



Three generations of Strubes

He and his wife Linda have four children—Laura, 8, Evan, 7, David, 4, and Abigail, 2. Congratulations to Paul and Linda who also have a fifth child on the way!

I have one final sad note to pass on from **Rock Daze**. He told me that **Emory Chenowith** lost his wife Sue to cancer. Emory and Sue had two boys Matthew, 5, and Kevin, 2. Our prayers and support go to Emory and his sons.

Keep in touch—**Joe**.

## 77

Membership: 81%

Pres., **Peter W. Grieve**

Sec'y, **LCdr. Bill Millward USN**

1026 Magnolia Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23508

West Coast, **LCdr. Dempsey Butler USN**

VA-115, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601-6228

Shipmates, my finger is in the dyke this month trying to hold back and somehow manage all the news. This has to be the best response for this time of year that I have seen! Well done!!

Class news starts off the headline this month with the announcement that the official Class ballot has been put together and sent to the Alumni Association for printing and mailing. You should receive your ballot sometime in early July. The voting deadline is 31 August with the results being reported in the October column. Turn out the Vote!!!

Our first news is from Janice Stuver, widow of Bill, who died in a helicopter crash last October—reported in the January-February column. Janice sends her love and thanks to all those who sent their condolences. She and her two children plan to stay in Jacksonville, North Carolina, and invite anyone traveling her way to give her a call!

Janice Stuver, 119 Puller Dr., Jacksonville, N.C. 28540, (919) 455-7666.

Col. Hammond, Director of Publications for the Alumni Association, sent a note with details of the wedding of his daughter, Torii, and Classmate **Bruce Campbell** during a Chapel ceremony on 13 May. It seems that the couple were met at the steps after the service by a piper playing "The Campbells are Coming." The couple took a train to Disney World for their honeymoon and then returned to Annapolis in time for Bruce to make it back to his job with NASA at Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt. Best of luck to you both!

The best from the Fleet Home Town News Center is next. (By the way, for those of you who are COs or XO's, FHTN releases are a great way to spread the news about your troops!) **Dave Pyle** returned from deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard USS NASHVILLE. During the six-month deployment he participated in several military exercises and visited foreign ports which included Rota, Benidorm, Palma, Haifa, Naples, Toulon and Tangiers. Subsequent to his return, he was reassigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron-Three, Naval Air Station

North Island. Also assigned to Helicopter Combat Support Squadron-Three is **Jerry Bennett**. I hope the two of you meet! Two other shipmates that have found their way to San Diego include **Leon Jackson**, assigned to Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, and **Tom Cook**, assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron-10. The remaining four releases concern graduations from the Naval War College and from Engineering Duty Officer School. Graduating from the ten-month course at Naval War College are **Bret Gary**, **Richard Frank** and **Ed Rourke**; and graduating from the Engineering Duty Officer School in Mare Island was **John Wilson**.

Most of you have probably heard about or read the 22 May article in *Navy Times*, "Some Academy grads might receive the Viet GI Bill benefits." To recap the article, since the introduced bill would not extend the 31 December 1989 expiration of the Vietnam-era GI Bill, the real benefit would be to those who had previously enrolled in VEAP. These individuals would be able to apply for reimbursement for the difference between the lower VEAP benefits and the larger Vietnam-era GI Bill benefits. Although this appears to be too little, too late; we should thank those individuals, in both our Class and 1978, who spent a lot of their own time and money to see this bill through.



Bruce and Torii Campbell outside the Alumni House

According to reports, congratulations should be extended to **Randy Bannister**, **Sam Locklear**, **Frank Pagano**, **Jeff Sapp** and **Joe Walsh** who were early selected for Commander by two years. Well done and keep charging! Until next month . . . Happy Trails, **Bill**.

## 78

Membership: 83%

Pres., **Steve Maloney**

Sec'y, **Vince Balderrama**

10 De Marchis Drive

Shelton, Conn. 06484

Thank goodness for the summertime! Remember when it meant cruises, leave, and fun, fun, fun, "til Mother B took the T-Bird away"? Now it's kids out of school, family vacation plans, and lawn care . . . yup, time keep's rollin' on. I guess I can finally rid myself of this wading pool I've got in my basement. Seems the unusually high rainfall in Connecticut provided me an unexpected amenity to my lease

—besides the fireplace, garage, a/c. I also got a shallow water "pool." Just perfect for us former "Aqua Rocks."

Well I have had some good luck these past few months . . . a hefty mail call, so on to it. (Keep reminding yourselves that we're 5 weeks from print each time I sit by my lexicon, so there's a built in "old (though not quite, ancient) news" factor.)

I got a family portrait from Kathleen and **Jim Byers**. Before I get any further—Happy Anniversary to you both! This August makes it ten years. In that time they've raised quite a family, five boys and one girl (a basketball team plus), Jaris, 8, Joshua, 7, Jeremy, 6, Joel, 4, Jesse, 3, and Elizabeth, 2. They are all living in Lithonia, Georgia. Jim is working for Coca Cola USA in "Hot" Lanta (Atlanta to you northern types). In the year he's been with them, Jim's been promoted twice, proof once more that '78ers are recognized hard charging fast lane types! Jim and Kathleen would like to hear from any Classmates living in or passing through the Atlanta area. You can reach them at: 6301 Marbut Farms Dr., Lithonia, Ga. 30050, (404) 593-0837.

**Roger "Kappy" Kaplan** gets the James Michener award for longest letter. Kappy wrote from the cradle of gold—Scotland. To be precise, he's in Edinburgh, where he is the only U.S. military officer at Joint Maritime Operational Training Staff (JMOTS), at RAF Turnhouse. After having spent two years as commissioning combat systems officer on USS LEYTE GULF, he was relieved last September by fellow shipmate and Classmate, **J. Kevin "Fuzz" Foley** (formerly LEYTE's weapons officer). Also on board LEYTE as engineering officer was **Dan Holloway**. Kappy took the circuitous route to his present assignment. Along the way he had a brief stint as a staffer in Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12 in Mayport, Florida. He then relieved Cary Hinton ('77) as CO of USS ENGAGE and served in support of the MidEastFor MSO rotation. Kappy loved being a CO and hopes his "taste of the future" will be satisfied more fully later in his career. He's been able to run into a few Classmates. In April he saw **Duane Lafont** in Edzell, Scotland, where Duane is an intel type. Duane should be wrapping things up there and heading out my way to Groton, Connecticut, where he will head the NGS detachment. Kap goes on to say that Lorie and Fuzz Foley will be with LEYTE GULF until January '91. They have two girls and a boy, J.K. Jr., born before the ship's commissioning, in September of '87. As for Kim and Dan Holloway, they had their third son in February. Afloat kept dad from being around at the birth, but by now (August), Dan should be home and acquainting himself with his larger family. Annie and **Chris Powers** are expecting their second child. Chris is flying F/A-18's out of Cecil Field in that other Jacksonville (Florida). Before, finally heading out to Scotland, Kappy spent some time in Norfolk and was able to see a few others of '78. Cindy and **Anthony "Fred" Shutt** live in Virginia Beach along with their two kids. Fred's in the ED program and is serving as the EMO aboard USS MOUNT WHITNEY. Diane and **Joe Fitzgerald** also live near Virginia Beach and just before Christmas adopted a two-year-old boy. Joe is the ops officer on USS TICONDEROGA. As for Kappy, he and Paula Ann are also expecting an addition to the family in August. Their two daughters, Heather, 8, and Amanda, 4, can hardly wait! If anyone is lucky enough to get out to Scotland they ask that you give them a call, 44-31-339-5393, X2270. Or if you don't have all the time to dial that lengthy number, drop them a line instead: JMOTS, RAF Turnhouse, Edinburgh, Scotland EH12-0AQ. Thanks for the great letter Kappy! Next time you write maybe you can tell me what they really wear underneath those kilts! Another long distance letter comes from Capt. **Chris Wright**. At the time of his letter (circa April) Chris was in WestPac

where he was the Adjutant for the 13th MEU, half-way through the middle of a six-month pump, which should be over now. Chris was bemoaning the Marine's lament—"I'm still a Captain when all my Classmates are LCdr's!" On 15 January '89, Chris and Ana had their fourth child, a daughter, Francesca. After three boys, a girl was a happy change. Interestingly enough his brother-in-law is none other than **José Vasquez!** José is an engineer for General Dynamics in Rancho Cucamonga, California. **Wayne Longcoy** is still in the Corps and is on the MCDOSIT West inspection team at Camp Pendleton. Wayne's living in O'Neil Heights housing on base, while Chris and Ana are outside the gate in Oceanside, in what Chris describes as his pay scale "California classic—a box with windows." (Hey Chris, you oughta see the prices in Connecticut!). **John Henry** was his shipmate aboard the USS BELLEAU WOOD where John was the N-2 for ComPhibRon 5. Apologies to **Mike Patton**. No sooner do I get your letter and, discover that we're near-neighbors but I move! Hey, **Glen Flanagan** lives in Woodbridge, so he'll have to pick up the Classmate support. Mike lives in Dale City, Virginia. He left the Navy in '83 and worked for a while with Vector Research Co, Inc. and Newport News Shipbuilding Co. in their D.C. office. Mike now works as a civil servant for NavSea in Crystal City. As an electronics engineer he works for their Combat and Weapons Systems Directorate and gets involved with cost and feasibility studies and stuff way beyond my sheepskin. Mike keeps in touch with **Jim Andersen**. Jim, Kimberly and their two kids live in Arnold, Maryland. Jim is the VP of an R & D consulting firm, Ocean Systems Research, Inc. in Annapolis. On weekends he drills with Reserve at OP-02 in the Pentagon.

Got a quick card from **Lee Yarberry**. Lee got extended on his I&I tour in Grand Rapids. He's hoping this will enable him to get a favorable review of his application to PG school. (My fingers are crossed, Lee!) Unfortunately for a lot of the "green," the major's promotion zone was later "adjusted" (shortened) after it was originally announced. For Lee and quite a few others that meant they were now left out in the cold and will have to await next March's board. By the way, thanks for volunteering to be 9th Co.'s rep, Lee! (There are still more slots available for the rest of you!) I spoke with **Anthony Cardoza** the other day. He, **Art Athens** and **Colby Smith** were among the few in the major's promotion zone and were selected. Congratulations! As I'm without a *Navy Times*, to whom else do I owe Congrats . . . and who else owes those for a "wetting down" beers? Other Congrats go to my old New River "Chief's Club" housemates, Alicia and **Randy Duncan** who on 5 May had baby #3, Patrick Anthony. Good luck to **Alex Hnarakis** who was a Navy nominee for NASA astronaut training. Hopefully **Ken Bowersox** can put in a good word for you!

As I mentioned in my last column, I was privileged to be Gretchen and **Tom Crowley's** best man. On 30 April they were married in a brief and lovely ceremony in Tom's hometown of Marion, Massachusetts. (Wouldn't you know it? Just when I learn Gretchen's last name—Miller—she goes and changes it! Still, Crowley is easy enough to remember.) Also attending were Laure and **Mark Ferguson**. Mark was the swordsman who provided the customary "Welcome to Navy!" swat. Gretchen may have been forewarned, but nothing quite prepares a bride for that Naval greeting! One thing about occasions such as that—they reaffirm the depth and durability of friendships long forged at the Academy.

Two last quick bits of news . . . **Bob Schermund** is our newest politico. He has left AIA in Washington, D.C. and accepted a position in the Bush administration as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Health and Human Services. (Just re-



The Byers family



Gee, Michael, you're as tall as me



Crowley wedding

member me when you make SecNav, Scherm . . . yeah, DepSec USMC?) Also belated congratulations to you and Janet on the birth of number three, Richard William on 1 April (No foolin' there folks. . . ) Greg Billy '81, reports his brother LCdr. **George Billy** is acting as a technical consultant for the movie production of Tom Clancy's *Hunt For Red October*. Seems the damage to the Turtle may have been fortuitous for George. Any parts for me, George—Hey, how about the role of Jack Ryan? After all I am a Marine like he once was . . .

Well, that's all folks. Once again I'm to the limit on space. I'll get to some of the FHTNR's next month . . . Now about that part, **George** . . .

## 79

Membership: 92%

Pres., Lt. **Alex L. Urrutia** USN  
Corr. Sec'y, **Larry Kihlstadius**  
4856 Bluebird Lane, Stephens City, Va. 22655  
East Coast, **J. E. McFadden**  
748 Trenton Ave., Severna Park, Md. 21146

You should have received your mailing on how much and where to send your checks to cover Homecoming. If you haven't, call me as soon as possible at 800-336-7308. Don't forget to send your checks immediately because we have to pay most of our creditors a big deposit or everything upfront. OK!

The next order of business is that we need to elect new Class officers. Bring your signed ballots to Homecoming or mail your vote to me by 26 October.

You should have received your ballot by now. We will announce the winners shortly thereafter.

Gina and **Bobby Eaton** are in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. I'm not kiddin'! He works for the NRC so if you are in the neighborhood, yeah right, drop by. Nancy and **Clif Jacobs** have a daughter, Lillian, who is less than one. Lizann and **John Messerschmidt** are living in Herndon, Virginia. John works for Mitre Engineering and they have a young one, Corey. I really was amazed but **Steve Miller** was deep-selected for LCdr. by two years. Keep on a rockin' me baby. Oh that's the other Steve Miller. Our little Stevie is an OP's Officer on an Aegis-class cruiser and married to Nicole. **Tim Moon** and **Brad Zell** both work for Raytheon in Marketing. **Greg Hanold** is in Charleston and married with children. Another crisp to the point update, yes? **Tom Wittenschlaeger** and **Pete Carrier** both work for Hughes. **Mike Ranz** was stationed in Norfolk last we heard. **Ed Francis** (married to a Kansas City girl I think) is stationed in San Diego. **John Counts** and Lisa are expecting a baby, their first, in October so they are very shakey for Homecoming. Beth and **Abe Ellis**, the subject of some of our ten-year stories over Memorial Day weekend, are down in Norfolk. Abe works for Coldwell Banker. Abe I'm not a golfer so you are on your own for the tournament.

Now about that Weekend of Infamy! **Bob Leszczynski**, **Phil McConkey**, **Bob Tata** and I decided that it would be apropos to rent an apartment on the circle and hang at McGarvey's during 89's June Week. So ten years later we converged and partied with **John McNeil**, **Jeff Johnson** and **Dave Jerabek**. Be sure to tell **Jeff Summerour** that he is a lightweight for being a no show. By the time you read this hopefully **Jeff Klingensmith** will be employed by my company and living in Winchester, Virginia. I've been recruiting him and I'm optimistic that we'll nab him.

Have you noticed that I have no flow in this little missive? I'm writing this in a hurry cause I have to fly to California tomorrow and will miss my deadline if I don't mail this soon. Becky and **Jon Jaques** are up in Hartford, Connecticut, and live right off I-84 so look him up if you are driving through. Update time: Ann and **Nevin Carr** are living in Va Beach with three boys (sailing crew). **Ray Spicer** is the Ops officer on YORKTOWN in Norfolk. Ray is still single and looking for love in all the wrong places. What? **Dave Vanin** and Cindy are in Philly with two boys. **Howard Green** is in Boston finishing med school at BU. Becky and **Tim Ebbinghouse** are last heard in Oh Hi Oh. Tim flies for Delta. **Dave Frost** is in Mayport, Florida. **Jerry Deonto** is in San Diego. Sue and **Fernando Ruiz** are in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where Fern works for GE. Sue is in residency for pathology at Berkshire Med Center. Abe! I found you a golf partner, meet Dave 'Tee at Three' Morriss. **Joe Ciano**, who never calls me, is at Quantico. Nuff on him.

The Peg and **Andy Brower** are still refusing to grow up in San Diego. Andy is a CPA neck and Peggy is still in the NAV but due to transfer from Heaven soon. Oh dear! **Roger Chapa** flies for Federal Express and **Bruce Prutzman** flies for some airline. Accuracy is my watchword. **Bob Luti** flies for Northwest. No word on his location. Robin and **Tom McPhillips** are in Chicago. By the way, **AJ Drake** is in Italy as a Navy doctor; he is married to Lori. **Bob Dupuis** is a civilian living in Jax, North Carolina. He works for CP and L. Patty and **Jeff Frost** have a son and twin girls; Jeff is on USS RANGER. Charlotte and **Alex Urruthia** are doing fine with Alexandra and Danielle. I know I spelled the name wrong. He's on USS TATTNALL. **Shannon Saunders** is married to Debbie and still working for Pfizer in Savannah, Georgia. Joan and **Jack Stumborg** are trying to keep up with little Brian and