

due Steve and Allison who had a son, James, the first part of May. Finally, in his travels Liston ran into **Jeff Tomlin** at Barbers Point, Hawaii; Jeff is flying KC-130s out of MCAS El Toro.

Mark Metcalf wrote a letter earlier in the month. He and Terry should be on their way to NSGA Misawa in a few weeks, to arrive sometime in late August. Mark just finished studying Russian at Monterey and now has a 1610 designator (CRYPTOLOGY). Mark passed on the following news: **Craig Weber** is aboard USS GURNARD; **Dave Deford** is in the P-3 RAG at NAS Moffett; **Joe Bouchard** and **Francis Devereux** are attending NPGS in Monterey (Francis was married in late June); **Roger Wendt** is now aboard USS RACINE (LST-1191) in San Diego. Congratulations to him and Bev who are expecting number two.



Tom Bakke '76 and Bert Seither '77 relax from logging milestones aboard Ike

Gary Greenfield is doing well, as always. He is now living in Pittsburgh where he is doing corporate development work for United Computing International. He passed on some news of weddings that I don't believe received previous mention—a belated congratulations and best wishes to **Brad Speer** and Janet Allison, a Navy nurse, who were married last year, and to **Cyrus Large** and Chris Martel, also a Navy nurse, who were married last November. Best wishes to **Craig Krauss** and Diane Baker who were just recently wed. Gary has just visited Val and **George Puddington** in Charleston. George should now be in Halifax Nova Scotia serving as an ASW advisor to the Canadian Navy.

Scott Jenkins had some time on his hands during his current deployment so he sat down and wrote a letter. Scott is the weapons officer in USS BATON ROUGE (SSN-689); **Bill Matzelevich** is also aboard as MPA. Scott and four other Classmates from 27th company had a reunion of their own on Diego Garcia. **Kip Nicely**, a TACO on EP-3Cs with VQ-1 out of Guam, **Dave Tribout** a P-3C pilot with VP-1 out of Barbers Point, and **Steve Stroebel**, MPA, and **John Stamos**, NTDS officer, aboard TRUXTON (CGN-25) were all there. They all traded news and Scott passed it on to me, hoping it was accurate. **Derwood Curtis** is MPA in USS MOINESTER (FF-1097); **Dan Galik** is recruiting in New Jersey; **Tim Farrell** is in USS BIGELOW (DD-942); **Tim Hagen** is recruiting in San Francisco; **Jerry Willet** is in USS GLOVER; **Jim Grayson** is on a new FFG-7 class ship yet to be named that will be homeported in Long Beach; and **Bob Miller** is recruiting in New York. Scott asked me to send up a flare for **Mike Weltsch**, **Tim Harris**, **John Lovasz**, and **Tony Violante** as they haven't been mentioned recently. Scott also saw quite a few other Class-

mates. **Dave Titsworth** was on Diego Garcia with VP-24; **John Rowland** was there for eight months as a Seabee Company Commander; **Ted Achorn** stopped by for a few days aboard USS PUFFER (SSN-651); **Nick Karangelen** was in the area aboard USS GROTON (SSN-694); and **Chip Sample** was aboard USS LOS ANGELES (SSN-688).

A few days ago I heard from **Bill Davison**; he's in the navigation department aboard KITTY HAWK and is looking forward to shore duty in December. **Dave Porter** is on shore duty at the Amphib base in Coronado. **Bert Bowden** finished Med school and is doing his internship at Balboa Hospital—he was married in May. **Henry Bryson** is still on board USS BAINBRIDGE. Congratulations to **Patty** and **Joe Vargo** who are expecting number two and also **Debby** and **Jack Suter** also expecting a second child.

I end this column on a sorrowful note, I received word a few weeks ago that **Dean Price** was killed on June 15 in an H-3 accident, our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Also, see "Last Call."

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Pensacola FL 32507
Percent Members: 98

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Sec'y, 1st Lt. **Michael Conklin** USMC
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Percent Members: 93

For the latest entries in the '78 baby derby: Sue and **John Martin** had a little girl Kimberly Anne in July. The Martins should be leaving Newport for parts unknown as John completes SWOS. I have been informed that little **William Yeager** wants to know why Big William Michael's (born in March without the Family curse) birth hasn't been in *Shipmate*. I rest my case! Mary and **Bob Richard**'s had a little girl, Tamara Lynn, in May. Kelly and **Duane Schoon** had a baby boy, Andrew David, in June. Do we have any entries in the race for a family of four? Who about it, Yeags???

We have other additions to our Class: **Greg Baur** married the former Beth Cully in Annapolis. The Baur's are now in Pensacola where Greg is working on his wings. **Welling Stuart Clark** married the former Sallie Blackman at the naval station chapel in Long Beach. **Robert Lamont** married the former Sherry Cline in July. **Skip Root** wants everyone to know he is married to the former Southern Belle from Williamsburg. That's right, we're talking about Jan Brown!!!

Jim Lippard married Amy (no name included) 4 July 1980. It was quite an affair. Ray Baltera, Brad Richards, Mark Bolin, Doug Meyer, Aris Metrakos, Bill and Judy Dietzler are some of the '78ers who were there.

Bart Buechner married the former Janell Stockdale, on June 23. **Kevin "FUZZ" Foley** married his long-time sweetheart, Lorrie. The Foleys and Buechners are now residing in Charleston. Some other Classmates in the Charleston area include Sause and **Gary Gordon**, Lynn and **Tim Dowding** (newlyweds) and

Barney Cramp. Joanna and **Henry Van Oss** were married last October (good news travels fast). Henry Jackson Kwong was born in February. The proud parents are Becca and **Ray Kwong**. You guys will probably remember Ray for the way he handled his Corvettes!!!

Some more Classmates to add to list of pilots: Gerry "ROCK" Cory, Calvin Dixon, Steve "JOCK" Maloney, Dave Trundy, Russ Gordon, Skip "MOON" Root, Dan Fanelli, Alan Kuntz, Bernie Baetzel, Elmer Nelson, Charles Bourquardez, Paul Pietsch, Les Wallace, Dave Jenkins, Russ Chang, Dan Costello, Charlie Dawson. Just so anybody doesn't feel left out, I get this info from the Navy News Releases.

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Sec'y, Ens. **Peter A. Husta** USN
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Percent Members: 87

'Tis that time again. Army approaches and so does the end of this deployment. Sparse mail this month, a few letters from Mom and even one from the old man himself. But Ho! the good editors of this monthly have again done the leg work. I'm the proud owner of more than few Navy Hometown News Releases, each extolling some virtuous member of our all-male rabble. I'm still sailing about out here, ever searching for ships in need of bullets. If you are so lucky as to have the Mt. BAKER alongside, speak to my signalmen. Last time I was up there, they still knew who I was. Let's start with my favorite, the Connubial Corner. . . .

Our collective congratulations to **Bill Meader** and Suzanne, **Larry Taggart** and Patrice Lynn, **Bill Tilton** and Christine, **Bill Granger** and Lori Ann, and to **Art O'Hanion** and Nancy. Hearty welcome aboards to the wives and our best to the grooms.

Let's turn the page and discuss things wet (more like, muddy) and wild; our men in green. The following is a less than complete list of those who have completed the rigors of TBS and moved on to other USMC/USN/USA schools. Some I've heard, were lucky enough to go straight to FMC jobs as Platoon Leaders. Congrats to: **Tim MacNeil** (and Kim), **John Holden**, **Mike Kantaris**, **Al Womble**, **Larry Kahlstadius**, **Roger Royston**, **Rich Fitzwater**, **Sam Sichko**, **Tom Brandt**, and **Steve Garcia**. Some, I am sure, are in Pensacola now, but I've not heard for sure. Good job, Marines.

Now for my favorites (said in 'basso profundo mucho') THE MEN FROM SWO. Guess I'll start with the 'Gators. **Bernie Wawrzaniak** is in SPARTANBURG COUNTY, **Jeff Taylor** is in FAIRFAX COUNTY, **Mario Bladuell** is the CommO aboard same, and **Doug Mitchell** is in HARLAN COUNTY. **Pete Johnstone** is taking greenies over the bow in INGERSOL. **Rob Ehrhardt** is riding DALE and Jay Wallin is ChEng aboard the sweep GALLANT. **Gary Costello** and Lillian are wardroom members in ESTEEM.

Jim Davis sends his regards from BRISCOE. I'm told that **Phil Cullom** and **Dan Vortherms** are out of prototype, now. Seems **Pete Rasmusen** and Susie are in Lawton, Oklahoma, at artillery school. I thought I had it bad aboard this dinosaur (big, dumb and slow), but from the list of 10 collaterals Jim holds, this is a vacation. I'll trade ya, bub. Jim also holds a comprehensive list of companymates which is available at your behest.