

Institute Award of Distinction for his student thesis. Nick, Mary, and their son, Jordan, then headed for New London where Nick assumed duties as the Executive Officer of USS DANIEL WEBSTER. Congratulations also go to **John Sundquist** who is now a chief engineer for GE's Military and Data Systems Operations (M&DSO); he was honored with his employer's top recognition, the One-in-a-Thousand award. The special award is presented annually to only one in each thousand employees of the 5,000-employee GE organization. John earned the top recognition for a number of complex computer related efforts. He and Jill live in Burke, Virginia with their two children, Amanda and Matthew.

A final note of congratulations goes to Kathy and **Fred Byus** who had their third child, Fred Jr., on 5 November. That does it for now—keep in touch, Joe.

# 77

Membership: 82%

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Shipmates, I have some great Classmate news to report this issue but first will comment on the status of our Class elections. In the December issue I laid out a time table for the Class elections. Included was a request for nominations from the Class for the various officer positions by the first of February. As of this writing I have not received any nominations. There are a couple of options available to us. The first is to revise the time table and the second is to appoint Class officers. I prefer to go with the first option since it will permit greater Class participation. I have included with the new schedule a reprint from the December issue on the basic nomination requirements.

1 May 1989— Nominations close out and are forwarded to the Alumna Assc.

1 June 1989— Mailing of ballots commences.

15 July 1989— Final day of election. Votes counted and results announced.

1 September 1989— Results of election appear in September issue of *Shipmate*.

The first hurdle that we must make is the gathering of nominees for the offices of President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are to be made for these offices and forwarded to me no later than 1 May 1989.

In accordance with our by-laws, those nominated for President must have a written petition of 25 Class members. If 25 Class members nominate the same individual for President, I will compile those nominations in the form of a petition. Of course, I will also accept a petition with 25 signatures on it. Nominations for Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer only require single nomination. Nominations need no second and can be made by the individual.

As an added note to the above, don't let the 25 votes dissuade you. Send in your nomination.

On with the news. I received two newsy Christmas cards addressed to the Class. The first was from **Bill Stiles** and wife, Ellen, plus children Betsy, Christopher and Sneezy (I'm not sure if this is just a cute name!). Bill is serving as Navigator/Combat Systems Officer in USS PARCHE (SSN-683) while going through a grueling overhaul at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. He plans on heading to an XO billet this

Summer . . . hopefully in San Diego or Pearl Harbor. Bill wanted me to pass on his address to any 3rd Company strangers that might be reading this. **Bill Stiles**, 939 Cedar Ave #Q19; Vallejo, Calif. 94592. The next note was from **Kerry Knoizen's** wife, Betsy. Kerry was a P-3 pilot for the first seven years after graduation but then applied and was accepted to medical school. He is scheduled to finish up at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in May and then head right around the corner to Bethesda for his internship in internal medicine. They have two children; Lauren, 4½ and Christopher, 3. Thanks for the card Betsy!

From a Fleet Home Town News release I heard that **Joe Reinhardt** has reported for duty at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico.

That's all from me this month, so I'll turn the column over to Dempsey for some news from the West Coast. Until next month . . . Happy Trails. **Bill**.

## West Coast

This is the second installment from Japan. In my last epistle I was remiss in mentioning that **Jim Coulson** has been a card-carrying member of Air Wing Five for the past two-plus years. He will be heading for CONUS sometime this Summer.

On 30 December I received a terrific letter from **Roger Seldon** . . . a good friend from 35th company and San Diego days. He is now back on the other coast after leaving the Navy in 1982. He concedes his civilian career path has been a bit different than most . . .

My first love has always been food and cooking.

So I went to Restaurant School and made a living as a chef, pastry chef and restaurant manager in several Manhattan restaurants over the course of three years or so. The business was enjoyable but there are better ways to make a living.

Rog is working as a Technical Design Engineer for NYNEX Systems Marketing in Manhattan. He has continued tracking up the pyramid in the Naval Reserve, having served in various commands including USS BLAKELY (FF-1072). His current assignment with the Reserve is in Naval Operational Intelligence. Reporting on his companymates, Roger mentioned **Carl Fisher** is working for EDO Corporation along with **Julius Caesar**; **Kelvin Graham** and family are now residing in Jackson, Tennessee, and **La Salle Booker** works for G.E. up in Vermont. He also lost touch with **Steve Adair** somewhere in New Jersey . . . sounds like something you would like to do very often. Anyway, if you read this Sues, please write me for Roger's address (Pretty sneaky, eh?). Hey wait . . . this isn't West Coast stuff.

That is all to report for this month . . . please spend a moment this year to let me know where you are and what you are up to. Don't be bashful. I really don't mind hearing how wonderful your kids are or what a great guy you've become. Until next time please take care and God bless you all. **Dempsey**.

# 78

Membership: 84%

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It's hard enough that I have to remember English 101 for this job, (complete sentences—subject, verb, etc.) but I have to project myself into the future as well. After all, this is the March edition! Okay, so despite sitting here watching Inaugural festivities on TV, I just have to keep reminding myself—it's March, beware the ideo! I trust the new year has been good to you, so far, and brought continued health and fortune. For my mail bag and phone messages, it has been bountiful indeed! Quite a few of you have dropped me letters, and in the months before I be-

came "Mister," the autovon line was abuzz of "How's it going?!" So . . . let's get on with it!

Those of you who had the day off to watch the Inauguration ceremony might have noticed a familiar face lurking around the President's daughter. Yes, that was **LCdr. Mark Ferguson** of 7th Co. fame! Mark was given time off from his D.C. desk job as the Assistant Surface Captain Detailer to be her VIP escort. I kept telling him his selection was only because he made the 6-foot cutoff! After all, how many of us sandblowers got to be escorts at all those pageants and cotillions?! (" . . . Midshipman must be academically qualified and be at least 6 feet tall . . .") Fergie didn't believe me until he saw he was the runt of the escort bunch . . . I rest my case. Mark's living in Burke, Virginia, with his wife Laure', who works with the Dept. of Commerce. They plan on being here through December when Mark will report to the USS EISENHOWER as Reactor Officer. Of course, that SHOULD happen, after all, he is a detailer.

It seems '78 has taken over the Surface Detailer's Office, which may explain the "interesting" assignments for some of our former "flaming firsties and ratey underclass." (Hey, detailers never forget!) Aside from Mark, also working there are **LCdrs. Glenn Flanagan** (Nuke Detailer) and **Andy Karakos** (Initial Assignments Detailer). Glenn took over Fergie's old job a few months back. Now he, Margie and Glenn Jr., 4, live literally just down the road from Elizabeth and me, and are covetous of our babysitter list. As for the Karakos family, Andy and Karen presented Krystyna, 9, with a new brother, Kevin, in October. I'm waiting to see if Andy gets Kevin involved in dad's biking hobby at this age, and adds a custom kiddie sidecar to his BMW. (Hey, I had Michael at crew regattas at two weeks of age. Elizabeth swears if they made oars small enough I'd have had him sculling . . . She's right.)

Got a great letter from **Dave "Deke" Philman**, who also took Schmer's parting words to heart, and put pen to paper. (Deke extolls you all to do likewise.) I only hope that he gets to read this first, as his wife Sylvia is the more avid *Shipmate* follower. Deke is performing aviator penance, as the resident aviator (Strike Operations Officer) on the Cruiser-Destroyer Group Three Staff. Also on the staff, as Air ASW Officer, is **Mike Malinick**. Another CCDG-3 "alumnus," **Jim Scola**, traded his staff clipboard for student's books last November. Deke reports that Jim is now at the Naval War College, and is probably entrenched in a reading list as long as War and Peace. In April, Deke expects to depart his staff job and trade his A-7E NATOPS book for an F/A-18 book when he reports to NAS Lemoore for transition training.

Deke passed on the following news he qualified as "stale": **Jay Bowling** is alive and well in San Diego, as an SH-60B instructor in the RAG. **Tony Shaddix** is also there as an H-46 instructor (good aircraft, Tony!). Tony continues to maintain a "low profile," driving about town in a flashy XYZ car with Alabama custom plates which warn mothers and daughters of the "SHAD." (For us "Z" purists that XYZ is a 300 ZX.) Nancy and **Scott Godfrey** are in the Far East. Scott's flying C-12s and claims "Air Scotty" has established all contacts for any Far East products imaginable (and some not!). Nancy, is a Navy Lt, specializing in "Industrial Hygiene." Susie and **Rick Daniel** are out of the Navy (about three years now) and live in Jupiter, Florida. Susie is a jeweler for Macy's and Rick is producing high-tech robotics for Disney World. Well Deke, thanks for the news. It may be stale to some, but I'm sure it's "hot off the press" for the majority of us.

Some "green-side" news again. (Hey, journalistic balance.) Christine and **Anthony Cardoza** are still in New Orleans, Louisiana. On 13 December, Anthony gave up his flag as CO of Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 4, Det A, in exchange for an Aide-de-



13th Company



14th Company



15th Company



16th Company



17th Company



18th Company



Marriage: FAM 1 Hop



The Cardozas



Mike and Jim say: Sayonara, Okinawa

Camp's aiguillette. Anthony is the Aide to the CG 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, for what may be a 6-8 month job. Anthony beamed fatherly pride in his letter over his daughter, Sara's (now "terrible two") charm and intelligence. I believe you, Anthony, but Christine may debate you on which parent passed on the good qualities. Sara, by the way, is expecting a sibling, or

is it siblings? Anthony and Christine say one, despite what the doctors may imply.

Lita and **Lee Yarberry** wrote from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Lee is with the Marine Corps I&I unit. Lee's gotten back into rowing, and competes with the Grand Rapids Rowing Club (In fact, Lee partnered up with another Grand Rapids rower who I

had recruited for my "Mercenary Boat" at last summer's Masters National Rowing Championships.) Lee and his partner didn't fare as well as expected at the Head of The Charles Regatta, but, hey at least you got to go and play, Lee!! Still, he and his crews did enjoy better success last season with a string of second places in regattas. (Of course his coxswain may

have had something to do with it! Seems Lita was drafted for that job, and thoroughly loved it!) When not busy as coxswain and "crew-widow" (Elizabeth empathizes with you), Lita's kept active by the Yarbber's two healthy and energetic boys, Erik, 4, and Brandon, 2. Lee is in the promotion eligibility zone for the upcoming major's board. Our fingers are crossed for Lee and 78's other eligible Marines . . . It's a BIG zone!!

I talked to the other Godfrey "brother," **Roscoe** "I tell ya, I don't get no respect" **Godfrey**. Scoe got out of the Marines quite a while back (three or four years ago?) and lives in Arnold, Maryland. Thanks to a little nepotism and a polished comedy routine, Scoe found work with Westinghouse where he is now a supervisory engineer. Marge is working part time as an LPN at Union Memorial in Baltimore, Maryland. As for their "Dynamic Duo," twins, Lee and Robin, I feel my age when Scoe tells me they will be 10 and Eric (Little Scoe) will be 8! Roscoe is trying to get into the National Guard and hopes to fly Cobra helicopters. Actually, Scoe would fly a Beanie cap with a propeller if they let him! As the former "Huey Stick Pig" from our cruise days (104 hours in one month!) he's long been suffering from severe aviator withdrawal.

Got an interesting Christmas card from **Ken Bowersox**. Actually, it looks like a wedding photo of sorts. There, sitting in a NASA T-38 (posed for launch) are Sox and his bride Annie, dress whites, bouquet and all! Of course, in the photo, Sox may be in the front seat and Annie in the back, but we experienced husbands know the facts . . . Remember, Ken, the Instructor was always in back whispering ominously . . . "What are you doing?" . . . Ken is in Houston undergoing astronaut training. I could've gone too, but I think I negotiated it away at my Ac Board Second Class year. (Hey, it coulda' happened!)

The final bit of unofficial correspondence was a card from Capt. **Mike Gasapo's** wife, Sara. After three years in Okinawa, Mike, Sara and sons, Jimmy and Steven, returned to the States. They're living in Ann Arbor, Michigan where Mike's a Marine Officer Instructor for the NROTC unit at the University of Michigan . . . finally Mike gets to go to a real college!! Mike's old 28th Co. roomie and fellow Marine, **Jim Harbison** and his wife, Beth (Lt. USN) were blessed with a baby girl last September. They are hoping to follow the Gasapos lead and return from Okinawa this Summer.

I'm quickly approaching my column limit so two more bullets: The '89 Alumni Registers are out and I highly encourage you to pick up a copy. Of course, like this column, it's only as accurate as the information which is provided. So I recommend you drop the Alumni Association a line and give them your current address and "vitals." If you know of Classmates (maybe even yourself) whose Alumni Association membership is about to expire (or has), encourage them to renew or join up! The Alumni Association is our source for mailing lists for forwarding Class news on luncheons, reunions and other business, so if they're not kept up to date, you may not be, and some Classmates may be left out in the cold. Speaking of luncheons, '78's Washington, D.C. area quarterly luncheon started back up again last month at Ft. Myer, Virginia. Those of you in the D.C. area interested in attending future luncheons call either **John Rudder**, work, (703) 548-3400 or home, (703) 922-8776, or **Mark Hubal** at work, (703) 689-8909 or home (703) 689-4915. That's it for now! Apologies to **John Storvick** and **Don Schneider** whom I met at a "Job-athon." Couldn't squeeze you in with all the other news and still meet the deadline . . . I'll get your news in next month. (I did mention your names, as promised!)

# 79

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Happy New Year!

I didn't mention the holidays in my last column so I hope you had a great holiday season. Now back to defending our country. I talked to **Bob Burns** a little while back. Bob is working for a defense contractor on Long Island. Still not married but having fun looking. I cruised down to UVA to visit Anne-Ferrell and **Bob Tata** not too long ago. I had to check out little Peyton, their new baby. The baby is beautiful. Anyway, **Bob Lesczysynski** was also in town and we saw a great Virginia vs. Maryland down to the final seconds, one point, anybody's game, college football at its best, real cheerleaders, margin of victory a **Bob Tata** personal protégé's field goal, and most fun I ever had at a college party to celebrate the victory. Bob Tata and family will be moving to Va Beach after he finishes his last few months of law school. I'll be moving in to babysit shortly thereafter.



Lesczysynski, Kihlstadius, Tata



Christmas at the Giardinas

**Phil McConkey** may or may not be celebrating another Super Bowl but as I spoke with him last they were on the verge of the play-offs. Phil has a restaurant up in northern New Jersey so if you are around the Meadowlands check it out. Phil told me that all 79ers eat free. He really didn't tell me that but it sounds like a smart move to me. **Don Hubbard** is going to be marrying Chris Wojtkowiak on 20 May so she can have an easier name to spell. Don has not decided where he is going after law school at Maryland. I haven't heard how they did but I know that

**Paul Evans** and **Dave Bethel** were to run in the Marine Corps Marathon last Fall.

**Michele** and **Tim Giardina** are with Michael and Nicole, ages 5 and 2½ respectively, in Virginia Beach. Tim is the Nav/Ops Officer on USS ATLANTA. Hopefully you'll see a picture of Santa Tim and family. **Ron Glass** is working for AT&T in Reading, Pennsylvania. Ron is working with the fiber optic cable production team. **Alex Urrutia** and Charlotte are in Mayport, Florida, where Alex is aboard USS TATTNALL. **Jim Ziolkowski** recently completed his MBA at Miami University in Ohio. I have no further word on what Jim is doing. Speaking of MBA's where are **Bob Luti** and **Pete Shephard**? I heard they were going to grad school on the buddy system. By the way, I should have mentioned earlier that Bob Lesczysynski is moving to Dallas for an assignment with his company. **Ray Luke** is with Texas Instruments in Lewisville, Texas. Also on the same project are **Al Steel** and **Dave Otterson**. They are working on the High Speed Anti-Radar Missile (HARM, AGM-88). Al and Vicki have a boy, Travis. Dave and Pat have three children, Patrick, John, and Tatum. Another 79er, **Brian McKay** had worked with TI but changed companies. Brian and Ray are in the same Naval Reserve unit. Ray and Tawni have a son named Preston. Lynne and **Tom Rychlik** are in Virginia Beach with their daughter Nancy. Lynne should have had another baby by the time this is printed. Tom is at CinCLant. Mary and **Ken Bitter** are also in that locale with daughter Angela. Ken is a supply officer assigned to Craney Island Fuel Depot.

A quick update on other 34th company 79ers: **Jeff Headrick** is attending medical school in Lubbock, Texas. **Pete Whitney**, with wife Angie and children Christopher and John, is working for Kraft in upstate New York. **John Palmer**, with wife Kaye and children Allison and Niles, are on the West Coast where John is with an unnamed computer company in an unspecified city. It must be a big secret project. Susan and **Scott Pickles** were last seen in the New London, Connecticut area where Scott was with a defense contractor.

The sad news for this month is that **Michael King** died in a helicopter crash in late-October of last year. He is survived by his wife Connie and twins that are less than a year old. I don't know what else to say except if we can help, let me know. Count your blessings, **Larry K.**

# 80

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# 81

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**Greetings '81**

First off this month, let me apologize for the absence of our column last month. Unfortunately the deadline was 19 December, and I'll admit that I was kneedeep in Christmas shopping, correspondence, etc. Carol and I had a terrific holiday season and enjoyed hearing from so many of you. We also survived the onslaught of San Diego visitors, and are ready for the next wave. So without any further delay, I'll get on with your letters.

Cathy and **Jon Haugen** wrote from Sandy, Utah,