

Thus did Coss write, as contained in our opening quote:

“So our only request is that we be placed on the hole or tee group **directly in front of Christofferson and whoever he has tricked into playing with him** (that would be the the 4th Company Clowns). LOL. This is so we can maintain our longtime tradition of leaving tasteful (?!?) participation trophy gifts for them on each tee box as they approach. Anything we can do to throw Joe off his game is always a good thing, right?”

Well, DUH!!! No worries, Dave: Ours will be the only scoring pencil with an eraser.

Fight's ON!

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We ask for your continued good thoughts and prayers for **Dennis Otoshi** (33rd Co). As this edition goes to print, Dennis was still in Poland and Ukraine working with the International Red Cross. I reprint his news here of his time in Ukraine:

✉ “I am using my gmail because it seems to work better. I have been in Kyiv for four days now and I made my first house call yesterday. Attached you will find three photos of a residential building that was hit by a cruise missile at time 0500. Three confirmed dead, but the building was still too smoky and hot to search for bodies. Soviet era housing also was full of asbestos, so another danger.

Russians were just nuisance shelling until yesterday when I counted twenty-seven incoming artillery rounds or cruise missiles. When the cruise missiles are intercepted by air defenses, it makes a satisfying boom. I feel like I am in a WWII movie. Now I know how the USMC felt when the Navy abandoned them in Guadalcanal.

It is good to be a sand blower, since I make a small target. Russians shooting at everything with no regard for civilians. It is their way of war.

I intend to stay alive so that I can bear witness before God to these crimes against humanity.”

We wish you safekeeping, Dennis.



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Speaking of Ukraine, congratulations to Angela and **John Klose** (16th Co) on their return to the States with Angela's adult daughter, Valeriya. It was a month-long ordeal getting her from Ukraine to America. It all concluded at the end of March, when they could finally do it by bringing her through the San Ysidro Border Crossing (yes, the southern border- but at legal points of entry.). While they still have many relatives in Ukraine, they were successful in getting Angela's niece to resettle in Germany. (That was her choice of "exile" to wait out the war.) They detail their efforts on their website. You can find the link on John's FB page and in an entry he made to our Class FB page. We're glad you are safe at home and pray for Angela's family, friends and all the Ukrainian people.



Judi Farwell sent a note-that Edie and **Brian McCormack** (29th Co) (newly elected Navy Athletics Hall of Famer) shared a fantastic dinner with Judi and **Faris Farwell** (29th Co) at Oyster and Pearl in La Mesa, CA. She also noted that Faris was retiring, again, on 1 April and added that "Life is good". Well, it certainly is! Now you two can globetrot freely and visit friends as far as DC and Annapolis.



Back in January, Stephanie posted on Facebook that her hubby, **Dick Richards** (35th Co), had "been training like a fiend at the DC Fencer's Club for the last eight months. He fenced for USNA/Navy in college and is continuing to compete in Epee against former Olympians and a host of other competitive fencers across the county." In early January, Dick won the Veterans 60+ category at the

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USFA North American Circuit (NAC) event in San Jose, CA. That made him one more step closer to making the 2022 World team for USA. He made the 2021 team, but the event was canceled due to Covid. That final bout sounded exciting as Stephanie wrote that "at one point his opponent broke a blade and had to replace his weapon. Then the tip of Dick's epee came off just as he was making a clean "winning" touch, meaning that it did not complete the electrical circuit and register as a score. The initial time ran out before they reached 10 points and so they went to a sudden death (first touch) overtime. Dick scored his 8th touch with just seconds to spare!" Well, Stephanie followed up in early March FB post that Dick's 2nd place finish at the NAC qualifying clinched it! He will be on the US World Team for 2022 in Vet Epee!! Congrats, Dick and good luck in the World's.



Here are a few loose rounds:

In April, BOINGO Wireless- a leading provider of wireless solutions for the U.S. military and neutral host public and private networks at major venues around the world - announced that our own **Bruce Crair** (26th Co) was retiring as their senior vice president and general manager of military.

In April, **Dave Brown** (8th Co) posted on Facebook that he Companymate and flight school roommate, **Andy Mohler** got together in March in Florida. Dave and his wife, Barbara, were invited to Cindy and **Andy**

Mohler's daughter Berkeley's wedding. In the photo are Dave and Barb Brown on the left, Andy's sister Molly and her husband, and Andy and Cindy on the right.

Had a nice visit from fellow Marine, **Tommy Martinez** (19th Co) near the end of March, Tommy was visiting with his daughter up near Baltimore. She kicked him out for the evening, and he came over to the house to spend some time and swap some sea stories. I was glad to see him. He looked pretty good and seemed to be recovering pretty well from a stroke he incurred in mid-January. He relies on a cane, and we joked he needs to get one with either a hidden sword or gun barrel. Like most of us these days, he's a little cautious in his steps but my guess is he'll be back to 100% before you can say "reunion". Regardless, *nothing* can diminish that famous Martinez smile and booming laugh. Looking forward to our next rendezvous, Tommy.

Also up from North Carolina were Karen and **Andy Karakos** (27th Co). Karen's 92-year-old, Retired Master Gunny father lives up in Bowie. She regularly travels up North to check in on him. Her early April trip included Andy. He dropped me a call and we caught up. Andy had an amazing SWO career, and one time was Commander PHIBRON 11 in Sasebo. He also got suckered onto the OPNAV staff and Joint Commands and headed up the Cape Fear JNROTC unit. Now he and Karen are living the retired life down in Fayetteville. Ah, Fayetteville - to take a phrase from Harry Chapin on his comment about Watertown NY- I once spent a week one night in Fayetteville. Enroute to Pensacola, I had to make an emergency landing at Ft Bragg and subsequently get a part replaced. The rest of the story is best told over drinks at the reunion. See you on your next trip north Andy!

Well that's it for now.

Launchin' Spot Four.

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Greetings 79ers!

Gasoline process notwithstanding, I think many people are anticipating an especially busy summer travel season. I'm currently on the road - on the homeward leg of the trip. With all this activity, the class mailbag is a little lighter than usual, but I still have a couple of items to pass on.

I received a note from Jill & **Butler Newman**, who passed along the latest and greatest from the Newman clan:



New Lieutenant Dereck Newman with fiancée Madison Wood

✉ Just wanted to drop you a note with some happy news from the Newman clan. First, our younger son Dereck (currently stationed in Bahrain) was promoted to Lieutenant recently. He also got engaged right after Christmas to Madison Wood. We are very excited for them and hope the Navy will send him home this fall, as he has been there since December of 2019 (so he can get married!).

Our older son, Zach (2nd Engineer, Merchant Mariner) and his wife Sarah are expecting again - due in or around early June. The newest arrival will join their daughter, Emery who is 2.5 years old and was our first grandchild! They, unfortunately, live in Maine - thank goodness for Facetime!

In June 2021, we moved to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. We are on the water looking out across the Chincoteague Bay at the island of Chincoteague. We are still getting settled in, but love the slow pace! (Except when we need



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