmates up to the Big Apple to watch the Yankees take on the Mets. Boat School alum in attendance included: Brian Lubitz ('00), Thom McKee (35th Co.), George Lawlor (24th Co.), Benny Garcia (24th Co.), Frank Wagner (24th Co.), Bob Kautter, (32nd Co.), Lee Geanuleas (11th Co.), Joe O'Connor (19th Co.), Julius Caesar (17th Co.) and Dave Architzel ('73). Bottom row, (l) to (r) are: Doug Moorehead ('96), Roger Sexauer ('80), the Birthday Boy, Howard Pinsky ('62), the lovely Laura, Josh Prueher ('96) and Tim Naple ('75)

Though the box at the stadium and the game were great, the highlight for us was the chance to sit around the hotel Saturday evening swapping sea stories and other tall tales with our classmates and their significant others over repeated rounds of cocktails...on Jerry's dime, of course! Laura, thanks again for everything, and Jerry, many, many happy returns.

May 26th marked the end of a long and distinguished 38-year career for **Sam Locklear (7th Co.)**, as he stepped down from command of PACOM.

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Change of Command

Though we've yet to hear what the future holds for Sam when he formally retires July 1st, we know all of '77 joins us in extending him a well-deserved BZ, and fair winds and following seas in whatever challenge he decides to tackle next.

Finally, as we're writing this column over the Memorial Day weekend, it's only fitting we follow-up on Lee's earlier email and recognize our fallen classmates: Peter Ayotte, Steve Barnett, Dom Baysic, T.J. Begines, Bob Bender, Tony Bilotti, Jim Boyle, Herb Bracewell, Mike F. Brown, Mike W. Brown, Dave Burdine, Steve Burley, Pete Cameron, Paul Cappelino, Ed Cardin, Pat Conroy, Gerry Cook, Hugh Cornett, Jim Eastman, Stuart F. Elwing II, Steve Eshman, Federico Favila, Richard Fedak, Jim Festa, Irby Fogelman, Dennis Franich, Jose Galvan, Rich Galvin, Steve Garcia, Frank Greco, Mark Hino, Terry Hopkins, John Karels, John Kiernan, Ed King, Kerry Knoizen, Mark Krackzowsky, Steve Lessard, Brad Lewis, Aaron Long, John McAllister, Gene McCarthy, Richard McNeil, Mike Morris, Mike Musser, Mike Ohler, Pete Olsen, Bill Readman, Jimmie B. Rodgers, Chris Ryan, George Sarrell, Steve Scott, John W. Smith, Bill Stuver, Jim Surch, Andy Tamayo, Rodney Vessels, Victor Vine, and Jim Watkins.

Gone, but never forgotten.

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Greetings, 79ers!

Avid readers of this column no doubt remember that **Ralph Quarles** wrote last month to say he was retiring from federal service. A few days later I learned he was employed again:

■ I got hired into a great new job since I wrote! Perfect job for me as an internal Sr. Risk Management Consultant doing physical, technical, and cybersecurity assessments for Wells Fargo.

I'm looking forward to working totally commercial with not even side work requiring my clearance for the first time since I was a teenager! I love cybersecurity and didn't want to stop doing it, love traveling, so this is a perfect fit. Plus, I work from a home office so my commute is pretty short and they don't care where I live. That allowed us to confirm our move to the Tampa area. Doesn't hurt as a confirmed IT geek that my most recent call from my new bosses was to say they are dropping shipping all the tech toys I could want to get me set up. ■

Congrats again, Ralph! This is what comes from having "skills". Good luck in your next career in Florida.

Esteemed '79er author **Jonathan Brazee** sent me a short note with some fantastic news:

■ Hi Wiz. I've still got my day job as the Director of International Business at Lucky Star Weaving, CO. Ltd in Thailand, but my side job is going well. I just finished my 17th book, "CAPTAIN." I've made it up to #209 on Amazon's best-selling authors list, and I was recently accepted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, something that has been a dream of mine since I was in high school. ■

Jon, that is outstanding! Many, many congratulations on your newest honor.

A couple of flag updates to report. Looks like '79 is adding another 3-star to its ranks. Marine Corps **MajGen Bob Walsh** was nominated for appointment to