

Rick Orloff who tied the knot a few months back. He and Lidija were married on 16 January in Massachusetts. After Rick finished his tour at the War College, they moved to Virginia Beach; Rick is a department head with HC-6 in Norfolk. **Wade Gerard** and **Jack Kelley** attended the wedding. Wade is aboard USS SARATOGA and Jack is working for GE but is still in the Reserves.

Trey Smith sent a short note from Yorktown Heights, New York. He told me that **Chip Sample** just received his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Texas at Austin. Congratulations. Chip and Debbie have five children and plan to stay in Texas. **Tom Gardiner** finished a year of graduate work at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and is now stationed in Groton with his wife, Jane and their two children.

Tim Farrell sent me a note about **Pete Varsanyi**. Pete assumed command of USS AFFRAY (MSO-511) in April. Tim has also been actively tracking down 27th Company Classmates.

Tom Colella is living in Alpharetta, Georgia. He is in the Atlanta office of Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm.

We are having another luncheon in the D.C. area next week and hope to lay the groundwork for a Class project. It looks like we may have about 30 Classmates in attendance, so I hope to have more news to pass on next month. Let me hear from you—**Joe**.

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Shipmates, I hope you are ready for one of our best columns to date! So sit back, relax and let the stories begin . . .

The first note I received was from **John Shmorhum** on 9 July. John decided to break his ten-year *Shipmate* silence by dropping a line from his home in Switzerland. This is how he got there . . . After commissioning, John entered the black shoe Navy, took the aviation option and brown shoed up to an HS squadron. His follow-on tour was as aide to ComHelWingsLant in Jacksonville, Florida. While on his last Med deployment he detoured through the Swiss Alps, met a Swiss-Ukrainian woman by the name of Tuscia and, four months later, married her. He left the service in '87 and went to the International Management Institute, Geneva, and, as John explains it, a year later he had a four-month-old son and an MBA. John sends his greetings to all his old 25th Company pals. I wonder what he has planned for the next ten years?

The next letter was from Julie O'Rourke, sister-in-law of **Mike Beck** and wife, Maura, and aunt to their two children, Matthew 3, and Merideth, 3 months. Julie reported that Mike and family have headed south to Key West where Mike took command, in January, of USS PEGASUS (PHM-1). Keep charging Mike! Speaking of command, I hope all of you were able to read the terrific articles on **Jeff Sapp** in one of the July issues of *Navy Times*. He was pictured literally on top of his world on his minesweeper out of San Diego.

The final note, before I turn the column over to Dempsey, comes from **Paul Hollich**. Paul reports that he, his wife, Brenda Hutchinson, daughter, Bridget Catherine, and yet to be born boy (due 24 October), have relocated to 6182 Cobbs Road, Alexandria, Va. 22310. Brenda, who you would think would have her hands already full with the move and expected arrival, has started her own public relations

business. More power to you! All for now. Until next month . . . happy trails. **Bill**.

West Coast News

Right off the bat . . . I apologize for taking so long in getting this info into *Shipmate*, especially to Karen Lynn and **Tom Huisman**. Your patience is appreciated. Nasty comments can be directed at my new mailing address: VA-115, FPO San Francisco, Calif., 96601-6228.



Tom and Christopher Thomas Huisman

I received an interesting letter (followed quickly by an update) from one Karen Lynn of Long Beach, California, nearly six months ago (sorry Karen). Initially, I was confused . . . then thought this was from a wife who had not changed her last name. Karen quickly explained that this was not the case, but rather she was good friends with **Chris Murray** (13th) in SoCal. It sounds like Chris is pretty busy as CO of USS BOLSTER (ARS-38), so Karen took it upon herself to fill me in on the activities of Chris and his buds. Chris was originally slated to take over a new construction ARS but instead was given a 43-year veteran serving in the Reserves. If he successfully got her out of the yards, he may be deployed by now. In his previous tour in St. Mawgan, England, Chris ran into **Pete Sisa** (14th). As of last year Pete had left his last duty station somewhere in Scotland and is now married.

Dan Olivier (14th) showed up at Chris' change of command. Dan left the Navy a couple of years ago after turning his NPS thesis into an automated scheduling tool for FasFac San Diego. Under the MilCap program, Dan and his co-author received a significant cash award personally delivered by SecDef. Super Job, Dan! He, wife Peggy, and three kids reside in the San Diego area. Six months ago Dan was working as a system analyst but by now he may have started his own company . . . Good luck. **Dennis Antonio** (2nd) and **George Station** (14th) also attended the COC. At the time Dennis was hard at work for NWSES in Port Hueneme as an EDO. George was on staff in Long Beach with NavSta.

Karen closed with the news that **Greg Reuss** (3rd) with his wife and two kids, along with **Tom Behrle** (14th), wife Barb, and two kids are among a large contingent of '77ers at Monterey. Finally she passed on from Dan that my old Spanish bluff roommate, **Billy Vasquez** (2nd) has finally left USS TRIPOLI as Asst. Air Boss, to return to the cockpit of HC-10.

March 29th brought a great letter from **Tom Huisman** (5th) with a pic of his first child, Christopher Thomas, born 21 February. Both Chris and mother, Susan (one of the pregnant ones at Homecoming), are doing fine. Tom also took the opportunity to update me on the 1977 medical community.

Tom finished his urology residency at the Naval Hospital, San Diego, a year ago and is now a staff Urologic Surgeon at Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. In January, Tom ran into **Rich Kuhne** (20th)

while attending a course in Orlando, Florida. Rich is a staff physician at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Naval Shipyard. He and wife, Susan, should be proud parents by now . . . they were expecting their first child this past March.

Tom Diggs (7th) and **Bill Adsit** (1st) were both in San Diego with Tom. Tom (Diggs, that is) finished a cardiology fellowship earlier this year and is now a staff cardiologist at the new hospital in San Diego. Bill should be finishing up an orthopedic surgery residency. Additionally, **Keith Munson** (7th) finished his residency in general surgery last Summer. After a year as ship's surgeon on a West Coast carrier, he should be on his way to a major Navy hospital in ConUS.

Stan Gray (12th) dropped me a line last April saying he was leaving the Marine Corps because of medical problems. He is relocating in the Dallas area, working for Mobil in the Employee Relations Department. Apparently, he has done extensive research on the tax status of severance pay for members entering Naval Service prior to September 1975. He has found instructions indicating it is not taxable, but the crux of the argument is related to the G.I. Bill: Does our time at USNA count with regard to pay and retirement? I'm sure I'll hear more on this from Stan . . . Please write me if you know anything else.

In early July, **Doug Smith** (19th) wrote me a nice long letter from Monterey. He and wife Kala (LCdr. type . . . pulling down the big bucks) were temporarily together with their two kids, Bridget who is six, and Michael, who is nearly one. Kala is the one attending PG School and Doug was just on loan to the school while in between commands. He completed his second department head tour as First Lieutenant on the USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH-11). His next assignment is at JUSMag, Seoul Korea where he will be (this is his quote) "Joe Izuzu of foreign arm sales!" Kala will be joining him with the kids this Fall as she heads to joint duty with the UN in Seoul. Doug invites any and all visitors to the land of brass beds and tennis shoes for life. Write me for his address.

Doug also filled me in on Classmates in school. In addition to those mentioned above: Herb Bracewell (1st), Les Carr (23rd), Chris Cleaver (26th), John Feiler (16th), Tug McGraw (22nd), Charlie Racoosin (19th), Dan Ryan (16th), Matt Streeter (27th), Craig Turley (36th), Eric Wright (2nd), Dave Ziemba (19th) and Mary Klijn (24th).

Doug says most of these guys are majoring in golf, with a winery minor. I wish I was still back there. . . . How about a picture from all you hard working students? Meet at the first tee at Rancho Canada and Matt, you bring the instamatic . . .

And . . . the latest on **Fred Eliot** (21st). Rather than getting the boot (really, the screw), Fred was promoted last December and is back in the main stream. As of this writing, (1 August) he is finishing up in the West Coast A-6 RAG and will be working at NARF Alameda. He and his bride Lisa live in Concord, California.

As for moi, I have been rolled one year early from shore duty to my department head tour with VA-115. Go Navy, Sir! The Eagles are forward deployed on USS MIDWAY. Jeanne and I will be heading toward our new home in Atsugi, Japan by the end of October. Please send all new correspondence to the above address. Until next time, God bless you all. **Dempsey**

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By now, many of you should be soaking in the warm afterglow of a wonderful 10-year Reunion or

sitting in a de-tox center. But right now the reunion committee is finalizing last-minute details to make this the "ultimate reunion bash." I hope we did it well. With the "Big Blue" undoubtedly sporting a 5-0 record by now, I expect to see many of you in Baltimore for Notre Dame on 29 Oct. After waiting 25 years for a Navy victory (the last one being a Roger Staubach-led 35-14 victory in '63), I think it's time we showed those Irishmen that we have a "manly scent" too.

Speaking of manly scents from the Old Sod, an informed source reports that **Bobby "Bubba" Destafney** was relieved as CO of the Marine Corps detachment on board USS SIMON LAKE out of Holy Loch, Scotland. Bubba was relieved by Capt. James W. Hammond III '82, who just happens to be the son of my inside source, our illustrious *Shipmate* Editor Col. Wes Hammond. Congrats to Bubba, who I believe is going to Amphib School at Quantico, and the Hammonds. Sounds to me like several golf trips and distillery tours are in order, Colonel.

After a nine-year sabbatical, 35th company all-star **Gary Gordon** submitted his first letter to *Shipmate*. Gary reported that after serving five years in the Surface Navy he became a Beltway bandit. He then went to work as a systems engineer for GE in Syracuse and has since moved on to New London where he is starting a new engineering office for GE. Gary married Annapolitan Susan Pyle back in June of '78 and they now have three children, Amanda, 7, Mark, 5, and Chase, 10 months. During Reserve duty last year in Hawaii, Gary saw **Mark "Marathon Man" Lindstrom** who was serving as an EOD officer. Gary says anyone in the Norwich area should give him and Sue a call or drop a line to 3 Crossway St., Norwich, Ct. 06360 for the best grinders in town (those are hoagies folks).

After a nine-year hiatus, **Eric Kalisky**, 20th company, also decided to drop a line. He's in Long Beach as a TEMAC Reserve Officer Recruiter, or as Eric says, "a military dance instructor." Either way he's an LCdr. enjoying the good life in SoCal. Eric would like to hear from all you reserved kinda guys at (213) 547-6955. A brief note from Philippine Pfreedom Pfighter **Bull McCormick** reports that all is quiet on the Olongopo front (I know I'm relieved). Bull is on Carrier Group Five staff and unfortunately will be on board USS MIDWAY during our 10-year Reunion time, so if you didn't see Bull, now you know why. The good news is Bull expects to be back in the States by February '89. See you when LAX season opens up buddy!

Next on the '78 hit parade is a rundown of 25th company whereabouts from **Tom McMahan** who is bacheloring it in Seattle where he is finishing an MS in Mech E and an MBA from the University of Washington. Evonne and **Ray Bracy** are still in Red Sox country where Ray is half way through the Harvard Business School Program. Brenda and **Don Brady** are in Florida where Don is a district sales manager for Integrated Device Technology and is working on his PhD. Debbie and **Bill Burger** are in Pensacola where Bill is with a helo training squadron HT-8. Karen and **Norm Dellinger** are enjoying civilian life with Norm working for NavSea in Crystal City, Virginia. Sheila and **Doug Diehl** are enjoying life in the USMC at Camp Lejeune where Doug flies AH-1 Cobras with HMLA-269. Lucy and **Don Diggs** and their three children are in Pax River, Maryland, where Don is flying with a VQ squadron. Theresa and **George Gritzow** and their two children are in Minneapolis where George is playing for the Vikings when he isn't flying for Northwest. Barb and **Charlie Hartfelder** and their three children are having fun in Andy of Mayberry Country in Hickory, North Carolina, where Charlie is a systems engineer for Seicor. Masami and **Dave Jenkins** are in Mayport, Florida where Dave flies choppers for HSL-36.



David Rodriguez and son Jacob in Sydney



The Chase Gordons in the Yard



AWS grads—Dave Karcher, Roy Schleiden, Gary Eisenmann and Aaron Welch

Monika and **Jim Kantner** and their three children (seems like a popular number) are in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, where Jim is a civilian nuke for Philadelphia Electric. Debbie and **Bruce Latta** are in Yokosuka, Japan where P-3 driving Bruce is serving as ComSeventhFlt Flag Lt. **Chuck Lowther** is deployed to WestPac as an infantry type serving with 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines. Glenda and **John Miesner** are in the D.C. area where John uses his PhD in Materials Engineering for ORI Inc., a defense consulting firm. Carol and **Elmer Nelson** and their two children bring good things to life for GE in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. **Larry Newby** is serving as Weps on board USS HAMMERHEAD (SSN-663) out of Norfolk. Lura Beth and **Kiel Norris** are enjoying Atlanta where Kiel flies for Delta. Sandra and **Steve Pater-noster** are in San Diego where Steve works as a sales rep for Pfizer Pharmaceutical. Sufferin' succotash, thath's noth easthy to thsay.

Brenda and **Phil "Flip" Rodgers** are in Mary Tyler Moore town in Minneapolis where Flip flies for Northwest. Antonia and **John Rudzis** are in Pax River where John is a test pilot for the Marine Corps. Jann and **Doug Schultz**, and the three Schultzies, are in Southern California where Doug is flying A-7's out

of Lemoore. Doug returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf on the big "E." Tecia and **Mark Soha** and their three children are in Kings Bay, Georgia where Mark is OIC for an EOD unit. Robin and **Bob Stolle** and their two children are in Binghamton, New York, where Bob is a system engineer with Singer. Kati and **Todd Tracy** and the three Tracers are at Ellsworth AFB in beautiful South Dakota where Todd is training on new EC-135's for the Navy VQ community. Judy and **Ken Wallace**, and their dog "Dexter" are living in Escondido, California with Ken flying as a test pilot out of Pt. Magu. Thanks for all the info Tom. You'll notice he left out all the children's names to protect the innocent.

Kay and **Scott Burns** are in Cincinnati where Scott works for Proctor and Gamble as a Purchasing Manager. (Hey buddy, how 'bout some Pampers coupons?) The Burns and their two boys Stephen, 3, and David, 1, have been enjoying civilian life since Scott got a medical for a kidney problem. How many times did I warn you about buying "generic beer" from the Safeway Scott? Just kiddin' pal, I can empathize with you Scott, it ain't fun. The Burns also report that "**Marvelous**" **Marvin King** is also working for P & G.

On the USMC side of things, **Gary "the Iceman" Eisenmann** reports that a number of '78 stalwarts graduated from Amphibious Warfare School (AWS) this May. Included in this illustrious group of USMC Captains were **Dave Karcher**, **Roy Schleiden**, **Aaron "Tex" Welch**, **Curt "Monsoon" Maszun** and the aforementioned "Iceman" Eisenmann. Gary went from AWS to OCS as a "leadership" instructor. And I thought **Miguel Becceril** as an Econ prof was the best one I'd heard. Gary "instructed" and I use the term ever so loosely 250 candidates including some Mids in the one way, the only way, the Eisenmann way. This is scary stuff folks. As of this writing, Gary should be on his way to cheery Cherry Point as OPS Officer for Marine Wing Support Group 27. Also down there is Jenny Findlay who is awaiting the return of husband **Dick "Finner" Findlay** who is on a six-month deployment with his A-6 squadron. Gary bumped into my soon to be successor, **Vince Baldarama**, in traffic court. In deference to Vince, let me just say that Judge Wapner let him off the hook. Gary closes with a rumor that another "Iceman" could be on the way. I'm not sure America is ready for this. It's now time to visit with the fabled foibles of Fourth Company. **Paul Mansfield** reports that **John Woodward** was married in May to the former Flora Mellen in Pensacola. Also joining in the festivities were Silvia and **Rusty Chang**, Gloria and **Dave Balestrieri**, Cheryl and **Ken Colby**, Janine and **Stan Labak** and Paula and **Steve Bartie**. A great time was had by all, even though **John "Younger" Young** got confused and missed the event. The Barties are in Virginia Beach where Steve is catapult officer on board AMERICA. Also in Virginia Beach are Carol Lee and **Russ Gordon**. **Dave Mercer** is also in the area at Oceana. I believe Marissa and **Mark Manthey** are also in the area with Mark going through sea trials. The Labaks live in Quincy, Massachusetts where Stan works for Marine Acoustics (Sounds like a stereo shop in Quantico). The Colbys are not too far away in Boston where Ken works for Oracle (I believe she's a palm reader).

Heading west, Joy and **Bob Stowe** are in Garland, Texas. Living in the San Diego area are Jo and **Mike Warner**, Flora and **John Woodward** (though should be in Portland for overhaul by now), Ann-Marie and **Tim Sprague**, Judy and **John Newcomb**, Susan and **John Casey** (Face is a shipboard department head), and Gloria and **Dave Balestrieri** (Bal is still flying for American when he isn't flying Reserve). In the Northwest we have Candee and **Al Gonzales** in Bangor where Al is engineer on board USS NEVADA. Linda and **Dirk Stanley** are close by on Whidbey Is-

land where Dirk is getting ready for deployment. Living near those Air Force badguys are Sallie and **Well Clark** who run a Victorian bed and breakfast in Colorado Springs.

Back in D.C., **John Gardiner** is with MCI, **Mark Hubal** is with TRW, **Bill Dunkin** is with a NavAir P-3 program and **John Rudder** is with Career Development (developing a lot of careers as well as our 10-year Reunion). Mr. Mansfield, by the way, is also in D.C. working with the Navy standards office when he isn't bumping into **John Lademan**, **Jim Anderson** or **Bryan Livingston** at the Reserve Center.

Well sportsfans, we've emptied the mailbox for now, but I know I'll be hearing from you (especially if your children's pictures aren't getting into *Shipmate*). Until next time this is Mister Ed saying, "Ohhhhh Willlllbur." After all, a horse is a horse of course of course.

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This was a light month for mail so this should not be a long column. I want to start with some rather sad news. Our friend, **John Luke Rogers** passed away in late-June of this year. I don't know any details because I found this out through the Alumni Association. I do know he has a sister but I have not been able to contact her. If you know anything, please let me know.

Jim Weckerly received the Navy Achievement Medal for his performance with his helo while stationed in San Diego. **Jim Davis** is in the Philadelphia area trying to earn a living scalping Army-Navy tickets. Please send donations to. . . . Actually, Jim is a "yardbird" as he is responsible for the overhaul of the USS SAIPAN. He is the ship superintendent. **Rich Fitzpatrick** is the Foirst Loontenant (that's Philly-speak) on the ship. The question everyone keeps asking is: How is the captain's gig? Also aboard the SAIPAN is **Tom Smith**, although he is turning civilian this month. Tom and Vickie will be staying in the Philly area and are looking for a babysitter for Nickolas and Kristen. If you are interested call 215-824-4429. By the way, Jim and his wife are expecting their first child and babysitting duties with them can be arranged by calling 215-869-0250.

Dick Vann is the ship supe of the USS KITTY HAWK for its drydock work. Cindy and Dick expect another baby to keep Andrew company any day now. Dave is now an Engineering Duty type after his Monterey gig. Even more frightening news, **Jim Chimiak** is now a doctor. He is also in Philly at the Shipyard Branch Clinic. He is the Diving Medical Officer and I won't even touch that one. **Mike Butler** is the MPA on the KITTY HAWK and **Andy Acevedo** is aboard the USS OLIVER HAZARD PERRY which is also moored in Philly.

I'm sure a victory this month at Homecoming cheered us up!

Enjoy, **Larry K**

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I realize that it seems like an eternity since I last

wrote a column, but it really has been a very busy Spring and Summer for me. I appreciate the fact that I have continued to receive mail and very little abuse for my recent inconsistencies. Hopefully that will all change. On to the news, and I have plenty of it.

Bob Miller dropped a quick line to point out the error of my ways. It seems that Bob feels that I stretched the truth (a little) and wants to correct me for saying that submariners don't know how to write. I would never put those guys in the same category as Marines, it's only that **Ed Dempsey** always needs to have his wife do the writing. You figure it out. Also, Bob mentioned that **Doug Beisel** is on MICHIGAN vice a Trident and Bob's sewer pipe displaces as much as a CGN-36 and DD-963 combined! I guess with those facts, I'll have to admit that I did stretch the truth.

Donna Roberts wrote to surprise her husband, Don. Don was six years sub duty and resigned to work in the defense industry. After spending time in Washington, D.C., Don and Donna moved to Tidewater where Don works for Newport News Shipbuilding. The Roberts had their first son, Kyle, on 13 February.

Tom Ryan changed address in Indianapolis and asked if I'd print this new one. 3405 Bay Point Way, Indianapolis, Ind., 46212, (317) 299-9511; out of town, call collect, free room and board is still offered.

Mugsy mentioned that **Dan Hinz** is starting a 36th conewsletter and everyone should be hearing from him soon. Also, a plea for **Brian Woods** address to **Tom Ryan**.

Jeff Tomez reported to duty on board ENTERPRISE and is assigned as the ASW officer. Jeff is on WestPac and crossed the equator for the first time. That, he said, was and is the highlight of the tour. I guess Jeff would rather be back as USNA, frying Mids! Jeff also mentioned that **Ruth** and **Dave Kennedy** are in P-cola where Keys was an instructor and then promoted to assist director of AOCS. Also, **Joe Nowakis** is out of the Navy, married and living in the Washington D.C. area. **Mike Stapleton** married his one and only, Jackie, and is the helo control on Iwo JIMA.

Jerome E. Connolly, Jr. of Garden City, New York, received a MBA from the Darden School at UVA and will become a salesman in fixed income securities with Merrill Lynch in New York City.

Tina-Marie (D'ercole) Jaskot dropped a line from a Holiday Inn at Bangor, Maine to send me her wedding picture. Tina mentioned that everything was perfect and that even Nels behaved himself throughout the affair.

Veronica and **Ernie Styron** are in a terrible dilemma. They are stationed in Hawaii. Really though, it was a terrible move and their address book was lost. They would appreciate it if anyone would write so they can try and recreate some lost friends. Their new address is 13 Honll Street, Aiea, Hawaii, 96701. Ernie is the sup on the OUELLET. Veronica, Danielle and James all enjoying island life. If anyone wants a place to crash, that's slightly better than Ryans offer in Indy. The Styrons would love the company, (808) 487-5918, but don't call collect—they have kids to feed.

Scott Stewart sent a picture of '80s finest having fun at Grumman Aerospace on Long Island. Unfortunately, Guad and Gonzo were sent home when the A-6F was cancelled and Stewie and Reb are left to keep an evil eye on the contractors. Guad is back at Pax River, Gonzo is selling *sushi* in PMTC, and Reb and Stewie are testing the F-14A and F-14D.

Dianne Megan Purin was born to Mr. & Mrs. **Doug Purin** on 3 February 1988 at 0446. It was a good thing that Doug had the mid watch. I assume that Doug is still flying for American and living in Fredricksburg, Virginia. Just when you thought it was safe. . . .

Czar II and Czar III!!

Amy and **Mark Czazasty** gave birth to twins, Devon Rae and Casey Alexander, on 26 May in Vabch. Czar is probably teaching his son how to go over the wall already.

Also, my old roomie, Kellie and **Chuck Zingler** had a baby girl in May, Ashley Marie. Marion and **Carl Hendershot** had a baby girl, Sara Jane, in April. Both of these guys promise pictures and I'll print the details with the pix. Well, its time to close what I hope is the longest drought of our Class news. I promise to do better. Go Navy. **Smitty**.

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I once again regret that it is my sad duty to report the death of another Classmate and friend. **Bob Matheny** was killed in an A-4 flight mishap on 20 June 1988. At the time of his death Bob was attached to VF-43 at NAS Oceana. Bob received his wings as a jet pilot in April 1983 and had tours at VC-5 in the Philippines, VF-74 and Fighter Wing One at Oceana prior to reporting to VF-43 in November 1987. Bob was a member of the All-Navy Rugby Team and the Virginia Rugby Union Select Team. Bob is survived by his parents, Sara and John Matheny of Bolivar, New York, four brothers, and a sister. **Ted Morse** wrote from Pensacola to report that all of the following Classmates were present at a Memorial Service held for Bob at NAS Oceana Chapel: John Burke, Jim Rice, Dave Ott, John Theiss, Mike Mahre, John Geshay, Willie Taylor, Mike Kronzer, Mike Mason, John Sneveley, Ted Wirginis, Jeff Freeman, Pat Lien, Bob Schrader, Jim Murray, Pete Riestler, Henry Holt, Art Inouye, Len Coulter, Kevin Henry, and J.D. Daniel. Bob's parents have asked that those wishing to make donations send them to the Lt. Robert Matheny Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund for Bolivar Central High School. Contributions can be sent directly to Bolivar Central, 100 School Street, Bolivar, N.Y. 14715. Bob was obviously a very active and popular member of our Class and will be missed by all of us who were lucky to have known an individual like Bob. The Class of '81 extends its deepest sympathies to Bob's family.

Dave Ott also wrote from Virginia Beach to report the tragic news about Bob and he included the following Class news: **J.T. Theiss**, Delta, left the Navy and VA-42 for the airlines. Others at 42 are Otter, **John Sneveley**, **J.D. Daniel**, and Judy and **Rick "Pokie" Keller**. At VF-107 are **Bob Schrader** and Katie and **Craig Roll**. **Ted Wirginis** is at FacsFac VaCapes, **Walt Silveira** is a civilian financial manager, Betsy and **Bob Peyreigne** are at ComMatWing One, **Dan DeWispelaire** and **Randy Duhrkopf** are at VA-128 and **Larry Burt** is at VA-136 at Cecil.

Charlene Gerbig wrote to inform us that she and Jim are at Newport with Jim in Department Head School. Charlene and Jim left NMPC and their neighbors now include **Jerry Hueber** and **Jim Shannon**. They also report that Jill and **Jim Wetzel** are in Tennessee and have had their third child, a girl, Sandra. The photo shows Jim receiving his second Navy Comm.

D. J. Debode, one of my old roommates is at ASWOC on Sigonella. Sandy and Doug recently added their third son, Brad, who was born in April. Chris is six and Jason is three. Sandy and Doug can be reached through ASWOC, Sig, FPO N.Y. 09523-1100.

I heard from **Jim Heffernan** who reports his marriage to Cathy on 21 Nov. 87. The picture shows the newlyweds and includes Classmates, **Steve Steck-**