

Cobble a few weeks ago. Alex is well, and will, no doubt, some day be the king of commercial real estate in San Diego.

I'm sure that I'll see a few of you at Homecoming, and hopefully I'll have more news to pass on in the next issue. The Class project continues to go well; your support is terrific! I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year—Beat Army! **Joe**.

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Shipmates, may the joys of this holiday season find you in good spirits and health!

I continue with the Class supplied news in the election ballots. **Steve Sprecher** wrote from Laguna Hills, California, where he is a corporate attorney in Orange County. Steve mentioned that he and his wife Sherri will be celebrating their 12th anniversary in April—and still have no children, although some are planned. I guess it has to do with their busy schedules. Combine his with Sherri's as the National Director of Advertising for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate and there is not much time for anything else! **John Steinmuller** mentioned that he joined Pan American in September 1987 and is currently the 727 Training Captain at their Flight Academy in Miami, Florida. **Cookie** and **Ron Sticinski** wrote from Savannah, Georgia. Ron received a promotion at Intermarine USA as the Auxiliary System Engineer for the Navy's MHC-51 project. He joined the Inactive Reserve in April 1988 and drills with the Charleston, South Carolina, Weapons Station. In his spare time, he is working toward his MBA at Savannah State College.

Tom Osseck wrote from his VP-65 duty station at NAS Point Magu. He said that he, his wife, Maggie, and son, Tommy III, are having a great time in the Los Angeles area, where they have been since January 1983. Tom is a TAR and completed a one-month deployment to Misawa, Japan. It should go without saying . . . but he stated that one-month deployments beat the heck out of six-month cruises! Rub salt in the wounds, why don't you! **Dave Paddock** wrote in from West Germany where he is a USPA & IRA financial planner. In fact, he has done such a great job that he received honors as USPA & IRA European Salesman of the year! He reports that his two children, Cassie, 8, and Christopher, 6, are growing up fast and both are attending German public schools. How is his wife, Sue, enjoying it? Dave says that she is good at German, too, so she must be having fun! They will be there another five years and would love to have company. His address is: Kant Stasse 18, 8700 Wurzburg, West Germany.

Jeff Patterson wrote from Kailua, Hawaii, where he is working as the 1st MEB SOC Officer and OIC of the TEECG for the G-3. He met **Ron Brinkley** on board USS *BOURBON COUNTY* where Ron is the XO. **Dave Comis** is the AS Officer on ComCarGru Seven Staff in San Diego. He mentioned that he has spent the last 18 months on USS *NIMITZ* where he participated in a RimPac exercise and a Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployment. He expects to transfer in January to PXO school in New London. **Barb** and **Paul Coleman** live in South Berwick, Maine, where he works in the Nuclear Test Branch at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Paul resigned in April 1988 and is pursuing re-entry to the Naval Reserve, Intelligence Branch. John and Sandy Kamen transferred about a year ago from West Point where he was an instructor and she had a great job in NYC to Pearl Harbor where

he is a Senior Ship Supervisor for USS *INDIANAPOLIS* (SSN-697). To keep Sandy busy, they decided to have their first baby (October). Tell me Sandy, was it a fair exchange? John wants everyone to know that his doors are always open for those who want to come and visit. He calls it paradise!

Pete Green reported from St. Mary's County, Maryland, where he, wife Anne, and children, Nate, 8, and Jenny, 5, have lived for over four years. Pete works for Veda, Inc. as a contract P-3 test pilot and engineer. He also flies P-3's on weekends with VP-68 at Andrews Air Force Base. Try this next one on for size. Remember hitting the engineering books for such courses as EN100, EN300 (steam), EN405 (thermo) and EN361 (thermo for Marine Engineers)? Well, **Ken Graber** now teaches same at good old USNA where he and his wife are stationed with the Naval Systems Engineering Department. Extra curricular activities include serving as Assistant Wrestling Coach and as Officer in Charge of a YP for the month-long LantPat training cruise. During the Summer, he also teaches Leadership and Tactics. He mentioned that he is looking forward to a surface line, mighty fine XO tour this coming Summer. **Dan Hansen** wrote from his new address in Virginia Beach where he has homestead with a tribe, including his wife, Sherry, sons Jason, 15, Bill, 10, and Matt, 7, plus a brand new baby girl, Terra Kathleen, born 6 October. Dan earned his Master's in Electrical Engineering, with a Space Engineering sub-specialty code, from the Naval Postgraduate School in March. He is stationed with HC-6 at NAS Norfolk, flying CH-46's and has been assigned as OIC of a helo detachment deploying to the Med in USNS *SIRIUS* this Spring.

Rich Hanson is settled in the Washington, D.C., area with his wife, Kathy, and two children, Scott, 7, and Kelley, 4. Rich resigned in July 1986 after completing a tour as NAV/OPS in USS *ARCHERFISH* (SSN-678) where his tour was highlighted by a North Pole surfacing! He is an analyst for the federal government and maintains a commission in the Naval Reserve. **George Platz** is DC-9 First Officer for USAir. He is living in Virginia Beach and mentioned that he and his wife have two children, Megan, 7, and Mary, 5. **Doug Hannun** lives with his wife Debby in Severna Park, Maryland. Doug is also a USAir DC-9 first officer and keeps **Pete Green** company on the weekends by also flying for VP-68 out of Andrews Air Force Base. Doug mentioned that Debby has been kept busy caring for their two daughters, Katherine, 3, and Emily, 2. The kids are a handful!! **Anne** and **Mike Jones** hail from Allentown, Pennsylvania where he is in human resources for Air Products and Chemicals. Anne on the other hand, keeps on the run . . . after their three children, Allison and Colleen, 7yr old twins, and Andrew, 3. Mike left the Navy in April 1986 as a recruiter, but retained a Reserve commission and serves out of Willow Grove—CV-66.

Dennis and Patty Simon survived hurricane Hugo in Charleston, South Carolina, with minimal damage (we should not expect a refund check this year from USAA!!). Dennis finished up a tour as navigator in USS *RAY* and is headed to the PXO pipeline in New London. Patty mentioned that their two boys, Scott, 8, and Christopher, 6, are both tremendously athletic and keep her going continually. They are on local area swim teams and have suitably adorned their refrigerator with a bunch of ribbons! Enclosed is a picture of three young sweet ladies and their spouses at the recent Charleston Submarine Ball.

Pics and pans include: **Gregg Smith** is a financial planner with IDS/American Express in Virginia Beach. **Monty Sooter** lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. **Robert Julian** lives in Monterey, California. **Mike Hamner** is stationed at the Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C., and is working as a project engineer in submarine design. **Harry**

Guthmuller lives in Virginia Beach. **Dennis Haines** is the intel officer for Submarine Group Seven in Yokosuka, Japan and is due to roll in December 1990. **Gary Colton** lives in Escondido, California. **Bob Condry** lives with his wife in Woodbridge, Virginia. **Ray Cook** has moved his wife, Jennifer and daughters, Andrea and Allison, to College Park, Pennsylvania, where Ray will start work on a Penn State MBA. Karen Lee and **Terrence Cook** live in Arnold, Maryland. **Greg Cooper** is the maintenance officer for VS-30, flying S-3B's off USS *SARATOGA*.

Until next month . . . Happy Trails, **Bill**.

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Membership: 83%

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Happy Holidays Classmates! I was sitting here trying to "guess-timate" how many shopping days will be left when this issue finally reaches you. If you are anything like me, there's really only *one* shopping day until Christmas. That's not to say that I get my *Shipmate* late, but rather that's all I usually wind up leaving myself as procrastination gets the best of me! This year I hope to do better as Elizabeth's threatened to tell Santa to leave coal in my stocking if I am again found roaming the malls at the 11th hour of Christmas Eve!

Well there was a rush of mail in September which unfortunately arrived just shortly after my November deadline. But the good news is they were in time for this issue. So combined with a few well placed phone calls and some coincidental meetings, their news constitutes the bulk of this month's writing . . . so let's get busy!

After consulting with a hieroglyphics expert I was able to decipher **Dennis Reilly's** letter. (Thanks for the ego boost Dennis, I thought I was only one ready for Remedial Penmanship 101!) Dennis is a District Sales Manager in Bethesda for Oracle, but once a month, in his "other life," he's the XO of the NR NARDAC 106 at the Washington Navy Yard. Last August, while spending Reserve active duty at the more exotic location of Naval Station Rota, Dennis bumped into **Jim "Worm" Warren** and family. Jim had just reported to VQ-2 where he's a Recce NFO. Prior to that he was at the Joint EW Center in San Antonio, Texas. Hopefully the Warrens have successfully located a house by now. They had been staying at a hotel on the Costa de la Luz. In between looking for a house they were also trying to shield their three children from seeing all those topless sunbathers along the beach! I'm sure Jim was the point man in that mission! Cheryl and **Ken Colby** also work at Oracle Corp. along with Dennis. Ken manages a consulting group that does business for the Air Force and Cheryl is a contracts and sales administration manager. In June a third daughter, Jamie Lee, was born to Cheri and **Drew Mulhare**. The Mulhares live in lovely Williamsburg, Virginia, where Drew is the Project Engineer for Ford's Colony in Williamsburg and Swan Point in Charles County, Maryland. Barb and **Scott Eckert** live in Silver Spring, Maryland. Scott left Seicor and took a sales management position with Fujitsu. Erin, Jeff, 6, Jennifer, 2, and **Craig "Archie" Griffin** and the Reillys were among the guests at Scott's daughter's second birthday party. Arch is studying German at the State Department's Foreign Language Institute in preparation for his next assignment as the Assistant Naval Attaché in Bonn, Germany. Ginny and **Lanny King** are in Newport. Lanny is attending the War College. Prior to school he had a highly successful tour as the Combat Systems Officer on the USS *ANTIETAM*.

That's all the news from Dennis. But he has promised me a report for the next issue on '78's September Golf Outing, so we'll all be looking forward to hearing more from Dennis!

Congratulations to Elizabeth and **Steve Kinney** on the birth of their first, Allison Marie, on 28 August. I received a birth announcement, which was the first clue of a pregnancy I'd had. Talk about your pleasant surprises! Thanks for letting me know Derwood—but you're still on the Sierra List!



Langdons

Congratulations are also due to Marilyn (nee Jamison) and **Scott Langdon** as they were married on 26 August at the Point Loma Sub Base Chapel in San Diego. This month Marilyn and Scott should be touring the Far East. Scott was with the CCDG-3 Staff on board the USS ENTERPRISE until late-November. Marilyn was to meet him in Hong Kong for a month of sightseeing. Afterward, they will return to San Diego to deal with a PCS move. Scott has orders to New London for PXO school in mid-January. After where they'll be is questionable as the sub detailer has "assured" them that "there are no submarines in San Diego in need of an XO" about the time Scott becomes available . . . (and you all know you can take a detailer's word to the bank). Still, Marilyn is looking forward the months back in Connecticut where she grew up. Thanks for the wedding announcement and note, Marilyn, and welcome to the Navy family and the Class of '78!

Another change to your Christmas card list . . . Lora, Melanie, 5½, Marissa, 2, and **Guido Manzo** are in Lindenhurst, Illinois. Guido accepted a U.S. marketing position at Abbott Laboratories' headquarters in North Chicago, next door to NTC Great Lakes. After living in the South (Slidell, Louisiana) they're excited about the career opportunity and the scenery change. Of course as the Winter draws near they are in the market for used children's Winter clothing and are willing to trade water skiing equipment and tons of Summer clothing—Hey, Guido was even looking for someone to buy his ski boat (perhaps a trade for some snow mobiles?)! Guido added a quick postscript to the Manzo Family newsletter to say that he bumped into Rose and **Mark Poston**. Mark works for Baxter and last year had also made the move to Chicago from Louisiana. Talk about your small worlds and coincidences! When Guido wrote in late-September, the Poston's were expecting a birth "any day." We hope all went well. How about an update Mark?

Glen Wheless wrote to correct his address. It seems he, Martha, and Beth, 2½, moved a few months ago. Yes, I did get fried for "Failure to get the

word." So 24th Company take note lest you get burned too, take note! His new address is 2812 Ocean Mist Court, Virginia Beach, Va. 23454. Glen spoke with **Mark "Mac" McKeon**, whom I saw in October for the Marine Corps Aviation Association Convention. It was a business boondoggle for me but Mac was there to receive the MCAA Award for being the Marine Corps' 1989 NFO of the Year. Mac is now among those '78ers at PG School. As Wheels says "that from a guy who did so well in French back in school!" Glenn adds that **Pad "Stone Hands" Fox** is also at PG School, as well as **Andy Winns**. **Dan Cannan** is flying with the Aggressors of VF-43 having completed F-16 school. **Dave "Pugsley" Sargent** is safely esconced in his position as Director of Wargaming at USNA. Also from the wargaming field, **Jeff Gagne** is working in Norfolk at CinCLantFlt for the Syscon Corp. Kathleen and **Jay "The Man" Bowling** are in San Diego where he is a "rotorhead" (That's Vertical Lift Multi-purpose Rotorcraft Expert to you Wheels!). The Bowlings are also expectant parents. **Dave Bruckwicky** is in Charleston as the navigator on the USS SEA HORSE. Dave's analysis of the NFL is—"Cowboys are going to the Super Bowl!" Yup, with prognostication like that I'd be double checking his position reports closely if I was his skipper! **Leon "Funky Monkey" Miller** is on his way out to China Lake to fly A-6s and do other funky things. Ellen, **Glenn "Sidney" Fogg** and sons, Mike and Alex, are in Jacksonville, Florida, where Glenn is an instructor at the P3 RAG. He's awaiting orders to return to the Fleet. As for Wheels, not only is he on our Class Board of Directors but he's also a PhD candidate at Old Dominion University in Physical Oceanography and busily writing his dissertation. It's an effort he likens to a . . . er, well, in cleaned up aviator's talk—a major discomfort at your 6 . . . 'nuff said. Looking back at Wheels' news I can't help but wonder—wasn't there anyone in the company without a nickname?!

During a recent stopover in Atlanta I spoke with Pam Rodgers, **H. Scott Rodgers** better half. They and their daughter Kelsey, 18 months, live in Roswell, Georgia, where Scott is an American Airlines pilot. Pam is now a Certified "Private" Accountant taking account of Scott and Kelsey and busily managing the Rodgers household. It's no simple chore and is made even more difficult by Scott's efforts to help with his new PC. ("Can you say Spreadsheet?") Scott is currently undergoing training in Dallas to move up to flying Boeing 757's. On 18 October **Marty Drake** assumed command of the hydrofoil USS PEGASUS contrary to my previous word that he would have an MCM. (Hey, I got my word from a detailer, how could I know?)

Our own illustrious Class President and leader, **Steve Maloney**, is now working at DataMetric in Burke, Virginia. At present, Jock is a geographic bachelor living with his in-laws and commuting to New Jersey on the weekends. Mary Jane and the kids will likely move down after the birth of young Maloney #4, early next year.

I saw **Scott McKee** in the BWI airport where I spent a day trying to make a connecting flight during the Hurricane Hugo mess. Scott lives in Annapolis and is one of the many of our Class flying with Northwest Airlines. I had one of my business associates pass me a business card from a couple of "Naval Academy guys" he'd met at the recent AUSA Convention in Washington, D.C. The card belongs to the Director, Washington Marketing, for Ocean Technology, Inc. . . . none other than **Jay Deloach**. The last I'd seen of Jay he was working on the SEAWOLF program in the periscope program office. The other side of the card was written, **Edward Reid**, Harris Corp. Okay guys I got the message, now how about filling in the details next time I'm in D.C.?

Our last two company rep slots have been filled. **Bill Timme** has volunteered to be 31st Co Rep and

Jim Wise is for 27th Co. Bill is now a sub detailer (Marilyn and Scott Langdon take note!) at headquarters. By his volunteerism he has removed all ill toward detailers (for the time being). Bill's address and phone are: 6086 Joust Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22310, (h) 703-971-8211 and (w) 202-695-0686. Jim's numbers are: 4008 Shallow Brook Lane, Olney, Md. 20832, (h) 301-924-5258 and (w) 703-418-8087. Thanks for coming through guys!

Well, I'm at my space limit. Besides, that's all the news I have, or can remember for now. I trust the holiday season finds you and your families in good health and spirits. May the New Year bring you the fulfillment of the promise of future success, abundant riches and happiness. If you would all add just one resolution to your list for 1990—write more often, if not to me, to your company rep, or more importantly to the Classmate and friend of whom you'd for so long been promising "to keep in touch" . . . keep that thought. As for the Bladerrama's . . . we'll take this opportunity to live up to that resolution while at the same time making our contribution to the President's commitment to a fiscally frugal and economically conscious and responsible America, to all our friends and Classmates—consider this our Christmas Card! See you in 1990!

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Merry Christmas!

I hope you have recovered from the big Reunion by now. I started feeling normal about the time of Army-Navy. Is it just me or does Navy football give you a really empty feeling? I hope the 90's change things. I realize most of you are completely updated but for those unfortunate few that didn't make it, here is a brief refresher. I'm sure next month will be even more descriptive as I am writing this before Homecoming.

Doyle Thomas is on a subtender, USS CAPE COD, out of San Diego. His wife Marianne keeps them properly outfitted in trendy clothing from Saks Fifth Avenue. **Steve Walsh** is still a Marine, naturally. He was off on some training so he'll have to wait to find out if Klingensmith broke something on Decker's yacht until next month. **Pete Cuccio** where are you? Mary Etta and **Ron Rahal** should be pictured with a new addition, Bethany. She was born on 30 June 1989. Ron is on the USS ENTERPRISE out of Norfolk. **Mark Wray** has also been seen in the Reactor Department. **Ray Griffith** is living in Leonardtown, Maryland, with Cindy and their two children, Tamma and Stephen. Ray is an instructor pilot at Pax River. Karen and **Chad Sain** couldn't make the Reunion but Chad should be pictured with their son Nicolas. **Walt Ballard** is at the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia. He and Merline have a little boy named Walter, what else. At last word, A or B Miller is coming from San Diego to hit the Reunion. **Phil McConkey** caught on with the Phoenix Cardinals. He and Diane are looking at a June wedding in New York's St. Pat's Cathedral. I never thought I'd see the day!

Pete Carrier is out in LA working for Hughes Aircraft as a marketing manager. **Jack Williams** is with Merrill Lynch in Dallas. Jenny and **Mike Neller** are living in San Diego and owe me a phone call (800-292-2935). Mike stayed in the Navy with the Submarine Development Group One, Detachment for Unmanned Vehicles. Mike is the Officer-in-Charge for those nifty vehicles that do deep ocean search and recovery. Sort of like The Abyss. **John**