

Shipmate January - February 2019  
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It's the "dark ages" in the Yard by the time you receive this column. Our Navy football team has not fared so well this season; however, I'm hopeful that the Army – Navy game was an end of the season victory for the Midshipmen! Here's to a much better season next year! Much to report this column!

First up is this note: "In October four classmates played in the annual Red Romo Memorial Golf Classic, a fund raiser for aspiring athletic trainers at the Naval Academy: **Perry Martini** (Class President), **Mike McNallen** (Class VP and our Navy quarterback 68-70), **Bill McKinney** (Football Team Captain our 1/C year), and **Tom O'Brien** (Defensive end at Navy, head coach at both Boston College and North Carolina State, and current color commentary on Navy Sports Radio broadcasting all Navy football games). Led by multiple birdie putts by Mike McNallen, serious deep drives by Perry Martini, steady pars by Tom O'Brien, and some great approach shots by Bill McKinney, shooting an even par our fab foursome came in 5th place among 18 teams." Sounds like much fun and some superb competition!



CAPTION: (L-R) Perry Martini, Mike McNallen, Bill McKinney, and Tom O'Brien

Here's a nice note from **Brian Horias**: "Duke, The attached photo shows Tom Jamison and me standing in front of the new steel-hulled training tall ship, the *Oliver Hazard Perry*, in Newport, RI. Tom and Ann along with Cathy and me were visiting Rhode Island in October to sample the local clam chowder and scenery. Tom and Ann live in Fairfield, CT. Cathy and I flew up from Knoxville, TN to make the visit. The

weather was great except for one day with high winds and heavy seas, but the sight of 20 foot waves breaking along Ocean Drive in Newport was truly a sight to see.” Sounds like a superb visit – waves crashing on the rocks and a new ship! Newport in the fall is top-notch!



Here's more news from Annapolis: Already having received the Distinguished Graduate Award earlier this year, our own **Tim Keating** has received another honor. At the November USNA Foundation Athletic and Scholarship Program (USNAF A&SP) meeting, Timbo was inducted as a Trustee onto the USNAF A&SP Board of Trustees. The board was founded in 1944 by NAAA as an advocacy organization to support athletic programs at Navy by ensuring prospective student-athletes were afforded an opportunity through scholarship to attend a preparatory school in the USA to help them to gain entrance to USNA. Today, the USNAF AS&P supports Varsity Sports, Club Sports, and intramural's as all are part of the USNA Physical Mission. The foundation supports over 150 midshipmen who have attended a prep school and annually sends about 60 students of all backgrounds to a wide variety of prep schools. USNA has graduated over 4,000 USNAF AS&P prep school attendees. Other '71 USNAF Trustees are **Alan Ptak**, **Dan Nelson**, and **Jim Gonzales** (not present for this occasion). Below is a photo of these four well-known classmates from left to right: Mike McNallen (Class VP and Quarterback), Perry Martini (Class President and '71 Salty Sam), Admiral Tim Keating (our only Class '71 four-star Admiral), and Mike "Heco" Hecomovich (Class '71 Brigade Commander). Nice to see our class supporting USNAF prep schools!



Here's an excellent note from **Bob Capra**: "Duke, Each year the Alumni Association welcomes families of Naval Academy graduates Killed in Action or whose lives were lost in Operational or Training related accidents. This year's event to Honor Fallen Heroes and their families who live on took place Saturday, 17 November 2018 during the Tulsa-Navy football game.

One so honored was our classmate **Mike Zurfluh** (14th CO), who was tragically killed in an aircraft accident on 2 June 1975. Family attending the ceremony from Charleston, SC included Mike's youngest son, Karl Zurfluh, and Karl's wife Sara.

Jean and **Perry Martini** attended the pre-game ceremony held in the N\* room at the stadium and then escorted Karl and Sara to the '71 tailgate where a host of '71 classmates and I enjoyed much needed quality time with the Zurfluhs, remembering, recounting and reliving stories about Mike and his life as a Midshipman. The fallen heroes and their family members were later honored on field with a standing ovation at the end of the first game's quarter.

Karl was quick to note the many stories and pictures freely shared made him feel closer to his father in ways he could not have expected. He added that he could now see more clearly the larger picture of his father's life and the impact his young life had on others. Although Mike's widow Kathie and their oldest son, Steven, were unable to attend this year's ceremony, Kathie has remained a valued member of 14<sup>th</sup> Company and recently attended our 45<sup>th</sup> and 47 ½ year reunions with her husband, David Scott."



CAPTION: Sara and Karl Zurfluh with Bob Capra at the '71 tailgate

Friends and family clad in Hawaiian shirts bid a final "aloha" Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, to **Clive Graham**, affectionately known as "Mr. Kiwanis" for his longtime volunteer work with the service club. Clive suddenly collapsed and died while talking

to some fellow Kiwanians after a club regular weekly meeting August 14<sup>th</sup>. More than 200 family and friends attended Clive's Celebration of Life. Many wore Hawaiian shirts because the Long Beach Kiwanis Club is part of the district that includes California, Nevada and Hawaii and because Clive liked the casualness of tropical garb. A somber note was sounded when "Taps" was played and guests stood with their hands over their hearts in a final salute to Clive.

After leaving the Navy, Clive, returned to Long Beach to take care of his ill father. After his father died, Clive took over the family real estate business in Long Beach. His involvement in Long Beach community activities is legendary. He served on the Kiwanis Club's board of directors, chaired its charity event, "Karing for Kids," and went to almost every event the club sponsored. Clive was especially proud of his work with Kiwanis Key Clubs in high schools and Circle K Clubs for college students.

During his 36 years as a Kiwanian, Clive received almost every award the club had to offer, from its Jess Holton Award for community service to the Eugene R. Kirkpatrick Achievement Award for his outstanding service to the Kiwanis Club. Clive had a serious side with his Kiwanis work and his real estate job. Clive and his father are credited with helping to break down segregation in some residential areas of Long Beach. Clive is survived by his wife, Dorianne, and his brother Bret Graham '74.

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