



Back row (l-r): Kathy & Dale Sihrer, Dee & Doug Wilson, Linda & Phil DeRosa, Marie & Rich Dela Cruz, and Dan & Ruth Sigg. Front (l-r): Erik Chaum and friend Sue



Front (l-r): Pat Walsh, Dan & Debbie Thompson, Eric Smith, and Bill Garland. Back (l-r): Lori & Gary Grice, Kelly & Bill Daniels, and little William & Mary Anne Garland

NUSC. John and new wife, Madeline (June '87), are enjoying the area. **Erik Chaum** is working at the Newport, Rhode Island, NUSC lab on the next generation submarine combat system which incorporates Artificial Intelligence (AI). Now no cracks about submariners needing AI. Anyway, Erik earned his Master's Degree at MIT, started his own company and then moved to NUSC. Keep charging, Erik! Dan and Ruth Sigg are reportedly in the D.C. area where Dan is in OpNav. Doug says that Dan's title is too long to print so it's not included! They have three children, Christopher, Jennifer and Carolyn. April and **Dale Govan** are in Charleston S.C. where Dale is XO in USS **STEMSON**. Linda and **Phil DeRosa** live in Ledyard where Phil works for the Stonington office of AT&T on something related to Trident. They have two children named Jennifer and Joey. Kathy and **Dale Sihrer** are still in the New London area with Dale working at Nav/Ops in USS **SKIPJACK**. Thanks for the letter Doug. Write again soon!

The next bit of news is from **Dan Thompson** about those who are enjoying springtime at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk.

**Pat Walsh** is fresh from his tour with the Blue Angels and is a National Finalist for the White House Fellows program. **Gary Grice** reported from ComDesRon 32 staff and is en route to Plans and Director-

ate (J-5) of the JCS. **Eric Smith** came to the Staff College via NMPC and is headed to EuCom in Germany. **Bill Daniels** has been nominated for a job on the SACLant staff. **Bill Garland** and Dan will be staying in Norfolk at USCINCLANT HQ. Super note Dan!

The last letter is from Anne and **Phil Wisecup** and their three children, Marie, 5, Madeline, 2.5 and Sarah, 1.5. Phil writes from his new Pentagon job in OP-605, Surface Warfare/Budget. As you might recall, Phil completed an extremely successful tour as Ops on the ComDesRon 22 staff. Previous to that he was Ops in USS **COMTE DE GRASSE**. Phil reports running into **Joe O'Connor** in Surface Warfare, **Dan Beach** in OSD, **Duane Baker** also in OP-605. Phil wants to get together with any and all '77 Classmates. His address is 6631 Wakefield Ave # 603, Alexandria, Va. 22307 (703) 660-6814.

Congrats to Linda and **Ron Barnes** on the birth of their second daughter, Lindsay Christine on 18 April. Ron, Linda, Heather, and now Lindsay live in Fallbrook, California.

How about these two proud fathers and their three old sons! We were roommates for four years. Maybe they will be roommates for four years in the Class of 2007.

That tops off another thrilling episode of '77 Class

News. The cards and letters have started to roll in so keep up the outstanding effort. As in those immortal words of Heinz Lenz during those exhilarating mornings at PEP: "Come on '77, you can do it!" Happy trails . . . **Bill**

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Membership: 84%

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The last column before football season starts and the Big Blue starts Buttin' in again. With home games against James Madison, Delaware, Temple and Yale (and Notre Dame in Baltimore on Halloween weekend) I expect to see many of you at Navy-Marine Corps this Fall. Speaking of football, we've had a bit of confusion in regard to Homecoming, so let me clarify a few things here. (1) Those attending the weekend festivities including tailgate and banquet, please get your check for \$64.50 per person to **Maurice Tose** as soon as possible. (2) Please provide all Class election ballots and personal info forms to me as soon as possible. You are to vote for one (1) candidate each for President thru Secretary and a total of five (5) at-large candidates, this includes write-in votes which are welcome; and (3) Please, please order your football tickets for Homecoming directly from the NAAA or by calling (301) 268-6060. I know we made it a little confusing by having you to go to three different places for forms, money and tickets, but next time we'll know. For those of you who have already sent me their ticket forms and money, not to worry . . . Jan and I are going to Bermuda for a month. Just kidding, your tickets and money have been taken care of. On to Cliff Clavin and the Cheers mail bag. One of the few folks who took advantage of the mailing in of Class ballots by actually enclosing a letter was **John "John-boy" Hueseman**, formerly of St. Louis Cardinal fame who is now playing AAA ball up in beautiful Scarborough, Maine. Actually, John took a job with Fiber Materials about 18 months ago and loves being a New England "L. L. Bean" kinda guy with wife Nancy and daughters Heide, 7 and Kelly, 4. In fact, the whole Hueseman clan recently visited the beautiful Bowie area and visited with Jan and myself.

John is doing marketing for Fiber Materials Inc., and travels now and again. On a recent excursion to the Boston area, John visited Raytheon and spent several hours reminiscing with **Kenny "Idi Dada" Waldie**, president for life (well, at least the next few months anyway). Ken is doing great and is well on his way to receiving a master's in EE. For someone like me, who took the Oral Roberts course in double "E" ("Oh, please Lord, I'll never go to Mary Washington College again, just let me pass this EE exam,") I can truly appreciate Ken's electrical achievement. Unfortunately, Raytheon's other '78 stalwart, **Bill "Biwi" Hanna**, was out of town during John's trip. John invites everyone up to Vacationland and says the lobsters are just right for the next Ol' Milwaukee commercial. Speaking of old, a recent archeological find in my attic turned up a letter from **Tod Thedy** '76 who had passed along some info on fellow 2nd Company heroes **Rick Yasky** and **Bill Kihn**. Tod met Rick at a "Tailhook" convention in Las Vegas last Fall. At that time, LCdr. Rick had recently reported to an A-6 squadron at Whidbey Island. Rick passed along that Bill had gotten married in the Summer of '87 and was working as a banking officer, somewhere in the world of finance, as opposed to the state of confusion. Thanks for the skinny Tod. And speaking of skinny (nice transition, huh?) **Guido** "eat pasta 'til you die"



**Manzo**, checked in with some brief 15th company location updates. **Bobby Scott** is still in Virginia selling real estate (though we know it's his wife Rose who closes all the big deals). **Sheri and Bob Romaine** are right here in Linthicum, Maryland, though they may be moving to the New York City area where Bob is going into investment banking. **Mickey Lax** has been discovered in South Carolina working for Abbott Diagnostics, Guido's company. On the active duty side, **Chris "Dr. Dwarf" Nichols** is still practicing sand shots in Bahrain with the COMIDEASTFOR Staff.

Kim and **Ray Miskowski** still reside in Orange Park, Florida with Ray instructing out of Jax. And finally, **Harry "CNO" Harris** is still in Japan with the CTF 72/ComPatWing 1 Staff. Thanks for the Louisiana lowdown, Guido. See you in the next Cajun' potato chip commercial. From the Far West, we hear from Lena and **Lafayette Norton** of lovely Lovington, New Mexico. Say that three times fast . . . After 18 months in the nuclear pipeline and 3½ years on submarines, Lafayette left the Navy and took a job in his hometown with the Rural Electric Cooperative. Lafayette is the engineer in charge of Systems Planning and does the analysis and forecast for future power needs. Because Lovington has no electricity, this is not hard to do folks. Hey, just a little rural cooperative humor there L.N. Just to show that Academy roots are inescapable, Lafayette's department head is a '72 West Point grad. Keeping things in the true camaraderie of the Army-Navy spirit, Lafayette had his office sabotaged before the '85 game . . . with dried goat manure. We're talkin' real country cookin' here ladies and gents. Thanks for the "poop" L.N. and just remember Lafayette, we are here. (Sorry, buddy, I always wanted to say that and I never thought I'd get the chance.) Back on the nautical front, **Skip Bayes** reports in from USS NIMITZ with the following "Super Carrier" update. Skip has been onboard since September 1986 as Asst. Navigator. After being an SH-3H helo jock earlier in his Navy career, Skip proved that he could cut it on the seas as well by recently qualifying as a Surface Warfare Officer. During this time, he also received a Navy Achievement Medal for his efforts during NIMITZ' SRA (Selected Restricted Availability) in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard from August to December 1987. Skip has obviously done a great job on NIMITZ and has made the full transition from helo pilot to "real" Naval officer.

As Skip stated so well in his letter, "As a Navy SH-3h helicopter pilot I really now appreciate the Surface Line way of life. The demands on Surface Line Officers are more intense than I ever experienced as an aviator." Skip, you make me proud to be an American. And to all you flyboys out there, now you know who's really doin' the work . . . Hey honey, is that an A-6 I hear flying over our house . . . Hey guys, only kiddin'. I love airdales, really I do. Hit the deck!!! Boy, some people just have no sense of humor. Well folks, if it seems like I'm draggin' this out, it's because Cliff Clavin just ran out of mail. But, the ever present Fleet Home Town News Releases are ready for action. In February, **Jim Felton** went through a cold weather exercise with the 2nd Marine Division in Fort McCoy, Wisconsin (certainly a popular vacation spot in February). As the FHTNR states, "Felton participated in cold weather training designed to teach survival techniques. He was instructed on the proper foods to consume, the proper clothing to be worn during freezing temperatures, as well as the correct procedures for treating cold-related illnesses such as hypothermia." This is some serious stuff. Translated into civilian terms, Jim showed up for the exercise in Jockey shorts. He was eating a Good Humor and felt a cold coming on. So they gave him some chicken soup, a Navy sweat-shirt, some Nyquil and told him to stop visiting



Skip, Charlene and Kenneth Baynes

Wisconsin in February. I understand the code name for this exercise was FREEZURTOOKUSOFF. Our highway taxes at work. Another FHTNR success story comes from Second Fleet where several of our nautical warriors completed a February exercise in the Western Atlantic. **Glen Woods, Don Boland** and **Warren Krull** all participated. On the West Coast side, several of are bretheren should soon be returning from a six-month WestPac deployment. **Mike Moore** is on USS RUEBEN JAMES out of Long Beach. **Craig Cowen** deployed on USS TRUXTON out of San Diego.

And **Jeff Dickman** deployed on the "Big E," ENTERPRISE, homeported out of Alameda. Back on the East Coast, **Rickey Dubberly** was designated a Surface Warfare Officer this past January at SWOS Newport. Congrats! Speaking of Newport, I haven't heard much from the Grinchman lately. I think he's still in mourning from the Celtics-Pistons series . . . as am I. I hope all you NBA stalwarts are ready for action when the official '78 pick-up basketball championship is played Saturday morning of Homecoming weekend. No team stacking Tose! Teams will be chosen on sight. Time and location are being worked on. I'll have that info by next column. Also next column, I'll have last minute updates on Homecoming, Class elections, the Class meeting (to be held the Thursday of Homecoming weekend) and other extraneous info. Remember the most important thing to do now is send Maurice your money. The Reunion Committee worked very hard to provide you with a great weekend at reasonable cost. You'll note that '78 costs are less than many other Class Reunion costs and ours is NOT being subsidized by Class funds. Until next time, this is Vic Damone singing . . . "Volare, oh, oh; Contare, oh, oh oh oh . . . Caio, baby."

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Membership: 92%

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Hello Campers!

Anne-Ferrell and **Bob Tata** are expecting a (Are you sitting?) Baby. Something about another Tantrum scares me and you know, I am fearless. Lets just hope it's a little girl like Anne-Ferrell. The baby is due in the Fall. Meanwhile, Bob just finished his second year of law school at UVA and will be in the D.C. area for the Summer working with some ambulance chasers of some sort.

I just returned from a hardluck trip to San Diego. I hate it when I'm forced to stay in hotels in LaJolla that are right on the water. Those incessant waves are

so annoying. I saw **Bob Lecscynski, Herb Wilson (BOB)**, and **Pete Shepard**. Bob is working with a financial company in San Diego and is still very much the confirmed bachelor. We had some really exciting nights at the library reading the latest takeover reports from the *Wall Street Journal*. Oh, and one night we stayed up past midnight drinking any soda we wanted. Herb is still flying Air Navy and is due to deploy sometime soon for WestPac. Don't even ask me what ship he's on 'cause somehow I forgot. Was it the shots of tequila or licking the salt off another perfect neck? Does it matter?

Pete has just resigned and is trying to decide which school to attend for his MBA. Pedro told some interesting yarns of life with Luti in New Orleans or Corpus or wherever they go. Yes, it is true. **Bob Luti LIVES!!!** He, too, is now a civilian seeking the MBA in a yet to be ravaged institute of higher inebriation, oops education.

Speaking of the MBA lifestyle, **Mark Decker** finished up at Harvard. He is now shuffling bank accounts with a firm in Annapolis that has something to do with defense but I don't have a clear idea yet exactly what they do. I should have seen him on Memorial Day Weekend and will clear things up later in this trilogy.

**Greg Hutto** is finally confessing that it WAS a cold dark morning in Kansas City when he was born. Greg is now a consultant with Booz, Allen and Hamilton in Albuquerque. He does fun things like study the post-nuclear war earth. Greg and Debbie have a son named Daniel. They also have three dogs out in their desert compound surrounded by road warriors. Greg invites any Classmates to drop by and give him a call at 505-897-1634 to have a cold one. I know I often find myself in New Mexico with nothing to do. You should see a picture of Greg and Daniel somewhere in this article.



Greg Hutto and Daniel

**Keith Luker** is homeported in San Diego on the USS McCLUSKY. **P. F. Long**, Pete?, is in the Corps still out at Camp Pendleton. **Ray Snell** is also homeported in San Diego on the USS CHANDLER.

Well, I saw **Mark Decker** last weekend and I still don't know what he does. Some mishmash about targeting friendly acquisitions. Sounds like he's still flying P-3's to me. I talked to **Tom McPhillips** and he and Robin are still loving life in California. They have a two-year-old girl. Tom call me when you are ready to move out of Pfizer. Speaking of moving out, I am with a growth company so if you are thinking of a new company of have some friends exiting active duty, give me a call. I understand Peggy and **Andy Brower** are still living on a vessel in San Diego. Andy works as an accountant for Arthur somebody Young or Anderson, I forget. Oh and **Wyatt Horton (Star)** is out in California trying his hand at acting so lets all hope he makes it so we can ALL go to the Academy Awards.

That is about all for now, write soon. Enjoy, **Larry K East Coast**

As Led Zepplin once said, "Been a long, lonely time." The goddess Fortuna has seen fit to bring me