

the Ladies.

The Stichter's are on the road again this month. I've been transferred to the Naval Air Propulsion Center where I hope to take over as the Director of Engineering. The job is a great one; full of challenges and a great group of professionals to work with. I can hardly wait to get started! I'll put out the new address next month.

Homecoming plans are the same as other nonreunion years. Look for a tailgate party in the lot before, during and after the game!

Not much else of news worthiness going on, so take care and I'll be looking for you at the Army/Navy game; where this year we will BEAT ARMY!

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Membership: 62%

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I only found one letter, a postcard, and a few Fleet Home News Center releases among all of the junk mail that ended up in my mailbox during the last month. I was, however, fortunate enough to talk with **Alex Cobble** and **William Brown** on the phone during the last week. Alex and Virginia are both well, and they purchased a home in San Diego. Alex said that business has been good. William Brown called from Austin, Texas, where he is now involved with setting up a new church as an interim task before returning to active duty in the Navy as a Chaplain; he received his final ordination as a Methodist minister at the end of May. Lt(jg) Brown CHC will be stationed at Pearl Harbor as the chaplain for a destroyer squadron.

MyK and I got a postcard from Audrey Beth and **Dennis DiLucente**. Dennis has been around home for a while so he and Beth are enjoying Hawaii between deployments. The news releases I received said that **Willie Harris** is stationed with 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune; **Gary Harrell** recently reported for duty with VP-19 at NAS Moffett Field; and **Dick Sears** reported for duty with HSL-35 at NAS North Island.

I also heard from **Don Bringle**; he is finishing up a deployment aboard ENTERPRISE. Don is anxious to get started on the Class projects that I have mentioned in the last couple of columns. We first have to improve our membership stats in the Alumni Association so that we can reach a larger percentage of the Class. So far, I have three volunteers to be Class company reps: **Ken Sichau**—1st Co. **Blaine Pearsall**—17th Co, and **John Sarao**—30th Company; I hope to hear from more of you in the next few months. As a company rep, we would ask you to try and update us on the addresses of all former company members—both grads and non-grads, and help with some of the tasks associated with upcoming projects. Our Class luncheon at the Washington Navy Yard was quite successful, and we would like to encourage some volunteers to set up similar gatherings in areas where a lot of Classmates are located. It is a great opportunity to see old friends, and it also affords us the opportunity to build a stronger Class organization. Please let us know if you can help out in this regard.

Since there are almost 500 Classmates, both members and non-members of the Association, for whom we don't have an address, I'm going to try and list some every month. If you see your name or someone else's for whom you have a good address, please send a card to the Alumni Association or drop me a line. We have no address on file for:

Mike Abbott, David Akey, Chris Alberg, Bob Adrich, Mike Allshouse, Rich Anders, Darrel Anderson, Randal Anderson, Howard Aschwald, William Atwell, Doug Austin, Norman Baer, Robert

Bagnall, John Ball, Ralph Bass, Greg Batti, Robert Beebe, Bob Belling, Terry Bentley, Bill Bevil, Clyde Black, Harry Blair, Jeff Bliss, David Boch, John Boggs, Kent Bolin, Charlie Boyd, Pat Brady, Nelson Breve, Steven Broadaway, Stu Brock, Alan Brown, Charles Brown, Enoch Brown, Paul Brown, Tim Browne, Malvin Brubaker, Ron Brunson, Henry Bryson, Edwin Buckley, Bayani Buclatin, Dale Burket, Hoyt Butler, and Bob Butt.

John Cabanis, Tom Cahill, Doug Campbell, Fernando Cardoza, David Cartwright, Robert Causin, Steve Chapman, Kevin Cheatham, Mark Chidley, John Christman, Mike Christy, and Bob Chronister.

It's probably going to take a full year to list all the names, help us out if you can. We all shared a unique experience at USNA, whether it was just for Plebe Summer or four years as a Midshipman. We are all the Class of 76 and collectively we have the potential to make a significant contribution to those who come after us. Keep in touch.

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Membership: 83%

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Shipmates, it's time once again for the back to school issue! The kids are digging their feet in and moms are pushing them out the door, thankful that the Summer and all that activity is over! How many of you took one of those vacations that visited all the family and relatives and seemed to wear you out more than you would have been had you not gone at all? I was one of them. For two weeks we traveled throughout California making sure that time was equally spent at the various households. Bless them all, but they sure can tucker you out! I finally relaxed a bit at home but was soon caught up in all the necessary "honey-do" projects left over from sea duty. When will we learn?

This issue brings with it news of a couple of moves. Susan and **Tim Lorentz**, along with daughter, Katie, and son, Patrick, have moved to Orlando, Florida, where Tim is already enjoying his tour as Director of Students, Enlisted Department at Nuclear Power School. Susan mentioned that they have already purchased their season pass to Disney World and are enjoying swimming—when it gets hot—in their pool at their home in Winter Park. Tough life, smile! **Ron Sticinski** with his wife, Cookie, have settled in Tybee Island, Georgia. Ron left the Navy in March and joined up with Intermarine USA as a quality engineer. He is working on designing and building the lead ship of the MHC-51 class. He's enjoyed the project, especially from the engineering side that a new design concept is being attempted . . . the entire ship is being built out of glass-reinforced plastic! Anyway, they live on the beach and want people to look them up. Ron's address is P.O. Box 1262, Tybee Island, Ga. 31328. Before closing, Ron also mentioned that he ran into three Classmates. He saw **Mike Frick** in Subic Bay en route to the Persian Gulf. Mike was serving as Engineer Officer on an unnamed CG. He also mentioned seeing **Heinz McArthur** and **Mike Hammer** in D. C. Heinz, wife, Cynthia, and two boys were in the process of moving out of the D.C. area where Heinz had been working as a computer specialist for the Marine Corps. Mike was working for NavSea, involved with deep submergence vessel design.

A column would not be worth reading if it didn't have a Fleet Home Town News release! Marine Capt.

Rich Snyder reported for duty with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California. Marine Capt. **Bill Frost** received a Navy Achievement Medal for his superior performance of duty while stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Additionally, he participated in exercise Dragon Hammer '88. The exercise conducted on the southern coast of Sardinia, Italy, brought together U.S. Forces along with those of Italy, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands for a combined amphibious assault. LCdr. **Mark Brynestad** participated in an exercise with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force while serving in USS RATHBURNE, homeported in Pearl Harbor. The exercise was conducted in the Philippine Sea and surrounding international waters and tested ASW, ASUW, and AAW interoperability with the Japanese. LCdr. **Bill Mickler** reported for duty at the U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. LCdr. **Scott Fogarty** reported for duty with Commander Sixth Fleet, Gaeta, Italy.

That's all the news for this month. If you moved or have moved in the past and not dropped a line, please do so. Until next month . . . happy trails, **Bill**.

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Membership: 84%

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Fourteen years ago at this time we were completing our first week of Plebe Summer. Socks, jocks, and lock box; bilging our Classmates; "I'll find out, Sir!" and dreamy thoughts of "Yard liberty." We're havin' some fun now. Rest assured veterans of that far off Summer, that it's hotter and muggier than ever . . . they must be havin' fits with the WGBT numbers. Or was it WGBT? I never could remember. Anyway we'll have plenty of time to gab about that on 30 September and 1 October at the big 10 Year!

This is the last *Shipmate* issue before that time, so let me quickly review a few things. Please keep in mind, this info is current as of this writing (15 July). It is *not* too late to submit checks for Homecoming weekend. While we had a due date of 1 July, that was to spur you folks on to submit your money. As of now, we have about 250-300 folks signed up and we planned for a crowd of about 650. However, even if we reach that number we will do all in our power to accommodate anyone who wants to come. If at all possible, we don't want to turn anyone away for Saturday's events. So if you haven't sent your money in yet, give me a call and I'll let you know about availability. In regard to Friday's Alumni events, e.g., dinner in the Wardroom, you must contact the Alumni Association directly per the info in *Shipmate*. As for football tickets, you must contact the NAAA directly at (301) 268-6060. If you have any questions, please call me. It's now or never. And now the news. Jackie and **Ron Uglov** report that they're readying themselves for a big 10th company gathering and that Ron expects to play starting guard on the '78 championship pick-up B-ball team.

John Mathre reports the birth of a son, Erik Mark, in April. Erik joins sister Kristen and Annelise and Mom, Linda, in the Mathre household in Monterey where John is working on an MS in Engineering Science and Aeronautical Engineering. Also in California is **Dana Sales** who is a real estate agent in Watsonville. Dana has been very active in community affairs serving as president of the school board, past vice president of the California Jaycees and a major player in several drug abuse prevention programs. In fact, rumor has it that Dana may even re-

ceive an award from the White House for his drug abuse work. Unfortunately he won't be able to attend Homecoming, but he and his wife Lynn, along with children Florenda, 3, and Raegan, 2, say hi to all 27th company buddies.

Joey Lynch, in his capacity as Safety Officer for Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Five, reports that he will be arriving on 30 September via Navy Airlines for the Reunion and wants to know if he can bring me anything from the West Coast, e.g., "Lakers' caps, skateboards, or an 'awesome' vocabulary." Joey, all I can say is "Grody to the Max" and trade in that tofu for some National Boh and Maryland crabs.

Congratulations are in order for Lynn and **A. J. Wise** who had their first child, Wesley Stephen. A. J. says Wesley is ready for Plebe Summer of 2006; way to start 'em early A. J. A note from Kim Miskowski reports that **Ray Miskowski** is on deployment as an admiral's aide serving in the Northern Arabian Sea. And Ray thought NAS meant Naval Air Station. Ray says it's pretty lonely out there, but his spades and pinochle playing is as good(?) as ever. And Kim wondered where Ray's paychecks were going . . . While Ray is frolicking in the I.O., Kim is at home in Florida with daughters Megan, Kelly and new addition Casey (born 9 March, a good Pisces person). Unfortunately the Miskowski's will not be able to attend the Reunion . . . Ray refuses to return to Maryland until the Colts come back to Baltimore. Johnny U where are you now?

Dave Hall reports from Connecticut that all is well in the explosive manufacturing business . . . in fact it's booming. Sorry folks, I just couldn't resist. Dave, Mary, daughter Elizabeth, 5, and son Stephen, 2, are all doing great. Over Memorial Day they visited Janice and Rob Cloutier and their children Jackie and April.

Dave also reports that the following weekend warriors from '78 have been selected LCdr's in the Reserve: Mark Honeck, Scott Provow, Duane Schoon, Andy Cucca, Guido Manzo, Dean Mazetta, Dave Balestrieri, Jim Gillespie, Bill Hanna, Ed Henkler, Allan Kowadla, Ken Law, Rafael Luevano, Mark Munson, Chet Seto, Buck Wicklund and John Klose. Dave is also in the Reserve, on board USS MILLER, and has also been selected for LCdr, but is awaiting the date to put it on. Congrats guys. Upon threat of losing an at-large vote, here's some news from **Rich Cellon** and his fellow bad boys. Itchy reports that **Toby Buttle** got married to a young lady named Jodie (you have my deepest sympathy, dear). Carmen and Rich were in from San Diego for the wedding along with **Frank Mattingly**, **Mark Poston**, **John Sturges** and **Jim Degree**. Apparently the guys used this as an opportunity to prime themselves for our Reunion festivities. In fact, this was verified from Intel community rep **Jim Degree** in a follow-up letter. Jim reports that he and Tracey are now back in California after a two-year tour in Rome with ComSixthFlt. It was a little scary at times with terrorist activity, Love Boat cruises off of Libya and Lebanon, and drinking Biera Peroni instead of Coors Light, but all-in-all, Jim says it was a great tour. Back in the states, the Degrees now live near their folks and frequently visit with Jean (Jim's sister) and **John Sturges**. In fact, Jim and Trace lived with John's folks (Class of '53) when they first moved out there. As with the rest of the California gang, the Degrees are ready to party hardy at Homecoming. Watch out Annapolis! Returning to Mediterranean waters, we hear from 15th company-mate **Charlie Hautau** on board USS EISENHOWER. The **IKE's** been on deployment for about 4 1/2 months now and is due to return at the end of the Summer. In the meantime, '78 has taken control: **Bob Ryan** (VAW-121 maintenance officer), **Charlie Dawson** (Ike's Ops), **Bill Yeager** (Cat and Arresting Gear Officer).



Sam Trangredi



Dana M. Sales



Buttle's Bad Boys



"We Like Ike" (In port, anyway)

Being arrested as many times as Bill has, this job makes perfect sense. Also on board is **Joe Gattuso** (Va-46 Ops) **Paul Susallo** (DesRon 26 staff), **Mark Bunting** (official ferrier of KA6 tankers and the like), **Leif Konrad** (CATCC Officer) and Charlie who is VA-34 training officer. Charlie also confirmed

National Enquirer reports that the bachelor is a dying breed. Not only is Charlie married, but he has a 15-month-old son, Andrew. Charlie married a former student, Jill, who is now flying T-39's out of Norfolk. As luck would have it, the aforementioned **Leif Konrad** (also a 15th company-mate) just purchased a house (though he doesn't know it yet) in beautiful Bowie, a mere cat launch from my house. While Leif was in the Med, his wife, Tina, daughter Jodie, 3, and mother-in-law, Betty, did all the house-hunting work and decided upon a house in Bowie. In fact they just spent several days with us while they were looking. Isn't it great the way guys go on deployments and say, "Oh by the way honey, while I'm gone, could you sell our house, buy another house and move the family 250 miles before I get back?" They don't make medals big enough to thank the Navy/Marine Corps wives for the jobs they do to support their husbands. Sometimes I wonder if there could be a Navy without them. (Oh the wife's gonna love that!) By the way Leif, the fact that I get a 10% cut of all Bowie real estate deal had nothing to do with Tina buying here.

Chas also reports on **Chris May** who, along with his wife Denise, is living in Washington state. Chris is working on special projects at the University of Washington's research lab. Chris and Denise will challenge all comers on 1 Oct as they defend their sleaze dance title from the 5-year reunion. They were dirty dancin' long before Patrick Swayze. Another 15th company couple returning for the reunion will be Beverly and **Case Runolfson** who are both serving in the Marine Corps and are soon to be stationed in the Washington D.C. area. From Japan, we hear from Prince. No not that Prince . . . **Lloyd Prince**.

Lloyd says all is well in the Far East, but is disappointed that he will not be able to attend Homecoming. Lloyd also says that **Miguel "Disco Dahlgren" Becerril** is now a professor of Economics at USNA. This from a who who every Saturday night would say, "Hey, Schmerm got ten bucks? Hey man, it's not for me, it's for my lady friend." First macro economics, then micro economics, now "Bessy" economics. It is a wonder. Back in the States, **Tim Dowding** checks in from Westerly, Rhode Island. After getting out of the Navy last year, Tim went to work as a senior analyst for Analysis and Technology in Connecticut. Tim is helping to develop training courses for Navy sonar techs on the new AN/SQQ-89V4 sonar. Though Lynn and sons, David and Daniel, are settling well into civilian life, Tim maintained his Navy ties by remaining in the Reserve with an Intel unit in New London. Tim's filling the oceanographer billet there and assists in determining environmental effects of weapons and sensors as it relates to SUB, ASW and Mine warfare.

Tim saw "Dr." **Sam Tangredi** recently on a trip to Newport. Sam is in fact defending his doctoral dissertation as I write this and should be Doctor Sam fairly soon. In the meantime, Sam is heading to San Diego as OPS on a DDG. Tim also bumped into **Lafayette Norton** who, as I mentioned last month, is living in New Mexico with wife Lena and children Michael and Jenna. Lafayette was selected to present a professional paper he wrote for the *IEEE Journal* (EE professional society). By the way folks, Tim foolishly volunteered to assist us in computerizing all the personal information you've sent back to me. We hope to have a Class information roster set up by Homecoming. By then Navy should be 4-0 and ready to go.

Next issue will include a 4th company update from **Paul Masefield**, a few rare photos and an etching of Bill the Goat. He really is old and gnarly. Until then, keep the checks comin' and remember those immortal Disco Dahlgren worlds, "I may not be good lookin', but I sure am lookin' good."