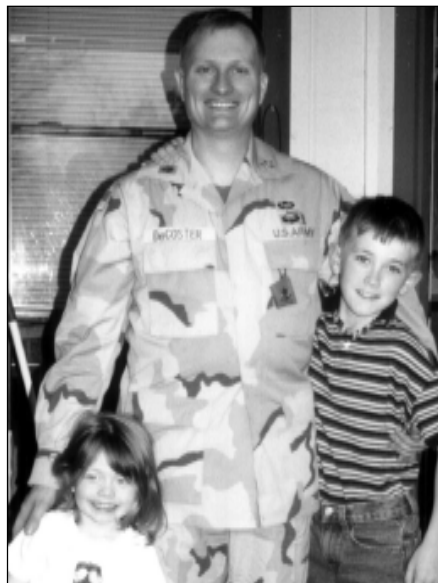


MAJ Mike Repetiski is in Jordan as Humanitarian Assistance/Demining Officer (I do not know what this is).

LTC **Dan Karbler** had the privilege of helping plan the return and welcome ceremony for the POWs at Ft. Bliss in late March. "I helped plan the event, right down to who got on what golf carts! The stories I could tell you guys about the family dynamics, and third- and fourth-order relatives who have appeared out of the woodwork. It is incredible." Dan assumes command of 3-43 ADA BN, Ft. Bliss, on 13 June in the desert either or some middle eastern desert.

Dan praised MAJ **John Nelson**, who serves as 11th BDE rear detachment commander at Ft. Bliss. "John's contributions to the whole POW ordeal were enormous, from their capture to release back to Ft. Bliss. As the 11th ADA Brigade rear detachment commander, he has had to do a lot of work and logistics to execute. He was awesome!" Other '87 grads at Bliss Dan reports are "**Chris Voisinnet-Bender** (I see her at soccer practices with her multitudes) and **Ray Jimenez** (I'm working with him on this year's Army Transformation Wargame, "Unified Quest '03"). Ray works in the Air and Missile Defense Battle Lab."

Updates from the home front. **George Thompson** is responsible for keeping all you Starbucks addicts satisfied. He is managing the roasting department at Starbuck's east-coast roasting facility in York, PA. "We roast, grind, package, and distribute all of the coffee sold and consumed in Starbucks stores, sold in groceries



1987—Bryan DeCoster with Jamie Lynn and Kevin before he deployed to Iraq with 4 ID.

and other outlets like Barnes & Noble that are east of the Mississippi river."

Mike Armstrong was installed as Youth Pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church, Inc., Columbus, GA, on 27 April. He is completing a training program in Columbus to become a principal with the local school district. Mike ran into **Zane Woods** & his wife at the Founders Day at Ft. Benning. Zane works as an executive for CINTAS.

After 21 arduous months, **Paula Browning White** graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, with an MBA. After 35 days of graduation leave and a much needed seven-day cruise to the western Caribbean, Paula will begin a new career as Product Marketing Manager for Volunteer Hospitals Association.

Bill Gameros wrote to congratulate **Derek Abbott** on receiving partnership earlier this year at Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell, a

Wilmington, DE, law firm. Derek's practice includes bankruptcy and general litigation.

Brett Kawakami and his fiancée, Doris, wanted to thank everyone who sent in donations in support for their Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Ski Marathon Fundraiser, which was dedicated to the memory of **Tim White**.

Brett writes "The notes of support and encouragement sent by so many classmates were truly heart-warming and inspirational during our training and in completion of the Yellowstone Marathon in March. We were especially grateful to **Paula White**, who has been an inspiration not only by her energetic support of our efforts but also by her unwavering strength, faith, and positive outlook."

On the move. In April Mike, **Jocelyn & Barkely Gajewski** hit the road again and departed southern California for the desert to Tucson. PCSing to Hawaii for a second tour are **Chris (Voisinnet) & Mike Bender**. Chris was expecting to arrive sometime in mid-spring and

be joined by Mike when he returns from Kuwait. Chris has permanently shifted to comptroller and will work with the Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management, at Ft. Shafter. Mike will work in the G-3 also at Shafter.

While doing some research on the internet, **Tom Evans** found an article from *Portals Magazine* on the Army's knowledge management system, Army Knowledge Online. The article features **MAJ Robert Zoppa** of the Chief Technology Office. Good work, Bob. <www.portalsmag.com/articles/default.asp?ArticleID=4379>.

MAJ Al Grein is at Selfridge ANGB, MI. Other than the photo included, that is all the information he sent.

Baby News. **Brent & Mary Layman** are proud to announce the impending birth of their first child together! Baby Layman is due to arrive on 24 Nov 03. Emma and Megan are extremely delighted to be "big sisters."

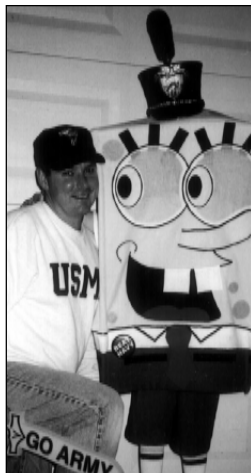
Keven & Dianna Turner were blessed with the birth of twin sons on 19 Apr 03. Keven, Jr., and Matthew Thomas Turner III.

Dave & Ellen Garza welcomed John Edward into their family on 6 Mar 03. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs. John joins big brother Michael.

In late April, **Ted & I** made a weekend pilgrimage to the mountain biking mecca of Moab, UT. The riding is challenging, the scenery spectacular, the camping plentiful and the beer cold. Come on out and enjoy some of the Rocky Mountain West! Don't forget to order your limited edition original West Point Aloha shirt, available only at <www.aogusma.org>. We hope to see some of you in Hawaii this fall for the Army-Hawaii game. Go Army!

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1987—"Beat the tartar sauce out of Navy!" Alfred Grein with son Alex as Sponge Bob.

Greetings! This will be the upcoming reunion info addition. I will include a letter from the class gift committee and the homecoming info letter from **Scott Snair** later in the column. But first, an update from **Steve Hart & Carmen Pino**.

The **Hart** family added twin boys, Liam and Duncan, on 1 May 01 just before they left West Point for CGSC. Steve finished a three-year tour with Civil and Mechanical Engineering. After CGSC, the Army sent dad to Korea where he is XO for the 2d Engineer Bn. Steve took his 3/4 tour leave in February/March and went home to Ft. Leavenworth for the birth of **Maire Margaret** who arrived on 26 Feb 03.

Yes, that's Maire—an Irish spelling of Mary. They call her "Maggie" and she is the sixth child: Joanna (11), Ian (9), Andrew (4), Liam & Duncan (2), and Maggie (Wow! Makes ya sweat, doesn't it?). Steve heads back to the States in June to Ft. Riley where he will be S-3 for the 1st Engineer Bn.

Carmen Pino sent an update and photo from Maryland. She and her family made a move from Naperville, IL, to Ellicott City, MD, last summer to take on a new role with Castrol. Carmen is Director of Sales for Castrol's industrial business. **Gabriela** and three children—Robert (13), Stefanie (9), and Christopher (3), have adapted well to being on the east coast again. Carmen took Robert to the Army-Navy game last year, where subsequently, he was hooked on the Army team (despite the score). They bought season tickets and will make six trips to Michie this year to see the Black Knights.

Now for our homecoming infomercial. **Matt Sebenoler** sent out a web blast on the status of our class gift. I include the letter for those of us who prefer to hold dead trees in our hands when reading. "In less than seven months, we will gather together as friends and family to celebrate the 15th anniversary of our graduation from our esteemed alma mater. Within the confines of this joyous occasion, we will also celebrate a smaller milestone; the completion of our ten-year gift campaign. As you will recall, we collectively agreed to create an endowment for club-squad activities at our five-year reunion. Our pledge of \$198,800 has gone a long way over the years by providing invaluable resources for this very important aspect of cadet life. In fact, if not for the annual distributions from our gift, many club-squad activities would have suffered dramatic monetary shortfalls and a corresponding reduction in quality. Our gift has allowed for many programs to continue in spite of this serious lack of funds. With much of the budget for cadet activities coming from private donations, our gifts are truly needed.



1988—The Pino family.

To date, our contributions have been used by the club squad program to replace and upgrade worn-out sports equipment, and for transportation and lodging expenses for many club squad off-post tournaments. It is vitally important and appreciated.

"The purpose of this letter is to update all of you on the current status of our pledge. The good news is that we have exceeded our goal of \$198,800! In fact, on 31 Dec 02, we transferred the balance of our account into the club-squad activity account as the funds were desperately needed. Money continues to trickle in, and we will present a check to the Supe at our reunion this year for the total of our gift. So far, our total gift to USMA is in excess of \$229,900! Now for the rest of the story. Even though we have met our original pledge, we continue to receive money on a monthly basis. One of the advantages of our gift is that it coincided with the Bicentennial Campaign. What this means for us is that we were able to receive additional recognition for our donations as part of the Bicentennial Campaign by "qualifying" to have our name added to the Bicentennial Campaign Recognition Plaque. This plaque will be on display for all to see in Crest Hall at Ike and will stand as a testament to the sacrifice many of us have made. Given that we have received additional money and continue to do so as pledges trickle in, the class leadership decided to shoot for the \$250,000 recognition level, which gives us a much more prominent status on the plaque. By doing this, we not only get the satisfaction of contributing to a much-needed part of Academy life, but we get the brick and mortar equivalent of a permanent memorial recognizing our substantial contributions.

"The bottom line is that we need to continue to meet our pledges to make the \$250,000 goal. If you are still making contributions to an individual pledge, please continue to do so as we need every dollar to realize our goal. If you want to catch up on a delinquent pledge, that would be very beneficial as well. We certainly understand that life happens and sometimes pledges cannot be met, but without continued support from the class for the next seven months, we will not meet our goal and will be downgraded on the plaque. Even a single donation of \$20 would help as, at this critical point, every dollar makes a difference. As I have said before, if you want to give, please do so. If not, then we will make up the difference somehow. Currently, we receive about \$1,800 per month in new money. A quick jab on the calculator shows that this will be insufficient to reach our goal, but ought to get us close, so we continue to need your support. Out of 977 grads, only 314 have contributed anything at all to the class gift, representing 32.14%. For those who have given, we thank you. For those that have not, now would be a great time to throw something into the pot and help your

brothers and sisters at USMA. No Task Too Great! Matt Sebenoler"

And again for those who have not yet mastered holding the computer screen while reading, I include this 11 Feb 03 homecoming update from the Big Kahuna, **Scott Snair**. "Yesterday, USMA locked in next season's football schedule with NCAA Conference USA. The game is set for 18 Oct 03. Accordingly, we are announcing the events for the West Point Class of 1988 15-Year Reunion. Thursday, 16 Oct 03: Reunion Registration (Site TBD) and Wine and Cheese Reception (Site TBD). Friday, 17 Oct 03: Class Memorial Service (Old Cadet Chapel); Class Gift Presentation to the Academy (Eisenhower Hall); Class Meeting (Eisenhower Hall); Class Informal (TBD). Saturday, 18 Oct 03: Alumni Review (The Plain); Class Photo (The Plain); Tailgate (Buffalo Soldier's Field); Army Football Homecoming Game (Michie Stadium); Postgame Party (Buffalo Soldier's Field).

"Pending a vote by our reunion committee, our hotel contracts should be locked in later this week. We must be getting old—it looks like we have seniority rights to the Thayer Hotel (older classes passed), which should be one of our two hotels. Next week, we should have hotels and hotel rates posted. By the end of the month, we should have a reunion website established, with events, locations, and ticket fees posted. The website will include a method for paying by credit card and financial encouragement for those who reserve tickets early. Questions? E-mail me at <Snair88@aol.com> or call me. My direct office line is 973 761-9742."

Scott regularly puts out an e-mail blast to update our classmates. If you don't get these e-mail updates please phone or send him an e-note to get squared away.

Lastly, the family unit and I will be PCSing to Tampa for our next assignment. God bless and keep writing.

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Greetings to all those who Strengthen the Line from the heights of Uijongbu and the Second to None Division! Many of our fellow classmates are scouring the arid mountains of Afghanistan or blitzing across the endless deserts in Iraq. The nation has called upon us all once again and '89 is there with all the rest of the Line. I hope this finds each of you and your families well and keeping the faith.