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Kristin French (D-1) took command of the Army Field Support Brigade-CONUS East at Ft. Bragg on 20 Jul 06. It was a great ceremony. Hubby, **Rick** (H-1) is now officially retired. **Greg**, **Catherine**, **Rachel**, and **Katie Perrotta** visited **Matt Rotella** last summer. They were on leave from Germany. Everyone had fun visiting West Point. The children really enjoyed the crest room in Ike Hall. Soon after that visit, Matt saw **Lou Capezzuto**, who attended Matt's son's (**Randy**) graduation party.



1986—Kristin French.

Take a look at the photo **Pat Antonietti** sent. These are the Class of 1986 outgoing battalion commanders in 3rd ID. They had just attended their last USR brief with the CG, MG Webster, at Ft. Stewart. In the photo are **Dave Funk** (3-7 INF), **Pat** (1-41 FA), **John Sutton** (260 QM), **Jody Ptery** (5-7 CAV), **Scott Spellmon**, (3BTB) and **Ron Roggemann** (2-69 AR). AWOL were **Steve Merkel** (1-9 FA), **Kevin Farrell** (1-64 AR), and **Paul Humphrey's** (2BCT XO). All of them commanded battalions in Iraq in 2005 during OIF III. Jody, Scott, and Pat were assigned to the 1BCT worked for the 42d and 101st Divisions in Diyala (Baquba) and Salah ad Din (Tikrit) prov-



1986—Kristin French takes the guidon at her change of command.



1986—Pat and his fellow warriors.



1985—'85's best for the Class of 2010 on R Day.



1985—Butch & Delisa.



1985—Prepsters at Reunion.



1985—Butch and Tony.



1985—Butch, Ron, James, and Verb.

ington, **Vern Madden**, **James Ramsey**, and **Ron Pierce** at the reunion, and **Darryl** and **Tony Funkhouser**, his plebe roommate. Tony recently made the O-6 list as well as the War College list I believe. Thanks for the kind words, Darryl.

22 July: **COL Nello Tortora**, one of the classmates on the move, sent me an invitation to his change of command that took place on 25 August. Nello assumed command of the New York district for the Corps of Engineers.

20 August: **John Zornick** wrote to us from Chapel Hill, where John retired from active duty and now works for Alliance International. **John Todd** actually helped get John on board. The great news for John is his son entered West Point this past summer to join the Class of 2010 (if that doesn't make us feel old, I am not sure what does). In fact, we had five classmates have children who entered the class. They include **John Jr.**, **Laura Kiernan**, daughter of **Virginia (Walker) Kiernan**, **Patricia Todd**, daughter of **Virginia (Condit) Todd**, and **Robert "RT" Myers**, son of **Bobby Myers**. Not pictured was **Tim Flynn's** son as well. Tasha

(**Robinson**) **Williams** hosted a reception for all our classmates on R Day. Tasha as you know is with the Math Dept. stationed at West Point.

22 August: **Karson Snyder** was kind enough to forward a list of recent promotions and school selectees. **Jeff White** and **Kevin Ruddell** were promoted to lieutenant colonel. Several classmates (although this may not be an exhaustive list) were selected for Senior Service College including **Kevin Felix**, **Randy Lane**, **Phil Maxwell**, **Lorilei Copen**, **Jeff Corbett**, **Kurt Fedors**, **Paul Greenhouse**, **Dennis Krings**, **Morgan Lamb**, **Keith Landry**, **Ken Tarcza**, and **Tom Webb**. Congratulations to everyone. Who will be our first O-7?

That is all the news I have received. On behalf of your class officers, we hope to see you on the web! Check it out. We will be hosting a portal to post your best photo from 20 years ago... stay tuned! Until next time, you have my best '85! Beat Navy!



1985—Zornick and son, Class of 2010.

inces. Dave, Steve, and Kevin worked for 3ID in Baghdad. Roggie's battalion was initially in Diyala but was picked as the Corps reserve and sent to Ramadi to give the USMC some armor punch. Paul Humphries and Rick Climer were Deputy Cdr's of 2d and the Aviation Bdes here too. Dave and Scott



1986—Greg and Matt.

are off now to the War College, Steve and Kevin to USMA, Roggie to CENTCOM, Jody to Hohenfels, Paul just took command of a training battalion at Ft. Benning

Pat recently had dinner with **JT Thomson** and **JR Schwartz** in the DC area. JT is still working for the Assistant to the CJCS and accompanying him on trips that Secretary Rice takes. JR Schwartz is still with the FBI. Pat ran into **Craig Collier** in Iraq as his brigade from the 101st replaced him in Tikrit. **Steve & Ann Cannon** had a baby girl born in April and he is keeping busy with his family and work traveling between Connecticut and Dallas. **Greg Fenton** will retire next spring in the Atlanta area. **Pat Daly** is CEO of a start up medical company in Pittsburgh and the proud father of Jackson.

Ken Yi is still in the District of Military Washington (MDW). He is now doing his part in assuring the availability, delivery, and protection of the nation's Global Info Grid (U.S. Army Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations). He plans to stay put until his daughter's (Joy) high school graduation in 2013. The Yis love the local church, the neighborhood, the schools, the commutes, the music programs, and their professional careers.



1986—Matt and Lou.

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Since our last column we learned of some extremely sad news in the **Dent Knapp** family. The following is the announcement sent on the class listserv, "It is with an extremely heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of Brandon Michael Knapp, the eldest son of Dent & **Heather** Knapp. Brandon died on 1 July 06. He was 20 years old. He had lived in Liberty County,

GA, for the past seven years and was attending Savannah Technical College. Brandon loved sports and was an avid golfer and soccer player. He was ac-



1987—Battalion commanders John Tien and Jim O'Brien on the landing strip at FOB Sykes.

tive in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Catholic Church. He was laid to rest in Hinesville, GA. In mid June, Dent & Heather and Scott, their younger son, moved to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, where Dent assumed command of 1-48th INF BN. The Knapps set up a memorial fund in Brandon's memory. Brandon Knapp Trust Fund, The Heritage Group, c/o Derek Sills, P.O. Box 1009, Hinesville, GA 31310." Our thoughts and prayers are with Dent, Heather, and Scott.

LTC John Tien sent an informative update on his time in Iraq and the '87 classmates he encountered. John wrote, "Currently on my third year in command and ninth month downrange in Iraq. As the battalion commander for TF2-37 AR, I command 1,000 great soldiers of all different MOSs: infantry, armor, engineer, and many other great en-



1987—James Brock and Joe Manusa enjoy the vacation pool with their kids; James with Jason (6) and Lauren (8) and Joe with Max and Sami.

ablers. We are forward deployed inside the embattled, but strategic city of Tal Afar, Iraq. Tal Afar made the news back in March 2006 when President Bush cited the town as a great example of how the *clear-hold-build strategy* could and

should work in the counterinsurgency fight. COL HR McMaster '84 and 3rd ACR did a great job of the clear and hold piece and we are now building every single day. It feels good to create a project, get it funded, and then open up projects like public libraries, computer centers, schools, and police stations. For those of the fellow Dogs from plebe year company E-2, COL McMaster, remembers our class well and how squared away we all seemed. Maybe it was because it was also known as "Easy 2" that we were thus enabled so!

I've run in to a few classmates over here: **LTC Jim O'Brien** commanded 1-33 CAV and we shared the same FOB (see photo) for a few weeks before he redeployed to Ft. Campbell (Jim had been all over Iraq to include Baghdad, Bayji, and Diyala); **LTC Jim Redwine** is the Border Transition Team

Chief for the Iraqi Syrian border brigade and gets resupplied from our FOB; **LTC Howard Brewington** is an Iraqi Maneuver Brigade Transition Team Chief over in Mosul; and **LTC Jeff Peterson** commands 1-14 CAV

for the 3/2 Stryker Brigade down in Baghdad. Although the situation in Iraq continues to make the news in a bad way, there are many Iraqis here who really want to make their country better, safer, and an ally of the U.S. in the Global War on Terror. One is my local governance partner, Mayor Najim, who was also cited by President Bush in that March speech; and with partners like him, I am hopeful that we will win this war. Pictured here is the mayor and myself after presenting gifts/school supplies from my hometown of Long Beach, CA, to the

Al Qala school for girls. Finally, my 2% club partner is still with me despite leaving her in Germany every time we get stationed there (deployed at end of OIF 1 as soon as we got to Friedberg, Germany, and to Desert Storm

from Erlangen). **Tracy** and our two daughters, Amanda and Rebecca, are doing great work with the Family Readiness Group and are planning furiously (but happily) for our Welcome Home celebration in 2007 just months before our 24 year old reunion of standing in the rain on the Plain in our gray New Cadet hats."

Marty Holland also commands in Iraq; third time at Ft. Campbell—third time to Iraq (plus a short tour to Afghanistan). In late July 2006, he visited with **Chris Davis** who was checking out KBR facilities and stopped by to see Marty at FOB Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq.

Jim Saenz is commander of Detachment 2, Joint POW/MIA Accounting



1987—John Tien and Tal Afar mayor, Mayor Najim presenting gifts/school supplies from John's hometown of Long Beach, CA, to the Al Qala school for girls.

Command (JPAC) in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The mission is to provide the fullest accounting possible of those service members still missing from the Viet Nam Conflict. To find out more, visit the JPAC website at <www.jpac.pacom.mil>.

Jeff & Laurie Huisingh moved the family to Peterson AFB from Ft. Lewis for an assignment working on Maritime Homeland Defense issues.

In the last "Class Notes," I mentioned that we had dinner with **Tom Lavender** but I was short on details. Here is the follow up. Tom & Gina (Klein '88) live in Magnolia, DE, with daughter Kyla (7). He works for USACE Philadelphia District as a Resident Engineer. In October 2005, Tom was involuntarily activated (USAR) and subsequently mobilized to Edison, NJ, to serve full-time as the Divn Engr for 78th Division (TS), where he performs duties as a facility engineer assisting the headquarters and subordinate units with facilities issues affected by post-mobilization training sup-



1987—Todd Friedman (far right) and three other Miami, FL, natives swam a 2.5 race in Japan.

port missions, the Army Reserve Transformation, and BRAC 2005 implementation. He lives in Ft. Monmouth, NJ, during the week and gets home to see the family in Delaware most weekends. In his frequent travels to Ft. Dix, he has run into **Steve Heidecker** (C-1), currently commanding the 2-315th (FA) Tng Spt Bn. Steve lives at Dix and commutes on weekends back to home in New Cumberland, PA. Steve occasionally has lunch with **Rush Yelverton**, who is Deputy Plant Manager for Kraft in Dover, DE. Tom ran into **John Tumino**, who is in the New Jersey ARNG. John just completed ILE-Common Core (the new name for CGSOC). As a civilian, John works for the FBI as an agent out of the Manhattan office, but currently lives and works in a developmental assignment in the DC Metro area doing counterintelligence/counterterrorism.

Tom also had some G-2 on a few other folks: **Mark & Gloria Pincoski** are doing great, living in Huntsville, AL, with their three boys—Joshua, Noah, and Benjamin. Mark went Acquisition Corps and was recently selected as the PM for a new artillery rocket system which causes him to travel a lot in Europe. **Angela (Giordano) Lungu**



1987—Bob & Amy (Hoogerwerf) Underwood and Mike Duckworth dressed in their evening best for a military ball.

& **Sorin** live in Montgomery, AL, with their beautiful daughter Giovanna (4). Angela & Sorin are both teaching at the Air Force's CGSC and the Air War College, respectively. **Roberto & Theresa Sartori** are stationed at Ft. Benning, GA, where Rob is an Army neurologist. **George Solomon** was last known to be teaching second grade in a private school in Tacoma, WA, and still serves in the USAR.

In other news, **Bob & Amy (Hoogerwerf) Underwood** met up with **Mike Duckworth** when he visited for a military ball held by the James Madison University ROTC. Bob is practicing emergency medicine in Harrisonburg, VA. As his little part of homeland security, he attended the Radiation Accident Management Course: "Handling Radiation Emergencies by Emergency Department Personnel." Let's hope he never needs to use that training!

Todd Friedman traveled to Japan in July and competed in the 20th Annual 2.5 mile Open Water Swimming Championship in Kagoshima, Japan. As you recall, Todd swam sprints at USMA so this was a bit outside his normal range. A Miami, FL, native, Todd was part of a four person team representing Miami, FL, the sister city to Kagoshima. Out of the 100 teams that participated, the Miami team was the only foreign team invited to participate. The actual race required all four swimmers to start, swim, and finish together. The race started at the Sakurajima Volcano and the swimmers crossed Kinko Bay and finished in Kagoshima City.

Baby News: Congratulations to **Patrick & Laurel Rhyne** on the birth of Lily Sophia Rhyne, born on 10 Aug 06.

Until next time, Our Country We Strengthen!



1987—Beaming father Patrick Rhyne with his first daughter, Lily Sophia Rhyne.

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Hello to all. **Scott J. Zigmond**, currently the national sales director in strategic accounts for Roche Diagnostics, sent an update on the 82d. Scott, **Joanie** and their five daughters live in Indy and are gearing up for the Army-Notre Dame game in November. He hopes to see some of you there.

Brian Mennes took command of the 1-508th INF BN, 82d Airborne on 21 June. Brian, **Kellie**, and their three children had already moved in, started school, and are settled—Kellie is expert at this! Brian's sister and parents also attended the ceremony. Brian has had various leadership assignments over the last several years to include his last duty at West Point in the Simon Center for Leadership. Scott reports that he, **Chris & Renee West** and their two sons, and **Joe Markert** were able to attend the change of command. Chris and Joe ventured down from their haunts in the Raleigh area where they frequently sight the



1988—Brian Mennes accepts the colors.

likes of **Tim Isacco**, **Scott Maitland**, and **Brother Ratliff**.

Scott Snair sent an interesting article he received from **Benny Webb** about the exploits of **Mark Freitag's** unit, 4/14 Cav in Anah, Iraq. It's a lengthy article, so I won't post it here, but you should be able to web search "Liberating Anah," by author Sean D. Naylor, in the 28 August edition of the *Army Times*. Scott also forwarded e-mail from, **Ed Acevedo**, who recently returned from an extended (two years plus) trip in the Middle East assisting the Iraqis in eco-