



USNA from '73 to '78 on the Whiting Field Lacrosse Club

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Percent Members: 70

Here I sit waiting to fly but with the way the weather is in Pensacola, it looks like another day of nothing. **George Fullerton** will be headed to HT-8 soon after getting over falling out of parachutes. Speaking of falling out, the Whiting Field Lacrosse Club (formerly Pensacola Club) looks like it did just that. Pictured are USNA grads ranging from '73 to '78, along with teammates from Babson College to Texas A&M (no comments about my number).

**Andy Hegeman** is busy working on his master's at Rhode Island College. **Bob Atwood**, **Sam Locklear**, and **Greg Baran**, set out to put Newport on its ear and began "Alternate Ladies Night," a minimally disguised Greek ceremonial rite characterized by ecstatic singing and dancing, every Wednesday night in the BOQ for SWOSites and Navy nurses.

**Sam Locklear** is now married to a girl from Boston whose name I have not yet learned. **Dave Aland** is special services officer aboard USS KITTY HAWK and will soon be headed for engineering. **Caesar Navarette** is now with Seal Team TWO. **Steve Irvin** (in USS SARATOGA) has just become a daddy, but will not see the baby until he returns from the Med.

Well, once again I must come to the end of the article. How about some letters and pic-

tures from some of you? By the time that you read this, all of you will be j.g.s and 1st lts., so you can afford a pen and paper. See you later!

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Well, what do you know? It's *Shipmate* time again. Anyone who is interested in Veterans' Benefits should write to Congress, as Mike Beck suggested in the March *Shipmate* '77 column. We, too, were committed in December of 1976, not to mention carrying Green I.D. cards since July of 1974. So if the Class of 1977 gets benefits, why shouldn't we?

I did hear from a few, so here's what's happening: **Jim Schalgheck** wrote to inform us about the 21st Company. **Matt Raush** and **Charlie Nickel** are skating through Nuke School and should report to prototype in Idaho this month. **Jerry Swartz** snuck in before the great pool in P-Cola and is out at Whiting flying. **Scott Mckee** and **Bob Fallon** are working on their master's at the University of West Florida. **Matt Paztalaniec** is working for the recreation department. Paz is awesome in the weight room (you should see him pumping iron with his mind. Look out, Sturge!). **Mark Boensel** is working his tail off trying to get his NPO wings. (That's what Jim Schalgheck said. We all know Benz better than that.) **Charlie Love**

has finished Supply School and is stationed in Charleston. **Chris Burgin** is aboard the USS IMPERVIOUS. **Eddie Reid** and **Steve Sutton** are working on maneuvering boards in San Diego. (Just like Spanish Eddie?) **Gary Rupp** and his wife (no name included) are soaking up in the sun in P-Cola.

**Dave Daily** wrote from Artillery School at Fort Sill to say that **Dave Barile**, **Walter Sharp**, **Tom Martiney** and of course Dave himself are hard at work. **Patty** and **Charlie Pangburn** are expecting a little addition in the Fall.

Here is some news from 29th Company. **Colby Smith** has his very own rifle platoon and is WESTPAC bound for 6 months. **Russ Dedrickson** and **Sue** will be married at the end of this month. **Michelle** and **Scott Thomas** were married in April and are now stationed with MAG 31 at Beaufort, South Carolina.

**John "Weedo" Weidner** wrote to tell us about Windsor's Version of *Delta House*. Chapter members include Weedo, **Bill Burke**, **John Rudder**, **John Lademan**, **Rudy Easher** and all young ladies passing through. Other members of this prototype Class include: **Bill Borchardt**, **John Ehlers**, **Don Brutzman**, **Pete Flynn**, **Joe Alvite**, **John Aclin**, **John "Nooch" Marinucce**, **Steve Bacon**, **Dick Boehme**, and **Cecil Haney**.

Now for a little grief. What happened to all you Class Reps??? To my fellow Classmates who inform me of all the news I miss or report inaccurately, spend a second and let me know when you hear something. I can pass on only what I receive.

## Chapter News

DEADLINE: For September—11 July; for October—10 August

### ANNAPOLIS

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VAdm. C.R. Bryan USN '45, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, was the speaker at the Chapter luncheon of the Annapolis group on 11 April at the Officers' and

Faculty Club at the Academy. VAdm. Bryan, one of the three last officers on active duty to wear the submarine war patrol insignia from World War II, held his audience with an extremely interesting discussion of the labor situation in the construction, maintenance, and acquisition of ships, the contract problem, and importance of naval engineers in today's Navy.

As regards the labor situation, the pertaining conditions for naval vessels' overhaul and re-

pair require division between private yards and naval shipyards, but construction of these ships has been permitted only in the private yards since 1967. The Naval Sea Systems Command, made up of the former Bureau of Ships and the Bureau of Ordnance, has about 100,000 people, mostly civilian, with 2,000 officers who are approximately one half line and one half EDO, SC, or JAGC. The naval shipyards employ about 66,000 people, whereas the