

in New York. **Carlos Rosende** is now a doctor in Norfolk, Virginia. **Tom Vecchiolla** and wife Cindy are in Hawaii and Tom is flying helos. **Jeff Morse** is flying P-3s out of Maine. **Otho Christensen** and wife Sue are in Charleston on board VALLEJO. **Robert Burnette** and wife Debbie and two boys are in Groton, working on the new Trident, MICHIGAN. **Mark Atkison** and wife Ellen are at prototype in Connecticut and **Al Angleman** and wife Julie are at prototype in NY. Also Vivien and Lenny are looking for **Jim Vlakovich**. Are you out there? Thanks for all the news.

**Tom Lagerstrom** is on deployment in TEXAS. **Mark Hugel** is also on a Med deployment in MISSISSIPPI. **Richard Trimble** just returned from deployment with Patrol Squadron 48 out of Moffett Field. **Jon Kutler** and wife Monica are stationed in Pearl Harbor where Jon is in OUELLET. **Mike Smith** reported to Camp Pendleton, California, in September. Congratulations to **Richard Galvin** who was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal while serving as strategic weapons officer at the submarine base in Bremerton, Washington. **John Connard** wrote from the shipyard in Staton Island. He is the OIC of the military department in USNS PAWCATUCK.

I heard from **Phil Wisecup** and finally got an address. He is at the Institute of European Studies in Strasbourg. Phil will be there for 2 years and can be reached at: 3 Rue Strauss-Durkheim, Strasbourg 6700, France. **Mark Clark** has been accepted into the program to be a Jesuit priest and is now in Denver. He will take his vows after two years of training there. He made it up to Detroit in June to see **Jerry Linenger** graduate from medical school. Jerry is doing his residence in San Diego and is living with yet another famous member of "Club 19," **Joe Kernan**. Joe has been accepted into the SEALs program.

It seems I have forgotten to mention a Classmate who is stationed right under my nose. **Ed Abner** is in the P.E. Department and is the Plebe Baseball coach and assistant to the asst. director of athletics for recruiting. Ed and I are busy trying to keep our perspective head coaches happy. **Eli Turner** has also just reported to the Academy from sea duty and is teaching over in the seamanship and navigation department.

Still nobody knocking my door down to volunteer to head up Homecoming next year on the Elections. Hope to hear from somebody soon. I just will not be here next year.

Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope that most of us are able to be close to their families during the Holidays. Please send me your extra Christmas cards with a note in them. We are starting to starve for news!

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This month's *Shipmate* starts out on a sad note: **Dave Trundy** was killed in a Cobra Helicopter crash on 18 September 1981, about 17 miles from Cherry Point, North Carolina. Kim and little Beth are doing really well and the support from family and friends has been fantastic. His presence will be sorely missed by us all. The Class has given a gift to the new chapel in Mitscher Hall in Dave's name. See "Last Call" section. Instead of flowers, Kim has requested that donations be sent to the Alumni Association to be placed in a Trust Fund for use at a later date.

**Brad Thomann** wrote from San Diego where he is in the S-3 RAG with **Bruce Bole**, **Don Aiken**, **Norm Hansen**, **John O'Neil**, **Mike Gulley** and **Neil Kennedy**. Brad and John should be aboard IKE by now with VS-31, just about ready to deploy. **Steve Jacoby** has finished his instructor duty and is now in the A-7 RAG in Lemoore. Rumor has it he drives a hearse and lives in a railroad car. **Mike "GALPO" Galpin** is said to be slumming as usual; he is a RIO in F-14s. **Chip Walston**, when not mistaken for an old man or flying H-3s or H-2s, can be found racing his Hobie Cat. **Bob Weustner** is in Jacksonville flying P-3s, Mrs. Weustner and Bob Jr. are doing fine. (Sorry, Mrs. W., No Name included.) Thanks for the info, Brad.



On board AMERICA

Pictured are some more of the Navy lieutenant types rubbing it in: this group is stationed in AMERICA; **Carl Abelen** (VA-192), **Kurt Tidd**, (Boiler Division Officer), **Jeff Dickman** (VS-33), **John Martin** (VF-114), **Floyd Steed** (VS-33), and **Lee Ducharme** (VF-114). **Rick Yatskey** (VA-95) and **John Alford** were also aboard, but were not available for the picture. The Air Wingers are on their way back to the West Coast.

**Steve Stamos** wrote with the following info: Sause and **Gary Gordon** are the proud parents of Amanda Elizabeth born 28 June 1981. Gary is aboard SELLERS. Nancy and **John Hueseman**, not to be outdone, are the proud parents of Heidi Rose born 24 August 1981. John is still with COM-DESRON 5 and due to rotate in June. **Tom O'Bryant** took the long walk 3 October 1981 and married the former Deborah Drew in Virginia Beach. He is currently stationed aboard INDIANAPOLIS. Break a few more hearts; **Jeff Knauer** married Cynthia Gumpert in Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of October. Carol and **Tim Golden** don't do things in a small way, they are the proud parents of Timothy Paul, 9 lbs. 4 oz., born 6 August. Tim is aboard MIDWAY working on the Carrier Improvement program. **Steve Stamos** and **Steve Hincks** are passing the time away TAD to COMPHIBRON 7. Next time don't wait two years to write again, Steve, and thanks.

Keep your eyes out for a new address. I'm about to have my first tour on the Big Grey one. I leave in January for parts unknown. That's right, Marines do go to Sea.

I ran into **Tom Harper** passing through NAS Dallas. He has just about finished his book and is hoping someone will pick up the movie rights. Tom is still active in sports, he is a high school football referee. Special Note to **Jim Degree** from Mildred "WAS it really that cold there!!!" Until next time, Have a Happy and safe Holiday Season. We are still looking for ideas for next year's Homecoming. Linda & Shanna send their best.

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Like most of the folks who've written in the last few months, I'm tired of not seeing anything in *Shipmate* for our Class. The one column I sent (for September) never made it to Annapolis, for some reason, but that's neither here nor there — there should be something in there every month. Once again, my apologies to one and all, and thanks to the *Shipmate* staff for putting in the bits and pieces they had to help me out.

Aside from 15-hour days, slight plumbing problems and big yellow buses, things are going well out here at the Idaho Prototype. By the time this gets to print, all but one class of Class of '80 grads will be qualified and off to SWOS or SUBSCOL. No final duty assignments as of yet — stay tuned.

One announcement that needs to be made immediately. **Paula (James) Kaplan** and husband **Roger Kaplan** ('78) wrote asking me to let everyone know about the birth of their daughter, **Heather Ann**, on January 13, 1980. I know it's long overdue, Paula and Kappy, but here it is — congratulations and best wishes, from all of us.

Stand by for a small freighter's worth of company news:

From 8th Co. and **Cheryl Sponholtz**, London remains delightful. **Steve (Doc) Moreau** is in Beeville, Texas, as are Laurie and **Rob Schoeneck**. **Mark Guidoboni** is in the helo pipeline. **Mike Ales'** ship is in drydock at Pascagoula, **John McCarthy** is with the supply corps in Naples, and **Dan King** should be just about finished with a deployment to Diego Garcia with CB Batt 1. **Sue Stapler** is in Australia at the Harold E. Holt Communications Station, and in her spare time is playing (what else) volleyball. Kay and **Danny Young** are in Charleston, where the **DANIEL BOONE** is homeported. Theresa and **Rich MacInnes**, and **Alexis Saballa** are in Marine Infantry in Twenty Nine Palms, California.

**Al Wellesly** of 23rds' Wildmen reports that **Lee Rucker** is a married man. He and **Shawn Peterson** tied the knot in July, then headed for the sunny skies of Corpus Christi. **Geoff Houck** should be in Camp Lejeune. Jaimie and **Pete Tatro** are in New London, where Pete is aboard WHALE. And, Al would like to know if Louisville survived the "small reunion" he, **Dave Lengyel**, and **Bert Ferguson** had last May. I also got a letter from **Keith Sieczkowski** who's in the communications field with the Corps, engaged, and stationed in Cherry Point. Ski also reports that **Marcus Sneed** went tanks and is in Camp Lejeune.

14's **Jeff Kunkel** dropped a line from Corpus Christi. Tammy and **Scott Albertson** should be in Pax River, where Scott is with VXN-8. Jo and **Jim Brinkman** are in Norfolk (via Orlando and Newport for SWOS), Jim serving in SHREVEPORT (LPD-12). Jackie and **Wit Davis** are at Camp Pendleton, as are Chrys and **Ken Flack**. Wit is in supply and Ken is in communications (both Marine types). Also with the Corps are **Arcelio Josiah**, who's a motor transport officer in Hawaii, **Lee Korzan** who (with wife Mary) is in air defense in Yuma, Arizona, and **John Lowe**, who's in El Toro, California with his wife Ellen, serving as an aircraft maintenance officer. Susan and **Alan Portillo** have a baby girl, Amanda (Congrats!). They're in Alameda, where Al's aboard WICHITA (AOR-1). (Wild) **Bill Lescher** is one of several folks up for first wings honors (no comment or deci-