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Luckily I graduated in 1964 as it was touch and go for a while. What with girls, cars, and working to garner money, school took a back seat. I did always really enjoy my fellow classmates at school at La Mesa Dale, LMJH, and Helix but it was hard to bear down and study in the 12th grade, what with all the growing up that needed to be done, not to mention parties with the Brothers of the Spear, etc. After a short stint at Grossmont JC (academic life wasn't for me anymore) I got drafted into the Army and did my time in Germany and Ethiopia as a topographic surveyor as they wouldn't send two brothers to a war zone at the same time in 1966 and my brother David (class of '62) was in Korea via the US Army too. Then got out after my two year requirement and never looked back, got married, had kids (two boys and adopted one more) and became a UNION plumber with great training, pay, and benefits. Got divorced after 14 years and remarried 2 years later. Got divorced again after 28 years and am single now. I retired from the Union 9 years ago as an elected business agent for the last 12 years of my working career and love being retired. I have had a knee (miniscus) surgery and I had A FIB which was cured by a Catheter Ablation. Thank goodness for medicare and the union supplemental insurance. I still referee High School Soccer and teach Medical Gas Code classes for the piping in hospitals. I have 6 grandkids and they make life fun. I play golf 3/ 4 times a week (somewhat poorly) and drink my share of beer (Stella, Carlsberg, and Harp, (or what ever is available). Swimming was a big part of my life back then and although the spirit is still willing the body isn't the same machine as way back then. I do enjoy scuba diving when I am where the water is warm. I was a surfer when in high school but the water here has gotten colder with the passing years (my theory anyway). I still stay in touch with a few guys from Helix and miss those who have gone before me, Danny Parker 1966, Pat Murphy 2013. I enjoyed seeing and talking to many familiar names (the faces have changed somewhat) at the Friday get-together at The Barefoot Bar (2014) and it brought back many delightful memories. I attended the 20th and now the 50th and we'll see what the future holds for us all. I strive for peace (which seems to elude the US for some reason) and am not religious at all. My parents have both passed away (I was the baby of the family) and life is good. Still live in San Diego and look back fondly at my career at Helix.

