



1988—Lisa Strine getting ready to go on her mission.

Matt Sebenoler moved to O'Fallon, IL, this summer with his wife **Kim** (Seminiano) '89 and their three children. He's closer to "home" and gets together on a regular basis with **Craig Borchelt**.



1988—Lisa & Scott Strine.

Finally, **Michelle (Pat in) Foote** gave birth to twins **Lila Ann** and **Connor Michael** on 12 December. Michelle & **Troy** '84 live in New Orleans and plan to visit West Point this fall for Troy's 20th reunion.



1988—The Randolphs await Santa's amphibious landing.

A few photos this issue but not much news. If you've any photos from the reunion last year send me them or drop a note. 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! Happy New Year! I hope this finds you well and keeping the faith.

Sandy Sparkes checked in and explained his latest sojourn in Istanbul, Turkey, and his preparation to deploy to Afghanistan. Additionally, he explained that he knows the sergeant major of my brigade, CSM Zettlemoyer, as they served on ROTC duty together at UCONN. Sandy went on to say that Zettlemoyer left a lasting impression upon him, during some dark days. It's a story that reaffirms faith in the system as well as the everlasting goodness of the professional NCO Corps.

Mike & Diona Kristian sent a nice e-mail wherein Mike explained that he took command of 1st Bn, 175th IN, 3d Bde, 29th ID (L), Maryland Army National Guard, in December 2002. The 1/175th was immediately mobilized for Operation Noble Eagle. Mike's old D-2 roommate, **George Grabow**, came to the change of command ceremony and saw the unit off. Meanwhile, Mike & Diona's twin boys, Andy and Alex, turned two last October and are anxiously awaiting their dad's return. Thanks for the update, Mike. We all hope you have a safe and successful mission. How is battalion command, anyway?

Class president **Brian Roberts** writes that we may be a bit late in scheduling homecoming weekend due to departure from C-USA. Most likely dates for Homecoming weekend are 13, 6, or 20 October (in that order). Brian and class vice president, **Steve Miller**, are working diligently to ensure our 15-Year Reunion is even better than previous gatherings. We expect that by late February, we will have a designated weekend and a hotel with rooms blocked for the Class of '89. Please check out the class website where **Warren Hearn**s dutifully keeps us updated on all class events.

Juan Dominguez is directing a documentary titled *Anytown, U.S.A.* for Sirk Productions, an independent film company. According to the producer, Michael Bridenstein, the point is "to reveal the universal issues, personalities, and other aspects of small-town American life through the zoom lens of a mayoral race." Heralded as the political equivalent of the mockumentaries *Spinal Tap* or *A Mighty Wind*, this story is a real documentary about the not-quite-surreal mayor of a small American town. We all look forward to viewing Juan's work and expect more from our own burgeoning Hollywood director.

Ralph & Betsy (Berg) Jackson wrote from Dallas, announcing the birth of their first child, Jack, on 25 Sep 03. Ralph is a USAFA 1989 grad and pilot for Southwest Airlines. The Jacksons have a stiff competition going on brainwashing this child as to which academy rules... but Betsy admits that there is a joint fear that little Jack will attend Annapolis after 18 years of his parents' trying to steer him away from one alma mater or the other! Thanks for the update, Betsy. Please let us know where Jack decides to go!

Greg Anderson sent e-mail from Chicago and described the full tailgate experience from the Army-Navy game. Apparently, the latest installment of the infamous **Tommy Deierlein** and **Pat O'Hanlon**-sponsored tailgates was held in tough conditions (20 degrees with snow and wind), but '89 held its own. Attendees included: **Angelo Fazio**, **Rob Cooley**, **Pat O'Hanlon**, **Steve Mathews**, **Jim Hill**, **Greg Anderson**, **Mike Opitz**, **Tom Deierlein**, **Don & Andrea (Salvidio) Brewster**, **Jon Tellier**, and **Jeff Kyburz**. Though they sang "Gridiron Grenadiers" far more than "On Brave Old Army Team," the class strengthened the Thirtieth Man very well. Thanks for the update and photo, Greg. Let's go hunting for "rolls" again sometime!

Speaking of the Army team, I hope everyone is excited to see the Black Knights take the gridiron under new coach Bobby Ross. After building championship teams in both collegiate and professional levels, Ross was named the 34th head coach in the history of intercollegiate football at the USMA. Ross is a graduate of VMI and served on active duty for three years in the 3d ACR. (Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and come out steel!) You can't stop the 'bone! We cannot wait until Homecoming Weekend. Beat Air Force and Beat Navy!

Brian McCullough, who works in Seoul on the USFK/UNC/CFC C-5 Policy staff, sent excerpts from a newspaper article that credits our own **Brian "Sweet Lou" Reed** as coining the famous retort to the captured Iraqi dictator: "He said: 'I'm Saddam Hussein, I'm the president of Iraq and I'm willing to negotiate,'" recalled MAJ Brian Reed, S-3 of 1st Bde, 4ID. Brian responded to Saddam: "President Bush sends his regards." Perhaps not as exquisite as BG Anthony MacAuliffe's historic reply of "Nuts!" to the German surrender demand at Bastogne in December 1944, Brian's quip conveys the same sense of the American soldier doing his duty and telling the bad guys where to go. Good for you, Brian! For what it's worth, I was running the Bde CALFEX at Rodriguez Range Complex in Yeong Pyoung when the news broke; in fashion reminiscent of Poop Deck



1989—Army-Navy tailgate party with Angelo Fazio, Rob Cooley, Pat O'Hanlon, Steve Mathews, Jim Hill, Greg Anderson, and Mike Opitz.