

December. Andrea and I hope that you all have a happy holiday, and if you happen to be deployed my only hope is that you are in Palma and not Naples. Until next year, *ciao!*

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At launching of KLARKRING

Here's a picture of Connie and **Richard Stevens** with aunt Janet Klarkring Sharp and mother Marjorie Klarkring Stevens of Annapolis at the launching of USS KLARKRING (FFG-42) at Bath, Maine, on 18 September 1982. Richard's mother was a first cousin of RAdm. Klarkring '27, for whom the ship is named.

Did you spot the new address at the head of the column? Rolling on the bounding main and have all kinds of news, but through an unfortunate set of circumstances did not get much printed this month. However, just wait 'til next year. Meanwhile, may the Peace and tremendous Love of the Christmas season be yours this holiday and throughout the New Year to come.

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MaryK and I have been in the process of moving during the past month, so my mail has yet to catch up with me. I was fortunate enough to receive one letter, and I had the good fortune to visit with **Alex Cobble**, so I do have some news to pass on. I heard from Dave and Stephanie and **Dave Papak**. Dave left HMH-462 in Tustin, California, and is now one of the assistant varsity football coaches at USNA; he's also the plebe/JV coach. Stephanie is modeling in DC. They also had some other news to pass on. Marie and **Randy Hutcherson** are now back in Pensacola where Randy is a helo instructor. **Jeff Kalkstien** is stationed in DC and working in Crystal City. **Lou Repucci** is out of the Marine Corps and runs a trucking company in West Covina, California — congratulations to him and Lorraine on the birth of their son Lou Jr.

I had the chance to stay with Alex Cobble when I got to California. Alex is busy recruiting naval aviators and is working out of San Diego. We talked to **Mike Daily** and **Don Bringle**. Mike and Kimbra are living in San Diego; Mike is with VS-41. **Bert Bowden** is the squadron's flight

surgeon. Don Bringle is living in his own place in Cardiff. **Stan O'Conner** has orders to VF-124, and congratulations to him and Mary, who are expecting their second child. **John Drerup** is on a ship out of San Diego. **Mark Clements** is in his second year at Harvard Business School. **Mike Williams** is the president of Desk Top Software Inc. in the Santa Cruz area — congratulations to him and Georgeann for their baby girl, Julia.

I checked into El Toro two weeks ago. I'm working with the F/A-18 program on the Hornet Introduction Team. I ran into **Phil Newman** while I was checking in; Phil is the GASSC officer at MAG-16. I saw **William Brown** in Dallas; he is now a full-time student at the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. That's all the news I have for now. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Beat Army!

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Not much news after a long column last month and deadline a week before Homecoming. **Don Stewart** and wife Karen are the happy parents of a girl, Joy Louise, born 29 September. Congratulations. I know you are very happy. **John Taylor** has left the Navy after a tour as a RIO in F-4s stationed in Beaufort, South Carolina. His wife Ann gave birth to a girl, Christian, while he was on terminal leave. John is now working for General Electric in the military space division with another Classmate, **John Travis**. The last birth announcement is from **Mike Kuhn** and his wife Carol. Joseph Francis Kuhn was born on the 8th of July in Hawaii. Mike has switched from the Indian Ocean branch of intelligence to the Soviet branch and continues to enjoy his analyst job. **Rusty Eckstrom** and his wife Robin left VP-6 and headed for recruiting duty in Green Bay, Wisconsin. **Ron Hertwig** and his wife Teri are reported enjoying his tour as XO of a CEC unit in Japan.

Bob Dawson is stationed at the Academy now and is the scheduling officer on the Commandant's staff. Bob and Marie just bought a house in Cape St. Claire.

And that's all the news I have. You all have my new address so send me Homecoming news and a Christmas card! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone wherever you may be.

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Just a short note to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. I've got lots of hot scoops from Homecoming, but regrettably, I'm already past deadline, so keep an eye open for the January-February issue of *Shipmate*. I'm officially taking over as corresponding secretary for **Mike Conklin**, and I'd like to thank him for his outstanding efforts over the past four years. I know I speak for the entire Class in saying "Well Done, Miguel!"

So have a great holiday, and Beat Army. **Bob Schmermund**.

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Merry Christmas. First of all, I have a new address for you. Please be sure to take note. This one shouldn't change for a good long time. I heard from Sharon and **Tom Brandl** in Hawaii. They may be going to one of the New England states. The move could come as early as February and Tom would be on recruiting duty. They should be parents any time now, if they aren't already. **Mike Chanenchuk** and Jenny (don't know her last name) should be newlyweds by the time this column goes to press. Last I heard they were planning on a Naval Academy wedding. Speaking of weddings . . . **Justin Pavoni** is now a married man. I am not sure of the details but I do know it was at the Chapel.

John Byzewski is out in the Pacific on yet another deployment for the Corps. John is stationed in Hawaii when not on float. **Mike Weiss** is on his way to becoming a member of Navy Air. Last I heard he was still in Pensacola. **Mike Kennedy** is also taking a stab at defying Newton's Laws and was last seen checking the hurricane procedures for Whiting Field. **Cliff Wilson** just returned from WestPac in August. He is in USS MEYERKORD out of San Diego. **Allen Brewer** is also on board the frigate. Australia is reportedly a wonderful place.

I realize this is short and sweet but I can only write what you send me. Consider yourself hinted. Have the best of Christmas and Happy New Year and, '79, for gosh sakes, be careful out there.

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Hello again, and Seasons Greetings to all! Before getting started with the news for this month, I must once again list an address change. As of 15 October I will be moving back to the Pensacola area for helicopter training. During the interim, until my new address is published, please send all mail to my home address: 2670 East 19th Street, Sheephead Bay, Brooklyn NY 11235. Ma Sciararra will ensure that it gets to me promptly. Look for a new address to be listed next month.

Well, once again, we have had another outstanding month for correspondence. It is always a pleasure to sit down to write this column with a stack of mail in front of me. Thanks for the terrific support. I would first like to pass along the