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Shipmates, I don't know about you but this Summer has been a hectic one for me. I started out with visions of a lot of golf and time next to the pool with my son but alas it was not to be! Unfortunately, this rapid pace has carried over to this month's article, for I'm having to prepare it about three weeks in advance. Can you imagine planning something three weeks in advance of its due date?! . . . why that's un-American! Anyway, all I have for input is a lone letter from **Kevin Brock**, who has (fortunately for me) written his first letter to *Shipmate*. Now can you imagine his surprise when he reads this and finds that he is the centerpiece of the column! Kevin, bless you for saving my life; I hope this doesn't keep you from writing for another thirteen years!

I left the Navy in 1983 after a Division Officer tour in USS DEWEY (DDG-45) and a tour as Weapons Officer in USS SEMMES (DDG-18), both in Charleston. After serving a couple of years as a Project Engineer for a Charleston Beltway Bandit, and a couple of more as a Maintenance Engineer at a manufacturing plant here in Waynesville, North Carolina, I remained in the area and am now a Field Engineer for a small (13 people) design engineering firm. I have also just recently attained registration as a Professional Engineer in North Carolina. I met my wife, Donna, shortly after leaving the Navy; we were married in 1984. We have two children, Rachel-4 and Phillip-2. We love it here in Waynesville, which is nestled in the Great Smokey Mountains, 30 miles southwest of Asheville. With the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Shining Rock Wilderness and lots of trout streams practically in our back yard, it's a great place to live and a great place to visit. Anyone passing through or visiting the area is welcome to call so we can get together. The only Classmate I know of in the area is **Wayne Johnson**, who lives with his wife Jeannie and two children, about 45 minutes away in Hendersonville. Wayne works at Asheville Industries, a division of Newport News Shipbuilding. Being sort of isolated here in the mountains is nice, but we do come down out of the hills once in a while! We hope to make one football game this Fall—probably in Charlottesville since my wife is a UVA grad. Kevin.

That's it for September. Hoping to have a few more letters for next month's issue, happy trails . . . **Bill**.

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Okay, first a little word from our Prez, (now a Reserve Major select—) **Steve Maloney** . . . Jock wishes me to pass on that the *Class Directory*, which you have been hearing of for so long, is coming to a head. In other words, it's taking sooooo long that we'll probably go to print as is. That is to say we'll soon print those listings (fact sheets) that we now have; which, I think, leaves us somewhere short of our goal with a 60–70% response. So those of you who still haven't responded to your company reps notices and updated your addresses and information, (or those company reps who haven't put out the word) hop on it now or forever hold your peace!! (Well, not necessarily forever, but at least a good three years until we publish an update!!) I know we're shooting to get to a

printer before this year's out so let's have an all out push to get those cards, letters, and fact sheets in to our Class Historian, **Tim Dowding**. Once more, his address is 6 Robin Way, Westerly, R.I. 02891.

This column will be primarily comprised of two Company Newsletters which were passed to me by their reps. But before I get on to it, a quick congratulatory note to **Nelson Cayabyab**. On 13 July, Nelson assumed command of USS CONQUEST, an MSO out of Seattle, Washington. I appreciated the invite and regretted not being able to attend. Ah, another of our host to achieve Command. '78ers continue to move on upward!!

The first Company Newsletter came from 33rd Co.—none other than **Brent Obenour**. Margo and **Ron Assland** are living out in the Norfolk area along with two daughters, 6 and 4. Ron is the 1st Lt. on USS GUADALCANAL. Before that he was the OpsO on USS NEWPORT.

Beth and **Greg Baur** also have two girls. Greg is a co-pilot on DC-9s for American Airlines out of National Airport in D.C. He's still in the Marine Corps Reserve, flying frogs out of Norfolk. Before getting out he managed to pick up an MS in Management from Troy State.

Linda and **Mike Conklin** added to the population explosion in Woodbridge, Virginia, with their four kids. Mike is currently with the Ops Analysis Branch at MCCDC, Quantico. But I understand he'll soon be heading back to the Fleet. He's done paying penance for the MS he got from Monterey and should be getting back to the cockpit, possibly to MCAS New River.

Marle and **Mike Dasovich** by now are CIVILANT. Mike was with the Warfighting Branch at Quantico. I popped in to see him in the middle of July, just as he was heading on terminal leave. Armed with a brand new MS in Analysis and Management from GWU he was being wooed by various beltway bandits. A group I think called Tasker seemed to have the inside lead, but Mike was in the driver's seat.

**Jim Degree** is in the Intelligence Community and should be at the Pentagon (Lord knows that place could use an infusion of that stuff!) Jim had picked up MS in Systems Management from USC in '89. By now he, Tracy and their four kids should be settled in and dealing with life around the beltway.

**Bill Deitzler** is one of the many '78ers flying for Northwest Airlines. He's based out Minneapolis/St. Paul. He and Judy Lyn have three kids to keep him busy, so Bill says the only chance he gets to sleep is when he's flying. (Boy, that makes me feel REAL comfortable about flying . . . at least he didn't say he has a drink to relax him!) He mentioned that a former Classmate, **Fred Townsend**, is doing well and living in Atlanta. I've got the address if anyone is interested in looking him up.

**Mike Dinn** is a project manager for Summerhill Development Co. in Newport Beach, California. It's a real estate development company, which, judging by the dapper manner in which Mike was dressed at our reunion, appears to be doing quite well. Mike also is counted among those with a secondary sheepskin—the ever popular MBA (His is from the University of Washington in Seattle).

**Rick Dubberly** is the OpsO on USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS out of Norfolk. He should be moving on someplace this year as an XO. He and Susan have two young ones, ages 4 and 1. Dubs and sent a note with the excuse that he missed the 10th Reunion due to being in the Persian Gulf. Brent thought that was the best excuse he'd heard yet. . . . It sounds pretty lame to me. But of course I have a higher standard, tempered by the very late reunion dance arrival of **Jim "Mack the Knife" Shulson**, all the way from Okinawa via MAC air. Sorry Rick, aaaaaaaah, no credit.

Paula and **Mike Dyer** are around the San Francisco area. Mike is the Aviation Procurement Officer out at Treasure Island. I can just see Duffy now saying "Glasses? Sure kid, noooo problem! Just sign on the dotted line." Ah, he always had that "trust me" face.

Kathy and **Tom Eldridge** enjoy the pace of life in Zebulon, North Carolina. Tom's the Pastor of the Poplar Spring Baptist Church. He got his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1987. He stayed in the Naval Reserve, so the Navy didn't lose an officer, they just gained a chaplain. I don't think that's what he does in the Reserve, but he certainly can continue to "buy those cheap batteries from the NEX."

"**Doctor Keith**" **Haar** has been in more services than anyone else in 33rd Company. After Mid days (there's 1) he spent time with the Marines (that's two) from which he was accepted to Med School at USUHS in Bethesda. After graduation Keith opted to be an Air Force doctor (that's three). After a short stay at Travis AFB, California he was whisked away to do his residency in dermatology at San Antonio. He and Kathy have two kids, ages 9 and 6, who probably help daddy play both sides during the Navy-Air Force games.

**Chris Hartman** is out of the Navy and works for Raytheon as a member of their Technical Staff in Arlington, Virginia. He and his wife, Melanie, still enjoy the Navy life at least monthly when he drills with the Navy Command Center at the Pentagon.

Dottie, Danny (6) and **Dan Holoubeck** are enjoying Maryland living. In fact, nearly the entire Holoubeck clan (mother, father, brother, sister?) have transplanted from Nebraska to the Annapolis area. Dan works for Lockheed Missile and Space Company in Glenn Dale, Maryland, while his Reserve duty is with the Military Sealift Command unit in Baltimore.

Gail and **George Kersten** are tied with the 33rd Co. procreative record of 4 kids. George is a civilian with Cooper Industries as a Marketing Specialist in South Milwaukee.

Gisela, **Bill McKeag** and family live around the Santa Barbara area. Bill is out of the Navy and works as a project engineer for the Santa Barbara Research Center.

**Duncan McLean** is CO of the Consolidated Dividing Unit in Norfolk. Duncan's wife, Kathleen, either has finished, or soon will finish, her graduate work at NPS Monterey and they'll link up somewhere.

Vickie, **Brent Obenour** and their three kids moved from Rockville, Maryland, to the Sacramento area. Brent is the District Manager of Northern California offices of USPA & IRA. He's been with USPA since leaving the Nuke active duty Navy in the Spring of '85 (Last tour as MPA on USS PARCHE out of Mare Island) but still serves in the Reserve.

**Dennis Otoshi** was a close second to **Keith Haar** for duty with the most services. He, however, can claim having made lieutenant the most, twice in fact; once with the Navy and now with Coast Guard. Dennis joined the Coasties in '83 and has been involved in rescues and drug busts. Currently, he's the Combat Systems Officer on USCGC SHERMAN. In today's world, that's a REALLY ACTIVE job . . . "This is the Coast Guard, stop your engines, and lay down your weapons!" (I wonder if he's ever tried . . . "Make my day . . . punk!")

**John Rogers** is with Target Distribution Center in Indianapolis, as well as keeping up his USNR status. He and Debbie have two children. John loves the Indy area and reminds all that he's just off I-70 and has a guest bedroom for any migratory workers passing through. Yes, but can he get tickets to the Indy 500?

**Walter Sharp** is a lawyer with the Navy Detachment in Rota. I'm not sure if Anne and their two kids are with him—probably so. He picked up his JD



from Texas Tech in '84 and his LLM in International Law from Georgetown in '88.

Annette, **Tom Sudbeck** and their two boys live in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Tom is in the White House Liaison Office at HMX-1 in Quantico. Next time you see the Prez getting out of Marine One see if you can spot Suds. If you can't, don't worry, he'll send you an 8 x 10 glossy of himself at the controls. Aside from the taking care of the boys, my "dance partner" Annette also occupies her time by teaching aerobics at the base and humiliating hard body Marines. (Hey, she's tough!!).

**John Weidner** got his MS in Nuclear Engineering (Weapons Effects) from the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton. By now he should be the XO of USS JOHN MARSHALL. Brent mentioned that Diane and John have "two children" but gave ages for three kids (8, 5, and 3). Did one sneak by on you guys, Diane?

**Ed Wynne** is working at Texas' Commanche Peak Nuclear Power Station as a senior engineer for Impell Corporation but still drills with the Reserve at NCSO in Dallas.

The only "lost sheep" in 33rd was **Kevin Ryan**. Anyone who has a clue on him drop Brent or me a line. Brent thought that I'd "never get all of this in one issue" . . . Well, I love a challenge but with a little editorial license it looks like we made it all fit. (Too bad I didn't bet a brew on it!)

The second source of info is on 18th Company, courtesy of their rep, **Rob Cloutier**: Rob heard that **Mike Amicarella** was either in San Diego or Washington (state). I have it on good authority that he is in San Diego. His XO was in at Sikorsky picking up an aircraft a few months ago and mentioned that the "Gorilla" was with his squadron, HS-2 to be exact. Of course those of you who follow this column know that Misti and **Art Athens** are living in Yuma, Arizona, where Art is a Hawk Missile Weapons and Tactics Instructor with MAWTS-1. As for Art's brother-in-law, **Skip Root**, Rob hadn't a clue. If anyone has seen his "crooked smile" lately, let us know. (Just think back to the end of Plebe Year election speeches—you'll know what I mean, and then recognize him.)

**Perry Bentley** is married with children (three to be exact). He picked up a JD from the University of Kentucky and is an attorney in civil litigation in Kentucky. **Dave Brown** is married and has a daughter. Dave picked up an MS in Aero Engineering at NPGS. He's serving a department head/instructor tour at Systems Flight Test, Naval Test Pilot School, Pax River. As for **Rob Cloutier**, he and his wife and two kids are living in Mt. Holly, New Jersey. He's the Office Systems Program Manager for Boeing Computer Services. For five years he's also owned a computer consulting firm. Aside from trying to be 18th Co.'s rep he's trying to restore a '73 MGB. **Jeff Dickman** is married and has two kids. Jeff reportedly knew where **Terry Flanagan** was but didn't pass on any details except that he too was married and had a baby. Jeff also noted that **Pete Frano** is an A-6 BN in Norfolk. (What about details, details, details?!)

**Bob Ferencsik**'s dad was a source of info. According to him, Bob took a job with a DOD contractor last Fall in Massachusetts. **Mark Fox** was retraining on F/A-18s but by now has left for deployment of SARATOGA. Mark is also among the "4 Kids Club." **Dave Hall** is a Senior Quality Control Engineer at Ensign Bickford Aerospace Company (They make explosives.). That's a job where QA can't afford to slip up! Dave is married and has two kids whom he has taught to NEVER sneak up behind daddy and pop balloons!! Dave serves his Reserve duty on USS MILLER and is looking for a cheap MGB. He and Rob get together several times a year so it's easy to see that: (1) they're still close friends and (2) that Rob's restoration of that MGB is not cheap enough for Dave!!

**Ray Milton** is working for Bremerton Naval Shipyard. Uncle Milt says he "fixes ships" and claims he is still a "melon head." (Yeahh sure and I'm 6' 2"!) **Andy Mohler** is at NAVAIR in D.C. I came across him in the Metro subway a few months back. Prior to that he was at PAX River (test pilot) and lately, as the Ass't Nav on "LADY LEX." **Sam Park** has his PhD in physics, specifically "low altitude, high magnetic field, extremely small signal signal solid-state physics." (Hey, I don't know about you but I was already intimidated by just plain old "PhD".) Now, since Rob didn't know exactly where, can anyone tell us where Sam is? Sam, you got the PhD, in what "state" are you? **Don Schneider** is with Orlon Enterprises as a Senior Research Scientist in critical technology, foreign exports and living in Sterling, Virginia. **Chad Seizert** is in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and is a First Officer on Boeing 757s for Northwest Airlines. **Bob Stuart** is in West Oak Harbor, Washington. He is the Admin Officer with VA-128 where he's known by his new nickname, "Stubob." **Kevin White** was last seen working on his master's in Manpower, Personnel, Training Analysis at NPGS. By now he should've reported to VP-5 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Some 18th Company lost sheep were: **Vance Adams** (last seen—Charleston, South Carolina), **Phil Brady** (believed to be living in Mt. Holly, New Jersey), **Chris Carlson** (Freemont, California?), **Gerry Corey** (Atlanta?), **Tom Fabiani** (Woodbridge, Illinois?), **George Koucheravy** (also possibly in Charleston), and lastly **Teddy Null** (last seen flying Hueys in the Marine Corps but long since in CIVDIV).

Thanks for all the scoop, Brent and Rob. Anyone with a clue to the lost souls let us know. I have one bit of clarification from last month's column—I was historically accurate when I stated that **Mike Warner** and **Scot Miller** had at one time tied for a beer can record. But it was at an earlier Homecoming, and not at the 10th Reunion . . . right event (Homecoming), wrong year. By the way Scot's wife, Wendy, has a nifty little business, called "Just Bows." As the name implies, she makes bows for all uses, hair, ornaments, etc. Her best selling item (I should know, Elizabeth bought several at the last Homecoming Game!) are shoe laces with bows attached to them. Of course, they come in appropriate school colors. (Like Blue and Gold, for one.) Business seems to be doing well as I noticed her products on a rack at a ribbon store in Mystic, Connecticut.

Well, that's all for now . . . be seeing you perhaps at Navy football games, on a street corner somewhere, or around the mail box!

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Membership: 93%

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Greetings from the land of two seasons! And those two seasons are: Real hot and windy and real cold and windy. This month is going to take you to the pinnacle of excitement. That's 'cause I have a whole envelope of Fleet Home Town News Releases and just a little bit o' Class info. There's also some Used Car Dealer/Real Estate Agent stuff that has to get done. So let's get right to it, shall we?

If you had a warm, fuzzy feeling and felt like keeping those doors and windows unlocked for no apparent reason, from 9 June until 23 June, it was because I was keeping the country safe for democracy while on two weeks active duty. I even got a few hours of flight time between groundings of the Mighty War Frog. While working for our rich, eccentric Uncle, I was fortunate enough to get to see Mary and **Steve**



Squires

**Squires**. They invited **Steve Brooks** and me over for dinner and lots of blabbin'. Squiman's little one, Robert was a blast to play with. (Boy, I hope their picture got printed!) Steve Brooks is the First Lieutenant on USS TARAWA (I think that's the LHA. Sorry Steve, I never can remember the names of those big gray things with pointy ends) and will be staying with her in Long Beach for a while. Steve, thanks for the ride and hope all works out for the best. Squires, it was great seeing you, Mary, Robert and Brooks. Your kid is THE best. Excellent chow, too!

**Patti and Sam Hull** sent a letter with the cutest picture of their daughter, Elizabeth. What a doll. Fortunately, she looks a lot like Mom. Sam is a computer guru, setting up and maintaining systems for some of the businesses around the Dallas area. Sam told me he and Patti would be seeing Kay and **Don Geving** before they (the Geving's) head off to Okinawa. Isn't Okinawa the subject of one of those sociology questionnaires? You know, "Would you rather throw up on a crowded bus or spend three years on Okinawa?" If you had a choice, it would be the bus, hands down. Don, Kay, hope the best for you two and being as how you'll be together, you'll probably enjoy the tour.

**Ruth and Burke Shade** are camped out in Escondido, California, while Burke is attending the Westminster Theological Seminary. He has two more years to go to get his Master's with the eventual goal of being a pastor somewhere in the U.S. of A. In the meantime, he and Ruth (I think mostly Ruth) are mega-busy raising five (that's 5, as in five) kids. They are: Elizabeth 9, Lydia 7, Isaiah 5, Nehemiah 3, and Joshua 2. Whoa Silver, my hat's off to you both. I don't know how Vicky and I manage with Bryan (most of the time a great little guy, but sometimes; the "Baby From Hell") but five?? Wow. When do you guys ever sleep?

Well color me ditsy. About four months ago, I forgot to mention the fact that **Joe Bradfield** graduated from Pennsylvania State University's School of Medicine in May of '89. Yeah, I was right on top of my ball game with that one. Sissy, I'll try not to let that kinda stuff happen again, ma'am. Congratulations, Doctor Joe!

**Bill Corkill** and I had a great phone call. His poor brother lives here in the "Arid-Extra-Dry" armpit of the universe, a few miles from my place. Bill was down for a few days visiting. He and Teresa are living in Monterey while Bill is attending Naval Postgraduate School. They have two little ones: Patrick, 7 and Kimberly, 5. Bill decided a few years ago to give up flying EA-6B's and nine-month deployments in order to spend more time with his family. Corky is now a Navy Oceanographer and gets to go home every night. Bill, don't you miss those chocks and chains slamming into the flight deck right above your head at three in the morning? Gettin' a little teary eyed, are ya? Well no more night, bad weather, seat-cushion-up-to-your-throat recoveries for you pal. Corky has another year and a half to go, then it's payback time.

And now the hard stuff (The Used Car Dealer/Real Estate Agent deal). I'm not real good at this but we'll give it a go. Remember that nutty, kookie motto of mine, "Give, give, give, never take"? Well, in order