

78 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: 2%
LIFE MEMBERSHIP: 77%

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Got an e-mail from **Chris Nichols** that announced the arrival of Tim (nickname Goose, so far) on 19 March. He is doing great...eats, poops, and sleeps. I'd love to help with the feeding, but I'm not equipped, so...yeah...*PM* getting plenty of sleep J. He joins Will (Boo), Anna (Tweady), Caroline (Cricket), and Joseph (Aflac or Mr. Echo) all 10 and under in the house. Never a dull moment, believe me... Well, well, I think it goes without saying that the prevailing bet is that "78 Anchor Baby" will probably be a Nichols baby.



Chris and his son Tim

Speaking of new additions—congratulations to the Tagesons and Novaks on the additions of new sons-in-law. **Kim Tageson's** daughter, Liz, gets married in June as does Mary and **Bob Novak's** daughter, Mary Evelyn. Kim's daughter you may recall from a column last year was the one who took her dad on a "little hike in the woods" that was not unlike the SS Minnow's 3 hour tour— it went a helluva a lot longer! Needless to say her new hubby can do the hiking now and Kim can at the very least, man the basecamp's fire with a cold beer. As for Mary Evelyn she completes the DON (Department of Novaks) with the addition of a Marine, 2/LT Nick Galvan ('12). Welcome to the '78 extended family gentlemen. Just remember we have "special" skills and positions... so be nice to our girls.

Okay, write me up for failure to get the word, but I was not aware that **Mel Williams** has been Associate Secretary of Energy for a little over a year. I also

missed picking up the announcements in January. The first was that **Bill Burke** was reappointed to Vice Admiral as assignment as deputy chief of naval operations for warfare systems, N9 (He had been fleet readiness and logistics, N4). The second one was that **Charlie Martoglio** was promoted to Vice Admiral and became deputy commander, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany. Announced in April were 3-star reassignments. Among them: **Kurt W. Tidd** was nominated for his third star and appointment in the Defense Department as Director of Operations for the Joint Staff at the Pentagon (Kurt had been Fourth Fleet); **Dave Buss** is going to San Diego as commander, Naval Air Forces/commander, Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet; and **Mark Fox** is coming to the District as deputy chief of naval operations for operations, plans, and strategy, N3/N5 in the Pentagon. Mark was commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, and commander, 5th Fleet, Manama, Bahrain. I got to see Mark when I was at the DIMDEX trade Show in Doha, Qatar in March. He looked great and was anxious to get to the states, see some Navy football and share some fellowship and beer at the tailgaters. Looking forward to seeing him and Priscilla around the grills. A pleasant surprise at DIMDEX was **Dan Holloway**. He works for Huntington Ingalls Industries in the District as Ingalls Shipbuilding Vice President of Customer Relations. Dan retired earlier this year as another one of our three stars. Prior to retirement he commanded the U.S. Second Fleet, and was the director, Combined Joint Operations from the Sea - Center of Excellence. He rolled up the 2nd Fleet flag on his retirement I think.

We expect to see more of Dan, not only at the tailgaters and games but around the beltway. His office is in the same building as one of Lockheed's Mission Systems and Solutions' offices— just across from the Navy Yard and Nationals Stadium.

I attended the first P-rade of the season in the Yard. **Mark Ferguson** was the reviewing officer as the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Joining Laure' and Mark were classmates: **Tom Crowley, Roy Cranford, Ned Davis, Chris Breslin, Dennis Popiela, Carl Radford, John Peterson, Bill Hession, Mo Tose, and Byron Marchant** (apologies to wives and others whom I missed or failed to mention). The P-rade proved that it is sometimes good to be in

the 1st Regiment as during the pass in review there was a slight downpour around 5th Battalion "eyes right". Needless to say, the Mids, Fergie and the Supe bore it well (We guests were under the canopy— a great place to view a P-rade!). As the last company passed by the rain stopped. A reception was held afterward in the Supe's Garden. Fergie was to have run in the Boston Marathon. I wondered how he did. **Roy Cranford's** son, James ('15), was getting his knee operated on. Hope the operation went well, Roy, and that he is well on his way to recovery. **Chris Breslin's** daughter is following in dad's footsteps— boxing at the University of Maryland.



In closing— congratulations to the fleet's newest Ensigns and Second Lieutenants with the graduating class of 2012 but most especially to sons and daughters of '78:

<u>'78 Dad</u>	<u>'12 Daughter or Son</u>
Daniel Serfass	Amanda R. Serfass
Michael Leary	Daniel B. Leary
George Tyree	Timothy D. Tyree
David Guza	Matthew D. Guza
William Soer	Taylor Andrew Soer
David Buss	Matthew D. Buss
David Wilson	Andrew B. Wilson

Launchin— Spot Four!