

Carolina. Our team delivered the application to Bill Burkhardt, Director of the Division of New Reactor Licensing, on December 13, 2007. ■

(Due to space limitations, please go to [www.usna76.com](http://www.usna76.com) to view the two pictures sent by Bryan Dolan.)

There are two articles on the alumni website ([www.usna.com](http://www.usna.com)) regarding Classmates **Art Nalls** and **Gary Greenfield**. Art for his exotic collection of military jet aircraft, and Gary for his taking the helm as Chief Exec of Avid Technology. Congratulations to both Art and Gary! Doing this job as Class scribe, I have learned a lot about the fascinating and remarkable lives that many of my Classmates lead. All I can say is—WOW! (Maybe I should write a book...).

A quick note from our Class President, **Kevin Stone**:

■ Many thanks to those classmates who bought Poinsettia Bowl tickets for the crew of the USS HIGGINS. We provided 120 sailors and their family members with a heck of a nice Christmas present. Here is a picture of ITC Beau Butler and his daughters—their smiles say it all!

Last year the Class created the 'Class of 76 Spirit Award' (a pair of season tickets) which is given annually to a classmate who did the most for inspiring the class during Navy home games. Barbara and I were honored to accept that inaugural award. This year it was the unanimous vote of the class officers to split the award between **JD Engels** (the tent meister) and his twin brother **Mark Moore** (It's another Navy first down!). For several years now the guys have faithfully put up the tailgate tent every weekend and been at the center of the 'perfect storm' that has seen our class tailgates and seating section expand exponentially (well, almost). BZ to JD and Mark (and their backup team—Craven and Sally.) ■



ITC Butler enjoying the Poinsettia Bowl with daughters

I'm all out of room for now—keep me updated!

## 77 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 4% LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 69%

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Kicking off the New Year, here's wishing everyone fair winds and following seas in 2008. For the benefit of **Buddy "the V" Barker (9th Co.)** and others who adopted a rather cavalier attitude to academics, the concept of fair winds and following seas is a holdover from the days of wooden ships and iron men, and constitutes a sailing man's concept of ideal weather conditions.

**Tom Behrle (14th Co.)** evidently recovered from the 30th Reunion festivities just in time for another bout of debauchery at the Poinsettia Bowl.

Burls is pictured below with (l to r) **Joe Christofferson (4th Co.)**, **Nick Episcopo (16th Co.)**, **Dan Olivier (14th Co.)**, **Paul Dahlquist ('72)**, **Bret Gary (2nd Co.)**, **Kevin Sullivan (14th Co.)**, **Tom Behrle, Matt Clyncke ('11)**, **Tommy Bauer (27th Co.)**, **Skip Miller (16th Co.)**, **Van Davis (14 Co.)** and **Taylor Sultz ('12)**. Also in attendance but not picture were **Dave Ziemba (19th Co.)** accompanied by wife Janice and **Tug McGraw (22nd Co.)**.

We're told Bauer reserved the spot directly adjacent to '76, and Burls supplied the beer and brats; the rest was history! Due to his self-described lack of eloquence, Burls offered few additional details, but he noted he thoroughly enjoyed Skip Miller explaining to the plebe from '11 and the future plebe from '12 how one can accumulate 7 black N's while maintaining a 3.4+ QPR in systems engineering and earning All-American lacrosse honors. To be fair, Killer is far to

humble to ever mention his QPR and lacrosse honors; we point them out only to contrast his athletic and academic with his conduct record. The truth be known, we'd bet good money the black N's are his true source of pride regardless!

Burls, Turls, Van and Dave followed up with the Poinsettia Bowl with a little action on the links, VK shooting a smooth 74 with 3 birdies and Ziemba not far behind. Burls then posed a closing trivia question regarding which two players in the foursome have recorded a hole-in-one, but as he neglected to provide the answer, neither can we!

That's it for this month. Remember, we don't make this stuff up, so if we don't hear from you, you won't be hearing from us! Again, all the best to everyone in 2008!  
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## 78 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 2% LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 76%

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We'll start off this month with a bunch of kudos—promotions, changes of command, new books, etc. First, is word that **Marty Zimmerman** was selected from a nationwide search to be featured in the 1st Edition of *Speaking of Success*, a highly successful book series from Tennessee based Insight Publishing. In addition to Marty the book features best-selling authors Stephen R. Covey (*Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*), Ken Blanchard (*One Minute Manager*) and Jack Canfield (*Co-creator of Chicken Soup for the Soul*) as well as other well known authors and speakers, each offering time-tested strategies for success in frank and intimate interviews. As you may recall, Marty met over 1,600 global leaders and executives at their locations world-wide as their leader-

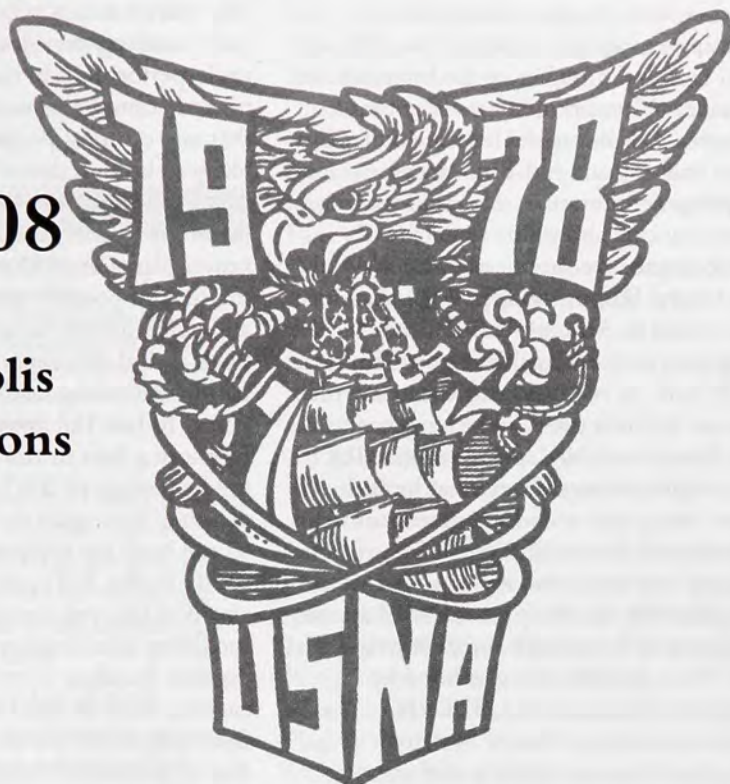


Poinsettia Bowl

# *Class of 1978*

## **30th Reunion October 24-26, 2008**

**Hotel: Loews, West St., Annapolis**  
**Call 410-263-7777 for reservations**  
**– ask for the *Class of 1978***



### **Friday, Oct 24**

- Golf Tournament (TBD)
- Class Meeting & elections
- Class Parade (Worden Field)
- Class Reception at the Superintendent's House

### **Saturday, Oct 25**

- 0800 – Class Prayer Breakfast
- 0900 – Class Memorial Service
- 1000 – Tailgate (Stadium Banquet room)
- 1300 – Navy vs. SMU (game ticket required)

### **Sunday, Oct 26**

- Chapel Services

*Details on cost and registration are being finalized.*

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ship performance feedback coach. What he learned from those meetings became the source for his book, *In Their Presence: Best Practices and Stories of Role Models*. He also contributed to *Speaking of Success*, with Stephen Covey, Ken Blanchard and Jack Canfield. Marty is a GSI certified member of the International Speakers Network. He speaks to the best practices of role model leaders and facilitates half-day and full-day leadership development seminars. As a leadership consultant he also offers leadership performance feedback coaching. Way to go Marty! **Roger “Kappy” Kaplan** was promoted to All-Up-Round Lead Engineer in the Tomahawk community at NAVAIR. In old “acquisition speak”, this means that he’s the Chief Engineer for the Tomahawk All-Up-Round (AUR). It’s a complete change from what he had been doing as a systems engineer for the Tomahawk Weapons Control Systems. Kappy had been working as a systems engineer for the Weapons Control System segment of Tomahawk since retiring from the Navy in 1998. He was hired by support contractor, MANTECH International, as a Senior Systems Engineer, then accepted a civil service position with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) in Aug 2002 to do the same work. In Jan 2005, NAVAIR made him “an offer that I couldn’t refuse”—promotion and the same job—to come work in then PMA-282. In Jul 2005 NAVAIR reorganized and they became part of PMA-280. Congrats, Kappy, I know you are up to the challenges of the new job! **Jock Maloney** saw a picture and blurb in the December issue of *Aviation International News*’ “People in Aviation” section that reported **Brad Thomann** being named as senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Jeppesen. For you non aviation types Jeppesen is a subsidiary of Boeing Commercial Aviation Services (a unit of Boeing Commercial Airplanes). They specialize in providing flight planning information and other aviation IT for aircrew.

Continuing with Bravo Zulus—**Vinny DiGirolamo** and his company’s Extreme Loading Technology were in the news. Their software did the simulations aired by the local Savannah CBS affiliate to show what would the demolition of the 15-story Stubbs Tower in Savannah would act and how the debris would be distributed. The Savannah Morning News and the local CBS affiliate featured the

simulation on the front page of their websites. In November ’07 **Bill Levis** was recruited by Public Service Enterprise Group’s (PSEG’s) Power Player—Company to oversee their plants. Bill has had a long play with running power plants—especially nuke power—and turning around underperformers. In the early ’90s he turned around a plant in North Carolina that was on most people’s list as the “most likely to be shut down” and was on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s watch list of the country’s worst-run nuclear power plants in 1992 into one that had the highest possible rating in all four safety and performance categories. It was this track record of improving operations at underperforming nuclear units that led PSEG to hire Bill away from Exelon, promoting him to run PSEG Nuclear at the beginning of 2007, then quickly elevating him again to this latest position to run both the nuclear division and PSEG Power. Bill’s got a lot of challenges ahead of this year according to analysts including assuming control of new plants; possibly building a new nuke site; and making their 16 fossil-fuel plants operate more efficiently. Guess the analysts forgot that in addition to having a proven track that Bill is from the Class of ’78—“CAN DO!” is in his nature. Best of luck, Bill. On 11 Jan ’08, onboard USS Nimitz in beautiful San Diego, **Dave “Deke” Philman** assumed command of Strike Force Training Pacific (formerly Carrier Group ONE) in relief of RADM Beaman. As the recent overnight lows in Omaha were around 19 degrees with blowing snow, Deke emphasized that he and Sylvia were very happy with the change of jobs as well as the change to a warmer location! **Jay Deloach** passed on two bits of news. Jay’s first class roommate in 29th Company, **Cecil Haney**, had his second star pinned on by Elizabeth and Joseph in a ceremony on Jan 4th at Submarine Group TWO in Groton, CT with his boss VADM Donnelly looking on. Now RADM Haney will be heading to Washington DC to take over OPNAV N87. As for Jay, he followed **Brett Ayotte**’s lead and officially retired from the Navy Reserve on 1 September. Jay had a nice ceremony on 25 August at the Academy. His keynote speaker and the MC were both Master Chiefs (Jay’s dad was a mustang and former chief and Jay is an “honorary chief”). To fill the void left by the Navy Reserve, he’s now an adjunct professor for the Naval War College teaching Joint Maritime Operations one

night a week down in Patuxent River. He said the commute is a bear but the class is worth it! Welcome to full-time CIVDIV, Jay. We’ll have to do lunch.



Cecil Haney gets his second star

**Erin Griffin** is doing great out in LA. She’s no longer at Loyola but is now the Chief Information Officer for the Screen Actors Guild. She said it’s been a fun change but the Writers strike contributed to making it somewhat a “baptism by fire”—she’s even been out on the picket lines! Erin said that the kids are great. **Jeff** (’04) is FINALLY leaving the Mobile Bay (CG-53) in March, after nearly four years (gotta be a record!) and moving to VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) on Coronado. Jenna is still at Loyola Marymount but is looking to transfer to one of the UC campuses in the fall. Erin is definitely planning to attend the 30th. She is really looking forward to seeing everyone. In the meanwhile, she plans to be back in Annapolis in May for about 10 days. During that time her dad (class of ’51)—who passed away in January—will be interred at the USNA Columbarium, resting near Arch. Glad to see you guys are fine Erin. Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion!

Lora and **Guido Manzo**’s daughter, Lt.(j.g.) **Melanie Manzo** (’05) received her “wings of gold” in April in Pensacola, FL. A few days afterward, she and her Marine aviator fiancé, Nolan DuChateau, headed to San Diego and their new duty stations. (They both fly helicopters.) In October, Melanie and Nolan tightened up the formation as they were married in San Diego in October?! The wedding was especially memorable according to the Lora and Guido. The church, reception venue, and all the hotels WERE EVACUATED the WEEK BEFORE the wedding due to fires in Southern California. Guido made contingency plans—but everything opened up just in time for the wedding and it went off without a hitch. Their other daughter, Marissa, was a stunningly beautiful maid of honor and the bride of course was gorgeous (since they both take after Lora—right Guido?) As for the rest of the family, Marissa is a junior at

Salisbury University on Maryland's eastern shore (that's where my niece, Ginna, goes!). She's on the basketball team which we hope by now is doing well as March madness rolls along. She is doing very well academically and looking for a summer internship in marketing. Lora continues her "special" work at the regional high school with her "special" students. It's a great fit for her and she does "make a difference" with kids who need her special touch. Guido is approaching 9 years at ITC. This past year, his role as the VP of Sales brought him to China, Japan, Geneva and Düsseldorf. The position keeps him challenged as the company faces some growing pains. Lora and Guido had a great time this past year with fellow empty nester friends. They continue the great tradition of Friday Night Date Night, fun on the river during the summer months, and their nearly famous New Year's Eve White Elephant and Gag Gift exchange followed by men smoking cigars outside regardless of the weather. Ah, what a life!



Lora, Mel, Marissa and Guido

Just a little quick class news. The Reunion committee is working diligently to put together a great time for us this fall. Check out the ad in this month's *Shipmate* for the gouge. Just a heads up—Reunion time also mean elections for class officers. The offices are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and five "Member at Large" positions. To get your name on the ballot you'll need to submit your name to me, indicate the position you are seeking and provide a list of 25 classmates who support your candidacy. Election results will be announced at the Reunion. I'll have more info in next month's column and on our website shortly so check the site.

In closing, the "race" for "Anchor Baby" appears to have a new leader—"baby" Bunting. I just got news from **Larry Easton** that **Mark Bunting's** Christmas Card reported he and his wife had a baby in July. So it looks like there a new "leader". There also no explanation for those 30th Company "late arrivals."

As Larry put it—"Must be the Klub 30 "spirit" (or poor judgment—wait, that might be the same thing!). To put it in "industry-speak"—while I heartily endorse the need to "maintain the technological know-how" not sure I'd be brave enough to actual start up the production line.

That's all until next month—  
Launchin' Spot Four!

**79** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 0%  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 90%

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Greetings, 79ers!

Back in December our Class President **Sean Cate** emailed the class with a request for help from **Paul Wright**. In an effort to reach classmates for whom we do not have a current email address, I'm reprinting part of it here:

■ Gentlemen of the Class of 1979:

I have received the following request from Paul Wright, and indirectly **Ted Branch**, regarding the location of **Carey Arthur's** wings to present to his Mom. I can't think of a better way for one or more of you to help a classmate's mother at Christmas. Paul's message follows:

"Carey Arthur is our classmate who was killed in an incident on 17 November 1981 in S-3 "Scout 706" in the vicinity of USS Nimitz. Carey was a member of our 22nd Company family.

"Carey's Mom has asked me to retrieve Carey's wings from the Chapel at NAS Pensacola. That is not as simple as it may sound.

"I have received a great deal of help from the CO of NAS Pensacola, the Commodore of TRAWING Six (**CAPT Pete Hunt '83**), and from company-mate **RDML Ted "Twig" Branch**.

Unfortunately, because Mrs. Arthur reports that Carey had only inscribed his winging date on the back of his wings and we do not know the exact date, we have not been able to locate the correct wings.

"Commodore Hunt has had his people review the TRAWING records, but they cannot find Carey's winging date in what they have in Pensacola. The next step would involve having people go through boxes and boxes of files in Texas, and frankly I do not want to ask Commodore Hunt to do so even though

I am sure he would comply in a heartbeat if asked.

"Instead, if you think it would be appropriate, I would be grateful if you would send an email to our entire class and ask if anyone who might have been winged with Carey (late 1980, early 1981, I am guessing) can give the exact winging date.

"Any help would be appreciated. I am trying to help Mrs. Arthur achieve some closure, and having Carey's wings just might be the answer she needs. Sincerely, Paul Wright"

That's it, Gents. If you have any helpful information, including some other avenues that may be pursued, please contact Paul (ptwat@gmail.com) and/or Ted (tedbranch@aol.com or ted.branch@navy.mil) directly.

In other news, I have a very belated Flag Officer Announcement, and I'm sorry I missed this when it came out (actually, the O-7 FY08 list initially posted omitted a classmate's name and it took my spies awhile to point that out). **RDML Lawrence S. Rice**, Director, Chief of Naval Operations Environmental Readiness Division (N45) was selected for Flag by the FY08 Board. Larry—Congratulations and best wishes. Sorry this is overdue!

That makes, by my count, 25 USNA 79 Flag Officers (Four 2-Star and 19 1-Star USN, One 1-Star BG USMC, and One 1-Star Peruvian Navy). Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone! O/V, Sean ■

Let's shift gears a little. Several of you were kind enough to put me on your Christmas card list this year. I appreciate you thinking of Karen and me, and I'm always glad to receive the family updates that are often enclosed. Case in point—here's part of an email from Bridget and **Craig Majkowski** (cmajkowski@msn.com):

■ Hey, here is our yearly update. Craig DID retire from the Naval Reserve (after 19 years!) in February 2007. We had a very nice reception at the JRB in Fort Worth, TX.

This year we went to the Navy—N. Texas game, the record highest scoring game, and watched Navy win 74-62! We also attended the tail gate for Navy, and visited with 79ers **Bill Jones & Bill Williamson**. There was a huge turnout and it was fun seeing all the Midshipmen again. Later in the season we went to a "watching party" at the Texan Station