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There are a number of stories about Larry and the Coast Guard Academy CGA

Why The CGA

My father W.N. Seehorn went to the CGA in WWII. He graduated just before the war ended. He was 17 years older than Larry.

When Larry was in high school he was a little bit wild and and was having conflits with his own father. My parents agreed to let him live with us. He came to live at our house with the understanding that he had to abide by the rules that my father set down.

My father set down the house rules just like the Coast Guard sets down the house rules. There were a number of confrontations but the discipline helped Larry mature. When he graduated from high scholl he decided to go to the CGA because of his admiration for my father.

The Dinghy

Larry was always a practical joker.

It was a trait that did not serve him well when he went to the CGA.

One of the ideas that helped push him out of the CGA was the time he thought that it would be funny to put the admiral's dinghy in the swimming pool.

I am not sure what the admiral's dinghy looked like. I think it was a small boat with a sail. Putting in a dinghy in swimming pool doesn't seem like much of a joke until you realize that the swimming pool was indoors so getting this boat inside was quite a feat. He and several of his friends pulled it off. Unfortunately for Larry he did not cover all his tracks so he and his friends were caught.

The penalty for things like this at the CGA is demerits. Too many demerits and you are kicked out (bilged out) of the CGA.

The joke put Larry on the edge of bilging out early in the year. He worked very hard to make up for that joke and almost made it through the year but a messy room here and improper salute there resulted in his bilging out of the CGA.

Proud of You

After Larry bilged out he went back to West coast and needless to say he got a lot of negative verbal comments about failing at the CGA.

It is hard for him and he was dreading what my father would say to him.

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He was surprised to hear my father say that he was proud of him. My father told Larry he had gone a lot longer than he had expected. He knew what the CGA was like and he knew about Larry's wild spirit. He was proud of the effort that Larry had put in.

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