



Gathering at NPGS

Washington. **Dan Simmons** has gone to Camp Pendleton and will be headed back to USNA as an instructor in about two years.



Mike and Janet Hughes tie the knot

I just got some good news from **Mike Hughes**. Congratulations are in order for him and his new bride, the former Miss Janet Stein of San Jose; they were married 23 July 83, and **Dennis Dilucente** was the best man. Also at the wedding were Mike Weltsch, Ed Harper, Jerry Willett, Dan Galik, Tim Farrell, and Mark McKinley. Janet is a lieutenant USN and was serving as an aircraft maintenance officer for VP-22 in Barbers Point, Hawaii. She has orders to AIMD Pensacola where she will join Mike who is an instructor in VT-6. **Rick Daprato, Jim David, Mike Abbott and Steve Clark** are also instructors in VT-6. Mike passed on some other news. Mike and Barb Weltsch were headed to Baltimore where Mike will be a recruiter. Sandy and **Ed Harper** are still living in Tustin where Ed is flying CH-46s with the reserves. **Jerry Willett** is a recruiter in the Boston area. **Dan Galik** is an EDO stationed at Philadelphia Navy Yard. **Tim Farrell** finished department head school in Newport and was headed for a new ship. Evelyn and **Mark McKinley** are living in Oceanside where Mark is working for a nuke power company.

Just a few final notes — I received a letter from **William Brown** and also had occasion to speak with him. William is doing well at SMU and is now drilling with the reserves at MARTD Dallas. He has seen **Dave Porter** a few times; Dave and his wife are fine. Rumor has it that there is a little "Lug" on the way. MaryK and I are doing well. She has a new job with TRW, and I'm staying busy

with the F/A-18 program — we assume supply support in another month. That's about all the news I have to pass on. Please stay in touch. Beat Army!

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Pres., Capt. **Peter W. Grieve** USMC  
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Percent Members: 74 Living Grads: 910

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Pres., Lt. **Kenneth E. Waldie** USN  
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Now that our glorious five-year reunion is but a memory and we all realize that "we're not getting better, we're getting older," let's move ever onward. Unfortunately, before I move forward I've got to back up a few months and pass on some more slightly dated info from past letters.

To **Mark Munson's** delight, I am finally enclosing his year-old photograph of Katie and **Jeff Fowler's** 1982 wedding. (*As usual, I'm right on top of things!*)

L. to r. Pete Flynn, Bob McMasters, John Rudder, Jeff Fowler, Mark Munson (all '78ers), RAdm. Charles Moses USN (Ret.) '26, LCdr. Jim Moses USNR '69 attending Jeff's wedding.



Jeff and Katie Fowler with Rev. Holcomb

As you'll note from the other photograph Mark sent, a number of USNA grads were in attendance including RAdm. Charles Moses USN (Ret.) '26, who graduated from Bismarck (North Dakota) High School in 1922. Both Mark and Jeff followed in the admiral's footsteps, graduating from Bismarck and then USNA 52 years after Admiral Moses had done so!

Jeff finished up as WEPS in USS BREMERTON and is now at a submarine training command in Pearl Harbor. Mark just finished a job with the Joint Chiefs here at the Pentagon and is now in the OPNAV assisting with the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks group.

A short note from **John Marrinucci** back in early Summer said that he and **Mike Leary** had returned from a MED deployment in USS DALLAS. Over there, Nooch ran into such continental travelers as **Rudy Escher** in Naples and **Kevin Lynch** in Toulon, France. (*As of this writing Grinch is an up and coming "clothier" for Narragansett in Newport*). Mike Leary was attending engineer's school in New London at the time, though he's probably wrapping it up by now and rumor has it that wedding bells were in Nooch's plans this Fall. He'd like his old buddies to contact him: 160 Diamond St., Walpole MA 02081.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Denise and **Dennis Reilly** reported that all is well in London. Dennis is assigned to HRMC London while Denise is managing a clothing store downtown. He said that he and Denise had run the *London Marathon* in May and were excited about being two of the "Yanks" who finished the race. Dennis also mentioned that he had bumped into a few '78ers overseas who are now presently stateside including **Brian Roby** and **Drew Mulhare**. Drew and Sherri are in the Annapolis area with Drew being a company officer and Brian, I believe, has left his C-1 squadron in the MED for a stateside training

squadron. Dennis also saw **Chris Slack** in Holy Loch, Scotland. Chris is radcon officer in USS HUNLEY and has been living in Holy Loch with his wife and two children since January.

On a trip to Monterey last Spring, Dennis bumped into **Fred Butterfield** who was in the Mech-E curriculum, **Pat Quigley** who was there TAD and **John O'Dwyer** who, in between skiing sessions, was taking EE. Dennis also saw **Roger Kaplan** at NPS. A final note from Dennis was that a dated letter from **Patrice** and **Kevin Walter** had Kevin serving as a pork chop on board USS GLOVER. He and Patrice were living with their two-year old son, Kevin Matthew, in Virginia Beach.

A short note from Nancy and **Jerry Yoder** said that Jerry was an F-4 RIO with VMFA-212 out of Hawaii, but as of this issue he should be doing pilot training in Pensacola. The Yoders are waiting patiently for news from other fearless 1st Companymates!



Cdr. Terry Wendt '67, Cindy and Andy Mohler

A photo from **Mike Yandell** '81, collateral duty PAO with VAW-121 shows Cindy and **Andy Mohler** with Andy's CO, Cdr. Terry Wendt ('67). Andy is receiving the Navy Commendation Medal for his significant contributions to the airborne early warning community. Andy was scheduled to head for Test Pilot School at Pax River, one of only a few E-2C NFOs to attend that school. Mike also reported that **Bob Ryan** (30th) and **Chad Seizert** were also in VAW-121.

A blurb from another flyboy, **Mac Hardaway**, reported that Mac got his wings in March 1983 out of Corpus Christi and that he and wife Debbie were in VP-31 in Moffett. However, by this issue the Hardaways should be with VP-6 in Hawaii. Mac reported a number of other '78ers in the Moffett area including **Alden Williams** in VP-50, **John Mathre**, who was in VP-19 but by now should be instructing with VP-31. Mac said he's also seen **Bob Shinskie**, but didn't know what he was doing... neither did Bob. **Fred Lucci** finished the RAG in the Spring and was an NFO with VP-47. Rumor has it he was receiving a chance to excel for the Blue and Gold in beautiful Adak. Who's mad at you, Fred? Obviously not Susie Kramer since they got married in June!



Kevin White Sr. with Kevin White Jr.

Maureen and **Kevin White** sent a photo of Kevin

Jr. and the following hot scoop: **John Young** (Maureen's brother) was on board TICONDEROGA as DCA, but rumor has it John may be waiting for orders to a permanent drydock in Washington. Meanwhile, the Whites are stationed in Barbers Point, Hawaii, with Kevin flying P-3s for VP-17.

Barb and **Steve Podawiltz** are also out in Hawaii with their two-year-old son Michael. Steve is also in VP-17, driving Greyhounds. Maureen said her Mom, Jane Young, will visit the grandchildren in December. I think Mom Young is still recovering from the Summer of '76 when our Class invaded Pensacola (and specifically Milton, Florida) during second-class summer. Between Younger, **Mark Manthey**, myself and a cast-of-thousands, it's amazing Jane ever survived!

Speaking of surviving, **Tom Rentz** wrote in with a mid-summer update of the tough-life boys in



John O'Dwyer marries Sally Dale — or Sally gets her man

Monterey. Included was a picture of newlyweds Sally and **John O'Dwyer**. Also pictured are Sally's Dad, Alan Dale, and Judy and **Farris Farwell** showing off what soon will take their dog Schnookum's place as the baby in the family. That's right folks, the Farwells have a dog named "Schnookums." I eagerly await the baby's name!

A quick note from fast-**Eddie Kee** said that he and his wife Jean were living in an apartment in Cambridge while Ed attends two years at Harvard Business School. Ed left active duty after serving on board USS CARL VINSON.

Last, and certainly least, a lengthy letter from **Larry** "The Hand is Quicker than the Eye" **Galvin** updated the whereabouts of several '78 stalwarts. Larry finished a 42-month tour on a sub out of Pearl and now is suffering through two years of NROTC instruction at USC (a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it). News on his fellow 15th company all-stars included: **Leslie** and **Larry Semanyk** living in Jacksonville (NC); and **Elton Kelly** on board USS BADGER (FF-1071) out of Pearl Harbor. Larry also reported **Skip Root** acting, and I mean "acting," as an admiral's aide in Brunswick, Maine.

A bit of trivia for those who remember youngest navigation and Commander R.A. Smith, RN — he is now XO of HMS INVINCIBLE. Larry also mentioned visiting USNA this Summer and seeing some heretofore unmentioned, illustrious members of the USNA faculty: **Joe Leidig** — Weps, **Clarke Orzalli**, 29th Co Officer, and **Maurice Tose**, **Pete Craig**, **Craig Cowen**, **Fred Brink** and **Joe Waters** in SEA/NAV Department. Hopefully, many of you got to see this cast of characters at Homecoming. Larry was at USNA as part of an NROTC instructor seminar this Summer. His class included the following '78ers with their past assignment and present school indicated: **Darrell Cofsky**, USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN-644) — Notre Dame; **Mike Shinego**, USS M.G. VALLEJO (SSBN-658) — U. of Rochester; **Mike Dinn**, USS OLDENDORF (DD-972) — U. of Washington; **Steve Holman**, VA-165 — U. of Oklahoma; **Mark James**, USS BARNEY (DDG-6)

— UNC — N.C. State; **Dave Guza**, VS-22 — M.I.T.; **Dave Roberts**, USS HERCULES (PHM-2) — Miami U.; **Brad Baylor**, VP-16 — Jacksonville U. and **Joe Alvite**, USS STONEWALL JACKSON (SSBN-634) — Northwestern. Thanks for all the info, Larry.

Well, it's about that time folks. As I write this, anticipation is building for the big five-year. Hopefully, it will have proven as much fun as expected. For those of you who couldn't attend, particularly you West Coasters, I'll expect many of you to BUTT-IN Navy football in Pasadena.

Have a great Thanksgiving, and most important of all, BEAT ARMY!!! Or as they'd say in L.A. "Oh wow man, like gag me with the Army mule, is this a boy scout jamboree or what?"

Until next time this is Biff Barf saying "GO BIG BLUE!"

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Percent Members: 88 Living Grads 913

Hello again,

All you turkeys better keep a low profile this month! First of all let me set the record straight. **Alex Urrutia** is still the class president. Our Class does have a charter and I'll have a copy real soon. We are to hold class elections sometime next Spring or Summer. Probably the best way to do it will be through *Shipmate*. I talked to Alex on the phone and he is doing fine. He is stationed up at Virginia's resort area.

Once again it was a pretty light month for mail, but I will persevere. Back in August I attended the *Shipmate* correspondent luncheon. It was a very enjoyable experience, meeting with Alumni from a broad spectrum of Classes. There will be an article covering the luncheon in either last month's or this month's edition. The chance to share the knowledge of the more experienced Naval officers was what really made the luncheon special. I always seem to learn so many new things listening to the anecdotes (I didn't say sea stories). These functions really illustrate what makes the Naval Academy so special. The common experiences (although plebe year effectively ended after '79) create a bond that one can't find anywhere else. It seems as if the so-called generation gap just doesn't exist when Navy grads get together. Well, enough of this pontificating, I do have a couple letters here.



Christine Marie Voigt

**Patti** and **Bob Voigt** are currently doing their best to sabotage the zoomie academy for bus