

Shipmate July-August 2024
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Summer is in full bloom! The mids are perspiring profusely at every formation and between classes! Quite likely there will be many WGBT red flag days which limit running, but not perspiring! The Yard likely looks lovely to visitors, but the mids think differently!

First up is a note from **Brian Robertson**: “Duke, Recently in March Margie and I went on a tour of the Peruvian Amazon. The starting point was Lima, Peru, where we hooked up with fellow 35th CO classmate **Luis ‘Lucho Alvarez’** and his wife, Quela. They took us on a tour of the Peruvian Naval Academy. A very impressive facility. There are separate wings of the dormitory for male and female naval cadets. There are six cadets to a room (bunk beds) and only have cold shower! The course of instruction is five years. It was a short visit, but great to see a fellow member of the 35th CO Brigade Championship soccer team (1970). Beat Army! Brian.” Sounds like a fun vacation. Always good to meet up with a classmate!



Alvarez and Brian Robertson

Brian’s note was shortly thereafter followed by an update from **Lucho Alvarez**: “Duke, Luis “**Lucho**” Vega '68 came to Lima and called me up. We got together and reminisced about the good old times at USNA. He would sneak my girlfriend to the Saturday tea fights at Dahlgren Hall.

Or he would escort her to the Steerage where I would be waiting for her. Regards, Lucho Alvarez.” Thank you for the timely note! Sounds like you had an excellent firstie lending a helping hand!



Brian & Margie with Quela & Lucho at the Peruvian Naval Academy

Next is a note from **Dan Tanner**: “Duke, This is belated, but we still wanted to share a couple of photos from our remarkable trip last fall that included a week in Scotland and a long weekend in Dublin for the Navy-Notre Dame game.

“We arrived in Edinburgh during peak season and the enormously popular Fringe Festival but were able to merge with the crowds to enjoy the impressive Royal Tattoo, outdoor entertainers, palaces, and museums. We joined some international companions on a couple of van tours to visit the medieval Doune Castle made famous in *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, as well as Inverary Castle (seen in Downton Abbey), and other ‘Outlanders’ locations. We took the high road around Loch Lomond, petted ‘hairy coos’, and searched in vain for Nessie at Loch Ness. We found the Isle of Skye windy, rainy, cloudy, sunny, charming and beyond beautiful!

“From Edinburgh we took the train to Glasgow, then hired an Uber to take us to Kilmarnock, one of Jeanne’s ancestral homes. There, in the midst of a bucolic setting, is *Dean Castle* (formerly, like Jeanne, *Boyd Castle*). Turns out that he was Robert the Bruce’s right-hand guy! It is somewhat serendipitous that we have purchased a home in historic Kilmarnock, Virginia.

“From Glasgow we hopped over to Dublin (my ancestral home!) where we met company-mates **Mike Greene** and Neil, **Hugh Marcy** and Karen Ogle, **Mark Cooksey** and Susan. Though Dublin was overrun with Notre Dame brouhaha, we were not daunted. We saw the sites, lifted our glasses, ate the local fare and particularly enjoyed the rugby match on Trinity College grounds since Navy triumphed! Sadly, the football performance was the reverse. But, at the stadium, we were surprised, while glancing down our elevated row, to see our Northern Neck, VA neighbors’ son-in-law, **Rowan Boucher ’96**, smiling back at us! He had flown in from LAX for the event! A great time



Figure 1 Karen Ogle, Hugh Marcy, Dan & Jeanne Hickey

was had by all representing USNA ’71! Go Navy! Dan and Jeanne Hickey.” Sounds like a most excellent adventure to beautiful Ireland! Coincidentally, Lisa and I were touring Scotland and Ireland at the same time. Beautiful weather and scenery!” Sounds like a fun adventure of touring and gathering with classmates!



Neil & Mike Green with Jeanne & Dan Hickey at the Navy-Notre Dame game Dublin

More from Dan and Jeanne: “P.S. After 25 years, we have put Smith Point Marina, Reedville, VA and our house on the market, so, if anyone with a lot of energy and love for Chesapeake Bay is looking for a lifestyle change, tell them to contact us! You are all invited to explore with us the historic mid-Bay, by land and water!” Here’s to a successful sale!

Dan & Jeanne with Rowan Boucher at the Dublin Navy-ND game



Here’s a note from **Terry Foust**: “Hey Duke! After my mom, Pris, passed in 2019 (our dad, **Jim Foust ’46**, wrestler, had passed in 2006), my sister Kathie Ingoglia and I decided to honor their memory as voracious Navy wrestling fans. They not only came to almost every home match while I was on the team all 4 years (undefeated/unscored upon ... separate story!) but continued to

support the program for decades after we graduated with match attendance and, as local alumni residents, sponsoring mids on the team. So, we decided to sponsor a table

at the annual Navy Wrestling Banquet in their name. And then COVID hit, along with other obstacles, and we were not able to attend for the intervening years until now: early April at Latitude 38 downtown (along Ego Alley!). Ginny and **John Sattler** were in attendance also - John was a stalwart on our teams and has been the leader of the Navy Wrestling Club for years, and as most know was an incredibly successful Marine. John spoke eloquently over several of the awards presented to current team individuals. **Butch Keaser '72** also attended. Butch was the '73 world champion and the '76 Olympic silver medalist! It was a wonderful time only slightly marred by memories of a very questionable home loss to Army this year, but the EIWA and NCAA results were encouraging! Attached are photos of John and Ginny and Mary Ellen and me, as well as us guys from the awesome teams of the 60s-70s. Between the three of us we won a lot of matches! Next year, BEAT ARMY! Thanks, and all the best, Terry." An excellent note with many memories!

Jim Bryant sent along this note: "**John Dalkowski**, a '71 non-grad, and his wife were in town so I gave them a tour of the San Diego Maritime Museum and then lunch at the Kansas City BBQ, made famous by the 'Great Balls of Fire' bar scene in *Top Gun*. Then to my favorite dive bar in Ocean Beach where they met some of my friends including the Kevin in the back of the picture. Kevin was in the UK Special Air Service in the 1960s, Also, John Cyr-Miquelon,



John Sattler, Butch Keaser, and Terry Faust

retired Captain Naval Aviator and my good friend Anna-Marie, who is one of the owners of Chestwick's West. Yes, Utopia, I'm a sailor with a lady friend who owns a dive bar. Come visit and I will show you around San Diego, mention my name at Chestwick's for a free jello shot." Reckon I need to visit Jim in San Diego! I'll collect on the free shot! Thank you, Jim!



John Dalkowski with Jim Bryant

Here's a note from **Perry Martini**: "The infamous dirty dozen from the old 29th Company and graduating 9th Company held an annual zoom happy hour call in April. On the call and featured in the screen shot: Top Row: **Perry Martini, Gary Washam, Dub Hay, and Bill Yocum**. Middle Row: **Tom Dalton, Don Brewer, Jim Smoogen, and**

Chuck Hiles. Bottom Row: **Bill Emslie** and **Rusty Colquitt.** Not present - **JT Morris** or **Brad Foster.** Excellent Zoom call!

9th Company Zoom call



Sadly, three classmates passed away since my last column.

Richard “Dick” Warner Taylor passed away in Spring, Texas on 5 April after a three-year battle with cancer. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering as a member of the 36th Company. Rich was a highly respected classmate who served honorably in the Navy for seven years as a Naval Aviator. A full obituary is in the “Last Call” section of this *Shipmate*.

Ray Miller passed away on Friday, 3 May 2024. Ray was a member of the 29th Company and graduated with us in 1971. There are no pending funeral arrangements. When arrangements will be passed along when known.

Ed Reeve passed away Thursday, 30 May in Jacksonville, FL from a sudden cardiac arrest. Ed was a kind and likable member of the 35th Company. He was well known for being able to recount many of the legendary stories of 35th’s plebe year in vivid detail. During first class year, Ed kept his 35th company mates grounded in seeing their way to the finish line. He took advantage of 1/c year flight instruction, our firstie cars that greatly extended liberty and leave opportunity, while staying engaged in his aerospace engineering studies. He received his wings following graduation and flew helicopters. Ed was devoted to his surviving wife, Jan. She and Ed had a long and loving marriage and happy retirement in Jacksonville. Funeral arrangements are for inurnment at the USNA Columbarium will be announced along with a full obituary when known.

Too soon, it is time to close. Please keep our classmates and their families in your prayers for good health, healing when needed, safety in travels, and strength to meet every challenge. **Today** is a gift - life is precious and too short! Love passionately, give, and share your time and blessings generously with others – as we are richly blessed so may we richly bless others. Our leadership at home, in our social

circles, and in daily routines is vital to maintaining our nation's constitutional republic. Now is the time to shape the future of our great nation as we strive for a more perfect union. There is plenty of work remaining as we increase our wisdom! Time, tide, and column due dates wait for no man!