

Town News Releases a few others who are in command. They include, **John Read**, Commander, Amphibious Group Three, **Robert McGee**, Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Three, **Richard Snead**, OKLAHOMA, **John Schwanz**, DALLAS, and **Bill D'Amico**, Commander, Naval Ordnance Center, Pacific Division in Port Hadlock, WA.

Craig Langman's celebration nearly coincided with St. Patrick's Day. So it was fitting that the party take on a bit o' the green. Two other Classmates, **Mark Hugel** and **Jim Blasko**, also attended. Great Fun!

Edward DeRosa wrote a charming letter from his home in Brooklyn, NY. Ed, who spent eight months with our Class, wanted to send a special greeting to 28th Company. He mentioned in his note that he earned his Ph.D. in English last year from Fordham University and has become reacquainted with the Navy through a book he is writing about the Brooklyn Navy Yard. His research brought him back to the Academy where he worked with Jim Cheevers at the Academy Museum. While in the Yard, he enjoyed having dinner with MIDN 2/c Steven Djunaedi '97, whom he had taught math to while teaching at Brooklyn Technical High School. Edward said, "It is amazing for me to realize that this young man whom I watched grow will be graduating from the Academy twenty years after my Class sang Anchors Aweigh." Has it been that long? :-). Ed and wife, Julia, have been married for ten years. They have two children, James (6) and Frances (4).

Next on the letter hit parade is **Phil Wisecup**, currently CO of CALLAGHAN (DDG-994). Phil wrote (before being vectored to Taiwan),

I'm sitting here in Dubai, UAE, and just finished reading the Jan-Feb issue of *Shipmate*. We've just spent the last three weeks enforcing UN sanctions in the Northern Arabian Gulf (and I mean North!) Essentially, we're boarding dhows and diverting them from their intended destinations. **Ken Trass** (FORD), **Jim Miller** (CARON), **Dick Corpus** (PORTSMOUTH) and **Jim McIsaac** (JOHN YOUNG) are here with me. The weather has been great—some rain and cold. At least the chances of hitting a mine are less than the last time I was here in 1991. The CALLAGHAN changes homeport to Everett, WA in September, so if there are any Classmates who'd like to ride from San Diego to Seattle, call me in June when I get back from deployment (24 May). We visited Hong Kong and Singapore on the way over and will go to Australia on the return trip (little did Phil know what lurked ahead...Bill!). The separation from Anne and the kids doesn't get any easier, but at least they're all doing fine. Paul is eight months old and will be crawling by the time I return. Marie is 13, Madeline is 10, Sarah is 9, and Nathalie is 5. The level of sheer activity at home reminds one of the last few weeks before deployment. I can't imagine myself the father of teenagers! We've been in Coronado for almost six years now, and really enjoy it. Now we are looking forward to our move to Everett!

In closing, the Naval Academy Department of Institutional Research is undertaking a number of projects in an effort to record data, information and history regarding our Class. They are looking for those with notable achievements such as scholars (Rhodes, Marshall etc.), national and state political leaders, CEOs, and company presidents. Other unusual information concerning family ties and the Academy is also needed. Straight line (grandfather, father, son/daughter) as well as "bent" lines are also desired. Send your input to me or mail it directly to: P.A. Strop '69, Institutional Research, 107 Fulam Court - stop 2D, USNA, Annapolis, MD 21402; 410-293-1914 (dsn 281); E-mail: strop@nadn.navy.mil. All for this month, shipmates. Happy trails...Bill.

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All I can say is—NO EXCUSE, SIR! How to make up? Well, how about cram as much info into one article as you can, and then start the next article NOW cuz you have a lot of "VIEWER MAIL" still sitting on your desk (remnants of a spurt of news flashes)? Okay, I can do that. So before mad cow disease sets in again and I get this sudden urge to go graze, daze and contribute to ozone depletion and substitution with methane (I've been drinking a lot of milk lately) lets get to the mail bag—

Here's one bit of information and news that's far too important to allow to get too dated and OBE—**Alex Callas** has scheduled his annual "Golf Day for MDA" 1996 for June 19th at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. The tournament has grown so much that this year he's having both a morning and afternoon start to accommodate up to 300 golfers. The nice part is that a if player or group doesn't get to "lost" on the 19th hole they can continue on and play another 18 holes in the afternoon. Wow a duffers dream—36 holes of golf in one day, breakfast, lunch and light dinner, raffle, door prizes, silent auction, golfer gift bags, oncourse snacks (So leave you brown bag at home, but who can sway to leave the keg out of the golf bag?) and other golf related activities. The tournament has grown out of a brothers love and commitment, and has netted tens of thousands of dollars in support of a worthy cause—muscular dystrophy. In that it helps all, and especially touches and helps one of our own, Alex's brother, it is to be noted and taken as we say FORAC. The tournament is in need of financial help. In the past, '78ers have turned to turned and pitched in with give-aways and contributions.. **Drew Mulhare** of Fords Colony Williamsburg, **Bob Schermund**, **Howard Seeger** and **Mo Tose** of Mo's Telecommunications Systems of Annapolis, **Scott Exckert**, **Craig Cowen**, **Dennis Reilly**, **Steve Sutton**, **Chris Davidson**, and **Kevin Lynch** of Sensoromatics, just to name a few. If you can help, contact Alex at work on 703-416-9516 or at home at 703-968-4618; or write home at 15115 Wetherburn Drive, C/O Golf Day for MDA, Centreville, VA 22020.

Well I am just starting to get comfortable with the fact that a computer is something more than the world's most expensive combination Gameboy-Typewriter and ballast for my briefcase. In fact, from my MIS class I have learned a bunch of new technogeek buzzwords

As if he had nothing better to do, **Mike Holden** has started a World-Wide Web site for the Class that has e-mail addresses and WWW pages of classmates. The URL (Uniform Resource Locator) for the site is: <http://vislab-www.nps.navy.mil/~mjholden/78grads.html>.

Before you start dialing it up on the Internet I want to inform you that the period on the end is NOT a part of the address, it just means that's the end of that sentence. I don't want you guys adding a dot

after the "html" and saying how I got another thing all messed up in the translation. (Not that it wouldn't be the first time.) Already Mike has gotten a few responses from Classmates with some comments as shown below. So for all the Poindexters and Gates wannabes here a quick summary:

John Aclin (Afaclj@dia.osis.gov), **Corey Bickmore** (cbickmore@sd.inri.com), **George Billy** (geobilly@aol.com) is an early retiree and now a Senior Systems Engineer with Westinghouse Oceanic Division in Annapolis; **Joanne** and **Rob Blandford** (rblandf344@aol.com) have three kids (Jenna (13), RJ (10) and Chelsea (8)) and are living in Newport, RI while Rob attends War College Golf Academy; **Dave "Iron Beard" Brown** (browndp@ix.netcom.com) is currently the Strike Ops Officer on Ike. When not at sea he's with Barbara and their two daughters, Laura (8) and Mary (2) in Newport News, VA; **Don Brutzman** (brutzman@nps.navy.mil) is in the Undersea Warfare Academic Group at Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. Don's got a web page too: <http://www.stl.nps.navy.mil/~brutzman>; **Stanley "Bruce" Crair** (sbrcrair@aol.com) is currently VP and General Manager of Cox California PCS, Inc., building wireless telecom network in Southern California and Nevada. He's hiring like crazy so if you need a job zap him on the net; **Tom Crowley** (crowley-thomas@hq.secnv.navy.mil) is at CO school while on his way to an ARLEIGH BURKE. There'll be more on Tom later. **Mike Dasovich** (mdasovich@tppo.snap.org); **Charles R. "Russ" Dedrickson** (C.R.Dedrickson@SCSNET.COM) is alive and well in Birmingham, AL with his wife, Sue, and their three children. Russ works for Southern Nuclear and frequently makes the circuit checking out their nuke plants in such bustling and glowing communities as Farley, Hatch, and Vogtle. You'll find them on the map near Hooterville, Bugtussel and Possum Hollow. **Craig Diffie** (100260.25@compuserve.com) is still in Toulon, France as the Sixth Fleet Liaison Officer to the French Navy Medical HQ. **James Gafford** (103273.2066@compuserve.com); **John Gardiner** (MCI ID:210-87808) has worked for MCI since the beginning of the "Switching Wars" in 1983. John retired from the Weekend Warrior Corps in 1994. Today, he, Becky and their three kids are calling Cary, NC home. Big **Ty Glasgow** (tglasgow@mailgw.sanders.lockheed.com) works for Lockheed Martin where runs the International Sales Group. He's been there for about 5 years since he switched from Raytheon (Submarine Signals Division). He and Melissa have been playing CO/XO (you figure the order) for 13 years now and have three kids, Heather (9), Ryan (7) and Bridget (2). The live in Bedford, NH, which according to Ty is still within Red Sox country. He urges all to drop him a line. **Dave Hampshire** (hampdav@mailgate.navsses.navy.mil); **Larry Harper** (larryh@dadd.ti.com) is a network designer/consultant who still keeps active with some calm hobbies as motorcycle racing and marathon running— DECAF, Larry, DECAF! He's got a Dallas, TX area code so I know there's plenty of open space to ride and run. **Ben Harris** (bharris@sed.psrw.com); **Dan Holoubek** (HOLOUBEK@pentagon-reno.army.mil); **Alan Jaquith** (alanjaqu@aol.com); **Randy Kahn** (kahn@plk.af.mil) is living in the "Land of Enrichment", a.k.a., New Mexico. As he puts it—"Classmates, let alone Navy folks aren't too common here". Randy's an Ops Analyst/Electrical Engineer for the Air Force Office of Aerospace Studies at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. Julie and he have been married for 9 years now. Randy's still pretty involved with national-level competition Squash and tries to help out the Navy Squash team as much as possible, even from all the way out Southwest. He's another one of the "homeboys", as in got-my-own-homepage

boys. It's <http://www.geopages.com/Colosseum/1956>. **Will Kramer** (wkramer@mailgw.sanders.lockheed.com); **Bill Landay** (Landay_William_CDR@HQ.NAVSEA.NAVY.MIL); **Paul "Munch" Mansfield** (paulmans@tmn.com); **Mike McNish** (Mike_McNish@cpqm.saic.com); **John Miesner** (jmiesner@atmail.att.com) is a research engineer for AT&T Labs. He's working on active vibration control and telerobotics. He finally got his D.S.C in Mechanical Engineering at the end of '95 so it's Doctor Miesner nowadays. After 17 years of marriage he and Glenda have two wonderful kids, Andrew (4) and Amanda (2). **Ray Miskowski** (orion1@bora.dacom.co.kr); **Andy Mohler** (RAMOHLER@aol.com); **Brent Obenour** (BJObenour@aol.com) also has a homepage, <http://www.mindport.net/~bobenour>. **J.D. Oliver** (vf211xo@nosc.mil or use TomctPilot@aol.com); **Sam Park** (spark@ida.org); **Steve Petri** (petri@emperor.dt.navy.mil) works for NAVSEA 03H. He runs the Hydrodynamic/Hydroacoustics Technology Center in Carderock, MD. They are focusing on high-fidelity computational design and analysis tools for undersea vehicle hydrodynamics and hydroacoustics. (HUH?) He and Debbie have been married since December of '79 and have two daughters, Meagan (10) and Lauren (almost 7). They live in some little Bayside town in Maryland, as Steve says—"Annapolis (ever been there?)". **Lloyd Prince** (lprince@aol.com); **Lowell Pruitt** (pruitt@oasys.dt.navy.mil); **Mark Roberts** (m.j.roberts@express.larc.nasa.gov); **Scott Rodgers** (HRodg@aol.com). **Paul "Rock" Russo** (xospear@infi.net) is in the Norfolk area. He's the XO of L.Y. SPEAR (AS-36), at least until she's decommissioned in September of this year. He only had an e-mail address at the time. But he was a phone call away on 804-363-8359 or on the ship at 804-444-7494. **Don Schneider** (schndr@cpug.org); **Bob Schwaneke** (Schwaneke_Robert@HQ.DLA.MIL); **Francis "Fred" Webster** (websterf@bah.com) and lastly there's **Glen "Wheels" Wheless** (wheless@ccpo.odu.edu) with a homepage of <http://www.ccpo.odu.edu/~wheless>.

That's the flash message for the month. I'll see you on the net and get racking on the next edition. This is outta here and I hope on its way to your homes and the *Shipmate* files. Launchin' Spot Four.

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So I'm once again watering my Chia Head, when I get this great idea if no one near the DC/Annapolis metroplex takes the lead on planning the Twentieth Reunion. Because of my incredibly powerful and influential position as Sec o' '79, I'll get the Ronmeister at the Home Office to move the Homecoming Game here to South Dakota. There's a football stadium here in Arlington WITH bleachers to handle the crowds. The brigade can split rooms at the Super 8, the visiting team can stay out at the old schoolhouse in Hetland, and all the Alums can stay on cots in the studio and if necessary, we can put overflow Alums up in the Arlington Food Center's basement. Wives are gonna be impressed, especially when they get their free "Buffalo Nickel Imbedded in a Wooden Cut Out Buffalo" keychain. Oh yeah,

they'll be sportin' some kind of fashion when they all get back home. This is win-win. Navy gets some national attention (assuming they can beat Mount Marty College) and we get a Twentieth we can all be proud of and remember for the rest of our lives. So don't sweat worrying about the Twentieth. Your Give King is taking care of it and when the smoke clears, I'm even gonna give all the credit to Prez o' '79, **Mike Finley**. Am I a Giver, or what?

Put your stick pins and your **Kenny Russell** voodoo dolls down!! It was a joke. **Bill Enslen**, I was making a smart alecky illustration of what we can look forward to if no one grabs the planning ball and runs with it. Everybody just calm down and take a few Lamaze cleansing breaths. All set? Okee doke, let's dispense with the hate speech and the "Oh yeah, we're losin' this clown at the next Class elections" thoughts and get right to the info, shall we?

Kudos go out to **Rob Wray** for telling the ACLU and Supreme Court to quote, get stuffed, unquote on ABC World News Tonight. Apparently, some bored-out-of-his-mind lawyer for the ACLU deemed it unconstitutional for the Barrington, RI city snow plow to get rid of snow in the town's church and synagogue parking lots after a big storm. The city's only been doing it for over 50 years. Perhaps after getting stuffed, the good counselor can get a clue, get a life, get a job, pound sand and move to the People's Republic of China where horrific and oppressive Constitutional violations don't exist (don't you just hope like hell your tax dollars are paying his salary? I wonder if he wears all black, organically grown, natural fiber "StruggleWear" and black oiled leather miner boots.). In addition to gaining national attention and running two small businesses, Rob is trying to put together a company rep-o-gram for all the 13th Company folks. Call, write, fax or e-mail your info to Rob at 27 Anchorage Way, Barrington, RI 02806, H401-247-0454, W401-247-4840, Fax401-247-0830, e-mail: Rob_Wray@MSN.com. Rob, thanks for the note and BZ for getting the chance to exercise your First Amendment rights.

Next from the trons spewing forth out of the Word Processor of Love is a letter from Closet BURPmaster **Vahan Chertavian** who also sent a picture of himself, **Mitch Ackley** and **Dave Palmer** from Rosie Roads during their last AT. Vahan thinks that because he's a Mr. Mom with his daughter Aniela with Linda being the CO of MOUNT BAKER, that he's not really a BURP (Basic Unemployed Reserve Pilot). Come on Vahan, I did the same thing for a year. At the next AOM (aka BURP's Anonymous Meeting), try finding the courage to admit it. Here's the scenario: Vahan: "Hi, my name is Vahan." Squadron Officers at the AOM(in unison): "Hi Vahan." Vahan: "I'm a BURP." Squadron Officers (clapping, standing ovation): "Congratulations, here's your keychain Vahan." **Mitch Ackley** IS an admitted BURP and trying to "JP McCann" some six month active duty orders to a joint CSAR staff job in Italy. **Dave Palmer** just got a new job and new home in the Dallas area. Dave's a consultant for Daugherty Systems and will HAVE to suffer through the stress of using the company's 40 yard line seats at Texas Stadium this fall. Dave still commutes twice a month to Norfolk to suck up the flight time, drills and AFTP's. Vahan also talked to **Paul Tetreault** a while back. Paul's clerking for a federal judge in Roanoke, VA and wondering what he'll be doing when that job ends this summer. Vahan, thanks for the letter and photo. Get hooked up to the Internet then you and **Wiz Withers** can swap recipes.

Speaking of Al Gore's Info Superhighway (sure glad after taking credit for it, he let the twenty million existing users know that there was such a thing), is a blurb from **Charles Woodward**. Chaz, let her rip:

I just received my March 1996 *Shipmate*. I really enjoyed your column. Since I'm home with the flu, there's time to update up on my life. Since February of this year I have been employed as a Technical Consultant for Transarc Corporation (a subsidiary of IBM). For you techies out there, Transarc is a major player in an emerging technology called the Distributed Computing Environment (DCE). This Open Systems Foundation (OSF) solution allows hundreds or thousands of computers to work together and run one or more applications in a secure fashion. Other members of OSF include Hewlett-Packard, Sun Microsystems, Digital Equipment, etc. DCE technology is spreading everywhere and you don't even know it. Scary huh. My travels between 15 Dec 95 and 8 Mar 96 have been extensive. In this time I've worked in Lisbon, Portugal (Pingo Doce—the Safeway of Portugal); Sioux City, South Dakota (Gateway 2000); Sao Paulo, Brazil (Bank of Brazil); Pittsburgh, PA (Computer Associates); and Tarpon Springs, Florida (Transarc Decorum Conference). Between Brazil and Pitts I was able to squeeze in three days (mostly crashed) in the Maui, Marriott (I did see two humpback whales in the channel between Lani and Maui). I have to get off my duff so I can go to Pitt tomorrow and Dallas next week. I bought a home in '95. It's located near the Algonkian Northern Virginia State Park and the Lowes Island Country Club in Sterling, Virginia. My Classmates are welcome to call me at 703-404-1428. God bless you all. I wish you the best. Charles "Just Trying to Stay Alive" Woodward

Thanks Charles. We all pretty much hate you due to the Maui Marriott comment. I did get a message from **Dan Vortherms** but for some reason, Dan asked that I not do the cut and paste thing with it. Dan, I'm holding it hostage and unless I hear from you soon, it's going in the July-August column. Dan, it's a Give thing.

I believe I have some serious "tronage" from **Vince Bousa** that I'll have to edit a bit lest he end up like the former head of the White House Travel Office and suffer the wrath of the Oh So Forgetful Co-President. It's three messages including a great recipe for deer jerky so if it's a bit incoherent, that's my fault, not Vinnie's. Plus, I had to change the word that means the child of an unwed mother to "child of an unwed mother" to help keep up the family image of *Shipmate* (Ronbo, you DON'T have to thank me). Here goes:

#1 I can't believe they took away my "FREE" access to the Wall. Anyway, this is a test run to see if the product makes it to your cyber door step. Just returned from Iowa, New Hampshire, and Washington State. Just prior to that I went down to Houston where I had the opportunity to see my old roommate, **Dominic Gorie**. Had a great time and now that he is going through Shuttle Pilot training we were able to get into the shuttle simulator and take it for a spin around the "world". Needless to say I had to mess it up the first time so Dom didn't get embarrassed. After that there were no prisoners. Anyway, All I could say during the whole evolution was, "you lucky child of an unwed mother, you lucky child of an unwed mother, you lucky child of an unwed mother!" No comment on your comments in *Shipmate*, January-February '96. Don't mess with a mess-er! Hope all is going well for you in the mud business. Say hello to Vick for us. End of test run...innie, Vance, Chaos, Stud Muffin

#2 I attempted to send a recipe earlier but I'm not sure you got it. Here it is one more time. "DEER" VINNIE'S VENISON JERKY—1 1/4 C soy sauce, 1/4 C brown sugar, 1/8 C liquid smoke, 2 Tsp Tabasco, 1 Tsp lemon juice

Prior to putting the meat into the marinade, cut it into 1/8th inch thick strips. If the meat is still slightly frozen it really helps in the slicing process. Coat top of meat after marinated with garlic and crushed red pepper (if you like it hot) prior to drying. I use a dehydrator but several of my friends use the oven and leave it cracked to let the moisture escape. Of course you will have to adjust the quantity of mix according to the amount of meat