

Dave Allsopp is working for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Md. Matthew joined their family in May of last year and is as active as his older brother, Dave (4). **Gordy McElroy** is the manager for Radar Production Programs, Martin Marietta, in Utica, N.Y. Gordy was recalled to active duty for nine months during the Persian Gulf war and served with various special warfare units. He was medically discharged for injuries sustained in Saudia Arabia and Kuwait. He, his wife, and two daughters (8 and 10) reside in Clinton, N.Y. **Bob Barnes** is the Marketing Manager for Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical in Raritan, N.J. Bob mentioned that **Rich Knowski** is an international pilot for Delta and **Clint Pagano** works for Bill of Pennsylvania and was recently promoted to Director, External Affairs. **Dave Paddock** recently moved to Virginia Beach where he is continuing his career with USPA & IRA. Dave was recently elected to the Board of Directors, Hampton Roads Chapter of USNAAA.

A correction to the March column: **Dan Bereck** lives in Boulder, Colo., where he stays busy with his consulting practice and climbing mountains. Sorry about that!

Finally, I have been assigned as a student to the Naval War College. It's hardship duty, especially having to put up with two Summers in Newport! Please keep sending any column inputs to my Annandale address until I have a permanent address in Newport. If you happen to be in the Newport area—we have several Classmates here already—please stop by the War College and look us up! Thanks for the continued great support. Until next month, happy trails . . .

Bill

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Some of you who follow this column religiously may be holding your breathe from something I wrote in January. I had promised to finish up a letter **Bob Schwanake** had written and to tell you the names of the Crowley twins. If you haven't passed out by now, you've got great breathe control and can still pass Coach Higgins' underwater swim tests. If you have passed out, somebody better revive you 'cause, as Paul Harvey would say, here comes the "rest of the story."

When I last left **Bob Schwanake's** newsletter, I was in the "L"s. Next up in the batting order were Barbara and **John Link**. With all this cold weather we've been having lately I wish I could be visiting with them now. They are in Bermuda. John is the Operations Officer there and having a super time! His house is right on the beach. Coupled with the job, John was getting checked out in the station HH-1 Huey. John says he and Barbara figured out that it was the water that was causing all their five kids. He now drinks only beer! Laura and **Bill McAlpine** live in Escondido, Calif. Having been reared in SoCal, I know it's not always the good life of which we all dream. Sure there aren't any snow shovels, but you keep in mind that some milkshakes can be "mother nature shaken." Bill works for TAP Pharmaceuticals. Norma and **Jim McClean** live in Ridgecrest, Calif. (next to China Lake). Jim works at the Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) China Lake as the JDAM Project Officer and puts his Master's in engineering from Penn State to good use. Kay and **Jack McCourt** are among the multitude of 1st Co. living in the D.C. area. Jack works as a cost analyst for the Naval Center for Naval Analysis in Crystal City. (Try saying THAT five times fast . . . Naval Center for Naval Analysis, Naval Cinder for Naval Analysis, Nasal Sender for



Natal Analiz, . . . Whew! See what I mean?) Jack will be heading for the CivLant soon and hopefully making the big bucks while the rest of DOD (and us DOD contractors) sweat out this "peace dividend." Bob reported that Carrie and **Bud Nicol** had "one in the oven, baking." "Baby" Nicol (their first) is due this June. Bud is out of the active duty Marine Corps (but retained his majority with the Reserve). They live in Sterling, Va. and both work for the Navy Federal Credit Union. If anyone needs a loan, I'd say now is the time to go to NFCU. Rose and **Mark Poston** moved to Morris TWP, N.J. (the TWP is Jersey-ite for township). Mark is into the BIG TIME with Pepsico and has over 100 Pizza Huts under his control in the Metro New York market (and they're building another 150!)

Dorte and **Lowe Pruitt** have moved from Italy to Potomac, Md. Lowe works at the Naval Surface Warfare Center's Carderock Division in Bethesda as the Deputy for Systems Integration. Joan and **Jim Reilly** live in Arlington, Va. Jim's last assignment was XO of DRUM (a sub). He's still submerged to some degree—deep within the bowels of the Pentagon in OP-81 (N-81 nowadays?). Joan, as some of you may recall, is with the Secret Service in D.C. Theresa and **Ron Robbins** moved to Florissant, Mo. Ron is a TAR and is XO of the Naval Reserve Readiness Center in St. Louis. With 4 kids in the Robbins household, they also qualify for family feasts at the local steak and seafood houses. Meghan and **Gerard "Ronc" Roncolato** live in Woodbridge, Va. Ronc finished up his XO tour on one of them fancy Aegis class cruisers, MOBILE BAY. He's now attending the National Defense University at Fort McNair in D.C. Debbie and **Eric Rosenlof** are in Middletown, R.I. Eric had finished up an XO tour aboard the destroyer, O'BRIEN. O'BRIEN originally was homeported in San Diego, but by the time Eric reported aboard they had moved to Yokosuka, Japan. Get the feeling they were trying really hard to lose the new XO? Well, the Naval War College couldn't move as easily, so he's well in place until this June.

Kris and **Darrell Van Hutten** are in Alexandria, Va. Darrell is at the Pentagon in the Shore Facilities Plans and Programs Section of the Surface Warfare Division of the CNO staff. Back in the D.C. and Chesapeake Bay area has enabled them to put their two "children" to good use—a 386 computer and sailboat. Sarah and **Gerry Yoder** are in Woodstock, Ill. Gerry flies for American Airlines out of Chicago. He's still with the Marine Corps Reserve, although inactive at this time. Well, that finally closes out the 1st Co. newsletter for Bob. It's got to be one of the longest in this column's history (three months to write, um, I'm mean, to get to print!) Keep up the good work, Bob. [As for the *other* promised item in the January column—the Gretchen and **Tom Crowley** twins' names are James and Kelly.] That should close out the actions. Now on to newer news . . .

Jim Fiorelli sent his second letter in 15 years, not bad considering how infrequently most of us correspond. I haven't written my folks since 1st Class Year. Seems using the "Baby Bells" phone systems is a lot easier than the Bic pen method, these days . . . But since he did take the time to write, here's his newsletter . . .

Luanne and **John Watters** and their 5 children live in Baldwinsville, N.Y. If you're wondering where that is; it's somewhere upstate, which means someplace that requires an even BIGGER snow shovel than down in Connecticut. John works on shipboard sonar for Martin Marietta. **Dennis Viera** also works for M squared but for their Space Launch Systems and in a much warmer clime—Cocoa Beach, Fla. Barbara and **Vinnie Bellezza** have three children, Michael (12), Katie (10) and John (5). Vin works on P-3 ASW systems software and hardware for a company called Pacer Systems, just north of Philly. He's also in line for a CO/XO billet with a Reserve P-3

Squadron at Willow Grove, Penna. With the closing of the base at Warminster, it looks like the Bellezzas might be re-locating to Pax River or job searching. According to Jim, Vin is accepting job referrals. Judy and **Tom McLeod** are living in Southampton, England. Tom is on an overseas assignment with IBM and works on a British helicopter system (Boo, hiss . . .). They were both at homecoming and so far have been the leading contenders for the ones who had traveled farthest. **Doug Ray** is on staff down at King's Bay Sub Base.

Jim also wrote about non-2nd Company bubbas. Wendi and **Jeff Carpenter** are living in Waldorf, Md. Jeff is stationed at Andrews Air Force Base and flies C-130s with VR-53. He's among those of you who are taking, or being "offered," the 15 year retirement package. Jeff's retirement is slated for this Fall. Of course, he's willing to accept any Classmate assistance in landing that "perfect interview" (read as ANY interview) with a company. He's got mega-hours of flight time and ops experience and can still give a mean chow call if hard pressed. If you have a lead, give Jeff a call. I'm sure he's in the book. Sheri and **Ray Luevano** live in the Bay Area where Ray works as a Group Sales Manager for Sun Microsystems Computer Corporation. Ray travels a lot to Japan and racks up some serious frequent flyer mileage. Of course, when not airborne he can probably be found playing with his two boys. **Corey Bickmore** is living in San Diego, stationed at Pt. Loma. According to Jim, Corey is starting a branch business with SAIC. Beth and **Greg Bauer** and their two daughters (Sarah and Jessica) live in Crofton, Md. Greg is a flight officer with American Airlines and still flies with the Marine Corps Reserve. Debbie and **John Rogers** and their three boys are in Cincinnati where he works for Target. Jim ran into **Don Beverlin** at the Promisekeepers Conference in Boulder, Colo., last Summer (It was a major event where 50,000 men packed out the Colorado University football stadium to renew their commitment to spiritual leadership in their homes, churches and communities.) Don and Kathy live in Colorado Springs, where Don is an entrepreneur and the Marketing and Sales Vice President of a small firm that manufactures hair care products. They have two girls approaching their teen years, Jessica and Ann, and two boys, Matt and Owen (who are remarkably like Don).

Jim ran into Meegan and **Pat McCormick** last Summer when the McCormicks escaped the Arizona heat and visited the **Fiorelli** household with their 3 children, Kelly, Brian and Sean. Pat is flying with Delta Airlines, based out of Los Angeles. Meeg is doing remarkably well with her Lupus condition—an answer to the prayers of many. They are very involved in an inner-city children's ministry with their church in Phoenix; and are in the process of building a house out in the country (read "desert") where they can invite these inner-city kids out of the city to enjoy the country and ride horses. Last November, the Fiorelli household was also visited by Krisan and **Mike Murphy** (4th Company Mike) and their young boys, Jeremy and Nathan. Mike and Kirsan are missionaries with Church Resources Ministries in Warsaw, Poland. The Murphys are not only helping the Poles start local churches but Mike is also introducing them to baseball and basketball. As Jim said, the Murphys are among those who are really sacrificing for THE "big picture," as living conditions are nowhere near what we often take for granted here.

As for the **Fiorellis**, they are continuing to work with the Military Ministry of the Navigators, reaching, mobilizing, serving, and equipping officers and their families in the San Diego area. They have two very active boys, Michael (4) and Matthew (1 1/2). Jim was promoted out of his Reserve flying billet with VFC-13. (**Bob Fallon** is also with VFC-13; flies with American Airlines; and lives in La Costa.). As a result, he'll have to settle for a couple of two-week



Mark Munson with children



Charlene and Skip Bayes



Bismarck High Alumni—Paulsen '60, Fowler and Owens



Lloyd "Flash" Prince

classes at the Naval War College, and one in Monterey this Spring. (Sounds like a rough alternative.) Anyone entering the San Diego area, feel free to call on the Fiorellis. They're in the phone book and located in Mira Mesa.

Mark Munson dropped me a line with a few photos and a brief report. This month **Jeff Fowler** starts the submarine CO pipeline. Jeff was Adm. Ownes' (N-8) Deputy Executive Assistant. Jeff received a Meritorious Service Medal for helping to keep the Admiral out of hot water during his tour and making sure he got to his appointments on time. Mark enclosed a photo which showed Jeff along with his boss and RAdm. Tom Paulsen '60. The interesting thing about it is that not only are all three USNA grads, but Alumni of Bismarck High School in Bismarck, S.D., as well. Mark is also an alumnus of Bismarck High but didn't have a chance to get into the act. Mark works as a federal civilian at the On-site Inspection Agency. As he says, the work "hasn't affected [his] fertility" as he and Jean were expecting number four in March. That should nicely round out the Munson family home in Centreville, Va. Their other children are Kathryn (8), Mark (6) and Jim (3½).

Dennis Reilly sent me a fax with the news that next month is that time of year again—Cheri and **Drew Mulhare's** annual '78 Golf Tournament at Williamsburg, Va. Tee off time is at 11:30 a.m. at Ford's Colony in Williamsburg. Spouses and playing partners are welcome and as usual, you don't have to be a scratch golfer to play, just have a good sense of humor and intend to have fun (Of course, if you do know how to play, and play well—it helps. If not, and you play as I do, it helps to bring your gardening tools to repair the damage you may inflict on the course.). The family Bar-B-Q begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Mulhare household. For more information or to reserve a slot, call **Drew Mulhare** at work on 804 258-4230 or at home at 804 258-3995. You can also call **Dennis Reilly** at work at 703 749-1458 or at home at 703 690-8548.

Well, that about does it for this month. Tons more letters and "run-intos" of which to write about next month. Another thank you to **Lloyd Prince** for taking the time out from investigations, process action teams (TQM stuff), a Master's thesis, networking and job searching to send some more photos from the 15th. Thanks loads, Flash.

In closing, just a brief note to let you know that I've changed jobs at Sikorsky. Yup, I no longer am the trinkets and Convention rep for Marine and Air Force Marketing (AKA, Marketing Manager, Marine Corps and Air Force Requirements). As of the 1st of March, I'm the new program manager for our heavy lift product, the CH-53E. It's considered a promotion (more responsibility and a little more money) and is the Ops "X" I need to keep moving onward and upward, and closer to that corporate "command" slot. Of course, there are a few who wonder how the heck a former "Phrog (H-46) Flyer" got to be the H-53 manager. It's all part of the corporate cultural exchange program and my innate ability to keep 'em fooled! Let's just hope I can keep up the act long enough to pay off this mortgage, get Michael through college, and retire. Now, if you all can only help get Uncle Sam to keep my production line going after fiscal year '95 I can accomplish those objectives and would certainly appreciate it! If not, what can you do to make this Class Secretary job a paid position? Time to wrap it up and for once, get an early start on next month's column with the remains of this mail stack. Until then, see you at the airports, catch you on "Ma Bell" and keep those cards and letters coming in. For now, I'm cleared and launchin', Spot Four.

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Membership: 94%

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Sec'y, **Ken Russell**

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The kids are finally in bed and since Vicky has been at work since this afternoon, I finally get to sit down and put together another comedy packed bag of info for yun's. Trying to keep the house from near nuclear melt-down with these two man-cubs of ours is quite a job. This Mr. Mom deal is hard. Barking just doesn't result in total obedience. You know . . . the way it does with Vicky. Yep, I pretty much rule this place with an iron fist and get exactly what I want. (Hang on a second . . . Vicky just walked in from work and she said that before I could continue with the article, I had to fold the clothes on the bed. Be right back.) Okay I'm back. What was I talking about? Oh yeah, my iron fisted machismo. Before the Home Office censors start hacking away at this already pathetic intro like they did last February, let's get serious, stop the nonsense, put a scowl on our faces and get down to the incredibly grave task at hand; writing a *Shipmate* column about our Classmates who wrote to yours truly. (Hey, **Brian Decker**?? Is your son laughing? That giggle could wreak havoc with our national security, now sit up straight and start feeling like you should: like you're in big trouble.) And that goes for the rest of you too. Probably why Mr. Mailbox was so empty last month: too much kiddin' around in the past and not enough monotone writing.

Mary and **Mark Tempestilli** are living in Naples, Italy where Mark is attached to CTF-67 and is staying serious, not taking this column lightly at all. Actually, Mary thinks that living overseas is a bit exciting but she and daughter Emily were still happy to be back in the States for the holidays. Speaking of holidays, the Tempestilli's had their Second Annual Dinner and Sleepover with Jill and **Butler Newman** and family. The Newman's live in Columbia and are waiting for their new home in Howard County to get finished. Butler works for RWD and their son Zachary will turn three in March. Mary sent word that Nancy and **Art O'Hanion** are living in Springfield, Va., where Mary thinks Art is working in the Five Sided Fun House. However, since Mary isn't sure, speculation like that could cripple the very fiber of a publication's reputation and destroy the morals of our young people. Mary did correctly state that Kathy and **Mike Weiss** are living in London and that she and Mark will be visiting them soon. Mary, thanks for the letter and picture.

Butler, if those boots are the L.L. Bean thinsulites, don't let 'em get wet or they'll shrink up like a column reduced to sheer boredom by Type "A" censors.

Congratulations to Laura and **Ted Houck** for not getting their column hacked up and for the birth of Corey last October. Ted and Laura live in Montgomery, Ala., where Ted is attending Maxwell AFB's School for Advanced Bus Driving. Hey, that's not too far from Bubbah's good pal, **Pete Parsons**. Ted sent a few updates that go somethin' like this: **Dave Walker** is at the Pentagaggle working on the JPATS program. **Dennis Fox** is at the Naval War College in Newport. Ted also needs to know the whereabouts of **Jim Gigliotti**, but we all know that last months FHTNR found Zhe recently graduating from NWC. Jim, Kenny, if you're within the sound of my voice, please give me a call or write to Ted at 3601 Pine Forest Ave., Montgomery, AL 36116. Ted, thanks for the note, picture and hopefully all the Classmates that you wrote to me about will skate by the editor's Cuisinart.

The last big congrats goes to Kristina and **Tom Gehrki**, not for failing to write a column that upholds

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The 2nd annual holiday photo: the Tempestilli Family (Mark, Mary and Emily) and the Newman's (Butler, Jill and Zachary)



The Houcks