

Soup after the wonderful homecoming and hope to make it to his upcoming planning meeting. **Pete Hyers** is on the Joint Staff, J-7. We've shared a few laughs and politically incorrect jokes in the run down Pentagon halls. Pete mentioned **John Vuolo** is in JCS J6. Hi, John. Long time since Naval War College seminars! The omnipotent **Jim Kear** called today from JCS J5. He's been in town for a month and is re-establishing his network. If you're new to the area, call Jim! **Craig Turley** is also headed for J-5, and should be there by the time this goes to print. Saw Craig and **Dan Smith** at a Surface Navy Association gathering—both looking good! **Ken Graber**, **Dan Smith** and **Mike Frick** are in PEO TAD (they build the cool stuff that shoots down ballistic missiles). Several of my surface nuc buddies are also in the town. **Craig Langman** is relieving **Ralph Janikowski** as the Nuc Detailer. Craig is coming from command of **NICHOLSON** and Ralph is going to **National**. **Lee Geanuleas** is flying high at the OSD strategic level. He's pumping out the lofty Defense Planning Guidance and other important work. Over on the OPNAV N88 air side are **Bob McGee**, **Frank Pagano**, and **Brendan Gray**—all names I know, but haven't run into. Running under the waves are **Dave Schubert** in the submarine shop, N87, with **Dennis Haines** soon to follow. **Joe "So What?" Walsh** and **Bruce Smith** call NAVSEA 08 (the nuclear center of the universe) their home. Joe, I'll bilge my Classmate, **Gary Holst**, N86 EA for that call sign! Gary somehow maintains a steady keel working in that front office; a super sense of humor helps! Also in N86 are **Dan Thompson** and **Kevin Quinn**; two mainstays that are always great for periodic sanity checks. During a bus ride to the five-sided squirrel cage the other day, I ran into **John Kamen** who works out of the CV(X) program office. Great chat! Rounding out the active duty section are: **Cameron Blake**, OPNAV N4; **Duane Heugan**, OPNAV-N91; **Andy Anderson**, SECDEF; **Rich Snead**, OPNAV N801; and, **Rich Thayer**, JCS J-3. Making the commercial circuit are **Neil Gillespie** and **Rich Maurer** with Booz Allen & Hamilton; **French Caldwell** with Arthur Andersen; **Rich Taylor** with TRW; **Skip Wagner** with Northrup Grumman; **Dennis Simon** with Nomura Enterprises; and **Jeff Wendel** at RWD Technologies. I've run into most of these guys, and they all are doing great things; their service never ends!

That's about it for this input. Apologies to those I left out, because there are considerable more Classmates in the area than I've mentioned—in fact, **John Kear** said he's going to organize a '77 luncheon at the Executive Dining Room. Heck, John, lets do Army-Navy and make it a golfing gig! Until next time, Happy Trails, **Bill Millward**, over and out!

Great job, Bill. I think you may have set a record for mentioning the most Classmates per square inch of any Class article to date. The only downside of the job as Class secretary is having to report the death of a Classmate. It is my sad duty to inform you that our Classmates, **Derek Favilla**, died in late February and was laid to rest at the Academy. I received the following from **Mark Worrilow**. "I attended his funeral today (3/5/98) in Woodbridge, but he will have a service and burial at the USNA Chapel on 6 May. He was a single parent of two teenage boys and a "neighbor" of mine." Until next month...be well.

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Spring cleaning is a wonderful thing—found some loose change (now I can buy that new Porsche Boxster), an old pen, the flashlight I needed during last week's thunderstorm; mmm and a Breathesaver mint. It's a little chalky, but hey, it's still getting me "minty fresh." Spring cleaning can also be an embarrassment—like finding last year's tax submittal and check to Uncle Sam (My next column will be from Mexico.), an old pair of bell bottoms (which I can now sell for a profit to some teens across the street—while not admitting to ever have worn such an excess of material). Among the biggest embarrassing finds is a note from Kim Ewin with

some photos of hubbie **Jeff Ewin**, friends, family and fellow '78 grad, **Karen** and **Lee Gard**, and **Lin** and **Bob Kautter '77**, not to mention Classmate and their brother-in-law, **Faris Farwell** (married to Kim's sister, Judi). So in a gesture of penance and the hope that I can either duck fast or she forgives me by the time the reunion rolls around...here they are...



Jef Ewin and Faris Farwell

Mark Mooney, 13th Co., markdana@juno.com, checked in after a near 15 year hiatus. Like most of us, he found it hard to believe that almost 20 years has just about caught up with us! So, what has he been doing you ask? Well, he left the Navy in November 1983 after a tour as Missile Officer onboard **GRIDLEY (CG-21)**. **Richard Mooney** was also aboard as MPA/DCA—so both Mooneys from Class of '78 were on the same ship, figure the chances! After leaving the Navy he relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area. He discovered that all the Navy experience and the alphabet soup of qualifications and certifications like SWO, GLO, HCO, JOOD, OOD, CICWO, SWIC, yadda, yadda, yadda—pretty much drew blank stares amongst private sector employers. Still, the critical training in acronym's and abbreviations soaked up during naval service did have a semblance in the wacky acronym filled land of data and telecommunications with its LAN, WAN, NT, MPOE, DS3, DDS, SCA, and that industry's assorted yadda, yadda, yadda. So, Mark makes a living, pays the mortgage and keeps his bride of 13 years happy. Since '85, he and Carolyn have lived in San Diego, in currently Tierrasanta. They both work and enjoy home-cooked Italian meals (with Carolyn's maiden name of Caprioglio what'd you expect?). They don't have children, but instead, two cats (the "Grandkits" to Mark's folks). You know how it is—once a sailor, always a sailor. After all these years Mark can't get the salt water out of the veins, as sailing is his passion. As often as work, time, or the wife (not necessarily in that order) allow, he can be found on San Diego Bay sailing his 30' Lancer sloop **CATS MEOW**. Never does a warship go by that Mark doesn't think of past friends and the fond times (Like Sea State 100 nights or Port and Starboard watches?). You can catch him on his email. If you'd like a non-virtual jaunt around San Diego Bay in something other than an LGB (large gray boat) let him know when you'll be in town!



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Jeff Ewin and kids Courtney, Whitney, Ryan and Taylor

Well, here's another Classmate crawling out of the woodwork—**Glen Shipman**, GES@arinc.com. He dropped me an email to say that since this is the 20 year reunion milestone, he'll probably be on hand for the festivities. As for a 20 year synopsis, he wrote to say that majoring in math had me pointed towards subs like his roommate, **Greg Mankey** (whom he still sees once in a blue moon). However, that part of the pre-commissioning physical which had us look at the colored dots in an attempt to find the hidden numbers, left him looking, and looking and looking. Hey, it all looked like green dots to him! Needless to say, he couldn't enter Captain Nemoville. A request for a waiver from SECNAV was futile. Despite proof of his abilities in navigating a destroyer on First Class cruise, the Navy found him physically unequal for unrestricted line. Still, the Commandaddy said everything's green on our side "So come oooooon down!" A waiver from the CMC for excessive refractive error let him coast a little that last semester as he already had a cot at The Basic School with his name on it. So the Plebe whom Firsties loved to hear shout out in a seemingly stuttering fashion. "MidSHIPMAN SHIPMAN...sir!" became Lieutenant Shipman, Communication Officer, in Uncle Sam's Mercenary Crazies (USMC). During the five years he was in Club Grunt he saw duty in Cherry Point, NC, Okinawa, and the Stumps (aka 29 Palms, CA). He still misses those exercises in the desert and mmmmm—rattlesnakes for

breakfast—yummy! As if four years as a Mid on the Severn weren't enough, in 1986 he found himself back in Annapolis as a civilian employed with ARINC. Today he's their Director of Network Operations and is responsible for the 24x7 Network Operations Center and Technical Support groups to keep global ground and air/ground networks up and running for the airline industry. He's got a department of about 40 people. For all the pilots out there, now you know who to call when you're taking a flight delay because ACARS is down! He and Cindy are coming up on 20 years of marriage and have two great daughters, Jessica (13) and Lisa (10). For stress relief Glen still hits the keyboards of his Yamaha baby grand and escapes into Science Fiction books (something my old roommate, **Ted Plautz**, would love). Glen invites anyone passing thru the neighborhood in need of food or entertainment to contact him at: 2357 Putnam Lane, Crofton, MD 21114; h: 410-721-9549 or w: 410-266-4287. Glen's email addresses are: GES@ARINC.COM or Pianomn100@AOL.COM. In closing his message, he wondered aloud about where he might find some photos of him and the rest of the cheer-leading team during the '75-'77 time period. I suggested NAAA or the Alumni Association Archives. Of course, if any of you have some photos pass them along (though, I suspect that if anyone does, there aren't any of Glen and the guy cheerleaders! If that's the case—send me copies too—Oops, I better watch

it—my curly-tail and dragging knuckles are showing. I'd hate to get a Registered complaint like my squadronmate and fellow scribe next door did...as if some people had nuthin' better to worry about. Forget about that Social Security crisis, hole in the ozone, and mid-drift bulge...and so what if Russia can't account for all their nukes, heck the Navy's missing a Fleet tug?!...)

I need your help on a little "Message to Garcia" request. Here goes: a Marine Colonel, E.E. Saunders, contacted me via email. He is searching for a USNA grad whose first name is David (the last name he couldn't remember) from Torrington, WY. He thought Dave might be from either '78 or '79. Now I don't think this is one of those Amway sales pitches or a relative of a long lost liberty buddy. It's simply a case of another naval officer searching for someone from their old home grounds. There can't be many former Mids from Torrington, WY. So if you're Dave, or you know Dave (help me out with '79, will you KR?) drop me a line and I'll help make the connection. Thanks.

I got a hit and run email from **Chris May** may@anchor.apl.washington.edu. From the address info it looks as if he's an Environmental Engineer at the University of Washington. Here are his details; drop him a line. Christopher May PhD, Environmental Engineer, Applied Physics Laboratory, UW Box 355640, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98105. His phone numbers are: 206-543-1300 (W), 206-543-6785 (FAX), 360-697-2149 (H). Thanks for the hit and run, Chris—more details to follow?

Chris Davidson, cjd@primary.net, wrote to say that the Holiday Inn was booked. I told him that some of you may have had trouble if you didn't specify you wanted to inquire about making a reservation from the rooms that had been "blocked off" for our reunion. You could try again, but judging from the time frame of this issue they all may really be booked now. Unfortunately, we didn't make alternate LZ plans. Based on the attendance numbers for the 15th it looked as if we had enough. Lesson learned for the 25th! You could try the Loews Annapolis out on West Street or what used to be the Radisson right near the Mall. (It's called something else now. Sorry I don't know the name). Best bet is to call the local Chamber of Commerce or the Alumni Association for alternates. There may be a few drag houses or graduation homes that local real estate agents can get for the weekend. That's all I can figure. Hope it helps. On a different note Chris wrote that his old roommate **Larry Olsen** gave up command of MIAMI on 5 June in New London. He's moving on to be Chief of Staff of COMSUBDEVRON TWELVE. Thanks for the note Chris.

Speaking of commands—getting a new command was **Craig Diffie**. "Diff" is the Commander of the Defense Information Systems Agency in Arlington, VA. They're responsible for all the policy and other stuff relating to DOD networks (design, maintenance, operations and

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security) as well as requirements and implementation of premise hardware and software; telecom/VTC and help desks and training. He's got it all! **Joel Bohlman** gave up command of HARTFORD in New London at the end of May. Like Larry, he's also headed to a staff job.

Andy Mohler, mohlerra.ntrprs@NAVAIR.NAVY.MIL, says don't believe everything you read (or in his case, DIDN'T read)—especially if it's in (or NOT in) an ALNAV! You see, just as he was trying to determine which was the least painful, a Kervorkian or resume writing and job interviews, along comes a phone call from the BUPERS folks...it probably went something like this.

"Hey CDR Mohler! Could you come off that ledge, sir—somebody from BUPERS is on the line for you! Come on sir, your scaring the pigeons!"...Sheepishly, Andy crawls back inside and slowly, despondently picks up the phone "Hello, CDR Mohler, RETIRED, may I help you?" "Hello, CAPTAIN select Mohler. This is LTJG Clearasil," an annoyingly youthful and cheerful voice replies. "CAPTAIN select?! Listen, Mister are you trying to be a wise a—?"

"No sir, honest sir. Let me explain. Heh, heh, heh. Now sir your gonna find this kinda funny, but you see ENS Woods was typing out the CAPTAIN selection list when she accidentally pushed the wrong button on the computer. She blamed it on the beta copy of the Windows 98 we got free from Mr. Gates when he was in DC the other week testifying. But I really don't see how that could happen...Then again after we loaded it everything that wasn't on Microsoft seemed to dump...Anyway, sir for whatever reason a name or two was deleted from the ALNAV, along with another file containing some digitized investigation records on the Admiral's Tailhook trip—but he's not really upset about that for some reason."

"Would you PLEASE get on with it Mister!" Andy shouted, annoyed by the wandering banter. "My feathered friends are waiting for me out on the ledge. The offices are about to let out soon and we have bets on who can hit a pedestrian first!" "Yes, sir. Now like I said sir, heh, heh, heh, you'll really laugh at this later. But you see—your name was one of those deleted."

"WHAT?!!!" "That's right, sir. I'm calling around to let people know, before...well, you know before they do something crazy. With this call, I'm batting .500. So congratulations, sir. You're a CAPTAIN select." "Mister Clearasil! You gotta be kidding me?!" "No sir, it's true" "Whew! Thanks, thanks a lot. You don't know what a relief this is." "Well, you're welcome sir. Oh by the way, with this notice—and seeing as I was just a tad belated in contacting the late CAPTAIN-select Ruger—you're now the junior man. That means you get to be the Naval Air Attaché with our consul in Boondocksaland. It's a three year, unaccompanied tour. You'll need 50 inoculations ASAP. You leave next week via special P-3 and merchant ship and native canoe. I'll have the orders cut and out tomorrow. Oh, make sure you check out a helmet and flak jacket—there's some minor civil skirmish going on there. Nothing to worry about. Have a nice day, sir!" *Click* "hummmmm". Yes, proof again that every silver lining must have a cloud—one with a lightning bolt up your six! Before Andy departs for Boondocksaland or wherever he eventually goes to, he's gotta finish things up at NAVAIR. He's the Deputy Program Manager for E-2C Foreign Military Sales, and for alternative concept AEW. This means either

P-3 or C-130J AEW variants with Hawkeye 2000 avionics, sort of a mid-size AWACS. Existing E-2C customers are France, Singapore, Taiwan, Egypt, Japan (and now Boondocksaland?). His office is also in discussions with Greece, Spain, Turkey, and Italy on new procurements of either the E-2C or the C-130 AEW and they're involved in the Australian Wedgetail AEW&C competition. What that all means is that he gets a lot of travel and whenever it finally does get down to resume time—he's got international marketing experience! You'll be seeing Andy at the reunion. He can tell you how accurate my version of the phone call was. Oh and sorry Andy, but a late notice of selection does not lessen the dampening of a wetting down!

Speaking of the CAPTAINS list here's some results of the active duty list (apologies if I also deleted someone—I know you'll correct me!): Rob Blandford, Mark Boensel, Joel Bohlman, Jay Bolland, Bruce Bole, Ken Bowersox, Steve Bradley, John Cohoon, John Cooke, John Costello, Tom Crowley, Bill Dunkin, Faris Farwell, Glenn Flanagan, Glenn Fogg, Jeff Fowler, Mark Fox, Mike Fralen, Mike Galpin, Jim Gigliotti, Cecil Haney, Harry Harris, Charlie Hautau, Dan Holloway, George Koucheravv Bill Landay, Scott Langdon, Rand Lebourvier, Joe Leidig, Scott Mobley, Mike Moore, Chris Nichols, Jd Oliver, Larry Olsen, Gerry Roncolato, Jim Scola, Chris Slack, Wade Tallman, Sam Tangredi, Kurt Tidd, Bill Timme, Pat Toohey, Todd Tracy, Tom Trudell, George Wadzita Rodger Welch, Doug Whalen, Jon Will, Dave Williams, Chris Wode, Glenn Woods, Rick Wren, Rob Zalaskus, Steve Petri, Bob Novak, Jim Seaman, Tim Mcgee, and Andy Mohler.

Now I KNOW I have some errors. I went by my crummy memory and didn't cross check, so—slap me during the reunion. As for the Reserve list, I'll publish it in the next column. Among names I quickly scanned (or have been mentioned) are: **Sean Coffey, Bart Buechner, Terray Wood, Vinnie Belleza, Ken Law, Elmer Nelson, Paul Ross, and Rene Pili.**

Okay, I told you that I would be including a ballot for the elections. Here it is. Place initials by the candidate of your choice and sign it. You have two options—detach it and mail it to me or send me your vote via email. See you in a couple of months. Launchin' Spot Four. **VB** CanoeU78@aol.com



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No subliminal message and nonsensical introduction filler this month kids. Building will be complete by the time you get this and our new studio will be attached to the house instead of being in an old auto body shop in town. In the mean time, Vicky and I are scrabblin' to get orders done and shipped during the construction. Plus, Vicky went back to work a few weeks ago doing that ER nurse thing so I get to watch the two dude units whilst I sling mud. Oh yeah, it's mayhem but I'm also your Give King and as Telly used to say, "Who loves you, baby?" Anyway, I'm past the deadline, so sucking up to the Home Office is also in order.

First up, let me update **Kirk Michealson's** email address. It is: kirk.michealson@osd.pentagon.mil, so don't forget to get on his distribution list for his newsletter. Fannies will be blistered if I find out you haven't signed on. One of the good slices of info from Kirk is the recent O-6 list. WE'VE GOT A FEW GUYS ON IT! This year's list includes **Jim Gigliotti, Steve Miller, Ray Spicer and Steve Voetsch. Ted Branch**, of course, was selected last year. Way to go and congrats guys! Kirk also sent a photo of the Five Sided Puzzle Palace '79er luncheon attendees. Attendees absent from the photo were **Larry Keller and Dave Spain**. Kirk, thanks for the superb photo of all the guys and also the newsletter.

First up is some tronnage from **Lee Rogers**. Hit it Lee:

Ken, Great job filling in the monthly void with so much stuff. As the VP for our local civic association, I know how hard it is just to get OTHER people to give you any input for the newsletter. Everyone wants to read, nobody wants to write. Anyway, BZ. I'll help the cause by adding my own ramblings. It seems like a long time ago, but my time as an enlisted Marine is coming to my rescue and allowing me to move into the private sector this summer. The ceremony will be 24 July, 2:00p.m. on Display Ship BARRY at Naval Station Washington, party to follow at the club. All hands invited for either or both. I'm still searching for a new job, but **Grant Thornton** and **Kirk Michealson** have been helping with the networking issues. For those who have not attended, the SACC is worth the time and effort, even if you are a year away, to get used to giving your two minute spiel about what you can do for them in an atmosphere of affinity vice enmity. Plus, it forces you to write a resume early and get it out of your system. Right now, I'm the Business Manager for the Joint Program Office for Biological Defense. We're the folks that give you biological detection and medical defense systems. While the detection piece is usually understood, the second piece means anthrax, botulism, Q-fever, tularemia, etc. vaccines. Yeh, I know, it's a growth industry. And, although they still won't let us give out free samples, I can get you a reduced rate on factory seconds. Sarah and I are well ensconced in Alexandria, VA with no intent on moving. Sarah accepted a recall position to work for OSD Reserve Affairs, providing mediation for the Reserves and National Guard with their employers about re-employment rights. She is enjoying it while going to school again at night, and we enjoy all the things to do in the DC area, so we'll be here for the duration. The only reason I'm going to keep working is to keep her