

VMI Alumni Review Spring 2003 Class Notes...

Greetings, everyone. Thanks for your response to my request for notes. Please let me know whenever you have anything to report.

Rob **Brumley** is getting married on April 12, 2003, to Katherine L. Campbell of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They recently had a second engagement party. In attendance from our class were Paul **Curley**, Mitch **Wells** and Dave **Bonner**. A few other classes were represented as well: Charles **Ayers '97**, Mason **Ayers '99** and Churchill **Bowles '92**.

Mike **Meads** checked in from Bosnia. Adam **Love '01** is also there. Mike was recently promoted to captain and is about to finish up his tour. On May 26, 2002, Mike married the former Heather Hafer of Cherry Hill, New Jersey (where they now live).

Jason **Price** wrote to say that their adopted son, Gabriel (from Guatemala), became a U.S. citizen on Dec. 31, 2002. Jason also pinned on major on Oct. 6, 2002. Congratulations, Jason!

Vince **Porter** wrote from JRTC at Ft. Polk, Louisiana (where he was deployed for a month) to say that his daughter, Rylei Isabela Cooper Porter, was born on Dec. 11, 2002. Rylei weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz. Vince's next assignment was scheduled to be Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. However, he then learned that he was accepted to the West Point Tac Officer program. Vince will get a master's in education with a focus on counseling and leader development from LIU.

Jim **McCoy** wrote from Houston to say that he and his wife are expecting their second baby, a girl, in late April. Their son, Luke, is now two years old. Jim reported that Chris **McClung** is with a group down in South America and is doing well.

Mike **Slover** and his wife welcomed their first child, Taylor Pauline Slover ("Polly"), on Oct. 25, 2002. Congratulations to the **Slovers!**

In February, Juney **Harding** was promoted to captain in the Air Force Reserve. He is still drilling at DIA and expected be recalled when Iraq goes down. He also works at DIA as a contractor for EDS. He works with several VMI alums. Juney reported that his roommate, Rob **Clark**, just left Washington Gas to devote all of his time to his own company, CES (Clark Engineering Services).

Anthony **Underhill** is working to get his fiance, Jazmine, and her son in the country. They were planning to marry in February.

Sean **Lanier** wrote from Mannheim, Germany. He expected to be moved soon. Sean works with Fritz Ligday at Coleman Barracks. Fritz is a project manager for the Army Corps of Engineers and lives in Heidelberg.

Heather and Danny **Felty** welcomed a son, Samuel Walker Felty, on June 14, 2002. They also moved to a new home in Richmond. Danny said that Dave Bruce and Adam Strickland are two of his patients.

Chris **Coolidge** is currently in the application process for a Postal Inspector position. He is now in the second phase, which is a background check. Jim **Motley** and his fiancée, Karoline, visited the **Coolidges** recently. "Jim and I told Mandy and Karoline as many stories as possible that make us seem extremely cool and important." Chris spoke with Kit **Badger**. Kit's wife, Kim, is pregnant with their first child, due in August. Kit spends his free time as a competitive mountain bike racer and remodeling their house. Addison **Field** is still in D.C. pursuing his degree in Museum Studies. He is working part time at the National Portrait Gallery. Mark **Cameron** and his wife just moved into a new house in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Mark is at Camp LeJeune where he is the Delta Company Commanding officer in a training battalion.

I attended the VMI vs Georgetown Basketball game with Jon **Lauder**, Dustin **DeVore** and Martin **Heinze '91**. Martin provided us with tickets to his company's luxury box. Martin told us he is trying to get his chia pet into the Guinness Book of World Records. He has been growing it since his junior year in high school. It has survived six moves and according to Martin is HUGE. Good luck, Martin!

Woody **Bonner** finished his MBA in December "with great relief." Woody is currently seeking employment, although he enjoyed being "Mr. Mom" while he finished his degree.

Brian **Jones** just moved to a new home in Arlington, Virginia. The **Joneses** hosted Timmy **O'Boyle** and Melissa at their house for New Year's Day dinner and bowl games. Brian also had a drink with Charles **Downs** at his brother Christian's wedding in the fall.

I talked to Phil **Starling** recently. He is finishing up his master's degree in international relations. His concentration is Russian/Eurasian studies. Phil is scheduled to take the Foreign Service Written Exam in April and in the immediate future will be looking for a job with one of the many non-governmental organizations that works with democracy building and civil society in Russia. Lots of Phil's coursework this year has been devoted to civil society, a result of his experiences with associations in Estonia (more specifically, participating in church activities and starting a rugby club). Phil is still playing rugby and is looking forward to participating in the annual alumni game at VMI on the last Saturday of April.

Phil forwarded an e-mail from Tim **Silva**. Tim is in Camp Commando, Kuwait, and ran into Phil's brother, Mike **Starling '92**. Tim serves as the Air Support Control Officer in the Direct Air Support Center, leading a crew that coordinates Close Air Support Aircraft and helicopters.

Chris **Demetriades** called just prior to shipping off to the Gulf. He is an artillery officer on a liaison tour with the infantry. He is attached to 2d Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment.

Chris reported that Dave **Moore** was on his way back from Okinawa and is headed for California. Dave is planning on attending graduate school. He and his wife are expecting their fourth child. Congratulations go out to the **Moores**.

Aaron **Scruggs** recently received his real estate license, and he and his father-in-law have started selling residential properties. Eventually, they hope to branch off into commercial real estate brokerage.

That is all for now. Keep in touch and stay safe.