

deployed to the Persian Gulf. The letter was written before the STARK incident and, as such, was fairly low key. Anyway he reports steaming time with **John Stride** who is DesRon 14 Staff Combat Systems Officer. John had his deployment interrupted by an acute case of appendicitis, a Medevac to a French hospital in Djibouti and a subsequent ride back to ConUS. Other Classmates Tom has run into include **Jim Kelly**, intel officer, and **Bob Droppa**, Flag Secretary, both on the CMEF staff. Tom said he's seen Jim several times at the Bahrain Hash House Harrier runs — sounds interesting! Finally he mentioned seeing **Scott Thomas** who is OPSO in M.S. TISDALE, but will transfer soon to BUNKER HILL. Tom is in his final six months in COONTZ where he has completed command qualifications, has screened for XO and has earned a proven subspecialty code in ASW. He plans on attending PG school next.

The final letter is from **Ben Garcia** and his new wife, Cheryl Ann. Ben graduated from Southern Methodist University School of Law and has headed north, where Cheryl Ann — who is also a lawyer — to New York City. It is there where they plan to seek their new home, fame and fortune in the legal profession. Additionally, he plans to keep his finger on the Navy pulse by drilling with NF-Naval Control of Shipping Spain 302 in New Rochelle, New York. Until he and Cheryl Ann get settled, they can be reached at 5608 Hudson Ave., Apt. 10, West New York, N.J. 07093, (201) 867-5001.

What would a *Shipmate* column be like without the Fleet Hometown News Releases? **Charles McCarthy** is stationed in assault ship BELLEAU WOOD and just recently completed a WestPac. During deployment he visited ports in Korea, Japan and the Philippines. **Richard Marcantonio** recently completed the Navy's Communication Officer Afloat Course. **James Kear** participated in the commissioning of the guided missile cruiser USS MOBILE BAY.

I'm hitting the bottom of the barrel, folks, so I'll save some of these new flashes for the next time. I can't wait, so until then . . . Happy Trails. **Bill**

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Ever get the feeling that you've put something away so it wouldn't get lost, but you can't remember what it was or where you so cleverly stored it? Well, while I was cleaning out my office, I just happened to run across a folder entitled "New *Shipmate* Letters," and found not one, not two, but several unopened letters from a previous era. I guess the 5-cent stamps should have been my first clue. To you loyal writers, *mea culpa*, to you loyal readers, here's the not so latest, but greatest news. Kim and **Jeff Ewin** report from Atlanta that Jeff is out of the Navy and working for the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations or INPO as we like to call it. Joining the Ewin clan last August was son, Ryan, who along with sisters, Courtney and Whitney, is enjoying Georgia (and undoubtedly rooting those Atlanta Braves on to victory). Anne and **Tom Rentz** checked in from Bath, Maine, to let us know that all is well in New England (even though the Celtics lost). Tom and Anne, formerly Anne O'Dwyer as in sister of **John O'Dwyer**, met in Monterey way back when and are now enjoying Maine with sons, Michael-3 and Patrick-2. Tom is at Bath Iron Work's Portland

facility as post-shakedown availability officer. Reporting with other 5th company news is **Fred Hilder** who has written not once, but twice to inform me that he has departed surface line for a higher calling in Chaplain Corps. Looks like "Blues" **Baker's** started a craze. It appears that fellow '78er **Bernie Baetzel** had a hand in this as a recruiting officer out of Raleigh, North Carolina, who reviewed Fred's application for the Chaplain's Corps.

After active surface line duty and several years in the Reserve, Fred attended and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary last year. Fred's wife Sherry also graduated with him, so two-year old son, Brandon Charles, should be very proud. Fred is completing his duties as pastor of Moore's Chapel Baptist Church in beautiful Saxapahaw, North Carolina, but anxiously awaits his return to the Navy. He will be attending eight weeks of Chaplain School in Newport, and then report to USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) out of Long Beach. It turns out that Fred followed **Tom Eldridge** who also graduated from Southeastern and is now living in Raleigh with wife Kathy. Fred, ol' boy, it looks like you'll be having company up in Newport, as the aforementioned **Al "Blues" Baker** starts Chaplain School on 1 July. Is this divine intervention or what? Blues writes that he, Marla and daughter, Rebeka, are on their way East. Following Newport, Al reports to RICHMOND K. TURNER (CG-20) in Charleston. Apparently CO John "Cool Hand" Luke knew a good harmonica player when he heard one, but decided to ask for Al anyway. TURNER deploys to the Med in the Fall, but Al hopes to be reunited with his family for a Christmas break somewhere on the Riviera (and I'm not talking about '67 Buick kind). Good luck to all our Classmates who are answering a special call. Unlike the Izusu dealer, rumors that **John Cooke** has bought his own Hawaiian island are not true . . . but he's got the next best thing. Along with wife Deb, sons, Jacy-6, Jameson-4 and daughter, Patricia Anita-18 months, LCdr. John is enjoying life on Hawaii as Nav-Ops on board USS SAN FRANCISCO. John previously served as engineer on board GEORGIA. The Cooke's would like to hear from any and all, particularly 20th Company mates, and can be reached at 28 Lahiki Circle; Aiea, Hawaii 96701.



John, Deb and Patricia Anita Cooke

Per Deb's request, I've put this in prior to the Christmas issue . . . unfortunately Deb did not specify which Christmas. Hey, I earn every cent of my salary. 23rd Company news from former Marylander Carole Butler reports that husband **Jim Butler** has followed other '78ers to the hallowed halls of Harvard Business School. I believe they're in the process of building a separate wing for Academy grads. Anyway, prior to moving to Haarvard Yaard last Fall, Jim and Carole spent seven sunny years in San Diego where Jim was surface warfare kinda guy serving at ComNav-SurfPac and desk officer for FFG-7's. The Butlers have two children, Christina-4 and Christopher-2,

and hope to hear from friends in the Beantown area. They can be reached at 22 Hamilton Road; Lexington, Mass. 02173 — Ph (617) 861-7945. More New England news comes from **Henry Hall**, who informs us that our illustrious, but still cheap president, **Ken Waldie**, borrows Henry's copy of *Shipmate* to get the gouge. Henry formerly worked with Waldo and **Bill Hanna** at Raytheon in Andover, Massachusetts. Waldo has moved from quality control on sub systems to reliability engineer on component systems. I don't know what the hell that means, but it's a promotion and more bucks for our El Presidente who undoubtedly will be nominated for junior executive of the year. Not to be outdone, **Biwi Hanna** also received a promotion to the Patriot programs office as "an interface between the company and the customer." He's actually talking to people from other countries! Obviously Raytheon has uncovered Biwi's unique communications skills, many of which he used as the goalie on the "haackey team." For those of you who don't know Bill, suffice it to say that his Boston accent is so thick that people in "Cheers" need an interpreter. Sounds to me like a future UN Ambassador.

Congrats to Ken and Bill, and also to Henry who has since departed Raytheon for Ensign-Bickford in their aerospace division as QC engineer. Henry has remained in the Reserve and drills on board USS MILLER (FF-1091) on which **Dale Batey** is chief engineer. Henry also reports that **Mike Ruth** is QC engineer for Martin Marietta outside of Baltimore and has happily settled in Maryland with wife Patti and daughter Alex, at least Henry *thinks* her name is Alex. Henry is now in the Hartford area and can be reached C/O Mrs. J.J. Bepko, 125 Sunnyside Court, Milford, Conn. 06460. Another Connecticut Yankee, **Kevin Liddy**, reports on two old roommates, **Don Kziazek** and **Chris Hassler**. Don, who is recently married, is finishing up Dept. Head School in Newport. He went TAR and is hoping to get a job as CO of a Reserve Center in Palm Beach, Florida. Chris, on the other hand, is single, out of the Navy and working for a defense contractor "somewhere in California." Back east, Kevin remains on Wall Street with Morgan Stanley (I thought he was a wide receiver for the Patriots?), but maintains his Navy ties by heading the 2nd annual USS CAPODANNO reunion. With stellar Alumni like **Ken Roey** and **Kevin "Grinch" Lynch**, this sounds like it should be quite an affair. Otherwise Kevin must be doing well, considering he and wife, Cassie, have recently returned from vacations to Rio de Janeiro and St. Maarten. Kevin also has kept his hand in the sailing world, racing J-24's out of Noroton Yacht club . . . On that note, maybe I won't tell you about my vacation to Myrtle Beach or my recent purchase of a floating turtle for my daughter Kathleen . . . I think I'm in the wrong business. Back to San Diego where Joanie and **Dave Rodriguez** report that Dave has resigned from the Navy and is now employed by Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station.

No Grinch, that doesn't mean he works at Sea World . . . then again it doesn't mean he doesn't . . . Nah, Dave's too short to feed the dolphins. Anyway, along with two-year-old son Jacob, the Rodriguez family is enjoying life on the West Coast almost as much as they've enjoyed some recent excursions to Joanie's homeland of Australia, *former* owner of the America's Cup. Sorry mate, I just couldn't resist. Joanie reports that Dave acclimated quite well to the "outback" where they spent some time with Aboriginals eating "witchetty grubs" and learning about boomerang tossing and such. They also climbed Ayres Rock, world's largest monolith. Sounds like a great National Geographic special to me Joanie, but I hope you

don't mind if when I visit Down Under, the tallest thing I'm gonna climb is a can of Foster's Lager. Speaking of which, Joanie reports that she and Dave bump into **Harry Woods** regularly at the Coronado "O" Club. I'm sure Harry's there strictly to provide extra instruction to SWOS students who are thirsty for knowledge. Ah, who could forget "Just One Beer" nights at the club in the Summer of '78; now there was a Class thirsty for knowledge. Which reminds me, I still haven't had any response to last month's trivia question, the lyrics to the "SWOS Team Song." That special prize picked especially for you is still waiting, so let's get those guesses in. Let me also make a correction to last month's column. Denise and **Dennis Reilly** became proud parents for the second time on 10 January 1987 (not Dec '86) and his name is Brandon (not Brendon). Sorry buddy, I guess my drift factor was especially high last column.



'78 Baby Boom

To all of you in the Washington area, and those of you who'll be in the area for Homecoming, the next quarterly '78 Luncheon will be at the Ft. Myer O Club on Friday, September 18. Contact **Mark Hubal** at (703) 689-4915. As you read this column, Navy football's just around the corner, so let's get our proverbial posteriors in gear and "Butt in, Navy Football."

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Hello 79,

Since we had a couple empty months, this month will probably have both of us writing. That is OK since we can use the news! I really haven't heard from too many of you. **Abe Ellis** was at one of our career fairs a couple months back so he should be gainfully employed as a civilian by now. Drop a line when you get settled, Abe. I didn't get to talk with Abe very long as he bolted after his last interview to see his aerobics instructor. And who says that PEP didn't convince us to lead healthy lives?

Calvin Wilder was married a little while back. No details on the wedding except the bride is the former Allison Lewis. **Richard Fitzwater** has reported to Okinawa, **Martin Sullivan** just went to the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing at Cherry Point, **Mike Sottung** is a Centurian for his 100th arrested landing aboard an aircraft carrier and is now serving time in Attica, oops, wrong kind of arrest. He is at Oceana. By the way, any flyboys that are getting out and want to work with flight simulators should give me a ring. One last piece of Navygram News. **Rob Keller** is now at New River and has

his law degree from Washburn University, congrats.



Rose, Neller, Baker and Ray

Roger Rose sent me a picture of himself, naturally. Luckily, there are three others in the picture. They are **Mike Neller**, **Buddy Baker** and **Doug Rayall** former members of 2nd rate company or 2nd company. Roger is in USS HENRY M. JACKSON, Mike is in USS FLORIDA, Buddy is in USS MICHIGAN, and Doug is also in HENRY M. JACKSON. Roger and Doug are off to sea now. The picture was taken at the Submarine Birthday Ball. By the way, I bet you didn't know that the word "submarine" was derived because people that stay in small, oblong cylinders for many days in a row must be even less intelligent than Marines. Therefore they are below or 'sub' the Marines! Hence SUB Marines, submarines get it? No, really it's true, look it up!



Brandons, Fegurgers, Leon Guerros and Corkills

The latest word from Guam has **Bill Corkill**, **Pete Leon Guerrero**, **Blaine Brandon**, and **Ben Fegurger** protecting the American right to wear loud short sleeved shirts without regard to color coordination. They are proving their point in a picture the Bill sent, that's right guys blame Bill. Dana, Mary Sarah and Teresa accept my apologies but *you all look so cute!!!!* Frank and Sue Sablan are, wisely?, not pictured but I'm sure they are still cute. Frank is a crypto officer, Ben is the supply officer for the Naval Station, Blaine is the engineering officer on USS WHITE PLAINS, Pete is the ops officer for the station and Bill will be at PG school now. Speaking of PG, **Phil Renaud** and **Bob Voigt** recently received their Masters from "the only Naval Institution of its kind in the world" and we are all thankful for that!

I received a letter from **Bill Jones** asking me if he would see this letter in print since he has written 4 (four) times. Sorry, Bob, the answer is no. May we have that next letter please. Actually it was his wife B-J so I will print it but just this once. By the way. Why is B-J hyphenated? Bill is at Whidbey Island with **Don Quinn** and his trainer/manager Jeanne. They are flyin' A-6's with VA-185. Squadrons and jets are usually hyphenated too. Don and Jeanne have hopefully given birth to their first little Navy grappler and/or grapplette. Friends should give them a call if in the area because the hot tub is hot! Don is still

trying to make weight but can't stand the sauna anymore. Speaking of former wrestling types, **Jon Brazee** sent me a picture of "Boat Schoolers" in his battalion. The picture was taken at mess night in Okinawa and we will grudgingly identify other Class members since I already have a 78er hiding in the column. Who could that poseur be you ask? Nevermore Quoth the Raven. What am I talking about? In the picture are **Richard Webster '85**, **Andy Solgere '85**, **T J Mullich '85**, **Giles Webster '85**, **Tom Rychik**, **Roy Carter '68**, **John Sattler '71**, **Jon Brazee '79**, and **Rick Fitzwater '79**. Other news has **Ken Vander Horst** out in LA working for McDonnell Douglas, **Jan Levin** at Lejeune, **Dave Bethel** at USNA, **John Ballard** with 2/8 with **Chris Breslin** and **Al Harlow** in Okinawa. Give us a break guys where is 2/8? I've been a civilian for three years now although I recently completed my one day of active duty for the Reserves. Ballard



Okinawa Mess Night

why aren't you a general yet? **Bob Harward**, I won't let you borrow any of my clothes, ever. Hey you had your chance and blew it.

I will be going down to Pensacola for a career fair next month. I'll be futilely trying to find gainful employment for **Bob Leszczynski**. Until next time and beach blanket bingo, *bon soir*. **Larry K.**

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Courtesy of **Joe Heil**, I have a long overdue update on 19th Company. First, Joe is stationed in Monterey with his wife, the former Suzanne Scott of Charleston, South Carolina. The photo was taken at their wedding 21 June in Charleston. While Joe is off studying Weapons Systems Engineering at NPS, Suzy is an elementary teacher. Joe has just transferred into the restricted line as a Combat Systems Engineering Duty Officer, and expects to complete the educational requirements by June of 1988. The list of 19th Company attendees at Joe and Suzy's wedding includes: Capt. **Mike Mullikin**, stationed in Beaufort, South Carolina, flying F-4's (and soon F-18's); **Wayne Harman**, now in the Mechanical Engineering Department at USNA; **Steve Charest**, who finished school at the University of Miami (Florida) after two years at the Academy; **Gene Huether**, an admiral's aide in Omaha, Nebraska; **Eric Giosa**, now working with an engineering firm in Annapolis; **John Hampshire**, who's out of the Navy attending Dartmouth's graduate engineering program; and **John Widay**, an F-14 NFO based out of Oceana, but spending time "escorting" such ocean liners as the **ACHILLE LAURO**.