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Hey!! What's the story with you guys? Not a single letter in my mailbox this past month. I know football season can be rough, but let's get back in the groove and keep those letters coming. I mean, sitting in front of the tube and guzzling tall cool ones can be a good deal of hard work, right?

Fortunately, I have some news as a result of a couple of phone calls. **Scott Perkins** called from San Diego where he is an NGFS instructor at Landing Force Training Command, Pac. He and Elizabeth now have a son, Michael Scott, born 17 June '79. Before his present duty, Scott served aboard USS GRAY (FF-1054) in missiles and gunnery, and made two Wespacs. Now he's taking it easy and going for an MBA on the side. He reports that **J. W. (Robbie) Robinson** is now at Monterey, after having spent some time at Landing Force Training Command too. **Deke Ahle** is a series commander in Kilo Company at MCRD San Diego. **Chip Stratman** is XO of India Company, also at MCRD San Diego. **George Flynn** left for Okinawa in early September while wife Sally and son George III (born in late May) are staying in New Jersey. **John Knight**, wife Patty, and daughter Jennifer are in Newport where John is in the department head course, expecting orders to PacFleet. **Steve Hall** is prepping for his engineers' exam as MPA aboard USS HADDOCK. **Mark Lindsey** is in an F-14 RAG at Miramar. He and wife Lorelei have a new house with a swimming pool. What does a guy from Oklahoma need with a swimming pool? Scott wants to hear from anybody, especially company mates. His address: 7866 Nightingale Way, San Diego CA 92123, phone 714/279-3862. Thanks for the news, Scott!

Ted Spilman called from right here in Virginia Beach. He qualified as SWO on board USS BREWTON (FF-1086), then decided to become a brown shoe. He is now in VF-143 at Oceana flying F-14s. He was married last April to a naval officer named Vicki, who is a LTJG working for AIRLANT. They live at 3617 Seahorse Way, Virginia Beach VA 23452, phone 804/340-2964.

More news on airdales. **Kevin Miller** is flying with VF-84 aboard USS NIMITZ, while **Clay Absher** and **Denis Powers** are also aboard NIMITZ flying with VF-41. NIMITZ is currently deployed to the Med. **Randy Sweeney** is in VF-121, an F-4 RAG at Miramar, and **Rick Lindsay** is flying in VF-142. **Gary Bennett**, who was married in April, flies in VF-33. Thanks for the lofty news, Ted!

A few items from the news service caught my attention. Received a clipping announcing the engagement of **Pete Squicciarini** and **Anne Stefans** of Severna Park. An October wedding was planned. Pete is at USNA after leaving the USS MCCANDLESS. **Gary Reed** and **Reece Beck** have each been awarded Meritorious Unit Commendations and Navy Expeditionary Medals as members of HC-1, based at NAS Atsugi, Japan. The MUC was for serving aboard USS MIDWAY from December '77 to December '78, and the Expeditionary Medal was for cruises in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf in response to turmoil in Iran and North Yemen. BZ to Reece and Gary, and

congrats to all the newlyweds and newly-parents!

Good ol' **Barry Miller**: he bought a home in Bremerton, sharing it with Wonder Dog and Buster Kitten, and is active in a great church fellowship. He plans to get out of the "dead-end nuclear pipeline" and to go to grad school to study Chinese, eventually hoping to follow the footsteps of Hudson Taylor, Charles Gordon and Philo McGiffen into China. He adds that **Scott Rarig**, on a boomer out of Holy Loch, recently passed his engineers' exam, and despite his busy schedule is being "actively pursued by a number of foxes." (*Gee, I'd think girls would be more interesting . . .*) Finally, Barry sends a big hello to Chickadee Duling in West Chester, Pennsylvania, a great friend to many former mids. Thanks for the news, Barry!

Well, since there were no letters this month I guess I'll have to close. I sure hate to leave with such a small column, but you know how it is . . . I'm only as good as my wing men. Maggie, Kyle and Florie send their greetings and wishes for Happy Holidays. Hang in there, and Beat Army!

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Greetings from Iwakuni, Japan! I arrived here at MCAS Iwakuni yesterday, along with **William Brown**. I was supposed to go to Okinawa but they pulled me off the plane here in Iwakuni. I received three letters and some Navy Hometown News Releases while I was home on leave, so there's some news to pass on.

Keith Champion wrote from Beaufort, South Carolina, where he and Karen have bought a home. Keith is the legal officer with VMFA-451. **Mark Bircher** and **Ned Mueller** are also in 451; Mark is the flight line OIC and Ned is the scheduling officer. Congratulations to **Jack Kirk**, who finally tied the knot; he got married to Ann Marsh of Pensacola. They have bought a house on Lady's Island near Beaufort. Jack is with VMFA-251. **Steve Kapitan** has also bought a home; he's with VMFA-333. **John Mann** is with VMFA-122. Congratulations also go to **Lou Repucci** who married the former Loraine Paglasoti in May—they're expecting a child sometime in the Spring of next year. Congratulations, again, to Pam and **Micky Waldrop** who are expecting in December. Some final word from Keith—**Dave Papak** is flying 53s in Tustin; **Randy Hutcherson** is flying Cobras at Pendleton; and **Stu Navarre** is a Series Commander at Parris Island.

I heard from **Bill Hawn** this past month—he's in the Med right now aboard USS CALIFORNIA. He had some word to pass on from the Norfolk area. Lynn and **Steve Love** are doing well; Steve is in the yards right now with USS VIRGINIA. Vanessa and **Mike Seifert** have bought a home in Virginia Beach. Mike has deployed aboard the USS TEXAS along with **Eric Kimura** and **Gary Wrotnowski**. Also in the Norfolk area are Nancy and **Gary Rau** with daughter Jennifer.

Mark Metcalf sent word from Monterey where he and Terry are studying Russian at the Defense Language Institute. He'll graduate in

June 1980 and go for a tour with Naval Security Group. Previously Mark had been aboard USS KIRK (FF-1087) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan. Mark received a Navy Achievement Medal while stationed aboard the ship—congratulations!

The Navy Hometown News Release program had some good word to pass on this month. **Wayne Rogers**, **Derwood Curtiss** and **John Maciejczyk** have all been awarded the Navy Achievement Medal—congratulations to all of them! **Glen Davis** is currently deployed aboard USS RANGER and **Craig Weber** is also in WesPac aboard USS GURNARD. **Frank Rennie** is in the Med aboard USS FARRAGUT and **Charles Weiss** is with Attack Squadron 192 aboard USS AMERICA. **Brian Devane** and **Mike Herb** took a six-week cruise through the Great Lakes aboard USS FAIRFAX COUNTY and participated in the 20th anniversary celebration of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

One final note I forgot to mention last time—I saw **Mick Palles** before I left Jacksonville, North Carolina, and he asked me to convey his greeting to everyone.

That's it for now—stay in touch. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All.*

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Congratulations to Sue and **John Wissler** and their new baby girl Rebecca Claire. Roxanne "Foxy Roxie" and **Robert "Bubba" Destafney** were married on 6 October in Pensacola.

After serving for eight months on the USS HOLLISTER, **Jordan Vause** has been promoted to civilian first class (medical discharge). He wants to know where his roommate **Dirickson** is.

Bill Bonwit and **Colby Smith** are looking for their old roommate, **Jonas Palin**. They are in Hawaii with BLT 2/3 (COE).

Now that lost and found is complete, the news is as follows: **Jeanie** and **Lanny King** were recently married. **Jim Shulson** is at Camp Pendleton with his very own infantry platoon. **Eric Nelson** should be aboard SSN SAND LANCE and **Dave McCain** aboard SSN MEMPHIS. **Chris** and **Terry Slack** have their very own "Rug Runner," **Melissa**, **Mickey** and **Kenny Green**, **Martha** and **Clark Goodlette** and **Carol** and **Mike Duncan** have completed prototype. **Drew Mulhare** is gunnery officer aboard USS O'CALLAHAN. **Dennis Reilly** is in Hawaii in DAVIDSON. **Chuck Hefran** has finished SWOS with destination unknown. **Scott Elkert** is engineering officer, DCA and electrical officer on a minesweeper. **Mike Crisp** has his NFO wings and F-4s on the West Coast. **Dave Schunan** and **John Whatley** are in Corpus in the prop pipeline. **Earl Mosley** should have his NFO wings by now.

John "JB" Hollyer was to be married 22 December 1979 at the Main Post Chapel, Fort

Sam Houston, in San Antonio, Texas. All members of 1978 are invited (that's what he said). His bride to be is Miss Dale Kurtz. **John Hollyer** and **Jim Hartfelder** say SERE School was a lot of fun.

Farris Farwell did marry the former Judi Smith, sister of Kim Ewin, wife of **Jeff Ewin**. Sorry girls; looks like you missed out and Mr. and Mrs. Smith made out.

The former Tonia Glenn became Mrs. **Mark Cleland** (pictured) on 7 July 1979. They are now in Pensacola where Mark is working towards his NFO wings.

Mike Shumaker is rumored to be engaged to Darlene?

John Havok, **Fred von Ahn**, **Kevin** and **Steph Hannan**, **Don Brutzman**, **Joe Britain**, **Mike Leary** have completed prototype. **Patti** and **Glen Woods** and **Chris Jensen** are in Corpus.

Lee Sutherland's painting is to be placed in Nimitz Library. **Lynn** and **George Tyree**, **Gary Evans**, **Alex Hnarackis**, **Rich Holzknect**, and **Todd Lesh** should be completing primary in Pensacola.

From the surface side: **Chris Serio** is in USS DAHLGREN. **Fred Brink** is out of Charleston. **Ernie Kempisty** is in SIMS and **Dave Bruce** is in RADFORD. **Clyde Moore** is on his way to the rock (Okinawa).

Congratulations to **Mike White** on his recent marriage. **Meegan** and **Pat "PJ" McCormick** are bound for Pensacola.



At the Mark Cleland wedding

Rumor has it that **Tom "Luca" Sudbeck** may be turning in his roommate, **Bob Novak**, for one with nicer legs.

Ens. and Mrs. **Robby Knight** had a baby girl, Lanette Rachel. Twenty-third Company lost two more to the ranks of Marriage. Congratulations to **Patricia** and **Kevin Walter** and **Arie Lea** and **Bill Throng**. **Dave Morrison** and **Steve Ferree** are both aboard the USS SAN BERNADINO.

Jim Butler received his master's from Berkeley. His destination is unknown after SWOS.

Mike Galpin should have his wings by now. **Joe Martin** has his wings and F-14s in San Diego. **Tim Donding** is CIL aboard the USS AYLWIN in Charleston.

Ken Waldie really loves those kangaroos in

Australia. **Steve "Jock" Maloney**, our shy, quiet, and reserved vice president, is finally going to settle down on December 22, 1979. Steve will marry Miss Mary Jane Harrington. There will not be a dry eye at Hood that evening.

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Chapter News

DEADLINE: For March—10 January; for April—10 February

Many Alumni have expressed interest in joining local Chapters at regularly scheduled meetings in various areas of the country; accordingly, as accurate a listing as possible of those Chapters which are known to have such meetings will be made monthly. Additions or modifications are requested.

Annapolis

USNA Officers' Club
2nd Wed. Sept.-May, noon
301/263-4448

Boston

2nd Tues, noon
Sites vary

Chicago

Como Inn
Varies, Sept.-May
312/642-9288

Connecticut

Quarterly throughout state
203/449-3515

Indianapolis

18 Jan., 14 Mar.,
16 May—1800—Heslar Naval Armory

Jacksonville

1st Thurs., Sept.-May
904/744-4830

Kittyhawk (Dayton, Ohio)

Officers' Club, Wright-Patterson
Monthly, dates vary

Los Angeles

Monthly, dates, sites vary
213/583-3468

Newport

Officers' Club, Naval Base
Last Tues., Sept.-June, 1830

New York

Williams Club
24 E. 39th St., NYC
3rd Tues, monthly, noon

Orlando

NTC Officers' Club
2nd Fri., Sept.-June, noon

Pensacola

Monthly, dates and sites vary

Peninsula

Officers' Club, Moffett Field
1st Wed., noon

Philadelphia

Officers' Club, Naval Base
3rd Wed., noon

Richmond

2nd Mon., Engineers Club

Sacramento

1st Wed., The Lobby Restaurant

San Francisco

FAdm. Nimitz Club, Treasure Island
1st Wed., 1815

Santa Barbara

Varies, Sept.-May
805/687-7278

Southeast Florida

11345 S. W. Ct.
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Dates and sites vary
Dec.—Lunch for Midn. on Xmas Leave
Jan.—West Palm Beach Affair