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The Association of Graduates recently learned of the death of our classmate John J. "Jack" **Dougherty**, CS-07. Jack passed away on 24 Apr 2014 in Ringgold, GA. A funeral service was held on 27 Apr at the First Decatur United Methodist Church in Decatur, GA. Jack was predeceased by his wife, Jeanette.

Upon graduation in 1963 Jack went into the Marine Corps and served in SEA as a fighter pilot flying the A-4M Skyhawk. Jack was a career pilot for Delta Airlines. He also earned a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the Woodrow Wilson Law College.

In case you did not receive this information from **Diff** I am repeating it here. "For some 50 years our class has been represented at memorial services for fallen classmates by a flower arrangement and a note to the surviving family. Often the AOG receives notification too late to send flowers; then, we are not represented at these services. Therefore, we are changing to the following. By this announcement and others that will appear, you should know the Class of 1963 will make a gift to the Air Force Academy in your name when you pass. The AOG will send a letter to your family notifying them of the gift, and I will continue to send a personal note on behalf of the class. These gifts will accumulate. When we gather for the next reunion, the total gift will be presented to the Academy."

Diff also added; "Thank you" to donors in our recent request to bolster our class funds. As of mid-July 2014, we have approximately \$4,000 in our Agency Fund and \$1,500 in our Gift Fund. All debts from the 50th have been paid."

Gil Merkle provided a tally of the Class Histories web site effort: In addition to written biographies and photos, we collected 417 short video clips from classmates. The videos totaled 2,905 minutes (48.4 hrs) of recorded personal stories that were collected by classmates and placed onto the class histories website at <http://www.usafaclashhistories.org>. The videos were recorded and collected during the 18 months preceding our 50th reunion in October 2013. Thanks to all who participated in or worked on this project.

By the time you read this the **2014 Mini-Reunion** will be just a couple of weeks away. Back in July, Bob **Hayes** sent an e-mail to his growing list of mini-reunion attendees. If you did not get the e-mail and are still interested (needing more information) please let Bob know right away but not later than September 19th at bcahayes@comcast.net.

The 2014 mini-reunion is planned for 26 and 27 September. On Friday, the 26th, we'll meet in Arnold Hall at 6:00 PM for the annual cup turning ceremony for three of our classmates who passed on since our 50th--John **Dougherty**, Bob **Murphy** and Ted **Schroeder**. After the cup turning we'll enjoy a catered dinner. The football game with Boise State will start at 5:00 PM on Saturday. We'll gather for our traditional tail gate starting at 2:00 PM in the regular far northwest corner of the stadium parking lot—the golden class flag will be prominent next to the road. Post-game activities are still in doubt but Bob is thinking about dinner and drinks at the Eisenhower Golf Club.

The photograph below was found on my Facebook Page last week. In the picture Norm **Wells** is sitting in the cockpit of the F-4 he flew in SEA. The aircraft is located at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, Oregon also home of the “Spruce Goose.”



Norm Wells, in the actual F-4 he flew in SEA

Peeps **Bogaert** sent the following: “Hi Skip: The weather was wicked in New Hampshire and Colorado this winter, so we headed out to warmer climes at the Hale Koa at Waikiki where we met up with Dick and Lynne Shutack. Here’s a photo of us at the Barefoot Bar. Oh, we only had coke (the cola, of course!).”



L-R: Jim, Pauline (Peeps), Lynne and Dick at the Barefoot Bar. Looks a little chilly for Hawaii

Neil **Sorensen** describes his Seattle To Portland (STP) bike ride. The ride was as usual, long (202 miles). I had forgotten how difficult it is to get out of Seattle. It seemed like every time I had my speed up there was a stop light and had to unclip and put my foot down. Then I had to get back up into the saddle when the light turned green. Saturday was difficult because I was late taking on H2O and cramped. Sunday was better. It was cool and even a bit of drizzle. Ilene retrieved me at the finish line. The ride would have been more enjoyable if I had company. If any of our class are interested in doing the STP next year they can contact me for details. It would be nice to have a group ride. Attached is a photo of a person crossing the US30 Bridge over the Willamette River. I think it’s me but I am not my normal happy looking self. That can be expected after 200 miles on a bike.



Almost there.

Gordon **Bredvik** says that he, Dian and John **Elfers** recently climbed Quandary Peak (a Fourteener) on Monday, 28 July. The trailhead for the climb is located about 6 miles (10 km) south-southwest of the town of [Breckenridge](#). Total elevation for the climb is 3,450 feet to the summit (14,260 feet). Some kind of feat for a couple of 70+ year olds.

Dave **Nuss** attached a story for my enjoyment giving an account of a hunt for a problem lion in South Africa. He says it took a month to finally get the job done. Dave is a NB Safaris professional staff member and was designated as the shooter for the expedition; which says a lot for his marksmanship. This is his third year as a staff member at NB Safaris where he was a client for three years prior to joining the staff. At the then age of 72, he is the oldest student to have completed the rigorous South African National Professional Hunting School.

What is this? A bunch of 70+ year old guys out biking 202 miles, climbing 14,000 ft. mountains and lion hunting in the bush. What are they thinking?

Denny **King** has resurrected his writing efforts and taken positive steps toward getting his first novel, Price For A Patriot, published. “I want my novel in book form and on my shelf even if it’s the only copy because writing, although a joy, is still a lot of work and I want to see it finished.” Amazon will have that ready in about a month. It is the story, according to the summary he sent, of an abandoned soldier who’s fighting spirit burns intensely. It is the victory of the human spirit over opportunism and cynicism, and an American hero is finally welcomed back. Denny says he plans a sequel.

That’s it for this time. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the mini-reunion in September.