



◀ 1987—Skinner wedding party at Trophy Point, 30 Aug 97.

5th child, Noah Daniel Smythe, was born on 21 Aug 97 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. **Rush & Diana Yelverton** welcomed their 3d child, Michael, into the world on 9 Sep. Michael has a big brother Calvin (7) and sister, Anna, (5). The Yelverton's live in Battle Creek, MI. Rush has been with Post Cereal (Kraft Foods, Phillip Morris) since getting out of the Army. **Todd Burns** announced the birth of his 3d child and 2d son. Jack Abbott Burns was born on 18 Sep. Baby announcements continued on 21 Sep when **John & Silk Sogan** had their 2d child, Jason Ryan, in Burglengenfeld, Germany. The Sogans also have a 4-year-old daughter, Michelle.

The final baby announcement came from **Wil Riggins** and seems to put a perfect ending on a great reunion weekend. . . his words are classic and need no editing. "Hey, everyone! I'm writing to announce the birth of Baylee Virginia Riggins. In classic 'cadet pull-out' form, I got home from the reunion just in time for **Paige** to begin the labor process—thank goodness. She was born on 27 Oct. Paige is doing well and big brother Austin (4) is taking it in stride."

**Clint Kandle** was unable to make the reunion due to a business trip and asked us to pass along his regrets along with a photo of him and the girls. Clint & **Tawdra** live in Pitman, NJ, with their three children, Haley, Devyn, and Cathryn.

The latest big news on the wedding front comes by way of **Jerry Skinner**. Jerry married **Adela Waymouth** on 30 Aug in the Catholic Chapel. Jerry's brothers Greg and Brent served as his best men, and classmates **Kevin Vink**, **Ralph Boeckmann**, and **Karl Mance** rounded out Jerry's side of the wedding party. After the wedding, Jerry & Adela spent 2 weeks in Costa del Sol, Spain.

And finally, in sports news, a handful of classmates ran the Army 10-miler last October in DC. Those running included **Paul Reist**, **Alan Seise**, **John Novalis**, **Ellen (Adams) & Steve Birch**, **Jim Yacone**, **Donna (Maturro) & Ted McAleer**, **Rob Estes**, **Tom & Laura (Kelly) Fitzpatrick**, and **Mike Keane**.

Well, time to sign off so let us just wrap up with another well-deserved thank you to the players who put to-

gether the reunion, including **John Moellering**, **Sam Ligo**, **Randy Kirby**, **Jamie Gayton**, **Cathy & Tim Whalen**, **Rick Nieberding**, **Marty Holland**, **Greg & Meredith Kilby**, **Jeff Petersen**, **John Tien**, **Greg Stinson**, **Jack Poole**, **Bill Prior**, **Mike Lyman**, **Bob Jones**, **Mike**, **Linda**, **David & Jessica Tarsa**, **Fred Kaehler**, and **John Hurst**.

## 1988

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**Greg Friedland** sent a long-awaited update. He went aviation, did flight school, and Saudi with the 101st. Greg got out of the Army and taught high school for a year. He met his wife **Rhonda** at the school where he taught—she was a teacher, not a student! Greg worked as an automotive engineer for 2 years in San Antonio, TX, then enrolled in law school at the University of Houston—one year behind **Darren Alch**. Greg & Rhonda had a baby on 3 Feb 97 and named her **Ashley Marie**. Greg worked as a licensed law practitioner in Houston for 6 months. He joined the Air Force JAG Department (Aim High!) and will be stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls. Look for Greg at the reunion wearing Air Force blue.

**Stephanie (Sykes) Campbell** just finished the last portion of the RC CAS<sup>3</sup>. She had **Don Mudford '87** in her class. She also ran into **Hugh Campbell**, who was going through the AC class. Stephanie also reports that **Holly Hagen Olson** and **Carrie Haynes** are at USMA and will still be there next year.

**Lisa (Benitez) & Scott Strine** are doing just fine in Cornwall, NY, where Scott was promoted to District Manager. Lisa is currently working at AOG in the class giving department. She works with the classes 1975 and younger. Lisa asked me to post some of our class statistics in hopes of gen-

erating more participation and update you on our class gift. The statistics are not great. We have the \$198,000 pledged, but we only have \$41,000 in the account with a little more than a year to go. Our participation rate is worse—28% and more than half of the companies do not have class representatives.

**Joe Benevento** returned to planet earth and sent this update. He separated from the Army after meeting his wife **Petra** in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Germany. They were married in Germany on 1 Oct 94. After working for a couple of German companies, he & Petra decided to move to the U.S. in the summer of 1995. In November 1996, he began working at IDX Systems Corporation, as a Network Specialist (read Office Manager). In April, they became landed gentry with the purchase of their first home. On 30 Sep 97, Alexander Vincent Benevento was born. Joe says real-life parenthood is far better than he could have imagined and looks forward to having at least one more child in the near future.

Thanks, Joe, we look forward to seeing a photo of Alec when you get one. Keep writing and God bless.

## 1989

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Greetings to all who Strengthen the Line out there. Hope that everyone is doing well. I received a nice letter from **Darius Powell**, who graduated from Duke Business School in May 1997. Apparently, there were several USMA grads who went to school there, to include **Andy Stone**. Darius has sent a photo of them with Duke coach **Mike Krzyzewski**. Andy works in Louisville, KY, as an energy stock trader for Louisville Gas & Electric. Darius is an executive sales trainer for Frito Lay in Cincinnati, OH. News on other classmates includes: **RJ Lillibridge** recently took command of a rifle company at Ft. Bragg, while **Steve Casey** is a partner in an executive search firm in



▲ 1989—Andy Stone and Darius Powell with Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski.