

2nd ACR. It was great to hear from you Jeff, but it seems like you could get a hot chess tournament going between fellow cav troopers **John Ferrari** and **Mike Cote**. I waved to **Greg Whann** and **John Gifford** as their tanks rolled by, but they mistook me for a young German child and threw an MRE at me.

I want to thank those individuals that have kept in touch, therefore providing info for this column. I would appreciate any news, stories, and pictures that could assist me in writing the next column. Unfortunately, I must conclude on a sad note. It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the death of our classmate **Matthew James Zielinski**. Matt will be remembered as a loyal friend and a dedicated officer. Your cheerful approach to life will stay with us, and you will be in our thoughts always. Those of you who wish to correspond with his parents may reach them at 276 Skinner Rd, Ellington, CT 06029.

By now the gold bar should be tarnished (ours had to last an extra 6 mos), and I trust the past two yrs have been good to you. I returned to WP a few mos ago for the first time since graduation. Thayer Gate received a facelift and the Plain was symmetric, but the Academy and the memories associated with our yrs there were still very strong and pleasant. Though the faces in the gray uniforms had changed, you were all right there with me. —John Hurst

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Hello from Ger.

Bob Watson writes from Wright Patterson AFB to say that our classmates are getting engaged right and left. He also says that **Doug Fraley** is alive and well and touring Europe after his summer vacation at Ranger School.

Jay Crawford reports that life in civ med schools is tough; optional classes, long hair, and undergraduate co-eds are a big burden, but he thinks that he will just have to make the sacrifice. **John Coursey**, **Carol Young**, **Shawn Granger**, and **Dan Simpson** are also making that great sacrifice. Thanks guys!

Marilou (Jilbert) and **Lisa Kuessner** want to say high to all of the guys in D-3. Marilou says that Ordnance School was unique, but she still managed to learn a few things.

Brad Pippin phoned from his cave in AL over the holidays. Brad says the reason that he had not written was because some of our classmates had rolled a stone in front of his hovel and he could not get out to buy a pen. He is enjoying flight school, however, and may be a pilot on a pogie-bait flight for some of the Ranger students. Thanks Brad, but don't



1988: Army-Navy 88 at Ft Rucker. A-3 Armadillos



1988: Marilou (Jilbert) & David Shepard at Lusk Reservoir

sacrifice the growth on your living room floor on their account.

Barry Sievers writes that he and 7 of our classmates are heading off to be all they can be in Ranger School. **Kevin Kriesel**, **Jeff Abramson**, **John Crocker**, **Chuck Degutis**, **Tom Feder**, **Stan Pederson**, and **Steve Stoddard** will be joining Barry on his epic journey in Jan.

Congratulations to **Brad Stewart** and **Mike Barger**. Brad was the distinguished honor graduate from AOB I-4-88. Mike was the distinguished honor graduate of his mortar platoon leader's course.

More news from the world of matrimony. **John Coursey** married **Kim Marlin** of Nashville fame. **Marilou Jilbert** is now Marilon Shepard thanks to **Dave Shepard '87**. **Barth Fassbender** tied the knot with **Connie Roshak** on 26 May 88, then was subsequently beaten with that knot for failing to send a wedding picture to ASSEMBLY. **David Martinez** is now stationed at Ft Lewis with his new bride **Lisa Ferraro**. **Amy Dickenson** married **Dan Stredler '86** on 27 May 88. Congratulations to you all!



1988: Connie & Barth Fassbender

We have just learned that **Ken Pollock** was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Please take a moment and drop Ken a line at this address: Spinal Cord Injury Center, Palo Alto Veteran's Hospital, Palo Alto, CA 94304.

On a more pleasant note, **Bill Stallworth** sent a letter to me wishing to express a few thoughts about his recent bout with cancer. Bill says that everything is fine now and that he will be undergoing radiation therapy at Walter



1988: The wedding party—Lisa & David Martinez



1988: Amy & Dan Stredler at the Jewish Chapel



1988: Bill Stallworth shortly after graduation

Reed for another yr or so. Bill wishes to thank all of you who telephoned and wrote to him; your concern and prayers lifted his morale and helped him through. Bill can be contacted at the following address: 3217 Toledo Place, Apt #202, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Thanks for all of the cards and letters. All the best in the future.

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ations. On the positive side, Professors Edwards and Walker state well their personal conclusion that "[t]he openness of the system to a wide variety of viewpoints and the necessity for building broad coalitions discourages rigidity and insulation and places a premium on

being responsive to changing conditions and demands."

To conclude, the U.S. Constitution is only one of many influences upon national security policy making. The constitutional system has negative and positive aspects and impacts. Rather than blame the Constitution for failures in national security policy making, one

should instead credit the Constitution for the many successes. Congratulations to Professors Edwards and Walker for bringing this final, most important point to our attention.

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