

yards in Portsmouth, Virginia); **Joe Gentile**, who is out now and living in San Francisco; **George Chegin** and wife Barb, **Butch Lanzer**, a "shooter" in USS CONSTELLATION, **Tom Jurewicz**, former P-3 NFO turned P-3 pilot, now in Jacksonville, Florida, with wife Lana; **Chris Benigno**, with a DESRON staff in San Diego. Kerry and Becky are looking forward to departing RANGER in the December-January time frame, and hopefully going back to the East Coast. He closes by mentioning that during the overhaul he has been the Voids Division Officer, in charge of rehabilitating/preserving 300 voids. (I won't touch that one with a 3.05 meter pole). Thanks, Kerry!

**Wayne Bergman** dropped a line from Morton, Illinois. He and his family left the Navy in August '82 after completing a tour as 20th Company officer at USNA. (Apparently a two-year extension agreement to serve as now required.) After going through the "meat market" interviews process he took a job in the commercial lubricant marketing group at Mobil Oil. He's a sales engineer, selling lubricants to customers like Caterpillar, etc., with the territory around Morton (about ten miles east of Peoria). He's also in the Reserve, drilling with a unit in Rock Island. Wife KC is a '75 grad of Hood College, and currently coordinator and head instructor of a therapeutic horseback program for handicapped children. Son Andy is seven and playing T-ball for the first time. Daughter Janet is four and "keeps Dad in line," while daughter Barbara ("Bobbie") is two, and tells Dad "where to go and what to do when he gets there!" Wayne admits to missing the Navy only slightly, but that they very much miss the friendships and relationships developed, and invite anyone passing through Peoria ("Lord knows why") to look them up. Thanks for the bring-up, Wayne!



LCdr. C.J. Hall and Annette

Well, gang, I'm gonna put a wrap on this one. If I keep going it'll get too long to print, so I'll hang on to the rest for next month. A couple of quickies though; Kimberly and **Steve Andriko** were blessed with a baby daughter, Stephanie Paige, on 11 June '84; Annette and **C.J. Hall** married in '82 (see accompanying picture), were blessed with their first child, Christopher Lawrence this past June.

Don't forget now, I need those updates of address, preferably with status updates, too. Hang in there. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Holiday Season.

# 76

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Everyone must be pretty busy — only three letters this month. Congratulations to Deb and **Blaine Pearsall** on the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Rose, 1 August; the baby was 7 lbs. 12¼ oz. Blaine is enjoying his new job at GE; he, Deb and, and the kids are all living in Fabius, New York. Congratulations are also in order for Carol and **Dale Meyer**; they had a baby girl, Laura Ashleigh, who was born 13 August 1984.

I had the good fortune to hear from **Craig Scott** about two weeks ago; he's on a WestPac tour now. Both he and Judith Ann are well, and Scotty is teaching her to fly.

I have just a few final notes to pass on. I heard from **Lou Sposato**; he and Roberta are all settled in at Quantico. **John Drerup** was married to the former Jill Lynn Johnson during June — congratulations! I also got a copy of an article from *Naval Aviation News* which discussed a new program for test pilots; this program picks the best pilots to attend Naval Postgraduate School for one year, then follow on to Test Pilot School for 11 months. **Bud Jewett** was the first aviator to go through this program — congratulations and best wishes for continued success. That's all the news I have for now — I hope to see more letters this month. BEAT ARMY!

# 77

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# 78

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Woops! Well I didn't want to spoil you with four columns in a row so I decided to take October off. Actually, August was kind of a lost month for Jan and myself as I officially retired from the Navy on 31 August. Presently I'm working for the Republican National Committee in

Hammond wedding party at the Chapel



Washington, and after the election, who knows? Anyway enough about me.



It. and Mrs. David Rodriguez

15th Companymate **Dave Rodriguez** writes that he joined the ranks of wedded bliss on 24 March, marrying the former Joan Foxe of Sydney, Australia. Joan and Dave met a few years ago in San Diego and ever since then she's been trying to feed Dave "Vegemite sandwiches," but Dave said, "No way!" Dave is stationed on board ship out of Mayport and recently ran into Kim and **Ray Miskowski**. Ray is a P-3 instructor out of Jacksonville, and rumor has it that he's working feverishly on lowering his golf handicap; that way he won't need a calculator to keep score anymore. Ray and Kim are the new proud parents of a young 'un that Ray has undoubtedly taught to play every card game known to mankind.

Speaking of cards, someone who is obviously not playing with a full deck is Julie Rutkai Hammond who foolishly married **Book Hammond** in June of '83 in Annapolis. Present at that epic affair were Gini and **Lanny "Chief" King**, Barb and **Scotty Eckert**, Cheri and **Drew Mulhare**, Helen and **George Teufel**, and, of course, **Mike "Crispy Critter" Crisp**. Most of the party was housed at the ever-popular Thr-rift Inn, which undoubtedly was thr-rilled to have such classy clientele. Anyway, that's past history, and all seriousness aside, Julie and Al are happily residing in gorgeous Great Mills, Maryland. Al has joined a cadre of '78ers who are presently operating as Navy test pilots. Included in this illustrious group are Cindy and **Andy Mohler** and Dot and **Jim Small**, who are in ASW test directorate, Diane and **Rick Wren**, who are in Rotary Wing test directorate. All four boys in blue graduated from test pilot school. Al also reports that **Rick Yasky** is presently enjoying the fun of TPS (test pilot school) with class #86



Lt. and Mrs. Al Hammond

which is due to graduate in December. **Dave Brown** (18th Company) got married in May and was due to start with class #87 in July, after completing a year in PG school. **Jim Jones** is still at PG school and should be starting TSP with class #88 in December. It appears that '78 is doing its stuff right . . . or is that Right Stuff? Thanks for the poop Al, and Julie, try to keep him out of trouble.



The Proud Papas, Marty and Ingrid, Mike and Chase

A short note from Luanne and **Marty Zimmerman** included the photo of Marty and Ingrid Zimmerman and Chase and **Mike Combs**. The proud papas are both in Marine green; with Marty acting as Ops boss for USMC Recruiting station in Detroit and Tammy and **Mike Chase** heading for Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico. Mike just returned from being best man at **Al Kuntz's** wedding on 16 June. So all is well with 5th Batt boys Marty and Mike and their families. Thanks for the note, Luanne.



Lt. and Mrs. Carl Abelein

A short, but information filled letter from **Carl Abelein** included the photo of Carl and his new bride Lori, who were married at the chapel at NAS Lemoore on 10 March. '78ers in attendance were **Wade Tallman**, **Rick Roustio**, **Tom Morse**, **Ken Bowersak** and **Jeff Dickman**. Carl is currently in VA-127 flying A-4s in the adversary mission (sounds kinky to me). Wade is in VFA-125 as an

F/A-18 instructor and Rick is recruiting in St. Louis. Tom is instructor in VA-122 flying A-7s and Ken was on cruise with VA-22, flying A-7s off ENTERPRISE. Meanwhile, Jeff is still flying S-3s out of sunny San Diego (Go Padres!). Carl would like to hear from one and all, particularly **Jim Fee**, and can be reached at 2121 Lemmon Way, Hanford CA 93230. Thanks for the junk of the "jumpsuiters."

Moving back to the "real" Navy, Surface Warrior **Kurt Tidd** dropped me a line as he and wife Lese headed toward France were Kurt will be attending the University of Bordeaux. Kurt will be taking courses in "Wine, its Effect on Modern Warfare," and "Carlo Rossi, the Man and the Myth." Actually, Kurt will be enjoying a well-deserved respite after being deployed for nearly a year as Flag Lieutenant to COMCRUDESGRU EIGHT. Kurt was embarked on INDY when she cruised down to the Caribbean for the fun at Grenada and later was on board TICONDEROGA during the action off of Lebanon. During his travels Kurt ran into a number of Classmates. **Jack Fernandez** was flying with one of the F-14 squadrons on INDY, acting as one of the ringleaders of "Don Q Seven." While on board Tico Kurt was in CIC when word came that **Bobby Goodman's** plane had gone down, so needless to say Kurt was near the action. Kurt says that Tico is even better than the Navy says it is. Anyway, he had a 36th Company homecoming of sorts when he roomed in the JO bunkroom with **Scot Hoffman** and **Eric Sweigard** ('79). Kurt ran into Scot again at PG school in Monterey prior to his departure for Bordeaux; that's Kurt's departure, not Scot's . . . sorry, Scot. Dr. Tidd also mentioned bumping into **Jim "Jean Claude" Carr** during a trip to Grenoble. Jim was still on Olmstead Scholarship at the University and took time out from his busy skiing, I mean studying schedule, to explain the rigors of French student-life to Kurt. At the end of Kurt's cruise, while on board KENNEDY, he ran into **Jim Fiorelli** who is flying electric A-6s out of Whidbey Island in beautiful Washington State. Other Academy stalwarts bumping into the Tiddman were Ollie Edwards '80, a Whale driver out of Rota, and Clark Handy '77, an F-14 RIO. After deployment Kurt and Lese spent two months at Defense Language Institute in Monterey and as of this writing should be harvesting grapes in Bordeaux. They can be reached by writing to: Bordeaux Consulate, APO NY, NY 09777.

Hopefully Kurt will provide a more specific address in the future so '78 European travelers, like Marla and **Al Baker**, can mooch off of them for a while. Speaking of "Blues Baker," he and Marla are indeed travelling the Continent, but by this issue's arrival should already have returned to sunny SoCal where Al will be spending the next three years in the Seminary. So by the next reunion we'll not only have Father Al Robredo, but Reverend Al Baker or possibly Chaplain Al . . . just another example that the Lord works in mysterious ways.

Before I close, a final note from another '78 looper, **Jon Sears**, who, as you can see from the photo, was Adm. Crowe's Flag Lieutenant. Jon was being awarded DMSM for his outstanding tour for USCINCPAC. By now, Jon, Barbara and their 2½ year-old son Jonathan are enjoying the good life in Massachusetts as Jon attends Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. Jon's hoping to see some old buds at Army after spending the last 4 years with Magnum P.I. in Hawaii.

Well, that's all from this nautical kind of guy for now. Stay tuned next month as **John "Nukey 'em 'Til they Glow" Newcomb** answers that ever



Jon E. Sears and Adm. Crowe present question, "Is there life in Upstate New York, or are they all hungover on Genesee Cream Ale?" Until then, this is Biff Barf saying See You at Army! See You at the Liberty Bowl!

## 79

Membership: 89%

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Dear '79,

I admit I was slack last month, but it was very hectic and my typewriter was broken. I hope never to miss another column again. Hopefully one of the other writers sent something in. I must join the multitude of people that tell me that they have not received their *Shipmate* after moving. Please take note that it happens even to the correspondents. By the way, for anyone that is not willing to put pen to paper my new phone is 913/722-6969. My apologies to the Tata persons, my flight plans got messed up and I lost the phone number. I would love some pictures of the wedding. Hopefully we got to make amends at Homecoming.



Lt. and Mrs. Don Reilly  
Chris Wenz and The Center of Attention

