

Shipmate May 2017
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Spring in Annapolis is a beautiful time to walk the Yard. There's always excitement in the air as the Firsties prepare for the beginning of an adventure which may result in a career; the Segundo's are eager to take the helm and lead; the Youngsters are looking to make the big decision to stay Navy; and, the Plebes are happy have the year in the rear-view mirror. Spring and the adventures that waited were always "out there" and the days were counting down. I thoroughly enjoyed walking to and from Hubbard Hall for crew practice along Stribling Walk. Those moments are among my fondest memories. I'm sure you have your favorite spring memories, too! Please send those memories to me so we can share with our classmates! First up is a note from Pete Jouannet: "Duke, Betsy and I met up with Emily and Ron Hewett in Chapel Hill for lunch today and had a good time reminiscing. We both said we had not sent anything into the class for inclusion in Shipmate, but we managed to get the attached picture. We are in NC taking care of grandkids for 10 days and have used the opportunity to meet up with Ron and Emily both last year and this. Take care, Pete Jouannet.: Thank you for the note! I'm confident our world traveling classmate, Ron, showed you all the best in NC! Left side – Betsy and Pete Jouannet; right side Emily and Ron Hewett. Next is an update from the 36th Company "Fraternal Order of the Disorder (FOOD)" 11th annual meeting in Lake Placid in late February: We enjoyed a great three days of collegiality, group meals and snowshoeing in the Adirondacks. The last evening featured an improvised surf and turf dinner (delicious whole lobster, tenderloin, lobster bisque, and quahogs!) in a driving snowstorm and complete electrical power blackout. The photo below was taken in the dark with a flash camera! I would be remiss if I didn't mention the delicious meals provided by Carter Welling and Barb Naple. The assembled FOOD thanks you for your contribution in making this a most enjoyable weekend! Jan Milligan was unable to attend so he sent this note to the FOOD: M "Hey Guys, I hope you are having a great time. I'm sitting here in 70-degree weather recovering from sinus surgery but would surely rather be freezing with y'all in Lake Placid. As Steve Martin said, 'I'd rather be with you than the finest people in the world.' Enjoy the steak and lobster, and whatever else you might happen to ingest tonight. I'll see y'all next year. God bless, Jan." I can assure the readers that Jan was sorely missed as the breakfast cooking chores fell to yours truly! Bruce Gallemore replied: M "We're having a balmy year, temps in the 40-50's. Had a nice snowshoe trek through an old orchard yesterday (no casualties), and a good walk around Mirror Lake today. People are in the hot tub or napping (or both) now. The surf & turf supplies have been purchased and evening meal prep will begin shortly. Naturally, we are all fondly remembering Ron and feeling his absence at the table. Mike Trice sent us a case of marvelous premium wine, most of which is now a pleasant memory. Thanks Mike! It really is good wine. We had a change of command last night. Mark Horgan is our new event coordinator, having relieved me. We made a consensus decision to move the annual weekend to September, since most of us are out of the ski business and dry trails make the hikes a little easier on our aging joints. Mark Horgan and Sonny Naple will scout some possible new lodging options in LP this Spring, and we will reconvene here in the Fall. See you soon, Bruce." Here is a photo of the august snowshoe crew! Here's what the 36th Company attendees are doing: An update on the 36th Company attendees: Jim Barron lives in Midland VA and works part time providing training to Navy acquisition managers. Mark Horgan has retired and resides in the Boston area. Don Beaudette is retiring as director of the educational leadership program at Boston University. Don is retiring from directing the educational leadership program at Boston University this

spring, but he will continue being affiliated with BU teaching a course from time to time. He divides his time between Vero Beach, FL and the Boston area. Bruce Gallemore is nearing full retirement and living in Vero Beach, FL and Fairfax, VA. Bruce and Don frequently get together while in FL. '71: Front row: Craig Welling, Bruce Gallemore, Duke Longworth. Second row: Robbie Roberson, Mark Horgan, Garry Holmstrom, Don Beaudette, Lee Burgess. Back row: Jim Barron, Sonny Naple '71: Front row: Garry Holmstrom, Robbie Roberson. Second row: Duke Longworth, Mark Horgan, Craig Welling, Bruce Gallemore, Don Beaudette, Lee Burgess. Back row: Sonny Naple, Jim Barron.

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70 SHIPMATE • MAY 2017 71/72 CLASS NEWS Garry Holmstrom is retired and living in Bristol, RI. Lee Burgess resides in the Chicago area, caring for grandchildren and managing his successful "Highway 18" drive-in movie theater and brew pub in Wisconsin. He is a certified brew master who has replicated several 18th century English ales, IPAs, stouts, and porters with imported European ingredients. Robbie Roberson retired recently from Redstone Arsenal and lives in Huntsville AL, where on clear dry days he drives his 1998 Mustang Cobra. Sonny Naple is happily residing in Saratoga Springs, NY where he serves in his church. Sonny and Barb conduct bicycle and hiking tours in upstate NY, and Sonny teaches sailing in the summer. Craig Welling continues his work as the Director of Reactor Safety at the Dept of Energy. Our weekend included many fond memories of our company-mate, Ron Spratt who died in October, and had always been a lively presence among us. As many of you have seen recently in a class email blast, we received an important note from the Class of '73 President, Kevin Callahan. The note pertains to classmates who were did First Class Cruise on the USS CLEVELAND or USS VANCOUVER. These two ships are on the official "exposed to Agent Orange list." The link below provides a list of various medical conditions which the U.S. Government recognizes that are assumed, may have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange. (<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/conditions/>) If you were on board either of those two ships for First Class Cruise and have any of the health issues associated with any of those conditions, you rate seeking immediate health care assistance and compensation from the V.A. The best course of action is for you to contact the closest V.A. Medical Center or satellite health care office and/or a US Military Service advocacy representative for advice. We are also familiar with, and have on hand, the documents you will need to file a claim and how the process works. You can email billshort@earthlink.net for assistance with the following: (1) send you the documents; and (2) guide you on a course of action to take. Copies of the deck log and the ship's manifest for VANCOUVER sailors are also available at the '73 class website (<http://www.usna1973.com/>). This may be of particular importance for those 71ers who did not accomplish a USN or USMC career and do not have access to Tricare and/or V.A. health care. As long as you were on board either of those two ships when they were in port in Danang, Vietnam and you have the symptoms associated with the designated Agent Orange related conditions, you rate submitting a claim for health care and compensation. 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 business and government leadership continue to need our thoughts and prayers, too. For everything there is a season and a purpose. Life is precious and too short –love passionately, give and share your blessings generously with others – we are richly blessed – may we richly bless others. Give thanks for your many blessings, especially for the gifts of 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*