

hear that **Scott Thomas** recently returned from WESTPAC in MAHON S. TISDALE, that **Paul Martin** completed a two-month "deployment" in EDSON to the Puerto Rico Op area, that **Jim Miller** participated in Fleetex 2-87 in YORKTOWN, and finally **Harry "Butch" Bolich** made a port visit to Mombasa, Kenya in KITTY HAWK. These releases are a scream!

Next is the hot info from the West Coast. Please note Dempsey's new address. Until Homecoming, Happy trails. Bill

Since arriving in Whidbey Island I have NOT been busy enough to have an excuse for not forwarding on the following letters. Basically, I have been procrastinating my brains out while thoroughly enjoying shore duty with my wife and flying the A-6 for the first time in 5 years. With apologies to **Dan Lambert** and **Chris Stathos'** wife Marylee, I'll press on.

Dan's letter got to me the week before I detached from the CHUCKIE VEE. Back in November '86 he was fortunate to be on one of the group of ship's which visited Qing-Dao, Peoples Republic of China. They were hosted by the Peoples Liberation Army-Navy for six days. While there '77 had the chance to make history, diplomatic history; things must have been pretty low key as we didn't see any of these smiling faces on the front page of *Stars and Stripes* (l to r): **Dan Lambert** (9th Co.), Weapons on USS REEVES (CG-24); **Jim McIsaac** (2nd Co.), Ops on USS OLDENDORF (DD-972); **John McGowan** (25th Co.), HSL Det on USS RENTZ (FFG-46); and **Ned Brooks** (25th Co), Combat on RENTZ.

Dan also passed on that he had either heard of or from **Andy Ahlgren** (9th Co) on USS CONSTELLATION, **Craig Turley** (36th Co.) DESRON FIVE staff (embarked on KITTY HAWK) was the Material Officer (talk about fun!) and **Doug Meister** (19th Co.) who has Weapons on LOCKWOOD. He added **Max Gianelloni** (9th Co.) is with the 4th Marines in Okinawa.

I also received a nice letter from Marylee Stathos which highlighted a visit her family took to San Diego and a 3rd Company reunion, of sorts. The big event took place at the Frick's and pictured from left to right are: (1st row) **John Melear**, **Karen and Ron King**, (2nd row) **Janelle Melear**, **Lisa Frick**, **Marylee Stathos**, (3rd row) **Mick Frick** and **Chris Stathos**, (front row) **Jennifer and Shannon Frick**, **Shannen and Rebecca Stathos**. John and Janelle live in Poway, and are the proud parents of a baby boy as of March ... CONGRATULATIONS!!

By the time this sees print Chris, Marylee and the girls will have departed Mare Island and USS RICHARD S. RUSSELL (SNN-687) for some well deserved shore duty as Squadron Engineer for COMSUBRON 22 in Sardinia, Italy. Chris ... I hope it turns out to be shore duty. **Ron King** is out of the Corps and into commercial real estate. He and Karen live in Oceanside. No word on what is up with Mike and Lisa. Additionally, Marylee reports Linda and **Mike Brock** are residing in Virginia where he works for MITRE, Inc. They have two girls, Pamela & Kimberly, ages 6 and 4 respectively.

My motivation for finally putting all this on paper was a nice note I received from **Mike McCarthy** nearly two weeks ago. Mac is completing his post-NPS, career enhancing, disassociated sea tour on USS BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3). He sounds happily married to the former Anne Moseley, a Southern Belle, and is enjoying the role of parent (17-month-old-son Ree) while deployed and in port Sydney ... right, Mac. I think we need Anne's input for the complete picture.

Mac has run into 19th Company-mate **Greg Falzetta** and **Mike Wertz** (32nd Co.). Greg is pounding the turf in Okinawa and Mike remains attached to AirWing 5 as the dreaded CAG LSO. Mac appears to be heading back to the HS community and is even looking forward to life on the CV's again. I think you'll get the padded room on the O-3 level.



Old China Hands



Gathering at the Frick's

That's about all for this year's report! Seriously, I hope to do better (you can quote me) now that Jeanne and I are settled here in the Pacific Northwest. Every once in a while I see **Skip Chesnut** and **Tug McGraw** —next edition will include the dirt on their budding families.

Until then ... we here in Oak Harbor, The Stathos' in Sardinia, and the McCarthy's in Bonita invite anyone who's in the area to call and stop by for a warm meal and fellowship! *Via con Dios, Dempsey*

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Hello there,

Larry the delinquent is now trying his hand at yet another column. That makes two in three months. Hey, I'm trying! I was recently in Pensacola for one of our career fairs. Trying hard to find any company willing to put up with you. We actually had a very good turnout and I had the pleasure of running into a 79er or two, **John 'Wiz' Withers**, **Ken Darin**, **Bob Lezczynski**, and **Mike Bradley** to name a few. I know Mike and Wiz gave me a lot of dirt on people but for some reason "another beer?", I just can't seem to put my finger on the names and events. Oh, **Kit** "I'm extremely married" **McCulley** is also down in Pcola awaiting orders. No one has seen him since he got married.

**Herb Wilson** is out in Texas enjoying the many cultural activities. Ken and Bob are actually going to find gainful employment through my company. I'm not sure what Ken is going to do but Bob was leaning towards IBM in Washington, D.C. As of this writing he was still looking at some other options too.

By the time you read this my wife will be a civilian and I will do longer be a dependent. She is also looking into IBM but who knows. Don't forget to drop me a line if you are thinking of a career move. **Bob Tata** is doing very well at UVA's law school which really makes you wonder. Seriously, he had a great first year and made some sort of review and Anne-Ferrell is very proud. **Colin O'Neill** is at Cherry Point but that's all I know. Other news from UVA has **Dave Morriss** graduating last May. He is a JAG stationed at Charleston. I think I'll look him up because he claims he is marrying a beautiful woman from Iowa and Wisconsin (I ain't gonna touch that one). Her name is Mary Elizabeth and their marriage was 1 August. I wonder if I made it; I'm going to try. Mary is a nurse and they met at a football game so you know the marriage will last.

The Club 29 newsletter arrived from **Mac Silvester**. He is living in Woodbridge with his wife, Diane, and daughter Amy. Mac is a civilian working with a beltway bandit along with **Claude Jordan** and **Jim Rubin**. Regret that they don't mention a company that we can look for future Congressional indictments. Claude and Debbie reside in North Baltimore and are raising the Snowbear. Would someone please tell me what this all means! Jim is in business consulting and playing golf which I always thought were the same thing. He invites all to come DEBAUCH. **Mick Ferbaucht** also lives in Woodbridge with his wife Sylvia and daughter Ashley. Fern is working at the Center for Naval Analysis and is still in. Thank goodness somebody stayed in. **Rick Peck** was recently laid to rest ... oops ... married. Mary Lynn knows I'm just kidding. Rich is an EDO at Portsmouth and considering PG School. **Lou Larragoite** and his wife Chris, **Jim Barnes**, and a host make that horde of others also attended. Lou is working for Baltimore Gas and Electric which explains the runaway costs. Jim is flying C-12's out of Norfolk. He and Judy have two children.

Diane and **Dick Yocum** are in Charleston living the life of leisure. Jeff and **Chris Johnson** are living in Annapolis. Jeff works for NFK Engineering. **Wally Stark** and Barb are in Princeton where Wally works at the Computer Facility. His parents are glad he finally made the Ivy League. **Randy Compton** is somewhere in the Tidewater area, running. **Rich Lanning** is with RCA in Morristown. Rae Ann and **Jim Messenger** are raising three children and living in Nashville where Jim is a recruiter. **Stan Clark** is flying F-14s and is married with a daughter. Does she know all the yells? **Kevin Moran** is rumored to be married and flying P-3s out of Jax. **George McMullan** is in Dahlonga, Georgia. No word on what he and Cathy are up to. **Frank Dombrowski** and Sheron have a baby girl and are helping **Don Geving** study at PG school. Vicky and **Ricky** (I kid you not) **Warner** are in Lubbock were Ricky is a flight instructor. **Keith Luker** is a pork chop at USS McClusky out of Heaven, San Diego. **Keith Tundall** is working at ARINC. He and wife Debbie have a daughter. **Doug Cochran** is up at Miramar. **Ron Kim** is working for Westinghouse in Hawaii.

**Sam Miller** sent a picture of his family. He has been trying to locate others in 8th Company for our Tenth Reunion. I know it IS scary but we need to start thinking about it and making plans. As I previously mentioned we do have some