



Larissa and Rocky Raher

Johnny Green sent me a short note from San Diego; while he was on a TAD trip he ran into **Doug Duke** at Clark AFB. Doug was on his way to USS RANGER; he was working with the F-14D project at the time. Johnny said that **Casey Napora** should have finished his residency in Ophthalmology at Bethesda during 1986, but didn't know where he went from there.

Rock Daze had a lot of news to pass on in a letter that he sent recently. Rock is now an AEDO; he is the F-14 Project Officer at the Naval Depot in North Island. Before this job he was an F-14 instructor at VF-101 in Oceana. Rock says that **Dave Venlet** is still at VF-101 as the Safety Officer. Dave was recently selected as an AEDO and will be headed for Pax River via Monterey this June. **Dutch Sweede** is also at VF-101, but planning to leave the Navy soon. Kevin McNamara left VF-101 several months ago, and Rock heard that he went to be the Ops Officer in CAG 8. **Skip Zobel** is with FitWing One in Oceana; prior to that he had a department head tour with VF-102. **Gary Freeman** is the Ops Officer with VF-84; he and his wife Lisa have a daughter, Mary Beth, and a son, Matthew. Pat Bole left VX-5 and is now with MAWTS in Yuma, Arizona. **Bob Caulk** is out of the Navy and flies for Federal, and **Chris Grazell** flies for US Air. **George Moore** is now working on his MBA at Harvard; he was a P-3 pilot and spent a tour as a recruiter in Boston before leaving the Navy last Summer.

I received some news through the Fleet Home Town News Center. **Mark Rupprecht** returned from a six-month deployment in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean aboard the battleship USS IOWA, homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. **Ricky Carper** was in the Med aboard the guided missile destroyer USS BARNEY. **Robert Bolin** was the Officer Honor Graduate of a recent Army Airborne Course; He is with 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

I got a phone call last week from **Ken Sichau**; he and his family have moved to Maryland. Ken is working for Marriott Corporation. MaryK and I were fortunate to see Roberta and **Lou Sposato** last week. Lou returned from afloat in the Med and has orders to be a Marine Officer Instructor (MOI) at Ohio State. There is not much else to report right now. **Mike McConnell** and I are planning a luncheon during May for all Classmates in the area—I hope to have more news to pass on after that.

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Shipmates, what a tremendous Spring it has been! This time of year motivates the heck out of me to start mowing the lawn, painting the house, fixing the car yeah, all those motivating things!

The Spring has obviously motivated some of you as well. I received a great one from Karen and **Pete**

Filkins who just finished up his tour as commissioning reactor mechanical assistant and electrical officer in THEODORE ROOSEVELT and is headed for graduate studies at MIT as a part of his lateral transfer to the EDO program. Other '77ers on CVN-71 include: **Rich Taylor**, main propulsion assistant; **Chris Cain**, radiological controls assistant; and **Dave Skocik**, training officer. Pete ran into **Ollie Read** who is finishing his tour as Ops on T. C. HART and will be moving to Bremerton as MPA in USS NIMITZ. He also mentioned seeing Mark Hergel, MPA in USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN and **Dave Shubert**, engineer in USS CHICAGO. It seems Dave has been selected for the Woods Hole/MIT Oceanography program.

Now on with the Fleet Home Town News . . .

Dave Williams reported for duty with 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Tom Russell received the Navy Achievement Medal for his superior performance of duty while serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS KITTY HAWK. Tom is stationed with Patrol Squadron-31, Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California. Super, Tom!

Jim Cardosi was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving as catapult and arresting gear officer aboard USS FORRESTAL. Displaying dedication and commitment to excellence, he was instrumental in the Air Department winning the Battle "E" and USS FORRESTAL's receipt of the 1986 Admiral Flatley Memorial Award. During a major deployment, Jim ensured the planning and scheduling of all major equipment maintenance, while maintaining 100% availability of catapult arresting gear and visual landing aid systems. Additionally, he developed a successful and comprehensive quality assurance program, which is now used by all Pacific and Atlantic Fleet aircraft carriers. He is serving at Chief of Naval Education and Training, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida.

Maybe you'll be motivated to let me in on what's new in your life . . . we're all waiting to hear! Until next month, happy trails. **Bill**

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Cuttin' this one close, but don't want to break that streak now. News from **Glen Wheless** down Norfolk

way is that he's still working for his Ph.D. at Old Dominion University, hoping someday to work in the hallowed halls of Michaelson 301 as an Oceanography prof. Oh, those poor Mids. Glen reports that **Mark McKeon** is still a Marine A-6 BN and is ready to go on another WestPac. **Leon Miller** is also in the area with VA-42 flying A-6's from the left seat. **Jay (the Man) Bowling** is flying helos off USS McCLOSKEY and hopefully has returned from the Gulf by now. Ellen and **Glenn Fogg** are doing well in Jacksonville where Glenn is a P-3 RAG instructor. The Big News is that a little Fogger has joined them in son Alexander Quinn. Congrats. Glenn also reports that **Jim Jones** is going through the F-14 RAG and is going to VF-14. Thanks for the skinny, Wheels. In the midst of a WestPac, **Matt Elias** reports in with another update on USS MIDWAY and the '78 gang onboard. First of all, Michelle and **Al Kuntz** announced the arrival of Jaime Katherine Kuntz at 2230 on New Year's Eve. Talk about your last-minute tax deduction. No wonder Al's doing so well as Admin officer with VA-115 and those A-6 boys. The latest '78 arrival to MIDWAY is **Lloyd Prince**, as I mentioned his anticipated arrival in an earlier column. The CAG LSO's on board are all grads including **Tom Morse** and **Wade Tallman** from '78. Big news on Wade is that he got married last Summer while on leave back in the States. Unfortunately, Wade had to return to MIDWAY unaccompanied, with new wife Cheryl waiting back home. Wade had been a FA-18 RAG instructor prior to his Midway tour and points out with glee that Tom Morse was one of his students. Wade wants to fly F-16's in the West Coast aggressor squadron upon his return to the states. Other MIDWAY '78'ers include **Mike Ross** flying H-3's with HS-12 and **Dan Keuhlen** flying E-2's in VAW-115.

Also on board are **Carl Abelein** flying F/A-18's in VFA-151 and **Bruce Bole** driving S-3's as the assistant navigator. That's the latest on the '78 reunion onboard MIDWAY, but Matt also checked in with an 11th company update. For starters, Brenda and Matt have a new daughter in Sarah Diane born on 17 December 1987. As is the Navy way, Sarah was born while Matt was deployed to the I.O., but Matt did get to see Sarah, her sister Claire and Mom for a brief time in Thailand. Also reporting parental bliss were Marty and **Jim Vanderkamp** who had a baby boy, Cameron James on 3 February. Jim is still in VFA-192 on board MIDWAY. Matt also reports that **Tom Crowley** has left USS CARR and is RCA onboard USS CARL VINSON. **Marty Drake** has also changed ships, sending a mysterious message to Matt signed "Maddog" informing him that he had left USS O'BANNON and



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was now on board USS WAINWRIGHT, or at least that's what Matt deciphered from the encrypted message.

Steve, alias Brad, Brashear reports in from picturesque Plattsburgh, New York, where he is serving in the Air Force as an F-111 instructor. Steve and Kathy had another daughter, Laura Elizabeth, born 7 May 1987. Four-year-old sister Sarah is having a great time playing big sister and trying to keep Daddy out of trouble. Pam and **Scott Rodgers** are in Roswell, Georgia, in their brand new house. Scott is a co-pilot for American flying DC-9 Super 80's out of Chicago. Scott and Pam spend their weekends sailing on Lake Lanier. Scott says he doesn't want his USNA education to go to waste. Kathy and **Scott Laser** and son, Jared are doing great and report that all is well with Pam and **Terray Wood**. Terray is flying RH-53's out of Norfolk and is considering dabbling in the real estate. Isn't everyone? Holly and **Gary Lovgren** are back in the Navy with Gary being a Supply TAR type out of Lamore. **Dave Dwyer** is an engineer at Newport News Shipbuilding. **George Billy** is on board USS QUEENFISH as Nav/tops officer. Thelma and George recently bought a townhouse in Mililani. I gather that's in Hawaii, but I could be wrong. George is looking at a split department head tour and is hoping to get a Trident out of Bangor. Trina and **Mike Kreyenhagen** are in Monterey at PG. school where Mike is studying oceanography as part of his new designator. They bought a new house there and are having a great time with two-year old son Steven. Mike made lieutenant command last Summer.

Out of the proverbial blue comes news on **Keenan Johnson**. Keenan is an engineer with a public utility, is married to Cindy and has three children, Kiel-6, Adrienne-4, and Corey-1. Unfortunately, Keenan passed along this info through Matt's folks, but neglected to give his address. Well, that's the poop from Matt and the MIDWAY '78 and 11th company gangs. P.S. Matt, I'm still looking for your last '78 MIDWAY update.

A short note from Gina and **Steve Ferree** reports that all is well in Pennsylvania, but they're hoping to move to a slightly more tropical climate in beautiful Hawaii. Of course, recognizing that all detailers speak with forked tongues, Steve is not holding his breath, yet. Daughter Elizabeth is now nearly a year old and is enjoying being spoiled by her Pennsylvania grandparents, but says she wouldn't mind wearing a toddler size moo-moo and metting Tom Selleck. A late news flash from Cassie and **Kevin Liddy** reports the birth of their first child. Daughter Ashley Van Alstyne was born on 7 March and weighed in at 8 lbs 14 ozs. Get used to those mid-watches again, buddy! Kevin also reports that **Sam Tangredi** apparently is getting a ship out of San Diego after completing department head school. Also in Rhode Island is **Buck Wicklund** who is working for IBM. Buck is married and has two children. **Tim Dowding** is also up in Rhode Island working on training programs for new Navy systems.

Well you can't say I didn't warn you, but it's now time for (drum roll please . . .) Fleet Home Town News Releases. From around the world, across the nation and up your condominium, here are the latest FHTNR's, starting off with the inimitable **Ralph Scaffidi**. He is on the civilian staff of the Naval Ships Weapon Systems engineering command at Port Hueneme. Since graduating, Ralph has served on-board USS BIDDLE; as flag lieutenant for Commander, Training Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet and as surface operations officer at Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific. Now a Naval Reservist, Ralph left the Navy in 1986 and worked for Vitro Corporation as a systems analyst. Ralph is pursuing a master's degree in systems management at USC. Unfortunately for Ralph he was turned down for the song girl squad,



John Young, the Schmermunds, the Lynchs

but feels he still has a shot for homecoming queen. Obviously the unlucky cloud that followed Ralph at USNA still persists. They spelled his name wrong in his press release . . . four different times. Whaddya gonna do, huh?

The "Tallest of tall daddys" has done it again. **Jim Shulson** received a Navy Commendation Medal for his efforts as embarkation officer with the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade in Okinawa, Japan. Jimbo is back in the States serving with Landing Force Training Command in San Diego. Another Marine, and good Jersey boy, **Dave Barile** will be completing a six-month Med deployment. Dave is out of Camp Lejeune with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit. On the Navy side, **Warren Krull** reported for duty at the beginning of this year with Commander, Second Fleet out of Norfolk. **Barry Tilden** was promoted to lieutenant commander and has reported for duty to the Pre-com unit for aircraft carrier ABRAHAM LINCOLN out of Newport News. **David Bruce** is onboard USS CARON and participated in a fleet exercise during a recent Mediterranean deployment. Dave should be back in his homeport of Norfolk by now. About the time Dave was conducting exercises in National Week 88 last Fall, **Joe Petersen** was returning from a six-month deployment on board USS CONOLLY, also homeported in Norfolk. During deployment, Conolly visited Morocco, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Romania, Israel, and Egypt (and you guys thought those recruiting commercials were all hype).

Speaking of commercials, anyone interested in ordering a 1988 *Alumni Register* for the special price of \$19.78 (as opposed to the normal fee of \$22.) should send a check to the Alumni House, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5068. It's a great reference source for locating Classmates and friends. Speaking of which you should soon be receiving a flyer with the latest Reunion gouge. As of this writing, the Holiday Inn is booked and the Thr-rift Inn is moving on our 50-room block. If you don't have a room booked, and you find the Thrift is booked, don't panic. There are some single rooms available at other Annapolis hotels, but CALL NOW. All football tickets should be ordered through NAAA and all Friday night Homecoming events at the Academy should be done directly with the Alumni Association. However, we will be providing bus transportation on Friday night to and from the Academy as well on Saturday to and from the game. If you don't get the Class flyer by mid-June, please call me and I'll get one out to you.

On the sports front, the LAX team has rebounded from a slow start with wins over Army (6-5) and Maryland (8-7 in OT) and a bunch of us are getting together for UVA and Hopkins in the coming weeks. The baseball team is playing solid ball and Joe Duff got his 500th career victory, an amazing achievement. Additionally, Capt. Coppedge is retiring after 20 years as AD. His successor is yet to be named, but will have a tough act following the longest-serving AD in Academy history. A tip of the cap to Capt. Coppedge for all his years of service to the Academy. Spring football is going well and all indications are that Coach Uzelac has gotten some talented and BIG recruits. I expect to see many of you "buttin' in" with

Navy football this Fall . . .

Until then, the next time you feel like you're doing a 5-mile run on the sub-squad of life, just remember Coach Lenz's immortal words, "Looking good '78 . . . 90 second 1/4 pace . . . bounce, bounce, bounce . . ." You know, every once in awhile I still wake up at 0530 . . . in a cold sweat. I love PEP!

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Wow a column!

It has been quite a long time since I have been able to find the discipline to sit down in front of a keyboard. I think it would be best for me to update you on some of the people I have run into the last few months. I was in a shopping mall in Northern Virginia and saw **Boots Harrison**. Boots is flying for an airlines but I can't remember which one. He is married with at least one child and living in Richmond. **Bob Tata** and Anne-Ferrell are expecting their first child in the Fall. Bob is entering his third year of law school at UVA. Bob will also be coaching with the football team next year as part of his package deal reported worth 1.5 million dollars.

Bob Lescynski is still out in San Diego with an investment firm. **Dom Gorie** and Wendy have a baby and are at Pax River. Dom is flying F-18's. **Dave Bethel** is still at the Naval Academy teaching Math. **Gene Miller** is suffering through a tour at Navy coaching tennis. Give him a call and maybe he'll fit you into his social schedule.



Jay Munoz and the twins

And now for viewer mail, **Jay Munoz** wrote from Subic Bay. He and Cindy have twin boys named Kyle and Alex. There should be a picture of them here somewhere. Jay is the logistics officer for the Marine Barracks. Jay says that he is going to try be in touch with the 14th crew. **Lanny Glover** wrote last Fall and I am just getting around to this. I must say I am sorry. Lanny was married to Wendell Hughes of Jackson, Mississippi. Lanny should be finished with school at Texas A&M. Another letter from last Fall was from **Dale Jensen's** wife, Cindy. The Birdpeople are at North Island and invite any Classmates to cruise by San Diego for the America's Cup. **Jack Stumborg** and Joan and Douglas are still in Virginia Beach last heard, Doug was born in '86. Jack works for a ship repair company called The Jonathan Corp. Lemoine and **Chip Jones** were still in Va Beach but I hear Chip is looking at life outside the Navy so who knows what will happen this Summer. Jan and **Mike Many** are living outside Dallas where Mike works for TI. **Jack Kasiski** is in Chesapeake, Virginia, and is stationed on USS SUNFISH. The magic question remains, where is the Knabb Bunch?