

Institute in Los Angeles stating that I've been accepted as a Screenwriting Fellow in their Center for Advanced Film and Television Studies.

Deciding between these two programs has been a difficult task, but I have decided to attend Carnegie Mellon in the Fall and hopefully AFI will reconsider me in the future. So, this Summer I will be making a prodigious career transition and will leave my defense consulting position with Booz-Allen & Hamilton to pursue my Master's.

Best of luck to you Ron.

I received a letter from Rev. David Jackson, RAdm. (Ret.), requesting names of shipmates that have served in our Navy and then have resigned and taken up work in the ministry. He is writing a book. If you have any information regarding this topic, please drop me a line.

Now, for a rousing rendition of Fleet Home Town News releases. **Henry Gonzales** was awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for his outstanding accomplishments while serving as Executive Officer in USS STURGEON; **Tim Criner** participated in the Tunisian Amphibious Landing Exercise while deployed to the Western Mediterranean serving aboard the tank landing ship USS SAGINAW; **Harry Rouse** returned from deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans while serving aboard the battleship USS NEW JERSEY; **Mike Sturm** reported for duty at Naval Strike Warfare Center, Naval Air Station, Fallon, Nevada; **Jim Cardosi** reported for duty with Patrol Squadron 56, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; **Tom Pickles** completed annual active duty training while serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS DUNCAN, homeported in Long Beach; **Jim Kear** received a Master of Science degree from the Naval Postgraduate School; **Ben Garcia** completed the Officer National Security Decision Making course at Newport; **Bob Girard** deployed to the Mediterranean while serving with Strike Fighter Squadron-136, embarked in USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER; **Ray Arellano** received the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS CASIMIR PULASKI, homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. Additionally, he reported aboard the USS LEWIS AND CLARK; **Bary Wilcox** reported for duty at Naval Air Station Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia.

That makes it a wrap for another month of great '77 news. Keep up the super effort with the cards and letters! Until September, happy trails . . . **Bill**.

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Ah yes we're at the peak of summertime! I say this with certainty not so much from looking at the calendar but rather from observation of the all too obvious telltale signs—the absence of those “yellow troop carriers” with their early morning corner pickups; the weekend scented smog of outdoor grills, the daily swelter marked by a climaxed window thermometer and most significantly, the proliferation of transfers and Fleet Home Town News Releases!! Yes indeed, that last item is the clincher! It most certainly is the apex of our Summer as PAOs and PIOs hustle to fill their annual quotas with a deluge of Summer FHTNRs—“Pass a class, get a certificate, find your way to the office? Fill out a news release form . . . PA LEEEEEZ!” Well now, that you have all put so much effort into the matter here are the fruits of your labor . . .

LCdr. **Jeff Dickman** is now with HSL-41 (that's “Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 41,” as the FHTNR reported) at North Island. It seems that Jeff has added



“I really did meet Glen's sister!”

an MS from USC to his “I love me wall” collection.

Mark Ferguson departed Norfolk (circa April) for a Med float with USS EISENHOWER. Highlights of the cruise will be special ceremonies during port visits to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the birth of the ship's namesake.

Capt. (Maj.-select) **Doug Diehl** is now with HML/A-269 at MCAS New River, North Carolina. (I saw Doug and Sheila at a recent MAG-29 change of command ceremony. Sheila looked as radiant as ever and Doug looks as though he could still win a Brigade boxing championship.)

LCdr. **Doug Schultz** is at NAS Lemoore. In April he had “recently returned” from a WestPac float with VA-27 aboard USS CARL VINSON.

LCdrs. **Elton Kelley**, **Tom KcKeon** and **Warren Krull** were among the many who participated in FleetEx 1-90 in the Western Atlantic. Elton is another '78 alumnus of Monterey.

Speaking of Monterey, I now have written proof that **Jeff Carpenter** did finish Monterey and got his MS. (FHTNRs are admissible as evidence according to the UCMJ and the *National Enquirer*).

LCdr. **Dave Bruce** is now aboard USS AMERICA, homeported in Norfolk.

Capt. (Maj.-select) **Curt Perry** departed on Med deployment with the 22nd MEU. Hopefully this means that he will be flying his Harrier and not playing “rent-an-aviator” as a FAC or ALO. Also departed on that same float is fellow Frog Flyer and another Maj.-select **Phil Peterson**. (Are you guys seeing a trend here?! Yes, finally we Marines are getting our due! Congratulations to all you fellow “Warriors” on your selections to major. Now we no longer will have to salute Classmates and underclassmen. . . . Well, at least for another couple of years. . . . Anybody know what they call a Major select?—Captain!)

LCdr. **George Tyree** received a Navy Achievement Medal for “superior performance of duty” while with HSL-75 aboard USS CONNIE. George is another dual sheep-skin Classmate, having picked up an MBA from the University of West Florida during his career.

Another West Florida Master's grad and former Fighting Foxtro/12th Company, **Larry Whitmeyer**, also garnered some hardware. Larry received the Joint Service Commendation Medal while serving as administrative staff officer for the Commander, Maritime Air Forces, Mediterranean, Mahama, Bahrain. Larry is now “back home” with VP-48 at NAS Moffett.

The last U of West Florida MBA grad (Sounds like another flight instructor tour boondoggle to me!) **Scott Miller** reported to VP-40 also at NAS Moffett. The last time I saw Scott was at our reunion. He and

Mike Warner were well into their beer can record chase and 100% oxygen RTB!

The last FHTNR reported that LCdr. **Don Free** was a Team Spirit '90 participant while aboard an LSD, USS FORT FISHER, homeported in San Diego. During the course of the exercise Don also took part in hosting several dignitaries, including the President of the Korean Navy League and local government officials.

Okay guys, that's the *hors d'oeuvres*, now where's the beef? For each FHTNR how about a letter or note of update, clarification, or rebuttal?

Kevin “G. Gordon” Liddy dropped me a note to say he has finished his MBA at NYU adding that NYU was on everybody's list (at least *US News & World Report*) of top business schools. For those of us with only a certificate of attendance, I was duly impressed. Kevin is actively involved with the New York Chapter of the Alumni Association and encourages all in the area to join.

I got a postcard in late May of camel racing in the United Arab Emirates from **Steve Derwood Kinney**. Derwood reports that “Sea Duty is Hell” and that he's looking for orders in October, hopefully to D.C. Steve also said that he had run into **Lew Woolfrom** (HSL-36) at ASU Bahrain. He also said that **Mike Crum** (also with HSL-43) is OIC of the Det that relieves him . . . Nothing like knowing when and who your relief will be. Too bad you can't pull the old “Hey Classmate can you relieve me a little early?” routine . . . After all, five minutes of MOOW is quite different from five weeks of float. Say Steve, which of the camel racers were you? I figured, if there was a race and some mode of transportation involved, Steve Kinney had to be an entrant!

Ray Bracy wrote from Kent, Washington, to announce that after several years of trying he and Evonne were blessed with success at the birth of a son—Dale! As proud dad put it “The baby is lots of fun (& work)! We're enjoying being parents very much.” He went on to give me the *Readers Digest* condensed version of the “Life of Bracy” as follows: left active duty in '86; worked with a flight simulation manufacturer for a couple of years before getting an MBA from Harvard. Now he's at Boeing Commercial Airplanes as an internal consultant to manufacturing operations. The ups and downs even out and basically he and Evonne (and now little Dale) are happy with life in Seattle!!

Julie and Ashley and **Brad** (alias JB, Jack, . . .) **Richardson** are now in Joliet, Illinois along with Blue Brothers Jake and Leewood. Brad took a transfer with J&J (Johnson and Johnson for you non-corporate types) and is now working with their Personal Products Division . . . 'nuff said. They've built a two-story colonial for the price of their old house in Pennsylvania. So Julie says life is definitely nicer (\$\$\$) in Illinois . . . now if only the wind would stop blowing! Ashley had just completed her 1st grade year and loved it! This August marks her 7th birthday . . . It seems like only yesterday that Julie was sweating out the Jacksonville Summer waiting for her to arrive . . . Yikes . . . time marches on . . . Julie wondered if that was **Mark Bolin** on the April cover of *Shipmate*. After all, she noted, Bolin does fly Harriers at Cherry Point and “it *did* look like him.” I don't know about that. I'll have to get out my magnifying glass and go over the picture one more time. If there's a beer bottle in the survival vest, then I'll concede that it could be Bolin. When I last left Mark it was also at the MAG-29 Change of Command reception—He was, as I previously recalled him, in jovial spirit and deep with “spirits.” At least I got to meet his wife.

Great letter from **Larry Galvin** who wrote from Taunton, Massachusetts. Since leaving the USS WHALE and USS JACK as Nav/Ops and managing to neither run aground nor collide with anything, he's

been taking a two-year break in the MIT-Woods Hole Program (That's MIT-WHOI for those in the know.) Larry and Atti have been married for four years now and have two sons, Andy, 3, and Danny, 1. After finishing up next year he expects to be headed back to sea as the XO of USS "Somethingfish." As Larry puts it . . . "It really seems incredible that our Class is into the XO era. Are we really that *mature* (read—old)?" Here's a lowdown on Classmates of whom he knew something: **Larry Semanyk**—In the Med, USMC; **Aaron Watts**—last seen heading to the Med, USN; **John Cooke**—completed MIT-WHOI, taking over the NR-1 (On 22 June, John assumed command of the NR-1 at New London, congrats, "Skipper"! Sorry I couldn't make it but I was playing Marine that week.); **Danny Joe Smith**—heading for Naval War College; **Glenn Flanagan**—leaving BuPers for cruiser XO; **Jeff Fowler**—grad school at Harvard (read May's issue). If anyone is in Taunton, the Galvins are in the book. If you want Red Sox, Celtics, or Bruins tickets Larry says to call waaaaaaay in advance (like six months)!!!

I stopped by Cherry Point to see our first oak leafed Marine—Maj. **Gary Eisenman**. Gary left his job as 2d MAW Staff Sec'y and on 20 April he was frocked to major to assume command of H&HS-27. Just to make sure I had a record of our visit and just in case I didn't show up, he wrote me a note! Though he "dearly loved the rank and enjoyed it for all SEVEN years, it was nice to remove the old railroad tracks." By the way **Bill Timme**, you're on Gary's "Sierra List." Seems of all the 31st Co. Classmates of whom you wrote me (including, non-grads, other MIAs and even your Company Officer) you forgot all about him!! Just guess what wonderful Marine Corps phrases Gary had to say about that *faux pas*. Gary, Betty and their three "BOYS (*real* men don't have girls)" are doing fine. He went on to write:

Brian, 5, was allergic to our car. We bought a used Suburban (the great land barge—battleship of road boats) but they had a dog. The previous owner took his dog everywhere and his dog left lots of 'dog dust' in the car and we discovered that Brian is *highly* allergic to dogs, cats, and dust. Being the world's greatest dog/cat hater, this really broke my heart. However it also broke my bank account since we bought a new land barge. We don't expect to eat for a while; and we have to live in the car, but it's very nice.

It seems that Gary must be a two "house" family for a short while as he was car sitting **Dick Findlay's** wheels while the Finner was afloat. **Mike McKinney** is also aboard "Cheery" Point going through Harrier transition I believe.

Darrell Cofsky has been the Ops O at Sub Group 7 since December '89. He says that Yokosuka, Japan, is great but it doesn't have Dunkin Donuts like home. Since being out there he's seen **Bill Burke** (Nav on OMAHA) and **Ben Richter** (XO on BUFFALO). He invites anyone making a WestPac between now and August '91 to give him a call at SubGru 7 (AV 234-7542).

Attention all Sky Pilots! I received a letter from Rev. David H. Jackson (RADm. USN (Ret.)). He is writing a book on USNA grads who have served in the Navy and then have gone into the ordained ministry. He intends to edit a book which would have each tell his own story with: 1) his/her early life; 2) a resume of the Naval career; 3) a resume of the career as an ordained minister; 4) a resume of his/her religious pilgrimage, including reasons for going into the ministry. If any Padres are interested drop him a line at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 4400 86th Avenue, Southeast, Mercer Island, Wash. 98040-4146.

Talk about your small worlds! While on two weeks active duty at lovely Fort Pickett, Virginia, I ran into **Glen Ives'** sister, Linda. Linda had been pleading her case to the local Pepsi vendor to refund her 90¢ that the machine had devoured without so much as dis-

persing a single soda! The man claimed not to have a cent but would pay her in soda. Well, she wasn't going to settle for that. Needless to say I came by on my White Horse, and possessing of a bit of thirst offered to exchange my bucks for her cokes, a win-win proposition! As introductions were made I took a stab that this Army captain could be a Classmate's relative . . . and so I asked her if she was any relation to you-know-who to which she replied, calmly—"That's my brother!!!!" . . . nice, very low key . . . As for Glen, he's flying SH-2s with HSL-34 and he, Barb and their three sons live in Virginia Beach. He was getting ready to go afloat as a Det OIC at the end of June. I gave Glen a call and he sounded just great! He mentioned that **Russ Gordon** has got orders to NavAir someplace, so we should be seeing Gordo, Carol Lee and kids around the D.C. area soon. He also said that **Ron Uglov** has two boys and works for Northern Power in Minnesota. Sorry I couldn't stop by Glen but after two weeks away from home there wasn't even a contest as to who had first visitation rights, Classmates or spouse. (As he is now on his UNITAS float I'm sure he has a greater empathy for that statement.)

I got a call from **Dennis Reilly**. He and **Drew Mulhare** will host the Fourth Annual Williamsburg Golf Tournament. Right now it is planned for 20 October at Ford's Colony in Williamsburg. Following the golf game there will be a family picnic. Don't worry if you can't golf, Dennis just buys a dozen balls, knocks them around and if he reaches the end of the holes or loses all the golf balls (whichever comes first), then his game is over. (Hey, you mean we have to *count* strokes?!!) If anyone is interested call either Drew at home, (804) 565-1560 or office, (804) 565-4200, or Dennis at home, (703) 690-8548 or office, 301-907-2293. Dennis also passed on that **Barbara & Scott Eckert** had a baby girl, Lindsey Denise. **Drew Mulhare** was just promoted to VP for Development for Ford's Colony at Williamsburg as well as Swann's Point on the Potomac in Charles County, Maryland. **Ken Greene** and **Otto Bulch** both work for Baltimore Gas & Electric at Calvert Cliffs, Maryland. Ken also referees high school football games in his spare time. **Maurice Tose** and Terri finally got married! (Honest, it's true!! Dennis says he read it in the paper.) Their telecommunications and networking business is also starting to pick up and they just opened their first field office down in Tampa. What an exciting year for the two of them! **Abbie** and **Howard Seeger** are living in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where Howie is senior program manager for software development for SAIC. He is still in the Reserve and Denis saw him when he was doing two wks active duty as SPAWAR. **Alex Callas** is with a company called Callan, working with Canadian and Australian forces on foreign military sales (FMS) for F-18s. He's also an assistant football coach for Mt. Vernon High School.

I got a brief message on my answering machine from **Lee Yarberry**. From what I gather he's now in the D.C. area. Where specifically, I don't know; but the last location was the BOQ at Quantico, so this is a to-be-continued story.

That's all the news for this month folks. The next edition is in September so you can all get ready for the Fall, football season and for those of you with kids, the relief of SCHOOL!!! Looking back on this column I see more than a few comments regarding our advancing years so I'll close with two thoughts. The first is that fine wines improve with age, and the other is from a bumper sticker I saw—"You're only young once, but you can be immature all your life!" Take your pick . . .

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Well you can just color me "high tech" from now on. I got the green light from Vicky to buy a computer and yep, this is comin' to ya via a real, no kiddin' personal computer. It only cost me eighty bucks, thanks to a Northrop surplus equipment sale, but so far it works as well as the bazillion dollar PC that I use at work. But that's not what we came here for, no sirree. We've got a truckload o' Class news to talk about and it's high time we got this show on the road.

Mr. Mailbag was a busy froggy over the last few months. Mary and **Steve Squires** had a future Navy oarsman last December. His name is Robert Jessup Squires and boy does he look exactly like dad. It's scary. Steve is the maintenance officer for VAW-110. He does that *bon voyage* thing in about six months then after that he will probably be going to Harvard to get his master's. Squiman also saw **Rick "Gramps" Lopez** last April at the San Diego Crew Classic. While most of us merely run, play tennis, or golf, etc., to get our heart rates above the "Lazy-Boy-Full-Aft" setting, Rick still rows for his "life-sport." Thanks for the letter Steve and congrats to you and Mary. Give us a call and get your buns up to see us!

Susan and **Bruce Brittain** sent some news from underwater in Malvern, Arkansas. Bruce, I sure hope you two didn't get too drenched from the floods. Bruce got his MBA from Harvard in June of '86 and is vice president of Power Ventures, a venture capital firm in the Southwest. He sends word that **Jeff Headrick** is getting married to the former Susan Collins in May. By now, Jeff and Susan are long since back from their honeymoon. (All part of that "By-The-Time-It-Gets-To-You" *Shipmate* space-time continuum deal.) Bruce would also like to know where the heck **Frank Scholley** is hiding.

Charlie Woodward sent an info-packed letter. He and Gloria are living in Dallas where he works for Digital Equipment. Charlie does "Kojac" type stuff as a software specialist, resolving security issues in large mainframe computers. Digital is sending him to George Mason University in August to get his master's in software engineering. Gloria has been going to school the last few years and just got her degree in nursing. Gloria, all I can say is good job kiddo, because if it was anything like what Vicky went through, you rarely got to see daylight due to studying. Charles' Classmate stuff goes somethin' like this: **Don Akiyama** is considering a job with the airlines. Don, let us know for whom you end up flying. (Ooh, like that correct grammar? It's all in the software 'cause I originally said, "let us know who you end up flying for." Got a big "dangling participle" caution light for that one.) **Bob Clyman** is an airline pilot. **Charlie Firreno** is flying hueys out of Camp Pendleton, I presume. (Hey Charlie, let me know if you guys need test co-pilots on any week-ends. Our Frogs will be grounded for about four months and I could use the flight time. I'll even safety-wire my thumbs to the seat cushion.) Beer drinker, cigar smoker and famous denture wearer, **Ted Kowalczyk** is working for a computer company in Twin Oaks, Pennsylvania. **Walt Owan** is flying something on the West Coast. **Jim Pinkston** is product manager for the Wilkerson Corporation in Colorado. **John Hoffman** is somewhere in Charlotte, North Carolina. **Mitch Ackley** is believed to be a flight simulator instructor in the Virginia Beach area. Wait a minute. Hold the phone. There was a little bit of Home Town News Release ilk with John and Walt's info. John, what the hell are you doing and Walt, what are you flying? We're Niners. We have inquir-