



In Winston-Salem

picture are Scott Jameson, Dempsey Butler, Clark Handy, Arch McKinlay (kneeling), Bob and Teresa, Jay Casey, Jim Warren, Fred Vogt, and Pete Finley.

The chain gang shown here was the sub school soccer team (SOBC 7807) which finished second, losing to an Iranian team in a pretty fast league. Pictured from l. to r. in front: Phil Jacobson, Dave Allsopp, Wes Barton, John Hall, Jim Rowley, Dale Govan, Ron Baadhack. Standing: Joe Kovalchiky, Mike Mair, Don Warren, Ken Milhoan, Eric Shewbridge, Dave Johnson, Steve "Gimp" O'Leary, Dave Sihrer, Rick Curretn, Kevin Kelley, Kevin Fleming, and Karl Carver.

Mike Beck has done a little research on a subject concerning all of us. Here is what he has to say:

Dear Members of the Class of 1977—Greetings, friends. I am writing to you about the concern which has arisen in the area of our educational assistance benefits. At the present time the Class of 1977 USNA is under the new Veterans Educational Assistance Program

(VEAP). The bill states that all persons entering active duty after 31 December 1976 may use the new VEAP, i.e., the government gives two dollars for every dollar the participant gives up to \$2,700. The Class is not eligible for the old VA Educational Assistance (GI Bill) which gave 45 months of educational aid. For a full-time students with no dependents, one would receive \$311. (For more information on the benefits, refer to Chapter 10 in the Retention Team Manual.)

It is my contention that the Class of 1977 was committed to seven years of active military service after having mustered for the first class in September of 1975 at the Naval Academy, and therefore the Class should be entitled to the "Old" GI Bill. Congress, in a one-line addition to the new bill, said that the USNA graduates of 1977 are not eligible for the old assistance benefits.

May I suggest that we might be able to change the "old" GI Bill to include the Class of 1977. We spent two years at the Naval Academy with the understanding that we

would receive the "Old" GI Bill benefits. I urge each member of the Class to get involved in order to get this changed. Only with a large response can we get any action. Please, if you are concerned, make yourself heard, and if you have any ideas, I would like a response. Thanks and God Bless. Mike Beck, Ens. USN, USS DAHLGREN (DDG-43), FPO New York NY 09501.

Everyone should think about what Mike has said and take those measures he feels appropriate. The Bill is number H.R. 9783 set up to amend section 1652 of Title 38, United States Code.

And to end, I want to say thanks to Mrs. Glab, and yes, Colonel Fink is right!

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Not too much news this month as things were a little slow, hopefully due to Christmas. However, there are several congratulations in order. First, congratulations to "Big Blue" and their impressive victory over BYU! Next, congratulations to **Jim Shulson, Mike Clendening, Dan Cox, Carl Jorden, Clarence Moore, Barry Smith and Warren Robinson** in their most recent accomplishment—graduation.

"Disco" **Bob Fallon** tied the knot with Maggie Reid (sister of **Eddie Reid**) in a wedding that was attended by all of New York City. Finally, congratulations to the lieutenant who was supposed to write this article, but was too busy sending out wedding invitations. Also soon to be wed are Luca Sudbeck and **Pete Craig**.

After a short stay at TBS the majority of Marine selectees are off to the FMF ready to practice some of the skills they learned in the mud. The news in Guam these days is that gambling will be legalized. Behind this scheme are "Dog" **Calis** and **Kevin "Grinch" Lynch** who have extended their stay on that isle long enough to oversee the construction of several casinos. **Ken Waldie** writes that everyone in Newport is working hard trying to take up the slack for everyone in San Diego.

Kathy and **Don Beverlin** are down in Pensacola; Don's in his third week at VT-10 along with **Dave Buss, Jim Small, John Mather, Allen Jaqueth, and Brad Baylor**. **Bryce Zimmerman** is starting pilot primary. **Ray Baltera, Doug Meyer, Jim Lippard and Mike Galpin** are starting AI school.

Well folks, that's about it except for: Hey Bolero, we did receive one and only one letter from a '78 phantom; it went something like this, "What the heck's wrong with you guys? How about all of you smart Nukes, what's wrong, did you all blow yourselves up, or maybe the Boss won't let you write—gotta get them hours in! And what about you fly boys, I didn't think they dropped all your mail in the drink, or did you all drown in the dilbert dunker, you idiots! As for all of you 'Blue Water Sailors,' didn't you learn that there really wasn't a Santa Claus, or a mail buoy, you fools. And as for my favorite, the Grunts, you're all forgiven because everyone knows you don't know how to read or write. Well, that's it: take care and get those letters to Conklin, pronto. Saloon, see ya liquor!"

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