



Merry Christmas 2011 Everyone!

I hope that you are all doing well, in good health and loving

Things have been very busy for the Werner household in the past year and there has never been a dull moment. This little newsletter should hopefully catch everyone up.



After Paul returned from a year long deployment to the Middle East, he was reassigned to the US Army Inspector General Agency. After attending IG School, he was further assigned to the Investigations Division at the Agency. He can't really talk a lot about his job, other than to say the main mission he has. His job is to take reports that come in from all sources concerning senior official improprieties and look into those reports. Improprieties are a nice way of saying that a person broke a regulation, directive, or possibly a law. Paul in essence got to see if our general officers and senior executives have been naughty or nice. For the record, most of them have not been naughty, which is a good thing. There have been many long hours doing sometimes tedious work, and a lot of writing. Paul also discovered something about himself – he does not want to be a writer. After generating this many reports in the past two years, his writing days are over (at least for now): http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_lAmi-EU_Aew/S7Mgx3zkBrI/AAAAAAAAArE/DuCqwDDIFj4/s1600/stack-of-papers.jpg

Early in the year, Paul and Mila both were grappling with some tough decisions. Was it time to retire from the Army? The journey had started for Paul in 1983 and 1985 for Mila. There were a lot of factors to consider, but ultimately fate had a hand in making the decision for us. Paul's health had declined since his injury in Kuwait and he was no longer deployable since he could not wear his Kevlar helmet due to a ruptured C6 disc. Paul formally submitted his retirement papers in February of this year and they were approved in April. At the insistence of his battle buddy, Andy, Paul did not become a ROAD (retired on active duty) and worked until the very end. Like his father, Paul **did not** want a retirement ceremony. He reluctantly went along and all of Paul's teammates did a superb job sending him off with a retirement ceremony on September 23rd of this year. A miniature cover of the program is below. After nearly 29 years of active and reserve service, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Mila has been super busy at her job with NJVC. She has been for the last several years working as an executive assistant to the Chief Operating Officer of her company. Mila and her boss get along great and she has complete autonomy, which is real nice in any environment. She just got another pay raise and have to say she is doing very well at her company. The temptation is pretty strong on my part to become a hausfrau, but I will still need to work for the next few years to pay for the college bills for Kyle.

Kyle was all set to enlist in the Army after nearly a year of preparation. When he went to the MEPS station to take a physical, unfortunately for him, fate had another plan. He was not able to pass his physical. After mulling it all over for a few weeks, he decided to get back into college and he has been going hard at it for the past year. He is currently enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College and should finish and get his Associate's degree at the end of this coming summer. In the fall of 2012, he will enroll for the remaining



two years at George Mason University to finish his BS degree in Computer Science. If all goes well, he will get his BS degree in the summer of 2014 and hopefully Mila and Paul can fully retire by then. Lastly, Paul got the opportunity to go out to Arizona to visit his brother, cousin, and aunt for one week. He had a great time and got all caught up. Best wishes to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Paul, Mila, and Kyle.... plus Duke and Gyzmo

