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No comedy intro this month (yeah, like there's ever been one in the past), your Give King has some sort of Mongolian Body Rot at the time of writing so just ticklin' the ivories of the Word Processor of Love is a strain. But, unlike the postal service, we're gonna deliver some info despite feeling WAY under the weather. I figure if I can drive 7 hours at night for the last 150 miles through the blizzard of the decade to get home from Dallas, I can hork up a column with the flu. Let the horkin' begin:

I got a great phone call from the wife of one of us *Omnes Viri*, Last of a Kind folks. I'll simply repeat what she later wrote: "Happy 40th year **John Flynn**—I know you would rather remain anonymous but thanks to your wife, that's not possible. I figured after almost 20 years, some of your old buddies may want to know what's new and I wanted to shock you!! John is the OpsO and Safety/NATOPS Officer for Reserve Patrol Wing Pacific at Moffett Field. He's been a TAR in the Reserve P-3 community for almost 10 years." Tricia, thanks for the info and the photo. One question: who's Bob?



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Bridget and **Craig Majkowski** are still alive and kickin' in Texas. I received their annual Christmas letter filled with way too much stuff for me to digest. In addition to a trip to Disney World, a lemon sized hail storm and summer tour of the midwest, the kidsters Leigh Ann, Alex and Lauren are keeping Craig and Bridget pretty dang busy. Craig still works and golfs for Abbott Labs. Bridget, thanks for the update and photo.



Majkowskis

Here's an Internet message comin' atcha from **Marty Sullivan**:

I thought I'd drop you a line now that I've unpacked my computer after our last move. Mary Ellen, our son Tim, and I have finally started to feel settled after arriving in Cherry Point, NC in early November. I begin my new job as the XO of VMAQ-4, an EA-6B squadron, on the 12th of December. Beginning after the new year the pace will be fast and furious. We're off to Canada, Norway and Alaska within the first six months and then back to Iwakuni, Japan late next year. I'm looking forward to the traveling, but I'll have to invest in more long underwear. I've run into several Classmates in the last few months. Kathy and **Mike Beauchamp** are still living in northwest Washington state. Mike still flies with Delta but he is now domiciled in Dallas, TX. While Mary Ellen and I were at NAS Whidbey this summer Mike and Kathy had us over for dinner. Their home is really beautiful and they have a terrific view of Puget Sound and the islands. Jan and **Dan Streich** live in Little Rocky Run outside of DC. We saw Dan in Quantico where he works at the base JAG office. Dan received his law degree this year and passed the VA bar exam as well. Dan expects to move to HQMC next summer. He'd really like to be the star in a future Marine spin off of "Navy JAG." I saw Ellen and **Pete Lloyd** at Emerald Isle, NC over the Thanksgiving holiday. They were renting a beach house with some former neighbors of ours and we drove down from Cherry Point to say hello. Pete is an engineer with the Oak Ridge labs and is working in the area of robotics among other things. They seem to be very happy in Tennessee. Pete's brother Scot '80 is the Maintenance Officer in another EA-6B squadron here at Cherry Point. Well good luck with your Chia pet! I hope you can use this info in an upcoming issue of *Shipmate*. Take Care. Marty Sullivan.

Marty thanks for the e-mail. Next off the cyberspace Al Gore wants to call his own is a note from **Bob Larys**. Here goes:

Greetings from '79's oldest Ensign! Yep, you heard right. Last year around reunion time, I was an O-5 stationed at NAWC AD Warminster. Now I'm an O-1 in the U.S. Naval Reserve. You're probably wondering which flag officer's shoes I piddled on to achieve such a honor. Read on! Rebecca and I had a blast last year at the fifteenth. We saw lots of old friends, including quite a few former 8th Co. Polar Bears. We let most of them in on my (somewhat twisted) plans for the future, albeit things were fairly uncertain at the time. The main reason that I'm writing is to let them know how things worked out. I'd begun applying to medical school that summer. (Besides flying, it was the other thing that I'd always wanted to do.) To make a long story short, I'm now a first year med student at East Tennessee State University. I also managed to con the Navy into paying for it, which is why for my tenure as a med student I'm an ENS, USNR. I'll be a LCDR, USN, MC when I graduate in 1999 and I should get my CDR stripe back around the time I finish my residency. My current plans are to study internal medicine and become a flight surgeon...gotta get those fingers bulked up between now and then, eh? So now, we're living in Johnson City, TN (great place!); Rebecca's working a super job and loving life while I'm buried under a mountain of first semester anatomy, biochemistry, and epidemiology texts. (Don't ask me what that last one is, I haven't figure it out yet.) Anyway, I wanted to let folks know and to thank everybody that encouraged my lunacy and wished me well. Things couldn't be working out better. Ken, by the way, I talked to Wiz the day before his wedding. He sounded like things were well in hand (hers) for the ceremony. We couldn't make it to Kenosha, but I trust everything went well. Did you go? They were supposed to stop through here on the way to a Carolina honeymoon, but so far no joy. I can't imagine what else they'd rather be doing. Take care Ken, and if you hear from Mr. and Mrs. Hoser, tell 'em that "Part II" said hi and congrats. Bob Larys ENS, USNR '79 (Sir)

Thanks Bob. Now I have to ask you, when does