

We still live at the same address in Gales Ferry. However, there have been a few additions to our house and family. There are five little Dolats, now! Alex, 8.5, Mary Ellen, 6.5, Lee, 5, Patrick, 2 and Samantha, .5! No we're not going for a soccer team!

There are three 75ers living in a row here. Sally and **Roy Martin** live next door. Roy works for Northeast Utilities and they have three sons, Raymond, 12, Mathew, 8 and Brian, 5. Sue and **Don Northam** live next to the Martins. They have one son, Eric, 13, and a daughter, Kim, 10.

Steve saw Nancy and **Dave Gough** on a business trip to Maryland. Dave is a stockbroker. **Steve Hill** stopped in on his way to his XO tour in Hawaii where his wife Mary Ellen is waiting. **Paul Harar** came for a visit during a w/e Reserve duty. **Steve Buesher** was in from California on business for Rockwell.

Last but not least we heard from **Marty McDonough**.

If anyone is in the area and wants to stop in, please do! Address is 60 Pheasant Run Dr., Gales Ferry, Conn. 06335. Phone: (203) 464-7568. Laurie A news letter came in from **David Gough**.

I have enclosed a photo I took of two of our stud Classmates prepping for the swim across the Chesapeake Bay. **James MacKenzie** and **Joe Russell**. When I asked them why they are doing it one replied "for the challenge of it . . . and the girls—it really turns them on!"

At a recent luncheon, I talked with **Steve Hill**, **Steve Rogness**, **Stan Halter** and **Jamie**. We had seen a number of 24th Company members recently . . . (where's **Tom Metz**???) It was noted that our company scribe had been very quiet lately . . . hope to see a lot at Homecoming. Dave.

Well, I close for the last time. It's been a fast five years. By the time this is printed I would have said hello to all who came to Homecoming. Keep in touch, *Shipmate* is the best and quasi-only way to do it. Good luck, God Bless and BEAT ARMY!

**Mike**



Keith Laser with daughters, Clare and Shannon, and son, Christopher, and Chris and Carissa Grael

**Chris Grael** sent word from Virginia Beach. Chris is flying for US Air out of Pittsburgh and is still active in the Naval Reserve as the XO of VC-686 at NAS Oceana flying the A-4F "SuperFox." Chris visited **Keith Laser** and his family in Jacksonville, Florida; Keith is the XO of HSL-40 flying the SH-60. Chris also passed on some news from other 24th Company Classmates. **Mike Witt** is the XO of USS TAYLOR (FFG-50). **Wayne Hudson** is working for the Military Sealift Command and living in Maryland. **Lou Saccoccio** is a private attorney also living in Maryland. **Lyn Robertson** is a nuclear engineer in Portland, Oregon. **Craig Thomas** is living in San Francisco; he works for Federal Express and flies the A-6E in the Reserve.

I got a few other short notes in the past two weeks. **John Kruse** arrived at Camp Lejeune and is working as the operations officer of 5/10 after going through a refresher at Fort Sill. While he was at Fort Sill, John saw **Mike McConnell** who was headed for Okinawa. John also saw **Tom Colella** who was doing his Reserve duty; Tom works for Korn/Ferry International in Atlanta. **William Brown** sent word from Hawaii; he expects to be there through March.

I have only one other bit of news to pass on. We are doing well on the Class project, but we still have a way to go to achieve our goal and fulfill our pledges. For the year beginning 1 July 1989 and ending 30 June 1990, we had 191 donors and total contributions and matching gifts were \$21,670.65. For the Capital Campaign, we pledged \$57,517; we've received \$18,456.98 with \$39,060.02 due. Total dollars received to date for the Class project on pledges and/or outright gifts are \$32,519.98. That's it for now—let me hear from you. **Joe**.

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Hey, it's Overindulgent November! Yes, that time of year when it's socially and morally acceptable to over saturate the senses with too much football on T.V., too much Thanksgiving turkey and too, too much beer (is there EVER too much beer?) The trouble comes only when we forget Mrs. Marshall's Plebe Summer Manners 101 course on "How to Carve

a Turkey." Our only hope of escape is either hide the carving knives, go to some other poor "butcher's" house for dinner; buy the new "CARVO-MATIC" by Ronco (it slices, dices, purees and clean to the bone!); or (my favorite) "give in" to the little ones request for a "McGiblet" at Chez Ronald!!! Well, on to the news . . .

**Glen "Wheels" Wheless** took time off from his Ph.D dissertation to drop me a line. In April he, **Dave Surgent**, **Rick Daniel** and **Tom McElwee** attended Robin and **Dan Cannan's** wedding. According to Wheels it was a typical Cannan extravaganza "complete with dancing bear and trained women!" Dan flies with VF-43 out of NAS Oceana (Now I know where he got the entertainment!) Dave Surgent is out of the Navy and is the USPA-IRA financial services rep for the Annapolis area, where he and his family live. Dave can be spotted on occasion by Tecumseh discussing the financial three-legged stool theory to passing Mids, tourists and squirrels. Suzie and Rick Daniel live in the Orlando area. Rick is a top-level executive for a firm which fabricates stuff for Walt Disney World. Gail and Tom McElwee live around Philly where he is a financial officer for Bell Atlantic. Glen also spoke with **Scott Godfrey**. Scotty's been giving some thought to transferring to CIVLANT and cruising back to the D.C. area with his wife Nancy (A Navy O-4). Of course that means giving up his Navy flying boondoggle for a REAL job. Scotty had mentioned to Wheels that **Dave Philman** returned from a WestPac cruise in July and will be going to NAS Lemoore for transition to F-18's. (I have a FHTNR that confirms that info on the cruise. Dave had been with VA-27, along with **Doug Schultz**). **Mike "Flex" Galpin** is at VF-124 out of Fighter Town (NAS Miramar). As Squadron Ops Mike ensures that his first scheduled event of the day is, of course, on his surfboard! **Leon "Funky Monkey" Miller** will be leaving the Weapons Test Center at China Lake to return to a fleet seat in an A-6 squadron. But Wheels wondered aloud whether the "Schnoz" of Naval Aviation (the A-6) could really carry "that large a payload". Glen also had spoken with **"Kinky Frank" Hunt**. Frank's a bandit in the E-2 community in Norfolk. Lastly, Glen had the fortune (or "misfortune", depending on your perspective) of spending a weekend with **Mark "Mac" McKeon**, **Jay "the Man" Bowling**, and their families in foggy San Francisco for a vacation. Wheels wagers that the Embassy Suites must have lost money on that particular visit with all the free Happy Hour and free breakfasts they managed to "freely" enjoy!! Mac is a major selectee and is surely, but slowly, completing the Program at PG School. He's trying to get back to the East Coast and impress the Corps with his new-found computer skills. (With his luck he could get orders to be data entry at the Burger King at Camp Lejeune). As for Jay, he and his family still reside in San Diego. "The Man" is a rotorhead (but then all REAL men are) and getting ready to go back out on deployment. Wheels also had a tally on **Pad-Fox**, busily working on his MS in ME at NPS (Enough with the acynms . . . errr-acronyms!) Glen adds a reminder to everyone that his door in Virginia Beach is always open for anyone to stop on down for a visit—anyone carrying a "few brewsters" that is.

**Steve "Jock" Maloney** wrote from Monterey while temporarily employed by Unele Sam's Misguided Children. He was attending Safety School on a "Reserve scholarship" while still "between jobs." It had been a while since Jock had studied, as his grades could attest, but still he managed to get through it. While at NPS he surveyed quite a few of our own meandering through the grounds; among them: Ned Davis, Mark McKeon, Hank Van Oss, Gary Evans, Rich Holznecht, and Don Brutzman. Don suckered Jock into a Hash House Harrier run. Don's a veteran Harrier, but our Class Prez did manage to survive the

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**Membership: 56%**

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It has not been a big month for correspondence, but that is understandable considering the activity during the past several weeks. I know that a lot of us are directly impacted by events in the Middle East. I had just gotten back from leave after checking into Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) 39 at Camp Pendleton. Two weeks later MaryK was recalled to active duty and sent to Naval Hospital Bremerton, Washington. Tawna went to stay with my folks in Florida, and I'm more than busy as the operations officer at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron (MALS)-39. I haven't heard yet from anyone that has been sent to the Middle East, but I think I did catch a glimpse of **Derwood Curtis** on CNN as he was keeping track of a ship in the Gulf.

**Don Bringle** sent me a copy of a letter he got from **Bill Ostendorff**. Bill, his wife Chris, and their three children, Becky, Chuck and Jeff moved to Arlington, Virginia. Bill completed a tour as the XO of USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN-750) and is now at the Navy Annex in Op131 as Director, Nuclear Enlisted Programs. Bill had some news of other Classmates to pass on. **Roger Seedorf** is the Submarine Placement Officer in the same office as Bill. **Tom Gardner** is the XO on USS NORFOLK. **Dave Venlet** is in Test Pilot School at Pax River; he and his wife Bunny have two girls. **Wayne Jakubowski** works with IBM in Manassas, Virginia; he and Joelle live in Dumfries, Virginia, with their two daughters.



run through the various neighborhoods. Of course he didn't mention going on any other runs after that day! Don's wife, Terri, is also a Navy LCdr. They have two children, Hilary and Rebecca. On another trip to California Jock ran into everyone's favorite DJ—**J. P. McCann**. J. P. is in the Reserve and flies SH-60s out of Ft. Mugu while he searches for a real job. Speaking of Harriers (the flying kind, not the runners). Steve sent me a Marine Corps aviation recruiting application in which a macho Marine aviator is pictured decked out in flight gear, standing proudly in front of his AV-8 . . . The pilot? None other than **Curt Perry**. Yes, Curt, former Snake pilot, turned hoover head, is this year's poster child for Marine Aviation. Yes, help Al's kids, send your virile young lads to OCS where you too can become an ACE like Curt!! (Get down to your recruiter and get this brochure TODAY!! Curt's strained smile is worth the special trip . . . A little too much G-suit compensation there?)

I got a letter from **Charlie Hautau** aboard the USS EISENHOWER. Charlie enclosed a "Class Picture" of the ike. Among the smiling faces I spied (smiling 'cuz they were on their way home after a few weeks of steaming in the vicinity of that big sand trap known as "Desert Shield") where: **Sam "Sam-Dog" Sawyer** (VF-142, OpsO), **Bill Larimore** (VFA-131, Safety O), Charlie (VA-34 "Blue Blaster" OpsO), in the penalty box for low sticking is **Bill Dooley** (VA-34 Admin O), **Chris Powers** (VFA-136, Maintenance O), **John Stainaker** (ComCruDesGru-12, Combat Systems Officer) and **Mark Ferguson** (Reactor Officer, and nuke extraordinaire). Mark had to be dragged away from very important duty for the photo opportunity . . . They whisked him away from his flight deck driving range where he was shanking "Titlists" in to the Sinai. (Hey, it's the closest thing a nuke can get to launching something at old Saddam.) Later this year Charlie is slated to roll to VA-42, the NAS Oceana A-6 RAG. His wife, Jill is a spin instructor at VF-43. Luckily their son, Andrew (3½) looks more like Jill than Charlie. According to Charlie, Andrew's got more of a javelin thrower's build than dad, but adds "who knows he might stretch out into another runner?" **Chris May** is alive and well and living on the West Coast. Chris is out of the Navy and working at the University of Washington on acoustical projects (sub-stuff, too secret and complicated to understand.) **Dave Mercer** was the AirLant LSO but is now in the RAG, later destined for VA-176. **Dave Buss** is with VA-36, ready to deploy on TEDDY ROOSEVELT. **Dave "Cleveland" Brown** is at VA-42 and should be rolling to sea shortly.

I also got a FAX-gram from **Kevin Liddy**. He and Cassie are expecting their second child this December. Aside from an expected new baby, Kevin also landed a new job as a foreign exchange trader with London & Bishopsgate international in New York. It's a small but "very, very profitable firm". My only question is can they at least change all these "bageetas" and other funny money I've saved over the years into gen-U-ine U S of A greenbacks (at a favorable exchange rate of course?!). When not biting his nails while hawking the currency futures market Kevin has been unwinding by racing an Express 35. At this writing his boat was either in second or third place in the Fleet. Over Labor Day weekend he got together with his old roommate, **Sam Tangredi**. Sam is finishing his department head tour and will be heading to the Hoover Institute at Stanford University for a year, with the purpose of writing a book. The book will basically be his doctoral dissertation, converted from acadamese to plain old English. Ah, but what's the topic? Kevin closed by mentioning that Sam was selected for an XO tour, if he can't extend for an additional year at Vacuum U—I mean the Hoover Institute.



## Marines

*The Few. The Proud. The Marines.*



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The three caballeros

The Balderrama clan got to spend a relaxing weekend with Gretchen and **Tom Crowley** at Tom's parents' place in Marion, Massachusetts. It's getting rarer these days to get away from it all, so anytime anyone makes us an offer, and even includes kids . . . go for it!!! Tom and Gretchen are renting in Watertown, Massachusetts, while he attends Kennedy School of Government and Gretchen searches for employment.

While on a business trip to Washington, D.C. I came across **Ray Kwong** and **John Rudder**. I spied Ray prowling the exhibit halls of the Air Force Association Convention, picking up give-away goodies from competitors. He's still with Ferranti and always wheeling and dealing. (Could this be the same Ray Kwong who carried a coffee chit to class?!)

A couple of FHTNR's round out this month's column: **Bob Destafney** is now with the 3rd Force Service Support Group in Okinawa. Also, departed on floats this Summer where **Don Free** (on the LSD, USS FORT FISHER) and **Steve Gahan**; while **Bruce Carter** got back to Norfolk from afloat with USS YARNELL.

To all you fine hardcharging Marines . . . a hearty OOOOOOOORAH and Happy 215th Birthday! Semper FI.

As Mr. Harvey would say "and that's the rest of the story." For me . . . I gotta run . . . There's a football game coming on, the beers getting warm and besides, I've got to hide a setting of carving knives.

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Membership: 93%

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It's getting close to that slap happy holiday time, being as how you're reading this in November. I looked deeply into my bag of comedy, and kids, it's empty. Yeah, sure, like it ever had anything in it to begin with, but darn it I wanted this article to start your holidays out with a few yucks. Well, we're just going to have to get this month rolling and hope for the best. I've received a few letters and have some terrific Fleet Home Town News Releases for yun's so here we go.

Couldn't make Homecoming like Vicky and I had hoped to but Mr. Checkbook said, "Not in this lifetime," and we stayed here to relish in the beauty of old, ripped up Hefty bags and newspapers wrapped around the Joshua trees and packed into all the cyclone fences in the Mojave Desert. Just a veritable paradise, folks; Marlboro country. Anyway . . . I should have some results of the Class meeting in the February edition. If you attended the meeting and happened to have a camera and happened to take some pictures, send them to yours truly and I'll try to get them printed. Now, on with the mail.

**Blaine Brandon** is living quite well in Guam along with lots of other Niners. He said that Guam has the highest per capita of Niners than anywhere else on earth with one in 22,000. For all you future Jeopardy contestants, this could be worth some big bucks and for desert dwellers like me, it means that Guam beats living here. But then again compared with Palmdale, the surface of Venus looks like a real nice place to me. Blaine is the General Manager of the 7-Elevens in and around Micronesia. He and Dana have three kids. Dana is the Program Director for the Naval Hospital's Alcohol Rehab Service and unfortunately, is never in need of new business.

Blaine sent some info about other Classmates on Guam (all members of the Guam Chapter of the Listerine Cancels Wacky Breath club or LCWB (wink, wink, nudge, nudge) for short). **Bill Grider** is Repair Officer at SRF His wife Cheri has quite a successful business making full body puppets. These puppets run on the same line as the San Diego Chicken or San Francisco's Forty Niner. Vicky and I could use a full body puppet of the state of New Hampshire. We'll set it up in our back yard and pretend. **Ben Ferguson** was Assistant Supply Officer on NIAGARA FALLS. Ben left Guam last Summer and will be going to NPS. Mark Backstrom is OPS Officer on WHITE PLAINS. This is a solo tour for Mark while the family waits in California. **Pete Leon-Guerrero** is the Sales Manager on Guam for Mobil Oil. Pete is also XO of the Naval Reserve Unit. **Francis Cruz** is the manager of a large dry cleaning and laundry plant. Frank is living out his fantasy of avenging himself from those rocket scientists who always lost his WUBA right before Thursday inspections. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. **Eric Christensen** is Diving Officer at SRF. Eric!!, put down the aqualung for a minute and make it to the next Guam Niner dinner. Blaine can give you the details. Former Classmate, **Steve Brasington** is now a shrink at the Naval Hospital. Besides having