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CLASS OF 1948 SHIPMATE COLUMN

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This is written as the Dark Ages take hold in what is thus far a mild winter in these parts. That will change. This month we are sparse on individual news items. The limitations on column size which have been the subject of much discontent among the Class secretaries should not be a problem this month.

Paul Corrigan is pushing his novel, "Last of the Aerial Gunfighters", and has been hustling around trying to get his book into the PXs. As I reported several months ago, it is an excellent read and it's well worth picking up the paperback. He and Nancy have relocated to Surprise, AZ, 35 miles west of Phoenix. From his Christmas card he reports:

"It was a big move for us, but we got away from the Florida humidity and the rich overbearing snowbirds. We have them here as well, but not as many, and most are on the other side of Snottsdale (the local word for Scottsdale). Had a great weekend at Luke AFB exchange, sold 100 books with more to go. The distributor for the Army and AF exchanges is great and very supportive. Wish I had the same support from Anderson News that supplies the Navy. I did a good book signing at NAS Jacksonville before I left. They had never heard of my book, nor did the Anderson agent, though he had it in stock. Saw Jim Welsh's book review in Shipmate and read it. I hope to have a review, too, in the next Shipmate."

It is neat to remain young and springy. Paul describes their Arizona house-hunting with a visit to the Valley of the Sun. "Nancy had done her homework on the web prior to the visit so we

were a jump ahead of the game. In a week's time we bought 2 houses, designed 2 pools, did the interiors, and finalized on our house, with the great view of the White Tank Mountains, and the overhead roar of the F-16s from Luke AFB. We hadn't even listed the house back in Venice, but upon return we sold it the same day, packed and were gone within a month."

The Washington area 14 January luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club included six 24th Company midshipmen, the Company officer, Lt. Mike Hollenbach, and the new Company senior enlisted, Chief Aviation Machinist Bob Coats, who has seen a lot of service in P-3s. The Company Commander, Jim Colgary, 1/c Matt Lukevics, 2/c Eric Shuey (football team punter), 2/c Abby Brandon (4.0 mathematician), youngster Wes VanDorn, who lunched with us last year as a plebe, (He wanted us to know he is still on deck), and plebe Bill Cicchillo all were delighted to escape Bancroft Hall and lunch with us. Mingling with the mids were the Balls, Moores, Carruths, Deeleys, Stacys, Shockeyes, Reeds, Tony Duncans, Harkins, Morgans, and Bartows, plus singles Ghormley, Andrus, Corley, Welch, Borlaug, Sisson, and Olson. The mids were hungry, and showed an easy charm. After lunch Lt Hollenbach briefed us on how the Company is getting on in the annual Brigade competition, introduced Chief Coats, and each mid had a chance to say a few words. As before, the 24th Company midshipmen leave no doubt that the Academy is in good hands, and that they have great pride in their Class, their Company, the Brigade, and the Naval Academy.

I am sad to report that Roy C. Anderson, 21st Company, died of in his Key West home on 14 January of cancer, which had invaded his body extensively since late last summer with no previous symptoms. As the cancer advanced, he was never in pain, and he died peacefully. Andy was a submariner, skippered the submarine Balao, attended the Naval War College, and after retiring, he and Barbara settled in Key West, establishing an outpost as the southernmost

continental 48er over these many years. His Key West funeral was on 17 January and his remains were scheduled to be interred at Arlington Cemetery on 11 February. From Key West he was involved in multiple civic and volunteer organizations. A Rotarian, he was District Governor of the Southern US District, which includes the Bahamas. He was Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars, and was Commander of the Han-Buswell Chapter of the MOWW, a country-wide philanthropic chapter. He was a life member of the Key West Yacht Club, active in the Salvation Army, the Key West High School NROTC has established a scholarship in Roy's name, and the Island Opera Company has established a Volunteer of the year award in his name. The list of his many good works goes on, and he was indeed an extraordinary volunteer covering not just Key West and the State, but across the country. He will be missed. He and Barbara were married 55 years, had two daughters, Robin Anderson of Seattle, and Kim Anderson Hughes of Tallahassee, and two grandsons and a granddaughter. They did not join in many Class events, mostly because of being so far south, but also because of Andy's heavy commitments in so many other areas. We will miss his easy smile and laid back friendly way.

The gestating Class Website is hard at work in the hands of John Tsiknas, as reported in the last Column. He says that he has a good start, and that the site will be a good place to pass the word. There remains developmental work to be done, and it will continue to evolve after it hits the air. At the moment, I see a problem in that we only a little over half the living Classmates with computers and for whom we have email addresses. Of these (today about 374), probably less than 300 are valid. People change servers and fail to notify us of the change. A number have never sent us their addresses. It is frustrating to send out information to a Class grouping and have a large number bounce with invalid addresses. So, please keep your address current.

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We have lost another Classmate. Leland Frederick Estes (20th Company) died at home in Palm Harbor, FL, 13 January 2005, under hospice care. A salty Bostonian with salt water in his veins, Lee was varsity dinghy sailor and lived and breathed sailing all through his life. He loved salt air, and the more the better. He was a proud member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society. Back in Bancroft Hall, woe be to the plebe pre-reveille window-closer who dared shut the Estes window, no matter the weather. Lee and Ruth were married 56 years and produced a son, Stephen of Palm Harbor, three daughters, Kimberly Showalter, Wheaton, IL; Christina Tickner and Johannah Oliver both of Pasadena, CA; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Lee was a surface sailor and retired as a commander.