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Aboard SARA: Sander, Litz, Stark and Zobel

Chuck Litz, CO of HS-9, updates us with news of '76ers aboard SARATOGA:

A quick note and picture as we conclude our deployment to the Mediterranean. **Gary Stark**, my former XO, has become XO of HS-11 onboard AMERICA. **Jeff Sander**, former Ship's Engineer, has transferred to an EDO billet in Long Beach. **Skip Zobel** remains as the CO of VF-103 and **Bill Hawn** is the CCDG-8 Material Officer. We had a great time and spent the better portion of our cruise in the Adriatic Sea supporting the Bosnia-Herzegovina relief effort, Provide Promise.

Frank Rodrick and I spoke briefly on the phone recently. Frank left the Navy in 1982 to fly for American Airlines. Last year he was promoted to captain aboard the MD-80 series of aircraft. Frank has maintained both his home and bachelor status in San Diego. **Dave Tribout** is another American captain flying out of Dallas while **Joe Haggerty** flies from the Delta Airlines hub in Atlanta.

Alex Cobble passes along that **Mike Dailey** is a Northwest pilot homebased in Minneapolis. He and wife Susan are the proud parents of a second daughter born earlier this year. Alex also mentioned that **Mike Williams**, a pilot for Federal Express, moved to the Gulf Coast; **Phil Poirier** is a lawyer for the top law firm in San Diego; **Tom Bakke** is the National Leasing Director for First Office Management in Chicago; and that **Mike Heise** owns an asset management company in Tampa.

Linda and **Joe Celano** reside in San Diego. Joe has been busy in RimPac and Tandem Thrust joint task force training exercises involving more than 60 naval vessels, 400 aircraft and 40,000 personnel from five allied nations.

Peter Miller recently returned from operation Ocean Venture aboard the frigate AUBREY FITCH. This was the largest joint U.S. forces' exercise using airborne mine countermeasure operations since Desert Storm support of the 2nd Landing Support Battalion from Camp Lejeune.

George Wheeler recently received the Navy Commendation medal. His citation was for meritorious

service while serving with the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd MarDiv, also stationed at Camp Lejeune.

MaryK and **Joe Buranosky** have relocated to MCAS Kaneohe, Hawaii, where Joe is slated to take command of MALS-24 in February. They are also celebrating the arrival of the newest addition to the family, Cyril Francis, born 6 August. Joe passes that the following Marine Classmates have also made the command screen list: John Allen, Pat Bole, Don Croom, Jim Davis, Phil Exner, Lee Freund, Phil Hutcherson, Scotty Moore, Ned Mueller, John Rader and Lou Sposato.

Congratulations on the accomplishments, everyone. Best wishes for a safe holiday season and continued prosperity in the New York. Please stay in touch. **Dennis.**

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Shipmates, season's greetings! I hope this time of year finds you all in good health. Don't forget to include your thoughts and best wishes for those Classmates and other service members away from their families this season. They serve on the leading edge of freedom.

After several consecutive columns filled with terrific Classmate information, I have to report that the "news bilge" has been pumped dry! I am looking forward to your greeting cards, news letters and gouge from homecoming. Happy trails . . . and Happy New Year, **Bill.**

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Well, it's Christmas time! By the looks of things, I could very well awaken with a lump of coal in my stocking. Oh well, could be worse. It could've been something else—damn reindeer.

They say St. Nick knows if you've been bad or good but they didn't say if he adheres to the UCMJ and allows some mitigation. If not, I'm doomed. These past few months have been especially hectic for me. Working overtime on a proposal, finally getting a contract on it, while on the other hand trying hard to maintain some composure as I attempt to buy a house. (Fingers are crossed that the next time I write this column I'll be writing from the new digs!!). To top it all off, I still have to remember that I'm first supposed to drain the swamp *despite* contending with all these bloody alligators!!!!

Lee Price was scheduled to return last month from a deployment to Sigmund with VP-26. While there he took time to jot a quick note updating us on a few of our Classmates. [Sorry, Lee, but I couldn't resist some editorializing. I mean, I had to do some work.]

I'm enclosing a photo of the Price/Novak commander wetting down we held about a month ago [August time frame]. We were fortunate enough to get a shot of the '78ers in Sig at the time. **Ron Lovelace** was in the VP-16 det to Rota. VP-16 augmented VP-26 to help out with Adriatic ops. Ron has since transferred to Wing 11 in JAX. **Dave Williams** is the OinC of ASWOC and will be in Sig for the next two or three years. **Bill Yeager** is Adm. Boorda's flag

pilot based out of Sig [Still "sorta" flying with an airline isn't it, Yeags?] I'm in VP-26 as the CTG 67.1 Ops Officer and will be heading to the Naval War College in November. **Bob Novak** was in VP-26 at the time and has since transferred to NavAir.

We've done some ASW work with **Danny Joe Smith** who is XO in BILLFISH. **Jim Warren** is in Pax River at VX-1 and I hear from him occasionally. **Fuzz Foley** was in Bath, Maine with SupShips. **Steve Brady** went CivLant and is living in Burke, Va., as a defense contractor in Crystal City. **Mike Ruth** is also a defense contractor and lives in Bel Air, Md.

That's Lee's contribution to the column. By now he should be hitting the books. After all, it's too cold in Newport for tennis and golf.

Unfortunately for me, **Dennis Reilly's** computer was on the fritz so he faxed me a note replete with '78 news. The unfortunate side was that it was *handwritten*. Have you ever seen Dennis' handwriting?! He should be a doctor. Anyway, here's as best as I could decipher it. **Roger Kaplan** is now at Mother B. Kappie is assigned to the Computer Science Department but due to department overmanning, he's teaching Plebe Calc. One of the perks of being on the April commander list was getting quarters right on the Academy grounds. It's just a mile walk from door to desk. **Ginnie and Lanny King** moved from Mayport to Virginia Beach following Lanny's tour as XO of an Aegis cruiser (LEYTE GULF). Lanny's now at 2nd Fleet as the Flag Sec'y. **Patrice and Kevin Walters** are also in Virginia Beach having left a tour at Naval Postgraduate School on Monterey. What exactly he's doing in Virginia Beach is an unknown. **Carmen and Rich Cellon** and their two kids have moved to Northern Virginia from San Diego where he had been at NavFac's Western Division. [Is it me or is there a moving-to-Virginia trend here?] Rich is at the puzzle palace (Pentagon) in what was OP-04. For all you not familiar with the latest changes around the BIG flagpole that code is now N-4. Now contemplate your Class Ring and change after me, N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N. **Abbie and Howard Seeger** and their three girls are still loving life in Oak Ridge, Tenn. [I've been their myself and it's a beautiful area. I especially



Dave Cloe '89, Jon Harber '84, Paul Viscovich, Soto (back), Miller, and Roby



Price/Novak Wetting Down: Ron Lovelace, Dave Williams, Bill Yeager, Lee Price, Bob Novak

like the warm glow it gives off in the evening. Typical nuke town.] Anyway, Dennis sees Howie occasionally when Howie comes to D.C. on business. You guys wearing the blue suits aren't the only ones getting promoted around here. We civilians are also on the move as Howie's promotion to Group Manager at SAIC will attest to our upward mobility. The only difference is, you guys have to buy beer. In the Civ-World it's "doing lunch." Yup, martini lunch.

Rumors that **John Rudder** left Career Development are FALSE. He's still there pimping JOs and former JOs in the market place. **Bob Schmermund** is still the top aid at the Office of Thrift Supervision. He was their featured mouthpiece in a recent Washington Post Business section article on the S&L and banking crisis. It's not exactly the Sports section, where he REALLY wants to be, but he's working his way down the paper. As this goes to print, Scherm, like the rest of the "Babar" Party, was hoping the election helps him (and his boss) keep his jobs, but as a fallback, the resume's getting dusted off.

Barb and **Scott Eckert** and their two girls are doing great in Annandale, Va. Cheri and **Drew Mulhare** and their three girls are flourishing in Williamsburg, Va., as well. As for **Dennis Reilly**, he left Oracle in August to assume a newly established position at Walker Interactive Systems as their VP of the Mid-Atlantic Region and Director of Federal Operations. It's a San Francisco-based company. They sell mainframe-based financial management systems to large, complex organizations, such as Fortune 100 types and federal state and local governments. [You're welcome for the free ad, Dennis.] He's in the process of opening an office and hiring sales executives and product specialists. Those of you looking for work in his area may want to give him a call.

Whew! Dennis really did a data dump on me. After having read my plea for help and the skimpy news in October's issue, he felt compelled to send some news. Well, I really appreciate the assistance.

Well, it looks like I did do some work after all! I gotta dash now and catch a plane. Roadtrip time. I hope these holidays bring you and your families happiness and the promise of a bountiful tomorrow. I'm outta here!

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Santa sorta gypped us with not too much info, but we'll try to spill a few drops of spine-tingling action in this month. Remember, this happened a few years ago because the jolly old fat guy was a little less than pleased with you all due to lack of correspondence. It could be my fault this time. I left the standard plate of cookies and glass of milk out for him last year, but Bryan kind of got to 'em before Saint Nick arrived. He replaced the chocolate chips with those industrial kiddie teething biscuits that the Bedouins use for door stops and a "Sippie" cup of stale apple juice. Santa had to make a quick stop in the Sahara Desert and eat sand in order to quench his thirst after snacking on the moisture-proof treat. Needless to say, he was steamed and, also needless to say, this intro is going nowhere, so on with the show.

Scott Pursley sent an info-packed letter about 9th Company doin's and also volunteered for the Company Rep slot, plus he sent a great photo of **Mark Statler** and him. His first company newsletter was fantastic. Scott, Beth and their four girls, Erin, Anna, Meg and Claire, live in Cincinnati where Scott is the VP of Marketing for Hillshire Farm and Kahn's processed foods. His address is 5517 Bayberry Drive,



Pursley and Statler at Concord Naval Weapons Station

Cincinnati 45242. His number is 513-793-7353. Scott's stuff goes somethin' like this: Cheryl and **Don Brummett** live in Dallas. Don is out of the bus drive industry and is flying for Southwest. Nora and **Doug Patton** live in a beautiful house next to a lake in Tennessee, about 20 miles east of Memphis (yeah, but does he get a panoramic view of those arthritic Joshua trees on his drive to work? I don't think so.) Doug flies for Fed Ex and Nora is expecting number three in April. Congrats! Jacqui and Roger **VanderWerken** live up in the Finger Lakes region in New York. Roger is the pastor of a church and is liking his new congregation a whole lot. **Gary Stahl** lives up in Ann Arbor and works for Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, a federal contractor. Terry and **Sean Stackley** just got orders to Norfolk. Scott says that now he'll be able to mooch off the Stackleys when he does his two-week AT next Spring there at the shipyards. Sean will be on the ComSurfLant staff. Terese and **Mark Shell** live in Gaithersburg where Mark works LOTS of OT for Trane Air Conditioners. The Shells have three kids. **Steve Fillipow** is doing freelance work for PG&E out in San Francisco. Prior to that, Steve spent a year in D.C. getting his advanced degree at the School of Advanced International Studies. Ruth and **Mark Statler** live in Novato, Calif., where Mark commutes to the Naval Weapons Station in Concord. Apparently this is Mark's first shore tour since leaving Mom B's so he carries his own salt shaker. Karen and **Bill Toti** live in northern Virginia. Bill is a member of the JCS staff at the five-sided puzzle palace. Bill, there is no Reality Dust in the Pentagon. It's no longer hidden in the tricycle tires. The pretzel vendor near Roslyn Parkway is the closest source. Scott, thanks for the info and picture. Please give Mike a call or send him a note, and you Ninth company guys, send Scott some data.

Jon Brazee is doing doggone good as the President of his own import/export firm. He has an office in the states and in Bangkok. Jon and Sylvia live in Poway (near San Diego) where they also raise championship horses. Along with his letter, he sent a picture of himself from the outskirts of Vientiane, Laos. Jon is getting his Ph.D. in International Business at the U.S. International University and also teaches at USIU. He sent some word of a few Classmates. **Al-Salcedo** is earning his Master's at the University of Redlands here in the state of perpetual high taxes. We all know **John Byzewski** is the OpsO for the Recruit Training Regiment at MCRD and that **Dave Bethel** is swinging a mamaluke at 8th and I. **Ken**



John Brazee

Vanderhorst is hopefully still working for McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach. Like me, Kenny picked the aerospace industry door number at the mid-1980s Meat Markets. Yeah, wish I could afford to do the same thing Lockheed did when they moved to Georgia: "Goodbye California, and we're NEVER coming back." Can't imagine why they'd want to get the heck outta here. John, thanks for the superb info and the photo.

Former 16th company Niner, **Kevin Reilly**, had some info sent in by one of those guys in the Brand X Class. Kevin still keeps in touch with old Classmates, attended the Tenth and plans on being at the Fifteenth. He is a VP at Dineer Mechanical in Rochester. (VB, every time this happens you get a phone call and rear-end chewing from the info giver, but hopefully this time you'll be spared.) You can reach Kevin at 716-271-7920 (h) or 716-254-0070 (w). Dennis, if you read this, thanks for the info.

Now it's time to hunker down, toss another sandbag on your comedy bunker and just plain stand by for some spine-tangling action because you're about to get another thermo-nuclear raw info blast with FLEET HOME TOWN NEWS RELEASE!!! YEAH!! **Lyle Snide** reported for duty with the fleet ballistic missile submarine precommissioning unit NEBRASKA in Groton. **Fred Griffith** reported for duty with HC-1 in North Island, San Diego. **Al Miller** recently returned from a 33,000 nautical mile WestPac aboard ENGLAND.

I told you it was a short one. But, darn it, we never fail to come through with another feeble attempt at more clean comedy fun. Hope Santa is real good to you all. Remember, I need those Christmas shots to be shown in the March edition. So grab your Hasselblads and start clicking. By the time you read the January-February edition, Vicky and I will have one more tax deduction. See you then, and thanks for another year of having a blast doing this (with apologies to those in excruciating pain). **Ken. '79, Omnes Viri.**

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We now have four days until Homecoming 1992. The Big Blue is not exactly a bastion of success, but it should be a great time as always. Of course, this column will be printed several months after Homecoming, so I'll say in advance, it was great to see all of you there! The big news now is who to vote for in November? Did he or didn't he avoid the draft? Whose lips should we read? And who are those volunteers we keep hearing about? Don't worry, I re-

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