

77/79 CLASS NEWS

Rick and Betty White, Sue Quinn, Jane Buddenbohn, **John Taylor (8th Co.)**, Karen Taylor, **Dan Gearing (12th Co.)**, Mary Mangano, Margaret Barton and John Mangano. Rick stated there was way too much wine and way too many stories... though all were undoubtedly "no-sh*tters"! Rick closed by noting Napa will never forget them, a conclusion the accuracy of which we've no reason to doubt.

Finally, on a personal note, we recently saw our eldest son, Major Jon McKee, USAR, off on another overseas deployment. Shown below are Jenny, Jon and Yours Truly, along with Jon and his lovely wife Liz.



Jenny, Jon & Magoo



Jon & Liz

Jon is a full-time fireman in Frederick County, MD, and Liz works in the ER of a hospital in Winchester, VA. While proud of Jon's service, Jenny views this deployment as particularly problematic given it further delays, for at least another year, the possibility of our first grandchild!

'Til next time, don't you go changin'!

—Magoo

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It's been a very slow few weeks. It must be the calm before the storm of bustling activity. The Sea, Air, Space convention was conducted in DC so a lot of you still working for what Ike called the "Military Industrial Complex" were in town, representing your companies and working that network in your Rolodexes- I mean data bases. Our class was prominently represented in the Yard in April by our two "last-men-standing" on active duty.

Harry Harris (15th Co) was the reviewing officer of the first P-rade of the spring season on April 6th. **Kurt Tidd** (36th Co) was to impart his wisdom to the Brigade as the Forrester Lecturer on April 10th. I hope to have some results and info on the events in the next couple of columns. Rumors continue to grow stronger that when Harry retires, he will be nominated to be Ambassador to Australia. If that runs true, he better plan to throw more than a few shrimps on the barbie should anyone visit.



'78: Kalnoske family- Mike's Final flight

John David "Dave" Dwyer (11th Co) dropped me an e-mail. Dave is still where he has been the last 35 years - in Virginia Beach. Even better, he and Nancy have been married for over 36 years. Dave works for Naval Surface Warfare Center's, Carderock Division at Little Creek, VA. By the time this comes to print I hope he has decided to join his 11th Company-mates and the rest of the Class for the Reunion. Our tailgate expert chef, **Mike Kalnoske** (32 Co) had his last flight with UPS on March 24th. It was the Louisville International Airport (SDF) to Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) run. Mike had taken an early retirement in '94 from the Navy and went on to fly for "Big Brown". Now he finds himself retired - *again!* Mike's son, Justin ('04), former Navy H-60 pilot and now a Delta airlines pilot was on the jump seat in the cockpit of the 767 for Mike's final flight. The rest of the family (his wife, Holly, and Scott and Kaitlyn) met him the ramp in BWI as he passed through the water cannon arch that celebrated the occasion. What's he planning on doing in retirement? Among other things, he said he's looking forward to many more tailgating opportunities. Hey, Kal, now that you have all that free time perhaps you can open a small café. You have all that tailgate cooking expertise! On the other hand, maybe you'll expand your menu for our corner gatherings

before the game. Enjoy the life of leisure!



Mike and Justin

Well that is the short of it - HEY, no snickering about the vertically challenged! Next month is the final push before the Reunion. I'll likely pass any final reminder gouge in the next column. In the meantime, stay tuned to our website, social media (FB and LinkedIN pages) and news from your company reps. Contact me if you still haven't gotten the word.

Launchin' Spot Four!

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Greetings, 79ers!

Some of us keep a sweatshirt, a combo cover, or even a Plebe Dixie cup from our days as a mid. And then there are folks like **Bob Dupuis** who kept, well, I'll let him tell you:

✉ Wanted to send you a picture and note about a recent adventure. First, a question: How many of our classmates still have their "Mid Car"? Well, if there are some, the number is one less as of 19 January 2018. I drove my '68 Corvette convertible to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY and donated in honor of the US Naval Academy (and in memory of dear friend that passed away about a year ago).