

ski trip. (Send your notes to **Dave Frost**, 17164 Libertad Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92127.)

Charlie Mahon and **Kevin Nietmann** are mainstays at Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Maryland, while **Sandy McCormick** is pulling similar duty in Hixon, Tennessee.

I certainly thank Dave for the update.

Now its once again time for the Home Town News Releases! **Bill Wolff** participated in a three-submarine surfacing at the North Pole. The following decorations were received: **Robert Warmbrunn** the Navy Achievement Medal, **Richard Hammond** the Navy Commendation Medal, and **Richard Rush** the Meritorious Service Medal. Congratulations to all.

That's it for this month. Take care, don't let the Dark Ages get the best of you, write me or your company rep a letter and as always BEAT ARMY.

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Membership: 63%

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Correspondence has been slow during the past month. I'm sure that the holidays will bring more news, but for now I have only a few notes to pass on. I received a letter from **Rich O'Hanlon** who was completing a tour with Carrier Group Three staff embarked on USS **CARL VINSON** (CVN-70). At the time he was getting ready to leave for Jacksonville to fly F/A-18's with VFA-106. Rich and his wife, Eileen, have three daughters — Brynn, Dara, and Caitlin. **Mark Anthony**, **Gerry Spraitzar**, and **Jerry Buck** were also aboard **VINSON**. Mark is the Flag Secretary and will be leaving sometime in February or March to join VP-16 at NAS Jacksonville. Mark and his wife, Margie, have two children — Marcus and Marcia. Gerry Spraitzar was the EW Officer but was due to leave **VINSON** for the War College at Newport, Rhode Island. Jerry Buck is the Combat Systems Officer with Destroyer Squadron Nine.

I received one other letter that **Tom Smith** would



Back in the Wardroom — Tom Smith, Kenny Holmes, Gregg Smith, and Keith Weaver



Homecoming — Frank Rennie, Tom Smith, Sarah Eddington (hiding) and Brian Eddington

like to pass on to all of us:

Dear Classmates,

I had a great time during the Homecoming weekend. Just seeing so many of you again really made me feel special. Extra thanks to Keith and Susan Weaver, Brian and Sarah Eddington, Kenny and Deb Holmes, and Frank Rennie. You Guys and girls really made me feel like a part of the company again. You accepted me for what I am and made no assumptions. It's the best I've felt in years. I still think Navy should have tried one field goal at 50+ yards rather than go for the first down. BEAT ARMY! Humiliate them!

Best of luck,
Tom Smith

I would like to add a special note of thanks to Tom's brother, Gregg Smith '77, who also sent some pictures from the occasion. That's all the news I have for now — let me hear from you.

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Another month — and still no mail. Isn't anybody doing anything worthwhile?

I did receive one "spy" report from an anonymous source in the D.C. area. I'll take anything I can get! Let's have a run-down of the information that he included. It's all quick and to-the-point. **Bob Atwood** is an engineer with TRW and is the proud father of four daughters. Christie and **J.T. Hardy** also have four daughters and live in Olney, Maryland. IBM's Marketing Division keeps J.T. busy and off the streets. (After hearing about these two large families, I wonder if anyone else has this many, or more, kids? Let me know.)

Bob Bender is in marketing for Martin Marietta. **David "Skip" Wagner** is in aerospace marketing with Westinghouse. Another marketing exec is **Carl Fisher** who is with Gould, Inc. **Laselle B. Booker** is in Burlington, Vermont, as a Business Development/Marketing Manager with General Electric. **Scott Lutterloh** is working for Syscon Corp. Guess who's with Proctor and Gamble in Jackson, Tennessee manufacturing Pringle's Potato Chips . . . **Kelvin Graham**! He, Phair, Kelvin II and Christopher are doing well. (My source mentioned something about a swimming pool?) **Angie** and **Clint Hallman** are fine and live in the Manassas, Virginia, area while Clint toils daily at Mobil. Lastly, the word is that great parties are the norm at the home of **David "Gator" Gates** and **Paul "Grapes" Hollich** on Gentle Lane in Alexandria. Thanks "source" for all the info.

Since I have nothing else to fall back on, here are a few more Home Town News Releases. **Jim Meisaac** is stationed aboard USS **OLDENDORF** homeported in Yokosuka. Stationed with Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 at El Toro is **Jonathan Kolp**. He recently participated in RimPac 86. **Cameron Blake** is the Program Manager for VS-0294, the only Reserve VS unit on the West Coast. **David Williams** is with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Camp Pendleton. Deployed aboard USS **KENNEDY** is Marine Capt. **James R. Rowan**. He is with the Marine Attack Squadron All-Weather-533 which, when land-based, is in Cherry Point.

I received a letter from Ken Wheeler, '62. He is trying to compile a history of all the different

Class Crests. Who out there worked on our design? If you have any information on this, please let me know at your earliest opportunity.

By the time you read this, I will hopefully be back in Norfolk. The Med is nice, but there's no place like home. Until next month — Happy Trails, **Bill**.

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Membership: 80%

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Hi Sportsfans! Just a brief note from the campaign trail to apologize for not getting an article in the November or December *Shipmate*. There are a lot of loyal folks out there who have taken the time to write, and I assure you that your literary legends were not lost on deaf ears. This election cycle has been crazy, but that's no excuse for missing deadlines. For Rose and **Bobby Scott**, **Kevin Liddy** and all the rest, your news is included below.

In the meantime, let me include a brief personal note. My son Robert James was born 26 August joining his sister Kathleen at the Schmermund household. Bobby's middle name is in memory of a dear friend and Classmate name Jim McInerney who was killed in an automobile accident in 1982, the night before Homecoming. We sent a note to Jim's sister telling her of Bobby's birth, and that he would be named for "Mac" and me. The next week we got a call from Linda, thanking us for remembering Jim and commenting on the coincidence of Bobby's birth. I told Linda I wasn't sure what coincidence she was talking about and she said, "Oh, didn't you know, your son was born on Jim's birthday." Well that was too much for me and I just started crying. The point I'm trying to make is that Mother B is a part of us all. Not all the times we had at USNA were great, I've got two D's in wires to prove it, but it's the friendships we've made, the people we know that whether it's tomorrow or 10 years from now we can call up and say, "Hey, John I'm in town for three hours between flights, let's have a beer," that's what's important.

So it's at this joyous time of year, whether the celebration is Christmas, Hanukah, or just "the holidays" let's all be thankful for our family, our friends and our Shipmates. I didn't mean to make this sound like a Hallmark commercial, but the one thing I miss most about being on active duty is the Navy "family," and the things I cherish most about four years at USNA (other than having Al Cantello teach me how to do a handstand) are the friendships which will always be there.

As you read this, the focus should be on all-American David Robinson and Navy's stellar hoops team. But as I write this, it is the day before the annual war in Philly and the battle of the good guys against the Woopos from the Hudson.

Filled with anticipation I submit the following: **Kevin Liddy** has made the first official nomination for Class Officer, that of **Sam Tangredi** for Class Secretary (Think he's trying to tell me something?). Kevin and wife Cassie are residing in Stamford, Connecticut, with Kevin at the investment bank of Morgan Stanley and Cassie working at a travel agency. Sounds like these two have been doing a bit of traveling on their own sailing on the Long Island Sound nearly every weekend. Kevin has even earned a number of silver platters racing out of the Stamford Yacht Club. Kevin is attending NYU to get his MBA, but also

found time to organize a reunion for USS CAPADANO in Newport last August.

A gala attended by that "security systems kinda guy," **Kevin Lynch**, who still resides in Newport with Kathy and the clan. Kevin also reports that **Ken Roey** is on an amphib in California and has must been selected for EDO. Back to the aforementioned Sam Tangredi, he is working on his doctorate at USC, at the conclusion of which Sam will be obligated to the Navy for the next 70 years. Hey, but think of the pension! Kevin also bumped into another Wall Street-type, **Jon Kutler**, who is the merger mania man for First Boston Corp.

Fred Sheehan is also working in New York as a financial analyst for J.C. Penney and on the Blue-suit side, **Charlie Sotomayer** is recruiting for the Navy in the Big Apple. Maura and **John Rudder** were also part of that New York crowd, but are now here in the Washington area with John working with Career Development. Kevin says just in case you've some spare coin sitting around you can contact him TOLL FREE at 1-800-223-2440 Ext. 4321. Another Connecticut couple, Ellen and **Mike Fifer** report the birth of daughter Katherine born in July. Mike is VP at White Flower Farm running shipping, data processing and customer service in a 160,000-square-foot building. A little different from life on a sub, eh Mike? Mike would like to hear from 26th company mystery guests of the month **Mark Hoppe** and **Brad Wilson**.

THE BABIES KEEP COMING . . . **Machushla** and **Paul Wiedorn** have announced the birth of their son, Ian Anton. Kim and **Ray Miskowski** have announced the birth of their second daughter, Kelly Lynn. The Wiedorns reside in Idaho Falls, I assume Paul is going to school there, while the Miskowskis are still in Florida with Ray instructing out of Jacksonville. Congratulations to you all!

John Mathre reports from the West Coast that all is well with wife Linda, daughter, Kristen 3, and new addition, Annelise Karen. John was completing his tour at Moffett as a Naval Flight Officer and has since switched designator to Engineering Duty Officer. By now he should be attending P.G. school in Monterey for Weapons System Engineering.

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY . . . **Mike Leary** reports from Hawaii that thanks to this column he found out that old roomie **Leo Klikier** had been on Oahu with him for two years and neither one knew it. Leo has since departed to the Joint Space Command, in Colorado, I believe. Mike has had the unique experience of going from one of the Navy's newest subs to one of its oldest, USS **WORDFISH** (SSN-579) which is in the process of decommissioning in Pearl. Prior to reporting, Mike attended SOAC in Groton with **Jack Christiansen**, on his way to USS **BREMERTON** in Pearl as Navigator, and **Keith Sauls**, on his way to a 688-class on the East Coast as Weeps. **Larry Newby** and **George Billy** were also there in a later class. Larry has just completed a staff tour in Italy and had since changed his name to Lorenzo. Mike closes with the exciting news of the birth of his first son, Daniel, but all the credit should go to wife Renee. Congrats!

Responding to "Kinky" **Frank Hunt's** lack of memory, **Don Brutzman** has informed me that his "lovely Terri" does in fact have a name . . . oh yes, it's Terri Ekelund Brutzman. These two Navy Lt's live in Virginia Beach with Don working on the MK-48 ADCAP torpedo and Terri at CinC-LantFlt. The Brutzmans were in attendance at the wedding of the aforementioned Maura and John Rudder whose reception was said to rival that of the Royal Family (You know those New York weddings). **Jack Christiansen** and **Fred Sheehan** were there along with Jackie and **Ron Uglov** visiting



Virginia Beach Party

from Minnesota and **Rudy "rude dude" Escher** who received the break dancing award for the evening. Don held the fifth annual 10K Elizabeth River Run and Beer Barbeque last Spring hosting other Va. Beach area '78ers **Anna** and **Sam Sowell**, **Kim** and **Craig Lile**, **Libby** and **Craig Diffie** and son, **Douglas**, **Jaqueline** and **Bill Burke** with **Bill Jr.** and **Mary**, **Leslie** and **Garry Simpson**, **Debby** and **Frank Hunt** with daughter, **Caitlin**, and **Barb** and **Glen Ives** with son, **Glen**. Thanks for the scoop from Virginia. Speaking of which, **Glen Wheless** reports that all is well at Oceana where he is instructing F-14 air crews and operating the Weapons systems trainer. He's also working on his doctorate at Old Dominion. His 24th Company news includes that **Mark McKeon** is at Cherry Point as a Marine A-6 with wife **Colleen** and children, **Ashley** and **Ben**. **Brenda** and **Tim Arcaro** report the birth of their second child, **Heather**, to go along with **Joey**. "Pippy" will be a ship superintendent at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

Kathy and **Jay "the man" Bowling** are at the LAMPS Rag in California. **Nancy** and **Scott Godfrey** are in Corpus Christi where he's instructing aviators. **Sylvia** and **Dave "Deek" Philman** are in Kingsville where Dave is also an instructor. **Steve Howell** is also in Texas as a jet instructor. **Dan Canman** is still single and is an F-4 pilot in VF-31 on USS **FORRESTAL**. **Dave Sargent** is a P-3 NFO, but by now should be with wife **Kathy** and daughter, **Stephanie**, in Annapolis with a tour at USNA.

Suzi and **Rick Daniel** have left the Navy for parts unknown. **Mike Galpin** is still a RIO in Top Gun and rumor has it was one of the "real stars" of the movie, though I'll take **Kellie McGillis** any day. Sorry Mike. Mike and Nancy apparently enjoy the Hollywood scene, buying a beach house in Del Mar. **Lisa** and **Leon Miller** are in "scenic" Sigonella where Leon is flying T-39's and Lisa is trying to keep an eye on daughter **Angela**, 3. **Ellen** and **Glenn Fogg** are in the Va. Beach area with Glenn on board **KENNEDY** as CIC/ASW. Out of the NAV, **John Skogsberg** is flying with Northwest Orient out of Mary Tyler Moore land (Minneapolis). Thanks for the skinny Glen.

A letter from a long-lost First Class Cruise-mate reports that **Doug Miller** is indeed alive and well and heading to Groton as a non-Navy Nuke Engineer. Doug says that he and "his lovely wife," you guessed it folks, he never told me her name (boy is he in deep *kimchee*) met in Beeville, Texas, and have since been living in Salt Lake City. Doug has been studying nuclear engineering at U of Utah and is now going to ply his trade at Electric boat. Doug has two daughters, **Hannah**, 5, and **Amanda**, 3. He also reports that **Dan Cox** is an investment broker in Virginia Beach. **Jim Loefler** completed Dept. Head school in Newport and should be somewhere at sea. **Tim Murphy** is still

flying F-18's out of El Toro and **Bill Hession** may well be in CivLant right now, probably in the D.C. area. It's been a long time since First Class Cruise Doug (but I'm still a bit hungover). Good to hear from you.

It is only fitting that I close this column with a nautical novel from the "Tallest of Tall Daddys," **Jim Shulson**. I knew it was from Jim when I saw the yellow-lined paper and crayola markings. Reporting from the world's least travelled tropical paradise (That's Okinawa with a capital "O") Shuls reports that **Clyde Moore** is the Marine version of Ma Bell on the Island which comes in handy as a ready excuse for Jim returning home from some late Friday evenings, "But honey, I tried to call several times, but the phones just didn't work!" On a secret mission in Subic, Shuls ran across (in a Jeepney probably) **Bill Poole** and **Arch Griffin**. Bill is with SRF Subic and Arch is with 7th Fleet staff. Jimbo also reports that **Brian Green** has left Oki for parts unknown and that **Bull McCormack** is in PG school on his way to Cubi "Party-Hearty" Point. Jim feels good that his prior experiences will allow him to show Bull the cultural advantages of the area, museums, art galleries and the like. Additionally, **Carl Jordan** is flying OV-10's on the island, meaning that 37 percent of the Class of '78.5 are now on Okinawa. (Does that tell you something Shuls?) As for Jim, he's extended for the 12th time on Oki until July of '87 at which time he'll enter cultural detox and return to the States.

I'd like to close with the following immortal words of Tall Daddy himself, talking about his visit to Subic. Words which I think should be a permanent part of Reef Points, "Please, Uncle Sam, don't ever send me to that God-forsaken place again. At least not until my liver is well. 35-cent San Miguels is closer to heaven than Texas ever will be." . . . AMEN.

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Membership: 91%

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East Coast

Friends, your man on the East Coast extends his most sincere apologies for allowing your many letters and photos to backlog. I hope these pictures of men, women, and children in summer clothing don't seem too out of place. Working a full-time job, going to law school four nights a week, and moving to a new home after my wife's