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Lunch at 4,000 feet

All retiree members, both civilian and sworn, should consider joining us mountain folks on August 9th, for a cool lunch at the HIGH COUNTRY CAFÉ, located on highway 64 between Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina. We'll begin at noon and breakfast (if you want) is served all day. Both breakfast and lunch prices are reasonable. HIGH COUNTRY CAFÉ, 3601 Cashiers Rd, is located just 5 minutes from downtown Highlands or about 6 miles from Cashiers if you're coming from that direction. If you get lost, call 828 526 0572 for help. Reservations are not required but it would be great if you could let WOOLRIDGE know if you're coming. He can be reached at 828 526 3063 or e-mail rappeldown@AOL.com. His cell is 561 596 2570 but communications are iffy in the mountains. Hope to see you there. Bring your camera.

War story from Robert Williams...Charlie SERAYDAR decided he was going to get into the boating, fishing and diving scene and had either borrowed or bought a boat from someone. He asked me and a few other guys to go diving for lobsters. Since Charlie had no experience, I can understand why he invited us; Mostly because he wanted to impress a hot babe he also invited.



Everything started off well. We went to an area that I knew should produce plenty of lobster. Then I observed a large blowfish and proceeded to catch it. Throwing it in the boat, I told Charlie they fill themselves with water to enlarge themselves so predatory fish won't eat them. Charlie was fascinated with the fish and decided to keep it.

As I went back into the water Charlie asked me if the fish would bite. I told him they have no teeth, that their diet was coral and they only had a hard plate for teeth. I learned that day a little knowledge can be dangerous. Since we were free diving, I took a breath and went back down to the bottom.

Upon breaking the surface for air I hear all this screaming and cursing. As I climbed into the boat, the girl is screaming, Charlie is cursing and there is blood everywhere. "You said it didn't bite. That stupid fish bit me," Charlie complained. I said, "Charlie blow fish don't attack or bite things they simply eat coral." Charlie still bleeding, said, "I stuck my finger into its mouth to feel the plate and the next thing I know, the damn thing bit me."

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News about our organization...

With the new amendment to our by-laws, the following, by my records, will not have to pay dues for next year. The Pension office has already agreed to change the deductions if the member uses payroll deduction. Gene ADDIS, Bert BERNSTEIN, Dick CARACUS, Adrian DAWSON, Mel GARVEY, Lou GUTTMAN, Sandy KOHN, Ozzie K KRUIDENIER, Milton LEWIS, Harold MANGELS, Bill MURRAY, Earl OSTREICHER, Jimmy O'CONNOR, Herman PRESS, Dick PROCYK, Ted SCHEMPP, Art SCHICKLER, Chuck SPAGNOLA, Stanley STEINBECHER, Jack WEBB, older brother Jesse WEBB, and William WEBB. At some time next year Bill TEASDALE will also be eligible. We wish you all GOOD HEALTH, and may you all live to be a hundred.



Family vacation

The Tighe family (minus two families) enjoyed a week's vacation in South Carolina at Santee State Park. Twenty-six (fifteen children and eleven adults) jet-skied, were on floats pulled by either a jet ski or a motorboat, or swam in the lake. I should say, we did for almost the entire week until an eight-foot alligator came visiting. Picture 15 kids suddenly swimming to the shore after seeing the gator.

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Usually when I make these trips, I phone retirees along the way to gather information for this letter. Cell phone this time didn't work, kept showing "no service" instead I called some after returning home.

Tony PIZZO, retired in 2003, lives next door to Dan PINDER, and enjoys good health. He does a little of this (golf, fishing) and a little of that (traveling in the US). He proudly volunteered one son is a Fireman/Paramedic for a local department while the second son will soon be discharged from the Air Force.



I tried calling Jack GORDON in Palm Bay but he must be on an extended vacation. Later, Jack contacted me; He had been in Atlanta. Jack is now 69, retired on January 1st 1990 with Joe ROUSSELL and Mike GRANT. Now he just works around his house, which is on the Intracoastal, enjoys his family and occasionally goes on the gambling ship out of Canaveral.

Driving north you suddenly realize your out of Florida when you read the sign 'Bridge freezes before road'. In Georgia, part of I 95 is dedicated to "Fallen state troopers." I saw bridges and overpasses dedicated to certain troopers. Both Georgia and South Carolina have other parts of I95 dedicated to "Purple heart highway."

John F and Cathy dropped in on Lee Ann (Fusco) and Peter GUTIERREZ. According to John and Cathy, Lee Ann and Peter built a Florida home on ten acres. Lee Ann continues to work as a fire dispatcher, but has learned of the absence of civil service, at the same time her supervisors have learned she is knowledgeable about civil rights. Pete is a civilian investigator for the Greensboro, North Carolina Police Department. The County Sheriff's department and the City Police share the same building, and both use Pete's Spanish speaking ability. Their oldest, a son, graduated from Clemson University with a 3.9 average and is now in medical school carrying a 3.92 average. Their daughter currently is in nursing school.


While in South Carolina we scanned the map to find the towns our retirees lived in.



We found Fair Play on the west coast of the state, but we never found Ft. Mill. From home I contacted Bill TEASDALE and learned he lived a half hour away from where we stayed. He would have loved to have met us to go over old times. Bill is now 78 years of age, served with us for five years from 1951 to 1956. He left and served five years with the City of Hialeah. His

first position after leaving Hialeah was in Syracuse, New York where he developed a five million dollar program for a local hospital. He admits to being a bit of a vagabond in that for 31 years he worked at different hospitals, always in administration. With his wife, he also traveled the country in a motor home for 18 years, going to flea markets and selling T-shirts. He opened a store in Charlotte, doing the same thing. It went so good that they opened a second store but has since sold them. He now works as a volunteer at the local YMCA. He continued to communicate with Ron OHLZEN, and informed us of the information to the right.

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God forgive me, but I couldn't stop laughing, looking at Charlie and his female friend and Charlie's hand wrapped in a towel bleeding profusely. I was finally able to ask what in hell he was thinking, putting his finger into its mouth? All Charlie was able to say was "You told me it didn't have any teeth." "Charlie, I told you it ate coral, which is made up of hard rock, DUH!"

We took Charlie to Mount Sinai Hospital, where they kept him overnight and removed the tip of his finger. The sad thing is he still blames me for sticking his finger into the fish's mouth. As I think back, Charlie gave up the boat, the idea of becoming one with the sea, and decided to stay on dry land. I've always wondered if Charlie will stick his finger into another unfamiliar creature's mouth?

In Memoriam

Ron OHLZEN died from prostrate cancer. Ron served with us for a short while then went to the Federal Government.

Retirees

Charles GARABEDIAN was born in Brockton, Massachusetts in March of 1958. When four years old, his father accepted a promotion and transferred to South Florida. Charles attended and graduated from Southwest High School. He played baseball for the school and on a team in the American Legion league that played against a team coached by Lou REILLY. He graduated from Miami-Dade with an Associate degree and just graduated from FIU. After working for the Miami Herald and doing the "ride along," he was hired by the Beach, to work in Communications. Hired as a recruit, he attended the Academy with Tom HOOLAHAN as Training Officer. He worked every shift in patrol for three years, then was transferred to the Detective Bureau, working both person and property. He worked SIU, and was a member of SWAT with Chief Barretto. Promoted to Sergeant in 1983, he was assigned to Communications and Computers. In 1998, he was promoted to Lieutenant, returning to the Detective Bureau in charge of Property Crimes, Auto Theft and Juvenile. Transferred to midnight Patrol, he worked with Paul RANTANEN. Promoted to Captain, he was assigned to midnight patrol, then to Services in charge of computers, then he was assigned to IA.

Like a few Officers, Charles met his future wife Nancy while working. Now married for 22 years, they have a son who plays hockey and is attending the University of Central Florida. His daughter has been named high school first string All Dade County as a freshman in softball.

Charles is currently attending classes hoping to imitate Andy SOTO as a Real Estate appraiser. His address 14054 SW 106 Terr, Miami, Fl 33186, phone 305 786 5110, E-mail Cgarabedian@yahoo.com.

The Priest and the Rabbi

A Rabbi and a Priest are driving one day and, by a freak accident, have a head-on collision with tremendous force. Both cars are totally demolished, but amazingly, neither of the clerics has a scratch on him.

After they crawl out of their cars, the rabbi sees the priest's collar and says, "So you're a priest. I'm a rabbi.

Just look at our cars.

There is nothing left, yet we are here, unhurt.

This must be a sign from God!"

Pointing to the sky, he continues, "God must have meant that we should meet and share our lives in peace and friendship for the rest of our days on earth."

The priest replies, "I agree with you completely.

This must surely be a sign from God!"

The rabbi is looking at his car and exclaims, "And look at this!

Here's another miracle!

My car is completely demolished, but this bottle of Mogen David wine did not break.

Surely, God wants us to drink this wine and to celebrate our good fortune."

The priest nods in agreement.

The rabbi hands the bottle to the priest, who drinks half the bottle and hands the bottle back to the rabbi.

The rabbi takes the bottle and immediately puts the cap on, then hands it back to the priest.

The priest, baffled, asks, "Aren't you having any, Rabbi?"

The rabbi replies, "Nah... I think I'll wait for the police."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dean ADLER (with added thanks for efforts on these letters), Drew BUNNEL, Rocco DE LEO (newest member of the poker club), William GUILLEM, Sandy KOHAN, WH LAMB, Gerry MACKEY, Ken MILLER, Sonia PUCKETT, Art SCHICKLER, Alan SERES, Chuck SPAGNOLA, Don SPHAR Jr, Keith STRICKLAND, John F TIGHE, John UMANO, and Fred WOOLDRIDGE.

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