

Recruiting and Retention Battalion Dec. 20 at the North Canton armory. Andy spoke to E Company about the exceptional camaraderie, as well as the more diverse and enriching life experiences, they will enjoy as a result of their military service. You can read more about this at usna.com (<https://www.usna.com/SSLPage.aspx?pid=%209880>).

And now, a special report from Kevin Stone:

Well by now your faithful class officers will have emerged from their frozen homes here in the DC-Philly areas and; with any luck, the flowers will be peeking up through the remains of the February/March snows. What better way to celebrate spring than have a party? It's time for the annual "Halfway Dinner" that marks the midpoint of our annual 'deployment' between tailgate seasons. As of this writing in February it is scheduled for April 24th and by now you should have heard via email about the details; if not contact Mike Seifert (Michael.Seifert@Honeywell.com or vmlseifert@hotmail.com) or me (kevin.stone@qinetiq-na.com).

Mini-Reunion 2010: The increasingly successful annual "mini-reunion" weekend has been scheduled for the October 16th football game against SMU. If you attend only one game this year, this will be the one to shoot for. We'll have an extra group of tickets for the class, so watch for more news on this as the summer ends.

A final note of thanks to all of you who supported the donation of tickets to mids & sailors for the Texas Bowl game. We were one of the dozen or so classes that contributed over 150 tickets. ■

This was a "short n' sweet" version of the Class news. I was tempted to throw in some more Hubbard Family pictures but was able to restrain myself (whew!). Please keep the news and pictures coming. Oh, while I'm thinking about it, try to remember to set your cameras on high resolution when taking pictures. The requirement for Shipmate is a picture of at least 300 dpi resolution (standard setting is typically 72 dpi). I can convert the 72 dpi to 300 dpi but it isn't as good as the original (and it sometimes shows up tiny on our Class website).

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Ahoy Shipmates!

Leading off the month, **Keith** and **Ree Haney (16th Co.)** forwarded the following photo of their first grandson, **Colin Keith Veroneau**, USNA Class of 2032!



Colin Keith Veroneau

Colin was born to Keith and Ree's youngest daughter, Melissa, on August 24th, 2009. As Keith noted, even at the tender age of 5 months, Colin's thinking Blue & Gold!

Keith emailed us from New Hampshire, where he works for Argentech Solutions. The Haney's oldest daughter, Jenni, inexplicably pursued a career in the Air Force, graduating from the USAFA with the Class of 2000 as a communications officer. After a tour in Afghanistan and South Korea, she saw the light, transferred to Air National Guard, completed flight training and currently flies SAR and Lift for the Alaska ANG.



Pa 'n Jen

Like father, like daughter! The Haney's middle daughter, Kelly, graduated with USNA Class of 2001, but was tragically

lost in an automobile accident in Estonia the following December. Keith and Ree, we're *very* sorry for your loss.

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because dawn has come.

Next up, **Jim Berger (13th Co.)** and his wife Stacie recently attended the All-Academy Military Ball in Des Moines, Iowa, where Jim is Director of Materials for the Iowa Department of Transportation.



Stacie and Jim

At the time Jim wrote, Des Moines had already received almost five feet of snow, with the some parts of northern Iowa having been hit with nearly seven; and the thermometer, which had rarely risen above freezing, had dipped to -22F twice! Not the best time to be with the Department of Transportation...which is perhaps why Jim occasionally contemplates early retirement!

Jim and Stacie are the proud parents of twin boys, William and Henry, who recently celebrated their 6th birthday.



Which is which...only the Bergers know!

That's it for this month; please, keep those cards, letters and emails coming!

— Magoo

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Greetings, 79ers!

My apologies for the missing column in the last issue. I was traveling and got caught up in a number of work-related things, and just flat out missed it. Now, I'm dashing this off before heading out on yet another trip. I have just a little bit of a backlog to work through, but should have everything straight by the next issue.

First up this month is a note (and reunion update) from Jill and **Butler Newman** (bnewman@rwd.com):

■ Hey Wiz, hope that this email finds you both well. We are doing OK. Our son Zach is in college, attending the Maine Maritime Academy... He's a 4th Class Midshipman in the Navy ROTC - and looks VERY handsome in his service dress blues! He is loving life in Maine. Very busy with regimental/school stuff, ROTC - he made the football team, but between the regimental stuff, ROTC and 18 credits, he decided he needed to sleep some too. So he dropped football and joined the Rugby Club, which is less commitment of time and he loves it! He is majoring in Marine Engineering Technology, and will go on his first "working cruise" this spring, pulling into ports in Europe.

Dereck is a freshman in high school, playing football (he was the back-up quarterback) and will try out for the lacrosse team this spring. He is an honor student and doing great.

Butler is working for RWD technologies, traveling a lot less than in the past couple years (when he made trips to Indonesia, South Africa and Saudi Arabia).

Butler also took a "road trip" with classmate **Mark Shell** - to the Ohio state game. They had lots of fun, and said that the Ohio State fans were very friendly (might not have been so- if USNA had won - but it was a great game). At the last USNA home game - we got to see **RADM Rob Wray**. He had just finished running the Marine Corps Marathon... AND could still walk!

We also had the pleasure to have Peggy and **Chuck Doty** and family stay with us for the 30th reunion - it was great to see them. Also on occasion we see

John Brigante and Cheryl and **Don Brummett**. Take care! ■



(l-r): *The Newman Boys: Butler, Zach and Dereck*

Thanks, Jill! Glad to know you all are doing so well. And you're right - it's hard to believe that tall young man was once known as "little Zach!". Wow!

Right around the holiday season I received an email from our own version of Jacques Cousteau, underwater explorer **Parks Stephenson** (sparks401@earthlink.net). If you recall, the last time we heard from Parks he was doing some underwater work near the Marianas Trench. Now, he's still below the surface, but not nearly as deep:

■ Just wanted to let you know about my activities for the past couple of years. I attempted to do nothing less than rewrite the history of the Pearl Harbor attack by finding and identifying the Japanese midget sub I-16tou. You can read about it in today's news ([links http://bit.ly/6PkdeC](http://bit.ly/6PkdeC) and <http://bit.ly/8cUarh>).

I worked with both sides and was honored to participate in a Shinto ceremony for the spirits of the submariners at the Hatami Shrine in Kure, Japan. My next task is to prove that the USS Oklahoma capsized because she was hit by a submarine-launched torpedo at a critical moment. ■

Thanks, Parks! I missed the PBS special when it was first broadcast, but hope to catch the rerun soon.

If you remember from my last column, there was a discussion as to whether **Bob Klocek** (bobk357@verizon.net) had "really" attended the Navy OSU game. Well, wonder no more:

■ Wiz, I saw a note in your last article that my wife and I were rumored to be at the Navy-OSU game, but not seen (actually, we did see Chuck Dixon -

he was sitting in the adjacent section). Just wanted to prove that my OSU-grad wife and I were there, and I made her sit in the Navy section! We're OSU season ticket holders, and go to 2-3 OSU games each year, so it was tough for my wife to sit in the Navy section!

She claimed that Ohio State was being TOO hospitable, and when Navy scored the almost-tying score, she screamed, "I'm never speaking to you again!" Funny how you always think of the right retort when it's too late - if I were on my toes, I would have asked if I could get that in writing! ■



An Official Sighting: the Kloceks at Navy-OSU

Thanks, Bob! I have cousins who are Ohio State alums - and there's NO WAY they would have sat in the Navy section. So your wife is to be commended.

Well guys, I have to get this to Alumni House before I head out. So I'll be back next issue with the rest of the story. Until then, see you next month.

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Greetings Classmates! WHO DAT! I've been asked consistently for some information on our upcoming 30th Reunion - so here is what we have so far. We have been working with the Class Officers to put together the Reunion that is scheduled for the weekend of 14 - 17 October 2010. This is also a Boat Show weekend for Annapolis. It should be a really fun time to be in the City, but along with that comes the obvious problem of crowds, parking, access and price! The reason that we selected this weekend is that we wanted to have the Class Ring North for the tailgater. This is the area where we held our 25th Reunion, inside the stadium, and it is a great setting for the