

school enroute to command **NICHOLSON** in Charleston. Larry and wife Barb have two children.

Bill Hawn is here in the Norfolk area. He is the ComCruDesGru EIGHT Material Officer. Bill had been the XO of MISSISSIPPI and has screened for command.

Please tell everyone to keep passing me the Third Company news. Beat Army! **Steve**.

Fred Horne is also back East representing '76 as the Fourth Battalion Officer. He has just finished his command tour at VP-50. Fred and his family now reside on Rodgers Road along the P-rade Field. The Horne family graciously invites any '76ers to stop by during P-rade season to reminisce!

Ginny and **Bruce Hinkley** make their home with children Justin (13), Brianne (11) and Collin (6) in Medway, Mass. Bruce is a Commander in the Naval Reserve in Boston and would like "to say hello to any fellow 7th Company Seadogs" reading this month's column. Recently promoted to Senior Vice President and General Manager for Quadrex Energy Services, Bruce expects to relocate to Knoxville this month.

Roslyn and **Dick Gallagher** responded to last month's article from the beaches of Belize where they vacationed post-change of command. They write that Carrie and **Nick Karangelen** just had their second daughter. Nick's company, Trident Systems, recently made THE INCORPORATED 500 LIST for fastest growing private firms this year. Meanwhile, **Bud Jewitt** is the XO, soon to be CO, of VA-34, and **Mike Herb** is serving at the Academy as the Director of Professional Programs in the Professional Development Division.

Our column concludes this month with a letter from **Chuck Gorum**:

Hi, folks. The Alumni Association is working hard to expand Alumni job placement or employment opportunities. This placement effort is being spearheaded by the establishment of a resume database. Capt. Busik has been writing to Academy grads throughout the private sector soliciting help in referral services and employment opportunities. Fraternal support has been gratifying and continues to become more focused. Our Class needs to take advantage of these opportunities. Job descriptions and abbreviated resumes are being placed on the "OVER THE WALL" electronic bulletin board system. Please call me or Nancy at the Association for details on how to enter your information into the database.

We had an outstanding 20th Anniversary celebration commemorating our Plebe Induction Day. We are truly fortunate to be blessed with such fine families and friends. I would like to thank everyone who made the picnic gathering a success. I would also like to acknowledge **Dave Papak**'s enthusiastic volunteerism with the D.C. luncheon program.

Finally I would encourage you all to drop by the '76 Football Game Tailgating festivities. We are gathered at each home game in the Northeast corner of the stadium parking lot behind the Elk's Club. Just look for the '76 banner, come by and introduce yourself! Beat Army, **Chuck**.

Congratulations on all the notable accomplishment this month Classmates, I appreciate the news, cards and letters. *Semper Fi*, **Dennis**.

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The reunion is finally here . . . October 23rd and 24th . . . BE THERE!!!

The mail bag has been a little slow this last month. However, with your help plus all the upcoming activities, the next couple of columns will be brimming with news. If you can't make it to either Homecoming or to your local Alumni Association join-up,

it's time to drop a line to let everyone know what you are up to!

The Alumni Association has put together a program to raise funds for Alumni Hall. The total cost of the Hall was \$29.9 million. Of that amount, \$16.9 million was raised by the Association from individual Alumni, parents and friends of the Academy as well as corporations and foundations. The rest was provided through government appropriated funds. To round out the fund drive, the Association has reserved 5,713 seats in Alumni Hall for honoring or memorializing loved ones, Classmates and friends. The donor will have the option of selecting a seat in the honoree's Naval Academy Class section as long as seats remain in that section; in a seating section reserved for non-alumni; or in the Legacy seating section where several members of a family may be honored with adjacent seats. Those wishing to take advantage of this unique opportunity may do so by forwarding a tax-deductible gift of \$1,000 (per chair) to the Naval Academy Alumni Association. For further information, please call 410-268-2558 or write the Naval Academy Alumni Association, 247 King George Street, Annapolis, Md. 21402-1306.

I received several notes, via the Alumni Association, from individuals who updated their addresses in the Alumni data base. The first was from **Dave Williams** (18th) who wrote:

I am due to PCS in July '92 where I have orders to MAG 39, 3rd MAW, Camp Pendleton, Calif. I just finished a three-year tour with the 1st Marine Corps District looking for those "few good men" hoping to become Marine Officers. During my time in New York, I managed to cross paths with several fellow Classmates. I ran into **Pete Velzeboer** (33rd) on the shuttle from Boston. I see **Wally Tart** (9th) at HQMC (ASA) every couple of months, and I ran into **Tom Thomas** (18th) in the Quantico PX on one of my trips to Officer Candidate School. It seems that Tom is always teaching at Command and Staff or AWS. *Semper Fi*. **Dave**.

Thanks for the info, **Dave**. I hope your and Martha's move was a smooth one!

Mike McCarthy wrote:

I am currently stationed at DRPO Sikorsky in Stratford, Conn., where I am a Program Integrator. Since our 1984 wedding, Anne and I have managed to produce two boys, Lee (6) and David (3). I'm having fun flying at Sikorsky—everything they make for all services. I even got to test fly the President's helo after rework! I am enjoying the AEDO community and look forward to a D.C. tour after this. If anybody is up this way and would like a factory tour of Sikorsky Aircraft, please give me a call at 203-268-1461. Go Navy! Beat Army!

Mike also mentioned the whereabouts of the following Classmates: **Mark Clark** (19th) is a priest in the Houston, Texas, area; **Doug Meister** (19th) is a history instructor at USNA; **Joe Kernan** (19th) is in D.C. with the special warfare guys; **Bill Hirko** (20th) is student at the Naval War College; **Mike Laviano** (20th) flies for United Air Lines out of the San Francisco Bay Area; **Kevin Sullivan** (14th) is assigned to ComNavAirPac, NAS North Island; **Rich Stone** (20th) flies for American Airlines out of San Diego. Super news, Mike!

Greg Cooper and his wife, Dayna, live in Fairfax, Va., where he is assigned to OP-70 at the Pentagon . . . although that code may be up in the air now that the staff has been reorganized! They had their 4th boy on 30 October 1991. Perhaps that explains why Greg spends his spare time coaching a local youth wrestling team!

Henry Bruis wrote from his tour of duty at the Naval War College Senior Course:

I'm alive and mostly well 15 years later. I married Kim on 7 December 1977. In 1988 we had our first child, Christine. After much more practice, we had Thomas in 1991. Two will be enough, thank you! Last year was strange. After completing the Naval War College Junior Course, by non-resident seminar in San Diego, I received orders to the Senior Course

in Newport. At least I'll get JPME phase I and a Master's degree this time. I visited **Rich Kirsten** (6th) and **Mike Boiler** (6th) in New Jersey during New Year's. Both are doing okay with Mike having four energetic children and Rich with two.

Great update, **Greg**! Super hearing from you after all these years. Was there any significance to your Pearl Harbor Day wedding? (smile)!

Our final news note until next month is from **Jim Blasko**, who is stationed in the Surface Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team in Norfolk:

I talked to Kathy and **Jeff Sapp** (1st) in Pearl Harbor in December at an NAAA meeting to support the Navy basketball team who were in the Rainbow tournament. Jeff was en route, at the time, to CO INGERSOLL and Kathy is XO of NavSta Pearl. **Lee Geanuleas** (11th) finished his tour with the NPEB and is XO in CHOSIN, the first Aegis cruiser stationed in Hawaii. **Mike Frick** (3rd) finished his XO tour and is now CSO for CDS-31. **Don Franklin** (30th) is the Supply Officer in WORDEN and is hoping for a follow-on tour as the SuppO for the sub base. Don and his wife, Jackie, had Laura and me over for drinks shortly before Christmas where we had an enjoyable time sharing sea stories from our time together in BAGLEY. It seems that as soon as I got the chance to head East to Norfolk, everyone else headed North to D.C. It's close enough, though, to get some visiting in. Shore duty is great even if you have to travel.

Thanks for your news. Another advantage of being on the East Coast is that you will be able to make it to reunions. Hope to see you there!

All for now. Stay tuned for the next couple of issues . . . Happy trails, **Bill**.

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Ahhh, summer's over, temperatures are a little cooler. The kids are off to school and the grass doesn't need as much cutting (of course, somebody else cuts mine anyway, but the thought's still there.). Lastly, 'tis the season of the sweater, football widow, tailgate yarn spinner and more embellished sea story!

When we last left our hero and crew, Gilligan, in a fit of post-tailhook enlightenment, was busy sewing on sequins for Ginger and studying the writings of Gloria Steinem, Alice B. Toklas and Leo Buscaglia (oops, he's a hugger. Never mind.). Meanwhile, Mary Ann was helping the professor with a little problem dealing with the laws of thermodynamics; and the Skipper was busy signing affidavits attesting to the soundness of his character while awaiting promotion. As for the Howells, they were doing anything they darn well pleased, after all, they're RICH, loveee! But they still couldn't help bemoaning that they should've brought MORE clothes for this three-hour tour. As for me, in the true entrepreneurial spirit, I've been making a bundle selling T-shirts which declare "Don't blame me, I'm a helo pilot!" I just hope all this convention mess is settled down now and we can become a much "kinder and gentler" Naval Service. (Particularly since I'm heading down to the Marine Corps Aviation Association Convention in New Orleans at the end of this month!) Besides, Leslie and **Scott Provow** have thousands of "Tailhookers Forever" return address stickers that they still want to use without fear of retribution.

As you guessed by the Bravo Sierra opening, there's not much in the way of the mailbag, so you know what that means. Yup, I'll just be making up stuff. I mean if it ain't true, it oughta be! (Of course THAT would NEVER flush with an Honor Board. But then again, I've been in the *real* business world and also just had my mind oatmealed and reality unchecked after viewing hundreds of hours of both po-

litical conventions!)—Better yet, I can just use these FHTNRs that have been lying around here. Only trouble is, now I'll have to use some of these Sweet and Low packets to balance the coffee table. See the sacrifices I go through to write this column?

Before I begin, let me just emphasize once more, that these little PAO announcements are a *bit dated* when I get them. Consequently, I implore the subjects of these Pulitzer Prize winning journalistic sound bites to get out your word processor, PC, notepad, pen, pencil, crayon, or phone credit card and update me with details. Anyway, here goes: **Duane LaFont** has command of the Naval Security Group at the Sub Base in Groton, Conn. **Keith Davies** got a Navy Comm this Summer for "doing good" while he was on-loan with HMM-162 at MCAS New River in Jacksonville, N.C. Keith is a "Huey Bubba" and is now back home with the other skid kids at HMLA-269, also in New River. Also garnering a Navy Commendation Medal this Summer was **Roger Kaplan**. Roger got his while serving as XO of the frigate PHARRIS. She was decommissioned this Summer in her homeport of Norfolk, but received numerous accolades. Much of the credit for her final honors and successes was attributed to that tough XO from '78. Now that the PHARRIS is out of service, Roger was last seen around the docks at Norfolk, asking, in his best John Wayne, "For a fast ship for I intend to go in harm's way, Pilgrim, yea huh." He could always go over to the destroyer, CONOLLY, where **Joe Peterson** is, and ask him for a job. By now Joe should be back from his Red Sea Summer Tour '92!

Dave Hall sent me an extract from the May/June *Surface Warfare* with **Nelson Cayaybab's** name circled. Seems Nelson was among the recent qualifiers for his Command at Sea pin. In my quick scan of the list I thought I also spied **Rick Dubberly**, **Mike Matacz** and **Jon Will's** names among those qualified. I hope I didn't overlook anyone else. If I have, I'm sure you'll all keep me straight—just like **Tim Stark** did. Tim dropped me a line to let me know that I did a *fairly* decent job of gleaning over the reserve commanders list for '78 selectees. However, he noticed a few names I had overlooked, namely his own and **Greg Mankey**. Sorry about that, Chief, and belated congrats to you both. Those of you who keep a running tally of these things have probably noticed that I haven't put out the active commanders list yet, either. Well, you're not going to see it here this month. Seems the list is still tucked away somewhere among my DSMC books and other pressing things have kept me from breaking into those boxes. Like about seven months worth of backlogged office work (still gotta keep the roof over my family's head, first)! Not to worry though, I'll get the list out long before any of you ever sew on the stripe. Just don't bet me any beers on how long it'll take me. I'm already a brewery and a half in debt to **Jock Maloney** for some other bit of correspondence I owe him.

Speaking of Jock—our illustrious President will be sending a little lovegram to those of you who aren't lifetime members of the Alumni Association. He'll be giving a one time (ending in '92) offer to join at a lower rate than normal. It's taken a lot of effort on his part to work out this deal, so give him a hand in achieving our goal of 100% Class participation. Right now, '78 is at 85% membership. That's not bad, but we CAN do better. The 15% difference equates to 123 Classmates. I realize that most of you reading this little column are life members, but there *are* a few of you getting *Shipmate* only on an annual dues basis (and paying much more in the long run!). The rest are out there somewhere, uniformed and missing out on this literary masterpiece I put out each month. At the very least, they can get in on playing "Spoys Vince's Typo" game of the month. So what do you say? Here's your chance to help out on a little USNA Alumni recruiting. '78 has always had the reputation of being 100% at everything we do. So let's be all out

in this. If you've been sitting around for years saying "I'll get around to that lifetime membership next year," do it now. Call or write Jock or me, or just call the Alumni House. Like the Nike commercial says—JUST DO IT! 'Nuf said, I'm off the soap box (besides I'm getting a nosebleed up here.)

A couple of final notes: **Curt Perry** is the Operations Officer at (Harriers) VMA-231 out of Cherry Point, N.C. while **Mark Bolin** was the XO of another Harrier unit there, VMA-331 (which by now has stood down). Also, for those of you thinking of getting out, or changing your present job, another recruiting firm has opened up shop. This one, Academy Graduates Career Consultants, in Severna Park, is owned and operated by Boat Schoolers but specializes in placing guys from *all* the service academies (Yes, even the Woops, Zoomies and Shallow Water types are entitled to gainful employment.). Tom Karpick '59, is the President. As you can see, the Society of Ringknockers Network is ever expanding.

If you're like me, you can't wait until NAAA finally publishes the time of the Navy-Notre Dame game. Especially if you have kids. October 31st?! Why don't we just also play Army-Navy at Christmas?! Those of you planning on hitting the Meadowlands for the Halloween-fest may also want to consider including some candy among your tailgating treats. Hey, how about a Costume Party motif? We could all dress up as mature adults! Yah, that's a switch. Anyway, let's give some thought to making it equally fun for some of the kids of diehard Navy fans like us. Besides, you think you're going to be able to leave them and your wife at home while you Brew Thru at the Meadowlands?! (I tried suggesting that option. It was overcome by fatherly guilt and SQUASHED by motherly VETO.)

Well, that looks like that's about it for the month. Now that the Fall is upon us, and Winter is just around the corner, you may find yourself trapped indoors, stuck with nothing to do and afflicted with a little cabin fever. For a cure-all, take those extra minutes and drop me a line. It works every time! Until next month. Cleared to launch, Spot 2.

[Ed. Your lost Classmates are: **AASLAND**, R L; **AIKEN JR**, D W; **AIKEN**, R K; **AKIYAMA**, B N; **ALFORD III**, J M; **AMICARELLA**, J M; **ANDRE**, C A; **BACKUS JR**, R E; **BACON**, S W; **BAETZEL**, B T; **BALL**, G R; **BARILE**, D J; **BARND**, D J; **BASFORD**, M S; **BATT III**, C G; **BELL JR**, C W; **BENNETT**, T A; **BENOIT**, P B; **BERRY**, D E; **BICKMORE**, C D; **BLAIS**, P E; **BOHLMANN**, J E; **BOLE**, B S; **BOSTER JR**, N B; **BOWERSOX**, K D; **BRADLEY**, S M; **BRADY**, S K; **BRESLIN**, C R; **BROWN**, D A; **BROWNLEY**, R W; **BYERS**, J T; **CARPENTER**, J R; **CARR III**, J M; **CHARTRAND**, J D; **CHRISTIE**, D W; **CONKLIN**, M J; **CORNWELL**, S J; **COSTELLO**, D J; **COUNTRYMAN**, W S; **CRAGG**, C H; **DAVIES**, K T; **DAY**, J P; **DELLINGER**, N G; **DEMACHE**, C J; **DICKINSON**, C R; **DIEHL**, D J; **DIVERS**, L C; **DONOVAN**, M S; **DOROSHUK**, B W; **DOWLER**, V P; **DRAKE**, M A; **DUNCAN**, M J; **EISENMANN**, G A; **ESPINOSA**, C A; **FALLON**, R J; **FEDYSCHYN**, S A; **FELTON**, J D; **FOLEY**, J K; **FORBES**, E C; **GALLATI**, P C; **GALPIN**, M J; **GERETY**, J P; **GODFREY II**, R A; **GOREE**, J T; **GRAY**, W M; **GREEN**, B M; **GUERRERO**, G; **GUILLORY**, V G; **HAAR**, K J; **HANIFEN**, T C; **HAYDEN**, L M; **HERBIG**, J W; **HERRAULT**, G K; **HINCKS**, S E; **HOLMAN**, T D; **HOOPER III**, H A; **HOVATTER**, T W; **HYNES II**, J E; **JOHNSTON**, M R; **JOHNSTON**, T A; **KAMRADT**, E F; **KAUFFMAN**, J V; **KINNEY**, S D; **KNIGHT**, R L; **KULESZ**, J M; **LAURIAT**, D T; **LENGEL**, D A; **LORD**, B A; **LOTT**, D J; **LOWTHER JR**, C A; **LUCCI**, F W; **MALONEY**, S E; **MASZUN**, C F; **MATHEWS**, P F; **MC-**

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Well, there's no openers for October. It's early in the morning and I've waited until the very last second before the deadline just to see what it would have been like had I ever done that while at Mom B's. Boy, sure glad I started every assignment early and finished up those term papers days ahead of time. And for those of you who procrastinated, now I finally know what it was like. Right, Sam? And if you believed all that, please send me 35 grand so that I can afford to buy the kitplane I want to build. All right, enough lame filler attempts. We got work to do.

First up is the stuff I wrote down from hearsay evidence. Boy, is this gonna get some guys in trouble. Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Herman** had a new addition a few months back. Tom is gonna call me at work or home and give me the details which will be aired in January/February. Right, Tom? Patti and **Sam Hull** moved and I still don't have their new address. Right, Sam? Mary Etta and **Ron Rahall** also had a new little one, but, still, no details. I should have them for January/February. Right, Ron? Guys, no letter bombs, please. I'm just doin' my job.

Roger Royston called while I was drilling so Vicky got the scoop. He and Ruth have moved to Hawaii. He is now the Operations Officer for the 1st Radio Battalion out of Kaneohe. His two young'ns, J.R. (11) and Willie (8) are real active in sports. Dad keeps pretty quiet about how proud he is of his sons. Rog also said he sees a lot of **Bert Price**. Roger, thanks for the call and sorry I missed talking with you. **Bill Meader** called and gave me about a million updates. Bill and Suzanne along with their daughter Briana (11) and son Jonathan (9) are living in Richland, Wash., where Bill is working for Westinghouse at the Hanford nuclear waste storage facility. He's an engineer who turns nuke waste into glass. Okay, that explains the new light bulbs that burn out in fifty years. I knew it was one of those half-life deals. Bill