

and hook up with fellow Northwest Airline pilot **Skip Chestnut** at his home in Oak Harbor on this trip. Cal has a computer so I think that we should demand a full account of his trip soon.

The D.C. contingent checks in with Dayna and **Greg Cooper** expecting their fourth son in October. They would then have enough for a basketball team, if Greg would play. Greg's reportedly found a job in the Pentagon to last his whole tour! **John Read** is up the hill at the Annex doing whatever surface line guys do after their XO tour. His wife, Janet, and the 3 kids (again, that number!) are happy to be with him instead of trying to unload the house in Poway. And the ever shadowy **Mike Beck** has been reported several times in the area; however, I refuse to believe it until I see him. I suspect he is a figment of **Craig Netterling's** imagination.

I have been very remiss in not speaking to my "Neat Bro," **Bob Condry**, but I did write recently. Bob lives the most excellent civilian life (except for drill weekends) with wife, Lisa, and seemingly mandatory 3 kids in Woodbridge when not carpooling with the other bandits into the Beltway. Back out to San Diego, Kathye and **John Geary** only have TWO children and are upsetting the Class average. John is an electronic EDO wizard who may unfortunately lose his command to the realignment shuffle, but I'm not sure.

I haven't found any Classmates in IKE since **Steve Weingart** left to be XO, but have not canvassed the squadrons yet. Of course, since I am hopefully leaving in early November (breathlessly awaiting orders, but I'm not guessing because last time I did and wrote, I ended up on the opposite coast) I may not have time. The reason I have recently spoken to a number of the above people is to invite them to my wedding at Little Creek on 23 November 1991. The whole Class is invited (it's easy to be magnanimous like this when you know no one will see this for a few months). The lovely **Debbe Cafik** of Tornoto, Canada has coaxed me out of bachelorhood (actually, I begged her to marry me!) and we are looking forward to filling our Class quota of kids. We met 5 years ago at Bagby's wedding and I wholeheartedly agree with Cal that Canada's most notable export is not cold air, but rather beautiful women.

Although I won't make it to any football games this year (a good year away), I hope everyone enjoyed Homecoming and I look forward to seeing everyone next year at the fifteenth. BEAT ARMY, George.

Thanks, George, for that terrific letter and the invite. You never know about these things! Your ending about the fifteenth is a great lead into the next letter from **Rick White** who has assumed the "co-pointman" duties in arranging the fifteenth reunion activities! Rick mentioned that they have reserved 150 rooms for the Class at the BWI Holiday Inn. This is a package deal that includes a welcome party Friday afternoon, 2 nights of accommodations and a complimentary brunch on Sunday. The price of the entire package is \$138 (single) or \$148 (double). What an excellent price! Please call 301-859-8400 for reservations. Special or unique reservations can be handled on a case basis. For those of you who haven't been to the Annapolis area for awhile you will be pleased to know that a new Highway 97 has been opened which makes the trip down from the Holiday Inn a breeze. You won't have to contend with the stop and go traffic on Route 2, Ritchie Highway! In addition to the package deal, Rick has arranged bus transportation similar to what was available for the tenth. Other activities include: a superb tailgater, planned by **Tom Campbell**; and a outstanding "goodies" package, prepared by **Carl Moore**. All in all, the entire event is looking up! Call Rick at 410-974-8090 or Tom Campbell at 410-662-3205 if you are interested in helping out.

Rick mentioned another issue that we really need your help, and that is updating your address with the Alumni Association. Just drop a post card with your latest address to: U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, Alumni House, Annapolis, MD 21402-5068. Just because you receive *Shipmate* doesn't mean that

the Alumni Association has your current address.

I appreciate all the great information sent in for this column. **Owen Thorp** has promised a full accounting of Homecoming '91, so expect some more top notch news next month. Happy New Year . . . happy trails, **Bill**.

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It's time again to play "spot the goof." Looking over a few back issues of *Shipmate* I've encountered one or two minor typos and left out words (Well, several . . . well, ok, ok tons of 'em). Unfortunately, I can't attribute them all to editorial error (darn it!). These things always seem to crop up at the worst moment, just when I'm on a roll—I lose some of my best stuff to these glitches. Not that this is exactly Pulitzer material, but then again it's not bird cage lining either. Or is it? Hey, don't you guys keep these things for posterity?!

For those of you who don't get past the Class Column and the Last Call, please take another look at the article by Pete Grieve '77 and our own **Joe Schmitz** in the October issue. It's an outstanding chronology of their dogged attempts to successfully reinstate the GI Bill to both '77 and '78. You know this has been an effort which spanned over 12 years. For those of you who work in the defense arena and around the beltway, you can really appreciate the determination it took to make that happen—and I thought it took a millenium to finally get a weapon system fielded! Anyway, a hearty **Bravo Zulu** again to both Pete and Joe and all of you who took the time to write, call and harass your man on the hill to set the record straight. But for those of us who couldn't take advantage of post graduate education in time to take benefit from this belated windfall, the battle isn't really over. **Chris Jensen** has taken the lead to help us in getting the VEAP conversion to the Montgomery GI Bill. So get that back issue away from Tweety, clean it off and read it again. For those of you who are applying for the refund Joe has provided two examples, adapted from the VA circular, of how the refund process works:

### SECTION 207 PAYMENT EXAMPLE NUMBER 1:

Alex, a 1977 Naval Academy graduate, pursued an approved master's degree and received \$6,000 in Chapter 32 benefits for training pursued through 12/31/89. Out of this amount, \$2,000 represents Alex's own contributions. Had Chapter 34 benefits been available, Alex would have received \$7,000 in educational assistance.

The Section 207 payment would be calculated as follows:

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| Amount payable under Chapter 34   |         |
| (for training received prior to 1/1/90)   | \$7,000 |
| Chapter 32 Payments made for training prior to 1/1/90 minus person's own contribution (\$6,000-\$2,000) | \$4,000 |
| Section 207 payment   | \$3,000 |

### SECTION 207 PAYMENT EXAMPLE NUMBER 2:

Patrick, a 1978 Naval Academy graduate, pursued an approved graduate degree under Chapter 32 from 1988 to the present time. He was paid \$3,000 in chapter 32 benefits of which \$1,800 was for training pursued through 12/31/89. (\$600 of that amount represents his own contributions.) He currently has \$5,100 in Veteran's Education Assistance Program (VEAP) benefits remaining (\$1,700 of that represents his contributions). Had Chapter 34 benefits been available, Patrick would have received \$1,900 in educational assistance for training pursued prior to 1990.

The Section 207 payment would be calculated as follows:

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| Amount payable under Chapter 34  | \$1,900 |
| Chapter 32 payment minus Patrick's \$600 contributions (\$1,800-\$600) | \$1,200 |
| Section 207 payment  | \$ 700  |

Patrick will also receive a \$1,700 refund of unused Chapter 32 contributions. If Patrick is planning to go to school, he will receive \$2,700 more in benefits by not electing section 207 benefit. On the other hand, if Patrick has finished school, he will receive \$700 more by electing the Section 207 benefit.

NOTE: Patrick keeps the \$1,200 in Chapter 32 benefits paid to him for training pursued after 12/31/89. However, if Patrick elects to receive the \$700 Section 207 payment, Patrick may not reenroll thereafter in Chapter 32 even if he remains on active duty. If Patrick delays his election to December 31, 1991, he in the meantime, may use his Chapter 32 entitlement remaining (\$1,700) and retain payments based upon it without penalty.

Thanks for the gouge, Joe. But if anyone understands any of that, maybe you can help me decipher those instructions Santa will leave on putting together my son's toy.

I have a few lists to go through. The first one comes courtesy of **Craig Diffie**. It's been gathering dust in a desk drawer for the past few months, so long ago in fact that Craig has already transferred from the post from which he sent it. Craig had written to let me know the results of the aviation command screen board and which of you "Nasal Radiators" made the first cut. Of course the issue these days is not so much an issue as to when you'll get command but whether there will be a command to be had! I ran into Craig and Libby at the dedication of Alumni Hall in October. He was quick to let me know that I was pond scum for being so tardy with his letter. (Thanks for coming to my defense, Libby!) Anyway, I'm trying to make amends so here goes.

HC—**John M. Costello**; VAM—**David H. Buss**; VF—**Michael D. Crisp**; HS—**Thomas (Chip) L. Walston**; VAW—**Daniel T. Kuehlen** and **Michael J. Galpin**; HSL—**John (Jay) H. Bowling III**, **Tom C. Trudell**, **Alex B. Hnarakis**, **Glen R. Ives**, and **Jacob P. Wilkins**; VP—**Harry B. Harris**, **Paul M. Pietsch**, and **Richard B. Wren**; and finally, VFA—**Mark I. Fox**, **Matthew S. Pasztalaniec**, and **Wade C. Tallman**.

This is a pretty good showing when you consider that this was a first look! **Dan "Deep Selected" Kuehlen** is especially kicking tail because he's now listed in Year Group '76!! Way to go Danno! As for the Diffies, Craig, Libby, Douglas (5) and Samuel (3) are enjoying Annapolis. Craig is the Sup's Staff Secretary. He's pretty quick to tell you that he's NOT the Aide. Of course, a leash is still a leash and that blue and gold agulet looks like a "Fido puller" to me. Besides his Macho Aviator Wings, Diff is also sporting a SWOS pin. This should make you Boat Drivers nervous and you Aviators wonder—Where did he go wrong?! I guess it goes to show you that an airdale can always drive a boat but a boat driver can't always fly. Diff has solved the dilemma of his uniform by wearing one black and one brown shoe. What a fashion statement. I once had a variation on that theme when I wore different colored socks—Hey, some mornings are rougher than others!

In the interest of equal time for warfare specialties **Larry Galvin** sent a pretty extensive list of our Classmates who are currently at the XO stage of their submarine careers. But first a little bit about Larry. When he wrote, he was going through PXO School in Groton along with **Darrell Cofsky**, **Al Gonzalez**, **Bob Guy**, **Chris Lagemann**, **Matt Rausch**, and **Bob Zalaskus**. After he completes school he and his family (Atti and their sons, Andy (4), Danny (2) and Timmy (6 months)) will head for Hawaii. Larry will report to BUFFALO where he'll relieve **Ben Richter** as XO next month. Prior to Groton I gather that Larry



was at MIT for some Masters Program. While at MIT he ran into **Clarke Orzalli** (who had showed up for a 3 year ED graduate program) and **Harry "Binkley Harris"** (who's at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard). Anyway here's the list Larry sent. As he put it, "This data has been verified to be correct except in those cases where it is wrong." What? Already, Larry is talking like an XO:

**Joel Bohlmann**, ALABAMA (Blue), Bangor; **Darrell Cofsky**, FINBACK, Norfolk; **John Cohoon**, HOUSTON, San Diego; **Clint Cragg**, TUNNY, Pearl Harbor; **Kevin Donlon**, HENRY M. JACKSON, Bangor; **John Ehlers**, SUNFISH, Charleston; **Dave Eyler**, LAPON, Norfolk; **Jeff Fowler**, HYMAN G. RICKOVER, Norfolk; **Larry Galvin**, BUFFALO, Pearl Harbor; **Al Gonzalez**, JEFFERSON CITY, Newport News; **Bob Guy**, BIRMINGHAM, Pearl Harbor; **Walt Haberland**, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (Blue), Charleston; **John Hancock**, VON STEUBEN (Blue), Charleston; **Cecil Haney**, ASHEVILLE, Norfolk; **Mike Holden**, ex-DANIEL WEBSTER, Charleston; **Ned Kamradt**, WILL ROGERS (Blue), Groton; **George Koucheravy**, WEST VIRGINIA (Gold), Kings Bay; **Chris Lagemann**, WEST VIRGINIA (Blue), Kings Bay; **Matt Leavitt**, TECUMSEH (Gold), Charleston; **Joe Leidig**, POGY, San Diego; **Mark Manthey**, DANIEL BOONE (Gold), Groton; **Rick Martinez**, GEORGE MARSHALL (Gold), Groton; **Mark Nault**, DANIEL BOONE (Blue), Groton; **Eric Nelson**, BREMERTON, Pearl Harbor; **Steve Olechnowicz**, SIMON BOLIVAR (Blue), Charleston; **Larry Olsen**, SAN JUAN, Groton; **Tony Quatroche**, NEBRASKA, Groton; **Matt Rausch**, GURNARD, San Diego; **Jim Reilly**, DRUM San Diego; **Ben Richter**, BUFFALO, Pearl Harbor; **Tom Rubenstein**, KENTUCKY (Blue), Kings Bay; **Paul Russo**, GUARDFISH, San Diego; **Jon Sears**, TINOSA, Bremerton; **Chris Slack**, RICHARD B. RUSSELL, Mare Island; **Danny Joe Smith**, BILLFISH Charleston; **Bill Timme**, CHICAGO, San Diego; **Don Vance**, ALASKA (Blue), Bangor; **George Wadzita**, OHIO (Gold), Bangor; **Mel Williams**, LOUISVILLE, San Diego; and **Bob Zalaskus**, SILVERSIDES, Norfolk.

When he wrote in September, Larry indicated that a couple of folks had already completed their tours—**Don Boland** (MEMPHIS) and **Kevin Ryan** (NEW YORK CITY). Don is now at BuPers as the Submarine Officer Community Manager. Kevin is at ComSubLant as Force Nuke. Whew that was a loadful, Larry. Thanks for playing BuPers.

A little bit of further update on **Eric Lindstrand** which I neglected to put in last month's column. After a Plebe Summer as the Port Battalion Officer he is now the 25th Company Officer for the Ac Year. He invites all his former 24th Company Classmates to look him up when you get the chance. You can reach him at (410) 267-5396.

In October I made it out to the Marine Corps Aviation Association's annual convention in San Francisco. (It's a tough job, but SOMEBODY has to do it!) Among the award recipients was **Dick Findlay**. Finner was this year's Marine Corps NFO of the Year. As some of you may recall, another Classmate, **Mark McKeon**, was the recipient two years ago. It looks like we can't fail to excel. Dick, Jenny and their kids are now in Southern California. Finner is stationed at El Toro and is undergoing advance video game training. That is to say, he's transitioning from the A-6 to the F/A-18. Jenny is in the Marine Corps Reserves and is herself a Major. Wow, Major Dad AND Major Mom!

A last bit of quick news—I heard it from a reasonably reliable source that our favorite barrister, **Sean Coffey**, is no longer with a law firm, but has joined the ranks of Wopner, Thomas, and Roy Bean. It appears that Sean has been appointed to some circuit court position in New York. The details are a little fuzzy, so I'm throwing this out knowing that I'll get confirmation, and very likely some correction, from

Sean. If there is a judgeship in this somewhere, can you fix a parking ticket?

Well that appears to do it for the month. In keeping with the theme of this month's article—lists—I'll close with mine: Nintendo, a Rolex watch, a Waterman pen, at Mazda Miata, a couple of inches (to be added or subtracted from anywhere on me), two tickets to this year's Super Bowl and the NCAA Final four and oh yes, the most expensive item of all—an unlimited family pass to Disneyworld. That, of course, is my short list for Christmas. The likelihood of Santa coming through on it is pretty slim, but I hope he at least comes through with one item on mine as well as yours! As **Larry Galvin**, put it—Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas) and Haoule Makahiki Hou (Happy New Year)! I gotta launch, some chubby guy in a red suit just fragged me for a cross country. I'm launchin' . . . Blitzen Flight outbound . . . See you next year.

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Kids, this episode is coming from beautiful Fallon, Nevada, where yours truly is doing his two weeks for Mom, Apple Pie and of course, Gunka Sugie. I've been flying the new HH-80H's using night vision goggles every night and they're PAYING me. What a country. Fortunately, I ran into a few Niners who gave me all kinds of great info to pass, otherwise this month would be lacking the usual extravaganza of excitement; and let's not forget, it's just in time for the holidays. With the valuable background data out of the way, let's get right to it.

First off, **Al Whiting**, I completely screwed up last November's company letter and I owe you big time. If you're within the sound of my voice or back in the States, please send your new address. I needed to ask some questions about the company letter, etc. Please accept blanket apologies and please get a hold of me. You 26th company guys, get your pencils out and have a letter locked and loaded so that when Doughball's new address gets published, he gets all new info. If not, there'll be blistered fannies, I guarantee.

**Tom Gehrki** wrote a great letter from Monterey where he is attending NPS. Because I'm always on that keen razor's edge, my incredible sense of pre-planning caused me to forget the letter at home, so the info will have to wait until the January/February magazine. Tom, sufficient payback has already occurred. After leaving Point Mugu for Fallon, and about five hundred feet over Bishop, California, I remembered that my shaving kit was still on the front seat of my car back in the squadron parking lot. Some days, there's just not enough coffee in the world. . . .

I got to sit down with **Jim Gigliotti** this week and get lots of info. Jim owns the Tactics Department here at Strike U. He is going to pick up the Training Department in a few weeks, something Gigs is really looking forward to. They're already planning on replacing the carpet as they drag him from one office to the next. Jim's keeping his fingernails nice and long for the big event. Jim, Lee, Lauren 5 and Jimmy 3, are hoping to go to the War College after this tour. Lee, how will you stand leaving that green paradise, shopping at Raley's and the great family entertainment on Wednesday's at the Nugget? It'll be tough, I know. Jim gave me some "goozhay" on other Niner's he's seen. Jim's bro, **Ken Gigliotti** is the OpsO for VF-84. Kenny and Cheryl are expecting a mini-Gigs sometime real soon. Cheryl, since I know Ken won't write, could you send me the particulars after the new

one arrives? Kenny will take you out on a romantic dinner if you do. Thanks. **Ed Patterson** is a WSO in the new F-18D's at El Toro. **Steve Vetch** is the OpsO for VF-41. **Dan Cloyd** is in D.C., stashed in one of those "Let's Go To War" think tanks. Jim was reminiscing over the time when he, Dan and **Scott Bruce** were at TPS together. Now there's some tax dollars hard at work, huh? Jim, thanks a bunch for the info and also for the computer, without which, this month would not be possible, although right now, there's probably a few who would hold that against you.

I also got to chit-chat with **Al Womble**, another member of the U. of Strike's faculty. He and Cindy have been here since November '87. The newest Womble, Taylor 3 months, joins Ashley 8. Al leaves Fallon this Summer where he'll probably transition to F-18D's and go back to Cherry Point. Al gave me some Classmate info in addition to a great picture of he and Taylor. **Bob Huddleston** is the intel officer for CAG-7 on IKE. **John Miclot** works at USMC's Puzzle Palace in Aviation Procurement Weapons. Al saw John for about ten minutes at the five sided Mother of All Puzzle Palaces a few months ago. Al also mentioned **Mike Hawkins** and thought that Mike was finished at PG school in Monterey. Al, thanks for the info and congratulations to you and Cindy.



Al and Taylor Womble



Sandy, Nancy, Amanda, and Christina

A big pleasure for me was getting to sit down with **Sandy Jones** for a few hours and get all kinds of stuff