

In my efforts to locate some info on who made our Class gift I found out that **Bob Owendoff** (Chairman, Class Gift Committee) is or was in AMERICA somewhere. Also heard a rumor that **Steve Reese** is in the DC area and **Miles Staley** is in line to become CO of an HS squadron.

I realize I'm grasping, but there's just no other gouge to put out this trip. Think thin, the sun is coming! *NON ILLEGITIMANDUM CARBORUNDUM.*

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Pres., **William H. Newton III**  
Sec'y, Mr. **Steve Brixey**  
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Percent Members: 43 Living Grads: 757

Well, Classmates, there is good news for both you and me: my former roommate, **Bob Garner**, has agreed to assume the duties of class secretary. Not only is he a better writer than I, but he has lots of interest and willingness. Having tried to write this column with relatively few inputs, I for one will do what I have never done before: periodically provide an input for the column to Bob or whomever is writing it. I urge all of you to do the same. While I'm on the subject, thanks to those of you who did provide inputs over the past 3½ years.



Dr. John Post, Iron Man

The most recent letter was from **John Post**, now a doctor living in Earlsyville, Virginia. When John wrote he had just returned from Hawaii after having completed the Iron Man Triathlon, a 2.4 mile rough water swim, followed immediately by a 112-mile bike race up the lava-filled Kona coast, and finishing with, just to round off the day, 26.2 mile marathon run. It took John just over 14 hours, but he says it was well worth the effort. In the accompanying photo John shows off the body that did all of this. Good work, Doctor! (*A fellow former Marine.*)

John also wrote that he had tried to get in touch with **Ed Kendig** but only managed to talk with his fiancée. Ed is an attorney with the IRS in Richmond. Scott has nearly completed his CPA and is a soccer coach as well.

John is an orthopedic surgeon at UVA with hopes of entering private practice in about 2 years. Thank you for the great update, John!

We received a request from J.L. Van Kleeck, Class of '50, a retired Navy captain and now a naval science instructor at Foy H. Moody High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. The school's NJROTC Drill Team needs old midshipman full dress jackets (blouses) to replace the blue working shirts presently in use. If you have one to donate you can send it to the NJROTC Unit at the high school, 1818 Trojan Drive, Corpus Christi, 78416.

I have been busy and haven't coordinated Washington area class luncheons since May, but with the help of **Mike Clark** and **Joe Chopek**,

whose idea it was, we are presently planning a joint USNA/USMA/USFAFA Class of '69 luncheon for March. So, as you read this and if you're in the area and haven't been contacted, call us.

# 70

Pres., **Terry R. Huff**  
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Percent Members: 49 Living Grads: 704

This month the column is GREEN, in honor of St. Patrick and all of the Marines in our Class out there. The idea was actually Al's. I'm not certain if he just wanted a break for a month or if he didn't know any Marines. In either event, I welcome the opportunity.

I'll begin close to the "Mother B" of all Marines — HQMC. Currently wandering those hallowed halls is **John Reynolds**, who will be grinding his nose at manpower for another year, when he hopes to get orders to command and staff. **Lenny Supko** is also at manpower for another year, but wants to get back to the FMF. **Terry Morgan** and **Bruce Stevens** are lost somewhere in the second or third wing between the first and third decks of the Annex, and rumor has it that **Pete Roberts** is there too, but we haven't found him yet.

**Nick Pratt** just left Washington's garden of green for the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, and **Clay Grubb** is coming in this Summer to add some Marine Corps input over at the Center of Naval Analysis. And speaking of Marines with the Navy, **Jim Schwenk** has been busy in SECNAV's Office of General Counsel for a couple of years now. He's also been over here a few times lately helping me get mids interested in the Corps. Jim will soon have some of this blue sandblasted off him in Barstow, California, where he will be the staff judge advocate.

Down Interstate 95 from DC, the birthplace of all Marine Officers — Quantico — has called a few of our own. **Mike Lowe** is at command and staff, and is looking to get one of those titles this Summer. **Ed Lucke** is using his recently obtained postgraduate degree on the development side of MCDEC as the project officer for something to do with electronics. And **Ken Freeman** has turned the complete circle and is now a company officer at TBS, trying to mold even midshipmen into Marines.

Reaching out to other islands of green, we've been able to find **Jon Terry** at Camp Pendleton, where he's C.O. of half a dozen different units in 1st FSGG (from the looks of the note he sent us). Should Jon have any problem Marines, he can either send them across the base to **Chris Dubia**, who just left Mar Div's defense counsel shop, but is still in the office of the SJA, or up the road to El Toro, where **Jan Fladaboe** can dispense some sure and swift justice as the military judge there. Chris, by the way, is headed for Okinawa this Summer and will probably see **Fred Peck** at the airport. Fred will detach the "Rock" with orders to be the public affairs officer in Los Angeles (as in the 1984 Olympics).

When last heard of, **Ed Robeson** was still climbing mountains at Bridgeport, California, while two other Marines were over a mile closer to sea level: **Bruce Brunn** at 29 Palms and **Dave Profitt** in Yuma, Arizona.

I also have some information concerning a few Marines who saw even greener grass on the outside. **Hank Pyzdrowski** is still in the area with Booz-Allen & Hamilton, one of the largest of Washington's beltway bandits. And **Cap Parlier**

left about a year ago to be a test pilot and aeronautical engineer for Hughes in Carlsbad, California. Cap also may be heading for Arizona soon.

About the time you are reading this I'll be visiting two former Marine attorneys on my way to Walt Disney World for spring break. **Dan Baker** is a corporate counsel for a large oil company that has him living the hard life on Hilton Head Island. And **Jim Seay** was recently announced a law partner in Maguire, Voorhis and Wells, oldest law firm in Orlando, Florida. Jim and Sarah should have a brand new baby by now, so I'll publically wish the child Happy Birthday.

The only other Marine on my list is myself. I've thoroughly enjoyed my three years here — teaching law, two-hour P.T. lunches, tailgates, being the officer representative for varsity squash and the photo club . . . it's been a very rough job, but then somebody had to do it. After almost six years with the Navy in DC and Annapolis I'm heading for MCAS, Yuma, where I'll be the staff judge advocate for the group and station. Actually, compared to the weather of the "Dark Ages" that are upon us now in Crabtown, I look forward to the sunshine, and heat, and sand, and snakes, and . . .

As long as Al has let me paint the column Green this month, I'd like to note a few observations I've made during the past three years on our efforts to get more and better (if that correlates to class standing?) midshipmen to select USMC. A couple of figures first might add some light to these comments. Currently, CMC allows 16 ⅔ percent of the graduating class to be commissioned Marine second lieutenants. This year that adds up to 182 mids, which is roughly 9 percent of the Marine Corps' officer accessions for the year.

Since we graduated, the Marine Corps has made its quota at the Academy only twice. There are dozens of reasons for this I suppose — the push for Nukes, reduction of NFOs, etc. — but I'm convinced that the major one has been the same year after year — the general misconception by mids of what the Corps is all about and the peer pressure among them against the Corps. But I am just as convinced that *this year* things have changed.

This year, as never before, the 44 Marine Officers here have waged a campaign not merely to be role models for mids (actually, few mids can picture themselves as a Marine; I know I couldn't), but to ensure that every first class gets a thorough look at what the Corps is and makes an honest choice of whether he/she can be a Marine. There is no arm-twisting or hard sell, we don't put down any other warfare specialty and we still only want mids who *want* to be Marines. CMC has made this our number one priority here and the new senior Marine here, Col. C.E. McDaniel, has developed an information program second to none. In addition, from March to graduation we have designed an indoctrination program for those selecting Marine Corps to smooth the transition from the Navy and assure outstanding performance at TBS. Service selection will be (was) 18 February 1983, and I have every confidence that the Class of '83 will add 182 of their best men and women to our growing family of Naval Academy Marines.

This month's "wants and warrants" list includes **John Olson**, **Dave Shickle**, **Butch Grover**, **Mike Roberts**, and **Steve Becker**. If you're out there, let us know. And just to show that someone else does read this column we have three results from past "warrants." **Paul Zambarnardi** has been reported as found at Barbers Point. His address is 5619 Dovekie Ave., Ewa Beach HI 96706. **Randy Williams** sent Al a nice Christmas card from Okinawa, where he is XO of a Seabee battalion. And **Jack Johnson's** Christmas card from **Lou**