

Our sincere congratulations to Ruth and Bo...and heartfelt condolences to Wally. Look on the bright side, Gator; at least it's not the weekend of the Air Force game!
— Magoo

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 79%

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Apologies to **Herb Nyberg** (34th) for entering his piece of news this late. Herb has been globetrotting. He was invited by the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) to brief them in Geneva on New Mountain Innovations and Acoustic Larvicide. That's his company, which has made products from his son Michael's invention that uses acoustics to destroy mosquito larvae. He thought the presentation went well and they may become a real program with WHO. He said my Navy Crew teammate, **Steve Kinney** (3rd) was a great help with the "tourist part" of their travel. On their first night they had dinner with Steve and his wife Carina and daughters. The Kinneys treated the Nybergs to raclette, a unique Swiss dinner. Yes the meal involved melted cheese. They also had dinner together on the last evening. So New Mountain Innovations, Inc. is beginning to move. They are shipping units to all four corners (but still a long way to go). Cathy and Herb did make it to Zermatt and Skied the Matterhorn. Best wishes for business success Herb and in helping rid the world of serious illnesses due to mosquito infestation.



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Nybergs Skiing the Matterhorn

Got some news and updates from **Will Pearce** (5th). Last October, he and Nancy had the opportunity for a special vacation trip with a week in Newport, RI, and environs. While seeing the fall color was fantastic even more exciting for Will was revisiting his old SWOS-day haunts. It was the first time he'd been back since leaving for TAD in Baltimore in Feb '79. He reported that much has changed—Goat Island is no longer home to WWII Quonset huts, being now filled with resort hotels and the water-taxi landing for the massive cruise ships that are in port and the Naval Station gate that he — and many of you — always used is now blocked off. Still many familiar landmarks remained. NAPS and OCS (King Hall) are still at the south and north ends of the athletic field, but the old BOQ on the east side where he roomed with **Dave Dwyer** (11th) has been replaced with a "newer" structure (Nimitz Hall—please don't tell me if it's really 30 years old—Will doesn't want to know). He didn't recognize the building at the northeast corner of the field as the one that housed SWOS, but that may not mean it isn't. He assumed that the softball field to the southwest (behind the base chapel) is where our USNA softball team lived out its glory days in the rec league that autumn, but his old "internal charts" are incomplete on that score. When Will left Newport in 1979, he took with him one Newport Bay Bridge toll token. It was his way of saying that he intended to come back some day. He had held onto that old token for at least 25 years in his car console tray, but somewhere in the beginning of the millennial he thought he transferred it to the memorabilia box that he keeps in the top drawer of his chest of drawers. When it came time to pack for

the trip, he tore the bedroom apart looking for that token, but it eluded him. He thought it an opportunity missed to get across the bridge at 1979 prices! He needn't have worried as he found that most of the New England bridges dropped toll booths for electronic payment lanes some time ago. The rented obligatory EZ Pass transponder with their Boston rental car turned out to be all that they needed. Their trip across the Newport Bridge after a day in the Connecticut countryside revealed there were no toll booths, as advertised. So Will's clever thought in 1979 turned out to be a futile gesture in 2014. He still wished he'd found that token. He said could have at least tossed it out the window as they passed through the toll plaza, just for the symbolism of the thing. This time around, Will had the time, money, and motivation (i.e., Nancy told him where they were going) to tour a couple of the historic Gilded-Age Newport mansions like The Breakers. They also hitched a ride on a gaff-rigged schooner out of Newport Harbor. It gave them the tour of the old America's Cup 12-meter yachts that are scattered around. Will's favorite was the Intrepid, the '67 and '70 winner. The tour also allowed him to point out to Nancy all the places he had sailed back in the 70s (both during his SWOS days and at the end of the '75 Annapolis-Newport race). Will recommends you visit Newport either for the first time or to relive old days. (Hey, Scoe, Vandy and all my Justice School buddies— any thoughts on a reunion? Have the statutes of limitations passed?) Thanks for the update, Will. As you can see I am also trying out your suggestion to put guys Companies by their names.



Nancy and Will Pearce in Newport

Good luck to my fellow Marine, CH-46E Phrog Flyer and former Marine One Presidential Pilot, **Mike Conklin** (33rd) on his Vertiport Chicago. Mike is President of the venture. Mike and several investors created, developed and built Vertiport Chicago, a 10 acre "helicopter airport"

facility on Chicago's near west side. The facility sits in a cluster of hospitals and borders a sprawling freight yard on two sides. It consists of a single landing spot, eight outdoor parking spots, 30,000 square foot hangar and a 11,700 square foot Fixed Based Operation (FBO). The FBO has separate areas for VIP/Charter customers, tourist operations and offices for lease. Opened for business this June the complex's main selling point is that it is a 10-minute car ride, if that, from the heart of Chicago's main business district. It's open continuously for medical flights and can handle helicopters of almost any variety, including next-generation tilt-rotor aircraft, which travel nearly twice as fast and far as conventional helicopters. As Mike is quoted in various news venues, "This is the first facility of its kind in North America." Best wishes for success, Mike.

Some short note news follows: **Kevin "Grinch" Lynch** (26th) reported the "rare sighting of the two greatest salesmen on the planet in the same place". That is to say, he made a "pilgrimage" to see **Frank Mattingly** (6th) and his "Classic Car Museum!" As Grinch put it, "You just know somebody bought something with those two guys in the same room!"



Frank and Grinch

Ray Luevano (6th) rendezvoused with **Joe Schmitz** (27th) and Joe's son **Nick** ('06), to celebrate Nick's June graduation from Stanford Business School. Joe and Mollie's youngest, Matthias, will enter Stanford in the fall as USMC ROTC student. Also in on the celebration was **Michael Sears** (36th) and his son, **Matthew** ('19). As this goes to print Matthew is sweating his Plebe summer along with **Peter Craig's** kid, **Thomas** ('19). (Anybody else with a kid in the Class of '19? If so, more to follow.)



Joe, Michael and Ray and photo



Nick Schmitz ('06) and Matthew Sears ('19)

In closing, **Dave Daily** sadly reported that on June 13th his 29th Companymate, **Russ Dedrickson** (29th) lost his lovely wife, Sue, after a courageous 8 year battle with cancer. Sue passed away at her home on the lake in Lincolnton, GA surrounded by family. Sue graduated from the University of Virginia with a degree in nursing. It was there that Sue met Russ at the UVA game our Youngster year. They had been together ever since. In 1992 Sue obtained her Masters in Nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and then in 1997, she again graduated but as a Nurse Anesthetist. She worked as a nurse anesthetist at MCG in Augusta, GA, at Warner Robins hospital, and at Meadows Memorial Hospital in Vidalia, GA. She had also served as a nurse in the Naval Reserve, so she was *all Navy*. In 2003, as a Lieutenant Commander she was activated. As her obituary said, "[Sue] loved the lake, wine, drinking wine, looking at wine, picking out wine for her wine cellar, and wineries. Her family was the highlight of her life and sometimes she shared her wine with them." – Yes, she was definitely *all Navy*. Family trips to Charleston, Alaska, snorkeling in Florida and camping trips to Gatlinburg are some of the family's best memories. Please remember Russ, their three adult children, Tray, Heather and Ricky, and the entire family to include her 29th Company "brothers" in your thoughts and prayers. As Dave put it, "Sue was a beautiful person in every sense of the word, and was a great friend to all of the 29th Company. We will certainly miss her." Launchin' Spot Four- with a prayer.

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80 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 0% LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 96%

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Greetings Classmates,

Can you believe it? Thirty Nine years ago today we raised our hands and recited the Oath of Office in a very hot and humid T-Court; July 6th, 1976. Where did the years go? Well in just two and half months we'll all be gathering again in Annapolis for our 35th Class Reunion. I'm hoping that everyone will make every effort to attend.

I have spoken with many Classmates. Some are on the fence, some are really excited and some are not planning on attending. This will be a great time to reconnect with friends and Classmates and reestablish the bonds of Shipmates. Please encourage one and all to attend. Reach out to each and every Classmate you know and plan on meeting them in Annapolis that weekend. Time tide and formation wait for no one – so be there or Brace Up! 80 Sir!

I have been sending out regular e-mail updates. Here is the current schedule that is relevant to the Class. (The Mid-Store hours and other items of interest are not included):

Thursday – September 17th
Golf – time TBD

Friday, September 18th
(1100-1200) Memorial Service
(1350-1500) Superintendent Briefing
(1600-1715) Dress Parade
(1900-2300) Reception NMCMS Banquet Room

Saturday September 19th
(1330 - ...) Tailgate at the Stadium
(1530) Navy vs East Carolina

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