

about a mile from Martha. I also heard from **Lou Sposato**, and he's made it to Cleveland and is getting settled in his recruiting job.

I know everyone wants to hear how things are progressing for the five year reunion. Deb Pearsall has really done a fantastic job in getting things rolling. These are the plans so far: the reunion will be held after the game on 24 October, beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening at the Empire Towers, 7300 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, Maryland. It'll be a semi-formal affair with a hot and cold buffet, an open bar, and dancing. We're going to use some of our class funds to cover expenses and in addition charge a nominal fee of about \$2.50 per person. We will try and get invitations to everybody and will be publishing more info in the coming issues of *Shipmate*. Please RSVP so we can get an idea of how many people are going to attend. Another order of business we need to consider is election of class officers. Anyone interested in running for any of the offices, please contact either Blaine or myself prior to October. If you can't be at the reunion we can ensure that your name is placed on the ballot.

That's about it for now—please stay in touch. If you can offer assistance in any way for the reunion, contact Deb or **Blaine Pearsall**, or myself.

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Since my first column had not yet appeared as of deadline, I had to pump some of my Classmates in the yard for some information. Although they are "busy" on shore duty, they provided a bunch so here goes. Heard from **Dave Bentley** out at VP-46. He is out there with **Rich Kirster**, **John Feiler**, **George Sprung**, **Paul Labossiere**, **Jerry Mathre** and **Charlie Racoosin**. **Dan Whitsett**, **Steve Horbiae**, **Pete Engle** and **Rick Padula** are with VP-50. **Dave Schenke** and his wife **Monica** had a son, **Daniel**, in October. He is with VP-40. **Greg Reuss** and his wife **Diana** have a baby boy; he is flying CH-53s for the Marines in the Indian Ocean. **Dan Fenn** came off WILSON and is teaching SWOS in San Diego. **Everette McNair** is recruiting for the Marines in Baltimore after a tour in Okinawa. There are some rumors of a wedding in the air.

Rick Snyder and his wife are at the Marine Barracks in London, England. **Pat Bristol** is a father and is stationed with the Marines in the Western Pacific. **Sam Locklear**, his wife and daughter, should be arriving here anytime. He will be a company officer! **Rick Faulkner** and **Sean Carroll** stopped by Annapolis to see **Jeff Holloway** and his wife **Debbie**. Rick is flying A-6s and Sean is in SARATOGA in Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Jeff also saw **Row Rogers** and his wife **Donna** in Dayton, Ohio, where he is at law school. **Terry Cook** is working at the Finance Center in Washington (DC).

I saw **Leo Latonick** last week. He's working with the basketball team, so we always are running into each other in the fieldhouse. Leo is getting married in Philly in August. **Ed Rourke** is stationed in Crystal City, and **George Alkley** and his family are at the Naval Facility in Lewes, Delaware. **Mike Victen** is on his way to a Trident, the MICHIGAN. **Bill Michler** is still in CALLAHAN and has extended his tour in the shipyard in Washington. **Bill Tester** and his

wife **Jackie** are in San Diego and he is combat cargo officer aboard TRIPOLI (LPH-10). **Eric Johnson** just showed up here from the CALLAHAN and is over in SEANAV. **John Grace** is flying jets at Whidbey Island. Congratulations to **Tom Behle** who was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal while serving on board DAVIDSON. **Martinus Klijr**, **Oliver Read**, **Marvin Rogers**, **Corwin Karaffa**, **Chris Cleaver** and **Alan Clever** returned from the Indian Ocean within the last few months. **Jesse Schrum**, **Mike McVay**, **Mark Jee**, **Jim Sheldon**, **Bob Atwood**, **Harry Rouse** and **George Sullivan** have also returned from deployments.

Well, that's all for this month. I'm fresh out of information. I hope to get everyone's name in print, so drop me a line or call autovon 281-2831 or my home 301/268-0322 soon.

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Just as I sat down to watch TV with a cold one, thinking I had nothing to do. Linda reminded me that *Shipmate* is due. So here goes with the latest from my bag of mail. We got a special letter from Mrs. Jones, **Jim Jones'** mother. Jim is now flying F-4s off MIDWAY out of Japan. Jim would love to hear from any of the old boys; you can reach him at VF-151 in MIDWAY.



Uncle Eddie Reid and nieces

Eddie Reid wrote to let everyone know he is now the uncle of a good-lucking set of twin girls, **Lauren** and **Keely**. Eddie tried to steal all the glory, but most of the credit goes to **Margaret** and **Bob Fallon** the proud parents. You can see Bob and the girls pictured. **Erin** and **Archie Griffin** are doing fine in San Francisco. **Tracy** and **Jimbo Degree** are now in San Diego where Jim is coaching the SWOS football team. For something to do during the day, Jim is also attending SWOS. **Meegan** and **Pat McCormick** are in San Diego, and **Mike Galpin** is in ROGER in the Indian Ocean.

Pete Flynn wrote from Norfolk where he is in HAMMERHEAD. Pete is living proof that "bubbleheads" do come up for air. Pete and Tammy have a baby boy, **Justin**. Justin has already applied for the Class of '02. Some of the other Nuke types in the area are **Carol** and **Rudy Escher** in BLUEFISH, **Jim Pointer** in LAPON, **Steve Dowell** in SILVERSIDES, and last but not least, **John Rudder** in FLYING FISH. John, you must write and tell us about your "SNAKE RANCH!"

Kevin "Grinch" Lynch wrote to tell of his comeback of the year. After deciding SWOS was not the place to be, Grinch was sent to Guam on the Admiral's Staff. He is now the XO of the minesweeper AFFRAY, and married to the former **Kathy Kane**. The Grinches are expecting a little one on St. Pat's Day. Eat your heart out, **Jocko** and **Eddie**!! Well, Grinch from Jock; **Mary** and **Steve Maloney** have a baby boy, **Christopher Andrew**. They say little Jocko has red hair like his daddy!!!

Dave Brown wrote from Sigonella, Sicily, where he is flying CT-39s and VR-24s with **Jeff Dasher**. That's what I like; all these hardship tours you guys are putting up with. The Dashers have a little Villa that they say really hops when they're not there and Dave is watching it for them. Keep the news coming. The Pony Express makes it to North Carolina in the Spring when the snow melts. Until later

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Classmates, I know that I have been sorely lax in my duties as your secretary. I know. Like most of you, I've had my move from TAD to first training command, and between that, several week-long recruiting trips before the move, and an avalanche of studying down here, things have gotten somewhat out of hand. You're right—"No excuse, sir!" I'll try to make sure that there are no more gaps in the column.

On to the news. A while back (too long a while, which I apologize for) I received a beautiful letter from a beautiful person—our first honorary class member, **Mrs. Lawrence**. She sent with it a letter to the entire Class, which is reprinted here:

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September 5, 1980

Dear Classmates of '80,

The honor you gave to me on Graduation Day was truly the most moving and the most joyous surprise I have ever known. When **Captain Jackson**, **Admiral Lawrence's** Aide, walked over to where I was sitting and said, "Diane, will you come with me, please," I thought he was forcing me to leave the ceremonies early so that I could be waiting in the sedan to greet official guests after they left the rostrum . . . and I was more than a wee bit unhappy with my husband that he would have directed my departure before the hats went up.

As **Captain Jackson** and I walked away, I slowly perceived what **Tony** was saying, and I was stunned. Then, as **Tony** and I stood side by side, and I heard him tell me that the Class of '80 who had so captured my heart, had made me an honorary member of their Class, I was overcome with joy and tears.