

annual Navy football banquet on 20 February where we met up with their son, Billy. Bob wore his SDBs and impressed a lot of his former coaches and teammates from our days at USNA with his captain's stripes. Bob has another year-and-a-half at the Pentagon, before he takes command of WASP in Norfolk. Thanks, Mark, your input is always welcome.

**Will Sheppard** (Will@Onlinex.com), just got married (for the first time). His new wife Molly Macauley, works in D.C. as an economist for RFF (Resources for the Future). They've moved into a home in Baltimore. He is still running his own business, doing custom programming and web site design. (Will@Graybook.com; 410-243-0095).

Well, that's about all for now. Keep those emails coming. Cards and letters are welcome too.

[Ed. Note: Please visit the Detroit chapter news column to see Classmate CAPT Greg Treitz '76 at the recent NRC Detroit Change of Command, held at Selfridge ANGB.]

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Hey I'm fresh outta intro ideas. No classy one-liners, humorous anecdotes or mind-boggling sea stories. My brains pretty much mush; kinda like after Professor Richter's 24-page Astrophysics final. (That taught me to read the damn course of study summaries more closely. Hell, I thought it was *astronomy*, ya know—heavenly body watching stuff!) The mental mush is because the last few weeks I have been in "proposal lockup." That's spending mucho hours of the day writing, rewriting and all the other stuff needed to put out a proposal to some customers. It's grueling, but I think we put out a pretty good product. Of course, it would've been nice to have **Chris Hassler** and his beltway bandit group do it for me (at least a large part of it). It's much easier to pay somebody else to do it and besides, I'm sure Chris would've enjoyed the extra revenue. But, like our term papers, it had to be of my own creation. The powers-that-be said we had to keep it in-house. Maybe next time, Chris. Anyway, as I was saying, I'm pretty much out of intro funnies. The limited brain cells I have free, after providing basic motor skill instruction, are taxed to the limit right now. So, let's say we get on with the news and let your words (appropriately edited) fill out the rest of the column. (Hey, looking back on the last few lines, I guess I did have some sort of an intro... It's not 4.0, but I'll settle.)

**Dennis Reilly** (dennis.reilly@beasys.com) wrote me just a little too late to catch the April edition. Those of you who are lucky enough to get this *right* after the mailing on the first may have time to play in **Drew Mulhare's** annual '78 Golf Tourney in Colonial Williamsburg. Here's the stuff (though I know it's too late): this year's date is Saturday, 8 May. Tee time 11:30 a.m. at Ford's Colony in Williamsburg. BBQ to follow at 4:30 p.m. at the Mulhare's. Contact Drew

Mulhare at w: 757-258-4230 or h: 757-258-3995, or Dennis Reilly at (w) 703-453-6822 or (w) 703-690-8548.

Speaking of golf... In this case, you *do* have enough time to enter. Just another reminder that **Alex Callas' Eighth Annual Peter G. Callas Memorial Golf Day** for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) will be held 23 June 1999 at Andrews AFB, Maryland. Here again are the tournament particulars: The event offers a morning and afternoon start. The day is set up so you can play 36 holes. (If you're a fanatic or a glutton for punishment—depending on how you play.) A foursome for the morning or afternoon start costs \$350/team. If you play both ends, it costs \$590/team. All meals and beverages are included. Every golfer gets a gift bag and they have separate door prize tables for the morning and afternoon. They also will conduct a silent auction during lunch. The auction has turned into an excellent money maker for the event. Okay, here's where you guys come in—Alex needs help. He needs merchandise for the door prize table, auction, place prizes and the gift bags. Anything he gets, he'll put to good use. So, raid your company freebies and marketing trinkets. If you can give, gift bag items donated are asked for in quantities of 150 or 300. (They have an average of 275 players.) Company logo items are great for the gift bag and door prize table. Alex will also sell tee box sponsorships for \$200 and he accepts donations of any amount. For those so inclined, he has other sponsor opportunities for higher dollar donations. If anyone is interested in making a donation, playing, sponsoring, etc.... please contact Alex at w: 703-416-9516 or h: 703-968-4918. Thanks to all the '78ers that have helped out in the past. Let's help this year's tournament be an even bigger success!

Sue and **Dale Allison** alerted us to a change in their email address. You can catch them at [allison@olg.com](mailto:allison@olg.com). That should get to them down Pax River way. Also in the change mail notes came one from Paula and **Mike Dyer**, they're now on [madyar@kda.attmil.ne.jp](mailto:madyar@kda.attmil.ne.jp). That's still way on the other side of the world—but believe me, at 2:00 a.m. in the morning it works! **Frank Hunt** can be reached at either [Hunt@JWFJTE.OSD.MIL](mailto:Hunt@JWFJTE.OSD.MIL) or [frankhjr@exis.net](mailto:frankhjr@exis.net).

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We appreciated all the kudos on the Reunion sent by many of you and this one from **Brad**, you can call me Jack, you can call me JB, **Richardson** (JackRIC@aol.com). He and a lot of you are ready for the 25th! Brad wanted to get a copy of **Al Baker's** sermon. You can email Al at BluesBaker@aol.com and beg for a copy of the sermon. (Pssst, hey Al, why not send a copy of your text to **Mike Holden** to put on our '78 website—"usna1978.org"?). But better yet for all of you, as you recall from last month's column, zap **Ron McNeal** an email to order a videotape of the entire thing as well as the memorial chair dedications. Ron can be reached at mneal@novell.nadn.navy.mil. As for Brad, he got a promo at the end of February. Now he will have all the paper mills on the east coast. He has to do a little more travel. But with three little ones needing the money for college someday, he'll deal with it. That is unless the boys can get into the boat school. Actually, with the price of colleges by then, JB will be happy even with Air Force or echhh—Army. Otherwise he'll be holding the door at WalMart when he is 70.

**Bob Schwaneke** address is now yogi.booboo@cwix.com. **Jack McCourt** provided an update. He left Motorola after four and a half years to work for a much smaller software company in Atlanta (Witness Systems). He'll be doing Project Management for some time but hopes to get into international sales down the road. The good side he says is that he gets exclusively from home. Until he's settled, his AOL email should be good (jackjrmac@aol.com). This spring, he plans to take the project managers certification exam through the national organization (Program Management Institute). He also plans to head back to school to get another masters, this time in program management. Good luck with the exam, Jack. I'm getting ready to do the same and get my PMP certification. Just hang on to the gouge!

**John Skogsberg** (skogs@tc3net.com) dropped a little post-reunion intel. Like most of us he was greatly impressed by **Tim Murphy '80's** fly-over. But then, so were the ants and other grass crawlers. I swear he was 500 feet! Skogs says that now that he's retired, **Bill "IF" Fell** has been shopping for that perfect second career. Right now he's hanging his hat in Ohio (Rootstown, near Ravenna), or so John heard. Jena and **John Sturges** have bought a house out San Diego way and say they will never leave that area for any reason. John is on a staff which calls NIMITZ home (which staff it was eluded Skogs). Fortunately for them, NIMITZ is in the yards for about three years, which cuts down considerably on the deployed time—like to nil. Coincidentally, **Dave Buss** holds the title of XO of NIMITZ. **Dan Cannan** is working for Coke and is living in the Atlanta area. **Glen Wheless** is still at Old Dominion University (that's doctor Wheless to you). Wheels is still doing research on waves and such, we guess. Whatever it is, it's well beyond my GPA! **Bob Destafney** recently returned from Bosnia after spending some quality time on "the tip of the spear." On the plus side, he got to get dirty, which is kind of a religious experience for Marines. **Mark Posten** is living north of Philly. If memory serve us correctly he works for Friendly's (which Skogs thought was a little ironic). **Mike Galpin** is out in Hawaii on the CinCPac staff, but John suspects Flex may be spending more time on his surfboard than on his office chair. A while back, Skogs had just gotten off a flight that he was working from Las Vegas to Detroit. Who catches

up to him? **Jim Shulson**! Jim was on the flight and thought he heard Skogs' name (he's got to start using an alias!). Anyway, as reported here before, Shulson is also retired and still living on Okinawa during the school year. He's in Las Vegas the rest of the time. Just recently, John saw **Brad Thomann** in the JAX airport. Brad's working for United Airlines; living in Jax; but working out of Miami. (Man, how do you airline guys figure what day it is and where to hang your hat? Oh, yeah, GPS or a LOJACK up your six!) Well thanks for the scoop, Skogs.

To follow up on some old notes (with apologies to the note writers), here it goes. Leslie and **Scott Provow** should be making the move soon from Colleyville, TX to Atlanta, GA. Leslie will continue to commute to Los Angeles and fly co-pilot for United Airlines on the 747-400 long haul routes. Scott had just completed his upgrade training on the MD-88 at Delta. (That's how he could arrange to make the Reunion.) Besides sending some photos, Scott wanted to know if anyone could top the \$500 bill they ran up between the Mid Store and visitors center shops?



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Alex Hnarakis, Kiel Norris and Scott Provow

Oh I'm sure there is *somebody* out there who can! At the end of last year, Jim Croce's number one fan, **Sean Coffey**, joined the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman LLP in New York City. Sean will be working the big bucks litigation stuff in the areas of securities fraud actions, complex commercial litigation and trial practice. Hey, it's definitely not Judge Judy stuff and not as much fun to watch either—but I bet the bucks are about equal! On 15 January, **Mark Fox** relinquished command of the Navy's first F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Squadron, VFA-122 at NAS Lemoore, CA.

Mariella Oliver sent a photo of Kathy and **J.D. Oliver** and the rest of the 32nd Company gatherers at the 20th Reunion. Okay, let's see if you can recognize the faces of Holly and **Mike Kalnoske**, Kathy and **J.D.**, Laura and **Dan Cox**, **Paul Rakel**, Sherry and **Bill Hession**, Michelle and **Phil Brennan**, **Bill Soer**, Patsy and **Tim**



**Murphy, Jim Loeffler, Becka and Ray Kwong, Rand Leboviev, and Gary Thompson.** Thanks, for the photo Mrs. Oliver!

**Frank Hunt** (w: Hunt@JWF.JTE.OSD.MIL or h: frankhjr@exis.net) is living in Chesapeake. He works for Nichols Research Corp. as a models and simulations type on a Joint Test and Evaluation Project, located at the JWFC/JTASC Suffolk. He also has a home business doing PC sales. He keeps that Reserve Navy check flowing as a weekend warrior to assigned USACOM's Joint Reserve Unit. He was just joined there by CAPT (sel) **Paul Ross**. Debby's hanging in there and teaching locally in Great Bridge. The kids, Katie (14) and Patrick (11) are doing great! The Chesapeake and Northern Virginia area is loaded with Navy personnel and there's a large contingent of '78 included there. Those that Frank recalled were **Bob "Bogs" Ryan**, (presently a deployed air boss), **Bob "Zool" Schwaneke**, (SATURN OIC—about to deploy), and **Al Kolpacke** (Site Manager for Reflectone Training Systems). Al's also a Reserve MH-53 pilot flying out of Norfolk. Frank wrote "Al and Eileen are expecting (a baby, eh?)" **Warren Krull** and family are somewhere in the area, but Frank had lost track of Warren's current station. The last check he had on him was C2F). Frank sent an email photo that I hope I can download and send to *Shipmate* folks as a hard copy. (Here's some gouge for all of you. *Shipmate* can't receive electronically submitted photos, so you need to send me a hard copy backup. Remember, somebody from '78 has to be in the picture to get printed; so at the least, catch your thumb in the image! If you still want to send me an email photo, go ahead. I'll be posting these columns on our website and our webmaster, **Mike Holden**, can handle that wizardry!) Thanks for the gouge, Frank.

Launching Spot 4... See ya next month...

# 79

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Gary Herbold, Dan Bursch and Bob Dupuis

Oh man, I had a scary thing happen to me last month. I had to call the South Dakota Department of Revenue to ask them about a screwed up sales tax law that adversely affects my few summer retail customers here at the shop. Here in South Dakota, you usually get to talk to the number one guy in charge of a state government office, and so I'm talking to the head guy in charge of the state Department of Revenue. As

he's explaining to me why I'm absolutely right about the bad tax law, that my change proposal to the state legislature was valid, but that it will never change because it's too hard to change, I started to laugh out loud. Remember Charlie Brown's school teacher in the Peanuts cartoons? Wah-wah-wah-waaah-wah-waaah-wah-wah. That's what the guy sounded like after fifteen minutes of talking to him. Let's see, now why did I get the hell out of my old aerospace job to start a pottery? Oh yeah, now I remember.

The unbelievable great news is that the article is Y2K compliant, of course and is the *Official Class Column of the New Millennium*. Without any further adieu, let's get right to the info, shall we?

First up, is an announcement about the Twentieth, so I'll have to use the rare, but effective **Your Name In Bold**.

I've been getting a lot of emails lately about the Twentieth and that's a real good thing. However, the real gouge resides at the Class web site which is: [www.usna79.com](http://www.usna79.com). There, you'll find dates, hotels, places, events; the whole chiquadera. I'll gladly take emails, especially when they have your info, but if you want the real deal about the Twentieth, log on to the web site.

Let's kick off the info pyramid with **Jan Levin**. Talk to me Jan:

Ken, The recent issue of *Shipmate* reminded me that I have also been out of touch for about 20 years (has it really been that long?). I have seen a few bits of info on some of my Companymates and other Classmates whose names I recognize, so I thought it was about time I added to the news. You are doing a great job of keeping us all posted. Thanks. I have no extraordinary news. I have been out of the Navy since 1989. Like many of our Classmates, I have pursued a career in computers and am currently working on my masters in that field. Amusingly enough, I am working in the nuclear industry providing support for an office network. I am married and have five children: two fish, two parakeets, and one very cute miniature poodle. I currently call Lynchburg, VA, home. For those who might write a note, my email address is [jlevin@framatech.com](mailto:jlevin@framatech.com). I am looking forward to the Reunion this fall...any word on the date?

Thanks, Jan, and if you see the bumper sticker with Darwin written inside a fish sprouting legs, that's an old Northrop buddy of mine. Next up, an email with a tron-induced photo from **Bob Dupuis**. Hit it Bobby:

Ken, **Gary Herbold** worked out a deal with NASA for rent-an-astronaut. We got **Dan Bursch** to come to Jacksonville, NC, for two days. He spoke to local schools, TV and was a wonderful ambassador for NASA. He did a great job talking to the kids and hopefully inspiring them to greatness. Dan showed a neat film of one of his three E-ticket rides in space. Great seeing him and knowing at least someone in the Class is a success! Went to Gary's retirement ceremony at Lejeune last month. Very touching and well done. Kind of hard to believe too, doesn't seem that long ago that we started. Take care, keep up the good work and see you in October.

From the city where there's always another crummy day (VB, Doc, it's a joke about San Diego where the weather is always fabulous, okay? And, a different word is used for crummy.), here's a tron-o-gram from **Mike Muldoon**:

Hello, Ken. Longtime reader, first time writer here. You are the man in *Shipmate*. I actually tried to stop by your home on my way out of Minnesota three years ago, but you were out on the circuit and Arlington was pretty far off the beaten track. I will not bore you with the standard litany of events that have transpired over the last 20 years, but suffice it to say that I am now home-

steading in San Diego and remain an exceptionally lucky fellow. Jeannie and I have three beautiful children and we have lived on Point Loma for the past two and a half years. I probably have one of the best jobs in Navy Medicine running the hip and knee replacement service at Balboa, but I am thankfully only the assistant chairman contrary to previously published information. Although I am always willing to offer consultations to any Classmates, I am particularly interested in hearing from all Classmates and contemporaries from USNA who underwent shoulder stabilization (Bristow) surgeries, patellar realignment procedures (Elmslie Trillat) and ankle stabilization operations (Brostrom). Dr. Jay Cox was an early pioneer in sports medicine and helped popularize these procedures in North America. Surprisingly little, however, is known about the long term results. We (I include myself since Dr. Cox did a Bristow on my shoulder 22 years ago), now have the dubious distinction of being long term survivors. If we could identify any cohorts in our Class who had these surgeries, I can arrange examinations and x-rays to be done at the Reunion. **John Wilckens '76** is the Orthopedist at the Academy now and will be involved with the study, as will **Pat Lyons '73** and **Tim Mologne '84**. Unfortunately, the database at the Academy is incomplete and I need the help of those of you who had these surgeries while at Annapolis. Please contact me at [mmuldoon@snd10.med.navy.mil](mailto:mmuldoon@snd10.med.navy.mil) or by mail at Dept of Orthopedics, NMCS, 34800 Bob Wilson Drive, San Diego, CA 92134-1110. Thanks for all your work on behalf of the Class. Is there anyplace to buy your pottery in SOCAL? If you know of any better mechanisms of getting the word out about this study, please let me know.

Hopefully some guys will get in contact with you about your surgical database. There's no shop yet that sells my stuff in SOCAL. My stuff is in the Bay Area and will be in Fresno at Potter's Studio in July. Next time you visit Minnesota, let me know, and I'll vector you to Nisswa, Ely, Lindstrom, Park Rapids, Duluth or Brainerd, or better yet, stop by the shop here in South Dakota. Thanks for the info and good luck with your study.

Let's see, how's about an update from **George Franks**? Here goes:

Greetings, Ken! I am working for Lucent Technologies out of Basking Ridge, NJ, as general manager international operations. Have been to over a dozen countries in the past year. Just back from Singapore and prior to that, executive education at the Darden School of the University of Virginia (no, I did not see our former football coach, but I do recall the parties at UVA!). My daughters are now 16 (Abby, a varsity swimmer) and 12 (Melissa, a competitive gymnast and a cheerleader). My better half, Pam, has a new job at the Methodist Church in the next town. Hope to see Classmates, especially 23rd Company, at Homecoming 1999.

Thanks, Tracy, and I think **George Welch** is still a little upset over those nasty but hysteri-

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