

Also during the month of January, the Reserve EDOs gathered for their annual meeting. **Carl Klee** provided the photo (previous page) and a brief comment.

We had the last of the '75 Reserve engineering duty officers together at a captain's meeting in Scottsdale, AZ, where we "honed our desert fighting skills." Pictured from left to right are **Bruce Beemer**, who also brought wife, Susie, for some additional R&R, **Scott Rarig**, and me. The pleasant weather with temperatures in the mid-70s sure beat the winter we are having in DC this year!

**Harry Selsor** is looking for a chance to move from the government payroll (he's been working on electronic warfare and countermeasures programs) to his own small business. He wants to turn his picture-framing hobby into a money-maker. Jax residents looking for quality mats and frames can probably use your USNA connections to get a good deal at [selsorhd@fcsl.com](mailto:selsorhd@fcsl.com). Harry's wife, Shirley, is in a select group of teachers working to improve the quality of lower-performing inner city schools. They are revamping the administration and the approach to learning in hopes raising the school's test scores. She loves the challenge and the children, but it takes a lot of work. And there is only so much a school can do if the home life and family involvement don't support the kids' education.

Elizabeth and **Scott Perkins** had a very busy year in San Ramon, CA. Scott is responsible for the flight test program for the Air Force's Air-launched Cruise Missile and Advanced Cruise Missile programs. He's also the lab liaison with Strategic Command in Omaha, active in the Reserve, as a Blue & Gold Officer, and in scouting. Elizabeth completed coursework for a California Clear Teaching credential and cross-cultural language and academic development certificate. She's teaching at-risk kids and second language learners as a resource specialist in the local elementary school, and hopes to have her own classroom next school year. Son, Michael, is an ensign, now at the Navy Shipyard School in Norfolk. His wife, Amy, is finishing her degree at Harvard Law. Son, Bill, is taking community college courses in preparation for computer science work at San Francisco State. Son, Nathan, is a high school sophomore, active in marching band and scouting (working on his Eagle project). Scott led Nathan's troop on a 50-miler in Yosemite National Park last summer. Daughter, Meredith, is officially a teenager—complete with active social life and the usual daily battles with mom over clothes (too skimpy and tight), music (horrible lyrics), and make-up (how much is too much?) The Perkins family traveled to Bavaria and Austria last summer for 12 days of medieval cities, castles, and cathedrals—plus crystal factories, tobogganing on a metal run, and a "Sound of Music" tour of Salzburg that was either great or dorky, depending greatly upon the age of the participant.

Well, I guess my winter scribe's vacation has reached its inevitable end. I've cleared my stash of backlogged photographs and gouge. I guess I'll have to actually write that Ninth Company summary that's been on my to-do list since November. Well, maybe for the May issue... '75 Sir! —**Larry**

# 76

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**Life Membership: 36%**

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### From the Yard

Well, spring is in the air, and I don't know about you, but after the winter we just experienced in Maryland, I'm ready for a little change. I shouldn't complain too much, though, since I did like the periodic snowfalls (all 18 inches of it!), and it did brighten things up quite a bit while it was on the ground. I guess that's one of the reasons why I like the Annapolis area so much; our weather varies significantly from season-to-season throughout the year. For some reason, I'm not sure I had the same outlook in the mid '70s, but we always did say, "Annapolis is a great place to be from!" and now more than ever, I realize just how true that statement is.

### From the Mail Bag

Believe it or not, I didn't receive a single letter or email this past month, so there's nothing at all to report about our fellow Classmates. Hopefully, everyone will become so inspired by this lack of correspondence that the mailbag will be overflowing by this time next month. I can only wait and see.

### Class Communication

Just thought I'd mention the fact that **Rick White** ([bettyrick@comcast.net](mailto:bettyrick@comcast.net)) (Remember him? He's our Class president.) has been contacted by the Alumni Association to begin the next (or is that first?) step in our Class fundraising effort since (according to them) we are now "in the window." Rick's plan is to "appoint" a small group of dedicated "volunteers" to work along with the Class officers and lay out our fundraising strategy, and he's asked **Jim Kelly** ([kelly3112@aol.com](mailto:kelly3112@aol.com)) to take the lead on this effort. If any of you are so inclined (or have any relevant experience in this area), I suggest that you contact either Rick or Jim and let them know that you'd like to support this effort. I'm sure more information will be forthcoming as time goes on, and I'll be sure to pass it on as I learn more about it.

### Closing Remarks

Well, keep those cards and letters coming sports fans; I suspect that a lot of "expiring

minds" want to know what you've been up to. In the meantime, remember one of the greatest Naval sayings of all time, Go Navy! —**Bob Sanderson**

# 78

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**Life Membership: 89%**

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Greetings, '79!

I really thought I was in trouble this month. I said to myself, "Self, this one's going to be difficult." For here I was, mere days before deadline, and I still didn't have anything of importance to report in my monthly missive. I entertained notions of regaling you with stories about my return to big grey boats as a contractor, but like most sea stories, they're much better with beer. I then thought about summarizing the high points of my project's multi-service H-60 helicopter similarity analysis, but that would likely have the same effect as "Big N Steak Sandwiches" on a fifth period cables class.

Then, at the proverbial 11th hour, I was rescued (or, more accurately, *you* were rescued) by a flurry of activity. Emails from both coasts and across the world. Phone calls from just up the road. And a business card stuck behind my keyboard from someone who deserved mention months ago (oops!). As a result of this recent influx, I now have some names that require "Bolding." So here goes.

A while back I had sent out email to several guys asking their help in tracking down our "missing" Classmates. As I reported last month, 19th Companymate **Dave Bethel** put me in contact with **Erik Doyle**, who in turn led me to another 19th Company bubba, Colonel **John Holden** ([Mcstryker2@aol.com](mailto:Mcstryker2@aol.com)). I hadn't seen or talked with John since we threw our caps in the air, so it was great to hear from him. John is currently the fleet Marine officer in the Sixth Fleet staff in the Mediterranean, which keeps him very busy these days. He, his wife, and two kids are looking at returning stateside later this summer, and he sounds like he's looking forward to it. John did mention that his roomie **Deane Kocher** retired from the Navy, but other than that he has been somewhat out of touch during his tour in