

July 1972 is eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal . . . I have verified our eligibility. There are some mildly confusing words in SecNavInst 1650.1E (Navy Awards Manual) regarding non-eligibility if on training duty but when I pressed (OpNav) for an interpretation, I was assured those words were for TAD and Reserve personnel. So, the bottom line is all Midshipmen who were aboard VANCOUVER are eligible to wear the Medal and a single 3/16" bronze star." NOTE: Before all you Class of 75 "War Heroes" demand your medals, I recommend that you individually verify your eligibility. Anyone wishing to confirm this can check with the Navy by calling (202) 695-4123. Mark also ran into **Rick Schwarthing** in Charleston. Rick is an EDO with a specialty in diving and salvage. He is expecting orders to Naples in the near future. Have FUN diving in the waters of Napoli Bay!

A special thank you to those Classmates who attended **Steve Thorne's** funeral. Your presence and flowers from the Class were very thoughtful and supportive.

Now a quick break for that fast-paced, easy reading, segment of our column; the Home Town News Releases (HTNR)! **Steve Laabs** is an AEDO selectee and stationed with NAVPRO IBM in Oswego, N.Y. **Tom Dempsey** has been transferred to 2nd MAW Cherry Point, N.C. The following Classmates have graduated from the Naval War College — **Stephen Walsh, Harry Neal, Chalker Brown** (Chalker also received the Navy Commendation Medal for outstanding performance as Training Officer at the ASW Operation Center, NAF Lajes, Portugal), **Dan Murphy** and **Jim Gabor**. NOTE: To receive recognition in our HTNR segment, go do something newsworthy or just send me your name and new command or address. I'll be glad to include it.

Remember, columns are written two months in advance, so even though its after Homecoming as you read this, it hasn't really happened yet. Homecoming reflections in December. Take care and BEAT ARMY!

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This has been the worst month for correspondence on record — not even one letter found its way to my mailbox. I did, however, have the good fortune to talk with a few Classmates on the phone. **Roger Seedorf** called from Bangor, Washington, where he and his wife Jeanne live with their three children, Brandon, Lindsey, and Chelsea. Roger is aboard USS MICHIGAN. I also heard from **Pat McKim**. Pat finished up his MBA at Harvard and is now working for Raychem. He has been working in the Washington, D.C. area but will soon be on his way to Palo Alto, California. When I was over at the Presidio of Monterey last week, I ran into **Doyle Kitchen**. Doyle has been at NPS for a year now in the mechanical engineering curriculum; Doyle has changed designators to EDO. Doyle and Susan have two children, David and James, and they also have a third on the way — congratulations!

MaryK and I are both well and hope to see a lot of Classmates at the Reunion — next time there should be a lot more to report. Let me hear from you.

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Greetings from the Med! I did receive three letters this month. So let's get right to them and see what news I have to pass on.

First off, I was sent a change-of-address card for Sue and **Pete Knoetgen**. Pete is now with the Nuclear Assurance Corporation in Norcross, Georgia. The Knoetgens are building a house in Alpharetta, and hope to be settled by Thanksgiving. They plan on attending our big Reunion next year and hope that any Classmates passing through the Atlanta area give them a call. Best of luck, Pete, with the new job!

Stanley Gray wrote from the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. where he is C.O. of Company B, one of the ceremonial companies. He described how busy the Summer season is down at the Barracks at 8th and I St., SE, but stated that it was an honor to represent the Corps in this way. He ran into Capt. **John "Boots" Bukauskas** at USNA while marching in a P-rade on Worden Field. Talk about *deja vu!!!* "Boots" is teaching at the Academy and to quote Stanley, "Education has not ruined Boots . . . he is still sick." Other info that was included: Capt. **J.J. Patterson** is on his way to AWS, **Fred Kinkin** is working in Maine and living in New Hampshire with his wife and two sons, and **Charles (Cool) Ivey** and his wife had a baby boy this Summer in San Diego where Cool works for Mobil. Great letter!



Matt Street, son and father-in-law



Erick & Maryann Johnson, Gayle Butler, Brendan & Anne Gray, Mike Jones, Sam & Pam Locklear, Trudy Butler, Jeanne & Dempsey Butler.

My last letter arrived from Ginny Streeter, Matt's wife. It was jammed-packed with news! What would we do without you wives to send in all the dope?! Matt is on deployment now with ComDesRon Nine staff embarked on VINSON. She enclosed the picture of Matt, their son, Zachary

(now 21 months old . . . the picture is a year old) and Ginny's dad, Dr. Wade Foy, Class of '47. Nice picture . . . graduates of '47, '77 and 2007(?). Ginny added lots of info, as she knew it. **Mickey Ross** was on his way to PG School after finishing his tour as ChEng in USS GRAY. **Mike Reed**, wife Susan and son, Patrick, are in Plano, Texas, contemplating a move to Boston (no change of address received yet). Nonie and **John Bird** have been joined recently by a daughter, Elizabeth Joan, in Charleston, South Carolina. **Gary Holst** returned from yet another extended deployment in TRUX-TUN (boy, can I identify with that!) and is now home in San Diego. Matt's roommate, **John Hall**, checks in every now and then with the Streeters from Washington State where he is pursuing a Master's in Zoology. Ginny adds that Matt has been penciled in for a trip to PG School in Monterey next Summer. He has already established a goal to win the NPG golf tournament so he can play in the Pebble Beach ProAm. We'll watch for him on TV. And they, too, plan to get to the 10-year Reunion. Thanks, Ginny, for all your input.

What more can I add? Of course . . . BEAT ARMY!!! We'll be rooting hard from out here! Until next month — Happy Trails, **Bill**.

West Coast News:

I'm writing this to you on my new toy!! I purchased an IBM clone just before cruise so I would have something to occupy my free time. So far it's working . . . can't wait until the new Navy personal computer contract (the Z-248; the first true IBM compatible purchased by the Navy) has been in place so the system I'm now using will be compatible with the Navy-wide microcomputers. In fact each member of the new class at USNA is required to purchase a Z-248 (a bargain at less than \$2000).

I've been working with my detailer(s) for the past 9 months trying to figure out where I'm going next. Back in June it looked like I would go to USNA working in the Computer Center (a payback tour for my time at PG School); my work there may have involved integrating the Z-248s into the Brigade. But my XO will not let me leave without a designated relief from NMPC. My job on board requires a guy with a computer background who is up for a sea tour on a CV/CVN. There are few guys which fit that profile . . . unless they are NFOs recently out of PG School up for a disassociated sea tour (like I was in 1984). The short of it is, I will not roll on time (Dec. '86) but at the earliest Mar. '87. Hopefully I will return to NAS Whidbey Island to resume flying A-6E Intruders. Both Jeanne and I would appreciate your prayers in that regard!

Class News: I'm very happy to hear things are proceeding with regards to the 10th. It's great to see those guys in the local area step forward to help out. I can't think of any way it would have worked out without them. It should be a great time . . . we will be there with bells on.

I have received no mail but in three days we will be pulling into Subic Bay for the first time on this WestPac. Every time I'm here I run into guys I haven't seen in ages. It's like a small reunion.

In the meantime I'm enclosing a photo of a party Jeanne and I held just before deployment.

WE tried to get more Classmates there but it turned out Bill Fleker, Buck Buchanan, Joe & Raquell Berner, and Dave & Chris Bentley were unable to attend. WE had a terrific time sharing old stories, comparing jobs and drinking Sam's Beer; a local concoction brewed in the Locklear's basement. Maryann's Lumpia was also a big hit. My sisters Gayle and Trudy were welcome additions to the fun; they were good friends of the Rat

Pack. Mike is a friend from my post PG School days at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. working in Palo Alto for the Summer. **Dempsey.**

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Hello '79, Welcome to another thrill-a-minute column. As I write this, **Mark Decker** is sharpening his neck for his go at Harvard. Why don't I feel jealous? Also in the Boston area is **Jim Davis**. He is at MIT and is in the last year of his 'tour' there. His neck is sharpened for life now. **Tim Nagle** and **Mike Rantz** are also up in the locale. Tim is at Suffolk Law School and Mike is the, are you ready for another bad deal, XO of the tall ship USS CONSTITUTION. Hey Mike, get a job buddy! Speaking of eternal Plebe detail, **Mark Duncovich** is teaching grade school in the Baltimore area. Grace and **Gary Cerezo** are out in the Philippines and have two children. **George Argerake** is a flight instructor in Meridian and happily married to Kathleen. **Chris Armitage** is out at Idaho Falls teaching the proper glow to Nukes. **Kenny Darin** is flying Jet Rangers in Milton and he has a new baby girl with a little help from Sue.

Reesie and **Jack Eggleston** have two children and after a strenuous tour teaching celestial nav at Navy U, they are up at Newport. Jack is studying to be a department head, yeah sure. Some people really have it tough. **Tom Forsythe** and his wife, Mary, are living in South Acton, Massachusetts. Tom is another product of good ole Larry's company working for W.R. Grace. While Mary is shaping the town of Lincoln in her image. Latest word on **Jimmy Goodwin** . . . lost. Meanwhile in the Orient, **Tony Heimer** is a proud dad of a son. Tony was an honor grad at Department Head School and Kathy is proud of them both. **Steve Hogge** is living in New Jersey. Boy that narrows it right down doesn't it? The stats of Steve read as follows: insurance underwriter, one wife, two kids, no Trans Am. **Pete Johnstone** is going to med school and I heard something about becoming an ensign again? WHAT?! Meg help me out on this one. Diane and **John Kunert** are in Mayport and **Cory Lane** is working for General Electric writing sleep aids. Oh excuse me, writing nuke manuals in Valdalia, Georgia.

Art Ohanion is an instructor in Corpus and just loves Texas. Nancy and baby Teresa agree. **Pete Rasmussen** is taking remedial wires for life at Newark Electronics outside of Hartford. **Alan Womble** should run to the nearest pay phone and call someone. By the way, LCdr., that's right, LCdr. **Michael Reedy** is still on sea duty; no wife and no children and no dog and no cat and he is still at sea and he outranks most of you. **Tim MacNeil** will be helping him invest his sea pay the Prudential Bache way. **Nick Mygas** was reportedly up in Newport but no one is sure what after his guest appearance at Monterey. **Sean Cate** was married to Janet last year but the picture sent by an unlisted Classmate, **Randy Scanlon**, is too blurry to print. Sorry Greta. Word has it that **Howie Green** and **John Jaques** are both in med school somewhere but no news on where. Others seen pretending to study at NPS in Monterey are Nevin Carr, William Noble, Henry Luna, Scott Van-



The Lambies and the Kellers



The Deckers: Brian, Jeffery, Laura, Margaret



The Dennises



Kathy and Ken Ritz plus their pride



Bill Pong, Armando Gonzalez

Buskirk. **John Counts** the wedding reception professional is on recruiting duty in Kentucky.

Mike Lambie is a civilian and **Russ Keller** is headed to grad school somewhere. They should be pictured here with three little ones and their wives Michelle and Chris. **Lanny Glover** and **Gary McLoskey** are at Texas A&M as graduate students in Ocean Engineering. Lanny is working on his doctorate, whew. Steve and Sherri have a daughter Stephanie and he is the weapons officer on the USS GRANT (Blue Crew). **Erik Christensen** wrote from Subic, a postcard yet, about a year ago and I just found it. He should be at MIT sweating out more ocean engineering and/or Naval architecture. Harry Larsen is down at Beaufort flying with the big 333. **Brian Decker** is a pilot for Delta as is **Rich Wilkins**. Brian's wife, Laura, is a Navy doctor so he has to commute to New Orleans. **Tim Ebbinghouse** and **Boots Harrison** were also seeking airline positions. **Frank Iusco** is an instructor at Whiting. **Tom Facer** is at Harvard Law and Duncan Richardson, Russ Keller, Paul Hanrahan, and Bruce Britton have all been studying at Harvard. Well that clears up **Russ Keller's** whereabouts. **Mike Gallant** is teaching at Newport. Teaching WHAT?

Brian Rogers is an instructor at the S-3 RAG at North Island. **Russ Nevitt**, **Bill Lopez**, and **Ray Griffith** are doing same. **Bill Steinedell** is going to school and running a business in Vista, California. **Pat Dennis** is at Law School at Oral Roberts. he is considering going back in the Corps as a JAG. **Gene Miller** is flying F-14's off USS AMERICA. Word has it that Geno will be a civlant or civpac soon. Drop em a line. **Ken Ritz** is headed to Philly to attend Wharton with his wife, Kathy and little Carol. **Skip Krause** overwhelmed Mobile with the "Wedding of the Century." **Tracy Layne Fischrupp** is now Mrs. Stephen Robert Krause. The bride wore a white crystalline organza gown with embroidered butterflies on the bodice and . . . OK, OK I just wanted to say bodice. ITS JUST A JOKE! No not the wedding, Skip, "bodice." Am I losing control here? **Chris Wenz** made a special guest star cameo as the best man while **Chip Jones**, **Mark Young**, and **Ted Branch** were also in attendance as groomsmen. They are living in Va. Beach where Skip is on NIMITZ. Wasn't that exciting?

Also joining the married ranks in the last few years was **Mike Pedersen**. I guess he thought no one would believe unless he personally told them. Elsa has been convincing him by having the future Miss Hawaii, Vanessa. Mike is now at NAS Dallas or so he claims, await confirmation on this news flash. Mike claims he will write to Chris Bentley, Lil Dave Bethel, "Welchie" and "Brosie" real soon.

Bill and Borger wrote with sad news. **Mike Williamson's** wife Kim passed away last July in Annapolis. She had a sudden and brief pulmonary illness. In lieu of flowers, she requested donations be made to Maryland Lupus Chapter, LFA, 12 West 25th St., Baltimore, Md. 21218.

Mike and Kim have one son, Chris. He is now one year old. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. **Larry K.**

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