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That's it, dear readers, the mailbag is empty. Have a great start to your summer and stay safe!

More to come. D. O.

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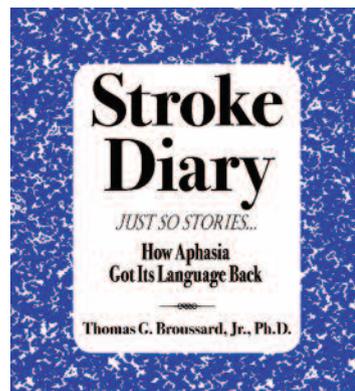
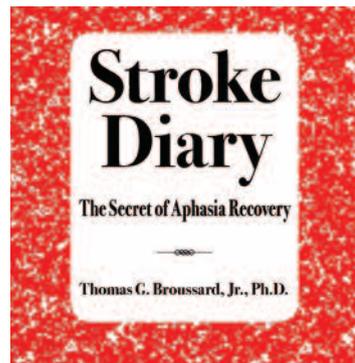
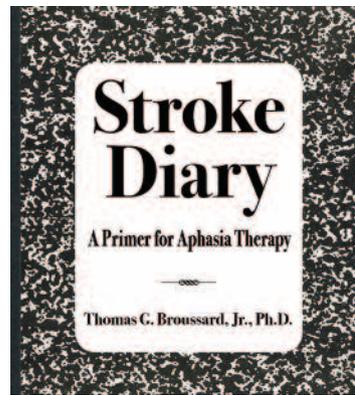
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Hi Classmates, I hope you are enjoying summer and are prepping for the 45th reunion. As I write this in March I have not heard the final plans. So you can get timely updates I encourage you to sign up for emails of class news. This is the June edition so it's time to go down memory lane and remember your first day at Navy 49 years ago!

This is the fourth edition of SHIPMATE in six months so I do not have a lot of news to pass on. The inbox is pretty empty.

The first is from **Tom Broussard** who is out with his third book *Stroke Diary, Just So Stories, How Aphasia Got Its Language Back*. The write up says it is the third and final volume of the Stroke Diary trilogy. I am not sure how many pages there are in the three books but I am confident it will keep you busy reading until the 50th!

Tom's books. A little light reading!



As we prepare for the 45th I have heard from a lot of folks who I have not seen for a while which I just love (hint). I received a terrific update from fellow 9th Companion and ex-roommate **Mike 'Doc' Gouge**:

✉ General, Here is a little news for you to pass on. I retired from Oak Ridge National Laboratory in January 2012 after working in R&D for 25 years on magnetic fusion energy research and superconducting applications for the electric grid. I was a research group leader for my last 10 years or so. I was on active duty for 5 years on the USS George Bancroft and was on reserve duty until 2002 as a CAPT EDO working

at NSYs, SPAWAR and ONR (superconducting motors for ship propulsion).

Anita and I have been married for 42 years and we have four adult children and four grandchildren (a 5th on the way):

Kevin, 40 retired last year after 20 years USN duty on submarines (enlisted) and frigates (LT surface warfare officer). He lives in Jacksonville near Mayport and works for the IRS.

Lenore, 37, CAPT, U.S. Army, with 1 year in Iraq. She lives near us in Lenoir City, TN and has been married 4 years to John with 2 grandchildren (boy and girl)

Danny, 35 and wife Nina live a half mile from us in Farragut, TN (future admiral born near here in 1804). They have been married 6 years with 2 grandchildren (boy and girl).

Tim, 29 lives in Arlington VA and works in intelligence as a government employee.

I earned a master's degree in theology from the University of Dallas and was ordained a deacon in 2007, working for the Catholic Diocese of Knoxville and assigned to Holy Ghost Parish downtown. I preach about one Sunday a month and on occasion baptize, witness marriages and conduct funeral services. We look forward to the 45th reunion. All the best! —Doc

Doc, Thanks for the great update. Susie and I look forward to seeing you and Anita soon. I am working on your Nobel Prize in Physics nomination this afternoon! A little bit of trivia. Doc and I were in the same nuke power class. I have told you before how NPS assigned seating by your academic performance. The more academically challenged (me) sat in the front and center. You can

see why Mike sat in the back right corner!

I got another great piece of news from Andy Pease:

✉ Jim,

In late February, Larry and Connie Carello hosted a mini reunion at their winter get-away on Coronado. My wife Diane and I flew down from the Bay Area (Sunnyvale) to spend the weekend with Larry, Connie and John and Rosemary Buttermore who were spending a week with the Carello's getting away from the Michigan cold weather. On Sunday, the Carello's hosted a terrific BBQ with Jim Garban and his wife Barbara, Ade Dillon with his sisters Jane and Ali (with her husband Phil Strong) and Mike Lettieri (Class of 1969). Mike was the QB coach for our undefeated Plebe football. Lots of food, drink and Navy football talk. Towards the end of the evening, with the help a bit of alcohol and some selective memory, we all agreed that we were the Mythical National Champions of Freshman College Football in 1969. —Andy

I asked Andy what he was doing now and got back:

✉ I am happily retired since August 2016. After spending 9 years after graduation in the Navy as a P-3 pilot (VP-9 and VP-31), I went into the "high-tech" industry utilizing my Computer Science degree obtained as an IGEP in 1974 from the Naval Postgraduate School. Most of that was in the semiconductor industry at AMD, Broadcom and my last stop - QuickLogic. I have remained on the QuickLogic Board of Directors and have gotten very involved in my youngest daughter's adult autism community called Sweetwater Spectrum



'73 having a great time in Coronado! Andy Pease, Ade Dillon, Larry Carello, Mike Lettieri, John Buttermore and Jim Garban. Good friends and food.

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(www.sweetwaterspectrum.org) where I was elected to their Board of Directors.

Andy, thanks for the great update and we hope to see you at the 45th.

A little admin. Occasionally I receive pictures (none of these) that are small and difficult to see. For the best pictures SHIPMATE recommends a photo resolution of 300 DPI and a digital camera or cell phone of fine or very fine. I included two copies of pictures of **Bob Hartling, Dave O'Connor, Mark Goley** and me on the skeet range. The lower resolution picture is much harder to see. I hope it comes through in the magazine but it is a pretty dramatic difference on the computer. Hope this helps and Thanks.



The same picture note the difference in size and clarity.

If you want to give to support the Class gift for the 50th reunion please contact **Dirk Mosis**. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

I am afraid that's all the news. The mail buoy has broken its mooring and the inbox is empty. Please pass on your news and stories. I hope to see you at the 45th and as always Go Navy! and Semper Fi!
—General

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Last month I ran over Shipmate's word limit. This is not an unusual occurrence, as I tend toward verbosity, and those photos reduce the total word limit significantly. Of course, last month's column contained no photos. So this month I am compelled to publically deal with three issues:

First, The Shipmate staff. Until I started working directly with them I was ignorant to their burden. I was also totally ignorant of the enthusiasm they bring each and every month to produce our alumni magazine. This seems like a good time to share with all of you how frequently they bend over backwards to assist the various class correspondence secretaries, and accommodate our special needs. Last month's column was not the first time I ran over the word limit. In fact, it has become almost a habit. But Shipmate has not called foul on me, as they could have, because they do everything they can to work with us, the alumni, to produce a meaningful, relevant and pertinent issue every month. I have thanked them many times, but I thought you all should know of their efforts on our behalf.

Second, I ran over the 2000 word limit last month because **Neil Rondorf** did double duty for us. He not only continued to keep in touch with his class secretary, he also reached out to his company (30th), and solicited comments from his mates. Nearly the entire column last month was due to Neil's initiative and coordination. Thanx Neil. I hope a few more company reps out there will take your example to heart.

And finally, I received a note from **Phil Polefrone (4th Co.)** a couple of weeks before the last issue was submitted. However, there wasn't room to include his note and photo. So I start this column with a thanx to Phil. Phil, my old Navy Swim Team teammate, and I tried



'74; Three Swimmers - Phil, George & David

to get together during my driving trip last summer, but schedules didn't work out. He is living in Maryland, a little northeast of Baltimore, but he makes several trips a year to the Naples, FL area to visit another swim team mate, **David Goulette** (30th Co.). In February he and David got together for lunch with another swim team mate, **Father George Corrigan** (27th Co.). Dave has been retired for about a year, and George has been the Pastor of the Sacred Heart Church in Tampa since 2008. Both Dave and George are avid masters swimmers, and getting up at zero-dark-thirty to go to swim practice daily, seems to be having a very positive effect on them, if the attached photo has not been re-touched!

All right. Those three pending issues properly disposed of, I find I have little more to add. As winter is lingering obstinately over most of the nation, there continues to be a continuing void in my inbox. But I have faith that spring is coming soon, and with it, hopefully, some of you will be moved to share with your class secretary the many adventures I know most of you are planning, as soon as the weather permits.

And although we're in the 14th week of winter as I sit before keyboard and monitor, and it's early June as you read your latest Shipmate, I'm sure Navy football is on almost everyone's minds. This

year's schedule begins in Honolulu against the University of Hawaii. Some of my company mates (8th Company) are already planning to attend, and we are hopeful that at least 5 or six of us will make it.

David and **Deborah Oyster** and **Jim Rucks** are definitely in. Kim and I are seriously considering going over also. I mention this because I think this may be the start of a semi-organized USNA '74 Tailgate Party in Honolulu. If anyone else is considering flying over for the game, let me know. We only have one more Shipmate issue that will be published before the game, so don't wait. Let me know right away.

And that's it for this month. Maybe the staff at Shipmate will take my word count shortfall as payback. 'Cause I owe 'em!
Big Time!!

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Dear 'mates,

On 16 March your class officers held a video teleconference to talk class business. Because of the inherent latency of *Shipmate*