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CDR Francis M. Meredith, USN (Ret.) died on 14 February 2007 in Newport, Rhode Island. He was from West Virginia and was a member of the 11th Company. Frank’s long Navy career was highlighted by service in submarines. He is survived by his devoted wife Ann, a son and daughter, three step daughters, and ten grandchildren. A celebration of life service was held on 24 February 2007, with burial in Middletown, Rhode Island.

George Brainerd (16) attended representing the Class.

The next Shipmate issue (June-July) will not hit the mails until late June. There will be reports on the ‘59 Spring Golf Outing in Williamsburg in April, a combined ‘58 and ‘59 luncheon in Arlington on 29 March, and the next meeting of the 50th Reunion Committee. Let me hear from you out across the country for this issue.

Rise and Shine, —Tim

reflective of our heritage. There were lots of stories of babies arriving, a few marriages, an engagement, new duty assignments, civilian employment for many, graduate school at Monterey and in the Ivy League, Class gathering for the Army game, and even of a step-son of Bert Settle (15) in the Class of ’71.

It was a time of high intensity conflict in Vietnam, and 1967 columns highlighted four of our many Classmates serving on the firing line. Don Witt (20) was killed in action during an enemy recoilless rifle attack during riverine operations south of My Tho. Gary Findlay (10) was recovering at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, from numerous injuries sustained from ejecting at 300 feet after his F-100 was shot down south of Saigon. “JP” Jackson (16) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat ‘V’ as an advisor to the RVN Navy’s river assault group during ten major combat operations and numerous patrols. Jack Seeburger (17), who had transferred in 1963 to the Marine Corps after being commissioned as a Navy Supply Corps officer, completed a combat tour as a company commander with the 7th Marines.

Thanks to Frank Young (12) for providing the archives to support this flashback.

In Remembrance:
Once again the Class has been visited with very sad news. We have learned of the deaths of two more Classmates.

MAJ Prescott Newman Shinn, USAF (Ret.) passed away of natural causes on 27 June 2005 in Satellite Beach, Florida. He was from Minnesota and was a member of the 5th Company. Scott was a pilot who served as a “Raven Forward Air Controller” during the Vietnam War. He continued his flying career in commercial and private aviation. He is survived by his beloved wife, Susan, daughter Kristen, two sisters, and two brothers. Scott was interned with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on 30 September 2005.

From Ed Clexton (10) to Gil Hansen (5):

“Gil, I saw your picture and name in this month’s Shipmate article about grads who teach. Congrats! Ed

It was good to see Gil, my plebe year roomie, looking great in the article on Alums teaching the future generations.

—Bill

From Jack Shaw (2):

“The primary hotel for the 47 and a half reunion in San Diego on 4-6 March 2008 is full. The next closest hotel, which is about a five minute walk, is the Island Palms, a Best Western Hotel. In order to get a rate like we got at the Kona Kai, we must sign a contract. So please let Jack Shaw, jschmidt@aol.com, phone 619-437-0687 (H) or John Schmidt, jschmidt@
“Members of the Class of ’60 were well represented at the USNA AA Williamsburg Chapter’s January dinner and speaker event. Dr. Robert C. Powers (8) moderated a lively discussion following his remarks on “A Strategic View of the Islamic-Fascist War”. The premise of his talk was that the current debate over Iraq is shallow and that you cannot choose a correct path without taking a “strategic perspective”, something many “loud voices” don’t have. Bob is one of us “Super Sixty” guys… served in Viet Nam, commanded a destroyer, a destroyer squadron and SWDG. Dr. Powers earned a Master’s Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University and a PhD in World Politics from Catholic University. He has extensive Middle East knowledge and has written several books on the region. Upon retirement in 1987, Bob founded Policy and Technology Planning, Inc. (POLTECH) and was President for four years. In 1991, POLTECH merged with GLOBAL ASSOCIATES, LTD. where he became Vice President. In 1999, GLOBAL was sold to EDO Corporation. Dr. Powers joined the JOINT ADVANCED WARFIGHTING PROGRAM at the INSTITUTE FOR DEFENSE ANALYSES (IDA). He left IDA in 2001 to join the faculty at OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY (ODU) where he managed long distance learning programs in Engineering Management. He left ODU in 2003 to begin consulting with NAVY SPECIAL WARFARE Programs at Little Creek, Virginia. In 2005, Dr. Powers founded POWERFUL PUBLISHER LLC, a small publisher of novels and books. His latest of eight books, Warrior Obsession: The First SEAL, is a fictional novel based on the true-life adventures of Jack Taylor, recognized by Navy SEALs as the first Sea-Air-Land Commando, winner of the Navy Cross for heroism. Ed Clexton (10) says “I recommend it to all who like war stories.”

I also spoke to Gaeton Long (3) and he escaped damage as well and was spending time helping out with the local Red Cross outfit.

Excerpts from Ed Clexton’s (10) note concerning class stuff:

“Dear Classmates, it’s 2007, so it’s time to kick-off the Class LINK Project, to get max participation, aiming at a Quality 50th Anniversary Book and DVD for our 50th reunion. Most of this is ‘for your info’ now, but there is a Bottom Line Needs paragraph at the end.

We have been forming a team to produce a 50th Anniversary Yearbook. We are calling the project LINK to ‘link’ it with our 1960-2010 Another Link in the Chain (our sponsorship of the Class of 2010) program and our own linkage together for the past 50 years.

Mark Golden (6) has taken on the role of Editor. Bob McAfee (23) will be compiling electronic photos from YOU and Warren Hahn (5), in a parallel project, will be putting together a CD/DVD of selected photos and videos, which could also be included in the LINK book.

The Company Reps will play a key role in getting Company-mates to submit their bio and photos. The main section of LINK will be classmate pictures with the original Lucky Bag photo and a more current photo of each classmate with your bio, by Company.

To aid the process, Richard Harper (7), has taken over as Class Webmaster and is in the process of upgrading our web page to facilitate submission of pictures and bios on-line.

Others who are helping, so far, include Bob Towle (8), LINK Treasurer, and Justin Wickens (18) and Chris Thomas (23) will add the lighter side with their art work - they call it cartoons - but watch out! They can bite!

Mark needs and is looking for more helpers, so if you would like to help,
please contact Mark at navysubs@earthlink.net. Mostly, we need your participation to ensure that we have the broadest coverage possible. You will be asked to submit a brief bio and a more recent electronic/digital photo of yourself (it may include family or whatever else you would like – ’56 Chevy you still have, hole-in-one plaque, 100 lb bass, pet parrot on your shoulder saying “Arrgh!” etc. but make sure you are in it!). For other than the bio pages, we encourage you to go through your old pictures to find pictures of classmates and families (NOT just ships and airplanes or guns and rockets). Send any that are digital to Bob McAfee (23) and send (old) hard copy photos and/or slides to Warren Hahn (5) at: PO Box 320143, Tampa, FL. 33679. He will return them to you if you send a self-addressed, stamped, return envelope with the photos. LINK and/or the CD/DVD will include photos/videos of the following time periods and/or classifications: our academy years, the first 10 years, the middle 35 years, the last 15 years, warfare specialty, reunions, family, etc. If you have videos of related topics and events that could also be integrated into the DVD, contact Warren (wghahn@hahneng.com). You may, hopefully, shortly, also be able to put them on the Class website where they can be seen by all and downloaded by Warren. All photos/videos must include a general description (approx. date, event, location and list of those shown in the photo/video).

We hope to include up to 2000 photos thereby producing a 1-1/2 to 2 hour CD/DVD. The CD/DVD is expected to become available for mailing before the 50th reunion. Photos from the 50th reunion will be added to an updated copy for those desiring it. Inminent Key dates for the LINK project are:

By December 2006 – establish key staffing positions and organization.
During 2007 – collect general photographs of groups of classmates/events within the date categories above for LINK and Warren’s CD/DVD.

Bottom Line Needs:
1) All interested helpers contact Mark Golden (6) at navysubs@earthlink.net.
2) All Hands! Start perusing your old photo albums and 35 mm slides now. Send digital photos electronically to Bob McAfee (23) at Bob@Boltronics.com and send hard copy photos or 35 mm slides to Warren at the address above.

He will return them – see above. Managing the receipt, storage and editing of enough photos and videos to produce a 2000 photo production is an awesome task and must be started now.

Please note that there will be more information as the process proceeds closer to the 50th.

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Summer is coming soon. Lots of inputs! Let’s get to it!
THE LATEST NOOZE.
Raese “Suitcase” Simpson.

Als, back from Antarctica, courtesy of our Alumni Association, International Expeditions, and a bit more than a few thousand dollars!! I even survived 2 weeks in close quarters with our Class scribe, Roger Onorati – it made me realize what Judy has put up with all these years – GOOD SHOW, JUDY!! Roger brought the single malt and since I arrived a day early, I managed to scrounge up a dozen or so Cubans. We had a day tour in Buenos Aires, a nice dinner, got our stuff reorganized, found a missing coat, and were good to go at first light. One can only describe the trip as magnificent, awesome, and any other adjective you might want to use in describing such an out of this world experience. Albatross, penguins and seals were in abundance. Even large numbers of whales showed up. The ice was large, magnificent, and beautiful. We were small and insignificant by comparison, so much so it left one speechless. One only needed to contemplate the awe around us. I even attended Mass on board with Roger and all the good “sappers” (unfortunately, I don’t know if I converted any!). Whalers Bay (Deception Island) has some, not erupting, volcanic activity. If you dig down into the beach sand several feet, it will actually burn you fingers. The crew dug a hole in the sand and essentially created a hot tub! Of course, the wind was blowing at 30 knots and the temperature was around 35 degrees. About half of those hearty souls ashore had on swimming suits under their foul weather gear, and proceeded to cautiously strip to enjoy the warm water. Roger, having preceded me to the location decided it was again time for ’61 to take the lead and jumped into the waves of the Weddell Sea!! (For you navigators, we are south of the South Shetland Islands, south of the Drake Passage, we passed ice bergs on the way in, and the water is COLD!!) Roger then swims his usual mile and heads for the hot tub! Just kidding, his dip was quick, but to his credit he did it twice since the onlookers weren’t ready with their cameras for his first dive. Yours truly did it once, but I did swim the mile right along with the Leopard Seal!

The staff guiding our group was outstanding. They were smart, articulate, and the youngest group of PhD’s I’ve seen together in one location. One little gal about 30 years old...Roger dubbed her “Shorty” ...with a PhD in penguins had spent a winter in Antarctica with the Australian Expedition. Needless to say, we learned a lot from this group. Our ship, the Polar Star was a (90 passenger) converted ice breaker. The food was great, and for an ice breaker, the accommodations were excellent. Roger said he didn’t hear me fart once – goes to show you who is losing there hearing!!

Bob Hoag.

First, let me start off by saying your column in the Jan/Feb issue of Shipmate was absolutely great! It’s been a long time since I contributed to our class column, but as I promised at Reunion (though later then I expected) here goes. I’m going to cover a couple of years.

For the last 5 years I’ve been a Blue and Gold Officer, and it’s been one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve ever had. Since this year’s “recruits” will join the class of 2011 (our “Link in the Chain” class) it’s especially meaningful to me that I already have 2 appointees with the possibility of 2 more. I might also add that Jack Barfield’s son Jay has received an