

married the former Jan McRae in January 1980, but was deployed 351 days that year! He is doing workups for deployments again. **Ray Chevier** is also in EISENHOWER and is the LSO and aircraft division officer. **Keith Quigley** and wife Jimmi also live in Orange Park and he is with HS-5 as personnel and legal officer. **Jeff Heely** called from San Diego where he is flag lieutenant for Commandant 11th Naval District. He is playing tennis in the All-Navy tournament with **Mark Jee** who is a SWOS instructor in Coronado. Jeff's roommate at USNA, **Rick Van't Hof**, movement officer at Bancroft Hall, is leaving the surface Navy in November when he goes to flight school. **Jim Kear** reported to Sea/NAV over at Luce Hall this Winter and is teaching celestial navigation. This Summer Jim spent sailing to Bermuda and Nova Scotia as part of the new sailing-summer cruise program now being offered.

Brad McDonald and **Henry Gonzales** wrote from Perth, Australia, halfway through a Westpac cruise in PINTADO. Henry relieved Brad as MPA and Brad took over as weapons officer. Both are planning to take the engineer's exam this Fall. After reading the March issue of *Shipmate*, they figured they were the only ones left on sea duty. I'm sure you will get lots of arguments about that! **Lenny Zingarelli** wrote from Ballston Spa, New York, where he is enjoying shore duty as an instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit. Lenny and his wife have two daughters and he reported from LEWIS AND CLARK. **Rick Taylor** wrote from COMSIXFLT Staff in Gaeta, Italy. He left BUCHANAN in San Diego and is now assistant command/control officer on the staff. Rick and his wife sound like they are enjoying duty in Italy.

Gregg Smith dropped me a line from HSL-32 in Norfolk. He has been flying for the Coast Guard in New York City for the past two years. Gregg is sharing a townhouse with **Bill Stulb** who is CIC officer in TEXAS.

Bill Millward's wife Jane wrote from San Diego. Bill is MPA in TRUXTON and Jane is an elementary school teacher. **Ron Barnes** and **John Thorp** are also in TRUXTON. **Ron Miller** and his wife Marcia are also in San Diego in GUARDFISH. Ron is the DCA and Marcia is an accountant with Imperial Savings.

Dennis Simons' wife Patty and **Richard Snead's wife Missy** wrote with news from Charleston, South Carolina. Dennis is stationed in DANIEL BOONE and Dennis and Patty have an 11-month-old boy, Scott. Richard is in NATHAN HALE. Missy is meeting him in Holy Loch after the patrol for a vacation in Europe. **Tim Lorentz** (wife Susan) is in JAMES MONROE. **Lee Slaughter** and wife Joan have two children and are stationed in BATFISH. **Bill Felken**, wife Rhea and two daughters recently arrived in Charleston in SUNFISH. Also in Charleston are **Ed Rogers** and wife Mary Beth in WILSON, **Dave Hall** in NARWAHL and **Dan Shinego** in RAY.

David Ziemba is in the yards in Long Beach in PAUL D. FOSTER. **Chris O'Connor** is the Battalion Guard Officer at the Marine Barracks in Keflavik, Iceland. **Jim Vilbert** is at Indian Head, Maryland, working for public works. **Eric Smith** is also in the CEC. **Bruce Smith** left ENTERPRISE and is now missile officer in BAINBRIDGE. **Ray Simmons** and **Dennis Grimer** have been in VP-4 since November '79 and are looking for some shore duty.

Thanks for all the news. We will probably have an informal get-together at Homecoming in October, so if you are in the area stop by. We'll try to get some pictures.

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The weather in North Carolina is beautiful; it's another one of those days where the humidity is higher than the temperature. Too hot for outside activities, so I'll write my *Shipmate* article.



Lt.(jg) Roger Kaplan USN receiving the Navy Achievement Medal from CO, USS BAINBRIDGE

Roger "Kappy" Kaplan wrote from the Western Pacific where he is the 1st Lt. in USS BAINBRIDGE. **Bill Beary** took over as the NTDS Officer and **Lee Delony** is the M-2 officer on the BAINBRIDGE. Kappy and Paula Kaplan are the proud parents of Heather Ann, born 13 January.

Fred Butterfield is in TRUETT. **Mike "Crisper" Crisp** was said to have uttered a few choice words when under "Billy B" control. Thanks for the news, Kappy, and congratulations on your Navy Achievement Medal.

Michael Duffy and Paula Dyer are now in Tustin where he is flying H-46s. Since Paula can't talk Duffy into having a baby, the **Dasovichs** helped them out. Mike and Marie are the proud parents of Kelley Marie born 26 January. Duffy and Paula are the proud godparents.

Barb and Greg Peet are stationed in San Diego. Greg is now the Comm Officer in SCHENECTADY. **Greg Jubert** is also in San Diego and Greg is the SCHENECTADY's supply officer. Greg Peet is hoping to get a coaching job with NASL, after leading SCHENECTADY's soccer team to the COMNAVBASE SAN DIEGO Fleet League Championship. **Corey Bickmore** is the DCA in FREDERICK, and very proud of his wife Judy and daughter Courtney. **DeeDee and Floyd Steed** are at NAS North Island. Floyd is flying S-3 with VS-33. **Suzanne and Neil Kennedy** are also at North Island, where Neil is flying S-3s. Special note to Neil from big brother Dave. "I'm working on one! How about you?" Greg and Barb Peet are on their way to La Maddalena, Italy, where Greg will be the navigator in ORION.

Karen and Ray Fritsch are the proud parents of Lauren Elizabeth, born 5 April. Ray is the MMO of Battalion 3/8 currently afloat in the Mediterranean.

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Bathyscape TRIESTE makes record dive of two miles

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Sec'y, Lt.(jg) **Peter A. Husta** USN
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'Been a long hot month on GONZO Station. Few, paltry few letters have been able to find their way around the globe to my navigator's plotting table. Assuming that you guys still have the time to write...

Kyle Kaker is having a blast on the "Wabash Cannonball" out of San Diego. He's enroute to GONZO now. WABASH was blessed with three of our ranks. Kyle was joined by **Greg Baka** and **Eric Christenson** (you remember, the BIG one with all the stars on the sweater). Kyle has fallen to a young lovely from the old 'Homestate.' He was married to Mary on the fourteenth of April. They eloped to The Redwoods in California and got married inside a tree. I'd have to give that a solid B+ for originality.

The next letter came in an unassuming, unaddressed envelope from someone. **Steve Heida** (30th) is doing E-2s in NORVA. Poor blighter's been grounded for a knee injury which was sustained during an intense softball game, last month. He was married to Debbie on the fifteenth of May. The Heida clan is a member of VAW-124 à la NIMITZ. **Joe WELCH**, another grad of Thirty finishing his RAG time, will soon join VAW-121 à la IKE. Joe married Lynn, his honey at Hood, back in December. Imagine the road trips! **Steve Stephenson**, also an NFO in E-2s, is leaving the RAG for VAW-112 and San Diego. Steve is engaged to an Enzyme who excited the Boat School, post LCWB ('80). **Jim Sebastian** will stay on the West Coast with VAW-113. Jim was married to Lindy in November. The ghost-memo writer mentioned something about a plastic human skull which plays a large role in the Sebastian marriage... Guesses anyone? *Note bene* that our two premier comedy writers (Sebastian and Stephenson) are once again on the same Coast. I wonder, what will happen to Doktor Deal?

If you collect off the wall messages, CNO 090011Z May has a bit of interesting news. When the "Hellenic Carrier" played bumper boats with the "Lashiatlantico," SPRUANCE was there to accommodate the survivors who were rescued by "Eastern Saga." The boat-officer, why the Man From SWO *hissself*, **Randy Scanlon**. From what I gather from the message, the small boat transfer was quite hairy. Just another day in the life of a "Shoe."

Another lengthy one came over the wire from **Jim Davis**, off'n BRISCOE. Susie and **Pete Rasmussen** were joined by son Kristopher Robert in January. The Rasmussens and Kim and **Tim MacNeil** are still out at Camp Pendleton. **Rob Ketter** added a youngster to his family tree recently. Few details were given. Congratulations are in order for both **Tony Heimer** and **Jim Davis**. They were designated SWOs as young ensigns. **Mike Hawkins** recently returned from Norway where his tank platoon was participating in a NATO exercise. Upon their return, they were shipped off to Cuba for another month or so, then they are off to Fort Rickett for some "super-tanking." Sandy and **Jim Goodwin** are in Keyport. They were lucky to gain an in at Base Housing ("A" Quarters, no less!). Two bedrooms and a large yard for the canine... Sandy is the catering manager at the Bremerton Holiday Inn. Mary and **Tom Forsythe** are living in Chesapeake. "T" is flying RH-53s. He's been