

subsequent caning. While the resourceful sailors successfully spirited the inebriated individual back aboard the *Nimitz*, the best laid plans of mice and men once more went astray: the Good Samaritans had rescued an insurance salesman from Boston. While what became of the insurance peddler remains a mystery, Bob retired in August 2006, and is currently living the good life in sunny San Diego, where he works for General Atomics Aeronautical Systems.

In the BZ Segment, Defense Secretary Robert Gates recently announced **Pat Walsh (12th Co.)** will succeed Bob Willard, USNA '72, as CINCPACFLT. It's nice, truly nice, to see good things happen to great people! Congrats to both Pat and Rat!

Speaking of good things happening to great people, come November 7th **Jeff Long (13th Co.)** will be inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in a ceremony at the Grand Lodge in Hunt Valley, MD. His totals for career points (233), assists (149) and assists in a season (53) stand as Navy records to this day, and exemplify the amazing skills and unselfish play Jeff exhibited throughout his playing career. Although Jeff will be inducted as a "truly great player", it should be mentioned he's also distinguished himself as coach, having built the Ithaca Bombers into a Division III power since taking the helm in 1988. This is an honor that's both well-deserved and, if you'll pardon the pun, LONG overdue! Longman, thanks for the memories!

**Bill Garland (23rd Co.)** wrote a brief note regarding Super Bowl XLIII, where he and son Billy (**Class of 2010**) took advantage of having their liberty cards punched to cheer their Steelers to victory!



Super Bowl: Bill & Billy

While we're more than happy for both Bills, we're happier still we had Arizona to cover the spread!!!

Next up, as some of you will undoubtedly recall, Admiral David Beatty is best remembered, among other things,

for his memorable utterance during the Battle of Jutland in 1916 (C'mon, we ALL took two semesters of Sea Power!) Having observed the almost-instantaneous destruction of the HMS *Princess Royal*, Beatty turned to his Flag Captain and observed, "Chatfield, there seems to be something wrong with our bloody ships today!"

Fast forward to earlier this year, and the grounding of the USS *Port Royal* off Pearl Harbor, which, if we have our terms correct, was under the administrative control of 7th Fleet and Joe Walsh (**10th Co.**), illustrious roommate of Mike "Eddie Haskell" Canders, but under the operational control of 3rd Fleet, commanded by a Classmate-Who-Should-Not-Be-Named. Joe headed up not only the efforts to free the *Port Royal*, which, due to the vagaries of nature, occurred in the middle of the night, but the PR campaign that was waged in the daylight. Thus, for almost four straight days, Joe saw too many reporters and too little sleep!

But, as every cloud has its silver lining, two memorable statements came out of an otherwise chain of events. First, Vice Admiral Walsh, having been asked by an obvious pollywog from the Fourth Estate something to the effect of, "didn't the Navy know the shoal was there?", responded, rather eloquently in our opinion, "Yes, we knew the shoal was there....what we DON'T know is why the SHIP was there!"

Better still, having overseen the torturous but successful rescue of the grounded vessel, Admiral Joe received a call from our Classmate-Who-Should-Not-Be-Named requesting the privilege to speak with the proprietor of Joe's Towing and Salvage! Well said, Sam!

Dave Bullard (**30th Co.**) sent greetings over the Holidays from sunny San Diego, where Dave and wife Francesca, blessed with a 12-year-old son in the 7th grade, reside when Dave's not busy flying international 747 routes for United since retiring in 1996. The Bullards recently traveled to Los Angeles for a performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar* with John and Anne Branson (**20th Co.**).



John and Anne too live in San Diego, where John works for Northrop Grumman on the Global Hawk program.

Dave also played host to Rob Thompson (**3rd Co.**) on a recent layover from Delta. Rob currently resides in Melbourne Florida with his wife Becky. The Thompsons have two sons, the older of which is currently in Navy flight training in Corpus Christi.



Dave and Rob

Finally, turning to the Heartland, Harry Rouse (**34th Co.**) checked in from Tulsa, OK, where he's the Alumni Association Chapter Officer. Harry just returned from an international meeting in Annapolis attended by, among others, Jim Bethmann (**33rd Co., North Texas**), Ples Bruce (**11th Co., Atlanta**) and Mark Piscioneri (**29th Co., Honolulu**). Looking good '77! As Harry observed, we provided 4 of the 70 chapter representatives present!

That's all for this month. Remember, we can't print what you don't send.... so PLEASE, don't hesitate to contribute items, including photos, for publication!

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You may notice it has been a while since you've gotten a *Shipmate*. Expect that may become the norm as due to cost cutting measures *Shipmate* publications will be reduced, there will be 8 issues published in fiscal year 2010.

This summer column starts with some sad news. On April 24th, we lost another brother — George R. Teufel. George passed away suddenly in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital due to complications from an aggressive form of cancer. George retired as a CAPTAIN in 2007 after almost 30 years as a "Black Shoe". Since then he'd been employed as a Sr. Military



Analyst with Alion Science and Technology at JFCOM. He was the proud father of 3 boys, George L., Ben and Sean. He and his wife, Lori, were also the proud grandparents to George L. and Dawn's four year old, George Nicholas. George boasted of his sons and had noted with pride that his eldest was "OS2 George L. Teuffel" and that he had served on classmate, Mark Fox's staff when Mark had the Truman Carrier Strike Group. He was equally proud of his other sons, Ben - a 2006 graduate of University of Richmond; now employed with the city of Virginia Beach Public Schools as an Alternative Education Specialist and his youngest, Sean - a student at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA where he started on the football team. George's career took him all over the world, from the decks of ships to the desert sands and in-between, but his roots were in his family, friends and community. Besides his wife, Lori Huff Teufel, sons and grandson, George is also survived by his mother, Mary E. Teufel of Jersey Shore, PA and a brother, Robert S. Teufel and his family. George was predeceased by his first wife, Helen A. Teufel, and his father, George W. Teufel. The family requested memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to the American Cancer Society, 4416 Expressway Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Please check our website for more information and remember Lori and their sons in your prayers and thoughts.

Also please remember in your thoughts, Mark "Bunts" Bunting (bunts@mac.com). Bunts has been valiantly battling a melanoma that has spread throughout his lymph system. He has been out of work for more than a year and has been on several different therapies and had two surgeries. He finished up radiation therapy a while ago with the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah. His May chemo session showed some effectiveness as 3 out of 4 measurable lesions close to the skin were smaller and one had disappeared. Some positive news! I am sure too that your prayers and well wishes had some impact. Larry Easton pointed me to a blog that Bunts keeps up on <http://www.carepages.com/>. You have to register and then you can access his blog by searching on "utbunts" in the search utility. Larry and the rest of Mark's company mates from "Klub 31" check in on Mark at that site. The story on the blog is pretty moving. Mark has been through a lot and has maintained his positive

outlook throughout. Positive messages from you can help keep his spirits up too so drop him a message on his blog site. It's easier and besides it enables him to send a "global" thanks or response via the blog instead of having to respond to every e-mail. (As one with 654 e-mails in his in-basket I can relate!) And don't forget to drop a hello and encouragement to Trisha as well. She could use a "re-charge" too. Best to you, Mark and Trisha. And, Mark, don't forget Coach Lenz's encouraging words during Plebe PEP—"Come on '78—you can do it!"

As a reminder that there is always balance in life, we happily announce the current front runner for the "Anchor Baby"—Joseph McGlohon Nichols. The newest edition to Leslie and Chris "Dwarf" Nichols family, Joseph provides gender balance to the family as he joins brother William (Boo) and sisters, Anna (Tweedy) and Caroline (Crickett). Just like his siblings, you can expect that Joseph will have an appropriate nickname.



*Nichols Family*

Jim Fiorelli's second Annual FIOFEST Charity Golf Tournament will be held on October 12, at the TurfValley Golf Resort in suburban Baltimore. As you may recall, the tournament is held in honor of Jim's late brother, Michael. It is to raise funds to promote awareness of the increasing prevalence and precursory conditions of esophageal cancer. Mike was the epitome of a healthy lifestyle, yet was stricken with what the family has learned is the fastest increasing form of cancer. By the time it was diagnosed it was stage IV, and he lived only 3 months. The Fio Foundation and FIOFEST Golf Tournament were established in his memory. Last year they had an absolutely perfect Indian Summer day and raised over \$70,000. Because Mike was very involved in the Baltimore sports scene on the management teams of the Orioles, then the Ravens, and finally as General Manager of the Bayhawks professional lacrosse team, the sports community has been active in supporting the event. Besides the golf tournament, the day

includes a Jimmy Buffet dinner banquet and an auction with fabulous items including sports memorabilia. You can go to <http://www.fiofoundation.org/Fiofest> to learn more about the tournament and view items that were auctioned last year, and to sign up. The family cordially invites classmates from '78. If you can attend, give Jim a call (804) 640-3660 or email (j\_fiorelli@yahoo.com) and let him know you're coming. As for the rest of the family, Jan and Jim's oldest son, Michael, just finished up his "Rat" year at VMI (where our Foxtrot Company mate, 12th Company's own Bob McMasters is an ME instructor extraordinaire!). It was a great experience for Michael but he's now traded his NROTC scholarship and West Point-style cadet uniform for whiteworks. He accepted an appointment to USNA and is entered with the Class of 2013. Middle son, Matt, is also in the running. He just finished his high school junior year and is attending Naval Academy Summer Seminar. So it looks like we'll be seeing more of the Fiorellis in Annapolis in 2010!



*Christmas with the Fiorellis*

In early May Mark Fox turned over command of the HARRY S. TRUMAN Strike Group (CSG10) while underway in the Western Atlantic, to Patrick Driscoll. The next month (June 26th to be precise) he assumed command of Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center at NAS Fallon, NV. Dave "Deke" Philman relinquished command of his ENTERPRISE Training Strike Group One and reported to the Pentagon as the Director, Naval Aviation Strike Warfare (N88). Classmates in attendance were Brian Roby, Tony Shaddix, John Sturgess, Steve Howell and Scott Godfrey. Jock Maloney was "represented" by his son Capt Chris Maloney, USMC ('04). Chris flies C-130J on the west coast and was a newly designated C-130 Tactical Aircraft Commander.

Jeff Fowler gets a lot of print (some I am sure he wishes he didn't) but mainly as the Supe. (He now has passed the 2 year mark in the billets under his belt!).



Here's some family related stuff, culled from the Fowler annual newsletter that Kevin Liddy passed me. As part of international outreach, Jeff traveled to India, China, France, Nigeria, and Spain this year [2008], as well as across this great nation. Katie continues to serve as a volunteer "First Lady" of the Naval Academy. She was honored to be selected by the Secretary of the Navy to be the sponsor of the submarine USS North Dakota (SSN 784). Last year Katie joined Jeff on trips to China and France and sat next to President Bush at the Army-Navy Game. Brittany (21) is engaged to be married! Her constant companion for the past two years, Joe, proposed to her with a wedding planned in the Chapel this spring. Britt completed sophomore year at University of Mary Washington and plans to finish her biology degree. In addition to a fiancé, she has collected a bunny and two birds. Britt worked painting dorms over the summer. Lynsee (19) graduated from Annapolis High School and completed her freshman year at James Madison University, which she loves. Lynsee worked at a hair salon and at the Midshipman Store this year. Connor (15) grew like a weed this year, surpassing all the girls in the family and catching up with Dad. He continues to play the drums and skateboard, and just completed his freshman year at Annapolis High School, got an electric guitar, got braces, and started work making pizzas on the Yard at the Academy.



The Fowlers

On some stray rounds—Vinny DiGirolomo (Vinnydee78@nc.rr.com) has returned to Washington DC. He's no longer President of The Steel Network (TSN) or its subsidiaries, Applied Science International (ASI) and TSNStudios. Instead, he's an independent consultant supporting the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (C2/NII). His "new shingle" is at [www.citc2.com](http://www.citc2.com). He invites classmates and friends to drop me a line or network. He offers you to feel free to use [contact@citc2.com](mailto:contact@citc2.com), or catch him

through LinkedIn, Facebook or this email address for the foreseeable future. By now the family has been reunited as Vinny was a "geographic bachelor" until school let out in Raleigh. (Though Dana and the girls (Aliana, Nikki, Cami) are planning to spend the summer in Utah.). Welcome to the area, Vinny. We hope to follow suit.

Well that's all she wrote for now. Until the fall, keep tabs of our website. Send your news and information to fill in the gaps. Launchin' Spot Four.

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Greetings, 79ers!

*What a long, strange trip it's been...*

The last time you heard from me, I was talking about the Dark Ages of February. I ended the column as I always do, with "See you next month!" When I wrote that, I fully expected that would be the case. Well, as they say on TV, "Technical Difficulties – Please Stand By."

Due to a miscommunication between the terrific editor at SHIPMATE and your humble scribe, the April column didn't get printed. We've since figured out what happened, and so you should be seeing that column in this issue as well.

*(Thanks, Sandy!)*

Then there's this little thing called "the economy". You may have heard about it – it's been in all the papers. I won't go into all the gory details, but the Alumni Assn. had to drastically alter the SHIPMATE publication schedule for FY09-FY10. Hence the big gap between issues. Because of that, your Class Officers have been actively exploring additional channels to "get the word out". More on that later – let's get on to the bold print!

Flag news: RADM Mark Heinrich and RADM Nevin Carr each received their second star. Mark is the director, Logistics and Readiness at DLA (Ft. Belvoir, VA), while Nevin is now the chief of naval research at the Office of Naval Research (ONR). Nevin reports that he was actually promoted by Sean Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, with Eric Sweigard in attendance. Prior to taking over ONR, Nevin was relieved by RDML Steve Voetsch as Director, International Programs Office (IPO).

On the Reserve side, RDML John Jolliffe was selected for his first star. Currently serving as the joint Navy emergency preparedness liaison officer, Navy Region Southwest in San Diego, CA, John already had plans to retire this summer at the Joint 79 Retirement Ceremony in June (more on that later). At least RDML Rob Wray can say he's no longer the "junior Admiral" (if there is such a thing).

More flag news: RADM Jeff Lemmons is now the director for International Engagement, N52, at the Pentagon, while RADM Don Quinn is now the "head detailee", taking over at Navy Personnel Command in Millington, TN. RDML Larry Rice will soon be leaving DC to take over as the commander of Joint Enabling Capabilities Command, US Joint Forces Command in Suffolk, VA.

And while we're talking promotions, I heard today (literally as I was typing this column) that Bob Larys selected for Captain in the Medical Corps. Thirty years ago Bob was commissioned as a line Ensign and eventually made O-5. Then he transferred to the MC, starting his new career just like the first – as an Ensign. As Bob says, "I won't be the first Admiral in the class, but I'll bet I'm the last to make Captain!" The promotion comes with a round-trip ticket to Afghanistan later this year, but for now he's just savoring the moment. Congrats, dude! Your persistence paid off!

From Scott Pursley: several of our active and reserve classmates were scheduled to retire from military service together in a joint ceremony at USNA in June. Besides Scott, other retirees included Dennis Fox, Mike Johnson, Ron Kim, Gary Labuda, Mike Van Horn and Fernando Ruiz. RADM Jeff Lemmons was the scheduled guest speaker, and Roger Vanderwerken, CHC was on tap for the invocation and benediction. Once I receive a post-event report (hopefully with photos), I'll pass it along.



At Gitmo (l-r): Larry Rice, Tim Moon, Pete & Madi Husta, Joe Mulloy, and Ray Spicer.