

Larry Indiviglia (FITX77@aol.com) has been working in San Diego, CA, in the personal training business with a company called Fitness Express. They conduct personal and group training at corporate sites, planned communities, and private homes. He loves the work although he says that the hours can be challenging with weekend work for fitness events. His clients range in age from 15 years old to 75 years young. Larry has also been heavily involved in the Rock and Roll Marathon (the 4th Annual Marathon is coming up soon) and in the Strength and Endurance Challenge (the 3rd annual challenge will be held in July 2001). Larry has been married for 15 years to Karen, who is a registered nurse at Scripps Mercy Hospital. They have two wonderful kids: Joe is 13 years old (and currently in the 7th grade) and Lauren is 9 years old (in 4th grade). He has only two years remaining until his retirement from the naval Reserve as an O-5, and he's marking time as the command fitness leader with the VTU. Larry has run into other 11th Company TIGERS who live in San Diego, including **Dave Frederick** (dfrederick@hobbsgroup.com), who works as a Benefits Specialist for the Hobbs Group and recently retired from the Navy in 1999 as a commander; and **Larry Becker** (lcbecker77@home.com), who is in the Commercial Real Estate business. Larry's son, **Chuck Becker '02**, attends USNA, and his youngest son, Adam, is entering USNA this summer with the Class of '05. (Now that's the way to pay for the old college tuition!).

Since 1991, Larry has sent a semi-annual newsletter to all of the 11th Company Classmates (a.k.a. TIGERS), and although he says it's been a challenge to keep everything and everyone updated, he feels that it's been well worth the effort. For the 20th Reunion in 1997, 21 of the 25 TIGERS and their spouses attended, they had a great time, and they even dedicated an Honor Chair in Alumni Hall to their First-Class-Year Company Officer, Mike Moffat. Larry sees Mike often in San Diego, where they both live, and he says that Mike and his wife are just great people, who have been supportive of our Class since 1976.

Larry also appears to have been very busy lately, which has allowed him to provide us with a fairly complete email address list of the TIGERS (he also has some home addresses and telephone numbers, so if you're trying to locate one of the TIGERS, you may want to contact Larry directly). The only two remaining TIGERS who are still on Active Duty are: **CAPT Lee Geanuleas** (SkateG@aol.com), who took command of PORT ROYAL (CG-73) on 28 February 2001 in Hawaii; and **Col Hank Donigan** (hammerin77@hotmail.com), USMC, who is taking Command of Camp Fuji this summer (Hank is also training for the 2nd Annual California Ironman Competition, 19 May 2001 at Camp Pendleton, CA. Here are the email addresses of the other TIGERS that Larry has on file: **Mike Blazin** (omjblazin@swbell.net); **Ples Bruce** (plesb@yahoo.com); **Winston Crow** (Winston.Crow@ang.af.mil); **Tim Dimenna** (TDime53558@aol.com); **Chris Feeney** (Feeney.Christopher@hq.navy.mil); **Jim Kelly** (Kelly3112@aol.com); **Bret Merriam** (bmerriam2@yahoo.com); **Dave Paddock** (DGPaddock@aol.com); **Dr. Chris Pashos** (chris_pashos@abtassoc.com); **Bob Powell** (bobpowell@sprintmail.com); **Ollie Read** (omr4@triad.rr.com); **Vince Sadd** (vince.sadd@baes.com); **Dan Schenke** (dschenke@us.ibm.com); **Dr. Bruce Smith** (BruceSDr@aol.com); **Pierre Thuot** (thuot@erols.com); and **Dan Whitsett** (silace@erols.com). He is still missing email addresses for **Joe**

Harrington, Wes Johnson, Mark Jee, and John Verbyrck; and has no clue to the whereabouts of either **Mike Burns** or **Dave Walters**. If anyone out there has information on any of the "missing" TIGERS, please contact Larry.

As promised earlier, Mike "Andy" Anderson is catching us up on the past. After graduation, he flew A-6s on MIDWAY (CV-41) and instructed on A-4s in Kingsville, TX, before leaving the Navy. He and his wife, Linda, have moved around a bit since leaving the Navy, and they now live in York, PA, where Mike works for York International as the vice president and general manager of a business unit that is responsible for their worldwide manufacturing operations. He says, "It's great to be back closer to the East Coast after 13 moves since graduation."

Class Communication

We are still on schedule to conduct a 25th reunion planning meeting at the Fairfax, VA, home of our Class Vice President, **Tom "Soup" Campbell** (Tom.Campbell@longangfoster.com) at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, 1 April 2001 (4712 Leehigh Court). By the time you receive this issue, it may be too late to attend, but please feel free to contact Soup directly at 703-293-6368 or send him an email at the above address if you'd like to have some input. One final comment about the Reunion. Since we plan to make extensive use of email to quickly communicate with everyone, and the Alumni Association has the most complete email address list for the Class, it's critical for each of us to check and update our Alumni Association email addresses (www.usna.com) as soon as possible. It would also be helpful if the Company Coordinators could ensure that both the Alumni Association and Soup have their most recent email address lists. If you have any questions about any of the email lists, please contact Soup.

Closing Remarks

Well, it's the end of one year and the beginning of another. I hope that you've enjoyed reading these columns as much as I have enjoyed writing them over the past year. It's sometimes hard to know whether you're getting what you expect from this column since I rarely receive any feedback on it, so I'd gladly welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have about it. One final note, I'm hoping to be able to revel in another victory over Army in the next column since the N-Star Basketball game will be played at Alumni Hall this coming weekend (17 February 2001), so let's all say it together, "Beat Army!" —**Bob Sanderson**

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I got a few hit and runs in the old email pile, which I'll share with you in a minute. You know, I have to say despite all the wonders of the computer age and electronic media I have to confess, there's still nothing like a good old fashioned letter—getting them that is. Writing them is still a pain in the tail. If you use that "college lined" paper it looks so "Little Red School House." If you never quite got the hang of spatial relationships scribbling on that unlined paper can give imply some permanent inner ear damage as the lines trail off to a merge that resembles I-95 South near Springfield, VA.

Look out here comes an adjective! Well, either way you want to try and communicate just do it—whether it's cards and letters or electrons, I'll even settle for voice mails. Since I'm nostalgically longing for pieces of stationery I'll offer a special incentive. The next real letter that arrives in my battered mailbox will get a couple of neat helicopter decals and a helo tie bar. On to the mail.

Al "**Blues**" **Baker** sent some Good Time Ten change of command warning orders. **Chip Walston** is taking a command (in just a sec' I'll pass the details—straight from the horses mouth.). **Glen Ives** was scheduled take over as CO of the Pax River group commencing at the end of last month (30 March). **Terry OBrien** is heading to Little Creek to assume command of PHIBRON 8 on 27 April. Here are those details from **Chip Walston** (cswalston@email.msn.com) on his change of command. Chip will be departing sunny Hawaii this month (April) or next month (May) of this year. He'll head for San Diego—home of the San Diego Padres (all right, stop laughing...the Padres aren't that bad). After a couple of schools and helicopter refresher training, he'll assume command of Helicopter Anti-submarine Wing Pacific in July—no specific date yet. Chip promised more details when he knows them. Oh and here's **Bill Yeager's** new email out in WestPac (YeagerWE@cpw1.navy.mil) and by now **Cammy** and **Loren Divers** (loreadd@yahoo.com) should be back home in Hawaii after that trip in January to Hong Kong. Thanks for the gouge from Good Times Ten. I know I can always count on you guys for updates.

Brad Thomann (73412.2415@compuserve.com) sent greetings after years of non-Alumni membership (he admitted to being "too cheap"). Brad finally asked for and received a lifetime membership for a Christmas present. Believe it or not, it was his number one request. Here's his update. He's been flying the "Friendly Skies" since 1987. He just left his position as the chief pilot for United Airlines in Chicago and took over the training in Denver where he's now the managing director of flight standards and training for United. He owns all the toys and games—all the simulators, facilities, pilot training and flight attendant recurrent training in his empire of around 1,400 employees. He also has the privilege of working with the friendly folks at the FAA on a daily basis. In Brad's spare time, he's flying the 767/757 to regain sanity. He had the great pleasure of being the guest speaker at **Bob Wuestner's** Reserve change of command. He said it was great seeing Bob and his family and my wife, Brenda, and reported like they do in the duty log books that "a great time" was had by all. Though Brad suspects the medal was stolen, he did get to pin that Meritorious Service Medal on Bob. He says there aren't too many '78er's at United (Don't worry, with all these mergers everybody will eventually wind up working together). Brad welcomes all to stop by if you ever get to the Mile High City. He'll give free PCs and PTs to all his friends! (Sign me up now!)

David Bruce: (dbruce@lp.cybernet.it) got his orders. He'll be staying in Europe for another three years, this time in France. He thinks three consecutive NATO tours must be some kind of record! He's going to be the Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe (NavSouth) liaison officer to the French Mediterranean Fleet HQ in Toulon. At least, he'll be once the OrdMod gets issued. As written, his orders just send him to the NavSouth HQ—in Naples. There was no mention of France, although that is where his new billet is located. He said the detailer prom-

ise a corrected copy the week he wrote. The detailer also promised the orders would have a provision to drive vice take government air and ship my POV. Wait a minute, Dave. You've been in this man's Navy how long now? – The detailer promised? Well, Dave, the way those detailers are you may very well find those orders authorize a *commute* from Naples to Toulon via POB (personally owned burro). Remember, it's not just a job; it's a ****. Dave was supposed to detach in March and report in April. The family will join him after school finishes in June so they can take a trip to Virginia for a month in mid July. Dave's folks will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in July, so they all want to be there!

Got a note from my 11th Companymate, **Gary "Nils" Lovgren** (Gary_W_Lovgren@nor.fisc.navy.mil). He reports that the Lovgren household is doing well. Holly and he are having so much fun sharing their oldest son, Drew's Plebe experiences at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. Drew tells him that it is much more difficult there than at USNA, and Gary tells him he believes it. (Gary also was the first parent to tell him about the Tooth Fairy. Still, page 24 of the *Ward Cleaver Guidebook for Better Parenting* says to believe your kids and positive and supportive of them—even if they hang out with a smack like Eddie Haskell and tell tall tales.) Actually, Gary thinks Drew has the best of college life with playing lacrosse, tennis and the ski team. Even as a Plebe, his son goes skiing nearly every weekend. That even beats Gary's record—even if you count Gary's unauthorized liberty ski trips beyond the 50-mile limit! (Actually, to hear **Art Athens** tell it, Kings Point presents more of challenge for him as the commandant. He loses his Mids for cruise for almost all of youngster and part of second class year. That has posed some challenges to developing leadership. Hmm an Academy tougher on the 'Dant than the Mids—cool!) Gary's other son, Matt, is now a junior in high school there in Norfolk. He has hopes for VMI but that's still a couple of years away. Gary's up for orders to NavSup in Mechanicsburg, PA. He'll need to go back it for nine months while Holly stays with Matt his senior year. He may need to rent a room from our other companymate, **Walt "Dad" Brown**. Dianna and Walt bought quite a home in Carlisle that they hope to convert to a bed and breakfast. Gary also reported that **Terry "Troll" Wood** is now retired. He went out without any fanfare at ASN in January. Gary thinks that makes Troll one of our first 0-6s to retire. I don't know about that. But if it ain't true; it ought to be. One thing we can be sure of is that there are a lot more of you at the "hold short" line waiting to takeoff on that civilian career. Thanks for the update, Nils. Perhaps we'll catch you in Pennsylvania during one of our quilt buying excursions.

Bob Schmermund (BSCHMERMUND@acbankers.org) wrote that his roommate/companymate (and our Classmate) **Chris Nichols** is running for the USNA Board of Trustees. We all think he's a great candidate and urge you to support him. Get others inside the Class and folks in other Classes to do so as well. A couple of months ago, Chris spoke to the Class of '53 in D.C. Here are some talking points from his remarks. While we would hope that just being a Classmate would get Chris your support, the following remarks Chris made to '53 will shed some light on why he would make a good trustee:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you for taking an interest in the upcoming election and thank you for an opportunity to speak. We have a special kinship with the Class of '53 in that our Classes are separated by 25 years and our tailgaters are almost side by side in the stadium parking lot. We used the conspicuous and prominent "Class of '53" pavilion for our 20th reunion a few years ago and I want to thank you very much.

A little bit about myself: I am a life member of the Alumni Association having joined at graduation. I have had two previous Commanding Officer tours and I am headed to my third. If the CO is there when I get to the Aegis Cruiser PHILIPPINE SEA, it will be the first time I will have relieved an incumbent CO. In my two previous tours, I was redirected from where my orders where sending me to take command of ships where the CO had been fired. I am known in the fleet as being intense and goal oriented; I believe in having a vision and achieving that vision through the attainment of realistic goals.

I live in Annapolis because I enjoy my association with the Naval Academy. I participate in just about anything that brings interaction with the Mids: I'm a football season ticket holder (and that alone should attest to my fortitude!), I have participated in Leadership seminars, and routinely attend Midshipmen "join-ups" in support of Surface Warfare. I just attended the Ship Selection night last Friday and it was an amazing sight seeing the Mids display unbridled joy, holding the little placard with "their" ship on it.

I am interested in a couple of things. First, you have all heard we are at war for people. We had around 10,000 applicants for USNA last year. Congressmen and Senators are not even using their full allocation of appointments.

That is unsat. We need a *tiered* approach to recruiting the very best. The first tier is the Midshipman, and that program is well-documented in recent issues of *Shipmate*. But while I believe it is true that a Midshipman is the best recruiter (I also believe a winning football team focuses a lot of positive interest in the Academy—but that's another story), I liken it to a drive-by shooting: in and out in less than a day. A sustained repeated message is required. I would call our second tier the active duty graduates, serving in our ships and squadrons in the Fleet. We show the flag every day in ports on both coasts of our country. Part of that port visit has to be devoted to USNA. That means our local Chapters have to work hard to lobby for port visits from our ships and field trips from our Squadrons, then lobby hard to have Naval Academy grads from those units in the schools, talking to students, teachers, and counselors. That takes a lot of arranging and a lot of coordination, but I believe it will go a long way towards raising Academy awareness. We need to provide our active duty graduates the PAO kits, if you will, that tell the story. *At present, there is only one Active Duty member on the Board of Trustees.* The third tier involves our graduates who are "Captains of Industry." Our elected officials are less and less likely to have had any association with the military, much less the Service Academies. Some of you, some of our Alumni, are captains of industry and would not and do not hesitate to lobby Congress on behalf of their interests. I am on the OPNAV staff and I work programs that involve major corporations. I've seen (more like felt) the power of the lobby. We need those same captains of industry to apply those same tactics to our Congressmen and Senators. They need to be educated on the necessity of the Academy and its benefit to the nation. I'm talking about an appointment with an elected official for the expressed purpose of talking Navy. I want to add a corollary here: this serves the dual purpose of maintaining the momentum we have gathered in the last few years. We all need to be, at all levels, tireless advocates for the Academy. My second interest that I want

to share with you today is athletics. I personally believe that athletics can be a deciding factor in a young man or woman's decision. I believe athletics can be a tremendous advocate for the Academy. Therefore it is important to field competitive teams imbued with the passion it takes to beat Johns Hopkins in Lacrosse and Notre Dame in football, and it's important to have the support of the fans. We ought to take a look at our commitment to our athletics, both in facilities that matter and in personnel. We play at a level that is rewarding and challenging to the right individual, whose professional prospects beyond college may or may not be limited, and we ought to be able to take advantage of that. Witness George Welsh '56, Joe Bellino '61, Roger Staubach '65, Chet Moeller '66, Napoleon McCallum '85, David Robinson '87, Chris McCoy '98, Mickey Jarboe '00, Brian Madden '02, Chris Lepore '01', etc. My five minutes are up. If I thought I could get away with it, I wouldn't have said anything—I would have just listened to what you have to say. If elected...I'll be back. A little wiser, probably a little humbled, but I'll be back.

Sounds like Chris has ideas and the conviction to do things to get the Academy back on course and keep headway. The Board of Trustees need to be a balanced representation of the Alumni—reservist, retiree, former active duty, and active duty. We need to keep that balance and make it a proper balance—Chris fits that bill and I urge you to vote for him.

Well, I'll close on that endorsement. Get the word out and more importantly—vote when you get the ballot! I think by now we all should have a good appreciation for how important our vote is. Besides, I have it on good authority that the ballot will be simple. It was designed by an expert—a second grader at Annapolis Day School. It even has pictures of the candidates. There are no arrows, punching stylus, or potential chads. Yes, it is Marine Proof—even I can't screw it up. With that I'm launchin' Spot Four.

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Life Membership: 88%

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Sailing, sailing, over the bounding main! I just returned from a stint at sea, and the column's due again!

Greetings, '79!

This must be April. I've seen all the signs. First, the grass is starting to grow again. Second, I just received my "Last Chance" notice from the NAA to buy Army-Navy 2001 tickets! And third, the noveltie called "Karen's Projects for Wiz" has once again made its appearance. Near the top of the list is "fertilize yard." I thought my plan was fool-proof: I was a bit "uneven" in my application last year, which led to green "stripes" in the front yard. I was sure Karen would want to do it herself this year—that was my plan. But she's not buying it: she figures I need the practice, so this year she wants the both the front and back yards done. I'm *really* going to have to mess this up somehow!