

gram I am—the more he plays, the worse he gets!

I just spoke with Jerry Pogorzelski (Reunion Six) back in Highland Falls after two months in Florida. On the return trip, he & **Bonnie** stopped to visit with **Len & Beth Gregor** and **Joe & Glenda Blackgrove** in Georgia. They also visited with **John & Mary Kauza** in Clinton, NJ. Jerry had started the planning process for our 45th reunion in the fall of 2008. We are looking at a reunion very similar to the 40th. As soon as a date is firm, it will be forwarded to the class.

Until next time!

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Jack Grubbs reports that the score is Katrina 1-Grubbs 0, and that he & **Judy** have relocated to Charlotte, NC, and are embarked on starting a new life.

Rich Orhrline, one of our own, is a member of the Class of 2006 inductees to the West Point sports Hall of Fame.

The 2007 gathering of the Golfing Grads of USMA will be at Amelia Island Plantation 26–29 April 2007. Amelia Island is just north of Jacksonville. I have played all three courses there and they are outstanding. The skiing grads of '64 will return to Aspen the week of 3–10 February. Once again things are being organized by **Michela and Magruder**.

Tucker Dooley sent along a photo of a gathering in Sandestin, FL, of himself **Jack**



1964—Tipping a few with old friends.

Bennett and **Bill Murphy**. The usually loquacious Dooley in this instance was uncharacteristically circumspect and provided no prose to accompany the photo of the good looking group.

Another photo with minimal accompa-



1964—Beach bums.

niment came our way from **Joe & Maryellen Mastriani** and provides evidence of the visit of **Bill & Joan Robertson's** to the Mastriani household during a tour of New England the past summer.

Maybe **Jim Stapleton** wasn't a crazy as I thought he was. The last time I called him to cheer him up from his travails in Iraq, I got Jimmy on his cellphone while he & **Carolyn** were lolling on the beach in Dubai. Now he checks in from South Africa with the comment, "Carolyn & I are having a wonderful trip in South Africa! Everything they taught us in grade school is true—champagne is for all celebrations (see accompanying photo)." Actually, this is Jim & Carolyn's third R&R. Jim says the last 12 months have flown by and he can't begin to fully appreciate the sacrifices Carolyn has made to allow him the "kitchen pass" of all kitchen passes.

Sig Weiner informs us that he & **Jo** just returned from six weeks in San Miguel de Allende which I suspect is in Mexico or some other Spanish speaking country. With all of the shopping and eating, **Sig** managed to brush up on his *español* enough to hold his own. He will get another opportunity in October, when they will travel to Argentina and Chile. And lest you think the "Traveling Weiners" will be spending several months recovering from their journeys at their new digs in San Antonio, think again; they will be heading to India in January to India to celebrate Sig's 65th birthday. Obviously, they are making the most of retirement!

Finally, it is once again my sad duty to close the column with the report of the death of a classmate. **Jed Brown** passed away very suddenly this past summer and what follows are the words he penned to the class. "On 28 July 2006, at the age of



1964—Champagne on the Cape of Good Hope.

63, **Jed Brown**, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Retired, turned in his mess kit and was honorably discharged from the ranks of the living. He wishes to thank his dearly departed parents **Ethel & Victor Brown** for bringing him into this world and raising him, **West Point** for preparing him for life and sending him on his way, and the U.S. Army for providing him an opportunity to be all he could be. **Jed** also thanks a considerable number of dear and true friends and loved ones who, with their sincere love and affection, have done so much to make his sojourn on earth such a pleasant and enjoyable one, particularly his daughters **Deborah** and **Suzanne** and his beloved wife **Jean**. He certainly hopes to meet them all again in the foreseeable future at a happy reunion in the great beyond. His final wishes are for God to bless his family, friends, classmates, and comrades in arms, and for God to bless America." **Jed** was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on 25 September. His wife, **Jean**, can be reached at 2670 Hillsman St., Falls Church, VA 22043.

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Greetings once again from Chicago! Hope all is well at your end of the Long Gray Line! Lots of input from all over the world, so here goes. In answer to my call for old photos, **Ric** sent along the three shown below. The first shows the future **CSA** walking through the (very dry) swamps during Ranger School. **Tom Carll** is seen traversing the rope ladder with his gear neatly stowed behind him. I love this third picture of **Jack Terry** and **Tom Borkowski** on either side of me during rope training. Several years ago, I took my oldest son and grandson to this very spot and replicated the photo. Great memories. Thanks, **Ric**! By the way, if you send me old photos, please mark which ones you want returned (usually takes 4–5 months for me to get them back from ASSEMBLY). The others I will add to the S&D archives.

A new gallery was opened in July at the Hawaii Army Museum at Ft. DeRussy dedicated to **Ric**, who was born in Kaua'i. It includes his plebe uniform and expands the temporary display that we mentioned in these columns back in 2004.



1965—Shinseki.

The next photo shows a smiling **Tony Gamboa** at his June retirement surrounded by: (first row) **Mullin, Wolff, Peter Linn, Bill Lehman, Harter, and Clover**. Tony retired after a most distinguished second career capped off as the General Counsel to the GAO. He had previously served in the DA's general counsel office



1965—Caril.



1965—Borkowski, Coll, and Terry.

for more than 22 years as both a civilian and military attorney. He graduated from the U of Maryland Law School where he edited the law review. During his tenure, he received numerous awards including the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award. Now what? How about a new RV for he & **Irene** to cruise across America! Great job, Tony! Our doors in Lake in the Hills (i.e., Chicago) are always open!

I now know who Jack Jacobs is (from my July/August issue comment on the "Ric was right" hats and Imus in the morning talk)—a great American who has earned the CMOH, two Silver Stars, and cur-



1965—Tony Gamboa, et. al.

rently teaches at WP. I apologize to Jack if any negative inference was taken from that paragraph—none was intended.

The infamous "J. Phoenix, Esq. of *Gray Matter* fame at AOG had a neat article about Palas Athena recently and her (Ahtena's) revered place at West Point, but forgot to mention her revered place in our own **Jack Cooley's** first novel. Time for a follow-up, Jack? Just asking!

Arp & Judy Kovacsy still live in Mt. Vernon in the same house that the first DC metro class get-together was held back in the mid-1970s. Their daughter has given them three grandchildren and lives in Williamsburg, VA, while her Navy Seal's Reservist husband serves in Iraq. Their son, a VMI grad and former Apache pilot, lives in Alabama with his wife. He still runs Integram <www.integram.com>, but after 14 years, is looking phase out over the next

few years. The next photo shows the entire family at their place in Nevis. Great update, Arp! As you can tell by this photo, the closer the better. I received several other more distant photos from **Mert Munson** and **Art Mark** that will just, unfortunately, not print



1965—The Kovacsy family.

well in ASSEMBLY. I also received a photo from **Bob Bradley** with he, **Seymour**, and **Lewis** that was corrupted somehow in transit. Moral of these stories is PLEASE double check your photos before sending them.

Speaking of **Art Adam** (who, by the way, is one of my most consistent contributors over the years!), he retired from his second career as a consulting engineer in the wireless comms industry (actually his third career if you include raising a large bunch of very talented and patriotic kids and kids-in-laws) last March and moved from Virginia to Round Rock, TX, (20 miles north of Austin and about six hours from Linda's family—a "good distance," notes Art!). They also try to get back to their "Kennebuhlport" vacation home near Buhl, ID,



1965—Tim Vogel family.

on the Snake River near Art's hometown. They visited Red Lodge after a trip to Yellowstone, during which they took the great photo of **Timmy Vogel**, Tim's son Tim, Jr., & his wife Valerie. Their young son Hunter had a great time with a very alert Tim and did, at one point, manage to "pop" the old man on the chin as they were messing around. Tim was also looking forward to **Denny Lewis'** coming visit and was able to communicate well with hand and thumb gestures. As with every visit, we always hear of the deep appreciation that Tim has for these many classmate visits. Keep them up, S&D!

Well folks, I had better stop here due to the large number of photos. Photos make these columns fun and exciting, so please keep them coming, especially the ones of Beast, Buckner, cadet days, Ranger, Airborne, and RVN! Also, please remember that my e-mail address is now <comcast.net> NOT <aol.com>. Unfortunately, AOL will NOT forward nor bounce e-mail sent to them. Let's beat both Navy and Notre Dame.

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Herb "Bud" Miller wrote, after 40 years, "This is my first response since graduation—my apologies. Since separation from the Army, I have held many different jobs in the banking and securities business. I currently live in Haddon Township, NJ, and work for Lincoln Financial Advisors as the Philadelphia area's Business Operations Manager. In fact, I joined the firm shortly after **Bob Hammond** retired as the region's Managing Director. Bob's son, Bob III, a graduate, works at the firm as a Managing Principal. I have stayed active in singing and