



1987—A late 1998 Founders Day photo from CGSC.

**Marion Garcia** checked in a few weeks ago with the quick summary of the past ten years. She left the Army a few years ago, after tours in Germany, Korea, Saudi, and Somalia, and graduated from veterinary school at Colorado State. She is now a vet and doing a residency in poultry health management at North Carolina State. It's a two-year program. She's just nine months into it but, so far, she loves it!

For those of you looking for an exciting getaway to the lovely Midwest, the **Cheeseman** house is always open for visitors. Come ski our exciting hills or take a dip from our beachfront property (well, if you don't mind swimming in a canal with ducks). Okay, so most of you live in better places (except for the **Bartoulovics** in Cleveland). The food and beverages are free, with only a small fee for overnight stays. We are planning a bash for the Indy 500 over Memorial Day weekend. All are welcome.

**Bernie Banks** sent a newsy note from Ft. Hood where Bernie is the Corps HQ. Bernie drives an hour each way to work to take advantage of the lifestyle in Austin.



1987—Johan Ahn, Joo-Sim, Hannah, and Jr. at Tripler AMC, HI.

Due to shortages in the field grade ranks, he is currently the Corps Aviation Officer (a full colonel position). In addition to his staff role, he is back in the pilot seat behind the stick of an Apache again. He reports that **Jeff Opperman** is a UH-60 pilot and the Brigade S-1 at 21st Cavalry Brigade (the old Apache Training Brigade). Bernie hopes to be headed back to the "line" in the fall for a battalion S-3 position for 1-4 Aviation (AH-64). We'll let him tell the rest of his story, in his own words. "One evening, while out on the town in Austin, I ran into **Miguel Polanco**. He lives in San Antonio and works commercial real estate ventures on his own. Since getting out, he earned an MBA from Northwestern (Kellogg School) and worked on Wall Street, among other things. He likes Texas and is thinking about relocating to Austin. While returning from one of my TDY trips, I happened to sit down next to a familiar face and I turned and asked 'do I know you?' We looked at each other for a second and we both spit out each other's name at the same time. The gentleman was **Terry Williamson** (D-4). He was coming to Austin on business. Terry is the Director of Operations/owner of an environmental consulting firm that employs 180 people. He lives in the Bay Area and is on the road constantly. He wanted to know if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Steve Nulty**? The funny thing about both meetings was that I had not seen either Miguel or Terry since graduation. It is amazing how classmates stay etched in your memory.

"Other news about my buddies, **Mark & Jennifer Carlson** are expecting their first child this spring. Mark is at DLI taking Spanish. He recently finished a master's at Naval PG. He was in a 'snake eater' program there with **Mike Iacobucci** and **Jim Dugan**. All of them will attend CGSC this summer. **Charlie Rogers** is a partner in a venture capital/equity bank in Los Angeles. Chuckles completed an MBA at USC. He & **Ann Elizabeth** have two lovely boys—Brian and Thomas (twins).

"**Gary McFarlane** is the head of U.S. marketing for a high-tech firm named Tectronics in Portland. He & **Cyndi** have five kids (two sets of twins and a single). Gary is a scratch golfer and hopes to play on the Senior Tour when he hangs up his business suit.

"**Chris (Topper) Davis** is in an acquisition job at Ft. Rucker and takes off this summer for CGSC. He & **Michelle** have two girls—Journey and Madison. Topper went to the University of Illinois for an MBA on the government dime. P.S. Was that **Mark Valley** I recently saw in a Lexus commercial? I swear that it was him, looking very dapper, I might add."

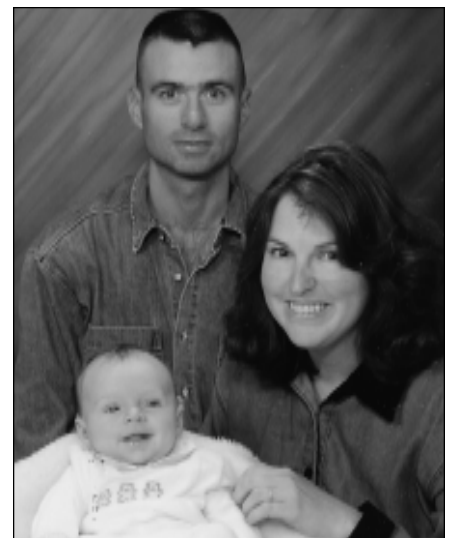
In closing, we want to once again thank **Mike Lyman** for the outstanding job he has done and continues to do for the class as our listserver moderator and webpage developer. For those of you who participated in the "SPAMfest" in February, you realize what a pain it is to keep the class listserver moderated in such a way that it respects the interests of the entire class. We almost ruined a good thing. We hope everyone has learned a lesson in "net citizenship" and will be good "net-citizens" going forward. Let's keep the listserver a great place to communicate while not becoming a nuisance. Our Country We Strengthen!

## 1988

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**Bill Beitzel** sent a long awaited update. He, **Maria**, Christian (2), and Lucas (10 months) are doing fine. He is in his last year as an expatriate in the UK working for Tenneco Packaging. He does not yet have a clue where they will go next. **Matt Schnaidt**, **Anita**, Dominick, and Isabel graduated from NPS and have moved to Colorado Springs to work on the "Star Wars" defense system. **Terry Harshfield** left Honeywell and the Chicago area to work for Compuware Corp. in Farmington Hills, MI, as a software development manager.

**Beth (Prost) Manning** sent an update from Ft. Bliss. She got out in June and has



1988—Beth (Prost), Ed, and John Michael Manning.



1988—I-Rock (1-1) in the house—Dave Hamilton, Mary Devoe, Dan Albert, Mike Gould, (back) Pat Matlock, Paul Hurley, Bill Coffin, and Bob Watson.

her hands full with her new son, John Michael, who was born a Texan on 8 Sep 98. Beth and John missed Ed (her husband) who spent the holidays deployed to Kuwait. Beth and John earned some major frequent flyer miles over Christmas and New Years visiting both sides of the family. Beth, Ed, and John head to the DC area soon for Ed's next assignment.

Reunion photos are rolling in slowly. I'll post them as soon as they come in. **Cathy & I** will be taking the boys to Tunisia about the time this is published. We will be stationed in Tunis for just more than a year doing some of that FAO stuff. If you're in our grid square, drop by. We'd love to see you. Gotta go. God bless and keep writing.

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Greetings to all Who Strengthen the Line. I hope this finds you all well and preparing for the 10 Year Reunion, 20-24 Oct 99 when Army will beat New Mexico State in football.

As for our reunion, **Brian Roberts** and **Steve Miller** are hard at work putting it together. The current plan is for a class business meeting to be held on that Friday evening, followed by an informal social. This event will likely be somewhere on USMA grounds. This class business will include the status of our Class Fund (that

**Dave Blain** and several others have done a superb job organizing), whether we want to elect new class officers or keep the current ones, and future plans for class functions. Saturday, of course, includes the parade, tailgates, football game, and a formal dinner tentatively scheduled for the Mess Hall. Brian and Steve also are working with several hotels to accommodate the numbers that we project. Currently, they are looking in the White Plains, NY, area and the Woodcliff, NJ, area. (Though there have been some murmurings of the Holidome, one more time!)

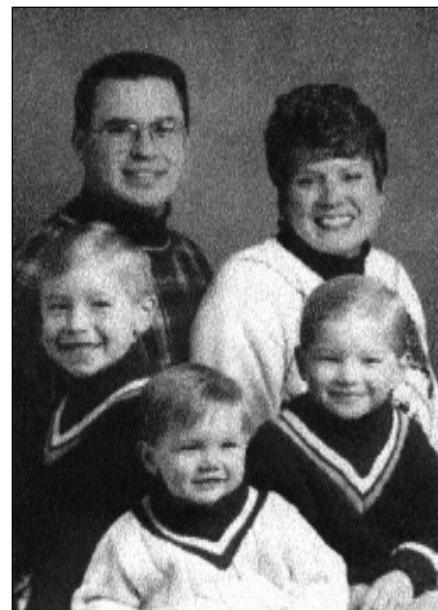
Please visit the class website or contact **Brian** at 770 844-9199, <brianroberts@worldnet.att.net> or holler at yours truly with ideas or opinions. We would like to put together a reunion that everyone wants to have. Come out and let's remember when we ruled the Plain.

And so the e-mails flow in. **Ross Ruchti** checked in from Santa Clara, CA. He works for Intel after getting an MBA. Ross & **Millie** married in April 1998 after they both finished graduate school. They bought a home in San Francisco and are settled in. Ross ran into **Ernie Lee**, who is at DLI in Monterey studying Korean. Ernie will become a FAO. It's strange, Ross writes, that as Beast roommates, Ernie hated it and Ross thought he would be a lifer. As it turns out, the opposite happened. Thanks for your update, Ross.

**Jon Tellier** sent a SITREP while en route from Ft. Bragg to WP. JT, **Michelle**, and **Ethan** arrived in February 1999 and JT took command of HHC/1-1 IN. They are already taking reservations for the reunion, so hurry. Before leaving Ft. Bragg, they said good-bye to **RJ Lillibridge**, who is currently the CG's aide. At WP, they have run into **Frank Sturek** and **Brian Reed** who are both P's. JT also reports that **Mark Stock** is at-

tending Harvard and will then go to the Pentagon for a job on the DA staff. **Jon Seamon** also is in graduate school and will follow on with an assignment in The Hague.

**Pete & Erin Patacsil** sent e-mail from Seattle (where Pete is doing ROTC at Seattle U) with the following updates. **Matt Hergenroeder** went through the ROTC train up with Pete and is at San Diego State University (hardship tour, I see). Pete linked up with **Rob & Jen Jorgensen** in Tacoma. Rob J. works for Intel while Jen is a doctor at Madigan AMC on Ft. Lewis. Rob J. and Pete were able to go to a Seahawk game last fall and talk about some D-3 memories. By the way, Rob, you owe me a cream chopped ham breakfast sometime! Also in the Seattle area, Pete has linked up with **Mike Opitz** and **Erik & Shannen Chilian**, who were all in 2/75 IN together. Mike has gotten out and started his own construction company,



1989—Todd, Cynthia, Brandon, Justin, and Matthew Kobberdahl.

Transwest Construction. Erik works for Frito Lay as an operations manager. Meanwhile, **Sandy Sparkes** and **Leif Gunhus** work the ROTC Advanced Camp at Ft. Lewis. Sandy was on the squad STX committee while Leif put together the Land Nav committee. **Brian McCullough** also is in the area doing an AC/RC job. Finally, Pete saw **Steve & Lori (Hess) Tompos** in Chicago, where Lori works for Anderson Consulting. Their daughter, Laurel, is a year old.

**Todd & Cynthia Kobberdahl** send their best wishes to everyone from Maple Grove, MN. Todd got out in spring 1998 and they returned to Minnesota with their three boys—Brandon (5), Justin (3), and Matthew (1). Todd is a technical analyst/com-