

billet as an AEDO. He also heard from **Chris Janiec** who sent word from the South China Sea while steaming aboard USS NIMITZ. Chris mentioned that Deb and **Jim McKee** are living in Alexandria; Jim is working at Suitland. **Dave Fleischman** joined the ED community last year and checked into Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in December.

I was also very fortunate to hear from Vicki and **Rollie Whalen** this past month; I hadn't heard from them since they left Monterey shortly after I got there. Vicki had some sad news to relay to me—they lost their daughter Rebekah to cancer at the age of 5 in November 1986. Our prayers are with them. Rollie has continued to do well in the helicopter community. In April of 1988 Rollie left for a six-month deployment with HSL-32 and spent five months in the Persian Gulf. Rollie is now the Maintenance Officer and was just voted the Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) Pilot of the Year for the Norfolk region—congratulations!

That's it for this month. Let me hear from you. **Joe.**

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Shipmates, as of this writing, Spring is in full bloom around Norfolk and the Blue Angels just put on one heck of a show for the Azalea Festival. Those boys can fly!!! They truly impressed the hometown crowd with all of their pilot stuff! Where there is glory though, there is sacrifice. The commentator told us that the team is on the road 300 days a year. Now that is rough by anyone's standards!

Anyway, back to Class news. I have received several nominations for Class officers. After compiling all of the inputs, I will put together the nomination list and will post the results in the July-August issue of *Shipmate*. That will certainly give those of you who hunger for *Shipmate* news something to look forward to! (smile) The rest of my mailbox space has been rather empty, though. Even the Fleet Home Town News releases seem to have dried up—and we have not even hit the Summer vacation months yet! I am searching for ideas to help get our creative juices flowing again. One thought is, to list a couple of names each issue with the hope that someone's brain plaque breaks away long enough for a letter to be written. I figure that this will be easier than trying to form Company Reps and to push for company letters. I am game for any other thoughts.

We did, however, receive a super letter from **Wayne Vanderschuere** (28th). Wayne, wife Terry and sons, Matthew, 6yr, and Joshua, 3yr, live in Ise-lin, New Jersey, where Wayne is a senior engineer in the Electric Generation Planning Department for Con Edison. He passed on that the 28th Company A-6 drivers, which included in addition to himself: **Bob Gilman, Dan McVicker, Mike Smith and Dave Wilkinson**—plus all of their lovely spouses—were in attendance at the '87 Homecoming. On 21 March of this year, he attended the Naval Academy Association of New York luncheon which hosted Mayor Ed Koch as the guest speaker. In addition to seeing Ed, Wayne ran into **George Korchowsky** (1st). George is an area representative for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. He related that the NAANY group is quite active and he encouraged all '77 New York Classmates to check it out. Wayne closed by mentioning that he ran into **Jim Rowan** (33rd) who is stationed in D.C. Thanks for the news, Wayne!

This closes out another issue. Until next month, happy trails. **Bill.**

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Please note the address change!! As I write this month's column my pen is being jostled across the paper with each bump on the Amtrack line. I am literally in the middle of my move to Connecticut. Actually, I am on the way back south to pick up the rest, and most important, of my personal items—my wife, son, and oh yes, the VCR! By the time this *Shipmate* issue is released, a typist will have cleaned up my track-induced scribbles, and Elizabeth will have jostled me for that crack about the VCR! I should be comfortably settled into my new job as a marketing rep for Sikorsky Aircraft, and finally unpacked the wall-to-wall boxes which contain the accumulation of the years . . . Where did we ever get all this stuff?!

It's about time I got to some of these Fleet Home Town News Releases (FHTNR) which I've gathered up over the last few months. Sorry I haven't had the space to include them in previous columns. Some of the items are dated but bear with me . . . Well on to it . . . dit . . . dit . . . dit . . . dit (that's the teletype in the background . . .) Dateline: The Fleet—

Capt. **Clarence E. Moore** is with the 2dMAW at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and participated in Teamwork '88 at the end of last year.

Lcdr. **John G. Hemry** is with ComPhibRon 5 in San Diego. The FHTN had him leaving for an extended WestPac deployment in January. He should be back by now unless it's REALLY one of those EXTENDED deployments.

Capt. **Keith I. Davies** is with the 2dMAW. Actually he's either with HMLA-167/ or 269 in MCAS New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Back in December, Lcdr. **Mark S. Boensel** received a Navy Achievement Medal for his superior performance of duty while stationed at the Naval War College. It was also noted that Mark added an MBA from National University in San Diego to his credentials in '86.

Lcdr. **John A. Hancock** reported for duty back in December with CinCUSNavEur.

Lcdr. **John C. Orzalli** reported for duty in January. Curt Perry and McMaster "4"



ary with Submarine Development-One, Detachment Mare Island, Vallejo, California.

In February, Lcdr. **Ronald J. McNeal** graduated from the Naval War College. The FHTN reported that during the 10-month school, Ron "studied a postgraduate-level curriculum in strategy and policy, national security decision making, and joint military and maritime operations." However, it didn't mention those courses in golf, tennis, volleyball . . . Of course Ron might not have had time to participate greatly in those other courses I added, as he also picked up an MS last year at Salve Regina College in Newport.

In March, FHTN reported Capt. **John F. Wissler** received a letter of appreciation for his outstanding performance while with the 1stMarDiv at Camp Pendleton, California. John also added an MS from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson to his credits back in '83.

These FHTNR's are the Fleet PAO's version of the now familiar "20-second bite." They don't even give us the between the lines story . . . so how about some of you filling in the meat?

There was one other FHTNR, but in this case I'll let it's subject fill you in on the details. A letter in March, from Capt. **Larry (Yak) Semanyk** elaborates:

Leslie and I are assigned to Naples, Italy for a three-year tour. We are 6 months into the three-year tour as I rotate in '91 (July). I am the aircraft systems support officer and token Marine Maintenance Officer at ComFairMed. Aside from being the forward deployed eye/ears for the Marine Corps, I travel in Med Theatre a lot, in chopping and doing CC audits aboard the ships (carrying aircraft, of course). To be sure, my #1 objective is to look after the interest of the Marine Corps. I am getting ready to do a mid-cruise audit aboard USS GUADALCANAL in the roughest of locations—the resort island of Palma De Mallorca, Spain. To say the least, I am glad to be out of the Washington, D.C. area.

Leslie and I had a third child born to us on 20 Jan '89, a baby boy named Alexander David!! . . .

Aaron Watts and I got together over Christmas period in Naples. He was over here to visit his fiancée who is stationed here. Aaron, as you probably know, got out of the Navy and is working for Hughes Aircraft in California. He is still the party hardy guy we knew from the Academy days.

Yak also mentioned that **Steve Sterner**, 15th Co. non-grad, is living with his folks in Severna Park, Maryland. Steve's recovering from an operation he underwent about two years ago to remove a brain tumor. We all wish you well and success in your recovery, Steve. I'm sure he'd love to hear from the old 15th Co. gang! (Steve, if you'd like to release your address let me know. You know how sticky this Privacy Act stuff is! Good luck Classmate).

A postscript to Larry's letter noted that Lt. **Dave Morris** is the PAO assigned to ComFairMed. Well I guess '78'ers in the Med will definitely be getting some good PR now!

The last bit of news comes from my fellow "Fox-trot Company/Color Company"-mate, **Bob McMasters**. Bob's working as a mechanical engineer with the Civil Engineering Squadron at K.I. Sawyer AFB and lives in Marquette, Michigan. Bob had enclosed a photo of **Curt Perry** and Bob's four kids taken last July at an Open House at Sawyer. Curt's "baby," a semi-new Harrier, was in the background. Curt had flown in for a static display when surprise, surprise—he met up with Bob and his brood! (Yes, we '78'ers are everywhere!) Curt must have decided to show those fixed-wing flyers how to get the hovering trick right when he transitioned from Cobras to Harriers a couple of years ago.

Bob also sent in a clipping from the sports page of his base paper which chronicled his exploits as a cross-country skier. Skiing conspicuously in a NAVY sweatshirt, he burned up the intramural meets last season and held the record for the fastest time for

combined loop courses. Were it not for a few hot projects keeping him out of a few meets, Bob claims to have had a shot at winning the season MVP. As it was, he took satisfaction in being the only one to have beaten the eventual winner on his own course! Well next season, Bob, or are you, instead, gearing up for the '92 Olympics?!

Well that's all the news that's fit to print, all the news that fits—actually, *all* the news—the mail bag's empty. So I'll close with another reminder to note my address change and update those Rolodexes! If you ever get up my way, stop by, say hi, and take home an empty moving box . . . PLEASE!!!

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Hello sportsfans . . . I love ya! Here we go again with some notes from all you happy '82ers out there, I was swamped with the grand total of four . . . count 'em four big letters this month. I can handle that since I really should be putting some time into the books. There ain't nothing like typing a *Shipmate* article to start an evening full of fun and excitement. Let's start with Gus . . . yes it's great. I haven't studied in four weeks . . . two of which I spent entertaining my father who was here to visit. While visiting, we went to San Diego to visit some relatives, namely Capt. Ron Brandquist '60 affectionately known to Fifth Batt. '82ers as Cdr. "Breakfast," O.K., the cat's out of the bag now. He is my cousin. Anyway, Ron and his wife Jan are probably the best hosts I've ever known and to them a hearty thank you is publicly sent. The Captain has retired after 30 years of service and is now doing well living in Coronado. I did have the chance to get together with some old 6th Co. people at the MCRD "O-Club" Friday night. **John Kelly** is pushin' boots there and is expected to roll to Quantico in July. **Ed "the Head" Manzano** has just returned from a hitch in Okinawa and will be stationed in San Diego for a while. Ed told me that he will be getting married with no date determined as of yet. **Pete Strait** was there from San Clemente where he is flying OV-10's, **Betsy and Bill Kearley** drove in from Yuma for the evening. Bill is with Marine Supply in Yuma and will be there for another

year or so. **Brian Collins** ('83) and his wife were also there. Brian is at North Island in Navy Supply. We were all dancin' fools, as is to be expected.

One other note from me and the Monterey front . . . I mis-spelled **Todd Bostock's** name in the April issue. He'll get over it . . .



The Clovers

Kevin Clover sent along a picture of he, his wife Karin (good Swedish name), and the twin girls, Carly and Kayleen. The twins were born 20 Dec. The foursome live in Albany, Ga. for now. Kevin will be rolling to Okinawa this Summer.



The Hammond boys in Holy Loch, April 1989: James Wesley, IV, '11, one week old; James Wesley, III, 1,508 weeks old; James Wesley, Jr. '51, 3,124 weeks old; Jack Daniels, all Classes exactly eight years old.

Col. **Wes Hammond**, the big boss of *Shipmate* by the way, sent along a note on **Wes III** and the newest addition **Wes IV** . . . Class of 2011 without a doubt. **Wes IV** was born 30 March and the Colonel and (Grandma) **Donna** jumped on a plane and went to Scotland. All are doing well.

Noel Davis dropped a line from Detroit where he and his wife **Chris** are now living. Evidently, **Noel** and **Chris** have two boys but **Noel** forgot to give me names. **Noel** is working for a manufacturing company in Detroit and will soon be moving to Lancaster, Pennsylvania with the same company. **Noel** hasn't seen too many people in quite some time. Ah! I found it . . . the names of the two boys, that is . . . **Jared** and **Gareth**. They were buried inside the return address. **Noel**, I bet **Jared** and **Gareth** are the only two kids on the block named **Jared** and **Gareth**! In retrospect, I guess with a name like **Noel**, the children must carry on the tradition! Seriously, best to both of you and keep in touch. The **Davis** bunch are at 5824 Applewood Dr., West Bloomfield, Mich. 48322, (313) 737-0487, or 354-7828. **Noel** passed along that **Bill Cheney** is heading for a fast attack boat in Charleston and **Emmi** is probably heading for CIV-LANT after grad school at Stanford. Any '82ers in the Detroit area are invited to contact **Noel**.

Michelle Clopp dropped a card from France where she went to visit **Dave** during one of his port visits with his sub squadron. **Dave** and **Michelle** have prob-

ably seen all of Europe by now. Life is rough. To complete this "Almost all-6th Co." issue, **Matt Cissel** looks like he's heading to Monterey after all. More details at 11. That's it for this month . . . say good night **Gracie** . . .

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Contributions to the column have been terrific. Thank You. Here are a few suggestions to further improve our articles:

Send photographs. Pictures should include actual Classmates. We all enjoy seeing what old friends look like now. Nostalgic pictures of "the good old days" are also welcome.

All news is good news. Don't wait until you're named CNO to consider it news. Getting transferred, changing jobs within your unit, and contacting another Classmate are all items of interest.

Finally, if you feel strange about sending items about yourself do what 95% of the people that contribute do. Disguise it by opening the letter with news about someone else.

Hello. I hope that you are enjoying the Summer. As you read this there is probably a group of Mids imprisoned on a bus speeding to their next week of ProTraMid a.k.a. BusTraMid. I'd wager you're thinking of the same famous naval saying that I'm thinking of: "Better them than me."

I bring word from Groton and Cubi Point this month, courtesy of **Frank McNeil** (22). Allegedly **Jon "Hous" Houser** (22) was married to the former **Danalene Flight** at the Groton Heights Baptist Church on 4 February. If this is indeed the case, I encourage either Mr. or Mrs. **Houser** to send me the happy details. Congratulations!

Interrogative: If you were in a CH-46 helicopter, 20 miles at sea off the coast of the Philippines, at night, and one of your two engines stopped working, who would you want your pilot to be?

Answer: 1st Lt **Kevin Smith** (22).

Why: Because he's done it before. **Kevin** was in that situation during an exercise recently. He was carrying 16 passengers in addition to his four-man crew. The article in the February issue of *Approach* magazine outlines how he safely landed his helicopter at the runway at Cubi Point. Way to go **Kevin**!

25th Company

Chip Molloy sent a long letter about many companymates. **Dena** and **Brad Voigt** were married last Thanksgiving. **Brad** then shipped off to Scotland for a three-year SEAL tour. (Relax **Dena**, I'm sure it was a coincidence.) **Karen** and **Kevin "Old Man" Jones** were married last February. **Karen** is a Navy nurse. They are stationed in San Diego. Congratulations to the four of you!

Arch "Master Chief" Dunn and **Dave "Bart" Bartholomew** are at PG School with their wives. **Mike "Red" Beall** is a Marine EA-6B NFO. **John "Johnny B." Butler** is a Navy F-18 pilot on an exchange tour with a Marine squadron on the East Coast. **Tim "Gooner" Corrigan** is an F-14 flyer in Oceana following his duty as a SerGrad in Meridian. **Kelly** and **Mike "Horse" Eddy** are with VX-5 in China Lake. They came from a 2½ year tour in Japan. **Mike** is a B/N and was selected for Test Pilot School. **Dan Hahne**, his wife, and **Steve "Doc" Wu** are on the East Coast. The guys fly Marine CH-46s.

Mary and **Karl Heimeril** are in Norfolk. **Karl** is a surface nuke, and will be leaving the Navy this Fall. **Bonnie** and **Joe "Kinko" King** are in Jacksonville.