

University of Notre Dame for ordination in the Roman Catholic Church. Currently, I'm studying at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley where I have one more year to go. I'm very happy in my present way of life and look forward to my life as a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross. My new address is: Rick Gribble CSC, 2597 Virginia St., Berkeley, Calif. 94709. I would welcome letters, especially from 1st company Classmates.

Well we have a new doctor among us. **Larry Warrenfeltz**, you know the '75 rep at NPGs, earned his doctorate in meteorology. Congratulations DOC. Larry will be stationed at the Fleet Numerical Oceanography Center.

Here it is that part you've been skimming the column to get to! The HOME TOWN NEWS RELEASES:

LCdr. **Greg Hoffman**, reported to HSL-43. Greg, be nice to my T700 engines, OK? Maj. **George Flynn** graduated among the top 20 percent of his class from the Naval War College. There were 250 officers and civilians in the course of study. Congratulations! LCdr. **Richard Arnold** finished a Pacific cruise on LEFTWICH. Exotic ports of call included Tonga, Western Samoa and Pago-Pago. I'm going to have to get the atlas out on this one.

That just about wraps up the news for this month. I promised myself that I would not get on the "soapbox" and lecture on the trickle of letters that find their way to my house. So, in all fairness, I won't. Next month, Homecoming highlights and plans for Army/Navy. Take care and Beat Army.

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Membership: 63%

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Where has the Summer gone?! Homecoming is just a few weeks away and we'll be well into the football season before this appears in print. I've received a few letters during the past month, and I've run into several Classmates around the Navy Annex. **Don Bringle** took time out from a hectic schedule to pass on some news; he's the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for VF-114 going through work-ups on USS ENTERPRISE. **Dave Bealer** is also in VF-114; he and Janice have two children. **Phil Poirier** is doing well with one of the big law firms in San Diego. Virginia and **Alex Cobble** are doing well; Don says they are still looking for a tax problem. **Harriet and Pete Harris** are in Oceana; Pete is with VA-42. **Skip Zobel** and **Tom Zelibor** in their department head tours at Oceana. **Stu Hinrichs** is at Iowa State NROTC; congratulations to he and his wife who are expecting a child.

**Blaine Pearsall** sent several letters he received from other Classmates. Blaine, Deb and the kids are all well; the newest addition to the family, little Alexander, is keeping them all hopping. Blaine enjoys flying the C-9 with VR-52. **Mike Bosworth** is the Ex Division Officer aboard USS RANGER (CV61). **Mike Seifert** is Operations Officer aboard USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN-25). **Randy Schmitt** sent Blaine a letter from Hawaii; Randy is an attorney in Honolulu with the firm of Rush, Moore, Craven, Kim & Stricklin. He is drilling as a JAG Officer with the Reserves in Pearl Harbor. Randy has seen a few Classmates in the area.

Terry and **Larry Doong** are stationed in Hawaii; Larry is Chief Engineer aboard USS WORDEN. **Lucien Memminger**, who was in town visiting his father, is stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. **Frank**

**Drennan** is Fleet Nuclear Officer at SubPac; his wife, Anne, is a secretary in the same law firm in which Randy works. Blaine also had a letter from **Mark Rupprecht** — at the time Mark was assigned to ComDesRon 17 as the Readiness and Training Officer. Mark was in receipt of orders to USS LEXINGTON in Pensacola; he, his wife and their daughter, Joanne, were looking forward to the move. Mark recently ran into a few Classmates on the West Coast. **Ernie Leideger** is the Executive Officer aboard USS HEPBURN (FF-1055). **Rich Nathanson** was Operations Officer aboard USS O'BRIAN (DD-975); he is slated to be the Executive Officer of USS GRAY (FF1054), an NRF frigate that is to be homeported in San Francisco. Rich was out of the Navy for a short while and came back in as a TAR. **Frank Murphy** will be leaving his job as Combat Systems Officer aboard USS TRUXTON (CGN-35) and heading for Washington, D.C. as a detailer.



Ralph McKinney and Playboy's Miss November

I got a short letter from **Ralph McKinney** who just detached as First Lieutenant of USS PELELIU (LHA-5) in Long Beach. He is currently attending the LMET instructor course in Little Creek, Virginia and will report to SWOS Department Head School in Newport, Rhode Island as an instructor. En route to the East Coast, Ralph took a detour for a vacation at Club Med, Moorea, Tahiti.

I received some news from the Navy Home Town News Center. **Gordon Brown** was deployed in WestPac aboard USS ELLIOT. **Ralph Steinhauer** and **Gary Harrell** are both deployed aboard USS CONSTELLATION in WestPac and the Indian Ocean. **Eric Gardener** is with Commander, Destroyer Squadron 15, Yokosuka, Japan. **Dave Renaud** is now at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island; congratulations to Dave who was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal while serving as Assistant Strike Operations Officer aboard USS SARATOGA from September 1984 to October 1986.

That wraps it up for this month — I hope to see more of you at Homecoming. Please let me hear from you.

## 77

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Shipmates, where are you? I guess everyone is waiting for the big 10-year Reunion next month (I'm actually writing this in August)! On to the news.

**Jim Warren's** wife Rita wrote a note bringing us up to date on their whereabouts for the past few years. Following a 19-month tour as Navigator and Admin. Officer in STERETT (CG-31), Jim was sent to NPTU, Idaho Falls (home of famous potatoes and jackalopes!) as engineering shift supervisor and assistant PPEA. Upon completion of the 2½ year bus ride, Department Head School in Newport, R.I. and a few schools at NOB Norfolk, he landed a job as OPS in AINSWORTH (FF-1090). They have two daughters, Jennifer, 7 years, and Siobhan Shannon, age 1 year. Due to Jim's deployment they missed reunion, so asked to pass on "hey" to all the boys in 36 company.

**Rich Taylor** "checked in" after two years of school in order to reestablish contact with the gang. Rich describes himself as a "born again nuke" after recently laterally transferring a year ago! Praise the Reactor Plant Manual — Amen! Rich is the MPA in THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) after having relieved Jim Carr ('78). Rich and wife Sue are living in Virginia Beach with their 4-year-old daughter Jenny and, by the time this is printed, a second, as yet to be delivered child! He reports that **Dave Shubbert**, wife Pam and two daughters are alive and well despite Dave's truly enjoyable job as Engineer in CHICAGO (as in SSN) while undergoing overhaul at Newport News. Thanks for the news, Rich.

Finally, hot from the Fleet Home Town News Center we hear congratulations are in order for **Rick Craig** who was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for quality software development for the U.S. Readiness Command and the Joint Development Agency. Well done Rick!! Next we heard that **T.W. Thomas** reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort S.C.

All for now. Next issue is going to be jamming so stay tuned...happy trails. **Bill**

## 78

Membership: 80%

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Due to an oversight on my part what was once the September column is now the October one. I'm sure by this time you've all given me an appropriate amount of well-deserved grief at Homecoming. Whaddya gonna do? August in Washington. 100 degrees, 90 percent humidity ... Ah, what a wonderful Plebe Summer. But as you're reading this there's probably a touch of Fall in the air and the Big Blue is getting ready for a return to greatness under first-year coach Elliot "Abuse 'em" Uzelac. He's a tough taskmaster, but I believe the results will justify the means. I expect to see all of you at the big October home games against Air Force 10 October and Pitt 24 October. Additionally, yours truly will be warming up for the Army game with a visit to Philly on 17 October for the Penn. Let's hope revenge is as sweet as they say it is. I'm sure Dom "Perignon" Beranato will be there to ensure that the boys do well. On to the news.

Former 15th Companyman **Guido Manzo** reports from down Louisiana way that the Manzo family is now four with the recent addition of Marissa Leigh. She is doing great along with Mom, Lora, and big sister Melanie. Guido reports that LCdr. **Harry Harris** is returning to Japan for another tour. **Duane LaFont**, a ragin' Cajun if there ever was one, is in intell and is stationed with his wife Missy in the British Isles; Scotland we believe. I'd love to hear the conversation between

a local Highlander and Duane's Popeye's chicken twang. Lawdy, lawdy. Another long-lost 15'er, **Bob Romaine**, is finishing his master's at Georgetown after which he and his wife are heading up to Wall Street to mingle with the other '78 investment wizards.

Guido wants to get a 15th company newsletter going. So for all your mean-green 15'ers out there, contact Guido at 814 Lake Arthur Court, Slidell, Louisiana 70641 or call him at (504) 649-5217. The Manzos weren't the only ones to have a recent edition as **Barb** and **Scott Eckert** celebrated the birth of Elizabeth Marie on July 9. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 5 ozs., and already has been given a Nerf soccerball from dear ol' Dad. Congrats! A brief note from Barb Link reports that husband **Rich Link** is in Philadelphia on board USS INDEPENDENCE as QA Officer. Since graduation, Rich has spent most of his time flying P-3's. He hasn't spent *all* of his time flying however, as attested to by his four children Emily (6), Rachel (4), Adam (2), and Jason (6 months). Barbara enclosed a beautiful picture of the children, but it cannot appear in *Shipmate* because only pictures which include USNA Alumni are put into *Shipmate*. This is a point which I may not have made clear enough in the past, but please remember, any picture submission must include at least one Alumnus or it will not appear. Thanks Barb, and next time put that Bus-driving P-3 pilot of yours in the midst of your beautiful children.

Speaking of children and Daddies, the Tallest of all Daddies, **Jim Shulson**, reports that after making a career on Okinawa he has finally decided to return to the States. Jim repoted this to me in his own inimitable fashion by writing me a note (in Crayon of course) on the back of a recent edition of the Pacific Stars And Stripes, "LFTC Coronado — 15 July '87 or Bust. Think of me tonight as I drown in San Miguels." Shuls, Okinawa will never be the same ... for which they're grateful. As for Coronado, I understand real estate values have already gone down the tubes and the Hotel Del is up for sale ... word travels fast.

News from the Marine green comes from **Vince Baldarama** who reports the following: after several fun-filled excursions to Beirut and nearly five years in "the other Jacksonville," Vince has settled in Quantico with wife Elizabeth and 14-month old son Michael. Vince is involved with aviation training devices as a part of the Training Audiovisual and Gaming Support Center. In a nutshell he deals with beltway bandits like **Mo Tose** who love to give him their business cards. Since moving to "wonderful Woodbridge," Vince has gotten into crew to the pilot where he's coached several high school teams as well as a Masters Four which won a gold medal last year at the Canadian Henley. As far as his 11th company mates, Vince reports that LCdr. **Tom Crowley** is assigned to an FFG, USS Carr, out of Charleston. Prior to that, Tom taught nuke school in Saratoga Springs. **George Billy**, who still has his first class 280Z, is on a sub out of Hawaii. George, wife Thelma and daughter Elizabeth are all doing well. **Walt "Dad" Brown** is out and living in Burke, Virginia. He's working for a beltway bandit. Pam and **Scott Rogers** are living outside of "Hotlanta" in Roswell, Georgia where Pam is a CPA and Scott works for American Airlines. **Steve "Derwood" Kinney** finally married Elizabeth Butler in June in Annapolis. In attendance for the Oceanography prof's wedding were Mo Tose and **Damian Bonvolour** among others. By now, however, Steve and Elizabeth have left the Academy for San Diego where Steve will be flying LAMPS MK III helos. Back on the East Coast at Quantico, **Gary Eisenman** is at the Development Center after PG school

in Monterey. **Steve Nolan**, a Harrier pilot playing the role of infantryman has been at TBS, but should be leaving soon.

Both **John Page** and **Jock Maloney** are at HMX-1, the guys who fly the VIPS around. Rumor has it the Maloney family is about to expand again. Vince bumped into **Tim Benson** briefly, but only got a chance to say "Hi." LCdr. **Jay Deloach** is at NavSea working in the periscope branch of SEAWOLF. A special note about **Ken Bowersox** who apparently is '78's first astronaut! After Test Pilot School at Edwards AFB he was the A-7 project officer at China Lake. Now he's on his way to Houston. Good luck "Sox." Speaking of flying in the stars, **Hank Van Oss** was last seen flying as a TAR out of Andrews with **Phil Winters**. Phil and Jennifer are neighbors of mine in nearby Crofton. Jennifer is teaching pre-school in "beautiful Bowie." It's especially nice because son Christopher attends pre-school there too. Hey, Jennifer, want a few more customers? My two will be ready sooner than I think. Reporting further on the rest of the 11th gang is **Matt Elias** who dropped me a line from his home base on USS MIDWAY out of Yokosuka, Japan. Matt says there are enough '78ers in all! Matt, the former P-3 driver, has now seen the "real" Navy as TAO on MIDWAY. After leaving Scotland, he and Brenda have found the Orient just as exciting. Rumor has it that it may become even more exciting with an anticipated additional tax deduction due in 1988. Well folks, before I make this column strictly an 11th company news letter, and considering the only news in the mail bag for the next month are the famous and always informative Fleet Home Town News releases, let me save some info for next time and close with a few notes. Before I do, however, thanks to Vince and Matt for all the skinny.

I'll close with some exciting news for October which all of you should be interested in. The irrepresible **Drew Mulhare** and **Dennis Reilly** have combined on a great idea for a '78 Weekend Getaway to Williamsburg, Virginia. This will take place the weekend of 17-19 October with the key event happening on Saturday the 18th. Folks are invited to stay at the 4-star Williamsburg Hospitality House at a specially reduced rate of \$50 a night. There will be a '78 golf tourney on Saturday on "Virginia's next great course" at Ford's Colony for \$45. After the tourney at 1700 there will be a B-B-Q for the whole gang. There are a whole bunch of activities in the area for the whole family so please circle 17-19 October on your calendar and contact Drew at (804) 565-1556 or Dennis at (703) 250-1697 for reservations and information. It will be a great time, but the more the merrier!

Also, don't forget the next Washington area '78 luncheon at Ft. Myer will be on December 2, just prior to the Army-Navy game on the 5th. Contact **Mark Hubal** at 703-553-2749 or Dennis Reilly at the aforementioned number. Until then this is Baba Wawa asking the immortal question, "If you were a tree, what kind would you be?" And she's making a million bucks a year. Only in America! BEAT AIR FORCE!

## 79

Membership: 91%

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Yes indeed! I'm back.

The first order of business is to warn you that

I have a new address. It's time to move into a new abode. More on my latest move is midway in this column; stay tuned. The long awaited Homecoming clash with Lehigh is now history. I can't believe our new competitive schedule. I would still rather lose to a top school than play a pushover. Although, lately we are a pushover. O.K., I'll get off the soap box. Your response to this editorial will be appreciated.

On to the infamous 8th companygram, **Sam Sichko** (cousin of Paul) is a JAG down in Beautiful Downtown Beaufort, S.C. Evidently he tricked some poor girl into marrying him, probably threatened to tie her up in lawsuits. Her name is Medb. No the name is not misspelled, that's right ME-E-D-B. I'll buy a beer for anyone that can pronounce it. That is anyone that hasn't already been told. Honor system guys. They are probably parents by now since the babe was due in June.

**Lee Bond** is at NWSC Dahlgren and should beware of retired 59ers talking about chopping wood. Inside family joke there. He and Jackie have a girl named Beth. **Bobby Dupuis** is living in Jacksonville, NC as a civilian working for Carolina Power and Light. Now I know I definitely need to move out of this state. Bobby is married to Lois but no word on children. **Jim Burton** is in the Navy but flying for the Brits. He is aboard HMS ANDROMEDA which is probably a real strain. Ouch. He and Lynn are looking forward to returning to the States but has had a great time over there. They should be in Jacksonville by the time you are wrapping fish with this. **Rick Leeker** is at PG School with wife Lori and little ones Jackie and Kate. They are scheduled to go to Newport in Spring of '88 and then down to Norfolk in the Fall. Nice timing all around! **John Miller** and Mary Pat are living in Va. Beach with their daughter Caitlin. Who thinks up these names? Medb, meet Caitlin. John is on the USS NIMITZ with VF-84. **Bob Saylor** has an MBA from the U. of Suntan in San Diego, really Lutimus look it up. Bobby is working for one of those "International corporate finance and trade companies" so watch this space for future scandals involving USNA grads. So what is the name of this company? What do you actually DO all day? Where were you the night of 18 September? **Jeff Summerour** is at Norfolk with Donna and their son and one just arrived. Jeff went Supply, like we had a choice, and is currently the head of the submarine program evaluating new construction. He is probably in Missouri on his way to PG School by now. He married **Jeff Frost's** sister, Patty. And just to show you that you can't trust anyone, they are expecting in June. Cindy and **Jack Lyons** are living in Bethlehem, Pa. and have a daughter. No word on what he is doing.

Cooke and **Ray** (I tell you its a conspiracy) **Dolan** just had a baby girl last June and, thankfully, named her Christine. Ray is a general manager in operations for Pac Tel Cellular in California. So he should call me and get his company to hire more USNA grads. **Peggy** and **Chuck Doty** are down in Charleston with the EDO community. Chuck has a master's from Penn State, WE ARE, etc. Pat and **Mike Kantaris**, and Lisa and **Ken Wartick** are at Quantico, Mary Ann and **Mike Knapp** are with a scientific equipment firm in Mundelin, Ill. They have a daughter. Tammy and **Steve Walton** were last seen in Puget Sound but no word on whether a passing ship picked them up. **Frank Hudik** is on the West Coast as an EDO. **John Dinsmore** is in San Diego flying helos. **Gary McCloskey** is down in Aggie land picking up the college degree he promised his parents in '75. Mary and **Mark Tempestilli** are jet setting with the Supe at USNA. Jill and **Butler Newman** are in Colum-