

Dear Don,

I received the Wolfgang today and as always looked for your name. The Wolfgang also jogged my memory that I had been carrying around a card (enclosed) that I had been meaning to send to you, but had forgotten.

As a little background, I am retired from the Navy⁽¹²⁻⁹¹⁾ and am flying EMS Helicopters for CARE FLIGHT out of Reno, N.V. (I commute). I fly an Bellouette and one Saturday a couple of months ago this guy shows up to appraise the bird for some bank. We got to talking and as usual, the question arose as to where & when I had been in country. When I told him, his eyes really lit up and he said that he had been one of the "trainers" for the original contingent of Seawolves. That sparked another good 30-45 minutes of conversation during which time I told him about you & that you might be getting a hold of him. He seemed to be very agreeable. As I remember, he mentioned a name that rang a bell with me but I don't remember who. Anyway, I'm sending you both cards in case one is lost. He was a real nice guy.

How are you doing?? Are you still making/inventing the perfect ski??? Let me know what's up.

Transition from the Navy has been variable to shilly to be very blunt. I had built up an impression of multi-engine fixed wing houses and got my ATP

and tried very hard to get on with the airlines. But, it didn't happen so I went back to my helicopter & ended up at Cone Flight. I fly a great deal and it is very rewarding work but the pay isn't what I want so I'm looking again. I guess it's time to give up flying which I guess I'm ready to do.

Our oldest son was married this past summer. He is a junior in college at Fresno State. He spent two years in the Army as a tanker and then started school & then was recalled for that Desert Storm force. I could not believe that it was my turn to send a son off like that. It was a terrible feeling. Our daughter⁽²⁾ has taken the admission tests for Dental school & has also met "the one". Beads of sweat are already breaking out on my forehead & I've already called NFCU about a home equity loan for school & the wedding!!! We have another son who is a senior (18) & will also be going to Fresno State next year & finally our youngest son is 12. So, as you see, the household is still busy. Ann is teasing high school.

What happened to Matt Babbity?? I always liked that kid. I hear through the grapevine that he went S-3's and was also a ~~SCREAMER~~ INSTRUCTOR in the training command. If that's true, I'm going to chew his ass for doing that when I see him!!

Take care of yourself Don. Stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Jack Long