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High Flight

"Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace.
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
— Put out my hand, and touched the face of God."

John Gillespie Magee Jr

1. John Prevar

A Celebration of John's life will be held on the afternoon of April 11th, 1400-1700 in the Roundhouse, Old Town Village, South Fayette Street. It is best approached via Wilkes Street.

2. Battle of Midway Banquet

The National Capital Naval Consortium, a grouping of some 12 different naval organisations, invites you to join them at their annual Celebration of the Battle of Midway which will be held at the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington on the evening of June 4th. Tickets are \$100 as they are heavily subsidized by the Consortium. It is a black tie affair and details can be found on the website, nouscap.org. The speaker this year is Kevin Miller, an aviator with over 1000 deck

landings to his name – and an Amazon best seller novel based on the Battle of Midway.

3. Waterloo Dinner

This looks like being an informal affair sometime in June. The battle took place on 18th June 1815.

4. Comings and goings

Mary Frances and I have the first wedding of a grandchild to attend and then I have a Naval Dinner in Portsmouth UK. This and other matters, have filled up my diary but I do intend to get a visit in to the Army Museum sooner rather than later. Also, if you like tales of “It was a dark and stormy night’ variety, I will be telling salty stories to youngsters on Saturday April 4th at 0900 at the Tall Ship Providence. All, regardless of age, are welcome. This Saturday’s story is all about a volcano.

Peter Pennington

President BOCDC

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