

squadron as the OLD MEN of the unit. But these two sure did not look old to me. Of course, Lloyd was commenting on how young his ensigns were. It also was very strange to be in a CO's office as an equal rather than a junior officer hoping he would get out of harms way as quickly as possible. In any case both are doing well and enjoying the sunshine in Jax. I hope to be there in April.

Well that's all this month. I will be watching the mail from now on since you can no longer use the excuse of not knowing my address. Even a postcard with an updated address will be accepted. So until next month lets keep our shipmates serving in the Persian Gulf in our prayers and thoughts.

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I received only a few letters in the mail during the past month; to those of you who have written, I apologize for my tardiness in responding to your correspondence—it has been a very busy time. I heard from Betsy and **Jeff Sander** shortly after the New Year; they have moved from the Northwest, where Jeff was stationed at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, to Jacksonville, Florida. Jeff didn't mention his new job, but I heard that he was going to one of the carriers. Congratulations to Jeff and Betsy on the birth of their second child, Emily Elizabeth, who was born 22 October. They also have a son, Paul.

Cathie and **John Boulden** sent a letter from Groton, Connecticut, where John is the Executive Officer of the Precommissioning Unit of MARYLAND, a Trident submarine under construction. Cathie and John now have three children. The latest addition to the family is Jesse who was born last 29 March. Their other children are Jonathan who is five and Caroline who is three.

I heard from **John Lovasz** who has been a regional manager of the Balfour Company in the Boston area for about six years. Congratulations to John and Stephanie who recently adopted a beautiful set of twins, James Lawrence and Barbara Christina. John passed on a lot of news that I reported in the previous issue from **Tim Farrell's** letter, but he did provide some updates on some of that news. **Jim Doherty** is also in the Boston area where he works in management for a medical equipment company; he and Beth have an oceanfront home near the city. Kathy and **Tim Hagen** live in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, where they maintain a vast spread of land when Tim isn't tied up in the financial business. Yardley and **Scott Jenkins** are in the Philadelphia area with their two daughters; Scott is a major player with First Boston. **Bob Miller** has been living in Annapolis for several years and is working for Airinc. Sara and **John Stamos** are in Maryland where John is with the local utility.

Mark Haas sent word from Manassas, Virginia where he is presently with Allstate; he finally tied the knot last 21 April with the former Phyllis Hines—congratulations! Ann and **Lee Freund**, Alyson and **Denny Gardner**, and **John Boulden** all made it to the wedding. Mark had some other news to pass on also. Ann and Lee Freund were transferred to Hawaii last Summer, and within a month Lee was on his way to Saudi Arabia where he is now serving. Lori and **Jim Sloan** and their two children, Robyn and Patrick, now live in Arizona. Mary and **Phil Cook** adopted a little boy last March so the world now has another Phil Cook. Phil is a Research Administrator for the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. Debby and **Rick Hepburn** are living in Savannah, Georgia, with their children, Samantha and Eric. Donna and **Dave Boch**



The Lovasz family



Mark Haas ties the knot

are living in Stamford, Connecticut with their son Ben; Dave is working for a consulting firm.

The rush of events unfolding in the world affects all of us as a Class in some way; many are directly involved with events in Southwest Asia. Let's pray that we can all celebrate our 15th together in Annapolis with the world at peace. Keep in touch. **Joe**.

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Shipmates, we've got some good material for you this month, so sit back and take it all in. Maybe it will give you that added push to drop me a line and catch the Class up on all your wanderings and involvements.

First off, I received a note from **French Caldwell** up in Groton where he is the XO in USS WILL ROGERS (Blue). He and Patty have four children and live in Sub Base housing. Their next door neighbors are Cheryl and **Mark Kenney**. Mark is the XO for the PCU KENTUCKY crew and is really working some long hours. **Denny Simon** is the XO in USS TENNESSEE out of King's Bay . . . congrats on that Battle E! Denny and Patty live with their two sons in Jacksonville. French's big news is that he is now a published author. *Arctic Leverage: Canadian Sovereignty and Security* (NY:Praeger, 1990) can be ordered from USNI Press for \$36.85. It deals with development of US-Canadian defense policy concerning the Arctic and the history of Canada's ac-

quisition of Arctic territory. Great job, French!

Kevin Brock sent a copy of the inaugural issue of the 10th Company Newsletter. Let me sum up some of the updates. **Mick Schmit** is President of his own company that sells software for personal computers. He and Phyllis have a one-year-old daughter named Stephanie. **Mike Canders** lives on Long Island with wife Mary, Marybeth, 6, and Daniel, 3. He is the Director of Marketing for Telephonics Corporation. **Gary Holst** is XO in USS CALLAGHAN. He lives in Long Beach along with Beth, Jonathan and Leigh. **Joe Walsh** is XO in USS OHIO and lives in Bangor with Cindy, Megan, 6, and Laura, 4. Brooke and **Mike Vieten**, along with son Michael, now live in New Jersey where Mike is a part of the civilian community.

Tom Keeley is still active duty and at last sighting was a "forked-tongued placement officer" at NMPC. **John Nelson** is "an egghead at the Naval Research Lab" in D.C. **Kevin Brock** is a Professional Engineer with a small consulting engineering firm in Waynesville, North Carolina. He sure is to be congratulated on this terrific newsletter! Hope people like **Larry Royalty**, **Gary Beaver**, **Jeff Potts** and **Rande Kessler** soon surface from the depths of "Whereabouts Unknown."

The last letter for this month comes from **David Aland**. He and Sue live down in beautiful Key West where Dave is the C.O. of USS GEMINI (PHM-6). He's been aboard long enough now that he no longer looks around when someone says "Captain" and Sue no longer snickers when they park in a "CO only" spot at the O Club. Dave claims to be having the most fun in uniform since he jumped into the Reflection Pool. It sounds like he's really enjoying himself. He added some news about other Classmates: **Glen "Monk" McCormick** is living in Key West and angling for an airlines seat while rebuilding a classic wooden sailboat called MISTRESS. Marsha and **Rick Wall** live near Corpus Christi, Texas, where Rick is the C.E.C. building NavSta Ingleside. **Kim Sheldon** is flying Hueys out of Pensacola where he resides with wife Patti. Dave asks that anyone sighting **Roger Stewart** or **Cesar Navarette** contact him immediately. Thanks, Dave, for a great update . . . good luck with GEMINI!

That leaves one letter from **Larry Indiviglia** . . . but I'm going to hold that one until next month. I wouldn't want to have an empty column, so this is my security. Anyone else want to join in and help lengthen things? The address is at the top of the column.

Finally, two Fleet Home Town News releases . . . Cdr. **Jeff Sapp** received the Meritorious Service Medal, was promoted to his present rank, and reported for duty as a student at the Naval War College. Way to go, Jeff! **Larry Laughlin** was presented with Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service while serving with Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Minneapolis. Congrats to you, too!

That's all for April. Continue to pray for peace. Happy Trails, **Bill** (signed by Power of Attorney).

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Membership: 83%

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Well, you were all probably wondering why there was no column last month. It wasn't due to a lack of information . . . You see, these past few months I've been taking a lot of whining and flack for our "War and Peace" entries on the comings and goings of '78—so much in fact, that I've been begged, pleaded and threatened to allow even the smallest of news

space for the other classes . . . So in the interest of fairness I gave them a month of free column space . . . (Actually . . . I was a day late in making the deadline . . . Hey, even if you DID buy that line, that "lie, cheat, or steal" thing eventually got to me . . . Besides, the dippity do was getting too deep for even me!) Anyway, I'm back in business for April and I'm taking my column space back, so move back K.R.!!!

I ran out of space the last time I wrote so, true to my word, I'll open this month's column with news extracted from a **Tom Martinez** letter . . . As I said before, Tom was a district sales manager to Raytheon until Uncle Sam reactivated him for "other employment." While dad's playing "cannon cocker" Diana and Sarah (10) are holding down the homestead in Huntsville, Alabama. Anyway, here's the data dump from Tom:

Tom had heard the same rumor that I had that **Charlie Pangburn** is now out of the Marine Corps and practicing law somewhere around Cincinnati, Ohio. Susie and **Fred Lucci** also live in Ohio, Worthington, Ohio to be exact. Fred works for Honda of America and Susie is a practicing attorney. Fred is with the Reserve and in fact drills at the same reserve center as **Dave Guza**. Dave's 9-5 job (Those things exist?!) is with Battelle, which Tom thought was a research/think tank. As for **Mike Sears**, he was last seen working for a capital investment firm in Beemer country—Palo Alto, California but living in Menlo Park. Meanwhile, **Tom Abernathy** is up at West Point and being taunted over the loss last season.

Do-do-do-do, do-do-do-do . . . submitted for your approval, two people long unseen, suddenly cross paths in a most common place, yet under unusual circumstances, reacquainted—in the Classmate Zone . . . Yes, Tom encountered two '78ers while in remote parts of the country—in a Denny's at Meridian, Mississippi, he ran into **Larry McCracken**. Larry was passing through on his way back to Norfolk, after spending some leave with his family in Houston (Tom, on the other hand, was checking out the luncheon special). In a gas station in Durham, North Carolina, he shared a gas pump with **Ray Fritsch**. Ray lives in Durham and Tom thought he was working as a real estate broker or something similar. A last encounter was rather poignant . . . He had stopped by a backyard BBQ Party as the drop-in friend of friend of the host. After harassing those die hard 'Bama/Auburn fans with his Florida Gators shirt, he finally confessed his true loyalties to the Blue and Gold. Lo and behold one of the other guests chimed in that she had a son who had gone to the Naval Academy, Class of '78 to be exact. His name was **Robby Wilson**. It was a bittersweet meeting as Tom and Robby's mom exchanged tears and laughter over reminiscences of Robby. She insists that anyone passing through Huntsville give her a call or just write. She dearly wants to hear from anyone associated with Robby and his days on the Severn. Here's the address (she's recently remarried so note the name difference.): Ann Bandgren, 3105 Holly Hill Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35802, (205) 883-8787.

Tom also keeps tabs with **Steve Suttles**. Steve works at Atari Games Division as a systems programmer and lives in Fremont, California. What a job! He and his boys (Christopher and Johnathan) can use excuses like . . . "Hey we're not playing video games, this is BUSINESS." or "Come on mom, we're helping dad with his work!" I doubt Steve's wife, Sharon, buys the snow job. Steve left after Plebe Year but I guess either some of you guys left lasting impressions on him or owe him BIG bucks 'cuz he'd love to hear from any 9th Company Alumni! You "Easy Niners" can each him at 33162 Lake Pyramid Drive, Fremont, Calif. 94555.

Thanks for all the gouge, Tom and remember . . . let's be safe out there!



The big catches up Uglow and Shulson



Kelsey and Scott Rogers



Ashley, Julie and Brad Richardson



Dueling daddies—Norm and Dave

Dave Roberts zapped me off a quick note over the holidays. A long time *Shipmate* reader he, like many of you, finally converted to being a writer (for which I'm grateful). Dave spent his post 3rd Company days as a Black Shoe on USS *LEFTWICH* out of San Diego and then USS *HERCULES*, a hydrofoil out of Key West. Afterward, he went to Miami, University (the colder one in Ohio), taught ROTC and picked up an MBA in the process. He left the Navy in '85 opting for a job in marketing with IBM in Cincinnati, where he's been ever since. He and Kyle have been married now for 6 years and have two sons, Aaron (2½) and Nolan (6 months). Lynn and **Norm Boster** passed through the WKRP area this past October and stopped by the "Hotel Roberts." They were traveling from Japan to Newport. Norm had just finished his XO tour on a DDG, USS *TOWERS*. Norm and Dave played dueling daddies, comparing Dave's sons and Norm's, then 6-week-old daughter, Lucy. If you follow the Gary Eisenman principle of progeny, Dave won by virtue of having sons over daughters. If you follow the rules of poker, he still wins—a pair beats one of a kind anytime . . . But if you go by the rule of dads . . . it's a draw, because any number of any gender is great!! If any of you are passing through the area Dave asks that you give him a call. They're in the book.

I'm finally clearing out the Christmas basket of cards and the family newsletters that often accompany them these days, so here's the last of it. (By the way, does EVERYBODY else have a home computer or am I NOT the only one who has to use one after work hours?) . . .

Terri and **Don Brutzman** are in Monterey, California. It seems the LCdrs Brutzman are both assigned to PG School. (Yup, both are in the Navy.) Terri is the Administrative Officer for the Programs Directorate and Don is a student in the Computer Science curriculum. Don reports that the place is just great for their two growing girls, Hilary (4) and Rebecca (2). Like mom and dad they too are at PG School—actually at the Child Development Center School. As if raising kids and being Naval Officers isn't enough, he and Terri are also avid runners! They tried the Big Sur Marathon last April. Don finished (barely) and Terri made it through 14 miles before the elements (25+ mph winds) got the best of her. Hey, that's 13¾ miles more than I care to run! Anyway, they plan on going to LA for Disneyland and another marathon this month. After being run ragged through the Magic Kingdom by wide eyed, enthusiastic kids, the marathon will seem a cake walk to them! The really hard part will be trying to block out that ever present droning of "It's a Small World After All, It's a Small World After All, It's a Small World After All, It's a Small World After All . . . See? It gets to you even when you just think about it!! Oooof.

Lita and **Lee Yarberry** are living in Dale City, Virginia. I thought I heard that he's working for the BCNR (Board for the Correction of Naval Records). If that's true, can you have my records changed to reflect that I stood in the upper 10% of my TBS Class and am 6 feet tall? If not . . . never mind.

Pam and **Scott Rodgers** are doing fine down in Roswell, Georgia. Scott is still flying for what may be one of the few remaining "semi-solvent" airlines in the U.S., American Airlines. He should be checking out as a Captain this Summer. The toughest part of the check out is the casual banter portion . . . "Ahhh, this is your Captain speaking . . . ahhhh if you look out the left side you'll see the Statue of Liberty, ahhhhhh if you, ahhh, look out the right side, you'll see the traffic driving by us . . . ahhhhh we're number 28 for taxi and ummm, we'll be serving complementary drinks while we age here on the mat . . ." Scott reports that Kelsey is growing up so fast (Don't

they all?) and says they're filing flight plans for a wingman for her but that dad seems to be gone when the weather is CAVU.

Anthony Cardoza is in the Philippines on UDP (unit deployment program). He went over in August but with the Desert Shield thing he's been extended until at least June. He's doing fine except for the long separation from Christine and their kids, Sara and Aaron. (I can relate to that. . .) While in the PI he'd run into **Scott Godfrey** (back into August, just before Scott got out of the service.), **Dick Findley**, (Finner had pulled in with VMA-533 but at this writing is another Southwest Asia force member.) and lastly **Bob Destafney** (Bubba is on an accompanied tour in Okinawa, sporting around with Roxanne and their 3 kids, Kelly, Mark and Zoe.).

Speaking of the "Rock," Okinawa that is. Another resident of that WestPac island is **Jim Shulson**. As of the end of January, he and **Bob Destafney** had not been yanked out of the island paradise for Desert Shield. He and Bob were holding the 3rd FSSG (Force Service Support Group). Bob is the CO of BTO Company of the 3rd Landing Support Battalion, while Jim is the Plans Officer for BSSG-9. Amazingly enough, Jim reports that he got married a few years ago. He and Vicki have a "man-child," Thomas James (2), or "T. J." for short. (Vicki must be some woman to have been willing to take on the task of domesticating Jim . . . but does she let him still sing "Mack the Knife"?) Jim's also kept in touch with **Brian "Bull" McCormack**. Brian's finally gotten the opportunity to settle down in the condo he bought 2 years ago in Coronado, but according to Shulson the "shelf life of an ice cube in a freezer tavern is longer than the amount of time he (Brian) had spent in his own home." Bull is transitioning to H-60s in North Island. He's also one of the few single men remaining in '78 and is actively engaged in conducting a survey of all the available women in the San Diego area. (Need any help?) Jim and **Ron Uglov** got together this past Summer and honed up their skills with a little "pool fishing." They were planning on going up to Manitoba for a fly-in trip for Walleye this coming Summer and all 78ers are welcome. (Jim's been going to this same spot for two years and says you can't beat it. The fish literally jump out of the water and onto your hook! Gathering from the photo he sent me, the fish better, otherwise he and "Ugs" will lose their claim as Minnesota's Greatest Fishermen—but then Jim had the excuse that it's tough catching the "big ones" in a swimming pool! As for Ron, he and his wife, Jackie, are doing great in Minnesota, where Ron works for the Monticello Nuke Power Plant. Jim closed with the popular question—"Where's Waldo (aka Ken Waldie)!?" Don't know Jim, but we'll keep searching.

Elizabeth and **Steve Kinney** are back in the D.C. area. They had been out in San Diego when Steve came back from cruise in June. Two weeks later, he got orders to NMPC. He got the orders he wanted, back to the East Coast and closer to both their families—but THAT FAST? They bought a house out in Annandale, Virginia, and are all settled now. In fact, if his detailer work afford them the time this Winter, the Kinneys will likely be hitting the slopes and getting Allison started out on those skis early!

We had a few recent changes of commands. One was a dual '78 event. On January 26th **Mike Moore** was relieved of command of USS EXCEL, an MSO out of Treasure Island, by **Jim Rennie**. I guess the Navy felt they better keep a good thing going and not break with "tradition." Just two days earlier (on Jan. 24th) **George Billy** relinquished command of the DSV TURTLE, in San Diego. It looks like the Billys will be heading to the East Coast as George will be doing penance at the puzzle palace, the Pentagon. He'll be assigned to OP-23, the deep submergence branch at OpNav. When we last talked he and

Thelma were in the process of adopting a little brother for Elizabeth (5). Hopefully, they've been successful, as Elizabeth was looking forward to having a new playmate!

Two final Xmas cards, both real quickies . . . One was from our favorite rocket man—**Ken Bowersox**. It just noted that NASA keeps him and Annie quite busy in Houston. Somehow they manage to find a little time for a few projects. The other was from the **Brad (aka JB, Jack) Richardsons** in Joliet, Illinois; still content at Johnson & Johnson, but bearing with the windy tundra of the Chicago area.

Two final notes: Cassie and **Kevin Liddy** had an-



Elizabeth, Allison and Steve Kinney

other child in December but I can't seem to find the fax he sent me with the details. Sorry, Kevin, but I'll break the suspense and get them out next month. Still, congratulations!! I also spoke with **Dale Allison**. Dale went to work with NavAir right after graduation as a civil servant. Now he's in AIR 530 and is the structures guru who tries to keep us yankin' and bankin' helo drivers from overstretching our aircraft . . . kind of like dad who told you not to go driving the car too fast.

As I finish writing this month's column, Operation Desert Storm is just in its beginning stages. Many of you were participating in the action with quite a few of you Reservists activated also in support of the operation. Hopefully, by now it has reached a conclusion and all are safely home and peace and stability has been restored to the region and to our world. If that is not the case, we hope and pray for that eventuality. Until next month, hang in there and remember to take care of your wingman.

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Well since the inter-service transfer thing has taken hold, I'm likin' the snot out of this Navy stuff. I'm even learning to fly the new HH-60's AND if the "Q" is full on drill weekend, they make me stay out in town in a REAL nice hotel for free. Do I miss those freshly raked floors of sand at the Stumps and the flowing "streams of consciousness" briefs at the sand table? NAH. And just who the heck were those darned aggressive Mojavians anyway and why did they always attack down the middle of the Delta corridor? Enough reminiscing about former Marine things. We've got a fair amount o' Niner info to cover so let's knock off the chit-chat and get rolling.

Got a December '90 edition Third Company news update from **Jim Grabe**. He and Jan are doing well in Hawaii. Jim just received his Master's in Information Systems and is real glad the night and weekend classes thing is over. Jan is working towards her BS and Master's in Nursing while working full-time and also received her Perinatal Nurse Certification. Con-

grats to you two. The Thirsty Third agenda goes like this: Linda and **Pete Aagaard** are in Greenville, Ohio with their three boys Peter, Brian and Kevin. Pete is the Daddy Dog of Consumer Business for the local Corning Plant. Linda will be going back into teaching when the boys get a little bit more user friendly. Janice and **Andy Adamshick** and son Andrew live in Alexandria near the National "Streams of Consciousness" Center. Andy specializes in (not to be said with a mouthful of crackers) Predictive, Preventative Maintenance Programs for Life Cycle Engineering, Inc. O.K., Andy's a Beltway bandit. Sara and Mike Coss are Christian missionaries in Paraguay. Sara is also a real busy mom with four kids; Philip, Matthew, Kristen and one so new that due to the *Shipmate* info space-time continuum, we don't know the name. Congrats to ya's. By the way, Mike and Sara would love to hear from civilization. Beth and Vice Prez, **Abe Ellis** are alive and well in Virginia Beach. Abe is a commercial real estate broker with Coldwell Banker. Beth is a high school math teacher. Cindy and **Jim Hicks** live in Charleston. Jim is the Engineer of Moored Training Ship 635 which is the old SAM RAYBURN. I guess old neutrons never die. (Wah-hah-ha-ha, did I get you close to the Comedy Vortex with that one or what?) The Hicks' have two cutie-pie daughters, Ashley and Jennifer. Debra and **Jeff Jerome** live somewhere within driving distance of an independent branch of Paine-Webber where Jeff is its Vice President. Jeff, which branch? Bridget and **Craig Majkowski** make their second consecutive *Shipmate* appearance. Craig works for Abbott Labs in Los Colisas, Texas. Bridget extends a warm welcome to anybody passing through the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Maureen and **Joe Miller** are expecting dash three this August to join up with Colleen and Kim. Joe works for G.E. in Pennsylvania. Becky and **Chris Price** will soon be arriving in Kaneohe Bay with daughters Katie and Leaston. Becky, does Mert still have that museum-sized knife collection? If so, does he get to keep it in the house? **John Quigley** is the Engineer on ComSubGru Six staff. I guess now that I'm a sailor I should know where the Quigleys live, but folks the best I can do is tell you that I'm pretty sure they live somewhere close to water. Anyway, John and Suzanne have three kids; John, Jr. 10, Katherine 9 and James 7. **Shane Tippett** is attending the Union Theological Seminary. While Tipps is at school, Pat is real busy as a daycare director at a private Lutheran school and staying a step ahead of daughters Laura and Rachel Hope. Lori and **Mike Van Horn** are living in Misawa, Japan. Mike is a teacher and drilling reservist and Lori is an Air Force pediatrician. According to Amy von Gohren, the von Gohren girls are growing like wild flowers. Amy passed along word that **Henry Jones** is now stationed on board USS MISSOURI. Laurie and **Bob Wiesenbergs** just had a new baby boy named Robert, Jr. Bob flies for Delta and the family camps out in Duluth, Georgia. Laurie, Bob, congratulations. Ruth and **Bill Williamson**, along with kidsters Greg 6, Jaymie 5 and Erin Elizabeth 1, live in Garland, Texas. Dad works for TI and mom works at a local hospital in Pediatric Intensive Care. Jim and Jan wish all the sailors and Marines in Operation Desert Storm return home quickly and safely. Once again, Vicky and I ditto that one. Jim, thanks for the news, the open invite and keep up the great work for Third Company.

Tom Smith wrote a note from somewhere in the Red Sea. Tom is Chief Engineer on USS BIDDLE making sure Saddam gets no more chemicals, high explosives, weapons and other raw materials for the Baby Milk Factory in Iraq. Now I'd be a lot happier if Tom could do something about keeping my wife from having romantic evenings with Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise and Bart Simpson. I know, *Shipmate* is probably not the appropriate forum to talk about Vicky shacking up with cartoon characters, but darn it if