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### **Classmates Make the Best of Army's Season Opener**

**Jeff Rogers** dropped a note and photo to document that there were at least three classmates at the tailgate for the Army vs. Coastal Carolina season opener football game in Conway, South Carolina. Jeff & **Carl** traveled the farthest (Melbourne, Florida), while it was more like a local commute for **Dwight Lee** (Pawleys Island, South Carolina) and **Rich Carlson** (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina).



[Photo #1 – “Dwight Lee, Jeff Rogers, and Rich Carlson at the Army tailgate prior to the Coastal Carolina game”]

### **Jack Reed Took the Weight Challenge**

After seeing photos of classmates like **Tom McConnell** and **John Hedley** who dropped weight so they could fit into their blues for special occasions, or **Don Roberts**, **Keith Harrelson**, and **Larry Hart** who dropped weight (and kept it off) from their cadet days because they were no longer competing in sports that required heft, or **Pres Miller** sporting his grey jacket with its Rabble Rouser signification because he could, **Jack Reed** took up the weight loss challenge because he wanted to maximize and prolong his quality of life. Now, like Marty McFly in *Back to the Future* looking at the year meter on the DeLorean as he goes back in time from 1985 to 1955, Jack was at 185 pounds, and, went back to 155 pounds. He felt that his ideal weight was what he weighed in 1964 – he didn't say if that was before or after shower formations. So he now weighs the same as when he was 18; however, age has redistributed it to different locations. He shrugged off the cop-out “I cannot cut food intake because I love food too much,” for, “You cannot eat food when you are dead because you ate too much.”



[Photo #2 – “A lighter and redistributed Jack Reed in his cadet white trou”]

### **Jim Orahood Used COVID Lockdown Well**

When all we hear about COVID is how much weight everyone gained and how sluggish they became, **Jim Orahood** opted to do the opposite. At the beginning of the pandemic, he bought a sturdy bicycle that weighed about two pounds and practiced to highlight the motto: “You never forget how to ride.” To underscore his efforts, he signed up with a local bicycle club to Ride Across, Indiana (RAIN) – a 160-mile trek running from West Terre Haute to Richmond to be covered in one day. Upon hearing that Jim was so serious about riding, the club cancelled the race for two years. Jim kept practicing but diverted his attention to hiking and looking after grandkids. Needless to say, he has set quite an example for his family.



[Photo #3 – “Jim Orahood hiking with son and grandson”]



[Photo #4 – “Jim Orahood all decked out in riding RAIN gear and bike”]

### **Alan & Kathy Vitters Finally Celebrate Their 50<sup>th</sup> as Planned**

Alan & Kathy Vitters finally took a twice cancelled (due to COID) river cruise to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary together. The trip was from Berlin to Prague along the Elbe River. They had both been to Berlin in the early 80s so they found the changes interesting. While much has changed, much remains the same. The place where the Wall had stood is marked by tracks on the roads. They found it not surprising that they saw lots of Ukraine flags flying in the Czech Republic.



[Photo #5 – “Kathy & Al Vitters at today’s Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin”]

### **Rhodes Families Reunited After Three Year Lockdown**

From late July to early August **Ray & Mary Jane Rhodes** went to Thailand to visit their son and his family who just moved there from New Zealand in June. Their son is currently the Director of the Land Operations Directorate in Joint US Military Advisory Group Thailand and on the O-5 list (promotion scheduled for next May. Ray & Mary Jane had not seen the family for over three years as they were stationed in New Zealand and the Kiwis wouldn't let outsiders into the country. Their three grand kids are five, seven, and ten, so they really missed seeing them in person. Thank goodness for Facetime!



[Photo #6 – “Mary Jane & Ray Rhodes at an elephant park in Thailand with their son and his family”]



[Photo #7 – “Mary Jane & Ray Rhodes with their son and his bride for a little grown-up time in Thailand”]

### **A-3/G-3 Classmates Bid Farewell to Mike Murphy**

Marvelous **Marv Markley** reported that he joined A-3 classmates **Bob Beahm**, **Jon Gardner**, and **Bill Higgins**, and G-3 classmate **Dave Ohle** on a humid day in mid-July at Arlington National Cemetery to attend **Mike Murphy’s** funeral. As firsties, Dave and Mike were in G-3 and in C-3 Yearling and Cow years, they were in C-3 and A-3 respectively. Since Dave, Bob, and Bill live in the DC area, they didn’t have to travel too far; however, Jon lives in New York and Marv has established roots in Louisiana, so more extensive travel plans had to be made. This was Marv’s first visit to Arlington and he was rightly awed at the location as well as the over 100 attendees at Mike’s service.



[Photo #8 – “MM Markley, Bill Higgins, Jon Gardner, and Bob (Moon) Beahm in a traffic jam at Arlington National Cemetery for Mike Murphy’s funeral service and interment”]

### **McCauleys Making Do With the Weather**

Although **Bill & Cindy McCauley** live in Miami and have been blessed with not even the slightest threat of a hurricane, they've had more than their share of intense tropical sun. They're mobil enough to leave the tropics to the tourists and enjoy breezier shores further north.



[Photo #9 – “Bill & Cindy McCauley at a beach with dunes, grass, and shade”]

### **Bodenhamer Progeny Follow in Dad’s Footsteps**

As soon as **Julia Bodenhamer** got home in mid-August from her and **Jim’s** son’s promotion ceremony at the Army Futures Command in Austin, Texas, Julia shot an email with picture off to us. Jon was promoted to Colonel and currently serves as the lead Science and Technology (S&T) Analyst and S&T Branch Chief in the Science, Combat Systems Integration Division (CSID) of the Army Futures Command. As you can see the ceremony was a fine tuned and coordinated affair with Jim, Julia, Jon’s bride, and their kids all participating in the pinning portion of the ceremony.



[Photo #10 – “Proud parents, Julia & Jim Bodenhamer with son Jon’s bride and kids participating in either a promotion ceremony for Jon or a rugby scrum”]