

71/73 CLASS NEWS

delight! No one walked away hungry. Some even had leftovers!

"It was great to get the group together. It was also a primer for either the 47.5 or the 50th reunion!"

Sounds like a most excellent reunion!

Here's another note from

Hank Turowski:

✉ Greetings Classmates! Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you for the Reunion in San Diego, but I have been hard at work on the writing and the editing for the Class of '71 Academy Stories and the Class of '71 Navy Sea Stories books.

"Thus far I have received submissions from about half the companies of the Class, and many are outstanding tales to be sure. I am in awe at how many talented storytellers we have in '71. But, half of the Class still has not participated. Our goal is to have at least one submission from every Company in each of the books. So, I am writing this to solicit input from the missing groups: Company by numerical order - 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, and 36.

"Not all the stories submitted thus far have been heroic tales, although some certainly are. Many have been stories of humorous incidents or missions gone awry. Some have been family or classmate reminiscences. All submissions are welcome and nearly all will be published depending on space limitations. My job is to edit the stories, put them all into a coherent publishable format, and produce books that are a professional effort we can all be proud of. I am here to help. I will do the very best I can in this effort. Over the years I have made all the classic writing mistakes, and used the knowledge I've gained by my missteps to improve my storytelling and to lead several writing improvement groups.

"The criteria for submission is listed on my web site at paradigm-press.com. Please contact me if you have questions at hankturowski@hotmail.com. Go Navy! Your humble servant, Hank."

Looks like there's some more writing to do! Thank you Hank!

36th Company will meet in Lake Placid! Here's a note from

Mark Horgan:

✉ Hey, company-mates, as Spring wanes and Summer approaches it's time to confirm our plans to reconvene on the shores of Lake Placid this September. Plan to arrive Tuesday, 4 September, departing on Saturday, 8 September after three full days of hiking, boating and golf. Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you after Labor Day." Sounds like a fun time is on tap! I've marked my calendar and have started the planning for September 2019! I'll miss again this year, so I'm looking forward to the photos and the tales!

Next up is a very good idea from **Jeff Albright:**

✉ "Last fall I was desperate for a special Christmas gift for Beth and after 45 years of marriage, my brain had stopped working. So, after some serious negotiation with Jostens® I had a special mold made for a '71 Class Charm. You can see in the photo below the relative size. It will fit on a "Pandora-type bracelet" - although it is NOT a Pandora charm. Jostens' will accept orders if someone wants to order one... And just to be clear ...I GET NO \$\$ FROM THIS and don't want anything. You should be able to buy at whatever Jostens is charging for these. If there is any kind of a mark up (other than their normal profit), let me know, because that was not our agreement.

"Sorry I did not get this out sooner; however, there are many special occasions to give gifts including the 47 ½ coming up soon. Contact Dawn Braaten (800-852-9353), or e-mail address Dawn.Braaten@newellco.com. Just ask her for the 1971 Beaded Charm. Jeff Albright.

Great idea Jeff! Thank you for the superb gift idea and the legwork



71 Beaded Charm

that went into getting this arranged for us!

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of **Mark Beck**, LtCol, USMC (Ret.) who died on June 1st in Lansing, KS after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. A graduating member of 34th Company, Mark joined us on June 28, 1967 determined to follow in his father and brother's footsteps in the USMC. Graduating from Quantico High School he lived the life of a 'military brat' in CA, IN, IA, Hawaii, and VA. Mark served as 34th Company Commander, as well as summer plebe detail during both our second class and first class summers. Commissioned a 2nd LT in the Marine Corps, he was selected for flight training, earning his Naval Aviator wings in March 1973.

"During his USMC career, Mark enjoyed several challenging tours, including a three-year assignment with HMX-1, the Presidential Helicopter Squadron. He was appointed to the White House Liaison Office, and had the honor of flying both Presidents Carter and Reagan. He flew Nancy Reagan from Paris to Normandy to commemorate the D-Day landing and transported Great Britain's Prince Charles while the prince was on a diplomatic mission to the U.S. As a LtCol, Mark commanded Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. He retired from the USMC in August 1993 and settled in Lansing, Kansas near Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

"Mark will be best remembered as a loving and devoted husband and father and a cherished brother and son. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Marta, his son, Matthew Todd Beck, and daughter Adriane Beck Nada, two grandchildren, brother **Barry N. Beck '67** and two sisters. May he rest in peace."

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

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Life Membership: 59%
Donor Participation: 19.20%

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'73

Life Membership: 59%
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Hello everyone, I hope you had a great time at the reunion and were able to re-connect with everyone. The Inbox had several unreps and is overflowing with good stories and pictures! Keep those news and stories coming! I have a lot of good stuff to pass on and plenty of pictures so let's get to it!

I know you have been checking your mailbox daily for this edition of *Shipmate* and the promised input on the 28th Company Sponsored Class of '73 Annual Golf Tournament that I couldn't fit into the last edition. You don't have to wait any longer.

Dave Stacey writes;

✉ Jim, In April, we again gathered for three days of golf under the sponsorship of 28th Co. This year's *Class of 73 Annual Golf Classic* was held at Shades of Green in Disney World. Although 28th Co could field only four classmates this year, they were well-represented in the final round of scramble competition by **Joe Kriasiak**, now better known as "Top Gun Joe". Three Team Captains, **Cal Lassetter, Joe Kriasiak** and **Chuck Stevens** chose their teams in a highly orchestrated draft conducted at the Magnolia Course bar...coincidentally, the NFL Draft was held the following evening and Commissioner Goodell clearly lacked the sophisticated decorum exhibited within Class of 73 Draft, which was highly enhanced with "more than enough" adult beverages. Team Captain Joe Kriasiak demonstrated his keen and astute abilities in strategically choosing his winning team. He chose **John Ashmore** who consistently pounded his drives as much as 300 yards; followed by **Bruce Hargus** whose approach irons were deadly accurate, giving Captain Kriasiak the opportunity to "close out the hole" with single putts some of which were more than 30 feet away. The combination worked so well, they were seven under par after nine holes, ultimately finishing with a record-setting 8 under par after the round of 18. Congratulations to Team Kriasiak and all the 73 golfers."

Dave, Thanks for the news and great picture. I wish all the pictures I received were that well done!

Besides the 28th Company Sponsored Golf Outing there is one another event you can count on The Hampton Roads contingent of 9th Company sailing and racing. In May, we raced my boat Jeneral's Lady off Hampton. Crewing were **Bob Hartling, Dave O'Connor, Brian Fitzpatrick** (Class of 74 and fellow 9th Companion) and my son's Jimmy and Stephen. We had a great time and came in First in our Class!



After the big win! A Great Day on the Water. L-R Brian Fitzpatrick, Bob Hartling, me, Dave O'Connor, Jimmy Chapman. Not shown, son Stephen. Someone had to take the picture!

I received a great input from **Sean Kelly**.

✉ Jim, I thought I'd send in this picture of me with **Mike McDonough** (33rd Co, USMC) and Basic School buddy **Dan Kirk** with the Commandant (General Robert Neller) at the finish line of the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM). For the last couple of years we've been participating in the marathon MCM to honor our Dads' service in the Pacific in WWII and to raise money for the Semper Fi Fund in support of combat injured Marines and their families. I carry a \$5 bill my Dad had in his pocket throughout the Battle of Iwo Jima, Mike carries his Dad's Silver Star from Bougainville and Dan carries his Dad's Dog Tags from Okinawa. Last year I also wore the flight wings of recently passed classmate and friend **Chuck "Hogger" Peterson** (30th Co, USMC). Finally, each year we've run into and received special attention from MCM Race Announcer **Ken Berger** (20th Co, USMC). Heading back again this year if anybody wants to join us!"



'73: A great picture of the participants in the Golf Outing. Back Row Left to Right: John Ashmore, Bruce Hargus, Chuck Stevens, Keith Patten, Chris Myers, Dave Stacy. Front Row Left to Right: Joe Kriasiak, Marv Clott, Jim Campbell, Cal Lassetter, Dave Haefner.

Sean, Thanks, that's a terrific story about your fathers.



'73 at the Marine Corp Marathon L-R Mike McDonough, The Commandant, Dan Kirk, Sean Kelly,

Sean provided some input on what he has been doing. "In 1980, after my final USMC assignments in the San Francisco Bay Area (Marine Barracks Moffett Field, I&I San Jose), I settled permanently in the Bay Area (Mountain View) and eventually retired from Hewlett Packard Co. Over the last couple of years I've taken up triathlons and I'm currently coaching a triathlon club out of the local YMCA and just last April completed the Boston Marathon! Please look me up if you're in the Bay Area seankelly73@gmail.com." Semper Fi, Sean

I received the following from fellow 9th Company mate **Leif Hendrickson**.

✉ General, Enjoying this year's annual Tarpon fishing trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico in May were **Jere Carroll, Bill Marsh, Tom White, Bryant Orr, Scott Krajnik** and Leif Hendrickson along with 3 other non-73 alumni (9 total). As always, great fun, sun and fishing. The winner for the largest Tarpon this year

was Scott Krajnik — a 55 pound beauty. Scott wrestled with this fellow for about 45 minutes using light tackle."

Leif, Thanks. That's a big fish!



Tarpon fishing in San Juan. First row Jere Carroll, Scott Krajnik, Tom White. Second row Bill Marsh, Leif Hendrickson, Bryant Orr.



Scott Krajnik and his 55 pound tarpon. This fish did not get away!

I am approaching my limit so I will stop now. This has been a fun article to write with lots of news and some terrific pictures. Please keep the stories and pictures coming! If you are looking for a way to help our injured service members I encourage you to check out Operation Mend administered by UCLA. As always, Go Navy and Semper Fi! —General

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I assume everyone is enjoying their summer to the fullest, because I'm getting very little input. In this context, no news is NOT good news!

But...I have the movie *Midway* on the TV sitting beside me, a copy of "And I Was There" (about the code breakers that that provided the intel that led to our resounding victory at