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### Three Generations of Joseph

**Paul Joseph** took some time off from honoring classmates and looking after their families to pump his own chest up and share his joys of family life. He sent along a photo of his son, John, and his son's son, Jack. Paul was a spectator to see his son carry on a running tradition and finish the Baltimore Marathon a couple of weeks ago. John ran the marathon for a Johns Hopkins "Pacing for Parkinson's Team" (note his T-shirt). The team ended up raising over \$43K in charitable contributions to fight that disease. Another notable trait passed along. Paul's photo with Jack was part of a ninth birthday celebration in September.



[Photo #1 – “Proud Dad, Paul Joseph with his son – a new runner in the family”]



[Photo #2 – “Proud granddad Paul Joseph with his awesome grandson”]

### A Meeting with Gil Tijerina

While enduring delayed flights and crowded planes from the East Coast to sunny El Paso for Barbara's high school reunion, we made it a point to seek out our old Leavenworth, Purdue, and Stony Lonesome neighbor and fellow TAC, **Gil Tijerina** and his bride **Susan**. They live in

the east part of town in an area that we would have never thought existed back in 3<sup>rd</sup> ACR days. Both are semi-retired – Susan from real estate and Gil from education, computer science, and a credit union board. Both are still involved with their church activities. Recently, Gil has been contacted by some soldiers who had served under him in Vietnam when he was a company commander. They discovered that the awards earned during fierce action that Gil had put his troops in for never made it through proper channels and had apparently been lost. For Gil – a leader who knew and loved his men – this is a catastrophic situation and he is spending most of his time coordinating with soldiers of long ago to piece together who was there when and what they did during the fighting. He is reaching out to various veterans organizations and the Veterans Administration to correct this overdue miscarriage. If there is anyone that can get these soldiers their due, it's Gil.



[Photo #3 – “Happy Gil Tijerina with his bride, Susan”]

### **Class Was Well Represented at the October Army vs. Wake Forest Football Game**

Despite some occasional surprises, the Army Team is still Wake Forest's homecoming whipping boy – and an excuse for classmates to gather for some fellowship. Rabble Rouser emeritus (but still dapper and fit) **Pres Miller** teamed up with his bride, **Clem**, to talk their daughter's family who live in the area into going to the game and gave a firsthand account. Apparently the highlight was the pregame tailgate. The first 5 minutes of the game produced some hope that ended abruptly with a fumble inside the Wake Forest five yard line. The rest, Wake 45 Army 10, is history. The Army crowd – led by **Joyce Hansen** – was loud and supportive throughout. High rollers **Dale & Joyce Hansen** and **Dave & Suzanne Martin** traveled south with the Army “A” Club elite while the Millers visited family. Walking from the tailgate party to the game they ran into **Steve & Mary Frushour** and grabbed a quick photo with Steve. While the evening was chilly and the game disappointing, the time with Classmates was a wonderful surprise.



[Photo #4 – “Dave & Suzanne Martin, Clem & Pres Miller (plus daughter and grandkids Ashley, Evelyn and Patrick Perrott), and Joyce & Dale Hansen



[Photo #5 – “Steve Frushour and Pres Miller while they could still smile at the Army-Wake Forest game”]

### **Classmates Bludgeon Paper Targets**

First class reporter for the DC area, **Gordon Tillery**, dropped a note to relate that he joined **Lee Outlaw** and **Bub Younts** to take advantage of Bub’s membership in a local shooting range near Ft Belvoir, so they could try and damage some paper targets using their class pistols. Bub’s shots were all target center. Many of Lee’s were too. Gordon (you can’t spell artillery without Tillery) pistol whipped his targets and signed up for remedial aimed-fire training.



[Photo #6 – “Lee Outlaw, Gordie Tillery, and Bub Younts ... each holding his replica M-1911 Class Pistol. (Note Bub’s license plate)”]

### **News From the Colorado Contingent**

In late September, **Larry Stevenson** dropped an email from Colorado and non-hurricane country to report an out-of-sequence lunch to welcome **Bob Clarke** back to Colorado (even if only for a week as he and **Annaliese** were doing some summer travel). As you can see from the photo, the gang was enjoying totally healthy dishes cleverly disguised as burgers, fries, and fish ‘n’ chips. **Bob Hensler** commented that the gang laughed so much that they drew stares from adjacent tables. One gent came over to their table and asked them if they were Academy grads and they answered yes, but not AFA. He was USAFA '76 and had been a helicopter pilot and is currently a LTC in a command billet. He volunteered to do extra duty supporting the Florida Ranger Camp. The Colorado gang then lavished him with praise recalling how the AF crew chiefs would hand out pogie bait to starving ranger students! **Gary Halstead** reported that he & **Patti** are both doing great at their new retirement living digs and a sizable group (~10) of classmates had lunch with Gary’s Ranger buddy, **Robby Robinson**, and **Lynne** at his VA room. They drank a beer, ate sandwiches and generally just yucked it up. Robby is doing better, was sitting in a wheelchair and seemed to really enjoy all the fun. Lynne has strained her back

learning the transfer skills for Robby. He waited four months for a special electric wheel chair and when it arrived it didn't fit... Lynne is working on preparing the house and buying a minivan for mobility but is not expecting him to be released from the VA facility until sometime into next year. Gary & Patti further added that they are looking forward to sharing their and everyone's lives at our reunion next spring.



[Photo #7 – “Bob Hensler, Tom Martin, Larry Stevenson, guest of honor Bob Clarke, Joe Henry, Chuck Jones, Gary Halstead, and Don Johnson welcoming Bob Clarke back to The Centennial State”]

### **B-3 Classmates Gather to Celebrate Their Brides' Birthdays**

Last month, **Marty & Barbara Bowling** met **Allan Crecelius** and his bride, **Sandy Comrie**, at a nice rental home on the ocean in the Poipu Beach area of Kauai for an eight day celebration of Marty's and Sandy's birthdays. Prior to joining Allan & Sandy on Kauai, Marty & Barbara rafted the Salmon River in Idaho for five days and camped out under the stars. They then went to Alberta to hike in the Banff National Park and the Jasper National Park. Marty shared that since author Michael Crichton frequently visited Kauai, when *Jurassic Park* was being filmed, he selected the botanical gardens near where they were staying to shoot some scenes. A photo taken by their guide at the gardens had a mitten with a dinosaur head which the guide held it in front of the camera. The Bowlings played along by acting scared. In addition to touring and celebrating, both couples had enough time to relax and sample soothing scenes, and tasty food and drink.



[Photo #8 – “Sandy Comrie & Allan Crecelius with Martyf & Barbara Bowling at their villa on Kauai



[Photo #9 – “Marty & Barbara Bowling falling into the Jurassic Park portion of Kauai”]

### **Speaking of Hurricanes...**

**Charlie & Deanne Beckwith, Bob & Carol Fabrey, and Dwight & Donna Lee** all have homes at Pawleys Island, South Carolina – ground zero for Hurricane Ian – and reported that the deluge of weather correspondents wearing L.L. Bean rain slickers and carrying inverted umbrellas overhyped their reporting. Dwight did whine that, two days after the storm, the golf course was still squishy.

### **Wallaces and Merriams Make the Bordeaux Region (sort of) Ground Zero**

In Mid-September, **Peter Wallace** and his bride, **Barbara** hosted **Mike & Eleanor Peters** at their home in the Bordeaux region of France. While they were sharing great fun, **Jock & Malena Merriam** were in the same area for Jock’s scheduled participation in the 2022 (rowing) Masters World Championship in Libourne – near Bordeaux and the beautiful and old village of St Emilion (where they stayed). Jock modestly reported that he was slightly faster than in nationals a few weeks earlier but middle of the pack at the end (16 out of 32). He grouched that some of the old guys he was competing against are still fast. For a summary, tune into: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpZLgdTyEtM>.

After that, the Merriams were supposed to hook up with the Peters and **Bill & Jane Bachman** for a river barge (that would fit three couples and use many bottles of wine for ballast) cruise. Unfortunately a lack of river and canal water axed the cruise – Peter reported that the Rhine was down to 40cm and one could easily walk across the Loire – great weather in the summer of ‘44, but not so great for today’s tourist industry. The Peters went home and the Bachmans scratched the trip all together and didn’t even show up. With the barge trip off, Jock & Malena decided to pull a cadet improv move and go see parts of Europe that they had never seen. They rented a 6-speed stick shift (new) Fiat 500, and took off for points south. This adventure brought back great memories for Jock of a Merriam-(**Jack**) **Swaney**-Bachman 1966 swing in a Seat 500 from Madrid to Valencia while on summer leave. Having never set foot in Portugal, Jock & Malena pulled a six-day sojourn out of the hat and had a really great run through Basque country – stopping twice along the Bay of Biscay and then on through Porto, Cascais and finally Lisbon. Once they got home Jock opted to take a Tanqueray Martini in hand, celebrate his birthday, and forego hard training for a while.



[Photo #10 – “Jock Merriam – setting records and reliving dreams”]

### **John & Frances Dallen Document Travel Up the Coast from Charleston to Virginia**

**John Dallen** normally doesn't blog his and **Frances'** road trips around the U.S., partly because writing a blog and organizing photos after each day's drive takes energy that, at 76, is sometimes lacking— especially if they've had a great dinner. He compromised for this trip by organizing several of his-many photos into an “after action report” rather than post to his blog. For those of you who normally access his blog via Facebook, you can see the "report" via this link: [https://1drv.ms/b/s!AprxJyAB0jo5hq1ULzpIONpR1\\_aJrQ?e=SaCu4w](https://1drv.ms/b/s!AprxJyAB0jo5hq1ULzpIONpR1_aJrQ?e=SaCu4w)



[Photo #11 “John & Frances Dallen at Fort Sumpter”]

### **Lee Norton on the Mend After (More) Surgery**

Fifty-two years ago in Vietnam, **Lee Norton** bent over to show his troops how a real police call should be done, and fractured a vertebra and had to undergo surgery. Earlier last summer, he once again bent over to pick up something off of the floor and it happened again. Fortunately, he had an ex-Army doc operate on him. Judging by the absence of pain, he did well! He is thankful for **Judy** to help and cheer him along while he is currently working on regaining stamina, strength, and calling attention to others of miscellaneous items on the floor. The photo of him prior to surgery reminded me of our class Caribbean cruise 25 years after graduation when we mooned Cuba and **Stott Carleton** declared one evening meal “Animal Night” and we all traipsed into the ship's dining room wearing shower caps and passed all eating utensils off of the tables. He looks forward to walking into the reunion in May.



[Photo #12 – “Lee Norton reliving a nightmare”]

### **Dick & Kathy Shipley on the Rebound**

For those of you who didn't know, **Dick Shipley** spent the last two years of lockdown in dire straits. After his and **Kathy's** return from the class Baltic cruise and side trip to Normandy, he was tentatively diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and lost over 50 pounds before undergoing a Wipple (look it up if you care to) procedure that left him with no energy and unable to get on with life. Their only touch with any semblance of interaction was through the generosity and caring of **Bob & Carol Shimp** who welcomed them into their home in Houston when the Shipleys would travel to MD Anderson for intensive treatment. With Kathy as the family head cheerleader, Ship is finally rallying. His bastion for years has been their remote compound in northeastern Washington where he could rest, recharge and enjoy nature. His medical condition and severe lockdown rules have kept the Shipleys away from this cherished charging station until this last summer. To ensure that he wouldn't have too much rest, Barbara & I ventured to their peaceful Washington estate on Deep Lake to take in the scenery, consume as much of their adult beverage larder as we could, and report – first hand – on Ship's progress. Progress is good. He has a new boat and has been able to open up the compound from last winter and close it down until (maybe) a quick trip to celebrate the New Year with local friends.



[Photo #13 – “Dick Shipley back on the high seas of Deep Lake, Washington with Barbara Gerard and Ship's prime cheerleader, Kathy”]

### **Jim Thome Receives “2022 National Career Service Award”.**

The American Handball Associates presented its “2022 National Career Service Award” to **James J. Thome Sr.** Jim has been actively involved in team handball (the Olympic sport since 1972 called internationally just Handball) for over 50 years. He has been a player, coach, administrator, Vice-President, Board member, etc. He was selected to staff positions in both the 1984 & 1996 Olympic Games and participated in three Pan American Games. Most notably, when assigned to West Point, Jim founded the Men's Team Handball Team in 1975. He coached the team for 6 years (2 tours) which has gone on to become the most successful and dominant

college men's team. Also, he founded the Women's team in 1976 which has also been very successful. In 2000, the West Point Men's Team Handball Program honored him by establishing the James J. Thome, Sr Leadership Award given to the cadet who best displays leadership on and off the team handball court.



[Photo #14 – “Jim Thome receives this year’s American Handball Associates National Career Service Award”]



[Photo #15 – “Jim Thome pictured with four players he coached that attended”]