

Well, I spent two years at Monterey to learn how to use a computer so I guess I'll put the word processor to good use to get a mention in *Shipmate*.

Monterey was tough (?), but somehow we all struggled through it. My reward for two years of study and the Master's in Computer Systems is a disassociated tour as Air Operations Officer on USS Iwo JIMA. We fly the UH-1N in our spare time when it's up. Nothing like the H-2.

We just finished Operation Ocean Venture '86 down in the Caribbean and had four days in St. Thomas to blow off steam. **Bill Daniels** is also on Iwo JIMA as Weapons Department Head. **Ron Long** was with us during Ocean Venture. He flies Cobras with HMM-162 in New River. A good time was had by all.

I have kept track of at least a few of our Classmates. Carmen and **Dave Wade** live in Virginia Beach. Dave is a doctor at Portsmouth Naval Hospital. Dave tells me that **Ray "Booz" Bozman** and Patty and Jeff (new baby) will be heading to Tidewater soon. Karen and **Terry Cook** were still in San Diego both attending law school when I left California in October. Terry is still in the Marines but has never seen bugs and snakes. They were extremely hospitable to me in California. We had a good time.

Mike "Pooh Bear" Coulbourne is alive and well and civilian in D.C. contracting and selling security systems for corporations. **Bill Stulb** and Marilyn still live in Virginia Beach. Bill is Operations Officer in USS ARTHUR W. RADFORD.

Congrats to all '77 Lcdr selectees. Please let me know what, if anything, I can do to help with our Big 10 Reunion. Sounds like its beginning to take shape already.

That's about all the news I have for now. Back to the boat.

Thanks for all the great news! Keep it coming. Until next month . . . happy trails.

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I hate to start this column off on a somber note, but it is my sad duty to report that **Al Hammond** was killed in a helicopter accident on 9 June 1986 while on a training mission off the coast of Florida. At the time, Al was assigned to duty out of Patuxent River with Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate as program manager of the SH-60B. On this tragic occasion, the Class of '78 showed it's usual esprit de corps with a number of friends, Classmates and shipmates attending memorial services at Pax River and burial services at Arlington. Book's roommate, **Lanny King**, came up from Florida to deliver a moving eulogy at the memorial service.

To be honest with you, I feel kind of strange listing who was there, and what they're up to now, as if this were just another get-together, because believe me, it wasn't. But, I'm here to keep you guys updated and that's what I'll do . . . after a few words about Book.

I really didn't know him that well during school, but I did have the pleasure of bumping into him now and again since graduation. I understand he got the name "Book" from his Andretti-like excursions to upstate New York on leave with fellow Midship-type radicals like **Dennis Reilly** and **Damian "Whale" Bonvolour**. Upon graduation, he decided to go the helo route and served with such distinction on board two West Coast frigates that he was accepted to, and later graduated from, Test Pilot school at Patuxent. I was lucky enough to meet some of his squadron mates and their feelings toward Al were the same as his old Classmates, Al was just "a damn nice guy." Our deep-

est sympathy goes to Al's courageous wife Julie, his Mom and Dad, and brothers and sisters, as well as Julie's family. Al was a loyal Classmate, good friend, and dedicated shipmate. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

Though the occasion was a tragic one, I was able to catch up with some of the many '78ers in attendance. I'm sure there were even more there, but I was only able to talk with a few. **Damian Bonvolour** appears on the way out of the Big Blue and into real estate in the Williamsburg area with that Colonial kinda-guy, **Drew Mulhare**. Drew, Sherry and family are involved with Ford's Colony where Drew is doing quite well selling people prime properties . . . what's a little quicksand between friends. Actually, it's all legit and Drew is doing great, but I must admit I'm a little concerned that "Honest Whale" is getting involved. Further north, Denise and **Dennis Reilly** and daughter are doing well in the Fairfax, Virginia, area where Dennis has entered the civilian world of marketing. Not far away in Silver Spring, Maryland, Barb and **Scott Eckert** are doing great with Scott working for Siecor in Tysons Corner, and Barb is trying to tie Joe Namath's record for most knee surgeries. Unfortunately, my last quip is all too true and Barb has had her share of knee problems, but she always comes up smilin'.

Steve "Jocko" Maloney is playing Marine helo pilot out of Quantico with the White House detachment. It's really a great honor to get that duty so Jocko should be proud. Of course He, "**Doc**" **Dougherty**, **Jimbo Shulson** and you other Philly boys can't be too proud of that brilliant '76er trade getting rid of the nation's #1 pick and Moses Malone on the same day. I think Jock is still in shock. Speaking of which, Washington rumor has it that **Alex "Dog" Callas** is now coaching frosh high school football in Virginia and he has a six-man staff. Joe Gibbs and the Red-



9th Company Party



Leslie and Scott Provow

skins watch out! I also bumped into **John Whatley** and his wife as well as **Andy Mohler** who is flying out of Pax River. It was an unfortunate way to see people again, but it just reemphasized the bonds that we have from Mother "B."

Time for the old, and I use the term in the biblical sense, mailbag. It's kind of hodgepodge, but bear with me (a great line if I ever heard one). Kim and **Ray Miskowski** wrote a short note awhile back that they're still in Jacksonville where Ray is flying P-3's with VP-30. Daughter Megan is two and undoubtedly has already been taught how to cheat at spades by her father. A quick check with Tom Bates in the Sports Information Office confirmed my suspicion that even after eight years, Ray still holds the Army-Navy record for the most wounded during a pistol match. And Ray thought I'd forgotten.

Moving along, **Fred Shutt** reports with some 9th Company news. Fred and wife Cindy hosted a little Army-Navy get-together last Fall for fellow '78ers in the Virginia area. Tempy and **Marcus Fisk** came up from Virginia where Marcus is recruiting. Donna and **John Spegele** brought along Elizabeth, 4, and John, 2, to play with the Shutt children, son Kelly, 5, and daughter Taylor, 2. John left earlier this year for an unaccompanied tour on Okinawa. On the bachelor side, **Scott Stafford** gave up a day of studying the Med books at George Washington to be there. Token Plebe Lee Bond from '79 was also there with wife Jackie and daughter Beth. Fred puts the word out to any 9th companymate within hearing distance of 10707 Ann Davis Drive (wasn't she on *Love That Bob!*, and the *Brady Brunch?*), Fredericksburg, Va. 22401. Thanks Fred. A note from Nancy Yoder reports that husband **Jerry Yoder** has dropped out of flying RIO on F-4's and now has his own wings! Jerry was training in Yuma with VMFAT-101 this past Fall, but by now he and Nancy should be watching Magnum reruns out of Kaneohe MCAS in Hawaii. The Yoders say Aloha to 1st companymates and invite any old buddies in the area to visit.

A note from former Navy jet jockey and present Delta pilot **Scott Provow** says "howdy from Dallas." After flying F-14's for three years and instructing at NAS Meridian for another two, Scott left the Navy in the Fall of '85 and joined Delta. During his Navy stay however, he was lucky enough to meet up with wife Leslie who has the most carrier landings of any female aviator (286) and is the only female LSO in the Navy. Unfortunately for the Navy, Leslie is probably in civliant as of this writing, but she obviously left her mark. With 21st Company news Scott reports that **Jerry Swartz** is staying with the Big Blue and is instructing with VT-3 out of Milton. **Mark Broome** is with the FBI out of Sarasota, Florida, (the rumor is finally confirmed!) and **Scott "Hooter" McKee** is flying for Northwest Orient. Scott said he bumped into **Bob Fallon** at a F-14 jumpsuit ball and Bob is still flying F-14's, possibly with VF-51. Scott also heard from **Mike "Casey" Carnahan** who left Plebe Year and recently graduated from National University in California with a BS in Computer Science. Roommate **Jeff "Capt. Brasso" Carpenter** is flying EC-130's out of PAX River while wife Wendi is flying Naval Reserve C-12's out of Andrews AFB. They had their first child in the Fall of '85, Jordan Daniel. You may remember Jeff as the lucky guy stationed at USNA during our 5-year Reunion who had AOOW that night. Scott mentioned that he got in touch with companymate **Charlie Love** at Texas Instruments in Dallas because of this column, so keep those cards and letters comin' folks. If we'd stop havin' babies (that's right folks, Jan's due again in

August) and I'd stop working in election years, maybe you'd actually see them in print sometime before the stamp prices change. But I'm doing what I can for a Jersey boy.

Before I blow this popsicle stand, let me remind one and all, that the big 10-year Reunion plans are already in the works (can you believe it?) It's only two years away, so we already need to be thinking about hotel reservations, tailgaters and the evening festivities. Got any ideas? Want to be on a committee? Want to give me some money? Want to buy me Honda? If the answers to any or all of the above are yes, contact your buddies, drop me a line and let's get moving. Dr. Schmerm, the Master of Procraster, will be sending out a mailer this Fall to get the ball rolling, but I will need your help, particularly if Mo Tose skips town with the Class funds. So think about it and drop me a line.

In the meantime, the Big, Bad, Blue is gonna be lean and mean this year so let's get out and support them. Which reminds me, rumor has it that service academy football, including Navy of course, will be airing every Saturday this Fall on a number of stations throughout the country. I highly recommend that all alums look into it and if it's not being aired in your area, ask "WHY NOT?" Remember UVA-NAVY, 13 September at the Stadium. Be there! Aloha. (Book 'em Grinch, Drinking One!)

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Dear 79,

Doesn't seem like just last year that I wrote this column last? I have been a little delinquent. I got distracted with helping so many of you deadbeats find gainful employment. So I guess I had better make amends and start anew. I really just wanted an excuse to use my new computer. Tom Hicks and Claudia came through with their second baby boy in as many years. How about them Cleveland Indians!

I have been inundated/swamped/bombarded with people getting their MBA's from various questionable sources like Mark Decker at Harvard with Tom Arenz. Bob McNeely has taken his MBA from Carnegie-Mellon and gone off to build Ford's finances in Detroit. Bob can be reached at 35450 Ravine Blvd., Apt. #23202, Farmington Hills, Minn. 48108. Kathy and Tom McLernon are out in Denver working for Martin Marietta. Tom is working with, try not to panic, ICBM missiles and Kathy is working on artificial intelligence. They invite any Classmates to drop by for some great skiing. At least a few people have stayed Navy Blue. Sue and Frank Sabian are still at the NAV in Arlington and just loving little Lindsay. I want to thank them again for the wonderful time I had last Homecoming. Mike Finley is also bouncing around the Arlington social scene trying to keep Mary Ann and Paul Hatch from investing all his money. They are both working for EF Hutton. Speaking of EF Hutton commercials, Phil McConkey is doing quite a bit of good for Navy football past and present. He tells me that his commercial should be getting some more air time this season. Now can I get a couple tickets?

Keith Luker is now out in San Diego slumming it on USS McCluskey. Don't have any details.

Ed Patterson did send me some details on a few folks, he is currently a pilot for American Airlines. He is based out of New York but lives outside of Philly in Chalfont. You figure it out cause I really don't get it. I bet Tony Armbrister could fantom it though. Ed is the proud daddy of two girls, Jennifer and Catherine (4 and 1 years old). Also at the airlines are Sean Hilvers and Ken Southworth. They will be based out of D.C. and Boston, respectively. OOPs and Jerry Crossland is also flying out of N.Y. And now a quick and dirty on a few others: Dave Inman — Miramar pilot for F-14's, Dennis Reilly — A-4 instructor pilot Kingsville, Mark Ensor — P-3 instructor at Moffett Field, Bob Walsh — F-18 out of Beaufort, Marty Sullivan — A-6 out of El Toro; John Byzewski is instructing at the U of Navy.

Another example of my dereliction of your sacred trust is the photo opportunity showing a few of our illustrious friends ten years to the day from Induction Day! It does make you sit back and wonder doesn't it? They are aboard USS CONSTELLATION. Tom Phelan is now at Monterey before heading to Pax River for Test Pilot School. He and Donna have two boys. Bill Jones and BJ are now in a new home overlooking the Puget Sound. Isn't that in South America or Asia or something like that? Dave Dennis is now on shore duty saving money for his next trip to the Philippines for shoe shopping. Ted Houck is last reported as single and flying F-18's. Paul Daring is the father of two girls and a boy so we know he is staying busy. Bruce Prutzman is an instructor at an S-3 Rag and the father of a boy. Mike Adan is counting his blessings after serving as Drew Brugals RIO. Drew and Shelly have two sons and are enjoying the many civic activities in Kingsville. Wally Owen is a recruiter somewhere in the midwest, sorry national security precludes from pinpointing where in any specifics. Justin Pavoni, my boyhood idol and all around regular guy, is out of the Navy with his wife, Kim and son JJ. Well, Justin where are they now?

Bart Sparks sent in a couple of choice photos of dads and grads to be. Bart is now in Pensacola, Don Quinn, should be with VA-196 whatever that means (remember guys I am a civilian), Mike Sonnefield is trying to learn something at PG School and JR Halky (sp?) is at the RAG in Whidbey.

Would the following people please inform Shipmate of your whereabouts: (we really do miss you boys, honest):

Bob Buttrick, Peter Carrier, Cristobal Corrales, Bob Engel, Mark Ensor, Paul Evans, Ken French, Scott Griffith (come on FRED!), Dave Inman, Deane Kocher, Jim Luxhoj, Richard Malone, Bill Marriott, Tom McDonald, George McMullan, Jon Miclot, Mark Schreiber, Stephen Smith, Bob Smout, Jim Strader, Tommy Thompson, Jim VanLangen, Mike Wangler, Jack Williams and Kelvin Womack. Or at least write to me so I can make some things up about you.

It seems that once in a while something will happen far away from our everyday strife that hits home far too close. For me that something happened on 6 May of this year and it is the reason I am writing this column again after such a long absence. It is also why I will start writing every month again. We lost a beloved Classmate. I don't mind telling you that even though it is a beautiful Summer day and I haven't seen him for years . . . I'm crying as I write this. Mark Pohlmeier was a person who touched my years at Annapolis. He is a vivid memory of smiles and songs and wrestling. He was an extremely likeable person and a great friend. He was a rare human being. I know nothing of his death and have not spoken to his

twin brother Paul. Mo also had an older brother in '73. His family was truly an Annapolis family and a Navy family. We all know that someday our time will come and we all live with the fact that we have friends doing dangerous jobs. It still hurts to lose a Mark Pohlmeier because he truly had an eternal spark in his life that I will never forget and I am sure that you that knew him best will not either. Larry

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And once again it's Summer vacation. I had forgotten what I liked so much about school . . . I see from my mailbox that Summer brings out the best of people's writing talents. Most letters start out "I've been meaning to write for a while . . ." Take the time to let either Smitty or me know what you're up to or with whom you've been in contact. Now is the time to make up for those past sins of not writing — a postcard will do.

Several weeks ago, while in Washington for my Annual Reserve Training, I got the chance to visit the Academy. If you haven't had the chance to get back there since graduation, you should make it a point to do so sometime. I'm sure many of you may have vowed never to go back, however, as an outsider, now, I can say that it's quite a beautiful place. There have been many changes which are readily detectable — Lejeune Hall, the absence of Michelson, et. al., the renovating of Main (O), just to name a few. There are also many things that have remained the same. For example, the cesium beam clock in the rotunda still doesn't keep the correct time, weddings are taking place every hour on the hour in the chapel, squirrels still dominate Stribling Walk, Midshipmen can still afford sportscars, the trophy is conspicuously absent from the rotunda, and the racks in the Midshipman Sample Room still aren't properly made. I also found out that the Academy is about to wire every Midshipman room for a computer (which is a required purchase for every Mid this year, I think). The worst of it all, though, was that the Youngsters I saw were from the Class of 1989. Can you believe it?

I got a chance to visit my old roommates Jack "Doc" Herlocker and Ed Connolly. Doc is the computer "guru" for NavCrutCom in Washington, D.C. He's looking to move on to the New England area for his next tour. I found out, much to my dismay, that Doc's nickname did not follow him from the Academy. Ed and his wife Margie should have, by now, had their first child. It was due 4 July — just like Ed to do something patriotic. Ed is in Monterey at PG School.

I got a message on my answering machine from Bob Huffman a few weeks back. Although I have yet to return the call, he did say that he is stationed in Indianapolis. Stay tuned for some follow-up in the future.

John Fischer's wife Shelley writes to tell me that John is on shore duty at the New York prototype. They have two boys now: Bobby is 3 and Mark is a year old. They would love to hear from friends they've lost touch with — just write me and I'll give you their address (if I just gave it to you now, I'd miss the chance to give you an incentive to write, right?).