

Dallas facility! This new challenge follows closely on the heels of Dave's first son so life is hopping at the Garza residence

Viki (Vogel) & Gary Flack took a two-week vacation to Germany in August before leaving the service. Her account of that trip goes like this "We did stop to visit **Joe & Bettye Simonelli** in Ansbach. Got to see Joe for about three days though because he was back in Turkey to close down a deployment for his unit and then he went to the field! The life of a major! He's now an XO, after being an S-3 for a year. Bettye is doing great. I am a full-time grad student working on an MS in geography. We're calling St. Louis home for a while. I am in the Reserves doing land training—not bad since they don't deploy to "fun" places like Bosnia and Kosovo! Connor (4 months) keeps me busy! And I thought being a CO was a demanding job!"

"I know the whereabouts of one of our missing comrades," writes **Larry Jacobson**. **Tom & Marianne Albanese** live a stone's throw from my parent's old home in Fort Worth. While visiting my parents about two years ago, I noticed a USMA sweatshirt walking up our street. Enter Tom & Marianne, who had learned from their neighbor that my family lived a short walk away. Tom moved to Fort Worth with the Burlington RR.

Rinna Johnson wrote in on behalf of spouse **Anthony** who currently is at the Officer Advance Corps. Tony currently is the Chief, Ophthalmology Clinic at Blanchfield Army Hospital, Ft. Campbell, KY. He starts a Cornea/Refractive Surgery Fellowship at Emory University starting July 2000. He hopes to run into **Danny Rodruiguez**, who is a professor in econometrics at Emory. The Johnsons have two girls—Amanda (6) and Alexis (3).

That looks like all we've got on the news front. Don't forget our open invitation to join us for some skiing in Park City, UT. Our Country We Strengthen!

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A quick update from **Bob Watson** at West Point. Bob & **Angela** brought a little sister to Joshua in March. Gabrielle Watson's birth was a headliner in the *Pointer View* particularly because she was delivered in

Bob & Angela's home. Congratulations. **Kevin & Badeah Carroll** and **Maynard & Jennifer Ahner** also added to their families this year. Thanks for the update, Bob.

Keep writing and God bless.

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Greetings to all Who Strengthen the Line. By the time this issue hits your mailboxes, the Army–Navy game should be over and we all should have enjoyed the holiday season. The main emphasis of this column, however is the 10-Year Reunion. First, let me say that it was a great event. Second, we had just about half of our class present, which USMA officials say is a superb turnout for a 10-year reunion. Once again, that shows what fine, close-knit people make up the Class of '89. The weather held off for the parade and Army beat NMSU 35–18. The waiters in the Mess Hall are still out of water and the plebes still find a way to scarf some boodle on the weekends. It was great to be back.

The class held a business meeting before the Friday Night Social. Those classmates present decided to keep the current set of class officers except for class treasurer. **Ed Moore** was elected to replace **Stan Martin** as class treasurer. No one has seen or heard from Stan in a long while and we assume that he no longer wanted to be a class officer. Additionally, those classmates present elected two new officers. **Dave Blain** was elected as the Fundraising Chairman and **Warren Hearnes** was elected as the Class Webmaster. To refresh everyone's memory, here are your (now seven) officers: **Brian Roberts**, President; **Steve Miller**, Vice President; **Nate LaMar**, Secretary; **Ed Moore**, Treasurer; Yours Truly as Scribe; **Dave Blain**, Fundraising; and **Warren Hearnes**, Webmaster. Thanks for contining to entrust us with class business.

Once again, I want to thank our classmates stationed at WP who really made the 10-Year Reunion happen: **Shane Kimborough**, **Gill (Schweitzer) Boice**, **Joel Levesque**, **Ed Moore**, **Diane (Bodnar) Nelson**, and **Brian Reed**. The reunion was truly a first-class event, and I encourage everyone make the future reunions.

In the meantime, I got an interesting note from **Steve Miller**. It seems that "Mildew" and **John Nelson** teamed up with a friend of theirs named Yael Van Hulst for a Hi-tec Adventure Race in September. They placed 25th out of more than 200 teams. The competition consisted of a 6.8-mile run, orienteering, obstacle course, kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, a mud pit, and a wooden wicker course. It sounds like an extended iron person-type event that requires teamwork, thought, endurance, and strength. "Mildew" told me it was very challenging, but very rewarding, nonetheless.

Lisa Shay checked in with an e-mail of her own from RPI, where she works on a Ph.D. Afterward, she will teach at WP for the 2001 academic year. Lisa ran into **Sandy Vann-Olejasz** who gave her the class website address and enabled her to check in. Thanks for the update, Lisa. Stay in touch.

Congratulations to **Tony & Robi Jean Briggs**, who married at the Cadet Chapel on 16 Oct 99. They met in Kansas City where several classmates came to visit Tony, including **Joe Bolton** and **Jeff Klein**. (Tony had asked me to put a public service announcement in the "Class Notes" about two years ago for classmates going to CAS³ and apparently Joe and Jeff took him up on it.) The Briggs, meanwhile, moved to Eden Prairie, MN, and still have the open door policy for '89ers. Congrats once again to Tony & Robi!

Ina (Tavai) Yahn dropped me a line from Aberdeen Proving Grounds where she is the Regimental Adjutant for the Ordnance Corps. She was once again harassing me about tank parts velocity and keeping the Abrams fleet running (though of late, my only pony is a HMMWV). Ina was sad to miss the reunion, but was busy with the Senior Service College and Pre-Command Courses coming through. Thanks for the update, Ina.

Gripes & Rumors. The first gripe is on myself. I ran into dozens of classmates at the reunion who were all good enough to tell me all about where they are and what is going on in their life. I'm sorry to report that I can remember hardly any of it. Call it age (or too much at the tailgate), but please e-mail or write me and I'll get it into the "Class Notes." Rumors abounded as to the whereabouts of classmates missing the reunion. I'll share some of the better ones I heard: **Jon Seamon** was allegedly at Navy (of all places) watching the motorized hang-gliding competition on the Severn River. **Jim Boehl** was rumored to have been sucked into a tuba during last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. **John "Bits" Conboy** supposedly returned to Panama to search for the lost heel