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My favorite season arrived! Fall and all the colors along with football! GO NAVY!
Lots to report!

Recently, I attended the change of command for Carrier Strike Group TEN onboard HARRY S. TRUMAN. A former shipmate from my MIDWAY and Yokosuka, Japan RDML **Bruce Lindsey '82**, days assumed command of the strike group from RMDL **Kevin Sweeney '82**. The name Lindsey should ring a bell as his father, then CDR Lindsey, was a battalion officer during our time on the Severn. Bruce and I worked together on the Carrier Group Five staff during Desert Storm and afterward when the staff moved onboard INDEPENDENCE. Bruce was a LT in those days. Nice to see the Navy advancing such a fine naval officer.

There's more to the story! Bruce's late brother, **Scott Lindsey '75**, and I worked together at U.S. Joint Forces Command J9 from 2002-09! Scott and I had worked together for a couple years before I made the Lindsey connection! Well, Scott's family was at the change of command, too, so now I've met our former battalion commander's grandchildren! I had a good time telling stories about the dads!

Here's a superb note from **Ron Cornelison**: "Duke, after all these years I thought I would send in a quick update note. My wife, Cindee, and I have six adult children who have a total of nine children themselves. Oldest grandchild is off to University of Georgia this year. I retired three years ago after having sold my last company, and we live most of the year in Alexandria. We also have a home on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in Corolla where we vacation a few months of the year. I'm an avid golfer and fisherman. My driving distance has declined, the fish I catch aren't as big as they used to be, but life is very good!

"And speaking of good, well, I had a really good day today which is why I am writing this note intended for *Shipmate*. Today I had plans that got cancelled, so I thought I would check to see if there was a morning tee time available at Army Navy (Arlington). Much to my surprise I saw a 9:48 tee time under the name of **Richard Burman**. So, I showed up at the tee ... Rich was totally surprised, and we proceeded to have an uninterrupted 18 holes to get back in touch. At the end of the round we didn't have a clue what anyone had shot, we were looking for pens and paper to be able to keep in touch ... but we quickly assessed the situation and decided it was our duty to take a 'selfy' and memorialize our reunion with a note suitable for a future issue of *Shipmate*! Unfortunately, Rich (still with XEROX) shared with me that he and his wife Audrey (part of NAVSEA 04) will be moving to Mt. Pleasant (Charleston), SC this coming fall.



Caption: Rich Burman and Ron Cornelison

“As I recall, Rich and I first met through his late company mate **Al Schaufelberger**. Al and I had gone to elementary school together and then we met up again in high school – and, of course, USNA. At any rate, seeing Rich again was terrific. Over the years we saw each other professionally in the defense industry where we were both executives in a variety of companies – and sometimes we did battle over some ‘must win’ procurement. And then, of course, it was typically classmate **Bill Hoover** who would try to snatch it from our grasp!

“Cindee and I have kept in close touch with Patty and **Rick Plank**, Jane and Bill Hoover (former OBX’ers) – and we also see a lot of Sue and **Steve DiAntonio** (Steve and I both belong to RTJGC in Lake Manassas).

“My father (Pearl Harbor Survivor serving and onboard USS NEVADA on December 7, 1941) and 35 year career naval officer, sadly lost my mother January 2014. Dad, who will be 93 in January 2015, lives just a few doors down from my sister Vickey and Chris Grant near Folly Beach, Charleston, SC.

“Many of our closest USNA friends continue to be from the class of **1969** – Susan and **Billy Lewis**, Mary Jane and **CF Snyder, Reanie Worley, Tom Church**, Sue and **Joe Greene**, Donna and **Don Nash** and a slew of other grads that we see at least annually either at a Navy football game, but almost certainly at the Army-Navy football game festivities organized by **Gordon Rheinstrom**.

“Thanks to all the class officers that put so much attention to the details involved with making a lot of information available to us, coordinating class functions and keeping us apprised of significant events we all need to be aware of – and it is genuinely appreciated! See everyone at the 45th in a couple of years!! Fair Winds, Ron Cornelison '71.” A most excellent tale of a coincidental meeting and update on activities! Thank you, Ron!

Here’s a nice note from **Brian Horais**: “Hello Duke, I hope all is well in Virginia Beach. Lisa and **Kevin Dolan** and Cathy and I made a recent trip to South Dakota and Wyoming to check off some ‘bucket list’ items and to view the spectacular scenery. Included in the trip were Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, Crazy Horse Monument, Devils Tower and the Wind Caves. We even managed to stop by a little known site - the geographic center of the United States, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. A great time was had by all and the scenery was spectacular. We paused at the end of our tour of the Wind Caves in Custer Park, SD, to have our picture taken with the Park Ranger. Take care, Brian Horais.”



Caption: Kevin Dolan, Lisa Dolan, the Park Ranger, Brian Horais and Cathy Horais.

Here's another note from Brian Horais: "Duke, the recent passing of the '71 8th Company Officer, CAPT **James Jordan**, '62, (then LCDR) triggered some memories among 8th CO classmates of their daring abduction of the original wooden Tecumseh before the 1969 Army-Navy game. The statue was removed from an upper loft in Luce Hall, pirated away to a Delaware farm on a truck and then returned to the stadium and paraded around midfield at the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia in 1969. A Delaware newspaper ran an article a few days before the Army-Navy game and described the 'theft': 'His (the barn owner's) daughter, a student at the University of Delaware, joined with about 15 Middies at Annapolis in the plot to kidnap Tecumseh from Luce Hall. She convinced her father to get her a dump truck. She drove it to the Academy on Nov. 8. She parked it at a prearranged spot. Near dusk, about 15 or more Middies showed up, including her boyfriend. She backed the truck to Luce Hall. In no time at all, out came Tecumseh on a dolly. Despite its weight, at least a ton, it was lifted onto the truck and off she drove toward one of the gates. Just as she reached the gate, there was an accident. The guard thought she was a nurse headed for the accident. He gave her the green light without stopping to see what was in the truck. From then on, it was clear sailing to (the barn) in New Castle.' Many of us from 8th CO remember being called on the carpet in LDCR Jordan's office as he investigated the incident after the fact. We remember that he had a hard time keeping a straight face during his questioning and was probably more upset about the ribbing he took from his fellow company officers

than he was about the actual 'theft'. As shown in the picture below (taken from the Army Week section of the Class of 1970 Lucky Bag yearbook) Tecumseh was returned to the Army-Navy game at half time on the back of a stake-bed truck, as a good-luck symbol. The crowd loved it but Army won. Hopefully this bit of history will bring a few smiles. Brian Horais." Great story! I hadn't heard of this exploit!



Nice note from **Dave Charvat**: "Duke, I am sending you a photo of some of the 35th CO at the OSU-Navy game. **Steve Bruce** was a bit late for the photo, so we did not get him included. (It is like herding cats to get everybody into a group shot.)

"We had a great time. As you can see, I was wearing Scarlet and Gray as well as Navy Blue and Gold. I was reared as a Buckeye fan, so it was tough game for me. George is holding his hand over the OSU logo on my T-shirt. At least that is what he is claiming. I did catch a lot of grief from my classmates and their women, one of whom offered me Eggs Benedict for breakfast. However, I saw many fans that love both Navy and the Buckeyes. We all had a great time, and it was again nice to see the wonderful city of Baltimore. Dave."

George Vassos followed up with his input: "I think you should rename this photo to 'the 35th company PMW squad'. The gang just doesn't seem to capture the true flavor. George Vassos, D.M.D."



Caption: Kneeling 1st Row (left to right): Wayne Hallenbeck, Greg Heath
Standing 2nd Row (left to right): Brian Robertson, George Vassos, Dave Charvat, Bill Zapf, Hugh Strain

Nice note from **John North**: “Hello Duke, I wanted to share a great picture of 71 classmates from 29th and one from 12th CO. The occasion was a black tie affair at Del Dotto Winery in St Helena, Ca, celebrating the 20 wedding anniversary of classmate Victor **Linck**. It was a fabulous event over Labor Day weekend. Missed all of the company classmates that couldn’t attend.”



Front row:

Frank Garcia, Bill Otto, Victor Linck, Nick Kolle, Steve Wohler, Dennis Viglienzone.

Back row:

Phil Dunlap, Ralph Architzel, John North, Dave Stahlhut,

Here's a note with a request from **Fred Klein**: "Duke, I haven't written before, so it is about time. Irene and I retired down to Bluffton SC, near Hilton Head Isl. Any and all are welcome to stop by for a round of golf or to just share good sea stories.

"My purpose for writing is to highlight the Low Country Foundation for Wounded Military Heroes Fifth Annual Golf Tournament, May 18, 2015 at the Hampton Hall Club, Bluffton, SC. Each year we invite Purple Heart recipients (10 active duty and 10 medically retired) from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, to be our guests. It's our way of thanking them for their service and sacrifice. Nothing is expected of them except to enjoy the day. For those who wish to play golf, they may do so. For those who have never played golf, but would like to try, golf clubs and balls will be loaned to them and they'll receive a free golf lesson before the tournament begins. For those who would like to attend, but not play golf, there are many other activities (work-out, swimming, etc.) available to them. I request our classmates contact me to help identify interested Purple Heart recipients who would like to attend. I will gladly take any information to follow up and coordinate any chain of command needs, as required. I can answer any questions. All the best, Fred Klein, navgoat71@gmail.com." Wow, this sounds like a superb opportunity for several deserving warriors!

Sadly, we had two classmates pass away since I last wrote. **Charles "Jeff" Simpson**, passed away in Memphis on August 3rd. Jeff grew up in Memphis where he became an Eagle Scout, was President of his class, and an Academic All American football player at Overton High School. He joined us in June 1967 and although a starter on the Plebe football team, sustained a serious a knee injury that ended his Navy football career. Known to many as a jovial, happy midshipman, he was a member of the 30th Company before departing, transferring, and graduating from the University of Florida. Jeff worked at IBM in Atlanta, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In 1986 he

began working with Oracle where he ultimately became Worldwide VP of Telecommunications. Jeff is survived by his wife of 40 years, Mary.

Michael John Hoert, of Kitty Hawk, NC, passed away on August 1st, 2014. After graduating from high school in Seaford, NY, Mike joined us in June 1967; and graduated from the 27th CO. He served aboard a variety of ships where his mechanical ingenuity was of tremendous value. He was then selected for Naval Post Graduate School where he earned a master's degree in financial management. He was assigned successively to the Naval Military Personnel Command, an XO tour aboard the USS Richard L. Page, to the Joint Chiefs of Staff budget directorate, and finally to the OSD Travel and Per Diem Committee. After retiring from the Navy, Mike began a new career as an HVAC technician and was recognized as one of Northern Virginia's Tradesmen of the Year. His strongest passion was creating stained glass masterpieces. This proves to be true by those lucky enough to see his work hanging in the homes of his family and friends. Interment Services to be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Too soon it's time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health and safety in their travels. Our classmates in business and government leadership continue to need our thoughts and prayers, too. Life is precious and too short. Love, give and share your blessings generously with others. Now is a good time for us to be actively shaping the future of our great nation. There is plenty of work remaining as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide and column due dates wait for no man!

Duces Virum, Duke