

has a job! Attached is the picture (from l to r) of Christi, son Collin, Collin's wife Linda, and Bruce.



The Hinkleys at Collin's graduation from UMASS

Chet Moeller was officially enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, IN, during the enshrinement ceremony held on 17 JULY. Joining Chet in this tremendous honor were notable football greats such as Desmond Howard, Randy Cross, Ray Childress, and Sam "Bam" Cunningham (older brother of former Philadelphia Eagles QB, Randall Cunningham). A total of 16 players and 4 coaches were enshrined this year. BZ Chet!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to **Tom Abbott**, his wife, Jane, and sons, Steven and Jeremy as Tom recovers from bypass surgery following a heart attack on 14 JULY.

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In July I got a pleasant and surprising e-mail from **Chris Cobb** all the way from Afghanistan. Chris is a Dental Corps officer presently deployed to Afghanistan with the Marines. He's the OIC of the Navy Dental Detachment, part of 2 MEF (forward). They deliver dental care out of a tent at Camp Leatherneck. He's *still on active duty*. As he says, he's "Back in the rear" stationed with 2nd Dental Battalion at Camp Lejeune. He reports that Life at Camp Leatherneck is hot and dusty. He enjoys being stationed with the Marines and is

honored to care for their dental needs. (Take it from me, Chris- they love their Docs and the medical attention they get!) He and Beth have ten children! Together they had 4 children and then adopted 6 children from foster care. Their oldest is Lorna, an attorney clerking for a federal judge in Macon, Georgia. Their second child is Seamus, USNA class of 2008, is an ensign and 3rd year medical student at USUHS at Bethesda. In March he became married to his wife, Mary (Deployment caused Chris to miss the wedding). Third child, Fiona, is a 3rd grade teacher in Fairfax county School, Virginia. While their fourth child, Moira, is a 1st Lt Army Nurse stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. While Chris is deployed, Beth is back at Camp Lejeune taking care of their six younger children, Ceira, Aileen, Caitriona, Gabriella, Annie, and Alanna. Here's a picture of the entire Cobb clan before Chris deployed in February.

Congratulations on some noteworthy accomplishments on the part of our classmates. In May, **Dave "Duncan" Heinz** was appointed an independent director (member of the board of directors) with IBC Advanced Alloys Corp. IBC is an integrated manufacturer and distributor of rare metals (beryllium) based alloys and related products serving a variety of industries including nuclear energy, automotive, telecommunications and a range of industrial applications. We also had three-star Admiral classmates moving on. While these were *nominated* assignments at the time of submission I am sure that by now the orders are executed. Given that- congrats to the new Vice Chief of Naval Operations and a 4th star to **Mark Ferguson**. As you know the new CNO, ADM Greenert, is Class of '75 but I am sure he is long over that Firstie thing so his staff meetings won't be "comearounds" for his new Vice Chief, Fergie. **Cecil Haney** is also a new four-star as Commander, US

Pacific Fleet. **Harry Harris** is the assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon and was recommended for reappointment to Vice Admiral. **Bob Novak** was [relatively] recently promoted to Vice President, Navy Programs for BAE Electronic Solutions. I had rumor control from a USAFA '78 mutual buddy of **Rob Blandford** and mine that Rob is no longer with L3 MPRI as a Senior Mentor to the Afghanistan Ministry of the Interior in Kabul. Supposedly he'll heading up a company (CEO?) that makes gluten-free crackers or was it cookies? What's the real gouge, Rob? In July, **Terry Crawford** became the Business Development Director-Federal Programs at Advantor Systems (a high end integrated security solutions company) in Washington DC. **Rusty Cone** is now the Senior Vice President Sales & Marketing at NEI in Dallas, TX. Congrats to everyone.

This is a heads up to those of you who may be attending the Navy vs. San Jose State football game in San Jose Nov 19th. That weekend a few classmates (**Ray Luevano**, **Al "Blues" Baker** and **Phil Winters**) are planning some activities to make it a "mini-reunion" for '78. They are arranging some opportunities to gather, swap sea stories and tall tales, revive old memories and cheer on Navy to a victory over the Spartans of San Jose State University. Some events planned from Friday to Sunday are: a class breakfast, morning golf outing and evening BBQ on Friday, Nov 18th; Game Day tailgaters and post game (TBD) parties; and Sunday church service for those who go to service other than at "St. Margaret Mattress". Check out our web site and LinkedIn for more info. You can also contact Ray's personal assistant, Raj, at rajchandra2006@gmail.com Thanks to Ray, Phil and Blues (and their wives and admin assistants) for taking the lead.



The Cobb Family

Just as the last issue was submitted we got word that **Mark "Bunts" Bunting's** courageous battle with cancer ended with his passing on July 7, 2011. Bunts is survived by his wife of 17 years, Patricia (Trisha) and their three beautiful children, son, Koda Luke (age 10) and daughters Kaila Fray (age 9) and Kylee Ann (age 4). In addition to Trisha and his children, he leaves behind a special son Fernando (Mary) Simao, granddaughter Corinne; mother-in-law Bobbie Poulsen; sister Sue (Nicolaos) Alexopoulos; nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. After graduation, Mark spent his twenty-year career as a Naval Flight Officer split evenly between active and reserve time. He retired as a Commander. Among his tours he served with VA-176 and VA-34. Bunt's second career was as a commercial pilot for Northwest Airlines. Mark was unable to work for about the last 4 years. His Thirtieth Company-mates are establishing a memorial fund in Mark's name to help Trisha with the kids' education. Details on how to contribute will be available on the '78 website and in the class column once the fund is established. I know a lot of us were following Bunts' battle over these years via the internet. I would see your words of encouragement with every update he'd post via his Care Pages blog. It meant a lot to him and his family and helped immensely. I know you have many fond memories and stories of Mark. I hear you sailing teammates and buddies may especially have abundant stories to recount about how he earned his "Ma Bunting" nickname. Think of them and remember him in the fullest, most robust moments of his life. Perhaps one day you can recount *some* of them to his children to help fill a richer picture of their father.

Launchin' Spot Four.

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Greetings Classmates, at 39,000 feet flying back from San Jose after sharing a few fantastic days with company Classmates from our own 33rd Herd and such good friends, **Mark Breckenridge, Bill Killea, Brian Kosinski and Ken MacDonald**. Mark and I were meeting on some business issues and joined Brian and Bill on a trip to visit **Ken MacDonald**. I mentioned previously that Ken is living with the devastating effects of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). First Mark and I had a great dinner that allowed us to catch up, and then coming from three different directions we all met at Ken's and shared sea stories until we could laugh no more, lie no more or just not make up more stuff. Another member of the Herd, **Dale Lumme**, who is now the COO for the Navy League, made the time and called in and attended virtually for a few hours too. It was one of the more enjoyable nights that I can remember. This gathering of old friends represented all that we can hope for in "renew a friendship, call a Classmate, and make the time to take care of each other." I had not had the privilege of spending that much time with Ken, Mark, Bill and Brian in quite a few years – perhaps even back to our USNA Days. I learned things about them that I had never known; heard stories I had never heard (some true – some not – but all great); and laughed till I couldn't function. In fact, Ken wrote me a note about the evening that said –

■ All,

I need to thank each and every one of you. I can't remember the last I have laughed so hard. That was literally the best evening I've had in years. I've actually been feeling stronger since Fri night – they say laughter is the best medicine, or maybe I just got a lot of exercise from all my gut wrenching howling. Either way, I'm a better man for it.

"Four years together by the Bay
Where Severn joins the tide,
Then by the Service called away,
We've scattered far and wide;
**But still when two or three
shall meet,
And old tales be retold,
From low to highest in the Fleet**

Will pledge the Blue and Gold." With all sincerity, thank you all so very much! Fair winds and following seas, my friends. —Ken ■



This one photo is truly worth a thousand very funny words, and illustrates the whole concept behind "Shipmate."

I don't believe that it could be said in a better way. It's so important to get together when the opportunities present themselves. During the evening we also looked through old photo albums and one shot just seemed to jump out at us. I'm sharing it here – along with the photo of the five of us swapping stories. I'm told that the "cover in question" is of a very small size...

Speaking of the 33rd Herd, **Pat Lefler** pfler@hotmail.com went to I-day in June to see **Nathan Killea** (Bill's son) take the oath of office for the Class of 2015. It was the first I-day he had been to since our I-day 35 years ago. While there he met up with Patti and **Bill Killea**, Roxanne and **Dale Lumme** and Tim and **Sharon Hanley** Disher, and a slew of **Killea, Stanford** and **Lefler** kids there making Nathan's day even more special.

Editor's note: Unfortunately, the photo mentioned of Nathan, Pat, Bill, Sharon, Tim and Dale did not come through in time to make it into this issue.

Dave Haller, dhaller@gdeb.com was one of the first to respond to my plea for input with this note:

■ I have been "pushing paper" at the Electric Boat (EB) Office in the District of Columbia for the past 22 years and was presented with the opportunity to come down to the EB Office at Norfolk Naval Shipyard to work on SSBN 736 USS TENNESSEE for 8 weeks. I traded my coat and tie for blue jeans and a tee-shirt and for the past three (3) weeks I have been getting dirty and grimy crawling around every part of the Sub. Even when I am not on an assigned task, I still like to spend some time looking around and