

Diego from a deployment on USS VINCENNES (CG-49) and Jim is in San Diego and will possibly deploy sometime next Summer. The last SoCal update is that **Dave Vail** is still in the cockpit flying at the Pacific Missile Test Center. Mike also reports that **Dick Gallagher** has departed HSL-37 Barber's Point and is on his way to War College. I was surprised at the lack of Pink Porsche reports from Hawaii while Dirk was stationed there, but guess Dirk's first love was in mothballs for a few years. I'm sure it can now be seen streaking across the USA.

That's it for this month . . . the mail bag has been woefully empty. Please START those cards and letters coming! I look forward to seeing you all somewhere in WestPac now that I'm out here on 'The Tip of the Spear.' I pray you all had happy holidays. Take care and God bless. **Dempsey**

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Happy new year! As with our nation's capital, a new administration takes office, ready for the tasks at hand. For me that means finally putting pen to paper—I mean, keyboard to floppy disc, and writing my first *Shipmate* column. Between our comings and goings it took a while to effect a turnover from Scherm. I mean he can only change his address and phone number so much! Thank goodness the fire department was finally able to get through his barricade and a set of bolt cutters did just dandy in unshackling the *Shipmate* Gouge folder!

But seriously, before I get any further, I'd like to take the time to thank **Bob Schermund** and all the outgoing Class officers for a job well done! They worked in quiet, often thankless, fashion over the years, and represented '78 with vigor and style, always enhancing our already stellar Class reputation. For all you did (the columns, tailgaters, reunions, et al) this Bud's for you! Thanks also to Bob, for his parting words in December's *Shipmate*. Though he stole my thunder, he did hit the nail on the head folks,—this column, is really *yours*. It's not a "fictional writing" project for the Secretary. I can't create those events and words which recall your memories of friendships and moments first forged during our four years at Bancroft and which compel you to renew them . . . Only you can, through your cards, letters, and phone calls to me. It's what we make of it. I just trust I can do your news justice and convey them with a little style and humor in the process. Bob's own inimitable style, his cleverness and wit will be a tough act to follow . . . so bear with me while I get my journalistic footing. Well, enough of the sycophantic narrative . . . After all, come on Scherm, 5 bucks only gets you so much stroking! On to the mail bag—

Got a note from **Rick Dubberly**. He's a LCdr. (isn't everyone who's not a Marine 0-4?!), Ops Officer on USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS. As of Nov. he was halfway through a luxury cruise with the Persian Gulf Yacht Club. Rick said he'd been conversing with **Tim Sprague** via flashing light as their ships passed each other. Tim is Combat Systems Officer on USS CALLAGHAN. I guess only those who remember Rick's success in those signal tests we took can attest to the probable accuracy of this info. (Is it 3 dots, 3 dashes, 3 dots, or the other way around? Personally, I'd use the radio . . . secure net of course.) He also reports that **Wayne Young** is in the Surface Operations Dept., CJTFME Staff (Okay, what's that mean in English?). Rick's 33rd Co. roomie, **Ron (Snoop) Aasland** is the 1stLt on USS GUADALCANAL. When not deployed, Ron's kept on his toes by his wife



Gallo Brothers? Greg Costello '79, Steve Koronka, Vince Tsai '77



The Dyers



Homecoming Reunion



Margo and their two children. Rick passes along his best to the rest of 33rd Co. "Light Irregulars."

Ten years of silence ended when **Steven Koronka** wrote that he now has an "R" at the end of his USN. After 7½ years as a Pork Chop, touring such garden spots as Panama and Beirut, he returned to CONUS, picked up an MBA at U of San Francisco and went to work in some Apple grove, putting out Macintoshes. More precisely, that's a "grove" of another sort, as in corporate lingo for Apple Computers! Steve's a supervisor at their factory in Fremont, California. He still maintains an active duty connection—his wife, Connie. She's a LCdr. and Supply Officer of SMIA at NAS Alameda, where Steve also spends his Reserve time with the NavMTO 520 Unit. They're hiding out in Barber's Point, awaiting the completion of their house in Pleasanton, California. A reformed East Coaster, Steve says he's grown accustomed to calling California home—earthquakes and all. As a former Californian, take my advice, Steve—make sure there's at least one hanging lamp or plant in the new

house. They're great pendular seismographs!

Ah, word of a fellow Marine and "Frog flyer"—**Mike (Dada) Dyer!** Got a wonderful note from his wife, Paula, all the way from the land of the Macadamias—Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. As the Ops Officer of the Purple Foxes of HMM-364, Mike's spent a lot of time at that place we "green suiters" lovingly refer to as the "Rock"—Okinawa. It was Mike's pressing duties there that precluded their plans for making Homecoming. After almost three years at K-bay, Mike, Paula, Caitlin, 4½, and Kristen, 14 months, await orders returning them to CONUS. As Paula puts it, they'll "be moving from one island to a smaller island"—Treasure Island, to be exact. Sounds like Mike expects a station job, and looks forward to flying single-engine and twin-engine "civilian-type" aircraft. Wish you luck on those orders, Mike. Want me to put in a good word to "AI" for you?

By now my Youngster year roommate—(LCdr.) **George Billy** has assumed command, as OIC, of USS TURTLE (DSV-3). He, Thelma, and Elizabeth, 3, can expect to be in San Diego, California, for two years. When we last spoke, George was chomping at the bit—I mean, snorkle—to get in some dives. Unfortunately, it may still be a few months before his wish comes true. (Of course with a little spackle here, some gum there . . . he just might have his wish by now! If not—enjoy land and sunshine while you've got it!)

The "Happy Writer" award goes to **John Semcken**, who sent a five-pager on the lads of 2nd Co. Since he was the least inebriated of 2nd Co. present at Homecoming, (Yeah, suuuure!) and possessed some writing skill (He passed the "write your name before you walk to your room" test) they selected him to be their company news rep. Well, in typical fashion, John's started out with a bang! Here's some extract from his first 2nd Co. newsletter. In the expectant parent department, John writes that Barb and **Vinnie Belleza** has dash 3 on the way. Cindy and **Steve Maloney**, not to be outdone, are also expecting No. 3; Linda and **Chris Demarche**, their first. As a grad of "Huff n' Puff 101," I wish you all the best. Despite what Semcken may tell you, John is not among the top ten baby names for '89. John claims 2nd Co. had the best turnout at Homecoming with 15. I have to verify that, but I'm certain they beat out the guys from Northwest Airlines (Let's see they were—37th Co?).

Besides the expectant parents, also present from 2nd were: **Mike Malinick** (1 of 2 present still in the Navy); Kim and **Craig Lile** (A regular Beau Brummel in his gray glen plaid!); **Jim Fiorelli** and his new wife Jan (Jim works for the Navigators in San Diego and flies reserves for VC-13.); Linda and **Willie Kramer** (Willie works for G.E. in Massachusetts); **Mark Miller**, **John Watters**, Vanessa and **Alden Williams** (Alden's no shaving chit finally expired now that he is a LCdr. recruiting in San Jose, California); Judy and **Tom McLeod** (Tom's out of the Marine Corps and working for IBM in Manassas, Virginia); Tracy and **Buddy Robinson** (Buddy's working for Saloman Brothers on Wall Street. It's alleged he got the job because of Top Gun for which Semcken claims Buddy is indebted to him to the tune of \$300 a month for life in gratuity. Just try collecting that, John); Jackie and **Bob Shinskic**; and lastly, Allison and **Brice Zimmerman** (The Zimmermans are living *somewhere* in Pennsylvania, with their two adorable kids, whose names, John *couldn't remember*, where Brice does *something* that permits him to own a Mercedes wagon. You'll note that of all the "facts" on Brice, Semcken remembered the Mercedes . . . of course that could've been requested). As for **John Henry**, himself, he's out of the Navy, single (but dating the lovely Diane—I hope the Navy weekend didn't overwhelm her, John) and living in L.A. After Top Gun fame he struck out on his own



7th Company



8th Company



9th Company



10th Company



11th Company



12th Company

and among other things, does motivational seminars. Thanks for the info, John—great job!!

I know there are other companies who have newsletters (11th, 12th for examples). If you reps could send me a copy of your letters when you write them, I'll try to get the news into the column. For those of you who don't have a Co. newsletter, give it some thought, take on the job. They're a great way of keeping contact with those closer to "home." Besides it's a great network tool for getting more input to this column. (Yes, Matt Elias, I will write you.)

Boy, this writing stuff isn't easy for those of us whom English is a second language—no I DIDN'T mean Marines! Besides, it looks like I'm running out of space. Anyway, I've got to get busy and crank out some more resumes. After March the Marine Corps will be needing one more good man, as I'm released from active duty. I'll remain in the Reserve so they won't lose me altogether. Elizabeth and I are pretty excited about the change . . . excited and apprehensive. Tough to leave something that you've been part of all your life (prior service brat). Hope the hardest part is only learning to respond to "Mister," without wondering who else is in the room. Those of you who passed out business cards at the Reunion will be hear-

ing from me! Ooops, two postscripts—first, should you see **Bob Schermund's** name on the Alumni Association Trustee-at-Large ballot, appearing soon at your local mailbox, give him your vote of confidence (He could use the job, now that I've got his!). Second, belated congrats to Nancy and **Bob Vogt** on the birth of their son, Robert Paul on 7 Oct. Well, now I'm *really* out of space. Gotta run! As my son, Michael says, "I be right come back." See you in the March issue!!

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Before I get to the mail, I would like to thank all my Classmates for their support in providing input to this column. This will be my last column as the Northeast Secretary—from now on all letters should be addressed to Smitty. I feel that this will lead to enhanced communication among Classmates when there is a consolidated source of information. Since it appears that Smitty's mailbox gets more use than mine, this move should be best for everyone. I do want to emphasize for Smitty's sake that the success of this column is driven only by the input from Classmates. For those who enjoy reading about the trials and tribulations of those they knew at the Academy, but have not written to or called Smitty, I urge you to do so. Again, thank you for your input.