

**Bob Vogel** came up from Atlanta, GA, for a couple of Navy game weekends again this year, which gave him a chance to visit with his Godson, who happens to be my son, Alec (prospective USNA Class of '26), as well as one of his shipmates from his submarine days, Keith Simpson. His first visit was for the Maryland Game, which was somewhat disappointing, but allowed us to enjoy some great weather and post-game camaraderie. On the other hand, the Air Force Game was incredible to watch, and even made the miserable and rainy weather a lot easier for us to bear. Hope to see you (and Belinda) up here again soon!

Looks like we have our first 3-star in the class; here's an excerpt from the 4 October 2005 edition of the *Navy Times*:

■ **RADM Patrick M. Walsh**, an aviator and former Blue Angel, will take the helm at 5th Fleet and Naval Forces Central Command, according to a 4 October 2005 announcement from the Defense Department. Walsh has been nominated for promotion to Vice Admiral. He's to take over command of Navy operations in the Middle East from VADM David Nichols, who will become deputy commander of U.S. Central Command under Gen. John Abizaid. Currently director of the Navy's Quadrennial Defense Review, Walsh graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1977. According to his official biography, his last flying assignment was command of Carrier Air Wing One aboard the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy during Operation Southern Watch. Fifth Fleet is headquartered in Manama, Bahrain. ■

**Andy Wilson**, who is the official 12th Company Historian, noted how interesting it is that our first four flags were either brigade commanders (**Sam Locklear** and **Dirk Debbink**) or were named Walsh (Joe Walsh and Pat).

Our heartiest congratulations to the three-star!

Several months ago, **Jim Berger** noticed I hadn't had much material for *Shipmate* and was thoughtful enough to provide me with some "filler" material (little did he know that I had plenty of material but I just wasn't able to write the column). In any event, he provided me with the following photo of his boys, William and Henry, who were born on 20 February 2004. Jim and his wife, Stacie, are living in Iowa. Stacie is a physical therapist and Jim is the Director

of Materials for the Iowa Department of Transportation.



*A legacy in the making (potential Class of '27): Stacie and Jim Berger and their sons, William and Henry*

#### Class Communication

**Rick White** provided the following information on recent (and not-so-recent) happenings around the Annapolis (and Lake Tahoe) areas:

As you know, we sponsor the 12th company, and have been meeting with the firsties and their Company Officer. A GREAT group of folks again this year. Here are some events they are planning to share with us:

1. Any time any of us are in town, they're more than happy to host us for lunch in King Hall. Contact the Company Officer, **CAPT Mary Beth Bruggeman '99** by email [mantonel@usna.edu](mailto:mantonel@usna.edu). Make sure you give her a day or two in advance, and copy me on the email as well.

2. They are planning to have another dining out during the Dark Ages and will invite us to join them.

3. They've been doing some work in the wardroom and hope to have a ribbon cutting and will give us a yell to join them. They are most appreciative of what we do for them. Last year we bought them a grill for tailgating - they got a good deal and are using the extra for a freezer (to keep the tailgating food in) and a new microwave. They are putting together a wish list of stuff for us to help them with this year as well.

We had a great weekend celebrating the dedication of the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel. As an ethics teacher here, I can't begin to tell you the impact of this wonderful addition to the Yard. Laura and Jerry Miller are due special thanks for their hard work and dedication in bringing this project to fruition!

If you are in the Yard at any time, please feel free to knock on our door here

on Captain's Row. The house is easy to find - got the name right on the porch and if you forgot your glasses, our crest proudly hangs on the porch as well.

Planning for the 30th is getting underway. **Tom "Soup" Campbell** has the beginning of what looks like a great weekend. He is always looking for ideas and help. His email is: [tom.campbell@longandfoster.com](mailto:tom.campbell@longandfoster.com).

Don't forget to contact Mike "Duck" Laviano at [laduckiano@aol.com](mailto:laduckiano@aol.com) if you're interested in the "LAKE TAHOE COME AROUND" scheduled for 10-12 March 2006 (see last month's issue for additional details).

#### Closing Remarks

That's all for now; keep in touch. Go Navy!—**Bob Sanderson**

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Greetings, 79!

Wow! Welcome to 2006! This is one of those great occasions where I have more stuff to print than space to print it, so let's get right to it!

Karen and I were "working" at a local wine festival (really!), and one afternoon I found myself pouring a glass for Donna and **Tom "T.P." Phelan**. We didn't have too much time to chat, but T.P. told me he had just retired and was enjoying some time off before beginning the job search process. He had just completed a two-year tour as the Commander, Naval Test Wing Atlantic in Patuxent River, MD. At the time he wasn't sure what industry he would be pursuing, but indicated he planned to stay in southern Maryland. He is looking forward to more time on the golf course and motocross track.

**CAPT Larry Rice** ([ricel@cvn65.navy.mil](mailto:ricel@cvn65.navy.mil)) sent along a photo of something you don't often see: three aircraft carriers steaming together (see the "Photo Gallery" on the class web site). But what makes this photo really unique is