

customary disregard of danger and demerits, briefly considered the question before responding, "Not really, sir". Ten hours of marching later, the laughter was still on our lips!

That's it for now! Remember, should the drought in contributions continue, there's plenty more where that came from! —Magoo

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Short column this. But I've been on the road a lot.

Got some mail from **Scott Godfrey** who was among the attendees at **Dave "Deke" Philman's** change of command onboard U.S.S. Nimitz (CVN-68) in San Diego, CA. As reported in a column a couple of months ago Deke successfully escaped the Dark Ages of his last assignment at StratCom at Offutt AFB in Omaha and wound up in Paradise (a.k.a. - San Diego). He is now Commander, Strike Force Training Pacific. Strike Force Training Pacific was known as Carrier Group One by West Coast sailors of our generation. The name was changed in 2004 and the mission expanded to include training and assessment of Expeditionary Strike Groups (Gators) in addition to Carrier Battle Groups. Scott reported that the real highlight of the entire event was the attendance of many of Deke's family from his hometown in Bell, FL. Six of his seven sisters and one of his four brothers made the trip all the way to the West coast from the Sunshine State with the exception of Mev, who easily took the long distance award traveling from her current home in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Scott said it was a real pleasure to have Maxine and husband, Bill (USMC Vietnam Vet w/over 200 combat missions aboard UH-1's); Imy and husband, Wayne (U.S. Army vet); Anne, Gwen, Nell, Mev, Edward (U.S. Army vet in Vietnam); and nephew Dennis (police officer) present for all of the festivities and SoCal sightseeing. We all had a great time but especially Nell who went flying and saw snow (at Big Bear) for the first time ever.

Scott sent a photo of Deke and his lovely ladies: his lovely bride, Sylvia (who in typical Navy wife fashion has followed Deke around for 16 moves and 10 cruises and while maintaining the household and raising two lovely daughters); younger daughter, Bailey is a freshman at University

of Incarnate Word in San Antonio) and elder daughter, Mallory is a senior at St. Mary's University in San Antonio). Mallory's and Bailey's schools are crosstown rivals but they reside together amiably at the "Philman Resort Villa" not far from each campus. By the way, congrats also to Deke for nomination for his second star.



Bailey, Sylvia, Deke and Mallory Philman

Speaking of promotions, congratulations also go out to our newest three-stars, **Mark Ferguson** and **Harry Harris**. Mark was nominated for vice admiral and assignment as deputy chief of naval operations for manpower, personnel, training, and education, N1, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Naval Personnel, Arlington, Va. He's currently serving as chief of legislative affairs, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Harry's nomination to VADM has him assigned as deputy chief of naval operations for communication networks, N6, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon, Washington, DC. Harry is currently serving as director for operations, J-3, U.S. Southern Command, Miami, Fla.

Heads up! It'll soon be that time of year for **Alex Callas'** charitable golf tournament for the muscular dystrophy association (MDA). Besides our 30<sup>th</sup> reunion, 2008 also marks the **17th annual Peter G. Callas Memorial Golf Day for MDA**. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Andrews Air Force Base for hitting the links. For more information check out our class website, call MDA at (703) 476-5780 or just check out the web at [www.golfdayformda.com](http://www.golfdayformda.com).

Okay you've all read about **Jeff Fowler's** job as Supe which he and Katie ("Mrs. Supe") described in their annual newsletter as "one of the best jobs in the Navy". As for the rest of the family: Brittany (20) is enjoying college life at the University of Mary Washington as well as spending time with her Italian boyfriend, Joe, now living and working in the States. She comes home most weekends to enjoy her family in Annapolis. She and Joe enjoyed a special tour of the White House recently. Lynsee (18) is attending her *third* high school in three years. As a

newcomer, she was selected to be the co-captain of the varsity cheerleading team. She has begun the college application process to see what her future holds next year. Connor (14) is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at his third school in three years. He continues to enjoy drumming and adding pieces to his drum set, so Buchanan House is "rocking" like never before. His skateboarding skills are improving as he has gathered a "posse" of skateboarders from around the Yard. This year he shot his first pheasant back in North Dakota with his Dad and grandfather.



Lynsee, Connor, Katie, Jeff and Brittany Fowler

Welcome home to **Tim "BT" Hanifen** on his return home from Iraq. Tim's been the 2nd Marine Corps Air Wing's Assistant Wing Command. He's been slated to be **John Allen's** ('76) Deputy Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) at Quantico, VA. I'm sure Anne and their girls will enjoy being back to Northern Virginia. As for John, he was also out there in Iraq as the deputy CG, Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) forward in Iraq.

Keep checking the website for updates about our reunion and other events. Drop me some news will you?

**Launchin' Spot Four.**

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Greetings, 79ers!

Once again it's time for the monthly round-up of classmate news. Let me take the phone off the hook so I won't get interrupted for the umpteenth time by a pre-recorded political message. OK, on to the news.

I walked out to our mailbox not too long ago and found a great "snail-mail" letter from B-J and **Bill Jones**. Bill's day job is flying the 767 as First Officer, and