

place the largest pigskin mesh they had. The liver had many cysts that had to be taken out in order to get the liver in the abdominal cavity. He has an anchor appearing scar on his abdomen (3 incisions). This is quite fitting for a Navy guy. He spent the first post op 24 hours in intensive care. He reports very little sleep.

He has had some rough days, has not enjoyed coughing or moving. Since in the hospital he has gained 14 lbs. and this is not due to good food. The kidney has not been working as well, he's very anemic and he has received a lot of fluid. Today however, is a better day, kidney function is improving and getting up is easier. He still dreads the cough, but feels a little better. We do not know when we will be home, soon I hope. For now we are staying on a special floor that has a great view, great room, excellent service, a sitting area and bed for Tina. It is always good for the caregiver to get some rest, she is less cranky. ■

My apologies for a weak effort this month. I'll do better, I promise! Remember to plan now for our 35th Reunion in Annapolis in October. It's going to be a blast!

'75 Sir! — Larry

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This is a "quick 'n dirty" version of the Class column (primarily because there wasn't much news to report). So, here we go:

**Peter Varsanyi** reported that **Rob MacDougal** recently authored a book on a subject that is very personal to Rob:

■ Just a quick note to let you know that Rob's first book, entitled **No Way to Fight a War**, is available on Amazon.com in both the hard copy and Kindle formats. You can find it either by going onto Amazon or by using the direct links on Rob's website <http://www.onebell-books.com>. I think we should attempt to read the book; share it with friends, family and Classmates; let Rob know what you think; and, help spread a broader discussion of the very relevant issues brought out in the book.

Rob's son is arriving in Afghanistan today. He will be there for one year and will be heavily involved in the upcoming

campaign in Kandahar. Less than four months ago he returned from his second tour in Iraq. Rob takes this subject very seriously, and personally. ■

The world traveler, **Gary Greenfield**, has returned from another destination:

■ I just returned from Sydney yesterday. My daughter Brittany (that is her on the left, with Donna next to me) has been helping her Boston based software company set up their Asia Pac operations. It is our second visit since she went there last summer, but glad she is coming back in a few weeks. For those of you who have not been to Sydney, that is the Sydney Opera House in the background. Weather was wonderful, since we have had a tough winter here on the east coast. She has a friend on the HMAS MANOORA (L 52) <[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAS\\_MANOORA\\_\(L\\_52\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMAS_MANOORA_(L_52))>, which is the former USS FAIRFAX COUNTRY (LST-1193). Any of you serve on the FAIRFAX? ■



*The Greenfield Family gathers pier side in Australia*

**Bruce Hinkley** writes:

■ At the recent Nuclear Regulatory Commission meetings there was a gathering of '76ers – himself, **Brad Porlier**, **Elmo Collins**, **Bruce Bevard**, and **Bryan Dolan**. When **Bill Ostendorff** finishes his confirmation hearings for NRC Commissioner - he will be joining the crowd at next year's meetings. We will have to get a class photo next year! ■

Bravo Zulu to:

- **Bill Ostendorff** for being confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a commissioner to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- **Brad Little** for his appointment as the ARINC Engineering Services LLC senior director of international development
- **Dave Venlet** for being picked by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to run the troubled F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Steve Kelly** whose father, Navy Capt. **Merrill E. Kelly '45**, passed away on 7 March 2010.

Final note: I know everyone is busy with work and family. Please drop me a line when you get a spare moment or two to share news and pictures with our Classmates via our Class column.

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Greetings, 79ers!

Since my last column, there's been a fair amount of activity with our class flags:

**RADM Scott Van Buskirk** has been nominated for appointment to the rank of vice admiral and assignment as commander, Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan. Scott is currently serving as deputy and chief of staff, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Scott joins **VADM Bob Harward** as the second three-star of the class.

Also, our senior Marine, **BGEN Bob Walsh** has been nominated for appointment to the rank of major general. Bob is currently serving as the assistant wing commander, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing in Cherry Point, NC. Congrats to Scott and Bob on their impending promotions!

In other news, **RADM Tim Giardina** will be assigned as deputy commander and chief of staff for the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, HI. He currently served as director of readiness and training at U.S. Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. Tim will be relieving Scott Van Buskirk.

**RDML Dan "Traps" Cloyd** has been assigned as commander, Carrier Strike Group Five, Yokosuka, Japan. He previously served as associate director, Assessment Division, N81D, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Washington.