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where he is finishing up his tour as Ops in USS DEYO (DD-989). Debbie and Dan are now the parents of two children. The Thompsons will be moving to Norfolk soon as Dan will be reporting to USS KIDD (DDG-993) as Ops. (I hope they enjoy the Tidewater area as much as Jane and I do.) While in Maine Dan did run into two Classmates: **Mike Beck** in O'BANNON and **Tom Shaw** in ROBERT G. BRADLEY. They are both back at sea these days. Thanks for your letter, Dan.

Our last letter arrived the other day from Debra McVay, **Mike (Skip) McVay's** wife. She enclosed a picture of their two beautiful little girls, Allison, 3, and Lindsey, 15 months. Mike entered the civilian world in September 1984 and is working for Advanced Technology in San Diego. The McVays have a new house at 2238 Village Center Drive; Encinitas, Calif. 92024 and would love visitors. Debra added that Mike is in the Reserve with **Rob Jenks** on USS WADSWORTH (FFG-9) in Long Beach. Rob is working for SysCon in San Diego and is still quite single. It was good to hear from you, Debra.

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For those of you who have been waiting six months to see your letters in print, "This Bud's for You!" **Dave Hall** writes from Andover, Massachusetts, that all is well with him, wife Mary and two-year old daughter Elizabeth. Dave works as a quality control engineer at Raytheon which has been foolish enough to hire other '78 outcasts like **Ken "The missing Waldo" Waldie** and **Bill "BIWI" Hanna**. Dave has been with Raytheon since getting out in May of '84. Prior to that time, he had served in about every job but CO and XO on board USS NEWPORT (LST-1179), spending most of his time in the Caribbean and the Med with a token visit to the IO and North Atlantic. Dave stayed in the Reserve and presently trains with the Military Sealift Command.

Dave also reports visiting with Janice and **Rob Cloutier** and their two daughters. The Cloutiers reside in south Jersey where Rob works with RCA (that's the company with the mock ship setup in the middle of a cornfield off the Jersey Turnpike). Speaking of cornfields in South Jersey, Mr. Philadelphia **Chris "Doc" Dougherty** has finally graced this column with an epic epistle from Paris Island. Doc was TAD at the time, but now has returned to suffer in St. Petersburg, Florida at the Stetson University Law School in the USMC Law Program. It's really quite a school; upon graduation instead of a diploma you get a cowboy hat and a bottle of after shave. All seriousness aside,

Doc and his wife Anne are enjoying life with son Christopher and, rumor has it, a new brother or sister. After finishing up at Stetson, Doc will take the Florida Bar Exam and then he hopes to be assigned to Lejeune or Cherry Point.

Doc included the following info on other 14th Company characters: **Mark Bolin** is flying A-4's out of El Toro, but hasn't been in contact with Doc since a late evening call from Okinawa way back when.

Kathy and Don Beverlin live near Mark in Mission Viejo, California. Don has left the Navy and is enjoying spending more time with daughters Jessica and Anne. Sandra and **Ray Baltera** are in Long Island, New York where Ray is in recruiting duty. Rumor has it there is now a new addition to the Baltera clan, but no confirmation yet.

Ginger and Doug Meyers and their daughter were still in Memphis where Doug is also recruiting. Doc said Doogie still has the B-ball touch and suggests that some of us 3rd Battalion stalwarts get together a team for a reunion tourney to challenge the NBA dull-stars from 10th company; that means you, Waldo, Ivers, O'B, Diffie, et al.

Recruiting must be pretty big these days because **Jim Lippard** is also hunting heads for the Big Blue in Indianapolis. Jim and Ray were in the same P-3 squadron in Jacksonville, so they must have signed a package deal with the detailer. Anyway, Jim's wife, Amy, is a buyer for a retail clothier and she and Jim are doing well in Middle America. The Amazin' Man, **Kurt "Monsoon" Maszun** is reportedly doing a Conan the Barbarian impersonation out of VMFA-451 at MCAS Beaufort. He's been pumping iron in a big way and has put on 20 pounds of solid steel and sex appeal. I understand Kurt does all weapons loading by himself now . . . with one hand.

Brad James and his wife are in Orlando where Brad is assigned with the 6th Marine Corps District. Brad has been able to visit Doc on several official boondoggles, I mean trips. Paula and **Van Berry** are apparently still in Chula Vista, California with Van being assigned to USS PEORIA (LST-1183) out of San Diego. Doc ends with a note on **Bubba Destafney** who has returned to CONUS from a tour in Hawaii. During that stretch, Bubba played with the Marine Rugby team and later went out to play for the U.S. Armed Forces team which toured Europe. I was considerably relieved to hear this, since I had received an anonymous tip since that Bubba was running around Europe as a hooker . . . that's a Rugby joke folks.

Anyway, Bubba himself has recently written and has the following update: **Mark "Po-dad" Poston** joined the ranks of wedded bliss on July 25 in Fremont, California. His lovely bride, Rose, a Fremont native, had the unusual pleasure of meeting some of Po's more illustrious friends right off the bat. In attendance were **Toby Buttle, Rich Cellon, Johnboy Day, Arch Griffin, Bubba**, and mystery guest of the month, none other than our long lost QB **Mike "Knees" Roban**. Po is working in Fremont for American hospital Supply, while Toby Buttle is playing Beach Blanket Bingo in Venice. He works for Eaton Electronics in Santa Monica. He is one of the few remaining confirmed bachelors, but rumor has it he's weakening under the California sun.

Also in la-la land is **Mike Roban** who lives in San Ramon and works for Polaroid. After leaving the Academy, Mike went to the University of Montana where he set records for touchdown passes thrown and number of knee operations received. As Bubba so graphically put it, "His knees look like they were operated on by Norman Bates." I'm sure you Hitchcock fans can appreciate that. Mike has been married for seven



Top: Mike Roban, Bob Destafney, Arch Griffin
Bottom: Tom Buttle, Rich Cellon, Mark Poston, John Day

years to Michelle and has two kids. He remembered quite a bit about his USNA days and hopes to reminisce with old buddies at our 10-year reunion, which is really not that far away.

Representing the East Coast at this gala event was **Archie Griffin** who is living in Annapolis with his wife Erin and their son. Arch is still in the Navy as an Intel-type out of the D.C. area. Also in Annapolis is Carmen and **Rich Cellon**. Rich is the CEC junior detailer, while Carmen is attending the University of Maryland. By the way, Richie did a great job helping out with the mini '78 reunion at Homecoming, as did **John Cahoon** and **Mo Tose**. We had a pretty good off-year turnout with about 50 all-stars in attendance. **John Day** is finishing up his last year of Med school at Georgia and soon will be Doctor Day, not to be confused with sunny day, or Happy Days.

Bubba also had updates on a few other '78ers. Deb and **Bill Fell** are in Virginia where Bill is stationed at Fort Belvoir at Army Advanced Engineer School. The Fells, along with daughter Kim, should be on their way to Camp Lejeune soon . . . and Deb says she never gets to go anywhere! Still forming his own Oriental Empire, **Jimbo Shulson** is serving with the 9th MAB in Okinawa. Jim and Vikki are both doing well and Vikki is enjoying teaching Phys Ed at Kadena Airbase High School. As for Bubba himself, he's currently CO of the Marine detachment on board USS SIMON LAKE. They were in Kings Bay, Georgia, but recently went to beautiful Pascagoula, Mississippi, for an extended overhaul. Bubba, Roxie and the little "Bubbas," daughter Kelly (4) and son Mark (1) are enjoying the hospitality of the South. Bubba closed by asking about the missing '78er of the month; where are you, **Pfunandre Redvict**?

A letter from western travelers Marla and **Al "Blues" Baker** says that all is well in Santa Ana, California. Al is still in the seminary and Marla is working with the Boy Scouts. The Bakers travelled most of the summer throughout the West, including the Grand Canyon, the Santa Fe Trail, and the scene of Custer's Last Stand in Montana. Al even got the opportunity to give a sermon at the parish of a friend, or should I say the former parish of a former friend. Apparently Blues was a bit long-winded on a hot summer day, but hey, at least he didn't play his harmonica . . . we hope.

A short note from 17th Company stalwart **Kevin Liddy** inquires as to the whereabouts of old room-mates **Chris Hassler** and **Don Ksiazek**. Kevin and wife Cassie are still in St. Louis where Kev is working for Shearson-Lehman and Cassie is a travel agent. **Steve Stamos** has also moved to the St. Louis area working for Skyline Displays and Nancy and **John Hueseman** are still there with John working for McDonnell Douglas. On the Navy side, **Rick Rustio** is at Navy Recruiting St. Louis. Kev gives his regards to all and says he can be reached TOLL FREE at 1-800-325-7048. Remember folks, he is a stockbroker, so make it a short call for your own financial safety.

Lee Price sent a brief note stating that he was returning to USNA as a Nav Sci instructor after completing tours on board USS FIDELITY and as Tacco in VP-46 out of Moffett. Lee's wife Laurie and twin daughters Lacey and Elisabet (10 months) should have just recently arrived in Annapolis with Lee not far behind. Up Newport way, **Jack Carpenter** reports that he too will be tying the proverbial knot just about the time you're reading this column. Jack also says that **Jim Buckley** has been transferred from Lejeune to Norfolk. Jack would like to start a 29th Company newsletter and requests all inputs to be sent to him at 37 Simmons Street, Newport, R.I. 02840.

Heading back to the Pacific, Paula and **Mike Dwyer** are in Hawaii where Duffy is a NATOPS officer and test pilot with HMM-364. They have a daughter Caitlin Marie, who is also **Paul Russo's** goddaughter. Also in Hawaii are Karen and **Tim Hanifin** and daughter Rebecca. Tim is at Camp H.M. Smith while Karen is an RN at a local medical center. The Dyer's live in Kaneohe overlooking the Koolau mountains and foolishly invite any visitors to give them a call.

Well sports fans, I've got more letters, but I'm just about out of space. Everyone here is getting jazzed over the Top 20 Navy B-ball team which should be pretty awesome this year. If they're in your area, get out and see them because they are for "real." The football team is a different story, but when you lose 5 games by 15 points, it's really heartbreak hotel time. As of this writing we've got Army left, but nobody's holding their breath over that one either. But who knows, as Coach Welch once said to me after I tried out as a walk-on, "Schamoonid, you're not very big, and you're not very strong — but you're incredibly slow. You're cut."

Stay tuned next month for some literary laughter from "**Kinky**" **Frank Hunt**, the Sprague man, **Larry "Magic"** **Galvin** and a cast of thousands. Until then, this is Coach Slaza saying, "2:59, 2:59, 2:59½, 2:59¾ . . ."

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Well, dear friends, between a trip to Homecoming and a pile of letters, I am going to be hard-pressed to keep this month's column from looking like a novella, but here goes.

Back in September, **Chuck Doty**, late of 20th Company, wrote from the land of #1 football, Penn State. Seems that **Mike Kantaris**, up for a visit from Quantico's Amphibious Warfare School with his wife Pat, had so much fun at SMU that he talked Chuck into "regular college." So Chuck has gone EDO, and is "killing" himself with 12-hour semesters, while his wife Peggy is booking it for life as a CPA. Chuck invites all of his 20th Co. re-reads for one more hunt of the dreaded SASQUATCH. Take note, Frank Hudik, Jon Dinsmore, and Steve Walton. The Squatch is welcome too.

Received a great letter from one of my old roomies from that booming metropolis known as Idaho Falls. **Kirk Michaelson** wrote to recount the last four years of his life (definitely the makings for a TV mini series), and also included some info on his buds from 22nd Co. Kirk is currently at PG

school out by Clint Eastwood's house, studying Ops Analysis. Wife Sherrill, son Trevor, and daughter Hayley (the three-year-old computer whiz), are doing just fine. In other 22nd Co. news:

Steve Smith and wife Liz live in London; Steve's an intel type with CinCUSNavEur. **Tony Chitwood** is in Naples on a SubRon staff. Lydia and **Dan Bursch** are just down the bay from A-town in Pax River. **Doug Fremont** and **Wayne Elmer** are out in Pearl Harbor, where Doug is a SubPac watch officer, and Wayne is an instructor at the sub training center. Boston is home for Jackie and **John Matthews** while John works for his MBA at MIT. Newlyweds Marianne and **Pat Temple** (29 Jun 85) are out in San Diego with VS-24. Kay and **Bob Lakis** are in Scotia, New York, where Bob roams the streets with a nuke power press gang. **Andy Hagelin** is a ROTC instructor at Rice; wife Rebecca recently returned from a USO tour in Central America. (Did the contras like Bob Hope?) NAPS is being blessed with the wisdom of **Matt Brower**, who is living the good life in Newport with wife Miki. The future corporate lawyer, **Paul Wright**, lives in Miami with wife Jill while attending law school. Paul says all of his profs look like Don Johnson. Karen and **Mark Young** are also out in Monterey, where Mark is digging into Aerospace Engineering. All hands will be pleased to learn that **Carey Arthur's** parents presented the first biannual Carey A. Arthur Memorial Trophy after the 1983 Annapolis to Newport race. The award is presented to the Midshipman navigator of the Naval Academy boat which finishes that race with the best corrected time. Finally, Kirk asks that **Rick Marrs** get in touch.

The ever-faithful **Wooley Mammoth Finley** (faithful in 36th Co. correspondence anyway), sends various grunts to all and reports:

Dave Andrews and his wife are expecting #1 in January; Dave is a ROTC instructor at Syracuse. The **Ken Barnes** bunch are out reestablishing Ken's Indiana roots. Kathy and **Mike Beauchamp** got more than they bargained for with the arrival of twin girls in early August. Mike is up at Whidbey Island as a TC-4C aircraft commander, loving it, as usual. **Rich Bosco**, Mike's company mate and brother-in-law by Renee, is cutting up (cadavers) at med school in Bethesda. **Nevin Carr**, wife Ann Carey, and sons Nevin III & James are still out in Monterey and expect to head to department head school in Newport in April of 86. Our other company physician, **Jim Chimiak**, will soon be finishing up med school in Norlina. **Rich Fitzpatrick** should be at SWOS Newport by now, along with Martha, Kyle and Molly. Mary Anne and **Paul Hatch** are both working as stockbrokers for E.F. Hutton in D.C. Word has it that when Mary Anne speaks, Paul listens. Betty and **Mike Holoubek**, along with recent arrival Mike Jr., are down in Pensacola with NavEdTra. **A.J. Johnson**, still single somehow, is starting his last year with his P-3 squadron out at Barber's Point. Much to the dismay of his East Coast pals, AJ plans on heading to PG school next. Wild **Bill Kauffman** finally got on dry land and is terrorizing new butter-bars down in P-cola with Mike Holoubek. Finally out of hiding, **Ken Kropkowski** reports that he and Sandy are in the D.C. area where Ken is the local Navy recruiter. **Tom Kwiatkowski** will soon be moving Alison and Jessica to Charleston, where Tom will be the Ops officer on USS THORN (DD-988). Another surface warfare stud, **Doug Mitchell**, recently started dept head school, after two grueling years as a YP instructor for SWOS basic. Jill, Eric, and Megan are doing wonderfully, Mitch tells us. **Big John Pross**, wife Jackie, and their two children are now residing in Beeville, Texas, where John is an advanced jet (TA-4) in-

structor. IBM great **Bill Resser**, wife El, and daughter Meg paid a visit to Bill's old roommate, **Marty Sullivan**. Marty is out in El Toro with wife Mary Ellen and son Timothy, and is his squadron's assistant ops officer. Betsey and **Eric Sweigard** are also Monterey residents; PG school seems to be a small 36th Co. enclave.

A few days before Homecoming, **Scott Gray** ventured up to my home and Philly to catch my debut as a stand-up comic. (Not really my debut; my oral boards in the nuke power program provided plenty of practice). He brought along lots of gouge from various sources, some reliable, some not. Scott heads for the submarine officer's advanced course in February, and thinks his next boat will be out on the West Coast.

Scott's roommate **Eric Womble**, is engaged with wedding plans for 29 March. Eric is at the Pentagon in Op-91. **Rich O'Donnell** heads for SOAC in May. Ex-BC **Russ Keller** is the aide to the DCNO for Submarine Warfare. Pulling mega-strings, **Joe Fallone** will be leaving Op-02 for the EDO program and MIT. Also headed for Boston is **Joe Mulloy**, who convinced the powers-that-be to let him attend Harvard for his MBA. Joe will run into **Duncan Richardson**, another MBA student at Moscow-on-the-Charles. Since I'm on the subject of MBA's, **Paul Hanrahan** and **Gary Fleshman** are both pursuing theirs at George Washington. (Do you get the feeling, dear readers, that 20 years from now, the Class of '79 will be running the world?) Our former pres, **Rich Reynolds**, works in the NMPC enlisted separations office, somewhere near **Mike Lambie**, another NavPers type. **Don Hubbard**, who, along with **Frank Scholley** made the director of SEAL school eat his words, works in SecNav's office as a special liaison for SEAL programs. **Ray Spicer** followed his boss, Adm. Hayes, out to CinCPac. Making the arduous drive from A-town every day, **Carl Rehling** works somewhere in DC. Let me know where, Carl. **Frank Sablan** is an enlisted detailer, and all Scott knew about **Jack Rickman** was that Jack is in the Marines. (How's that for big news?) **Greg "Doc" Shear** is the aide to the CEC boss, while **Walt Ballard** makes policy over at Op-13. In other parts of the US of A, **Mitch Shipley** finally married Darlene, and is the engineer officer on USS LA JOLLA in San Diego. **Phil Pilewski** is also a newlywed; Phil is a Special Weapons Officer in the sub program. Scott ran into **Brad Post** out in Denver, where Brad works for TRW of Falcon and Snowman fame. Down in Charleston, **Steve Ross** is weapons officer on a boomer.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of **John Pasko**, **Chris Wenz**, and the many other '79ers stationed at USNA, our happy band of brothers and families enjoyed a warm Homecoming celebration. Good food, cold beer (on that hot afternoon), and renewed friendships made Big Blue's rout of Lafayette even more memorable. I ran into many, many Classmates there, all of whom looked great and were enjoying what they were doing. Attendees included: Larry Kihlstadius, Mike Many, Scott Gray, Rich O'Donnell, Bob Melcher, Jeff Johnson, Mike Beauchamp, Mike Holoubek, Mike Finley, Rich Bosco, Paul Hatch, Bob Huddleston, Roger Royston, Abe Ellis, Mike Knabb, Gary Stahl, Mike Smith, Sandy Jones, Bill McKinney, Mike Muldoon, Dave Evans, Russ Keller, Gil Shuga, Wally Stark, and Chris Bently. I know there were many others; my mind is anything but a steel trap, so if I missed you, please forgive me, and drop me a line to chastise me and get your name in the column.

Former WRNV boss **Rich Lanning** wrote to keep us all apprised of Hawaii/West Coast happenings. A former submariner, Rich has punched