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Jim Greenberg Hosts Classmates for a Day of Sailing

Jim Greenberg sent an email with a photo he took of **Henry Riser** and **Bob Stroud** aboard his sail boat, *Pura Vida*, sparring with the fickle Severn River and Chesapeake Bay winds and shielding themselves from cancer producing sun rays. After an appropriate amount of time on the water, the guys returned to Jim's and Lisa's home for an hour or so on their deck recovering and rehydrating with some **Samuel Adams**. In typical Greenberg fashion, he said that they had returned with nothing of note to report – just another day with classmates enjoying the good life.



[Photo #1 – “Bob Stroud and Henry Riser aboard Jim & Lisa Greenberg’s Pura Vida on the Chesapeake Bay”]

High School Graduation – A Good Reason to Get Together

In late May, **Dan Adams** sent an email and photo to share that he had driven over to New Orleans from Pensacola Beach to visit **Vic Farrugia** and celebrate Vic's youngest daughter's high school graduation as the school's valedictorian. While Dan's guess that Vic's daughter may be the last child of our class to achieve both honors, we still have a couple of members of what **Jim Jennings** refers to as “The Old Grads and New Dads Club” that might have progeny still in the running. The closest I could come was to watch our second oldest grandson also graduate from a private school in NOLA on the same date as Vic's daughter. While Dan's guess that Vic's daughter may be the last child of our class to achieve both honors, we still have a couple of members of the Old Grads and New Dads Club that might have progeny still in the running..



[Photo #2 – Victor and daughter/ valedictorian Isabella Farrugia with Dan Adams at Isabella’s high school graduation”]

Classmates Pay Homage to George Heckman and More

Of **Gordon Tillery’s** many wonderful attributes, he discovered early that the reasons classmates give for not being able to attend monthly luncheons in the D.C. area are stories unto themselves. Recent examples are: **Tom Vollrath** (“Broke out of our VA bubble, spending long weekend at Sebring International Raceway in Fl. Corvette’s run in the 12-hour race Saturday”); **John Hathaway** (“TYPING THIS IN AN AMBULANCE TAKING ME TO MY LOCAL ER. HAVE BLOCKAGE OF MY COLON. PAINFUL, BUT SHOULD NOT BE MAJOR CONCERN. HAD SAME ISSUE 2 WEEKS AGO”); **Jess Gatlin** (“Won’t be able to make it – on a plane to Key West for a few days”); **Joe Guignon** (“My daughter is back in the USA from her two years in Turkey. We are going to our house in Duck, NC... The class dinner in September is still a go.”); **Bob Stroud** (“I’ll be out on the boat in the Severn River with kids and grandkids watching the Blue Angels fly around Annapolis for their USNA graduation week show”); **Dave Ohle** (“Susan and I returned from Mexico a week and a half ago. Last Saturday I was up at West Point “Swearing in and Pinning on” Cassidy Shrope as a newly graduated 2LT.... Today I have a HEROES To Education meeting from 2:30 to 4:00. We will send next week to the White House a DRAFT Executive Order for the President to sign which will direct the DEPT of ED to establish the HEROES To Education Program”); **Dave Hatcher** (“Several of us from companies E-3 and H-3 are attending a Celebration of **Joe Mance’s** Life, including burial in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery Friday May 28 in Lexington, KY”); **Mike Mears** (“Can’t make this one; daughter is flying in from London with her family. Haven’t seen her in 18 months”); and **Paul Joseph** (“Driving up to Long Island on 18th, headed to **George Heckman’s** service on the 19th”). Paul followed up with an email go Gordon with a photo at George’s interment at Calverton National Cemetery, New York (the largest by acreage veteran’s cemetery in the USA).”



[Photo #3 – “Julie Heckman flanked by Tay Yoshitani and Tom Margrave, and Pat O’Keefe and Paul Joseph – all contributors to George’s Memorial Article – at George’s interment”]

Paul & Claire Joseph Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

On a brighter note, **Paul Joseph** reported that he and his bride, **Claire**, took a mini-vacation to Beaufort, North Carolina in May to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. As they prepared to leave the restaurant where they had dinner, their waitress informed them that their meal had been paid for by a couple they never met until that night. Where were those benevolent folks when we were cadets and always looking for someone to pick up a bar or meal tab?



[Photo #4 – “Claire & Paul Joseph in Beaufort, NC celebrating their 50th”]

Mike & Kathy Grygiel Host George Ziots and Celebrate Family at Three Academies

I don’t know if it was the climbing temperatures at Lake Havasu City in Arizona, but I’m sure that it was part of the reason that **George Ziots** decided to climb into his motor home and head north as part of his extended summer vacation throughout the USA to visit friends and family. **Mike & Kathy Grygiel’s** home in Richland, Washington was one of his first stops. What could be better? An old L2 company mate who lives close to a winery. So far, George is rather vague regarding his travel schedule but he reports that he’s booked through July and he’ll visit New Orleans prior to being in Oklahoma City in late September. Keep on the lookout.



[Photo #5 – “George Ziots enjoys a bottle of wine with Mike & Kathy Grygiel at a winery near Richland, Washington during George’s recent visit”]

Mike also shared a photo taken on June 27 of himself, his son, Sean (USCGA '94) and his and Kathy’s grandson, Jack, prior to Jack reporting to USNA as a member of the class of 2025. Mike reflects that Army-Navy games will be a lot of fun from now on! We wish Jack well as he enters his Plebe Summer!



[Photo #6 – “Mike, Jack, and Sean Grygiel – three generations and three Academies”]

Jerry Crawford Also Moving on

Since **Jerry Crawford** lost **Dorothy** in 2014, he has spent more and more of his time away from home exploring the country in his motorhome. Florida was very appealing to him during these last couple winters, so he ended up there for several months. He found that there were other widowed singles there with their own motorhomes and found traveling together to be fulfilling. Then, he found an interesting place in Polk City, Florida – a small house on a lake in an over 55 community that had a garage that is 73 feet long and 18 feet wide – plenty big enough for his 45 foot motorhome and a few other toys. In April 2020, he sold his house, hangar, and airplane in South Carolina and moved there permanently – except when he’s traveling... Since COVID-19 took care of a lot of travel and other activities, he too has come down with cabin fever. As part of the great American break-out, Jerry has used in lock-down time to plan embarking on a big western odyssey that will include Rapid City, Devils Tower, Yellowstone, Butte, Montana (home town prior to West Point), Glacier, Heber City, Utah, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Arches, Mesa Verde, Albuquerque Balloon Festival, and Carlsbad

Caverns, New Mexico. He promises lots of pictures to follow. He is looking forward to meeting up with classmates if anyone is traveling to those areas in August and September. After the big trip, he plans on getting back to flying and will be working at the nearby Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida next April and would be glad to see anyone who attends. His email is gecrawford68@aol.com

John & Margie Hedley Host Graduation Anniversary Gathering for Local Classmates

Since our 53rd graduation anniversary fell on a Saturday this year, it become evident to **John & Margie Hedley** that, as time passes, any opportunity to be with classmates is a blessing not to be ignored. So they put the word out to local classmates that they wanted to host a gathering of local classmates at their home on Lake Norman on that day. The invitation drew **Hank & Maggie Gregor** from Boone, **Steve & Sherry Harper** from Charlotte, **Jim & Lucille Swinney** from their summer home in Maggie Valley, and (of course) the **Gerards** who live 20 minutes by jet ski or 30 minutes by road from the Hedleys. While our numbers were slight, we found lots in common – three of four regiments represented, three from one regiment, two original infantrymen, two tankers, three poopschoolers, a practicing physician, a lawyer and judge, and two corporate VPs, – it sounded like a paragraph out of the Supe’s letter trying to explain the diversity of last year’s honor scandal – we all had much in common – we were loyal and caring classmates who brought stories of other classmates that we knew. Not to sell the distaff short, we were also blessed to have two college professors, a primary education teacher, and two caring administrators who all keep us straight.



[Photo #7

– “Infantrymen John Hedley and Steve Harper and tankers Jim Swinney and Hank Gregor with the Redleg in the rear”]



[Photo #8 – “Sherry & Steve Harper show their pride of the year Steve graduated and his cadet company”]

Bill & Cheryl Jeffries Measure Highs and Lows in Altitude

As a wrap-up to their 2020-21 (so far) adventures, **Bill & Cheryl Jeffries** referred to them in highs and the lows. As for the highs, Bill had a chance to ski Chamonix, France again – a spectacular place where he could ski at 3,800 meters and have Mt Blanc—the 7th highest mountain in Europe – tower over him. He reported that no masks were required – just guts at that altitude – lots of avalanches this year but ALWAYS spectacular skiing. From a lower perspective, Bill & Cheryl had a chance to gather all the kids and grand kiddoes down at sea level at Bubba Gump’s Seafood (with she crab soup to die for) in Virginia Beach for a birthday celebration. Bill offered thanks to all of our classmates who tuned in to the various webcasts and Zoom meetings he presented last year to discuss his book, *Chewing the Wafer: Living a Christian Worldview*. He actually recognized some of them —must have been the ostentatious rings. That book, certainly a departure from his previous adventure novels and books on leadership, culture change, team building, and emotional intelligence, is a guide to “practical Christian apologetics.” It has attracted a lot of attention, particularly from the evangelical community. Amazon and other groups normally notify subscribers of his webcasts, but if anyone would like to be alerted individually regarding future ones, or even in-person events now that some of the pandemic fear is subsiding in more enlightened states, they can always contact him at esipres6@earthlink.net. Now that all of their children are “free electrons,” after living with them for 21 years, Bill & Cheryl have sold their prairie mansion in Indiana and will be camping out with a petulant cat in cardboard boxes under overpasses for a few weeks. After the first week in July, they can be contacted at their new digs in a gated community — to keep the riff raff (e.g., Navy folk) out — in Northern Virginia, right next to the Shenandoah Trail. They will be closer to kids and grandkids as well as their numerous coaching clients in the five-sided day care center in Arlington and various three-letter agencies in the DC area. Their door will be open to all who bring any spare money, fine cabernet, and future Christmas cards. Contact Bill or me for an exact address.



[Photo #9 – “Bill Jeffries at Chamonix, France with Mont Blanc in the background”]



[Photo #10 – “The Jeffries population explosion at Virginia Beach”]

Bill Mulvey Stays Busy Outside

After I had pressed the Send button to post our last set of Notes, I checked my email and found a message from **Bill Mulvey** bringing us up to date in words. In 2014, he was inspired by **Marv Wooten** to start hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail. To hear more about the inspiration, we need to hear from Marv. Bill began that year at Springer Mountain, Georgia and headed north toward Maine. He has hiked a section each year since then except 2017, when he had back surgery, and 2020, because of guess what... This May, he hiked 85 miles on the Trail from Erwin, Tennessee, where he finished in 2019, to Hampton, Tennessee, just south of Watauga Lake. The hike took him nine days. On the eighth day of this section hike, he hit his 500-mile mark on the Trail. At this pace, he should finish the entire trek when he's 93. It appears that the reason he is lagging is that he also spends time on lionfish safari in the depths surrounding Bonaire. Five days after he hit the 500 mark on the Appalachian Trail, he and **Suzie** ensured Bonaire was stocked with Guinness and were on Delta Airline's second flight to that magical island. They were also on Delta's next to the last flight out of Bonaire in March of 2020. He ended his email with a bit of an understatement – “Great to be back.”



[Photo #11 – “Bill Mulvey at his 500 mile mark on the Appalachian Trail”]



[Photo # 12 – “Bill Mulvey on Bonaire back in the hunt”]