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Those of you who may have seen what you thought was a guy who looked a lot like me wandering around the Fort Belvoir-Woodbridge, Virginia, area—don't be alarmed. There really isn't another one of me—I HAVE been hanging there quite a bit these days. In fact, by the time this comes to press I should be well into my academics and wishing I had taken an Evelyn Wood speed reading course (or at least had my former roommates around to help pull me through). Just before Christmas the flying fickle finger of fate pointed its bony digit my way as I was selected (designated, picked, BOHICA'ed) by my company to attend the 20 week Program Managers Course at the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir. The class started at the end of January and runs all the way through June 12th. So until then, I'm a geographic bachelor, commuting on weekends to Connecticut and trying to convince Elizabeth that I REALLY am working my tail off studying! Don't worry, I'll still get your cards and letters if you write to me at the Shelton address; or you can reach me at Olde Mill Condominium Unit 5703-20, Shadwell Court, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, (703) 360-5270. Now on to the mail bag.

After five long years of sea duty, **Skipp Bayes** finally got a shore tour. He's now working in the five-sided puzzle palace in OP-08. To be specific, he's in the Congressional Liaison Branch of the Navy Comptroller Office and runs between the Navy and Capitol Hill with pencil, tin cup, and knee pads in proper place. Anybody who knows anything about the state of the Naval budget these days knows he's in for a lot of explaining, briefing and downright begging and pleading. Of course this new tour means that he, Charlene, Ken (10) and Angela (5) have left the sunny warmth of Florida with its 75 degree Winters for the frigid temperatures of Arlington, Va. In the meantime, for good measure, they've only rented out their home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Misti and **Art Athens** and their "gang" (Christina, Arthur James, Andrew, Jonathan and Peter) are now in Leavenworth, Kansas. Ah, banished for some misdeed done during his White House Fellowship Days, you ask? Not hardly, come on, we're talking **Art Athens** here!!! Nope, Art is attending the "short course" at the Army's Command and General Staff College. Of course the "short course" will be expanded in some sense as Art has been selected to attend the School of Advanced Military Studies. This means another year in Oz. That's fine as this Summer will mark the arrival of Athens number 6. Of course this good news was not taken all that well at first by everyone in the family. As Misti and Art wrote in their Christmas newsletter, "When we announced this fact to the children gathered around the table, Andrew (age 5) put his hands over his eyes and exclaimed, 'Another baby! . . . I'm outa here!'" Andrew later had a change of heart and has decided he can cope with the added sibling. It's a good thing they have roomy quarters on base!

Carol and **Mike Spencer** are alive and well in Port St. Lucie, Fla. (In fact he looks trim enough to cox another Harvard-beating Navy Eight!) Mike's still in the Reserves and hopefully the big cuts at United Technologies haven't affected his portion of Pratt and Whitney. They keep pretty active with Stephen (9½), Sean (5½) and Mark (3½), busily involved in soccer, T-ball, and school. On top of managing a household of "men" Carol even finds the time to take a computer class at the local college.

I got a quick note from **Jim McClean's** better half, Norma, all the way from Oak Harbor, Wash. She in-

cluded a picture of Jim, their son "Spike" (aka—James Michael) and **Bob Stewart** and his son, John. Bob played in the big Sand-EX with VA-165. When Norma wrote in December, Jim was at SLAT school in lovely Fallon, Nevada. As for the "fledgling aviators" there are only 3 weeks difference in their age, so they'll be able to stay good running mates with the Class of '13. The Stu-baby was a cruise baby, so despite Bob's flying in Desert Storm, the real medals should go to Yvonne for delivering her load on target with Stork Flight One, solo.

Julie Richardson dropped me a line to keep me apprised of what the other third of our infamous "Chiefs Club" trio was up to these days. **Brad (J.B., Jack) Richardson** is still with Johnson and Johnson Per-



The Richardsons



The Athens family



The Spencers



Jim and "Spike" McClean, Bob and John Stewart

sonal Products Division near Chicago. Right now he's acting plant manager until someone else is brought in as relief and he can take up another position elsewhere. Of course, Julie hopes that just the right spot will open up in the more temperate (and less windy) South. It's hard to believe that Ashley is now eight (9 this Summer), growing like a weed, braces and all! Even harder to imagine is that she will at this ripe age acquire a sibling. Yes, Julie and Brad dusted off the old Baby NATOPS and are now off and flying into baby land. Julie's due date is 26 May and Brad's hoping that this time he'll get to play "catcher." One thing is certain, Julie's not going through a hot, humid Jacksonville, N.C. Summer pregnancy!!!

Brad's brother-in-law **Doug Meyer** left the Navy back in '86. Doug got involved in the insurance and financial services business in Memphis, Tenn. His primary company is the Union Central Life Insurance Company home officed in Cincinnati, Ohio, but he's licensed with about 20 other companies. Within this UCL Financial Group Doug created a company which in a fit of creativity, he calls Doug Meyer and Associates. Catchy name, huh? Within the UCL Group he holds a recruiting and training position. Primarily he works with individuals and small businesses in life, health, and disability insurance as well as pension and investments. Doug retained his Reserve affiliation and last August became CO of the Naval Reserve, NAF Misawa 0779 Unit. He enjoys the reserve time, but it does give him a monthly reminder of the reasons why he left active service (I can relate to that, Doug). He, Ginger (Julie Richardson's sister) and their two children, Ginny (8) and Erin (6) actually live outside of Memphis, in Bartlett, Tenn.

Doug passed on some 14th Company news as well . . . **Mark Bolin** is flying Harriers out of Cherry Point. At Christmas time Ann and Casey were awaiting his return from a deployment aboard WASP. **Chris "Doc" Dougherty** was back in the Philly area. (Jock and I bumped into him at the Navy Yard during



The Rodgers family



The Princes



Bill Cook, Scott Darling, and Jack Hanson

Army-Navy.) Doc had picked up his law degree while in the Corps and was terminal when last we saw him. According to Doug he's hooked up with a firm; and he and Ann were hoping to sell their house in D.C. so they could finally get under the same roof again. Debbie and Vance "Augie" Berry had a new baby girl, Elizabeth Jennings, on November 18th. Kathy and Don "Rockman" Beverlin and their four children moved back closer to their roots, to Colorado. Don has a partner in his hair care products manufacturing business and was in the process of moving the plant to Colorado Springs. In the meantime, he was commuting back and forth to Dallas until the move is complete. Sandra and Ray "Bolero" Baltera are in the Twin Cities. Ray is still flying with Northwest. When Doug had called to check in on the Balteras, he got Ray's mom. She was pulling babysitting duty while Sandra and Ray were soaking up rays in Hawaii. Ohhh, the tough life of Airline Flying! Doug closed up with an invitation for anyone on a Cross Country who may be passing by their house along Interstate 40 to give them a call and take time to visit. Their home number is (901) 388-0679.

Annette and Tom Sudbeck are still homesteading in Stafford, Va. Last year, Tom finished up his tour at HMX-1 as a Presidential Pilot, flying the "Big Guy" around. Now he's busily cramming the books as a student at Command and Staff College in Quantico. Some of you may have seen Tom in those scenes where the President climbed down the VH-3D. He could easily be picked out in the cockpit—you just had to look for the "Hi, I'm Tom Sudbeck" placard he would flash up against the glareshield. Now that the HMX-1 tour is over, Annette, Joshua (10) and Nathaniel (almost 9) have to adjust to having dad home on a regular basis. At HMX-1, you're lucky to be home about one week a month. Now he's home every night! To top it off he'll be home nearly every night for another year as he's been accepted to "Command and Gaff Part II." Watch out, Tom. That makes another year out of the FME. Ya gotta know there's a BIG penance tour lurking around the next corner!! Annette and the boys have not remained idle either. The boys are active in scouts, outdoor activities and sports. Annette still teaches aerobics classes and you better watch out for her stomach workout, they're killers!!!! Coach Lenz was never that hard on us! . . . Come on '78, push it! One more, '78, one more! In addition to that, she substitute teaches elementary grades.

Carolyn and Lloyd Prince and their daughter Catarina (11) spent their holidays with family in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. They're still living in JAX and aren't in any hurry to move North of I-10. (Doesn't anybody want to invest in snow shovels?!) Lloyd is finally with just one squadron. He completed conversion to the F/A-18C with VFA-106 and is now only the Ops O with the "Gunslingers" of VFA-105. Trying to function as a "conehead" student while still carrying the load as an Ops O in another can really max one out! But Lloyd's in his environment now—armed with his trusty computer, organizing and re-scheduling the squadron, while "playing" with one of the worlds hottest airplanes. I guess the only thing that would make that completely perfect would be if the airplane could HOVER. Still you're pretty close to Nirvana. (And to top it off he gets PAID for having all this fun! It's more than a job—) As for Carolyn, she's busily involved in shuttling Catarina between from one activity to another, horseback riding, school, sailing, while still managing time to do volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and Navy Relief. Over the past Summer, she helped manage her mother's business in St. Croix, which specializes in local art work. Carolyn will soon be part owner of this business, so you'll NEVER guess to where the Princes plan to retire. It's definitely NOT North of I-10!

One thing I neglected to add last month was that

Kevin Liddy has agreed to relieve Herb Jensen as 17th Company Rep. So you can all start writing to him instead of Herb for any unique company correspondence. Also, Kevin is in the process of updating your company roster and data base so drop him a line and provide him the latest data. You can reach Kevin at work on (800) 367-4922.

Well, that's it for the month . . . a lot of letters, cards and loads of pictures. It doesn't get any better than this—and I think I may have a zero defect (no typos) letter. Knock on wood. Until next month—I'm chocked, chained and shutting down.

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Great Totals-a-Beebob, Mr. Mailbox was packed this month with all kinds of letters, cards and pictures. We have to dispense with the standard lead-in comedy extravaganza (I know, pinch me, I'm dreaming.), do major sucking up to the Home Office for busting through our space allocations and get right to work. So grab your favorite garden tool, strap on the work gloves and let's get going.



The Sains

Karen and Chad Sain wrote their update on the back of their Christmas card photo. Sean is the Training O in VP-17 at Barbers Point and had a pretty busy '91 (as most of you Gulf vets had, I'm sure). Stops on his world tour included Diego Garcia, the Persian Gulf, and Okinawa. Karen just finished up her OpsO tour with one of those Doggie outfits at Fort Shafter. Their son Nicolas has been destined by Mom and Dad for the class of 2010. I know a Mom who's doing the same kind of life planning for her son. Chad, thanks for the card and photo.

John Jolliffe hit pay dirt a while back and was promoted to Senior Vice President of Casas International Brokerage, Inc. A few real estate deals in the '80's and some wise stock market decisions have finally paid off. John would love to hear from any and all Tenth Company folks. His address is 9465 Customhouse Plaza, Suite J Otay Mesa, San Diego, Calif. 92173-3632 or give John a call at 619-661-6162. Congrats to you, John.