

Paul Ryan sent the accompanying photograph with '73 PCO's ready to hit the Fleet with Changes of Command in April or May. Left to right:

Tom Thompson—PINTADO (SSN-672); **Paul Ryan**—PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690); **Bob Barnes**—JAMES K. POLK (SSBN-645 Blue); **Steve Ingram**—JAMES MADISON (SSBN-627 Blue); **Skip Weitz**—WOODROW WILSON (SSBN-624 Gold); and **John Allen**—SCULPIN (SSN-590). (It is hard to believe we're this senior, and old.) Thanks, P.J.

(These Nukes are showing the rest of us up with all their news.)

The Class Officers met on 8 March 1989.

—The Class charter is being reviewed by officers and **John Simcox**.

—**Bruce Marquardt** is heading up our 30 June 1989 celebration at USNA Officers' and Faculty Club (Be there at 4:30 on.)

—Fundraising is hot:

Capital for the Brigade Activities Center will be raised with a telethon in May. Have your checkbook ready. The Annual fund and Special '73 projects being looked at.

—**John Pilli** has turned over money (\$17,000 in Class fund) to **Tom Storch**.

—Membership cards will go out with 30 June 1989 flyer, and quarterly Annapolis breakfasts are being organized.

John Sporaco is headed to the University of Michigan at ROTC unit XO.

Twenty-six '73er's attended the 1 March 1989 meeting at the Bethesda Naval Officers' Club. A good time was had by all.

That's it for now. We do need your help with annual, capital and special project fundraising. Let's have '73 lead the way.

See you on June 30th. '73!

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Membership: 60%

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Konnichi-wa, '74! By the time this gets into print Winter will have left and Spring or Summer will be here and I will be on my first camping trip of the year. I have just dug out from another snowstorm that has left 12 inches of the white stuff all over with 3 or 4 foot drifts at the end of the driveway. It must be keeping the mailman from delivering all the backlogged mail. You guessed it—no news to report!

Cathy and I have learned that having four children under the age of 8 keeps us busy all the time, especially during the Winter months. Two kids were manageable, three and we were at our limit, four and it was all over. I think the expression is "day by day" or something like that. If I can find time to put out this article then you could find time to at least drop me a post card with your hot info. Now is the time to write or give me a call at home 612-432-8704 or work 612-726-9391. (Letters from wives are welcomed.)

As a reminder, our Class vice-president **Steve Middleton** is heading up Homecoming 1989 committee and needs help from Classmates living in the Annapolis, Baltimore or D.C. area. Please contact Steve at: 516 Green Forest Drive, Severna Park, Md. 21146, phone (home) 301-544-5428, (work) 301-544-8656. It is also time to start thinking about Class officers for the next five years. Anyone interested in heading up the election committee or if interested in running for election, please drop me a line. So far no letters or phone calls from Classmates willing to run for office. **Dave**.

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Membership: 58%

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Membership: 62%

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It has been a very slow month for correspondence—only two letters since I last sat down to write the column. My thanks to **Tony Blanco** who has volunteered to be the 15th Company rep; Tony is a network systems engineer for General DataComm selling data communications equipment to the major telephone companies. Tony and Lauralyn live in San Leandro, California, with their two children, Lisa Marie, 6, and Bryan, 2. Tony is a member of a Naval Reserve unit in Alameda and has run into **Craig Thomas** on the drill weekends; he has occasionally seen **Gary Harrell** who is based down the road with VP-19 at NAS Moffett Field. Tony has also gotten together with **Mike Golden** in Connecticut when he has been back there on company business.



Audrey Beth swears Dennis into the Navy

Audrey Beth DiLucente sent me photographic proof that Dennis has gone on over to the Navy as a Reservist, although he is still a Marine at heart. Dennis is hitting the books hard at U.C. Santa Barbara and also headed for F-14 training at Miramar.

The Class project committee met again at Alumni House last week to review our progress and discuss our options with the Director of Development. So far we have collected over \$6200; we should be getting a progress report in the mail to you real soon. Construction of the Brigade Activities Center is progressing rapidly—it certainly will be a magnificent structure. I rode to the meeting with **John Drerup** and he had some good news to pass on. Congratulations to Susan and **Mike Dailey** on the birth of their little girl, Rachel Mercedes. Best wishes also go to **Greg Treitz** who is engaged to be married this Summer.

That's about it for this month—we are still looking for 10 more company reps (6, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 29, 31 and 36); help us out if you can. Remember to support the Class project, and let me hear from you. **Joe**.

**Don't Miss an Issue
of Shipmate!**

**Keep the Alumni Association
Current on Address Changes**

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Membership: 82%

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Shipmates, it's time again for another stellar news report!!! As advertised in the March and April issues, nominations for Class officers were to close out on 1 May. Due to the lead time required for column submittal (the day that this was written was 15 March) I will not be able to inform you of results for another month or so . . . So on with the news.

I've run into several of our Classmates this last month and have managed to get them to pass on some information. The first was **Dave Sanders** who I met at the classy Virginia Beach hamburger palace . . . Fuddruckers. Actually they serve terrific burgers, onion rings and chocolate shakes. Anyway, Dave was being a sport by taking his daughter out to eat while his wife was recuperating from being under the weather. Dave finished up his master's at NPS last year and has been reassigned here in Norfolk.

The next shipmate I ran into was **Dale Govan**, stationed as XO in USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN-655B) down in Charleston. Dale wanted me to say hello to his wife April and three children, Chip, Dale, and Cassie. Wait a minute Dale, you're on offcrew now! He mentioned that **Dan Sigg** will be returning to Charleston with his lovely wife Ruth and three children as XO in USS L. MENDEL RIVERS. Additionally, Dale passed on some kind words about **Eric Chaum** who is working for NUSC in Rhode Island. Dale said some nice words? Actually he treated us in grand fashion while on board.

The next Classmate I ran into while visiting USS CINCINNATI (SSN 693), was **Guy Cofield**. Guy is finishing up his tour as weapons and will be headed to New London for PXO school. From there, he will head out to an as yet to be determined XO tour. Guy mentioned that his wife Connie and three children are all well and living in Virginia Beach. Anne-Marie is four and is thriving in pre-school. The twin boys are two and are doing there absolute best to destroy the house and themselves. He said that constant supervision is required. Fortunately, Connie is working part-time as a visiting nurse which helps maintain her sanity! Guy mentioned that he would love to hear from anyone, especially all those 35th Co types and other eighth-wingers in general.

That finishes up another column. Keep those cards and letters coming!!! Until next time, Happy Trails . . . **Bill**.

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Membership: 84%

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I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry . . . Apologies a thousand-fold for the gap in last month's *Shipmate*. There was a little confusion on deadlines which won't happen again. I've already suffered the humiliation, ridicule, and mandatory tongue-lashing that follows such an offense—and I'd received such kudos before. Oh well, you all know how many "Atta-boys" are quickly erased by one "Aww . . ." "Nuff said. *Mea culpa*.

Before I dip into the mail bag, a little Class business. Your Class officers and Board of Directors solicit your help. As a means of enhancing Class communications and keeping track of Classmates, we're looking for volunteers to be company reps. As I

mentioned in a previous article, some companies already have reps ("secretaries") who write newsletters and keep accurate mail lists. Those of whom we're already aware (or who've volunteered to date) are: **John Semcken** (2nd), **John O'Neil** (6th), **Matt Elias** (11th), **John Rudder** (12th), **Bob Schermond** (15th), **Herb Jensen** (17th), **Tom McMahon** (25th), and **Bruce Gearey** (30th). If this is inaccurate, drop me a line and set me straight. As for the rest of the companies, how about volunteers?! We'll take 'em. First come, first served. We'd like to have all companies filled out by the end of June. So come on down!!!

Got a LONG letter from **Mike Shinego** which I'll try to condense. After duty as an NROTC instructor at the University of Rochester, in New York, wedged between two nuke sub tours, Mike resigned his regular commission and accepted a Reserve one in Feb. of last year. Before leaving, he passed on his hat as USS AUGUSTA's Weps/CSO to his relief and Classmate **Mike McNish**. With an MBA from his ROTC days and practical experience on the Navy's newest sonar, he was quickly snatched up by GE to be their WAA Test Director for a Submarine Combat Systems program. Mike sends thanks to the detailer who DIDN'T give him his duty preference back in '85 as his AUGUSTA experience has made his future "very promising." Mike's been married for the past eight years to the former Betsy Kline. Mike, Betsy and their daughters, Carrie, 4½, and Annie, 2½, extend an open invitation to friends to visit and would like to hear from the "old gang in 20th Co." He passes along his address and phone number: 9112 Frenchman Creek Dr., Phoenix, N.Y. 13135, (315) 695-5903. Mike also adds the following 20th Co. news gleaned from Xmas cards he'd received: Deb and **John Cooke** and their three kids (another due in June) live in Falmouth, Massachusetts. John's working on an engineer's degree in the joint MIT/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Program. He's still in the Navy. However, **Doug Reiland** left the Marine Corps and now works for Harris Corporation in the Phillipines where he lives with his wife, Terry, and their son. Karen and **Steve Bacon** and their two kids, Brian, 5, and Lindsey, 7 mos., live in Millersville, Maryland. Steve works as an engineer for Martin Marietta Aero & Naval Systems in Baltimore. Vikki and **Al Kolpacke** are stationed somewhere in Norfolk where Al flies helo's. Mike was their best man back in '85 and swears Al lucked out.

Tom McMahon wrote me from Seattle, Washington, where he was last seen job hunting after completing grad school at the University of Washington (MBA '88, MS '87). He set me straight on the best representation at the reunion. Sorry **John Semcken**, 25th Co. did beat out 2nd. According to Tom, 25th had 16 grads present (out of 26 graduated) plus two who left after Youngster Year (**Dave McIssaac**, who came from South Carolina, and **Mike Whaley**, all the way from the OK state). By even my limited math skills that's a whopping 18! Any other challengers? (If not, shoot for the 15th reunion to beat 'em.) Other 25th news: Blenda and **John Brady** were proud parents of child number three, Chelsea Nicole, born 21 Nov. 88. Antonia and **John Rudzis**, not to lose pace, gave birth to their second, Lauren Melissa (8 lbs. 6 oz) who arrived on 22 Dec. 88. Both **Larry Newby** and **Bill Burger** left active duty at the turn of the year. Tom hadn't a clue as to what their futures held.

By now **Jay Goree's** letter is severely dated so I'll try to adjust it. At this writing he should've left the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT and reported to Dept. Head School in Newport. Jay enclosed a photo of himself and his lovely wife, Cindy, taken aboard the former presidential yacht SEQUOIA, where they'd exchanged vows. (But how long ago, Jay?) On board the TR during Jays' tenure were **Kevin White** (now at PG School, Monterey), and **Mike Fralen** (the TR's

"Shooter") and **Jim Carr**. Jay says these '78ers recorded the following firsts on TR: Conned out of Newport News on sea trials—Jay; escorted Mrs. Lehman during commissioning—Jim; "trapped" and "shot" the first aircraft on board—Kevin and Mike, respectively. He also mentioned that Nancy and **Dave Dwyer** live around Newport News where he thought Dave was a design engineer on the new SEAWOLF subs at Newport News Shipbuilding. From Jay's long hours on the TAO phone, he found that **Jim Clager** was with ComCruDesGru 8 staff. Lastly, he added thanks to **Mark "the boy" James** for inspiring him to write *Shipmate* after all these years.

Mike Shumaker is in Norfolk, serving as the



Cindy and Jay Goree



Three Musketeers: Rodriguez, Becerril, Runolfson



'78 Det. JFK



The Richardsons

Weapons Officer on USS JOHN KING. During his pre-deployment work-ups, Mike's wife, Donna Lynn, gave birth to their second child, Michael, on 23 Feb. 88. Last August, Mike was the best man at Jennifer and **Sean Donovan's** wedding. Sean is finishing his last year of med school at USUHS in Bethesda, Maryland. He and Jennifer are expecting a baby in late-June, which should be just after their move to Oakland, California, where Sean will serve his internship as an ENT at Oaknoll Hospital. During early January Mike ran into **Glenn Woods** at the Norfolk Exchange. At the time Glenn was wrapping up a shore tour as Air ASW Ops with ComSecondFt. Glenn should be back flying P-3's. Lastly Mike added that **Rich Holtzknecht** was also flying P-3s out of Hawaii . . . rough life.

LCdr. **Dave Mercer** sent me a quick note and photo while on Med Float with other Classmates on board USS KENNEDY. By now they've returned, and in Dave and **Dick Findlay's** cases, have transferred. But here's the scoop on '78 Det JF: Dave was the Air Wing LSO for CVW-3. In February he was transferring to be AirLant LSO. Still single, he's open game and living the great bachelor life in Virginia Beach. LCdr. **Dave Brown** is the Air Strike Ops and expects to transfer in July to VA-42 as an instructor B/N. Dave and Barbara have one daughter, Laura. LCdr. **Jim Jones** is serving a Dept. Head tour while flying with VF-14. He and Elizabeth live in Virginia Beach along with the others. LCdr. **Alex Hnarkis** is also serving a Dept. Head tour while flying Tomcats with VF-32. Alex and Joette have been married since Dec. 84 and on 11 Sep. 88, became proud parents of their first, son Ryan. Not to be excluded, the Green side was ably represented by Capt. **Dick Findlay**. Finner is a B/N with VMA(AW)-533 out of MCAS Cherry Point. Finner's squadron will be leaving CVW-3 next year and deploying to Iwakuni. I guess Jenny and their two kids, Matt and Beverly, will have to hold their fort then. As a former Marine herself, Jenny can handle anything! Thanks for the gouge, Mercer, it's just what I'm looking for! By the way thanks for the interservice transfer and promotion—now where's the pay?! (Merce addressed me as LCdr.).

On to some unfinished business . . . I had run into **John Storvick** and **Don Schneider** while job hunting last December. Of all the "interviewees" we were the old men of the bunch. Both should be out of the Navy now and are hopefully employed and well compensated. Don's last duty was at the Pentagon, where he worked as a Technology Transfer Analyst, ensuring that sensitive technology was not permitted to be sold abroad . . . like the Coca Cola recipe (Classic, of course!). He and his wife, Lynne, were living in Sterling, Virginia. As for John Storvick, he was looking quite dapper in his braces (that's fancy suspenders for those still in the service). John had left duty at Sub School in Groton, and brain flatulence has caused me to forget where he was specifically while in the D.C. area. I want to say NRL, as I know he was involved for a while in Buck Rogers laser stuff . . . sorry, John. (Drop me a line and get me right.) I do know that John and his wife, Barbara, have three kids, Jessica, 9, Eileen, 4, and Elizabeth, 2.

Got a wonderful note from Julie, Ashley (almost 6), and **Brad** "You can call me Brad, J.B. or Jack" **Richardson**. My old New River "Chief's Club" housemate has been out of the Marine Corps for three years now and is rocketing to success with Johnson & Johnson. The Richardsons are living in Levittown, Pennsylvania, where Brad commutes to the plant in New Jersey. Brad's had 3 (or 4?) promotions the past two years, and the latest to plant maintenance and engineering manager. One more promo and he thinks Julie will let him get his BEEMER! Of course that also may help Julie maintain a deaf ear to his hints of "would you like to go back to work?" . . . Hmmm, Elizabeth often has that same temporary

impairment . . .

Thanks for the pat-on-the-back from Joanie and **Dave Rodriguez!** I appreciate the encouragement. Unfortunately for them they didn't make it back to Australia for Christmas, perhaps this year. Joanie sent a picture of the "Three Musketeers." Dave of course, is out of the Navy and works as the Pinger Branch Supervisor at the Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station in San Diego. The other two Musketeers are still active duty captains, **Miguel Becerril** and **Case Runolfson**. Miguel is an economics prof at the Academy. Besides teaching, he has the added job of putting together a Marine Newsletter for the Midshipmen, a little USMC PR. One aspect of it which I'm aware is a look at USNA Marine grads. This is usually a bio and photo of an Academy grad Marine officer which helps to give the Mids an idea of what their careers could be like. I'm sure Miguel could use some input. Any poster Marines out there? As for Case, he's out at OCS in Quantico pushing through candidates.

Congratulations also to Christine and **Anthony Cardoza** who became the proud parents of a son, Aaron Anthony, on 17 Feb. 89. That's a highlight in the Cardoza family as besides Anthony, Aaron is the only other male in the two recent generations!

Best of luck to upcoming marriages for **Tom Crowley** and his fiancée, Gretchen, on 30 April. (I don't know her last name . . . I'm only the best man!) and to **John Semcken** and Diane Reed on 17 June. Looks like the reunion festivities didn't frighten her away, John.

Well I'll wrap up this article, looking back on it, it reads like a "Baby Boom." Must have been the 10-year itch. Keep those cards and letters coming in, and I'll try to keep improving my batting average with articles. This makes me three for four! Don't forget, volunteer for Company reps!

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Membership: 92%

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Hey Niners!

Yup, two months in a row or is it three? I must be on a roll. Business first, you should have received a mailout asking if you are going to attend the Homecoming weekend. If you have not, please call or write me to let me know. We are soon going to be sending the letter that will tell you where to send your checks and for how much. Speaking of how much, I have had a couple people ask if they can prorate payment based on what they actually attend. Sorry guys, the events are already a pretty low cost deal and we could not handle the weekend any other way without spending a lot more time, effort, and money. All that would happen is that each individual event would cost more, so the majority of people would end up spending more. Come on, it is only once every 10 years, splurge. I have also received requests for baby-sitting services. Not a bad idea, I will definitely look into it. Hotel space is quickly filling up so call now or camp out.

And now for the latest dirt . . . **Judd Knecht** was seen bouncing against the walls up in Crystal City. Judd is actually working with Naval Combat Systems in Norfolk. He is a project engineer. I heard this second-hand so it is probably mixed up or wrong. **Don Hubbard** is probably married to Chris by now. Don just finished law school at Maryland and is working with King and Spaulding in Washington, D.C. **Paul Hanrahan** has been looking at his wife's name, Rodanthe, and finally figured out that it is



Dave Jackson, Kevin Derbin, Steve Filipow, Tom Joyce, Steve Squires, Tom McDonald

Greek and not Irish. I didn't have anything else to say about Paul but his name was written on my notes so someone must have told me something about him. I do know he has an MBA from Harvard, so he will probably be our boss someday. **Sam Willett**, who told me to write down Paul's name (had to blame someone) is still with Hallmark in employee relations. **Dave Jackson** is in Alameda, with wife and son. **Chris Wenz** is on NIMITZ where he is safe from watermen of the Bay. **Steve Squires** is the assistant ops officer for VAW-114 and living in San (another perfect day) Diego with Mary. Steve took the bonus and will probably be transferred to VAW-110 by the time you read this. **Danny Chang** is ops officer for DesRon 17. **Steve Brooks** is ops officer on an unknown ship in San Diego, quoth Steve. **Roger Chappa** is a pilot for Federal Express which explains why I missed Christmas. **Scott Bruce** is toughing out an exchange tour flying H-3's in Scotland. **Chris Drake** was married last year and runs a diving and salvage business in Rhode Island.

Paul Pohlmeier has not written to me but I know he flies for American Airlines so he is not on strike. Hey some of these people have not confirmed for Homecoming. Why not? Don't you MISS your Classmates!? Sign up by July and put a L'OBSTCR on it!!!! **Steve Filipow** is an MPA and was married last January to the former Charlotte Morford. **Scott Pursley** works for Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati (yes, I spelled it right). **Sean Stackley** is up in Canada as an exchange Mountie, actually as an EDO. I would rather be a Mountie. **Ron Rahall** is, and I quote, "somewhere on USS ENTERPRISE." **Dave Sorranno** is in Japan, somewhere.

Tom Joyce is an ops officer for VF-51 out of NAS Miramar. Tom and Deshua have two boys and a girl. **Herb Wilson** (it's not like a real engagement) better invite me to the wedding. Are you reading this Stephanie? He is out in San Diego with VF-111 as is **Larry Rice**. **Howard Green** and **Jon Jacques** are both doctors in Massachusetts, somewhere. **Tom Herrmann** is an MBA from Harvard and will hopefully replace **Mark Decker**. Yes that's right, another of my un-called for, who cares, inside jokes. Mark and Tom get it and that's what is really important here. **Brian Rodgers** is the assistant navigator on USS RANGER. **Tom McDonald** is on USS CARL VINSON out of Alameda. If you have been paying attention to this column, there will be a quiz Suzanne, you have noticed that the people in the picture are all mentioned in this column except **Kevin Derbin**. Hey Kev, demand equal time. **Larry Rice** and **Herb Wilson** could have been in this picture but chose to fly to Hawaii on an early flight. I would much rather have my picture in *Shipmate*, wouldn't you? Tom is married to Nina and they have two children. Thanks for the letter Tom.

John Messerschmidt is in Herndon, Virginia, somewhere doing something. I'm like his neighbor but does he call, no. **Dave Shikada** is transferring to USNA this Summer, so call him to book a room at his house. **Steve Jordan** graduated from the US Customs Academy and is flying out of Corpus Christi, Texas. Vice? He may be the only person foolish enough to want to attend yet another Academy. He obviously didn't have a Plebe Year, right Cabs? By the way 12th company is showing pretty shabby on Homecoming attendance. At least Grif is coming.

Charlie Mark (correct pronunciation "Mock") and Betty had a baby girl last March. Her name is Tiffany; they have a son, too. Talk about nuclear families. **Ted Wasylkiw** also had another baby but no details are available. **Dom Gorie** is the official 19th company gouge and he is not forthcoming. Oh well, it is Spring as I write this so I have to go to Florida and chase my teenage girlfriends in the sand, second childhood, no way I'm still in my first. Later class. **Larry K**

My friends, fear not; though the long lost voice from the East Coast was rumored no more, I happily report that between teaching, being taught, being a husband and father, and getting an essay published in *Proceedings* magazine, I am here once again to serve you faithfully. I have quite a backlog of news to report and, as always, resolve to write with greater frequency in the future.

My apologies also to the 'Niners stationed here at USNA whom I missed on the first go 'round: **Gene Miller** works over at MAAA, and **Paul Evans** and **Jeff Summerour** are both company officers. Jeff made USNA history by being the first Chop to hold that billet. Having worked here myself for a year now, I believe that I can report with a degree of certainty that, even in ten (count 'em, TEN) years, things haven't changed all that much. They took the beer out of Dahlgren some time ago and have added a few new uniform items like woolly-pullies and Ike jackets. I am most amused to find that it is now cool to have short hair. Two of the more popular cuts are "high and tight" and a "fade." Enough of this; on with the news.

While preparing for his first year of law school at the University of Michigan, **Gil Shuga** took time to write. Following a successful tour as weps on WHIPPLE, Gil hung up the military spurs and convinced his wife Debbie that they should leave the weather of Pearl Harbor for the weather of Michigan. And if that weren't enough, he further convinced her to support him while he attends school full-time. You're going to make a great lawyer, Gil. On the trek East, Gil stopped in to see **Mike Shatynski**, who claims to be a project engineer with the Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Says Gil: read "garbageman"). Mike took Gil on a demonstration of his off-road racing