

is headed for USS L. McCORMICK (DDG-8) in San Diego as engineering officer. **Steve Nimitz** is going to USS R.E. PEARY (FF-1073) in Pearl Harbor as the OPS officer and **Jeff Sander** is headed for USS CARON (DD-970) in Norfolk in the same job. **Pat Tracy** is going to USS BERKELEY (DDG-15) in San Diego as weapons officer. **Dave Haines** is bound for USS O'CALLAHAN (FF-1051) in San Diego as OPS and **Ralph McKinney** is going to USS DOWNES (FF-1070) as weapons officer. **Rod Mitchell** is headed for USS M.S. TISDALE (FFG-27) in San Diego as ships control officer and **Joe Zacharuk** is bound for USS PETERSON (DD-969) in Norfolk as OPS.

Also starting the course in Newport are **Rich Nathanson**, **Joe Bochart**, **Bill Hawn**, and **Jim Stavridis**. **John Schumacher** and **Chris Scoppa** are instructors on the staff at Newport. Mark ran into **Bob Deal** in Newport during the America's Cup Activities; Bob was at sub school in New London. Mark also heard from **Kent Kochsmeier**; Kent, his wife, and their two children were living in San Diego where Kent is working for Fluid Systems. One other bit of good news from Mark: **Mara** and **Rick Nathanson** are expecting their first child in March. Congratulations!

I received a short note from **Doug Robbins**. Doug wrote from USS CALLAGHAN (DDG-994) where he was deployed as the OIC of the LAMPS detachment. Upon his return to CONUS, Doug was headed for Monterey to join **Paul Dorin** who recently arrived there. **Dave Carlson** checked into HSL-33 at North Island, and **Gary Hall** is a RAG instructor at HSL-31 also in North Island. **Dan Whitney** is the plant field manager at San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant near Oceanside, California.

I received several short notes in the mail. **Tom Price** just completed a deployment aboard CORAL SEA with Carrier Airwing 14. Tom was flying A-7s with VA-27. He also passed word that **Rich Rhyne** was working for Westinghouse in Baltimore as an electrical engineer. I also heard from **Tom Peters** who was in 5th Company plebe year. Tom asked me to pass on his regards to **Rick Felcker**, **Jim Poole**, and **Larry Sparr**. Tom is a biomedical technician in Omaha, Nebraska. Tom recently visited **Robin Amean** who is now married and living in Midwest City, Oklahoma. I also heard from **Tod Thedy**; he has been admitted to the Louisiana Bar and has opened his own general practice of law.



The Meeks Family

**Lee Meeks** wrote from Camp Pendleton. After finishing AWS, Lee brought his family to California where Lee is the CO of K Company 3/9. **Marian** stays busy with their two girls, **Katie** and **Megan**, and they are living in Oceanside.

I also received a postcard from **Dennis Dilucente**. Dennis, still with Topgun, wrote from NAS Key West where they were on a gunnery training detachment.

A few words of congratulations are in order. **Alex Cobble** was to be married to **Virginia Heistand** on 3 December in Phoenix, Arizona, and



Newport Officers

**Craig Scott** to **Judith Ann Clamp** in Rock Hill, South Carolina, on 17 December.

I spoke with **Blaine Pearsall** too. He and **Deb** are doing well. Blaine is a leadership and law instructor at the Academy and will soon be leaving the Navy to work in his own business. Blaine saw a number of people at Homecoming. **Nick Karangelen** is working for IBM in the DC area. **Wayne Rodgers** has his own business in Annapolis. **Bill Davison** is working as a marine engineer in the DC area. **Chris Alberg**, **Ray Putt**, **Steve Chapman**, **Steve McWilliams** and **Scott Moore** are all instructors at the Academy. **John Sarao** is the 33rd Company Officer and **Fred Horne** is the performance officer. **Bud Jewett** is at Test Pilot School; congratulations to him and his wife; they are expecting. **Tom Bonner** works for a textile company and lives in Front Royal, Virginia. Congratulations to **Steve Soules** and **Chris Ames** who have been promoted to lieutenant commander.

That's about all the news I have to pass on. Stay in touch.

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Pres., Capt. **Peter W. Grieve** USMC  
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Percent Members: 73

Again, I bring you the sad news of the deaths of two Classmates. On 17 October in Beirut, Capt. **Michael Ohler** was killed in a machine gun and rocket grenade attack by gunmen positioned around the nearby Shiite areas of Hay Saloum and Burj al Barajinah. 1st Lt. **James Surch** was also killed in Beirut in the bombing of the Marine headquarters on 23 October. I am sure that everyone joins me in conveying sympathy to the family and friends of our Classmates.

Capt. **Terry Hamilton** has received a Single Mission Air Medal with Bronze Star from LCol. **Harry Lee**, commanding officer at Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 312. Terry was awarded this citation for "heroic achievement in aerial flight after having suffered a midair collision with an opposing F-16 aircraft. His thorough knowledge of the F-4 systems and emergency procedures were highly instrumental in preventing a loss of a valuable Marine Corps asset." Terry is married to the former **Kay Vanlandingham** of Pensacola and they have one daughter, **Amanda**, age 3.

**Jose Calvin** is attending the submarine officer advanced course in New London. **Jose** and **Pat's** second child, **Phillip**, was born in May. **Dave Raunig**, **Bruce Scott** and **Richard Maurer** are also stationed at New London.

**Phil Wisecup** tells us about his new family, wife **Anne** and baby **Marie**. **Phil** has finished his studies

at the University of Strasbourg in France and has started classes at department head school in Newport.

**Dave Thompson** sends the update from the department head classes at Newport. Dan wrote, "We got tired of seeing all those pictures of aviators in *Shipmate*." From left to right, first row: **Gary Holst**, orders to USS LEFTWICH in San Diego, **John Bukauskas** at Naval Justice School; **Mickey Crow**, orders to USS GRAY in Long Beach and **Dave Ziemba**, orders to USS HOEL in San Diego; second row, **John Wilson**, **Jeff Cinciripino**, orders to USS SAMPLE in Pearl Harbor; **Tom Shaw**, orders to USS BRADLEY in Charleston; **Joe O'Connor** (top gunner in this class), orders to USS BOONE in Mayport; **Kevin Murphy**, orders to USS BADGER in Pearl Harbor. Kevin also was married in October; and **Tom Lindner**. Back row: **Don Thompson**, orders to USS DEYO in Charleston; **George Station**, instructor at OCS in Newport, **Tom Pickles**, **Craig Turley**; **Tom Garmon**, orders to USS JA FURER in Charleston; **Dan McCarthy**, now at Justice School enroute to NLSO NAS Jacksonville; **Dan Smith**, **Ron Rodgers** at Justice School en route to MCAS Cherry Point; **Stan Delmar**, orders to USS AINSWORTH in Norfolk, **Gary Grice**, orders to USS MEYERCORD in San Diego.

A 1977 Class pin was found at the stadium after the Homecoming Game. Will the owner please contact **Al Clever**, Physical Education Department, USNA.

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Pres., Lt. **Kenneth E. Waldie** USN  
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Percent Members: 88

From that Old Sea Dog, JEM

Greetings and salutations, Band of Brothers. (Nelson was the first naval officer to use that