

and I'm hoping that it will catch up with me soon. I did get a letter from **Don Bringle** while I was gone, and he sent me copies of several letters he had received from other Classmates. Don has been doing a lot of work trying to get the Class organization in place and working. We all need to get involved to make the organization effective. Here is an update of the Class Company Representatives:

1st-Ken Sichau	19th-Ralph McKinney
2nd-Dennis DiLucente	20th-Tom Colella
3rd-Steve Nimitz	21st-Mike Seifert
4th-Rock Daze/George Moore	22nd-Trey Smith
5th-Mike Prendergast	23rd-Tom Zelibor
6th-Rick Neidlinger	24th-Scott Moore
7th-Bill Ostendorf/Chuck Trude	25th-Neil Jensen
8th-Lee Moss	26th-Mark Hubbard
9th-Bill Hawn	27th-Tim Farrell
10th-Joe Swaykos	28th-Dennis Gardner
11th-Chuck Dirienzo	29th-Cal Felte
12th-Stan O'Connor	30th-John Sarao
13th-Joe Haggerty	31st-Mike Hansell
14th-Jeff Tomlin	32nd-Tom Gardiner
15th-Tony Blanco	33rd-Fred Yarger/Scott Pugh
16th-Steve Kelly/Bill Bigham	34th-Kevin Stone
17th-Blaine Pearsall	35th-Chuck Mehalic
18th-Mike Bosworth	36th-Rick Carstens

Don received a letter from **Mark Alferts** who is living in Hamilton, Ohio with his wife Nancy and their three children, Christa, 11, Mark, 6, and Lori, 2. Mark is now working as the Distribution Manager of the Nature Company's distribution center in Florence, Kentucky. Mark said that he has seen both **John Berkley** and **Brian Devane**.

Jeff Tomlin wrote to Don from Bothell Washington. Jeff will complete his anesthesiology training in one more year. Jeff and his wife have three children, Jacob, 9, Greg, 6, and Holly, 3.

Kent Bolin sent word from Okinawa where he is on a one-year unaccompanied tour with 1st Marine Air Wing. Kent and his wife Debra have two daughters, Alessandra and Wesley. Kent said that **Craig Opel** is back on Okinawa; Craig is the Staff Secretary for CG Marine Corps Base Camp Butler. **Chip McFarland** just left Okinawa; he was the Air Officer for III MEF.

The other day I got a letter from **Tony Blanco**. He's doing a great job trying to track down Classmates from 15th Company in order to update our roster. There are a few folks that Tony hasn't heard from; if you get the chance, drop him a line soon with your current address. His address is 5063 August Court, Castro Valley, Calif. 94546. Tony does not have current addresses for Martin Brittingham, Kevin Curley, Mike Halloran, Craig Hanson, Joe Medina, Dan Mitchell, Phil Newman, Bill Parker, Tom Pumphrey, Jeff Pettit, Harry Barlow, Tim Brown, and Tim Pennekamp.

That's all the news I have to pass on right now. Pray for peace. **Joe**.

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Shipmates, it's crazy how the world can turn upside down in a short period of time. I am not one to predict where our country will be in October with regard to the events in the Middle East, but one thing I can say for certain is that our Class is out there where the oil is pumping from the hot desert sand. Our leadership test is today. Good luck, Shipmates. God speed in your safe return.

There hasn't been much new news to report. I've heard indirectly from several wives of those of you

who are deployed that the mail is slow. Hopefully, by the time you receive this, conditions will have settled sufficiently for you to drop a line to let us know what you are up to and the location of any other Classmates that you may have run in to. Wives, now is the time to write!

Homecoming is this month. The plan for those in the Annapolis area is to meet on the home team side of the parking lot at about the 50-yard line—before the game. If anyone has an alternate plan for a get together of some sort, please contact **Owen Thorp** or post a sign at the Alumni tent.

The one item of news that I did receive was from **Robert Goodrum**. Robert is on the full-time staff of Young Life out of Newport, Rhode Island. He says that he particularly enjoys the work because it is a fulfilling experience that allows him to touch and influence the lives of numerous teenagers. Thanks for dropping the card, Robert.

That's it for October. Hoping to have a few more letters for next month's issue. Happy trails . . . **Bill**.

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Membership: 83%

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Aye *carumba!* Just when you thought it was safe to rest your pen for a while another deadline sneaks up and smacks you on the old keyboard. Well, this month's column will have a different technological twist. Judging from the last few columns my old spell-checker software didn't make it through the first round of Sister Mary Webster's spelling bee—so I am switching. Actually, it's a hardware/software combination. I'm using the reliable EAB31 with 10-digit input, auto scan with on-call library—yep, my wife's typing this. Hey, surely you didn't expect me to get my fingers dirty again . . . “yes you did and don't call me Shirley.” Instead I'll call you Betty, you call me Al, but just don't call me Mr. Johnson or late with a column—so without further ado “Mail Call!”



Eddie and Jane Reid

Debbie Broome called to let me know I had dropped some info from **Scott Provow's** last 21st Co. newsletter. Seeing as it was Broome family news, she set me straight. (Honest, Debbie, I coulda sworn I put it in . . . maybe the cat-er-the-dog ate it. Yeah, the dog ate it . . . that's the ticket!) Anyway, she and hubby **Mark Broome** now have four kids. (There's that magical number again! It would appear that the affects of the alleged added ingredient to our company table spices have worn off . . . “Salt dear?”—“Nooo thank you.”) The kids are Lesley Jayne (1st birthday this month), Julie, 11, Laurie, 7, and Scott, 6. Mark has been with the FBI for five years. Inspector Erskine has moved the Broomes from Sarasota to

Corpus so Mark will have to change from flip-flops to cowboy boots—he can still keep the shades. Debbie said they've kept in touch with Shelley and **Charlie** (nee Bob) **Love**. The Love's are down in Lewisville, Texas and have two boys, Brac and Tye. In fact Brad won a contest sponsored by the chocolate sinker folks at Milk Duds. The prize was the chance to meet Nolan Ryan and company while being the honorary bat boy at the 5 August Rangers game. I don't know what the contest was exactly, if it's like most kid's contests Charlie and Shelley are sick of eating Milk Duds and probably can get you wholesale prices on a gross of them!

I got two letters from **John O'Neil**. The first letter carried a plea to write some news on his brother-in-law, **Eddie Reid** or he'd risk never getting another hot meal. For the sake of domestic tranquility in the O'Neil household and in the interest of airline transport safety (FAA regs state pilots must maintain a nutritionally balanced diet—TV dinners, chili dogs and sodas just don't cut it) I have to violate a request for confidentiality—sorry Eddie. According to John, Eddie and his bride Jane Haslam recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. They were married last May in the picturesque setting of the Belfast Castle in Northern Ireland. Eddie and Jane met in Ireland while he was working on his graduate degree at Trinity College in Dublin. Eddie has since finished up his studies at Notre Dame and, with MBA in hand, works for Harris Aerospace in D.C. Jane on the other hand is completing her residency in Family Practice at the University of Maryland. The Reids were living in Baltimore this past year right near the new Oriole's Stadium. Any Classmates interested in an O's game be sure to get in touch with them for any pre or post game activities (but plan on cocktails at Pickle's Pub and bone up on Trivial Pursuit). John's follow-up was a newsletter from 6th Co.:

Ynez and Joe Peterson reside in Alexandria, Virginia, while Joey is attached to OpNav as Cruiser Sponsor. Joe finished up NPS in '85 where he picked up as MS in Ops Research. He and Ynez had their first child this past 30 January, Jayne Noelle, so congrats and stock up on those Huggies!

Lu and Nelson Cayabyab are residing in Cypress, California with their two kids. Nelson, you'll recall from last month's news, assumed command of the USS CONQUEST, an MSO based in Seattle. Unless he moves the boat or the family, it'll be one helluva commute.

Julie and Randy Kahn live in Albuquerque. Randy left the Navy in August '83 and now is an operations research analyst/strategic systems at the USAF Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland AFB. In his “free time” (if there ever is such a word) he's working on an MS in Electrical Engineering at the U of New Mexico.

Steve Hincks lives in Kensington, Maryland and works in D.C. at KPMG Peat Marwick as a Senior Manager. He recently became engaged to Jennifer David. A November 3rd wedding is planned at the USNA Chapel.

Sherilee and **Ray Luevano** reside in Palo Alto with their son R. Josiah. **Ray Moon** works for Sun Microsystems, Inc. as account manager/international operations. He is in the Reserve with NCSO MidPac 220, N&MCRC San Bruno, California as OPS Officer, and also received an MBA from Stanford in '86.

Cindy and **Dan Serfass** are in Virginia Beach with their two children while Dan is attached to ComNav-SurfLant as Force ASUW.

Karen and **Sale Lilly** are in Corinth, Texas, with their three children. Sale works for Texas Instruments as marketing manager/international HARM program. He is in the Reserve with MSCO Korea III at NAS Dallas as ASST Training Officer.

Patty and **Dave Babcock** and their two children are

at the Naval War College. They are looking for orders in November. Dave is a LAMPS MKI helo pilot.

Lore and **Jim Koslow** and their two children are also at the War College. They should be on their way to VQ-2 Rota after a stop at the VP RAG in Jacksonville, Florida.

Frank Mattingly is living in Mission Viejo and works for Sensormatic Electronics Corp. as National Account Manager. Frank can also be found on the triathlon circuit.

If anyone has information on anyone else in 6th Co. please drop John a line at 2826 Pennypond Lane, Annapolis, Md. 21401.

Since January, **Rick Martinez** has been the XO on the USS **GEORGE C. MARSHALL** (SSBN-654) Gold. He thought that with all this talk about *Glasnost* quite a few of the good ol' boats might be slated for early retirement.

But now with this (as *Time* magazine put it) "Iraq-naphobia" I wouldn't be so fast *Kimosabe*. With XO tours at two years for subs he hopes to be able to finish his time on the same ship. He, Patti and Tess, 18 mos, live in Gales Ferry, Connecticut and are expecting dash 2 in December.

Jon Sears finished up an outstanding tour on the **MARSHALL** and is now XO on the **TINOSA**. He was originally supposed to be assigned as XO on a new construction SSN—PCU **ANNAPOLIS** but the orders were changed to PXO school. So now our "happy camper" has to decommission the **TINOSA**. Rick has also seen **Jack Christenson** around town. Jack and he had both been aboard **OLYMPIA** and now Jack is the XO of PCU **ALEXANDRIA**, a new construction at Electric Boat. A few months back Rick saw a quick glimpse of **Scott Langdon** who's now XO of USS **PHILADELPHIA**.

On a recent business trip to Pensacola I made a side diversion to Seville Square and ran into **John Young**. John's manager of sales marketing and load management for Gulf Power Company in Pensacola. Those of you in the cradle of aviation whose lights suddenly go out can blame him for "dropping a load." **Gary Martin** is also in Pensacola working for SRL on the Air Force special operations helo—the **MH-53J** *Pave Low* (a fine Sikorsky aircraft!!) That was the reason for my trip, to attend a rollout ceremony of the aircraft but Gary and I never linked up.

I spoke with our illustrious Prez—**Steve Maloney**. Steve was currently "between jobs" having left *Datametrics*. Technically he is employed now by Uncle Sam as he'll be going on a few weeks active duty to attend Aviation Safety School at Monterey. Jock mentioned that **Rick Salvatore** is doing great these days! Rick was with Dunn and Bradstreet however he is now working for Fullerton Metals as the Director of Sales and Marketing in Chicago. It is a great job with outstanding promise—it's already had a major dividend as Rick will be marrying Patricia Riskind, the boss' daughter. Well that's one way to move ahead—for Rick we hope it's a recipe for happiness as well. At a recent air show in Willow Grove Jock ran into **Bob Vogt**. Bob transferred from Andrews and now is with VP-66 at Willow Grove. Already the two of them have been planning some serious cross country X's. (Remember if you can't drive there, fly Navy Air—P3 Airlines that is.)

Tim Dowding and his wife had child number—yep, you guessed it—4!—Matthew (6 lb. 3 oz.). By the way Tim's busily compiling the Class directory stats and we're still shooting for a printing by January. For you entrepreneurs out there, there is an opportunity to place ads in the directory. This will not only boost your business but will help keep printing cost down for us average Joe's (not to mention that it's tax deductible too!!). Some of you can expect a letter from Jock. But if you'd like to get a jump on ad space, let me know.

Finally, if anyone needs help in locating Class-

mates, has information on someone, or simply wants to update your own personal info, call **Tim Dowding** at work (203) 599-3913 ext. 638 or home (401) 322-1309, or write yours truly here in Shelton. With all that I'll close this month's epic edition of *Shipmate* '78. Remember to keep those cards and letters coming in and save a cold one in the fridge for me.

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Membership: 93%

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If you were paying attention in July, you noticed my good-sized *faux pas*. **Pat Dennis** is not really the MAYOR of Europe. The Air Force made Pat a MAJOR and sent him to Europe. I think the last mayor of Europe was Napoleon or maybe it was Charlemagne. Besides, if Pat were the mayor of Europe, we darned sure wouldn't have to worry about where to have the next reunion. Sorry Pat, don't know what happened. I could say that the "J" key is close to the "Y" key, but I don't even buy that one. Oh well, back at the ranch . . . It's October and we are in for some news and some logistics type info, and that roller coaster ride of excitement with Fleet Home Town News Releases, so let's put our work clothes on, stop trying to restructure a continent into one city and get right to it.

I saw a rerun of a *48 Hours* news program and there was **Drew Brugal** taking up the whole segment right there on T.V. Because I'm always on that keen razors edge of intuition, I figured out that Drew is flying F-14's out of Oceana but was on USS **KENNEDY** doing Sierra Hotel type stuff AND becoming a movie star to boot. CUUUUTE kids too; they sure do like Dad. While the camera panned the ready room, I swore I saw **Gene Miller** up there in the front row. Maybe not, could have been a stunt man or Tom Cruise, but I don't think so. Geno, please confirm.



Can you spot the Niners in this "crowd" of Alumni? Hint: They are not the ones at the ends.

Got a great letter from **Dave Bethel**. He wrote from beautiful, downtown Okinawa. Dave is the Company Commander of Lima Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines and should be back at Pendleton by now after loads of fun in Korea, Panama and of course, the Rock. Sue was in Pennsylvania with David, 9, and Katherine, 3, while Dad was overseas. Dave sent word of some other Niners that he's run into. **Willie Quintong** got married in Hawaii. **Bill Ensen** is with me on the same Rocket Sled ride to the top at Northrop. Lynn and **Paul Evans** are back at New River after a tour at USNA. Paul is flying, you guessed it, Mighty War Frogs and is probably en route to a hot, arid, sandy place if the Saddamster is still doing his I, ME, MINE thing with the Middle East. Elsa and **Mike "Munchkin" Pedersen** left the Dallas "Cowboys" and Mike is now flying the new two-seater Hornet in El Toro. I saw Ped a few times over the years while on active duty at 29 Stumps. Now there's a super place to spend your next Summer

vacation. No chance of getting frostbite at Camp Wilson in July. Dave saw **John Holden** at the last Marine Corps ball at Pendleton. John is married and they had a little one. Wendy and **Dom Gorie** left Pax River and now reside in Jacksonville, Florida. Dom really IS on a Rocket Sled ride to the top and from what Dave says, is doing quite well.

Got a letter from Maj. **Jim Barnes**, USAF. After some serious soul searching, Jim decided that it might be a lot less painful if he could avoid the traditional "Let's Be Gone All The Time" type career stuff in the Navy and do the "Let's Only Be Gone A Few Weeks At A Time" type stuff in the Air Force. So Jim is now going to spend the rest of his career as a Bus Driver. Jim will be taking over for Pat Dennis real soon as the new "Mayor of Europe." Until then, he and Judy now live in Edmond, Oklahoma with their three kids; Nathan, 6, Jenny, 3, Becky, 8 months, and one on the way. Jim flies E-3's out of Tinker AFB. However, due to that nutty, crazy Huss-man, Jim is probably picking the sand out of his hot dogs at night along with lots of other Classmates. But what with all that desert vastness, we're talkin' a very target rich environment if it unfortunately has to come to that.

Doug Kaye just came out of hiding. He and Wizz are living in Pocomoke City, Maryland, looking for Bob Vila and Norm Abrams with some *This Old House* tips as they restore (all by themselves) a 100-year-old Victorian. Doug is the Operations Engineer at the AEGIS Combat System Center in Wallops Island, Virginia. The Kayes have two boys to help around the house during renovation projects. They are: Steven, 2, and Alex, 3 months. Doug, Jim, Dave, thanks for the letters. Doug, congrats to you and Wizz on your newest construction worker.

Here comes the Class news admin/logistics stuff. There will be a Class meeting on the Saturday of Homecoming. To get the time and place, call **Mike Finley** at (202) 547-4706 or 366-9877; **Abe Ellis** at (804) 464-6992 or 640-7500; OR **Jeff Johnson** at (301) 544-3032 or 757-8888. The agenda will include a vote on the Class dues deal I spilled the beans about last month and votes on some Class projects. Please try to make it if you can. Vicky and I are going to try to make it. We may have some problems with adjusting our eyes to green colors but we'll just have to tough it out because damn it, we're givers. More company reps are requested. Besides getting to keep up with your old company-mates, it's a good idea and a good deal. Mike promised that he'd pay off your home mortgage or buy you a new car for all company reps; your choice. Another admin note: There are fifty-six of us who need to update addresses for the Alumni Association. I know what you're thinking, "If they aren't getting a *Shipmate*, then how will they know their address is needed?" Hopefully, if you know their whereabouts, you can send their address to me and I'll update it or tell them and they can do it. Here's the list by last name: Abordo, Acevedo, Algire, Ballard, Bladvell, Butler (Carey), Buttrick, Cain, Callas, Camerino, Compton, Corrales, Curtis, DeConto, Fish, Gigliotti (Jim, tell Ken he's missing out on lots of comedy), Gray, Griffith (Scott), Harriess, Horton, Hyde, Inman, Inscoe, Jones (Leo & Steve), Jordon (Mike), Kropp (Somebody at HCS-3, tell Fishcakes and Rocky to get on the stick), Krug, Kuzma, Larsen, Long (Pete), Luti, Luxhoj, Mahon, Malone, Massie, Mayer, McGinn, Miller (Drew if that WAS Gene, tell him to write, thanks), Niner, Norman, Norton, Phares, Reedy, Romano, Sebastian, Snide, Snyder, Streich (Anybody close to the U of S.D., get a hold of Striker for us, thanks), Szostak, Thompson, Van Langen, Walsh (Somebody at Beaufort, lend a hand to Bob), Weigel, Yanagi, (Jim Grabe, tell Brian to turn off his Don Ho video and write, thanks Jimbo), and Yoshihara. Those of you who know any addresses of those listed, send them to yours truly, and thanks a bunch.