

Some news on other Charleston-based 'mates: **Bob Conrad** is OPS in NICHOLSON (DD-982); **Rick Rush** is OPS in JOHN RODGERS (DD-983); both of them were at department head school with Quigs. **Mark Lamboni** is OPS in RATHBURN (FF-1057) out of Pearl Harbor, but currently in the yards of San Francisco. **Jeff Butts** is WEPS in RICHARD L. PAGE (FFG-5) out of Norfolk. (Quigs saw him last Summer in sunny Bahrain.) Quigs has seen a little underway time while aboard THORN . . . having been in homeport 58 days since 17 May '82! (Underway is the only way . . . right, Quigs?) The Conrads live near the Quigleys in Summerville, so Monica and Binky have had ample opportunity to get together. Thanks for the gouge, Quigs, and BZ for your selection for 1650!

While strolling through the *Navy Times* one day I came across another Classmate's name . . . that of **Bruce Bronars** (USMC). He was selected as "Person of the Quarter" in VT-31 and was also recognized for 1000 accident-free flight instruction hours. Once again '75 shines! Congrats, Bruce! Also received a newspaper clipping covering **Terry Blake's** wedding in the Chapel to Nan Marie Connelly of Crofton, Maryland, but it gave no date. Well, congrats anyway, and welcome to the family, Nan!

That's it for this month, gang. Next stop, the Med! Have a good Summer and keep in touch.

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Pres., Lt. **Morgan B. Pearsall** USN  
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Percent Members: 50 Living Grads: 753

I'm at NAS Lemoore again for another conference, and I spoke to **Pat Bole** recently. He is doing well; his squadron, VMFA-531, is half-way through the F/A-18 syllabus and will be returning to El Toro (where he and Robin recently bought a home) in June. Before I left for Lemoore I got a call from **Alex Cobble** who had some really good news to pass on. Alex is engaged to be married to Virginia Heistand sometime late this year! Congratulations, Alex! You'll leave behind a lot of broken hearts.

The past month has been a relatively good one for mail, with several letters. **Bob Holland** wrote from Groton, Connecticut, and had some news of the submarine community. Bob was in attendance at Submarine Officer Advanced Course (SOAC) along with **Tad Dowell**, **Mike Agor**, **Mike Willy**, and **Craig Hanson**. Congratulations to Bob and wife Marie on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann. They will be moving to Virginia Beach where Bob has been assigned as engineer in USS ATLANTA (SSN-712). Also, congratulations to Tad Dowell and wife Barbara on the birth of their third child, Michael; they are moving to Virginia Beach where Tad will be navigator in USS BATON ROUGE (SSN-689). Tad also recently signed a contract with a video games distributor for a program he developed. Best wishes also go to Mike and Nancy Willy on their second child, Christina. They are moving to Virginia Beach too; Mike will be engineer in USS LAPON (SSN-661). Congratulations are also in order for Mike receiving the Navy Commendation Medal for his work at BUPERS. Mike and Gail Agor and their son Allen will be moving to Virginia Beach where Mike will be engineer on the new construction SSN-718 at Newport News. Craig and Nancy Hanson will be going to Charleston where Craig will be engineer in USS THOMAS JEFFERSON (SSN-618).

Bob also ran into **Bill Kneller** recently. Bill was in town for a reserve week end. Congratulations

to him and Cindy for their second offspring this past Summer. Bill is now living in Rhode Island and working for Raytheon.

**Fred Johnson** sent word from USS AMERICA in the Indian Ocean where he has been flying with VA-46. He has been selected for Test Pilot School and will move his family, Sharron, Michelle, and Michael, to Patuxent River in June. Fred has kept in touch with Barb and **Mike Bosworth**. Mike is still in the Navy, attending graduate school at MIT. Congratulations to Mike and Barb who recently had a baby girl, Jessica. One final note from Fred — Carol and **Bruce Petit** are now stationed at Whiting Field where Bruce is an instructor pilot.

I received a short note from **Randy Schmitt**. He resigned his commission in August '81 and is attending law school at the University of Hawaii School of Law. He, Linda and their daughter Kellye are enjoying the student life. Randy was just selected as the Editor-in-Chief of the School's *Law Review*.

**Andy LeBoeuf** wrote a short note from Pax River. Andy became the officer-in-charge of the SES-200 (a 160-foot, 200-ton surface effect ship) on 30 November 1982. He was the AOIC aboard when she set the world record for the longest non-stop and unrefueled transit for an advanced hull platform from New Orleans to NAS Patuxent River — over 1,600 NM.

This column will appear in *Shipmate* after the seventh anniversary of our graduation. Time passes quickly — stay in touch.

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Pres., Capt. **Peter W. Grieve** USMC  
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Percent Members: 72 Living Grads: 933

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Pres., Lt. **Kenneth E. Waldie** USN  
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Percent Members: 74 Living Grads: 974

Hello, America! As you're reading this epic epistle, Spring may or may not have reached beautiful Bowie, Maryland. April seemed convinced it was really February, but we'll see what June and beyond have to offer. Speaking of which, the gals five-year reunion bash on Saturday, October 22, is confirmed at the Bay Ridge Inn. Tentative plans include an open bar at 2000, dinner at 2100, and then we'll party and dance the night away. We'll send confirmed info out early this Summer.

And now the news . . .

**Kevin "Mr. Humility" Lynch** threatened to put Vick's VAPO-RUB in my p.j.'s unless I announced to the world that Kevin received a Navy Achievement Medal for his outstanding efforts as executive officer on board AFFRAY. Way to go, Grinch! Another NAM awardee, **Dave Rodriguez**, dropped me a note saying he had gotten his SWO and EOOW quals on board DUBUQUE. Dave has since traveled to Newport for department head school and reports bumping into Peggy and **Andy Karakos**, Peggy and **Wil Ervin** (stationed at the brig there) and none other than former 15th Company Officer Lt. Mel "Hawaii" Kahanui '70, attending PXO school before going aboard STRAUSS. Word from other 15th Company stalwarts includes a letter from **Chris May**, who is presently "suffering" as an NROTC instructor at the University of Minnesota. Chris is pulling extra-duty by



"Keep smiling, Doug; it's the security guard"  
Rob Blanford, Doug Meyer, Rich Jesmonth, Bill Miles

working on his master's and chasing co-eds; truly the answer to the ever-present question, "What can I do today to excel for the Blue and Gold?" **Guido** "How did you guess I was Italian?" **Manzo** is finding life to his liking as an exchange officer in the Royal Dutch Navy. He and Lora love Amsterdam and have had the opportunity to visit quite a few countries on the Continent. As a matter of fact, they've been in touch with **Bruce Carter**, who is an exchange officer with the Belgium Navy, and **Jim Carr**, who is studying as a Rhodes Scholar in Grenoble, France, getting his master's and skiing as much as possible.

Back to the slightly less exotic confines of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, Gina and **Steve Ferree** report that all is fine in the bizarre land of SPCC. Porkchop Steve says they will be there until August and then, who knows? Two other '78ers who aren't sure what they're doing, but then again, "what else is new?," are **Mike Moore** and **Fred Sheehan**. These flying Bambini brothers sent me a slightly beer-stained letter saying they are YP instructors (what a frightening thought!) up in Newport. Other freedom-fighting all-stars in the Ocean State include **Rand "Wingnut" Lebouvier**, who's instructing at OCS and **Tom Dudley**, **Tom Grodek**, and **Dale Batey**, who are all instructing at SWOS. In between brewskis, Mike also mentioned **Robby Knight** just finished department head school (I think **Pat Curtis** did, also) and **Bill Martin** tried mixing spare time at P-Cola with semi-pro football and apparently banged up his knee pretty good.

Heading to the West Coast, Lisa and **Dave Heintzman** wrote from Bangor, Washington, saying Dave is now MPA in USS OHIO (Gold) crew. They live in a house in Bremerton with their son Nathaniel (age 4) and Sarah (age 2½). Lisa also reports **John Cooke** is serving aboard OHIO (Gold) as assistant engineer after passing his exam in December. John and his wife Debby live in base housing with their daughter Lacy (2). Matt is DCA in THOMAS EDISON along with **Tom McMahon** who's the WEPS.

Moving even further West, word from COMSERVRON or in this case COMSURFRON 5 was sent by **Mark Lindstrom**. Mark finally married Julie Moore (of beautiful Bowie) and they're waiting to hear from everybody — particularly 35th company characters. Mark reports Carol and **Tim Golden** are in Philly with Tim a ROTC instructor at U. of Pennsylvania. The Golden's have a baby boy, Tim Jr., who rumor has it is already learning how to play B-ball and slam dunk with one hand. Cindy and **Jeff Knauer** are in Norfolk with Jeff stationed on board AMERICA. Joanne and **Robley Blandford** are in P-cola with a beautiful baby girl, Jenna, born in August. Rob is still flying helos down there. **Jim Leland** is now married and living in Burlington, Vermont. Mark also writes that Cindy and **Steve Maloney** (3rd Co.) got



orders to VX-1 at Pax River and **Steve "the Greek" Stamos** as a staffer at PHIBRON 7 in San Diego. Mark also mentioned **Rich Jesmouth** is in LEXINGTON. Mark and Julie's address is 6221 Keokea Place, #134, Honolulu HI 96825.

Speaking of Richie, the aforementioned **Rob Blanford** dropped me a line, along with the gorgeous photo. Rumor has Rich may taking F. Lee Bailey's place on "LIE DETECTOR" starting this Fall. **Bill "Stumps" Miles** is heading for VT-7 Marine F-4 RAG in Beaufort. **Doogie Meyer** and Rob are attached to HC-16 in P-Cola with Doug heading out to recruiter duty in Memphis. (I'm sure by now that these moves have already taken place.)



VP-5 Flyboys — l. to r. — Mike Fralen, Ray Bracey, Bob Vogt, Mike McGee, Bill Dunkin

In the "kid count," Bill Miles has a boy and a girl, Jo and Robb have a girl (as I mentioned) and rumor has Doug and Ginger may be breaking into the ranks. Rich is still single and has no children. **Roy Bracy** also dropped me a line (and accompanying photo) from the tough life boys in VP-5 in Jacksonville. The photo shows their "welcome home" party from their second deployment to sunny Sigonella, Sicily, (second only to Diego Garcia as my favorite resort area). **Bill Dunkin** was moving on and is undoubtedly at PG school by now. As for the rest of the gang, Denise and **Mike Fralen**, Nancy and **Bob Vogt**, Evonne and **Ray Bracey**, and last (and probably least) **Mike McGee**, as of this writing, are enjoying JAX and send best wishes to the rest of '78.

And now . . . back to Newport. **Larry McCabe** writes that he and Carol are also at SWOS along with **John Canaday**. Carol and Larry have a 1 1/2 year-old daughter named Cheryl, while John and Denise have a year-old boy named Andrew. Larry bumped into **Bob Guy**, who was leaving USS JACK (SSN-605) at the time and also visited with Ann and **Kevin McGhee** who were visiting from San Diego. Kevin's on board BARBOUR COUNTY (LST-1195). **Ernie Sheldon** called Larry saying he was still flying Air Force tankers out of Marquette, Michigan. (I didn't realize Greyhound was out that far.)

Lynn and **Charlie Bell** are in Cleveland at the finance center (I always said Charlie was a great, great guy and I wanted to be his friend for life . . . as the O'Jays once said, "money, money, money, money . . . MONEY!"). Larry also reports he works with **Ned Kamradt's** brother Hank; no word from Ned but he's probably in New London. **Terry Crawford**, former shipmate of Larry's in VRELAND (FF-1068), is now instructing in Annapolis and living with his wife Gloria in the area. (I saw Terry at the Army B-ball game, which of course we won.)

And a wrap-up from Newport is the Northeast "kid count" with Marilyn and **Tom Grodek** having their first son last Summer (after two girls) and Bess and **Wayne Lachowicz** having their second child — a boy — in December. Speaking of babies, Shelly and **Charlie Love** are the proud parents of Brac Graham Love born 10 March; and if you



Tim Sprague — "Hey, what do you think of my beautiful bambina?"

haven't already noticed, Anne Marie and **Tim Sprague** announced the blessed birth of Timothy "Duke" Patrick Sprague II, born 30 December. Congratulations to all of you parents out there!

And to those of us who are married but without *kinder* — remember, it's in the water, so stick to SCOTCH! I've actually got more to write, but like Crystal and Alexis, I'll just titillate your tastebuds with the following coming attractions for July: Could another one of **Eddie Reid's** beautiful sisters really be foolish enough to marry a guy from '78? . . . and did **Craig Diffie** really bite the bullet or was it just a take from *Officer and a Gentleman*? For the answer to these and more inane questions stay tuned for the July-August *Shipmate*. This is your host, Don Pardo saying, "Don't write until you get work."

**Late breaking news . . . Joe Schmitz** (father of three boys!!!) and Milly will be heading to Stanford Law School this Fall. Joe was selected for the Navy JAG Corps, **Steve "Steamer" Stamos** is out of the Navy and back in Minnesota. Nancy and **John Hueseman** (and Heidi and another one on the way) are out of the Navy and back in St. Louis, Missouri. Happiness and luck to all three of you guys!

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**Percent Members: 87 Living Grads 921**

Greetings, Niners,

Well, it's Summertime again and another class of *junior* officers hits the famous Fleet. Karen has

finished another year of school and is looking forward to her last year. It is interesting to me to watch her trials and triumphs since it seems like ages since I had to worry about the gouge! She is in ROTC so I'll get to experience life as a dependent next year. Could prove interesting. Perhaps it will be time for me to go back to school.

**Sam Sichko** wrote from his studies at Harvard Law School. Sam got in through the funded law school program and he'll be heading down to beautiful Swamp Lejeune this Summer and then back to the grind. Graduation is in June '84. Sam asks that his fellow 8th co cuties get in touch with him at 617/628-2792. I'm sure he won't mind if you call collect since he'll soon be a rich lawyer. Sam sent a picture from **Mark Seaman's** wedding featuring those two and **Rich Roll**, guy about town. Mark's wife is named Sandy, and they are now down in Norfolk where Mark is part of an F-14 RAG. Others in the locale are Mary Pat and **John Miller** Donna and **Jeff Summerour**, Lori and **Rick Leeker**, and Cindy and **Jack Lyons**. **Jeff Frost** married Jeff's sister Patti last January. Good to here from you, Sam, and know this: free legal advice is the cost of all this pr!

**Lyle Mueller** and his wife Maryellen are now stationed at Mather AFB. They had a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, last Winter. **Terry Ruddy** dropped a line from good old Okinawa. I want you to know that it took all of my self-restraint not to crack any "rudder" jokes. I know **Mike Neller** will be disappointed. **John Holden** and **Ray Martin** are also serving time on the Rock at Camp Schwab. Fellow inmates include **Jay Munoz** and **Fred Aalbue**. Almost '79er **Bob Burge** is also out there.



Ryan Elizabeth Glass

I also received a very nice letter from **Ron Glass**. Ron has kept himself busy since graduation and even found some time to get in some grappling. A picture of his daughter Ryan should appear in this column. Could it be a future Wuba? Sandy and Ron are rightfully very proud of their little



Mark Seaman's wedding