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Here it is, ladies and gentlemen, the long awaited "Last Article" as an Ensign, to be read through bleary eyes at your wetting down and to be followed by the first Column as a JG, to be read if you can still see after your wetting down.

Not much new material in the mailbag this month, so let's take care of the things on the back burner. First, a report of the legendary wedding of **Tim Sullivan** and **Sue Mancuso**. Legendary because I got reports of it from no less than four separate sources. **Jeff Johnstone** got word all the way out in Westpac. **Stoner's** on board **FRESNO (LST-1182)**, out there with **John Graham**, who's in USMC aviation supply in **TRIPOLI (LPH-10)**, currently enjoying Perth, Australia. Also got a note from **John Dean (81)** (thank ya kindly), and **Sue's** folks sent down the picture you see here. Finally, **Sully** himself made sure I got the whole story right. He and his lovely bride are surrounded by (l to r): **Steve (Shack) Schehl (81)**, **Jim (Pet) Pietrocini**, **Dennis (D-Street) Hughes**, the aforementioned **John Dean**, **Jim (Kito) Sheairs**, **Steve (Moose) Laukaitis**, **Tim (Kobo) Kobosko** and **Scott (Stewie) Stewart**.

**Sully's** headed for **Moffett Field** and **VP-47**, and has this info on the folks at his wedding: **Moose** and **Kito** are finishing up flight school, **Kobo** is at **SWOS**, **D-Street** is on a reserve ship in **Philly**, and **Stewie** is in the **RIO RAG** at **Oceana**.

Other **P-3** nav news: **Rick Press** was married 26 December and is at **Moffett**, as are **Pete Stanford**,

Beautiful Bride with Questionable Company!



**Al Lewis** and **Ed Borger**. **Dave Porter** is going to **Jax**. **Mike Buzzel** is flying jets (?) in **Beeville**, and should be about done. Finally, **Bill Killea** is in the **S-3 RAG** in **San Diego**. Many thanks for the great letter, **Sully** — congrats and good luck.

**Jim (Neutrons) Wilson** got grounded for weather a while back, so he had time to drop me a line. **Jimmer** took the proverbial plunge in December — he tied the knot with the former **Vikki Meleney**, with **Steve Komatz** as the best man and **Mark Breckenridge** and **Dale Lumme** as sword bearers. He sent along his mailing address and would like all 29th Co. folks to drop him a line to let him know where everybody is. The address: 202 Canebreak Lane, Simpsonville SC 29081. Thanks for the note, **Jimbo** — keep 'em flyin'.

Next comes the long-overdue publication of **Ron Rives'** news from 32. **Ronny** has started (!) the **NFO pipeline** after waiting out the **Marine pool**. He reports: **Marybeth** and **Mark Bathrick** are at **Meridian**, as is **Jerry Budnick**. Both **Mark** and **Jerry** should be just about done with flight school. At last report **Jeff Best** was the pool officer in **P-Cola**. **Tom Burke** is in helos with **HT-18**. **Scott Dean** received his **P-3** wings and he and wife **Cindy** are in **Hawaii**. **Kevin Ketchmark** has finished **P-3 NFO school** — no homeport known as yet. **Roosevelt Johnson** is in **CALLAGHAN (DD-994)** out of **San Diego**. **Kim** and **Bob Miller** are going to **Hawaii**, where **Bob** will be driving an **SSN**. **Mike Petrofes** is an **E-2 NFO** in **San Diego**. **Ernie Styron** is a supply officer in **CONSTELLATION**, and **Mark Tomb** is on board **McCLOY (FF-1038)**. Thanks, **Ron** — sorry it took so long.

As promised, here's some more from **Duck Wood's** last 12th Co. newsletter. **Jon Hults** has his pilot's wings and is with the **F-14 RAG** at **Miramar**. **Ken (Nubs) Neubauer** is in **Oceana** with the **F-4 RAG** after getting his wings in February. **Carlos Pino** is (probably) driving helos down in **Mayport**. **Tom Ullrich** is now a married man, as is **Chad Edmondson**. **Tom's** at **Camp Lejeune** and **Chad's** with the **F-4 RAG** at **Oceana**. Up here in **New London** is **Jerry Nies** who's on board **SNOOK**. I also got a letter from **Scott Bethman** — he and **Nancy** are in the **Bay Area** where he's working for the **Outfitting Support Branch** of the **Naval Supply Center** in **Oakland**. Says it's a great job, living in the **Bay Area**, playing lots of golf . . . and for some reason, the guy wants to go to sea! EEEEEYYYYAAHHHHH!

**Linda (Bartlo) Botek** wrote from **Norfolk** a while back. She's stationed at **VA-42** and husband **John (79)** is on **CINCLANT** staff. She's had some time off — not too much to ask, considering she's the mother of a baby girl, **Michelle Marie**, born 29 August 81. Congrats! She had some news of other 31st Co. folks: **Jeni (81)** and **Dave Clement**

are also in the **Norfolk area**, where **Dave's** in **ARTHUR W. RADFORD**. Most everyone else seems to be flying, though — **Mike Reed** has his wings and is now in the **S-3 RAG**, **John (JR) Haley** has his wings too, and is a married man to boot. At last word, **Sandy** and **Lyle Burnham**, **Jenette** and **Brian Lair**, **Mary** and **Matt Peters**, **Karen** and **Bob Chamberlain**, **Will Gildner** and **Mike Shettle** were all in **P-Cola**. **Sue Keller** is there, too, but teaching military law at **AVSCOLSCOM** vice flying. **Claire (Sebrechts)** Jewell is (obviously) married, to a fellow **Marine** (or **Marine fellow** . . . what humor) and is stationed at **Camp Barstow**, in **California**. Congrats, **Claire**. Finally, the **HTG** correspondent for 31, **Dan Herrscher**, is in **Long Beach** aboard **BARBEY (FF-1088)**.

**Sue Presto** is still living the good life down in beautiful **Hawaii**, and filed this report on the activities of the **Thirsty Third**. **Jessie** and **Curt Coughlin** and **Joanne** and **John Agüero** are at **Moffett Field**, where **John** and **Curt** are with the **P-3** squadron. **Scott Sanders** selected **E-2s** and is back in **Corpus Christi**. **Chris Lewis** was accepted into the jet transition program and **Joe Doyle** will be entering the **Navy medical program** — congrats to both! **Beth (Lindquist) Bunker** was (again, obviously) married to a fellow supply officer (I won't say it again) and is in **Cuba**, awaiting orders to the **Philly area**. **Vinnie Herda** is **DCA** aboard **HARRY W. HILL (DD-986)** and has finished his first **WESPAC**. **Ruben Padilla**, **Brian Thoreson** and **Tom Stein** are all somewhere in flight school.

I have some new info from the other half of **Bravo Company**, the **Phoamin' Phoarth**. I got a note from **Sandy Daniels**, who's got her wings and is with the **P-3 RAG** in **Jax**. The company members in the **New London area** survived the dreaded **Crab Quiche Sunday Brunch** here at 53 **Oxford Rd.**—dreaded because it was prepared by none other than yours truly, with some rather strange side effects, apparently. **Carol**, **Danny** and **Don Harker**, **Bernie**, **Joe Jr.** and **Joe McGettigan**, **Claudia**, **John Francis** and **Paul Zohorsky**, **Tim Callaghan** and **Andy Hoover** were here, and I picked up some info on other folks. **Pat O'Neill** is on a sub tender in **Holy Loch**, and **Bill Collins** is the navigator in **BIGELOW** out of **Mayport**. **Kilo's** already finished a deployment to the **IO**.

I got a nice letter from **Mike Allsep** a while back — he got his degree from **Clemson** last Spring, and should be about done with his first year of law school at the **University of South Carolina**. **Mike** extends an invitation to all if you get down **Columbia way** — stop by and say hey! Last (and, of course, not least) I got a long-awaited from none other than my old roommate, **Federico Niemann!** The **Chilean Navy** has sent **Fred** back to school — he's working on his graduate degree in **EE** down there. He's not getting much studying done, though — too busy worrying about becoming a daddy!!!! The little one is due in late June. He and **Marcella** send their best to all.

Went to see **Danny Archer** last night — he's the **M-Div Officer** in **BALTIMORE (SSN-704)** and is doing the same sort of work I'm headed for. Looks like it's time to earn a living, folks! See you next month . . .

LATE FLASH: For all you folks on the **West Coast**, **Tony Verducci** is our contact for **JUNE WEEK WEST** — more details later, films at 11 . . . . .