

three sons, Jamie, Ryan, and Brendon. Jim finished his Intel tour on NIMITZ about a year ago and has been assigned to the show down on the Joint Staff. Of interest, Jim was the 1991-1992 Intel Officer of the Year. BZ, way to go!

**Jim Miller** reported that he is working in the Surface Warfare Division at the Pentagon where he is involved with career path issues. His wife, Robin, is in the advertising Department for *Equus Magazine* in Gaithersburg; his daughter, Jennifer (14), attends Quince Orchard HS; and second daughter, Nancy (10), is in the 5th grade at Diamond Elementary—all in Gaithersburg. Jim thinks he will be here another two years until taking command.

**Kevin Buck** and his wife, Rita, both also from Gaithersburg, attended the football game. Buck is a civilian engineer with Department of the Navy in Crystal City. He said it was great being at homecoming . . . even though the Mids looked like kids! Sandy and **John Camen** live in Springfield, Va., with their two children, Chelsea (4) and Andrew (2). John is the Engineering Duty Officer Detailer at the Navy Annex (room 719, 703 614-3914). He is waiting until next year before participating in the Alumni Lax game.

Pamela and **Colin McKenzie** drove down from Chicago, just for the game. He works at the Merrill Lynch Trust Company selling personal trust services. They are both active with the Alumni Association in Chicago, and hope to have one heck of an Army-Navy bash this year—possibly at Michael Jordan's restaurant. In November, Colin planned on running the Marine Corps Marathon with his two other brothers. I hope it went well! **Mike Frick**, his wife, Lisa, and children, Jennifer, Shannon, Brian and Megan had a super time at the game. They just reported from Pearl Harbor to N865 at the Pentagon, where he is working with **Ken Graber**.

Janice and **Dave Zlemaba** were there with their 2 kids. They have about a year and half left at N81 before heading out to San Diego, where he will command FORT FISHER (LSD-40). I was told that Dave out-drove **Bill White**—using Bill's left handed driver—for an undisclosed bet! Hmmm! **Craig Turley** is still at the Pentagon, and is looking forward to the possibility of moving to San Diego next year.

**Joe Marques** said that this was his first homecoming since graduation. He mentioned that his various Engineering Duty Officer jobs since then have included assignments in Subic Bay; in Long Beach Naval Shipyard; as Repair Officer in YOSEMITE; as Production Officer, Supships BATH (building AEGIS cruisers); and, now, in the N43 maintenance organization at the Pentagon.

From the latest naval reactors submarine class, **Dennis Haynes** mentioned that he was going to TOPEKA out of San Diego; **John Bird** to SCRANTON out of Norfolk; **Rich Snead** to OKLAHOMA CITY; **Brad McDonald** to WILLIAM H. BATES out of Charleston; **Tom Hawkins** to POGY out of San Diego; and **Pete Ozimek** to CHEYENNE.

Of course, the regulars at the game included: Kathy and **Owen Thorp**; Betty and **Rick White**; Cindy and **Joe Walsh**; **Dan Smith** and Ann Pickard; and Jan and **Ken Graber** (great hogie sandwiches)—always a terrific tailgater!

Thanks for all the super news. Until next month, happy trails . . . **Bill**.

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It's December once more. Another year goes up the old chimney and a new one is just tossed on the andirons of time. By the time most of you get this month's edition of *Shipmate*, you'll be in the midst of figuring out how Santa Claus is going to pay for manufacturing all the presents with which your ever wishful progeny were rewarded; or wondering how to get the entire engineering department at GM to come down and put together the latest version of "Some assembly required"; or lastly, trying to figure out how to write them off to "charitable contribution." What a mixed bag of a month isn't it? A contradiction between the euphoria of all the lights, seasonal goodwill, Christmas carols, hot toddies and mistletoe, to that of freezing cold winter, crass commercialism, long shopping lines and insufferable "gift wish lists" (What don't folks want?!). Supposedly, it's the time of the year when the most suicides occur. I can certainly understand why. It must be all that emotional confusion and all those Master Card Manic Depressives! As for me—I'm still riding on a reunion high and the success of a Navy football team (which as I write this article, is now 4-2). Besides, this month I'm following the old Alfred E. Newman philosophy of "What, me worry?" So in that devil-may-care vein let's peruse the old post box, pop open a brew and tap-tap away on the ever trusty "QWERTY" key-

board to the background banter of the play-by-play of Pat Summerall and John Madden on this cool Sunday.

Julie and **Brad Richardson** got a double dose of pleasure this summer. No, they didn't win a year's supply of Wriggley's gum but instead celebrated the delivery of twin boys, George Matthew and William Edward on 29 August. William can claim to be the bigger and older brother but only by 3 ounces (5 lbs 8 oz compared to 5 lbs 5 oz) and only by a minute. Now that the boys are a few months old they may be more evenly matched. I guess that balances out the Richardson household at three girls and three boys (Parents included).

**Jerry Schwartz** wrote from an FPO AE address to provide clarification and update to some info I had passed from **Scott Provow** in the July-August *Shipmate*. He appreciated the mention after all these years, but as he put it, there were a few inaccuracies. He surmised that the errors were all Scott's fault and probably the result of his preoccupation with trying to figure out some tax loopholes to offset the Delta and United dual piloted family income. In loosely paraphrasing Mark Twain, Jerry mentioned that the "reports of his command screen have been greatly exaggerated." But he does report that he successfully completed the year at Maxwell AFB mixing it up with the Colonels at the senior Air War College course deep in the heart of "Bubba Land," in Montgomery, Ala. His "daylight precision bombing" indoctrination came on very short notice following a tour as Operations Officer in VP-5. As Scott had correctly stated, Jerry was a hole-filler to replace a Tailhook vacancy. Jerry was three thousand miles from





Jerry and Cola Schwartz

Vegas and the Tailhook thing still nails him! (And he wasn't even invited or present!) The advantage was that he was frocked to Commander to go to the class. The disadvantage was that he fell off the face of the earth. The biggest news for Jerry was his marriage last November to the former Cola Albury of Jacksonville, Fla. Somehow they managed to survive a large slice of their first year of marriage in the deep south without developing the urge for a pickup truck and somehow managed to keep "Roll Tide" bumper stickers off their cars. By the way, that FPO AE address means that they are now living north of London, England. Jerry works for NATO as Air Plans Officer on the staff of CommAirEastLant. They'll be there for three years. According to Jerry they're acclimating well, but he's convinced that shifting a five-speed with the LEFT hand will always be an unnatural act. As for his daughter, Lindsay, she's now ten and back in Florida, burning up the academic world (something of which neither Jerry nor I had ever been accused). In closing, Jerry sent his regrets for having missed everyone at Homecoming. (There's still the 20th in '98!) He sends his regards and also included a photo of him and his new bride mixing it up with the Zoomies from his Air War College days. Now we can see why he wasn't at Tailhook.

Let's go through more of these Alumni Update sheets. Of course by now they're probably pretty out of date. But some of you went through the trouble of writing notes on them so the least I can do is make comment of them in this column. Besides, this'll give you reason to provide further updates and corrections.

**Mike "Flex" Galpin** is XO of VF-213. Over homecoming he was deployed on board LINCOLN. As he put it, he was protecting our "6 o'clock" (my G-rated editing) but wondered if anyone could protect the deployed guys from the current administration. In a non-controversial comment, Flex mentioned that **Al Rebrede** is in VAW-115 on INDEPENDENCE in Japan.

Former 26th Co. member, **Bill (William A.) Kasten** has led a pretty interesting life since leaving Mother B before Second Class year. He wrapped up his education in '79 with a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin. In September of that year he started his political career as an aide to Wisconsin State Senator Scott McCallum. In '82 he went his own way and was elected as a State Representative (Republican) from the 62nd District (as the fifth youngest member at age 26). He served two terms before being defeated on the third term. With time on his hands he founded "From Wisconsin With Love," a home furnishing mail order catalog company in '87. That year he also joined the Coast Guard

Reserve as a Quartermaster Second Class but kept his fingers in the old political pie and worked the following year as Chief of Staff for Wisconsin State Senator Cowles. With the wreck of EXXON VALDEZ he found himself called to active duty for 15 months to act as Assistant/Acting Historian for the response. In '90 he graduated from the Coast Guard Reserve Officer Indoctrination Course and pinned on the butter bar of a "shallow water" ensign. At the end of the year he was recalled to active duty and served in the Congressional Projects Coordination Office, Office of Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection at Coast Guard Headquarters. At last writing he's still on active duty, as Assistant Operations Officer, USCGC SWEETGUM in Mobile, Ala.

**Matt Rausch** was the XO of GURNARD (SSN-662) but in this Summer transferred to the U.S. Space Command (Current Ops Office) in Colorado Springs, Colo. **Scott Mobley** is XO of ARKANSAS (CGN-41), that is until early next year when he'll be transferred. In the meantime, he, Monique (his bride since '85) and their two kids, Sean (4) and Lauren (18 months) continue to live in Alameda, Calif., the ARKANSAS' home port. Last I heard from a Fleet Hometown News Release **Jim Rennie** is at NAS Key West with PhibRon Two. Another press release noted that **John Coffey** is now the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve law enforcement and physical security unit at NAS Oceana. In his civilian life he puts his M.B.A. in finance from Golden Gate University to use as an investment officer and financial consultant with an investment firm in Virginia Beach, where he lives with Mary and their three children, John, Michael and Joanne. **Chris Wode** lives in Alexandria, Va. He is now working at Headquarters Marine Corps in the Navy Annex in D.C. after finishing up his XO tour on JOHN HANCOCK (DD-981).

**Charlie Love** is with Texas Instruments in Lewisville, Texas, and works in their Defense Systems and Electronics Group (DSEG) with the HARM missile production. (He's been with T.I. for eight years now.) Charlie reported on other '78ers at T.I.: **David McCain** works with Charlie as a procurement QA engineer on a classified program. **Dave Daily** also works on that program as logistics engineer. **Phil Benoit** recently left their program to work as a QA engineer on the Joint Standoff Weapons (JSOW) Program (a Navy program). **Jim Champion** and **Larry Harper** also work at T.I. at another DSEG site. Charlie, Shelley and their two sons, Brac (9) and Tye (5), live in Lewisville. Seventy-Eight's second June week wedding in the Chapel seems to have survived well. Charlie is a regular Ward Cleaver and involved in almost everything: Lewisville City Park Board; Cub Scout Leader; Baseball Coach; member of the local school building leadership teams and a dozen or so other activities. Shelley makes a pretty mean June Cleaver too, and is busy with the PTA and as a civic volunteer.

Apologies for not having written anything about the reunion yet. I'm still trying to go over my notes (the ones in my head and the illegible scribble that's on this note pad from the Holidiay Inn). I'm also waiting on some photos from our wandering volunteer photo historian for that weekend, **Lloyd Prince**. Suffice to say that we owe a very big thanks to **John O'Neil**, **John Rudder** and their entire gang for setting up what turned out to be a very enjoyable weekend (more on that later)! Also on two athletic notes: **Jim Ferree** proved that we're not all that old by placing second on the Alumni Run. As he said, the winner was about 10 years our junior and didn't even stay up late the night before drinking a lot of beer and telling lies like he did. You're my hero, Jim. On the other note those of us who braved our egos to play basketball proved that we may not be as good as we once were but still have enough "Magic" moves in us to put up a few decent games for an hour and a half, and provide amusing entertainment for the mids along the

sidelines who waited patiently for us old guys to walk or crawl off the court (Hey mister, are you guys done yet?!).

That about does it for now. Lots more to follow next year. So I better wrap this up, fax and Fedex (I keep **Steve Podowitz** and his fellow FEDEX pilots quite busy!) and make the deadline. Besides, I've shirts to iron and bags to pack. You guessed it, I'm on a road trip, again and Elizabeth doesn't iron (what military or former military wife ever loved to iron—the sight of those military creases and cammies scared them away from the "press gang" forever!). Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your families. May the new year keep you all safe and secure, wherever you may be and bring fruit to the promise of success. Until next month, I'm launchin', Spot Four!

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It was pretty amazing how the child space alien lived through the landing of its space vehicle a few months ago. It had all the UFO researchers baffled until they realized the little Clington tyke decided NOT to land in Miami. Yeah, that decision pretty much cinched its survivability. Moving onto more germane topics, be sure to pick up last October's edition and check out the great picture of my house on the front cover. Yep, between two of the main rotor blades of the CH-53E, on the far left side of the picture is a typical example of the homes here in paradise. I know what you're thinking, but all the prime lots are already taken. So, you'll have to eat your hearts out while we move onto the real reason you're bothering to read this article: The comedy is just too darned funny to miss (Mmmm, maybe not) and let's move along smartly. Some pretty doggone fantastic news for ya.

**Rick Lopez** got married last 6 November to the former Dawn Suzanne Sikes in Marietta, Ga. Rick, Dawn, thanks for the invite, sorry we couldn't be there and congrats to you two!!! Dawn, we need pictures.

**Greg Reinhardt** called the other day to brag about his last Reserve ACDUTRA in Newport; two weeks at the SWO Mid-Grade Officer's Course. Not to be out done, and of course, after sucking up to him for the details of how to get in on that sugar cow, I told him I get 60 AFTPs per year, in addition to the 48 regular drills. Hey, it's a flight time requirements thing!! Honest! Greg is an Industrial Engineering Manager for UPS in Louisville, Ky., with his wife Luly and daughter Libby (6). He is also the CO, SIMA in Charleston. Greg, thanks for the call.



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