



Tour Group

I just received another letter while I was writing this—**Jim Sloan** just returned from WestPac where he and **Ty Tyler** had spent almost 7 months in USS **FLASHER** (SSN-613). Ty and Margie Tyler live in Mira Mesa, about four blocks from the house that Jim and **Mark Haas** own. Mark is a recruit company XO at MCRD. **Dave Boch** is living with them until he deploys; he's flying LAMPS helos. **Phil Cook** is filling a staff job in San Diego and **Rich Hepburn** is now a recruiter in Los Angeles.

Congratulations to **Bob Haertling** who is tying the knot with Mary Russo. Bob is on his way to department head school, and Mary is currently attending SWOS in Coronado. **Rich Eisloeffel** is flying helos at Santa Ana and **Lee Freund** is running recruits at MCRD San Diego. **Dennis Gardiner** is aboard **SCHOFIELD** in San Diego; congratulations to him and his wife on the birth of their son Christopher. **John Boulden** is on his way to Pearl Harbor aboard USS **CAVALLA** (SSN-684) and **Tim Theurer** is the OIC aboard the USNS **WACCAMAW**. **Chuck Cole** is now aboard **JOSEPHUS DANIELS** out of Norfolk, and **Al Schmidt** is aboard **DRUM** in San Diego. When he passed through Guam, Jim ran into **Bill Glenn** who is on an FBM based out of Guam, and **Skip Wood** who is flying A-3s.

Just some final notes—**Dennis Dilucente** and **Mike Hughes** are both back in Hawaii and have settled into their new home in Kanehoe. I heard from **Lou Sposato** when he was on his way back to Hawaii from the Indian Ocean—he's doing well.

Recently we had a get-together of Academy grads here in Iwakuni—due to deployments we weren't able to get everyone together, but we're going to make another try at it in the near future. We did have a good party—**Mark Alfors**, **Ed Jeter**, **Larry Astyk**, **Mike Daily**, **William Brown**, and myself represented '76; **Bob Zacula** and **JJ Cuff** were there from '75; **Jerry Geil** represented '71; and **Burke Shade** was our resident plebe from '79.

One final note for this month—**Chet Moeller** is trying out for the New York Giants. Chet was discharged from the Marine Corps because of diabetes. Chet, we wish you the best of luck and hope to see you playing football this Fall.

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Percent Members: 98

An epistle from **Thomas J. Arminio**, class president:

First of all, I'd like to say "Congratulations!" on the completion of our third year of active duty. Time flies when you're having fun, right?

Now to the real purpose of this letter. I am writing to you to enlist your help and support in the effort to revise our present G.I. Bill Benefits. I am sure you are all as concerned as I am.

Whether you know it or not, there has been a great deal of effort, time and energy already put forth to resolve our Class's problem. There are two men who are responsible for helping out tremendously: they are **Marc Watson** and **Pete Grieve**. Their unselfish efforts and persistence have made it possible for our Class to get the benefits of the "old" G.I. Bill back in the near future. A final decision has not been made yet, but we have reason to believe it will go in our favor, so, right now we are somewhat optimistic.

Marc and Pete have been working hard for a couple of years now, and it evolves upon us to work for them and lend them a hand. Marc, Pete and all the class officers ask that you write a letter to your congressman and/or senator asking them for their support in revising the present G. I. Bill to include Classes of the Service Academies. Please put forth a small effort and a few minutes time to send off a short letter to help our cause, and we should all make a concerted effort to get this done as early as possible. It will help our side out tremendously if the members of Congress get all of your letters at relatively the same time. Thank you for your help!

In closing, I should like to wish all of the you all the best in your future endeavors. Also, according to our by-laws the terms of office of our present class officers will be up in the not too far distant future. Keep that in mind for nominations later on.

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Sec'y, Ens. **Peter A. Husta** USN
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Hello from the warm and sunny shores of the Med; Port of Call, Haifa. Nice place; no young lovelies, but lots of touring to do. Jerusalem and Nazareth next Monday. As you might have heard, I'm now the commo aboard **MOUNT BAKER** (AE-34). Could be a real bang-up tour if all goes poorly! Just a little light humour, there. It's really a working command and a decent place. Lots of news from the Class. A bit of it is a tad old, but most of it is

as recent as I've got. Please send your dissertations directly to the ship in the future. It will help cut the writer-to-reader time.

Billy Jones and **Bette-Jean** send their best from P-Cola. BJ has overcome his medical troubles and is moving along in the world of aviators. I have personal congratulations for "out of action Jackson!" Dave and Chris did the waltz on the seventeenth of May. In Great Falls, Virginia our collective best goes to **Mark Edwards**, also. Mark and Dana (Darby, if you will) tied the knot in March, back at the boat school chapel. While speaking of marriage and the like, we've got another "rug rat" to add to our growing numbers. Sandy and **Ron Glass** welcomed their first, a baby girl, into the world on the 15th of March. Sandy wants to make sure that all 16th company troopers know that young Ryan Elizabeth was, in fact, born with a neck, unlike dear Dad. You decipher that one, guys.

Blaine Brandon sent along the news from fun one. Justin and Crystal Aschenbrenner are anticipating a new family attention getter, real soooooon. **Gary Fresquez** is the A/E officer in USS **TOWERS** (DD-9). Gary is soon to become a permanent fixture in Yokosuka, Japan (much to his dismay). Blaine bids his time aboard **HOEL** (DDG-13) as the A/E officer. **Chuck Kuzma** is there also, as the gunnery officer. **Kurt Schaefer** (15th Co.) is the deck officer aboard **ALBERT DAVID** (FF-1050). **Nat Green** and **Dave** (Death from Above) **Krueger** have finished up at elementary driver's ed school out in Coronado. Thanks for the news BD, and my best to the Comancheros.

Let's switch to Channel Five for the news from Matt Coleman. Matt and Karin are expecting their first this August. The Coleman clan is bound for the West Coast and USS **COOK**. **Dave Emerling** finally broke the ice and asked his longtime best buddy, Sandy, for her hand. Dave's usual luck held out; vows will be exchanged once he completes flight school. **Greg Hutto** is down in Fort Walton Beach doing research for the USAF, and **Paul Tetreault** is headed South to experience the "JOYS OF CHENG" aboard a sweep. I am also told that **Russ Keller** and Chris recently waltzed into eternal bond on the 21st of this month. Keeping it all in the family, **Kenny Gray** is engaged to marry Barbara Keller. Poor Ken is presently beading his way through master's courses at Princeton. Matt was good enough to pass on the latest about Lorie and **Ted Griffith** and Danette and **Cliff Perkins**. Both lucky couples are soon to be mom's and dad's, respectively.

Now for my old group of cohorts. The once infamous Phantom Plebe, **C. V. Doty**, nuke par excellence, took the time from his neutrinos to pass on the goodies from the Twentieth Company. Our congratulations to Tammy and **Steve Walton**. Mine too, guys. Lisa and **Ken Wartick** are expecting their first sometime this Summer. **Mike Kantaris** is happily wedded to Patricia Bank (saw the light, eh Mike) and **Mark Tempestilli** and Mary are soon to hear bells. 'Tis my understanding that **Cathy** and **Ralph Spaulding** are now a team. Right-on, Spauldo; 'bout time. Chuck also informs me that he will be the next to fall. Congrats in advance, Pal. Chuck and Peggy will be wed on the 27th of September in Washington. Rather than publish the list, our classwide congratulations to you guys who weathered nuke school. We know that it's been tough, but you asked for it; BT/AR.