



Jim White's Lancair N427JR aircraft

Rick and Linda Gorski “are enjoying life here in western Australia and really looking forward to seeing everyone at the 40th reunion in September. It'll be good to get Rick away -- I think he's busier on this mining project here than he's been on any of his projects in the past. We're firmly ensconced in a lovely home just steps from the Indian Ocean and across the street from the only links golf course in Perth with plenty of room for visitors ... y'all come!”



Linda and Rick Gorski in Australia

Terry Durbin sends the Class greetings from Afghanistan! He “is alive and well and working since 10 May for an Afghan-American owned outfit called Technologists Inc. (www.technologistsinc.com). We are a design-build contractor in Kabul under contract with USACE for several projects and competing for more. Our plus with the Corps is that we are a 90%

Afghan company, successfully employing Afghans for design and construction, not third-country nationals like the multinationals do. We have three Americans working here trying to help the folks deal with the bloody Corps paperwork. After my country sent my daughter on two tours in Iraq, I asked what am I doing cheerleading from the sidelines my country's commitment to freedom? It is indeed a high honor and a rare privilege to be working with the men and women of Afghanistan, who are either survivors of two decades of war or expatriates returning from successful careers pledging their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to help rebuild their country. Do not believe the gloom and doom you hear from the mainstream media. As the Afghan proverb says, 'Qatara qatara, darya mesha!' ('Drop by drop, a river is made!'). Sorry I can't join you at the 40th. From the Near East, I send you one single thought, one sole idea: There is no substitute for victory! I have also attached a photograph of my entire gang at the marriage of my Army daughter at Vilseck Germany on 8 Aug '05 while she was on leave from Iraq. We were even able to arrange for the Navy daughter to join us. Regret missing the 40th, but with four daughters, and two still in school, I have to keep working. See ya at the 50th, Lord willing."



J.K. Durbin & the Durbin family, Vilseck Germany, August 8, 2005

Russ Grant met **Dan** Dodd for lunch recently in Plano, TX. Dan is running for Congress in TX3 against an incumbent. Later, **Joel and Dot Gartenberg** invited Russ and Janice me and my wife, Janice for barbequed ribs and bratwurst at their home in Arlington. Russ was in the Dallas area for an extended business trip but he enjoyed seeing these classmates and gaining “more good memories!”

New emails: **George Groves**, as of 26 May: grovesg@fnb-corp.com. **Dick Eklund**: deklund123@verizon.net

Additional Photos:



Kerm Morgan gets braced after 40 years!

In the last e-notes, the Plaque design was attributed, incorrectly, to "Jon Lee," when it should have been Jon Steel. ('Lee' is Jon's middle name.) Our apologies for the error. Jon's revised design is shown below:



Revised Bronze Plaque Design

Also, from the last e-notes, the cadet on the left in the photo identified as "Jim Gibson, Dave Pearce, and John Deponai" is not Jim Gibson. Thanks to Jim Gibson for the correction.