

So a hearty BZ to Spike for taking the time to help mold the future of the Navy, his exceptional after-action report, as well as (and yes, this is a crass, paid Class announcement!) his continuing support of the Class gift. Thanks also to the 279 classmates who have contributed to the 40th Reunion project thus far; you're making a difference.

If you haven't yet pledged, here's the gouge to do so on-line: Go online to www.usna.com to make a gift or a pledge to the class project. The easy steps are:

1. Click on SUPPORT THE ACADEMY above the banner.
2. Click on Make A Gift on the drop-down menu.
3. On the Make A Gift page, click on the "Click Here to Donate to Your Class Project" button.
4. If you are already logged into usna.com your class year will be already selected and you can make a gift or a pledge for up to 3 years. If you are not logged in you will only be able to make a one-time gift. In either case, do the following:
 - a. In the Class Year: drop-down list select your class year if not already selected.
 - b. Your Class Project funds will be displayed. Enter the amount you want to donate beside each fund you want to support.
 - c. Fill in all applicable information and click the Continue button.
 - d. Follow the rest of the instructions until done.

Those preferring to utilize a hard copy of the pledge form and regular mail can contact Lee at lee.geanuleas@gmail.com and he'll be happy to forward one.

Next up, **Jim Gould (18th Co.)** forwarded the following photo from what he described as "this past Wednesday evening, 29 June 2015". Since the 29th of June was a Monday, and July 1st a Wednesday, the precise timing of the event remains murky.



'77 Bubba Reunion, Coronado, pictured: (l) to (r) are: Richard "Tug" McGraw (22nd Co.), Dan Olivier (14th Co.), Bret Gary, Mike "Eddie Haskell" Candlers (10th Co.), Mike Keeney (25th Co.), Jim, Craig Turley (36th Co.), Dave Wood (26th Co.), Corky Gardner (18th Co.) and Harry Blair ('76).

Corky and Eddie were in San Diego with their brides (Renee and Mary) for a wedding, providing the opportunity for a group of SOCAL bubbas to join them for dinner at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course restaurant. Breeze recalls they had a "great, short visit", enjoyed a few beverages, and told a few sea stories...all of which Jim assures us were "no-sh*tters"!

We seem to recall Mike Keeney once having a "great, short visit"...with the Indian Ocean...wearing nothing but shorts and running shoes, having encountered some unexpected jet blast whilst jogging on the flight deck of the Connie. Thankfully, Mike survived that visit as well. We don't know if this was one of the sea stories the boys swapped, but it remains to this day one of **our** personal favorites.

We close by regretfully reporting the passing of another classmate, **Bob "Bear" Magee (18th Co.)**, Captain, USN(ret). We'll always remember Bobby's smile, his genuine warmth. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Kathy and the rest of Bob's family.



Sean O'Brien (18th Co.) noted on the '77 Facebook page Kathy was touched by the Class response to Bear's passing, and suggested anyone wanting to remember him should consider donations to either Toys for Tots or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

— Magoo

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Greetings Classmates:

I'm sitting in my hotel in Annapolis instead of at 35,000 feet. I wanted to share a very funny moment of the "reality check" that we are now those old grads that used to walk around the Yard. Many of you will remember The Hilton Afterdeck which looks out on to Ego Alley right at the foot of Main street (which is now Pussers). Well right after graduation in 1980, I learned that they needed a lounge lizard guitarist for the Happy Hour slot. So while waiting for Nuke school to start, I auditioned and I played there every night for about a year. So – 35 years later, I went over to the same "deck" and there was a young guy playing there doing just what I used to do at age 22. In between sets I went up to him and said - "Hey, I used to be you... and I'm sorry to say...you're going to become me in 35 years - this is what you're going to look like..." After he stopped laughing - he looked sort of scared - handed me his guitar and let me do a set while he had a much needed drink! It was a great moment.

It was a real treat a while back to get a note from one of my roommates, **Joe Hayden**, josephchayden@msn.com who finally checked in from a long hiatus.

■ I started my next adventure at L-3 Brashear early this year. I am a Senior Program Manager running laser weapon projects for the USN and USMC,

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