

Shipmate September 2018
Duke Longworth
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Fall is here! The Yard is likely decked out with fresh paint on Tecumseh in preparation for the football season. The midshipmen are busy with classes, athletic endeavors, and more! I really liked fall in the Yard! I enjoyed sailing in the fall, too! I usually have mixed thoughts about summer ending – I prefer the cooler weather, but summer typically brings more time with family and friends; however, with retirement from full-time employment looming, the entire year can be filled with family, friends, and travel! As most of us are retired I suspect you're enjoying as much as you can of all that is good! Meanwhile, GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY! And, win the conference title!

Here's a belatedly published note from **Dale "Deacon" Peterson**: "Duke, I hope the Dark Ages are treating you well. We are putting up with the rain at home to enjoy the snow in the Cascades! Not skiing as often as I hoped, but it is fun when we get up there! Attached are three photos taken at the Change of Command for VMFA 323. My son Erik, LtCol USMC, took command from LtCol Robert Tomlinson on 12 January 2018. The Marines performed superbly in the March-on, Manual of Arms, and Pass in Review. I asked the SgtMaj to pass on a Bravo Zulu from an old 'troop & stomp' guy. Semper Fidelis, Deacon." Deacon graciously accepted my apologies for not publishing his note earlier! Thank you Deacon!



CAPTION: Erik Peterson, SgtMaj Alviso, and LtCol Tomlinson



CAPTION: Deacon, the CO and his proud mother, Linda.



CAPTION: The Petersons - Kristi, Erik, Kensley, and Brennyn

Next is a note from **Brian Horais**: “Debbie and **Mike Bluestein**, Cathy and me, and **Roger Young** recently met for lunch at the TV-famous restaurant the 'Copper Penny' in Wilmington, NC. The restaurant was highlighted on the TV show 'Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives' and features the best Philly Cheesesteak sandwiches in the South. Everyone tried the cheesesteaks and can vouch for them in full. Cathy and I were visiting Myrtle Beach and drove up to meet with Roger, Mike “Blue” and Debbie in Wilmington near where they live. As you can see in the picture, the wind was blowing and it was not a good hair day. One of the participants (anonymous) did remark, ‘at least we still have some hair to blow in the wind...’” Excellent photo! Nice hair, too!



CAPTION: Roger Young, Mike Bluestein, Brian Horais

Next is a note from **Jim Gonzales**: “Duke, I hope you and your family are well and having an enjoyable summer. Just a short note to pass along that **Frank Culbertson** and his girlfriend, Michelle, were here in Denver for a few days over the weekend of 6-8 June. They were putting on one of the many regional NASA Space Camp STEM competitions for local teenagers. He pointed out that his former Orbital Sciences Corporation is now a part of a larger Northrop Grumman Innovations Systems.

I had the pleasure of having dinner with them one evening where we shared numerous Sea/Astronaut stories from the past, while lamenting that consolidation now seems to be future of almost every facet of life in America. Sprinkled throughout our dinner conversation were tidbits revealing the aches and pains of our bodies getting older----- but swearing that our minds were still as good as they were when we departed Bancroft Hall. May the remaining summer be safe and restful for you and your family. Hope to see you in San Diego in October. Best, jg.” See you in San Diego! Thank you for the note!

Terry Faust sent this note: “Duke, thought you’d like a photo of **Nick Pantelides**’ and me when I was taking my Mom out - a break from her recent hospitalization/rehab – for lunch at the Main Ingredient down Forest Drive in Annapolis. Nick looked great and it was a nice interlude from the elder-care journey ... for which many lessons are being learned for a few years from now (FOR US!). Nick’s Excellent Adventure through the many classes he was attached to, while trying to get the heck through graduation, is a great reminder of the value of perseverance (I like Galatians 6:9).



“Have also had nice visits from Margie and **Bobby Stuart**, and also with **Johnny Sattler** (with great support from Ginny) during the May-June journey to get Mom back on her feet– very much appreciated! All the best Amigo! Terry.” Excellent photo! I’m confident your mom is thankful for your loving support! Hope to see you soon.

Bob Stuart followed up with this note: “Nick, So good to see you up & around. You were in all of our prayers. I was getting periodic updates on your health from Joe Stewart. You look ready to get “back in goal”, Buddy! I was reminiscing just the other day that my very best lacrosse memories go back to the days of our Plebe Team. It was just pure fun and love of the game. We were pretty damn good as well as I recall. No stress at all except when Coach Bilty came to watch our Plebe games. Looking

forward to seeing you at the next 'Navy Lacrosse Brotherhood' gathering. Best Wishes, Bobby (Only my mother & Navy teammates EVER called me Bobby. Add Foust to that list for some unknown reason. I keep trying to hide so that Terry can't find me but he is a persistent little bugger!)

More from **Bob Stuart**: "Duke, Margy & I will now split our time between Annapolis & Charleston, SC. I found the 71 Jersey at the NAAA 'Sale of the Century'. It was last game-worn by tackle **Paul Martin '18** and now decorates my new home office. I gave away my snowblower to a neighbor! after we found our new winter digs. Already contacted the active local USNA-AA Charleston Chapter. Come visit. Best Regards, Bob Stuart." Bob, sounds like you've got the best of both worlds going for you! Hope to see you at a fall football game in Annapolis!



CAPTION: '71 Jersey worn by Paul Martin '18

The next note is a report from **John Ball**: "On July 18, five San Diego classmates attended the 12th annual presentation of our Class of 1971 Ethical Character in Leadership Award. We were able to muster classmates **Pat Kelly**, **Pat Doyle**, **Steve Comer** and **Jim Bryant**, and me. The award ceremony was held in conjunction with a hail and farewell for *USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)* at the World Famous I-Bar at NAS North Island. Before the ceremony we chatted with the awardee, LT Jenniffer Rajner, Medical Service Corps, a most impressive officer who garnered praise from everyone there who knew her.

“The Captain was genuinely pleased that we old grads were there and graciously introduced each of us. LT Rajner was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. It really was a pleasure to meet such a sharp lieutenant, and the Navy is in good hands with officers like her. I attended last year’s ceremony too, and it’s obvious that the ship does a fine job of selecting awardees. Kudos to our Class leadership who years ago conceived the idea to sponsor this annual award for a deserving junior officer aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71. We adjourned to the historic bar for reminiscences and embellished sea stories. All in all, it was a good day. We’ll do it again next year. John Ball.” Thank you for the report! We east-coasters miss attending the ceremony! Well done Shipmate!



CAPTION: Jim Bryant, John Ball, LT Rajner, Pat Doyle, Steve Comer, Pat Kelly

The family of Mark Beck has announced his memorial service for those who can attend will be at Leavenworth National Cemetery on Friday, 28 September at 10AM. The cemetery is located at 150 Muncie Rd., Leavenworth, KS 660648. There will be a reception following the service at Mark's sister house in Lawrence, KS.

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!

Duces Virum, Duke