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Shipmates, Spring has arrived at last! Time to work on all those outdoor projects that have been dormant over the Winter months. Don't forget your taxes and if there is time, a postcard to your favorite column (*Shipmate* not *Penthouse*!) relating all your latest news!

As a matter of fact, **Henry Gonzales** did precisely that. He reports that he is in the pipeline for XO in USS FLORIDA (Blue). He and his family: wife June, children Patrick, 6, and Thomas, 21 months, will make the move from Charleston to Bangor at the end of June. In his PXO class are **Denny Simon**, **Skip Miller** and **Dave Comis**. Denny finished off USS RAY as Navigator and is headed to USS TENNESSEE (SSBN-734) (Blue) out of Kings Bay. Skip is scheduled for USS G.W. CARVER (SSBN-656) (Blue) homeported in Holy Loch, Scotland with the crew out of New London. He just finished up a tour as an Intel Officer on the CinCUSNavEur Staff. Dave is going to USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN-643) (Blue) out of Kings Bay with the crew homeported out of Charleston. Dave recently finished a tour on a carrier group staff out of San Diego. Henry also managed to lay his hands on an XO list featuring the names of several of our Classmates: **Joe Walsh**, USS OHIO (SSBN-726) (Blue); **Brad McDonald**, USS GRAYLING (SSN-646); **Mark Atkisson** USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN-706); **French Caldwell**, USS WILL ROGERS (SSBN-659) (Blue); **Dan Sigg** USS GUITARO (SSN-665); **Pete Ozimek** USS ASPRO (SSN-648); **Michael Mair** USS KENTUCKY (SSBN-737) (Blue); **Bill Venohr** USS ALABAMA (SSBN-731) (Gold); **Jim Rowley** USS LAPON (SSN-661); **John Bird**, USS TUNNY (SSN-682); **Rick Self**, USS GEORGE BANCROFT (SSBN-643) (Gold); **Ray Arellano**, USS LEWIS AND CLARK (SSBN-644) (Gold); **Tom Stenstroms**, USS TAUTOG (SSN-639); **John Schwanz**, USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN-690); **Dick Corpus** USS QUEENFISH (SSN-651); **Dave Householder**, USS NORFOLK (SSN-714); **Chris Stathos** USS GEORGIA (SSBN-729) (Blue); **Bill Stiles**, USS BLUEFISH (SSN-675); **Guy Cofield**, USS HENRY STIMSON (SSBN-655) (Gold); **Tom Hawkins** USS ALASKA (SSBN-732) (Gold); **George Manaskie**, USS CINCINNATI (SSN-693); and **Mark Kenny**, USS KENTUCKY (SSBN-737) (Gold). The list is far from complete. I hope to round it out as more of our Class rolls through the pipeline. Thanks a bunch, Henry!

I've been gradually making it through the news from the elections. If you included a note and haven't seen it yet, be patient. I'm over half way through the stack! **Dan Sigg** finished a tour at Op-81 in the Pentagon and has since moved onto XO on a fast attack out of San Diego. Dan moved his entire tribe (wife Ruth and children Christopher, Jennifer, Carolyn and Katherine) out to the coast for their first taste of California living! **Greg Sawyer** finished up his Master's in Computer Science in December '88 and joined up with A-6 Squadron VA-75 last July in USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CVN-67). **Ed Rourke** reported in from D.C. where he is serving in a joint billet at the Army's Military Traffic Management Command. He and his wife, Lynn, were married in November 1985 and have a two-year-old daughter by the name of Kristine. Ed says he thoroughly "enjoys" the commute each morning on I-95 through Springfield, but other than that truly loves the area.

**John Sharp** lives in Nashville with his wife and three children. **Dave Shubert** is finishing up school at MIT—Woods Hole in the joint oceanography program—and hopes to make it back to the Fleet as a submarine XO in the Fall. **Dan Ryan** is the Stock Control Officer in USS HOLLAND (AS-32) out of Charleston. He, his wife, Kim, and daughter, Kelsey, pass their greetings to all the 16th Company survivors! **Carlos Rosende** is the Head of the Ophthalmology Department at Naval Hospital, Portsmouth. He and his wife, Karen, live in Portsmouth. Karen is a Computer Analyst at NAS, Norfolk.

Finally, the Fleet Home Town News Center's latest! **Randy Bannister** was graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. **Victor Gardner** received an Aviation Safety Award (4000 hours of accident-free flying) while serving at Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Quantico, Virginia. **John Feiler** reported for duty at U. S. Special Operations Command, McDill Air Force Base, Florida. **John Sill**, serving with VF-213, recently visited Hong Kong during a six-month WestPac and around-the-world deployment in USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65). **Bob McGee** returned from a Med deployment with HS-17 embarked in USS CORAL SEA. **Ron Brinkley** returned from a six-month WestPac deployment in tank landing ship USS BARBOUR COUNTY, homeported in San Diego.

That finishes up another month! Keep the cards and letters coming; especially if you find a little free time after finishing up the taxes! (smile) . . . Happy trails, **Bill**.

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Membership: 83%

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As I come to press with this month's column I remember my wife's comment that "you shouldn't have much to write. You only got a couple of letters." Hey, do facts preclude the *Enquirer* from putting out a paper? Does the absence of something to say keep a congressman from filibuster? Have you ever known me to be a man of few words? . . . Besides, the couple of letters I did get were brimming with news. So, I rest my case and press on with this novella (through within the limits of my five typed pages, Mr. Editor).

Our Class Treasurer, **John Rudder**, provided a status of Class funds. Assets and debits aside, the bottom line is—yes, we are solvent. As of the end of 1989 our Class net assets totaled \$16,821.88 (but don't think this precludes our asking for a few spare dimes!)

My fellow Foxtrot Companymate, **Jeff Fowler** is still in the Navy and living up in my neck of the woods. The Navy has allowed LCdr. Fowler to attend for a year the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University as a student in the Mid-Career Master in Public Administration Program. Jeff and his wife, Katie, have been married for nearly eight years now, and have two daughters, Brittany (2) and Lynsee, who was born December 7, 1989. After graduation this June, Jeff will go to PXO course in July/August, then on to a submarine as XO in September. Prior to "HAAWvard" Jeff was a junior member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board (ORSE Board) and had the opportunity to run into a lot of our Classmates. Of course Jeff admits it was not under circumstances in which he was a welcomed sight!

Our Letter-writer of the month award goes to our beloved Sky-pilot, Chaplain **Alan "Blues" Baker**. Seems Big Al not only wrote me a letter in January

and included a copy of his 10th Company newsletter, but in February he also provided an update!!! For your reading pleasure . . . on to the "Goodtime 10" news!

First off, Marla and Al "**Blues**" **Baker** report the arrival of their second daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, born in January. Mom and baby are doing great! The Fabulous Baker Girls and their parents will be heading to 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at El Toro, California, where "Blues" will be telling the boys in green that God is their co-pilot and not Al Gray. Both Al and Marla are excited as his folks still live in Santa Ana and Marla's are in Huntington Beach—so they now have two sets of readily available babysitters!! Blues writes that Donnarae and LCdr. **John Curtis** along with Ashley (8), Nathan (5) and Meredith (2) are living in Slidell, Louisiana. John is orbiting as Satellite Programs Officer at ComNavOceanCom located at Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. Anna and LCdr. **Sam Sowell** spend their ground time in Virginia Beach where Sam is a senior RIO on the new and improved F-14A+, which Sam says is "tons of fun!" He is also serving his Dept head tour at VF-142 in Oceana while Anna is a flight attendant with US Air. If the Navy was able to pull Sam away long enough from surfing, windsurfing, and beach bumming 101, they should have sent him last month on deployment with the USS EISENHOWER. **George "Skid" Demarco** has been in the frozen north of Minnesota since he left active duty in 1988. He is now polishing off his MBA at U of Minnesota and is in the process of interviewing with the "big boys"; trying to land a six-figure job before he graduates. (Like my salary . . . If you count the numbers to the right of decimal place, that is.) Let's wish George more than luck—let's wish he find a job that's legally reportable to the IRS. (Seems I remember a "Skid" Demarco in "Godfather 2" . . . hmmm). "**Boston**" **John Ehlers** is the Navigator aboard USS G. W. CARVER. He and Patty have spent most of the last year separated due to his deployment schedule. Seems that he bounced around between New London and Holy Loch quite a bit. Never one to get himself down, John writes "Compared to the 6th game of the 1986 World Series, nothing's that bad!" Not all's work and no play though as Patty was able to meet her trendy jetsetting husband in such rendezvous spots as Charleston, Cocoa Beach, Groton, and Scotland. Libby and **Craig Diffie** are living in Norfolk where he is training officer at HSL30. He was completing a Master's in Systems Management from USC in his spare time before he transferred to sea duty with HSL 32 in March. On deployment he'll be the Det OIC and Dept Head. Craig and Libby have two sons, Douglas (4) and Samuel (2). Craig wrote about **Joe Martin**, but I'll let Joe explain himself later on in the column. Yes, even Joe wrote! Craig did say that **Terry O'Brien** is soon to be transferred from ComPhibGru 2 staff to serve as XO aboard an LSD in the Little Creek area. For the time being "O.B." is the Flag Sec for the PhibGru and he, Wendy and their daughter, Kristen, are living in Virginia Beach. Terry writes: "I'm amazed, after 10 years as an engineer, that I'm learning a tremendous amount about lawyers, chaplains, doctors, and all that stuff that snipes don't worry about." That just goes to prove the saying "You can take the snipe out of the main spaces but you can't take the main spaces out of the snipe." (Wasn't that a Table Salt tongue twister?)

Barbara (USNA '80) and **Glen Ives** also live in the Tidewater area. Like Diffie, Glen is also with HSL 30. The difference is Glen will be on his way to be a OIC/Dept. Head in HSL34. (Hey, even the best of relationships have their separations.) Barb must be very busy with their three sons: Glen, Matthew, and John. Karen and LCdr. **Bill Yeager** are rockin' and rollin' San Jose, California, where he is Safety/



NATOPS officer with VP-31 at NAS Moffett Field. Karen has her hands full with three young boys, William, Andrew and Matthew (not to mention her oldest boy—Bill), while also working as a book-keeper for a family-owned meat company. I'm sure "Yeags" is grooming his lads to also be Navy Rugby ruffians as Karen feeds them protein enriched meat—Like father—like sons. Jackie and **Ron "Ugs" Uglov** live in Plymouth, Minnesota, where he serves as Lead Licensing Instructor for Northern States Power. In addition to helping raise two boys (Scotty and R. J.) Ron is working on his MBA. Ron and Jackie write: "Please tell anyone in the Class that they should look us up if they ever stop through Minneapolis. **Gerard "Kat" Katilius** is Technical Computer Sales Rep to Hewlett Packard. He has been selling to USNA and other DOD accounts for six years. (We're still trying to see if there is a conflict of interest.) He and Karen will soon be moving to their new podunk, Pittsburgh, so their parents can sit their four-year-old son, Daniel, and new addition, Kimberly (born just in time for taxes, 29 Dec.!) Anita and **Steve Sellner** live in San Diego where he serves as Operational Test Director at DepComOpTeVForPac. Is could tell you what that acronym means but then I'd have to shoot you. **Sam Sowell** wrote "I ran into Steve Sellner at the cash flow money machine. I recognized his voice, I was in aviation greens and grabbed him from behind and threw him against a wall. Even when he turned around he did not have a clue who I was." Steve, we consider your lapse in recognizing your assailant pretty sad considering you two were ROOMMATES at Canoe U!!

Beth and **Tom Whitehouse** are living in Hopewell Junction, New York. Tom is Maintenance Supervisor with Coca Cola of New York. They moved to New York last July. Beth writes: "Tom likes his job with Coke and the kids love the snow. Me, I'd prefer the warmth of Florida." Sounds like a family that can alternate Winters "snowbirding" to Ft. Lauderdale. The Whitehouses have two children, Shannon and Tommy. A third child has probably arrived by the time you read this. In closing "Blues" asks that any other 10th Company mates who are still out there to please write him: "Come in from the cold, amnesty has been granted, it's a new decade, a softer, gentler, era: Brother, have I heard that somewhere before? . . . Al can be contacted at Qtrs. 749A, Naval Base, Charleston, S. C. 29408 . . . I know I said they're on their way to El Toro . . . but you know how orders are. Don't worry, your letter will get there . . . (Thanks for the news Al, especially for its scripted format—all I had to do was retype, add a little editorial license and VOILA—a column!)

**Joe Martin** decided to pass on his news himself and wrote that on 7 Feb. he graduated from PXO School in Newport. By now he should have reported to Pearl Harbor and taken over the helm as XO of a frigate, USS BADGER. As Al Baker had written—"I'm sure Joe's MS in Telecommunications Systems Management will come in handy for this tour: 'I'm not askin you—I'm tellin' you, sailor. Read my lips!'" Come to think of it, Joe can plan a multimedia presentation of a million and one ways to ream someone. Kim and Joe Jr. had preceded dad to Hawaii to prepare a home and get a headstart on their tans. Joe added that among his PXO classmates were **Dave Christie**, now en route to USS ROANOKE (AOR-7) in Long Beach, and my old lightweight crew teammate, **Mike Matacz**, who is on his way to the USS PAUL F. FOSTER in San Diego. Joe also sent proof that **John Webster**, **Will Ervin** and **Terry O'Brien** are alive and kickin'. John is now the XO on USS O. H. PERRY. Will was a neighbor when the Martins lived in Chesapeake and is Assistant Ops at ComCruDes-Gr 8. He and Peg are expecting their first child sometime this Spring. As for O. B., hey, you've already read it all. . . .

The last letter is from **R. W. Lamont** and comes all the way from whoop tank land, the U.S. Army Armor Center in Fort Knox, Kentucky. Some Marine tank monitor (that's our detailee for you Nav types) thought it might be funny to send Bob down for an exchange tour. Unfortunately he forgot about him for a while as he's been there for four years now! He's a tactics Instructor in the Armor Officer Advanced Course (AOAC). That's like a department head school for tankers. Last year Bob was selected for Major and should be pinning it on in the June/July time frame. The monitor must've finally remembered him or his incessant gloating over the Navy 19-17 victory Army incited the Whoops to finally get rid of their Boat Schooler. Either way, Bob, Sherry and their newest addition, Sean, will be leaving Fort Knox and moving to Monterey for Naval Postgraduate School where he'll work on a Master's in Ops Analysis. I sure hope he makes it through the course as the extra sheepskin will help him to adequately analyze the header on this column and derive the conclusion that the address belongs to me and not our illustrious Prez, **Jock Maloney!!!** It's ok Bob, **Tom Abernathy** had fallen into the same trap . . . Seems to happen only to Classmates on assignment with the Army though. Hmmm . . .



The Fowlers



John Webster, Will Ervin, Joe Martin and O.B.

A couple of Fleet Hometown news releases reported the graduations of **Mark Boensel** and **Wade Tallman** from Naval War College in January. (I seem to recall **Corey Bickmore** also on the grad list in a recent *Navy Times*.)

I close out this month's column with a phone call from our former West Coast Xmas Air Charter and love boat cruise director . . . **Rob Cloutier**. Rob has left his integration labs at Boeing in Philly and is now with their Computer Division. He's branching out into the commercial end of the business which is a smart move with those DOD Budget types running around with scissors and axes these days! Rob also brought to my attention that I had misprinted his phone number when I listed all the Company Reps,

so all you 18th Company types take note of the corrected digits: Home—(609) 235-9421, Work—(215) 591-4007. Rob closed with his 18th Co. Rep lament . . . "Anybody seen or heard from **Ted Null**, **Mike Amicarella** or **Gerry Corey**?" With that I'll close this out and see you next month!

Whoooooaaa!! HOLD THE PRESSES!!! Just a few last minute notices fresh from the mail box. Thanks to a phone call from by trusty sidekick (Elizabeth), I was able to get some latest word before I sent this on out. So here we go:

**Lloyd Prince** just got his October issue of *Shipmate* and his company rep package! Needless to say he has now changed residence to a place which will ensure speedier mail service! Lloyd has left MIDWAY and is now with VA-122, NAS Lemoore. So all you 7th Company "Sea Dogs" can now reach your rep at: VA-122, NAS Lemoore, Calif. 93246, (209) 998-3098.

I received a letter from Milton H. Bank II (USNA '57). He is involved in the planning of the Alumni Association's West Coast Reunion (June Week West) scheduled for 22–24 June 90 at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey. The plan right now is to hold a giant reception on Friday, 22 June, followed by either individual Class parties or receptions. Saturday will feature events such as golf, tennis, squash, handball, a fun run, sailing, tours of the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and an Alumni Assembly! (Whew, I don't know about you but I'm already tuckered out!) That evening there will be a dinner and dance in the ballroom, with an expected attendance of 500. Sunday morning there will be a special chapel service and a brunch in the NPS Faculty and Officers' Club. Sunday afternoon's schedule is still open. It sounds like a great time and anyone interested in attending (from West Coast, or East too) should contact Milt. He's also soliciting a Class coordinator to help out with unique '78 activities or just to provide input to the affair. You can reach him at: P. O. Box 8668, NPS Station, Monterey, California, (408) 646-2581 or (AUTOVON) 878-2581.

Well on to the FAX machine to make my deadline!!!!

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Hopefully, my intro got into the last issue and you all know there's a new guy at Class secretary. So, let's get right to it, shall we? Got some home town news release stuff for you that may be a few months old but that won't stop us. **John Counts** transferred to HCS-3 NAS North Island last November. **Rocky Kropp** also joined HCS-3 in January. **Doyle Thomas** helped decommission the USS HENRY S. WILSON in San Diego last January. Doyle, have you found a new place to work yet? **Al Drake** fixes folks at Bethesda as of last December. **John Byzewski** returned to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, last January after six months o' fun in Okinawa with the Second Marine Regiment. John should be selected for major this year along with most of the '79 Marines. **Sparky Fitzwater** also got to call North Carolina home again last January when he returned from "The Rock." **Dale Jensen** is aboard USS RANGER out of San Diego. Bird, is that a flying job or a hardship tour?

Melissa and **Bill Enslen** live in Diamond Bar, California. I ran into Bill at work the other day and never knew that he also works in the bomber factory at Northrop. However, Bill works in Pico Rivera while I