

the States. Let us keep in mind those brave sailors and soldiers who will not arrive to cheers and brass bands. God bless them and their families.

There has been no mail this month . . . not even one Fleet Home Town News Release! Thankfully I do have a couple of holdovers. One very special one is the announcement of the arrival of Eva Marie Thorp, daughter of Joan and **John Thorp**. Marie arrived on 29 January 1991 and joins two big sisters at the Thorp household in Port Republic, Maryland. Congratulations!

I also received a Change of Address card for **Bennie Garcia** as he starts his new job with the State Department. Address any correspondence to Bennie at the American Embassy, A.P.O. Miami 34041-0008. Good luck . . . maybe he'll be '77's first Ambassador?



Dave Frederick's Change of Command (Cdr. Mike Moffat, Dave and Larry Indiviglia)



Larry Indiviglia with son Joey and Ollie Read

I did receive a great letter from **Larry Indiviglia**. He's in San Diego working for Summit Research Corporation doing defense contracting and computer work for the Navy. He ran into **Ollie Read** last summer when Ollie was in town with USS NIMITZ. Larry and Ollie were roommates at USNA for over three years, yet hadn't seen each other in eleven years. So, guys, who's changed the most? Ollie's now the XO in BOWEN here in Norfolk where he lives with Janet and boys, Mid and Benjamin. Larry also attended **Dave Frederick's** Change of Command ceremony in October 1990. Dave is now the CO of the Consolidated Divers Unit in San Diego. Also in attendance was Cdr. Mike Moffat USN (Ret.) who was 11th Company's Company Officer during First Class Year. The Fredericks (wife Cindy and daughters Erin and Brooke) are very happy to be back in the San Diego area.

Other news from Larry's letter included word that **Lee Geanuleas** is in Hawaii with orders to the USS CHOSIN as Executive Officers. **Larry Becker** is thought to still be living and working in San Diego. **Ples Bruce** also visited S.D. this past Fall and is doing well with his own sales business in Atlanta. Ples is married to Kela and has two children, Keisa and Ples, Jr. Larry also included a plea to all 11th Company Classmates to get in touch with him (2963 Cabrillo Mesa Dr, San Diego, Calif. 92123) or **Ollie Read** (5309 Stewart Court, Virginia Beach, Va. 23464) so that a company newsletter can be started.

They ask that everyone take a minute and send one of them an update. Thanks for the terrific letter, Larry! You certainly made this column this month!

Seriously, this is all the mail I have. I can't make news up (or maybe I should, to see if anyone is paying attention out there!) and next month will be dull. Please send something my way. Until then, happy trails, **Bill** (signed by Power of Attorney)

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Membership: 83%

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As I write this, we are all awash in the euphoria of the swift success of our compatriots in Desert Storm. Across the nation yellow ribbons come down as our Armed Forces return, bit by bit, from the conflict in the Gulf. A hearty Bravo Zulu to all of you and Welcome Home!!!! To those still awaiting the word to "police the area and mount out," we wish you safe keeping and we'll keep the beer on ice for you! Now on to the mail bag.

While on a business trip to Pensacola, I managed to see some of our '78-South contingency and can report all were in fine spirits! **Billy Martin** is with SRL and is now the Program Manager for the MH-53J Pave Low enhancements. Billy reports that **Rick Jesmonth** is an attorney in P-cola. Though Rich's specialty is not criminal law he's still good for a writ of *habeas corpus* or bail for an incarcerated and inebriated Classmate! Speaking of which—**John Young** was again to be seen in his usual after hours spot at Seville Quarter—singing "backup" for one of the entertainers. He sounded in good voice but then again I had had a few beers myself . . . In retrospect, I wouldn't give up my day job at Gulf Power if I were him. "Younger" did say he'd really love to hear from his old pals in 4th Company. So please pick up a pen and write, or phone him—he's in the book. Actually, he put it in much STRONGER terms, but then this is a family column and I'm fighting to maintain my PG rating . . . besides, my grandmother-in-law reads this thing!

While on a D.C. trip I came across **Jim Jones** at Gus's Place at JPI&2. Jim newly reported as the Aggressor Class Desk at NavAir. He'd been out in the Gulf flying F-14's(?). In fact, he was delayed in reporting for a while because things were "touch and go" out there. After all a warm body beats a personnel shortfall any day! Since there was a "lull" in the action and besides it didn't look like anything would really happen out there, the powers-that-be finally sent him on home to execute the orders—Wouldn't you know it?—Desert Shield turns to Desert Storm and now Jim is singing the "I was almost in the action blues." I guess it really worked out for the best as Jim's hair is already white enough as it is and I don't think it could've taken the added adrenaline rush!! I also hear that **Russ Gordon** is a recent arrival at NavAir so I have to track Gordo down.

The "Society of Beltway Expatriots" held its quarterly luncheon at the Ft. Myer O'Club in March. A pretty decent turn out too! I failed to get an exact printout of all who were present from **John Rudder** and **Mark Hubal**. I'll just have to rely on my ever fallible memory and likely annoy some attendees who I in all probability will forget to mention. So don't shoot me—just write and correct me instead. (Ahhh, there is a method to my mindlessness—after all it is a terrible thing to waste!)

There were quite a few uniforms on hand too, thanks to the boys from the Annex and a contingency from Annapolis who went over the wall. Among the fellows in the blue suits (I still say those things are

Service Dress Black!) were: **Steve Kinney** (NMPC), **Chris Jensen** (OP-152), **Bob Westberg**, **Tim McGee**, **John Sturgis** (Performance Office at USNA), **Dan Holloway** (NAV/SEA Dept at USNA) and **Spence Witten** (NAV/SEA Dept). Chris tries to steal a few minutes a day from his job in the Command Excellence and Leader Development Division to cram in some law homework. He needs every minute as his part time law studies at George Washington are even more demanding than OpNav. Because of school, and school bills, Chris has also rapidly become the expert on the G.I. Bill (both Vietnam era and Sonny Montgomery versions) and will be helping to provide a comparison for us on eligibility and all the loopholes! Last 14 January Nancy and **Tim McGee** had a son, Miles, (now 16 months). Tim is the Oceanography Detailer. I keep forgetting what the heck **Bob Westberg** does. I think he's in OpNav. Hey, it's so confusing—I mean he's wearing the cross bananas of CEC, has a SWOS pin and divers helmet. Who are you Bob . . . Bill-the-beaver (check out Zoobalee Zoo for all you non-parents out there!), a boat-driver, or a Diver Dan? I know, you're a triple threat warfare specialty—you can drive 'em til they sink, salvage 'em and then build a new homeport . . . I'm soooo confused! Even **Dennis Reilly** was the uniform act! For a while I thought he got carried away in the patriotic fervor but realized he was only on his two weeks active duty, serving it at Surface Warfare in OpNav. **Lee Yarberry** was the only active duty Marine present. (The next day I would be on active duty drill . . . and the world was a more peaceful place that weekend, too.) But to keep everything on an even keel with his Navy counterparts, he dressed as a civilian. Lee is not with BCNR as was first reported but is instead with the Discharge Review Board folks in Rosslyn (What's to review? Hang 'em . . . enjoy your Big Chicken Dinner, dirt bag. Hey, we former legal beagles have lots of heart.)

As for the civilian contingency, among those gathered around the feedbag were **Don Schneider**, **Paul Mansfield**, **Terry Crawford**, **Ben Harris**, **John Cobb**, **Herb Nyberg**, **John Rudder** and **Mark Hubal** and yours truly. **Paul Mansfield** is no longer at NAVSEA but now doing secret squirrel stuff with DIA at Bolling AFB. He could've told me all about it, but I preferred to go on living. **Terry Crawford** is still with, I believe, **Bearle Industries**. **Ben Harris** is with Booz-Allen and working on an MBA at night. **Bennie** also said that Carol finally agreed to let him hang around her more on a permanent basis . . . Next spring they'll be married. We wish them both the best!! **John Cobb** is the Eastern Regional Sales Manager for the Rochester Corporation in Culpeper, Virginia, which specializes in fiber optics and electrical cables, primarily for the Navy and oceanographic research. **John** and **Sharon** and their two adopted kids, **Hanna Elizabeth** and **Travis** are enjoying the good life down in Fredericksburg. (I would've put the birthdates down John but the note on your business card left me a little dazed. Did you really mean they both were born in '91? Drop me a line and set me straight.) Earlier this year **Maura** and **John Rudder** had a girl, **Catherine Anne** ("Katie") Born 8 Jan. I would've said "little" girl but already at birth she was half as tall as me! John's getting used to the daddy routine, feeding, walking and changing—with heavy accents on the first and last item!!!

Just before eating we all were invited to briefly join the Class of '39 during their own pre-luncheon cocktails. There was a pleasant exchange of "Sea Stories," anecdotes and good wishes before we all parted company to our respective meals. Among the '39 hosts was Capt. **Woods** who just happens to be **Mark Fox's** father-in-law! Capt. **Woods** relayed to us that **Mark** was flying F-18's on SARATOGA during Desert Storm. While on a mission his flight was vectored by an AWACS to intercept 4 Iraqi MIGS. According to

Capt. Woods they splashed two before the other two performed the now famous "Iraqi Save-the-tail 180 Maneuver" I can't recall if he said Mark's aircraft specifically got the kills but we'll can give him credit pending Mark's "confirmation." Even stranger was the fact that before Capt. Woods recounted the story, he asked if anyone knew his son-in-law Mark Fox—well **Don Schneider** certainly knew him best—they were roommates! In all, it was a great afternoon and thanks to '39 for your hospitality. One can only hope we look as good as they do when it comes time for us to treat the Class of 2017 to a drink. We're all looking forward to seeing them at the bar next time!

Dennis Reilly jotted down some notes on 22nd Company. Fortunately for me he was on-board to decipher what he wrote too. But even he had some difficulty. Dennis missed his calling, he should've been a doctor—prescription writing would've been a piece of cake! Anyway, he noted that **Drum McNaughton** is serving a second tour in Guam (Geez, who'd you peeve off Drum?) He's the Air Station Admin Officer. Before that he had a two-year tour flying P-3's. For leisure Drum enjoys golf, scuba diving, running and baseball, which just about sizes up all there is to do on Guam except Goonie Bird watching. Still Drum says "Guam is good" (See? The boy's been there too long already!) **Jay DeLoach** called Dennis and solved the puzzle to 22nd Company's "Hunt for Chris Slack contest!" The answer—he's the XO aboard USS RUSSELL and living in Vallejo, California. Your prize, Jay, is a "Guam is Good" bumper sticker, courtesy of Drum—of course you have to go there to collect your prize. (Or, if you prefer, I'll buy you a beer at our favorite eating establishment in Crystal City.) Speaking of XO's—**George Teuffel** has that imposing title aboard USS PREBLE. He was last heard of deployed in support of Desert Storm. Alison, Alissa (1½ and **John Whatley** are living in Cary (or does this say—Gary?), North Carolina. John is with American Airlines and flies 727's on the international routes to the Caribbean and South America. Since "The Hunt for Chris Slack" contest is now over Dennis has placed **Tom Johnston's** picture on the back of the old Dairy Fresh. Anyone knowing his whereabouts give Dennis a call at home, (703) 690-8548 or at work (301) 907-2293.

In closing, I finally need to say that Cassie and **Kevin Liddy's** "newest" (Okay, it's a LITTLE dated!) daughter is named Caroline Patricia. She was born this past 14 December. Now Ashley (3) has someone to pass down those chores she'll be given as she gets older. (Being at the bottom of my family food chain I only had the dog to turn to and he'd always give me one of those "You talking to me?!" looks . . . Still does . . .) Sorry it took so long, Kevin.

Well that's all there is folks! By now, you should have received your '78 Directory from your Company Reps. If you haven't, drop them a line to get your copy. If there are corrections, take the time to let our historian, **Tim Dowding**, and your Company Rep know about them. (There are some needed corrections, to be sure. A few errors and a lot of blanks—Not all of you responded to our search notices.) In all, I think they turned out great—just the fact that we have one is an outstanding achievement and a lot of credit goes to our company reps but most especially to our Class Prez, **Jock Maloney**, who really pushed to get this project off and completed, and to **Tim Dowding** who spent, and continues to spend, a lot of his time and energy into creating and maintaining the data base. Now make use of these things and write that *Shipmate* out there whom you've been promising to drop a line all these years!! Until next month . . . remember to take care of your wingman. I'm outta here . . . Signal Buster . . . Charlie, Spot Four.

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Membership: 93%

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Just got back from my first Navy ACDUTRA. Spent two weeks in Fallon with HCS-5 having a blast and stayed in the BOQ and they gave me a rental car. The training was fantastic and boy do I love flying the HH60-H. Let me see, how many times did I stay in a hotel or BOQ while on active duty periods in the Marine Reserve? Oh yeah, the same number of times I've been attacked by a great white shark while mowing my front yard. Figure the odds. Anyway . . . we have a whole bag of info to promulgate (don't you just love that word) so let's get to work.

Got a letter from **Tom Gehrki's** wife, Kristina. Tom has been in the Gulf since early September as H&S company commander for one of the Camp Pen Marine battalions while Kristina has been keeping the home fires burning in San Clemente, California. Hopefully Tom is back home by now. The Gehrki's will be going up north to Monterey while Tom attends NPS. Kristina, thanks for the info and Monterey is a perfect place for a second honeymoon. You two will love it.

Al Whiting sent a quick postcard from England. He's hard at work at Cambridge. It takes a while for the mail to get to him but he still likes getting the 26th Company stuff.

Melinda and **Pete Parsons** are absolutely tickled to be in the South in Huntsville, Alabama. Well, maybe not real tickled. I think it's the culture and the fact that Pete really likes hearing *everyone* end their sentences with "Roll Tide." There's very few things in life as important as 'Bama Ball: right Pete? Pete sent a well-traveled news clipping of Sharon and **Joe Ciano** on their wedding day. The Ciano's live in Fairfax. Sharon is the regional director of public relations for EDS in Herndon and Joe is stationed at Quantico. Congratulations. Pete and Joe were the providers of engine-math gouge for lots of happy underclassmen. Pete, thanks for the letter and I'd trade locations in a heartbeat.

Mary and **Kyle "Wow Hey" Kaker** sent an update. The two are living near Palm Springs with son Jonathan-7 months. Kyle is the manager of the Stouffer Esmeralda Resort in Indian Springs. He is also the Administrator of the Reserve unit aboard USS RACINE out of Long Beach. Hmm, now where would be a good place for a bunch of West Coast Niners to get together for next year's Army-Navy game? Huntsville, Alabama? Nnnooo. The Lancaster-Palmdale metroplex? Nnnooo. Maybe a resort near Palm Springs? I don't know. Kyle, know of any places like that?

Ted Houck sent an info packed letter and picture from Desert Storm aboard USS MIDWAY. In the



USS MIDWAY

photo is **Dennis Fox**, who is now doing, as Ted put it, "tell you, kill you" intel stuff in D.C. for Uncle Sugar; **Dave Walker**, CAG 5 ASW Officer; **Ted**

Houck, VFA-192; and a Brand X guy from '78, Matt Pasztalaniec. Hopefully the photo got printed. Other Niners on MIDWAY are **Glen Krumel**, VA-115. Ted also heard that **Dom Gorie** was on USS ROOSEVELT and that **Dave Bethel** was on USS VANCOUVER. Ted also saw **Jim Gigliotti** who made a quick appearance from Strike U to get a chance to pull the trigger over the world's largest 45 day, free play MOA, and range. By the way, all you Niners who participated in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, my hats off to you for doing a fantastic job and for working hard to prevent that idiot from doing another Hitler type thing. It's no mystery to me that freedom is provided courtesy of folks like you all. Way to go.

Speaking of Strike U, I got a chance to see a few Niners while I was in Fallon for two weeks. **Jim Gigliotti** is the Tactics Department Head for the U of Strike. He and Lea have two kids, Lauren and Jim, Jr. I had a chance to talk to Jim for only a few minutes at a time. He was pretty busy coordinating stuff for CAG-7's training.

I did get a chance to talk to **Tom Walsh** who was out from Oceana with VA-34. I also got to support his strike rescue mission by flying the CSAR on NVG's. What a blast and they PAID me. Poor Tom had to put up with several hours of me blabbin' one night but he also provided beaucoup Classmate info. As Elvis, the King would say, "It goes sumpin' like 'is, mumma baby": **Rob Eadie** is Head Civil Engineer at NOB, Norfolk. **Skip Krause** works/worked for the Allen Corp and was activated for Desert Storm stationed in MAUSLant Oceana. Skip and his wife just had a little girl named Gracie, who from what **Steve Smith** said in his company letter, is reigning terror on the bottom three feet of the Krause household. **Kevin Jackson** is an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer in D.C. **Rick Lopez** flies for Delta out of Atlanta. **Russ Nevitt** is flying for American out of San Diego. Russ is married to Heidi. **Ray Griffith** was last known to be in the RAG at VS-41. Tom said he thinks Ted's wife's name is Cindy. Now if it's Betty or Rhonda, Tom you're in big trouble, pal. Delight and **Bruce Kahl** live in Dallas. Bruce works for IBM. **Bob Huddleston**, who I also saw in Fallon, is the AI for CAG-7 in Oceana. Bob, sorry we didn't have a chance to get together up there. Still, it was great to see you. Please drop me a line. I also ran into **Al Womble** at Strike U. Al is the TAMPs guru up there keeping real busy. Al, please drop me a line. **Ken Coburn** is in VA-176. **Denny Fitzgerald** flies for Delta. His wife's name is Lisa. Tom also told me that he knew what **Kent French** was up to but being that I'm always on the keen razor's edge of info gathering, I forgot to write it down. I do know that Kent's wife works for NASA and Tom said he thinks his wife's name is Amy. Kent, how about an update to clean up this mess I just made? Also, Tom told me that **Sandy Jones** is flying fast movers, I think out of Oceana. Kent, Sandy; Tom and I were starting to see through beer goggles by the end of my note taking so please, help a dumb guy. Drop me a line. Tom, now don't you wish you'd have called Cathy for me to get all the names straight? Let this be a lesson, young man, to pay a little closer attention next time. Tom and Cathy has two kids, Erin 7 and Sean 5. Tom, Godspeed to all you Blue Blaster and CAG-7 folks when you get aboard the big grey thing with a pointy end. And thanks again for letting me bore you to tears at Fallon. Please keep in touch.

Teresa and **Steve Kenyon** are in Brunswick, Maine, while Steve is doing his Department Head tour in VP-23. Teresa wrote a great note and said that they have spent most of Steve's career up in Brunswick except for a recent two year stint on USS SARATOGA. The Kenyon's have two daughters, Tara 11 and Diane 4. Teresa, thanks for the card.

I got word from my pal Vince that **Dave Inman** is Blue Angel #3. He and Karen are of course, sta-