

around. Please note my new address and let me hear from some of you.

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Shipmates, it's great to be back from deployment. The magnolia leaves have never looked greener. The JFK battle group returned 3 March from a whirlwind tour of the Mediterranean. My two WestPacs were nothing like this. Six-and-a-half months and 10 port visits — whew, I've never had liberty like that before. I couldn't afford another port! Meanwhile my wife, Jane, was stuck at home paying the bills, fixing the car, taking care of John, etc. etc. . . . and writing *Shipmate* articles. Boy, do I owe! Officially, Jane, thanks for coming through, I, as well as our Class, appreciated it. Speaking of coming through, how about these letters?! Although some of the news is late (I've been trying to catch up on your overwhelming Christmas response), I'm sure you won't be disappointed in this month's mail call.

Rich Marcantonio writes from his new home in Virginai Beach where he recently moved with his wife, Cindy, daughter, Whitney, and new son, Richard, who was born 27 January. To quote Rich,

All good sailors end up in Norfolk sooner or later — even P-3 pilots! I *finally* departed Pax River as Aide to ComNATC in November. I lived through the tour there going through three admirals — RAdm. Hogan (now Chief of Legislative Affairs), RAdm. Ready (now ComCarGru 2), and finally RAdm. Calvert (present ComNATC). I started communications school 19 Nov. and finish 16 Jan. Then firefighting and damage control for two weeks and a quick flight to Rota to join "home" for the next two years — USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. I'm relieving Bill Squires ('75 as CommO).

Rich also included news from other 22nd Co. people. **Rob Prodoehl** is on JFK, Sharon and **Larry Peruffo** still live in San Jose (Sharon is due in May with their first); Maggie and **Tom Osseck** are in Pt. Magu — Tom went TAR and he's with VP-65; **Russ Armentrout** is in the Sierras at the Marine Corps Mountain Weather Training Camp at Bridgeport, California. (He just got engaged!); Debbie and **Roy Bass** are in Mayport, where Roy is CommO in SARATOGA; **Al Hochevar** is Engineer in USS BALTIMORE (Norfolk); Carol and **Tug McGraw** are at Whidbey Island (They are expecting their third child this Spring.); Ruth and **Harry Meyers** are in Gaithersburg, Maryland where Harry is a resident going through General Surgery "Trials" at Bethesda. Thanks for the update, Rich!

Next letter arrived from **Jim Rowan** who was in Cannes, France at the time. He writes,

I'm still in VMA(AW)-533 but now I'm in CVW-3 on JOHN F. KENNEDY vice CVW-17 on SARATOGA. I thought Marines stayed off boats! By the time that I leave next year, I will have been in the same squadron for five straight years. On the Big John are **Tom Frey** as a B/N in VA-75, **Rich Thayer** is a F/A-18 pilot serving as the ANAV, **Arch McKinlay** just came aboard to fly A-7's with VA-66 (Arch made the workups with us, but stayed behind while his wife had a baby), **John "Boots" Bukauskas** is a Law Instructor at the Academy. Hopefully I will join him there next year as it looks like I will be going to USNA as

a company officer. (As of this writing, Jim has transferred from KENNEDY.)

Greg Cornish writes from Charleston where he is Combat Systems Officer in USS PRATT (DDG-44). Greg just came off a tour as Weapons in ELMER MONTGOMERY (FF-1082) where he was awarded his third Navy Commendation Medal. Both of his previous medals were received while on recruiting duty . . . one for being the 1982 Officer Recruiter of the Year! Well done! He, his wife Jane, and two children Patricia and Christopher, are interested in hearing from '77 Classmates, and particularly from any former 8th Co. members. The Cornish's reside at 100 Freeport St., Summerville, S.C. 29483.

Greg Byrd reports from San Diego and his Ops job in FORT MCHENRY (LSD-43) which is expected to be commissioned in June. He reports that **Cary Hithon** (Hi-Lo) recently transferred from the USS GEORGE PHILLIP (FFG-12) as Engineer Officer to DesRon 33 in San Diego as Material Officer. **Jeff Saff** is desperately trying to get relieved as Combat Systems Officer on the USS INGERSOLL. **Wilhelm "Andy" Anderson**, the Combat Systems Officer on O'BRIEN, will be coming to the FORT MCHENRY as the 1st Lt. Great report, Greg!

George Herning, who always writes a great letter, had more news than a whole handful of Home Town News Releases. Let's hear it from George. (The first part of the letter was dated 8 Sept. and the second part 10 Dec. But we're still thankful for the info!)

Just got back from **Cal Bagby's** wedding in Toronto and a fairly impressive Class reunion. First though, Cal married the former Nori-Ann Gorden. Please print that in BIG letters so I can get out of the Dog House for my comment on this wedding in my last letter. They will live in Tucson where Cal actually flies for the Customs Bureau. By the way, just because Cal initially put the ring on the wrong hand does not mean he was nervous.

Attendees: **Bill Daniels** was up from the Shipyard in Portsmouth where he's 1st Lt. on Iwo JIMA. He and wife Kelly have a new baby girl, Amanda, born the end of July. **Pete Finley** came over from Harvard where he's starting his second year at business school. He and I are about the only bachelors I know of. **Dave Jensen** and wife came over from Minneapolis where he flies for Northwest Orient. **Larry Endacott** made it out from Sacramento and recruiting duty. And **Tim Thomson** was the Best Man, up from Memphis and a "great" (as he describes it) job with Federal Express. I think everyone had a great time and we put a serious dent in Canada's supply of Molsons. One of the other guys should write with the same info and a picture, I hope. (C/S's Note: No such luck!)

Not much other news. Found out **Dan Fenn** and wife Leigh have moved to Attleboro, where he still works for Texas Instruments. **Mike Golda** will stay at Stevens Institute in New York and get his Doctorate. He's doing some pretty exotic research in Ceramics: you know, Armour, gun barrels and unbreakable elephants for **Dirk Gallagher**. **Greg Cooper** is in San Diego and should return to JAX in November. **John Geary** already has moved to Bath, Maine — arriving in mid-July.

My cohort in crime here at South Weymouth, **Ron Hertwig**, is having a wonderful time. So much so, he would like to ask his detailer for an extension until at least my PRD. He has gotten us in enough trouble, though, to get our C.O. into the habit of referring to us as the "weak class."

(Part 2) Well, as you can see, it's much later. I still can't get **Ron Hertwig** to give me any info, so he can write his own letter. Actually, your plea in Dec. '86 *Shipmate* has caused me to dig out this letter and send it. Saw **Pete Finley** again last week out here at South Weymouth as he was getting ready to go out on a flight. Talked to **John**

Read out in San Diego. He'll be headed to the "Amphib Improvement Program" in January '87 aboard an LST (BRISTOL COUNTY, I think)."

As I said before, old news is better than no news and we all appreciate your effort in getting this letter to us, George!

I received a short change-of-address letter from our West Coast Secretary **Dempsey Butler**. He and Jeanne have moved to 1222 E. Polnell Shores Drive, Oak Harbor, Wash. 98277. Please make note of that. He added that **Fred Elliot** has been residing on USS ENTERPRISE in the Operations Dept. Reports are he was heavily involved in planning the celebration of the Big "E" 25th birthday. It was an arduous assignment which included running around Hollywood taking videos of Captain Kirk (William Shatner) at the local Polo Club (lunch included), videos of a Playboy Bunny, and getting lost on the way to Scottie's house. Rough life at sea, Fred.

Reunion preps are coming in fast and furious. If you haven't reserved rooms at the Annapolis Hotel or the Holiday Inn in Glen Burnie, please do so. The committee has been working hard to ensure nothing but the best for '77. It sounds like a great party. The fliers are out, so if you were not on the mailing list, please let me know so I can alert the proper people. I need some new mail . . . send it on! Until next month, Happy Trails.

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Well, 'tis true, 'tis true. While the rest of Washington is imbibing various nectars of the gods in celebration of dear ol' St. Patrick, I'm pounding on the processor getting out the May column. I figured with blanks in March and April, **Dom Beranato** was going to send some of his relatives from Jersey to "assist" me in getting out the next column. Having little experience treading water in a cement overcoat, with the exception of the First Class swim test, I decided to get on the stick.

To the news . . . Ol' 15th Company roomie **Tim** (Mr. Oceanographer) **McGee** reports that all is well in the tropical paradise, Diego Garcia (formerly a pitcher for the Oakland A's). Tim spent the Christmas holidays there, but as of this writing should be back in Monterey with wife Nancy. Tim says "Hi" to all the 15th company gang. Speaking of which, one previous "mystery guest of the month" has been located, none other than **Ben Harris** who has been at Ft. Meade the past few years in Marine intelligence. . . I know what you're thinking, but I ain't gonna say it. You have to remember the editor of *Shipmate* is a Marine (Editor: You are damn right he is!) and I know any comment about "a contradiction in terms" wouldn't get by his red pen. Anyway, Ben lives in the area and is looking at civlant options, but who knows. Another 15th company mate, **Guido Manzo**, writes that he, Lora and daughter Melanie (3) are doing great in New Orleans. Guido is working for Abbott Diagnostics and finds out that another 15'er, **Mickey Lax**, is also working for them out of South Carolina. Guido also reports that Kathy and **Harry Harris** have returned from Japan and are now in Jacksonville.

Jody and **Mike Macowicz** are still up in New England with their two children. Mike has left shipyard work and is now working for the Seabrook Nuclear Plant. Outside of 15th, Guido says that **Bruce Carter** has departed surface warfare for the intell community and got picked up

as LCdr. Other new LCdr's include **Gerry Roncolato** (not to be confused with the Ronco-matic) and **Rob Blanford**. Dana and **Jim Carr** contacted Guido and said they had joined the nuke power community out of Norfolk. From Amsterdam to Slidell, Louisiana. . . you've come a long way Guido! Thanks for the poop.

A brief note from **Kevin Liddy** reports that **Dan McCready** has joined the Ivan Boesky fan club on Wall Street and is now with Bankers Trust Company after receiving his MBA at George Washington. They met up at a NYC USNA alumni club Christmas party. Dan and his wife live in Tarrytown, N.Y. Kevin also reports that **Jon Kutler** has had enough snow and sleet and is heading West to California to work for First Boston out there (see the *Wall Street Journal* for more info). A note from Marla and **Al Baker**, who are visiting the area, reports that year-old daughter Rebekah is the joy of their days. . . and nights. Marla is still earning merit badges as director of in-school scouting for the Orange County Council Boy Scouts. In the meantime "Blues" is in his last year of the seminary and already has graduation fever. He finished an internship with a local church, chaplained at a hospital and did two weeks active duty aboard an amphib off the California coast. At the annual Baker Mammoth Lake vacation, the American sportsman netted two trout. . . in just one week. Let's hope Al has better luck as a fisher of men than a fisher of fish. By the end of the year, the Navy should be fortunate enough to have it's first harmonica-playing chaplain. Get 'em "Blues."

Seeing as the NCAA B-ball tourney is concluding (I hope you all saw David Robinson's awesome 50-point game), it seems appropriate that a former Navy b-ball great, Doctor **Bobby Scott** should be heard from. In his first letter to *Shipmate*, Bobby reports the following: After two years of various Marine schools, Bobby spent four glorious years in beautiful "29 Palms", also known as 29 stumps. Bobby had the opportunity to mix with nature more than once in the beautiful Mojave, fun and sun capital of the Southwest, and bumped into **Jim Buckley** and **Dave Whittlesey** more than once out there. He then moved to Norfolk where he worked for the Naval Audit Service and in the Fall of '86 departed the mean green to make some "mean green" as a realtor for Larasan Realty in Virginia Beach. He and his beautiful wife Rose (the "Brains" of the business) are both realtors in the area and doing quite well. So for all you house-hunting Classmates in the Virginia Beach area call Bobby and Rose at 804-624-9831 (I get 5 percent Bobby!)

Bobby's updates on a few 78'ers are that Michelle and **Mike Johnston** were last seen in Newport, along with **Mike Saddler** who was attending Dept. Head school at the time. In the Virginia Beach area, Bobby bumped into "Marvelous" **Marv King**, **Russ Gordon**, **Steve Basford** and **Charles Bell**. **Jonas Palin** is also in the area attending divinity school. And Debbie and **Mike Clendenning** have departed the area for Long Beach; Long Beach, Mississippi, according to Bobby (Mississippi?). Hey, I gotta trust my sources. Thanks for the scoop, Bobby. Speaking of the aforementioned gentleman **Jim Buckley**, who also resides in V.B. these days, all is right with world, more or less. Out of Norfolk, Jim spends most of his time lounging in resort areas with Marine reserves. During the past year he had the opportunity to deploy to Volk Field, Wisconsin, a state which Jim says, "has two seasons, Winter and July 11th." I don't believe Jim was there in July considering the name of the exercise he was in was called, "Alpine Warrior." Sounds like the winn-

ing horse in the third race at Pimlico. From there Jim went to NAD Key West where he mingled with the natives, learning their strange and wonderful culture. Onto ResPhibLEx (Reserve Amphibious Landing Exercise) at beautiful Bogue Field, second only to Trenton in terms of scenic beauty and fun things to do. Buck then had the experience of a lifetime during "Northern Wedding/Bold Guard" where he crossed the Arctic and got his certificate for having his nose (and other extremities) turn blue. From there yimmy jumped in the fjords with Olga, Helga and the rest of the Lennon sisters, helping to ensure democracy in Norway. From there he drank his way through Deutschland and England, though the early pub hours in England had Jim confused, and happy to return to the US of A.

Jim also reports that **Tim Hanifen** of 12th Company is in his Reserve helo squadron, HMM-774. **Dave "pinpoint" Daily** (29th) got a lateral move into intel and should be in the Norfolk area. Another 29er, **Colby Smith** was last seen out Camp Pendleton way, while company mate **Russ Dedrickson** has joined civlnt at a Nuc powerplant in Georgia. Russ and his wife Sue have a little boy, Charles Russell III (3), and girl, Heather (1), to keep them busy. **Mike McCrabb** was last seen flying out of NAS Oceana while **Tony Cardoza** is stationed in New Orleans with HQ, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing. Jim adds for you 29th company types to contact him at 526 Lake Havasu Dr., Virginia Beach, Va. 23454 or Jack Carpenter at 37 Simmons St., Newport, R.I. 02840 to start plans for the 10-year Reunion.

And speaking of reunions, let me close with the following info. We have booked 180 rooms at the Annapolis Holiday Inn for Friday and Saturday night, September 30 thru October 1, 1988. Reservations cards will be mailed to you this Fall along with the banquet information. As far as football tickets are concerned, simply contact NAAA directly and ask for tickets. They'll put '78 together. Additionally, believe it or not, we actually have completed the one and only 1978 Class Charter. Yes folks, just 8½ years after graduation we now have a bonified Class Charter. How did this come to pass, you ask? Well, don't ask. Suffice it to say that a band of gypsies led to **Steve "Jocko" Maloney** and **John "Career Development" Rudder** founded, formulated and finished our esteemed Class Charter. With the charter in place, we will now be able to hold Class elections. We are in the process of doing a Class mailout of the charter for your final approval. Specific information will be provided in the mailout. I urge everyone to contact your friends who have recently moved or don't receive *Shipmate* to update their addresses with Alumni Assoc.

Well folks, there are still quite a few letters in the ol' mail sack I didn't get to this month, but rest assured, "ol' reliable" will get those babies in the June issue. Until then this is Red Auerbach saying, "The World Champion Boston Celtics select as their number one choice. . . David Robinson of Navy." Remember, you heard it here first folks!

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Hello 80

No excuse sir! This is the only response I have for not writing last month's column. It was a shame, too, because I have lots of letters to get to print. Marion and **Carl Hendershot** have settled in to a new home in Boston. Hendy flies for Delta and would like any and all in the Boston area to call him. Hendy has an inside connection to the Bosox games, he can get ten free tickets to all their games. If you're in the area and want to see a game, call Hendy. Kathy, **Ed Dempsey's** wife, dropped a line to pass on some news. The Dempseys are in VaBch, 732 Trio Ln., 23452. They would love to hear from old company mates and **Hal Stoddard** in particular.



Mark Guadagnini and Christine, Casey and Mark

I've been getting some response to the most off-spring contest along with some pictures. **Mark Guadagnini** and the Guad Squad are pictured during the past Xmas. Also pictured is **Jennifer (Smith) Holzapfel** with her new family. Jennifer was married to Jon ('67) in June 1983. She left the Navy in August 1985 and has been working for VSE in the Pt. Magu area. Jon is retiring from the Navy in July and the family will be moving to Dallas where he'll be working for International Turbines Service. Jennifer would like anyone who has time in the Dallas area to stop by and see her in a suburb called Colleyville.



Jennifer (Smith) Holzapfel and her new family

Dan Nagao, 360 Sherman Rd., No. Brunswick, N.J. 08902-2749, has written to volunteer as the official 35th Company secretary. Dan would like everyone in 35 to contact him and he'll try to publish a directory and a newsletter. I think **Tony Mosley** volunteered to do the same for fun one. . . Dan has some news on those from 35 that he keeps in touch with. **Jeff Bridges** is in Toulon, France on a pilot exchange program. Jeff and Cindy have