

"Gulag"—formally known as King Hall, 4th deck, where they stow the geographic bachelors. I'm not one to complain, especially considering that 1) it's free, and 2) there is a bed, but life in the Gulag is rather spartan. I would liken it to Bancroft Hall, but with less privacy. (Been there, and done that; I'm glad my family is moving up when school is out!) That's just one example of things to come. If you happen to be in the area, drop by and say hello.

Brooks Boatwright took over as Executive Officer of HT-8 (Whiting Field) in May of last year, and mentioned he is having too much fun teaching students how to fly helicopters. Balancing "play" and family, Brooks tries to keep up with wife, Karen, and two sons, Owen (8) and Parker (2). **Stephen Irvin** lives in Sterling, Va. with wife, Jane, and three children, Michelle (14), Rusty (12), and Elizabeth (8). Stephen is a mechanical engineer with the Coast Guard at their headquarters in Washington and retains contact with the Navy through the Naval Reserve (fellow reservists include **Neil Gillespie** and **Ed Abner**). Jane is a teacher and is an assistant director of local church preschool.

Mike Kuhn, wife, Carol, and sons, Michael (13) and Joey (11) reside in Burke, Va. After completing a 3 year tour as Executive Officer of an operational shore unit, Mike made an easy transition to the OPNAV staff (N-20). **Greg Cooper** is the Executive Officer of VS-31, a S-3B Viking Squadron in CVW-7, embarked in **GEORGE WASHINGTON** (CVN-73). In reading his note, it appears that by the time this column is printed, Greg will have taken over as squadron commanding officer, best of luck! Mike lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Dayna, and four sons.

Terry Cook (at the time this was prepared) is attending the Marine Corps Commander and Staff College in Quantico, Va. This welcome academic break comes after a three year tour as the Staff Judge Advocate for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Washington, D.C. **Tom Hejl** moved to LeMoore, Calif. last Summer to become the Executive Officer of VFA-151. Tom and his family, wife, Jaya, and three daughters, Lisa (5), Claire (3) and Ellie (1), are having a terrific time in the southern California area.

Greg Gullette reported last August as Executive Officer of DPRO Sikorsky in Stratford, Conn., following a tour as Executive Officer of HSL-40 in Mayport. Greg was the President of the Jacksonville USNA Alumni Association and is now looking to start one in Connecticut. **Steve Weingart**, wife, Lori, and children, Greg (10) and Diana (7) happily reside in Virginia Beach, where Steve is enjoying his first real shore duty as Chief Staff Officer of Afloat Training Group, Atlantic.

Dale Wainwright lives in Fullerton, Calif. where he works for Hughes Aircraft. As the early miners struck gold in the "Golden State," Dale struck gold three years ago when he married Lynn (he had met her four years before on a blind date)! Dale mentioned that he periodically sees: **Skip Wagner** and **Leo Latonick** during the Christmas holidays; **Greg Baran** in Gaithersburg, Md.; **Bob Vogel** in Fountain Valley, Calif.; and finally, **Mike McVay** at NRF related functions.

Through the end of July, please send any Class news to the Annandale address. Happy trails ... Bill.

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The "Dark Ages" have me in their firm clutches and I am WAAAAAAY behind the power curve. Trying to get settled into the new job has me feeling like I'm cramming for exams every day. But it's like they

say, I should consider it an opportunity not a challenge. Yup, suuuure. Well it's a pretty hefty OPPORTUNITY. It's got me rushing like a one minute chow call to get something down on paper and keep from having a blank space in the *Shipmate*. So I'll be pulling one letter out of the bunch and make sure it's got some "time critical" info. Here goes ...

Well this one letter certainly meets the criteria I set. **Alex "Dog" Callas** dropped me a line to announce that his third Annual "Golf Day for MDA" will be held on 22 June at Andrews Air Force Base. The day's events include a team scramble golf tournament, auction, raffle and other fund raising events. Last year, the event was sold out with 152 golfers. This year he's hoping for the same sellout result. As usual, The Class of '78 has been very helpful with some special notables such as **Chris Davidson**, **Drew Mulhare**, **Kevin Lynch** and **Bob Schmermund** having made donations and donated merchandise to help with the fund raising events. To achieve all of the lofty goals that he's established this year, Alex could use a little help. If any of you can volunteer your time, talents (both as workers and/or as participants) and your goods (as merchandise sponsors), give him a call at home on 703 968-4918 or at work on 703 416-9516. Much work needs to be done to help find a cure for MDA so that Alex's brother and those others so afflicted, can walk the bridge your contributions will help build toward that reality. Great progress has been made in the past and I'm certain with '78's considerable talents lent to the effort, even greater success can be achieved. I urge you to give Alex a call and at the very least lend him your moral support and a wish for success (but a few bucks wouldn't hurt either!).

Since I pulled one letter, I'll continue it to its end point. You didn't think Alex would write without also sending a little gouge on folks, did you? If you did, I'll have to give you a "Below" in headwork. Here's the skinny:

Larry Oson is stationed in Omaha, Nebraska for another year. He'll start his pre-command assignment and eventually get his boat, which he hopes will be in New London. Janet is also doing well and seems to be keeping up with the kids' day-to-day activities. (Which for those of us with kids will know is a Herculean effort itself!). **Ken Waldie** is working for Raytheon in Massachusetts. His kids (like all of ours) are growing fast and are active in sports. That, of course, means that dad is also active in their sports world. Waldo is coaching youth basketball and is considered the "Lefty Driesell" of Massachusetts Youth B-Ball. Ken did say that he is trying to groom a couple of 6 year olds to be the next "Ives and Diffie" of Multi-purpose gym. **John Kurowski** lives in Tallahassee, Florida and is an account executive for Dean Witter. Alex has entrusted John with his children's college accounts. Alex of course, hopes that he can one day TRULY say, "Thank You Dean Witter (a la' Paine Webber)" when it comes time for them to actually go to college. But then he wonders, what if they follow dad's footsteps to USNA? Easy, Dog, you promise them a car and pocket the rest! **Kevin Lynch** is still with Sensormatics in Newport, Rhode Island. Our sympathies go out to Grinch on the recent death of his mother. As Alex pointed out, those who knew Mrs. Lynch will miss the warm and wonderful woman, she was. As with a lot of those whose families were "shared" with Classmates throughout our four years at Annapolis and beyond, the "extended family" feels the grief as well and shares in the joy of our "parents" love and memory; and how they enriched our own lives as well.

Bob Schmermund went to the Rider Cup this Fall and from what Alex could gather, Schmermund left his mark on the folks overseas. (Which we could take any way we want!) I guess by now all the folks there could name all the players on the Navy Sports rosters. Bob spent the week before the tournament playing golf and having a blast. Schmermund played in last year's

MDA Golf Day and has a gang of four sign up for '94s Event. Speaking of golf, don't forget **Drew Mulhare's** Class of '78 Golf Day outing next month (May 14th) at Ford's Colony in Williamsburg, Virginia. Pick up one of my last columns for the details. As for Alex, aside from his work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, he's starting his 12th year on the Canadian F/A-18 program. Since the last time he wrote, he and his wife had their second child, Philip Alexander. I guess that means a few years from now, there will be a Callas mixed foursome on the greens!

Well, that wraps up the Dog's letter and one of my shorter columns over the years. With a little luck, and a LOT of mercy from our editor, Dave Church, this month's column won't be even shorter (like—BLANK)! Well, just write up that Form 2, Dave. I'll walk the detail just to get this in. Until next month—I'm Launchin Spot Four and busting to make it into the LZ!!

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Membership: 94%

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Normally, I'd stick an incredibly funny intro right here but I'm in a big hurry. Once again, somehow the deadline sneaked up on me and it's four in the morning on the article due date. Because I am the Give King, I got up real early to get cracking so that at least there'd be no blank space here. Impressed? Yep, give, give, give, never, never take, that would be me. Let's move along smartly now, shall we?

To kick this bad boy off, and because I know people like **Bill Enslen** won't read any of the article unless his name is in bold, I'll plop in the stuff that **Frank Dombrowski** has been doing for us for the Fifteenth. You should have received the latest newsletter from Frank. He needs a response most ricky tick. Also, the important thing is to RESERVE EARLY. Frank gave you the toll-free number to the Ramada, but I'll give you the instructions again. It's 1-800-351-9209 and remember to tell the folks what Frank told you to say (I'd put the info here but I'm



afraid my squadron-mate, Brand-X Class member and denture wearer, **JP McCann**, will use it for personal gain or figure out a way to get Additional Drills out of it). The nights you want for the main festivities are 21 and 22 October. Remember (Excuse me, I can see someone is not reading this section so I'll have to yell at him. **Ed Francis**, wake up and smell the New England Boiled Dinner buddy!! RESERVE EARLY. Sorry folks, now we can return to the regular stuff.), RESERVE EARLY. Julie, if you could direct Ed's attention to the above info, unless of course you're staying with Andrew's grandparents, that'd be great. Thanks. Now kids, after 1 October, if you haven't