

Shipmate March 2018
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The winter is coming to a close by the time you receive this column. Navy fell to Army by the thinnest of margins. Watching the game from the stadium seats it was difficult to see the penalties that led to an additional ten yards being added to the attempted field goal as time ended. However, I'm in the crowd of folks who think the kick would have gone through the uprights for a Navy win if the last penalty wasn't called! For now, I'm looking to an improved Navy team at next year's game! GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!

Speaking of Army – Navy, attached is a photo of the post-game '71 family and friends gathering at La Fournio Restaurant on South Street following the game. It's an interesting post-game gathering spot as we usually share a room with a similar gathering of Army alumni and family. My brother, Glenn, my son Michael, and my daughter Bonnie Jean with her husband, Josh Hayes, and their baby, Maverick were attended the game me! The photo was taken by a West Point grad!



CAPTION: Seated (L to R): Teri Vandover, Peggy Morris, Jean Martini. Standing (L to R): **Dave Vandover**, Joyce and **Dave Laws**, **J.T. Morris**, Glenn Longworth, **Perry**

Martini, Michael Longworth, Bonnie Jean and Josh Hayes, and **Duke Longworth** holding Maverick Hayes.

At the Army-Navy game I just happened to see **Carl Josefson**! Carl and I chatted about the Willis Tower Climb that he completed in November with **Lee Burgess**. Carl is planning other tower climbs in more cities in 2018. I promised Carl I wouldn't bag out of the climb in 2018! Here's a photo of Carl and his bride, Jean.



CAPTION: Carl and Jean Josefson

Congratulations to the great Navy Football team in their convincing 49-7 win over the University of Virginia Cavaliers in frigid Annapolis at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Navy (7-6) has a streak of 7 straight winning seasons! And the great **Class of 1971** has an eight year winning streak in the annual Bowl Game Class Challenge for donating the most tickets among alumni classes. NAAA handed out over 3,000 tickets to local area armed forces members and their families who braved the cold weather to cheer the team on to victory. The remaining donated tickets went to the midshipmen. GO NAVY!

Congratulations are in order for Admiral Tim “Timbo” Keating as he is the first Class of '71 Distinguish Graduate Award (DGA) recipient! The award ceremony is this month (March), so you likely have received notice of the exact date! Timbo epitomizes the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. Throughout his lifetime he demonstrated leadership in all his assignments, both in the Navy and in the business / defense industry. He excelled in every environment and consequently was rewarded with increased responsibility and authority. He fulfilled the “Mission of the Naval Academy” by continually demonstrating in every way the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty. He dedicated his life to a career of naval service as a Naval Aviator and leader using his keen mind and sound character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government as a combatant commander in two different theaters and, after retirement, in the defense industry and supporting government security at the department level. He is a staunch supporter of the United States Naval Academy, the United States Navy, and the nation. Well done, Classmate!

In the unlikely event you haven't received the following announcement from our West Coast Class of 71 Reunion Committee here's an update regarding our upcoming 47.5th Year Reunion in San Diego scheduled in conjunction with next year's October 28th Navy – Notre Dame game. “Our Headquarters' hotel is the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108. We have a block of rooms set aside for the three days (Thursday, 25 October; Friday, 26 October; and Saturday, 27 October). The link to make reservations is available via email – just let me know if you need the link. Start date: Friday, 29 October; first event is scheduled for Friday morning - Class Golf outing at 8am - next event won't be until 1800 Friday evening so no need to book a room for the 25th unless you are playing golf as Thursday rooms are limited.”

You can expect more details regarding the 47 ½ weekend as the year progresses! I've made my reservation I hope you will too! GO NAVY! BEAT NOTRE DAME!

Here's a nice note from **Ed Tilden**: “Duke, This is my first submission to our class page in *Shipmate*. We have a very active chapter in Columbia, SC where I have lived since retiring in 1991. We have a lot of former nuclear engineers because of the local nuclear plants. We also have five members who are from the class of 1971: me (immediate past chapter president), **Mike Kehoe** (current president, and retired financial consultant), **Don Jenkins** (fellow D&B Corps member with me, and founder of Leader's Advantage, www.leadersadvantage.us), **Chris Osier** (fellow D&B Corps member & recently retired from the VC Sumner Nuclear Plant outside of Columbia), and **Tim Kana** (our programs chair, and President of Coastal Science Engineering in Columbia, www.coastalscience.com). It isn't often the five of us are at a meeting simultaneously, so I wanted to share this picture with fellow alumni.



CAPTION: Ed Tilden, Mike Kehoe, Don Jenkins, Chris Osier, and Tim Kana.

“Check out our chapter website at <http://usnasc.org/>, and if anyone is in the Columbia area give us a shout so we can get together. Hope everyone had a great holiday, and hope we beat Army soundly.” Thank you, Ed! Sounds like a very active chapter and a great group of ‘71’ers!

In case you haven’t heard, our own **Dave Poyer** just released a new book, *Hunter Killer: The War with China— The Battle for the Central Pacific* published by St. Martin’s press. This is Dave’s gripping fictional sequel to 2016’s *Onslaught*, which continues the story arc of a war with China, finds U.S. Navy officer Dan Lenson promoted to admiral and put in charge of a task force to clear the sea lanes around Guam. Each of Dave’s books moves the story forward and primes readers for the thrills that are sure to come in future entries. Surely sounds like superb reading to me!

Too soon it’s time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health, healing when needed, and safety in their travels. Our classmates in leadership as well as those in volunteer organizations need our thoughts and prayers, too. For everything there is a season and a purpose. Today is the gift of “the present.” Life is precious and too short –love passionately, give and share your

blessings generously with others – as we are richly blessed so may we richly bless others. Remember, too, that words have the power to elevate and to destroy, so use your words carefully! Give thanks for your many blessings, especially for family and of citizenship in our great nation. As much as ever, this is the 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!

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