



'73 Looking sharp!

Art, Thanks for the news. That sounds like a fantastic and really cold adventure. I go skeet shooting most every week with some 9th company friends. I seem to have a lot of days not hitting much!

I thought I would pass on this picture from our plebe summer I received from **Bruce Hargus**. It's hard to believe we looked so young.

As a reminder if you want to send on some memories and possibly a picture of your "midshipman car" that would be super! Also what you are doing to stay active and have fun during the pandemic.

That's all the news I have. The good news is I still have not heard of anyone getting COVID 19. Keep it up! And stay safe. As always, Go Navy! and Semper Par!

Shipmate editor's note: In the January-February '21 issue the '73 class column from November-December '20 was inadvertently repeated and published. Please look for the January-February '21 '73 class news in the May 2021 issue. *Shipmate* staff apologizes for the oversight.

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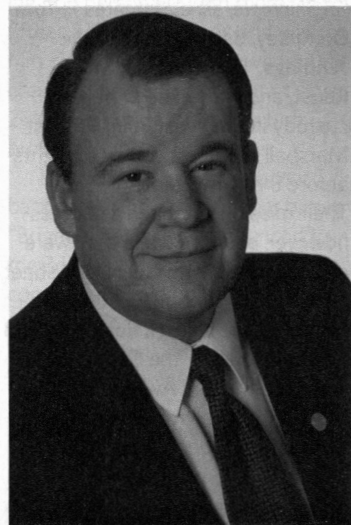
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Oh boy. 2021. A new year. A new start. Still, more of the same issues, experiences and bad news that

seemed to permeate every small crevice in the landscape of 2020.

My year started by informing my (8th) company that one of our brothers was entering hospice. On January 8, 2021 Don Hagerling passed away from cancer. The next day, we lost Bob VerSchure (11th Co.) also as a result from cancer.

And the beat goes on...



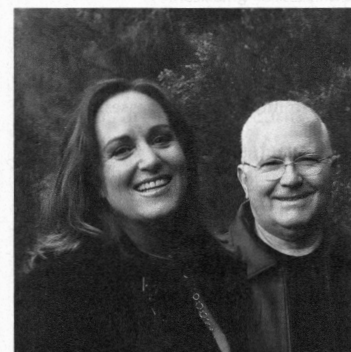
Don Hagerling

By the very nature of the profession for which we were trained, many of our classmates ended up doing work that cannot be talked about in social settings, or even at reunions between classmates. We may have some idea of the general subject matter of a particular individual's work, but not the details. And so often, it is those individuals who are quietly making

the most significant contributions to our nation. Such is the case of Don Hagerling. I will not go into detail here. Please read his obituary in the *Last Call* section of this or a future issue for those details. But I cannot submit this column without sharing the knowledge that Don was truly the father of computer/cyber security measures for the Navy, and for the US Government in general. Don was a quiet man of good humor. He was loyal to his associates. And in the face of adversity, he never resulted to passing blame, or degrading those who opposed him. His strength of character and his stamina to persevere is what we remember most about the man. And in his dying days, he prayed for his company mates. Every one of my 8th Co. brothers is better for having Don as one of our numbers, and the nation should be grateful for his service.

I spoke with Doug Bloomquist (13th Co.) a couple of days ago, and learned that he and his significant other, Lynn, recorded/released their first album and a single late last year. In case you don't remember, plebe summer, Doug was one of the founders of the band that played all the 60's music (including the *Rice Krispy's* theme song) at the talent show on parent's weekend, at numerous hops through our four years, and, under the name *Danforth*, has been playing at our reunions since graduation. A couple of years ago, I had the pleasure to sit in on a practice session of *Danforth West* at Doug's house in Los Gatos, California, as he and Pat Haney (7th Co.) were getting ready for their next gig. With the covid-19 pandemic getting in the way of routine practice, and shutting down of group gatherings where they would normally perform, Doug and Lynn started spending time writing their own songs this past year. With their first album now available through most of the mainstream streaming services, they are working on their second album. They perform under the name of *Second Story Duo*, and you can access their work by googling @secondstoryduo | linktree. There

is a personal story that Doug shares on the site that needs to be read, and the related song needs to be listened to. I won't go into more here. Just go to the link, and explore what Doug and Lynn have put together.



Doug & Lynn Bloomquist

I also got a note from Rick Vizzier (17th Co.) last week. Viz was actively encouraging those of us on his USNA e-mail list to not hesitate to get our covid-19 shots. He reported that Tom Lozier (19th Co.) got his shot a couple of days earlier and was doing fine. But then I received a note from John Branchflower (also 19th Co.) relating that Loz woke up that morning with hair growing on his tongue, so I'll leave you all to your own judgment here.

I'm sure you all recognize that when I resort to including a note like this from Branch, I am out of current info to pass on. The pandemic has certainly curtailed social gatherings, limited travel and confined many of us to our homes. So it is understandable that I've heard little from the class these past two months. But there is more than just hope on the way. By the time you read this I suspect that hospitalizations and deaths from the virus will be considerably lower than in recent days. Like Viz, I also encourage you all to get your vaccinations. I have it on good authority that, despite what you read on the internet, it will not sterilize all the women in our country, and there really isn't a trackable chip included in each inoculation. (Unfortunately, I can't be so sure about your cell phone.)

Stay healthy.
Roger