



NPG '77 group



Brad Barth and Tom Edwards

ego where he works for the Convair Division of General Dynamics. Ed mentioned that he and his wife, Mary Beth, are kept busy with their four-acre "ranch," especially with the boys running around all over the place! Next comes the animals: chickens, goats, pony etc.

Dave Pyle is in Norfolk with HC-8 and returned from a Med deployment as OinC of the Ch-46 det on USNS SATURN (TAFS-10). **Bob Coburn** is the Ops Officer for VT-27 at NAS Corpus Christi. **Bob Powell** finished up his Master's in Computer Science at NPS in June '89 and is now a Department Head in VP-22 at Barber's Pt.

I received a note from **Steve Barnett** (31st Co) who wrote out of apparent desperation for advice concerning his present situation. Anyone who is interested in communicating with him, please write: Inmate Stephan R. Barnett, Fourth Floor Right, Keough-Dwyer Correctional Facility, 41 High Street, Newton, N.J. 07860.

Finally, a column would not be a column without Fleet Home Town News. **Bob Magee** reported for duty with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron-17, NAS, Jacksonville. **Bill Frost** reported for duty with 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune. Finally, **Greg Cooper** was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving with Air Anti-Submarine Squadron-27. That completes another column. Keep those cards and letters coming! Until next month, Happy Trails . . . **Bill**.

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I can hardly believe how time has flown! We're well into a new year and a new decade and it's the second year in which we've been writing this column. I use the word "we" not from a regal sense, but in its collective tense. After all as I said when we first began our literary excursion, we, that is you and I, are the authors. So far we've done a bang up job, as the mail bag has continued to be filled, the phone rings, and I literally and figuratively bump into you around the country!! With that pat on our back . . . let's go to it!

Before the holidays I received a copy of the latest and humorous 28th Company Newsletter from **Dan Fanelli**. I wasn't able to get its news in last month's column but here we go, as promised . . . Anne and **Dan Fanelli** live in Germantown, Tennessee, with their three kids, Daniel Jr., Christina, and Clinton. Clinton is the latest addition to the family and arrived on 16 July '89. Dan Sr. finished the major home remodeling job just in time for Clinton to move in. Seems Anne didn't have the usual cravings for exotic foods some pregnant wives do but went on a "This Old House" binge instead. So, armed with a Bob Villa guide book, not only did Dan remodel the baby's room and master bath, but "every downstairs room in the house." I guess that's where his Aviation Maintenance Officer training came in handy. Dan is among our Classmates who keep Northwest Airlines running. He's a 727 co-pilot based out of Detroit. After tours with VP-49 in Jax, and as an instructor in

VT-31 at Corpus Christi, he separated from active duty in Jan '87. He used to drill with the P-3 squadron at Memphis, but called it quits last September and now drills only as a cub master with Dan Jr.'s cub pack . . . Proof once more of the difference between the Navy and the Cub Scouts—the Cubs have adult leadership. Here's what Dan had to write:

Charlene and **Skip Bayes** live in Orange Park, Florida, along with their children Kenneth and Angela. Skip is serving his department head tour with HS-1.

Laura-Lee and **Dan Bearss** left active duty in March of '88. Dan still keeps his hand in it though, drilling with the Reserve aboard the frigate USS CLARK in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Dan is the Director of Engineering for Germantown Hospital and Medical Center in Philly. **Dan Fanelli's** newsletter said that the three Bearss (Dan, Laura-Lee and son Will) are "proud owners of a new home, moving in '88 . . ." I guess that means either they bought a new home and moved in '88, or maybe they moved in years before they bought it . . . something like "deja move?" Hey Dan Bearss make some sense of that will you?

Patti and **Chuck Behrend** and their children Danny, Brian, and Jean reside in York, Pennsylvania.

Tom Bond served out his obligation to the nuclear Navy and is now a drilling reservist. Tom claims he's had good intentions to "join the Procrastinators Club, but still hasn't found the time." Tom's still mad about being hit with a rare steak at the food fight in the Wardroom during the 10th Year Reunion. Anyone with info on who the culprit is who threw it, please contact Tom's dry cleaner. Kathi and Tom have three children: Diana, Jennifer, and Meredith.

Lynne and **Russ Brewer** live with their children in Miami, Florida.

Virginia and **Kevin Cheezum** and their boys Bobby and Michael are in Monterey, California where Kevin's "book'n it at PG school . . ." (We know better) . . . Kevin's a black shoe and served the usual tours . . . boat, boat, school, boat, boat, school or Headquarters, boat . . . He was a navigator on the USS KIRK, helped get rid of the Navy's bad guys while at NMPC-82, went to SWOS School, and served as Ship Control Officer and then OpsO on USS JOHN HALL. In September he'll get his XO billet at a ship yet to be named.

Tammy, Chase, and **Mike Combs** are also at Monterey as Mike works to attain a master's degree in Material Logistics. Previously, Mike had been the logistics officer for the 1st BN, 6th Marines for 3 1/2 years. (There may be a law which prohibits two 28th Company marauders from ever again being in a military school at the same time, but that's being checked-out.)

Mary-Ellen and **Tim Curry** are enjoying the Academy from the outside looking in, as they are proud Annapolitans. Married in April '80, the Currys have three children: Jim, Steve, and Ned. After a Nuke tour Tim got out and works for ORI, Inc. at the David Taylor Research Center across the Seven from Mother B. As far as what he actually does, as Dan put it—Tim goes out on sub trials, and to make a long story short, he tells them how to best improve the ship's acoustic "penmanship."

Sara, Jimmy, Steven, and **Mike Gasapo** live in Michigan where Mike is a Marine Officer instructor at the University of Michigan. Sara was due with child number three over the holidays and we hope all went well. During the Summer Mike went on temporary duty to Officers Candidate School at Quantico. According to **Dan Fanelli**, Quantico is still commenting on how well Mike taught the "rookies" how to say "UUURRRRAAHH!!!" For those of you who don't remember, Mike was often quoted as saying, "I ain't gonna say 'UURRAAHH.'" If we know Mike, he probably still hasn't. (While on a trip last Summer

I glimpsed a picture of a mud soaked Capt. Gasapo crawling through the "Run" at OCS in the Quantico paper. Unfortunately I didn't get a copy for this column.

Patty and **Bob Gillespie** live in Quantico, Virginia, along with sons Bobby, Patrick, and Jeffrey. Bob works at MCRDAC. Patty reported to Dan that she keeps Bob's daily schedule and serves as his part-time alarm clock. Of course the latter is an impossible task in itself. During Plebe Summer Dan and Hamps (**Dave Hampshire**) used practically everything from cold water to dynamite to awaken Bob from REM, with little or no results. For reveille sound-off they had found it easier to just "put his robe over him, carry him out the door and tape his head to the wall."

As for Hamps, he and Viv moved their kids (Renee, Jimmy and Kenny) to Mullica, New Jersey, earlier last year. After serving with the Submarine Navy, Dave went CivLine. While at the Academy Dave had received a great deal of ribbing about being a "lifer." This was due to a line in the then popular Billy Joel song "Piano Man" which went . . . "talking with Davy, who's still in the Navy and probably will be for life." So much for life imitating art. Not one to totally let down that prediction, Dave is a reser-
vist at the Philly Navy Yard.

Beth and **Jim Harbison** are in Okinawa where he is the Staff Secretary for the CG, 3rd FSSG. During the typhoon of October of '88 Beth gave birth to their daughter Kathleen. (Talk about you rough labors!) Last August they were expecting orders but we don't know where they've yet landed. **Dan Fanelli** hopes it's to a place near him so that Jim can draw on his experience as a former CO of an engineering company, (C Company, 9th ENG SUPT BN) to help him finish redoing his attic. (How about an update Jim?)

Wanda and **Mike Johnson** are living in Sterling, Virginia where they "have had more than our share of good health & happiness, and less than our share of pain (. . . it ain't fillet mignon, but it sure beats the hell out of gruel)." Mike is believed to be CivLine but the profession is unknown.

Married just two weeks after graduation, Bess and **Wayne Lachowicz** now have three children, Stephanie, Wayne, and Tracy. Wayne is a Lamps pilot and after helo tours in Norfolk he spent a few years in paradise—Hawaii, where he flew with HSL-37. During the Fanelli's visit in '88 to Hawaii, Dan and Wayne reminisced about the old days at Canoe U, and had a great time reading from the unabridged version of the "Gasapo-ism Log." Dan assures me that there are some funny quotes in there. (Would Naval Institute Press be interested in publishing it?) According to Dan it almost took the detailer a crowbar to pry Wayne and Bess out of Hawaii. I'm told you can even see the scrape marks across the Pacific floor as he fought from being dragged stateside . . . Now the Lachowiczs are in Mayport, Florida, where Wayne is with HSL- . . . 36 (?)

Judi and **Dan "the Samurai wrestler" Mori** are living the happy life with April, Crystal and Anthony in sunny California. Dan works for General Dynamics where he is "leading an effort in his section on a new advanced air-to-air missile for the future."

The Fanelli's got a wonderful Christmas card from **Mark Peterson**. The card was especially significant as it was one put out many years ago by the USNA Class of '25 when they were Midshipman. Mark had picked it up at an old card swap meet. The significance was that Anne Fanelli's grandfather was from the Class of '25. Unfortunately Dan can't remember the "special place" he had put it, along with Mark's letter, address, etc. Oh well at least we know Mark's alive 'n kickin'.

Well that's the condensed version of the Dan's Newsletter, all 6 pages of it! Keep up the great work!

Macushla "Cush" and **Paul Wiedorn** and sons Ian,



The Fanellis

3, and Patrick, 2, are living in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Paul reported in October to USS PUGET SOUND as the radiological officer. En route to Norfolk, the Wiedorns spent September in Charleston, South Carolina, while Paul attended school. Of course we all know who else spent time in Charleston—Hurricane Hugo. After enduring the storm and a week of its aftermath of no electricity, water, radio or television, Cush went ahead to Norfolk while Paul braved it out. After moving from beautiful Coronado they spent the first few months living out of the suitcase in the Norfolk Navy Lodge. Now they're settled into their two-story home and slowly getting accustomed to the area. But Paul is still not quite over the shock of the commute to Norfolk. (If you think that's bad Paul, try a tour sometime in D.C. Ever see a snail pass you while you sit in traffic on the Shirley Highway or Woodrow Wilson Bridge?) While at Coronado Paul had been the OpsO on USS ROBINSON where he did a WestPac tour with the CARL VINSON Battle Group and pulled down the Battle "E." Cush is serving with a Navy Reserve unit which provides Intelligence support to the NATO command. She'll be busy, as when she checked in she found out she'd been scheduled for three weeks active duty this year, including a week at the NATO Staff School in Germany. Thanks for volunteering for the company rep slot Paul but **Jim Wise** beat you to it! He's your 27th Company Rep.

In January I spent a week in Quantico for a program review on the Presidential (VH) Helicopters at HMX-1. On the first day of the review I spotted a familiar face. After exchanging the customary "Don't I know you? . . . Yeah we're Classmates . . ." greetings, the face was connected to a name—LCdr. **John Rosa**, formerly of 9th Company. As it turns out, John is the "Class Desk" for the VH helicopters at NavAir 511SJ. He's been there for a couple of years and anticipates leaving towards the middle of the year. For the rest of the review we ensured each other remained awake (of course John had to work the hardest).

During the same time I came across **Keith Davies** and **Cal Dixon**. Keith had flown a Huey up from New River, North Carolina to support a gun shoot for the Infantry Officers Course at The Basic School. Keith is with HML/A 269. It was great seeing him as he was his usual jovial self! I was especially glad that he kept his cover on while we talked in the parking lot as I didn't have my shades on but then Keith always was

a considerate guy. As for Cal, he's assigned to HMX-1 and works in the Operational Test and Evaluation Department along with **Tom Sudbeck**.

I have a few Fleet Home Town releases to complete ours news:

Last November LCdr. **Doug Schultz** reported for duty with VA-27 at NAS Lemoore. Also in November, **Rob Blanford** reported for duty with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Three at NAS North Island . . . The last bit of FHTNR November news was that Capt. **Brian Green** had received an Army Commendation Medal. Yes, that's correct, an Army medal. Brian was commended for his work as an instructor, doctrine writer and Branch Chief with the Combat Operations Division, Army Engineering School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Brian is back now with his own, serving with the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California.

A clip from *On the Surface* a Naval Surface Warfare Center base paper pictured LCdr. **Vince Rossito**. Seems Vince was honored with the C. J. Rorie Award. The award is presented to an NWSC military person whose "excellence in the performance of their duties has contributed significantly to the effectiveness of the Center's military operations." Vince received the award for his efforts as the Rapid Air Defense System Program Manager.

That pretty much completes the hot items from this past month, aside from a visit from **John Rudzis**, who had flown up from Pax River with some of his TPS students for a brief (John's an instructor at Test Pilot School you'll recall), and a visit over the holidays by Gretchen and **Tom Crowley** there's not much else to pass.

So I'll close without our editor having to figure out how to cram this column into the magazine. (I didn't exceed my limit this time, Wes.) Before I do sign-off I'd like to welcome '79's new Class Secretary, **Ken Russell**, to the *Shipmate* pages . . . Why, you say?? Because he's a fellow Navy Crew, a Marine, a former squadronmate (and rotorhead), a buddy, and oh yes—Michael's godfather . . . Besides he needs the good wishes as he has a tough act to follow . . . every month in fact, as our column will always precede his. Good luck Ken and Welcome Aboard!!!

. . . Well, that's it for this month, keep those cards and letters coming in so I don't eat my words to Ken Russell. Remember, Time and Tide wait for no one . . . I'm outta here!!!

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OOOWEE!! The competition for secretary was tough, huh? What a grueling campaign and a real voters' cliff hanger, but we came through and I was picked over all those other Nobodies. Thanks for all the votes! It's great to be the new secretary and I am looking forward to keeping us Niners informed. Please write, call, and/or visit anytime and I'll get the info into Shipmate in your life time. My address is 6234 Azalea Drive, Quartz Hill, Calif. 93536. My home phone number is 805-943-7933 and work number is 805-272-8623.

First off I would like to thank Larry and Jeff for doing an outstanding job for us all the last ten years. They busted their butts getting the articles in despite hectic schedules. On behalf of the Class, many thanks guys!

Now to answer the question some of you must